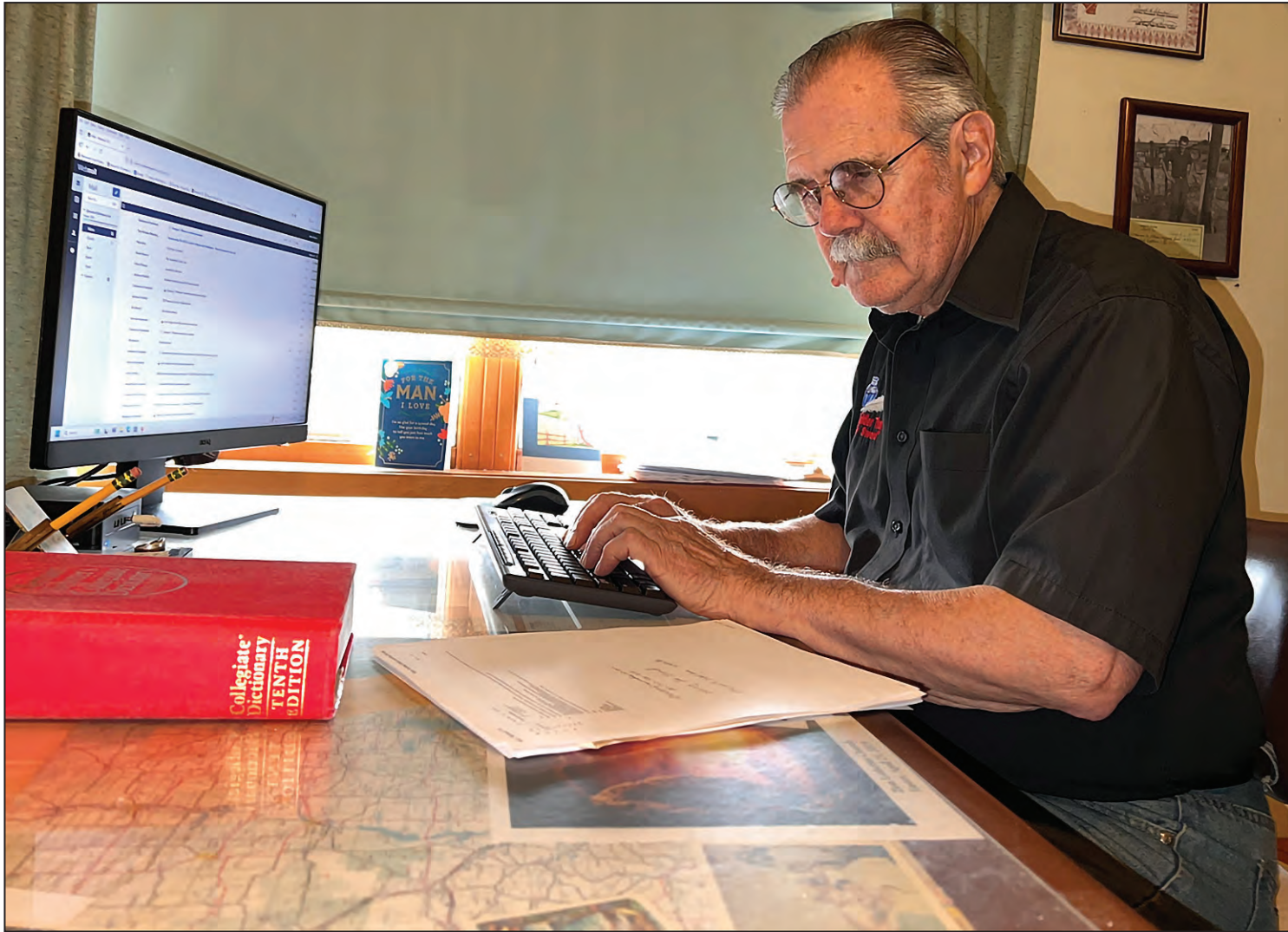




John Mutter writes at his computer at home. The local author researched and compiled a 19-page document highlighting the murder of Sherry Sumnicht in 1975. Her killer has never been brought to justice.

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Writer tries to bring life to cold case

Sumnicht was murdered 50 years ago this month

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

John Mutter is a writer, and when something gets in his head, his only answer is to write about it.

That's what he did with Sherry Sumnicht, a Bonduel woman who was murdered Oct. 15, 1975. No one has ever been brought to justice for her death.

"In August of 2022, I began thinking of Sherry Sumnicht," Mutter said. "I don't really know why, but she came to my mind every couple of days. Something like this has happened to me in the past, and I know the only way to deal with it is to write about it."

Over the course of the past three years, he researched and wrote a history of the murder, the trial and his efforts to gather the information. His story is nearly 6,000 words and covers 19 pages.

The full story can be read at www.newmedia-wi.com.

Murder and trial

According to Mutter's story, on Oct. 14,

1975, Sumnicht, her husband, Chuck, and friends including Roger Lemberg, were drinking at Dan's Den Bar, 145 N. Cecil St., Bonduel.

Chuck Sumnicht went home about 9:45 p.m., and Sherry Sumnicht stayed at the bar. She and Lemberg left about 1 a.m. and were last seen in his vehicle heading toward Slab City.

Sumnicht was found the next morning by Gerald Schmidt, who was driving a tractor next to a fence under an apple tree in the town of Hartland.

She was still alive, but by the time she arrived by ambulance at the Shawano hospital, she had died. She was severely beaten (five broken ribs, a broken nose and a broken jaw) with no identification.

Early that evening, Chuck Sumnicht called police after hearing about the woman. His wife had not returned home the night before. That night, he identified her body.

By 7:25 p.m., Lemberg was located and placed under arrest.

Eventually, a trial date was set for Jan. 26, 1976. Lemberg was represented by attorney Dan Aschenbrener.

Lemberg said he was too intoxicated the night of the murder to remember anything. Aschenbrener convinced Judge

Gordon Myse to allow Lemberg to be hypnotized to help bring back his memory.

Lemberg testified on his own behalf, and his hypnotized recollections were allowed to be heard. He said they were at a bar in Slab City. Lemberg got out of the car to try and call Chuck Sumnicht, and when he returned, Sherry. Sumnicht was gone.

Lemberg's mother testified he was home around 1:30 a.m. Dr. Donald Schulz testified that based on the nighttime temperatures and Sumnicht's injuries, she could not have survived outside more than two hours before she was found around 8 a.m.

On the fifth day of the trial, the jury begins deliberations in the late afternoon, and at 11:05 p.m., a not guilty verdict was announced.

Mutter's research

Mutter first heard of Sumnicht's death in a letter from his mother in October 1975. As a teenager, he had helped the Sumnichts bale hay at their farm when they lived south of Bonduel.

Mutter started his research by asking his contacts if they knew anything about

Davel leaving county ahead of schedule

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

Shawano County Administrative Coordinator Jim Davel is leaving his post sooner than planned.

As of Nov. 3, Davel will be the new village administrator in Kronenwetter in Marathon County. He had earlier announced his retirement/resignation effective Jan. 5, 2026.

"I think it's a different challenge than what I have been working the last few years," said Davel, of the village administrator position in a news release issued by the village. "In the service, I moved around a lot doing different jobs and wanted to try something new."

Earlier in his career, Davel spent 30 years in the military.

Davel was appointed administrative coordinator May 19, 2021. He had previously served as the emergency management director for Shawano County, starting in that role Sept. 17, 2018.

A retired U.S. Army colonel, Davel's military career included deployments to Afghanistan and assignments in Kansas and Minnesota before he returned home to Shawano in 2018.

The hiring of a village administrator comes after several years of turnover in the role following the departure of Richard Downey, who served in the role from 2012-22. Several people held the role on an interim basis while Leonard Ludi and Peter Kampfer were hired and resigned within months of taking on the position in 2023 and 2024, respectively.

"I don't see any challenges, only opportunities to improve the community," Davel said. "I believe Kronenwetter is a great community with a great team supporting that community."

The Kronenwetter Village Board voted Sept. 30 to hire Davel. He accepted the offer Oct. 1. He will be paid \$115,000 per year.

Davel told Shawano County officials in July of his intent to leave his post in January. He hoped to give officials time to determine the direction in which they wanted to move.

Three forms of the executive branch in county government exist: county executive, county administrator and county administrative coordinator. Each has varying duties and responsibilities.

Davel's final day with Shawano County has not been announced, and county officials have not said how they will proceed.



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Kay Reminger will talk about farming 'til the cows come home!

SEE HER COLUMN IN TODAY'S PAPER!

Early detection, action on sepsis can save lives

Every year, sepsis silently strikes down at least 1.7 million adults in the United States, a staggering number that continues to rise.

As the population ages, antibiotic resistance grows, and more individuals manage chronic diseases, the threat of sepsis looms larger than ever.

“Sepsis results from an infection that the body struggles to combat,” said Dr. Chad Radke, emergency physician at Aspirus Health. “The immune response can become overwhelming, causing injury to the body itself.”

Sepsis can develop from infections like urinary tract infections, pneumonia or skin infections such as cellulitis. Common symptoms include fever, chills, weakness and fatigue. In older adults, especially those older than 65, sepsis may present as unusual weakness or confusion, indicating that an infection is becoming more severe.

Radke emphasizes the importance of recognizing these early signs.

“Patients and their loved ones should be vigilant about symptoms like burning with urina-

tion, persistent cough or skin redness,” he said. “Early intervention is key. If you notice these symptoms, seek medical care promptly, whether through an emergency department, a walk-in clinic or a primary care specialist.”

Timely treatment can significantly impact outcomes. While many infections can be managed with oral antibiotics at home, untreated infections can escalate to sepsis, potentially leading to low blood pressure, liver and kidney damage, confusion or even severe

complications affecting brain function.

Aspirus has been at the forefront of combating sepsis through rigorous care standards, according to Radke.

“Aspirus Health has been aggressive for a decade in standardizing care across all our facilities,” Radke said. “We aim to be a national leader in the early recognition and management of sepsis and septic shock.”

Recognizing symptoms early and seeking prompt medical care can make a vital difference in preventing severe outcomes.



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the case.

“When I first began, I didn’t even know that someone had been charged and that this person (Roger Lemberg) had stood trial for this crime,” Mutter said. “I have never done research on anything like this before.”

Through open records requests, he gathered some information from the

Shawano County Clerk of Courts office. However, no one could locate a copy of the trial transcript.

“I was told that the transcript had been mislaid,” he said. “I was also told that maybe a transcript was never made of the trial.”

The case file was accessed at the Shawano County Sheriff’s Office, and

that’s where he collected most of the information for his story.

“The most surprising, along with the most frustrating part of my research, was the fact that there was no transcript of the trial,” Mutter said. “The transcript is evidence. People testifying under oath.

“Roger Lemberg was found not guilty of this

crime, so the search for who was responsible for Sherry’s Sumnicht’s death might have been someone who testified at the trial, but we don’t have the transcript. Something someone said while under oath during the trial could lead to who was responsible for this crime.”

Chuck Sumnicht died July 10, 2007, at age 73.

Lemberg died April 28, 2014, at age 67.

Mutter reached out to some of Sumnicht’s relatives for photos and information but received no response.

“I just want to be the messenger in this pursuit for who was responsible for Sherry Sumnicht’s death,” he said. “I’m trying to give the public as much

information about this unsolved case as I can. I’m hoping with this information that someone who has some credible information will come forward and contact Sheriff (George) Lenzner.”

Sumnicht would have turned 37 the day after her body was found.

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Panel aims to clear up bidding optics

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

Informal procedures and a perceived conflict of interest raised eyebrows at the Oct. 2 Shawano County Ag and Extension Committee meeting.

"We understand you guys are not county employees; however, we have to follow that (county rules)," Supervisor Joe Miller said when addressing several members of the Shawano Area Ag Society board. "When requests for appropriations come to us, I don't think it's an unreasonable expectation to get some uniformity."

Ag society members at the meeting were agreeable to the suggestion.

The ag society, which operates the county fairgrounds and the Shawano County Fair, often has maintenance projects paid for by the county. Those are the projects under scrutiny by the committee.

"We don't have a bid policy. We have a procedure ... and that varies as well," Ag society member Bob Krause said.

Bids are sometimes opened at meetings. Other times, they are opened outside of a meeting.

"We don't use sealed bids," he said.

"Our concern, and I'll

lay it right out on the table here — Scott soliciting bids, and Scott also submitting a bid," Miller said. "It raises some eyebrows, and I think understandably so."

Miller was referring to Ag society member Scott Breitrick.

Four dead ash trees and their stumps had to be removed from the fairgrounds earlier this year. Breitrick solicited bids, and his company, K&S Landscaping, Bowler, provided the lowest bid of \$3,250.

Supervisor Lynn Tober-Steinke said that can lead to an appearance of a conflict of interest.

"It's not saying there is, but it gives that vibe," she said.

Breitrick noted that he did complete the tree removal project, and then he donated the funds back to the fairgrounds.

"Understood, but who all sees that?" asked Miller.

The county's bid policy will be forwarded to the ag society.

Krause clarified that the county policy will be for projects in which the county pays the costs. For projects paid for by the ag society itself, the nonprofit group is free to use any policy or procedure it chooses.

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ABOVE: Sergio Hernandez and the El Tequila food truck are a staple at community events. Staff kept busy serving patrons attending Shawano Municipal Utilities customer appreciation event Oct. 8.

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LEFT: Bucket rides were part of the fun at the Oct. 8 Shawano Municipal Utilities customer appreciation event. Snack, beverages, giveaways, door prizes, children's activities and more were also part of the three-hour celebration of Public Power Week.

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Johnson donates paychecks to Joseph Project

U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson has announced that he will be donating his paychecks to The Joseph Project for the duration of the federal government shutdown.

The Joseph Project, a faith-based jobs initiative,

provides a week-long job preparation training program that links participants with Wisconsin employers.

"Since the U.S. Constitution requires that I receive pay, even during a shutdown, I'll be donating my paychecks to The Joseph Project," Johnson said. "Every day the shutdown continues, the check gets a little bigger — compliments of (Senate Minority Leader) Chuck Schumer."

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF SHAWANO COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Housing Authority of Shawano County will hold a public hearing regarding a significant change to its 5-year capital plan for years 2025 – 2029. The Authority will have available information on the proposed changes at the office located at 1259 Engel Drive in Shawano Wisconsin until the time of the public hearing.

The Hearing will be held at the office on Tuesday December 9, 2025 from 10:00AM – 12:00PM. Please call the office (751)526-6960 with any questions.

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Supervisors expected to OK 2026 budget

County tax rate projected to increase for the first time in several years

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Shawano County supervisors are expected to vote Oct. 22 on whether to approve a 2026 budget that will total \$76.55 million.

The monthly board meeting will begin at 3 p.m. in the County Board Room at the Shawano County Courthouse.

For the first time in several years, the tax rate will see an increase. In 2026, it will change from \$3.89 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to \$3.98, an increase of 2.38%.

In 2019, the rate was \$5.08.

The tax rate declined in the last several years due to a relatively flat tax levy and increasing equalized values.

Equalized value continued to rise again, up \$404.47 million or 8.75% to \$5.03 billion.

State law limits the county operating tax levy to either 0% or the net increase in countywide new construction value, whichever is greater. Net new construction was \$264,370 toward annual operations.

The 2026 tax levy will total \$20,027,370 with the remainder of revenues coming from state and federal funds and service fees.

Departments with the most expenses are the highway department including county roads and bridges at \$20.5 million, human services at \$15.18 million and the sheriff's department at \$8.78 million.

Departments requesting the most tax levy dol-

lars are the sheriff's department at \$7.28 million, the jail at \$4.93 million, and county roads and bridges at \$3.31 million.

Debt service will increase due to short-term borrowing of \$2 million to fund part of the 2025 capital improvement projects that include \$1.8 million for highway paving and \$1.18 million for road and bridge construction.

County sales tax revenue for 2025 is projected at \$4.15 million.

State shared revenue will total \$2.12 million with \$689,048 of supplemental aid given directly to sheriff's department budget.

"As we transition to the budget of 2026, we must have a strategic financial plan that sets the financial conditions for success," Administrative Coordinator Jim Davel said in his comments in the budget book.

While strategic planning is important, it is most effective to start with the question of why, he said.

"We must be willing to change our focus and ask difficult questions: Why are we doing this?" Davel said. "Priority-based budgeting is not a budgeting tool, but a road map to culture change: finding creative solutions to generate revenue and save money. It is a willingness to reorganize for efficiency, and a quality versus quantity mentality."

The county employs 403 full-time equivalent employees and operates 31 departments.

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Shawano chamber to celebrate 100 years

The Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce will celebrate its 100th anniversary at its annual banquet, set for Feb. 26, 2026.

Recognition of the 2025 Distinguished Citizen and Business of the Year award recipients is on the agenda.

The 2025 Business of the Year and 2025 Distinguished Citizen of the Year nomination forms are available on the chamber's website at <http://www.shawanocountry.com/.../chamber-award...> or stop by the chamber office at 1263 S. Main St., Shawano, to pick up an application.

For the Young Professional of the Year award, go to www.saypro.org to fill out an application form.

All applications are due no later than Dec. 1. Details on the banquet's location, tickets and sponsorship opportunities will be announced soon.

Walking for the homeless



Matthew Klein carries a cross with a sign urging support for the homeless Oct. 10 as he walks along South Main Street in Shawano. Klein tried to organize the Jesus March in the hopes that others would walk for homeless people. Although he received a lot of online kudos, there was no in-person participation, leading Klein to walk alone.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

VFW targets Veterans Day grand opening

Downtown welcomes new store, bids farewell to another

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

The new post, located at South Olson and East Richmond streets, is expected to be completed by Nov. 11 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the occasion.

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

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

Also on the sales block are Peace Untied Church of Christ, 208 E. Maurer St., and First Presbyterian Church, 100 W. Presbyterian St.

The two churches are merging and will gather at a neutral location.

Peace United Church of Christ has an asking price of \$785,000. The church was built in 1957 and encompasses 13,424 square

feet.

First Presbyterian Church has an asking price of \$750,000. The building includes 14,841 square feet of space, and the site is 1.2 acres.

Other commercial properties listed for sale on crexi.com include 212 E. Green Bay St., \$1,475,000; 1340 E. Green Bay St., \$1,324,663; 1305 E. Green Bay St., \$99,099; and W8884 Oak Ave., \$349,000.

Honey Soul Collective Co., 144 S. Main St., celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting Sept. 27. The shop provides high-quality clothing and accessories.

It is owned by Tiana Fritsch. Previously, her products were marketed under the name Chosen Boutique from a booth at The Blend, a collaborative space for female entrepreneurs at 111 N. Main St.

War Bonnet Native American Gifts, 127 S. Main St., announced Oct. 1 it was going out of business. The gift shop features Native American

artwork, beadwork, sculptures, furs and jewelry.

Downtown Gyros Subs & More, 230 E. Green Bay St., closed its doors Sept. 19. It had been open nearly two years.

Wolf River Dental will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony Oct. 24 to mark the opening of its new location at 1040 Engel Drive.

The dental office is currently located at 152 Woodlawn Drive.

Owners of the Shawano Cafe announced in September they intend to open a new restaurant, Popp's Place, at 200 Golfview Road, Cecil. That new restaurant is now open.

In the same shopping center, Yami Sweeney has opened Painted Dock Nail Salon.

The Shawano County Planning, Development and Zoning Committee on Oct. 1 approved a conditional use permit related to the construction of a Dollar General at W128 Center St., Krakow.

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OBITUARIES



Thomas Kugel

Thomas Matthew "Tom" Kugel, 89, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 5, 2025, at his home in Shawano.

Tom was born Nov. 10, 1935, at the home farm in the Town of Waukechon to the late Frank and Barbara (Stempa) Kugel. He graduated from Shawano High School in 1954.

Tom then went on to serve his country proudly in the United States Army, where he was stationed in Germany. During his time in the service, he won first place in the carbine shoulder to shoulder match on July 3, 1957.

On April 4, 1959, Tom was united in marriage to Sally Maltbey at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. The couple spent a wonderful 62 years together before Sally's passing in 2021. He worked for Badger Breeders for six years. At the age of 27, he brought a dairy farm and began doing what he loved the most.

He enjoyed deer hunting and spent many years as a member on the Town of Waukechon Town Board. Tom was an amazing father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend.

Tom is survived by his children, Theresa (Steven) Gueths, Joseph Kugel, David (Nanette) Kugel and Peter (Tonie Dunst) Kugel; grandsons, Andrew Gueths and Austin (Kaitlynn) Gueths; great-grandchildren, Owen and Emelia. He is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Tom is preceded in death by his wife, Sally; brothers, Clarence (Clara) Kugel, Matthew Kugel, Francis (Cecelia) Kugel, Jim (Geraldine) Kugel, John Kugel and Bernard (Marion) Kugel; and parents, Frank and Barbara.

A funeral Mass will be held Friday, Oct. 10, 2025, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial was held at the St. Wenceslaus Cemetery in the Town of Waukechon.

Military honors will be conducted by the Shawano American Legion Post 117, held at the cemetery. A memorial fund has been established.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Shawano Theda-Care Hospice for the wonderful care given to Tom.

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Unsolicited packages can expose people to fraud

Four local banks — AbbyBank, Forward Bank, Northwestern Bank, and Prevail Bank — are coming together to raise awareness of a scam resurfacing in communities, brushing fraud.

This scheme occurs when fraudulent sellers send unsolicited packages to people and then use their names and addresses to post fake positive

reviews online. While these shipments may seem harmless, they can expose individuals to identity theft and financial fraud.

“Even something as simple as an unexpected delivery can be a red flag,” said Connie Zuleger, chief operating officer at Prevail Bank. “Scammers often exploit personal details pulled from online sources. Once they have your

data, it can be used in ways that directly impact your financial security.”

In brushing scams, fraudsters manipulate product credibility by inflating ratings with false reviews tied to unsuspecting recipients’ information. Beyond skewing online marketplaces, the scam can serve as a gateway for criminals to misuse personal data.

“We want to remind our communities that fraud doesn’t always start with an email or phone call,” said Natalyn Janene, vice president of marketing at AbbyBank. “Something as routine as a package on your doorstep can be a signal that your personal information is circulating where it shouldn’t be.”

Here’s how consumers

can protect themselves from brushing fraud:

- Do not pay for or return unsolicited items.
- Report the package to the retailer, per Federal Trade Commission (FTC) guidance.
- If it contains plants or seeds, report immediately to the United States Postal Service and the FTC.
- Never scan QR codes on shipping slips; they

may capture personal data.

- Strengthen account security with unique passwords and multi-factor authentication.
- Monitor bank accounts and credit reports regularly for suspicious activity.
- Consider placing a fraud alert with credit agencies to prevent unauthorized use.

Public comments sought on forest master plan

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is seeking public input on the North Central Forest Draft Regional Master Plan and Environmental Analysis, which outlines proposed future resource management and public use and development of DNR-managed properties within the North Central Forest Ecological Landscape.

The public may submit comments through a variety of opportunities, including in-person meetings.

The North Central Forest Ecological Landscape encompasses 9,500 square miles in northern Wisconsin and includes all or portions of the following 20 counties: Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Chippewa, Clark, Douglas, Florence, Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Marinette, Oconto, Oneida, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Taylor, Vilas and Washburn.

DNR-managed properties in the North Central Forest include fishery areas, a state forest, state natural areas, a state park, a state recreation area, wildlife areas, state and national trails, and various



The North Central Forest Ecological Landscape encompasses 9,500 square miles in northern Wisconsin. WISCONSIN DNR

smaller parcels.

Significant resource management opportunities on the North Central Forest properties include a variety of forest types such as northern mesic, boreal and forested wetlands, ephemeral ponds and non-forested wetlands and unique geological features such as bedrock outcrop-

pings. Primary recreational activities include hiking, hunting, trapping, fishing, boating, camping and snowmobiling.

A master plan establishes the levels and types of resource management and public use permitted on DNR-managed properties. Highlights of the management proposed in the plan

include:

- Expansion and enhancement of state and national trails.
- Protection and management of forested wetlands and ephemeral ponds.
- Protection and maintenance of existing cold water streams and trout fisheries.

- Designation of a new stream protection program, the Brook Trout Reserves Program, to protect and enhance cold brook trout streams.
- Expansion and improvement of water access sites.
- Management of forests for age class and composition diversity to support wildlife habitat, watershed health and economic opportunity.

The DNR is also seeking public input on an option to establish a project boundary for a new property at the Grandfather Falls in with Wisconsin River, potentially known as the Grandfather Falls State Ice Age Trail Area.

The public is encouraged to submit comments using an online public input form found on the DNR’s North Central Forest Regional Master Plan webpage, which is at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov>.

Comments may also be made by downloading a hard copy form to be sent via U.S. mail or email. Submit written comments by Dec. 7 to Wisconsin Department of Natural Re-

sources, C/O Erin Rieser, DNR Property Planning Section Manager, 101 S. Webster St., P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707; ErinE.Rieser@wisconsin.gov or 608-400-6171.

The public is invited to attend an in-person meeting to learn more about the plan and give comments. There will be opportunities for the public to view informational material about the draft plan, speak with DNR staff during the open house and submit written comments.

The first meeting will be from 5-7:30 p.m. Nov. 3 at Nicolet College, Northwoods Center Conference Room 207, 5350 College Drive, Rhinelander.

The second meeting will be from 5-7:30 p.m. Nov. 4 at the Park Falls Public Library, Third Floor Auditorium, 121 Fourth Ave. North, Park Falls.

Following the close of the public comment period, the DNR will summarize the input received and adjust the plan as necessary before presenting the proposed master plan to the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board for consideration.

Book details efforts to save sturgeon from extinction

Menominee tribal members interviewed in order to fill out research

Call it a fish story, but author Rebecca Hogue Wojahn’s latest book is absolutely true.

“Saving our Sturgeon: Protecting Wisconsin’s Ancient Fish” tells the story of how conservation efforts rescued lake sturgeon from extinction in Wisconsin. With kid-friendly illustrations, photos and maps, the book explains how factors like overfishing and dam building threatened sturgeon survival and how people banded together to save — and continue to support — the iconic big fish.

Anne Moser, Wisconsin Sea Grant education coord-



Author Rebecca Hogue Wojahn recently completed the book “Saving our Sturgeon: Protecting Wisconsin’s Ancient Fish.” It tells the story of how conservation efforts rescued lake sturgeon from extinction in Wisconsin. SEA GRANT

dinator and senior special librarian at the Wisconsin Water Library, served as a consultant on the book. She kickstarted the project by pitching the idea to the Wisconsin Historical Society Press in 2022.

“For many years, I’ve travelled to libraries and learning centers across the state teaching kids about Great Lakes fish and fishing, and their eyes always light up when I talk about lake sturgeon — how big they are, how they have barbels and scutes and how they can live to be 150 years old,” said Moser. “The conservation story shows kids how they can make a difference, and Rebecca was the perfect writer to bring that story to life.”

Wojahn, herself a public school librarian, has written several other science and animal-themed books for young readers. And while she didn’t initially know much about sturgeon, she felt drawn to the topic.

“It was a really good fit for me, because most

of my life I’ve lived in Wisconsin, and I love the outdoors,” she said. “It’s history, it’s science, it’s everything I love.”

Wojahn did extensive research to write the book, digging through archives and conducting interviews with biologists, members of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, and volunteers of the Sturgeon Guard who worked to prevent poaching at spawning sites. She also made it a point to experience sturgeon in person and travelled across the state to visit hatcheries, observe spawning and spearing, and release baby sturgeon into Lake Michigan.

Fisheries outreach specialist Titus Seilheimer fact-checked the book, and Moser was a big help.

“Anne, as every librarian will, gave me tons of

resources,” said Wojahn.

One of those resources was “People of the Sturgeon: Wisconsin’s Love Affair with an Ancient Fish,” a book written by former Wisconsin Sea Grant staff members Kathy Kline and Fred Binkowski and sturgeon biologist Ron Bruch.

The book, which was written for adults and published in 2009, served as a launching spot for Wojahn, who wrote “Saving our Sturgeon” to be appealing and accessible to readers aged 11 and older. Luckily, knowing what young people read is, quite literally, Wojahn’s day job.

“I’ve always felt that being a school librarian has been a huge secret weapon for my writing because I am interacting with my audience,” she said. “I can tell when their eyes glaze

over and when they’re like, ooh!”

Both Wojahn and Moser said the story of the sturgeon is a special one, in part because it’s a rare conservation success story. Returning the lake sturgeon to Wisconsin’s waters took decades of hard work from many dedicated people, and the book shows young people that they, too, can get involved and have an impact.

Wojahn also hopes readers feel a sense of wonder.

“There are so many wild creatures that you may not even know about that need their space in our state, too,” she said.

The book can be purchased at the Wisconsin Historical Society’s online store, shop.wisconsinhistory.org, or at area bookstores.

ThedaCare urges kids, adults over 50 to get pneumonia vaccine

People planning to get their annual flu shot should also consider getting vaccinated against pneumonia, a ThedaCare physician has advised.

Pneumococcal disease is a serious bacterial infection that can cause pneumonia, meningitis and bloodstream infections. The pneumonia vaccine may help reduce the likelihood of developing or becoming seriously ill from pneumococcal disease, according to Dr. Samuel Beschta, family medicine physician.

In October 2024, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) broadened its guidelines around who should receive the vaccine. The agency now encourages all adults to receive the one-time vaccination at age 50. Previously, the recommended age had been 65.

“The updated guidance reflects the knowledge that beginning at age 50, people face an increased risk of becoming seriously ill from pneumococcal disease,” Beschta said. “We want to ensure people who are eligible are educated about the new recommendation.”

In addition to adults 50 and older, the CDC recommends the pneumonia vaccine for all children younger than 5 and anyone ages 5-49 with certain health risk factors.

Pneumococcal disease is an umbrella term for any infection caused by bacteria called streptococcus pneumoniae. These bacteria can cause many types of infections, including pneumonia, a lung infection; meningitis, an infection of the lining of the brain and spinal cord; bacteremia, a bloodstream infection; otitis media, a middle ear infection; and

DID YOU KNOW?

In addition to vaccination, other steps can help stop the spread of pneumonia. These include:

- Washing hands frequently, especially after coughing or sneezing, going to the bathroom and diapering, and before eating or preparing foods.
- Avoiding people who are sick.
- Taking steps to improve indoor air quality.
- Disinfecting frequently touched surfaces.
- Abstaining from smoking.
- Limiting secondhand smoke exposure.

sinusitis, a sinus infection.

Pneumococcal bacteria spreads between people through direct contact with respiratory secretions, such as coughing and sneezing.

According to the National Foundation for Infectious Disease, an estimated 150,000 U.S. adults are hospitalized with pneumococcal pneumonia each year. About one in 20 individuals who get pneumococcal pneumonia will die. The death rate is higher among adults age 65 years and older.

Vaccination is the best way to prevent pneumococcal disease, according to the CDC. The vaccine may help decrease a person’s chances of contracting the disease. If someone who’s vaccinated does develop pneumonia, it may help reduce the duration and severity of their illness.

Two types of vaccines are available to protect against pneumococcal disease. The first is pneumococcal conjugate vaccines. This variety includes PCV15, PCV20 and PCV21. The number at the end of the name indicates how many strains of pneumococcal bacteria each vaccine protects against.



The 2025-26 Shawano Optimist Club officers and directors are, seated, from left, Secretary Gail Moesch, Vice President-Fundraising Sandra Carroll, President Jim Liesner, Vice President-Youth Activities Kristine Rankin and Treasurer Jim Black. Standing, from left, are directors Troy Edwards and Dan Mauel, Immediate Past President Robyn Shingler and director Jim Leuenberger.

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Black, Rankin honored by Shawano Optimists

At the Shawano Optimist Club’s 49th installation and awards banquet, held recently at Stubborn Brothers in Shawano, Kristine Rankin was named the club’s Optimist of the Year and Jim Black received the James Leuenberger Lifetime Achievement Award.

In addition, the officers and board members for the 2025-26 year were installed, and members achieving perfect attendance at club meetings and participating in club projects were recognized.

Commenting on the past year in which she served as club president, Robyn Shingler noted that club members had given more than 2,000 hours of volunteer service to the Shawano community and had touched the lives of more than 3,000 area youths.

“You are to be commended for the countless hours you contributed to making Shawano a great place to live,” Shingler said.

In announcing Rankin as the Optimist of the Year, Sandra Carroll, last year’s honoree, said, “Kristine has been an amazing member ever since she joined the Shawano Optimist Club. She is always willing to accept leadership roles, as evidenced by her current role as vice president of youth activities.”

In 2023, the Optimist board of directors established the James Leuenberger Lifetime Achievement Award, which was to be presented to a longtime member in good standing who has contributed greatly to the club. Receiving the award this year was 27-year Optimist member Jim Black.

In presenting the award to Black, Leuenberger said, “Jim has been one of the true leaders of our club ever since he became a member. He has served two terms as president, has served all other offices as well as several terms on the board of directors

and is currently the club’s treasurer. He participates in nearly every project and fundraiser. I really believe we would be lost without him.”

Vanessa Rueth, governor of the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan district of Optimist International, installed the officers and directors for the 2025-26 year: President Jim Liesner, Vice President-Fundraising Sandra Carroll, Vice President-Youth Activities Kristine Rankin, Secretary Gail Moesch, Treasurer Jim Black and Immediate Past President Robyn Shingler.

Directors installed were Leuenberger, Troy Edwards, Dan Mauel and Ryan Alexander.

Rueth announced that the 2026 slogan for the district is “Stand tall and face the sun.” She encouraged the Shawano Optimists to be the best Optimists they can be and praised them for 49 years of outstanding service to the Shawano community.

Each year, Shawano Optimist members who achieve a certain level of attendance at club meetings, fundraisers and service projects are given a perfect attendance award. Heading the list is Leuenberger, who has achieved 48 years of perfect attendance.

Others achieving perfect attendance were Ben Elsner, one year; Carroll and Rankin, three years; Shingler, seven years; Liesner, eight years; Mauel and Lorine Raddant, nine years; Edwards, 17 years; Ryan Alexander, 18 years; Michael Sleeper, 25 years; Moesch, 26 years; and Black, 27 years.

The Shawano Optimists meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 6:45 a.m. at Farm Inn’ On Main in downtown Shawano. Anyone wanting to learn about joining the club can call Liesner at 715-526-6148 or 715-853-1000 or go to <https://shawanooptimistclub.org>.

Grant for medical supplies



The Shawano County Sheriff’s Department received a \$1,000 grant from Alliant Energy to help equip Deputy Nicole Giannoni and other deputies with critical emergency medical supplies. These resources allow deputies to provide immediate care in trauma situations — often making a life-saving difference in the field. This isn’t the first time Alliant Energy has supported the sheriff’s department.

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Breakfast benefits sturgeon feast



Wild rice processing was one of the activities that visitors to the Menominee Lumberjack Museum could take part in during the museum’s annual breakfast Oct. 11. Besides good food, there were raffle prizes, art displays and music. The proceeds from the breakfast go toward the Menominee sturgeon feast that takes place in the spring.

LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

Fields still waiting for an attorney

Child sex assault case can't proceed without counsel

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Seymour resident Lawrence J. Fields is still waiting on an attorney after being charged in September with first-degree sexual assault with a child under 13 and exposing his genitals.

This was revealed during an Oct. 7 status conference in Shawano. Initially, Fields told Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge Katherine Sloma that some of his relatives are working on finding a lawyer for him, and he'd be hiring one once he got paid in late September. However, it appears he qualifies for a public defender, and despite the state office inquiring with 239 attorneys, one has not been appointed to Fields' case yet.

The lack of attorneys for handling cases like

sexual assaults and homicides has been a problem for years in Wisconsin, and sometimes the public defender's office has to contact more than 1,000 attorneys before finding one to represent defendants in court. Fields' next status conference will be at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 1 in Branch I at the Shawano County Courthouse.

The criminal complaint alleges that Fields touched the 6-year-old victim around Labor Day at a home on County Road Y in the Town of Belle Plaine. The victim's mother said she asked Fields, her uncle, to watch the victim while she went to Clintonville to clean a house. The mother, who said she was gone about 90 minutes that day, said Fields is one of the few relatives still speaking to her, and he'd watched the victim on previous occasions.

While away, Fields allegedly touched the victim around her breasts, buttocks and private parts, according to the complaint. When Fields allegedly exposed his genitals, the victim became scared

and ran outside, coming back inside later, at which point Fields allegedly told the child that she could not tell anyone about what happened.

The home had two cameras, but one was off because the mother did not turn it on via her cellphone, and the other was disconnected, but the mother told a deputy she had not disconnected the camera and neither had her daughter.

Two days later, a Shawano County Sheriff's Department detective interviewed the victim and found her to be credible. A monitored phone call was made to Fields after that, according to the complaint, where he denied any sexual contact or exposure but offered to help pay for any counseling for the victim.

Fields was later arrested by Outagamie County Sheriff's Department officials and transferred to Shawano County's custody.

Fields remains in the Shawano County Jail on a \$25,000 cash bond.

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This painting by Judy Andrews Pubanz adorns the registration area at ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano. CONTRIBUTED

ThedaCare commissions painting from Pubanz

Local artist Judy Andrews Pubanz was recently commissioned by ThedaCare to create a painting with a Wolf River theme to be displayed in the registration area at ThedaCare Medical Center in Shawano.

Hospital officials had been looking for a piece of artwork to fill a very large space. After discovering Pubanz was an artist who had other works displayed on the ThedaCare campus, they showed Pubanz the

area they were looking to fill.

Pubanz said she had a painting large enough to fill the space; however, it wasn't finished. It was a charcoal sketch at the time. After hearing her plan for finishing the painting and viewing the work in progress, officials agreed to proceed.

The painting of a great blue heron is 4 feet by 8 feet.

"Living on the banks of the Wolf River for over

60 years and watching great blue herons fly over the river and wade on our shoreline is what inspired the painting," Pubanz said.

The painting of the bird flying over the river at sunset is titled "Evening on the Wolf River." It is best viewed by walking up the stairs of the registration area to the landing between floors.

From charcoal sketch to finished product, it took more than a year to complete.

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Ryan Rogers, director of operations for 1000 Island Airboats, stands next to one of the airboats currently under construction at the Great Lakes Veneer Inc. plant in Marion.

GREG SEUBERT

Airboats for waterways take

flight at Marion business

1000 Island Airboats

named finalist for Coolest

Thing Made in Wisconsin

By GREG SEUBERT

Correspondent

What started as a hobby has turned into a difference-making venture for a Marion company.

The Rogers family, which has owned and operated Great Lakes Veneer Inc. in Marion for more than a century, purchased an airboat manufacturer in Ontario, Canada, about a decade ago.

Ryan Rogers is the director of operations for 1000 Island Airboats, which builds airboats at the Great Lakes Veneer plant in Marion and at another plant in Two Rivers.

“The company was started in the early ‘90s in the 1,000 Island region of Canada,” he said. “For whatever reason, the company kind of died off and was not doing anything and not building boats.”

1000 Island Airboats has been building boats for about eight years and today builds between eight and 10 a year, according to Rogers. It has recently been named as a finalist for Coolest Thing Made in Wisconsin.

“We brought the molds to Wisconsin in 2017 and spent about a year redeveloping everything,” he said. “We improved everything on the boat. It has a similar look to it and a similar shape, but everything’s better.”

Airboats are primarily used in search and rescue efforts. Operating an airboat can be tricky, Rogers said.

“It’s almost like flying an airplane, but it’s almost more complex than an airplane,” he said. “An airplane has to kind of work on land and it has to work in the air. Our boats have to be able to run on flat water, waves,



The Winnebago County Sheriff's Department has three airboats used for ice rescues on area waters and will use the boats this winter for the first time.

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ice, slush, snow, in high winds. The conditions can change every 5 feet when you’re out there. We build one boat that can do it all.”

Rogers said the company’s boats are different from traditional airboats common in the Florida Everglades.

“Those boats are aluminum, and the whole hull is constantly flexing,” he said. “After a season, the rivets will be all popped. You’ll have major welding to do. Our boats are made of fiberglass composite material. That allows the boat to become a uniform body that can flex, almost like a piece of plywood.”

The boats will last for years if they’re maintained, Rogers said.

“If they’re operated responsibly and correctly, there’s minimal maintenance,” he said. “Brown County has one of the boats from the old owner, and I want to say it’s 11-14 years old. I’ve seen that boat, and it’s in great shape. They’re built to last.”

1000 Island Airboats sells its boats to law enforcement agencies and private businesses, such as resorts in Canada.

“It’s for anyone who has a need to safely

transition on dangerous ice,” Rogers said. “It also has to be an organization that can afford one of these boats. The major use is search and rescue. We estimate our boats are saving over 100 people in a season just in the United States.”

The Winnebago County Sheriff’s Department has three boats that it will start using this winter. The Brown County Sheriff’s Department has one, and the state Department of Natural Resources has one in Door County. Search and rescue teams in Marinette and Escanaba, Michigan, also have them.

“They’re for frozen water,” Rogers said. “If we get a call from someone that just wants one for running in a swamp, I’ll have a long conversation with them and usually convince them that they may be better off with a traditional boat. We’re the only airboat company that’s specifically designed for ice and winter conditions.”

Rogers often hears stories about rescues using his company’s airboats.

One was recently used to rescue two

FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Four dreaded

words warn

of animal

jailbreak

“The cows are out!” Four dreaded words a farmer loathes to hear. During the course of our years of dairying we did hear (or holler) those words a time or two.

We have about 40 acres of woods that was portioned off with fencing during a time when pasturing our heifers there. My husband would have to check fence when he got the chance, which was normally squeezed in between planting in the spring and harvesting early summer. There weren’t many breaks in the work. We had planting season, harvest season and fencing season.



Kay

Reminger

Columnist

This fencing project took a while. Sometimes he’d have to harvest cedar logs from our cedar swamp, hauling the posts to the 40 and replace the ones that were bad. This involved not only hauling but digging the holes, too. Hard work. Along the way, he’d check the barbed wire. Either deer or heifers — or both — could do damage.

One time the heifers got out. This chunk of property is very close to Highway 29. At that time, the highway was just two lanes. We got a call there were animals on the road. Horrid, awful, gut-wrenching news.

We ended up not finding them that night. Traipsing through woods in the dead of night trying to locate wayward heifers was darn near impossible. After a sleepless night, we went out at the crack of dawn, discovering to our dismay they had crossed the highway.

Calling the Shawano County Sheriff’s Department, they came to assist and literally parked their squad cars, blocking both lanes of traffic to allow our heifers to cross safely. Bless their hearts, we were beyond grateful.

In 1997, we built a three-bay, lean-to heifer barn on our farm-site. This thankfully eliminated pasturing heifers in the woods and no longer needing to maintain a fence.

These days, while we seldom have cows that get out, we just had a fiasco with our batch of pigs. This year, we are raising four.

JAILBREAK, CONTINUED ON PAGE 11



This little piggy didn’t stay home, nor did three of his co-conspirators, but future escape attempts are not likely with the addition of electric fencing.

KAY REMINGER

AIRBOATS, CONTINUED ON PAGE 11

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IN THE KITCHEN WITH FRANCESCA



Wolf River apples make for a sour counter-taste to the sugar in this apple pie, while the combination of shortening and butter appears to make a stable crust. FRANCESCA ULLMER

Pie, muffins perfect for dessert month

October, among other things, is both National Apple Month and National Dessert Month.

Apple pie, a treasured fall desert, is both. Apple pie, while thought to have originated in medieval England, quickly became a favorite American treat, as memorialized in the saying, “as American as apple pie.”

There are many different ways to make apple pie — different apples, different crusts, and different additions.

Starting with apples, my favorites apples for apple pie are Wolf River apples. Wolf River apples are huge, and are not the best for fresh eating, as they are a little sour and dry. This makes them perfect pie apples though, as they cook down without creating a lot of juice, and their slight sourness complements beautifully with the sweetness of the sugar.

As for crusts, I still have not found the perfect crust for me. In fact, I have terrible luck. I once tried a “no-fail” pie crust that failed.



Not quite a pound cake, but also not quite a cupcake, these slightly sweet lemon muffins pair perfectly with the super sweet-tart glaze. FRANCESCA ULLMER



However, the crust that I usually use is the one I included in this column. This recipe has resulted in pretty consistently good results for me. Also, it makes just the right amount of crust for two apple pies.

In my most recent time making it, I used about half shortening and half butter, and I was satisfied with the results. So, for now I will continue using this recipe unless I find something better. Feel free to use whatever pie crust recipe is your favorite though; you can even use store-bought pie crust.

As for additions, the amount and kinds of sugar and spice are very optional. I like the rich flavor of brown sugar, but it can be overwhelming sometimes. It is totally fine to use only white sugar if you prefer. Also, I like to use about ½

to ¾ cup of sugar per pie, but again that is optional. It depends on personal preference and also on the type of apples used. The same with spice, I like cinnamon and sometimes use a tiny bit of cloves, but again, whatever you prefer.

Lemon pound cake muffins are a recipe I found in a Taste of Home magazine. Making them for this column was actually my first time making them, but I will definitely be making them again. Although they are called pound cake muffins, I consider them more a mix between pound cake and cupcakes. Too dense for a cupcake and not quite as dense as a pound cake, so actually calling them a muffin is actually pretty accurate.

They are really simple to make, and they use pretty normal ingredients. The hardest thing for me was mixing in the flour while being extremely careful not to overmix and then spooning the batter into the muffin cups since the batter gets really thick. These muffins are delicious, though. The slightly sweet muffins pair perfectly with the super sweet-tart glaze. They are perfect for a snack.

APPLE PIE

CRUST (makes enough for four pie crusts):

- 4 cups flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 cup water
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. white vinegar
- ¾ cup shortening or shortening/butter

APPLE FILLING (for two pies):

- 5-10 apples
- ¾ to 1 cup brown sugar
- ½ cup white sugar
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 2-4 tbsp. cornstarch
- Pinch of salt

Mix flour, baking powder, and salt. Cut in shortening and butter, if using. Beat together water, egg, and vinegar. Pour into the flour mixture; lightly mix until crust barely holds together. Refrigerate until ready to use. Divide into four pieces. Roll out pie crust. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Roll out 2 pie crusts and place in 2 ungreased pie pans, letting the excess crust hang over. Peel and chop the desired amount of apples into a bowl. Toss with the remaining ingredients. Divide between the 2 pie pans. Roll out the top crusts and place over the pies. Press the crusts together lightly and trim excess, leaving enough to decorate edges as desired. Using a serrated knife, cut several slits in the top crust to allow steam to evaporate. Brush entire top crust with milk or egg wash and sprinkle with cinnamon-sugar. Bake for 30 minutes, then check and add more time as needed until crust is lightly browned and dry to touch. Let cool.

LEMON POUND CAKE MUFFINS

- ½ cup butter, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- ½ cup sour cream
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- ½ tsp. lemon extract
- 1¾ cup flour
- ½ tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. baking soda

GLAZE

2 cups powdered sugar
3 tbsp. lemon juice
Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Line a 12-cup muffin tin with paper liners or grease. Cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy, 5-7 minutes. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in the sour cream and extracts. Combine the flour, salt, and baking soda; add to creamed mixtures just until moistened. Batter will be thick. Divide batter between muffin cups; smooth tops. Bake for 15-20 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool in pan for 5 minutes, then remove from pan to a wire rack. Measure, then sift the powdered sugar; mix in the lemon juice. Drizzle the glaze over the muffins; serve warm or cooled.

JAILBREAK, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

They are spirited and strong-willed and not to mention, a very adventurous lot.

One day, we were in the house and glancing outside, saw four rotund pigs happily enjoying themselves, munching on apples under our apple tree — in front of the house.

“The pigs are out!”

The buggers. The little unappreciative-of-all-that-we-do-for-them buggers. Never mind they get fresh water, grain twice daily, treats galore from the garden and even a few sweets like leftover donuts. (Left-over donuts? An abnormality, granted.)

Springing into action, I grabbed the outside broom and approaching them slowly as to not startle, I went around behind them, my husband standing back to prevent them from going across the road.

They grunted to each other “here they come” and took off, heading deep into our eight-acre cornfield adjacent to our lawn. This cornfield is also next to my walking trail where not too long ago a bear left me a pile of scat to confirm in no uncertain terms we shared this hunk of territory.

As I was pushing through stalks of corn, getting smacked in the face, arms and legs with corn husks — which are like thin sandpaper — I never gave it a thought that I might have a run-in with a bear.

I called my husband, who was on the far end of the field, me on the other, “They’re heading toward the cemetery.”

When I stopped moving, I heard them grunting. I couldn’t see them but I could hear them. I’m pretty sure they were conspiring.

Presently, my husband and I met on the yard.

“We’ll have to give up. Maybe they’ll come back on their own,” said my husband pensively.

I started silently praying: “Father, You know where they are. Scoot them home.”

We hadn’t hardly moved when out of the cornfield here they came, panting and snorting — and sheepish.

My husband led them, chanting over his shoulder: “here-pig-here-pig-here-pig” and lo and behold, they followed him right to their pen with me bringing up the rear.

Plopping down in their digs with all four feet splayed out from under, they were literally exhausted. I filled up their water trough twice and finally let some run out over the top to make a little mud puddle where they could roll around in and cool off. What do they want running into a cornfield when they have perfect accommodations right where they’re at?

Exceptionally powerful, they had nosed under the double-fenced-in area and forced the gate up, made their way through and out to explore. My husband fixed the dilemma by putting up an electric fence along that side. It was an extreme solution, but we could not allow them to nose out again.

Later that day as I picked raspberries about 100 yards away from their enclosure, I caught them discovering the electric fence, noticing a squeal I hadn’t before, which gave my heart a poke. Poor things had learned their lesson in a very hard way.

Hopefully we won’t have to holler those four dreaded words again anytime soon.

“Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds.” Proverbs 27:23)

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snowmobilers who had fallen through the ice near Saranac Lake, New York.

“They had an aluminum airboat and recognized why they needed our boat,” Robers said. “Their boat was delivered on a Wednesday, they trained with it on Friday and on Saturday night, they got a call at midnight that two snowmobilers went through the ice. It was the first time they used the boat, and they said their other airboat would have never made it over the snowdrifts. They found the guys on the side of the river, got them heated up and back to the ambulance. They called me the next morning and told me the story.”

1000 Island Airboats recently finished two boats for the U.S. Coast Guard that will be used this winter, one in Wisconsin and one in the southern Great Lakes region. The boats were tested in open water on Shawano Lake.

A handful of employees work on several boats at a time.

“Once one gets out of a certain stage, it gets moved

or put together and we bring the next hull in and get started on that,” Rogers said. “We’re doing eight to 10 of these boats a year. They’re all handmade.”

Rogers admitted the boats are expensive, but there’s a reason.

“A boat can cost an average of \$300,000,” he said. “They’re on the expensive side, but they’re very expensive to build and they’re all custom built. The boats cost what they cost, because they’re built to handle all of these conditions and stay together. I think a lot more people would have our boats if they had access to funding. When it’s needed it’s needed, but it’s not needed often. There needs to be a lot more of these boats out there, but I understand that finding funds can be challenging.”

Rogers said the company is proud to be part of a successful rescue mission.

“It doesn’t matter if it’s a small volunteer department or the U.S. Coast Guard, we’re honored that they put their trust in us,” he said. “They trust their lives with the work we’re doing here.”

Big bruin creates happy 9/11 memory for fire chief

The brotherhood of firefighters is legendary, and never was that bond shining stronger than in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks that claimed the lives of 343 New York City firefighters.

That anniversary remains a bittersweet one for all firefighters as they recall the disaster but also the heroics displayed on an epic scale.

Kevin Ward, of Markesan, fire chief of the volunteer Marquette Fire Department since 2008, has a deep respect for those members of FDNY and other departments who gave their lives that day. A recent bear hunt in northern Wisconsin has given him a reason to celebrate that date.

“Got up today on 9/11, a day that we all remember ... and now I have a great, positive way to remember 9/11,” he wrote on his Facebook page that day.

Ward hunted with Withee guide Brian “Ratt” Nicks and his treeing Walker hounds and crew for five days earlier in the season, took two days off, then returned to the woods of Taylor County for more hunting. Ward is a veteran bear hunter, tagging three in Minnesota that weighed 250-275 pounds, as well as a 150-pounder in Wisconsin before toppling his 590-pound behemoth bruin Sept. 11.

“That one (the 150-pounder) looks like a



Marquette Fire Department Chief Kevin Ward, of rural Markesan, left, shot this 590-pound black bear Sept. 11 in Taylor County near Medford, with the help of guide Brian “Ratt” Nicks, of Withee, using some of Ratt’s treeing Walker hounds.

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cub now,” he said.

Bear hunting is a Herculean effort that involves dozens of bait sites called “strike baits” for dogs to strike the bear’s scent. Ratt and his crew of dog owners and helpers monitor the bait sites with the help of 40-plus cellular trail cam-

eras, then release no more than six dogs at a time at a freshly used bait site.

They follow the dogs using GPS collars and portable or truck-mounted GPS screens that show the location of each dog. Some hunting is on national forest land, and some is on private land.

The chase began when Ward, Ratt and a few others were sitting in Ratt’s home workshop, checking trail cams on a phone. One of the cameras less than a mile away showed a decent

one, so the race was on.

Mike “Clyde” Nicks, Ratt’s brother, released the first two dogs, followed by four more from the Joe Creek Bear Hunters gang. The bear led the dogs and hunters through woods and cornfields, with Ward and Ratt in Ratt’s truck trying to flank the bear’s path while other hunters moved closer.

At one point, Ratt’s truck got stuck in the mud. While Ratt called for a tow from his posse, he noticed the bear turning and head-

ing for a nearby ambush spot near a tree stand.

“You need to get that gun loaded now,” he told Ward.

The stuck truck meant Ward had to run a few hundred yards to the woods opening. The bear changed course again, and after getting the truck pulled out, Ward and Ratt drove to a spot in the center of a divided cornfield where two others had left an ATV. Ward and Ethan Grunseth used the ATV to advance where they believed the dogs were pushing the bear.

Grunseth’s handheld GPS showed the dogs were closing on them. The corn muffled the dogs’ howling, Ward noted. Soon, he saw the tops of the cornstalks shaking violently and had his Ruger 7mm Remington Magnum ready, with Grunseth as his backup shooter.

Ward saw the bear about four rows in, standing broadside but didn’t shoot, because he saw a flash of movement and thought it might be a dog. The massive bear finally stepped into the open lane at 25 feet, and Ward looked through his scope, which was set on its lowest power of 3.5.

“All I saw was black in the scope,” he said.

He looked over the scope to line up the crosshairs and fired just as the animal took a step forward. The bear did a nosedive

into the turf, then got up and ran toward the second section of cornfield.

The bear ran about 50 yards into the cornfield, and the two men waited for the dogs to enter that section. They saw blood on the trail, so they knew the shot hit meat. The wait was unnerving.

“Is this thing swatting dogs?” Ward recalled thinking. “What’s it doing?”

One of the dog handlers then said, “Get ‘em” to the hounds, so Ward and Grunseth knew the bear was down for the count.

Using a special nylon tow strap with loops sewn by Justin Burns, five men looped the strap over the bear’s neck and grabbed the loop handles to drag it about 50 yards to the truck.

After gutting, it was taken to The Safari Room Taxidermy in Medford for skinning. Ward is planning to have a half to three-quarter mount and will keep the skull for scoring to determine if it qualifies for the Boone and Crockett Club record book. He’s already been enjoying some of the meat, which will keep his freezer stocked for a long time.

For more information about a bear or bobcat hunt with Nicks, call 715-965-0630.

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WHAT’S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, OCT. 17

SURING: Bakery/Soups and Vendor Sale, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, 13334 County Road AA.

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

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.

WITTENBERG: “Last Round-Up of the Guacamole Queens,” a Jones Hope Wooten comedy, 7 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. Crossroads Community Theater production. Doors open 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$15 at Wittenberg Sentry or 715-253-2535.

SATURDAY, OCT. 18

SURING: Bakery/Soups and Vendor Sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, 13334 County Road AA.

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. Trick-or-treat corn maze from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SURING: Annual Soup and Pie Event, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Hickory United Methodist Church, 9872 County Road M, Hickory Corners. Bake sale and basket drawings.

PULASKI: “Paint the Path” for a Color 2-mile Run/Walk, 10 a.m., Polka Days Grounds, 448 E. Pulaski St. Splashes of color at multiple locations as well as food, music and fun.

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

SHAWANO: Berkshire Hathaway Barn Dance, 4-9 p.m., Peebles Country Breeze Barn, N5559 County Road U. Music from: Burnt Toast and Jam 6-9 p.m., sponsored by Bank

First Shawano, food trucks, vendor market, bounce house, giveaways, drinks for purchase, family games. Free family fun, Tickets Required: BHHSBarn-Dance.eventbrite.com.

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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. 19

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

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

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

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. 20

SHAWANO: Shawano Historical Society Annual Meeting, 6 p.m., Elizabeth Street Business Complex, 607 E. Elizabeth St. Registration begins 5:30 p.m. Members, guests and the public invited.

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. 21

SHAWANO: Public hearing, 3:30 p.m., Shawano County Department of Human Services, Room A-115, W7327 Anderson Ave., for the purpose of receiving comments for Shawano County’s proposed application for spending the allocation of \$127,139, to implement an elderly and disabled transportation program.

SHAWANO: Shawano Has History Project Walking Tour, 5:30 p.m., meet at Franklin Park, corner of Division and Washington streets. One-hour tour of downtown, visiting several historic buildings marked by the project, ending at Stubborn Brothers. \$20 registration fee will be donated to the project.

KESHENA: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m. Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Cen-

ter, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road. Information: Mindy Thunder at 715-799-3835 or mthunder@mitw.org.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 22

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

OCONTO FALLS: Friends of the Library, 1 p.m., Oconto Falls Community Library, 251 N. Main St.

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. 23

OCONTO: Marinette and Oconto Counties Literacy Council, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Farnsworth Public Library, 715 Main St. Council seeks people who would consider becoming a volunteer tutor to help another adult learn to read, write and/or speak English.

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

KELLY LAKE: Men’s Mental Health Event, 5-8 p.m., Romy’s Holiday Inn, 9600 County Road G. Guest speaker Tom Farley, brother of the late comedian-actor Chris Farley. Cost \$25 includes presentation, family-style dinner, and raffle prizes. Hosted by Healthy Oconto County’s Healthy and Wellbeing Committee.

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

SHAWANO: United Way Campaign Kickoff, 5:30-8 p.m., Boarders Inn and Suites, W7393 River Bend Road. Food from Luigi’s, guest speakers, basket raffles, 50/50 raffles, and music bingo. Cost of entry is a favorite children’s book at a pre-K to eighth grade reading level.

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

FRIDAY, OCT. 24

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

NAVARINO: Halloween Happenings goes to Hogwarts, 5:30-8 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Traditional non-scary Halloween event with Harry Potter theme. Admission fee \$5.

SHAWANO: Roll the Dice Event for Shawano Area Community Foundation, 5:30-10 p.m., Stubborn Brothers Brewery Crescent Ballroom, 220 S. Main St. Admission fee \$100.

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

GUEST COLUMN

Health insurance not affordable for Americans

Working Americans don't want handouts, they just want a system that isn't rigged for and by those at the very top. They want health care they can afford when they need it.

Today, a record number of Americans get their insurance from the Affordable Care Act. That is not some accident. Since I helped pass the law in 2010, we've built on its success, making care more affordable for working families by expanding tax breaks that brought costs down. In 2025, 24 million Americans, including over 300,000 Wisconsinites, got insured through the Affordable Care Act.

But right now, that progress is in jeopardy. At the end of this year, those vital tax breaks that helped millions of families afford their insurance will expire. The average premium for the 22 million Americans who use those tax credits will skyrocket by 75% on average, while 4 million of our neighbors will be priced out of coverage all together.

It's not just millions of families in jeopardy; it's local economies. About half of Americans on the Affordable Care Act are small business owners or employees. Gigi, an entrepreneur in Stoughton, is one of them. This year, Gigi achieved a long-time dream when she opened a small storefront on Stoughton's Main Street. She relies on this tax relief to afford health insurance — the only way she can afford the oncologist appointments she needs to stay healthy as a survivor of childhood cancer. If the GOP takes these tax breaks away, her premiums will increase by over \$350 each month.

Just this week, I also met with Keith, who runs a small insurance agency in Marathon City. Keith shared that without these tax breaks, the premium for his family's insurance will be over three times more expensive each month. What's worse, many of the farmers and self-employed contractors he works with are facing similar increases.

These Wisconsinites just need some breathing



Tammy Baldwin
Guest columnist

room, not to be kicked off their health care. I hear from families and businesses just like these all too often that they are being pinched by high costs. Just getting by is getting harder. I heard it all last year when I was campaigning, just like Donald Trump did. The president even pledged on the campaign trail to bring prices down on day one for families.

My Republican colleagues have had chance after chance — four times, in fact — to make good on that promise and join Democrats in voting to stop these premium tax breaks from being stripped away. They have shot it down every time. They even drafted a massive tax bill, and instead of including a tax break for hard working Americans to be able to afford their health care, they chose to cut taxes for big corporations and billionaires.

Right now, time is of the essence. Americans who get their health insurance on the Affordable Care Act are poised to get letters in the mail in the coming weeks saying their premiums will go up next year. For families, those skyrocketing insurance costs will trigger tough decisions of what they can afford. Small business owners might see staff flee for big corporations who can afford big group insurance.

Working Americans don't want handouts, they just want a system that isn't rigged for and by those at the very top. They want health care they can afford when they need it.

We have a perfect opportunity to address these Affordable Care Act tax breaks in the bill we pass to keep the government open. Republicans are claiming they want to keep costs down for families. This is their chance. The only question is, will they take it?

Tammy Baldwin is the junior United States senator representing Wisconsin.



GUEST COLUMN

What if higher ed looked different?

Higher education is facing an existential crisis. As technology rapidly changes how people learn and work, higher education has been slow to react. At the same time, increasing percentages of the country are questioning whether attending college is worth it. The standard models for the delivery of higher education are outdated.

University of Wisconsin-Green Bay is facing this reality head on by leading the educational change needed for the betterment of our community.

The founders of UW-Green Bay presented the need for change in higher education in the 1960s. Their planning document promised to deliver the following: "The new campus will be strongly innovative and experimental. ... The key figure will be the student in his role as learner. He, rather than the professor, will have the initiative and primary responsibility in the learning process."

"This implies independent study, self-pacing, credit by examination, open-stack libraries and the widespread use of electronic teaching devices, which will be available day and night. By handling many routine training and information-imparting tasks, teaching machines will free professors for more meaningful intellectual contacts with students in lectures, laboratories, and formal and informal discussions."

The spirit of these



Mike Alexander
Guest columnist

words continues to resonate at UW-Green Bay. As we face rapidly changing times, we must ask ourselves, "What if?"

What if we continue to double down on the idea that every person is a potential learner over their lifetime, not just at age 18 with stellar high school academic credentials? We know that every person can grow at any time in their life and that each person needs different modes of delivery and personalized end goals for their education.

What if we accelerate how we are transforming UW-Green Bay to relate to the world of a modern student by celebrating credentials and flexible learning as much as degree completion? To do this successfully, we have committed to a cadence of continually evolving our programs to respond to student demand and community needs.

In a world with generative artificial intelligence, we are intentionally building human connection as part of the educational experience. We are ensuring students are prepared to use technology effectively and responsibly when they leave our institution in ways that can advance their careers.

What if inquiry, creativity and entrepreneurship are embedded in all classes to protect the value of a broad-based education in a world where technology allows unlimited access to information? Information is everywhere. Knowing what to do with it is not.

What if we boldly redefine higher education as not about being above or better than someone else? It is about maximizing each individual's personal growth, helping a student find a problem they are curious about and want to solve, or helping someone rise higher than they ever thought possible.

What if we link arms with the community by connecting faculty and staff expertise and research in ways to help regional businesses, nonprofits and other educational institutions solve local problems and thrive? Our excellence in community engagement makes us an important driver of the economy while improving the quality of life for everyone who lives in our region.

What if we build a new door and make it even easier for every type of learner to enter, transfer to UW-Green Bay or get their education while they are already in the workforce?

What if we stop arguing over which is better or needed more, a technical college or university degree? Our region needs more of both. This is the goal of an access institution.

What if more people

realized you don't need to leave your community for a great education? Students attend regional comprehensives like UW-Green Bay more than any other kind of university because they are accessible, can get you anywhere and reduce cost while adding value.

What if we continually value relevance over tradition and find joy in the fact that change at UW-Green Bay is not a finite event? Instead, we embrace change as our continual reality.

UW-Green Bay was built for this moment in education. We will define excellence on our terms. Our end goal is not to become world class — it is to be world class at delivering an education that is relevant to the people of northeast Wisconsin and our state. We will not compete with other educational institutions. Instead, we will partner with anyone to provide more value to our students and our communities.

UW-Green Bay will continue to show up humbly each day and make bold decisions to ensure we grow UW-Green Bay's impact as an affordable and relevant educational resource for all who want to learn. We don't stop at "What is?," we continually ask "What if?"

I believe in this university and the people that live in this region. Together, we are built to rise.

Mike Alexander is chancellor at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

Pulaski, Shawano tennis players bow out in sectionanl action

Pulaski High School advanced one singles player and a pair of doubles teams to sectional tennis action, while Shawano had three singles players move on to the second round of the postseason.

Unfortunately, all of the girls lost in their opening matches of sectionals Oct. 8.

At No. 1 singles in Division 1, Pulaski's Ruth Krause lost 6-0, 1-6, 10-7 to De Pere's Lillianna Graf.

In Flight 1 of doubles play, Linde Lemerond and Aubrie Schuessler lost 6-4, 6-2 to Appleton North's Olivia Gaskill and Rosie Whitlinger.

At No. 2 doubles, Ayla Groteluschen and Gretchen Rottier lost 6-0, 6-1 to De Pere's Sophia Titus and Lane Deshazer.

In Division 2 sectional games, Shawano's Ireland Letterman lost 6-2, 6-0 to Sheboygan Falls' Riley Pelletiere at No. 1 singles.

Jaelyn Hietpas lost 3-6, 6-2, 10-8 to Lake Country Lutheran's Rachel Maim at No. 2, and Danielle Carroll lost 6-0, 7-6 (4) to Kohler's Vivianne Torke at No. 3.

Subsectional matches were played Oct. 6.

Krause advanced to sectionals with a 6-0, 6-0 win over Green Bay Southwest's Andie Troup.

At No. 2 singles, Anna Krause defeated Green Bay Southwest's Isabelle Mueller 6-0, 6-0, but then lost 6-3, 6-2 to Bay Port's Paige Gillette.

In Flight 3, Emory Groteluschen beat Green Bay East's Genevieve Perrie 6-0, 6-0, and then lost 6-2, 6-0 to Notre Dame's Allanna Sladky in the semifinals.

At No. 4 singles, Elizabeth Dornfield won 6-0, 6-0 over Green Bay Southwest's Demi Kaquatosh. She then lost 3-6, 6-4, 10-3 to Bay Port's Mira Erdmann in the semifinals.

In Flight 1 of doubles action, Lemerond and Schuessler beat Green Bay East's Daniella Martin and Jeanelly Burciaga 6-0, 6-1 to move on to sectionals.

Competing in the No. 2 spot, Groteluschen and Rottier won 6-0, 6-0 over Green Bay Southwest's Flor Mendoza and Madison Beres. They then defeated Bay Port's Sydney Wilder and Evelyn Story 2-6, 6-2, 10-4 to advance to sectionals.

At No. 3, Aubrey Coel and Riley Hartman had a bye in Round 1, but then lost 6-1, 6-0 to Notre Dame's Tess Boeckman and Teya Bordini.

In Division 2 matches, Shawano's Setterman beat New London's Pippa Zaug and moved on to sectional play.

Hietpas had a bye in the first round, then beat Howards Grove's Kamiyah Mansker 6-1, 6-2 to advance.

Carroll beat Marinette's Adeline Bantle 6-0, 6-0, and won 6-2, 6-0 over St. Mary's Springs Academy's Stella Vande Slunt.

At No. 4 singles, Kendall Knope beat Howards Grove's Beth Lamansky 6-0, 6-4 but lost to St. Mary Catholic's Chelsea Galecke 6-1, 6-1 to end her season.

At No. 1 doubles, Claire Weiland and Olivia Dobratz lost 6-1, 6-3 to Marinette's Bianca Furton and Norah Clochesy.

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Oconto Falls, Pulaski golf seasons end at sectional meets

In Division 2 action at Crystal Springs Golf Course in Seymour, the Oconto Falls golf team placed ninth among nine teams to bring an end to their 2025 fall season.

The Panthers scored 432.

Seymour won the sectional title with 370.

For the Panthers, freshman Riley Borkovec tied for 19th with 100. She was

joined by seniors Kylie Thompson and Addy Kuth with 106 each, and senior Katelyn Kurek with 120.

Junior Lilly Wagner carded a 122.

Division 1

Pulaski senior Charlie Lasecki's golf season ended when she tied for 32nd place with a 98 at the Division 1 sectional at Thornberry Creek at Oneida in Hobart.



Marion/Tigerton's Braylon Mielke runs over Wild Rose's Ben Olson on Oct. 10 in the first half of a Central Wisconsin Conference-8 8-player game in Wild Rose. Mielke ran for 313 yards and three touchdowns in a 51-16 win over the Wildcats.

GREG SEUBERT

Thundercatz lower the boom in Wild Rose

Marion/Tigerton returning to 8-player playoffs

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Besides wrapping up a Central Wisconsin Conference-8 championship, the Marion/Tigerton football team is also back in the WIAA 8-player playoffs for the first time since 2019.

The Thundercatz headed to Wild Rose on Oct. 10 with a chance to win the conference title outright and did that with a 51-16 win over the Wildcats.

The win helped the Thundercatz wrap up a No. 2 seed for the 8-player playoffs, which kick off at 1 p.m. Oct. 18 with 16 Level 1 games. Marion/Tigerton will host seventh-seeded Alma Center Lincoln in Marion.

This is the final 8-player season for Marion/Tigerton, which will compete in 11-player football starting in 2026.

Two other area teams have also qualified for the 8-player playoffs. Lena/STAA, last year's state runner-up, is one of four No. 1 seeds and will host No. 8 Princeton/Green Lake in Lena. Meanwhile, Suring received a No. 6 seed and will head to Door County to face third-seeded Sevastopol for the second time this season.

Like he has all season, Braylon Mielke led the Thundercatz' ground game with 313 yards on 19 carries and three touchdowns.

"If I need a yard, if I need 70 yards, he's the guy that I can put the ball in his hands and I know what I'm going to get," coach Micah Schwantes said. "It comes down to the guys up front. It's our offensive line that



Kole Johnson (right) lines up on defense against Wild Rose's Ben Olson in Marion/Tigerton's game in Wild Rose.

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sets the tone."

The defense came up with the first big play against the Wildcats, as Anthony Pagan picked off a Braxton Landwehr pass and returned it 65 yards for the game's first touchdown with 8:07 remaining in the first quarter.

The Thundercatz added to the lead on their next drive, as Jolanzo Perez scored from 11 yards out with 3:40 to go in the opening quarter.

Mielke's first touchdown, a 47-yard run, made it 22-0 in the final minute of the quarter.

The Wildcats answered on their next drive, as Landwehr connected with Landon Anderson for a 32-yard touchdown pass on the second play of the second quarter.

Mielke added a 70-yard touchdown run with 4:20 to go in the first half, but Landwehr and Anderson teamed up for a 37-yard touchdown pass on Wild Rose's next drive that cut the lead to 30-16.

A turning point in the game came after that touchdown, as the Wildcats recovered the fumbled kickoff return and drove to the Thundercatz' 30-yard line.

The Wildcats ended up punting and Marion/Tigerton took over at its own 26-yard line. Mielke carried the ball on three straight plays to give the Thundercatz a first down at the Wild Rose 23-yard line. Shane Blum found Anthony Pagan in the end zone on the next play with three seconds to go in

the half, and the Wildcats trailed 38-16 at the break.

"I thought that was big when our defense came out and stopped them," Schwantes said. "Our offense came out with less than a minute left and scored a touchdown. We're not a passing team, but it comes when we need it. That kind of took the wind out of their sails."

The Thundercatz wrapped up the scoring with touchdowns on their first two drives of the second half on Mielke's 15-yard run and a 5-yard run from Sam Anheuser.

The co-op football program between Marion and Tigerton high schools has worked out for both

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Oconto Falls running back Isaiah Radart (49) rushes through the middle of the field for a big gain Oct 10.

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Pulaski uses ground game to sting Hornets

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Pulaski, Bonduel, Oconto Falls and Lena/STAA will head into their final regular-season football game after posting wins Oct. 10.

Pulaski defeated Green Bay Preble 63-35 in Fox River Classic Conference-North play, Bonduel handed Oconto a 48-13 loss in a Packerland Conference matchup, Oconto Falls shut out Northland Pines 32-0 in the Northwoods Conference, and Lena/STAA stayed unbeaten with a 43-6 Across the Bay Conference win over Gibraltar.

Pulaski 63, Green Bay Preble 35

It didn't take the Red Raiders long to find the end zone against the Hornets in Green Bay.

Bohdan Schmidt's 74-yard touchdown run 20 seconds into the game was one of his three scores in the first quarter, as he later scored on runs of 9 and 73 yards.

The Red Raiders added three more touchdowns in the second quarter on Anthony Ficarri's runs of 80 and 20 yards and a 24-yard run from Schmidt.

However, the Hornets scored once in the first quarter and outscored the Red Raiders 22-21 in the



Oconto Falls quarterback Nathaniel White (12) prepares to throw a pass in the Panthers' 32-0 win vs. Northland Pines on Oct 10. Oconto Falls will play at 7 p.m. Oct. 17 at Manawa.

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second quarter.

Pulaski added to its 42-28 halftime lead on Trentyn Linz's 27-yard run that turned out to be the only score of the third quarter.

Brock Weideman and Bruno Gajewski added touchdown runs of 13 and 3 yards, respectively, in

the fourth quarter before Preble added a touchdown pass in the final seconds.

Schmidt and Ficarri accounted for most of the Red Raiders' 561 rushing yards, as Schmidt finished with 260 yards on 15 carries and now has 1,025 yards on the season, and



Oconto Falls running back Ethan Hill (8) runs through a Northland Pines defender for his second touchdown of the night Oct 10.

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Ficarri added 193 on 10 attempts.

Lena/STAA 43, Gibraltar 6

Lena/STAA, the No. 2-ranked 8-player team in the state, wrapped up an undefeated regular season with a win in Fish Creek.

The Titans led 30-0 at halftime and held the Vikings scoreless until giving up a touchdown pass late

in the game. The shut-out would have been the team's sixth of the season.

Other scores: Marathon 20, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 14; Algoma 48, Suring 18; Green Bay NEW Lutheran 59, Gillett 6.

Upcoming games
Oct. 17 (all games 7 p.m.): Bay Port at Pulaski; Amherst at Wittenberg-

Birnamwood; Oconto Falls at Manawa; Shawano at Fox Valley Lutheran; Bonduel at Sturgeon Bay.

Oct. 18 (all games 1 p.m.): WIAA Level 1 8-player playoffs: No. 8 Princeton/Green Lake at No. 1 Lena/STAA; No. 7 Alma Center Lincoln at No. 2 Marion/Tigerton; No. 6 Suring at No. 3 Sevastopol.

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communities, according to Schwantes.

"Back in the day, there was a big rivalry between the two schools," he said. "The guys know each other and that's the big thing that I preach to them. We're a family. I don't care if it's Marion or Tigerton, we're the Thundercatz. The guys play well together and there's no animosity."

The WIAA expanded the 8-player playoff field from 16 to 32 teams this year.

"The last time we were (in the playoffs) was 2019, so this team has never been in the playoffs," Schwantes said. "It's going to be something new for all of them. We're going to lean on our nine or 10

seniors. They're the ones that got us to this point. They have the experience. We have to do what we do: control the ball offensively and let the defense come up with the big plays. If we can keep doing that, the ceiling's the limit."

Winning a conference championship was one of the team's goals this season, Schwantes said.

"I knew coming into this year that we could do something special," he said. "These guys came together throughout the season."

"We started with a rough loss to Rosholt, but we just kept building every week after that. It's on those guys. I'm just here for the ride."

Shawano soccer team clinches conference title

The Tritons took down the Red Raiders 4-1 in FRCC conference play Oct. 9.

The teams traded goals in the final minutes of the first half. Leo Weber scored first for Notre Dame in the 33rd minute, and AJ Schenk got the equalizer in the 39th minute for Pulaski.

The Tritons then pulled away in the second half, getting a second goal from Weber and additional goals from Jacob Davister and Royce Lin.

Andrew Guerrero made five saves on goal for Notre Dame (10-3-2, 5-1-1). Jonah Dreves made six saves on goal for Pulaski (7-7-3, 2-4-1).

Amherst 7, Gresham/

Bowler 0

Amherst won its home conference game, shutting out Gresham/Bowler 7-0.

The Falcons scored four times in the first half and three more times in the second half.

**Wednesday, Oct. 8
Columbus Catholic Schools 8, Gresham/Bowler 0**

The Gresham/Bowler soccer team lost 8-0 in a home conference game to Columbus Catholic Schools.

**Tuesday, Oct. 7
Shawano 6, New London 1**

Shawano's soccer team clinched its first ever Bay Conference championship with a 6-1 win over New

London.

Brayden Meade scored three goals, with Anderson Schmidt and Dylan Gartner each scoring one. Grayson Swedberg scored on a penalty kick.

Juanefren Olea scored the only goal for New London.

Shawano's defense stayed strong to keep the Bulldogs from scoring more than that.

The Hawks improved to 7-1 in the conference and 13-2-1 overall.

De Pere 3, Pulaski 0

The De Pere Redbirds notched a 3-0 conference win over the visiting Pulaski Red Raiders.

After a scoreless first half, De Pere pulled away

in the second half with three unanswered goals. Anson Fawcett broke the deadlock in the 47th minute, and the Redbirds added goals in the 63rd and 64th minutes.

The contest was called in the 74th minute when the field sprinkler system turned on and could not be shut off. Logan Nycz made three saves in goal for De Pere (9-3-2, 5-0-2). Jonah Dreves made eight saves in goal for Pulaski (7-6-3, 2-3-1).

**Monday, Oct. 6
Tri-County 3, Gresham/Bowler 2**

The Penguins topped the Wildcats 3-2 in a nonconference matchup in Plainfield.

Spartans take three of four from Oconto Falls

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

A North Eastern Conference championship is not in the cards this season for the Oconto Falls volleyball team.

Luxemburg-Casco wrapped up at least a share of a conference title Oct. 7 by winning three of four games on the Panthers' home court. Oconto Falls fell to 5-2 in North Eastern matches, while the Spartans improved to 7-0.

The Spartans opened the match with a 30-28 win, but the other three sets weren't as close. Luxemburg-Casco took a 2-0 lead with a 25-19 win in the second game before the Panthers came up with a 25-18 win. Luxemburg-Casco then wrapped up the match with a 25-14 win.

Oconto Falls served for the win twice in the first set, while the Spartans had four chances to get the win before finally coming up with the winning point.

"The first set was tough," coach Rochell Otto said. "We were right there. It's unfortunate that we had our opportunities to put them away. We let one call get

the best of us, and we let them back in the game."

The Panthers trailed for most of the second game before taking a 14-13 lead. The Spartans regrouped to take a 20-15 lead and Oconto Falls never got any closer than three points.

The Panthers never trailed in the third game and led by as many as six points to get back into the match.

"It was huge for our confidence to know we could hang with them," Otto said.

However, the Spartans kept the Panthers from forcing a fifth set by winning the fourth game.

Unforced errors hurt the Panthers' chances, especially in the fourth set.

"We missed too many serves tonight," Otto said. "Unfortunately, it was our worst game on the service line. We just have to keep working on the mental aspect of the game, because that will make you or break you."

Otto was able to be on the court as Izzy Otto, her daughter and the team's setter, recorded her 2,000th career assist.

"As a junior, 2,000 assists, that's a pretty big deal," coach Otto said.

"She just brings energy. She can chase balls and is athletic on the court."

It was the third major milestone for the Panthers this season, as Lucy Ripley, another junior, had her 1,000th kill and senior Rylie Shallow marked her 1,000th dig.

Otto and Ripley are part of a junior class that will be back for the Panthers next season.

"They've been playing together for a long time and know each other quite well," Otto said. "It'll be fun to see them keep growing."

The WIAA state tournament will begin Oct. 21 with regional matches and wrap up Nov. 6-8 at the Resch Center in Green Bay. The Panthers will compete in Division 2 in a sectional bracket that also includes Denmark, Fox Valley Lutheran, Freedom, Green Bay West, Luxemburg-Casco, Marinette, New London, Notre Dame, Seymour and Two Rivers.

"On a positive note, the second season is right around the corner," Otto said. "We just have to keep our heads up, keep focusing and keep improving, because we're still not at our peak."



Izzy Otto poses for photos with her teammates after the junior recorded her 2,000th assist in the Panthers' match against Luxemburg-Casco.
GREG SEUBERT

Panthers bounce back to win home volleyball invite

The Oconto Falls Panthers had a busy and hard-fought week on the court, opening with a pair of tough matchups before storming back to capture the championship at their home invitational Oct. 11. The Panthers put the early-week losses behind them in a big way, going a perfect 5-0 to win their home invite.

In pool play, Oconto Falls swept Bonduel Bears (25-11, 25-17), NEW Lutheran Blazers (25-21, 25-23) and Kewaunee Storm (25-14, 25-15) to advance to the Gold Bracket.

There, they continued their dominant run, defeating Chilton Tigers (25-16, 25-12) in the semifinal before avenging a midseason

loss to Freedom Irish with a 25-23, 25-18 victory in the championship match.

Gresham Invite: Northland Lutheran 2, Gresham 1; Gresham 2, Oneida Nation 0; Port Edwards 2, Gresham 1

De Pere Invite: Chipewewa Falls 2, Pulaski 1; Pulaski 2, Kaukauna 0; West De Pere 2, Pulaski 0; Pulaski 2, Green Bay Southwest 0; Pulaski 2, Kaukauna 0

Marion: Elcho 2, Marion 0; Marion 2, Lac Courte Oreilles (Hayward) 0; Marion 2, White Lake 0; Elcho 2, Marion 0; Phelps 2, Marion 0

Thursday, Oct. 9
Tigerton 3, Northland Lutheran 1

The Tigerton vol-

leyball team traveled to CWC North foe Northland Lutheran for a matchup that pitted two teams each sporting two conference losses so far this season.

Tigerton emerged with a 3-1 win with set scores of 25-17, 16-25, 25-21 and 25-16. "Tonight's match was filled with 100% effort from each Lady Tiger," coach Holly Meverden said. "I stressed before the game that they would need to play at that level for 75-plus points in order to win the match. They did that and more."

Collecting digs for the Tigers were Jaelyn Brady with 20, Danika Tiller with 16, Aaliyah Lederhaus with 15, Renata Nordwig with 11 and Lillian Welch with seven.

Tiller had 12 assists, and Lederhaus contributed nine.

Welch, Lederhaus and Mya Smith tallied five kills each, and Presley Stewart-Rolfs and Nordwig each had four.

Stewart-Rolfs had four block kills, and Smith had two.

Lederhaus had 19 service points with 10 aces. Myah Dent had 11 points with three aces, with Nordwig getting nine points and three aces, Tiller collecting seven points and one ace, and Brady had five points and one ace.

Tigerton is 7-2 in CWC North play and 11-6 overall.

Tomahawk 3, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 2

The Chargers fought

had, but Tomahawk fought harder to win 3-2.

Game scores were 27-25, 23-25, 14-25, Lily Metropulos had 23 serving attempts with six aces, 33 hitting attempts with seven kills, one block kill, 12 assists and 16 digs.

Brie Ladika tallied 23 serving attempts with four aces, and 15 digs.

Melaina Granquist collected 39 hitting attempts with 10 kills, a block kill and 14 digs.

Kaitlin Tuskowski chipped in 14 assists.

Other scores: White Lake 3, Bowler 0; Fox Valley Lutheran 3, Oconto Falls 1; Pulaski 3, Sheboygan North 0; Manawa 2, Gresham 0; Rosholt 2, Gresham 0; Wild Rose 3,

Marion 1; Suring 3, Crivitz 2

Tuesday, Oct. 7
Suring 3, Wausaukee 0

Ellayna Skarban recorded 10 attack kills and Chloe Schroeder tallied 27 assists as Suring defeated Wausaukee 3-0.

Game scores were 25-10, 25-17, 25-17.

Skarban added two digs, and Schroeder had one attack kill and one dig.

Lexis Remic contributed seven attack kills, four digs, a blocked kill and an assist. Aliya Cox had nine attack kills, three blocked kills, three digs and an assist.

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Pulaski, Bonduel girls run to victory

Shawano's Josiah Kuehl placed fifth among small-school male runners at the Seymour Invitational on Oct. 9. His time was 17:33.4.

Also in the top 10 was teammate Aloysius Frechette, who placed ninth in 18:15.6.

Rounding out the top five for the Hawks were Teagan Harkey in 12th in 18:33.5, Beckett Hendricks in 16th in 18:41.3 and Quinten Harkey in 22nd in 18:52.6.

James Lange placed 27th, and Brayden Fish was 39th.

Gillett's Bradyn Wendorff finished in second place in 16:40.9.

Nash Stage placed 44th. Pulaski's Parker Marshall placed second among large-school male runners. He completed the course in 16:31.8.

Three teammates also finished in the top 10. Arden Gillen was fifth in 17:23.5, followed by Mitchell Pilon in seventh in 17:33.6, and Dayne Groth was ninth in 17:47.1.

Ben Augustine placed 20th in 18:59.6.

Carter Ryskoski finished 23rd, and Thomas

Murphy was 26th.

For the girls, Pulaski's Maggie Gerth won among large-school girls, finishing in 18:49.9.

Ellie Murphy finished 14th in 21:16.5, Cameran Reiss was 16th in 21:25.1, and Estella Vieaux placed 39th in 24:05.1.

Among small schools, Shawano placed third and was led by three runners in the top 10.

Bailey Hendricks finished in second in 20:23.5, followed by Maci Beyer in fifth in 21:32.1 and Mikelah Powers in seventh in 22:05.1.

Emma Neilson placed 19th in 22:53.4, while Teagan Powers was 40th in 27:07.1.

For Gillett, Hope Soper finished the race in fourth place in 21:01.8. Amanda Pate finished in sixth place in 21:05.4.

Halle Wendorff placed 27th in 23:40.7, and Sophie Limberg was 30th in 24:24.5.

Warhawk Invitational Wittenberg-Birnhamwood's girls placed second

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Joseph Kleinschmidt comes up with a catch for Shawano Oct. 9 in the fourth quarter of the Hawks' 34-21 Bay Conference loss to Waupaca.

GREG SEUBERT

Hawks let one slip away in Waupaca

By **GREG SEUBERT**
Correspondent

On paper, it wasn't a very intriguing matchup.

Two high school football teams with identical 1-6 records - Shawano and Waupaca - faced each other Oct. 9 at Comet Field in Waupaca and ended up combining for eight touchdowns and 55 points.

Although Shawano scored on three of its first four possessions and led 21-7 at halftime, the Comets outscored the Hawks 27-0 in the second half and ended up with a 34-21 Bay Conference win.

Shawano opened the game with a three-play, 60-yard drive.

Aiden Rasmussen found Austin Heling for a 32-yard completion on the game's first play and Marcus Brezgel's 14-yard run two plays later gave the visitors the lead less than two minutes into the game.

The Hawks' second drive ended with a missed

31-yard field goal, but they found the end zone two more times before halftime.

After Waupaca turned the ball over on downs at the Shawano 13-yard line, Rasmussen connected with Elijah Senft for a 76-yard touchdown pass and the Hawks led 14-0 midway through the second quarter.

Waupaca cut the lead in half on its next drive on Austin Adamczak's 3-yard quarterback keeper with 3:44 to go in the half.

That was plenty of time for Shawano to drive 80 yards for what turned out to be the Hawks' final touchdown, Rasmussen's 1-yard run with six seconds remaining.

"We controlled the clock in the first half," coach Alan Tomow said. "We left some points out there when we had the ball at the 10-yard line and came away with nothing. Defensively, we wanted to take away Austin's first read. We thought if we could get him off his first

read, it would cause some problems."

The Comets opened the second half with a 70-yard drive, as Adamczak scored from a yard out to cut Shawano's lead to 21-14.

Waupaca tied the game on the second play of the fourth quarter on Adamczak's 17-yard run and took the lead for good with 8:33 remaining in the game on Wyatt Buenning's 7-yard run.

Waupaca soon had the ball again, as John Zeamer recovered Joseph Kleinschmidt's fumble to set the Comets up at the Shawano 19-yard line. Adamczak capped the drive with a 6-yard run.

The Hawks turned the ball over on downs on their next drive and never had the ball again.

Shawano only ran a handful of plays on one drive in the third quarter.

"We had chances to get off the field, and that's where things flipped, because we gave them a chance to tie the game," Tomow said. "We knew

they were going to come back with that quarterback draw up the middle. He's a good athlete, and we had to stop it. We'd come in a little reckless or out of control, and that's where three or four yards turn into seven or eight or nine yards on first down. You can do anything you want, because you have three downs to pick up one or two yards."

Shawano didn't have an answer for Adamczak, who finished with 178 rushing yards and 159 passing yards to go with his four touchdowns on the ground.

Rasmussen completed eight of nine passes for 162 yards, but the Comets held the Hawks to fewer than 100 yards on the ground.

The Hawks will wrap up the season Oct. 17 in Appleton against Fox Valley Lutheran.

"They continue to fight," Tomow said. "They show up, they're positive, they understand their limitations. They know how close we are."

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In Flight 2, Lana Owens and Madison Miller won 6-2, 6-0 over Marinette's Andie Rasmussen and Dorathy Ezeh. Following that, they lost 4-6, 6-1, 10-8 to St. Mary Catholic's Simone

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Also contributing were Grace Christensen with five attack kills, two digs and a blocked kill; Karissa Hischke with one blocked kill, one attack kill and one dig; and Aleena Broetzman with four digs. Schroeder, Christensen and Addison Frank each had one service ace. **Tigerton 3, Gresham 0** Tigerton hosted CWC rival Gresham in a hard-fought battle, ending with a Tigers 3-0 win with set scores of 25-17, 25-20, 25-21. "This win meant a lot as the CWC is winding down and we are in a fight for one of the top spots," said Tigerton coach Holly Meverden. "I am so very proud of how much the girls are taking it upon themselves and stepping up their game." Renata Nordwig and Jaelyn Brady had eight digs each, with Aaliyah Lederhaus adding six, and Myah Dent contributing five. Danika Tiller tallied 12 assists. Presley Stewart Rolfs had 14 kills, and Lederhaus had five. Mya Smith had a pair of blocked kills. Nordwig had 12 service points with three aces. Brady had 11 service points. Lederhaus and Stewart-Rolfs contributed six service points with two aces each, and Tiller had six

Blackburn and Mahri Huempfnr. At No. 3 doubles, Gabrielle Gumieny and Ava Hoffman lost 6-4, 6-7 (75), 10-5 to Lourdes Academy's Izzi Mugerauer and Leah Ridenour. service points and an ace. Tigerton improved to 6-2 in CWC play and 10-6 overall. **Amherst 3, Menominee Nation 0** The Amherst volleyball team won a home conference match against Menominee Nation 3-0. Game scores were 25-10, 25-23, 25-13. **Wittenberg-Birnamwood 3, Weyauwega-Fremont 0** The Chargers won 3-0 at home against the Warhawks. Wittenberg-Birnamwood topped Weyauwega-Fremont by game scores of 25-23, 25-14, 25-17. Melaina Granquist had 19 serving attempts with three aces, 30 hitting attempts with 12 kills, and nine digs. Chloe Jones collected 11 serving attempts with three aces, and nine hitting attempts with six kills. Ava Brei tallied four block kills. Lily Metropulos picked up 12 assists and nine digs. **Other scores:** Bonduel 3, Manawa 0; Gillett at Niagara; Marion 3, White Lake 0; Pulaski 3, Green Bay Preble 2; Menasha 3, Shawano 2 **Monday, Oct. 6 Wild Rose 3, Bowler 0** Wild Rose won the nonconference match by scores of 25-6, 25-12, 25-14.

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and the Bonduel team was third at Weyauwega-Fremont. For the boys, Bonduel placed third, and Wittenberg-Birnamwood was 10th. Bonduel's Mariah Wondra won the girls race in 18:51.5. Teammate Lillian Burrack finished in eighth in 20:47.1 Payten Bierhals placed 23rd in 22:20.9, followed by Cierra Schnell in 37th in 23:15.0 and Kember Frome in 46th in 23:40.6. Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Rory Salvesen placed fourth in 20:12, and Nora Bushman was fifth in 20:22. Also, Harper Krull placed 15th 21:14, Delilah Schairer was 19th in 21:55, and Gabby Timm finished 28th in 22:37. Brooklyn Ahlers, of Marion/Tigerton, finished in 39th place in 23:23.9. Kennedy Zuniga was 54th in 24:14.5. Menominee Nation's Urijah Reeves placed 58th in 24:28.2. Kaylee Nacotee was 76th in 26:41.2, and Keira Nacotee finished 81st in 27:13.6. Mimi Corn was 88th in 30:12.6. For the boys, Bonduel was led by Griffin Uelmen in fourth in 17:40.3 and Gage Anderson in fifth in 17:55.3. Joah Dworniczak placed 14th in 18:33.0. Garrett Anderson finished 24th in 19:05.3, and Oliver Chitwood was 32nd in 19:20.8. For the Chargers, it was Jonas Bushman in 52nd place in 20:18, Marty Nowinsky in 54th in 20:21, Dalton Fletcher in 58th in 20:40, Milo Salvesen in 59th in 20:40 and Colten Mueller in 80th in 22:11.



Halle Wendorff, of Gillett, placed 27th in 23:40.7 among small-school female runners at the Seymour Invitational on Oct. 9. CONTRIBUTED

Bryant Waupoose III, running for Menominee Nation, placed third in 17:18.1. Michael Peters III placed 30th in 19:19.1, and Kai Wayka was 57th in 20:36.3. Chase Waupoose finished 92nd in 23:44.1. Marion/Tigerton's Payton Prickette finished in 53rd place in 20:19.4, and Tristan Herro was 60th in 20:41.6. Brayden Zietlow was 73rd in 21:53.3. Gresham/Bowler's Breckin Gleason placed 74th in 21:55.7, and Derec Guthrie was 83rd in 22:44.2. Blaze Ejnik finished 89th in 23:15.3, and Adam Liethen was 94th in 29:55.2. **Tuesday, Oct. 7 Suring Invite** The Oconto Falls cross country teams dominated the Red Maple Country Club course at the Suring Eagles Invite. The girls won with 24 points, followed by Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy with 47, Oconto with 60 and Coleman with 96. The Panthers grabbed six of the top 10 finishes, including Emma Meiss-

ner's first place in 20:59.4 and Lily Meissner's second place in 21:01.0. Alexandria Braund placed sixth in 22:22.6, followed by Mackenzie Lotto in seventh in 22:23.0, Sydney Braund in eighth in 22:27.4 and Ava Holtz in 10th in 22:36.2. Katie Moody was 22nd, Lily Caelwaerts was 27th, Evelyn Savage placed 29th, and Faith Thurman was 37th. Leading Lena/STAA was Aspyynn Anderson in fourth in 21:55.2, Alisa Finger in fifth in 21:57.2 and Adrena Rabas in ninth in 23:30.0. Also competing were Alexis Maloney in 17th and Carla Caballero Morante in 18th. Suring was led by Ginger Gerndt in 13th in 23:28.9, followed by Allyson Seibert in 14th and Natalie Seibert in 15th. The Panthers boys team led with 15 points, followed by Suring with 51 and Pembine/Goodman with 69. Like the girls, the Oconto Falls boys took six of the top 10 spots. They were Isaiah Holtz, second in 19:32.0; Mason Lotto, fourth in 19:39.1; Ethan Zielinski, fifth in 19:44.1; Landon Timm, sixth in 20:02.1; Sage Mendolla, seventh in 20:13.6; and Braxton Rajkovich, ninth in 20:19.0. Rounding out the team were Cason Weenig in 18th, Derek Johnson in 20th, Lucas Vanhulle in 21st, Brett Herms in 22nd, Carson Laluzerne in 24th, Max Pileski in 31st, and Damien Sauerhabe in 32nd. Erik Kosch led Lena/STAA by placing third in 19:34.6.

He was joined by Dash Comins in 16th and Cooper Malloy in 28th. Suring was led by Riley Thomson, who placed 12th in 20:47.4. He was followed by Charles Richard in 13th and Blake DeGrave in 14th. Also running were Garrett School in 19th, Liam Matelski in 25th and Skylar Bristol in 34th. Mark Buchholz, of Wolf River Lutheran in Shawano, finished 39th. **Monday, Oct. 6 Marion Invite** The Menominee Nation boys placed third among four teams at Marion. Sophomore Bryant Waupoose III finished second with a time of 16:53.7. He was joined by Michael Peters III, who placed 14th, Cashius Reeves in 19th, Kai Wayka in 22nd, Christopher Waubanas-cum in 38th and Chase Waupoose in 43rd. Payton Prickette led Marion/Tigerton with a 25th-place finish, followed right behind by Tristan Herro in 26th. Brayden Zietlow was 33rd. Derec Guthries, of Gresham/Bowler, finished in 36th place, followed by Blaze Ejnik in 37th. Breckin Gleason finished in 46th, and Adam Liethen was 47th. Urijah Reeves led the Menominee Nation girls with a seventh-place finish in 22:40.6. Teammates Keira Nacotee finished 16th, Kaylee Nacotee was 19th, and Mimi Corn was 22nd. Brooklyn Ahlers led Marion/Tigerton by finishing eighth in 22:44.0. She was joined by Kennedy Zuniga in 13th.

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Turn to the experts

ThedaCare recommending flu vaccine as winter approaches

ThedaCare is encouraging people across north-east and central Wisconsin to take steps to protect themselves against influenza, a respiratory illness that affects millions of Americans annually.

One of the best steps people can take is to get vaccinated, according to a physician with ThedaCare. “Now is the time to start planning for your flu shot,” said Dr. Dirk Steinert. “Cases of respiratory flu can begin to show up as early as October. Get vaccinated to give yourself and your family the best odds of avoiding flu this season.”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the flu shot for individuals ages 6 months and older. Getting vaccinated helps ensure people, their loved ones and the community in general stay better protected during flu season.

The CDC recommends a high-dose flu vaccine for adults ages 65 and older. Those aged 65 or older should speak with their vaccine provider to determine which type of flu vaccine they should receive, Steinert said.

Each year, the United States sees millions of cases of flu. For many people, a case of the flu means more than simply missing a few days of work or school. Some people may develop serious complications including bacterial pneumonia, sinus infections or worsening of chronic conditions. The flu and its complications may lead to hospitalization and even death.

The 2024-25 flu season led to up to 1.3 million hospitalizations and as many as 130,000 deaths, according to CDC estimates. Flu vaccine prevents millions of illnesses and flu-related doctor’s visits each year.

Take the flu seriously, especially when it comes to children, Steinert said.

“Don’t underestimate the risk to kids,” he said. “Tragically, the 2024-25 flu season resulted in 216 pediatric deaths in the U.S. The CDC said that made it the deadliest non-pandemic flu season on record.”

Protecting children against influenza starts with vaccination, he said. “Kids between the ages of 6 months and 8 years getting the flu vaccine for the first time will need two injections at smaller doses,” Steinert explained. “In later years, they’ll need only one dose.”

Vaccination is key when it comes to protection against the flu, although it’s possible for a person vaccinated against the illness to still be infected by it, Steinert said. That’s because they may be exposed to the flu before getting vaccinated or during the time their body is still gaining protection from the vaccine. Antibod-

ies that provide protection against the flu develop in the body about two weeks after vaccination.

They might be exposed to an influenza virus not included in the current seasonal flu vaccine. The annual flu vaccine is de-

signed to protect against the three influenza viruses that research indicates will be most common. However, many types of influenza viruses circulate each year.

It’s possible to contract a different type of virus

that acts similar to flu.

“Fortunately, flu vaccination has been shown in studies to reduce the severity and duration of illness in those who do get sick,” Steinert said. “To answer a frequent question we often are asked

this time of year: No, you cannot get the flu from the vaccine.”

He encouraged people to consider getting vaccinated in mid-September through the end of October for optimal protection but said but people should

continue to get vaccinated as long as flu viruses pose a threat to the community.

Steinert recommended that those with lingering questions or concerns about the vaccine connect with their health care provider.

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IN THE MATTER OF NAME CHANGE
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In the matter of the Trust Estate of
JERRY K. DRUCKREY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. The decedent was the grantor of a trust.
2. The decedent, with date of birth May 5, 1945 and date of death May 11, 2025 was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin with a mailing address of W602 County Road E, Green Valley, WI 54127.
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, 2025.
4. Claims shall be filed by mailing to Heritage Law Firm, LLC c/o Trustee: Jean A. Bleick, 2050 Riverside Drive, Green Bay, WI 54301.
This notice was drafted by:
Attorney Michael A. Maas
2050 Riverside Drive
Green Bay, WI 54301
(920) 785-8570
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
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IN THEMATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Kirk Allen Goretski
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 25 IN 59
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 11/03/1969 and date of death 07/07/2025, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1168 County RD C, Pulaski, WI .
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 Oconto County Courthouse, 301 Washington Street, Oconto, Wisconsin Room 1173.
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

Notice of Public Hearing Planning, Development and Zoning Committee Meeting Wednesday, November 5, 2025 @ 9:00 AM Shawano County Courthouse, Rooms A & B Members: Ken Capelle, Jeremy Gretzinger, Lowel Hammett, Kathy Luebke, Theresa Serrano

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Shawano County Planning, Development and Zoning Committee under the Shawano County Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 40, in Rooms A/B on November 5, 2025 at 9AM, to consider the following application: **CU-11-25:** Michael Leidig, Agent for Daniel Gumieny, owner of Cecil Trucking & Excavating, request conditional use permit for the purpose of conducting a Non-Metallic Mineral Extraction (land use) in the OAR, Open Lands, Agriculture, and Residential Zoning District on approximately 40.00 total acres. Property is located and described as part of the SE ¼ of the SW ¼, Section 10, T27N R18E, located in the Town of Green Valley, Tax Parcel #020-10340-0000. Currently vacant land. **Z-11-25:** Scott & Lori Jennings request zone change from FP, Farmland and Forest Preservation Zoning District to A-R, Agricultural Residential Zoning District for the purpose of constructing a single-family dwelling on approximately 5.7300 total acres. Property is located and described as part of the SW ¼ of the NE ¼ LYG S & E of Cherry Road, Section 26, T29N R11E NKA Lot 1 CSM Map #5090, located in the Town of Aniwa. Tax Parcel # 006-26130-0020. Property Address: N10370 Cherry Road Birnamwood, WI 54414. Any interested person may address the Planning, Development and Zoning Committee by letter or appear in person, or by agent, and be heard at the public hearing. Written correspondence must bear a legible signature of the author as well as the primary address of the signer. The Committee will accept and review all previously received pertinent information relative to the above listed item(s) during the open session of the public hearing on November 5, 2025. Notice is further given that printed copies of these proposals are available for public inspection in the Planning and Development office during regular business hours. Please note that upon reasonable notice, effort will be made to accommodate the needs of any person wishing to attend who, because of disability, requires special accommodation through appropriate aids and services. Call 715-526-6766 to leave a message for arrangements. Dated this October 7, 2025 For: The Shawano County Planning, Development and Zoning Committee By: Kyle Waelchli, Zoning Administrator
NOTE: Any person may appear at the public hearing and be heard and/or submit comments to be read into the record for Committee consideration. Correspondence must bear a legible signature of the author as well as the primary address of the signer. Accommodations due to disability can be made by calling: 715-526-6766 Meeting notice emailed/posted:
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SHAWANO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY
Case No. 25CV157
Code No. 30301

Capital Credit Union
Plaintiff,
v.
Shannon Marie Kuhn
XYZ Unknown Defendant,
Defendants.

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THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
To each person named above as a Defendant:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis for the legal action. Within 40 days after October 17, 2025, of receiving this Summons, you must respond with a written Answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an Answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The Answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is Clerk of Circuit Court, Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N Main St, Shawano, WI 54166-2198, and to Plaintiff's attorney, whose mailing address is PO Box 1473, Wausau, Wisconsin 54402-1473. You may have an attorney help or represent you. If you do not provide a proper Answer within 40 days after October 17, 2025, the Court may grant Judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A Judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated this 7th day of October, 2025.
Bates Legal Group, LLC, Attorneys for Plaintiff

By: /s/ Attorney Justin J. Bates
Justin J. Bates
State Bar No. 1066128
PO Box 1473
Wausau, WI 54402-1473
(715) 843-5599
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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.
**WNAXLP
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10/3/25, 10/10/25, 10/17/25
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
James Thomas Flauger
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 2025 PR 75
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 01-01-1946 and date of death 06-13-2025 , was domiciled in Shawano County, State of WI , with a mailing address of W11352 County Road A, Gresham, WI 54128 .
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is December 31, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N Main St, Shawano, WI 54166 . Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office
Atty. Thomas J Martell
117 N Main St, PO Box 237
Shawano, WI 54166
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10/17/25, 10/24/25, 10/31/25
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY
Case No. 25CV157
Code No. 30301

Capital Credit Union
Plaintiff,
v.
Shannon Marie Kuhn
XYZ Unknown Defendant,
Defendants.

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THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
To each person named above as a Defendant:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis for the legal action. Within 40 days after October 17, 2025, of receiving this Summons, you must respond with a written Answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an Answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The Answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is Clerk of Circuit Court, Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N Main St, Shawano, WI 54166-2198, and to Plaintiff's attorney, whose mailing address is PO Box 1473, Wausau, Wisconsin 54402-1473. You may have an attorney help or represent you. If you do not provide a proper Answer within 40 days after October 17, 2025, the Court may grant Judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A Judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated this 7th day of October, 2025.
Bates Legal Group, LLC, Attorneys for Plaintiff

By: /s/ Attorney Justin J. Bates
Justin J. Bates
State Bar No. 1066128
PO Box 1473
Wausau, WI 54402-1473
(715) 843-5599
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SHA-030**

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

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
**WNAXLP
SHA-026**

10/17/25, 10/24/25, 10/31/25
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
CAROL ANN NYGAARD
NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Informal Administration)
Case No. 25 PR 77
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 01/18/1950 and date of death 08/31/2025, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W2267 State Highway 22, Pulcifer, WI 54124.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 20, 2026.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202 Probate Office.
BY THE COURT:
DATE SIGNED: October 7, 2025
Electronically signed by Gwen Hoffman, Probate Registrar
Attorney Michael A. Maas
Heritage Law Firm, LLC
2050 Riverside Drive
Green Bay, WI 54301
920-785-8570
Bar Number: 1061377
**WNAXLP
SHA-027**

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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SHA-025**

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

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
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, Room 202, Probate Office.
James E. Aschenbrenner
P.O. Box146
Shawano, WI 54166 USA
715 524 625
**WNAXLP
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HOUSE FOR SALE


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10/10/25, 10/17/25, 10/24/25
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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10/3/25, 10/10/25, 10/17/25
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 Vomastich
517 E. Green Bay Street
Shawano, WI 54166
(920) 785-8570
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SHA-018**

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PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Oct. 12 Deputies responded to 26 incidents, including a disturbance at the county jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; suspicious activity on Strauss Road in the Town of Wescott; seven 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; three crashes, two involving deer.

Oct. 11 Deputies responded to 46 incidents, including a disturbance at the Higher Wire, N6017 Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; a fight in progress at Big Time Sports Bar and Grill, W6014 Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; a disturbance on East Front Street in Wittenberg; trespassing on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; disorderly conduct on East Vinal Street in Wittenberg; theft on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; a noise disturbance on East Front Street in Wittenberg; a noise disturbance on

state Highway 32 in the Town of Green Valley; a noise disturbance on Julius Street in the Town of Angelica; two 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; five traffic hazards; four welfare checks; two crashes, both involving deer.

Oct. 10 Deputies responded to 40 incidents, including suspicious activity on Pine Street in Tigerton; theft on East Grand Avenue in Wittenberg; trespassing on Western Avenue in the Town of Birnamwood; sexual assault on County Road Y in the Town of Belle Plaine; suspicious activity near North Airport Road and Homewood Avenue in the Town of Wescott; theft on West Grand Avenue in Wittenberg; a disturbance on Rosenow Lane in the Town of Morris; suspicious activity on North Hunter Street in Wittenberg; a fatal crash on County Road M in the Town of Belle Plaine; one 911 call; four reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; three welfare checks; four crashes.

Oct. 9 Deputies responded to 47 incidents, including operating after revocation near state Highway 29 and Porter Road in the Town of Hartland; harassment on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; property damage near County Road C and South Town Line Road in the Town of Angelica; suspicious activity near South Howard and East Vinal streets in Wittenberg; a noise disturbance on Cedar Street in Tigerton; one 911 call; four reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; six crashes, four involving deer.

Oct. 8 Deputies responded to 35 incidents, including trespassing on Lulu Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; four 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; one welfare check; one crash.

Oct. 7 Deputies responded to 42 incidents, including drugs near Northwood and Oakwood drives in the Town of Wescott; suspicious activity on Belle

Plaine Avenue in the Town of Belle Plaine; bail jumping on Church Street in Aniwa; fraud on Birch Street in Tigerton; illegal burning on Old 47 Road in the Town of Lessor; criminal damage at an undisclosed location; operating after revocation near Lily Pond Road and County Road R in the Town of Washington; six 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; five welfare checks; three crashes, one involving deer.

Oct. 6 Deputies responded to 33 incidents, including drugs near state Highway 32 and County Road E in the Town of Green Valley; suspicious activity on County Road M in the Town of Belle Plaine; threatening on Comet Road in the Town of Germania; a disturbance at Tigerton Elementary School, 500 Elm St., Tigerton; theft on Red Oak Lane in the Town of Wittenberg; a disturbance on Fischer Street in Gresham; four 911 calls; one welfare check; one crash.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Oct. 12 Officers responded to xx incidents, including

harassment on East Richmond Street; a drug offense on East Green Bay Street; three 911 calls; four welfare checks.

Oct. 11 Officers responded to 17 incidents, including threatening at ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B; two reports of suspicious activity on Madison Way; one 911 call; two welfare checks; one crash.

Oct. 10 A technical issue prevented delivery of this report as of press time.

Oct. 9 Officers responded to 25 incidents, including a noise disturbance near West Eagle and South Bartlett streets; suspicious activity on South Washington Street; disorderly conduct outside Tractor Supply, 1313 E. Green Bay St.; property damage at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; disorderly conduct at McDonald's, 1202 E. Green Bay St.; suspicious activity near Arlington and Green Bay streets; suspicious activity near South Hamlin and East Randall streets; one 911 call; three welfare checks; one crash.

Oct. 8 Officers responded to 23 incidents, including harassment and a disturbance at Memorial Park, 726 S. Lincoln St.; threatening at Walsh Dental Group, 657 N. Main St.; harassment at IHOP, 1398 E. Green Bay St.; threatening on East Ridlington Avenue; disorderly conduct on Valley Lane; one 911 call; three welfare checks.

Oct. 7 Officers responded to 21 incidents, including pornography at an undisclosed location; threatening on Acorn Street; a disturbance near East Division and South Andrews streets; one 911 call; two welfare checks; one crash.

Oct. 6 Officers responded to 28 incidents, including an assault on West Fourth Street; three truancy reports and a theft incident at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; disorderly conduct on South Lincoln Street; a disturbance outside Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.; two 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; four welfare checks; one crash.

COURT NEWS

• Dylan L. Corn, 22, Keshena, pleaded no contest Oct. 10 to possession of narcotic drugs, felony bail jumping, four counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and a misdemeanor charge of operating while revoked. Judge William Kussel Jr. levied fines and sentenced him to 180 days in county jail.

• Jessica N. Myers, 39, a Mattoon woman serving a sentence at Taycheedah Correction Institution, pleaded no contest Oct. 6 to possession of narcotic drugs. Kussel sentenced her to 15 months in prison followed by two years of extended supervision with conditions.

• Mark W. Fouts, 58, Shawano, was charged Oct. 6 with possession of methamphetamine, two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge Katherine Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Oct. 20.

• Devin L. Derozier, 27, Clintonville, was charged Oct. 7 with resisting an officer and causing substantial bodily harm, along with two misdemeanor counts of battery and a single count of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a \$250 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 20.

• Hope M. Olmo Guzman, 40, Shawano, was charged Oct. 7 with possession of methamphetamine and three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. Sloma set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Oct. 22.

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• Jeremy J. Komanekin, 47, Shawano, was charged Oct. 7 with threatening to cause bodily harm to certain individuals in a legal or court system, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct and six counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. In a separate file, Komanekin was charged with an additional count of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense). Sloma set a \$1,000 cash bond and a \$2,500 signature bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing in both cases for Oct. 16.

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• Lovey Marie Lakehouse, 19, Green Bay, was charged Oct. 8 with two counts of felony bail jumping. Sloma set a \$750 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Nov. 24.

• Ruby A. Boyd, 40, Shawano, was charged Oct. 8 with first-degree recklessly endangering safety and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 13.

• Louis E. Ellwart, 54, Shawano, was charged Oct. 8 with two counts of felony bail jumping, six counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and a misdemeanor or count of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a \$7,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 16.

• Kylie J. Szydlowski, 28, Shawano, was charged Oct. 9 with three counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor charge of theft. Sloma set a \$250 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Oct. 23.

• Brooke M. Krause, 45, Suring, was charged Oct. 8 with felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Sloma set a \$200 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Dec. 2.

• Bridgett J. Mathis, 44, Peshtigo, was charged Sept. 15 with child abuse intentionally causing harm and felony bail jumping. Kussel set a \$500 signature bond Oct. 10 and scheduled a status conference for Oct. 30.

• Beatrice A. Zhuckkahosee, 39, Ashwaubenon, was charged Oct. 10 with felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma set a \$750 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Nov. 10.

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MENOMINEE COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE

SALE OF FORECLOSED PROPERTIES

OPENS OCTOBER 20, 2025 AND CLOSES ON NOVEMBER 6, 2025

The Menominee County Treasurer's Office will begin accepting sealed bids on the below listed properties acquired through tax foreclosure proceedings.. The properties appearing in Section A must be sold at or above the appraisal value shown. The properties appearing in Section B may be sold at, above, or below the appraisal value shown. Details shown in this listing include physical address/fire number, parcel number, deed restriction information, appraisal value, and the County's costs associated with the property.

#	Physical Address	Parcel/Tax ID#	Deed Restrict.*	Appraisal Value	County Costs**
SECTION A. FIRST SALE ATTEMPT					
1	N1235 Rawhide Rd, Keshena, WI (.50 acres) Lot Sixteen (16) Big Sky Addition to Legend Lk. 1.	01040012060	LLPOA	23,300	3,437.00
2	N1225 Rawhide Rd, Keshena, WI (.55 acres) Lot Seventeen (17) Big Sky Addition to Legend Lk.	01040012070	LLPOA	24,300	3,492.00
3	W1688 Big Sky Ct, Keshena, WI (.55 acres) Lot Eighteen (18) Big Sky Addition to Legend Lk.	01040012080	LLPOA	24,300	3,492.00
4	W1717 Big Sky Ct, Keshena, WI (.51 acres) Lot Thirty One (31) Big Sky Addition to Legend Lk.	01040014010	LLPOA	138,500	14,814.00
5	W1014 Mallard Bay Ct, Keshena, WI (.54 acres) Lot Eighty-Eight (88) Mallard Bay Addition to Legend Lk.	01200111080	LLPOA	24,100	2,767.00
6	N1212 Rainbow Rd, Keshena, WI (.55 acres) Lot Three (3) Spirit Island Addition to Legend Lk.	01310179030	LLPOA	24,300	3,492.00
7	N1220 Rainbow Rd, Keshena, WI (.52 acres) Lot Four (4) Spirit Island Addition to Legend Lk.	01310179040	LLPOA	23,700	3,946.00
8	W1841 Broken Bow Rd, Keshena, WI (.57 acres) Lot Twenty-Seven (27) Straight Arrow Addition to Legend Lk.	01350207070	LLPOA	24,700	4,459.00
9	N1112 Sunrise Trl, Keshena, WI (.64 acres) Lot Forty-Eight (48) Sunrise Addition to Legend Lk.	01360223080	LLPOA	26,000	4,212.00
10	N3413 STH 47, Neopit, WI (.18 acres) Neopit Block Two (2) Lot Fifteen (15) (34-D)	01470259080	10-Day	52,200	9,628.00
11	N3525 S Second Ave, Neopit, WI (.19 acres) Neopit Block Five (5) Lot Five (5) (34-D)	01470266050	10-Day	4,600	905.00
12	N3495 STH 47 Neopit, WI (.18 acres) Neopit Block Six (6) Lot Nine (9) (34-D)	01470268040	10-Day	4,300	889.00
13	N3499 STH 47, Neopit, WI (.25 acres) Neopit Block Six (6) Lot Ten (10)	01470268050	10-Day	10,000	1,100.00
14	N3419 White Ave, Neopit, WI (.30 acres) Neopit Block Nine (9) Lot Six (6)	01470275020	10-Day	6,000	1,553.00
15	W6767 Shawpokasic St Neopit WI (.25 acres) Neopit Block Ten (10) Lot Twenty-Three (23) (34-D)	01470277100	10-Day	74,100	7,609.00
16	N2826 STH 55, Keshena, WI (1.63 acres) Wolf River & 55 Lot One (11) Vol 2 P.G. 33 CSM 1271	01580357020	10-Day	16,300	1,384.00
17	N3320 STH 55, Keshena, WI (1.00 acres) Wolf River & 55 Tract #2 (39) Lot 1 Vol 2 pg. 300, T29N R 15E S24	01580358025	10-Day	4,500	1,462.00
SECTION B. SUBSEQUENT SALE ATTEMPT					
1	N3516 S Second Ave, Neopit, WI (.19 acres)	01470269030	10-Day	33,000	6,481.00
2	N3488 Cottage Ave, Neopit, WI (.17 acres)	01470271010	10-Day	2,100	756.00
3	N3480 Cottage Ave, Neopit, WI (.15 acres)	01470271030	10-Day	12,400	3,728.00
4	N3424 Cottage Ave, Neopit, WI (.27 acres)	01470272030	10-Day	40,500	9,493.00
5	N3485 A Kwine Mi, Neopit, WI (.20 acres)	01470277070	10-Day	2,400	797.00
6	N3491 A Kwine Mi, Neopit, WI (.27 acres)	01470277080	10-Day	2,900	897.00
7	W2263 Keshena Lake Rd, Keshena, WI (2.27 acres)	01602372018	10-Day	42,600	8,144.98
8	W2287 Keshena Lake Rd, Keshena, WI (2.27 acres)	01602372022	10-Day	42,600	8,100.00
9	W2262 Joe Summers Rd, Keshena, WI (.47 acres)	01602372014	10-Day	22,800	3,580.00

* Deed Restrict: "LLPOA" means Legend Lake Property Owner's Assoc. "10-Day" means the Menominee Tribe owns a 10-day right of first refusal.

** "County Costs" represents the minimum value the County will attempt to recover through the sale; however, bids less than this amount will still receive consideration by the Personnel & Finance Committee and the County Board.

Legal descriptions are available upon request. Some properties may not have fire numbers posted, so bidders are urged to verify the location of the property prior to placing a bid. Bids shall be placed on the "Bid and Purchase Agreement" form and sealed in an envelope along with the required bid deposit of \$250. Copies of the Bid and Purchase Agreement can be obtained on the County's website at www.co.menominee.wi.us or by contacting the Treasurer's Office. The bid deposit of \$250.00 shall be in the form of a cashier's check or money order made payable to Menominee County. The bid deposit of unsuccessful bidders shall be returned. The bid deposit of successful bidder shall be retained as a down payment, with the balance due to be paid within 30 days after bid acceptance. Failure of successful bidder to make payment within 30 days of bid acceptance shall result in a forfeiture of bid deposit without further notice or legal recourse. Bids may be withdrawn up to the deadline date and time. Bids withdrawn after the deadline will result in the automatic forfeiture of the bid security without further notice or legal recourse. On properties appearing under Section A only, the County will provide preference to family members of the former property owner(s) if their bid is equal to or greater than the appraised value. On properties appearing under Section B only, the County will provide preference to family members of the former property owner(s). Final acceptance of a bid by the County is contingent upon the Menominee Tribe not exercising any 10-day waiver option it might have. Properties are sold in "as is, where is" condition. Menominee County makes no warranty as to boundaries or acreages or any other matters on properties offered for sale. Menominee County reserves the right to reject any or all bids. More details concerning the properties can be found at www.accurateassessor.com and clicking on the "Municipalities" link. More information concerning the bid process can be found on Menominee County's website at www.co.menominee.wi.us under the "News and Events" link.

MAIL/DELIVER BIDS TO: Menominee County Treasurer, W3269 Courthouse Lane, P.O. Box 279, Keshena, WI 54135 in an envelope clearly marked "LAND BID - PARCEL # _____". The deadline to submit sealed bids is **Thursday, November 6, 2025 1:00 p.m.** All bids will be publicly opened on November 6, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. The public bid opening is not a forum for determining the winning bid. The Personnel and Finance Committee will formally review and recommend award of bids at its first meeting scheduled after the deadline.

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Josh Jacobs stiff arms Jordan Battle on a 16-yard gain during a fourth quarter drive that led to a Packers touchdown. Jacobs had a combined 150 yards rushing and receiving and two touchdowns in the Packers victory over the Bengals. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

Packers pull away from Bengals, get 27-18 win

LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

Facing quarterback Joe Flacco a second time this season, the Packers were able to right their wrongs from a loss to the Cleveland Browns with a 27-18 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals.

Flacco, who started the Week 3 matchup for the Cleveland Browns, was recently traded to the Bengals, as Cincinnati's starting quarterback Joe Burrow is out with a foot injury. This gave Flacco the opportunity to be the first quarterback in NFL history to beat the same team twice in a season

while starting for two different teams.

To the relief of Packers fans, history was not made Sunday.

Coming into the Week 6 game, Packer kicker Brandon McManus was downgraded to out after suffering a quadriceps injury earlier this season. That led the Packers to pick up Lucas Havrisik and start him. Havrisik converted three extra point attempts and two field goals, including the game-sealing three points with 1:52 left in the game.

"I thought our guys did an outstanding job," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur, on the field goal

unit solidifying the win. "All game long, I thought the protection was much, much improved, and those guys took it personal. Everybody stepped up and did their job."

Battling the flu in this game, Packers running back Josh Jacobs put together his best performance of the 2025 season. He finished the game with 93 rushing yards and two touchdowns on 18 carries. He added another 57 receiving yards on five receptions.

"It feels good as a runner to know that you are dominating," said Jacobs. "That is a thing you can always feel on offense,

when a defense starts to get tired of you hitting them and start to get tired of you going right at them. That is something we definitely felt."

In the passing game, Packers quarterback Jordan Love finished the game completing 19-of-26 passes for 259 yards, one touchdown and one interception. Love's lone touchdown pass came by way of a 19-yard catch-and-run from Tucker Kraft, who finished the game with 43 yards on two receptions. It was rookie Matthew Golden who led the team in receiving though, as the Texas alum caught three passes for 86 yards.

For the Bengals, Flacco put together a solid week after starting for Cincinnati on short notice. The 40-year old completed 29-of-45 passes for 219 yards and two touchdowns.

Cincinnati superstar receiver Ja'Marr Chase was the main beneficiary of Flacco's solid day, as he recorded 10 receptions for 94 yards and a touchdown. Cincinnati's No. 2 receiver, Tee Higgins, finished the game with 62 receiving yards on five receptions.

As for Cincinnati's run game, Chase Brown was held to 42 yards on nine carries, while Samaje Perine ran for 16 yards on

six carries.

As a team, Green Bay outgained Cincinnati to a tune of 409 total yards to 268 yards. As far as penalties go, this was a fairly clean game with both teams combining for just eight of them. Green Bay totaled five of those penalties for 40 yards.

The Packers win over the Bengals gave the team some positive momentum as Green Bay was coming off of a loss to the Cleveland Browns and a tie to the Dallas Cowboys before the bye. Now sitting at 3-1-1, the Packers are in a position to contend in not only the NFC North but in the entire NFC conference.



Coach Matt LaFleur and quarterback Jordan Love embrace at the start of Sunday's victory against Cincinnati. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

Offense could be in for a big day in Arizona

BY JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

Green Bay will take on the Arizona Cardinals in Week 7 at 3:25 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19.

Packers' offense vs. Cardinals' defense

Green Bay's offense started slow before hitting its stride in the return from the bye week.

Their first possession was ruined by a poor decision from Jordan Love re-

sulting in an interception.

They had to slog through most of the first half before a big play to Matthew Golden changed their fortunes.

A third down completion for 35 yards got the Packers out of an early-game funk, as they scored a touchdown with Josh Jacobs just two plays after the big completion to Golden.

Golden has been quiet in comparison to some of his peers from his rookie

class, but he has continued to look the part in what has been limited opportunities.

With all due respect to the other receivers in Green Bay, there's only one player with the potential to be a star, and that's Golden.

The offense could look to run more through him as he continues to find his footing in his rookie year.

He's not the only player on offense, however. Jacobs has had to be more creative in finding yardage

early in the season, but he was solid against Cincinnati on Sunday after finding more room to roam late in the second half against the Dallas Cowboys.

Jacobs had a big second half, with a 14-yard burst to give his team a 17-7 lead. He was a key cog in the second touchdown drive of the second half before giving way to Tucker Kraft.

Kraft scored on a 19-yard catch-and-run that

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ended with him diving into the end zone for a touchdown to give the team a 24-10 lead.

Kraft's reception was the longest touchdown of the season for Green Bay's passing game.

The offensive line was finally healthy with its preferred top six players.

One situation to monitor is the right guard situation.

Jordan Morgan was the starter at that spot coming out of the bye week and resumed a rotation with Sean Rhyan.

Rhyan is in a contract year and has had some struggles this season.

Rasheed Walker played what might have been his best game of the season, silencing Trey Hendrickson in the first half.

Zach Tom looked like he was still working back from an injury but was back on the field, which is always a good sign for the team.

Ultimately, their starters both started and finished the game, which is the first time that has happened this season.

Perhaps it's not coincidental that the offense got better as the game went on.

Arizona's defense has had some good moments early in the season, but Sunday's game against the Colts was not one of them.

Daniel Jones and the Colts' offense rolled up 31 points and more than 350 yards.

They are, however, eighth in the NFL against opposing run games, before running into Jonathan Taylor, who beat them up for more than 120 yards individually in Sunday's game.

The passing game? That's a different story.

Arizona has one of the worst pass defenses in football. They ranked 28th going into Sunday's game, and Jones had an efficient day against them, throwing for two touchdowns and 212 yards on 22 completions.

There will be some opportunities for the Packers to make some plays down the field against this Arizona defense.

Packers' defense vs. Cardinals' offense



Tucker Kraft's two receptions for the day included a TD celebration in the fourth quarter that helped seal the deal for the Packers victory. Jordan Morgan joined the celebration. The Packers former first round pic, started at right guard.

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Cincinnati's Samaje Perine battled a tough Packers run defense that limited the Bengals to 55 total rushing yards for the day.

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A return from the bye week saw the Packers' defense return to form against the Cincinnati Bengals.

The Packers' defense, which had just given up 40 points two weeks ago, was dominant against a Bengals offense that was breaking in a new quarterback.

Joe Flacco didn't have much time to throw.

On the rare occasions he did, he was getting to his checkdown consistently, because nothing was open down the field.

The all-world receiver tandem of Ja'Marr Chase and Tee Higgins were held to just three catches for 28 yards in the first half as the Packers pitched a shutout.

The second half was a different story.



Safeties Evan Williams and Javon Bullard celebrated as the Packers held the Bengals scoreless in the first half.

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The Bengals held the ball for more than half of the third quarter and marched down the field against their defense.

A drive that totaled more than 10 minutes on the game clock ended in a short touchdown pass by Flacco to pull the score to 10-7.

Following a Packers touchdown drive, Flacco was able to get more points with Higgins and Chase making big plays down the field against Green Bay's cornerbacks.

It's a game where the Packers' defense didn't give up as many points as

the last time they played but still left a lot to be desired.

The multimillion dollar question on offense for the Arizona Cardinals is who will be under center for them when they line up against Green Bay.

Kyler Murray is their preferred starting quarterback, but he missed Sunday's game with a foot sprain that could cause him to miss more than one game.

He could also return in time for Sunday's contest.

Jacoby Brissett played in his place on Sunday against the Indianapolis

Colts. He threw for more than 300 yards and two touchdowns with just one interception.

He had them on the doorstep of the end zone for a potential game-winning touchdown, but his final pass fell incomplete.

Their top receiver, Marvin Harrison Jr., left Sunday's game with a concussion, which could be a big loss for their offense as well.

In his place, wide receiver Zay Jones and Trey McBride handled the heavy lifting against the Colts, with 13 catches for 151 yards, and McBride scored a touchdown.

The run game has been a struggle for Arizona, and they didn't get much better against the Colts, rushing for 88 yards on 24 carries.

Green Bay's run defense should have a chance to bounce back here.

Special Teams

Green Bay's special teams was in for some drama Sunday afternoon. Then again, when are they not?

In this case, however, the Packers had to roster an extra kicker due to a quad injury suffered in practice by Brandon McManus.

As it turned out, McManus was inactive in favor of Lucas Havrisik.

How long McManus will be out remains to be seen, but LaFleur did call his injury a major concern last week before he was inactive on Sunday.

Green Bay's special teams needs all the help it can get.

Arizona's special teams return duties are largely handled by receiver Greg Dortch.

Dortch has averaged 25.3 yards per return on kickoffs, and 12.3 yards per punt return.

Chad Ryland had been in on a workout in Green Bay a season ago before they found Brandon McManus, and he'll handle kicking duties for the Cardinals.

He's missed two field goals this season.

Green Bay's return game needs to find some stability, and they have been staunch in their belief of the guys they have in house.

GREEN BAY PACKERS AT ARIZONA CARDINALS

TIME AND DATE: 3:25 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19

LOCATION: State Farm Stadium

TV: FOX

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

2025 RECORDS: Packers, 3-1-1. Cardinals, 2-4.

HISTORY: The Packers and Cardinals have met 77 times including three post-season games in their history, with the Packers holding a decisive 47-26-4 advantage

in those games.

The last time these two teams met was last year at Lambeau Field, with the Packers throttling the Cardinals to the tune of a 34-13 victory.

When these two teams meet in Arizona, the games tend to be wild. The most recent matchup came in 2021, with Aaron Rodgers missing all of his top receivers due to injuries and COVID-19. The Packers led 24-21 late against an unbeaten Cardinals team, but Kyler Murray's last pass was intercepted in the end zone by Rasul Douglas, preserving a Packers victory.

The most famous matchup in the postseason in Arizona

came in the 2009 playoffs, Rodgers' playoff debut.

A back-and-forth affair saw an offensive onslaught break out between the two teams, with the game ending on a fumble recovery returned for a touchdown by Cardinals linebacker Karlos Dansby.

COACHES: Packers, Matt LaFleur, seventh season, 69-34-1. Cardinals, Jonathan Gannon, third season, 14-26.

PACKERS SCHEDULE
Sunday, Sept. 7, vs. Detroit Lions, W 27-13
Thursday, Sept. 11, vs. Washington Commanders, W 27-18
Sunday, Sept. 21, at Cleve-

land Browns, L 10-13
Sunday, Sept. 28, at Dallas Cowboys, T 40-40

Bye Week
Sunday, Oct. 12, vs. Cincinnati Bengals, W 28-17
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. Chi-

cago 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. 16
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 19
LA Rams at Jacksonville (in London), 8:30 a.m.
Philadelphia at Minnesota, noon
New England at Tennessee, noon
Carolina at NY Jets, noon

Miami at Cleveland, noon
New Orleans at Chicago, noon

Las Vegas at Kansas City, noon
Indianapolis at LA Chargers, 3:05 p.m.
NY Giants at Denver, 3:05 p.m.

Green Bay at Arizona, 3:25 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 3:25 p.m.
Atlanta at San Francisco, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 20
Tampa Bay at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Houston at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Bye Teams: Baltimore, Buffalo

Cardinals could be without a few key starters



BY JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

The Green Bay Packers take their show on the road this week to challenge the Cardinals in Arizona, which is a place they have had some interesting matchups.

The Cardinals are a conference opponent, a week after facing an uncommon opponent in the Cincinnati Bengals.

The Packers are not in a bad position in terms of the postseason and hold all of the cards they could ask for.

They do, however, need to keep stacking wins, and they do have a possibility of doing that this week against a team that has had their struggles this season.

In addition, they could be playing without some very important players.

More on that and some other points with our weekly six pack.

1. Buckle Up
Last week, we told you that Green Bay and Cincinnati have usually played wild games when the two teams meet up.

The Packers and Cardinals have had their fair share of drama as well, especially in Arizona.

In 2021, the Packers, ravaged by injuries and COVID-19 related absences, went into Arizona facing an undefeated Cardinals group that looked like the best team in football to that point of the year.

Behind a big night from Randall Cobb and Aaron Rodgers, the Packers' offense was able to do just enough to give the defense a 24-21 lead late in the game when Kyler Murray had the Cardinals in scoring position, looking to extend their unbeaten streak.

Instead, a dramatic interception from Rasul Douglas in the corner of the end zone saved the game, and the Packers escaped with a huge victory.

The 2009 playoffs also represented the highest scoring playoff game, and arguably one of the best games of Aaron Rodgers' career, even if it ended on a sour note.

2. Another Backup?
The Packers have had some good fortune early in the season in terms of quarterback play.

Joe Flacco has faced them twice, and one time he was traded to the team he was playing for just three days prior to kickoff.

This week, Jacoby Brissett could be the starter for



In the Packers' 27-18 win against the Bengals, Jordan Love had a season-high of 26 rushing yards on seven attempts. His rushing was crucial for converting key third downs, including a critical scramble on third-and-1 that extended a drive, and a scramble on third-and-8 that set up a 31-yard pass to Matthew Golden, which helped clinch the game.

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Arizona. Murray missed last week's game with a foot sprain. Brissett is an admirable backup who has had a long career, but he's not as dynamic as Murray.

The Packers have gotten everything they could ask for from a quarterback standpoint over the last two weeks. Their defense should be set up to have another dominant performance on Sunday.

3. That's not all
Of course, Murray is not the only player with an injury concern coming into Sunday's game.

Arizona's former first-round phenom, Marvin Harrison Jr., left Sunday's game against the Indianapolis Colts with a concussion.

Concussions are tricky, so that puts his availability in question.

Facing a backup quarterback, potentially without his best weapon, the Packers' defense could focus more of their resources to Arizona's top pass catcher.

4. Tight End Showdown
Tucker Kraft said earlier last week that one of the best ways to use him in the offense was to ensure he touches the ball on every possession. Kraft was Green Bay's leading receiver coming out of the bye week and has really come into his own in his third season as a pro.

On the other side, Arizona boasts one of the best tight ends in all of football.

Trey McBride was a standout a season ago and rewarded with a lucrative contract extension, which undoubtedly will be used in future negotiations for Kraft when it comes time

to review his contract.

McBride had a big game last year against the Packers, catching eight passes for 96 yards to lead all receivers on the day.

Whether Brissett starts or Murray returns from an injury, they'll be relying on their big tight end.

5. Ageless Wonder
Brian Gutekunst has an outspoken policy that the NFL is a young man's league. His team is always one of the youngest in all of football.

The only players on the roster over the age of 30 are specialists.

Apart from that, the

Packers have always trended young.

On the other side, the Cardinals have one of the oldest players in the NFL, defensive lineman Calais Campbell.

Campbell has bounced around the NFL but has always been productive wherever he has been.

Campbell had three sacks on the year coming into Sunday's game against the Indianapolis Colts.

The Packers' offensive line, which has struggled this season, will need to figure out a way to keep Arizona's pass rush at bay, and that starts on the interior with Campbell.

6. Look Ahead?
Players are human, so it's natural to wonder if this is a game the Packers could be overlooking.

No, the Pittsburgh Steelers, next week's opponent, are not a division rival or anything of that sort.

They do, however, have a guy on their roster by the name of Aaron Rodgers.

The former Packers' quarterback is off to a nice start this season, with the Steelers sitting atop the AFC North.

Rodgers is not the player he was in his prime, but he still has some tricks up his sleeve.

The Packers have plenty of players on their roster who played with Rodgers, and those guys could be looking, especially on defense, to make their mark against their former quarterback.

0 Matthew Golden.....WR	0 Will Johnson.....CB
1 Micah Parsons.....DL	1 Kyler Murray.....QB
2 Malik Willis.....QB	2 Mack Wilson Sr.....ILB
7 Quay Walker.....LB	3 Bubba Baker.....S
8 Josh Jacobs.....RB	4 Greg Dortch.....WR
10 Jordan Love.....QB	5 Baron Browning.....OLB
13 Dontayvion Wicks.....WR	7 Jacoby Brissett.....QB
16 Bo Melton.....CB	10 Josh Sweat.....OLB
17 Brandon McManus.....K	13 Kei'Trel Clark.....CB
18 Malik Heath.....WR	14 Michael Wilson.....WR
19 Daniel Whelan.....P	16 Max Melton.....CB
20 Javon Bullard.....S	17 Zay Jones.....WR
21 Nate Hobbs.....CB	18 Marvin Harrison Jr.....WR
23 Emanuel Wilson.....RB	19 Kedon Slovis.....QB
24 Carrington Valentine....CB	20 Bam Knight.....RB
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30 Chris Brooks.....RB	28 Elijah Jones.....CB
31 Nick Niemann.....LB	29 Denzel Burke.....CB
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86 John FitzPatrick.....TE	74 Isaiah Adams.....OL
87 Romeo Doubs.....WR	76 Will Hernandez.....OL
88 Luke Musgrave.....TE	78 Josh Fryar.....OL
89 Ben Sims.....TE	79 PJ Mustipher.....DL
90 Lukas Van Ness.....DL	80 Simi Fehoko.....WR
91 Warren Brinson.....DL	81 Travis Vokolek.....TE
93 Nazir Stackhosue.....DL	84 Elijah Higgins.....TE
94 Karl Brooks.....DL	85 Trey McBride.....TE
95 Devonte Wyatt.....DL	89 Xavier Weaver.....WR
96 Colby Wooden.....DL	92 Bilal Nichols.....DL
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Lukas Van Ness recorded the Packers' only sack Sunday. Unfortunately, it was the final play of the day for Van Ness who injured his foot on the play and is expected to miss time with the injury. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

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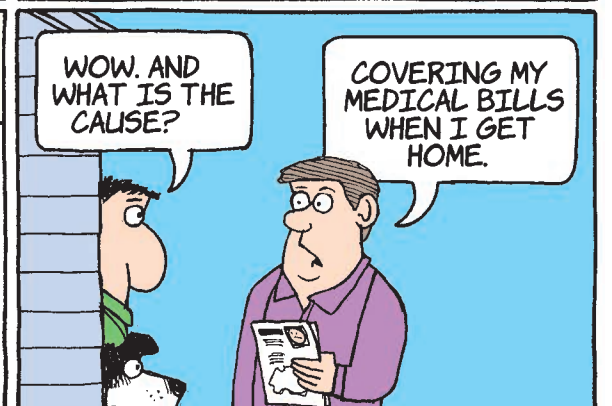
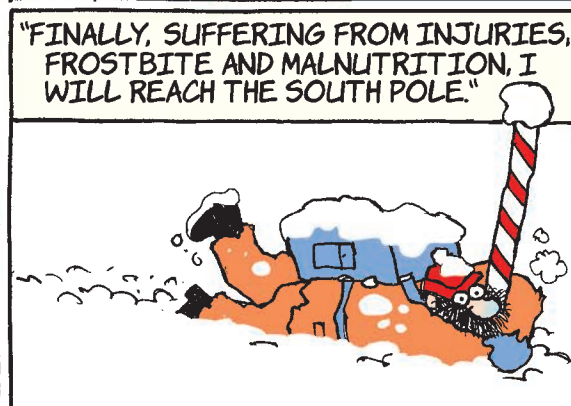
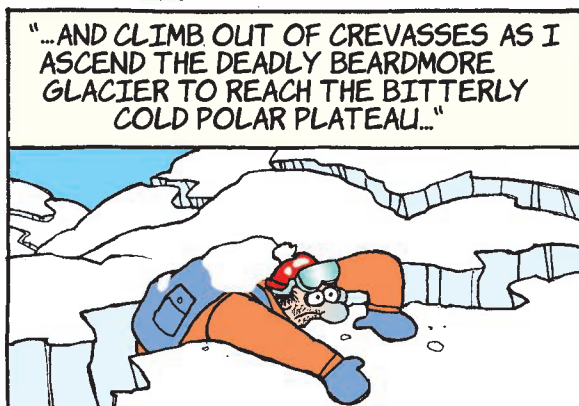
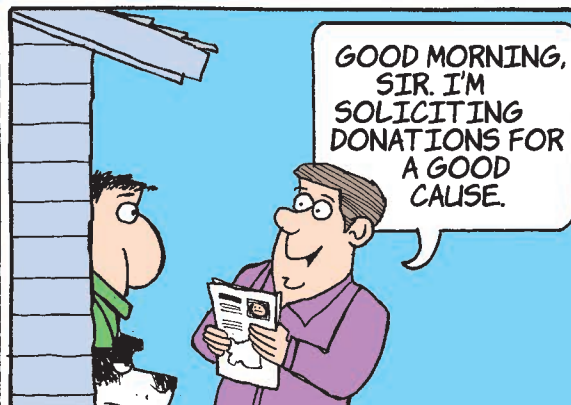
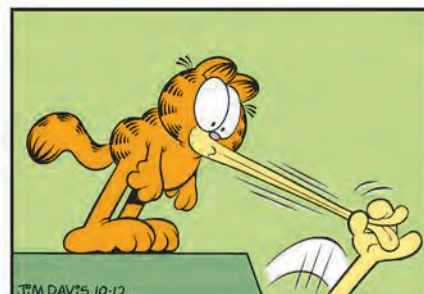
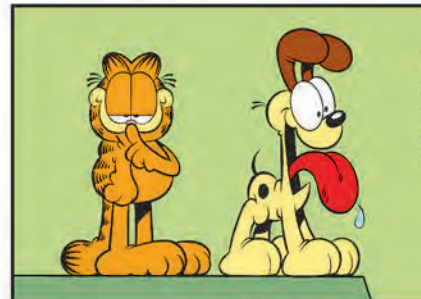
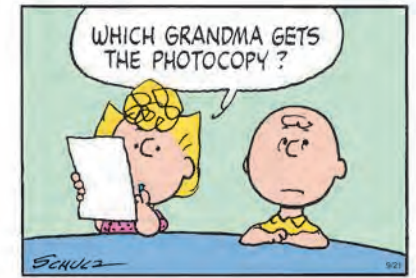
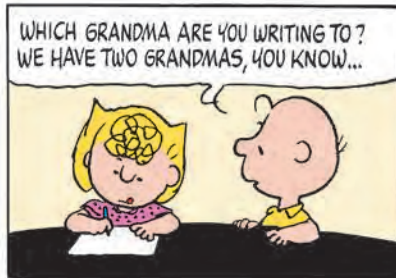
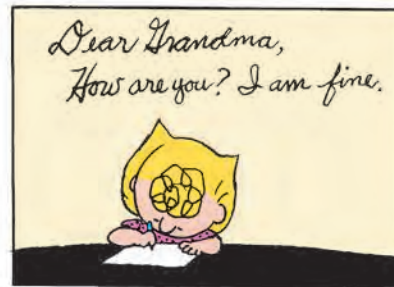
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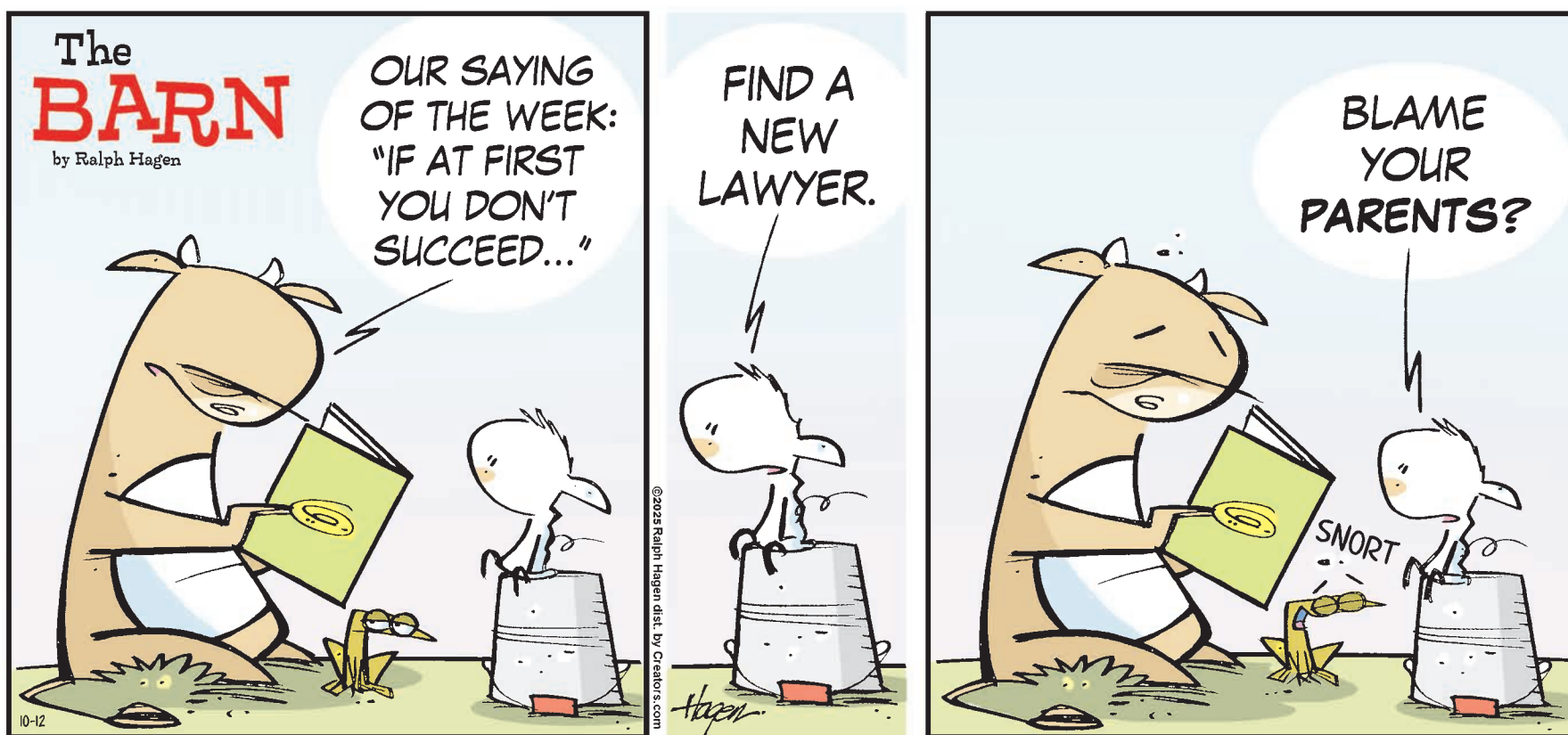
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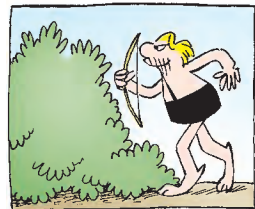
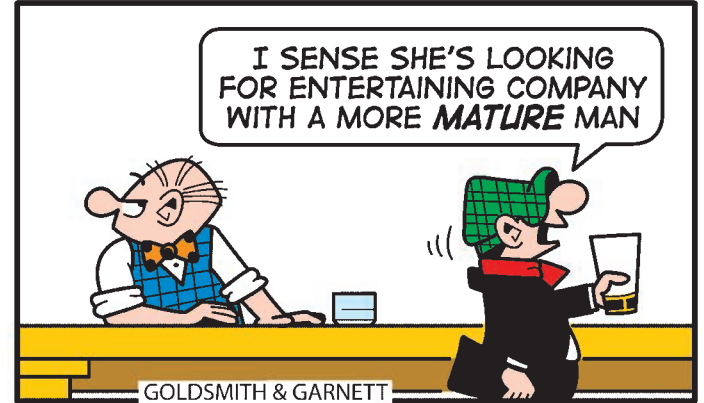
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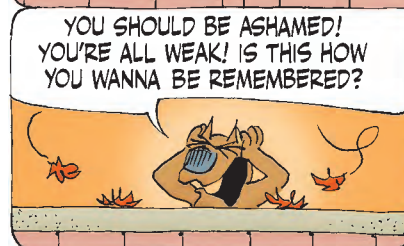
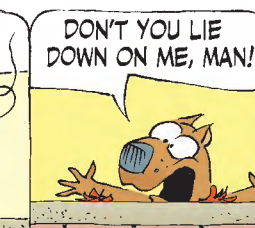
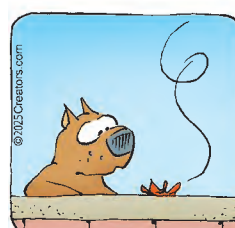
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