



Children learned about firefighting at the annual Wittenberg Fire Department fundraiser Sept. 27 at the fire station.

MIRIAM NELSON

Fire crew called out during annual fundraiser to crash

Wittenberg Fire Department event connects department, community

By **MIRIAM NELSON**
Correspondent

Music was playing, food was being enjoyed and the raffle sales were going steady when the call came in for assistance with a car crash. A group of firefighters suited up and headed out of town on the big rig.

When answering the call of duty, one never knows what the situation will be or how long it will last. Fortunately, on the night of Sept. 27, the Wittenberg Fire Department crew was back to the firehouse while the department's annual fundraiser was still in progress.

Eight years ago, the fire department decided to host a fundraiser to purchase some new equipment. It's now an an-

nual event that not only raises money for special projects and needs for the organization, it also is an opportunity for the firefighters to connect with the communities they serve.

Parents took their children to see the fire trucks and get personal tours from the local firefighters who explained the functions of the trucks and the firehouse.

Thor Anderson has been a firefighter for 15 years, joining the department when he was 18. He enjoys the interaction with the children who attend the event.

"Kids love fire trucks and the lights and the big tools we use," Anderson said. "I like teaching the kids that it's serious work, but we also have fun helping people."

Village board member Theresa Gatz also serves as a firefighter and as the liaison between the department and the board. The Wittenberg Fire and Ambulance Protective District covers the village and town of Wittenberg, village of Elderon and the Town of Franzen.

"We currently have 25 firefighters, and we're always looking for new recruits," said Gatz. "Most of our recruiting is by word of mouth."

She said many of the firefighters grew up in the area and have had other family members serve in the department.

"It just becomes a family thing passed on from generation to generation," Gatz said. "Some were career firefighters and retired but still had the passion for serving and helping people."

Birnamwood candidate seeks to unseat Wied

Hable hopes younger candidates like him step up for political office

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Birnamwood resident Ben Hable is tired of seeing representatives in Congress who don't look like him and don't hold his values, so he's planning to be the voice of the people as he announced his candidacy for the 8th Congressional District seat currently held by Rep. Tony Wied.

So far, three Democrats have announced their candidacy, with the primary just shy of a year away. Besides Hable, Rick Crosson, of Green Bay, and Mark Scheffler, of Appleton, have thrown their hats into the ring. Whoever wins the primary Aug. 13, 2026, is expected to face off against Wied.

"I did decide to run this spring, and that seems like it's out of nowhere," Hable said. "It was a long, long time of frustration not seeing candidates I wanted to vote for. Just with the whole way that the political discord is now, I wanted someone looking like me, or a younger candidate."

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Benjamin Hable, of Birnamwood, is one of three Democrats hoping to challenge Rep. Tony Wied in 2026 to represent Wisconsin's Eighth Congressional District.

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OBITUARIES

Viola E. Konkell, 96, formerly of Galloway, died peacefully on Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025, at Rennes Health and Rehab, Weston.

Viola was born on July 28, 1929, in Shawano County, the daughter of Clarence and Claricy (Geurin) Wendler.

On Nov. 26, 1949, she was united in marriage to the love of her life, George “Larry” Konkell, at St. Michael’s Catholic Church in Wausau. They shared 66 wonderful years of marriage before Larry’s passing on March 6, 2016.

Together, Viola and Larry raised seven children, Kathryn, David, Susan, Alice, Pamela, William



and Ralph. Viola was a devoted wife, loving mother and proud grandmother.

She had a deep love for the Lord and was a member of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Galloway. You

could always find her giving of her time for many of the church functions.

Viola was a wonderful baker and enjoyed gardening and flowers. Viola liked playing bingo with her Rennes family and played card games like crazy eights and solitaire, as well as Triominos and working on word searches. She also found joy in listening to polka music and watching her favorite polka shows. Viola cherished time spent with her family and friends.

Viola is survived by six children, David (Sherri) Konkell, of Galloway, Susan (Paul) Buss, of Eland, Alice (Duane) Burclaw, of

Rosholt, Pamela (David) Backes, of Birnamwood, William (Sue) Konkell and Ralph Konkell, both of Galloway; 15 grandchildren, Kendall (Abby) Mason, Michelle (Brad) Davis, Jeffrey Konkell, Rebecca (Scott) Backes, Sarah (Tim) Sheldon, Brandon (Amber) Buss, Annie (Eric) McCleery, Joey (Stephanie) Burclaw, Angie (Ryan) Mead, Steve (April) Burclaw, Nick Burclaw, Ryan (Annie) Backes, Amanda Ladecki, Tracey (Brad) Jozwiak and Ashley (Bob) Weisenberger; 26 great-grandchildren, Kelsie, Dylan, Jadyn, Piper, Elaina, Jamie, Oliver, Flynn, Roman,

Sadie, Kaydence, Levi, Laylah, Daniel, Reagan, Rynslee, Damion, Chase, Abigail, Esther, Hannah, Brady, Leah, Grace-lyn, Aaliyah and Tony; siblings, Lucille Bricco, Evelyn Verkuilen, Merry (Roger) Voigt and Roger Wendler; siblings-in-law, Mike (Georgia) Swenson and Lenore Sprangers, along with many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Viola was preceded in death by her parents; husband; daughter, Kathy; siblings and in-laws, Ardell (Norman) Uttecht, Deanna (Ray) Elmer, Sally Swenson, Clarence (Pat) Wendler, Darell Verkuilen,

Bob Bricco and Mary Jane Wendler; and many other relatives and friends.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Saturday, Oct. 4, 2025, at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Galloway. Burial of both Viola and her daughter, Kathy, was held in the parish cemetery.

Memories and messages of support may be shared at www.schmidtschulta.com.

The family would like to thank those who took care Viola while she was at home and the caregivers at Aspirus Hospice and Rennes Health and Rehab for their kind and compassionate care.

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Hable, 41, said he’s in a unique situation, having been on disability since February 2022. He noted many candidates for office have jobs that can limit the time that can be spent campaigning, but he has the time to stump.

“The way things go now, you have to have lots

of time,” Hable said.

This is the first time Hable has run for political office.

He noted that it’s important to have youth leadership at a time when the average member age of Congress is 57.5 years old, according to the Pew Research Center.

“That’s what I admired most about (George) Washington. He wanted the youth to lead the nation and drive the nation forward,” Hable said. “I think we’ve done him a great disservice by not making sure that there’s turnover and making sure that young voices are in

Congress so that we can push things forward.”

Health care is a big issue that Congress is not dealing with, according to Hable.

“The promises we were made through the Affordable Care Act have not really come to fruition,” he said. “They’re right now battling and shutting down the government because of premium prices for insurance, closing hospitals in rural areas. There’s a lot that comes from health care and the cost of health care and even the VA benefits for health care.”

Hable is also concerned about the anger and animosity toward minority groups. He said he speaks from experience, being both transgender and

autistic.

“There’s a lot of hate for diversity and for inclusion,” Hable said. “There’s a lot of misinformation about minority groups and different aspects of people’s lives.”

Hable added a lot of the Trump administration’s actions have made it difficult for people to become educated on autism, transgenderism and other issues.

“Trans people have become a political scapegoat,” he said. “We’re being told we’re not allowed to exist by a lot of people.”

The 8th Congressional District has been a Republican stronghold for decades, providing a challenge for Democratic opponents. Hable noted the district is large, which

provides any opponents with difficulty in reaching everyone, but he plans to do what is necessary to get people to vote for him.

“I’m hoping that people see who I am, how I’m able to represent myself, how I fight for the things I believe in,” Hable said. “I hope people in this district actually want a congressperson that is there for them instead of just another businessperson. I hope to get a lot of the under-50 crowd really excited to vote.”

Hable added that he’d like to see all primaries with a candidate 40 years of age or less to give younger people the motivation to vote.

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Sheriff urges caution on juvenile facility

More staffing costs involved than originally noted

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

There may have been dollar signs in the eyes of some county supervisors

when it was suggested this summer that a juvenile facility in Shawano could generate up to \$1.4 million a year in annual revenue for the county.

On Oct. 1, Sheriff George Lenzner said he wasn't convinced the move would be in the best interests of the county. At a minimum, he told public safety committee members to be cautious when discussing the matter.

"If it was this great of

an idea, others would be doing it, too," Lenzner said.

He said he and Troy Beyer, jail administrator, discussed the matter at length.

At the public property committee in August, Cory Beyer (no relation), of Venture Architects, suggested the Huber facility could be partially converted into a juvenile detention center, and state grant money could

help pay for the necessary remodeling.

There is a statewide need for more juvenile facilities. Fees charged range from \$375-\$1,000 a day.

"You house eight individuals 80% of the time for that year, so 292 days," Cory Beyer said. "It equates to about \$1.4 million a year that you could generate for revenue."

He said the county could use its existing cor-

rectional officer staffing levels without having to hire more employees.

Lenzner pointed out that the county would need to hire teachers and mental health experts for the juvenile facility, which was not discussed earlier.

There is also extensive training required for anyone working in a juvenile facility.

"There's so much you have to offer," Lenzner said. "They don't lock up

juveniles like they used to."

Troy Beyer said the county has spent \$12,000 so far this year on housing juveniles outside of the county.

Supervisor Jeremy Gretzinger suggested it might be wiser to add more beds to a new jail and house inmates from other counties, if the desire is to make money for the county.

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Balsam Row Dam to draw down Wolf River

Residents express concerns over sediment, silt, wildlife

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

A proposed 5-foot drawdown of the water levels at the Balsam Row Dam was rejected by federal officials, forcing Wolf River Hydropower LP, the dam's owner, to complete a full drawdown of 14 feet in preparation for winter.

That has several area residents concerned.

About 50 people gathered at Forest Haven Park on Sept. 30 to try and get some answers.

"We moved here about 10 years ago. We had white sand along the river then. We had a huge area of wild rice," said Michelle Long, one of the meeting organizers. "In the last two years, that's all badly diminished."

She is concerned that a drawdown of the water will only make matters worse. With less water, the banks of the river become more exposed, as will the soil and sediment at the bottom of the river.

"It will expose the silt and the muck, and we don't know what's in that," she said. "We have an abundance of wildlife that use the river, including wood ducks, migrating birds, bullfrogs, turtles."

On Sept. 22, WRHLP



Ice floats along the shore of the Wolf River near the Balsam Row Road Dam in January 2025. A federal commission has ordered the water levels be reduced up to 14 feet for safer winter operation. The drawdown has led to many concerns from area residents.

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proposed the 5-foot drawdown to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The plan would reduce Wolf River water levels downstream of Keshena and upstream of the Balsam Row Road dam.

The upstream reservoir water level is normally controlled by spill gates at the dam.

"Our spill gates are leaky and require repair, operating fine in the spring, summer and fall, at risk of freezing in the winter," said David Cheung Atkinson, a consultant with WRHLP. "FERC is concerned that we may not finish before freezing temperatures arrive, leading to frozen gates and an uncontrolled water level. There is a low risk of high water and flooding on the Wolf River that frozen spill gates would not be

able to mitigate.

"FERC is most concerned with dam safety and uncontrolled flow and flooding. We dealt with this situation last winter by de-icing frozen gates using a hot water pressure washer. FERC asked us to find a better solution this winter and has asked us to open the gates and draw down the reservoir to avoid the risk entirely until we have finished the repairs."

The drawdown was proposed to start no earlier than Oct. 1.

In a Sept. 22 letter to FERC, WRHLP Chief Operations Officer Daniel Charette said the 5-foot drawdown was proposed from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

"The Wisconsin DNR's concerns were about the potential for upstream passage of fish carry-

ing viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS) and the upstream passage of common carp *Cyprinus carpio* if the reservoir elevation were to be reduced a maximum depth of approximately 14 feet and the existing radial-type gates were opened and 'dogged off,'" Charette wrote. "Neither fish carrying VHS nor common carp are believed to be present in the Wolf River and its tributaries upstream of the Shawano Project."

He said the DNR also provided input indicating a drawdown of 5 feet would provide the velocity gradient necessary to eliminate the potential for upstream passage of common carp and other species carrying VHS.

However, on Sept. 26, WRHLP officials notified stakeholders the FERC had rejected the plan and

required a drawdown of 14 feet.

There are parts of the river north of the dam that have less water than that, and even a small drop in water level could create significant issues, residents said.

"If we draw down 14 feet, aquatic life such as fish, turtles and mussels may become stranded," Atkinson said. "We will have an environmental rescue team comprised of professionals, and perhaps volunteers as well, surveying the river during daylight hours seven days a week, and rescuing aquatic life as may be required. Organisms will be moved to the nearest higher water upstream or downstream of the dam. We still hope to avoid the full drawdown by completing the work in time, or showing through engineering calculations

that a draw down less than 14 feet still provides for safe operation even in the event of a 1 in 100-year flood."

There is also concern about where the water will go downstream of the dam.

At this time, the FERC directive requires an ultimate water level reduction of 14 feet for safer winter operation. However, FERC is willing to consider other repairs or work, that if completed timely to the approval of FERC may result in a water level reduction of less than 14 feet.

WRHLP continues to proceed in securing designs, approvals, materials and contractors for the repairs required to minimize the water level reduction.

"Primarily, the repairs consist of replacing seals and repairing concrete around the gates," Atkinson said. "This kind of work has not be done for many years and may lead to additional work as we get closer to the structure and the equipment. The investment is significant."

Atkinson said any discussion of removing the dam completely is separate from the repairs.

"Wolf River Hydro is actively pursuing repair of the generator that failed at the end of last year and resuming power generation at the facility," he said. "This is another, significant investment."

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Shawano Walmart vandalized 3 times in September

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Teenage vandals targeted the Shawano Walmart on at least three occasions in the last month, leaving officials frustrated.

On Sept. 15, negative comments about a person were spray painted on the pavement in the parking lot next to the person's truck,

according to Police Chief Mike Musolff. He said the juvenile suspect was identified and given a warning because Walmart opted not to press charges, adding that there was only \$5 lost in terms of covering up the graffiti.

Three days later, on Sept. 18, two teens took a can of spray paint and sprayed hunting clothes and

other items in the sporting goods section at Walmart, Musolff said. He said the suspects were identified, and it's estimated that \$518 worth of damage was caused.

Musolff said it's believed that the teens are also responsible for another Walmart incident on Sept. 19, but the matter is still under investigation. In this

instance, flex seal spray was sprayed on propane canisters, fishing tackle, fishing reels and tents. The reported loss for this instance was \$3,076.

The latter two cases will be referred to the Shawano County Human Services Department for juvenile criminal charges after the investigation is concluded. Another option, according

to Musolff, would be municipal citations, but it looks likely that criminal charges will be filed based on the extent of the damages.

Musolff recommended that Walmart increase its staff in the sporting goods area, and he asked that witnesses report anything they see to Walmart employees or police officers. He also reiterated his warning to

parents that they need to monitor their children when they're in public places, reinforcing expectations and encouraging respectful behavior.

"If your kids cannot meet those expectations, do not allow them to go to stores unsupervised," Musolff said.

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Condition of disc golf course concerns resident

Parks director would welcome volunteer assistance

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Shawano resident Becky Hutchison enjoys getting outdoors with the family and using the disc golf course behind Martzke Park for a morning or afternoon.

Hutchison said her family tries to get out there every other week, even in December. The family even did it one year on Christmas Day when the winter was mild.

As much as Hutchison loves the nine-hole course, that love extends to a criticizing commentary on its condition. She said it doesn't look like maintenance takes place. Overgrown weeds are a problem, in her view, along with broken tee signs and times where the baskets for the discs are unreachable due to standing water. In some spots, trees impacted by Wisconsin winters are bent low enough to make it difficult to get clear shots from the tees to the baskets.

Another problem is that at least one of the baskets is dangerously close to the recently extended Thomas Avenue where a new housing development is being built. Hutchison recommends moving the basket to reduce the risk of discs flying into traffic, creating a hazard for both course participants and vehicle drivers.

"If they were able to utilize this path on the left and move the basket over, that would be really awesome," Hutchison said. "This is pretty precarious that this is aimed right at the road."

Hutchison is not the only one with a negative opinion on the course's condition. The website UDisc has a number of reviews complaining about the lack of upkeep.

One posted June 30 read in part: "Raspberry and buckthorn bushes rip you up if you go off



The eighth hole was in a secluded place when the Shawano disc golf course was created five years ago. Today, with a new housing development being set up, the basket is close to the new road, which is a concern for Shawano resident Becky Hutchison. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA



Shawano resident Becky Hutchison shows how the post with the first tee information easily comes out of the concrete Sept. 23 at the Shawano disc golf course behind Martzke Park. Hutchison said she enjoys being out on the course with her family but believes the city could take better care of it. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

the weedy fairways. Some of the baskets are hard to see from the tee pads. The distance on the signs is also inaccurate on

some holes. Mosquitoes are also brutal. My wife quit on hole 7. Fun course with a lot of potential if the upkeep was

better."

Another one posted Aug. 31 read: "The course is a bit overgrown currently, but I still enjoyed it. Just be mindful of where the discs land, there's times where you're throwing parallel near a road that it could roll out onto, or there's spots where you can easily lose it in the rough and be searching for a while if you're not careful. The tee areas are decent, and there's a fair variety of short but technical shots for being only nine holes. A few of the tees are hidden in shaded areas and might not be immediately visible, but for being a free course, it's nice."

Hutchison said she has concerns about the disc golf course not being accessible to disabled people. While she didn't contact the city about a lot of the aforementioned concerns, she said she contact the city about the accessibility factor.

"I had a client come in and ask," Hutchison said as she walked to the first tee recently. "This is up on a hill. The com-

ment was the weeds are taller than my kids."

Hutchison noted the city has done a lot of work improving and expanding parks. The disc golf course was created in 2020, but she believes little maintenance has been done in the last five years. She said that if the city is unwilling to care for it, a committee should be formed to do the job.

"Maybe people could come in and clean up trees and stuff," Hutchison said. "I don't know if it's legal that they cut trees or what."

Matt Hendricks, city parks and recreation director, said in a phone interview that upkeep is necessary for the disc golf course and that a few concerns are valid.

"With the new housing development, they definitely shaved a good portion of that back hill," Hendricks said. "I have gone by there and looked at the basket, and probably what we need to do is a slight adjustment. Even a matter of 10 or 15 feet gives us a little more elbow room. It's not necessarily a safety concern or anything at this point, but we do need to do something about that since the course has changed."

Hendricks said no one has connected with his department regarding volunteers caring for and maintaining the course, but he would welcome any assistance.

"We're always interested in people who want to volunteer and give time to their passions, if that's what your passions are," he said. "We've had people go out there and help in the past when they've been able to."

Hendricks said parks staff goes out to the disc golf course in the spring and fall to check on things.

"I know our crews have been busy with other things this fall, so we probably haven't touched it as of yet," Hendricks said. "I would imagine that there are some downed trees or growth that need to be taken care of."

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Colorama ends with traditional parade



The Marion High School marching band provided the only live musical entertainment Oct. 5 for the Caroline Colorama parade on Main Street. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA



The mascot for the Clintonville Lions Club puts up its paw to wave to onlookers Oct. 5 during the parade on the last day of the Caroline Colorama. The four-day event included horseback trail rides, dances, breakfast, baked goods and more. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

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Rainy day at Sacred Heart

Caroline Vandermeersch and other 3-year-old preschool students at Sacred Heart Catholic School recently learned through a hands-on experiment using water, food coloring, beakers, water droppers and shaving cream that when it rains it's because the clouds are full of condensation so when they get too full, it rains.

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Camp fun at Tekakwitha

Waylon Grimm takes aim with a bow and arrow during Sacred Heart Catholic School's fall fun trip to Camp Tekakwitha on Sept. 30.

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Pahl takes oath of office

Heather Pahl is sworn in as the newest member of the Shawano County Board on Sept. 24. She was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Annelies Hartwig, who resigned Aug. 29 after moving out of District 2 that includes Wards 3 and 4 in the city of Shawano. All supervisory seats will be on the ballot in April 2026.

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New North gets new leader Dec. 1

Patti Habeck has been named president and CEO of New North Inc., the regional economic development corporation for the 18 counties of Northeast Wisconsin, effective Dec. 1.

A unanimous selection of the New North board of directors, she leads the largest hunger-relief organization in the state, one which has experienced transformational growth strategically, financially and in culture over her tenure.

She replaces Barb LaMue, who formally announced her retirement in May 2025.

Habeck has served as president of Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin (Appleton and Milwaukee) since 2011. She led a complete turnaround of the strategy, finances and culture to grow Feeding America into the largest and leading hunger-relief organization in the state with two major locations, supporting more than 550,000 people annually through 400 partner organizations.

Under her leadership, Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin reached the strongest financial position and food resource inventory in its history, doubling food distribution to 60 million pounds annually and revenues to \$97 million. It also increased its fleet to 15 trucks and staffing to 94 individuals. She additionally diversified and balanced revenue sources to include earned, philanthropic, donated and governmental.

"I look forward to contributing to the vibrancy of the New North region in a new way while growing and expanding my work," said Habeck. "The mission of New North is to collaborate with community partners and stakeholders, and that is something I enjoy and excel at. I look forward to building on the successes of Barb LaMue and her team."

Habeck holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, a master's in education from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and a certification in AI Business Strategy from Johns Hopkins University.

Beyond her professional work, she has a deep level of community involvement and has been recognized with a large number of service awards. Earlier this year, Habeck was appointed to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Board by Gov. Tony Evers.

PATTI HABECK

Tigerton celebrates Applefest



Tigerton American Legion Post 239 members Dave Jensen, left, and Ron Van Price prepare more apples for their caramel apple sale at Applefest on Sept. 27.

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Cellcom invites applications for 2025 Green Gifts program

Cellcom announced the return of its annual Green Gifts program, which provides charitable donations to nonprofit organizations based in Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan that are dedicated to environmental sustainability and conservation.

This year, Cellcom will distribute a total of \$25,000 in Green Gifts to support innovative projects and programs that address environmental challenges and foster sustainability.

Applications for the 2025 Green Gifts program are open and will be accepted through Oct. 31. Recipients will be announced in mid-November.

The Green Gifts program is funded through proceeds from Cellcom's cell phone recycling initiative, which encourages customers to recycle their old, unwanted or broken phones. The materials recovered from these devices are repurposed, and the proceeds are reinvested into the community through the Green Gifts program.

Eligible organizations include those focused on environmental stewardship, wildlife preservation and sustainability education. Non-environmental

organizations with projects or programs that address environmental issues or promote sustainability are also encouraged to apply.

"Environmental sustainability isn't just an initiative at Cellcom, it's a responsibility," said Brigid Riordan, Cellcom CEO. "Through Green Gifts, we're able to support local changemakers who are rethinking how our communities use, conserve and protect the environment for generations to come."

Green Gifts can be used to support a variety of ini-

tiatives, including but not limited to:

- Community-based projects addressing environmental challenges
- Programs focused on reducing environmental impact
- Educational opportunities for all ages on sustainability and conservation
- Efforts to protect water, air, wildlife and natural landscapes.

For information or to apply, visit <https://www.cellcom.com/newsroom/cellcom-green-gifts>.

Area Dino Stop sites up for sale

The buildings and sites that are home to six area convenience stores are up for sale individually with a combined asking price of \$23.7 million.

That doesn't mean the businesses are going anywhere.

The sites are currently home to Dino Stop convenience stores in Green Bay, Ledgeview, New Franken, Abrams, Little Suamico and Manitowoc.

Several of the locations feature fast food businesses as well.

The listings are only

for the land and buildings, which are owned by Fox Trail Capital, of Greenwood Village, Colorado.

The businesses are separate entities not included for sale.

The Abrams site is located at 2516 W. Frontier Road, with an asking price

of \$6.15 million. In Little Suamico, the 213 E. Frontage Road site is for sale for \$3.68 million.

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Matthew Klein points to a wooded area behind the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources office in Shawano where he would set up camp during the summer. Finding a safe place to sleep at night became a necessity for Klein and other homeless people when SAM's House closed April 30, because SAM25 does not have the funding to operate its shelter year-round.

LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

Shawano man has long journey to find home

9 months on the streets turns former drug addict into homeless advocate

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

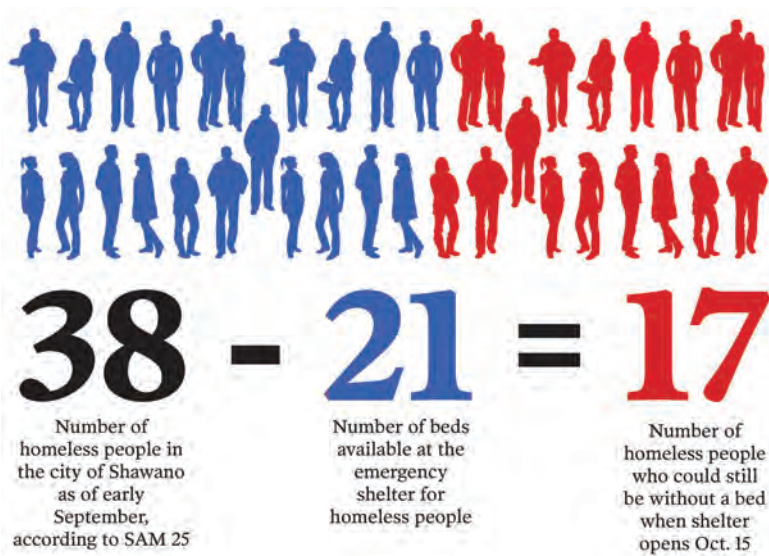
(Editor's note: Oct. 10 is World Homeless Day, and multiple news entities across the state — including NEW Media — are shining a light by looking at Wisconsin's homeless situation, featuring those who have experienced homelessness and those who are trying to combat the epidemic. This article will also be featured in other newspapers throughout Wisconsin.)

Many homeless people try to avoid the gaze of the public, just as many in the public would prefer not to look upon folks who find themselves without a place to live, without a roof over their head.

Not Matthew Klein, though.

The Shawano man has been down a dark path in recent years after running afoul of the law and then, after paying his debt to society, finding himself out on the street and no one in his life to help him out. Like many in the Shawano area residents who find themselves bereft of resources, Klein found his way to Shawano Area Matthew 25 — a Christian organization that operates an emergency shelter, free clinic, thrift store and resource center on East Richmond Street for those in need.

For 10 months, Klein did not have a place to live due to his criminal record, but that has since changed. However, Klein hopes



to help others who have been in a situation like his and help them return to a sense of normalcy.

He does so by volunteering with SAM25, as well as constantly approaching the Shawano Common Council with ideas on how the city can help the homeless. Most recently, he suggested that the city could set up a tiny homes village similar to one in Oshkosh to provide shelter when SAM25 can't and help the people as they seek better ways to live.

Finding himself in trouble

Klein said things became difficult for him about seven years ago. In a short amount of time, his grandfather died, his parents divorced and his girlfriend left him.

Unable to handle the stress, Klein turned to drugs. He said it started from abuse of prescription medications but then he turned to harder drugs like heroin and methamphetamine.

"The last house I was living, it got raided by the police because

I had meth in there, and I had marijuana," Klein said. "I lost my house, and I had a mortgage on it, so I lost that, too."

As a result of the drug bust, Klein was sentenced to spend a year in the Kettle Moraine Correctional Institute in Glenbeulah. He was released from prison about 10 months ago.

"They had someone come from (the Wisconsin Department of) Corrections, and they brought me to Shawano," Klein said. "They just basically dropped me off in town. When you're in prison, you get a case worker, but the case worker didn't have any knowledge of where I could go or someplace I could stay."

Most others released from prison usually have friends or family members to stay with. However, Klein's family wants nothing to do with him after he stole from them to help fund his drug habit.

"When I was addicted to meth, I didn't care about who I took advantage of," Klein said. "It was

about my next fix, getting high."

Finding the way to SAM25

When Klein found himself on the streets, he turned to the Shawano Police Department, the same agency that busted him and had him sent to prison. Officials there told him about SAM25 and the emergency shelter SAM's House that it operates. He recalled going there and being greeted by Chris Ciucci, the shelter manager.

"Most of my life, I've been around toxic people," Klein said. "Chris was my first positive peer I ever ran into."

Ciucci did a background check on Klein, as the shelter does not take in violent criminal offenders or registered sex offenders. The check showed he had a criminal record but did not involve any violent charges such as assault or attempted homicide, so Klein got in.

Klein said Ciucci told him that many homeless people hang out at the Shawano County Library, where there are resources for people to find jobs. It was also a place to connect with other people who were in the same situation as he was.

"That was the first time I'd gone to the library in the 13 years I'd been here," Klein said.

For a time, Klein's situation was spending nights at SAM's House and spending days at the library. On Sundays, when the library wasn't open, he went to First Presbyterian Church for its Sunday fun days, he said.

Although Klein was seeking work, employers wouldn't give him a chance, he said. His criminal record was one factor. The other was that he was in a

homeless shelter.

Then the end of April came, which meant the shelter was closing for the season. When SAM25 was founded in 2012, it was to address the issue of homelessness, particularly in light of some deaths due to exposure to Wisconsin winters. That prompted the establishment of an emergency shelter in 2015, and since then, the shelter has operated from Nov. 1 through April 30.

That meant Klein had to find another place to live.

Finding a way off the streets

When May came around, Klein was provided a tent, which meant he had to find a place to rest each night. He said many of the places were in wooded areas in the Shawano Industrial Park, behind Walmart and behind the Shawano office for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

"That was really challenging, because I was used to relying on the library and SAM25," Klein said.

He could still utilize SAM25 for other things, as the resource center operates year-round. He could get a shower, occasionally get a bite to eat and work with Ciucci to look for housing and employment.

Klein applied for and received Social Security disability payments to provide some source of income, so he applied to the various apartment complexes around Shawano. Once again, his criminal record was a hindrance, but this time, it was partnered with his lack of a job.

Klein knew the untenable situation needed to be remedied, so

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he decided shortly after leaving SAM25 to approach the Shawano Common Council about it in May. He spoke during the public comments portion of the meeting, which doesn't allow for council members to engage in a dialogue at the time. By the time the meeting ended, aldermen were asking for the situation to be looked into and for the conversation to continue.

Every month since then, Klein has continued to attend the council meetings and, in the three minutes allotted, make suggestions on how the city can help the situation. At the August council meeting, he recommended the city look at what Oshkosh has done with its tiny homes village and see if that could be a good fit for Shawano.

"I went from being homeless to advocating for the homeless," Klein said.

Finding help for those in need

Klein's situation is one of many that can cause people to become homeless. Ciucci, the shelter manager, and Kendra Brusewitz, SAM25 executive director, noted that some people who are homeless are gainfully employed, but the job does not pay enough to cover food, rent, utilities and other necessities.

"It could be mental health, addiction, not enough affordable housing, loss of a job," Brusewitz said.

Ciucci added that affordable housing is the biggest problem when it comes to providing security and peace of mind for people. She said many people in the community are living paycheck to paycheck, and one emergency or tragedy is all it would take for those people to find themselves on the streets like Klein.

"You see it all the time," Ciucci said. "Somebody has a job. They're going to work; they're living paycheck to paycheck. The car breaks, and they've got to decide: 'Do I fix the car, or do I pay the rent?' They have to fix the car in order to get to work, so they get behind on rent, and they get evicted."

Several families with children in the county are currently living out of their vehicles, Ciucci noted.

One segment of the population Ciucci is seeing grow in terms of homelessness is the elderly.

"This dispels the thinking that everyone is an addict or this or that because they're homeless," she said. "What's happening with the elderly is they're on a fixed income, landlords are coming in and raising rents, and a lot of them are taking care of their grandchildren, too. A lot of them have lost a spouse, so they've gone from a two SSI (Supplemental Security Income) income to a one SSI income."

Officials with SAM25 would like to provide shelter year-round, but that would require much more commitment from the community and supporters of the shelter, according to Ciucci and Brusewitz. Brusewitz said that fundraisers and community donations make up the organization's existing budget.

"Just very primary numbers that we crunched based on budget and staffing, supplies and electricity and all that, just for the six months it would be another \$120,000," Brusewitz said.

"That's just basic emergency care," Ciucci added. "That's not taking it to any other level."

The shelter moved into its



Matthew Klein looks down at his phone as he gives a prepared speech during the Sept. 10 Shawano Common Council meeting at Shawano City Hall. Klein has spoken a few times about homeless issues, but the proposal he suggested at this meeting included developing a tiny homes village similar to what Oshkosh has done for its homeless population.

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Matthew Klein grabs some utensils as he prepares to enjoy some soup from Shawano Area Matthew 25's annual Empty Bowls, Caring Hearts fundraiser Sept. 6 at Shawano Community High School.

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current location at 105 E. Richmond St. in 2020 after outgrowing a former city building on East Green Bay Street, but it appears to already be outgrowing the facility after five years. The current SAM's House has 21 beds, but Ciucci said in early September that SAM25 has counted at least 38 homeless people in the city limits.

"This facility alone can't even take care of the numbers that are out there," Ciucci said.

SAM25 has made one step to help the situation. The shelter will be opening this season Oct. 15 and will remain open until May 15.

Brusewitz said SAM25 is lucky to have a community that steps up to lend a helping hand, but she feels more people will be required to facilitate any measurable change.

"We need a few more key players," Brusewitz said. "We'll never be able to eliminate homelessness, but no organization can tackle it alone. The thing is that we need to come together, work together by coming in and volunteering and finding out what SAM25 is about."

Finding homelessness solution

The city of Shawano has continued to hear about the local homeless situation, including an offer from Newcap, Inc., which helps with a homeless prevention program, among other things in

the community. The Shawano facility is offering to allow homeless to camp in its wooded area and has proposed bringing portable showers twice a week for homeless people to bathe and clean up.

As far as permanent solutions, that could be harder to resolve. City Administrator Eddie Sheppard is working on developing a task force to bring forth ideas and ways to help those in the community without a permanent place to live. He's hopeful that Newcap, SAM25 and Shawano County can be among the representatives that come forward to continue the dialogue.

"I've been aware of it," Sheppard said about homelessness in Shawano. "I was here when the conversations about SAM25 first came up. I think they showed people a lot of things that they weren't aware of. Obviously, it's sad. You feel for those people."

Homelessness has many variables that make it a complicated issue, Sheppard said. One of those is that municipalities like Shawano don't have the budget for social service workers to help with this and other societal issues.

"What we can be is a facilitator," Sheppard said. "That's our strength — bringing people together. We are not necessarily equipped to handle these issues on our own. There are really good

him the place to live. He currently lives there with two roommates who were previously homeless like him as he works on his next moves.

"(The landlord) described to me that he's basically looking for people to help out, homeless people or disabled people," Klein said. "He said if I wasn't either one of those, he really didn't want me staying there, because he's trying to help people who are in need."

Klein is still seeking employment and hopes the fact that he has a home now will tip the scales in his favor. The job is necessary as more than half of his disability check goes to rent. Also, he is currently without a motor vehicle, instead riding a bicycle to get where he needs to go in town.

"I've got Social Security disability, but that's only \$1,100 a month," Klein said. "Rent alone for me is \$600 a month, so after you buy groceries and pay your phone bill, it's like you're broke every month. You don't have any money leftover."

Klein's outlook has changed in recent years. He spent most of his life as an atheist, but he found God in prison, and one of his personal projects has been going to the various churches around Shawano to see which one he can call his own. He said he's been attending Bible studies and hopes to be rebaptized.

Klein has been drug free for two years, and he said he intends to stay that way.

"Reform started for me in prison, and it woke me up," he said. "I started associating drugs with prison. I see a drug or something, and I think of prison."

Grateful for all that's been done, Klein volunteers with SAM25 two to three days a week and continues his efforts advocating for the shelter and the homeless people that it helps. He plans to continue speaking to the council and other entities about homeless issues, noting he recently spoke to representatives with the Shawano Area Food Pantry and Resource Center about providing meals that don't have to be cooked for those who are living outside.

"Kendra at the homeless shelter, every week I've got a new proposal for her," Klein said. "The reason I turned into an advocate is because I appreciate everything they did for me. Everybody else failed me — my family and my friends. SAM25 was there for me."

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AT A GLANCE

WHAT: Jesus March for World Homeless Day
WHEN: 10 a.m. Oct. 10

WHERE: Starts at Memorial Park, 901 S. Lincoln St., Shawano. Continues along Main Street and turns onto Green Bay Street, stopping near IHOP.

FYI: Participants are invited to bring a cross, whether it's a necklace or a life-sized cross, as a symbol of hope and love. Participants do not have to walk the entire route and are welcome to just walk segments of the route.

organizations in the community."

Even with those organizations, resources are limited, Sheppard noted, which is why coming together is a solution in itself. Despite the groups dealing with homeless issue, the question remains: What can be done during the summer months?

"My fear is that if we don't do this, SAM25's opening is just around the corner, and the next time we'll talk about this is next year," Sheppard said. "It's important not to lose those conversations and continue those conversations over the winter."

Finding home and hope for future

Klein finally caught a break in August when a landlord with a home on Picnic Street was willing to look beyond his past and offer



Dozens of painted ceramic bowls line a wall for people to peruse and purchase Sept. 6 during the Empty Bowls, Caring Hearts fundraiser held at Shawano Community High School. Besides providing a visual reminder that many are going hungry, especially among the homeless, the event helps to raise money for Shawano Area Matthew 25 to keep its emergency shelter open.

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Pit bull Sadie receives premium service from Callie Davis, owner of Pets Deserve Better Spa, a mobile grooming service out of the Marion area. Davis likes being able to work with animals and bond with people over their pets.

KAY REMINGER

Pampering name of the game at Pets Deserve Better Spa

Mobile business gives cats and dogs the care they deserve

By KAY REMINGER
Correspondent

Callie Davis, owner of a mobile pet-grooming business, has been grooming pets with a passion and a mission — to fill a need, because pets deserve better.

Located in rural Marion in Shawano County, Davis treats pets with utmost respect and the unique attention their owners appreciate.

Desiring to let her clients know that their pet is special, each individual dog or cat is carefully examined. By their size and breed, Davis determines what they may require. One-on-one attention and pet comfort is emphasized, as well as addressing owner's knowledge gaps regarding their pet's care.

Her mobile trailer, the Pets Deserve Better Spa, is equipped with a generator as well as enough water supply to complete tasks.

After the animal's assessment and consultation, prices are tailored per client, not offered as an a la carte price list, she said. Product recommendations are based on pet's needs, like yeast in ears, red paws or scooting. Services such as anal gland expulsions are offered, as well as eye and ear cleanings, nail trims and coat shampoo including a full-grooming service such as baths, de-shedding, blow-outs, nose lotion



Callie Davis, of Marion, uses this mobile trailer to care for dogs and cats. As far as long-range dreams, Davis is considering creating a larger company concept with spa, rescue, vet and chiropractor services for animals, all under one umbrella.

KAY REMINGER

and paw cleaning.

Used in the grooming process are products that are breed-specific. Davis stocks premium products, designed especially for each breed.

"A specific shampoo is used for pit bulls, one for boxers, one for doodles — all have different hair types," Davis said.

Huskies require more conditioning and brushing due to their hair type.

"A husky must get more conditioning because they have so much more hair — they get lots more brushing," said

Davis. "Paws, belly and ears are the more foul-smelling parts of a dog, and that's the hardest part to wash on a dog. Scrubbing those parts is crucial to eliminating a majority of the unpleasant odors."

Many various tools are used, such as hair-cutting tools, as well as buzzer clippers, combs and thinning shears. A toolbox to maintain stability as she travels will be purchased soon.

"My favorite tool is called a 'groom bug,' which is a brush that brushes hair out of cats as well as dogs," Davis said. "Safety and comfort consideration is always first and foremost in my mind."

Cat grooming is also offered. If cats are given regular baths, they don't get hairballs and dander in the house. Removing dander may help with any pet owners' potential allergy issues.

"They have less licking and scratching issues," said Davis. "Baths take care of the issues resulting from their skin. They need baths."

In the past, Davis has tried her hand on various careers.

"I've attempted different things, and I didn't give up," Davis said. "You only fail when you stop trying. Among various careers, previously I was a licensed insurance agent. However, I feel like I always wanted to come back to my animals. Living on a dairy farm, I've witnessed births and notice, if an animal is comfortable they produce better."

Davis enjoys her work because, even though she's always worked with people, she's better able to bond with those people over their pets.

Lifting weights to fight the passage of time

My health care regimen includes an annual DXA scan, a noninvasive, painless procedure that checks the condition of your bones.

Isn't it bad enough that aging has brought wrinkled skin, thinning hair, and

vile varicose veins? Now I'm told I've lost almost 2 inches in height and my bones

are thinning. I know Mother Nature always takes back what's hers, but as I approach my final year in the 70s, I must reluctantly acknowledge this includes me.

I am being realistic, but to avoid reaching my expiration date prematurely, I'm determined to fight back. Developing osteoporosis and a broken bone from falling is not on my bucket list. I've stopped wearing high heels, always use the stair rail, watch where I'm walking and avoid going out in icy conditions.

As all senior citizens know, fall is the four-letter word for old people, so I am taking this bone thing seriously. I take supplements, eat healthy, stay active. I've walked 4 million steps already in 2025 with a goal of exceeding the 5 million I did last year. Nevertheless, the test results indicate I'm slowly losing this battle.

In all honesty, the situation is not new. Three years ago, I was prescribed a generic form of Fosomax to slow down the process. I read the potential side effects outlined on the information sheet tucked into the pharmacy bag. I was hesitant but decided to give it a try. Within a week of swallowing one pill daily, my usually well-controlled IBS was raging. At four weeks, my jaw began to ache, click, and feel like it was dislocated.

I called the doctor. "So I'm taking this drug to fix one problem, but it's creating a different one."

He was both sympathetic and philosophical. "I understand, but sometimes it comes down to picking your poison."

Right. The statin I take causes thinning hair, and a tiny pill to keep my blood pressure in check doesn't mix well with certain adult beverages I enjoy. Both medications are well worth the side effects. I've taken them for decades to counteract my genetic predisposition to having a heart attack or stroke. So far, so good.

For some reason, writing this reminded me of a visit to my cardiologist two years where I agreed to do an interview with an intern. A lifelong educator, I was eager to help the doctor-in-training reach his goal of a noble career in health care.

When he inquired about my exercise habits, I proudly mentioned my 5 million steps, adding, "I try to walk outdoors five times a week, but in winter I force myself to use the treadmill."

I expected a smile of approval, but all I got was a nod.

"Good," he said, all business-like while taking notes on his laptop.

"How about weight-bearing exercise?" he asked.

"Oh, yes, I regularly lift weights, too," I said smugly.

"Tell me about that," he replied.

"Well, I have a glass of wine a few times a week. A full wine bottle weighs at least two pounds. Plus, I often get my husband a beer at the same time so I'm lifting weights each time I repeat the



Kathleen Marsh
Columnist

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Purchase firm, healthy bulbs of garlic sold for growing in the garden. One pound of garlic typically fills a 30-foot row but this can vary depending on the variety. It's best not to use garlic sold at the grocery store as it may have been treated to prevent sprouting and it may not be suitable for growing in your climate.

Select the best variety for your growing conditions and preferred flavor. Hardneck garlic typically prefers colder climates while most softneck garlic prefers warmer climates, but this varies with the varieties within each group. Hardneck garlic varieties develop a stiff flower stalk, tend to have larger cloves, and flavors ranging from mild to spicy. Softneck varieties vary in their adaptability



Separate garlic cloves right before planting and plant the largest cloves with their papery covering. MELINDAMYERS.COM



to long cold winters, cool moist springs and warm summers. They lack the

stiff flower stalk so the leaves can be braided, and the bulbs tend to have a longer shelf life.

Garlic bulbs typically contain seven or more individual cloves. The larger the clove you plant, the bigger the bulb you'll harvest. Separate the cloves right before plant-

ing and do not remove the papery covering. Use the largest cloves for growing and the smaller ones to flavor your favorite fall and winter meals.

Grow garlic in a sunny location with well-drained soil. Prepare the soil by adding organic matter like compost and

a low nitrogen slow-release fertilizer. Avoid high nitrogen, fast release fertilizers that promote top growth with smaller bulbs. Fertilize again in spring as growth begins.

Plant the cloves in the fall about six weeks before the ground freezes in cold climates and late fall or early winter in warmer regions. Space individual cloves six inches apart with the pointed side up and the base of the clove two to three inches below the soil surface. Space single rows 12-14 inches apart or double rows 6 inches apart with 30 inches between each set of double rows. For more intensive wide row and square foot growing, plant multiple rows with four to eight inches between cloves.

Spread a 6-inch layer of weed-free straw over the soil surface after planting to conserve moisture and suppress weeds. This also provides added insulation in colder regions and helps prevent frost heaving that occurs when temperatures fluctuate, causing soil to

alternately freeze, thaw and shift throughout the winter. Cover the straw with evergreen boughs in windy locations to help hold the straw in place.

Water newly planted garlic thoroughly at planting and as needed in fall to encourage the roots and a shoot to form. Water often enough to keep the soil evenly moist during the growing season. Inconsistent moisture when the plants are actively growing results in smaller and misshapen bulbs. Keep the soil around the plants covered with organic mulch to conserve moisture and suppress weeds.

Make this the season you plant garlic. Then enjoy the homegrown flavor and health benefits it provides.

Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including "Midwest Gardener's Handbook," "Revised Edition" and "Small Space Gardening." She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds and Blooms magazine. Myers' website is www.melindamyers.com.

Lecture brings message of Sámi reclamation to CMN

Dr. Silje Solheim Karlsen's message traveled a great distance to connect with the College of Menominee Nation.

A professor of Nordic literature at the Arctic University of Norway, as well as an adjunct professor at the Sámi University of Applied Sciences, Karlsen is "particularly interested in decolonizing teaching practices and pedagogy related to teaching." Last month, she presented a public lecture on recent Sámi publications.

The Sámi are the traditionally Sámi-speaking Indigenous people inhabiting the region of Sápmi, which encompasses large northern parts of contemporary Norway, Sweden, Finland and the Kola Peninsula in Russia. CMN's Sustainable Development Institute has a history of collaborating with the University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of German, Nordic and Slavic Studies to connect with Sámi scholars. Karlsen's lecture is the latest offering in their ongoing partnership grounded in cultural exchange.

Discussing how themes of Indigenous identity appear across genres, Karlsen placed the 2024 novel "Sameproblemet" by Kathrine Nedrejord in conversation with the 2023 poetry collection



Dr. Silje Solheim Karlsen, left, awaits questions as Rebecca Edler with the College of Menominee Nation reflects on her presentation. RYAN WINN



"Balvvat bullet" by Synnøve Persen.

The common theme of the two works is their subject matters' journey from embodying a colonized mindset of shame over one's ancestor's cultural ways to seeking what was lost to reclaim one's sense of self.

Nedrejord's fictional protagonist Marie laments to a mirror, "I've lost hold

of who I was ... you lack a soul, I think, almost aloud to my reflection. You are a nobody ... what I write is meaningless."

Marie admits to having a feeling of voicelessness caused by not knowing her Sámi language. She says, "I lack the words to write what I want to write. They do not exist in Norwegian, not in French."

Marie contrasts her own deficiencies with that of her parentage. "My mother is traditional Sámi literature: the oral. She writes with her voice, colors her stories, never in muted tones, but in bright

red, bright blue, neon pink or deep black."

Other languages can express how it feels to lose connection to one's Sámi culture, but only the Sámi language can capture what it means to live within it.

Karlsen then highlighted how one of Persen's poem shows how childhood aggressions against Sámi people lead to their lifelong shame.

Persen writes, "mother had sewn new striped gávttiid for the girls when they went away for school/but they were teased and bullied so harshly that none of them

wore a gákit (traditional clothing) again/it forever affected Ailá's self-esteem when the schoolmaster with a pointer struck the seven-year-old on the head and shouted/you will be nothing you are far too stupid/the words followed her through life until that Sunday morning she drew her last breath."

Yet, Karlsen's explanation did not end with the writers' silent indignity about their inherited lifeways but rather a bold exclamation of the cultural genocide inflicted upon Sámi people.

Nedrejord writes, "We did not want to lose our culture, or language, we did not ask the Norwegian state to ban Sámi first names, Sámi naming traditions, Sámi belief, Sámi language in schools ... We asked for two things: We want to exist and we want to be Sámi. That was one thing too many."

Karlsen quoted Persen next, stating hopefully that we "wanted you to come back to joik comfort to complete the bonds to the ancestors."

Karlsen concluded her presentation noting that despite these recent published works capturing progress over time, "For both, the stories are not finished yet."

After Karlsen concluded, SDI Sustainabil-

ity Coordinator Rebecca Edler said, "There are so many parallels to Native Americans. We are not alone. Indigenous people throughout the world have gone through these atrocities. Hearing these stories can help us grow and heal."

Later, Edler explained the reason for Karlsen's lecture.

She said, "We live in a multicultural world, and the more that we learn about other cultures, the more well-versed we are to understand those in our community and around the world. Meeting other Indigenous people and learning their stories can bring awareness to all who attend the presentation."

Edler added, "For me, the success of this presentation is that attendees would walk away with new knowledge that can be applied both in and out of the classroom."

In effect, the message of Indigenous healing and cultural reclamation has a great distance left to travel.

Still, Karlsen's lecture at CMN helped span the distance between growth and healing.

Ryan Winn, Ph.D., teaches communications, English, history and theater at the College of Menominee Nation. Visit www.menominee.edu for more information about the school.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, OCT. 10

SHAWANO: Witches Night Out, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., downtown. In-store specials, food trucks, costumes encouraged, live music by Spark Spark Bang 7 p.m. at the Naborhood, 214 S. Main St.

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

ABRAMS: Golden Pines Trail Run 7K/11K and Canicross, 4:45 p.m., Machickanee Cross Country Ski Club, 6790 Timberline Road. Details at Golden Pines Trail Run 7K/11K & Canicross page on Facebook.

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

SHAWANO: "Mr. Burns: A Post Electric Play," 7 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5648 Airport Road. Tickets \$15 or \$10 for youths 18 and younger at shawanoarts.org.

SATURDAY, OCT. 11

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

KESHENA: Menominee Lumberjack Breakfast and Heritage Day, 8 a.m., Menominee Culture and Heritage Museum, W3428 County Road VV West. Breakfast: adults \$10, children younger than

10 \$6, 2 and younger free. Traditional rice processing, Menominee language session, make your own tea, music. Pie auction 11 a.m., raffles, craft vendors and more.

BONDUEL: saYPro Caffeinated Conversations, 8-9 a.m., The Mill, 201 S. Cecil St.

BIRNAMWOOD: Schairer's Autumn Acres, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., 154 U.S. Highway 45. Corn maze, pumpkin patch, wagon rides, petting zoo and other family activities. Odyssey Farms Percherons horse-drawn wagon rides.

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

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

KESHENA: ABATE Freeze Your Nuts Run, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., War Bonnet, N926 State Highway 47-55. All vehicles welcome, \$15 per run sheet, register at War Bonnet, leave at your own pace, stops in Gresham, Aniwa, Phlox and Bowler. Return by 5 p.m., cash prizes awarded 5:15 p.m.

CECIL: Shawano Republican Party Fall Event, 11 a.m. happy hour, noon meal, Golden Sands Golf Course, 300 Naber

Road. Speakers include U.S. Reps. Tom Tiffany and Tony Wied and state Sen. Eric Wimberger. Member \$30, nonmembers \$35.

CRIVITZ: Oktoberfest, 11 a.m., Crooked Lake Community Center, 15552 E. Crooked Lake Lane. Meat raffle, crafts, pumpkin decorating, free hayrides, minnow races, dinner served noon to 3 p.m., beer garden with bratwurst. Dinner prices \$12, \$6 for ages 6-10, free for 5 and younger.

SHAWANO: Mooseyard Scavenger Hunt and Hayride, 3-9 p.m., Shawano County Park, W5785 Lake Drive. Sign up at Coachlight, W5814 Lake Drive, with six other participating stops. \$10 per person, must be 21 and older.

SHAWANO: "Mr. Burns: A Post Electric Play," 7 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5648 Airport Road. Tickets \$15 or \$10 for youths 18 and under at shawanoarts.org.

SUNDAY, OCT. 12

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

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SHAWANO: "Mr. Burns: A Post Electric Play," 2 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5648 Airport Road. Tickets \$15 or \$10 for youths 18 and under at shawanoarts.org.

MONDAY, OCT. 13

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

SHAWANO: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Room 4, 100 W. Presbyterian St. Information: Dallas Gast, 715-701-5388 or dallasgast8@gmail.com.

TUESDAY, OCT. 14

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

SHAWANO: Shawano Pathways monthly meeting, 5 p.m., The Lighthouse, W6440 Gumaer Road.

SHAWANO: Shawano Has History Project presentation, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St. Shawano County Historical Society staff

and project volunteers will share the process of preserving city's history.

GRESHAM: Gresham Scholarship Board annual meeting, 6 p.m., Abby Bank, 801 S. Main St. Public invited. Election of officers and board members is the main order of business; an agenda will be available.

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

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15

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

NAVARINO: Storytime, 10-11:30 a.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Halloween Fun. Admission \$3.

SHAWANO: Purses for a Purpose, 5 p.m., Stubborn Brothers Brewery, 220 S. Main St. Purse auction to benefit Boys and Girls Club of Shawano. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Single tickets \$60, online sales only at https://e.givesmart.com/events/KxH/

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

THURSDAY, OCT. 16

OCONTO: Community Bible

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

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

NAVARINO: Introduction to Mandela Class, 6-8 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Learn the basics of Mandela while creating your version of a cement paver and a slate coaster. Members \$30, nonmembers \$35. Register online at navarino.org.

SHAWANO: Park After Dark, 6:30-9 p.m., Arlington Park, 300 N. Humphrey Circle. Free outdoor movie, lighted games and campfires.

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

FRIDAY, OCT. 17

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

SHAWANO: Trunk or Treat, 5-8 p.m., Shawano County Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. Tricks and a lot of treats, haunted house, music by Badger State DJs. Food and beverages available.

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

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procedure." I took the strange look on his face as admiration and self-assuredly went on. "And my laptop weighs at least three pounds. I lift that on and off my desk several times each day."

I wondered why he stopped typing, but I assumed he was practicing his listening skills. "And three times a week I transfer a load of wet clothes into the dryer. That laundry basket has got to weigh over 10 pounds."

I expected some sort of really positive reaction, but he just leaned back in his chair and continued to gaze at me.

Wanting to cement the good impression I knew I was making, I finished with a flourish. "And when I put milk in my coffee every morning," I said proudly, "I have to lift the milk jug in and out of the refrigerator. I know for a fact that a gallon of milk weighs eight pounds."

I wondered if he was listening after all, because his response was to take out a prescription pad. He scrawled a few words, tore off the paper, and handed it to me. "Laughter IS the best medicine," it said. I chuckled while he finally managed a smile.

"If that's your idea

of preventative care," I said, "You are definitely on the right career path. Why don't you come up to Otter Run sometime and lift weights out on our pontoon?"

"I'm sure it would be enjoyable but not at all ethical," he said, using a very professional tone.

"Of course it wouldn't," I thought, "but that's really too bad — it seems to me you could use the exercise."

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

PAMPERING, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10

"I acquired a lot of skill through home projects when I became involved in rescuing cats," Davis said. "I started giving them baths, cleaning their ears, checking them for mites. Giving my own dog haircuts, I thought, 'This is something I could do.'"

A book called "All-Breed Dog-Grooming Guide" supplied Davis with training and inspiration. The book, along with watching helpful training videos and hands-on experience along the way, has made Davis more confident in her craft.

The convenience of a mobile pet spa is available to take care of pets that don't get to go to a groom-

er; their owners may either be busy or their pet may be too scared to go into a storefront spa.

"I come out to their home," Davis said. "Their pet does not wait, shaking in a crate for a couple of hours. I walk them from their home to my trailer. I enjoy one-on-one time with each pet. That's what I love most."

As far as long-range dreams, Davis is considering creating a larger company concept with spa, rescue, vet and chiropractor services for animals, all under one umbrella.

"Also, I'd love to create a dog-run area, a safe place an owner can drop their dog to let them run," Davis

said. "Just think of a dog never having the freedom and sheer joy to run off-leash."

As an end-of-session gift, her client's best friend gets sent home with a subtle fragrant spray and a seasonal-themed bandanna fastened around their neck. Each pet is provided with a parting treat: a small bag of healthy, freeze-dried treats and bones.

"What I offer isn't a one-size-fits-all answer. Every pet is lovingly treated according to what they need," said Davis. "My passion for animals is what motivates me."

To arrange an appointment, contact Davis via her Facebook page.



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Gresham/Bowler tie ends string of losses

Gresham/Bowler's soccer team dropped to 0-13-1 with a 1-0 loss to the Omro Foxes on Oct. 4.

Thursday, Oct. 2

Pulaski 2, West De Pere 0

The Red Raiders topped the Phantoms 1-0 in FRCC conference play Oct. 2.

Daenen Kehoe scored what turned out to be the game winning goal for Pulaski in the 14th minute. Josh Aranda assisted on the play.

The Red Raiders outshot the Phantoms 8-1 during the game but were held scoreless after the opening goal by Kehoe.

Sam Van Price had six saves in goal for West De Pere (5-7-0, 0-5). Jonah Dreves had three saves in goal to earn the shutout for Pulaski (7-5-3, 2-2-1).

Shawano 15, Green Bay West 0

Shawano's soccer team improved to 12-2-1 overall and 6-1 in conference action with a 15-0 blowout of Green Bay West.

Josh Lesperance and Dillon Gartner each assisted Grayson Swedberg for a goal. Swedberg went on to score four more times for a total of six goals.

Maverick Theis shot one in from 33 yards out. Joaquin Boldig assisted Anderson Schmidt for a goal, and Schmidt made two more goals during the game.

Kasten Kegel, Gartner, Lesperance and Brayden Meade each scored a goal.

Gresham/Bowler 0, Faith Christian Academy 0

Gresham/Bowler managed a 0-0 tie against Faith Christian Academy on Oct. 2. While the Wildcats are still without a win this season, they are not unbeaten.

Tuesday, Sept. 30

Pulaski 2, Manitowoc 0

The Pulaski Red Raiders soccer team got its first conference win of the season with a 2-0 victory over the Manitowoc Ships on Sept. 30.

Jax Urben opened the scoring for Pulaski in the 25th minute off an assist from Walker Wozniak.

Nolan Pratt added an insurance goal for the Red Raiders in the 71st minute. Josh Aranda assisted on the goal.

Mitchell Drescher had eight saves on goal for Manitowoc (5-9-0, 1-3-0).

Jonah Dreves had three saves in a shutout effort for Pulaski (6-5-3, 1-2-1).

Shawano 3, Menasha 0

Anderson Schmidt scored once on a penalty kick and then a goal.

Goalie Dane Hodkiewicz made a fantastic stop of a Menasha penalty kick.

Brayden Meade scored Shawano's last goal for the win.

Monday, Sept. 29

Pacelli 6, Gresham/Bowler 3

Gresham/Bowler remained winless after a 6-3 conference loss to Pacelli in Stevens Point.

Panthers back on winning track

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Two days after dropping its first North Eastern Conference match to Freedom, the Oconto Falls volleyball team needed a win to keep pace with Luxemburg-Casco in the conference standings.

Mission accomplished.

The Panthers headed to Little Chute on Oct. 2 and returned home with a 3-0 sweep of the Mustangs.

Oconto Falls never trailed in the match. After opening with 25-19 and 25-20 wins, the Panthers completed the sweep with a 25-14 win in the third set.

The Panthers improved to 5-1 in conference play. The win sets up a battle for first place with Luxemburg-Casco on Tuesday, Oct. 7, when Oconto Falls hosts the 6-0 Spartans.

Coach Rochell Otto said it was big for her team to bounce back after a five-set home loss to Freedom on Sept. 30.

"We needed to play clean and get back to where we were," she said. "They played with more confidence and went up swinging hard. I was pretty confident that we were going to come and take care of business."

The loss to Freedom came during homecoming week.

"I hate using that as an excuse, but there's a lot going on," Otto said. "It is what it is. There's a lot of season left and a lot of big games coming up."

The match with Luxemburg-Casco could determine the conference championship. Otto said the win over Little Chute gives her team confidence heading



Rhiana Vandeyacht returns a Little Chute serve Oct. 2 during Oconto Falls' win over the Mustangs.

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into the match with the Spartans.

"We are confident," she said. "We just had a little hiccup in the road on Tuesday (against Freedom). We had to get over it and move on."

The Panthers and Spartans already played each other in August at the Beast of the Northeast tournament at the Champion Center in Appleton. Oconto Falls took two of three games from the Spartans, but Otto said that was early in the season.

"We beat them in three, but it was a brawl," she said. "I'm anticipating it's going to be a

brawl again."

Oconto Falls improved its overall game record to 27-5 with the three wins over Little Chute, while the Spartans are 26-8 after sweeping Marinette on Oct. 2.

Otto doesn't expect the conference championship to be decided until the final matches of the regular season in mid-October.

"There are a lot of big matches coming up," she said. "Freedom has to play Waupaca. Waupaca has to play L-C, and we beat Waupaca in five (games). Everybody could be

knocking off everybody."

Successful seasons are nothing new to Oconto Falls' volleyball program, as former coach Dawn Larsen took teams to state in 1998, 2007, 2011 and 2013.

"A lot of girls have put in a lot of time in the gym, and we have a huge junior group," Otto said. "They've been together for a long time."

"It starts with youth," she continued. "We have 40 kids in the gym in fourth, fifth and sixth (grades), and they're part of that program. They just keep coming. It's huge to have that."

Bonduel netters come up short against Thunderbirds

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Less than a year ago, the Bonduel Bears competed at the WIAA girls state volleyball tournament in Green Bay.

After finishing second behind Amherst in the Central Wisconsin Conference-East standings with a 6-1 mark, the Bears went on to win regional and sectional championships before advancing to state for the first time in program history.

It's a different story for the Bears this season in their five CWC-East matches, however; the team fell to 1-4 in conference play Sept. 30 after dropping three of four games to Iola-Scandinavia in Iola.

The Thunderbirds opened the match with a 25-16 win. Bonduel evened the score with a 25-22 win in the second set, but Iola-Scandinavia answered with wins of 25-13 and 25-19 to improve to 4-1 in conference play.

Bonduel had opened its CWC-East schedule with losses to Shiocton, Amherst and Wittenberg-Birnamwood before picking up a win over Menominee Nation.

Two of the team's CWC-East losses — to Shiocton and Amherst — went all the way to five games.



Emery Thompson serves for Bonduel during the Bears' Central Wisconsin Conference-East volleyball match against Iola-Scandinavia in Iola on Sept. 30.

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"There's obviously some really good competition here," coach Abby Krull said. "Many teams in our conference have been playing really well. There are a lot of scores going to four or five (games), so it's pretty tight competition."

Bonduel trailed the Thunderbirds by as many as 11 points in the first set, 12 points in the third and eight points in the fourth while also playing from behind for most of the second game.

"We struggled a little with our serve-serve, and we're playing a lot of defense due to



Peyton Westrich and the Bonduel Bears dropped three of four games to Iola-Scandinavia on Sept. 30.

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Extra points are extra special for Panthers

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To the casual football fan, an extra point might not seem like a big deal.

Don't tell that to the Oconto Falls Panthers or coach Mark Jonas, however.

Isaiah Radart's fourth extra point turned out to be the difference in the team's 28-27 home win over Shiocton on Oct. 3 at ST Paper Stadium.

Not only did the win come in the team's annual homecoming game, the Panthers also improved to 6-1 overall and 5-0 in Northwoods Conference play.

The Chiefs headed to Oconto Falls with a 1-6 record and a 1-4 mark in conference play but ended up giving the Panthers all they could handle.

"Give the extra point team an awful lot of credit, because we haven't kicked once all year," Jonas said. "We didn't have a kicker and Isaiah's like, 'I can do it.' He practiced all week, was 4-for-4 and won the game. That was pretty impressive."

The Panthers' first three drives resulted in touchdowns.

Ethan Hill capped the game's first drive with a 2-yard run midway through the first quarter. After forcing a three-and-out on Shiocton's first drive, Oconto Falls took a 14-0 lead on Nathaniel White's 4-yard pass to Alec Krejcarek in the final minute of the quarter.

Shiocton cut the lead in half on its next drive on Kyle Bergsbaken's 10-yard pass to Brett Singler with 8:31 remaining in the first half.

White and Krejcarek hooked up for a 54-yard

scoring pass on the Panthers' next drive, but the Chiefs answered with a touchdown pass of their own, as Bergsbaken hit Braylon Krull for a 30-yard completion that cut the lead to 21-13.

Oconto Falls' next drive ended with a punt, but Shiocton tied the game in the final minute before halftime on Bergsbaken's 46-yard pass to Mason Demerath.

After combining for six touchdowns in the first half, both teams struggled to find the end zone in the second half.

Shiocton had an apparent first-and-goal from the Oconto Falls 1-yard line on its first drive of the half, but a holding penalty on the play helped keep the Chiefs from scoring. Shiocton eventually turned the ball over on downs.

The Panthers' first drive of the half ended with a punt that Wyatt Hess returned 60 yards for a touchdown to give the Chiefs a 27-21 lead with 3:12 remaining in the third quarter.

Shiocton held on to that lead until Hill's 5-yard run tied the game at 27-27 with 1:20 left in the game.

Radart then broke the tie with his fourth extra point.

Shiocton took over on its own 43-yard line following the touchdown and faced a fourth-and-13 with 39 seconds to go. Bergsbaken completed a pass to Noah Law but he was tackled short of the first-down marker, and the Panthers ran out the clock.

The Panthers started their game-winning drive at their own 32-yard line with 4 1/2 minutes on the clock.

"We also had three timeouts," Jonas said.



Alec Krejcarek comes up with a reception on the final play of the first half of Oconto Falls' 28-27 win over Shiocton on Oct. 3. Krejcarek caught touchdown passes of 4 and 54 yards as the Panthers improved to 6-1 on the season.

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"There was plenty of time in that situation."

Hill carried the ball several times on that drive.

"I get on Ethan's case pretty hard, because he's a senior, and I need him to be that one guy every now and then," Jonas said. "He ran tough. We had been running the ball well in the first half. We just kept going back to the idea that we had to go with what was being successful and not try to do too much."

Jonas said he was impressed by Shiocton's effort despite the Chiefs' record.

"Shiocton played great ball," he said. "We knew they have good athletes, and we told the kids that all week long. Sometimes, homecoming games are tough, because you have so much going on throughout the week. I'm just really proud of the effort and the

resiliency of these kids."

Jonas is in his first year as varsity coach in Oconto Falls after spending last year as one of former coach Nick Bohl's assistants. Bohl left Oconto Falls at the end of the 2024-25 school year to accept another teaching position at Chippewa Falls High School and Jonas, a member of the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame, had an opportunity to replace him.

One of the Panthers' six wins this season was a 24-8 decision over Coleman on Sept. 26 on the Cougars' home field.

"For some of our guys, they said that's the best they've seen people play," Jonas said. "This wasn't tonight, but we still came out with a win against a pretty good team. We feel pretty fortunate."



Elijah White picks up a first down for Oconto Falls in the first quarter of the Panthers' Northwoods Conference game with Shiocton.

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Red Raiders run all over Appleton West, 55-20

By **GREG SEUBERT**
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The rushing game has been a big reason behind the Pulaski football team's success this season.

That trend continued Oct. 3, as the Red Raiders piled up 334 yards on 31 carries in a 55-20 Fox River Classic Conference-North win over Appleton West.

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood, Marion/Tigerton, Bonduel, Lena/STAA and Suring also kept their play-off hopes alive with wins over Colby, Tri-County, Peshtigo, Wausaukee and Gibraltar, respectively.

Pulaski 55, Appleton West 20

Not only did Pulaski average more than 10 yards a carry against the Terrors, the Red Raiders also had three touchdown runs of 50 or more yards at Saputo Stadium.

Bohdan Schmidt opened the scoring for Pulaski with

a 50-yard touchdown in the game's opening minute, and Brayden Weideman added a 51-yard scoring run later in the first quarter.

Cole Nowak returned a fumble 1 yard for the Red Raiders' third score as Pulaski took a 21-0 lead into the second quarter.

Brock Weideman added a pair of 6-yard touchdown runs in the second quarter as the Red Raiders built a 34-0 halftime lead.

Schmidt found the end zone for a second time on a 6-yard run in the third quarter before the Terrors scored the first of their three touchdowns on their next drive on an 80-yard run.

The Red Raiders answered with Bruno Gajewski's 16-yard touchdown pass to Andre Burnett in the final minute of the third quarter.

A 5-yard touchdown run and successful two-point conversion cut Pulaski's

lead to 48-14 in the fourth quarter before Eli Heuser scored Pulaski's final touchdown on a 52-yard run.

The Terrors added a 44-yard pass with just under four minutes to go in the game to complete the scoring.

The Red Raiders didn't have a 100-yard rusher, as Schmidt led the team with 78 yards on five carries. Gajewski, Schmidt and Bryce VanLannen also teamed up to complete eight of nine passes for 94 yards as Pulaski improved to 4-1 in conference play and 5-2 overall.

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 52, Colby 33

The Chargers have struggled to put points on the scoreboard in some of their Central Wisconsin Conference-Large games this season, but that wasn't the case against the Hornets.

Kaden Yaeger scored on

a 70-yard run on the first play from scrimmage.

Colby answered on its first drive and took a 7-6 lead on Luke Hannula's 4-yard pass to Dany Nunez Jr., but the lead didn't last long, as Tommy Gagnon returned the kickoff to give the Chargers a 13-7 lead.

Hannula tied the game with a 1-yard quarterback keeper before Yeager's 32-yard run with 2:25 remaining in the first half made it 20-13.

Connor Meverden's interception set the Chargers up at midfield, and the drive ended with a 30-yard touchdown pass from Bo Davis to Zandyr Barke.

The Chargers led 26-13 at halftime. Yaeger had touchdown runs of 64 and 8 yards in the third quarter, while Alberto Sanchez added scoring runs of 3 and 34 yards in the fourth quarter.

Colby trailed 39-13 heading into the fourth

quarter but scored a pair of touchdowns in 14 seconds to cut the lead to 12 points.

Backup quarterback Logan Reynolds found Chase Heeg for a 79-yard touchdown pass on the second play of the quarter, and the Hornets recovered a fumble on the kickoff. Reynolds found Carsen Thomsen in the end zone the cut the Chargers' lead to 39-27,

Sanchez's first touchdown gave the Chargers a 45-27 advantage, but Reynolds and Thomsen hooked up again, this time from 21 yards, with just under seven minutes remaining.

Sanchez capped the scoring with his second touchdown run and the Hornets never scored again.

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood improved to 4-3 overall and 3-2 in CWC-Large play.

Marion/Tigerton 57, Tri-County 24

It was the Braylon Mielke show in Marion, as the junior rushed for 340 yards and five touchdowns in a Central Wisconsin Conference-8 8-player win over the Penguins.

Marion/Tigerton led 14-0 after the first quarter, 36-6 at halftime and 51-18 after three quarters.

Other scores: Bonduel 43, Peshtigo 19; Xavier 28, Shawano 7; Lena/STAA 64, Wausaukee 0; Suring 38, Gibraltar 12; Algoma 74, Gillett 12.

Upcoming games
Oct. 9: Shawano at Wausaukee, 7 p.m.

Oct. 10 (all games 7 p.m.): Northland Pines at Oconto Falls; Bonduel at Oconto; Wittenberg-Birnhamwood at Marathon; Pulaski at Green Bay Preble; Marion/Tigerton at Wild Rose; Gillett vs. Green Bay NEW Lutheran at Oneida Nation; Suring at Algoma; Lena/STAA at Gibraltar.

Pulaski girls take fourth at home cross country invite

Pulaski's girls placed fourth at the 46th annual Red Raider Invitational on Oct. 2, while Gillett was 11th among the 14 complete teams.

Maggie Gerth, of Pulaski, finished third in 18:38.3, and teammate Emerson Fabry was fifth in 18:40.2.

Addie Bruckert finished the race in 23rd, followed by Ellie Murphy in 39th, Cameran Reiss in 47th and Estella Vieaux in 81st.

Bailey Hendricks, of Shawano, finished 20th in 19:52.7. Maci Beyer placed 51st, Mikelah Powers was 69th, and Emma Nelson placed 74th.

Hope Soper led Gillett runners with a 54th-place finish, followed by Amanda Pate in 55th.

Halle Wendorff placed 79th, and Sophie Limberg was 86th. Sharlene Stage finished 102nd, and Maggie Kaczmarek was 106th.

For the boys, Pulaski was sixth, and Shawano was 10th.

Parker Marshall, of Pulaski, finished in fifth place in 16:10.1.

Gillett's Bradyn Wendorff placed eighth in 16:27.1.

Pulaski's Arden Gillen placed 18th in 16:40.8. Also competing were Grayden Gossen in 32nd, Mitchell Pilon in 36th, Dayne Groth in 38th, Ben Augustine in 64th, Thomas Murphy in 73rd and Nolan Greene in 92nd.

Josiah Kuehl led Shawano with a 41st-place finish.

He was joined by Aloysius Frechette in 55th, Quinten Harkey in 58th, Teagan Harkey in 59th, Beckett Hendricks in 61st, James Lange in 71st and Angel Vanega Lande in 105th.

Nash Strange, of Gillett, finished in 82nd place. He was joined by Jeremiah Lennon in 106th.

Rosholt Invite
Wittenberg-Birnamwood and Bonduel girls finished 1-2 at the Rosholt Invite, but it was Bonduel's Mariah Wondra who



Gillett's Bradyn Wendorff placed eighth in 16:27.1 at the 46th annual Red Raiders Invitational in Pulaski on Oct. 2.

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captured first place among individuals.

Wondra finished in 18:54.84. Teammate Lillian Burrack finished in sixth in 10:26.8, a new personal record.

Rory Salvesen led the Chargers, placing fourth in 20:15.17, a new season record for her. Nora Bushman also set a season record, placing ninth in 20:41.98.

Also scoring for Wittenberg-Birnamwood was Harper Krull in 12th place, Delilah Schairer in 13th and Lilyana Groh in 21st.

Rounding out the Chargers team were Harper Rogowski and Sydney Schairer.

For Bonduel, Payten Bierhals placed 26th, followed by Cierra Schnell in 29th and Kember Frome in 35th.

Also running for Bonduel was Katie O'Brien. Allyson Seibert, of Suring, finished in 37th place, and Natalie Seibert was 42nd. Ginger Gerndt placed 45th.

Brooklyn Ahlers, of Marion-Tigerton, finished in 46th place, and Kennedy Zuniga was 58th.

Menominee Nation's Urijah Reeves was 50th.

Kaylee Nacotee placed 62nd, and Mimi Corn was 74th.

Bonduel's boys placed second among 14 teams. Menominee Nation finished 11th, Wittenberg-Birnamwood was 13th, and Suring was 14th.

Bryant Waupoose III, of Menominee Nation, set a personal record of 16:47.48 and placed third overall.

Kai Wayka placed 80th, Cashius Reeves was 95th, Michael Peters III placed 101st, and Chase Waupoose was 103rd.

Bonduel's Griffin Uelmen had a personal record of 17:32.27 and placed 10th.

Placing 22nd was Gage Anderson, followed by Oliver Chitwood in 31st, Joah Dworniczak in 36th and Garrett Anderson in 39th.

Rounding out the Bears runners were Jack Weier and Carter Johnson.

Jonas Bushman led Wittenberg-Birnamwood with a 66th-place finish.

Dalton Fischer finished 78th, Milo Salvesen was 83rd, Teagon Stewart placed 92nd and Monty Salvesen was 100th.

Leading Marion-Tigerton was Tristan Herro in 67th. Brayden Zietlow was 91st.

Suring was led by Charles Richard, who placed 69th. He was joined by Blake DeGrave in 71st, Riley Thompson in 87th, Garrett School in 90th and Skylar Bristol in 105th.

Reedsville Panther Invite

Oconto Falls girls placed fourth among seven teams and the boys were fifth among 11 in Reedsville.

Emma Meissner set a personal record of 20:16.47 as she placed ninth, and Lily Meissner also had a PR of 20:40.32 as she placed 10th.

Sydney Braund finished in 18th place, followed by Alexandria Braund in 24th and Mackenzie Lotto in 25th.

For the boys, Isaiah

Holtz set a new season record of 16:16.22 in his 11th-place finish.

Landon Timm finished in 21st, followed by Ethan Zielinski in 23rd, Mason Lotto in 32nd and Braxton Rajkovich in 36th.

Also competing were Sage Mendolla and Cason Weenig.

Tuesday, Sept. 30 Oconto Invitational
Menominee Nation's Bryant Waupoose III set a new personal record at 17:00.8 when he finished first.

Teammate Michael Peters III finished 15th in 19:37.5, a new season record for him.

Erik Kosch, of Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, placed 23rd, followed by Menominee Nation's Cashius Reeves in 24th.

Menominee Nation's Kai Wayka was 30th, while Mason Martin, of Gresham/Bowler, placed 45th.

Breckin Gleason, of Gresham/Bowler, finished 54th, and Lena/STAA's Cooper Malloy was 58th.

Placing 63rd was Blaze Ejniak, of Gresham/Bowler, and teammate Dorec Guthrie was 64th. Chase Waupoose, of Menominee Nation, was 68th, and teammate Christopher Waubanasum was 71st.

Adam Liethen, of Gresham/Bowler, placed 78th, and Mark Buchholz, of Wolf River Lutheran in Shawano, was 79th.

Three Lena/STAA girls placed in the top 10.

Aspynn Anderson finished fourth in 22:00.5, followed by Alisa Finger in fifth in 22:17.0 and Adrena Rabas in sixth in 22:19.1. Anderson's time was a new season record, while Finger and Rabas set new personal records.

Teammate Alexis Maloney placed 19th. Menominee Nation's Urijah Reeves was 24th, while teammates Kaylee Nacotee finished 28th and Keira Nacotee placed 32nd.

Menominee Nation's Mimi Corn placed 40th.

2 with local ties named to BB hall

By GREG SEUBERT
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A former coach and player who helped put a pair of area basketball programs on the map are being honored for their achievements on the court.

Former Lena High School girls basketball coach Kristine Young-Gabriel and former Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School player Pete Krull are among the 2025 inductees into the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Young-Gabriel, Krull and several other coaches and players were inducted during a ceremony Sept. 28 at the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

Young-Gabriel taught physical education in the Lena School District for 37 years and was named the high school's first girls basketball coach in 1975.

It didn't take long for her to build the Wildcats into one of the state's top small-school girls basketball programs, as the Wildcats capped a 26-0 season in 1980 with a 70-34 win over Oakfield to win the WIAA Class C state championship.

Meanwhile, Krull helped lead the Chargers' boys program to the WIAA Class B state championship game in 1975 before playing college basketball at Florida Technological University, now known as the University of Central Florida.

Young-Gabriel, a 1967 graduate of Oconto High School, coached the Wildcats for 21 seasons and finished her career with a

255-169 record. Her teams won five Marinette & Oconto Conference championships, eight regional titles and three sectional championships.

The Wildcats also advanced to the state tournament in 1990 and 1991. The 1989-90 team dropped a 56-40 decision to eventual state champion Oostburg in 1990 in a Class C semifinal, while the Wildcats returned to Madison the following year and fell to Monticello 66-56 in the Division 4 championship game.

Young-Gabriel retired from coaching in 1994.

Krull spent all four of his seasons on the Chargers' varsity team.

He was a first-team all-conference player as a sophomore, junior and senior; was named to an all-state first team; and was also named a high school all-American.

The Chargers made it to the WIAA Class B state championship game in 1975 but fell to Sheboygan Falls 78-60.

Krull's teams posted an 84-6 record, and he finished with 1,624 points.

Florida Technological University advanced to the NCAA Division 2 Final Four in 1978, and Krull's teams had a 178-25 record.

Krull graduated from college in 1978 and returned to Wisconsin to accept a teaching position at Marshall High School in Marshall. He coached basketball and football and also served as athletic director in his 25 years in Marshall.

Pulaski tennis team defeated 6-1

Elizabeth Dornfeld, Pulaski's No. 4 singles player, scored the only victory for the Red Raiders in a 6-1 loss to De Pere on Sept. 30.

Dornfeld defeated Soma Kadipi Reddy 6-4, 6-4.

Coming up short in their singles matches were

Ruth Krause, Anna Krause and Emory Groteluschen.

Doubles losses were recorded by Linde Lemerond and Aubrie Schuessler, Ayla Groteluschen and Gretchen Rottier, and Aubrey Coel and Riley Hartman.

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Oconto Falls team, 1 Pulaski golfer advance to sectionals

Pulaski's golf team missed qualifying for sectionals by three strokes, but Charlie Lasecki advanced to sectional action as an individual golfer.

Bay Port, Notre Dame Academy, De Pere and Wausau West/East qualified as teams. Pulaski's 386 was just shy of the mark to advance in Division 1 action.

Shawano's 424 placed the Hawks in ninth among the 10 teams.

Lasecki, a senior, carded an 88 to move on to sectional play. Also scoring for the Red Raiders were Morgan Schuh with 96, and Taylor Murphy and Ellie Mork with 101 each.

Grace Melzer carded a 107.

Scoring for Shawano were Madelyn Moesch with 102, Gwyn Hermann with 105, Lauren Seehafer with 108 and Hailey

Hawkinson with 109.

Alyssa Singer carded a 110.

In Division 2 action at Northbrook Golf Course in Luxemburg, Oconto Falls qualified as a team, placing second among eight competitors.

The Panthers scored 409, between champion Seymour and third-place Luxemburg-Casco.

Bonduel finished sixth with 446.

Individual scores for Oconto Falls were Addy Kluth with 94, Riley Borkovec with 99, Kylie Thompson with 107 and Lilly Wagner with 109.

Katelyn Kurek carded a 117.

Bonduel scores were Paige Wolf with 105, Morgan Staszak with 110, McKenna Onesti with 112 and Hailey Spates with 119.

Quinn Hartlaben carded a 125.

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that," Krull said. "If we can get that cleaned up a little bit, that'll help us a lot. We just have to get back to grinding in practice and focus on our serve-receive and being ready to go when your name is called."

The Bears had to replace five seniors from last year's team.

"Three of them were starters, and they may have been three- or four-year starters," Krull said. "We have some experience

back, but it's one, maybe two years on varsity."

Bonduel has upcoming CWC-East matches against Manawa on Oct. 7 and Weyauwega-Fremont on Oct. 14.

"It's just a matter of making sure that we're peaking at the end of the season," Krull said. "We have a ways to go yet and some improvements to make, but you want to be at your best at the end of the season. That'll be our goal."

Chargers have rough outing

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood went 2-1 at the Wrightstown Invite on Oct. 4.

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood lost 2-0 to the Menasha Bluejays. Game scores were 25-17, 25-11.

The Chargers also fell 2-0 to the St. Mary Catholic Zephyrs. Scores were 25-15, 25-18.

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood beat the Sturgeon Bay Clippers 2-0 on game scores of 25-12, 26-24.

Thursday, Oct. 2
Pulaski 3, Green Bay Notre Dame 2

The Red Raiders topped the Tritons 3-2 with game scores of 22-25, 25-19, 20-25, 25-22, 15-12 on Oct. 2.

Suring 3, Coleman 0

Suring clamped down on Coleman when it needed to as the Eagles won 3-0.

Game scores were 25-17, 25-19, 25-14.

Wild Rose 3, Tigerton 1

Tigerton hosted cross-conference rival Wild Rose in a tight match, losing 3-1 with set scores of 25-19, 15-25, 17-25, 22-25.

Jaelyn Brady led the Tigers with 23 digs, followed by Danika Tiller with 18, Renata Nordwig with 16, Presley Stewart-Rolfs with 10, Aaliyah Lederhaus with seven, Lillian Welch with six and Myah Dent with four.

Tiller had 10 assists, and Lederhaus tallied six.

Stewart-Rolfs led the team with 11 kills while, Tiller and Lederhaus contributed three each.

Stewart-Rolfs added four block kills, and Welch



Lucy Ripley reacts after Oconto Falls scores a point in the Panthers' North Eastern Conference win over Little Chute on Oct. 2. GREG SEUBERT

had two.

Brady collected 11 service points with four aces. Also, Lederhaus had nine points and an ace, Nordwig had six points with two aces, and Stewart-Rolfs contributed five points with three aces.

Tigerton is 5-2 in CWC play and 9-6 overall.

Gresham 3, White Lake 1
Northland Lutheran 3, Bowler 1
Crivitz 3, Lena 0
Shawano 3, Green Bay West 0
Tuesday, Sept. 30

Tigerotn 3, Bowler 0

The Tigers competed Sept. 30 against host Bowler in a CWC North match for the second time this season.

Tigerton came out on top 3-0 with set scores of 25-15, 25-17 and 25-20.

The visitors battled back from deficits in the second and third sets.

"They showed tremendous composure and were able to erase each deficit to win the sets," coach Holly Meverden said. "For a young team, the girls still showed that they could

control the game and take back the lead."

Danika Tiller collected 18 service points and seven aces. Jaelyn Brady added 11 points and three aces, while Myah Dent had 10 points and two aces, and Aaliyah Lederhaus had six points and three aces.

Brady led the team with 14 digs. Lederhaus contributed 10, Dent had eight, and Lillian Welch added five.

Tiller notched 10 assists, and Lederhaus had seven.

For kills, it was Presley Stewart-Rolfs and Mya Smith with eight each, Tiller and Lederhaus had three each, and Welch and Renata Nordwig had two each.

Nordwig and Smith each had one block kill.

Shawano 3, Green Bay East 0

Shawano beat Green Bay East with scores of 25-8, 25-16, 25-8.

Shiocton 3, Menominee Nation 0

The Eagles lost the conference match by scores of 25-14, 25-11, 25-14.

Menominee Nation dropped to 4-8 overall and 0-5 in league play.

Amherst 3, Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 0

The Chargers played close games but came up empty in the win column on their home court, losing by scores of 25-22, 25-20, 25-22.

De Pere 3, Pulaski 1
Gresham 3, Marion 2
Freedom 3, Oconto Falls 2
Suring 3, Crivitz 0

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Purse auction to benefit Boys and Girls Club

The Boys and Girls Club of Shawano is holding its annual Purses for a Purpose fundraiser Oct. 15.

The main draw of the evening is a purse auction featuring new, high-end handbags, clutches, and totes; the collection from last year included pieces by Kate Spade, Gucci, Michael Kors, Aimee Kestenberg, and Dooney and Bourke among other name-brand purses. Guests will also enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar as they mingle with fellow Boys and Girls Club supporters. Johanna Wicklund,

AT A GLANCE

WHAT: Purses for a Purpose
WHEN: 5 p.m. Oct. 15
WHERE: Stubborn Brothers Brewery, 220 S. Main St., Shawano
TICKETS: pursesshawano25.givesmart.com

CEO of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Bay and Lakes Region, will speak to the club's impact midway through the evening, highlighting how club's safe spaces, caring mentors, and high-quality programs allow children and teens to thrive and empower them become tomorrow's

SACF taking gamble with new fundraiser

The Shawano Area Community Foundation will host the Roll the Dice to Make a Difference fundraising event from 5:30-10 p.m. Oct. 24 at Stubborn Brothers Brewery, 220 S. Main St., Shawano.

Tickets are \$100 each, and participants will be able to enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres and have fun playing casino games. No real money gambling will occur. To get tickets, register at https://cffvr.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/list/event?event_date_id=5653.

SACF was established in 1990 by community volunteers to preserve and improve the quality of life in Shawano and the surrounding area. The foundation manages more than 90 funds created by local families and organizations with assets of more than \$15.3

million. Through those funds, nearly \$515,000 was granted in the past fiscal year to support nonprofits in Shawano County and beyond, and \$256,225 was given in scholarships to local students.

As the number of non-profit organizations in the community grows to meet increasing needs, the availability of philanthropic dollars has not kept pace. The rising cost of living is affecting not only the most vulnerable but also many hard-working families who are now struggling to make ends meet. More people are turning to local nonprofits for support. At the same time, government funding for key programs is coming to an end. Food insecurity and financial instability are becoming even more pressing concerns.

Scholarship fund electing board

The annual meeting of the Gresham Scholarship Board will be held at 6 p.m. Oct. 14 in the board room at Abby Bank, 801

Main St., Gresham. Election of officers and board members is the first priority. A full agenda will be available at the meeting.

leaders. All proceeds from this fundraiser stay local, benefiting the Boys and Girls Club of Shawano and supporting its mission.

Tickets are \$60 each or \$450 for a table of eight. Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available online at pursesshawano25.givesmart.com.

For additional event information, contact Angie

Plutchak at 920-494-7090, ext. 1021, or aplutchak@bayandlakes.org.

Based at Hillcrest Primary School, the Boys and Girls Club of Shawano currently serves more than 70 local youths from kindergarten through fifth grade, providing after-school programming that offers young people a safe place to belong, become

and thrive beyond the classroom.

"Purses for a Purpose is such a vital event because it directly supports the Boys and Girls Club of Shawano in its mission to provide guidance, opportunity, and a safe place for our youth," said Wendy Crawford, Boys and Girls Clubs of the Bay and Lakes Region corporate board

member. "The funds raised ensure that children in our community have access to caring mentors, enriching programs and the tools they need to grow into confident, successful adults. This event is a reminder that when we come together in support of our kids, we are investing in the future of Shawano itself."

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

Novus Home Mortgage, a division of Ixonia Bank
Plaintiff,
vs.
Allison Cohoon and John Doe Cohoon
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Case No. 25-CV-000093

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on July 17, 2025 in the amount of \$206,872.15 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:

TIME: November 12, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

TERMS: 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 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 else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold as is and subject to all liens and encumbrances.

PLACE: In the front lobby of the Shawano County Courthouse, City and County of Shawano

DESCRIPTION: Lot 7 and 8 of the Plat of Lawndale Park in the City of Shawano, Shawano County, Wisconsin, according to the recorded plat thereof.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 618 E Division St Shawano, WI 54166-2506

DATED: August 18, 2025

Gray & Associates, L.L.P.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
16345 West Glendale Drive
New Berlin, WI 53151-2841
(414) 224-8404

George Lenzner
Shawano County Sheriff

Please go to www.gray-law.com to obtain the bid for this sale.

Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Vignia Mae Hess
DOD 03/09/2025

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)

Case No. 25 PR 63

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 08/05/1941 and date of death 03/09/2025 was domiciled in Shawano County State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N 4454 Maple Leaf Road, Shawano, WI 54166.

3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 14, 2026.

5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin.

Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office.
Gwen Hoffman/Register in Probate
311 N. Main ST
Shawano, WI 54166 USA
715 546 8631

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10/10/25

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

MARION H. DE LA VEGA
DOD: 04/11/2011

Order and Notice of Hearing Petition On Summary Assignment (Formal Administration)

Case No. 25PR-74

A petition for Summary Assignment was filed.

THE COURT FINDS:

1. The decedent, with date of birth 01/20/1911 and date of death 04/11/2011 was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with an address of 301 S.Prouty Street., Wittenberg, WI 54499.

2. Creditors may bring an action by A. filing a claim in the Shawano County Circuit Court before the property is assigned.

B. bringing a suit against the assignee(s) after the property is assigned. The right of a creditor to bring an action terminates three months after the date of publication of this order.

3. The property may be assigned to the creditors and interested persons after 30 days have elapsed following the first publication of this notice.

THE COURT ORDERS:

1. The Petition be heard and heirship be determined at the Shawano County Courthouse, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room Branch I, before Honorable Katie Sloma Court Official, on November 10, 2025, at 09:00 a.m.

2. Publication of this notice is notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.

/s/ Katie Sloma
Circuit Court Judge
09/29/2025

Michael B. Winter
835 Fifth Avenue
Antigo, WI 54409
715-623-2905
Bar Number: 1025676

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9/26/25, 10/3/25, 10/10/25

STATE OF WISCONSIN SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THEMATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

DIANE ADELE ASHENBRENNER

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)

Case No. 25 PR 72

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 07/03/1935 and date of death 08/15/2025, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 930 Kadletz Street, Shawano, WI 54166.

3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is December 30, 2025 .

5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office.

James Vomastic
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Shawano, WI 54166
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10/10/25, 10/17/25, 10/24/25

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT,SHAWANO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF NAME CHANGE

Savannah Beth Swartz

Notice of Name Chance Hearing

Case No.25cv210

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: Savannah Beth Swartz
To: Savannah Beth Meagher

Birth Certificate: Savannah Beth Swartz
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County State of Wisconsin Judge Sloma Shawano Court House Branch 1 311 N Main St Shawano WI November 11, 2025 8:30 a.m.

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10/3/25, 10/10/25, 10/17/25

STATE OF WISCONSIN SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF NAME CHANGE

Emma Rae Watters

Notice of Name Chance Hearing Case No.25cvA6

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: Emma Rae Watters
To: Emma Rae Giese

Birth Certificate: Emma Rae Watters
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County State of Wisconsin Judge William F. Kussel JR
Shawano Court House Branch 2 311 N Main St Shawano WI October 22, 2025 8:15 a.m.

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10/10/25, 10/17/25, 10/24/25

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Donald V. Augesen
DOD 07/26/2025

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)

Case No. 25 PR 76

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 12/15/1966 and date of death 07/26/2025 was domiciled in Shawano County State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N 5722 Wittmorr Road, Tigerton, WI 54486.

3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 28, 2025.

5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin 5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office.

James E. Aschenbrenner
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Shawano, WI 54166 USA
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STATE OF WISCONSIN SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Frances E. Brunzelle

DOD 10-15-2024

Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims (Informal Administration)

Case No. 25 PR 66

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 11-23-1933 domiciled in Shawano and date of death 10-15-2024 County, State of Wisconsin mailing address of 725 South Main Street, Apt. 202, Shawano, WI 54166

3. The application will be heard at the Shawano County Courthouse 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202 before Gwen Hoffman Probate Registrar, on October 14, 2025 at 10:00 am.

You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 12-12-2025

5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano

6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address are unknown.

The names or addresses of the following interested persons (if any) are not known or reasonably ascertainable:
Julie A. Brunzelle-Richterkessing
Attorney James Aschenbrenner
715-524-6258
1008896

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STATE OF WISCONSIN SHAWANO COUNTY

In the matter of the Trust Estate of

ARTHUR G. BUELTER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. The decedent was the grantor of a trust.

2. The decedent, with date of birth April 21, 1939 and date of death April 5, 2025,was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin with a mailing address of N7794 Kolpack Lane, Bowler, WI 54416.

3. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 701.0508(1) (a), the deadline for filing any claim against the decedent's estate or trust estate by any potential claimant who is not known by the Trustee shall be January 30, 2026.

4. Claims shall be filed by mailing to Heritage Law Firm, LLC c/o Trustee: Karen Peters, 517 E. Green Bay Street, Shawano, WI 54166.

This notice was drafted by: Attorney James Vomastic
517 E. Green Bay Street
Shawano, WI 54166
(920) 785-8570

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10/10/2025

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO

Summons and Complaint (Small Claims) Eviction

Case Number 25SC498

Hoganson LLC
PO Box 1453
Wausau, WI 54402-1453

-VS-

Brian Christopher Bolissen
PO Box 403, 901 S. Hamison, Lot 14
Wittenberg, WI 54499

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-526-9347 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

SUMMONS

To the Defendant(s):

You are being sued as described on the attached complaint If you wish to dispute this matter:

You must appear at the time and place stated. AND / OR You must file a written answer and provide a copy to the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney on or before the date and time stated.

If you do not appear or answer, the plaintiff may win this case and a judgment entered for what the plaintiff is asking.

October 28, 2025, 1:00pm
Shawano County Clerk of Courts
311 North Main Street
Shawano, WI 54166
County Board Room
Cindy Bucher, Deputy
Date Summons issued: 9/11/2025
Date Summons Mailed: Per service

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

Summons and Complaint (Small Claims) Eviction

Case Number 25SC522

Mollys Place LLC
N7951 Regina Rd
Wittenberg, WI 54499

-VS-

Jennifer Radtke
204 S. Ellms Street
Wittenberg, WI 54499

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-526-9347 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

SUMMONS

To the Defendant(s):

You are being sued as described on the attached complaint If you wish to dispute this matter:

You must appear at the time and place stated. AND / OR You must file a written answer and provide a copy to the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney on or before the date and time stated.

If you do not appear or answer, the plaintiff may win this case and a judgment entered for what the plaintiff is asking.

October 21, 2025, 1:00pm
Shawano County Clerk of Courts
311 North Main Street
Shawano, WI 54166
County Board Room
Cindy Bucher, Deputy
Date Summons issued: 10/01/2025
Date Summons Mailed: Personal service

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STATE OF WISCONSIN SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Preston Notice of Name Change Hearing

Case No.25cv175

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: Ruth Marianne Bora
To:Ruth Marianne Bora-DeWulf

Birth Certificate: Ruth Marianne Bora
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County State of Wisconsin Judge Sloma Court House BR1 311 N Main St Shawano WI October 24, 2025 8:45 a.m. If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-526- 9347 prior to the scheduled court date.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, MENOMINEE IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

DAVID THIBODEAU

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)

Case No. 25 PR 04

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 9-10-48 and date of death 8-30-25 was domiciled in Menominee County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N1753 Fox Ridge Way, Keshena, WI 54135

3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 14, 2026

5.A claim may be filed at the Menominee/ Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office

Patrick Furman
2 N. Systems Dr., Appleton, WI 54914
Telephone
920-993-0990
1031830

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10/10/25, 10/17/25, 10/24/25

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, PORTAGE COUNTY, IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF

BENTLEY WILLIAM KIELBLOCK

By Petitioner, Kayla A. Lindner,

Notice of Name Change Hearing

Case No. 2025CV000242.

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: Bentley William Kielblock.
To: Bentley William Lindner.

Birth Certificate: Bentley William Kielblock.

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Portage County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Honorable Patricia Baker. Place: Portage County Courthouse, 1516 Church Street, Stevens Point, WI 54481.

November 20, 2025. Time: 9:30 a.m.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-346-1336 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

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OBITUARIES

Constance (“Grama” Connie) Lucille Sommer, 92, of the Town of Belle Plaine, passed away Oct. 4, 2025, at her residence.

Many people will remember Connie as a sweet little lady who was constantly at work for the Lord. With a servant’s heart, she made sure that every house of worship she ever called home was clean and well organized, and that it stayed that way. Connie was instrumental in the foundation of the Shawano homeless shelter,



SAM25, and spent many of her recent years volunteer-

Constance L. Sommer

ing there. At the same time, she became a founder and leader for “Fresh Hope,” a mental health group of Hope Community Church.

In her retirement, Connie went on several mission trips to underprivileged countries, including Haiti, Mexico, Honduras, the Philippine Islands, and Zambia, where she fully funded a sanitation project of building a lavatory facility for the village. However, she felt her true calling on this earth was working with the children of the orphanages.

Connie was born Aug. 8, 1933, in Omaha, Nebraska, and married her high school sweetheart, Har, on June 21, 1952, in Appleton. At the age of 92, she was called home into the arms of Jesus, on Oct. 4, 2025.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harvey and Susie Beusch; husband, Harland Sommer; daughter, Linda Sommer; and siblings, Joyce and Roy Deering and Jerry Beusch.

She is survived by her children, Cyndy (Dave) Duncan, Deb (Tom)

Passehl, Greg (Mary) Sommer, Dan (Becci) Sommer; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Shirley Beusch.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025, at Hope Community Church, Shawano, with the Rev. Richie Ford officiating. Inurnment will take place at Appleton Highland Memorial Park on a later date.

Visitation will take place on Saturday at the church

from 9 a.m. until the time of service.

Memorials in Connie’s name are preferred to be directed to the Fresh Hope mental health group through Hope Community Church, or the Shawano Area Matthew 25 homeless shelter.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville, is assisting the Sommer family with arrangements.

An online guestbook is available at eberhardtstevenson.com.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Oct. 5

Deputies responded to 32 incidents, including bail jumping near County Road HH and Lake Drive in the Town of Washington; suspicious activity on Poplar Road in the Town of Richmond; trespassing at Shell 22, N4543 State Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; assisting at a fire near state Highway 29 and Kroenke Creek Road in the Town of Herman; property damage on Sugar Bush Road in the Town of Aniwa; theft on County Road E in the Town of Green Valley; suspicious activity on Riverside Road in the Town of Pella; four 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; one crash.

Oct. 4

Deputies responded to 31 incidents, including a disturbance on Cloverleaf Lake Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; a weapon offense on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; a disturbance at Burger King, 100 W. Express

Way, Bonduel; suspicious activity at TrueNorth, N4543 State Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; suspicious activity near Bank and Main streets in the Town of Green Valley; two 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; two traffic hazards; one welfare check.

Oct. 3

Deputies responded to 39 incidents, including a disturbance on Spaulding Street in Tigerton; operating a motor vehicle after revocation near East Green Bay Street and North Airport Road in Shawano; six 911 calls; five reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; four crashes, one involving deer.

Oct. 2

Deputies responded to 24 incidents, including a vehicle fire on East Main Street, Bowler; gambling on South Warrington Avenue in Cecil; an animal bite on Porter Road in the Town of Hartland; trespassing on Olson Road in the Town of Green Valley; suspicious activity on East Green Bay Street in Bonduel; suspicious activity near Norway Lane and Rustic Drive in the

Town of Belle Plaine; three 911 calls; two traffic hazards; one crash.

Oct. 1

Deputies responded to 35 incidents, including suspicious activity near Maders Circle and North Airport Road in the Town of Wescott; disorderly conduct on Moh He Con Nuck Road in Stockbridge Munsee jurisdiction; operating after revocation near East Richmond and South Main streets in Shawano; a disturbance on West Campfire Road in the Town of Grant; a scam on County Road D in the Town of Pella; theft on East Crystal Drive in the Town of Washington; suspicious activity on Golfview Road in Cecil; a scam on Edgewood Road in the Town of Wescott; drugs near state Highway 22 and Ash Circle in the Town of Wescott; disorderly conduct on Frailing Road in the Town of Wescott; a noise disturbance on Ah Toh Wuk Court in Stockbridge Munsee jurisdiction; four 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; two welfare check.

Sept. 30

Deputies responded to 47

incidents, including a noise disturbance on Lake Drive in the Town of Washington; disorderly conduct at the county jail, 405 N. Main St.; a disturbance on Shady Lane in the Town of Washington; operating a motor vehicle after revocation near state Highway 29 and Hickory Road in the Town of Richmond; four 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; three traffic hazards; one welfare check; one crash.

Sept. 29

Deputies responded to 33 incidents, including suspicious activity near Ash Circle and state Highway 22 in the Town of Wescott; an animal bite on Box Elder Road in the Town of Richmond; six 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; two welfare checks; two crashes.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Oct. 5

Officers responded to 23 incidents, including a disturbance at Colorama, W12721 Buss Road, Caroline; a noise disturbance near South Prospect Street and Waukechon

Road; property damage on South Andrews Street; a noise disturbance on East Richmond Street; one 911 call; one welfare check; one crash.

Oct. 4

Officers responded to 14 incidents, including a disturbance on East Green Bay Street; suspicious activity on South Smalley Street; three 911 calls; one welfare check.

Oct. 3

Officers responded to 23 incidents, including disorderly conduct on East Division Street; property damage at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; suspicious activity on South Main Street; harassment and bail jumping on South Sawyer Street in Shawano; suspicious activity on North Bartlett Street; one 911 call; one reckless driving incident; four welfare checks; three crashes.

Oct. 2

Officers responded to 26 incidents, including a noise disturbance on Oak Court; internet sex crime at an undisclosed location; theft on South Washington Street; theft on East Randall Street; trespass-

ing at Hillcrest Primary School, 1410 Waukechon St.; suspicious activity on East Green Bay Street; a disturbance on West Green Bay Street; one reckless driving incident; four welfare checks; two crashes.

Oct. 1

Officers responded to 23 incidents, including theft on East Crystal Drive in the Town of Washington; suspicious activity near East Lieg Avenue and Waukechon Road; a disturbance on South Sawyer Street; one reckless driving incident; one welfare check; one crash.

Sept. 30

Officers responded to 29 incidents, including suspicious activity on South Lafayette Street; theft at Woodlawn Cemetery, 1115 E. Green Bay St.; a drug offense on Old Lake Road; theft at Burger King, 1242 E. Green Bay St.; theft at Martin Jewelers, 148 S. Main St.; trespassing on South Main Street; a missing person on South Cleveland Street; one 911 call; two reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; four welfare checks; one crash.

COURT NEWS

- Richanda A.M. James, 33, Rhinelander, pleaded no contest Sept. 29 to misdemeanor charges of possession of controlled substance and possession of THC. A related felony charge was dismissed but read into the record in a plea agreement. Judge Katherine Sloma levied fines and costs of \$1,482.93.
- Curtis J. Cloud, 32, Shawano, pleaded no contest Sept. 23 to battery or threat to a law officer and misdemeanor charges of battery, disorderly conduct, and resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma withheld sentencing and placed him on six years of probation with conditions.
- Ian M. Geurts, 31, Hobart, pleaded no contest Sept. 29 to possession of methamphetamine. Judge William Kussel Jr. sentenced him to 180 days in jail.

- Nickolas D. Kunchick, 29, Shawano, pleaded guilty July 24 to possession with intent to distribute amphetamine or methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia to manufacture or store methamphetamine. Sloma sentenced him Oct. 1 to 26 months in prison followed by 36 months of extended supervision with conditions.
- Susan A. Mahl, 33, Keshena, had her probation revoked July 18 on a March 25 conviction for possession of narcotic drugs and felony bail jumping. Sloma sentenced her Oct. 1 to 18 months in prison followed by two years of extended supervision with conditions.
- Mara L. Clasen, 38, Krakow, was charged Sept. 29 with possession of drug paraphernalia to manufacture or store methamphetamine and 17 counts of felony bail

jumping. Kussel set a \$7,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 6.

- Ethan R. Lewis, 17, Shawano, was charged Sept. 29 with stalking, false imprisonment, three counts of child abuse intentionally causing harm, and three misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer. Kussel set a \$15,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 1.
- Kelsey L. Hoffman, 30, Shawano, was charged Sept. 29 with three counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of retail theft. Kussel set a \$1,500 cash bond. In a separate file, she was charged with an additional six counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of retail theft and resisting or obstructing an officer. Kussel set a \$1,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference

in both cases for Dec. 4.

- Adam James Delabrué, 19, Shawano, was charged Sept. 29 with child abuse recklessly causing great harm and child neglect with the consequence of great bodily harm. Kussel set a \$5,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 1.
- Tammy Marie Dumas, 57, Seymour, was charged Sept. 29 with burglary to a dwelling or building, six counts of felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and criminal damage to property. Kussel set a \$15,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 6.
- Anthony W. Tepiew, 19, Shawano, was charged Sept. 29 with four counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Kussel set a \$4,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 6.

- Zadeus K. Huxford, 34, Keshena, was charged Sept. 30 with seven counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of knowingly violating a domestic abuse order. Kussel set a \$50,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 7.
- Craig Steven Mckendry, 56, Shawano, was charged Oct. 1 with possession of methamphetamine. Kussel set a \$500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Dec. 2.
- James R. Clayton, 35, Bonduel, was charged Oct. 2 with three counts of felony bail jumping, three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. In a separate file, Clayton was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia to manufacture or store methamphetamine, six counts of felony bail jumping, six counts

of misdemeanor bail jumping, and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Court Commissioner Eric Hendrickson set a \$5,000 cash bond in each case and scheduled a status conference for Nov. 18.

- Horst P. Ellwart III, 36, Bowler, was charged Oct. 2 with six counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of battery, disorderly conduct, and resisting or obstructing an officer. Hendrickson set a \$3,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 8.
- David A. Riva, 41, Marion, was charged Oct. 2 with first-degree recklessly endangering safety, two counts of felony bail jumping, and single misdemeanor counts of criminal damage to property, disorderly conduct and bail jumping. Hendrickson set a \$30,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 6.

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ANNUAL MEETING & BUDGET HEARING

In compliance with Chapter 120.08 (1) of the Wisconsin Statutes, notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Shawano School District that the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing of said district will be held the fourth Monday in October, being the 27th day of October 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Auditorium at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B.

Alfred Pyatskowitz, Clerk Shawano School District Budget information will be available to the public on the Shawano School District website www.shawanoschools.com or the District Office at 218 County Road B, Shawano, WI 54166.

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GRESHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Gresham School District's Annual Meeting and budget hearing will be held on Monday, October 20, 2025 at 6pm in the Media Center of Gresham School located at 501 Schabow St., Gresham WI, County Shawano, pursuant to Sec. 120.08(1) of the Wisconsin Statutes. The budget in detail may be examined at the school office during regular business hours. Posting Date: October 10th, 2025 and October 17th, 2025.

Pat Pleshek
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Packers hoping to get back into win column

BY JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

When the Cincinnati Bengals visit Green Bay for a Week 6 matchup against the Packers, Green Bay should see this as a major opportunity to get back into the win column.

Packers' offense vs. Bengals' defense

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

They were mostly good against Detroit and Washington before turning in a bad performance against Cleveland.

There was nothing bad about the Sept. 28 performance against the Dallas Cowboys.

The Packers rang up 40 points and likely could have named their score had they been more aggressive.

The passing game found its footing and had its best game of the season.

Jordan Love completed 31 of his 43 passes, throwing for more than 300 yards and three touchdown passes. His passer rating was well over 100 for the third time this season, and the Packers' offense looked like a well-oiled machine in the passing game.

On the receiving end of his passes, Matthew Golden made his first explosive play of the season, catching a 46-yard bomb on the team's first touchdown drive.

Romeo Doubs remains a red zone weapon and looks to be Love's go-to guy when pressure rises.

Doubs caught two touchdowns on run-pass options and a third to give the Packers a lead late in the fourth quarter in Dallas.

Perhaps more encouraging was the run game starting to find some holes as well.

Josh Jacobs is still averaging just above three



The Packers 27-13 victory over the Lions softened the 2024 NFC North Division struggles. Bo Melton (out of uniform) sustained a shoulder injury in the second half but was enjoying the moment while Coach Matt LaFleur and staff stayed focused on closing out the game. Melton, 26, was making his first official appearance as a cornerback with Green Bay but failed to record any stats before his departure.

yards per carry but finally had some holes to run through against Dallas, especially as the game progressed.

Jacobs and Emanuel Wilson both found their way into Dallas' secondary, with Jacobs scoring twice.

The offensive line situation is still a little murky, as they're missing two preferred starters, plus a top reserve in Anthony Belton.

It remains to be seen if the Packers will get any of those guys back for Sunday's game against Cincinnati, but they could use

all of the continuity they could try to find.

Cincinnati's defense has some talented players, but it really struggled last year.

Their pass rush group, however, does have some potential to cause problems in Green Bay.

Trey Hendrickson was a player the Packers reportedly inquired about trading for this offseason, according to Ian Rapoport.

He was at a contract impasse with the Bengals all offseason before ultimately reaching an agreement to keep him in Cincinnati.

The other side could be Cincinnati's first-round pick, Shemar Stewart. Stewart had a contract impasse of his own and has been struggling through an ankle injury but is not short on talent.

With the way the Packers have been protecting, this is a situation to monitor.

Packers' defense vs. Bengals' offense

Green Bay's defense suffered its first hiccup of the season against Dallas.

They started off hot, forcing a punt on each of

Dallas' first two possessions, but the Cowboys took off from there.

Dak Prescott lit the defense on fire to the tune of 40 points and more than 300 yards passing.

Carrington Valentine and Nate Hobbs in particular really struggled, both allowing a passer rating of more than 130 when they were targeted.

The pass rush was mostly a one-man band as well.

Micah Parsons had 10 pressures and the team's lone sack of Prescott on

the night.

Rashan Gary and Lukas Van Ness were notably silent. They were unable to get home when they brought extra pressure.

Despite that fact, the Packers' defense is still a group you should have confidence in. One bad game does not erase three good ones, and this week's game is a good chance for them to get back on track against an offense missing some of its best players, notably the quarterback.

HOPE, CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



Week 4 in Dallas ended with a tie. While the defense shined in the first three games, the Cowboys scored 40 points adding more questions as the season resumes in Week 6.

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KEYS TO THE GAME
Green Bay needs offensive momentum to continue

BY JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

The Green Bay Packers are probably kicking themselves after falling into a tie against the Dallas Cowboys before their bye week.

Out of the bye, the Packers will return to Lambeau Field having not won a game in more than a calendar month.

The Bengals as a team are struggling right now as they've lost their franchise quarterback, Joe Burrow, for the remainder of the season due to a foot injury.

Green Bay's defense should have a good opportunity to get back on track after giving up 40 points in their most recent showing, while the offense has a chance to take another step forward.

Ultimately, Green Bay

needs to start winning again, and here are the keys to getting their third win of the year.

1. Find Ja'Marr

The cornerback room in Green Bay was a point of contention throughout the offseason, but the concerns had not come to a head during the team's first three games.

The defensive backs played well as the Packers did not allow a touchdown

through the first three quarters of their first three games.

Last week, that changed. Carrington Valentine and Nate Hobbs really struggled against George Pickens and Dallas' powerful passing offense.

This week, they have another challenge.

Jake Browning may not be as good as Dak Prescott,

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HOPE, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

One injury concern to watch is defensive tackle Devonte Wyatt, whom head coach Matt LaFleur described as week-to-week after he left the game against the Cowboys with a knee injury.

If he does not play, Warren Brinson could make his debut, and the Packers are really struggling to find a rotation at defensive tackle.

Nazir Stackhouse played extended snaps but was not impactful. Karl Brooks and Colby Wooden were noticeably gassed by the end of the game as well.

They need someone to step up and take some of those extra snaps in the middle of the defense so the guys who have been playing are not overworked.

The Bengals' offense took a devastating hit early in the season when

it was announced that Joe Burrow was going to miss three months with a toe injury that required surgery.

As a consequence of that, Burrow will miss this game against Green Bay, but the Bengals are not short on weapons.

Ja'Marr Chase has struggled with Jake Browning at quarterback and had one of the least productive games of his career when the Bengals lost 28-3 against the Broncos on Monday Night Football in Week 4.

He's still one of the top receivers in football that has to be accounted for.

He's flanked by Tee Higgins, who helps the Bengals boast arguably the best wide receiver tandem in football.

What the Bengals boast in skill positions, they lack up front.

As the Bengals built their offense around

Burrow, a pressure point has been whether they'd be able to protect their quarterback.

They were not able to during his brief stint this year and lost him for the rest of the year.

Green Bay's pass rush should look to have a bounce-back game here.

Special Teams

Green Bay's special teams is going through it.

LaFleur said in his last media availability before the bye week that his team needed to clean up some of the catastrophic mistakes, and that if they did that, they'd be in a good spot.

They made some changes in personnel during the team's 40-40 tie against the Dallas Cowboys and might have a few more coming out of the bye week.

They need something to change, because the special teams has played a key



While Jordan Love has had strong statistics in the first four games, his critical errors at crucial moments have contributed to a loss and tie in past two games. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

role in the last two games going the way they have.

Most recently, it was a blocked extra point that the Cowboys returned to put up their first points of the night.

That easily could have

been waved off as no big deal, because the score was 13-2, but as the Packers have learned, teams will take advantage of the mistakes they make.

The mistakes were not just in the kicking game;

the return game is a mess. Savion Williams has struggled on when to field the ball in the air on kickoffs.

Golden has been an adventure while trying to return punts.

The Packers had two open roster spots going into the bye week but have shown little interest in adding a return specialist either to the active roster or the practice squad.

They have who they have, and right now that is not good enough.

Cincinnati's kicker is Evan McPherson, and he has a big leg. The Packers have seen him before, as both he and Mason Crosby traded missed kicks in what ended in a Packers' victory in 2021.

Green Bay's special teams needs to figure things out before the schedule turns to the stretch run.

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but his group of receivers is better than what Dallas had going into their matchup.

Ja'Marr Chase is the best receiver in football or on the short list with Minnesota's Justin Jefferson.

He has been quiet since Browning took over at quarterback, notably with a ho-hum performance in the team's 28-3 loss to the Denver Broncos.

Usually, a game like that leads to a bit of an overcorrection from the coach and the quarterback.

Expect Chase to be involved early and often.

2. Back On Track

Green Bay's pass rush had been lethal through the first three games of the season but was more of a one-man band against the Dallas Cowboys.

Micah Parsons had 10 pressures by himself and the only sack of the night.

Rashan Gary and Lukas Van Ness were quiet, while Devonte Wyatt left the game with a knee injury.

Cincinnati's offensive line has been leaky throughout Burrow's tenure in Green Bay, and the Packers should match up well here.

One thing is certain: They should be motivated coming off a poor showing.

With some of the extra

resources that may need to be allocated to Cincinnati's receivers, it's imperative the Packers figure out a way to get home with just their front four, which is something they did really well through the first three games of the year.

3. Keep the Momentum

Green Bay may not have won the game against Dallas but perhaps took some steps toward figuring out how they'll need to win as the season progresses.

Fair or not, this league is about quarterback play, and Green Bay's quarterback was excellent in the tie against Dallas.

Love's passer rating was more than 100, the third such game he's had out of the team's first four of the season.

He found Matthew Golden on a deep ball early in the game and a fourth down in overtime as well.

Romeo Doubs was a weapon in the red zone.

Ultimately, this Packers team is going to go as far as Love and the passing game are able to carry it.

Yes, they need more from their run game, and Josh Jacobs looked like he found some of his 2024 form in the team's last game.



The return game and special teams have struggled. Romeo Doubs entered the fourth quarter as a punt returner during the game against Dallas. Doubs managed to shake off the first defender but gained five yards on his only punt return of the season. Rookies Mathew Golden and Savion Williams have not yet emerged as solutions in the crucial return game. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

CINCINNATI BENGALS AT GREEN BAY PACKERS

TIME AND DATE: 3:25 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12

LOCATION: Lambeau Field TV: CBS

RADIO: Flagship WRNW-FM Milwaukee — 97.3; Packers Radio Network includes WIXX-FM Green Bay — 101.1, WRLO-FM Antigo — 105.3, WLST-FM Marinette — 95.1, and WSAU Wausau — 550 AM and 95.1 FM

2025 RECORDS: Packers, 2-1-1. Bengals, 2-3.

HISTORY: These two teams have met 14 times in their history, with the series being dead even at seven wins apiece.

The last time these two

teams met, a wild game broke out where the Packers and Bengals kept trading missed field goals, until Mason Crosby ultimately kicked a game-winner in overtime.

The last game at Lambeau Field was not a bad one either. The Packers trailed 24-7 in the second half before Aaron Rodgers led a comeback that culminated with a touchdown pass to Jordy Nelson to send the game to overtime.

From there, the Packers' defense got a stop setting up Rodgers finding Geronimo Allison for a big play to put them in field goal range.

Mason Crosby would make another game-winner from there to give the Packers a 27-24 victory.

COACHES: Packers, Matt LaFleur, seventh season, 69-34-1. Bengals, Zac Taylor, seventh season, 48-55-1.

PACKERS SCHEDULE

Sunday, Sept. 7, vs. Detroit Lions, W 27-13
Thursday, Sept. 11, vs. Washington Commanders, W 27-18
Sunday, Sept. 21, at Cleveland Browns, L 10-13
Sunday, Sept. 28, at Dallas Cowboys, T 40-40
Bye Week
Sunday, Oct. 12, vs. Cin-

cinnati Bengals, 3:25 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 19, at Arizona Cardinals, 3:25 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 26, at Pittsburgh Steelers, 7:20 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 2, vs. Carolina Panthers, noon
Monday, Nov. 10, vs. Philadelphia Eagles, 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 16, at New York Giants, noon
Sunday, Nov. 23, vs. Minnesota Vikings, noon
Thursday, Nov. 27, at Detroit Lions, noon
Sunday, Dec. 7, vs. Chicago Bears, noon
Sunday, Dec. 14, at Denver Broncos, 3:25 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 20, at

Chicago Bears, TBA
Saturday, Dec. 27, vs. Baltimore Ravens, TBA
Sunday, Jan. 4, at Minnesota Vikings, TBA
NFL SCHEDULE
Thursday, Oct. 9
Philadelphia at NY Giants, 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 12
Denver at NY Jets, in London, 8:30 a.m.
Seattle at Jacksonville, noon
LA Chargers at Miami, noon
LA Rams at Baltimore, noon
Arizona at Indianapolis, noon

Dallas at Carolina, noon
New England at New Orleans, noon
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, noon
Tennessee at Las Vegas, 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Tampa Bay, 3:25 p.m.
Cincinnati at Green Bay, 3:25 p.m.
Detroit at Kansas City, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 13
Buffalo at Atlanta, 6:15 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 7:15 p.m.
Bye Teams: Houston, Minnesota

Packers welcome early bye this season

BY JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

The Green Bay Packers are returning home for the first time since early September, and they'll take on the Cincinnati Bengals on Sunday.

The Packers have not won a game since that 28-19 victory over the Washington Commanders, having lost and tied their first two road games of the season.

The Bengals season is in flux right now, as quarterback Joe Burrow has been lost for the season with a foot injury.

Jake Browning has struggled in his absence, and a game that was supposed to be a potential Super Bowl preview now looks like there is only one team left that could be a contender.

That's Green Bay, but they need to get back to their winning ways.

More on that in this week's six pack.

1. Wild Ones

These two teams have met three times since 2013, and all of those games have been wild for one reason or another.

The first game of note was in 2013, which came in Cincinnati.

The Packers stormed out to a 30-14 lead but would subsequently blow that lead against Andy Dalton and the Bengals, highlighted by a key fumble from rookie running back Jonathan Franklin.

Four years ago, the two teams met again in Cincinnati. The Packers won in overtime, as the two teams traded missed kicks in OT. Mason Crosby ultimately won that game with a walk-off field goal.

The last meeting at Lambeau Field saw the Packers fall behind before Aaron Rodgers led a big comeback on what was at the time the hottest game day in the history of Lambeau Field.

The comeback was capped off with a touch-down pass to Jordy Nelson in the corner of the end zone and won in overtime by a Crosby field goal.

Safe to say, when these two teams get together, expect fireworks.

2. Out of the Bye

One of the pressure points for Matt LaFleur early in his career was that his team really struggled coming off extended rest periods.

That appears to have changed.

The Packers have won four of their last five games out of the bye.

This game against the Bengals is a potential bounce back, where the Packers will be hoping that trend continues.



Josh Jacobs' 86 yards rushing and 71 yards receiving was a dual threat abasing the Cowboys.
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3. Health?

LaFleur was pretty succinct when he was asked what his team needed to focus the most on coming out of the bye week.

"It's called health," LaFleur said.

It's true, the Packers were pretty beat up going into Dallas, missing three offensive linemen. They lost Devonte Wyatt during the game as well.

It's unclear if the Packers will get any of those guys back, but they did waive Brant Banks, whom they promoted from the practice squad in the wake of those injuries.

They lost him to the Titans on waivers and have yet to replace him on the practice squad.

That suggests they should feel good about getting Aaron Banks, Anthony Belton or Zach Tom back on Sunday.

4. Special Teams

Green Bay's special teams is in shambles.

To be fair to them, special teams around the league have been pretty rough to start the year. Perhaps there will be a discussion some day as to why.

Green Bay, however, should not worry about the rest of the league; they should worry about themselves.

Matthew Golden has looked uncomfortable as a punt returner. Ditto for Savion Williams returning kicks.

Kick coverage has been a mess between committing penalties and allowing

explosive returns. To top it all off, they've had kicks blocked in back-to-back games.

The last time these two teams met, it was an adventure on special teams as well. Is that an omen? That remains to be seen.

5. Grudge Match

These two teams have only met 14 times in their history, but those 14 games are at a deadlock.

Green Bay's win in Cincinnati four years ago evened the series at seven wins apiece.

The Packers have a chance to add an

eighth win at Lambeau Field against a backup quarterback.

6. Cavalry's Coming

LaFleur talked about health going into the bye week, but that was with players currently on the active roster.

With four weeks in the books, the Packers can now look at bringing some players back from injured reserve.

The most likely candidate at this point is wide receiver Christian Watson.

Other candidates include Marshawn Lloyd, Jacob Monk and Collin Oliver.



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1	Micah Parsons.....	DL	2	Evan McPherson.....	K
2	Malik Willis.....	QB	5	Tee Higgins.....	WR
7	Quay Walker.....	LB	6	Jake Browning.....	QB
8	Josh Jacobs.....	RB	8	Ryan Rehkow.....	P
10	Jordan Love.....	QB	11	Brett Rypien.....	QB
13	Dontayvion Wicks.....	WR	15	Charlie Jones.....	WR
16	Bo Melton.....	CB	20	DJ Turner II.....	CB
17	Brandon McManus.....	K	22	Geno Stone.....	S
18	Malik Heath.....	WR	23	Dax Hill.....	CB
19	Daniel Whelan.....	P	24	Marco Wilson.....	CB
20	Javon Bullard.....	S	25	Tahj Brooks.....	HB
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23	Emanuel Wilson.....	RB	27	Jordan Battle.....	S
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39	Zayne Anderson.....	S	46	William Wagner.....	LS
42	Matt Orzech.....	LS	49	Barrett Carter.....	LB
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52	Rashan Gary.....	DL	55	Logan Wilson.....	LB
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74	Elgton Jenkins.....	C/G	75	Orlando Brown Jr.....	OT
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95	Devonte Wyatt.....	DL	94	Jordan Jefferson.....	DT
96	Colby Wooden.....	DL	96	Cam Sample.....	DE
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PACKERS BACK HOME AFTER ROAD TRIP, BYE WEEK



In Week 1, the Packers' defense held the Detroit Lions' running game to 46 yards and 13 points in the season opener. Last season, the Lions averaged 143 yards on the ground per game. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

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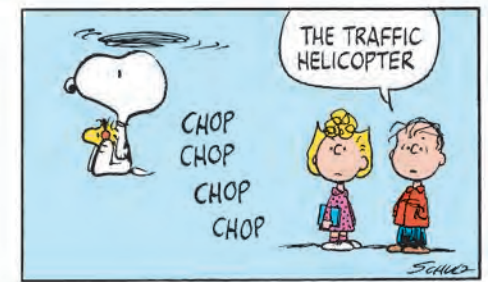
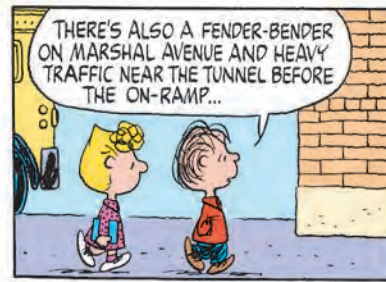
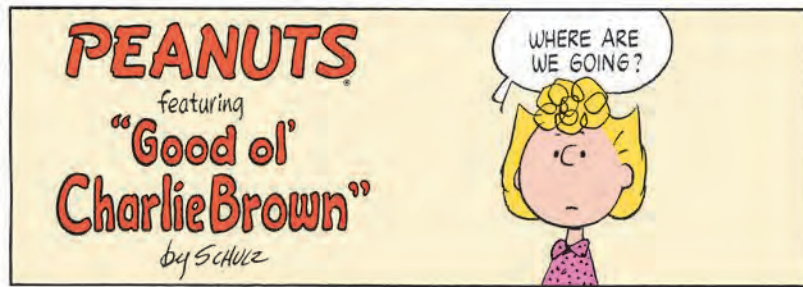
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THAT'S BECAUSE I'M CONFINING THE ACTIVITIES TO THE INSIDE OF MY HEAD. THE OUTSIDE MAY LOOK A TAD LETHARGIC.

YOU LOOK A TAD DEAD.

IF I WASN'T WRANGLING WILD BUFFALOS IN HERE, I'D BE GIVING YOU A MEAN LOOK.

BE EASY ON THEM. I THINK THEY ARE ENDANGERED.

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The BARN

by Ralph Hagen

"LIFE'S ROAD IS FULL OF BUMPS."

BUT IF YOU GO REALLY FAST, YOU HARDLY FEEL THEM!

THAT'S RORY! ALWAYS PEDAL TO THE METAL!

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Diamond Lil

by Brett Koth

SIGH...

I HATE THIS TIME OF YEAR...

PRETTY SOON EVERYONE IS GONNA WANT TO CARVE ME!

I KNOW JUST WHAT YOU MEAN

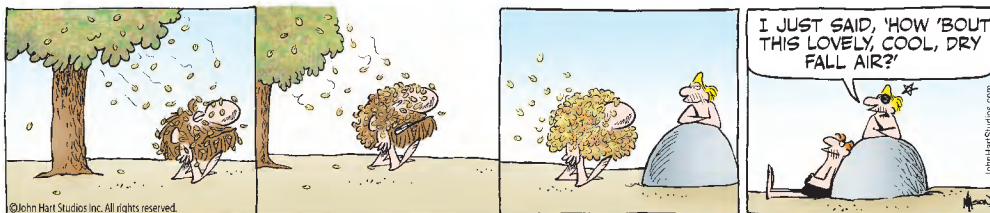
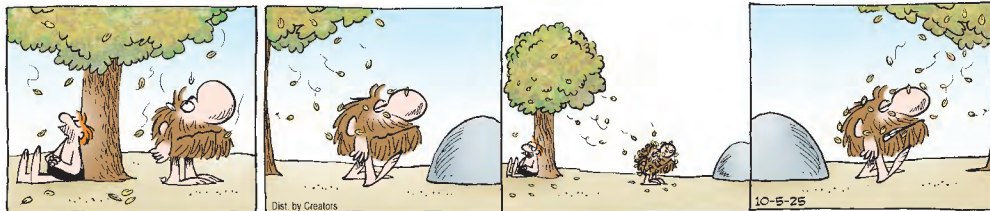
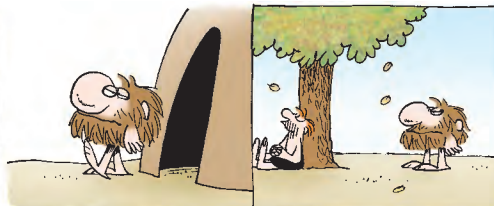
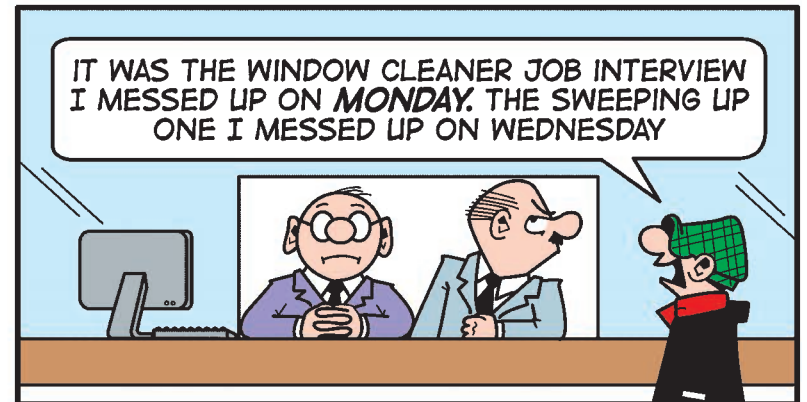
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DOGS OF C-KENNEL

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