



Howdag '25 winners

Howdag '25 is in the books, with the annual event held in September. Bruce Hischke grew a 112-pound watermelon in the Town of How for a new town record. Rachel Schaal teamed up with Kaitlyn Schaal to grow a new event record of 132 pounds to win a carved bear.

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Behnke honored for support of adult day services

Wisconsin budget provides funds for programs that benefit the disabled and those with dementia

BY KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

There's strength in numbers.
A dozen nonprofit organizations worked together with a local assemblyman to ensure continued funding for services for adults with disabilities and dementia.
"People with disabilities or people that have dementia should have the same rights that anybody does, which is the freedom to live independently and be provided with opportunities and programs,"

said Jeanne Stangel, president of CEO of Curative Connections.
She and others presented Rep. Elijah Behnke with a plaque in recognition of his assistance during the passage of the 2025-27 state budget. The presentation was made Oct. 28 at the Shawano Civic Center, which is where Curative Connections provides adult day services.
"He helped us with adult family homes, and then what we talk about for Curative Connections is also support for adult day services," Stangel said. "We work with other adult family homes on the commu-

nity integration part of it."
Curative Connections serves about 30 Shawano area residents with disabilities, dementia or early memory loss. They also serve about 300 in Brown County.
"It's important for people — even though they might have people they're living with, but that's not community integration," Stangel said. "By coming to a program like Curative Connections with adult day services, it gives them opportunities to meet other people, to get out of the home, to be active, to have that social connection."

The nonprofit organizations asked legislators to support what's called a "less than fee" minimum for adult family homes.
"What that means is through Family Cares dollars — that's money that's allocated through the state that goes to managed care organizations," she said. "We are a provider for those managed care organizations to provide services for members."
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DATCP launches consumer protection toolkits

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection has launched new consumer protection outreach toolkits in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions and the Governor's Council on Financial Literacy and Capability.

These toolkits contain downloadable materials that can be used by teach-

ers, businesses, community organizations and other groups to teach students, staff, group members and other audiences about common consumer protection issues – and tips on how to prevent and protect against scams and frauds.

The digital toolkits are hosted on DATCP's website at datcpoutreach-toolkit.wi.gov.

Currently, the toolkits

cover four topics: common scams and fraud, identity theft, safe online shopping and consumer protection for young adults (a resource intended for use by educators and whose students will soon be encountering consumer issues for the first time as independent young adults).

The toolkits contain presenter guides and digi-

tal presentation materials developed by DATCP's Bureau of Consumer Protection that can be used to educate groups about common consumer protection topics. Additionally, the toolkits contain promotional posters, shareable infographics, sample newsletter articles, fun educational activities such as word scrambles, word searches and crossword games, and

links to relevant consumer fact sheets, bookmarks, resources guides, and video and audio public service announcements.

The consumer protection outreach toolkits are free and available for anyone to use. Schools, businesses and other organizations are welcome to explore the toolkits and use any of their contents at any time.

The outreach tool-

kits were developed to enhance DATCP's efforts to educate consumers and small businesses about common consumer protection issues. The toolkits are offered in addition to the Bureau of Consumer Protection's current outreach programs.

For information, visit consumerprotection.wi.gov or contact the Consumer Protection Hotline at 800-422-7128.

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state for services whether members live in a family home or attend an adult day program. This includes people with disabilities, dementia or early memory loss.

Behnke advocated for the funds with fellow legislators. He represents people in Shawano and Brown counties, where Curative Connections has offices.

Many of the professional groups, while specializing in particular services, often work together for their clients. For example, New

Community Alternatives, based in Shawano, provides a safe home environment, while Curative Connections provides the community integration through day services.

"There were 12 of us (nonprofit organizations) that talked about all services that are supportive and advocate for people with disabilities and dementia," Stangel said.

"We all partnered together to lobby and advocate for all of our members to have access to all of our

services as we each have our own specialty, but then we partner together to make sure we get them from Point A to Point B and they have a place to sleep at nighttime, and they have activities during the daytime."

Services include pre-vocational services for work opportunities, adult day services, assisting those with disabilities, physical therapy, occupational therapy and adult family homes.

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Curative Connections honors state Rep. Elijah Behnke, center, for his advocacy of adult day services with other state legislators during the 2025-27 state budget approval process. From left, are Jeanne Stangel, president and CEO of Curative Connections; Kathy Laska, Adult Day Service life enrichment partner; Behnke; Sandy Turkowitch, ADS life enrichment partner; and Wendy Lecker, ADS life enrichment team member.

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PUBLIC RECORD

OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Oct. 30
Deputies responded to 53 incidents, including suspicious activity on South Rosera Street in Lena; suspicious activity near North River Road and Susies Hill Court in the Town of Little Suamico; identity theft on East Main Street in Suring; an animal bite on state Highway 32 in the Town of Lakewood; property damage on Brehmer Road in the Town of Abrams;

property damage on Peshtigo Brook Road in Suring; theft on state Highway 22-32 in the Town of Gillett; suspicious activity near state Highway 22 and Logtown Road in the Town of Oconto; suspicious activity on West Brown Road in the Town of Little Suamico; two traffic stops, two citizen assists, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; two open-line 911 calls; seven ambulance calls; seven crashes, all involving deer.

Oct. 29
Deputies responded to 59

incidents, including a wanted person on South Richmond Street in Gillett; internet fraud on County Road S in the Town of Little Suamico; suspicious activity on state Highway 22-32 in the Town of Gillett; an animal bite on Spring Lane in the Town of How; an internet crimes against children investigation at an undisclosed location; sexual assault at an undisclosed location; property damage on Konitzer Road in the Town of Oconto Falls; trespassing on North McKenzie Street in Gillett; a wrong-way driver on U.S. Highway 141 near County Road M in the Town of Lena; two traffic stops, two traffic hazards, one citizen assist, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; three open lines; three ambulance calls; eight crashes, six involving deer.

Oct. 28
Deputies responded to 52 incidents, including threatening on North Washington Street in Oconto Falls; a wanted person at the Law Enforcement Center, 220 Arbutus Ave., Oconto; attempted fraud on Central Road in the Town of Breed; a death investigation at an undisclosed location; trespassing near Rost and

Lade Beach roads in the Town of Little Suamico; harassment on Hunts Lane in the Town of Gillett; suspicious activity on Brookside Road in the Town of Pensaukee; a noise disturbance on Geano Beach Road in the Town of Little Suamico; suspicious activity on South Main Street in Oconto Falls; an animal bite on County Road J in the Town of Little Suamico; 10 traffic stops, one traffic hazard, one traffic offense, three miscellaneous traffic incidents; seven ambulance calls; two crashes, both involving deer.

Oct. 27
Deputies responded to 56 incidents, including squad damage near East Brown and Bayside roads in the Town of Little Suamico; a wanted person at the Law Enforcement Center, 220 Arbutus Ave., Oconto; property damage on state Highway 22 in the Town of Oconto Falls; child abuse at an undisclosed location; suspicious activity on Baenen Road in the Town of Stiles; seven traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two traffic offenses, four citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident, three welfare checks; four open-line 911 calls; five ambulance calls; two crashes, one involving deer.

Oct. 26
Deputies responded to 42 incidents, including a noise disturbance on South Elm Avenue in Gillett; harassment on Gohr Road in the Town of Chase; suspicious activity on Rose Road in the Town of Gillett; a disturbance on West Frontier Road in the Town of Little Suamico; illegal burning on Early Lane in the Town of Abrams; a disturbance on West Main Street in Lena; one traffic hazard, one miscellaneous traffic incident, one welfare check; one 911 hangup and four open lines; two ambulance calls; 12 crashes, eight involving deer, one involving bear.

Oct. 25
Deputies responded to 49 incidents, including an animal bite on Glenbrook Way in the Town of Lakewood; a disturbance on County Road I in the Town of Stiles; a death investigation at an undisclosed location; attempted burglary on Griggs Lane in the Town of Riverview; a wrong-way driver on U.S. Highway 141 near Benser Lane in the Town of Lena; a weapon offense on Falcon Circle in the Town of Chase; criminal damage at the Park and Ride on West Frontier Road in the Town of

Little Suamico; suspicious activity on West Frontier Road in the Town of Little Suamico; two traffic stops, one traffic hazard, one traffic offense, two miscellaneous traffic incidents; two 911 hangups and eight open lines; four ambulance calls; five crashes, two involving deer.

Oct. 24
Deputies responded to 63 incidents, including internet fraud on Krause Road in the Town of Little Suamico; automobile theft on County Road T in the Town of Townsend; a wrong-way driver on U.S. Highway 41 near Galuska Road in the Town of Abrams; internet fraud on Ten Schilling Court in the Town of Riverview; property damage near state Highways 32 and 64 in the Town of Riverview; harassment on East Algoma Street in Suring; threatening on Irish Lake Lane in the Town of Lakewood; trespassing on West Maple Street in Lena; suspicious activity on Hedgewood Court in the Town of Abrams; one traffic stop, two traffic offenses, one citizen assist, six miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; one 911 hangup and two open lines; seven ambulance calls; nine crashes, eight involving deer.

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Halloween hauntings



Kurt and Sue Erzinger, 9221 Kelly Lake Road, Suring, decorate their home for Halloween. They have been celebrating the holiday in this fashion for 35 years.

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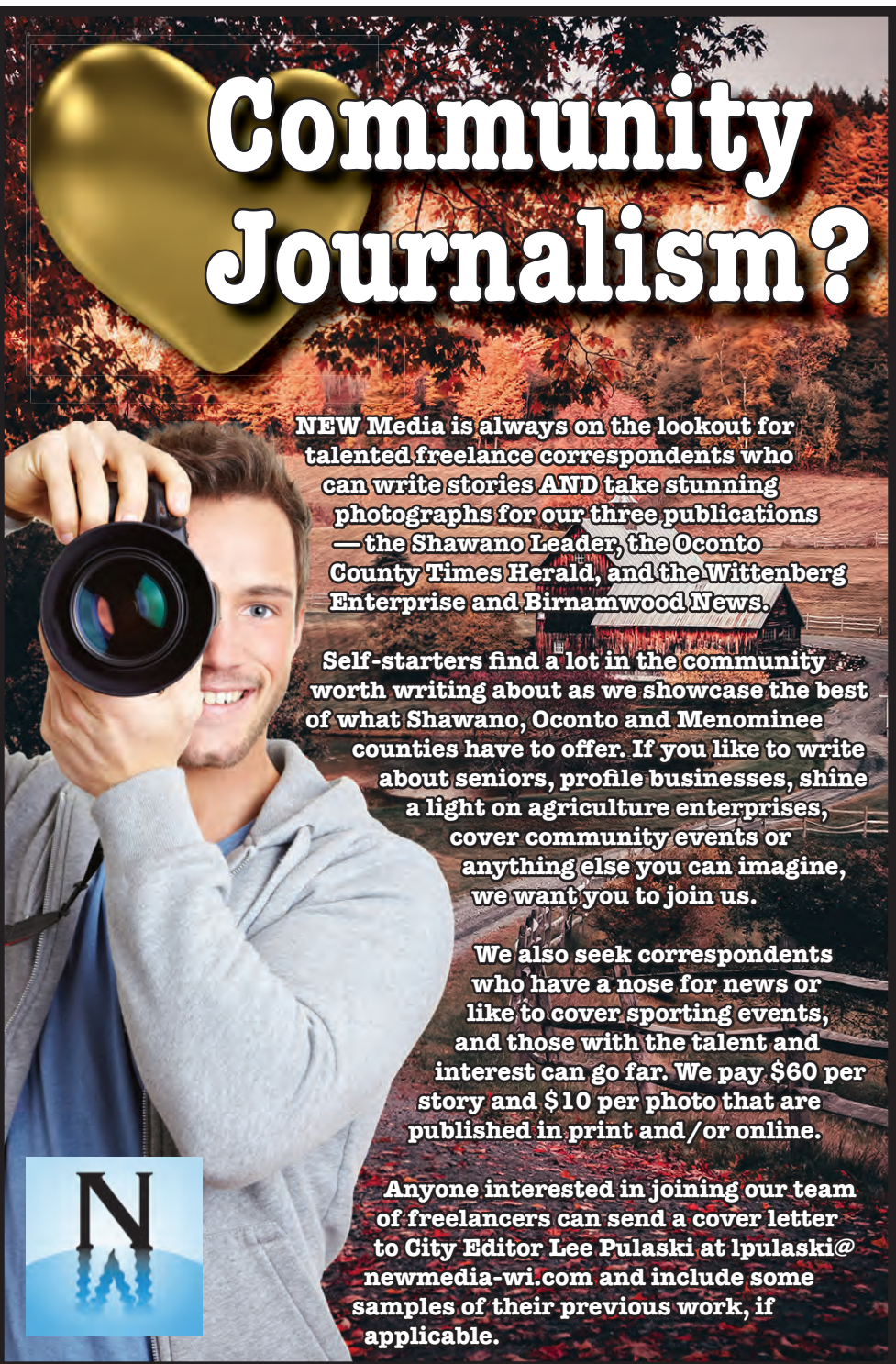
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"Having reliable technology is critical to the behind-the-scenes work that keeps nonprofits like Red River Riders running," said Rebecca Kuczer, Shawano AbbyBank branch manager. "We're proud to support an organization that provides such meaningful opportunities and experiences to individuals in our community."

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2 arrested in theft of equipment valued at \$29K

Two males were arrested in connection with the Oct. 12 theft of nearly \$29,000 in equipment from Great Lakes Veneer in Marion.

According to a police statement, five days after Marion police received the initial burglary call, officers recovered some of the stolen property from an address in the Town of Grant.

On Oct. 22, the Marion Police Department, through investigation, determined that the remaining equipment was being kept at a residence in the Town of Wyoming in Waupaca County and executed a search warrant at that residence with the assistance of the Waupaca County Sheriff's Office. The remaining equipment was located along with illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia.

That same day, two males were arrested for possession of stolen property, possession of methamphetamine and possession of marijuana. These charges along with referrals for criminal prosecution for other parties involved have been sent to the Waupaca County District Attorney's Office.

All of the missing equipment has been recovered.

Shawano County 4-H celebrates successful year

Shawano County 4-H recently wrapped up a successful year of achievement with the 4-H Fall Fun Fest, held at the Dam Barn, Caroline.

Donations were collected for the Shawano Area Early Childhood Partnership's Giving Closet. Youths and adults made pumpkin magnets to be distributed as a community service project.

On behalf of the Ag Ambassadors and Farm Bureau, Bob Krause awarded Fair Herdsman of the Year to Loretta Ness. Herdsmanship awards among 4-H Clubs were presented to Tri County, first place; Belle Plaine, second place; and Landstad, third place.

Mary Lou Kugel represented Shawano



Shawano County 4-H wrapped up a successful year with the 4-H Fall Fun Fest, held at the Dam Barn, Caroline. Attendees enjoyed a meal of hamburgers, hot dogs, Polish sausages, cheddar wursts, macaroni and cheese, fruit salad and nachos. Desserts were provided by 4-H families, all vying for title of best baker, as voted on by diners.

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County Dairy Promotions in awarding June Dairy Month Promotions awards to Wolf River 4-H for first

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Awards for members turning in their Graduating Year Recordbook Series were Natalie Ahlers and Montana Ullmer.

New this year were awards through nomina-

tion from club members and leaders.

In the youth division, Kayne Cowden was awarded Rookie of the Year. Dean Posbrig earned the Spark Award. Levi Wendorff was recognized for the 4-H Community Service Award. Abby Goers and Evelyn Gruenewald were awarded the I Dare You Leadership Award. Natalie Ahlers was recognized with the 4-H Key Award.

Among the adult volunteer awards, Casey Bartz was awarded the 4-H Spark. Kate Dillenburg was recognized as the 4-H Volunteer of the Year. Joan Block was named the 4-H Lifetime Volunteer Award Winner. The 2025 Friend of 4-H was given to Brenda Bartz, of Brenda's Brush-

strokes and Bisque.

The top baker at the fall fun fest was the Posbrig Family, followed by Abby Goers, and third place earned by the Erdmann Family.

The theme for 2025-26 was voted as "Let's TACO-bout Shawano County 4-H!"

Three teams of youths and adults participated in the "Bike Build" competition, assembling three bikes for Toys for Tots. Bike kits were donated by Thrivent and First Call Locksmith. Shawano County 4-H is housed in the Shawano Extension Office, located in Room 109 of the Shawano County Courthouse. Find out more by visiting <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/shawano4h>.

2025 Toys for Tots campaign kicks off

The local 2025 Toys for Tots campaign has kicked off its work to collect and distribute new, unwrapped toys to children in need throughout eastern and central Shawano County.

The Shawano campaign runs from November through December, culminating in holiday distributions that ensure every child in need wakes up to a gift.

"For many families, the holidays can be a time of stress rather than celebration," said Michael Johnston, Shawano County Toys for Tots coordinator. "Our goal is simple: to make sure no child in Shawano County is forgotten this season. With the support of our community, we hope to brighten many more Christmases in 2025."

Over past years, the campaign has built a strong

tradition of generosity and service. Through the dedication of local volunteers, business partners and generous donors, hundreds of children have received toys, books and other gifts that bring not only happiness, but also the message that they are not forgotten.

The national Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program, active for more than 75 years, provides the framework and support for local campaigns like Shawano's.

The collection of toys and donations starts the week of Nov. 3. Sign-ups will be open online at www.shawano-wi.toysfortots.org. Nonprofit partners may apply and receive toys based on age group availability to ensure fair access for families.

New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at

designated local businesses, municipal buildings, schools and other community locations. Boxes will be placed widely across the county for convenient drop-off of toys. Monetary donations may be made at shawano-wi.toysfortots.org or by scanning the QR code found on distribution boxes. All donations remain in Shawano County.

Volunteers will collect the filled collection boxes during the week of Dec. 1 and sort toys by age, type and condition.

Local distribution days will be held Dec. 11-13 at 607 E. Elizabeth St., Shawano.

Volunteers and organizations interested in participating are urged to sign up early to ensure smooth operations. For information, contact Johnston at 715-280-0991.

Antiques appraisal event returns to Shawano library

Shawano County Library presents an antiques and collectibles appraisal program featuring author and antiques expert Mark F. Moran on Nov. 10, starting at 4 p.m. at 128 S. Sawyer St., Shawano.

Registration is required. Register in person at the library to reserve a free appraisal time slot, or call 715-526-3829.

Formerly senior editor of Antiques and Collectibles Books for Krause Publications in Iola, Moran has also been a contributing editor for Antique Trader magazine. He has served as editor of Antique Review East magazine; as producer of Atlantique City, an antique show held in Atlantic City, N.J.; and as editorial director of F+W Media's Antiques Group.

Moran was also a guest expert on the PBS program "Antiques Roadshow" for nine seasons.

Moran bought and sold antiques for more than 30 years, specializing in vintage folk art, Americana and fine art. He has been active as an appraiser of antiques and fine art for more than 20 years.

Categories of objects for appraisal may include:

- Americana, including autographs and historical documents.
- Fine art, including paintings, drawings, prints and statuary.
- Furniture (usually smaller pieces are best).
- Ceramics, including figural pottery, vases, dishes, kitchenware and stoneware.
- Glassware, including marbles and souvenir items.
- Vintage photographs, including snapshots, tintypes, ambrotypes and daguerreotypes.
- Advertising, including posters, lithographed tin, paper and figural objects.



Mark Moran discusses the age, characteristics and value of a clock at an appraisal gathering. Moran will be featured at an antiques and collectibles appraisal program Nov. 10 at the Shawano County Library.

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- Folk art, including carvings, quilts, weather vanes, windmill weights and "outsider" art.
- Assorted toys, including dolls (bisque, composition and plastic), wind-ups and mechanical banks.
- Metalware, including iron, bronze, brass, pot metal, silver, silver plate.
- Clocks, including mantel, hanging and figural.
- Costume jewelry, including brooches, bracelets, earrings.
- Musical instruments, including string, wind and reed instruments.
- Antique and vintage lighting of all kinds.
- Books.
- Sports memorabilia.

Excluded items include all weapons, including swords and knives (though folding knives with advertising are accepted); traps (like leg-hold); Nazi memorabilia; coins and paper money; fine jewelry, including precious gems; Beanie Babies.

Questions about objects

not covered here can be submitted to Moran in advance to determine if they are appropriate. Suggested categories for advance inquiry include, but are not limited to Oriental, Native American and other tribal objects (African, Oceanic); ancient artifacts (Egyptian and other early cultures); fossils and minerals; automotive items; nautical and military-related objects; records; antique tools and technological objects (typewriters, cameras, assorted machinery or instruments for scientific measure, like sextants, telescopes, microscopes, etc.). When in doubt, email inquiry can often address this.

Opinions of value are informal and may not be used for insurance or charitable donation, which require a certified appraisal.

For information, contact Mark F. Moran Appraisals of Antiques and Fine Art, N7326 Maple Ridge Trail, Iola, WI 54945; 715-281-5060; or moranm1953@gmail.com.

Celebrate 15 years of trails with Shawano Pathways

Fifteen years ago, a few forward-thinking community members imagined a better future for people who bicycle and walk in Shawano County.

After a series of public information sessions sparked local interest, Shawano Pathways was born. Today, the organization is celebrating its 15th anniversary — a milestone made possible through years of dedication, collaboration and community spirit.

To mark the occasion, Shawano Pathways invites the public to a special

anniversary social and community report Nov. 11 at Twig's Museum and Gift Shop, 920 S. Franklin St., Shawano.

The event begins with a social hour at 5 p.m., featuring soda tasting, snacks and a cash bar, followed by a light supper and ice cream sundae bar.

The evening's program will include recognition of Shawano Pathways' key founders, a look back at the organization's top accomplishments from the past 15 years, highlights from 2025 and announcements for 2026.

Walk-ins are welcome, but registration is appreciated for planning purposes at shawanopathways.org/events.

Shawano Pathways is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the development, implementation and maintenance of a greenway and trails network within Shawano County and adjacent areas. The organization works to promote recreational and alternative transportation opportunities while preserving the natural resources connected with the trails.

FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

ID thief tries to score ski vacation

Tearing a bill open as I walked back from the mailbox, I mentally went through the stuff I bought, reasoning with relief that I didn't use that card overly much. Imagine my shock when I saw a \$3,000-plus amount due. I was speechless.

Taking it back to my office where



Kay Reminger
Columnist

I could gather my senses, I spread everything out on my desk. Astonishingly, I saw

a charge of \$3,016.95 for a ski resort vacation in Colorado.

Those of you that have come to know me will realize I'd never pay to go on a snowy vacation; I rather dislike the snow we get at home. I've never strapped my feet onto skis nor would I ever have the inclination to do so. I immediately called the credit card company.

This started a process I'd never dreamed I'd have to undertake.

First off, the hoops one has to jump through to talk to a living, breathing person would try the patience of Job. Finally connecting to a live tech she said, "I'm sorry, I need to speak to the primary card holder."

My heart sinking, I crumbled.

Truthfully and spontaneously, I blurted out, "Oh! Do you realize how hard it was to get to you? My husband has to call back? Could you stay on the line with me while I track him down? He's on the farm somewhere."

She laughed (she was real) and said compassionately, "Sure I can hold."

Beyond relief, I spotted him driving the skidder out to the heifer barn and hailed him down.

"Could he take a video of himself and send it to me?" was the next incredulous question.

"You want him to take a video of himself?"

She must have heard my frustration. It was preposterous. She caved.

"Just let me talk to him that will be fine."

They hashed it over and, relieved, I felt that we had taken care of the problem.

Relief short-lived.

Two days later, I again received shocking news in the mail — this time two, first-class mail pieces arrived, made out to someone with our address on the outside envelope. Opening it up I was astonished to find two legitimate-looking card passes, complete with bar codes to where? A ski resort in Colorado. The passes had smiling pictures of people I did not know with names matching the outside of the envelope. And our address. These people were either really dumb criminals or had been duped along with us.

Gathering my courage, I called the Shawano County Sheriff's Department and, after explaining the situation, they said they'd send an officer out to my resi-



Ravae Koch looks over a quilt started by her grandmother, who died more than 30 years ago. She is finishing the piece during a Wednesday quilters session at the Pulaski Adult Activity Center, 430 S. St. Augustine St., Pulaski. She also works on her own creations. A lot of her ideas come from the other quilters at the activity center, who reliably share their talents and knowledge with each other.

LYNN ZAFFRANN

Quilters find camaraderie, fun at Pulaski activity center

Women collaborate, give advice on latest quilting projects

By LYNN ZAFFRANN
Correspondent

"Quilting is about making someone happy, and making the quilt maker happy," said Judy Schroeder, of Pulaski. "It's all about making someone smile."

Schroeder is part of a group of quilters who meet every Wednesday at the Pulaski Adult Activity Center, 430 S. St. Augustine St., Pulaski. She has been involved at the activity center off and on for at least 10 years. When talking about how the group evolved, Schroeder said the idea was that the quilters could help each other.

There are about four to five quilters who join the group on a regular basis. Everyone attending the group works independently, but they all rely on help, knowledge and talents of the other quilters.

The camaraderie, equipment availability and space to work draw the quilters to the activity center.

Lucy Slusarek said that the members have sewing rooms at home.

"But we like to come here for fellowship and to be able to bounce ideas off each other, get advice from each other," Slusarek said. "We have our own projects, but we help each other."

Schroeder added that the get-togethers help members to see what others are doing. She said that it could be as simple as the top of a quilt being complete but needing feedback on what the border



Judy Schroeder, right, watches as Lucy Slusarek prepares squares for a quilt during a Wednesday quilters session at the Pulaski Adult Activity Center in Pulaski. Schroeder has been involved with the quilting group for at least 10 years. Slusarek said that the quilters have sewing rooms in their own homes, but the equipment availability and space to work, plus the camaraderie with the other quilters, brings them to the activity center.

LYNN ZAFFRANN

should be.

"If you gave three of us a pattern, we would not come up with the same thing," Schroeder said. "We'd all use different color combinations. We'd alter the pattern some way."

Ravae Koch, another member, remembered a time she was with the group repairing a quilt her grandmother had made for her aunt.

"I replaced several squares," Koch said. "Lucy had an almost-identical fabric to what I was replacing. She said that she had something at home."

Slusarek went home and brought the fabric back to the center for Koch.

Slusarek started coming to the activity center in May. She retired and a friend encouraged her to join the group of quilters.

"It works out real nice, because there's a lot of room here," she said. "A lot of the tools are here that you need, so it's really nice. You don't have to bring a lot with you."

Slusarek has been quilting for close to 50 years.

"When I hit about 13, I started getting interested in quilts," Slusarek said. "My mother used to make them on a wooden frame at home. I got involved in making designs out of pieces of fabric and it grew from there and I've been doing it ever since. I've probably done hundreds of quilts."

Koch has been coming to the quilting group for about three years. She moved to Pulaski from New Jersey after she and her husband retired. She said they came to the Midwest because it's a better life.

Koch and her husband chose Pulaski because she has one sister in Bonduel and another sister in Suamico.

"I did a little quilting in my life," Koch said. "But when I retired, I knew that's what I wanted to do." She said that she was really happy to find the group at the center.

Her grandmother, who died about 30 years ago, quilted and that gave Koch the idea to do the same.

"I was the beneficiary of all of her fabric and half-completed quilts," she said. "So, it's my mission to complete her quilts." Recently, she has been working on a baby quilt her grandmother started.

Schroeder doesn't limit her involvement in the group to only quilting.

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IN THE KITCHEN WITH FRANCESCA



With butternut squash in abundance this year, it makes a great substitute for pumpkin in a lot of baking recipes, including this cake. FRANCESCA ULLMER

Butternut squash serves as good substitute for pumpkin

Now that it's November, it feels like fall is finally here. The days and nights are colder, the leaves on the trees are thinning out, the garden produce is almost done, and Thanksgiving is right around the corner.

As I've mentioned before, my family's garden produced a bumper crop of carrots this year. Well, it also produced tons of butternut squash. While baked butternut squash with a little brown sugar is a delicious side dish, the vast amount of squash we have prompted me to try to find a baking recipe for it. We already use butternut squash as a substitute for pumpkin, so I found a recipe for pumpkin bundt cake and decided to try it out.

The minute I started reading this recipe, I started thinking of ways to change it. If you would like to try this recipe in its original form, it's on the Taste of Home website — Pumpkin Bundt Cake.

The first thing I changed was the amount of sugar,



With a little work, it can be easy to make homemade cranberry sauce. FRANCESCA ULLMER



the original recipe called for 2½ cups of sugar. I felt like making it a little healthier, so I reduced the amount and also used brown sugar.

Of course, I had to change the amount of spices called for. I increased the amount of cinnamon and cloves, and decreased the amount of nutmeg since I'm not a big fan of nutmeg.

I replaced half the oil with applesauce too. It is really amazing to me that applesauce can take the place of oil in baking recipes. I have had always had good results when replacing half the oil called for in a recipe with applesauce, I encourage you to give it a try. It makes cakes, muffins, etc. taste so much lighter without sacrificing texture.

Butternut squash cake is delicious. it is incredibly

moist and not too sweet. It can be dressed up with frosting/icing/whipped cream and eaten for desert, or it can be simply eaten as a snack — plain, or with butter. In fact, since this recipe is lightened up, it could probably fall into the category of a quick bread. I baked this cake in a tube pan, but you could use any baking dish/cake pan/bread pan you like. The baking times will vary though.

Cranberry sauce is a Thanksgiving staple. While I grew up eating the canned variety — both smooth and chunky — last year I made a homemade variety that turned out really good.

I tried making it again several times, experimenting with different additions. The great thing about homemade cranberry sauce is that it is so easy to experiment with. Add whatever additions you like, as well as much or as little sugar as preferred. You can leave the cranberry sauce chunky, or if you prefer smooth, simply let cool slightly and blend in a blender or food processor until smooth.

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.

BUTTERNUT SQUASH CAKE

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| 1 cup white sugar | 1 cup brown sugar |
| 1/2 cup oil | 1/2 cup applesauce |
| 3 large eggs | 3 cups flour |
| 2 tsp. baking soda | 1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon |
| 1/4 tsp. nutmeg | 1/2 tsp. cloves |
| 1/2 tsp. salt | |
| 15 oz. (a little less than 2 cups) cooked and blended butternut squash, or 15 oz. can of pumpkin | |

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, combine sugars, oil, and applesauce. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Combine flour, baking soda, salt, and spices; add to wet mixture alternately with pumpkin, beating well after each addition. Transfer to a greased tube pan. Bake 55-65 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes, then remove from pan, dust with powdered sugar, and let cool completely.

HOMEMADE CRANBERRY SAUCE

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| 3 cups cranberries | 3/4 cup water |
| 1/4 cup orange juice | 3 1/4 cup white sugar |
| 1/4 cup brown sugar | Cinnamon |
- Combine cranberries, water, orange juice, brown sugar and white sugar. Simmer over medium/low heat until desired thickness. Remove from heat, add cinnamon to taste and more sugar if needed.

Partnerships provide health services to workers, residents

Over the past few months, our team at the Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Department, has been navigating a wave of new information from federal public health agencies. Sometimes that guidance doesn't quite line up with what we hear from the state, and we know that can cause confusion or debate.

It's important to remember that the people who make up your local health department are also your neighbors, friends and community members. We live and work right here alongside you, and we care deeply about the health and well-being of everyone in Shawano and Menominee counties.

Despite all this noise and shifting guidance, our mission and purpose remain the same: to promote and protect the health of everyone who calls our counties home. We do that by providing quality services, building partnerships and advocating for systems that make health possible for all.

The SMCHD remains active and has some exciting projects in the works.

A recent initiative through our Rural Health Network reflects this commitment to community well-being. With support from an Immunize Wisconsin grant, SMCHD launched a rural health immunization clinic, partnering with H2N and the Medical College of Wisconsin to serve farm workers at Tauchen Harmony Valley Inc. and Matsche Farms Inc. H2N and MCW offered blood pressure and A1C screenings, influenza vaccine and shared health care resources, while SMCHD provided vaccines and information on immunizations, lead, avian flu and local services.

In August, this collaborative was thrilled to partner with Shawano Family Dentistry to provide free dental screenings and referrals for employees at Tauchen Harmony Valley Inc.

The department plans to continue these partnerships, expand services to more farms and provide additional public health



support where it's needed most.

Building on these community efforts, our upcoming "What's in your water?" project, supported by an Environmental Public Health Tracking grant, will focus on identifying potential arsenic exposure through private well testing in eastern Shawano County. We're partnering with the Shawano County Land Conservation Department, H2N and UW-Stevens Point to provide education and water testing, helping residents understand and address potential water quality concerns.

Looking ahead, a key priority will be refocusing our Maternal and Child Health program. We'll be working to improve developmental screening rates for young children in Shawano and Menominee counties. Early screening helps families spot possible developmental delays and connect to services that support children's growth and learning.

We're excited to strengthen partnerships with local clinics, schools and early childhood programs as part of this effort. Working together, we can help ensure more families get the support they need early on.

When it comes down to it, who we are as a department hasn't changed. We are your local public health team, your neighbors and fellow community members who care deeply about keeping Shawano and Menominee counties healthy and safe. We remain focused on providing excellent service and quality improvement. As we move forward, we'll keep listening, learning and working alongside you to make our communities safer and healthier for everyone.

Nick Mau is the health officer for the Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Department.

Different ways can detect breast cancer

While women understand the importance of breast self-checks, many have been trained to feel for a lump or small mass.

Dr. Cecilia Stroede, Aspirus breast surgeon, urges women to also be aware of other potential breast changes that may signal that something is wrong.

"We're kind of trained to feel for that little pea or that little lump," Stroede said.

"There are other types of breast cancer that are going to manifest a little more like a texture difference. So, you may notice asymmetry. Texture differences in one breast and not the other is relevant. Sometimes patients come in with a noticeable texture difference but no defined mass. They assume that means everything is fine, but texture changes can be just as significant."

The good and the bad of the deer rut

The best time of the year for bow and cross-bow hunters is upon us, but if you drive through deer country or run an insurance agency during the rut, you may not be smiling.

The rut is simply the whitetail deer's mating season. While there are actually a couple times when bucks chase does in heat, the primary rut in our area starts around Nov. 1 and continues for a week or two. There is a secondary rut in December.

A buck's neck swells up from hormones, and he thrashes at trees with his antlers to create rubs and also paws bare spots on trails with his hoof to make scrapes, which serve as little scent stations, with estrus does leaving their urine there to give Mr. Mossyhorns the OK to breed her.

Meanwhile, November's roads become a pinball game as bucks and does leap and bound in front of and into vehicles.



Corn and soybean harvests contribute to the heavy metal mayhem as they flush the deer from their favorite daytime hideouts.

I literally watched four deer running in a circle in a picked section of cornfield on my rural New London road just after I passed the combine. I'm now driving a 2022 Honda Pilot, my replacement after totaling my Honda Odyssey minivan on Highway 45 in New London and have had numerous close calls in recent days.

November is the number one month for car-deer collisions, and if you do not drive at least 10 or 20 mph slower than the posted speed limit after dark, you are either driving a beater wagon that you want to get rid

of or are unaware of the deer density in our area. I just read last year's deer harvest totals again, and Waupaca County finished second (10,244), with Shawano County a close third (9,346).

Marathon County takes first place with 11,580 deer. Waupaca and Shawano counties' bow and gun hunters kill more deer than some Eastern states. If you see a dead deer on the shoulder, that's your obvious warning.

There are about 1.8 million deer statewide, according to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

That's almost 200,000 deer more than in 2023. The herd continues to grow by leaps and bounds, especially in the Farmland Zones, where ag crops and mixed open cover and woods create ideal habitat.

If there is one thing you hunters can do to help thin the herd, it's to simply shoot more does. They are delicious, nutritious and

the only way to stop the out-of-control herd growth in most (not all) areas. The DNR's return to numbered zones in the north will allow a more tailored approach to management, which we had before Dr. Deer and his narrowly focused management ideas that became law.

When I first moved to Wisconsin in 2000, I have to admit all the numbered zones were confusing, but now I get the reasons for it. Meanwhile for 2025, Waupaca, Shawano and most other counties in the Central and Southern Farmland Zones will remain managed by county.

The DNR facebook page reports the rut starts in late October (they are giving a report to cover the whole state, and I believe it starts a bit later in the north).

I've read a lot of deer hunting stories and lore in my 50-plus years of deer hunting, including ideas on hunting certain moon phases, using various

sprays, lures, ozone-generating machines, camo patterns that make humans invisible, etc. My advice is to hunt as much as you can, whenever you can, because you will never kill one in the living room (although I did get one from my back deck a few years ago).

Don't be surprised if the big bucks have their own trails and don't follow the rules like the rest. I'm mostly a meat hunter, and a fat adult doe draws my attention, although I'd love to drop a giant buck with my recurve bow.

I am headed out the door as soon as I finish this column.

Speaking of gadgets and gimmicks that may or may not work, I'd love to hear from you about something you bought for deer hunting that now makes you chuckle. I call these Boondoggle Buck Buys.

Sportsman's Guide catalog once sold a plastic deer butt with a battery-powered tail that was

supposed to lure in deer (I didn't buy one but never forgot it). My two favorites are Duke Cannon Big Ol' Brick of Hunting Soap Scent Eliminator (actual name) and ESP Technology Scent Prevent Toothpaste from Dead Down Wind.

Fleet Farm and other stores have full aisles of unscented soaps, sprays and lures, and I am a sucker to try most of them. No matter that scientists have shown that deer have better noses than the best bloodhounds, and a bloodhound can find human scent on a sock buried in other socks sprayed with this stuff.

Send me an email listing your wacky BBB purchases and if they worked or not, and I might even come up with a prize for the best one.

Good luck this fall.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, NOV. 7

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

SATURDAY, NOV. 8

NAVARINO: Art Fest, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Local arts and craft vendors, food, drink, bake sale, book sale. Admission \$1.

CAROLINE: Craft and Vendor Fair, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Hidden Valley Supper Club, W12704 County Road M.

PULASKI: Meet the Veterans, 1-3 p.m., Pulaski Museum, 129 W. Pulaski St. A panel of local veterans shares their stories, experiences and perspectives. Hosted by Pulaski Area Historical Society.

SHAWANO: Jingle Mingle, 5:30-9 p.m., Sacred Heart Catholic School, 124 E. Center St. Local beer and food vendors, basket raffles, live auction, meat raffle. \$25 per person at the door, \$20 in advance by calling 715-526-2023.

MONDAY, NOV. 10

OCONTO: Masonic Pine Lodge 188 dinner, 6 p.m., 513 Superior Ave. Open to family, friends and interested guests, followed by Master Mason private meeting at 7 p.m. For more info, contact the lodge secretary at 920-373-0950.

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

TUESDAY, NOV. 11

OCONTO FALLS: Veterans Day Program, 9-10 a.m., Oconto Falls High School, 210 N. Farm Road. Reception for veterans 8:30 a.m. fol-

lowed by program. Elementary school Veterans Day concert 10:30 a.m. at Oconto Falls Elementary School, 415 Marie Volk Drive.

WABENO: Free Veterans Breakfast, 9:30 a.m., American Legion Hall, 4494 N. Branch St. Coffee ready 9 a.m. Chef's choice, hosted by Donna and Vicki, 715-889-3731.

WITTENBERG: Veterans Day Ceremony, 11 a.m., Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg, N7198 U.S. Highway 45.

SHAWANO: Allied Vets Council Veterans Day Program, 11 a.m., Courthouse, 311 N. Main St.

SHAWANO: VFW Post 2723 Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting, noon, 810 Olson St.

SHAWANO: Shawano Pathways 15th Anniversary and Annual Social, 5-8 p.m., Twig's Museum and Gift Shop, 920 S. Franklin St.

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

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 12

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THURSDAY, NOV. 13

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

FRIDAY, NOV. 14

BOWLER: Shawano and Menominee County First Responders Ball of the Badges, 5 p.m. to midnight, NorthStar Mohican Casino Resort, W12180 County Road A. For-

mal dinner and awards presentation followed by a night of entertainment. Proceeds benefit Safe Haven Domestic Abuse Shelter. Tickets \$100, information at Facebook page Shawano/Menominee County First Responders Ball of the Badges.

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

SATURDAY, NOV. 15

SHAWANO: Handmade Holiday Marketplace Vendor Show and Kidpreneur Event, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1254 S. Union St.

OCONTO FALLS: Donation-based craft materials sale, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oconto Falls Community Library, 251 N. Main St. Hosted by Friends of the Oconto Falls Community Library.

NAVARINO: Fairytale Ball, 3-5 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Linsten Road. Center will be transformed into a fairytale kingdom filled with familiar princesses. Hors d'oeuvres and punch. Gowns, suits, and fairytale costumes strongly encouraged. Fee \$25 for children and \$10 for adults attending. Register at navarino.org.

SHAWANO: Annual Dinner Auction, 3 p.m. to close, Wolf River Lutheran High School, W7467 River Bend Road. Silent auction, games, dinner, raffles, live auction 6 p.m. Tickets \$50; meals must be purchased through auction@wolfriverlhrs.org or school office.

SHAWANO: Bingo, 5:30-8 p.m., Sacred Heart Catholic Church cafeteria, 302 S. Main St. Fundraiser for Sacred Heart Booster Club (athletics program), immediately following 4:30 p.m. Mass. 50 cents per card per game and 50% payout. Refreshments and snacks available for purchase.

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"I knit and crochet based on what my arthritis in my hands are doing," she said.

Schroeder donates a lot of her projects for children. She recently donated hats and scarves at a center that distributes them to local schools in the Howard-Suamico area.

"When I come here, I usually bring a portable project with me," Schroeder said. "It's just easier. I do prayer shawls for nursing homes."

Schroeder said her first quilt project was when her son left for college at UW-Platteville. She designed a Platteville-themed quilt for him for Christmas.

When her daughter was accepted at University of Wisconsin-Madison,

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dence that very day.

Spotting a squad car coming down my driveway made me shiver. The sheer presence of an officer commands respect. I started to feel guilty, and I wasn't even the guilty party.

The officer was patient, professional and kind. Sitting at our kitchen table, he listened intently and before leaving, confiscated the two mail pieces and snapped a picture of our statement with the fraudulent charge.

A few days later the same officer called back asking if we'd like to file a formal identity theft claim as all signs were pointing in that direction. He did not suggest we should or should not; merely mentioned a possible direction we could take. If so, he'd return to gather more information. My husband and I quickly agreed that yes, we would like to proceed.

Schroeder made her a Bucky Badger quilt. That's when she immersed herself in quilting, she said.

Some of the quilters also belong to the Town 'N Country Quilt Guild in Pulaski. The guild meets once a month.

A number of people had taken quilting classes at Pulaski High School. Joyce Natzke from Shawano taught at the school. When the classes ended, they decided to form the Town 'N Country Quilt Guild in Pulaski about 30 years ago.

The guild arranges for donations of quilts to charities, such as the tiny house project of the Veterans 1st of North East Wisconsin.

A recent guild project

was to make lap-sized comfort quilts for nursing home residents.

The quilters have access to bus trips all over the state and Midwest to visit quilting shops through the Pulaski Guild.

"They put the word out to our members and friends," Schroeder said. "We have full coaches."

For example, a one-day trip is being planned with five stops throughout Wisconsin.

The quilters at the Activity Center noted that Bolt and Skein Quilt Shop, 1488 E. Green Bay St., Shawano, is a great source of fabric.

"They are great people, and they have a beautiful supply of fabrics," Schroeder said.

ing the officer's suggestion, I contacted both our banks to put passcodes in place.

During this whole process, I talked to many sympathetic people, reaffirming deep in my heart that there are more good, kind and moral people in this world than the opposite. If only the ones that use the intelligence the good Lord gave them for good rather than evil. I got righteously angry. My sister called them scoundrels, which means a dishonest, unscrupulous person; a rogue. An apt description, surely.

("Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead, expose them." Ephesians 5:11)

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 Leopolis. Writing for quite a few years, she remains focused on the blessings of living the ups and downs of rural life from a farm wife's perspective.



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Wondra gets her wish with first trip to podium

By **GREG SEUBERT**
Correspondent

Mariah Wondra had one goal in mind while competing for the fourth and final time at the WIAA State Cross Country Championships.

"My goal is to be on the podium," the Bonduel High School senior said. "That's been my goal for years, and I haven't gotten there yet."

She got her wish Nov. 1 after placing sixth in the girls Division 3 race at the meet, held at The Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids.

Wondra needed a top-10 finish to earn a spot on the podium, and she did that with a time of 19:23.7, good enough for sixth place.

Meanwhile, her teammate, Lillian Burrack placed 63rd in 21:09.7.

Another four-time state qualifier, Gillett's Braydyn Wendorff, turned in a time of 17:24.4 to place 35th in the boys Division 3 race.

Bonduel

The sixth-place finish is Wondra's best performance in her four years at state.

"It's such a relief," she said. "I've been circling this race since last year. It's my first podium finish and I'm really excited."

Wondra said she was able to run with the leaders for most of the race.

"Halfway through the race, that top pack really broke off, and I was kind of on my own," she said. "That was mentally hard. Some people were passing me, and I was able to pass them back. I did a lot of races like that throughout the year."

Wondra's places and times improved each year



Bonduel's Mariah Wondra, pictured at the Rosholt Sectional, placed sixth for the Bears in the girls Division 3 race in her fourth and final trip to the WIAA State Cross Country Championships.

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at state.

"We get inspired by older runners and in turn we inspire the younger ones," she said. "I looked up to runners when I was younger, and I try to inspire the girls younger than me. We have a program that's motivating each other with a positive environment."

Distance running is nothing new for Wondra.

"I've been running for over half my life," she said.

"I've been in cross country since third grade. I started with a lot of siblings in it. Our team has historically been well, so it's cool to see older teams be successful and then come to high school."

Wondra isn't finished running, as she still has Bonduel's track season next spring and will then head to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, which recruited her to join the Panthers' track and

cross country programs.

"I'm from a small Division 3 school, so I'm really excited to go compete at the D1 level," she said. "I connected with them recently, and I'm excited to go with them. I don't want to treat it like it's too much different. I don't want to overwhelm myself. I want to go out and keep running my race."

Bonduel doesn't have any team or individual state champions, but the



Gillett High School senior Braydyn Wendorff wrapped up his high school cross country career Nov. 1 by placing 35th in the boys Division 3 race at the WIAA State Cross Country Championships in Wisconsin Rapids.

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boys team qualified for state in 2012, 2013, 2017, 2018, 2023 and 2024, and the girls team qualified in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

That success isn't lost on first-year coach Jacob Grenke, who ran cross country as a student at Gillett High School.

"She's really calm and a very hard worker," he said of Wondra. "She'll work harder than anybody else that you put next to her. You put it in front of her, and she'll go after it. She's been training really hard, and she had this goal all year. This is what she wanted."

Grenke is excited about having Burrack, a freshman, for three more seasons.

"She's like a young Mariah," he said. "She's already running faster than Mariah was at this stage. I've got lots of big plans for her."

Grenke attributed much of the program's success

over the years to his predecessor, Diane Schnell.

"She did an amazing job building this program to what it is now," he said. "We get a lot of support from the community and the kids work hard."

He said he knew a little bit about what to expect while coaching runners at state for the first time.

"I ran cross country 20 years ago for Gillett and we went to state on the same court," he said. "I knew a little about what to expect. I couldn't ask for anything more out of them."

Gillett

Like Wondra, Wendorff competed at state for the fourth time.

"He's a hard worker in practice and he carries out race plans to perfection," coach Bill DeJung said. "That's his strength. His freshman year was with the team and this is his third year of qualifying as an individual. He was seventh last year and he raced beautifully."



Shawano cross country runners Maci Beyer, left, and Mikelah Powers run together in the girls Division 2 race.

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Local teams lace up running shoes at state

Shawano boys, girls place 15th

By **GREG SEUBERT**
Correspondent

Steve Stomberg found himself in a familiar place.

That place? The WIAA State Cross Country Championships in Wisconsin Rapids, where the longtime Shawano cross country coach brought his boys and girls squads to compete in Division 2.

The Hawks weren't the only area runners competing at the meet, held Nov. 1 at The Ridges Golf Course. Wittenberg-Birnamwood sent its girls team, while Pulaski, Menominee Nation, Bonduel and Gillett sent individuals.

Besides Shawano and Wittenberg-Birnamwood,

Menominee Nation's Bryant Waupoose III also competed in Division 2.

Shawano

The Shawano boys and girls each placed 15th in the Division 2 standings.

Stomberg has brought numerous Shawano teams and individuals to state over his nearly 30 years of overseeing the program, including both teams in 2021, 2022 and 2023; the girls team last year; and a boys co-op team with Gresham in 2006.

"It's a culture," he said. "You keep doing what you've been doing that's been successful. You get kids' families to buy into a program and they commit themselves. That's what it's all about. I'm very fortunate in my 28 years that I've been coaching in Shawano. Fifteen times I've been down here."

Shawano's first time at the state meet came in 1954, as the school sent its

boys team.

"It was the first time they had cross country in Shawano, and we actually had a team that made it down here," Stomberg said. "I think it was 1981 that the boys and girls teams made it. Our girls team has been here five years in a row. I have been here all four years of high school."

Being familiar with the course at state is an advantage for runners, according to Stomberg.

"When you step up the starting line, you have the best of the best in the state that you're competing against," he said. "You just have to go out there, put your foot on the line and when the gun goes off, you take off. There are a lot more people that are here cheering. Just go out and do it."

"These kids are in physical shape, but it's the

mental toughness once you get here. Even in the conference and sectional races, it's all about mental preparation. The kids have so many things between the academics that they concentrate on, the athletics they're involved in and many of them also have jobs. You look at how they're trying to balance their lives out with all these different things and you still want them to go out and perform to the best of their abilities."

The Shawano girls and boys teams finished with 318 and 363 points, respectively.

Shawano's results in the girls race included Bailey Hendricks (39th, 20:14.6), Tela Hopfensperger (20:59.6), Mikelah Powers (115th, 21:58.3), Maci Beyer (123rd, 22:11.1), Jai Bisterfeldt (133rd,

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Pulaski foursome runs at state D1 meet

Gerth leads Red Raiders, places 20th in girls race

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Four Pulaski cross country runners wrapped up their season Nov. 1 at state.

Maggie Gerth and Emerson Fabry competed for the Red Raiders in the girls Division 1 race, while the boys race included Parker Marshall and Arden Gillen.

Gerth led Pulaski by placing 20th in 18:52.8, while Fabry crossed the

finish line in 19:27.2, good for 54th place. Marshall placed 82nd in 16:59.3 in the boys race, while Gillen was 87th in 17:01.

“I think I went out OK,” Gillen said. “It’s a big race and it’s really hard to get out.”

Gillen also competed at state last year as a junior and he said he’s glad he had the opportunity to run the course at The Ridges Golf Course one more time.

“It’s really special,” he said. “I worked really hard to get here, and it’s pretty nice to be here with my teammates.”

Gillen said it helped having teammates at state this year.

“Last year, I was the only boy to do it,” he said. “My race plan was

I wanted to go out hard, because there are a lot of people here and it’s pretty easy to get stuck back. The competition here is really good. The best people in the state are here. I was just going with the flow.”

Cross country has meant a lot to Gillen over the years.

“I’ve been running since I was 7 years old,” he said. “It was pretty amazing to compete in high school. It was pretty special.”

Gillen will now set his sights on being a distance runner on Pulaski’s track team next spring.

“Track is completely different,” he said. “I’m a distance runner, so cross country is my thing. Track is really different because there are a lot of different people like sprinters.”



Arden Gillen competes for Pulaski in the boys Division 1 race at the WIAA State Cross Country Championships. He joined teammates Parker Marshall, Maggie Gerth and Emerson Fabry at the meet, held Nov. 1 in Wisconsin Rapids.
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22:38), Anabelle Schroeder (134th, 22:38.6) and Emma Nielson (147th, 23:18.7).

“The girls wanted to be back,” Stomberg said. “They wanted five years. They busted their butts, and they did it.”

Josiah Kuehl led the Hawks in the boys race by placing 73rd in 17:36.6 and was followed by Aloysius Frechette (113th, 18:23.4), Teagan Harkey (114th, 18:23.5), Quinten Harkey (121st, 18:40.7), Beckett Hendricks (128th, 19:06.2), Brayden Fish (133rd, 19:13.8) and James Lange (143rd, 19:25.1).

“The boys had an individual that made it last year and this year, the top guy is a junior and I have three sophomores and a freshman,” Stomberg said. “I try to tell these boys that you keep working as hard as you’ve been working and you’re going to make it back down here again. This is something that you want to do. You set your goal to get back here. I told my girls that it’s not a goal to get back here, it’s an expectation. You have what it takes, you have to work in the offseason, you have to apply yourself and good things can happen.”

This year’s girls team included eight seniors, but Stomberg isn’t worried about filling their running shoes.

“That’s going to be tough to replace,” he said. “You know what? We will go out there and keep recruiting. I took my kids to Luigi’s last night for a nice little dinner, and they said some of their classmates were saying it’s easy to get to state in cross country, because you only have one race you have to go to and qualify. They don’t understand that there are 15 good teams at our sectional. If you don’t take off and apply yourself right from the start, you have 15 teams that are competing for the top two spots.

“There are no time outs, there is no halftime. You have to go right from the



Wittenberg-Birnamwood’s Harper Krull, left, keeps pace with St. Croix Central’s Della Miller in the girls Division 2 race. Krull and the Chargers went on to place 14th as a team at state.
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Menominee Nation’s Bryant Waupoose III catches his breath after placing 46th in the boys Division 2 race at the WIAA State Cross Country Championships.
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start. If anyone thinks it’s an easy thing, come on out. We’ll let them join our

team and see what it’s like.” Stomberg will retire as a teacher at the end of the

2025-26 school year. “As of right now, I’m still going to keep coach-

ing,” he said. “I need to keep doing something, and I’m having fun. If there’s someone that’s interested in keeping the tradition going and do what I have been doing, which I think has been quite successful, I’ll pass it off.”

Wittenberg-Birnamwood

Rory Salvesen led the Chargers girls team to a 14th-place finish by placing 53rd in 20:31. Wittenberg-Birnamwood’s other runners included Harper Krull (87th, 21:05.9), Delilah Schaier (102nd, 21:32.8), Nora Bushman (114th, 21:55.2), Gabrielle Timm (126th, 22:20.6), Lilyana Groh (138th, 22:41.5) and Harper Rogowski (145th, 23:00.9).

Salvesen is the only senior on the team, which finished with 305 points, one spot in the standings ahead of Shawano. The Chargers advanced to state for the second year in a

row by edging Shawano by four points at a sectional meet in Merrill.

“We worked together and ran the race as a team,” Salvesen said of the sectional win. “We put one another first and trusted in the training that we’ve done all year long to get us to that point. We knew that it could have been the end (of the season). We were pushing for one more race and spending one more week together as a team.”

Salvesen wrapped up her high school cross country career at state but still has basketball and softball seasons coming up.

“There are definitely a lot of emotions with that,” she said. “I’m going to miss it so much. They all have their special place in my heart. They’re all my favorite. I’m just so grateful that I got to spend time with some of my best friends here.”

Besides running on last year’s team at state, Salvesen also qualified as an individual in Division 3 as a freshman.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood competes in Division 2 with larger schools and communities, including Shawano.

“Our thought behind that is just going out, trying our best and running our race,” Salvesen said. “Whatever happens happens.”

Menominee Nation

Waupoose, a sophomore, improved on last year’s time at state by placing 46th in 17:09.9 and said being familiar with the course helped.

“It really helped a lot,” he said. “I knew where to pick up paces and start picking people off.”

Waupoose said his teammates and family helped make his second season of cross country special.

“My parents really pushed me a lot through the years,” he said. “They had me running at a young age. I really enjoy running and have a really strong passion for running.”

Red Raiders give Phantoms a scare on Halloween

By **GREG SEUBERT**
Correspondent

Field position – especially in the first half – was not a problem for the Pulaski football team in its Division 2 playoff matchup with West De Pere.

The Red Raiders found themselves inside the Phantom 10-yard line four times in the first half but only had seven points to show for it.

Those missed opportunities turned out to be big in Pulaski's 42-21 loss to the Phantoms Oct. 31 in the second round of the WIAA playoffs in De Pere.

The Red Raiders dropped a 52-9 decision to the Phantoms in a Fox River Classic Conference-North matchup in September and gave West De Pere all it could handle in the first half.

Pulaski's game-opening drive ended with Miles Wippel's missed 31-yard field goal after the Red Raiders were inside the 10-yard line, but the Phantoms' first drive ended with Patrick Greisen's 69-yard touchdown pass to Judeah Kniskern with 4:40 remaining in the first quarter.

Pulaski went right down the field on its second drive but turned the ball over on downs at the Phantoms' 6-yard line after failing to convert a fourth-



Pulaski's Trentyn Linz holds on to the ball after being tackled by West De Pere's Ethan Collar.
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and-2 play.

The Red Raiders were back in the red zone on their third drive after a three-and-out from West De Pere and tied the game at 7-7 with Bohdan Schmidt's 6-yard run with 9:09 to go in the first half.

West De Pere turned the ball over on downs on its next drive, and Pulaski eventually had a fourth-and-goal from the 1-yard line. The Phantoms' defense kept the Red Raiders out of the end zone and then marched 99 yards for what turned out to be the go-ahead touchdown, as Ryan Lutz capped the drive with a 1-yard run with 1:43 left in the first half.

West De Pere had the ball again in the half after a Pulaski punt, but Braun Wotruba's interception ended the drive.

The Red Raiders trailed 14-7 at halftime, but West De Pere added to its lead after finding the end zone on the Phantoms' first two second-half drives.

Lutz scored from 41 yards out on the first play of the third quarter, and Greisen connected with Braylon Stegall for a 28-yard touchdown pass and a 28-7 lead with 8:41 to go in the third quarter.

Pulaski punted after a pair of three-and-outs and cut the lead to 28-14 with Schmidt's 2-yard run with 1:48 remaining in the third quarter.

West De Pere then put the game out of reach with two more unanswered touchdowns, as Lutz scored from a yard out less than two minutes into the fourth quarter. A recovered fumble set the



Bohdan Schmidt ran for 189 yards and scored all three of Pulaski's touchdowns in a season-ending 42-21 loss to West De Pere.
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Phantoms up at the Pulaski 37-yard line and Greisen capped West De Pere's scoring with an 8-yard pass to Kniskern with 7:36 to go in the game.

Schmidt scored his third touchdown from 9 yards

out with 1:36 to go to complete the scoring.

Besides scoring all three of the Red Raiders' touchdowns, Schmidt also rushed 37 times for 189 of Pulaski's 226 yards on the ground. He also completed

19 of 25 passes for 133 yards.

Pulaski finished the season at 7-4 while the Phantoms improved to 11-0 and will host Union Grove on Nov. 7 in Level 3 of the playoffs.

Edgar up next as Bonduel tops Kewaunee

By **GREG SEUBERT**
Correspondent

It's too bad the Bonduel and Kewaunee football teams don't play each other more often.

Kewaunee handed the Bears a 14-7 loss during the regular season on its way to a Packerland Conference championship, but Bonduel returned the favor Oct. 31, as the Bears returned home with a 37-36 win in a WIAA Division 6 Level 2 playoff game on the Storm's home field.

Meanwhile, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy rebounded from a close

win over Athens in Level 2 of the 8-player playoffs with a convincing home win over previously undefeated Wabeno/Laona, while Lake Country Lutheran ended Wittenberg-Birnamwood's season with a 35-14 win over the Chargers in another Division 5 playoff game in Hartland.

Bonduel 37, Kewaunee 36

Kewaunee scored the game's first two touchdowns to take a 14-0 lead, but the Bears outscored the Storm 21-6 in the second quarter and led 21-20 at the break.

Brett Paulsen capped

Kewaunee's second drive of the game with a 4-yard quarterback keeper. A missed extra point left the game 6-0.

The Storm soon had the ball again after recovering a fumble, and Paulsen scored from a yard out and added a two-point conversion pass to Connor Kilgore.

A turnover led to Bonduel's first score of the second quarter. After Paulsen intercepted Quinn Wesenberg's pass that gave the Storm the ball at its own 13-yard line. Carter Moesch intercepted Paulsen's pass on the

first play of the drive and returned it 13 yards for a touchdown.

Kewaunee answered with Paulsen's 12-yard touchdown pass to Kilgore, but a missed extra point gave the home team a 20-7 lead.

Gavin Hundt returned the kickoff 80 yards to cut the lead to 20-14, and Moesch gave the Bears their first lead with a 65-yard touchdown run with just over a minute remaining in the first half.

Bonduel had the ball

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Karissa Hischke serves for Suring in the Eagles' match with Florence.

GREG SEUBERT



Gracie Christensen, left, and Ellayna Skarban team up to block a shot during Suring's season-ending loss to Florence in a Division 5 sectional semifinal match at Suring High School.

GREG SEUBERT

Eagles volleyball season ends with home loss to Florence

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

In the end, it was a case of too much Bobcats and not enough Eagles. Suring hosted Florence in a WIAA Division 5 sectional semifinal volleyball match Oct. 30 but ended up on the short end of a 3-1 score. The loss ended one the most successful seasons in program history, while the Bobcats advanced to state for the

first time two days later with a 3-1 win over Central Wisconsin Christian in a sectional final in Eagle River. Florence opened the match in Suring with a 25-18 win, but the Eagles came back to win the second set 25-22. The Bobcats answered with a 25-19 win in the third set before closing the match with a 25-16 win. The Eagles and Bobcats came into the match

as a No. 1 and No. 2 seed, respectively. Florence jumped out to a 12-2 lead in the first set. "They served well," coach Tonia Kruschke said. "They took us out of our rotation. We just couldn't get back into the game and serve-receive was a struggle for us." Suring had an 11-5 lead in the second set and led for most of the game. However, the third and fourth games belonged to

the Bobcats. The Eagles needed to win the fourth set to force a fifth game, but Florence led the entire way. "When our backs are against the wall, we've done well throughout the year to keep pushing and striving to get there," Kruschke said. "We've had a week of kids sick. I'm not using that as an excuse, but it pushed us back a little bit this week. The girls knew we had to

come out and play 100%. If we gave 100% and still got beat, they were the better team and that's what happened tonight. They were the better team. "Florence travels well. They're all over the state playing tournaments. They get on the bus and they go and play. They're used to that. We knew Florence was going to come to play. I just wanted to finish with a battle and we did. We battled."

The Eagles' season included an M&O Conference championship, a 16-0 record in conference matches and a regional championship. "Best season of my coaching career," Kruschke said. "This group of girls is amazing. They work hard, they play well together, there's nobody trying to outdo one another on this team. That's really what's contributed to our success this year."

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again before halftime after Paulsen fumbled after being hit. However, a holding call on the Bears and a sack kept the score at 21-20 at halftime. Bonduel opened the second half with a drive that took more than half of the third quarter but turned the ball over on downs inside the Kewaunee 30-yard line. The Bears took a 27-20 lead on Jack Zernicke's 1-yard run and Wesenberg made it a two-score game by scoring on a run after Bonduel lined up to kick an extra point. Paulsen added another 1-yard scoring run and threw a two-point conversion pass to Waylon Delain to cut the lead to 29-28.

Kewaunee soon had the ball again with just over a minute to go in the game after a short Bonduel drive. Paulsen found Diesel Bosdeck for a 77-yard touchdown pass that gave the Storm a 26-29 lead, but the Bears weren't finished. A long kickoff return set the Bears up on Kewaunee's side of the field and Moesch scored on an 8-yard run. Instead of kicking an extra point that would have tied the game, coach James Westrich decided to try a two-point conversion and the decision paid off, as Moesch scored to score the game's final two points with 29 seconds to go in the game. Moesch finished with

178 rushing yards. The Bears will now head to Edgar on Nov. 7 to face the top-seeded and two-time defending Division 7 state champion Wildcats. **Lena/STAA 38, Laona/Wabeno 14** A pair of undefeated teams met in Lena with a trip to the 8-player state semifinals on the line. The Titans are headed back to the semifinals for the second year in a row after ending the Rebels' season. Lena/STAA opened the game with a pair of touchdowns. Jake Farley scored the Titans' first touchdown with a 15-yard run and added a 27-yard catch from Colt Miller. Max and Sam

Peterson added two-point conversion runs to help give the Titans a 16-0 lead. The Rebels cut the lead in half in the third quarter on Walter Winkelman's 12-yard run and Cooper Albrecht's two-point conversion run. Four minutes later, Max Peterson found himself in the end zone after a 70-yard run. After a successful two-point conversion, the Titans took a 24-8 lead into the fourth quarter. Carson Joyce scored from a yard out on the Titans' next drive, but the Rebels answered on their next drive with a 5-yard run from Albrecht to make it 30-14. The Titans sealed the win with another score,

as Max Peterson scored from a yard out, and Farley added a two-point conversion pass to PJ Finger. Max Peterson finished with 179 of the Titans' 297 rushing yards, while Farley added 77. Albrecht led the Rebels with 177 passing yards. The top-seeded Titans will now face No. 2 McDonell Central Catholic at 7 p.m. Nov. 7 at Stiehm Stadium in Weston, near Wausau. The Macks advanced to the semifinals with a 66-30 win over top-seeded Flambeau. A pair of No. 1 seeds will meet in the other semifinal, as Gilman will face Oakfield Nov. 7 in Waupaca. Semifinal winners will play for a state champion-

ship at 1 p.m. Nov. 15 at South Wood County Stadium in Wisconsin Rapids. **Lake Country Lutheran 35, Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 14** Top-seeded Lake Country Lutheran led 21-0 at halftime and held the fifth-seeded Chargers to a pair of touchdowns in the second half in a Division 5 Level 2 game in Hartland. The Chargers finished with a 5-6 record. **Upcoming games** Nov. 7 (both games 7 p.m.): WIAA Level 3 Division 6 playoffs: No. 3 Bonduel at No. 1 Edgar. WIAA Level 4 8-player playoffs: No. 1 Lena/STAA vs. No. 2 McDonell Central Catholic at D.C. Everest High School, Weston.



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Zimdars takes over PHS girls softball

Tom Zimdars thought he was done with coaching girls softball following the 2020 season after three years as varsity coach at West De Pere High School. He left coaching and started officiating football and softball. He didn't think anything could pull him from retirement — until now.

Zimdars will take over the Pulaski High School girls softball program this

spring. He succeeds Emily Higgins, who coached for one season after she replaced longtime coach Billi Vertz.

Zimdars has a long history with the PHS softball program starting out as a youth coach in the 1990s. That's where he became enthusiastic about coaching. Later, he was an assistant coach for PHS, and then he coached varsity softball at Green Bay East



TOM ZIMDARS
back because it was Pulaski softball," he said,

for 13 years compiling a record of 164-108 and West De Pere, 34-9. "I came back because it was Pulaski softball," he said, noting that he's seen the program up close as an umpire the past few years and liked what he saw — a successful program with lots of community support.

The fact that assistant coaches Jenn Heck and Mallory Lichon are returning and Vertz continues to work with the pitchers was another draw for him.

Zimdars likes to have fun and joke around, but once the first pitch is

thrown, he's all business.

"I expect us to compete and be successful. I can't see us not being successful," he said.

Pulaski High School athletic and activities director Janel Batten is thrilled to have Zimdars join the PHS coaching staff.

"Tom has varsity coaching experience at several schools and was even an assistant at

Pulaski years back," Batten said. "Coach Zimdars has had great success in leading softball programs in the past and we are excited to have him lead this program."

Zimdars, a native of Leopolis, lives in Sobieski with his wife of 41 years, Karla. The couple have two sons and a daughter who graduated from PHS. He's a sales rep for Bay-side Printing.

Lena/STAA's Miller named defensive player of the year

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

One Suring player, a Gillett player and three from Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy earned first team all-conference honors for the Across the Bay Conference.

Lena/STAA senior Colt Miller was named defensive player of the year.

Suring junior Kroix

Kempka was honored as a running back, as was Lena/STAA senior Max Peterson.

Miller was chosen as an offensive end, and senior Blake Behnke was recognized as an offensive lineman.

Kempka and Peterson were also named to the first team defense as linebackers, and Miller was

honored as a defensive lineman.

Gillett senior Jedric Herzog was selected for the first team as a punter.

Miller was also named to the second team offense as a placekicker, and Lena/STAA junior Collin Van Ark was recognized as an offensive lineman.

Second team defensive players honored were

Lena/STAA senior Sam Peterson as defensive back, junior Luke Koslowsky as linebacker and sophomore PJ Finger as defensive lineman.

Chosen for offensive honorable mention status were Suring junior Taylor Booth-Stoffregen as quarterback, Gillett senior Clayton Borremans as running back,

Gillett freshman Brock Murphy as running back, Sam Peterson as running back, Suring junior Grant Thompson as running back, Suring junior Dayne Emis as offensive end, Lena/STAA senior Cooper Demmuth as an offensive lineman, Suring junior Karl Hischke as offensive lineman and Gillett junior Trevor Schaal as offensive

lineman.

Honorable mention defensive players included Booth-Stoffregen as defensive back, Herzog as defensive back, Lena/STAA junior Jake Farley as defensive back, Suring junior Dyllan Flynn as linebacker, Murphy as linebacker, and Schaal and Thompson as defensive linemen.

Shawano, Pulaski soccer teams lose in sectional semifinals

The Shawano Hawks boys soccer team ended its 2025 campaign after a 2-1 loss to the Lakeland Thunderbirds on Oct. 30 in the WIAA sectional semifinals.

It was a tense game with Lakeland scoring the first goal by Camerron Bernard.

Shawano tied the score in the second half when a corner kick by Joaquin

Boldig was kicked in by Jorel Shaver, Later, Oren Slemmons of the Thunderbirds scored the last goal.

Homestead 1, Pulaski 0

The Red Raiders fell to the Highlanders 1-0 in the third round of the state playoffs.

Homestead scored the game-winning goal from

a corner kick in the 67th minute. Braedyn Frahm got the goal off the assist from Brady Wild.

Jonah Drevs made five saves in goal for the Red

Raiders. Colin Yorulmazglu and Caleb Esenberg combined for five saves in goal for the Highlanders.

Pulaski ends the season with a final record of 10-8-4.

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▪ Brian A. Blasing, 35, an Oconto man serving a sentence at Dodge Correctional Institution in Waupun, pleaded guilty Oct. 17 to first-degree reckless homicide through delivery of drugs. Judge Michael Judge sentenced him Oct. 29 to 12 years in prison followed by eight years of extended supervision with conditions.

▪ Cody James Meyer, 38, Oconto Falls, pleaded no contest Sept. 12 to possession of methamphetamine, violating a sex offender registry order, and two counts of burglary to a building or dwelling. Judge sentenced her Oct. 27 to five years in prison followed by three years of extended supervision with conditions.

- Justin A. Belongia, 42, Oconto, pleaded no contest

Oct. 29 to misdemeanor charges of possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. The THC count was amended from a felony in a plea agreement. Judge levied fines and

sentenced him to 30 days in county jail.

▪ Praise Migusha, 22, Oconto, was charged Oct. 27 with threatening to cause bodily harm to certain individuals involved in a court or

legal system, two counts of felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer, disorderly conduct, and bail jumping. Judge Jay Conley set a \$5,000 cash bond and

adjourned his initial appearance until Nov. 6.

▪ Louis J. Sanapaw, 28, Keshena, was charged Oct. 28 with possession of methamphetamine, felony bail jumping, and misde-

meanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge set a \$1,500 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Nov. 6.

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TOWN OF BAGLEY**

**The Town of Bagley will hold the 2026 BUDGET HEARING at 6:00 PM on
Thursday November 13, 2025 at the Bagley Town Hall
9812 County Hwy Z, Pound, WI. 54161**

The tentative 2026 BUDGET will be reviewed at this PUBLIC HEARING in detail.
The proposed budget will be available after approval on 11-14-2025 by contacting the Municipal Clerk
at 920-590-0198. Pursuant to Section 60.10(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes the called meeting of the
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11/07/2025 Notice of Public Hearing Village of Lena 2026 Proposed Budget Summary				
The Village of Lena Board of trustees will hold a Public Hearing on it's Proposed 2026 Budget on MONDAY, November 17, 2025 at 5:45 p.m. at the Municipal Building at 117 E. Main St.. A detailed copy of the budget is available for inspection at the Village Clerk's office during regular business hours. The proposed budget will be acted upon by the Board at their regular meeting to be held later that same evening. The following is a summary of the 2026 budget:				
GENERAL FUND	Budget 2025	Budget 2026	Amount Change	% Change
Revenues				
Property Tax	\$265,964	\$270,031	\$4,067	1.5%
Other Taxes	28,767	28,767	-	0.0%
Intergovernmental Grants/Aids	294,194	277,679	(16,515)	-5.6%
Licenses and Permits	3,710	3,348	(362)	-9.8%
Fines/Forfeitures/Penalties	32,150	32,150	-	0.0%
Public Charges for services	25,415	25,590	175	0.7%
Miscellaneous	56,160	60,889	4,729	8.4%
Other Financing Sources	6,960	0	(6,960)	-100.0%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES	\$713,320	\$698,454	-\$14,866	-2.08%
EXPENDITURES				
General Government	\$119,960	\$131,380	11,420.00	9.5%
Public Safety	180,248	210,200	29,952	16.6%
Public Works	223,245	178,107	(45,138)	-20.2%
Culture, Education & Recreation	29,500	30,000	500	1.7%
Conservation & Development	34,100	22,500	(11,600)	-34.0%
Capital Outlay	47,249	47,249	-	0.0%
Debt Service	79,018	79,018	-	0.0%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	\$713,320	\$698,454	-\$14,866	-2.08%
Dated October 22, 2025 Jodi A. Marquardt/Clerk-Treasurer				
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NOTICE CITY OF OCONTO FALLS

City of Oconto Falls is looking to fill an alderperson position. This position is for Aldermanic District 3 (Wards 5) with a term ending April 2028. The interested party must reside in the City of Oconto Falls and in the district in which they are serving.

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

Anyone interested in filling position for Aldermanic District 3 (Wards 5) with a term ending April 2028 will be able to take out candidacy papers on December 1, 2025. For further questions and details call Deputy Clerk Friedman at 920-846-4505 ext 106.

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2026 PROPOSED BUDGET				
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Monday, December 1, 2025 at 5:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Oconto Falls Municipal Building, 500 North Chestnut Avenue, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin, a public hearing will be held on the proposed 2026 budget. Immediately following the public hearing, the Council will meet to vote on the proposed budget during a special Council meeting starting at approximately 5:30 pm. The proposed budget is available for inspection on the city website at www.cityofocontofalls.com , City Hall, the Oconto Falls Public Library, the Oconto Falls Post Office and Iverson's Piggly Wiggly.				
The following is a summary of the proposed 2026 City Budget:				
	2025 Approved Budget	2025 Estimated Budget	2026 Proposed Budget	% Change
General Fund				
Revenues				
General Government	3,055,534	3,072,857	3,188,541	4.4%
License	36,575	31,775	28,375	-22.4%
Gifts & Grants	38,351	56,762	59,024	53.9%
Penalties & Forfeitures	38,400	28,740	29,890	-22.2%
Special Assessments	153,000	148,148	154,304	0.9%
All Other Revenues	169,159	193,404	167,520	-1.0%
Fund Balance	0	0	0	0.0%
G.F. Revenues	3,491,019	3,531,686	3,627,654	3.9%
Expenditures				
General Government	1,095,160	1,133,842	1,118,454	2.1%
Protection Person & Property	948,028	969,708	1,000,023	5.5%
Health, Welfare, & Sanitation	327,164	257,277	315,738	-3.5%
Transportation	392,217	417,543	461,799	17.7%
Education & Recreation	184,482	178,790	188,633	2.3%
Conservation & Development	3,270	3,975	4,030	23.2%
Transfer to Other Funds	0	0	0	0.0%
Transfer to TIF	0	5,105	0	0.0%
Transfer to Debt Service	507,889	507,889	510,228	0.5%
Transfer to Capital Projects	32,809	32,809	28,750	-12.4%
Transfer to Trust Agency	0	0	0	0.0%
Transfer to Fund Balance	0	0	0	0.0%
G. F. EXPENDITURES	3,491,019	3,506,938	3,627,654	3.9%
GF NET SURPLUS (DEFICIENCY)	0	24,747	0	
DEBT SERVICE FUND				
Revenues	507,889	507,889	510,228	0.5%
Expenditures	507,889	563,162	510,228	0.5%
DSF NET SURPLUS (DEFICIENCY)	0	(55,273)	0	
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND				
Revenues	3,223,450	43,126	57,000	-98.2%
Fund Balance	27,253	0	0	-100.0%
Expenditures	3,250,703	12,200	57,000	-98.2%
CPF NET SURPLUS (DEFICIENCY)	0	30,926	0	
TIF PROJECTS FUND				
Revenues	10,000	5,105	100,000	900.0%
Expenditures	10,000	7,912	100,000	900.0%
TPF NET SURPLUS (DEFICIENCY)	0	(2,807)	0	
TAX LEVY				
General Fund	1,032,596		1,130,387	9.5%
Debt Service Fund	507,889		510,228	0.5%
TIF Projects Fund	0		0	0.0%
Capital Projects Fund	32,809		28,750	-12.4%
Total Approved Levy	1,573,294		1,669,365	6.1%
Levy limit	1,573,294		1,669,365	7.5%
A quorum of the Common Council may be in attendance of this public hearing.				
Notice was given to the public at least 15 days prior to this hearing - Notice was forwarded to newspapers and any news media or persons who have requested the same – Notice was published in the Oconto County Times Herald, Notice was posted at City Hall, Oconto Falls Community Library, Iverson's Piggly Wiggly, and on the city website at www.cityofocontofalls.com				
Any person wishing to attend the hearing who requires special accommodations because of a disability should contact the Clerk's office at 920-846-4505 with adequate notice so appropriate accommodations can be made.				
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Military Rd Culvert Replacement

Town of Stiles, Oconto County, District 17

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TOWN OF STILES REQUEST BIDS FOR CULVERT REPLACEMENT – MILITARY RD

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Bids can be submitted to Terrah Patton, Town Clerk 5718 Watercrest Rd Lena, WI 54139 and must be received by Monday 10/17. Proof of Insurance must accompany all bids. Quotes will be reviewed, and the contracts will be awarded to the vendors whose quotes are most responsive to the solicitation and most advantageous to the Town of Stiles, considering price, quality and other factors. The Town of Stiles reserves the right to reject any, and all quotes.

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Pioneer Park Rd Ditch Grub Tree Clearing

Town of Stiles, Oconto County, District 17

The Town of Stiles will be performing the following work:

TOWN OF STILES REQUEST BIDS FOR DITCHING, GRUBBING AND TREE CLEARING– PIONEER PARK RD

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Pioneer Park Rd Culvert Replacement

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Veterans Day is intended to thank and honor all those who served honorably in the military — living and dead — whether in wartime or peace.

In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank living veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated.

While Veterans Day is often confused with Memorial Day, the two observances serve different purposes and have different histories. Memorial Day, which has its roots in the post-Civil War effort to “memorialize” all those who died in that war, has become a modern holiday to remember those from all wars and conflicts who gave their lives in service to the country.

In December 2000 the U.S. Congress passed and the president signed into law The National Moment of Remembrance Act to “encourage the people of the United States to give something back to their country, which provides them so much freedom and opportunity” by encouraging and coordinating commemorations of Memorial Day and the National Moment of Remembrance.

The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day for two minutes of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation.

Veterans Day, however, was first known as Armistice Day as a celebration of the resolution of World War I, a peace recognized historically on the date and time of that event, Nov. 11, 1918, at 11 a.m., and salutes surviving service members as well as those who have passed away since their service.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming Nov. 11 as Veterans Day and called upon Americans everywhere to rededicate themselves to the cause of peace.

He issued a presidential order directing the head of the Veterans Administration (now the Department of Veterans Affairs) to form a Veterans Day National Committee to organize and oversee the national observance of Veterans Day.

In 1968, in keeping with the Monday Holiday Bill, Congress briefly moved Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October, but it

became quickly apparent that the American public held fast to the historical significance of the First World War armistice on Nov. 11, and in 1978, Veterans Day was returned permanently to its traditional date.

Hence, the Veterans Day National Ceremony is held each year on Nov. 11 at Arlington National Cemetery. At 11 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, a color guard made up of members from each branch of the military renders honors to America’s deceased veterans during a tradition-rich ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The president or his representative places a wreath at the tomb and a bugler sounds taps. The balance of the ceremony, including a parade of flags by veterans service organizations, takes place inside the memorial amphitheater, adjacent to the tomb.

On Oct. 7, 2016, President Barack Obama signed the Veterans Day Moment of Silence Act. The law requires that the president issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe a two-minute national moment of silence on Veterans Day at 1:11 p.m. Central Standard Time.



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Shawano VFW to celebrate new building with Veterans Day ribbon-cutting ceremony

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

Shawano's Herbert E. McLaughlin VFW Post 2723 is planning for a Veterans Day grand opening of its new facility, following a groundbreaking ceremony held in May.

The new 4,000-square-foot post, at 810 Olson St., is anticipated to be completed by Nov. 11 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at noon that day to mark the occasion.

The new, modern building will replace the VFW's longtime home, providing a more accessible and spacious environment for local veterans.

The existing VFW building, 202 W. Lieg Ave., is listed for sale for \$170,000. It includes 2,697 square feet and is zoned residential.

The project has been in the planning and fundraising stages for several months, with the goal of better serving the needs of the area's veteran community.

The post is named for Army Air Forces Pvt. Herbert E. McLaughlin, 31, of Shawano, who was killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

His remains were finally identified Dec. 17, 2024.

McLaughlin's name is recorded in the Courts of the Missing at the Punchbowl, along with the others who are missing from WWII. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

McLaughlin's remains were returned to Shawano this summer, and he was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery on Aug. 9.



Shawano VFW Post 2723 will host a grand opening and ribbon cutting for its new building at noon Nov. 11. The new building is located at 810 Olson St.

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Vets tell of time in Vietnam, Middle East

Behrend, Francois couldn't wait to get away from home

By NATHAN BIRR
Correspondent

David Behrend, of Morgan, joined the Navy in 1971 while a sophomore in a Michigan high school. Immediately after graduation, he went to basic training in San Diego.

"When I was 16 years old, I talked with the Navy recruiter and joined while still in high school," Behrend said. "I couldn't get away from home fast enough, but I had to wait till after my graduation from Powers-Spalding High School before I attended basic training."

After training in California and at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Illinois, Behrend was assigned to the USS Benjamin Stoddert (DDG-22). The ship was the 21st Charles F. Adams-class guided missile destroyer, commissioned in 1964.

"This ship had just about everything," Behrend said. "We had guided missiles, rockets, torpedoes, depth chargers, gun batteries, and we were at times equipped with nuclear warheads."

Behrend took the advice of family members who

had served in the military and did not volunteer for any job but simply took whatever job assigned to him.

"Looking back now, I wish that I would've picked my job instead of having it assigned to me," Behrend said.

Behrend was assigned to the ship's boiler room.

"In 1972, I was just weeks out of training and placed on the DDG-22, and we set sail to Vietnam," Behrend said.

Soon after their arrival on the coast of Vietnam, while just a few miles away from the demilitarized zone, they came under fire from Vietcong artillery.

"The Vietcong had artillery near the shoreline and would fire rounds that left streaks of blue powder in the sky to trace their shots," Behrend. "They would usually miss by many hundreds of yards, but to our surprise, they actually hit us."

Behrend's ship was struck in the hull a few feet above the waterline. The projectile entered at an angle, leaving a hole 6 feet in diameter.

"The path that the



David Behrend, of Morgan, stands in front of a memorial for military veterans. Behrend served in the Navy and Coast Guard for a total of 26 years.

NATHAN BIRR

projectile took through the ship was just inches away from penetrating the

ammunition stores, gun battery controls, fuel tank and boiler room," Behrend said. "It went through the

cooling water reservoir and stopped while pushing a dent in the fuel tank.

"It could have been the

end of all us; it was a matter of inches."

Behrend finished his time with the Navy as a petty officer 1st class (E-6) and joined the Coast Guard in 1991. During the Persian Gulf War, his unit patrolled the Port of Dammam, Saudi Arabia, in a Kevlar hulled 22-foot-long Boston Whaler.

"The Kevlar lined boats could take over 2,000 rounds of small arms fire before they would take on water," Behrend said. "They had twin 275-hp motors, and it got cold riding in those fast boats. On a 70-degree day, we would wear our winter gear."

Behrend is thankful for the winter combat uniforms his unit mistakenly received.

"Our unit got the wrong uniforms," Behrend said. "We were issued clothing for the North Pole by mistake."

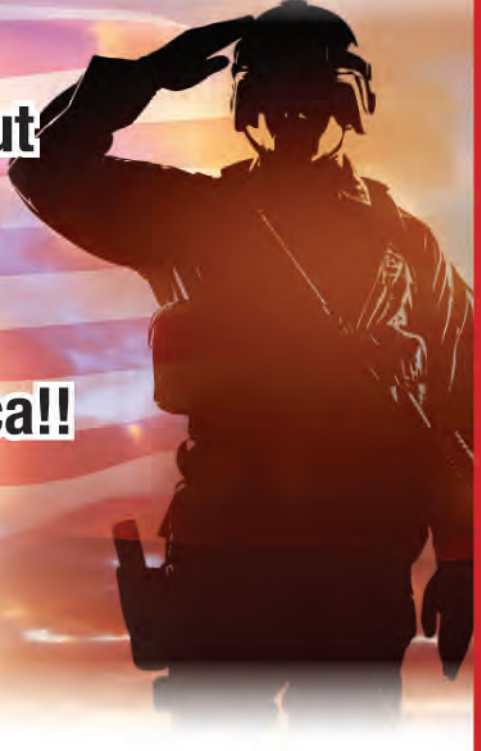
Behrend comes from a long line of military service. His father served in the Navy during World War II, and his grandfather served in the Army during the Spanish-American war of 1899. Behrend has many uncles, cousins, siblings, nephews and nieces, as well as grandchildren who have served their country in uniform.

After 26 years of military service, Behrend

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Event honors Vietnam vets



A couple of Vietnam veterans are recognized during the Headstones event Sept. 20 at Woodlawn Cemetery in Shawano. Presented by the Shawano County Historical Society and the Shawano Parks and Recreation Department, the program included stories at the gravesites of four local men whose lives ended because of the Vietnam War. The 2025 program was the last in a multiyear endeavor to honor the lives of local veterans from the Civil War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

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moved to Green Bay with his wife, Virginia, and worked as a technical consultant for area hospitals. Currently, Behrend serves as a district supervisor for Oconto County.

Riley Francois
Riley Francois, of Gillett, joined the Army in 2013 almost a year after graduating from Gillett High School.

“I made the decision to join the Army, because I needed to get away from home as fast as possible,” Francois said. “My life was going down a bad path; I was running with the wrong crowd and needed to put some distance between us.”

Within weeks of talking with a recruiter, Francois was at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, completing basic training.

“When I spoke to the recruiter I picked my job in the Army, which was a forward observer for an artillery unit,” Francois said. “We call in targets from the ground within our eyesight and help guide howitzers, mortars and airstrikes to that target.”

After completing training, Francois was stationed at Camp Casey, Korea, for 20 months and then finished the remainder of his service contract in the 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, garrisoned at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Francois deployed to

Kuwait, Jordan, Iraq, and Afghanistan as a specialist/corporal (E-4). His experiences taught him that true character lies in deeds, not looks.

“Some of the greatest people that I have ever met are covered in tattoos and look mean,” Francois said. “But they’re good men. I’ve seen them put their lives in danger time and again to protect children in the Middle East.”

Francois recalls times of frustration while serving overseas.

“The hoops that we had to jump through just to engage the enemy with artillery were ridiculous,” Francois said. “Many soldiers died because of the flawed rules of engagement under the Obama administration. Something that could have been settled with one of our bombs had to be handled with a team of guys going in.”

Francois also comes from a family with military history. His grandfather, Ron Temple, joined the Army after graduating from Gillett High School, and then he served as a truck driver in 8th Army while in Korea during the 1960s. Francois’s younger brother, Tristan, also joined the Army after high school, serving as a diesel mechanic while stationed in Korea.

After four years of



STORIES, CONTINUED ON PAGE 9 Spc. Riley Francois, of Gillett, poses for a selfie while deployed in combat in the Middle East.

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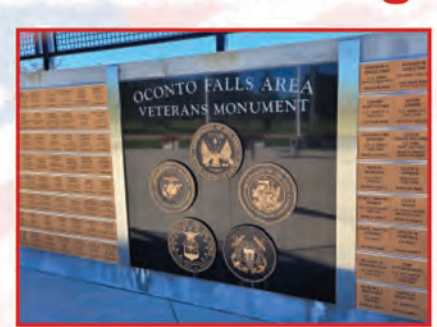
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The Allied Vets Council will hold a Veterans Day program at 11 a.m. Nov. 11 at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St.

The ceremony will begin with the sounding of the bells and fire whistle.

Veteran Dennis Bohm will greet those who gather, and the Rev. Andrew Zobel, senior pastor at St. James Lutheran Church, will offer the invocation.

Paul Pionke, retired master sergeant with the U.S. Air Force and head of the Shawano County Veterans Service Office, will lead the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Patty Ainsworth singing the national anthem.

Bohm will introduce the main speaker, Richard Kucksdorf, retired colonel with the U.S. Army Reserves.

Bohm and Pionke will recite the names of deceased veterans, followed by the presentation of a wreath by members of the James Lutz family in memory of their father.

VVA Chapter 206, commanded by Phil Nelson, will offer a rifle volley, and taps will be played by Brent Buettner and

company.

Zobel will offer the benediction, and Bohm will have closing remarks.

In case of rain, the program will be held inside Shawano Ambulance Service.

The Allied Vets Council includes VFW Post 2723, DAV Chapter 53, AMVETS Post 10, VVA Chapter 206 and American Legion Post 117.

Pulaski

The Pulaski Area Historical Society invites the community to a special “Meet the Veterans Day” program from 1-3 p.m. Nov. 8 at the Pulaski Museum, 129 W. Pulaski St.

The event is free and open to the public.

This 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 Veterans Day as a way for the community to listen, learn and say thank you to local heroes. Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

If you have questions about the event or would like to be considered for the veterans panel, contact Pam Janssen at 920-655-0116.

For information about the Pulaski Area Historical Society, visit www.pulaski-wihistory.com.

Oconto Falls

Staff and students at Oconto Falls High School, 210 N. Farm Road, Oconto Falls, invite veterans to their annual Veterans Day program Nov. 11.

There will be a small reception for veterans beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the OFHS Commons, followed by a high school assembly and program from 9-10 a.m. Veterans should feel free to bring family members or other guests to the program.

Veterans are asked to sign in upon arrival so each can be recognized for his or her service.

Following the high school program, there will be a short break followed by the combined Oconto Falls Elementary School and Abrams Elementary School Veterans Day concert, which will be held at 10:30 a.m. at Oconto Falls Elementary School.

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military service, Francois moved back to northeast Wisconsin in 2016 and attended a local technical college. Francois works for a utility company and enjoys spending time with his wife, Samantha, and their 2-year-old daughter.

Connor Iverson

Connor Iverson, of Oconto Falls, joined the Marines in 2015 soon after graduating from Oconto Falls High School.

“I wasn’t interested in college right out of high school,” Iverson said. “So, I followed the example of my Uncle Bart who served in the Marines in Desert Storm.”

Iverson went to Camp Pendleton in San Diego for basic training, followed by specialized training at the Marine base in Twenty-nine Palms.

“The job that I picked in the Marines was a ground radio repairman,” Iverson said. “We oversaw all the portable and vehicular communication systems for our battalion.”

Iverson was stationed in Okinawa, Japan, before being deployed as sergeant (E-5) to Camp Shorabak, Afghanistan, with the 5th Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division. The unit was responsible for a battery of HIMARS missiles.

“Our base would receive small arms fire from the enemy often,” Iverson said. “Under the rules of



Sgt. Connor Iverson, of Oconto Falls, poses for a picture with his unit while deployed at Camp Shorabak, Afghanistan.

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engagement, we couldn’t return fire until we were shot at, so sometimes the enemy got close.”

After five years of military service, Iverson moved back to Oconto Falls in 2020 to work with his brother in the grocery business. During that time, the U.S. military made a hasty withdrawal from

Afghanistan, one Iverson is disappointed with.

“The withdrawal under the Biden administration was heartbreaking,” Iverson said. “The Taliban now lives where I used to sleep. It’s sickening, but I’m proud to have served my country.”

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Langsten giving back as Legion Post commander

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

“All over the planet.” That’s where Dr. Robert Langsten said the U.S. Air Force sent him after the Tigerton native enlisted as a college student at the University of Minnesota in the 1980s.

Nearly 40 years later, he’s back in Tigerton and is currently the commander of American Legion Post 239.

Langsten, 60, served in the military for 26 1/2 years before retiring in July 2016 as a U.S. Air Force Dental Corps officer and advanced general dentist.

“I enlisted in November 1986,” he said. “My father was drafted, and we had another (family member) serve. I was interested, and they offered residency and training programs.

“I was a commander for 12 years. I started off as a dentist, and then I did a bunch of surgical fellowships. I started at Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha, Nebraska, and went to Patrick Air Force Base in Cape Canaveral (Florida). Then I went to Guam and on multiple humanitarian missions. From there, I went to Howard Air Force Base in Panama. From there, I went to Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio,



Robert Langsten has served as commander of American Legion Post 239 in Tigerton since May. PHOTO COURTESY OF ROBERT LANGSTEN

Texas.”

Langsten was later deployed to Iraq twice.

“I flew critically injured patients and worked on them,” he said.

Langsten grew up in Tigerton before his family moved to the Milwaukee suburb of West Allis.

“My father got a job as a diesel mechanic in Milwaukee, so we moved from Tigerton to West Allis where I went to middle school and high school,” he said.

Langsten eventually moved back to his original hometown.

“We have a family farm there,” he said. “My

mother resides on the farm, and I wanted to come back home.”

He has served as Post 239’s commander since May.

“I was there for five years, and they were kind of looking at me,” Langsten said. “The outgoing commander had been there awhile, and there was an older gentleman who’s been there for 50 years, and he said, ‘We want you to be the commander.’

“I wanted to give back, and I wanted to make sure I was the right fit. I really

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Robert Langsten removes a bullet from a patient.

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feel that it's important to give back. The military utilized me for my skills, but they also provided me with a lot of valuable skills that I would have never had. I felt like I needed to give back to the community."

Post 239 representatives will be on hand for a POW/MIA ceremony on Veterans Day at Tigerton High School.

"A lot," Langsten said when asked what Veterans Day means to him. "It's a way of the community thanking me for my service. It's a way of me giving back to the community. It should be something that everybody appreciates. Sometimes, I don't think the American public realizes what some of those people went through."

American Legion and Veterans of Foreign War posts and their auxiliaries are essential to small communities like Tigerton, according to Langsten.

"They're a sign of community pride," he said. "We have a lot of people who have served in the Tigerton area. Not all of them were career (veterans), but they were drafted. Our post has a lot of Vietnam veterans who went through some pretty hellacious stuff. It's a nice way for them to get together. We also give back. We do the Memorial Day address. We do Veterans Day at the school. We do Fourth of July activities."

"It's a good way for them to put on their uniform and talk about their experience with the military," he continued. "If nothing else, it's community activity. It's camaraderie. It's friendship. It's, 'Hey, we appreciate what you did.'"



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Futile offensive output dooms Packers

Green Bay unable to successfully complete drives against the Panthers

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With tight end Tucker Kraft knocked out of the game with a knee injury, the Packers sat and watched as Carolina Panthers kicker Ryan Fitzgerald connected on a game-winning, 49-yard field goal to win the game 16-13 and give Green Bay its second loss of the season Nov. 2 at Lambeau Field.

Green Bay entered this game as 13.5-point favorites, meaning this loss was the biggest upset, based upon point spread, in the NFL since 2023.

While the loss to the Panthers certainly stings, as Green Bay is knocked down to the fourth seed in the NFC, things get much worse for the Packers, as Kraft's knee injury in the third quarter forced the star tight end out of the game and likely for the foreseeable future.

"It doesn't look good," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur, on Kraft's injury. "Its going to be tough (to overcome the injury). But it is football; the other guys are going to

have to step up."

The injury to Kraft seemed to be a microcosm of the Packers offense as a whole in this game. Carolina's defense held the Packers to just 13 points in Green Bay's second-lowest scoring output this season. The lack of points seemed to come from making mistakes when given chances to score.

Five of the Packers' first six drives saw the team march down to inside the Panthers' 35-yard line, but the team was only able to come away with six points.

"We have had penalties; we obviously had a fumble on the first drive. We had three possessions in the first half — a nine-play drive, a nine-play drive and a 10-play drive, and we had six points," said LaFleur. "It is going to be tough if we can't figure (things) out and score in the red area. It is just going to be tough to win football games like that."

Playcalling also seemed to be somewhat of an issue for Green Bay in this game.

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Jordan Love and the offense struggled throughout the day against Carolina. The epitome of the Packers offense struggle was the fourth quarter decision to go for it on a fourth-and-8 instead of attempting a field goal. At left, Josh Jacobs sneaks through the line scoring the only Green Bay touchdown late in the fourth quarter. The Packers challenged the original call, overturning the ruling on the field that Jacobs was short of the goal line.

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Packers' elite status needs to show up Monday night



The Panthers effectively neutralized Micah Parsons, holding him without a single pressure for the first time in his career.

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Team needs to put loss to Carolina behind them

BY JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

Green Bay returns for another prime time game when the Packers host the Philadelphia Eagles on

Monday Night Football.

Packers' offense vs. Eagles' defense

Philadelphia's defense has stars at all three levels and a legend coaching on that side of the ball.

Vic Fangio, a known Packers' nemesis, coordinates the defense. He was largely responsible for the San Francisco '49ers' defenses that tormented Aaron Rodgers in the early 2010s.

On the field, their defense is built around defensive tackle Jalen Carter.

Carter is immensely talented and fell to the Eagles in the first round of the 2023 NFL Draft.

He's a force in the middle of their defense, equally impactful against the run as he is the pass. He made arguably the biggest play in the Eagles' 28-22 win over the Los Angeles Rams in last year's Divisional Round game when he sacked Matthew Stafford as the Rams had driven deep into Eagles' territory.

Nolan Smith is on

injured reserve, but he's their best pass rusher. It's unclear if he'll be able to return for this game, but he is eligible to do so.

Outside of him, the Eagles have relied on a rush-by-committee approach on the edge.

Jalyx Hunt started to pay well prior to the team's bye week. The second level of their defense has Zach Baun, the former Wisconsin Badger who was a first-team all-pro a season ago.

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That came to a climax when the Packers faced a fourth-and-4, down 13-6 with 11 minutes left in the game. From the Panthers’ 13-yard line, instead of attempting a field goal for with 11 minutes left in the game. From the Panthers’ 13-yard line, instead of attempting a field goal for three points, Green Bay elected to send the offense out on the field. Not liking the setup before the play, the Packers called timeout to reevaluate. After the timeout,

Green Bay sent the offense back out on the field. Jordan Love received the snap and, after running around out of the pocket, his jump ball intended for Romeo Doubs fell incomplete, forcing Green Bay to turn the ball over on downs. “Matt (LaFleur) made a decision on that one to want to try to put up a touchdown, and obviously it didn’t work out,” said Love. “Hindsight is 20/20. I wish we would have taken

the points. We didn’t do that there,” said LaFleur. “Yeah, bad decision.” As a whole, the Packers offense totaled 369 yards, outgaining the Panthers by 104 yards. The fact of the matter was that Green Bay made those mistakes to ruin drives, while Carolina didn’t. On his 27th birthday, Love finished this game completing 26-of-37 passes for 273 yards and no touchdown passes while throwing one interception. Doubs led the Packers

in receiving, catching seven passes for 91 yards. Christian Watson added 58 yards on two receptions, while Luke Musgrave totaled 34 yards on two receptions. In the run game, Josh Jacobs churned out a hard-fought 87 yards and a 1-yard touchdown, the only touchdown for the Packers in this game, on 17 carries. Emanuel Wilson added 16 yards on six carries. For Carolina, quarterback Bryce Young completed 11-of-20 passes for

102 yards and no touchdown passes while throwing for one interception. Tetairoa McMillan led the Panthers in receiving, catching four passes for 46 yards. Xavier Legette added 22 yards on one reception. In the run game, Rico Dowdle saw the majority of the work, as the former Dallas Cowboy rushed 25 times for 130 yards and scored both of Carolina’s touchdowns. Chuba Hubbard added another 17 yards on five carries.

While losing to an inferior opponent is never in the cards, the loss to Carolina only gives Green Bay its second loss on the season and moves its record to 5-2-1. With the Detroit Lions losing to the Minnesota Vikings this week, the Packers stay atop the division and sit at the fourth seed in the NFC playoff picture. Green Bay will face the Philadelphia Eagles on Monday night at Lambeau Field in the team’s next game.

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He’s flanked by Nakobe Dean and Jihaad Campbell. Campbell is a rookie who has made an impact in his first season and moves around both to the middle and the edge. Dean just returned from injury. In the secondary, Cooper DeJean was a former Packers’ draft crush, and he’s an impactful player in the slot. Quinyon Mitchell is the team’s best boundary corner and has traveled with the opposing offense’s best receiver.

fense scored six points and Green Bay trailed at halftime. In the second half, tragedy struck with Tucker Kraft exiting the game with an injury. He was helped to the sideline with what looked like a knee injury. If Kraft can play this week, it’d be a surprise. If he can’t, he’ll be replaced by committee with Luke Musgrave and John FitzPatrick likely attempting to pick up the slack. The more likely approach is heavier use of their receiver corps, which is a deeper, more talented unit than what they have at tight end without Kraft. To add to a frustrating day, Jordan Love threw a terrible interception in the third quarter with the Packers trailing 7-6. The Panthers would turn that interception into a touchdown, which put the Packers in a 13-6 hole late in the third quarter. Musgrave would step up late in the game with three catches on a touchdown drive that pulled the Packers even at 13-13. The second half was not any better. Jordan Love was sloppy. His pass catchers were either injured or unable to create separation. Green Bay’s first four red zone possessions resulted in six points thanks to a turnover and missed field goal. Ultimately, the offense is not feeling good about itself going into a showdown with the defending champions.

Packers’ defense vs. Eagles’ offense It’s the moment everyone has been waiting for.



While the Green Bay defense held the Panthers to 16 points, running back Rico Dowdle blew past the defensive line for 130 yards and two touchdowns. He was the first rusher to gain more than 100 yards against the Green Bay defense in 2025.

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Green Bay’s defense will be taking on the Philadelphia Eagles’ tush push after trying to get it banned during the offseason. Jokes aside, that is part of the Eagles’ offense, and they are better at it than anyone, even when it is officiated properly. When the Eagles are running a conventional offense, they are loaded. Their pass catching trio of AJ Brown, Devonta Smith and Dallas Goedart make one of the best groups in all of football. Brown has had some drama surrounding him thanks to some cryptic posts on social media but remains in Philadelphia and is an impact player. Smith is a great receiver

in his own right, and Goedart bounced Carrington Valentine off the turf in Philadelphia the last time these two teams met. The identity of their offense, however, surrounds their offensive line and Saquon Barkley. Barkley was the best back in football a season ago but has taken a step back this year through the first eight games of the season. Their offensive line has taken a step back with the loss of Mekhi Becton during the offseason, and the injuries to Landon Dickerson have lingered throughout the year as well. At the controls of their offense, it’s Jalen Hurts. The reigning Super Bowl MVP is inconsistent

at times but a dynamic weapon both running and throwing the ball. Xavier McKinney found his way back into the turnover column during Sunday’s game. He almost forced two turnovers on one possession. Carolina’s second possession of the game saw him force a fumble from Bryce Young, but it was recovered by Carolina. Two plays later, McKinney picked off a pass in the end zone, taking points off the board for the Panthers. Apart from that, Green Bay’s defense struggled to get off the field against Carolina in the first half. They only gave up seven points in the process, but their inability to get off the field allowed their

offense only three possessions in the first half. Against a team that is trying to shorten the game, that is a recipe for disaster. As it turns out, it was a recipe for disaster. The Packers defense was walked down the field by Bryce Young and Rico Dowdle to set up a game-winning field goal from rookie kicker Ryan Fitzgerald. **Special Teams** Philadelphia’s special teams is led by its elder statesman Jake Elliott. Elliott struggled last year, especially on longer field goals. He’s 7-of-9 on the year this year and is taken out of the game to some degree with the Eagles’ ability to convert in short yardage situations on fourth down. Their return game is led by Will Shipley and Tank Bigsby, both of whom have a return of more than 30 yards this season. Green Bay’s special teams is in flux with one of its aces, Nick Niemann, being placed on injured reserve after suffering a pectoral injury against the Pittsburgh Steelers. Brandon McManus has kicked two games in a row, but for now at least, the Packers have kept two kickers on the roster. Is that trying to make sure McManus is healthy? Is it a built-in competition for McManus? Was it just posturing for a trade before the deadline? Did McManus missing a kick force Green Bay’s hand? Who knows at this point, but the instability on special teams is nothing new in Green Bay.

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2025 RECORDS: Packers, 5-2-1. Eagles, 6-2.
HISTORY: The Packers and Eagles have a host of memorable games since they started locking horns in 1933.

The two teams have met 48 times with the Packers holding a 28-20 advantage. The Eagles and Packers met twice last season, with Philadelphia prevailing 34-29 in Brazil to open the season and then 22-10 in Philadelphia for the Wild Card round. The last time the Eagles were at Lambeau Field came in 2020, where Jalen Hurts made his first appearance as a preferred quarterback for the Eagles, replacing Carson Wentz. Aaron Rodgers threw the 400th touchdown pass of his Hall of Fame career that day,

and the Packers won 30-16.
COACHES: Packers, Matt LaFleur, seventh season, 72-34-1. Eagles, Nick Sirianni, fifth season, 54-22.
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Cardinals, W 27-23 Sunday, Oct. 26, at Pittsburgh Steelers, W 35-25 Sunday, Nov. 2, vs. Carolina Panthers, L 13-16 Monday, Nov. 10, vs. Philadelphia Eagles, 7:15 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, at New York Giants, noon Sunday, Nov. 23, vs. Minnesota Vikings, noon Thursday, Nov. 27, at Detroit Lions, noon Sunday, Dec. 7, vs. Chicago Bears, noon Sunday, Dec. 14, at Denver Broncos, 3:25 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, at Chicago Bears, TBA

Saturday, Dec. 27, vs. Baltimore Ravens, TBA Sunday, Jan. 4, at Minnesota Vikings, TBA
NFL SCHEDULE **Thursday, Nov. 6** Las Vegas at Denver, 7:15 p.m. **Sunday, Nov. 9** Atlanta at Indianapolis, 8:30 a.m. (in Berlin, Germany) Cleveland at NY Jets, noon New Orleans at Carolina, noon New England at Tampa Bay, noon Baltimore at Minnesota, noon

Buffalo at Miami, noon NY Giants at Chicago, noon Jacksonville at Houston, noon Arizona at Seattle, 3:05 p.m. Detroit at Washington, 3:25 p.m. LA Rams at San Francisco, 3:25 p.m. Pittsburgh at LA Chargers, 7:20 p.m. **Monday, Nov. 10** Philadelphia at Green Bay, 7:15 p.m. **Bye Teams:** Cincinnati, Dallas, Kansas City, Tennessee

Alexander returns to Green Bay as a member of the Eagles



BY JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

All eyes will be on the Green Bay Packers as they welcome the defending world champion Philadelphia Eagles to Lambeau Field on Monday night.

The Eagles are coming off their bye week but sit at the top of the NFC East and have the look of a team that can make another run at a Super Bowl title.

The Packers had won three in a row before a disappointing performance against the Carolina Panthers on Sunday, and are inching toward playing their best football.

This game is a clash of the titans, and it has the potential to be one of the best games of the year.

With a disappointing performance against Carolina, it's more important that Green Bay holds serve on its home field.

More on that in our weekly six pack.



1.) Alexander's Return

The Philadelphia Eagles got a boost in their secondary by making a move for a former Green Bay Packer. Jaire Alexander was released this offseason after several attempts to trade him and landed in Baltimore to play with his former college teammate, Lamar Jackson.

Things did not work out for Alexander in Baltimore. He was a healthy scratch for all but two games during his tenure and sent to the Eagles on Nov. 1 for a late-round pick swap.

Alexander was set to return to Green Bay in December as a member of the Ravens but instead will get a chance to catch on Monday with Philadelphia.

Alexander typically relished challenges and bright lights during his time in Green Bay, and there's no question he'll be motivated if he's able to acclimate to the Eagles' defense and get on the field.



2.) Familiarity

Micah Parsons was Green Bay's big trade acquisition this offseason, and he has some familiarity with this week's opponent.

Parsons, of course, formerly of the Dallas Cowboys, used to play the Eagles twice a year.

He's faced their stellar offensive tackles in Jordan Mailata and Lane Johnson.

He's played seven games against the Eagles in his career and has five sacks in those games.

After the Packers played the Lions to start the season, Parsons noted that he joked with Penei Sewell that he would be

Parsons' new rival now that he left the division with Johnson, but he didn't have to wait long for another crack at the future Hall of Famer.



3.) Revenge Game?

No, not a revenge game for a player but perhaps an organization.

Mark Murphy and the Packers proposed a ban of the infamous "Tush Push" play that the Eagles have perfected over the last three years.

The vote sounded like it would have support for a ban but did not receive enough votes.

While the play is trending toward getting banned this offseason, it's still legal.

Nick Sirianni is as good as anyone at creating slights as motivation for his team, and the Eagles' social media team mocked the Packers after the play was deemed legal for the 2025 season.

Don't be surprised if the Eagles run that play in an unconventional situation as a dig at the Packers.



4.) Clash of the Titans

The Packers had several chances to beat the top teams in the NFC a season ago and failed all six times.

That included two losses to the Detroit Lions and Minnesota Vikings in the regular season.

The Philadelphia Eagles beat the Packers to start the season and once again to finish it with a 22-10 win at Lincoln Financial Field.

This year is different. The Packers have beaten the Detroit Lions at Lambeau Field. The Lions are the best team Green Bay has played to date. The Eagles could be a different challenge as a physical team coming off extended rest with their bye week coming last week.

The Packers fancy themselves as Super Bowl contenders. This game serves as a measuring stick to see how much they've improved from a year ago.



5.) MVP?

Jordan Love has been off to an excellent start this season. The best game of the year, and arguably the best of his career, came on Sunday Night Football against Aaron Rodgers and the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Love's 360 yards and three touchdown passes got him a lot of national attention as he was named NFC Offensive Player of the Week.

He doesn't need to throw for 400 yards or anything crazy this week, but a big game in the na-



Chris Brooks has been a Packers' back of all trades this season. The third-year veteran is playing a pivotal role on offense and special teams.

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tional spotlight against the defending champs could be a game that vaults him into the MVP conversation as the season comes down the final stretch.



6.) Run Game

The Packers' run defense has been as good as they could have hoped for this season.

They entered play against the Carolina Panthers ranked third in the NFL.

The previous week, they were ranked at the top of the league.

That's a drastic change

from what has been the norm with Matt LaFleur as the head coach.

Coming into the 2024 season, Jeff Hafley's first as the defensive coordinator, the Packers were the worst team in the NFL during LaFleur's tenure at stopping the run.

Hafley has changed the culture on defense in Green Bay.

This week, they face a team that gets off the bus running the ball and has built their identity around physicality.

This is a different challenge, and one the Packers will need to meet.

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27	Kitan Oladapo.....	S	26	Saquon Barkley.....	RB
29	Xavier McKinney.....	S	27	Quinyon Mitchell.....	CB
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MOMENTS

CAROLINA PANTHERS 16, GREEN BAY PACKERS 13



Green Bay linebacker Edgerrin Cooper pushed Carolina quarterback Bryce Young out of bounds on a play that originally saw a penalty flag on Cooper for a late hit. The hit sparked immediate controversy and tension, leading to a brawl between both teams. However, after review, the flag was picked up. Carolina would go on to win 16-13.

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COOPER VINDICATED ON HARD HIT

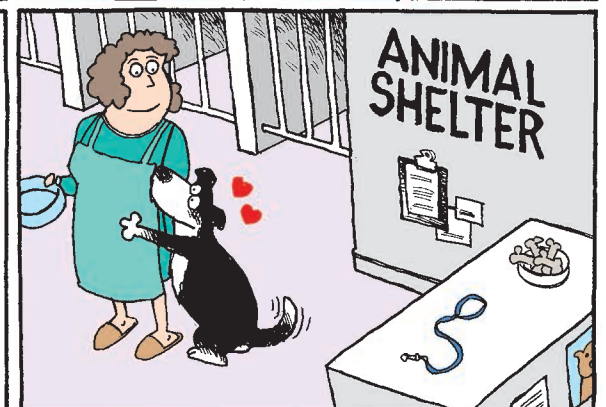
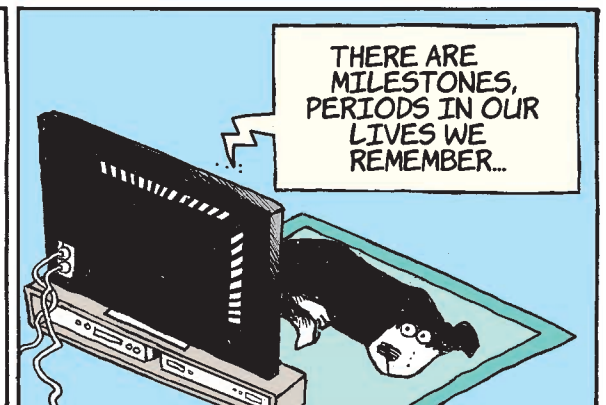
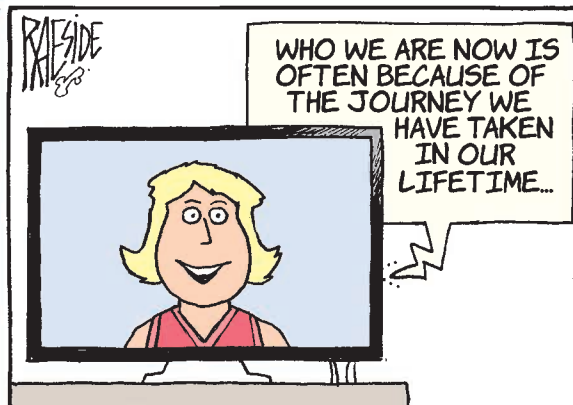
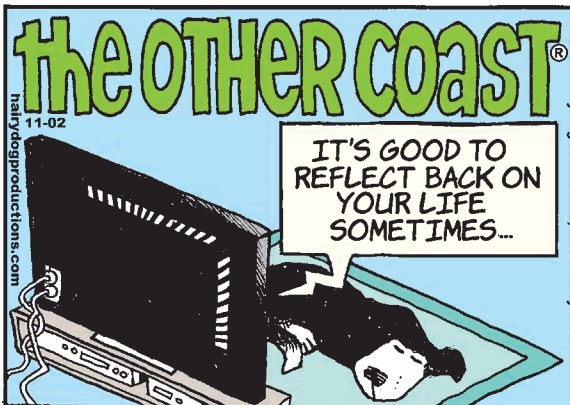
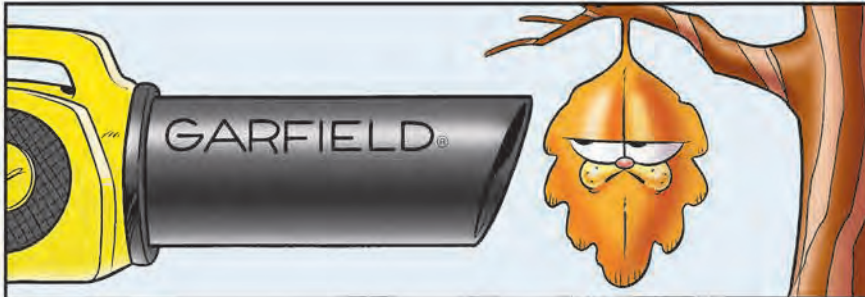
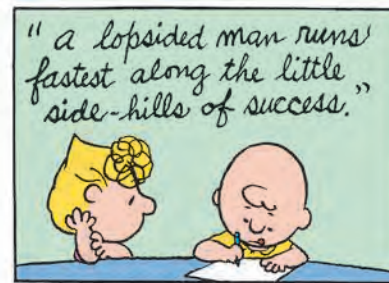
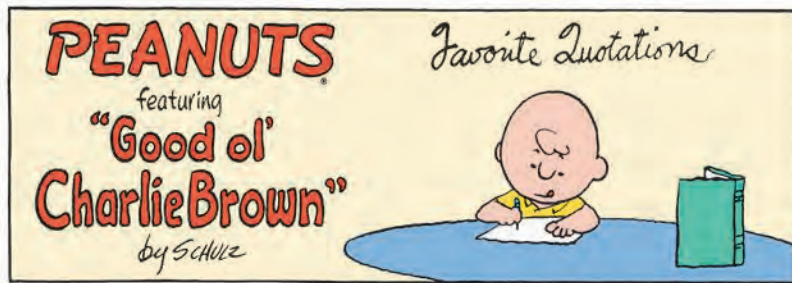
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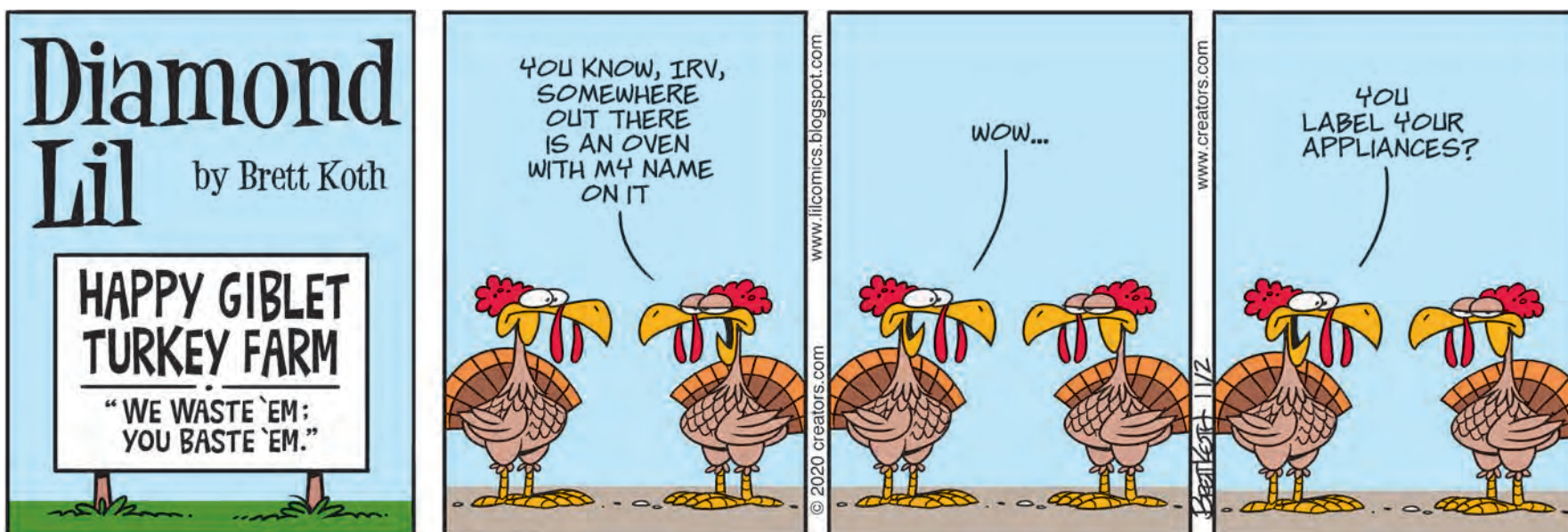
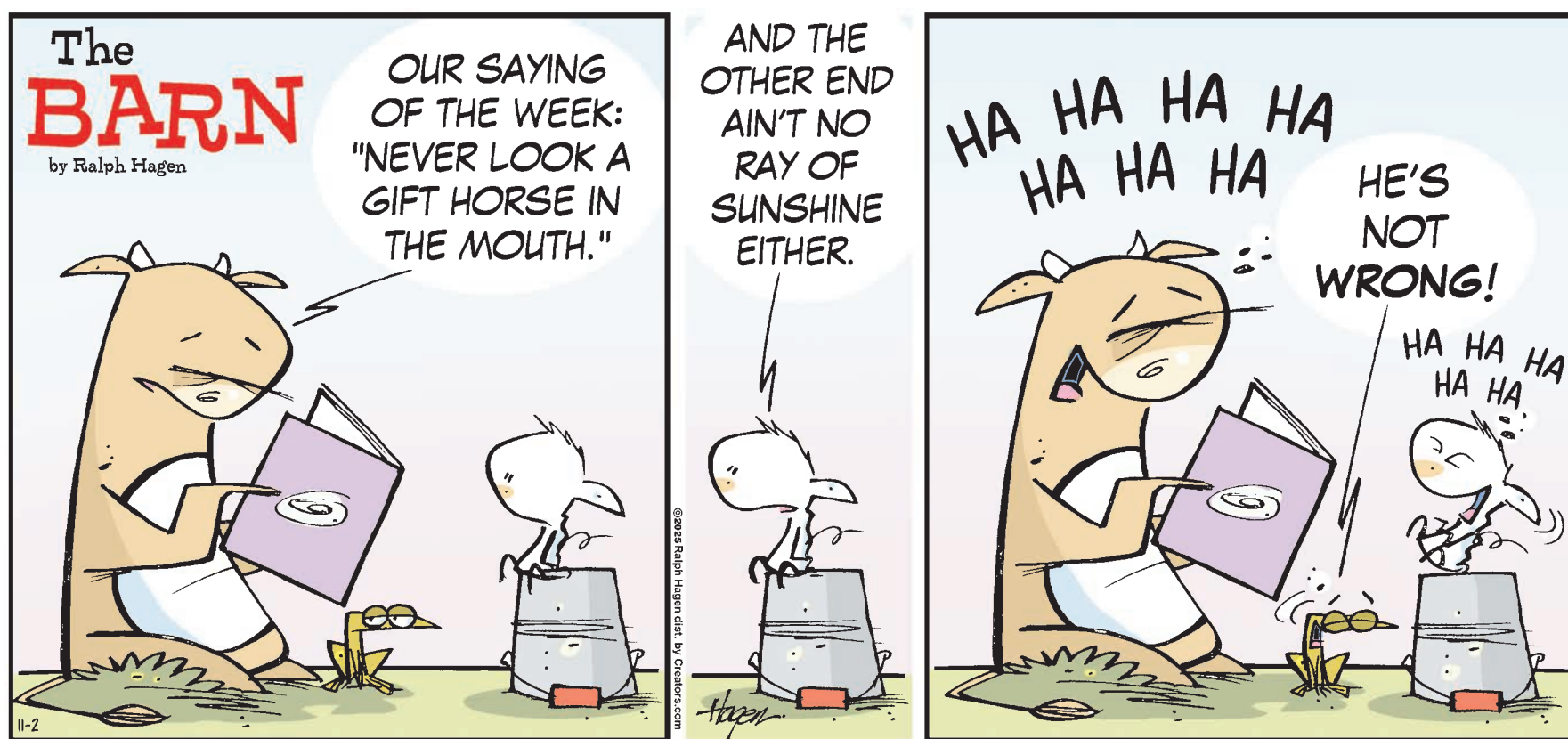
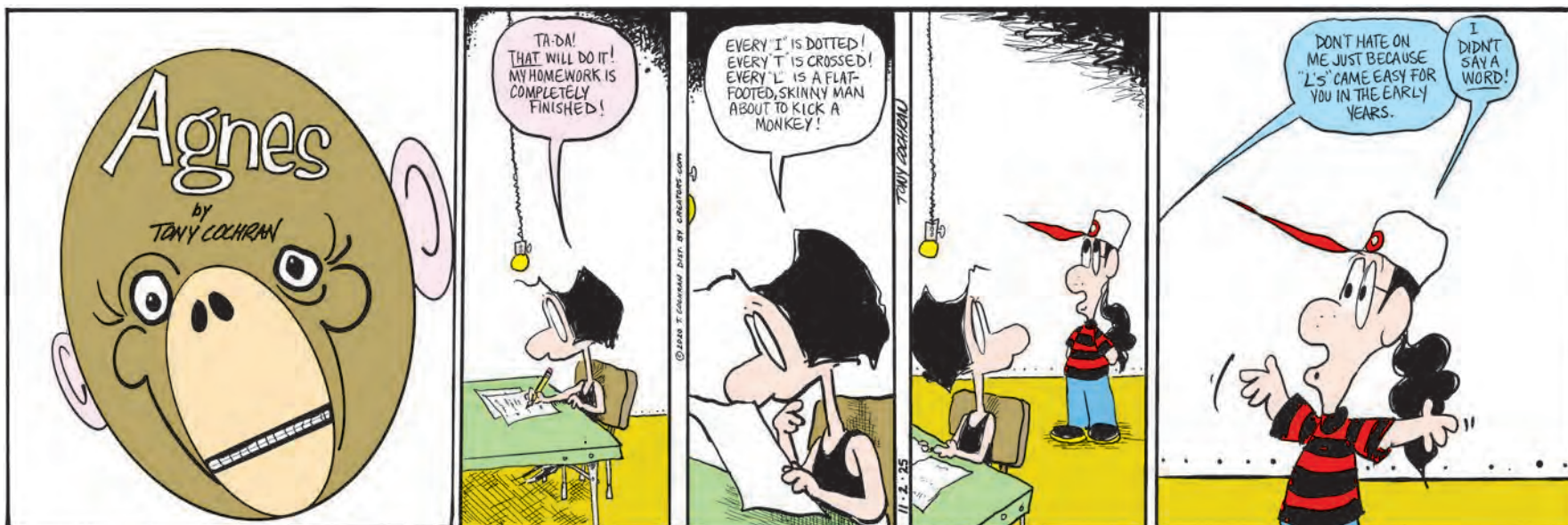
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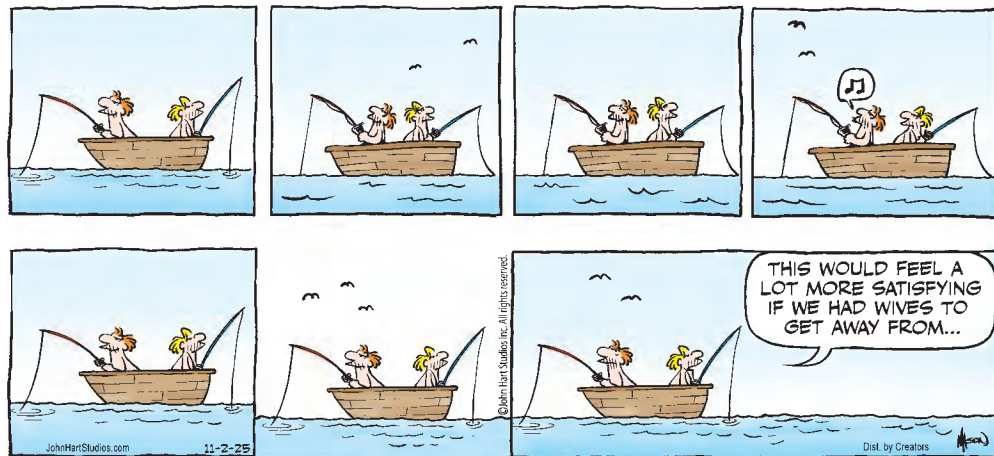
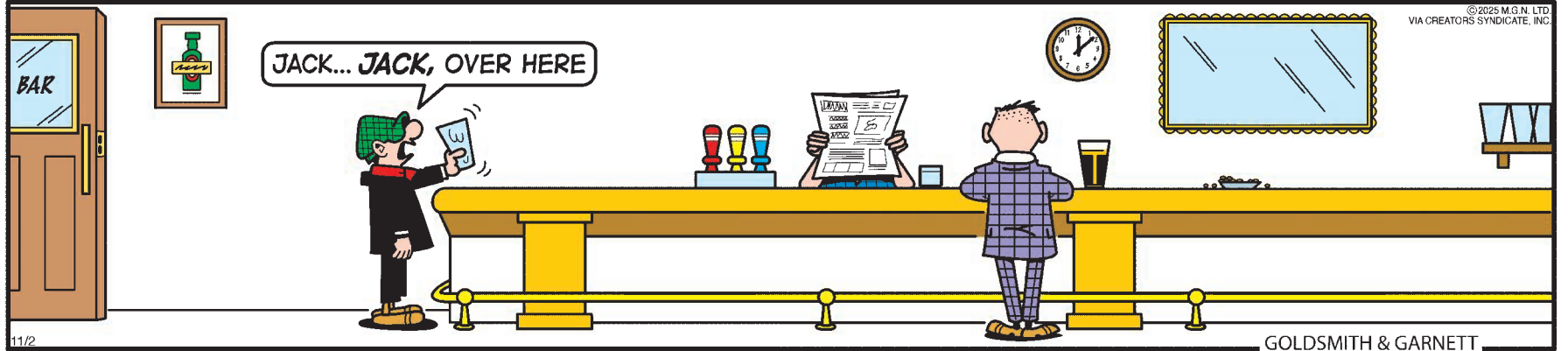
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