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Oconto County tree selected for rotunda

Vander Velden's trees graced capitol in 2025, as well

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

It'll begin to look a lot like Christmas soon at the Wisconsin State Capitol rotunda, and for the second year in a row, an Oconto County tree farmer will be making it possible.

Dave Vander Velden had the help of the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association on Nov. 13 as they cut down a 32-foot tree from his tree patch in the Town of How. That tree will be trimmed to between 24-26 feet to fit in the rotunda.

While he was beaming with pride at the honor, it's actually the second time Vander Velden and his Finnegan Creek Tree Farm has supplied Christmas trees to the capitol. Vander Velden also provided the rotunda Christmas tree in 2025, as well as the tree that was placed in the governor's mansion. This year, a tree from Rhinelander will grace the mansion.

"It's a great honor," Vander Velden said. "Not everyone gets to put one in there."

The tree is expected to arrive in Madison on Nov. 18, and the lighting ceremony will take place Dec. 1.

Vander Velden is semi-retired from the tree business, but he is known for starting the Whispering Pines Tree Farm in Oconto, which he sold seven years ago.

"These trees are all grown from

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A 32-foot pine tree is carefully lowered to the ground Nov. 13 in the Town of How. The tree will be the official Christmas tree that will be displayed in the Wisconsin State Capitol rotunda for the holiday season.
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Dozens of veterans from the Oconto Falls area march Nov. 11 into the Oconto Falls High School gymnasium for the school's annual Veterans Day ceremony, representing all branches of the military.
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Senior describes love-hate relationship with military

Van De Yacht rings in Veterans Day with speech about military dad

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Veterans Day often offers points of view of how much veterans sacrifice to provide the freedoms enjoyed today, but an Oconto Falls High School senior gave a first-hand account Nov. 11 about how veterans' families are asked to put their own lives on hold.

Rhiana Van De Yacht spoke in front of 600 students and community members as the featured speaker for the OFHS Veterans Day ceremony, and she talked about how the special day has taken a very significant meaning for her because of the times her father, Nick, has been deployed overseas.

"I have always found it difficult to tell my closest friends what it's like to have a parent in the military," Van De Yacht said.

She said she didn't realize as a young child all the sacrifices her father and others in the family had made, but it soon became clear when her father was deployed to Afghanistan in 2019. Having her father gone for a year made her dislike the military, she said.

"I cried multiple times, thinking, what am I going to do without him?" Van De Yacht said. "They took my dad to the other side of the world, leaving my mom to take care of my sister and I."

Van De Yacht said her mother kept the home running smoothly, always making sure there was dinner on the table, drove

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the children everywhere they needed to go and kept the family together through all the tough times.

"She gave up so much to take care of us. I was 12 at the time, and I never knew what it took for her to do it alone," Van De Yacht said.

The reality set in for her last year when her father had to leave again, this time deployed to Kuwait. Being older now, Van De Yacht took on a lot of the household duties that her father handled when he was home, like cleaning the pond and cutting the lawn.

"I had to help a lot more around the house, seeing how much my mom did for us," Van De Yacht said. "Still, she loved us through thick and thin, no matter how hard it got."

Van De Yacht has had difficulties accepting why it was necessary for the military to take away her father, often for years. Holidays and birthdays were missed. He didn't get to see his daughter at many school events.

"The hardest part was him leaving," Van De Yacht said. "It became harder and harder to like the military. Why was he leaving again? He leaves over and over."



Oconto Falls High School senior Rhiana Van De Yacht hugs her father, Nick Van De Yacht, after she finishes her speech Nov. 11 at the high school's Veterans Day ceremony.

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The cycle was hard for Van De Yacht as she saw her father leave for deployment, return home and then repeat the process.

"To have a presence that cannot be filled at every holiday, and to look up into the stands and not see my father is really hard," Van De Yacht said. "Halfway through his deployment is where it really started to hit me. He's actually gone and won't be back anytime soon. I started to miss him more and more every day. Phone calls and text messages weren't enough."

Realizing she and her dad had the same sense of humor made his absence harder, along with his motivation to help her improve and willing to spend long nights together watching movies. Van De Yacht said she loved how they could talk about things when they were together, but with his absence, not being able to do those things made her feel sad.

"I didn't want to tell anyone about that," Van De Yacht said. "I started to get easily angered by other people, especially my mom. We started fighting a lot, and the last thing I wanted to do was go home and see her. I was so angry, but I really didn't know why. She said, 'I think you're just missing your dad.' I think she was right."

Despite Van De Yacht and her mother saying Nick Van De Yacht would be home soon, they knew it would be another four months before he returned from his deployment. Van De Yacht threw herself into bettering her relationships with her friends and getting more into school activities to distract her from the pain.

"Soon enough, it was the day he was coming back home," Van De Yacht said. "I was so excited to see him again. I looked outside my bedroom window to see him pulling into the driveway, and I took my first step to see him. I remember hugging him for the first time in a while. Tears of joy came to my eyes, and the relief of him being back home made me laugh with happiness. He said, 'Gee, it's not like I was dead.'"

Today, Van De Yacht realizes her hatred was never aimed at an institution but what was required to be part of that institution.

"I realized I never truly hated the military," she said. "I just hated what it took away from me. As I've gotten older, I've realized that I can hate the goodbyes and the absences without hating what it stands for. I can hate the time we missed, but I am thankful for what he does for us and how hard it can be. I have felt the sacrifices it takes and how it is not always recognized. Although I can never get back the time he was away, I have learned to never take things for granted, because I have moments with him that the military can never take – even though I knew another goodbye was eventually coming."

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Oconto Falls High School student Elliot Druckrey plays taps on his trumpet Nov. 11 during the high school's Veterans Day ceremony.

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stumps," Vander Velden said. "They're a pretty good string of trees, so that's why I kept them."

While the tree selected is a source of pride, Vander Velden is proud of the other trees that are part of his patch. He pointed out one tree whose trunk started out crooked but is now growing straight again. Another tree is growing tall after being bunched up with other trees, which have since been cut away.

"We cut those other branches, but in 25 years, we'll have a clone of that tree ready just like it," Vander Velden said. "That big stump feeds one little tree and helps to mold it."

Vander Velden got himself into tree farming as a career after working many years as a machinist. That industry saw him getting laid off a few times, so growing Christmas trees provided a little stability – a ritual he shares with his wife, Mary.

"The economy was bad, and I always wanted to grow trees," Vander Velden said. "It started off as a hobby, and then I got carried away, and I wound up with 200 acres of trees."

The Christmas tree industry is very important to Wisconsin, with the state being the fifth-largest producer in the United States, according to Sarah Glitto, executive director of the Wisconsin Christmas Tree Producers Association.

State Sen. Eric Wimberger, left, asks Jerry Vander Velden about the pine cones being collected from the tree cut down Nov. 13 at a tree patch in the Town of How. It will grace the Wisconsin State Capitol rotunda in December.

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"It provides a lot of economy for our farmers," Glitto said. "We're harvesting over 600,000 real trees every year. For every tree that's harvested, we plant at least two or three in place to keep the industry going. It also helps the environment."

Glitto noted that having a real tree in the rotunda shows the Wisconsin Department of Administration prefers having a symbol of the state's economy shining bright for all to see.

"It's very different from the row crops like corn and soybeans across the state that are harvested every year," Glitto said. "These Christmas trees are sheared and cared for year after year. It's a testament to the hard work and care that these farmers put in to grow a quality tree for your home."

Real Christmas trees are grown to 6-8 feet for homes, and it usually takes about seven to 10 years to produce one of those, according to Glitto.

State Sen. Eric Wimberger was on hand to see the tree coming down and getting bundled up for its long journey. His district includes the Gillett area, which includes the Town of How.

"It's just good to have people from the area that are dedicated to something that we recognize, and they're getting recognized for it," Wimberger said. "This is the second year in a row for this guy, of all places. I hope there are other trees from here in the future."

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DID YOU KNOW?

When it comes to real Christmas trees, there are a few surprising facts people may not know:

- Growing Christmas trees is a year-round occupation. While you may not be thinking of your local Christmas tree grower until December rolls around, rest assured your Christmas tree grower is thinking of you all year long. From planning the spring tree order, to clearing fields of lower branches and stumps left over from the previous season's harvest, to planting seedlings, to the intensive shearing and shaping that take up an entire summer, a Christmas tree grower's work never ends.
- There's no danger of running out of trees. Real Christmas trees are produced on a farm, where they're grown carefully to ensure a continuous supply. For every Christmas tree that is cut down, one to three new seedlings are planted, so there is no shortage of real trees supplied by a Christmas tree farm.
- Cutting down a tree can be a good thing. Managed tree growth such as is practiced at a Christmas tree farm can lead to greater soil quality, carbon sequestration, nutrient retention and more. Strategically cutting down trees also helps maintain overall tree health by minimizing effects of insects and diseases on other trees.
- Real Christmas trees are good for the environment. Tree farms provide space and habitat for wildlife such as deer and bear; ground birds such as turkey and quail; rodents that bring in predators such as hawks and foxes; and flowering plants that help feed butterflies, bees and other insects. Real trees also produce oxygen and absorb carbon dioxide.

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Ambulance service rate hike approved

Library among casualties to keep emergency services

By LEE PULASKI
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The Oconto Falls Common Council unanimously agreed to spend $128,515 in 2027 to continue to receive services from the Oconto Falls Area Joint Ambulance Service, but other city services are expected to suffer as a result.

The ambulance company came to the fee structure by setting 60% of it based on the city's equalized value, 20% on its latest population count and 20% on the number of runs it goes on. The contract includes a 3% cost of living increase for 2028 and 2029, which will raise the rates to $132,371 and $136,342, respectively.

According to an unsigned memo from the ambulance company, it will need to replace a 2003 ambulance in the next three years, which is estimated to cost more than $300,000. The company is expected to upgrade its Lifepak monitors, with a quoted price of $54,587.65 each.

The council had been discussing it at multiple meetings, as the new fee is $43,000 higher than it had been previously, according to City Administrator Peter Wills. He said he reached out to ambulance services in Gillett and Little Suamico, as well as County Rescue in Brown County based in Suamico, but he could not find a service that would provide ambulance care at lower rates.

"They're paying significantly more to have County Rescue," Wills said. "They estimate in the next two years that the costs would rise to $365,000. We are facing a significant hike; we're certainly not excited about it."

To pay for that, cuts had to be made to other departments. The Oconto Falls Community Library had to cut its budget for 2027 from $90,500 of city funds to $81,450, which mostly includes cuts to library materials.

The library's proposed budget cuts its acquisition of books from $11,550 in 2026 to $4,662 in 2027. However, e-book acquisitions will jump from $1,271 to $2,071 in the process. Employee salaries and benefits were not reduced, with a 2.2% increase included.

"They did come to me with two budgets," Wills said. "One was the same as last year at $90,500, and the second one was $81,450 to cover our ambulance costs."

Alderwoman Ashley Bahrke, who represents the city on the library's board, pointed out that the funding the library gets from Oconto County is based off its circulation numbers.

"A circulation is anything that someone checks out from the library," Bahrke said. "They offer a wide variety of things – books, amongst many other things."

Bahrke noted that the library already operates on a tight budget and worries that not being able to provide more items for circulation will prompt patrons to check out fewer items. That will result in less money from the county, she said.

"The library's budget is so tight already. It's a well-oiled machine," Bahrke said. "There's a lot of fixed costs in there, aside from the items you circulate. Our ability to circulate materials goes down with this cut, because the only place we can cut is in new materials we get."

Alderman Marty Coopman agreed with Bahrke's assessment and urged finding other ways to compensate for the ambulance rate hike.

"If there's a way that you can come up with another way to fund it somehow, I'd be all for it," Coopman said. "We are a circ-positive library, so a lot of the bigger libraries come to us for their circulation, and that might just create a snowball effect that you're looking at."

Rachel Pascoe, library director, said that her budget is prioritizing people over things. She said she plans to apply for every grant she can to stave off the financial issues.

"You can write grants for stuff, but you can't write grants to pay people," Pascoe said. "The people working with me at the library are a huge part of what makes it a place that people return to over and over again."

Pascoe noted that the library's Friends group has become more active in recent years and hopes it will help to secure additional funding beyond what's provided by the city and county.

"I'm not going to lie and tell you I'm excited, but I also understand the library is a department, and this is what departments are doing this year," Pascoe said.

Despite the concerns on the council, the library's budget was approved unanimously.

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Steffen to seek funding for Hometown Hero Center

Rep. David Steffen, R-Howard, is seeking funding for a first responder treatment center.


DAVID STEFFEN

The Hometown Hero Center will fill a void in Wisconsin by providing specialized treatment specifically for first responders.

"First responders answer the call to protect our communities every day," said Steffen. "That service comes at a cost and takes a particular toll on mental health. At the same time, the unique experiences and circumstances that impact first responders make specialized care critically important. This center will help ensure that our heroes receive the care they need."

Steffen will be seeking $6 million in state funding via the biennial budget process to acquire, renovate and maintain a facility in Wisconsin. The funding will function as a forgivable loan with various stipulations to safeguard taxpayer dollars and ensure the long-term sustainability of the project. The center will be dedicated to serving Wisconsin's first responders in need of mental health and addiction treatment.

The project has already gained the support of various stakeholders – including Green Bay Packers quarterback Jordan Love. Love's father was a police officer who tragically died by suicide.

Oconto County Sheriff Todd Skarban has led efforts to advance this project and bring attention to this statewide need.

"Wisconsin's first responders put their lives on the line and make sacrifices every day in order to keep our communities safe," said Skarban. "It's critical that in their time of need, our state has their back."

The funding proposal will be submitted as part of the state biennial budget process, which will begin in early 2027.

For information, contact Steffen's office at 608-237-9104 or Rep.Steffen@legis.wisconsin.gov.

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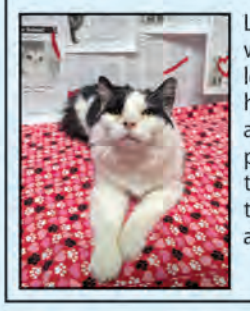
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City OKs $360K for ambulance services in 2027

Council approves updated agreement with Shawano Ambulance

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The city of Shawano will be giving almost $360,000 to Shawano Ambulance Services in 2027, almost 10 times what it had been giving more than two decades ago.

However, the amount could have been much higher, as the ambulance service is being required to charge a per capita rate in accordance with Wisconsin Department of Administration Demographic Services Center population estimates.

According to a Sept. 23 letter from Patrick Trinko, Shawano Ambulance's operations director, the company will not be utilizing the estimate for this year and instead will work with the 2020 estimate, which is 9,242.

"We are hopeful that you recognize our efforts, as surrounding paramedic level services are charging rates ranging from the mid $40s to as high as $68.84 per capita," Trinko wrote. "After careful consideration, we have set our 2027 rate at $38.83."

Trinko added that Shawano Ambulance will limit increases only to what is necessary to maintain staffing, equipment and operations. Using the 2027 estimate would have imposed a significant burden on the city because of state-mandated revenue limits. The latest estimated population for Shawano, according to the DOA, is 9,679.

City Administrator Eddie Sheppard told the Shawano Common Council at its Nov. 11 meeting that the city hasn't updated its agreement with Shawano Ambulance since 1992.

"In order to update that service agreement, it's going to be a year-to-year contract," Sheppard said. "We wanted to get that updated agreement in place so we'd have something that's actually enforceable moving forward."

Sheppard noted that he and other staff members were able to work with Trinko to get more favorable rates, noting that the state's revenue limits have not kept up with the city's growth in recent years.

"We're trying to preserve those cost increases a little bit from going up too fast," Sheppard said.

Mayor Bruce Milavitz praised Sheppard's efforts to keep the ambulance service in the city while helping it to maintain its operation.

"The staff working with Shawano Ambulance did a great job to make sure we can get, for this next year, a rate that's fair as possible," Milavitz said. "Everybody's costs are going up, including ours."

Zion hosts craft fair and more



Tammy Marotz, left, and Eileen Ebelt discuss the day's sales at Handmade Holiday Marketplace and Kidpreneur Event on Nov. 14 at Zion Lutheran Church in Shawano. The accompanying bake sale raised funds for the Wee Care Food Pack program that provides nutritional support to public school students in need on the weekends when school breakfast and lunch programs are not available. During the school year, ready-to-eat or easy-to-prepare, nonperishable foods are sent home weekly on Fridays with students.
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School district eyes three-building operation

Investigation reveals grades 7-8 could fit in existing SCHS structure

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Early signs point to the Shawano School District being able to function with three school buildings instead of the four buildings it currently operates as student population continues to decrease.

Superintendent Kurt Krizan told the Shawano School Board during its Nov. 9 work session about the work done by district officials and representatives from Hoffman Planning and Design, the consulting firm that oversaw the projects from the 2024 referendum. Earlier this fall, the district announced it was going to investigate a reconfiguration of the school buildings as it considers what to do in a few years regarding the aging Shawano Community Middle School, which was originally built in the 1950s.

Three options are being considered. Besides the reconfiguration, the district is also considering building a new middle school on land purchased by the district adjacent to Shawano Community High School, as well as renovating the existing middle school at 1050 S. Union St.

Currently, officials are looking at having SCHS serve students in seventh through 12th grades, according to Krizan. Olga Brener Intermediate School would serve grades 4-6, while Hillcrest Primary School would add third grade to its current 4-year-old kindergarten through second grade setup.

"Hoffman, in order to do this, they took a copy of our current high school schedule and a copy of our current middle school schedule, and then all the rooms that we utilize, and they did a utilization of the entire space," Krizan said.

A classroom or other space is considered to be utilized if it's occupied or used 75-80% of the time, according to Krizan. If it's used more than 80% of the time, it's considered overutilized, he said.

Krizan noted there was a miscommunication originally between the district and Hoffman, because an initial report looked at having all three middle school grades at SCHS, including sixth grade. The high school could hold all of those grades, he said, but only if there were more spaces built to accommodate sixth grade.

"In order for us to put sixth grade there, they had us constructing four classrooms," Krizan said. "If you were to put sixth grade as an option at the high school, that would be probably be putting it at over capacity."

Once sixth grade was taken out of the equation, Hoffman estimated SCHS could accommodate the remaining two middle school grades. However, there could still be some overutilization of certain spaces, according to Krizan.

"Agriculture is one area that could be overutilized. So long term, it could be another classroom close to that," he said.

Middle school grades would most likely be assigned space on the second floor of SCHS, according to Krizan, and a current health classroom would merge with existing science classrooms. He noted there could be an overflow area for some art classes under the potential reconfiguration.

Krizan noted one thing Hoffman didn't look at was locker capacity if the seventh and eighth grades came to SCHS.

"We would have to double check that," he said.

The next steps for reconfiguration would involve looking at other schools that have made the change already and how it has worked. Krizan said district officials plan to make trips to the New Berlin School District, which has two high schools with a grade 7-12 configuration, as well as Northland Pines School District in Eagle River, which turned its high school to the same configuration 10 years ago.

Krizan noted that both school districts are considered by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction report cards to be high-achieving schools, a goal the Shawano School District is working toward.

Putting sixth grade at Olga Brener would limit the number of electives for students compared to what they get at SCMS, according to Krizan.

"We don't have a shop (at Olga Brener), and we don't have a kitchen and some of those other pieces," he said. "Those are all larger conversations we would need to have. It's a space piece right now. We have the space, but what would some of those programs look like once we have the spaces available?"

The district is still looking at options and doesn't expect to bring a final recommendation to the school board until early 2027.

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Choosing new holiday decor



Mary Claire Lueck, who lives in the Loon Lake area, purchased several items from the craft fair at the Hartland Town Hall on Nov. 14. The 11th annual Crafts in the Country event featured a variety of handcrafted holiday decor and complimentary coffee, cider, cookies and bars.
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Honoring veterans



Veterans stand at attention at the start of the Shawano County Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 11.
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AmVets Post 10 members bring in the American flag as the community and students with Shawano Community High School and Shawano Community Middle School stand and watch.
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Members of the Shawano Community High School choir put their hearts into singing the national anthem at the beginning of the school's Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 10.
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Miniature flags were distributed at the Nov. 11 Veterans Day ceremony held in downtown Shawano.
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Lori Mathwich, a military veteran who coordinates the Shawano School District's annual Veterans Day program, talks about the importance of local veterans and why the community does the Shawano Hometown Heroes program.
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Brent Buettner plays taps at the end of the Shawano County Veterans Day ceremony.
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Shawano County nets 10 bids for farmland lease

Officials expect to collect $90K annually for five years

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Shawano County is expected to collect 2 1/2 times as much money for its farmland lease compared to what it received the past several years.

Bids for the leasing of the 284.2 acres were opened at the Nov. 4 meeting of the land conservation and extension committee.

The winning bid was awarded to Greg and Brad Schmidt, who bid $316.68 per acre for a total of $90,000 per year. The new lease will be for five years.

The last time the lease was awarded for five years was 2016. After that lease ended, the county signed one-year contracts because of the plans to have a solar farm built at the site. Once those two proposals fell by the wayside, officials chose to return to a five-year deal.

The farm is off state Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine.

The agreement runs from April 1, 2027, to March 31, 2032. Crop rotation and a nutrient management plan are required.

The county will be paid in three installments — one-third each April 1, June 30 and Dec. 1.

Bids ranged from $130 per acre up to $316.68.

"That's quite a difference from $130 to $316," Supervisor Steve Schinke said. "I think that's a good bid. I know stuff going over $300."

Previously, Kraig Rosenow had a one-year lease at $125 acre or $35,525 for the year.

Officials have yet to determine how the funds will be used. Under the one-year lease agreements, the county agreed to use 100% of the funds as a "flow through" to the Shawano Area Agricultural Society to cover the maintenance and capital improvement costs of the county-owned fairgrounds property.

The question before supervisors is how much of the $90,000 will be used for that purpose and whether funds will be spent on other projects.

The history of the Shawano County-owned farm spans from early county welfare efforts in the 19th century to its eventual closure and transition in the late 1990s.

Before the county farm existed, Shawano County cared for its poor and injured lumbermen in a county-funded "poor house."

Around the turn of the 20th century, the Shawano County Board looked for more permanent and cost-effective ways to house the county's needy and "insane" individuals, rather than paying other counties to care for them.

The county purchased farmland in the Town of Belle Plaine to build a combined county poor farm and insane asylum.

The farm was designed to be largely self-sustaining. Inmates and residents of both institutions were expected to perform a vast majority of the agricultural labor to raise food for the facilities.

The old asylum and poor farm structure operated for decades until June 1978, when a new 102-bed nursing home — the Maple Lane Health Care Facility — opened.

In March 1997, the Shawano County Board voted to shut down the county farm operations. All remaining farm assets were auctioned off across 1997 and 1998. Since then, the cropland has been rented out, and other portions of the property have been replanted with trees or designated for recreational use.

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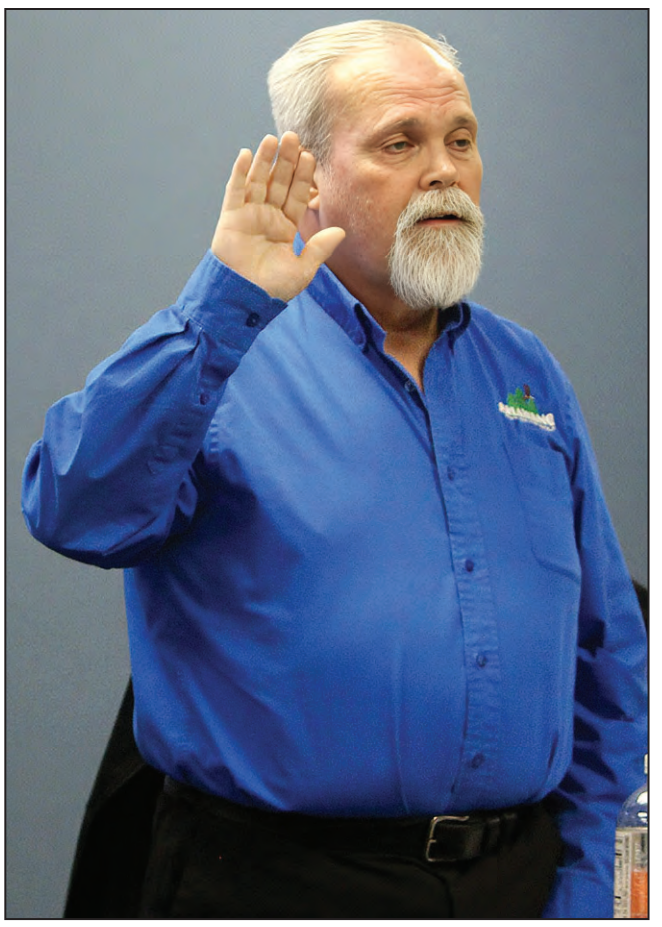

Kevin Barkow takes the oath of office after winning a third term on the Shawano Common Council in 2025. Barkow tendered his resignation with Mayor Bruce Milavitz on Nov. 11, not giving a reason for his departure. FILE | NEW MEDIA

Barkow resigns from council

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Alderman Kevin Barkow tendered his resignation from the Shawano Common Council on Nov. 11, according to Mayor Bruce Milavitz.

Milavitz announced Barkow's resignation at the council meeting that night, saying he was contacted by Barkow earlier in the day. Milavitz said he received no reason why the current council president was stepping down and that he was surprised by Barkow's decision.

"With the advice of counsel and staff, I accepted the resignation," Milavitz said.

Barkow was elected to his council seat in the 3rd Aldermanic District in 2021, taking the place of Seth Mailahn. He was the driving force behind bringing No Mow May to Shawano in the hopes of helping to encourage pollinators in the spring months, and he also provided a steady voice on the city's parks and recreation commission.

Barkow's seat was up for reelection in April 2027, so the city is just going to leave the seat vacant and let whoever wants to run for that seat take the position in a few months, according to Milavitz.

"We're hoping to operate one light (on the council), so anyone who wants that seat has to put in (election papers) within the next 30-60 days," Milavitz said. "We'll make appropriate announcements for whoever wants to run for that."

Alderman Jack Young praised Barkow for his contributions on the council.

"We thank Kevin for his service to our city," Young said. "He did a wonderful job and was a wonderful president to the city council."

Milavitz said the reason for Barkow's resignation should come soon.

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City, county agree to street widening

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

City and county officials have now agreed on a memorandum of understanding laying out the roles, responsibilities and objectives of each entity in connection with the site plan and road improvements in conjunction with the construction of a new county courthouse.

Franklin Street from Second Street to Fourth Street will be widened to address increased traffic volumes and commercial usage of the street.

The county will move the east side curb line of Franklin Street eastward to accommodate a total width of 38-40 feet.

Also, the city and county agree that Fourth Street from Washington Street to Franklin Street will be widened to address increased traffic volumes and commercial usage of the street. The county will move north side of the Fourth Street curb line northward to accommodate a total width of 38-40 feet.

The conditions regarding the widening will be the same as with the Franklin Street project.

Finally, the city and county agree that the remnant of Second Street, east of the intersection at Franklin Street, which was not vacated as part of the vacation approvals, will become the responsibility of Shawano County beginning Dec. 1. This includes snow removal and all related maintenance for this portion of the street.

The county also agrees to provide easement access for the property at 418 N. Franklin St. The easement will remain in effect until Shawano County and the property owner make other mutually agreed-upon arrangements or agree to terminate the easement. The easement is subject to city approval.

The courthouse project is expected to kick off yet this month and be completed by the fall of 2028.

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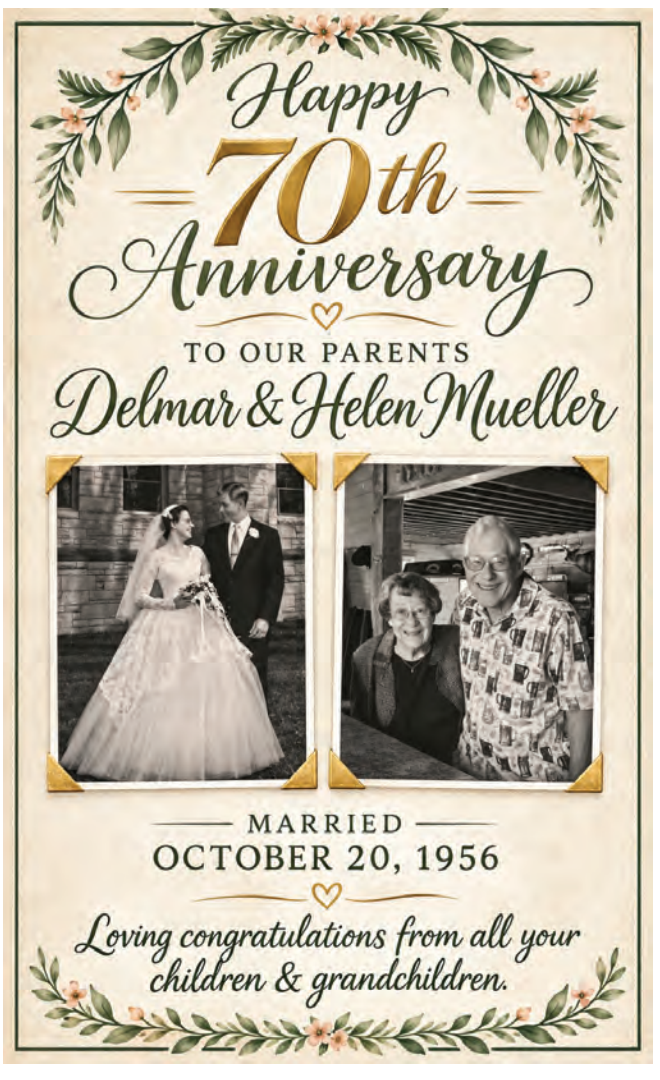

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Veterans memorial staying put

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

The Shawano County Public Property Committee agreed Nov. 12 the veterans memorial at the courthouse won't be moved when the new government center is constructed.

"As far as anyone I talked to, any veteran, everyone told me, 'Leave it set right where it is,'" said Tom Kautza, county board chairman.

Zak Zuehlsdorf, director of Shawano County Veterans Services, agreed.

"That's the consensus from the veterans organizations in Shawano," he said.

Prior to the vote, Brian Winter, of The Samuels Group, the general contractor for the project, discussed the work.

"They're planning on trench boxing around that to try and not touch that," he said.

By deciding now, architects and builders can move forward with plans and not be concerned about changes further along in the process.

"I put it on the agenda today to get a motion and settle it," said Rick Giese, committee chairman.

Suehring receives 4-H distinguished service award

Megan Suehring, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension 4-H educator in Shawano County, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the National Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals during its annual conference held in Kansas City, Missouri.

The 4-H association is dedicated to promoting, strengthening, enhancing and advocating for the 4-H youth development profession. With more than 4,300 members nationwide, it is one of the largest professional associations supporting youth development professionals across the country.

Each year, the association honors individuals who demonstrate excellence in their professional responsibilities, leadership in developing high-quality youth programs and commitment to positive youth development. The Distinguished Service Award recognizes dedication and impact of the service in the field of youth development and highlights significant contributions to strengthening 4-H Youth Development efforts across the United States for colleagues in the field more than seven years.



Megan Suehring, with the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension 4-H program, recently received the 4-H National 2026 Distinguished Service Award in Kansas City, Missouri. CONTRIBUTED

Suehring is a dedicated 4-H educator known for expanding access, strengthening community partnerships and leading innovative youth mental health and camp initiatives. Her award-winning work, statewide leadership and commitment to inclusive, relationship-centered programming have shaped resilient youth and vibrant communities across Shawano County.

Suehring also presented "From Awareness to Action: Building Skills for 4-H Volunteers through the Supporting Youth Mental Health Program" to a full session block during the conference. Participants learned about the genesis of the Supporting Youth Mental Health Program, which was developed in Wisconsin with the help of Suehring and co-presenter Emily Crook.

Topics discussed included the current need for, content of and results of the program, which has been implemented state-wide for four years. Participants learned the teaching model, the methodology and, most importantly, the impressive results of the Supporting Youth Mental Health Training, as evidenced by the journal article,"A Comparative Evaluation of Two Youth Mental Health Trainings for Volunteers."

Suehring has served as the 4-H positive youth development educator for Shawano County for over eight years. She loves sharing education by learning through doing. When she's not at a 4-H meeting, camp or after-school club, she enjoys time with her family at church or home.

Conversations surrounding frozen shoulder growing

Interest in frozen shoulder is increasing thanks in part to high-profile media personalities and social media creators sharing their experiences, driving awareness and conversations around the health condition.

Frozen shoulder is a condition that causes pain and a gradual loss of movement or stiffness in the shoulder joint. It can be disruptive and debilitating and is more common among women going through perimenopause and menopause, according to Dr. Nickolas Linkous, ThedaCare sports medicine and orthopedic surgeon.

"We've long known that women over the age of 40 are more likely to develop frozen shoulder," Linkous said. "As more people share their experiences, it offers an opportunity to learn about symptoms, prevention and risk factors associated with this condition."

Frozen shoulder, also called adhesive capsulitis, typically starts gradually and can worsen over time. It can take one to three years for the condition to resolve.

The condition generally presents in three stages:

• Freezing: People develop worsening pain and loss of range of motion. This stage typically lasts between six weeks and nine months.

• Frozen: A person may experience less pain but stiffness persists. Daily activities may become difficult in the four to six months this stage can last.

• Thawing: Shoulder motion improves gradually. Return to normal strength and motion often takes between six months and two years.

People with frozen shoulder often experience dull, achy pain located over the outer shoulder or upper arm. The condition is more common in the nondominant arm. They also may experience discomfort triggered by arm movement. Some people report a worsening of symptoms at night, leading to poor sleep.

Women between the ages of 40 and 60 are more likely to develop frozen shoulder. Experts say a decline in estrogen levels may lead to an increased risk of women developing the condition. Estrogen is known to protect cartilage, stimulate bone growth and help regulate inflammation. As levels drop, women can become more vulnerable to developing inflammation that can lead to frozen shoulder.

Other groups at risk for developing frozen shoulder include those 40 and older, with women at greater risk than men; people who must keep their shoulder immobilized for reasons such as rotator cuff injury, broken arm, stroke or recovery from shoulder surgery; and individuals with certain systemic diseases, including diabetes, overactive or underactive thyroid, cardiovascular disease and Parkinson's disease.

Because the exact cause of some cases of frozen shoulder remains unclear, prevention can be challenging. A healthcare expert may recommend exercises to help prevent frozen shoulder among individuals recovering from shoulder injury, a broken arm or a stroke.

A physician can perform an exam that includes asking a person to move their arm in certain ways. They'll also take a detailed history. This alone may be enough to diagnose frozen shoulder. They may also order imaging such as X-ray, ultrasound or MRI to rule out other conditions.

Frozen shoulder typically resolves without surgery. Treatment often is focused on pain management and restoration of motion and strength through physical therapy.

People with frozen shoulder rarely require surgery to address the condition. If it is necessary, a doctor may recommend a shoulder arthroscopy, a procedure that releases the problematic tight tissue and re-expands the joint, Linkous said. After surgery, physical therapists can help a person maintain their restored motion.

"Frozen shoulder is often a painful and frustrating diagnosis," Linkous said. "We're here to help guide you toward relief."


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Hawks ready for the season with new coaching staff

The Shawano boys basketball program is set to begin a new era under veteran coach Rick Rosinski after finishing 4-12 in the Bay Conference last season and 9-16 overall.

The Hawks will begin the 2026-27 season at Denmark High School at 4:45 p.m. Nov. 20. The team's first home contest will be at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 28 against Clintonville.

Rosinski comes to Shawano after coaching the past three seasons at Green Bay Preble. Prior to that, Rosinski coached 20 seasons at Green Bay East and led East to a WIAA Division 1 sectional appearance and 19 victories during the 2021-22 season.

Rosinski takes over a team that has two capable senior scorers in Jackson Nordin and Will Verkuilen. Nordin, at 6-foot-7, averaged 17 points a game last season while Verkuilen (5-11) averaged 15.4.

Whereas Shawano often was able to put up points on the scoreboard last season, it frequently came up short in many of its 16 losses due to defensive shortcomings.

Rosinski's initial goal this season is to get the Hawks to become a hard-working, physical defensive team.

Along with Nordin and Verkuilen, Shawano has a group of promising players with varsity experience in senior guard Grayson Swedberg (5-10), junior guard Collin Dieck (5-11), senior forward Austin Heling (6-4) and senior guard Tristan Lawe (6-0).

Dieck and Swedberg both averaged five points a game last season.

Davis takes second at state swim meet

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Kelsie Davis placed second in the 200-yard individual medley in 2:09.66 at the WIAA Division 2 state swimming meet Nov. 13-14 in Waukesha.

She was also fifth in the 100-yard butterfly in 5:58.37.

Davis joined teammates Rylee Crick, Eleanor Tassler and Elizabeth Behnke in placing 20th in the 200-yard medley relay in 1:58.24.

In the 100-yard breaststroke, Crick finished 20th in 1:12.45.

Tassler was 21st in the 50-yard freestyle in 25.63.

Jillian Wentland led the Pulaski girls by placing seventh in the 50-yard freestyle in 24.53. She also finished 11th in the 100-yard freestyle in 54.50.

Coming in 13th in the 500-yard freestyle was teammate Eva Sauer in 5:28.16. Sophi Friedman was 18th in 5:35.28.

In the 400-yard freestyle relay, Chloe Gritt, Friedman, Sauer and Wentland were 15th in 3:49.32.

Pulaski tallied 34 points and placed 19th among teams. Wittenberg-Birnamwood had 31 points and placed 20th.

Winners of each event at the five sectionals for both divisions qualified for the state meet. In addition, the next 19 fastest individuals and relay teams, not including sectional winners, from all sectionals qualified in their respective events.

Results in sectional competition the week before included:

200-yard medley relay: Davis, Crick, Tassler and Behnke, first place, 1:55.83.

50-yard freestyle: Wentland, first, 24.65; Tassler, third, 25.66.

100-yard breaststroke: Crick, second, 1:10.94.

100-yard butterfly, Davis, first, 58.75.

100-yard freestyle: Wentland, first, 54.93

200-yard individual medley: Davis, second, 2:12.70.

400-yard freestyle relay: Gritt, Friedman, Sauer and Wentland, second, 3:48.72.

500-yard freestyle, Sauer, second, 5:28.79; Friedman, third, 5:33.26.

Team scores included Pulaski 309 in second place, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 177 in fourth and Shawano/Bonduel 69 in 11th.

Bonduel's football season ends with first loss

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

One thing stood in the way of the Bonduel football team playing for its first-ever state championship.

That thing is Hunter Schaumberg.

The Lomira sophomore scored all four of his team's touchdowns – three on the ground and one in the air – as the Lions handed the Bears their first loss of the season, a 30-13 defeat Nov. 13 in a WIAA Division 6 state semifinal game at Papermaker Stadium in Kimberly.

The 13-0 Lions will now play 12-1 Mondovi at 1 p.m. Nov. 19 at Camp Randall Stadium in Madison for a state championship, while Bonduel's season ended with a 12-1 mark.

Not only did Schaumberg find the end zone four times, he also rushed for 225 yards, with 20 of them coming on a touchdown run on the final play of the first half that helped give the Lions a 17-7 lead at the break.

Schaumberg came into the game with 2,060 rushing yards and 30 touchdowns. Bonduel's leading rusher, Carter Moesch, also had 30 rushing touchdowns while rushing for 1,658 yards. However, the Bears were never able to get their ground game going, and the Lions held them to 79 yards.



Malachi Gray picks up 3 yards for Bonduel on Nov. 13 during the Bears 30-13 season-ending loss to Lomira in a WIAA Division 6 state semifinal game in Kimberly. Gray later scored the first of the Bears two touchdowns on an 11-yard reception. GREG SEUBERT

"They're physical up front and their backs are patient," Bonduel coach James Westrich said. "We knew it was going to be a tough game."

Lomira nearly had a big break minutes into the game. After Bonduel failed to pick up a first down on three plays, Quinn Wesenberg dropped back to punt, but the ball sailed over his head.

Lomira took over at the Bonduel 49-yard line and Schaumberg finished the drive with a 9-yard run with 7:15 to go in the first quarter.

After another three-and-out for Bonduel, the Lions added to their lead with Aiden Stoffel's 36-yard field goal with 26 seconds remaining in the quarter.

Bonduel then drove 80 yards and cut the Lions lead with Wesenberg's 11-yard pass to Malachi Gray with 7:10 remaining in the first half. A 64-yard pass from Wesenberg to Moesch set the Bears up at the Lomira 8-yard line.

The score remained 10-7 until the final minute of the half. After a Lomira punt, Bonduel took over at its own 13-yard line with 1:35 to go but didn't pick up a first down. Wesenberg attempted a punt, but the snap was high and the Lions took over on the Bonduel 23-yard line with 19 seconds to go. Schaumberg closed the half with his second touchdown run in a play.

Lomira opened the second half with an 80-yard drive that ate up more than seven minutes of the third quarter and ended with Schaumberg's 6-yard run. His 58-yard touchdown run on Lomira's next drive made it 30-7 with 2:27 to go in the third quarter.

The game's final touchdown came on Wesenberg's 44-yard quarterback keeper with 8:20 remaining in the game.

Bonduel's season included a Packerland Conference championship, an undefeated regular season and three playoff wins as a No. 1 seed.

11 Hawks, 4 Chargers earn Bay Conference first-team awards

Nearly a dozen Shawano athletes and four Wittenberg-Birnamwood swimmers won team and individual first-team honors in the Bay Conference this fall.

Cross country

Shawano senior Josiah Kuehl and junior Teagan Harkey were picked for the boys cross country first team.

Second-team honors went to juniors Aloysius Frechette and Quinten Harley. Honorable mention awards were earned by sophomores Beckett Hendricks and Brayden Fish.

For the girls, second-team honors were awarded to junior Mikelah Powers and freshman Madilyn Powers.

Soccer

Shawano seniors Grayson Swedberg (forward), Brayden Mead (midfield) and Wyatt Schroeder (defense) were awarded first-team honors in soccer.

Golf

On the golf course, Shawano's Lauren Seehafer was named to the first team; Bonduel's Paige Wolf was named to the second team. Shawano's Hailey Hawkinson and Bonduel's Quinn Hartlaben were named honorable mention.

Tennis

Shawano's Jaelyn Hietpas was awarded first-team honors for tennis singles play.

Second-team honors for singles play went to Danielle Carroll and Kendall Knope, while second-team doubles play awards went to the duo of Ashley Beaumier and Jadyn Brown.

Football

Shawano senior offensive lineman Bryan Bolvin and junior running back Marcus Brezgel were unanimous picks for first-team honors in football.

Senior punter Austin Heling was a unanimous choice on the first-team defense.

A second-team offense award was presented to senior offensive lineman Zach Van Westenberg, while Heling earned honorable mention status as a wide receiver and as a kicker.

Second-team defense awards were earned by senior defensive lineman Branlee Moede, Brezgel as inside linebacker, senior outside linebacker Micah Welander and senior defensive back Braxon Beyersdorf.

Volleyball

Shawano middle hitter Alivia Acker, a senior, was picked for the first team in volleyball.

Chosen for honorable mention were sophomore right-side hitter and setter London Bowman, junior setter and right-side hitter Julia Stuber and junior libero Jozlyn Brocker.

Swimming

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood swim team of senior Kelsie Davis, junior Rylee Crick, junior Eleanor Tassler and junior Elizabeth Behnke was the first-team selection for the 200-yard medley really. Davis, Crick, Behnke and Tassler also were awarded the honor in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Other first-team awards were earned by Tassler in 200-yard freestyle, Davis in the 100-yard butterfly, Tassler in the 500-yard freestyle, Davis in the 100-yard backstroke and Crick in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Crick was named a second-team selection in the 100-yard freestyle, and Shawano senior Jai Bisterfeldt was named to the second team in the 50-yard freestyle.

Shawano Pathways to host skijoring information session

Looking for a new way to enjoy the winter outdoors with your four-legged companion? Skijoring might be just the adventure you're looking for.

Shawano Pathways is sponsoring an informational presentation on skijoring at 6 p.m. Dec. 1 at the Shawano Recreation Center, 220 E. Division St., Shawano.

Skijoring is a winter sport that pairs a skier with an animal – most commonly a dog, horse or reindeer.

In dog skijoring, one to three dogs are connected to the skier by a special harness and bungee line. Using cross-country skis and poles, the skier actively works alongside the dogs, who respond to voice commands to guide the team along the trail.

The classroom-only presentation will be led by sisters Chris Clark and Cathy Carrier, both avid winter enthusiasts and dog owners. They will introduce participants to the basics of the sport, discuss necessary equipment and share information about modifications that can make skijoring more suitable for older dogs.

If there is enough interest following the presentation, Shawano Pathways hopes to organize an outdoor demonstration at a later date, giving participants an opportunity to see skijoring in action.



Cathy Carrier and her dogs participate in the winter sport of skijoring. Carrier and her sister, Chris Clark, will introduce residents to the basics of the sport at a special Dec. 1 meeting at the Shawano Recreation Center. CONTRIBUTED

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Otto named NEC's volleyball Player of the Year

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Oconto Falls senior Izzy Otto was named North Eastern Conference's volleyball Player of the Year, and the Panthers also won the conference title in 2026.

Otto was a unanimous choice for the first team as a setter. She was joined by senior Lucy Ripley, an outside hitter and also a unanimous selection, and senior Brylee Gorman, a middle hitter.

Senior Rhiana Van De Yacht, an outside hitter, was named to the second team.

The Oconto Falls girls cross country team was also a conference champion.

Sophomore Lily Meissner and freshman Ellie Beschta were named to the first team.

Named to the second team were sophomores Sydney Braund, Alexandria Braund, Ava Holtz and Ava Savage.

For the boys, second-team honors were earned by senior Isaiah Holtz and junior Mason Lotto.

Honorable mention was earned by seniors Sage Mendolla and Landon Timm.

In golf, sophomore Riley Borkovec was named to the second team.

M&O all-conference volleyball honors noted

One senior from Lena and a junior and senior from Suring were named to the M&O Conference volleyball all-conference first team for the 2026 season.

Honored were Lena High School senior Abby Kostreva, Suring High School senior Lexis Remic and Suring junior Ellayna Skarban.

Second-team honors were earned by Suring junior Aliya Cox and Gillett senior Clara Schaal.

Honorable mention status was awarded to Lena senior Brielle Fischer, Lena junior Ella Graf, Gillett junior Carly Kadlec and Suring senior Paige Pommerich.

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Minnesota head coach Kevin O'Connell, left, and defensive coordinator Brian Flores celebrated the season sweep and domination of the Packers. The two coaches were the men behind the plan that led to outscoring the Packers 49-0 across both games. The return of Kirk Cousins answered the Vikings recent offensive struggles .
GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

A TRULY 'OFFENSIVE' LINE

8 sacks, 12 hits, -59 yards in addition to 4 turnovers, no run game, misses and drops

By LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

Green Bay took a step back this week, as Minnesota's pass rush was once again too much to overcome.

Jordan Love was sacked eight times and the Packers turned the ball over four times in its 30-10 loss against the Minnesota Vikings on Nov. 15 at Lambeau Field.

As Minnesota has been doing to teams all season long, it completely smothered Green Bay's dynamic passing attack. On top of Love being sacked eight times, Minnesota also recorded 10 tackles for loss.

"They do a good job with what they do, and you know they are going to fire them from all angles, and certainly we didn't have our guys coached up well enough," Packers coach Matt LaFleur said.

Minnesota has now recorded 12 sacks and 17 tackles for loss in the two matchups this season between the NFC North rivals.

The loss to Minnesota puts a stop to the

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A breakdown in pass protection with the offensive lineman appear out of position and outschemed leave quarterback Jordan Love vulnerable throughout the day. The offensive line allowed eight sacks against the Vikings. The weak line also contributed to the team's running woes.
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GREEN BAY TAKES A STEP BACKWARDS

By LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

Packers head coach Matt LaFleur has stated countless times that the NFL is a week-to-week league, meaning that every week provides a new challenge.

That obviously rang true for the Packers this week. Coming into the Week 10 matchup against the Minnesota Vikings, the Packers looked like one of the NFL's better teams, as it had won five of its last six games and featured the league's most dynamic passing offense.

That was not the case though, as Minnesota's defense once again dominated Green Bay.

While it looked like the offensive line had taken some strides forward over Green Bay's hot streak, the play against the Vikings looked more like the early season for the Packers rather than what fans had gotten accustomed to over the past few weeks.

That begs the question, is the current offensive line sustainable for the Packers to actually be a Super Bowl contender?

"You know how it is, it is a week-to-week league, and the bottom line is that we have to focus on the things that we can control, and we have to have the urgency to improve in those areas," said LaFleur.

While looking at each week by itself, rather than the season as a whole, is the right thing to do, the fact of the matter is that Green Bay is only going to match up against better opponents each week.

Looking ahead, the Packers still have to play the Los Angeles Rams, New Orleans Saints, Buffalo Bills, Miami Dolphins, Chicago Bears, Houston Texans and Detroit Lions. Outside of Miami and Houston, every one of those teams is currently fighting for a playoff spot.

So while yes, this league is week-to-week, the sense of urgency to fix what the issues are on the offensive line and bring some stability needs to be at the forefront of both LaFleur and general manager Brian Gutekunst's minds.

Against Minnesota, Green Bay saw Jordan Morgan, Laken Tomlinson, John Williams, Travis Glover and Anthony Belton each take 54 snaps on the offensive line, while Mekhi Becton provided three snaps as a sixth offensive lineman.

Given the ongoing injuries to Aaron Banks, Sean Rhyan and Kevin Zeitler, those five appear to be the group that the Packers need to roll with for awhile.

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A frustrated Jordan Love completed 17-of-27 passes for 220, one touchdown and one interception.
GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS



Green Bay couldn't hold back Minnesota as the Vikings steamrolled over their NFC North foes for the second team this season. Green Bay is now at the bottom of the standings looking up. Below, Kirk Cousins is sacked by Karl Brooks on a play that was originally called an interception for Green Bay. Cousins' knee was later ruled down before he tossed the ball.

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momentum that Green Bay carried heading into the matchup, as the Packers now sit at 6-4, slotting it last in the NFC North.

"Everyone in that locker room is frustrated," said Love. "You know, you have a game like that where it feels like we are not able to overcome, where we are not able to play our game and do things that obviously in the previous weeks we have been able to do, so definitely frustrated."

Love finished the game completing 17-of-27 passes for 220 yards, one touchdown and one interception.

Matthew Golden led the team in receiving, totaling 70 yards on five receptions. J. Michael Sturdivant recorded his first career touchdown reception, as he finished with 37 yards on two receptions. Christian Watson added another 37 yards on three receptions.

The run game was once again a struggle for the Packers, as it was only able to total 56 total rushing yards. Kaleb Johnson led the way, recording 42 yards on 10 carries. MarShawn Lloyd added 13 yards on four carries.

For Minnesota, in his first start back with the Vikings, Kirk Cousins finished the game completing 21-of-31 passes for 207 yards, two touchdowns and one interception.

Justin Jefferson was the leading receiver, totaling 74 yards on nine receptions. Myles Price added 49 yards and a touchdown on four receptions, while Gavin Bartholomew recorded 36 yards and a touchdown on three receptions.

In the run game, Jordan Mason totaled 59 yards on 16 carries, while former Packers running back Aaron Jones ran for 47 yards and a touchdown on 11 carries.

After a week that saw Trey Smack hit on all seven of his kicks, he missed a 53-yard field goal attempt, bringing his total to six missed kicks and three missed extra points on the season.

"I still have a lot of confidence in him," said LaFleur, when asked about Smack. "Especially in a game like this when points are going to be at a premium, we have to convert in those situations."

According to The Athletic's NFL Playoff Simulator, the Green Bay Packers have a 42% chance to make the playoffs, with just a 3% chance to win the NFC North, going into its bye week.

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If that is the case, getting those five or six guys as much play-time together as possible should be a priority, as there obviously needs to be chemistry and repetition developed yet. Green Bay cannot have another game like Minnesota if it expects to win a Super Bowl. With how well Jordan Love has been playing this season, missing blocking assignments or miscommunication in general on the offensive line is going to have major ramifications.

Now, Love also needs to be at his best, too, if Green Bay wants to win a Super Bowl. Last week, the blocking was an issue, but if that is the case, Love needs to get the ball out of his hand quicker to neutralize those pass rushes.

"It wasn't good enough up front or good enough at getting the ball out, and when you do those things, you are going to take some hits," said Love.

Love brings up a good point. While having consistent blocking on the offensive line will help the offense run smoother, not having that consistent blocking is also a recipe for him to suffer a major injury. With Love being the main reason that Green Bay has moved the ball this season, if he were to get injured, due to miscommunication or a missed block on the offensive line, it would be hard to imagine that Green Bay's offense would be able to compete with any one in the NFL.

Looking ahead, other NFL teams have to see what Minnesota has done to Green Bay this season and think how it can do that. The Packers do have a bye week coming, so making sure Love is healthy and trying to find some stability on the offensive line have to be atop the priority list as the team prepares for another tough matchup against the Rams in Week 12.



GREEN BAY BYE WEEK

Packers Schedule

Sunday, Sept. 13, at Minnesota, L 39-22
Sunday, Sept. 20, at NY Jets, W 20-17 (OT)
Thursday, Sept. 24, vs. Atlanta, L 35-14
Sunday, Oct. 4, at Tampa Bay, W 17-14
Sunday, Oct. 11, vs. Chicago, W 31-7
Sunday, Oct. 18, vs. Dallas, W 23-13
Sunday, Oct. 25, at Detroit, 3:25 p.m., L 20-17
Thursday, Oct. 29, vs. Carolina, W 27-19
Sunday, Nov. 8, at New England, W 45-27
Sunday, Nov. 15, vs. Minnesota, L 30-10
Week 11 BYE
Wednesday, Nov. 25, at LA Rams, 7 p.m., Netflix
Sunday, Dec. 6, at New Orleans, noon, FOX
Sunday, Dec. 13, vs. Buffalo, 7:20 p.m., NBC
Sunday, Dec. 20, vs. Miami, noon, FOX
Friday, Dec. 25, at Chicago, noon, Netflix
Monday, Jan. 4, vs. Houston, 7:15 p.m., ESPN
Week 18, vs. Detroit, TBD

NFL Schedule

Thursday, Nov. 12

Washington at NY Giants, 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 15

New England at Detroit, 8:30 a.m. (Munich, Germany)
Carolina at New Orleans, noon
Miami at Indianapolis, noon
Houston at Cleveland, noon
Minnesota at Green Bay, noon
Jacksonville at Tennessee, noon
Buffalo at NY Jets, noon
Kansas City at Atlanta, noon
LA Rams at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Seattle at Las Vegas, 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Dallas, 3:25 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 7:20 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 16

LA Chargers at Baltimore, 7:15 p.m.

MOMENTS

MINNESOTA 30, GREEN BAY 10



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PUNT RETURN DUTIES

During Green Bay's Week 10 game against the Minnesota Vikings on Nov. 15, Matthew Golden took over as the Packers' punt returner after starting punt returner Skyy Moore suffered an ankle injury in the first half. Moore and backup kickoff returner Bo Melton were both ruled out due to injuries.

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JOHNSON LEADS RUN GAME

Green Bay running back Kaleb Johnson led the team's backfield with 10 carries for 42 yards (4.2 yards per carry) in a 30-10 Week 10 loss to the Minnesota Vikings on Nov. 15. His longest carry was for nine yards. It was another poor showing for the run game, which managed only 56 yards on 17 carries for a 3.3 yard-per-carry average.

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Mary Ann Wilharm-Rudie holds one of the scarves she created for the Christmas tree in the vestibule of the Shawano County Public Library. Wilharm-Rudie and other members of the Friday Morning Crafters created the clothing items free for the taking by anyone who needs one. The tree contains scarves, hats, mittens and blankets. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA

Crafters create winter warming clothing for all

Help yourself to items from tree at library

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Mary Ann Wilharm-Rudie's TV-watching habit is paying off for area residents.

Wilharm-Rudie, who turned 90 in July, convinced her fellow crafters to create winter warming clothing items for anybody who needs something to keep warm.

"I sit and watch TV a lot. I see things," she said. "One day there was somebody doing this, and they were putting them on a tree for people to pick up. I thought, 'We could do that.' I came, and these ladies went for it 100%."

"These ladies" would be the Friday Morning Crafters who meet weekly at the Shawano County Public Library.

"We're very grateful that the library has given this space to gather," Kathryn Geimer said.

Wilharm-Rudie has been with the group for more than 30 years. It's an open group with members who have come and gone as time has passed.

"It changes constantly," she said.

The women knit, crochet, do needlework, embroider — and enjoy snacks and coffee.

"These are all your own (projects)," Wilharm-Rudie said. "You do it for yourself."

"Some do baby hats for the hospital; some make prayer shawls," added Becky Moore. "We do many things, but everybody brings their own project, whatever they want whether it's for their self, their family, their friends or for some other nonprofit."

Eileen Gavin is the newest member of the group.

"I came here to meet new people," she said. "I was just learning how to knit, so I wanted to have people I could ask questions. I'm learning a lot."

For the tree in the library's front vestibule, the women have created hats, shawls, mittens, scarves and blankets. Everyone is welcome to help themselves to whatever they need.

More than 100 items have been made so far. The women say they will continue to donate their goods this holiday season as long as people keep taking them.

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Becky Moore works on a project during a recent gathering of the Friday Morning Crafters at the Shawano County Public Library. The open group is open to anyone who enjoys or wants to learn knitting, crocheting, needlework, embroidery or other similar crafts. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA



Eileen Gavin is the newest member of the Friday Morning Crafters. She said she joined to meet new people. She was also just learning how to knit and wanted to have people she could ask questions of about knitting. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA

Dreaming of success, magic before opening day

I know I won't sleep much tonight, even though I'm writing this more than a week before Nov. 20. I never sleep well the night before opening day, and I'm betting you don't either.

I will have a dozen things stacked near the door, some fairly organized and some in a heap. Two pairs of gloves are never enough. Neither are 20 rounds of ammo, two flashlights, six handwarmers and untold snacks and water bottles. Will I survive until lunch on opening day?



ROSS BIELEMA
COLUMNIST

What am I forgetting? At 2 a.m., I'll wake up suddenly and remember some earplugs, the Thermos bottle I rarely use or maybe some orange trail ribbon. Then it's back to sleep until the next item on my mental list slaps me awake.

To those who don't hunt, we can't explain it. It's never just about shooting a deer. It's not just about hunting with family, friends or just knowing hundreds of thousands of fellow hunters will be doing the same thing in every woodlot and forest in the state.

Camaraderie is a great buzzword, but it goes far deeper. It is tradition as new as the latest rifle calibers and blaze orange, and as old as our ancestors who hunted with worn-down, handed-down lever actions and their ancestors who hunted with spears and handmade bows.

Mostly, it's about anticipation. We always imagine that buck of dreams showing up in range, maybe in the first 10 minutes of legal shooting and the fellow hunters who will shake your hand, and it's all very possible the night before. Reality comes after the hike to your stand.

Even a fat doe is a worthy target and a careful shot brings delicious venison and the same handshakes. Maybe you missed a big one last year or lost the deer camp poker game tonight, and your hunting buddies (they can be very annoying, right?) are just waiting for you to mess up again, but this year, you will get the last laugh.

Opening day is hope, faith, cold hands, a sore behind, the scold of a bluejay, the churrrr of a red squirrel, a flash of white and then, there he stands.

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It's the reason you are a deer hunter in the state where deer hunting is sacred. Any deer hunter knows all of this from his first season to his last.

When everything goes well and your aim is true, the hard work starts. Field dressing a deer is never fun, but it does get easier with practice. If you have cleaned a rabbit or squirrel, it's the same idea, only on a much larger scale.

If this is your first hunt and you don't have anyone to guide you, there are some

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Winter-flowering cyclamens great for indoor gardens

Add a splash of color to elevate your mood and brighten your home décor for up to three months of flowers with the florist cyclamen (Cyclamen persicum). You'll enjoy the plain, ruffled or bi-color butterfly-like flowers in white, pink, rose, red and lavender hovering over heart-shaped leaves with silvery highlights.

GARDENING WITH MELINDA MYERS



MELINDA MYERS
COLUMNIST

Recent introductions offer even more options. If you prefer blue, look for Blue Dragon with blue-violet blossoms. Double your pleasure with one of the double-flowered varieties, boost the fragrance with Absolu de Morel and add a new look with open, upright-facing flowered varieties. Unusual varieties may be hard to find, but let your favorite florist or garden center know you're interested, and they may be able to help.

Whether you prefer the traditional cyclamen or something more unique, either is a great option for dressing up the dinner table, mantle or side table. Place the plant in a decorative container, basket or colorful tin alone or combined with complementary foliage plants. Or set it in a large glass vessel and mask the container with moss, stones or other decorative items.

Use miniature cyclamens as place card holders at your next event. Set them in their own pretty container, teacup or wrapped in pretty paper secured with a ribbon. Make everyone's evening by sending guests home with their own cyclamen and care directions.

Try something different by growing them in water. Carefully remove the plant from the pot, loosen the soil and rinse the roots and tubers until all the soil is gone. Fill a hyacinth vase with water up to the narrow neck and set the cyclamen in the cup at the top of the vase. Make sure the water does not touch the tuber but does cover at least some of the roots. Change the water regularly to keep it clean and fresh.

For cyclamens growing in soil, water thoroughly when the potting mix just below the soil surface starts to dry. Avoid watering the crown of the plant. If it stays too wet, the plant may rot. Pour off any excess water that collects in the saucer, decorative basket or foil wrap. Overwatering and letting plants sit in water leads to soggy soil and a decline in the plant's health and beauty.



Cyclamen plants come in a variety of colors and have heart-shaped leaves with silver highlights. MELINDA MYERS

Make it easy by setting the potted plant on a saucer of pebbles. The excess water will collect in the saucer while the pebbles elevate the pot above the water. This reduces the risk of root rot, eliminates the need to pour off excess water and boosts humidity as the water evaporates.

Remove any yellow leaves and faded flowers to keep your plant looking its best. Remove flowers as they fade. Regular deadheading increases the number of flowers and the length of bloom.

Don't be alarmed when the leaves yellow and dry soon after the plant stops flowering. It is entering a natural dormant period. If you like a challenge, try forcing it into bloom a second time.

Simply cut back on watering when you notice the leaves begin to yellow. Then stop watering once all the leaves have dried. Allow the plant to rest; no water or fertilizer, for several months. Begin watering and fertilizing once new growth appears and place it in its preferred growing location. Then wait for a beautiful floral display.

THEME: CARTOON CHARACTERS

ACROSS

1. Had, with thou
6. Not NFC
9. Sinbad's seven
13. Intense
14. George Gershwin's brother
15. Exclamation of regret, arch.
16. *Speed ____ in the 1960s cartoon
17. Neither's partner
18. Aggressive
19. *Electric-type Pokemon
21. *The Sailor Man
23. Grazing field
24. *Marge to Homer
25. Amazon's entertainment acquisition, acr.
28. Ocean motion
30. Remote
35. Miscellany
37. Narc's unit
39. Russian money
40. "Atlas Shrugged" author
41. Adam Sandler's "____ Gems"
43. One of three square ones
44. More true
46. Do like goo
47. Hindu dress
48. Approvals
50. Express complaint
52. Witch's work
53. Location
55. Cow chew
57. *Road Runner's nemesis
60. *"Peanuts" protagonist
64. Young eel
65. "He ____ and drank the precious Words..."
67. African antelope
68. Tarnish
69. Message in a bottle, acr.
70. Plasters, as on a ship
71. Puts two and two together
72. Emergency responder, acr.
73. Hollywood director Lubitsch

DOWN

1. "Jack and the Beanstalk" strings
2. Popular smoothie berry
3. *Donald or Baby Huey
4. *What Gru does to the moon
5. Three-line poem
6. Japan's indigenous people
7. To's follower
8. Carpus, pl.
9. Uncontrolled swerve
10. "Piece of cake!"
11. Advil target
12. Limit, to some
15. Come into view
20. Kind of #5 Down
22. Mosquito enemy!
24. Wilkommen, in U.S.
25. *Grandson of Rick Sanchez
26. Sunlight interference
27. Subtraction sign
29. *Pet of Bedrock City
31. Eggnog spiker, pl.
32. West African spiritual practice
33. Bell-bottoms bottom
34. *Cat of silent animation era
36. Lyric poems
38. Anis-flavored aperitif
42. Mold a mind
45. Vacation location
49. Use a chair
51. Subtlety
54. Bug
56. Laundromat device
57. Clothed
58. "Metamorphoses" poet
59. Strong desires
60. What access and recess have in common
61. Been in bed
62. Bodily disorders
63. NYC coast
64. 7th letter of Greek alphabet
66. *Jerry's scheming pursuer

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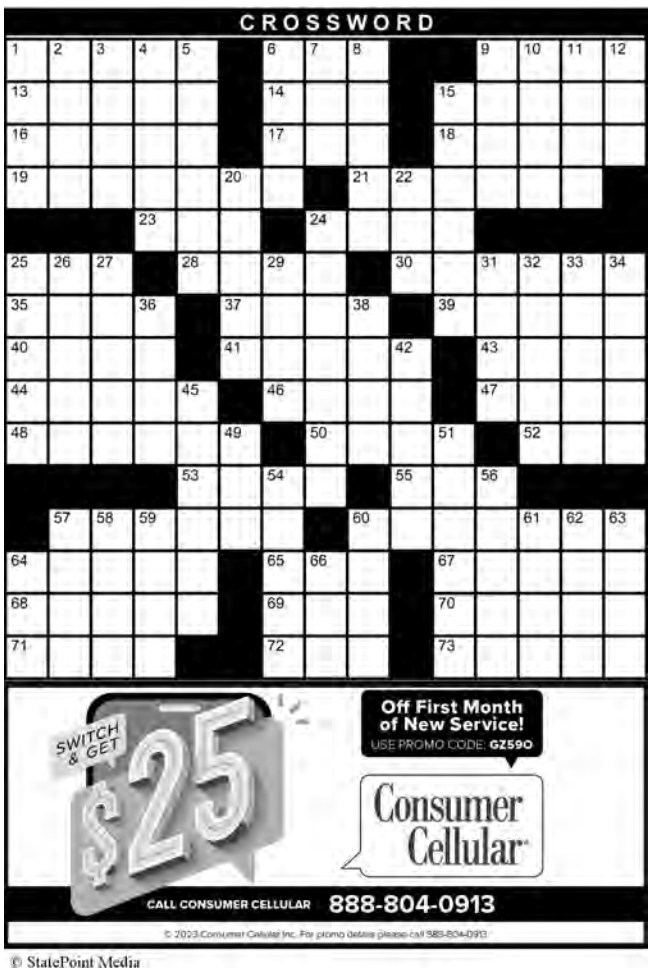

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Salvation Army seeks bell ringers for holidays

The Salvation Army of Shawano County is in need of volunteers to ring bells during the Red Kettle Campaign, which runs Nov. 20 through Dec. 24.

Bell ringers are needed at Charlie's County Market, Qualheim's True Value and Walmart. Ringing takes place on Fridays and Saturdays during the season.

All donations made in Shawano County stay in the area to help families in need with financial assistance such as rent, utility bills, transportation needs, medical bills, etc. Individuals meet with a representative of Salvation Army to discuss their options.

Anyone interested in ringing bells can sign up through www.salvationarmyvolunteer.org and click on "Ring a Bell." Locations can be searched by location name or ZIP code. Any person of any age can help ring bells.

For information, call/text Jennifer Bisterfeldt at 715-853-6456 or Jeane Sager at 920-304-9161.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, NOV. 20

CECIL: Soup, Craft and Bake Sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., St. Martin of Tours Catholic Parish, 407 S. Warrington Ave.

OCONTO: Storytime, 10:30 a.m., Farnsworth Public Library, 715 Main St. Story and crafts for preschool children. A caregiver must stay with the child.

SHAWANO: Sacred Heart Fundraising Days, 1-6 p.m., Sacred Heart Catholic Church Gathering Space, 302 S. Main St. Shopping event benefiting Sacred Heart School hosted by Cathedral Book and Gift. Catholic books, gifts and faith-based merchandise.

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

SATURDAY, NOV. 21

CECIL: Soup, Craft and Bake Sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., St. Martin of Tours Catholic Parish, 407 S. Warrington Ave.

SHAWANO: Sacred Heart Fundraising Days, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sacred Heart Catholic Church Gathering Space, 302 S. Main St. Shopping event benefiting Sacred Heart School hosted by Cathedral Book and Gift. Catholic books, gifts and faith-based merchandise.

TOWNSEND: Widows Weekend Wine and Wreaths, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Lakehouse Winery, 17745 County Road T. Proceeds benefit Vets for Vets. $50 per person includes wreath-making crafts and a glass of wine. RSVP at 715-276-2645 or text 715-573-4433.

SUNDAY, NOV. 22

SHAWANO: Sacred Heart Fundraising Days, 6:30 a.m. to noon except during Mass, Sacred Heart Catholic Church Gathering Space, 302 S. Main St. Shopping event benefiting Sacred Heart School hosted by Cathedral Book and Gift. Catholic books, gifts and faith-based merchandise.

TUESDAY, NOV. 24

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

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25

NAVARINO: Navarino at Noon, noon, Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Topic: Wisconsin bats. $5.

GILLETT: Community Thanksgiving Dinner, 3:30-6 p.m., Hillside Assembly of God Church, 5890 State Highway 22. For reservations or to volunteer, call 920-855-2962 or visit www.hillsideassembly.com. Delivery available to homebound in Gillett, Suring, Cecil or Oconto Falls.

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

THURSDAY, NOV. 26

SHAWANO: Turkey Trot, 5k fun run, 8 a.m., Total Fitness, 116 N. Main St. T-shirt pickup and late registration 6:30 a.m. Entry fee $25 age 12 and older, $15 for 3-11. Proceeds to WAMSCO.

FRIDAY, NOV. 27

OCONTO: Storytime, 10:30 a.m., Farnsworth Public Library, 715 Main St. Story and crafts for preschool children. A caregiver must stay with the child.

OCONTO: Winter Wonderland Christmas Parade, 4:30 p.m., Holtwood Campground, 400 Holtwood Way. Parade starts at Thompson's County Market, 722 Brazeau Ave., and proceeds south to McDonald Street and to campground.

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

SATURDAY, NOV. 28

TOWNSEND: Holiday Craft Fair, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Townsend Town Hall, 16564 Elm St.

TOWNSEND: Holiday Open House and Craft Show, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Rocky Ridge Greenhouse, 17721 Sandy Ridge Lane.

SHAWANO: Vendor and Craft Fair, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shuffles Studio of Dance, 120 W. Division St.

SHAWANO: Holiday Stroll and Tree Lighting, 3-5 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. More than 100 decorated Christmas trees, visits with Santa and his reindeer, tree lighting at 5 p.m.

OCONTO FALLS: Avenue of Lights lighting and Santa visit, 6 p.m. East Side Beach, North Main Street. Carols by Oconto Falls High School Choir, Santa arrives by fire truck and lights are lit 6:30 p.m.

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printed guides available online that you can copy and carry.

The Wisconsin DNR has a link to a two-part video that will show you in detail how to cut up a carcass into steaks, roasts and more. Watch it at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MtAhwjk3uMo&t=40s.

The DNR has a variety of information about disposing the carcass waste. Although there has never been a documented case of a human getting infected from chronic wasting disease by eating an infected deer, the DNR also advises to not eat a contaminated deer and will issue a new deer license if there is enough time for the hunter to use it.

Call me lazy, but after hunting in all kinds of weather for a few days, the last thing I want to do is spend three or four hours cutting up a deer. I find a local processor who will take my whole deer and work his magic. The price for the service has gone up, but so has everything else.

Wear plenty of blaze orange, and if you are hunting from a ground blind, you are required to have a blaze orange "cap" on the blind if it's on public land (use a similar cap on private land so other hunters can see it).

Enjoy the magic that is opening day and when you are tired, take a nap. When it stops being fun, go home or back to camp. Exhausted hunters take shortcuts and have accidents. Make sure you wear a safety harness if you hunt from a treestand. Ground blinds make naps much safer.

Good luck to all. I hope to see you at the meat processor.

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Deer, like these two in Waupaca County, are on the move throughout the state as the rut continues to heat up. The nine-day gun deer season opens Nov. 21 and continues through Nov. 29, with the 10-day muzzleloader deer season Nov. 30 through Dec. 9. ROSS BIELEMA

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OBITUARIES

PATRICIA PETERSON HUBER



Patrica Ann Peterson Huber was born April 25, 1935, in Shawano, the daughter of Dr. Lyndle Peterson and Rosella Agnes Peterson. It is with great sadness that her children announce her passing. Patricia died peacefully Oct. 29, 2026.

Patricia grew up in Shawano and attended school in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where her family wintered. From an early age Pat had a beautiful spirit and zest for life, and a strong love for family, friends, children and all people.

Her family history reflected dedication and service to others. Her father, Dr. Lyndle Peterson, served in France during World War I with the United States Army's 32nd Division. Following the war, he received his medical degree from the University of Chicago, where he met Rosella, who was working as a nurse. They married in Chicago in 1925, and Lyndle began practicing general surgery shortly thereafter. He eventually established the Cantwell Peterson Clinic in Shawano.

Pat had an older sister, Mary Agnes Peterson, born in 1930 who died of pneumonia in 1935. The loss of her sister was an early and poignant part of the Peterson family's history.

The Peterson family enjoyed golf, and Pat followed in her father's footsteps to become a skilled golfer. She studied piano and developed lasting interests in gardening, art in all forms, nature, bird study and cooking.

Her talents in these areas were exceptional, but it was her enthusiasm for life and her enjoyment and support of others that defined her most.

Pat continued her education at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana, attending in 1954 and 1955 before transferring to the University of Wisconsin, where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in education. She was affiliated with the Delta Gamma Sorority.

Pat went on to become an English teacher at the elementary level where she loved being surrounded by children, and sharing her love of reading, and eloquent writing and language skills. Pat frequently corresponded with her family and friends with beautifully detailed letters that will be cherished.

While attending the University of Wisconsin, Pat met Daniel R. Huber. They married Oct. 25, 1958, beginning a remarkable partnership that would take them around the world and create a legacy for the family.

Dan's distinguished career with Cargill Inc. spanned 42 years and took the couple to many places, including Geneva, Switzerland and Singapore. His work included leadership in international commodity markets and the development of Cargill's businesses across Europe, Eastern Europe and Asia. Pat was an essential partner throughout this extraordinary career.

As Dan's responsibilities carried them across continents, she welcomed clients and colleagues into their home, built friendships around the world and made each new location a home for their family. Pat and Dan's life together was accomplished and with great adventure and mostly a shared zest for living.

They embraced with great joy the people and cultures they encountered. Pat's openness, curiosity and genuine interest in others allowed her to connect with people from all walks of life.

Pan and Dan developed a close and enduring family with their children, Mary, Ann, Danny and John. They took great pleasure in their children's interests and had great fun with their children's sports in particular, including baseball, basketball, football, skiing and tennis. Pat became the constant supporter and cheerleader for the children during the periods when Dan's work kept him away.

Together Dan and Pat parented with high expectations, strong values, enthusiasm and a wonderful sense of fun. Each day was full, often lived in high gear and had a sense of surprise and adventure.

Their greatest sorrow was the loss of their daughter Mary to childhood cancer. This profound loss became an important part of their family's story and deepened the significance of their compassion and support for others facing challenges.

Along with Pat's dedication to her children and Dan's career, she loved and enjoyed so many friends and with them was an avid golfer, tennis player, bridge player and volunteer.

Pat and Dan's great joy and passion later in their life became their 13 grandchildren whom they followed in all their interests, school endeavors and into their careers. Their influence and example they provided will give direction and guidance to them throughout their lives.

Pat's support for other's extended beyond her family. She particularly loved being in the company of children and devoted her time at children's hospitals in the communities where she lived. She with Dan was also instrumental in supporting the William Guy Forbeck Cancer Research Foundation, as Pat and Dan were committed to advancing cancer research and helping others affected by the disease.

Pat is survived by her children, Dan, John and Ann; her grandchildren, Katie, Andrew, Bennett, John, Brock, Ella, Mary, Hans, Ingrid, Theresa, Grace, Elizabeth and William; and her extended family members.

She will be remembered by her family and so many friends around the world for her love, support and selfless devotion to all, and for her spirit for life and for all people.

A service for Pat will be held at the Church of St. Mary's, Lake Forest, Illinois, on Dec. 18, 2026, at noon. A visitation will be held at 11 a.m. A reception will follow the service at 123 East Onwentsia Road.

In honor of Pat, the family kindly request that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the William Guy Forbeck Research Foundation (WGFRF). The foundation facilitates global cancer research meetings fostering collaboration among scientists to advance detection, innovative treatments and ultimately a cure.

Donations can be made online at www.WGFRF.org/donate or by mail to the William Guy Forbeck Research Foundation, P.O. Box 1033, Carbondale, CO 81623.

Wenban Funeral Home, Lake Forest, www.wenbanfh.com or 847-234-0022.

JANICE 'SALLY' WEBSTER



Janice Marie Webster, affectionately known as Sally, a devoted sister, wife, mother and grandmother, accomplished businesswoman, mentor and cherished friend, passed away Nov. 12, 2026, at the age of 67. She lived with extraordinary joy, passion and generosity, making people feel welcome, valued and loved wherever life took her.

For Sally, human connection was at the heart of everything. She saw people for who they were, listened with empathy and gave freely of her time, wisdom and affection. Her kindness extended to her children and grandchildren, her brothers, in-laws, their families, her friends, their friends and the countless people who became part of her life along the way. Her circle always had room for one more.

The nickname "Sally" began with a chance encounter the day after her 18th birthday, when she started bartending at the Holiday Inn at Kelly Lake. An obnoxious customer, mistakenly believing that Sally was her name, repeatedly called out "Sally" to order a beverage. After briefly ignoring him, she approached and informed him, with unmistakable vigor, that her name was not Sally. That customer became her husband. After 44 years of marriage, he, along with many of her friends and family, still affectionately called her Sally.

Her remarkable business acumen was matched by her honesty, compassion and ability to lead. She understood how to build a successful enterprise and how to bring out the best in the people who made it possible. She set high expectations, offered steady guidance and earned the trust of those who worked beside her. She could make difficult decisions with clarity while treating people with dignity and care.

Sally entered the business world at just 12 years old, working for a family friend's wholesale giftware and home accessories business. On select weekends, she traveled with them to gift markets throughout Wisconsin, Michigan's Upper Peninsula and northern Illinois, helping display merchandise and observing the relationships between suppliers and their retail customers.

Those early experiences nurtured her eye for appealing merchandise and her understanding of what draws a customer to a product — the beginnings of the merchandising instinct that would serve her throughout her career.

Her professional accomplishments reflected both her versatility and her boundless energy. In 1979, at the age of 20, she opened and managed the Carlton West dinner theater, a successful 1,000-person dinner venue that brought world-class entertainment to Green Bay.

While continuing to manage the Carlton West, she accepted the challenge of opening and management of the Classic Spur in Green Bay's Port Plaza in 1980. At the high-end western wear store, she oversaw merchandising and buying with a discerning eye and an instinct for what customers would love.

She later brought those same talents to the management of a boutique Chicago law firm with a national reputation in alcoholic beverage and hospitality law. Across very different businesses, her gift remained constant: understanding people, recognizing possibilities and turning vision into accomplishment.

Sally also gave freely of her time and talents to her children's schools, organizing and managing fundraising events that consistently achieved outstanding results. She brought the same energy, creativity and care to these volunteer efforts that she brought to her professional life, strengthening the school communities that were part of her children's lives.

From 2005-18, she held executive management and ownership roles at Pine Mountain in Iron Mountain, Michigan. There, she helped rekindle the camaraderie, hospitality and shared enjoyment of the skiing culture of the 1960s, making the mountain a place where people felt they belonged. She was also the driving force in bringing Timber Stone Golf Course back under common ownership with Pine Mountain.

In 2013, she helped establish Moving Mountains, a successful adaptive skiing program for individuals with disabilities. The program reflected her commitment to creating opportunities for others to experience joy, confidence and community. She served on its board until declining health required her to step back earlier this year, remaining devoted to its work even as her own challenges grew.

For all she accomplished, her deepest joy was found in the people she loved. She was a loving mother and grandmother whose care reached far beyond her family. To many, she was a trusted friend, a generous mentor and a mother figure. She celebrated others' happiness, stood beside them in hardship and offered forgiveness with an open heart.

Her legacy lives in the family she cherished, the businesses and communities she helped shape and the people who carry forward her example. She leaves them with the memory of her joy, the strength of her love and the enduring gift of having felt that they belonged.

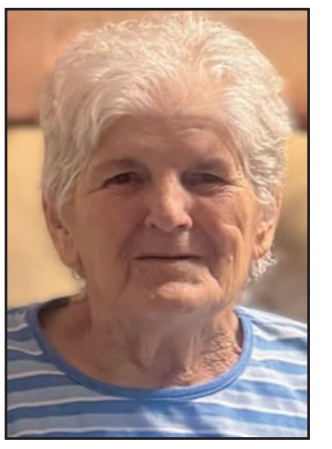
Sally is survived by her loving husband, Jim; her sons, Michael (Ariel) Webster, Leland (Natalie) Webster and Ramiro (Miranda) Robles; granddaughters, Isla Webster, Madden Webster, Helena Webster and Dahlia Robles.

She was the cherished daughter of Leonard and Loraine Steffel, who both preceded her in death, sister to Jim (Ann) Steffel and John (Helen) Steffel.

Visitation will be Saturday, Nov. 21, 2026, from 9-11 a.m. at St. Anne Catholic Church in Lena, followed by a Mass of Christian burial at St. Anne Catholic church with the Rev. Ben Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Pine Hill Cemetery in Spruce. For more information and to express condolences, please visit www.rhodescharapata.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Pine Hill Cemetery, 8525 County Road A, Lena, WI 54139, or to the Moving Mountains Adaptive Ski Program at www.movingmountainsap.org.

YVONNE VIRTUES



Yvonne Joan (Walske) Virtues, Little Suamico, passed away peacefully at home in the presence of her family Friday Nov. 6, 2026.

She was born in Abrams on Oct. 12, 1936.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Nov. 12, at Blaney Funeral Home, Green Bay, Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Little Suamico.

To send online condolences and see the full obituary, go to www.blaneyfuneralhome.com.

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OBITUARIES

GLORIA BUDD



Gloria Jean Budd, 80, of Rochester, Minnesota, and formerly of Winona, Minnesota, passed away peacefully in her sleep Saturday, Oct. 31, 2026, at Cottagewood Senior Community in Rochester, surrounded by family.

She was born July 24, 1946, in Shawano to LaVerna Koehler and Clarence Grabowski. She graduated from Milwaukee High School and went on to earn her bachelor's degree in nursing from Winona State University.

Throughout her life, she applied her talents and care across a diverse and fulfilling professional path, working as a nurse, a teacher's aide, an income tax preparer as well as in retail sales.

On Oct. 25, 1975, she married her beloved husband, Don Budd, in Belton, Missouri. Together, they built a life filled with family, faith and adventure, living in Sargeant, Minnesota; Harmony, Minnesota; Brainerd, Minnesota; and Appleton before settling in Winona in 2002. Don preceded her in death on Oct. 18, 2022.

Deeply committed to her faith and churches, she was heavily involved with the many churches where her husband Don served as pastor. She was a former member of Peace United Methodist Church in Winona. Her love for music was a defining thread throughout her life. She shared her musical gifts generously, playing the organ and piano on Sundays, playing the violin and performing in orchestras for local community musicals and school plays.

Exceptionally creative, she was well known for joyfully inventing new lyrics to songs. She also found peace and happiness in reading, sewing, needlework and fishing alongside her husband, and her ever-present laughter will be deeply missed.

Above all, she cherished her family. She cared deeply for her grandchildren and faithfully showed up for them in every way she could, right up until she was no longer able.

She was preceded in death by her parents, LaVerna Koehler and Clarence Grabowski, and her beloved husband, Don.

She is survived by her two children, Renae (Sam) and Jon (Megan); and her grandchildren, Jacob, Michael, Abigail and Emily.

Committal prayers were held on Monday, Nov. 9, 2026, at the Minnesota State Veteran Cemetery in Preston, Minnesota, where interment followed.

Services entrusted to Fawcett Junker Funeral Home and Crematory, Winona, Minnesota.

www.fawcett-junkerfuneralhome.com

COURT NEWS

SHAWANO-MENOMINEE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

• Linda S. Engel, 63, Shawano, pleaded no contest Aug. 26 to battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor or law enforcement officer and misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct and resisting or obstructing an officer. Judge William Kussel Jr. withheld sentencing Nov. 9 and placed her on two years of probation with conditions.

• William J. Matchopatow, 56, Shawano, pleaded no contest Nov. 9 to two counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor charges of battery, disorderly conduct and criminal trespass. Related felony charges were dismissed but read into the record in a plea agreement. Kussel withheld sentencing and placed him on three years of probation with conditions.

• Serenna M. Webster, 42, Gresham, pleaded no contest May 21 to fleeing an officer in her vehicle. On Nov. 10, Judge Katherine Sloma levied fines and court costs and sentenced her to nine months in county jail with Huber work-release privileges.

• Anikin N. Kaquatosh, 23, Green Bay, pleaded no contest Nov. 10 to three counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor charges of possession of THC, disorderly conduct and endangering safety by the use of a dangerous weapon. Judge Gregory Jerabek withheld sentencing and placed him on three years of probation with conditions including 150 days in county jail with Huber privileges.

• Leland J. Okimosh, 39, Shawano, pleaded no contest Nov. 9 to misdemeanor charges of bail jumping, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. The drug charge was amended from a felony count in a plea agreement. Kussel levied fines and court costs and sentenced him to 60 days in county jail.

• Marena F. Pamanet, 35, Keshena, pleaded no contest Nov. 10 to possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor bail jumping. Sloma withheld sentencing and placed her on two years of probation with conditions.

• Quincy J. Peters, 23, Neopit pleaded no contest Sept. 2 to victim intimidation, two counts of first-degree recklessly endangering safety, fleeing an officer in his vehicle, three counts of felony bail jumping, three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and misdemeanor charges of battery and resisting or obstructing an officer. Kussel imposed and stayed a prison sentence, then placed him on four years of probation with conditions.

• Calvin J. Olson, 33, Suring, pleaded no contest Nov. 10 to felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct. Kussel levied court costs and sentenced him to 30 days in county jail in addition to a sentence he is currently serving.

• Greg Robert Bohm, 51, Shawano, pleaded guilty Nov. 10 to threatening to cause bodily harm to certain individuals involved with a court or legal system, threatening to cause bodily harm to health care providers and staff and their families, battery to an elder person or adult at risk and felony bail jumping. Sloma withheld sentencing and placed him on three years of probation with conditions.

• Adrian A. Malone, 30, Green Bay, was charged Nov. 9 with eight counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and criminal damage to property. Sloma set a $3,500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Dec. 16.

• Kyle J. Bennin, 37, Marion, was charged Aug. 21 with felony theft and misdemeanor bail jumping. Sloma set a $2,000 signature bond Nov. 9 and scheduled a status conference for Jan. 19.

• Hailey E. Kubsch, 22, Shawano, was charged Aug. 24 with felony theft and misdemeanor bail jumping. Sloma set a $2,500 signature bond Nov. 9 and scheduled a status conference for Feb. 1.

• Donald L. Leroy, 39, Keshena, was charged Aug. 26 with possession of narcotic drugs and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma issued a bench warrant for Leroy's arrest after he failed to make his Nov. 10 initial court appearance.

• Marie A. Miller, 36, Bowler, was charged Nov. 10 with possession of narcotic drugs, possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), four counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a $750 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Nov. 19.

• Darrell L. Moss, 25, Keshena, was charged Nov. 12 with strangulation and suffocation, substantial battery and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Court Commissioner Eric Hendrickson set a $250 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Nov. 25.

• Miyala Phylisette Salinas, 20, Green Bay, was charged Nov. 12 with three counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and bail jumping. Hendrickson set a $1,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Nov. 18.

• Brad L. Pecore, 31, Shawano, was charged Nov. 13 with felony bail jumping. Hendrickson set a $750 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Jan. 5.

OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

• Praise Mugisha, 23, Appleton, pleaded no contest Nov. 10 to misdemeanor charges of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (third offense), disorderly conduct, two counts of bail jumping and two counts of resisting or obstructing an officer. Several felony charges were dismissed but read into the record in a plea agreement. Judge Jay Conley withheld sentencing and placed him on probation for two years with conditions including 150 days in jail.

• Eric Francis Thieben, 41, Wausaukee, pleaded guilty Oct. 16 to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (seventh, eighth or ninth offense) and felony bail jumping. Judge Hannah Schuchart sentenced him Nov. 10 to three years in prison followed by three years of extended supervision with conditions.

• Danielle J. Kasee, 46, Denmark, pleaded no contest Nov. 4 to misdemeanor charges of battery and disorderly conduct. A related felony count was dismissed but read into the record in a plea agreement. Schuchart withheld sentencing Nov. 10 and placed her on two years of probation with conditions.

• Christopher D. Wagenknecht, 45, Suring, was charged Nov. 9 with second-degree recklessly endangering safety and misdemeanor counts of criminal damage to property, disorderly conduct and operating while revoked. Schuchart set a $7,500 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Dec. 17.

• Zachary R. Clarke, 31, Oconto, was charged Nov. 10 with first-degree recklessly endangering safety, fleeing an officer in his vehicle, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Conley set a $10,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance to Dec. 17.

• Alexis H. Luedeman, 32, Abrams, was charged Nov. 11 with possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. Court Commissioner Jacob Evans set a $1,500 cash bond and adjourned her initial appearance until Dec. 17.

• Ethan Patrick Nolan, 19, Green Bay, was charged Nov. 12 with second-degree recklessly endangering safety and fleeing an officer in his vehicle. Evans set a $2,500 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Dec. 17.

• Zechariah James Gretzinger, 41, Lena, was charged Nov. 12 with child abuse intentionally causing harm and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Evans set a $2,500 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Dec. 17.

PUBLIC RECORD

OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Nov. 15

Deputies responded to 54 incidents, including an unwanted party on Green Bay Avenue in Oconto Falls; a boat accident off Fish House Road in the Town of Pensaukee; suspicious activity at the Maple Valley Recycling Center, 3862 Brock Road; theft near Old 64 Road and Butler Rock Road in the Town of Brazeau; a fire control burn on Shady Lane in the Town of How; a wrong-way driver on U.S. Highway 141 near County Road I in the Town of Stiles; five traffic stops, three traffic hazards, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; one 911 hang-up and one open line; nine ambulance calls; four crashes, three involving deer.

Nov. 14

Deputies responded to 58 incidents, including a wrong-way driver on U.S. Highway 141 near Norway Woods Lane in the Town of Abrams; harassment on South Chase Road in the Town of Little Suamico; trespassing on Crawford Road in the Town of Pensaukee; suspicious activity on Finnegan Lake Road in the Town of Gillett; property damage on Geano Beach Road in the Town of Little Suamico; a death investigation at a redacted location; two reports of drugs at redacted locations; a noise disturbance on Red Fox Lane in the Town of Townsend; 11 traffic stops, two traffic hazards, two traffic offenses, two citizen assists, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; one open-line 911 call; six ambulance calls; seven crashes, five involving deer.

Nov. 13

Deputies responded to 70 incidents, including illegal burning on Becker Road in the Town of Breed; wanted persons on East Highland Drive in Oconto Falls, on Coffey Lane in the Town of Oconto Falls, and near East Main Street and North Richmond Avenue in Gillett; drugs at a redacted location; harassment on Lee Lake Road in the Town of Brazeau; harassment on East Algoma Street in Suring; a noise disturbance on West Pine Street in Gillett; 11 traffic stops, two traffic hazards, four traffic offenses, two citizen assists, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; one 911 hang-up and three open lines; five ambulance calls; seven crashes, five involving deer, one involving a bear.

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Nov. 15

Deputies responded to 43 incidents, including criminal damage on Oakcrest Drive in the Town of Washington; a fire control burn on County Road BE in Bonduel; one 911 call; seven traffic stops; two reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; three welfare checks; one crash, involving deer.

Nov. 14

Deputies responded to 48 incidents, including suspicious activity at Lakeview Quick Mart, 417 S. Warrington Ave., Cecil; property damage on South Jefferson Street in Bonduel; disorderly conduct on South Cecil Street in Bonduel; 12 traffic stops; two reckless driving incidents; three traffic hazards; one welfare check.

Nov. 13

Deputies responded to 53 incidents, including theft near County Road D and East Red River Road in the Town of Hutchins; operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated on Hofa Park Drive in the Town of Maple Grove; one 911 call; nine traffic stops; one reckless driving incident; four traffic hazards; one welfare check; two crashes, one involving deer.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Nov. 15

Officers responded to 14 incidents, including bail jumping at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; two 911 calls; one traffic stop; one welfare check.

Nov. 14

Officers responded to 28 incidents, including a disturbance at Ole Town Tap, 115 N. Main St.; operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated outside Walgreens, 401 E. Green Bay St.; two disturbances at redacted locations; suspicious activity and burglary on West Picnic Street; a death investigation at a redacted location; a scam on South Humphrey Circle; harassment on South Lafayette Street; disorderly conduct on East Richmond Street; two traffic stops; two welfare checks.

Nov. 13

Officers responded to 27 incidents, including a noise disturbance on Madison Way; a drug offense at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; truancy at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; criminal damage near West Lieg Avenue and South Water Street; one 911 call; one traffic hazard; one crash.

LEGAL NOTICES

11/20/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
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STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0060160-10-0
Permittee: Village of Mattoon, P O Box 225, Mattoon, WI, 54450
Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Mattoon Wastewater Treatment Facility , West Red River Road, Mattoon, Wisconsin
Receiving Water And Location: Groundwater of the Wolf River Basin in Red River Watershed of Wolf River Basin in Shawano County
Brief Facility Description: The permittee operates a stabilization pond system followed by spray irrigation on agricultural land. The system was upgraded to its current configuration in 1998. Treatment consists of a 3.86-acre stabilization pond followed by a 1.74-acre storage pond. Winter storage of 180 days is available. Sludge was last removed in 1998 and is not anticipated to be removed this permit term. The facility should evaluate level of sludge during this permit term.
The storage pond is emptied using an irrigation pump and a network of 18 spray nozzles. The total spray area is 17.4 acres. A groundwater monitoring system consisting of three wells has been provided.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Ashley Clark, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI, 54313, (920) 857-0450, Ashleym.Clark@wisconsin.gov
Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Brooke Klingbeil, 225051RibMtnDr, Wausau, WI 54401, (715) 495-1336, brooke.klingbeil@wisconsin.gov
The Department has tentatively decided that the above-specified WPDES permit should be reissued.
Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit. Land application of waste shall be done in accordance with permit conditions and applicable codes. All land application sites shall be approved prior to their use. To receive a list of approved sites, or to be notified of potential approvals, contact the above-named basin engineer.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, or to request a public hearing, may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the above-named permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the permit is issued. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination. If no comments are received on the proposed permit from anyone, including U.S. EPA, the permit will be issued as proposed.
The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if requested by any person and shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from 5 or more persons or if response to this notice indicates significant public interest pursuant to s. 283.49, Wis. Stats. Requests for a public informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the reasons for the request; and the issues proposed to be considered at the hearing.
Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit, fact sheet and permit application, may be inspected and copied at either the above-named permit drafter's office or the above named basin engineer's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter or basin engineer for directions to their office location, if necessary.
Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (920) 857-0450 or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice, permit and fact sheet.
Permit information is also available on the internet at: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html . Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

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11/20/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION
Shawano School District
April 6, 2027

Election Details
An election is to be held in the School District of Shawano, on Tuesday, April 6, 2027. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed.

Office	Incumbent
Member at Large	**Frank Kugel**
Area 1 –Town of Richmond and part of the Town of Herman and Pella	**Alfred Pyatskowit**
Area 3 – Town of Wescott, part of the Town of Washington – 2 year terms	**Benjamin Heninger** **Mavis Pieper**
Area 4 – City of Shawano	**Christine McKinnies**

Office Terms
The term of office for school board member is three years (unless otherwise noted) beginning on Monday, April 26, 2027. A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the school district office.

For Candidates
A Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy, must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 5, 2027, in the district office of the school district clerk.

Primary Election
If a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2027

Additional Information
Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Done in the City of Shawano on November 2, 2026

Alfred Pyatskowit, School District Clerk
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SHA-407

11/20/26, 11/27/26, 12/4/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
BRANCH 2
Case No. 26 CV 28

NICOLET NATIONAL BANK,
Plaintiff,
v.
BATISTA PERFORMANCE HORSES LLC,
Defendant. _

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure made in the above-entitled action signed on the 26th day of May 2026 and filed on the 27 th of May 2026, in the amount of **$68,662.27** , the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction.
PARCEL LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map No. 4333 as recorded on September 13, 2017 in Volume 23 of Certified Survey Maps at pages 113-117, inclusive, as Document No. 726508, being part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 and part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 19, Township 25 North, Range 16 East; EXCEPT that part described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 19; thence North 89°59'46" West along the North line of said Southeast 1/4, 1263.58 feet to the East line of said Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, and the point of beginning; thence South 06°03'35" West along said East line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, 1316.06 feet to the Southeast corner of said Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; thence South 89°31'22" West along the South line of said Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, 44.50 feet (recorded as 44.49 feet on CSM No. 4333); thence North 04°23'14" East, 1312.93 feet to said North line of the Southeast 1/4; thence South 89°59'46" East along said North line, 82.99 feet to the point of beginning. Said land being in the Town of Navarino, Shawano County, Wisconsin.
PARCEL ID NO : 034-194200010
ADDRESS: W7127 Cole Rd. Shiocton, WI 54170-9670
DATE/TIME : WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9th, 2026 / 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: First Floor Shawano County Courthouse
311 N. Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166-2145
TERMS :
1. 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the Clerk of Courts (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted).
The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the Clerk of Courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale or the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff.
2. The property is sold "as is" and subject to all liens and encumbrances.
3. Any purchaser, other than the plaintiff, is responsible for payment of any and all transfer fees/taxes, which amount shall be paid in addition to, and not out of the bid amount.
4. Buyer must comply with minimum bidder qualifications as set forth in Wis. Stat. §846.155.
/s/ George Lenzner, Sheriff
Shawano County, Wisconsin
VAN LIESHOUT LAW OFFICE
Atty. David J. Van Lieshout
Attorney for Plaintiff
State Bar No. 1012641
P.O. Box 186
Little Chute, WI 54140-0186
(920) 788-0800
davevl@littlechutelaw.com
Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (15 U.S.C. Section 1692), Van Lieshout Law Office is attempting to collect a debt on our client's behalf and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose .

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11/6/26, 11/13/26, 11/20/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF
Jaiden Marie Maasch
By Jaiden Marie Maasch
Notice of Name Change Hearing
Case No. 26CV225
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Jaiden
[Middle] Marie
[Last] Maasch
To: Jaiden
Marie
Maasch - Hoffman
Birth Certificate:
Jaiden
[Middle] Marie
[Last] Maasch
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of SHAWANO
Judge William F. Hussel Jr
Shawano County Courthouse.
311 Main St Shawano, WI 54166.
12/14126
8:15am
reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-526-9347 the court does not provide transportation.

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11/13/26, 11/20/26, 11/27/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

DATE SIGNED: November 2, 2026
Electronically signed by Gwen Hoffman
Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ROSE L. KRUEGER
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 26PR79
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth June 9, 1950 and date of death September 30, 2026, was domiciled Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1603 Timber Trail, Shawano, WI 54166.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4.The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is February 12, 2027
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County, Courthouse,311 N. Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166 Room 202, Probate Office
Form completed by: James Vomastic
Address:1488 E Green Bay St.
Shawano, WI 54166
715-851-3669
Bar Number (if any) 1045783

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SHA-409

11/13/26, 11/20/26, 11/27/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT
NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing
Plaintiff
vs
Cole D. Galland, et al.
Defendants

AMENDED
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Case No: 26 CV 48
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on June 16, 2026 in the amount of $298,923.48 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:
TIME: December 9, 2026 at 9:00 AM
TERMS: By bidding at the sheriff sale, prospective buyer is consenting to be bound by the following terms:
1.) 10% down in cash or certified funds at the time of sale; balance due within 10 days of confirmation of sale; failure to pay balance due will result in forfeit of deposit to plaintiff.
2.) Sold "as is" and subject to all legal liens and encumbrances.
3.) Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax from the proceeds of the sale.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.
PLACE: First floor of the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 North Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166
DESCRIPTION: Lot One (1), Certified Survey Map No. 1746 recorded September 22, 1998, in Volume 6 of Certified Surveys on pages 265-266, as Document No. 510595, said map being part of Government Lot Two (2) in Section 12, Township 27 North, Range 15 East, Town of Wescott, Shawano County, Wisconsin.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: N6898 Balsam Row Road, Shawano, WI 54166
TAX KEY NO.: 362100001
Dated this 19th day of October 2026.
Shawano County Sheriff
Phillip A. Norman, P.C.
Kelly M. Smith
State Bar No. 1067970
245 S. Executive Drive, Suite 380
Brookfield, WI 53005
(262) 314-6564
Phillip A. Norman, P.C. is the creditor's attorney and is attempting to collect a debt on its behalf. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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SHA-402

11/20/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT
NJC P2 LLC
PO BOX 173
Amherst Jct, WI 54407
-VS-
Alyssa and Steven Mueller
W12738 County Rd M Apt D
Caroline, WI 54928
Publication Summons and Notice
(Small Claims)
Case No. 26SC567
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-526-91prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation..
Publication Summons and Notice of Filing
TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S):
You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. The lawsuit will be heard in the following small claims court: Shawano County Courthouse 715-526-9347 311 N Main St Shawano, WI 54166
12/08/2026 1:00 p.m.
If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court before the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county.
Nicholas Cottrill
11/6/2026

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11/20/26, 11/27/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

Agenda
Board of Adjustment - Public Hearing Notice Meeting Thursday, December 10, 2026 @ 9:00 AM Shawano County Courthouse, Rooms A & B
311 N Main St., Shawano, WI
Members: Alan Beyer, Bill Bowers, John Stezenski, Thomas Tauferner, Gary Thomack Alternates: 1st Robert Krause, 2nd David Korth
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Shawano County Board of Adjustment under the Shawano County Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 40, in rooms A/B on December 10, 2026 at 9AM, to consider the following application(s):
V-3-26: Jay W Bloecher & Emily L Wendt, owners request 1) An after the fact variance for the purpose of keeping a 6' by 8' section of an existing 8' x 42' covered porch (which was originally permitted through variance to be 8' x 36') located 35.5' from the centerline of Kielblock Rd. where 50' is required. AND 2) A variance to enclose the existing 8' x 42' covered porch inside the road setback of 50' from the centerline of Kielblock Rd. Property is located and described as the Northwest 1/4 of the Fractional Northwest 1/4 Section 4, Town 27 North, Range 12 East in the Town of Fairbanks. Tax Parcel # 014-04220-0000. Property Address: W16096 Wendt Rd.
Any interested person may address the Board of Adjustment by letter or appear in person, or by agent, and be heard at the public hearing. Written correspondence must bear a legible signature of the author a well as the primary address of the signer.
The Board will accept and review all previously received pertinent information relative to the above listed item(s) during the open session of the public hearing on December 10, 2026. Notice is further given that printed copies of these proposals are available for public inspection in the Planning and Development office during regular business hours.
Please note that upon reasonable notice, effort will be made to accommodate the needs of any person wishing to attend who, because of disability, requires special accommodation through appropriate aids and services. Call 715-526-6766 to leave a message for arrangements.
Dated this 11th day of November, 2026
For: The Shawano County Board of Adjustment
By: Kyle Waelchli, Zoning Administrator
The Board of Adjustment will be meeting after the public hearing to deliberate and take possible action on the following items:
1. Public hearing decisions
V-3-26: Jay W Bloecher & Emily L Wendt
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.
2.1 10-8-26 Public Hearing and Meeting Minutes
3. Board member comments or new business to be considered at a future meeting.
4. Correspondence
5. Set next public hearing date.
6. Adjournment.
Accommodations due to disability can be made by calling: 715-526-6766
Meeting notice emailed/posted:
Shawano County Courthouse, Department of Human Services, Shawano County Library, Shawano Leader, WTCH Radio, Shawano County Civic website @ coshawanowi.civicweb.net

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11/13/26, 11/20/26, 11/27/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Robert R. Thomas
DOD 9-19-2026
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 26 PR 81
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 9-18-1941 and date of death 9-19-2026 was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1088 Engel Drive Rm 34, Shawano, WI 54166
3.All interested persons waived notice.
4.The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is February 12, 2027
5.A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office
James E. Aschenbrener
P.O. Box 146, Shawano, WI 54166
715-524-6258
1008896

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SHA-408

11/13/26, 11/20/26, 11/27/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT
FIRST NATIONAL BANK IN TIGERTON
140 Cedar Street
Tigerton, WI 54486
Plaintiff,
-VS-
GAUTHIER'S YE OLE SALOON, LLC
320 Cedar Street
Tigerton, WI 54486
JOSEPH GAUTHIER a/k/a JOSEPH G. GAUTHIER
635 Elm Street
Tigerton, WI 54486
AMANDA GAUTHIER
635 Elm Street
Tigerton, WI 54486
STATE OF WISCONSIN - DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
P.O. Box 8901
Madison, WI 53708
SHARON GLOVER
N6409 Banner Road
Wittenberg, WI 54499
Defendants.
File No.: 26-CV-103
Class No.: 30404
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered in the above entitled action on the 8th day of September, 2026, in the amount of $129,802.59, the undersigned Sheriff of Shawano County, Wisconsin, will sell at public auction inside the main entrance of the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, in the City of Shawano, Shawano County, Wisconsin, on the 13th day of January, 2027 at 9:00 a.m. of that day, the real estate and mortgaged premises directed by said judgment to be sold, and therein described as follows:
Parcel 1: Lot Ten (10) in Block Twenty-eight (28), according to the original Plat of the Village of Tigerton, Shawano County, Wisconsin.
Parcel No.: 700500990
Address: 320 Cedar Street, Tigerton, Wisconsin 54486
Terms of Sale: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the Clerk of Court (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the Clerk of Court in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold "as is" and subject to all liens and encumbrances.
Dated this 29th day of October 2026.
Winter Law Office
Attorney Michael B. Winter
835 Fifth Avenue
Antigo, WI 54409
(715) 623-2905
State Bar No. 1025676
George Lenzner, Shawano County Sheriff

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SHA-406





11/20/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

CITY OF SHAWANO
APPLICATION FOR LICENSE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following has applied for a license in the City of Shawano. The application will be acted upon at the December 9, 2026, City of Shawano Common Council meeting at Shawano City Hall, 127 South Sawyer Street, Shawano, WI.

Name and address of applicant:
COMBO CLASS "A" BEER /CLASS "A" LIQUOR LICENSE
SEH III WI – 15 LLC; agent Kristine Skalitzky; 404 E. Green Bay Street, Shawano, WI

Lesley Nemetz
City Clerk
City of Shawano

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SHA-410

GNOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

OCONTO FALLS MAIN STREET MERRIMENT

DECEMBER 3 • 3-7 PM

SHOP
EAT
PLAY
LOCAL

COME ENJOY ALL THE FUN!!!

VISIT MR. & MRS. CLAUSE at The North Pole (Caldwell Square)
Caldwell Square ~ Christmas Tree Lighting at 6:00pm
FREE KIDS' SHOPPING FOR MOMS & DADS at Barb's House
GRAB A HOT DOG FOR A CAUSE ~ SUPPORT THE HUMANE SOCIETY at The Antique Bar
LAMER'S TROLLEY RIDES from The Antique Bar to The Avenue of Lights
EVERY KID WINS A SMALL PRIZE at Beards & Shears Barbershop
DISCOVER YOUR GNOME NAME & GRAB A SPECIAL TREAT at Northern Roots
SELFIE STATION AND TAKE & MAKE CRAFTS at Oconto Falls Public Library
GINGERBREAD CONTEST – VOTE for your Favorite at Oconto Falls Library
GET YOUR GNOME GAME ON ~ FUN & GAMES FOR KIDS at Hot Rod Detailing
WARM UP WITH HOT COCOA ~ SPONSORED BY GRACE LUTHERAN at Hot Rod Detailing
MAKE CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR MEADOWBROOK NURSING HOME at Flagstar Bank
ENJOY 20% OFF YOUR PURCHASE DECEMBER 3rd – 5th at Una's Uniques Resale Mall
WARM UP WITH METHODIST MAC & CHEESE – SPONSORED BY UNITED METHODIST at Impressions Salon
TAKE & DECORATE CHRISTMAS COOKIES at Stay at Home Care
OCONTO FALLS FIRE TRUCK, POLICE CAR & K9 at The Coachlight Motel
GRAB A $1 XS CONE & 20% OFF ALL MERCH – DEC 3RD at Beachside Frozen Custard & Grill
ENJOY 20% OFF YOUR PURCHASE DECEMBER 3rd – 5th at Willis' Resales
GRAB A GNOME PROTEIN TREAT at Fuel Up Nutrition

GNOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS SCAVENGER HUNT

Pick up entry forms at Beards & Shears Barbershop or any participating Main Street business.

Search for hidden Gnomes in Main Street businesses Dec. 3rd–5th.

Return entry forms to Beards & Shears Barbershop by 2pm on Dec. 5th.

Winners will be announced on Dec. 7th & 8th.

PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES:

Flagstar Bank, Stay at Homecare, Northern Roots, S&L Ford, Salscheider's Antique Bar, Una's Uniques Resale Mall, Willis' Resale, Rocky Ridge Shooter's Supply, Impressions Salon, Hot Rod Detailing, Fuel Up Nutrition, Oconto Falls Insurance, Beards and Shears Barbershop, Coachlight Motel, Falls Family Restaurant, Oconto Falls Library, Senn Insurance/Ann Senn Real Estate, Oconto Falls Fire Dept./Police Dept. K9, MK Photography, Beachside Frozen Custard & Grill

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Christmas
IS A SPECIAL TIME OF WORSHIPING OUR KING, MAY THE BLESSING OF KNOWING CHRIST ENRICH YOUR LIFE IN THE YEAR 2027.

Senn
HOMETOWN INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.
237 N. MAIN STREET
OCONTO FALLS, WI 54154
WWW.SENNHOMETOWNINS.COM 848-2341

SALSCHEIDER'S ANTIQUE BAR

FREE! Lamers Trolley Car Rides to Avenue of Lights. Pick up at Antique

Hot Dogs & Brats Off The Grill $3.00
All proceeds go to Oconto County Humane Society

THE GRINCH DRINK IS BACK
$5.00 16oz

Large Igloo In Barb's Yard for kids only - parents wait outside

FREE! Kids can come in and choose a gift for Mom & Dad for Christmas and we will wrap it

Mr. & Mrs. Claus at Town Square

MAIN ST • 846-8782 • OCONTO FALLS

Stop In and see all of the Vendor Specific Sales going on during our
Christams Open House
Dec. 3rd thru Dec. 5th
Open 10 am to 6 pm
20% OFF Or More STOREWIDE All Weekend
Happy Holidays!
Una's Uniques
Resale Mall
125 N. Main • Oconto Falls

Willis' Resale
112 S. Main Street, Oconto Falls
20% OFF Entire Store!
Sign up for Door Prizes!
Hours:
December 3rd thru 5th
10am - 7pm

Find that perfect gift for anyone on your Christmas list!
Rocky Ridge Shooters Supply
Wishes You a Great Holiday Season!
136 N. Main Street
Oconto Falls, WI 54154
920-846-4867
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Mark Micoley, Owner
rockyridgess@yahoo.com
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Thursday night fun for the kids! Get your Gnome name and a treat
NORTHERN ROOTS FLORAL & GIFTS
Samples & Sales
224 N Main Street
Christmas Open House
Thursday 8-7
Friday 8-5
Saturday 8-2

ASPI brings 'Miracle on 34th Street' to life

Holiday magic is coming to Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc., and the public is invited to be a part of it.

"Miracle on 34th Street: A Live Musical Radio Play" will be presented Dec. 3-6 and Dec. 10-13 at the Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St., Abrams. The show is staged as a 1940s live radio broadcast, and the theater audience will participate as the radio show's audience.

Evening performances of "Miracle on 34th Street" will take place at 7 p.m. Dec. 3-5 and Dec. 10-12. Matinee shows are at 1 p.m. Dec. 6 and Dec. 13. Tickets are $22 for adults and $19 for senior citizens, youth (17 and under) and veterans.

Based on the beloved holiday classic, "Miracle on 34th Street" follows Kris Kringle, a kind and cheerful man who claims to be the real Santa Claus after becoming a department store Santa. When his identity is questioned, a courtroom battle begins that asks everyone to consider one important question: Do you believe?

Director Debra Jolly said "Miracle on 34th Street" is a beautiful story about faith, love, dignity and, as Fred says to Doris, "believing in things when common sense tells you not to."

This unique production brings the magic of a live radio broadcast to the stage with actors, sound effects and storytelling all coming together to create a memorable holiday experience. The music harkens back to the golden days of radio.

"It is very jazzy and makes you think of those long ago, popular big band rhythms," Jolly said. "Our cast members have wonderful voices to show off the tight, jazz harmonies of the 1940s."

The singers are accompanied by live music, instead of recorded tracks like in other ASPI musicals.

"We have not had live music since we produced 'Cabaret' in 2018, so it will be a very good experience for our singers, dancers and the audience to have a pianist in this show," Jolly said.

To order tickets, visit abramstheater.com or call the box office at 920-826-5852. Anyone interested in helping behind the scenes can contact ASPI to volunteer. The show is produced by special arrangement with Steele Stage Rights, www.stagerights.com.

Season tickets are also available. Shows for the 2027 season are "Something Rotten!" running March 4-14; "The Glass Menagerie," running May 13-23; and "Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella," running Dec. 2-12. Season ticket holders can save money by buying tickets for all three shows, compared to purchasing individual tickets.



The cast of "Miracle on 34th Street: A Live Musical Radio Play" gathers around the piano during a rehearsal. Tickets are on sale now for the show, staged as a 1940s live radio broadcast. Show dates are Dec. 3-6 and Dec. 10-13 at the Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St., Abrams. CONTRIBUTED



NEW MEDIA INC.
715-526-6188



NEW MEDIA INC.
715-526-6188

11/13/26, 11/20/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
OCONTO COUNTY

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
TOWN OF BAGLEY

The Town of Bagley will hold the 2027 BUDGET HEARING at 6:00 PM on Wednesday November 18, 2026, at the Bagley Town Hall
9812 County Hwy Z,
Pound, Wi. 54161

#1 Consider adopting the Town Boards resolution to exceed the levy limit for the Town of Bagley, Oconto County WI. for operations going forward.
#2 Review the proposed budget and set the tax levy for the Town of Bagley for 2026
The tentative 2027 BUDGET will be reviewed at this PUBLIC HEARING in detail.
The proposed budget will be available after approval on 11-18-2026 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 electors shall adopt the tax levy to be paid in 2026.

Alan Sleeter, Clerk
Town of Bagley
Oconto County, WI.

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11/20/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
OCONTO COUNTY

CITY OF OCONTO FALLS NOTICE - RESOLUTION APPROVAL

The following resolution has been passed by the Common Council for the City of Oconto Falls at a meeting held on November 10, 2027. A full text of said resolution may be obtained from the Oconto Falls clerk's office located at 500 N. Chestnut, Oconto Falls, WI 54154. Phone: 920-846-4505.

RESOLUTION 26-0009 FORMAL VACATION OF ALLEY 102 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET, OCONTO FALLS, OCONTO COUNTY, WI 54154
Parcel # 2660708316419

Posted by City Deputy Clerk Jenny Friedman

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11/20/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
OCONTO COUNTY

EMPLOYMENT POSTING
PART-TIME

TOWN OF BREED DEPUTY CLERK POSITION

The Town of Breed Clerk in Oconto County is looking to appoint a part-time Deputy Clerk to assist with data entry, process open records requests and once a month payroll. Approximately 4-5 hours per week. A deputy shall take and file the official oath and bond and does not need to reside in the Town of Breed. The deputy shall perform the clerk's duties upon direction of the clerk or upon inability of the clerk to perform the clerk's duties.
The ideal candidate would be proficient with computers, Windows 11, Excel spread sheets and Word. Would have some experience with accounting and payroll.
The Town Board will set the compensation based on experience and qualifications with a range of $16.00 to $20.00 per hour.
Please submit your resume to Clerk Kristen Telford via email or regular mail at the information below by December 15, 2026.
For more information contact Clerk Kristen Telford:
clerk@townofbreed.wi.gov
(920)590-1338
11155 State Highway 32
Suring, WI 54174

The Town of Breed is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or any other protected status.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
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Notice of Spring Election
Judicial, Municipal and School Board Election
April 6, 2027

Election Details
An election is to be held in the towns, villages, cities, wards, and election districts of the State of Wisconsin, on Tuesday, April 6, 2027. The following officers are to be elected:

Judicial Officers

One (1) Justice of the Supreme Court, for the term of ten (10) years, to succeed the present incumbent listed, whose term of office will expire on July 31, 2027:

Justice of the Supreme Court **Annette Ziegler***
**Candidates who have submitted non-candidacy forms.*

One (1) Court of Appeals Judge , for the term of six (6) years, to succeed the present incumbent listed, whose terms of office will expire on July 31, 2025:

Court of Appeals Judge District 3 **Gregory B. Gill, Jr.**

One (1) Circuit Court Judge, for the term of six (6) years, to succeed the present incumbent listed, whose term of office will expire on July 31, 2027:

Circuit Court Judge Branch 1 **Hannah Schuchart**

Town Officers
Town of Brazeau publishes separately in the Peshtigo Times. The Towns of Bagley, Gillett, and Morgan nominate by caucus.

Twenty-Two (22) Town Chairpersons , each for the term of two years, whose term will begin on Tuesday, April 20, 2027.

Town of Abrams	Don Demeny
Town of Bagley	Tom Bauer
Town of Breed	Phillip Christenson
Town of Chase	Gary Van Lannen
Town of Doty	Andrew Stemp
Town of Gillett	Andy Schaal
Town of How	Ken Holmes
Town of Lakewood	Michael Musil
Town of Lena	Kevin J. Jagiello
Town of Little River	Tom Portier
Town of Little Suamico	Dale Mohr
Town of Maple Valley	Mike Beyer
Town of Morgan	Lori Witthuhn
Town of Mountain	Brenda Carey-Mielke
Town of Oconto	Patrick J. Scanlan
Town of Oconto Falls	Dave Alsteen
Town of Pensaukee	Dan Bergh
Town of Riverview	Jim Zittlow
Town of Spruce	Terry Brazeau
Town of Stiles	Jason Flynn
Town of Townsend	Chuck DeMoulin
Town of Underhill	Mark Winkler

Forty-four (44) Town Supervisors , each for the term of two years, whose term will begin on Tuesday, April 20, 2027.

Town of Abrams	Erik Leonhardt and Dennis Ferdon
Town of Bagley	David Leisner and Mike Fisher
Town of Breed	Mark Quandt and Ahren Telford
Town of Chase	Dennis Kroll and Jeff D. Van Enkevort
Town of Doty	Randy Siewert and Andrew Dryja
Town of Gillett	Marilyn Reichwald and Marty Luther
Town of How	John H. Moede and David Hischke
Town of Lakewood	James Bostwick and Vacant
Town of Lena	Holly Marquardt and Scott Cook
Town of Little River – Supervisor I	Paul Madson
Town of Little River – Supervisor II	Darlene Bourassa
Town of Little Suamico	Tracey Krumrei and David Pribyl
Town of Maple Valley	Andrew Angus and Tony Gauthier
Town of Morgan	Jeff Folts and Joe Brusky
Town of Mountain	Wayne O'Barski and Sarah Losurdo
Town of Oconto – Supervisor I	Paul Pansier
Town of Oconto – Supervisor II	Chad Van Hulle
Town of Oconto Falls – Supervisor I	Victor Peterson
Town of Oconto Falls – Supervisor II	Mike Kaczmarek
Town of Pensaukee – Supervisor I	Daniel A. Rehbein
Town of Pensaukee – Supervisor II	Kyle W. Nelis
Town of Riverview	David Szepanski and Peter Bushmaker
Town of Spruce	Bradley Paitl and Suzanne Verhagen
Town of Stiles – Supervisor I	Tanya Peterson
Town of Stiles – Supervisor II	Robert Telford
Town of Townsend	Rick Opiela and Willie Evans
Town of Underhill	Patrick Nelson and Robert BJ McCarthy

Twelve (12) Town Clerks , each for the term of two years, whose term will begin on Tuesday, April 20, 2027:

Town of Abrams	Jean Hansen
Town of Bagley	Alan Sleeter
Town of Breed	Kristen Telford
Town of Gillett	Renee Carlson
Town of Lena	Dawn Van Ark
Town of Little River	Amy Peterson
Town of Maple Valley	Cindy Tousey
Town of Morgan	Erin Mooers
Town of Oconto	Lori Scanlan
Town of Pensaukee	Trudie Chico
Town of Stiles	Terrah Patton
Town of Underhill	Tracy Winkler

Twelve (12) Town Treasurers , each for the term of two years, whose term will begin on Tuesday, April 20, 2027:

Town of Abrams	Tara Klug
Town of Bagley	Joe Hoerth
Town of Breed	Ethel Firgens
Town of Gillett	John Peterik
Town of Lena	Jean St. Louis
Town of Little River	Nancy DeWindt
Town of Maple Valley	Jill Wendt
Town of Morgan	Lorie Wiese
Town of Oconto	Mandy Leonard
Town of Pensaukee	Sandra Falk
Town of Stiles	Caitlin Gillum
Town of Underhill	Miles Winkler

One (1) Town Clerk/Treasurer , for the term of two years, whose term will begin on Tuesday, April 20, 2027:
Town of Mountain — Lynn Kauzlaric

Two (2) Town Constables , each for the term of two years, whose term will begin on Tuesday, April 20, 2027:
Town of Abrams — Raymond L. Rybka
Town of Lena — Bruce Jagiello

Two (2) Village Presidents , each for a term of two years, whose term will begin on Tuesday, April 20, 2027:
Village of Lena — Steve Marquardt
Village of Suring — Leslie Steffeck

Six (6) Village Trustees, each for a term of two years, whose term will begin on Tuesday, April 20, 2027:

Village of Lena	Terry Hinds
	Kathy Lindstrom
	Kristine Verduzco
Village of Suring	Tina Nieling
	Roderic Miller
	James Kohlwey

Ten (10) Alderpersons, each for a term of two years, whose term will begin on Tuesday, April 20, 2027:

City of Gillett	Ashley VanStraten – Ward 1
	Jerome Luther – Ward 2
	Keri Hicks – Ward 3
City of Oconto	Kim Bronikowski
	Ron Gunner Daul
	Bob LeBreck
	Casey Sowle
City of Oconto Falls	Devin Wirtz – District 1, Wards 1, 2, 6, & 8
	Ashley Bahrke – District 2, Wards 3, 4 & 7
	Catherine Strom – District 3, Ward 5 & 9

Thirteen (13) School Board Members, each for a term of three years*, whose term will begin on Monday, April 26, 2027:

Gillett School District	Kimberly Schaal
	Vacant as of 06/26/2026
Oconto Unified School District	Samantha Routheau – Rural Seat
	Bobbi Christopherson – City Seat
Oconto Falls School District	Clint Gardebrecht
	Ginny O'Harrow
	Bryan Baumler
Pulaski School District	Ray Fuiten – Member Zone 2 – Townships of Chase, Little Suamico, Morgan
	Sara Mangold – Member Zone 5 – Village of Suamico and Township of Pittsfield
	Steve Liegl – Member At Large
Suring School District	Nick School – Member from the Village of Suring
	Paul Thomson – Member from the Town of Breed
	Jess Keplinger*, Towns of Doty, Mountain, River view (Term ending April 2028)

A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the school district office. *Schools located in Oconto County, but not listed above (Coleman, Crivitz, Lena, Peshtigo, and Wabeno) were published separately in another newspaper.*

For Candidates
The first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2026, and the final day for filing nomination papers and declarations of candidacy is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2027. Candidates for supreme court justice, court of appeals judge, and circuit court judge file nomination papers and declarations of candidacy with the Wisconsin Elections Commission at 201 West Washington Avenue, 2nd Floor, Madison WI, 53703. Candidates for any other office above file with the responsible clerk.
Notice is further given, that a town caucus for the purpose of nominating candidates to appear on the spring election ballot for the above listed offices in the Towns of Bagley, Gillett, and Morgan will be scheduled during the month of January. The caucus will be held on a date not sooner than Tuesday, January 2, 2027, and not later than January 21, 2027. Notice of the scheduled date of the caucus will be given at least five days before the caucus. Contact the Town Clerk for the caucus date.

Non-candidacy Notification – For the 2027 Spring Election, any incumbent officeholder who does not intend to seek re-election should file a Notification of Noncandidacy Form (EL-163) no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 28, 2026.

Primary Election
If a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2027.

Additional Information
Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID, you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

DONE in the City of Oconto, this 11th day of November, 2026.
Kim Pytleski, Oconto County Clerk, 301 Washington Street, Oconto, WI 54153

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