



Tigerton resident Domenic Dedolph talks about how he chose the village for retirement. If a data center is built in the community, he said he has an option to go to his other home in Janesville, but he fears his neighbors will not have easy options to leave Tigerton if the data center comes.

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Tigerton puts moratorium on data centers in village

Village has been talking with developer wanting to build center in community

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Tigerton Village Board set a moratorium on data centers Sept. 15, giving officials time to learn about all the requirements such as infrastructure needs and how it would impact village resources if such a facility would be built within its borders.

The moratorium will be for one year or until the village is able to set up zoning policies specifically for data centers. The potential for data centers in rural areas like Tigerton has been popping up all around the state, with many fearing the loss of resources like water and wildlife.

There has already been at least one inquiry to the village about building a data center, according to Village Board Trustee Jeff Koepke. He said he and Board President Steve Reinert spoke



Tigerton Village Board President Steve Reinert, center, calls for a vote on the resolution putting a moratorium of one year on data centers as he's flanked by Village Clerk Helen Selle and Village Attorney Austin Mogard.

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with the developer, Blake Simpson, recently about what Simpson would need to do to establish a data center in Tigerton.

"He answered a lot of our questions,"

Koepke said. "We talked to him about a moratorium, and he was not against it. He said it would probably be a good

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Tiffany's 9/11 education call baffles schools

Superintendents say class discussions about event already take place

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

U.S. Rep. Tom Tiffany, in his bid to become Wisconsin's next governor, used the 25th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks to call for legislation that requires schools to teach students about 9/11, including the terrorist attacks, the people who lost their lives and what happened after that fateful day.

"Twenty-five years ago, America was forever changed when terrorists attacked our country," Tiffany said in a press release. "We must never forget the 2,977 innocent lives taken, the first responders who ran toward danger, the passengers of Flight 93 who fought back, and the Americans who answered the call to serve our country in the years that followed."

That has area school leaders scratching their heads, as schools are already doing that. Nathan Hanson, Gillett School District superintendent, pointed out that state statute 118.02 already calls for schools to observe 9/11 on that day or close to it if the day falls on a weekend.

"We started the day with a remembrance and moment of silence," Hanson said. "Our secondary phy ed classes did a stair climb at our stadium to honor the first responders of 9/11. All social studies classes held discussions based around the events of 9/11. Elementary classes also had lessons."

Hanson added that the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has provided instructional resources to help teachers provide a full account of 9/11 at <https://dpi.wi.gov/news/dpi-connected/resources-observance-september-11th-terrorist-attacks>

"I appreciate that the DPI has collected and provided these free resources for schools to use in our instruction," Hanson said.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District Superintendent Garrett Rogowski noted that social studies classes also discussed 9/11 in detail on the anniversary, but his district went one step

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Chargers volleyball falls in five to Iola-Scandinavia.

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Johnson completes Eagle Scout project



Wittenberg/Birnamwood Troop 445 member Roman Johnson coordinated the installation of an L-shaped boat dock with a bench on Wilson Lake in Wittenberg as his Eagle Scout project. The dock, installed Aug. 24, was made possible with donations from Ho-Chunk Nation and the Shawano County Parks Department. Johnson is a senior at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School. Shown are, from left, front row, Marcus Brennan, Antonio Martinez, George Sotelo Jr. and Nathan Martinez; back row, Dominick Knittner, Johnson, Will Marek, Wes Unverzagt and Phoenix Horacek.

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Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District Board of Education Meeting September 28, 2026

- September 28, 2026
5:00 P.M. - Transportation Committee Meeting
5:40 P.M. - Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
6:00 P.M. - Regular Board Meeting, Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School Library
- AGENDA**
I. Meeting Called to Order, Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.84(1).
II. Roll Call of the Board - Pledge of Allegiance
III. Motion to Approve the Minutes of the August 24, 2026 Regular Meeting as Circulated.
IV. Communications and Delegations
V. Public Comments
VI. Board Concerns or Reports
VII. Student Representative
VIII. Financial Report
IX. Approve the Agenda
X. I. The Board will adjourn to Closed Session at the close of the meeting pursuant to WI.STATS.19.85(1)© for Personnel Matters, and 19.85 (1)(g) for Legal Matters.....
.....and 19.85(1)(e) for Negotiations.
II. The Board will reconvene to Open Session to ratify any decisions made in Closed Session.
XI. Administrative Reports
-Birnamwood Elementary and Middle School
-Wittenberg Elementary and Middle School
-Witt-Birn High School
-Pupil Services
-Technology
-Reading Specialist
-Aquatic Center
XII. Old Business
-None
XIII. New Business
A. Teacher Hire for Approval
B. Coach Resignations for Approval
C. Out of State and Overnight Field Trips for Approval
D. 26-27 Snow Bids for Approval
E. 26-27 Fuel Bids for Approval
XIII. Adjournment

Current funds will cover cost of 2027 county projects

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

Three capital projects are on tap for Shawano County government in 2027, and there are no plans to borrow any money to have that work completed.

The executive committee Sept. 16 agreed to use current funds for the work. The three projects are:

- Replacing the log cabin siding on the Department of Health Services Lakeland building with steel siding at a cost of \$110,750.
- Replacing two HVAC air handlers at the pavilion at Shawano Lake County Park for \$62,000.

- Building new boat slips at the lake park for \$60,000.

Nichole Zuehl, finance director, said the county has enough funds now to avoid borrowing anything for these projects.

"We do have about \$500,000 in our CIP fund," she said. "We've had a lot of projects come in under budget this year and last year, so I'm proposing for the first two - the Lakeland building steel siding and the park pavilion air handlers - that is fully funded by our CIP fund."

The boat slips would be paid for through the parks vehicle and equipment replacement fund.

"Due to prior vehicle replacement projects

coming in under budget, there is approximately \$50,000 available in that fund," Zuehl said.

Earlier, the capital improvement projects committee discussed the deferral of a new highway department wash bay. In 2024, that project had an estimated cost of \$1.6 million.

The county will continue to review the project annually and evaluate potential funding options for the future. Supervisor Matt Pleshek suggested setting aside funding each year to help reduce the impact of a large one-time expenditure if the project is approved at a later date.

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further the day before.

"In one high school social studies classroom, we showed a video of President (George W.) Bush and Condoleezza Rice discussing their memories of the day and our veteran staff told stories of what they remembered about the day here at WB when it happened," Rogowski said. "It lasted about 15 minutes in each class. In another, they provided a similar overview and talk about it as a group and offer them the perspective that the students and this particular younger staff member

do not have any physical memories of the event. Interesting to compare that to older generations who do recall that day."

Bowler School District Troy Krause said his schools had all teachers discuss 9/11 in their classrooms, but it is especially emphasized in the social studies classes.

"This allowed the teacher to determine which content was appropriate for the various grade levels," Krause said. "I do not believe we need legislation on this matter."

In the Lena School

District, Sept. 11 started with a special announcement detailing what happened 25 years ago, along with a full minute of silence that's followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, according to Superintendent Ben Pytleski.

"Is there an assumption that schools do not recognize, teach or discuss the events of 9/11?" Pytleski said.

Gresham School District Superintendent Newell Haffner said his school does something similar, noting that the discussions in social studies classes look at how the world has changed in the last 25 years.

"We make sure that our discussions are grade appropriate," Haffner said. "The juniors and seniors discuss more detail and the first graders get the overview."

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**Snow Removal Bids Accepted
Village of Wittenberg**

The Village of Wittenberg will be accepting sealed bids for the plowing and removal of snow for the Village of Wittenberg Streets. Any other specifications can be obtained by contacting the Village Clerk at 253-6063 or writing to the Village of Wittenberg, P.O. Box 331, Wittenberg, WI 54499. These bids are to be received at the Clerk's Office before 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 6, 2026. The Village Board of Wittenberg reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
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Founders Day goes on despite rain



ABOVE: St. Paul Lutheran Church's SPYRT (St. Paul Youth Rejoicing Together) was having fun serving up food to those escaping the rain Sept. 19 at the Bonduel Fire Station during Founders Day. SPYRT meets Wednesdays at the church and helps Bonduel youths provide community service and grow their faith.

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RIGHT: Country music singer-songwriter Bryce Hunter keeps strumming even as the rain keeps falling Sept. 19 during Bonduel's Founders Day. Hunter used to be part of a band but now performs solo as he tries to turn every establishment into a honky tonk.

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Board to consider parks department oversight

Progress made on making it self-sufficient

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

The Shawano County Parks Department is working toward making itself self-sufficient and tax levy-free, while the committee that oversees its operations could see a change next year.

The rules committee Sept. 16 agreed to move the oversight of the parks department from the highway and parks committee to the public property committee effective Jan. 1, 2027. The change is contingent on approval by the county board.

County Board Chairman Tom Kautza said he was given a suggestion

that the parks department should answer to the public property committee but not to the maintenance department, which handles the maintenance concerns for the eight county parks.

"It stays its own separate entity," Kautza said. "In years past, there was always a little rift between who was doing what at parks when it came to winterization and everything else."

With the change, the two department heads would be in the same room during the same meeting and hear the same information.

Supervisor Rick Giese said many parks projects ended up being approved by the highway and parks and the public property committees.

"It needs to come together," he said.

Supervisor Terry Tipton

said that a lot of the dirty work like grass cutting and brush pickup needs more direction and focus on seeing it gets completed.

"It's not as well taken care of as it should be," he said.

Nick Hesse, the facilities management director, said it's a matter of who is in charge.

"Somebody's got to drive to the campsites, make them nice at all these other outlying parks. Could make more then," he said. "There's no drive to make anything nicer as of right now. It's the baseline — get it done; that's good enough."

Keith Marquardt, the current parks director, is reportedly considering retirement. He was on vacation and not at the meeting.

Nichole Zuehl, finance director, reminded the

committee that the overall goal is to have the parks department self-sufficient when it comes to the annual county budget.

"The levy they requested is down this year," she said. "We're heading in that direction."

Converting the parks director's office into a short-term summer rental unit will help with that self-sufficiency.

Julie Hasser, human resources director, said there are other ways to do that as well, including offering more services coupled with appropriate rates.

"I think there's a lot of really great opportunities," Hasser said. "We just need somebody with that mindset of running it more like a business in certain aspects."

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Expansion plans proposed for Crawford Center

Locker rooms and kitchen at heart of options

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

The Shawano Hockey League needs more space at the Crawford Center and is proposing an expansion of the building.

Members of the county's public property committee will meet hockey officials at the building to tour the site and discuss the five proposals. The meeting will take place at 2 p.m. Oct. 1.

Adam Gafner, president of the hockey league, initially presented the five options at the Sept. 3 committee meeting.

"This building was built with a lot of vision behind it," he said. "There are no showers off of the locker rooms in the building, so that's one of the things we would want to add. More locker rooms; we host many tournaments. Comparing our facility to other facilities, that's where we're short."

Gafner said the hockey league would be responsible for all costs associated with the expansion.

The five options proposed were:

- An addition to the west side of the Crawford Center near the Huntington Building. This would be one level, run the length of the building and have a leg kicking out on the south end. This would leave space between the buildings for emergency and other vehicles.

"While I think it could fit our objective, I think it could possibly cause some issues with the layout of the building," Gafner said. "From a preference standpoint, it's probably not ideal."

- An addition to the east side of the building. Original plans for the Crawford Center showed this was supposed to be the space for the kitchen. The addition could be multilevel.

"We could go there, but then you're going to lose parking," Gafner said.

- Options 3 and 4 are very similar and show an addition to the south side of the building, behind where the benches are located. Option 3 is 95 feet by 25 feet, while option 4 is 75 feet by 25 feet.

The addition also allows space for vehicles

to get around the building. The addition would feature locker rooms and showers with the upstairs having a conference room for film and office space.

"This would allow teams to walk right to the bench from the locker rooms," Gafner said. "This would probably be our most ideal spot that we would like."

- The final option is inside the current building in the northwest corner. It would be 45 feet by 20 feet.

"It's probably the cheapest option," Gafner said. "It would connect right up against the kitchen area, and we would go vertical from there. But obviously, you lose space when you start adding stuff within a building."

Nick Hesse, facilities management director for the county, said options 3 and 4 would result in tearing up much of the Crawford Center to get utilities to the addition.

"I would think you'd be better off ... take that whole west end, let's just redo that whole west end ... and extend the kitchen on the east end (as in option 2)," he said.

The west end currently has locker rooms, offices, a lobby and kitchen space. Utilities are already in place.

Hesse also said any loss of parking can be made up in front of the building in the grassy area between the Crawford Center and Waukechon Street.

Gafner said whichever option is chosen, assuming an addition takes place, would require a few changes in the lease.

Any addition would have separate doors for access, so people would not have to walk through the Crawford Center to access the space.

The hockey league would agree to pay for all utilities for the addition the entire year, while also having access to the new area the entire year.

Gafner said he would like to create an endowment fund and use the interest for annual operation expenses for the building.

"We would want to extend our lease with the county," he said, noting that the endowment would be a huge benefit to prove the league won't go away any time soon.

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"There are no showers off of the locker rooms in the building, so that's one of the things we would want to add."

ADAM GAFNER, president of the hockey league

Hinze makes 2nd attempt for Assembly seat

Affordable housing among top issues she'll champion

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Shirley Hinze's first try to defeat Rep. Elijah Behnke for the 6th Assembly District seat ended with a loss, but she believes the current state of matters in Wisconsin and the United States requires someone with her sensibilities in the state capitol, so she's trying again to make it happen.

Hinze, a Democrat from Shawano, will face off against Behnke in the Nov. 3 general election to represent a district that includes most of Shawano County, all of Menominee County, the southwest segment of Oconto County and slivers of Waupaca and Outagamie counties. In an interview with NEW Media, Hinze said she sees higher prices on food, gasoline, healthcare and more making it difficult for friends, neighbors and complete strangers to live happily.

"This isn't just politics anymore," Hinze said. "People are being hurt. Lives are shifting. That's why I'm running again at my age."

Being a Democrat and 70 years old might seem like a steep hill to climb in an area that has two hard-red counties, but Hinze believes the woes aren't just limited to independents and people in her own party, noting that she's heard from Republicans who are unhappy with everything costing more.

"I'm looking at the future generations of this community and the country as a whole," Hinze



Shirley Hinze is making a second attempt to represent the 6th Assembly District, vowing to make affordable housing and cost of living top priorities if she's elected to the legislature.

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said. "I'm seeing people in my age group having to struggle financially when it should be their golden years. We're back to families now having to juggle with aging parents because that retirement income for mom and dad has been reduced while paying for college tuition and seeing a reduction in your own wages."

Affordable housing is a key issue Hinze wants to address if elected to office. She noted the matter has been brought up by aldermen in Shawano, and she believes the problem can be linked to state laws about requirements with communities having to allot for a percentage of greenspace in the municipal boundaries, a

percentage for residential property and a percentage for businesses.

"What's happening is we have corporate real state buying up land around our communities and putting in development where there's a limited amount of space to put up affordable housing," Hinze said. "What I can do, once elected, is have communities approach the state to waive the greenspace allowance to use for affordable housing. There are different programs that can be utilized."

Hinze noted tax increment districts are helping municipalities to bring developers for residential and business infrastructure, but it results in

local governments paying to promote subdivisions where housing is out of the price range for many residents. She said the matter isn't just a crisis in the 6th Assembly District, but all over.

"Affordable housing is something that can be done, but it only can happen if you get me elected so I can, on the floor, bring this matter up and have the state waive certain mandates," Hinze said. "Every community in this state is hurting for affordable housing."

Cost-of-living is another matter that has people in the district all fired up, according to Hinze. Shawano County is an aging county, as is Oconto County, she noted, and said the

tariffs implemented by President Donald Trump have destroyed farming communities, and current plans to import beef from other countries cuts into farmers' income.

"This undercuts even our dairy herds," Hinze said. "A dairy farmer rotates non-productive milking cows into the beef market that goes into the slaughterhouses and produces ground beef, etc. Now, Mr. Trump is bringing all this beef in. What is that going to do for that mega-farmer's profit?"

Hinze claimed that her opponent, Behnke, has made little effort to appear before people in the district, unless they are events orchestrated by the Republican Party, she said.

"Mr. Behnke only shows up for a photo op," Hinze said. "I am a constituent, first and foremost. I haven't seen hide nor hair of him here for two years doing local speaking events unless it's controlled by the local Republican party."

The budget surplus, which has sat idle for years, needs to be drawn down, in Hinze's view. She noted that the state should have a board that manages it through grants to communities for assorted projects.

Hinze also vowed to take on the school voucher program that allows families to enroll in private and parochial schools, with some of the school taxes going to pay children's tuition. She said the program siphons public school money away, making it difficult to provide education for the children who remain in the public system.

"Those voucher programs pay the school to educate your kid, but they don't pay for busing and transportation," Hinze said. "If you're a voucher parent, you have to get that kid to the school."

Hinze said she plans to make laws through compassion and empathy by pushing her constituents' agenda through the Assembly, not strictly what the Democratic Party wants done. She said she would say no to her party to items that go against her constituents' wishes.

"This isn't just a job," she said. "This isn't my agenda, and it's not my agenda when I am elected and representing the people in Madison. The only agenda to present is that of the people of this community. Period."

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County aims to buy apartments near library

Tentative drawings to be made to help with fundraising

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Shawano County officials didn't waste any time in making an offer to purchase a small apartment complex near the public library on South Sawyer Street in Shawano.

Within two weeks of the apartments at 205 E. Division St. being put up for sale, the county had an accepted offer, and the executive committee Sept. 16 approved the purchase contingent on county board approval.

The asking price of

\$975,000 was offered and accepted, Board Chairman Tom Kautza said at the executive committee meeting.

The costs were also discussed at the Sept. 14 library board meeting, and the board agreed to have the \$500,000 donation from the Anita Hartman estate go toward the purchase.

"That money basically is supposed to be used for families and education and children," Kautza said.

If and when it comes time, the board will consider naming rights for Hartman for a part of the library as a thank you for the donation.

Nichole Zuehl, finance director, said the remaining \$475,000 will come

from the county's general fund.

Once borrowing for a new library occurs, the general fund will be replenished.

Zuehl said the county is still above the recommended reserve fund minimum requirements.

Venture Architects will now create tentative plans for a library footprint and building to show prospective donors. A local fundraising campaign is expected to last 24 months once it starts.

The future library is still in need of a small parking lot in the area that is owned by Associated Bank, which is across the street from apartments.

"They're across the road," Kautza said.

"They've got a ton of their own parking and city parking to work with over there, so I don't think that would be an issue."

The plan is to continue to rent the apartments until razing them becomes necessary. Any income will be used to maintain the property and pay back the purchase price.

There are 12 units, and one is currently vacant. Rental income is about \$7,800 a month or \$100,000 a year.

Nick Hesse, facilities management director, expressed concerns with the purchase.

"I'm just going to announce right now I don't have enough staff to take on, I'm mean, you're buying 12 rental houses," he

said. "Every one of them has their own appliances, tubs, showers, their own furnaces."

He said the building is in rough shape, which is why rent is about \$600 a month.

"I don't know how you expect me to keep it livable, that we aren't running the county's name down after we buy this but not stick a bunch a money into it that we're going to tear down at some point," Hesse said. "In my eyes, if you're buying this thing to put a library on it, let's move and get a library going. If you say you're going to make money on something that's going to cost you money, I don't know where that's going to lay out in the long run."

Kautza said the project will take some time.

"You can't build a library overnight," he said.

"If it does go through, you're going to have to amend my budget," Hesse said. "I don't have the budget for 12 rentals."

"We'll address that at the time," Kautza said.

Taxes collected on the apartments in 2025 were \$11,562.69. The property is currently owned by Valley Hometown Rentals LLC in Freedom.

If the library does not get built, the \$500,000 Hartman donation will be returned to the library.

"That money is not going to get lost in the county general treasury," Kautza said.

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Warm way to help those in the cold



Visitors peruse the ceramic bowls painted and provided for Shawano Area Matthew 25 during the Empty Bowls, Caring Hearts fundraiser Sept. 19 at Shawano Community High School. The event helps Shawano Area Matthew 25 to operate its emergency shelter, which opens again in October, and health clinic, which operates year-round. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA



Musicians Randy Bruce, left, and Joel Kroenke provide a little music to go with the soup lunch, Sept. 19 that was part of the Empty Bowls, Caring Hearts fundraiser at Shawano Community High School. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA



Raffle baskets were plentiful as local residents looked around Sept. 19 during the Empty Bowls, Caring Hearts fundraiser at Shawano Community High School. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

Work culture improving with county

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

deciding to stay, another positive sign.

It's taken some time, but things are looking up for the human resources department of Shawano County government.

Director Julie Hasser told executive committee members Sept. 16 that the culture for employees is definitely improving.

"I think good things we're seeing are some of the areas that we're focusing on. We're actually seeing numbers that we reinforce what we're trying to do," she said. "We've been really talking culture and trying to create a better environment for our employees, and that over the last two years has gone down 2 percentage points, which is really great."

She also noted there are fewer employees leaving due to pay and schedules.

"Seeing, combined, a 4% decrease in those two areas is really huge, because it means that the decisions you're making are having a direct impact on our employees," she said.

The number of employees retiring is also declining, which indicates long-term employees are

In August, the county had only one resignation and one termination, equivalent to 0.5% of its workforce, its lowest percentage in the past 12 months.

She said a 20% annual turnover rate is traditionally considered a high rate, which is where the county was at in 2024-25. In 2025-26, that rate dropped to 17%.

"We're doing a really, really great job with that," Hasser said.

She also noted the turnover rate is flattening out, meaning it's more consistent and controllable.

Hasser would like to get the turnover rate below 15% and even closer to 10%.

She said a high monthly turnover is a hidden cost to the county.

"We can't put a dollar sign on it from a budgeting standpoint, but the ripple effect of high turnover rates are felt across the board," she said. "It's also felt across culture and employee engagement."

Supervisor Kathy Luebke said the morale among employees is definitely better, and it can be seen from the outside.

Bonduel High named T-Mobile contest winner

Bonduel High School was named a T-Mobile's Friday Night 5G Lights \$5,000 Fridays winner in week 6 of the company's national program built around high school football and community pride.

These funds are theirs to allocate how they see fit, whether it's supporting their academics, athletes or the broader school community.

Now in its third season, Friday Night 5G Lights

will award more than \$8.4 million in prizes to high schools in towns with under 150,000 people. Bonduel stands to win \$25,000 if selected as one of the program's 40 division finalists; \$250,000 if voted one of four division champions; and the ultimate grand prize – a full football field transformation valued at \$1 million.

Bonduel is one of 20 schools in Wisconsin to win \$5,000 so far this year.

School renamed for Ada Deer

A school in the Madison Metropolitan School District now carries the name of Ada Deer Elementary School, named for the prominent Menominee scholar, activist, and civil servant.

The school board decision was announced Aug. 24. Three schools were given name changes, including the former Conrad A. Elvehjem Elementary School.

The name change is effective with the 2026-27 academic year.

As the force behind the Menominee Restoration Act, Deer won back federally recognized status and

sovereignty for the tribe. She would go on to become the first woman to lead the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Deer was also the first member of the Menominee Tribe to earn an undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the first Native American to receive a master of social work degree from the Columbia University School of Social Work, the first woman to chair the Menominee Tribe in Wisconsin and the first Indigenous woman in Wisconsin to run for United States Congress.

City looking at deal with Marion Body Works

Company needs more space for product while looking at expansion

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The city of Shawano is working to give Marion Body Works a little more breathing room with its local operation.

The Shawano Industrial and Commercial Development Committee on Sept. 17 signed off on a deal that would lease 5 acres of a 32-acre parcel of city land to Marion as a place to put vehicle chassis, as the existing building is not big enough to keep up with demand.

City Administrator Eddie Sheppard said the company is "bursting at the seams" after renovating and moving into the former Owens Flooring building at the Bay Lakes Industrial Park a couple

of years ago and needs a temporary space to put extra chassis. The deal would be for a single five-year term at a cost to Marion of \$10,000 annually, although Sheppard noted a few final details still need to be worked out.

"The exterior is literally full of product, because they're having a really good run as a company," Sheppard said. "They reached out, and they're looking for some additional space for their equipment."

The deal also provides for a first right of refusal for the first three years of the lease in the event that Marion wants to expand its operation. Sheppard noted that the company is looking at potentially building a larger facility on

the city land, but nothing has been finalized.

"They've offered to buy the current facility, but the owner is not willing to sell," Sheppard said. "The building is suiting their needs right now, but they're thinking about expanding long term."

Sheppard noted the deal benefits the city in the here and now with money for the land and could result in a bigger influx of money in the future. He said that if Marion decides to buy the land, the lease fees would be deducted from the property price.

"There's some skin in the game," Sheppard said.

He added that the deal provides an opening for furthering good relations with a local business.

"If you're approving this lease, you're essentially looking at this and saying, 'Yeah, long term if everything works out with Marion Body, building a new facility on those 32 acres is a good use of that space,'" Sheppard said.

Currently, the remaining 27 acres is being utilized for farmland, according to Sheppard, so there is some revenue coming in.

Mayor Bruce Milavitz supported the deal, noting that if Marion decides not to purchase the land, the city can look for other options.

"If they haven't committed after three years, we can start marketing it," Milavitz said.

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ThedaCare encourages balance as school resumes

Juggling school club activities, music lessons, sports, homework and social events can leave families feeling stretched thin. ThedaCare has advice for parents and caregivers trying to balance their children's activities with family well-being.

"It's not uncommon for overscheduling to occur," said Hannah Gracyalny, ThedaCare nurse practitioner. "It often happens through the good intention of wanting to help kids become well-rounded, but having too little free time can take a toll."

The beginning of the school year is an ideal time to take inventory of children's schedules, she said.

"Ask yourself if the load is realistic, and remember that letting a few obligations go could improve quality of life for both you and your child," Gracyalny said.

Activity overload can creep in for many reasons, Gracyalny said.

"Sometimes it sneaks up when we sign up for more and more until suddenly you realize you don't have a free day all week," she said. "Other times, kids may drive it. For example, they may want to participate in both basketball and volleyball."

In some cases, overscheduling may be driven by a parent or caregiver's desire to set their child up for future success, Gracyalny said. That can include encouraging participation in numerous activities and providing a



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wide range of experiences. Families may also fill their children's schedules out of concern that too much free time could lead to boredom.

"It's understandable to want to keep kids engaged in enriching activities," she said. "It's also important to build in time for rest and unstructured play and, yes, even boredom."

Though it's often seen as a negative, boredom can help kids in several ways, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics. These include honing creativity and imagination and building independence and problem-solving skills.

It can be easy to dismiss the need for free time, but it's important for children of all ages – from toddlers to teens.

For young children, unstructured play is critical, according to the American Psychological Association. This type of free play bolsters children's physical, emotional, mental and social health. It also helps them develop creativity, problem solving and critical thinking, while at the same time allowing them to determine what they're interested in.

"Make time for unstructured play in your child's day and consider

getting in on the fun with them," Gracyalny said. "Engaging in play with your child helps build your relationship and encourages healthy attachment."

Enriching unstructured activities can include drawing, arts and crafts, biking, hands-on play with toys and reading.

As the stresses of school and activities mount, building in downtime is also important for older children and teens, Gracyalny said. They need opportunities to rest their minds and bodies and to spend time with friends.

A child may not verbalize that they are overwhelmed, Gracyalny said. Signs of burnout can appear in several ways including through irritability, mood swings or anxiety; poor or worsening school performance; loss of interest in favorite activities; and physical symptoms such as headaches, stomachaches and difficulty sleeping.

Each child and family is unique. There's no simple formula for determining the right amount of downtime. The APA recommends trying to ensure kids have at least two or three days a week that are free of back-to-back time commitments.

People with questions about the right balance of activities for their children are encouraged to schedule an appointment with a pediatrician or ask at their child's next well visit.



Sacred Heart Catholic School student McCoy Miller poses next to a bush at the school during a nature scavenger hunt. CONTRIBUTED

Nature focus of Sacred Heart scavenger hunt

Third grade students at Sacred Heart Catholic School recently took their learning outdoors during an exciting science scavenger hunt around the school campus.

The hands-on activity gave students the opportunity to explore areas beyond the classroom, including the blacktop and playground, while observing the natural world around them. Armed with curiosity and enthusiasm, students searched for signs of life and discovered a variety of insects and

creatures – including ants, beetles and moths, as well as intricate spider webs.

The scavenger hunt provided an engaging way to connect science lessons with real-world observation. Students were excited to investigate their surroundings, ask questions and learn more about the living organisms that share their environment.

By combining outdoor exploration with scientific discovery, the activity encouraged curiosity, teamwork and a deeper appreciation for nature.

Toothpaste teaches lesson about clean words

First grade students at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Shawano recently learned an important lesson about the power of their words through a hands-on activity called Toothpaste Words.

The students squeezed toothpaste onto plates and then attempted to put it back into the tube. As they discovered, once the toothpaste is out, it is nearly impossible to put it all back in.

This simple activity helped students understand a powerful truth – hurtful words are a lot like toothpaste. Once mean or unkind words leave mouths, people cannot take them back. Even when they apologize, the words can still leave a mark on someone's heart.

Together, the class talked about how God calls everyone to treat others with kindness, respect and love. They discussed the



Sacred Heart Catholic School students Braylin Pasek-Maloney and River Ledvina try to put some of their words made in toothpaste back in the tube. CONTRIBUTED

importance of thinking before they speak, choosing

encouraging words and remembering that every

person is a child of God deserving of kindness.

Steffen proposes screen-free classrooms for youngest students

State Rep. David Steffen, R-Howard, announced he will introduce legislation in the coming session that will establish screen-free classrooms through the second grade.

The proposal builds upon recently enacted efforts to curb technology in classrooms, such as 2025 Act 42, which prohibited use of cell phones during instructional time.

"The research is clear; our youngest students have the least to gain from

screens in the classroom and the most to lose," said Steffen, whose district includes part of Oconto County. "Prioritizing digital learning over hands-on activities comes at a cost, especially during early development. Studies show that everything from language skills to attention span to math and reading outcomes are compromised by screen time during younger years."

The bill mirrors the position of the American

Federation of Teachers, the second-largest teachers union in the U.S. and their Devices Down, Eyes Up, Hands-On proposal.

Under the bill, prekindergarten through second grade classrooms will be screen-free, aside from limited exceptions related to standardized assessments, computer science requirements and supporting students with special needs.

Utah and Alabama have recently enacted

similar legislation.

"Beyond all the studies and research, I've had candid conversations with teachers in our community who have expressed their real concern for our kids and the impact of too much technology too soon," Steffen said.

The legislation will be formally introduced in the 2027-28 legislative session and incorporates a delayed effective date to ensure adequate implementation time.

DOR warns senior homeowners about viral property tax scam

The Wisconsin Department of Revenue is warning homeowners about a viral online video promoting a nonexistent federal property tax relief program.

The video claims that Congress passed a law providing significant property tax relief for older homeowners, enabling seniors to freeze or reduce property taxes. Viewers are directed to contact their county assessor and request a "Senior Homeowner Tax Review Request" or "IRS Form 1098-SR."

No such federal program or form exists and the contact information provided to homeowners directs them to scammers, not their county assessors.

With the proliferation of artificial intelligence, scammers are increasingly using fake videos to spread misinformation. Sophisticated technology is used to generate videos that impersonate government officials,

making them appear to say things they never actually said. These videos often include official-looking logos, the seals of real government agencies and government terminology, making it difficult to differentiate between a real video and one that is fake.

The following practices will help prevent you from falling victim to scams:

- Question and investigate videos before believing them. Scammers use AI tools to create videos that copy the appearance and voices of real people.

- Do not share personal details. Government tax and assessor offices will never ask for sensitive personal or financial information over the phone, via text or through unverified online links.

- Verify locally. If you have questions about legitimate property tax relief programs, contact your local municipality directly.



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Red Raiders' run game, defense stymies Jaguars

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

As good as the Pulaski football team's defense looked in a 35-0 shutout of Ashwaubenon, the Red Raiders' rushing game was just as effective.

Anthony Ficarri and Bohdan Schmidt accounted for all five of Pulaski's touchdowns as the Red Raiders improved to 2-1 in Fox Valley Classic Conference-North play and 4-1 overall with a win over the Jaguars.

It was Pulaski's 11th straight win over Ashwaubenon and sets up a showdown with one of the FRCC-North's top teams, West De Pere.

Ficarri found the end zone on each of Pulaski's first two drives. He scored from a yard out and also scored on a 3-yard run.

The Red Raiders didn't score again until the third quarter, but had another opportunity in the second quarter after Braun Wotruba blocked a punt that set Pulaski up at the Ashwaubenon 20-yard line. However, a personal foul penalty pushed Pulaski back 15 yards, and the Red Raiders ended up turning the ball over on downs.

"Hats off to Ashwaubenon in the second quarter," coach Jerad Marsh said. "They made a couple



Anthony Ficarri picks up a first down in the second half of Pulaski's 35-0 Fox River Classic Conference-North win over Ashwaubenon. Ficarri ran for a team-high 149 yards and scored four touchdowns for the second game in a row.

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of adjustments and did a nice job. We had a couple of hiccups that we couldn't quite finish. We had some momentum there and just couldn't capture it in the second quarter."

Pulaski added to its lead by scoring on its first three drives of the second half. Ficarri capped a 70-yard drive with a 25-yard, run and Schmidt added a 3-yard run and

also completed a pass to Ficarri for the two-point conversion to make it 28-0 with 1:32 remaining in the third quarter.

Ficarri's fourth touchdown, a 3-yard run, came



Bohdan Schmidt and teammate Anthony Ficarri accounted for all five of Pulaski's touchdowns in a 35-0 win over Ashwaubenon on Sept. 17. Schmidt scored on a 3-yard run in the second quarter and finished with 107 of the Red Raiders' 328 rushing yards.

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midway through the fourth quarter.

"Our staff did a great job at halftime taking care of what needed to be cleaned up, and the guys came out here with some confidence," Marsh said.

Besides scoring five touchdowns, Ficarri and Schmidt also led Pulaski with 149 and 107 rushing yards, respectively. The Red Raiders finished with 328 rushing yards while Andre Burnett added 72 yards on only three carries, including a 61-yarder

to set up his team's first score.

Ficarri now has 16 rushing touchdowns in five games, including eight in the last two. He also scored four times Sept. 11 in a win over Green Bay Preble.

"With what we do offensively, that's what we hang our hat on," Marsh said. "The big guys up front take care of business and do things that we ask them to do. Bo is able to

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Bonduel, Suring stay unbeaten with road wins

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Bonduel and Suring's football teams are the area's only unbeaten squads after picking up conference wins on the road Sept. 18.

Bonduel traveled to Oconto Falls and returned home following a 41-15 Packerland Conference win over the Panthers, while Suring is now 5-0 after an 18-12 win over Lena/STAA in a matchup of Marinette & Oconto-8 Conference teams.

Meanwhile, Wittenberg-Birnbaumwood snapped a two-game losing streak with a 56-28 Central Wisconsin Conference-Large win at home over Spencer/Columbus Catholic in a game moved from Sept. 18 to Sept. 17 because of the weather.

Bonduel 41, Oconto Falls 16

Carter Moesch scored five of the Bears' six touchdowns as Bonduel

improved to 3-0 in conference play and 5-0 overall after handing the Panthers their second straight loss.

Bonduel built a 28-0 halftime lead after scoring on four of its six possessions.

Moesch scored on runs of 12, 68 and 5 yards, while Quinn Wesenberg connected with Malachi Gray for a 33-yard pass.

Moesch's second touchdown, a 16-yard run in the third quarter, gave the visitors a 35-0 lead and started a running clock, but Oconto Falls answered on its next drive with Croix Gardebrecht's 1-yard run and 2-point conversion run that made it 35-8.

Moesch found the end zone for a fifth time on Bonduel's next drive with a 66-yard run, and Landon Thompson scored the Panthers' second touchdown on a 4-yard run in the fourth quarter.

Moesch finished with 207 yards on 13 rushing attempts and averaged 16

yards a carry.

Oconto Falls fell to 2-3 overall and 1-2 in Packerland play.

Suring 18, Lena/STAA 12

Lena/STAA handed the Eagles a 36-6 loss last year, but Suring outscored the Titans in the rematch of two teams in the hunt for a 8-player conference championship.

Lena/STAA was originally scheduled to play Florence on Sept. 25, but Florence recently canceled the rest of the Bobcats' season due to low numbers and injuries.

The Titans will now return to Wabeno for the second time this season to face Laona/Wabeno. The Rebels defeated the Titans 12-6 in August in the season opener for both teams.

The Eagles will host a state-ranked team in Valley Christian at 7 p.m. Sept. 25. Suring's game against Florence originally scheduled for Oct. 2 has been canceled, and the team has

not announced a replacement opponent.

Wittenberg-Birnbaumwood 56, Spencer/Columbus Catholic 28

The Chargers had almost 600 yards of offense in their first CWC-Large win.

Both teams found the end zone twice in the first quarter.

Bo Davis opened the scoring for the Chargers with a 1-yard quarterback keeper, but the Rockets took an 8-7 lead on Jack Hoeper's run and successful 2-point conversion.

The lead didn't last long, as Davis connected with Logan Gibson for a 4-yard pass. The Rockets answered with Jack Gorst's 63-yard touchdown pass to Weston Nieman, and Spencer/Columbus Catholic took a 15-14 lead into the second quarter.

The Chargers added three unanswered touchdowns before halftime on Phoenix Horacek's 57-yard run, an 85-yard pass from

Davis to Gibson and Gibson's 51-yard run.

Wittenberg-Birnbaumwood added to its 34-15 halftime lead with two more scores in the third quarter on Davis' 33-yard pass to Braxton Olson and Horacek's 53-yard run.

Devin Phillips scored twice for the Rockets in the fourth quarter on runs of 3 yards and 1 yard, and Gibson added to his touchdown total with a 78-yard run.

The Chargers had three 100-yard rushers in Horacek, Gibson and Davis with 189, 133 and 108 yards, respectively. Davis also completed all six of his passes for 123 yards and three touchdowns.

The Chargers outgained the Rockets 582-342, including 442-127 on the ground. The Rockets had a 215-140 advantage through the air.

Denmark 19, Shawano 3

Shawano led 3-0 at halftime after a field goal in

the first quarter but never scored again.

Denmark's Kase Bradley scored a pair of rushing touchdowns in the second half and Zack Freeman added a 42-yard touchdown pass to Brayden Jeanquart.

The Hawks had five turnovers in the game, including two interceptions and three fumbles.

Rosholt 20, Marion/Tigerton 14

Rosholt hosted Marion/Tigerton on Sept. 17 and handed the Thundercatz a six-point loss.

Sept. 25 schedule (all games start at 7 p.m.)

11-player: Peshtigo at Bonduel; Wittenberg-Birnbaumwood at Shiocton; Pulaski at West De Pere; Oconto Falls at Sturgeon Bay. 8-player: Valley Christian at Suring; Port Edwards vs. Marion/Tigerton at Marion; Lena/STAA vs. Laona/Wabeno at Wabeno.

Sept. 26 schedule

11-player: Fox Valley Lutheran at Shawano, 1 p.m.



Harper Rogowski is ready to serve for Wittenberg-Birnamwood on Sept. 15 during the Chargers' Central Wisconsin Conference-East match with Iola-Scandinavia in Iola. GREG SEUBERT

Chargers go the distance, come up short against Iola

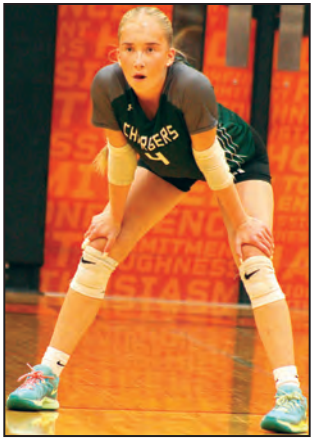
By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood volleyball team entered its Central Wisconsin Conference-East matchup with Iola-Scandinavia on a roll.

After opening conference play with a three-game sweep of Menominee Nation on Sept. 8, the Chargers headed to Waupaca on Sept. 12 and won a five-team invitational after 2-0 victories over Waupaca, Two Rivers, Wisconsin Rapids and Tomahawk.

Iola-Scandinavia put a stop to the Chargers' momentum by taking three of five sets Sept. 15 on the Thunderbirds' home court.

The Thunderbirds opened the match with a 25-22 win, but the Chargers answered with 25-19 and 25-20 wins to take a 2-1 advantage into the fourth set. Iola-Scandinavia forced a fifth set with a 25-22 win in the fourth game and overcame a 6-1 deficit in the decisive fifth game before coming back for a 15-13 win.



Charlie Eichman waits for a serve from Iola-Scandinavia in the first set of a Central Wisconsin Conference-East match. GREG SEUBERT

The match could have gone either way, coach Becky Rew said.

"Give it to Iola; they're very scrappy, play great defense and have for a couple years," she said.

No team led by more than five points throughout the match, which lasted nearly 2 1/2 hours.

"We let them back in it without making them work," Rew said. "That was the difference in the fourth set. The other one was determination and who makes the first error.

It really came down to that. That's what it comes down to, little tiny things that you can't always control."

Rew's message to the team after the match was that the season's not over. A conference championship, which the team shared last season with Amherst, is still a possibility, she said.

"This is only our second (CWC-East match), and there are a lot of good teams in our conference," she said. "I told the girls, 'Hey, the same thing happened to us last year. We lost to Amherst, but somebody beat Amherst and we shared it.' We can't hang our heads; we can't give up. We have to do our part and finish the conference with this one loss. Hopefully, somebody helps us."

Rew said she's impressed with her team's effort so far.

"The girls have worked very hard," she said. "Our mentality is: We have to win the point. We can't wait for other teams to make mistakes. We've been doing that very well, but tonight, not so much."

Panthers win Pulaski Invite

**Saturday, Sept. 19
Pulaski Invite**

Oconto Falls went 5-0 at the Pulaski Invite, battling through pool play and the Gold Bracket to bring home the championship.

The Panthers defeated Bonduel 25-15, 25-14, NEW Lutheran 23-25, 25-16, 15-9, and Seymour 25-12, 18-25, 15-0 in the morning pool play.

Oconto Falls then defeated Crivitz 25-8, 25-21 in the semifinal before facing NEW Lutheran again in the championship match.

The Panthers came away with a 25-10, 32-30 victory over a very disciplined NEW Lutheran team to claim the title.

Leading stats for the weekend included Izzy Otto - 111 assists, 33 digs, 8 aces, 12 kills; Lucy Ripley - 42 kills, 20 digs, 9 block kills; Rhiana Van De Yacht - 26 kills, 36 digs; Brylee Gorman - 23 kills, 10 block kills, 8 aces; Calli Bursa - 26 kills, 18 digs; Ella Jahnke - 11 kills, 4 block kills; Brenna Belanger - 32 digs; and Karington Beaman - 20 digs.

The Panthers improve to 19-4 on the season.

Pulaski 2, Kiel 1

Pulaski topped Kiel with scores of 19-25, 25-19, 15-11.

Green Bay NEW Lutheran 2, Pulaski 0

The Blazers won both close games 25-22 and 25-21.

Green Bay NEW Lutheran 2, Bonduel 0

The Blazers beat the Bears 25-21 and 25-16.

Bonduel 2, Kiel 1

A close 15-11 third set game Bonduel the victory over Kiel. The Bears won the first game 25-16 but dropped the second game 25-12.

Central Wisconsin Christian 2, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 1

Central Wisconsin Christian won the third and final set to claim a 2-1 win over Wittenberg-Birnamwood. Scores were 27-25, 15-25, 25-11.

Southern Door 2, Shawano 0

Southern Door claimed two straight wins by identical score of 25-18.

St. Mary Catholic 2,

Shawano 0

St. Mary Catholic shut down Shawano with scores of 25-12 and 25-21.

Shawano 2, Valders 0

The Hawks defeated the Vikings 25-16, 25-23.

Shawano 2, Ripon 0

Shawano won a pair of close games 25-23 and 25-19.

Iola-Scandinavia 2, Shawano 0

Iola-Scandinavia defeated Shawano 25-12, 25-22.

Lourdes Academy 2, Gillett 1

Gillett won the first game 26-24, but Lourdes Academy won the next two 25-14 and 15-8 to earn the match win.

Lourdes Academy 2, Bowler 0

Lourdes Academy swept Bowler by scores of 25-13 and 25-11.

Suring 2, Bowler 0

The Eagles won by scores of 25-18 and 25-14.

Bowler 2, Wausaukee 1

Bowler improved to 2-12 with a win over Wausaukee. Scores were 25-21, 17-25, 25-10.

Lourdes Academy 2, Suring 0

The Knights won both game against Suring 26-24 and 25-20.

**Thursday, Sept. 17
Tigerton 3, Port Edwards 1**

Tigerton hosted cross-conference Port Edwards and fought a tough battle, coming back from the first set loss to rally and win the match in four sets.

"The girls adjusted to Port's offense and played really well defensively in sets 2-4," coach Holly Meverden said. "They also took advantage of their opponent's mistakes and turned them into points for the home team. Great effort by the entire team."

Leading the Tigers were:

Assists: Danika Tiller 23.

Kills: Presley Stewart-Rolfs 18 and Mya Smith 5.

Digs: Jaelyn Brady 13, Tiller and Myah Dent 12 each, and Renata Nordwig 11.

Block kills: Stewart-Rolfs 7, and Nordwig and Tiller 2 each.

Service points and aces: Brady 17 points with 8 aces, Dent 16 points with 4 aces, Smith 15 points with 2 aces, and Nordwig 5 points with 3 aces.

Tigerton is 6-3 overall and 2-2 in CWC-North play.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 2, Phillips 1

Phillips won the first match 25-23, but the Chargers fought back to win the next two sets 25-22 and 25-10 to earn the 2-1 victory.

Wild Rose 3, Marion 0

The Mustangs dropped three very close games by scores of 25-21, 26-24, 25-19.

Winneconne 3, Shawano 0

The Hawks lost three straight games by scores of 25-18, 25-20 and 25-20.

Oconto Falls 3, Wrightstown 0

Oconto Falls Volleyball opened their home schedule with a strong performance against the Wrightstown Tigers. The Panthers came away with a 3-0 victory, winning 25-19, 25-11, 25-16.

Oconto Falls had a balanced offensive attack led by setter Izzy Otto, who finished with 30 assists and 6 digs. Lucy Ripley had 11 kills, 6 aces, 3 block kills; Calli Bursa: had 9 kills, 8 digs; Brylee Gorman: added another 8 kills; and Karington Beaman: had 7 digs.

Before the match, Oconto Falls recognized Otto for breaking the Oconto Falls High School volleyball record for career assists at the Shawano Invite.

The previous record was held by Emma Hubert, who recorded 2,457 career assists in 2018.

Otto has now surpassed that mark and currently has 2,651 career assists - and counting.

Suring 3, Gillett 0

The Eagle won in three straight sets 25-20, 25-17, 25-21.

Gresham 2, Rosholt 0

The Wildcats beat the Hornets 29-27, 25-14.

Manawa 2, Gresham 0

Manawa handed Gresham a pair of losses 25-16 and 25-10.



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Hawks have best local score at Marinette's Little River Golf Course

Thursday, Sept. 17
Marinette Invitational
Fifteen teams competed at Little River Golf Course in Marinette, with Shawano topping local teams.

The Hawks tallied 412 and placed ninth. Oconto Falls scored 431 for 12th place, and Bonduel had 436 for 13th.

Shawano: Hailey Hawkinson 97, Alyssa Slinger 99, Lauren Seehafer 104 and Mya Coffey 112.

Oconto Falls: Riley Borkovec and Lilly Wanger 98 each, Chloe Anastasopoulos 108 and Emilie Sanders 127.

Bonduel: Quinn Hartlaben 94, Morgan Graf 101, Paige Wolf 106 and Helaina Kobech 135.

FRCC Mini-Meet #5
Pulaski golfers scored 211 and placed eighth among nine teams at Sheboygan Town & Country Golf Course in Sheboygan. The Red Raiders finished one stroke ahead of

Manitowoc Lincoln. Scoring for Pulaski were Ellie Mork 46, Taylor Murphy 53, Teagan Dercks 54 and Talia Van Hout 58.

Tuesday, Sept. 15
Bay North Conference Mini-Meet 5

Seymour once again ran away with the title while the other four teams battled for the remaining positions when golfing at Golden Sands Golf Course in Cecil.

Seymour scored 169, followed by Oconto 210, Shawano 212, Bonduel 217 and Sturgeon Bay 222.

Bonduel, the home team, was led by Paige Wolf, whose 42 was the second best of the day. She was joined by Quinn Hartlaben 54, Morgan Graf 56 and Hailey Eggert 65.

Scoring for the Hawks were Lauren Seehafer 45, Hailey Hawkinson 53, Alyssa Singer 54 and Mya Coffey 60.

Monday, Sept. 14

Oconto Falls Invitational

Oconto Falls placed fifth among 10 teams at its home invitational at River Island Golf Course in Oconto Falls.

Shawano was fourth at 422, followed by Oconto Falls at 436, Bonduel in seventh at 473 and Pulaski in 10th at 563,

Shawano scores were Hailey Hawkinson 96, Lauren Seehafer 104, Alyssa Singer 107 and Mya Coffey 115.

For Oconto Falls, it was Lilly Wagner 96, Riley Borkovec 97, Chloe Anastasopoulos 118 and Emilie Sanders 125.

Bonduel's scorers were Quinn Hartlaben 106, Paige Wolf 112, Morgan Graf 120 and Hailey Eggert 135.

Scoring for Pulaski were Teagan Dercks 106, Macie Senter 150, Aubrie McElrone 153 and Mircea McDowell 154.



Pulaski's Cole Nowak, Mason Goodness and Raphael Fischer wait as Ashwaubenon's offense breaks a huddle. GREG SEUBERT

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do so much on his own. When a play breaks down, he's able to use what the good Lord gave him."

Next up for the Red Raiders is an FRCC-North matchup with West De Pere on Sept. 25 in De Pere.

West De Pere, the defending WIAA Division 2 state champion that eliminated Pulaski from the playoffs last year, is

currently 5-0 overall and 3-0 in conference play and sits atop the FRCC-North standings tied for first place with Bay Port, another undefeated team that fell in the Division 1 state championship game last year, handed Pulaski its only loss this season.

Bay Port and West De Pere will meet Oct. 2 on the Pirates' home field.

"We have to take care of our business," Marsh said of his team's upcoming game with West De Pere. "These are great games and we're lucky to be in an excellent conference with a state runner-up and champion. Anytime we get to compete against that kind of pace, speed and execution, that only makes us better."

Shawano's singles depth fuels 4-3 win over Menasha

Thursday, Sept. 17
Shawano 4, Menasha 3

Shawano (6-12) defeated Menasha (4-12) by a 4-3 score, taking three of four singles matches.

West De Pere 7, Pulaski 0

The Red Raiders were shut by West De Pere with the best effort coming from Riley Hartman in the fourth-seed singles match. Hartman took her opponent to three sets before losing the third set 10-5.

Singles
No. 1 - Madelyn Seidlitz, West De Pere, def. Anna Krause, Pulaski, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 2 - Avni Gupta, West De Pere, def. Emory Groteluschen, Pulaski, 6-3, 6-2.

No. 3 - Ava Hein, West De

Pere, def. Alana Stangler, Pulaski, 6-3, 6-3.

No. 4 - Morgan Henry, West De Pere, def. Riley Hartman, Pulaski, 5-7, 6-1, 10-5.

Doubles
No. 1 - Bryn Steenbock - Julia Whipp, West De Pere, def. Linde Lemerond - Aubrie Schuessler, Pulaski, 6-0, 6-2.

No. 2 - Olivia Hoffman - Maryn Steenbock, West De Pere, def. Cora Hansen - Vivienne Miskulin, Pulaski, 6-1, 6-0.

No. 3 - Cadence Hopson - Abby Helgeson, West De Pere, def. Reese Burich - Kaesyn Klarkowski, Pulaski, 6-0, 6-1.

Tuesday, Sept. 15
Notre Dame Academy 6, Pulaski 1

Pulaski's number one doubles team of Linde Lemerond and Aubrie Schuessler defeated their Notre Dame Academy opponents 6-3, 6-1 for the

Red Raiders sole win.

Singles
No. 1 - Vivi Bigari, Notre Dame Academy, def. Anna Krause, Pulaski, 6-0, 6-2.

No. 2 - Anna Miller, Notre Dame Academy, def. Emory Groteluschen, Pulaski, 6-2, 6-2.

No. 3 - Kathryn Weiland, Notre Dame Academy, def. Alana Stangler, Pulaski, 6-0, 6-1.

No. 4 - Sofia Collins, Notre Dame Academy, def. Riley Hartman, Pulaski, 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles
No. 1 - Linde Lemerond - Aubrie Schuessler, Pulaski, def. Secora Collins - Tess Boeckman, Notre Dame Academy, 6-3, 6-1.

No. 2 - Ella Hotchkiss - Anna Thomas, Notre Dame Academy, def. Cora Hansen - Vivienne Miskulin, Pulaski, 6-4 6-2.

No. 3 - Valeria Ponce - Clara Murphy, Notre Dame Academy, def. Reese Burich - Kaesyn Klarkowski, Pulaski, 6-2, 7-5.

Shawano soccer pulls out victory over Winneconne

Thursday, Sept. 17
Sheboygan North 2, Pulaski 1

The Red Raiders fell to the Golden Raiders 2-1 in Fox River Classic Conference play.

Cooper Jost and Matthew Decker scored for Sheboygan North. Logan Seubert got the lone goal for Pulaski.

Jacoby Knowles made seven saves in goal for North (4-2-2, 1-1). Blake Bazter had four saves in goal for Pulaski (6-2-2, 0-2).

Shawano 2, Winneconne 1

With one goal in each half, Shawano pulled out a 2-1 win over Winneconne in a conference match.

Wyatt Schroeder scored in the first half and Brayden Meade made a goal in the second half.

Newman Catholic 7, Gresham/Bowler 1
Tuesday, Sept. 15
Green Bay Preble 2, Pulaski 0

The Hornets handed the previously unbeaten Red Raiders their first loss of the season with a 2-0 victory.

Joe Rivas and Christian

Lopez scored the goals for Preble.

Elijah Alexander made two saves in goal for the Hornets (6-1-2, 2-1). Blake Bazter had two saves in goal for Pulaski (6-1-2, 0-1).

Shawano 1, Green Bay East 1

Shawano and Green Bay East tied in their Bay Conference matchup.

Grayson Swedberg make the first score on a penalty kick just before halftime.

Monday, Sept. 14
Amherst 11, Gresham/Bowler 0



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Witt-Birn girls place third in Wausau

Saturday, Sept. 19 Smiley Invitational

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's girls placed third among Division 2 and Division 3 teams at Wausau East, while the boys were 16th. Oconto Falls girls placed seventh, and the boys were 14th.

Among Division 1 schools, Shawano's boys were 16th, followed by Pulaski in 17th. Pulaski's girl placed 15th.

Division 1 boys
Shawano: 66, Josiah Kuehl, 17:30.9; 71, Teagan Harkey, 17:51.3; 76, Quinten Harkey, 17:55.5; 104, Beckett Hendricks, 18:24.2; 120, Brayden Fish, 18:53.7.

Pulaski: 32, Mitchell Pilon, 16:57; 52, Grayden Gossen, 17:27.5; 108, Paxton Marshall, 18:32.6; 124, Carter Ryskowski, 18:56.1; 130, Jack Klarkowski, 19:03.9.

Division 1 girls
Shawano: 91, Mikelah Powers, 21:49.5; 121, Madilyn Powers, 22:50.2; 123, Lorelei Hancock, 22:51.3; 143, McKenna Miller, 24:07.7.

Pulaski: 8, Maggie Gerth, 18:56.8; 62, Addie Bruckert, 20:57.8; 89, Cameron Reiss, 21:43.9; 144, Tenley Zimmerman, 24:09.2; 156, Estella Vieaux, 25:04.

Division 2/3 boys
Wittenberg-Birnamwood: 87, Marty Nowinsky, 19:22; 99, Dalton Fletcher, 19:47; 149, Colten Mueller, 21:08; 170, Maksym Guk, 22:39; 172, Milo Salvesen, 22:35.

Oconto Falls: 53, Sage Mendolla, 18:31.7; 54, Mason Lotto, 18:32; 62, Isaiah Holtz, 18:38; 121, Lucas Vanhulle, 20:30.2; 142,

Carson Laluzerne, 21:03.

Divison 2/3 girls
Wittenberg-Birnamwood: 17, Brielle Rose, 20:46; 24, Nora Bushman, 20:58; 41, Gabrielle Timm, 21:41; 57, Kendyll Ladwig, 22:14; 66, Harper Krull, 22:36.

Oconto Falls: 8, Lily Meissner, 20:14.3; 52, Emma Meissner, 22:06.9; 71, Ellie Beschta, 22:36.4; 81, Ava Savage, 22:56.9; 88, Alexandria Braund, 23:07.8.

Angel CC Invitational
Bonduel and Gillett runners competed at UW-Parkside in a meet hosed by Racine St. Catherine.

Bonduel's girls placed 12th with 326 points.

Gillett runners did not compete as a team.

Bonduel: 17, Lillian Burack, 21:19.7; 43, Amelia Wilcox, 22:28; 77, Payten Bierhals, 23:36.2; 126, Kember Frome, 25:23.3; 180, Dahlia Harris, 27:48.3.

Gillett: 42, Hope Soper, 22:27.6; 58, Amanda Pate, 23:54; 140, Halle Wendorff, 25:57.1; 145, Bayli Holub, 26:13.8.

Bonduel's boys were 15th with 437 points, and Gillett was 27th with 706.

Bonduel: 45, Gage Anderson, 18:14.4; 95, Garrett Anderson, 19:19.4; 98, Griffin Richter, 19:22.9; 111, Oliver Chitwood, 19:37; 127, Joah Dworniczak, 19:55.2.

Gillett: 13, Noah Soper, 17:26.8; 226, Braxton Valley, 21:39.8; 291, Nolan Van Donsal, 23:38.9; 296, Henry, Schaal, 23:45.1; 311, Brandon Slatky, 24:29.7.

Bulldog Invite

As a team, Suring's boys placed 10th among 10 teams in New London. The runners tallied 303



Wittenberg-Birnamwood girls placed third at the Smiley Invitational in Wausau on Sept. 19.

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points.

Suring: 57, Charles Richard, 21:52.3; 66, Blake DeGrave, 22:29.8; 68, Liam Matelski, 22:50.6; 80, Garrett School, 25:14.8; 84, Aidan Thompson, 37:57.4.

Marion/Tigerton: 77, Brecklin Gleason, 24:03.7; 79, Brayden Zietlow, 24:34.6.

For the girls, Suring's Natalie Seibert finished eighth with a time of 22:47.

Marion/Tigerton's Brooklyn Ahlers placed 19th in 24:06.2.

Tuesday, Sept. 15 Bonduel Bear Invite

Menominee Nation's Bryant Waupoose III won the boys race at Bonduel,

while Shawano won the team competition.

Boys teams: Shawano 20, Bonduel 48, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 91, Oneida Nation 100, Oconto 140, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 157.

Shawano: 3, Josiah Kuehl, 18:26.3; 5, Beckett Hendricks, 19:11.2; 6, Quinten Harkey, 19:11.2; 7, Teagan Harkey, 19:11.2; 8, Aloysius Frechette, 19:11.5.

Bonduel: 2, Gage Anderson, 18:06.5; 11, Garrett Anderson, 19:51.5; 12, Joah Dworniczak, 19:58.9; 15, Griffin Richter, 20:09.7; 21, Oliver Chitwood, 21:20.6.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood: 13, Marty Nowinsky,

20:06.5; 16, Dalton Fletcher, 20:26.8; 27, Maskym Guk, 22:25.6; 33, Milo Salvesen, 23:07.4; 34, Colten Mueller, 23:08.4.

Lena/STAA: 36, Dash Comins, 23:20.7; 44, Cooper Malloy, 24:17; 51, Emiliano Almanza, 25:24.9; 53, Wyatt Kosch, 25:52.7; 54, Bronne Thoun, 25:59.9.

Menominee Nation: 1, Bryant Waupoose III, 17:53.1; 17, Cashius Reevis, 20:28.6; 52, Eric Webster, 25:42.6; 59, Christopher Waubanasum, 28:56.2.

Gresham/Bowler: 14, Caleb Putnam, 20:08.7; 28, Blaze Ejnik, 22:30.5; 46, Mason Pyatskowitz, 24:29.4; 47, Mason Martin, 24:42.4.

Marion-Tigerton: 26, Breckin Gleason, 22:05.8.

Wolf River Lutheran: 61, Ivan Long, 30:01.9; 63, Mark Buchholz, 32:27.5.

For the girls, Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Nora Bushman finished second to lead local runners, as her team captured the top spot.

Girls teams: Wittenberg-Birnamwood 28, Bonduel 79, Lena/STAA 92, Shawano 93, Clintonville 98, Oconto 147, Oneida Nation 171

Wittenberg-Birnamwood: 2, Nora Bushman, 21:40.7; 5, Brielle Rose, 21:48.2; 6, Gabrielle Timm, 22:22.2; 10, Kendyll Ladwig, 23:06.8; 12, Harper Krull, 23:42.1.

Bonduel: 3, Lillian Burack, 21:41.5; 14, Payten Bierhals, 23:46; 17, Amelia Wilcox, 24:00.6; 23, Kember Frome, 25:27.9; 41, Katie O'Brien, 28:18.9.

Lena/STAA: 4, Aspynn Anderson, 21:44.6; 8, Alisa Finger, 22:30.4; 11, Andrea

Rabas, 23:38.7; 39, Ella Thomson, 27:54.9; 60, Elizabeth Telford, 36:09.4.

Shawano: 9, Mikelah Powers, 22:55.6; 19, Madilyn Powers, 24:15; 20, McKenna Miller, 24:16.7; 22, Lorelei Hancock, 24:42.5; 43, Katelyn Race, 28:53.3.

Wolf River Lutheran: 13, Violet Buchholz, 23:43.7.

Marion-Tigerton: 25, Brooklynn Ahlers, 25:38.3.

Menominee Nation: 30, Kaylee Nacotee, 26:40.4; 44, Aaliyah Waupoose, 29:18.6; 58, Elaine Skenadore, 33:39.9.

Gresham/Bowler: 59, Aubrey Miller, 35:49.4.

Jakubek-Willems Invite

Pulaski's boys cross country runners placed second among five teams at a race hosted by St. Mary Catholic School in Oshkosh.

Weyauwega-Fremont won with 30 points, and Pulaski collected 49.

Grayden Goosen placed third in 17:59, and Paxton Marshall was 10th in 19:01.8. Also scoring for the Red Raiders were Carter Ryskowski, 11th, 19:13; Jack Klarkowski, 12th, 19:15; and Ben Augustine, 13th, 19:20.

The girls placed first among two teams. They tallied 19 points, while St. Mary Catholic had 40.

Leading the way for the Red Raiders was Maggie Gerth, who won the meet in 19:27.2. She was followed by Addie Bruckert in second in 21:32.1 and Cameran Reiss in third in 21:41.4.

Paige Michalski finished in sixth in 23:43.2, and Estella Vieaux was seventh in 23:47.4.

Rosinski, Hayes to lead Shawano boys basketball team

Shawano Community High School's boys varsity basketball program in 2026-27 will be led by coach Rick Rosinski and assistant coach Jim Hayes, both recently hired by the district.

Rosinski has 23 seasons

of varsity head coaching experience at Green Bay East and Green Bay Preble. Hayes has coached alongside Rosinski for 23 seasons – 20 at Green Bay East and three at Green Bay Preble – making the upcoming season their

24th together.

"I'm very excited to begin leading the boys basketball program at Shawano High School," Rosinski said. "I'm greatly looking forward to meeting the Shawano players and the many fans and supporters

of the program. I'm eager to get back in the gym and begin laying the groundwork for a fun and successful season in the Bay Conference."

Rosinski is encouraged by the foundation already in place, including a core



RICK ROSINSKI

of returning players and a promising incoming freshman class.

Hayes a l s o brings familiarity with Shawano, having coached against the Hawks for eight seasons in the Bay Conference while at Green Bay East.

"I always enjoyed the enthusiasm and excitement displayed by the students and fans in the Shawano gymnasium," Hayes said. "Now, I'm eager to experience that type of fun atmosphere as a coach for the Shawano Hawks."

The longtime coaching partners share a commitment to preparation, hard work and building lasting relationships with student-athletes.

"We love basketball and greatly enjoy coaching



JIM HAYES

and being part of a team," Hayes said. "The long-lasting relationships we have built with so many of our players over the years have been the highlight of our coaching careers."

Kayla Brendemuehl, Shawano's activities and athletics director, said their experience and established partnership will be an asset to the program.

"We are excited to welcome Rick and Jim to Shawano," Brendemuehl said. "Their experience, familiarity with the Bay Conference and shared commitment to student-athletes make them a great fit for our boys basketball program. We are excited for the future of Shawano boys basketball."

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of returning players and a promising incoming freshman class.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF WISCONSIN	CIRCUIT COURT	MENOMINEE COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF TAX LIENS PURSUANT TO SECTION 75.521 WISCONSIN STATUTES BY MENOMINEE COUNTY	Notice of Commencement of Proceeding:	
	In Rem to Foreclose 2023 Tax Liens by Menominee County	
	Case No. 2026-GF-04	

TAKE NOTICE That all persons having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in or lien upon the real property described in the List of Tax Liens on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Menominee County dated August 7, 2026, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, are hereby notified that the filing of such List of Tax Liens in the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court of Menominee constitutes the commencement by said Menominee County of a special proceeding in the Circuit Court for Menominee County to foreclose the Tax Liens therein described by foreclosure proceeding in rem and that a notice of the pendency of such proceeding against each piece or parcel of land therein described was filed in the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court on August 7, 2026. Such proceeding is brought against the real property described only and is to foreclose the Tax Liens described in such list. No personal judgment will be entered herein for such taxes, assessments or other legal charges or any part thereof.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE That all persons having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in or lien upon the real property described in said List of Tax Liens are hereby notified that a certified copy of this Notice of Commencement of Proceeding with the attached List of Tax Liens will be posted in the office of the County Treasurer of Menominee County and will remain posted for public inspection up to and including October 30, 2026, which date is hereby fixed as the last day for redemption.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE That any person having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in or lien upon any such parcel may, on or before said 30th day of October, 2026, redeem such delinquent tax liens by pay to the County Treasurer of Menominee County, the amount of all such unpaid tax liens, computed to and including the date of redemption, plus the reasonable costs that the County incurred to initiate the proceedings plus the person’s share of the reasonable costs of publication under Wis. Stats. 75.521(6).

Dated this 27 day of August, 2026.

MENOMINEE COUNTY
BY: 
Lona Tourtillott

STATE OF WISCONSIN	CIRCUIT COURT	MENOMINEE COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF TAX LIENS PURSUANT TO SECTION 75.521 WISCONSIN STATUTES BY MENOMINEE COUNTY	List of Tax Liens of Menominee County Being Foreclosed by Proceeding:	
	In Rem for 2023 Tax Liens and Petition for In Rem Foreclosure	
	Case No. 2026 GF 4	

LIST OF TAX LIENS FOR 2023 BEING FORECLOSED

Lona Tourtillott as the Menominee County Treasurer hereby submits the following as the List of Tax Liens of Menominee County Being Foreclosed by an In Rem Proceeding.

1. Parcel No. 01040017100
Tax Certificate No. 4751
Owners: Adrian Hernandez and Betsy Gutierrez, as Joint Tenants
Address of Property: N1169 Big Sky Road, Keshena, WI 54135
Legal Description: Lot Seventy (70) according to the recorded Plat of Big Sky Addition to Legend Lake, Menominee County, Wisconsin.
Mortgagee/Lienholder: None.

STATEMENT OF AMOUNT DUE					
Tax Year	Tax Bill	Taxes Paid	Taxes Due	Interest	Total Payoff
2025	313.29	0.00	313.29	21.94	335.23
2024	270.26	0.00	270.26	51.35	321.61
2023	163.89	0.00	163.89	50.81	214.70
2022	242.77	0.00	242.77	104.39	347.16
2021	215.58	204.33	11.25	6.19	17.44
TOTALS	1,205.79	204.33	1,001.46	234.68	1,236.14
2. Parcel No. 01130069060
Tax Certificate No. 4765
Owner: Kristie C. Lindner n/k/a Kristie C. Munoz
Address of Property: W1955 Great Bear Road, Keshena, WI 54135
Legal Description: Lot 56 in Great Bear Addition to Legend Lake, being a part of Government Lot 2, SW-NW, SE-NW, SW-NE, and the NW-SE, all in Section 20, Township 28 North, Range 16 East, Menominee County, Wisconsin.

Mortgagee/Lienholder: Judgment docketed in the office of the Clerk of Courts for Menominee County, Wisconsin, as Case No. 2024OL000023 in favor of Legend Lake Property Owners Association, plaintiff vs Kristie Lindner, defendant in the sum of \$542.72

Judgment docketed in the office of the Clerk of Courts for Menominee County, Wisconsin, as Case No. 2019 OL0000030 in favor of Legend Lake Property Owners Association, plaintiff vs Kristie Lindner, defendant in the sum of \$206.16

Judgment docketed in the office of the Clerk of Courts for Menominee County, Wisconsin, as Case No. 2019OL000029 in favor of Legend Lake Property Owners Association, plaintiff vs Kristie Lindner, defendant in the sum of \$206.16.

Judgment docketed in the office of the Clerk of Courts for Menominee County, Wisconsin, as Case No. 2010OL000059 in favor of Legend Lake Property Owners Association, plaintiff vs Kristie Lindner, defendant in the sum of \$229.82.

STATEMENT OF AMOUNT DUE					
Tax Year	Tax Bill	Taxes Paid	Taxes Due	Interest	Total Payoff
2025	419.85	0.00	419.85	29.39	449.24
2024	378.93	0.00	378.93	71.99	450.92
2023	216.67	0.00	216.67	67.17	283.84
2022	297.14	0.00	297.14	127.77	424.91
2021	253.95	0.00	253.95	139.68	393.63
2020	268.41	0.00	268.41	179.84	448.25
2019	243.29	0.00	243.29	192.20	435.49
2018	209.16	0.00	209.16	190.33	399.49
2017	190.58	0.00	190.58	196.29	386.87
2016	244.40	0.00	244.40	281.06	525.46
2015	144.42	140.21	4.21	5.35	9.56
2014	151.19	89.47	61.72	85.79	147.51
TOTALS	3,017.99	229.68	2,788.31	1,566.86	4,355.17

3. Parcel No. 01220127080
Tax Certificate No. 4798
Owner: Devin Jahnke
Address of Property: N1227 Morning Star Road, Keshena, WI 54135
Legal Description: Lot 28 of Morning Star Addition to Legend Lake, Menominee County, Wisconsin, according to the recorded plat thereof.
Mortgagee/Lienholder: None

STATEMENT OF AMOUNT DUE					
Tax Year	Tax Bill	Taxes Paid	Taxes Due	Interest	Total Payoff
2025	415.06	0.00	415.06	29.06	444.12
2024	374.05	0.00	374.05	71.07	445.12
2023	214.04	0.00	214.04	66.36	280.40
2022	294.42	0.00	294.42	126.60	421.02
2021	252.02	0.00	252.02	138.62	390.64
TOTALS	1,549.59	0.00	1,549.59	431.71	1,981.30

4. Parcel No.: 01320189080
Tax Certificate No. 4833
Owner: Rudy A. Cegelski, a single man, Deceased; Estate of Rudy A. Cegelski; and All Unknown Heirs of Rudy A. Cegelski, a single man, Deceased.
Property Address: W1546 Spirit Ridge Trail, Keshena, WI 54135
Legal Description: Lot Twenty-Eight (28) according to the recorded Plat of Spirit Ridge Addition to Legend Lake, Menominee County, Wisconsin.
Mortgage/Lienholder: None

STATEMENT OF AMOUNT DUE					
Tax Year	Tax Bill	Taxes Paid	Taxes Due	Interest	Total Payoff
2025	431.83	0.00	431.83	30.23	462.06
2024	391.15	0.00	391.15	74.31	465.46
2023	221.94	0.00	221.94	68.81	290.75
2022	302.58	0.00	302.58	130.11	432.69
2021	257.78	0.00	257.78	141.78	399.56
2020	272.16	0.00	272.16	182.35	454.51
2019	247.01	0.00	247.01	195.13	442.14
2018	212.67	0.00	212.67	193.53	406.20
2017	194.01	0.00	194.01	199.83	393.84
2016	247.82	0.00	247.82	284.99	532.81
2015	148.20	0.00	148.20	188.22	336.42
2014	154.94	0.00	154.94	215.37	370.31
2013	190.76	0.00	190.76	288.05	478.81
TOTALS	3,272.85	0.00	3,272.85	2,192.71	5,465.56

5. Parcel No.: 01360224030
Tax Certificate No. 4860
Owner: Shua Y Vang
Property Address: W575 Sunrise Way, Keshena, WI 54135
Legal Description: Lot 53 of Sun Rise Addition to Legend Lake, Menominee County, Wisconsin. Also an undivided fractional interest in Outlot 1 in Sun Rise Addition to Legend Lake. Which interest is conveyable only when title to Lot 53 in Sun Rise Addition is conveyed intending to make said fractional interest a permanent part of Lot 53 in Sun Rise Addition to Legend Lake.

Mortgagee/Lienholder: Small Claims Judgement docketed in the Office of the Clerk of Courts for Menominee County, Wisconsin on August 21, 2023, as Case No 2023OL000020 in favor of Legend Lake Property Owners Association, Keshena, WI 54135 plaintiff vs Shua Y Vang, Lot Fifty-Three of the Sunrise Addition, Keshena, WI 54135, defendant in the amount of \$220.50, plus interest.

Small Claims Judgment docketed in the Office of the Clerk of Courts for Menominee County, Wisconsin on August 2, 2024, as Case No 2024OL000084 in favor of Legend Lake Property Owners Association, Keshena, WI 54135 plaintiff vs Shua Y Vang, Lot Fifty-Three of the Sunrise Addition, Keshena, WI 54135, defendant in the amount of \$232.26, plus interest.

STATEMENT OF AMOUNT DUE					
Tax Year	Tax Bill	Taxes Paid	Taxes Due	Interest	Total Payoff
2025	419.85	0.00	419.85	29.39	449.24
2024	378.93	0.00	378.93	71.99	450.92
2023	216.67	0.00	216.67	67.17	283.84
2022	297.14	0.00	297.14	127.77	424.91
2021	253.95	0.00	253.95	139.68	393.63
TOTALS	1,566.54	0.00	1,566.54	436.00	2,002.54

6. Parcel No.: 01360225040
Tax Certificate No. 4862
Owner: Joseph M. Olewniczak, Deceased; Estate of Joseph M. Olewniczak and All Unknown Heirs of Joseph M. Olewniczak, Deceased.
Property Address: W580 Sunrise Way, Keshena, WI 54135
Legal Description: Lot 64 in Sun Rise Addition to Legend Lake, according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 1 of Plats on pages 114-116 as Document No. 6647.

LEGAL NOTICES

Mortgagee/Lienholder: Small Claims Judgement docketed in the Office of the Clerk of Courts for Menominee County on September 12, 2012, as Case No. 2012OL000048 in favor of Legend Lake Property Owners Association, Inc., N1024 Old South Branch Road, Keshena, WI 54135, plaintiff vs. Joseph Olewniczak, Lot 64, Sun Rise Addition to Legend Lake, defendant, in the amount of \$142.04, plus interest.

Small Claims Judgment docketed in the office of the Clerk of Courts for Menominee County on October 4, 2013, as Case No. 2013OL000086 in favor of Legend Lake Property Owners Association, Inc., N1024 Old South Branch Road, Keshena, WI 54135, plaintiff vs. Joseph Olewniczak, Lot 64, Sun Rise Addition to Legend Lake, defendant, in the amount of \$24.90, plus interest.

Small Claims Judgment docketed in the office of the Clerk of Courts for Menominee County on September 2, 2014, as Case No. 2014OL000072 in favor of Legend Lake Property Owners Association, Inc., N1024 Old South Branch Road, Keshena, WI 54135, plaintiff vs. Joseph Olewniczak, Lot 64, Sun Rise Addition to Legend Lake, defendant, in the amount of \$140.08, plus interest.

Small Claims Judgment docketed in the office of the Clerk of Courts for Menominee County on September 22, 2015, as Case No. 2015OL000065 in favor of Legend Lake Property Owners Association, Inc., N1024 Old South Branch Road, Keshena, WI 54135, plaintiff vs. Joseph Olewniczak, Lot 64, Sun Rise Addition to Legend Lake, defendant, in the amount of \$151.69, plus interest.

Small Claims Judgment docketed in the office of the Clerk of Courts for Menominee County on July 29, 2019, as Case No. 2019OL000100 in favor of Legend Lake Property Owners Association, Inc., N1024 Old South Branch Road, Keshena, WI 54135, plaintiff vs. Joseph Olewniczak, Lot 64, Sun Rise Addition to Legend Lake, defendant, in the amount of \$449.71, plus interest.

Small Claims Judgment docketed in the office of the Clerk of Courts for Menominee County on September 2, 2020, as Case No. 2020OL000072 in favor of Legend Lake Property Owners Association, Inc., N1024 Old South Branch Road, Keshena, WI 54135, plaintiff vs. Joseph Olewniczak, Lot 64, Sun Rise Addition to Legend Lake, defendant, in the amount of \$290.74, plus interest.

Small Claims Judgment docketed in the office of the Clerk of Courts for Menominee County on July 29, 20212014, as Case No. 2021OL000072 in favor of Legend Lake Property Owners Association, Inc., N1024 Old South Branch Road, Keshena, WI 54135, plaintiff vs. Joseph Olewniczak, Lot 64, Sun Rise Addition to Legend Lake, defendant, in the amount of \$323.60, plus interest.

Small Claims Judgment docketed in the office of the Clerk of Courts for Menominee County on August 21, 2023, as Case No. 2023OL000021 in favor of Legend Lake Property Owners Association, Inc., N1024 Old South Branch Road, Keshena, WI 54135, plaintiff vs. Joseph Olewniczak, Lot 64, Sun Rise Addition to Legend Lake, defendant, in the amount of \$381.48, plus interest.

Small Claims Judgment docketed in the office of the Clerk of Courts for Menominee County on August 2, 2024, as Case No. 2024OL000085 in favor of Legend Lake Property Owners Association, Inc., N1024 Old South Branch Road, Keshena, WI 54135, plaintiff vs. Joseph Olewniczak, Lot 64, Sun Rise Addition to Legend Lake, defendant, in the amount of \$412.55, plus interest.

Small Claims Judgment docketed in the office of the Clerk of Courts for Menominee County on July 28, 2025, as Case No. 2025OL000087 in favor of Legend Lake Property Owners Association, Inc., N1024 Old South Branch Road, Keshena, WI 54135, plaintiff vs. Joseph Olewniczak, Lot 64, Sun Rise Addition to Legend Lake, defendant, in the amount of \$656.31, plus interest.

STATEMENT OF AMOUNT DUE					
Tax Year	Tax Bill	Taxes Paid	Taxes Due	Interest	Total Payoff
2025	422.26	0.00	422.26	29.56	451.82
2024	381.37	0.00	381.37	72.46	453.83
2023	216.67	0.00	216.67	67.17	283.84
2022	297.14	0.00	297.14	127.77	424.91
2021	253.95	0.00	253.95	139.68	393.63
2020	268.41	0.00	268.41	179.84	448.25
2019	243.29	0.00	243.29	192.20	435.49
2018	209.16	0.00	209.16	190.33	399.49
2017	190.58	0.00	190.58	196.29	386.87
2016	244.40	0.00	244.40	281.06	525.46
2015	144.42	94.42	50.00	63.50	113.50
TOTALS	2,871.65	94.42	2,777.23	1,539.86	4,317.09

7. Parcel No.: 01480293060
Tax Certificate No. 4904
Owner: Reynold W. Katchenago, Jr.
Property Address: N862 State Highway 47, Keshena, WI 54135
Legal Description: Lot 6, Block 4, Assessor's Plat No. 1 of the unincorporated Village of Keshena, Wisconsin, according to the Survey thereof dated July 20, 1960 and filed with the Register of Deeds, Menominee County, Wisconsin, and recorded in Volume 1 of Plats.
Mortgagee/Lienholders: None.

STATEMENT OF AMOUNT DUE					
Tax Year	Tax Bill	Taxes Paid	Taxes Due	Interest	Total Payoff
2025	223.28	0.00	223.28	15.63	238.91
2024	208.67	0.00	208.67	39.65	248.32
2023	342.27	0.00	342.27	106.10	448.37
2022	337.70	169.94	167.76	72.14	239.90
TOTALS	1,111.92	169.94	941.98	233.52	1,175.50

8. Parcel No.: 01480294030
Tax Certificate No. 4906
Owner: Diane L. O'Brien
Property Address: W2926 Blacksmith Road, Keshena, WI 54135
Legal Description: Lot 12, Block 4, Assessors Plat No. 1 of the unincorporated Village of Keshena, Wisconsin, according to the survey thereof dated July 20, 1960, and filed with the Register of Deeds, Menominee County, Wisconsin, and recorded in Volume 1 of Plats.
Mortgagee/Lienholder: None.

STATEMENT OF AMOUNT DUE					
Tax Year	Tax Bill	Taxes Paid	Taxes Due	Interest	Total Payoff
2025	666.80	0.00	666.80	46.68	713.48
2024	679.59	0.00	679.59	129.12	808.71
2023	1,010.77	0.00	1,010.77	313.34	1,324.11
2022	1,030.65	208.95	821.70	353.33	1,175.03
TOTALS	3,387.81	208.95	3,178.86	842.47	4,021.33

9. Parcel No.: 01480294050
Tax Certificate No. 4907
Owner: Carol J. Skenandore, Deceased; Estate of Carol J. Skenandore; and all Unknown Heirs of Carol J. Skenandore, Deceased.
Property Address: N923 Old South Branch Road, Keshena, WI 54135
Legal Description: Lot 14, Block 4, Assessor's Plat No. 1 of the unincorporated Village of Keshena, Wisconsin, according to the survey thereof dated July 20, 1960, and filed with the Register of Deeds, Menominee County, Wisconsin, and recorded in Volume 1 of Plats.
Mortgagee/Lienholder: None.

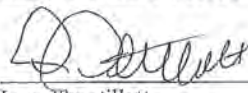
STATEMENT OF AMOUNT DUE					
Tax Year	Tax Bill	Taxes Paid	Taxes Due	Interest	Total Payoff
2025	81.92	0.00	81.92	5.73	87.65
2024	82.83	0.00	82.83	15.74	98.57
2023	129.02	0.00	129.02	40.00	169.02
2022	121.26	0.00	121.26	52.14	173.40
2021	91.12	0.00	91.12	50.12	141.24
2020	86.93	80.49	6.44	4.31	10.75
TOTALS	593.08	80.49	512.59	168.04	680.63

10. Parcel No.: 01600365040
Tax Certificate No. 4964
Owner: August L. Corn and Clare T. Corn, his wife.
Property Address: N4985 County Road AA, Suring, WI 54174
Legal Description: Lot 1 of Certified Surveys recorded at Page 80, Volume 2 of Certified Surveys, being a part of the Southeast quarter of Section 34, Township 30 North, Range 16 East, Menominee County, Wisconsin.
Mortgagee/Lienholder: None.

STATEMENT OF AMOUNT DUE					
Tax Year	Tax Bill	Taxes Paid	Taxes Due	Interest	Total Payoff
2025	814.10	0.00	814.10	56.99	871.09
2024	811.47	0.00	811.47	154.18	965.65
2023	1,132.45	0.00	1,132.45	351.06	1,483.51
2022	1,152.64	0.00	1,152.64	495.64	1,648.28
2021	820.10	0.00	820.10	451.06	1,271.16
2020	858.92	0.00	858.92	575.48	1,434.40
2019	819.20	0.00	819.20	647.17	1,466.37
2018	775.88	42.99	732.89	666.93	1,399.82
2017	810.87	0.00	810.87	835.20	1,646.07
2016	803.02	0.00	803.02	923.47	1,726.49
2015	885.56	75.42	810.14	1,028.88	1,839.02
TOTALS	9,684.21	118.41	9,565.80	6,186.06	15,751.86

11. The interest on the unpaid property taxes officially begins to accrue on February 1 of the year each taxpayer failed to pay the property taxes in full. Interest accrues at the rate of one (1%) percent per month on all unpaid property taxes.

Dated this 16 day of August, 2026.

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Ginger Swedberg Huntington looks over pre-needs planning documents and resources for people who are interested in meeting with her at Swedberg Funeral Home, 518 W. Fifth St., Shawano. Born and raised in Shawano, she said the values of the community are representative of how Swedberg Funeral Home does business.

LYNN ZAFFRANN

Planning loved ones' funerals can be done ahead of time

Having everything in place helps survivors finalize arrangements

By LYNN ZAFFRANN
Correspondent

The thought of planning one's funeral isn't typically at the top of someone's to-do list. But should it be?

Planning a funeral for a deceased relative, significant other or friend is ranked as one of the most difficult tasks in life when funeral arrangements aren't made ahead of time.

Funeral homes offer a way to arrange one's funeral through pre-needs planning.

According to Rob Mickelson, from Mickelson Funeral and Cremation Service, and Ginger Swedberg Huntington, from Swedberg Funeral Home, both based in Shawano, planning your funeral in advance makes sure your wishes are honored.

"Services are not for the deceased," Swedberg Huntington said. "I mean, they honor the deceased, but it benefits the living."

She said that she often hears, "When my mom died, she didn't have anything done, and I don't want to do that to my kids."

Pre-needs planning helps someone get the funeral and burial services they want and removes the burden from family members.

A lot of difficult choices have to be made when someone dies. She said pre-needs planning helps avoid the stress of trying to guess what services the deceased person wanted.

"When someone's just had a death, are experiencing great grief or shock, they still need to arrange the funeral services, where



Rob Mickelson, left, and Payton DuBois are Shawano funeral providers who work with area residents to set up pre-needs contracts for funeral arrangements. Pre-needs planning is important for people to make sure their wishes for their future funerals are followed. Pre-needs planning also helps people set aside funds to help them become or stay eligible for Medicaid.

LYNN ZAFFRANN

they can be hit with choosing a casket, providing a maiden name, a Social Security number and many other things," Swedberg Huntington said.

Pre-planning keeps people from

experiencing that one extra thing in their busy lives that comes up without warning, according to Swedberg Huntington.

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Parton's death reminder to value life

I was shocked Aug. 26 when I read online that Dolly Parton had died.

"That's impossible," I thought. "I'll turn on the TV to see if it's true."

It was. Breaking into tears, I had to sit down, unable to process the idea that Dolly was gone. Though I never met her, it felt like a part of me was gone, too.

Within a few days, I was able to get past the sadness, uplifted by a geyser of well-deserved tributes and remembrances that poured in from all over the world. Dolly deserved every bit of the adulation sent her way.

Larger than life, Dolly was the quintessential example of a girl who rose from rags to riches. She was a star, but she never forgot where she came from. She had a heart as big as Alaska and spent her entire life giving back. My kind of hero.

Dolly Parton was my favorite female country singer since I first saw her perform in Nashville in 1973. I saw her show three more times over the years, until the ticket prices went insane.

Truth is, I flat-out loved Dolly, not just for her incredible voice and infectious personality, but for voicing my truth in her songs. She emphasized our shared dedication to family, faith, philanthropy and fun. It was natural that she became my role model.

There was another reason why I felt commonality with Dolly. I'm approaching my 80th birthday next month and jokingly compared myself to Cher Bono and Dolly Parton. Born in 1946, they'd both already turned 80, still living vibrant, meaningful lives.

It was of some comfort that they both looked and acted far more youthful than their years. It's ever so nice when people tell me that I do, too. I respond that I'm 80, going on 13. Seriously. That's what

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Kathleen Marsh's daughter wore a Dolly Parton costume for Halloween in 1979 when she was 5 years old.

CONTRIBUTED

Popek combines passions for bourbon, farm

Former Pulaski teacher working with sister on new business

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

A former elementary school teacher in Pulaski has found a way to combine two of her passions into a successful business venture with her sister.

Becky Popek left her position as an advanced learner services teacher at Glenbrook Elementary School in Pulaski at the end of the 2025-26 school year to become associate principal at Rock Ledge Elementary School in Seymour.

At the same time she was transitioning to a new school and community, Popek also spent much of the summer in Wild Rose at True Harvest Bourbon Co., a bourbon distillery business she created with her sister, Jennifer Popek, that incorporates the family farm.

"We are a bourbon company," Becky Popek said. "We are part of the manufacturing process, which means we make our bourbon and blend it, proof it, bottle it here in the building."

Southern Distilling Co., a distillery based in Statesville, North Carolina, ships barrels to the business.

"We have two bourbons and a whiskey," Popek said. "We do cocktails based around those and switch those up seasonally, so we're just getting



Becky Popek removes glasses from the counter of True Harvest Bourbon Co. in Wild Rose. Popek, who stepped down earlier this year as an elementary school teacher at Glenbrook Elementary School in Pulaski to become associate principal at Rock Ledge Elementary School in Seymour, opened the bourbon distillery business with her sister, Jennifer, last year.

GREG SEUBERT

ready to do our fall cocktails. We do a lot of events like music, food trucks. We just started with cigars, so we're doing a cigar series where you can learn about cigars and smoke a cigar with our bourbon. We have an outdoor patio so people can enjoy the cigars that they buy here outside."

The Popeks found that their unique business is a hit in the Waushara County village of 600 residents.

"We started this, because we have a fourth-generation farm," Jennifer Popek said. "Farming and agriculture has been a big,

popular experience for us and our family. With all the grains being grown in Waushara County to make bourbon, we decided this is a great place. This is home for us."

The Popeks inherited the farm after their father, Peter, died in 2021.

"Our parents divorced, and we spent our weekends with Dad on the farm and with Mom in the (Fox) Valley," Jennifer Popek said. "I did graduate from high school in Wild Rose, and Mom ended up moving to Pennsylvania. Becky moved with her, and I

stayed here in Wild Rose."

True Harvest also helped the sisters reconnect after years of living apart.

"For a number of years, Becky and I saw each other a couple of times a year," Jennifer said. "When Dad passed away, both of us realized that we had to come together a little more. At the time, I was managing Mom's health, as well as the farm and a few other things."

The idea for the business started with what was already growing in the family farm's fields.

"Dad had rye in the fields," Jennifer Popek said. "We looked at the idea of what do we want to do to keep the farm going, keep it in the family for generations. When we realized that Waushara County grows all the grains that make bourbon, and we have some of the grains on the farm, I went back to school to the University of Louisville for a graduate certificate in distilled spirits. That gives us a chance to understand the business structure. My education is not in farming or agriculture, it's in health care, and Becky's is in education."

Part of True Harvest's business plan is to work with local farmers to supply grain to make bourbon, a barrel-aged American whiskey made primarily from corn.

A core concept of True Harvest is a connection with local farmers, according to Jennifer Popek.

"We have to make sure we can find ways to bring something local from Waushara County to our business," she said. "We work with local businesses all the time. We bring honey here and work with local bakeries. We're doing the same thing with the farm. Waushara County has amazing agriculture here."

Customers come from miles away now that the True Harvest has an active social media presence with a website and Facebook, Instagram and TikTok pages that Becky oversees.

Not only are the Popeks running a thriving new

business, they're also in the process of making their bourbon available in other communities, including Iola, Waupaca, Princeton and Neenah.

"It was more of a three-year plan, but we expedited that process a little sooner," Jennifer Popek said. "We're in a really good spot, so it's something we're willing to move forward with."

Jennifer said changing careers to start a business with her sister wasn't in the back of her mind.

"I think we always knew we wanted to do something valuable with the farm and leave a legacy," she said. "I don't think we knew exactly what that would look like, but it's easy when we both enjoy something. I brought bourbon to her, and she brought cigars to me. She is the extrovert. She has a great concept for cocktails and entertainment. I love the science, so we bring both to the table and it works perfect."

True Harvest is open year-round and recently changed to fall and winter hours, which are 4-9 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Jennifer Popek said the decision to start a business from scratch turned out to be a learning experience for the siblings.

"When you have a passion for bourbon and you enjoy it, it's not work," she said. "It's a hobby, and it's joy."

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Nudge poinsettias and holiday cacti into bloom

Colorful poinsettias and flowering Thanksgiving or Christmas cactus fill garden centers and homes during the holiday season. If you saved your plants from last year, it is time to get started forcing them into bloom for the upcoming holidays.

Starting between late September and Oct. 1, cover or move your plants into a dark location for 14 hours each night. This treatment is needed to initiate the flowering in these plants. Shield them from any outdoor, street or reading lights that can delay or prevent flowering.

Uncover or move your plants back to a brightly lit location each morning. Growing the plants in a cooler location, especially at night, and keeping the soil slightly drier will help stimulate bloom. Some experts believe this is all that is needed to rebloom Christmas cactus. A combination of the two treatments seems to give the best results.

The colorful parts of the poinsettia, often called the flowers, are modified leaves called bracts. These are the leaves that turn color after the dark treatment. The true poinsettia flower is the knobby yellow

growth that appears in the center of the colorful bracts at the tip of the stem.

Continue the dark treatment until the poinsettia bracts are fully colored or your Christmas cactus is covered with well-developed buds. Move the flowering plants to a cool location free of hot and cold drafts with bright indirect light. Continue to water thoroughly and often enough to keep the soil slightly moist while the plants are flowering. This is especially important to prevent bud and flower drop on Christmas cactus.

Consistently providing the required dark period is key to having flowers for the holidays. Each missed or interrupted 14-hour night delays blooming by one day. There is no need to give up after a couple of interrupted nights. Continue the dark treatment and enjoy the flowers whenever your plant blooms. Their colorful bracts and flowers are sure to brighten any winter day.

If your poinsettia fails to flower, you can still enjoy your plant this winter. Just add some faux poinsettia blooms, berry sprays or other floral décor. No one needs to know this

wasn't the plan all along.

Don't be surprised if flowers appear on your Christmas cactus at Thanksgiving. Although sold as a Christmas cactus, it may truly be a Thanksgiving cactus or a hybrid of the two. The true Christmas cactus has small segments with smooth edges and blooms later than the Thanksgiving cactus with toothed or jagged segments.

Fortunately, the Christmas and Thanksgiving cactus' growing requirements and care are basically the same. The plants will do fine; they just bloom during different holidays. Both are native to the tropical rain forests, not the desert, as their common name implies. Place them in bright indirect light and water thoroughly when the top few inches of soil begin to dry when they are actively growing.

Enjoy the experience as well as the results. No matter the outcome, you'll have fun trying something new.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the "Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition" and "Small Space Gardening." She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" streaming courses and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment radio program. Her website is www.melindamyers.com.

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Princettia sparkling rouge poinsettia has red bracts with a pink splash pattern. WWW.MELINDAMYERS.COM

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“If I can help plant the seed: That it’s good to have everything in place,” she said. “Just doing pre-planning doesn’t mean that your death isn’t going to come any faster.”

Swedberg Huntington said that it may be a good time to think about pre-needs planning with a funeral provider at the time that someone meets with an attorney to create a will.

Mickelson’s opinion matches that of Swedberg Huntington in that making plans through a financial adviser may not be the best avenue for setting aside funds for future funeral needs, which should be done with a funeral provider.

“You don’t take your car to a plumber to get your car fixed,” he said. “Financial people are wonderful, but they don’t have the resources that we have here to give true cost amounts. We’ve experienced cases where the funds weren’t adequate to pay

for the funeral.”

He said that he doesn’t care where they put the money, but someone should at least get a true estimate of what to put aside by meeting with a funeral director first. Meeting with him in this scenario also ensures that the services the person wants will be documented by Mickelson for the future.

According to Swedberg Huntington, the pre-needs benefit is multifaceted. It makes it easier for the family to review what can be put into place ahead of time, and it gets the conversation started.

Both Swedberg Huntington and Mickelson encourage having a family discussion about what the person’s pre-need planning will entail.

“It’s probably one of the most difficult things you can do in your life, if not the most difficult,” Mickelson said about sitting down to talk about one’s final

wishes. “When I do pre-needs planning with someone, one of the most important things that I tell people is to bring their kids in, so your family knows what’s going on.”

Mickelson said that it is important for children or other family members to attend the pre-needs planning meeting with the person, so that everyone knows what to expect.

Mickelson feels that many Shawano residents don’t have the funds to be able to set up pre-needs plans, that it is more important for them to put food on the table.

“It’s a challenging time,” he said. “We have to be really cautious with what we do and how we do it. People want to know that if they ‘pre-need’ their money, will it be safe? ‘Where’s this money going? Could I lose it?’”

Mickelson stressed that setting up a pre-needs fund will protect the money.

Both Mickelson and Swedberg Huntington said that the interest rates paid on the plans they establish through their insurance providers will be enough to cover any future funeral increases.

Mickelson said that’s why it’s so important to meet with a funeral director for pre-needs planning, to get all of the available options, to get all questions answered. He said that he tells people up-front what the cost would be if the funeral were to be needed that day.

There are online resources on both funeral providers’ websites to get more information about pre-needs planning before meeting with them at www.mickelsonfs.com and www.swedbergfuneralhome.com.

In addition to pre-planning someone’s funeral, pre-needs planning is also done for people who need to reduce their assets to become eligible for Medicaid.

Medicaid eligibility is dependent on how much money someone has.

Both Mickelson and Swedberg Huntington are well-versed in Medicaid eligibility factors and are able to assist individuals who are looking to set aside funds for Medicaid purposes.

Swedberg Huntington said that in the Shawano area, there is a lot of motivation to prepare for Medicaid eligibility.

“I was born and raised in Shawano. The values that we have as a small community are representative of how we do business,” she said. “We feel very privileged and honored to provide services for our extended family, our community.”

Mickelson said that “nothing beats the face-to-face” discussion about pre-needs planning.

“I want to talk to you,” he said. “I want you to know what you’re going to be up against and what we’re going to do for you.”

“It’s a challenging time. We have to be really cautious with what we do and how we do it. People want to know that if they ‘pre-need’ their money, will it be safe? ‘Where’s this money going? Could I lose it?’”
ROB MICKELSON, owner of Mickelson Funeral and Cremation Service

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1. Convention freebie

5. *Tucker of TV’s “Modern Family”

8. To the ____ degree

11. *Space Shuttle Program org.

12. Deal with it

13. Extra tire

15. Stead

16. Real estate land unit

17. Enter user name and password (2 words)

18. *Instagram’s parent company

20. “Fine by me”

21. Strong virile man

22. Caviar alternative

23. *Bruno Mars’ hat

26. Highest-reaching

30. Before of yore

31. Quill-dipping vessel

34. Popular aquarium show star

35. Schoolmarm’s whip

37. Neither here ____ there

38. Opposite of cation

39. Hurry up, acr.

40. Blood infection

42. Not com or edu

43. Arranged in order

45. Inside info

47. Aye’s opposite

48. B2C business

50. Hyperbolic tangent

52. *Katy Perry’s 2010 hit

55. Battle royal

56. One R in R&R

DOWN

57. Nightcrawler

59. *Hipsters’ facial trend

60. Prima donnas’ problems

61. Not in favor

62. Public promotions

63. Even, to a poet

64. CISC alternative

1. *Pete Davidson’s TV show

2. Ragamuffin

3. On a deck, perhaps

4. Cowboy, in South America

5. Popular warming drink

6. Chef’s garb

7. Opposite of domineering and bold

8. Hindu serpent deity

9. Legendary King Priam’s city

10. Chicken coop dweller

12. Taxi driver

13. Ship with a single mast

14. * ____ GO game

19. Spooky

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A migrating Blackburnian warbler in fall plumage makes a stop in Two Rivers. JOEL TRICK

Tune into the birds on your fall walks

Fall is a great time for birding as many species are on the move, migrating from their northern breeding grounds to their wintering grounds in the south. During a recent walk at the Oconto Marsh, I was greeted with what Merlin, a free birding app, identified as a Virginia rail. I did not see this secretive bird as it was well hidden in a dense cattail stand, but it was a thrill nonetheless knowing it was likely there, only yards from where I stood.

Both swamp sparrows and song sparrows were flitting about and occasionally perching in the dead shrubs along the trail allowing me glimpses of them before their nervous energy spirited them away.

Two great egrets and a small flock of mallards were dabbling about in a pond. Although I tried to be unobtrusive, the ducks took flight after my arrival while the egrets remained. As I watched, these beautiful white herons went stealthily about their business, stalking their prey, heads down and long pointed bills ready to spear their next meal.

Two bald eagles wheeled above making lazy circles in the sky, and another perched in a distant tree. It's always inspiring to see these birds, considering, after a precipitous drop in their populations due to the use of DDT and other threats, they have made such a great come back. You can now see these majestic birds in every county in Wisconsin.

When I trained my binoculars on a suspicious brown figure in the top of a distance dead tree it resolved into an American bittern. Head up, and long spear-like bill pointing skyward, it was in one of its classic poses. As I watched, it moved its head slowly scanning its surroundings. I wondered if it spied me as I it.

According to the Cornell Lab All About Birds (AAB) website, the American bittern, a medium sized heron, is rarely out in the open, making my sighting unusual. They are considered stealth predators. Standing stock still in the marsh, they wait for prey to approach, or very, very slowly stalk it until within easy reach.

As I turned a corner on the trail, a few goldfinches whizzed by flashing yellow, and I saw a cedar waxwing flitting about in the shrubs, no doubt looking for some succulent fruits to enjoy.

Fall is a great opportunity to see some birds in greater numbers than usual like the red-winged blackbirds. They join other blackbirds such as grackles, cowbirds and starlings in the fall and winter forming flocks that number in the thousands and even up into the millions according to AAB. One night at the marsh

around sunset, we watched for at least 10 minutes, amazed, as a continuous large trailing flock of blackbirds flew overhead before the last bird was swallowed up by the night.

One of our favorite birds to see at the marsh is the sandhill crane. From September through early November, the count of migrating cranes roosting at the marsh increases, eventually numbering well into the hundreds.

We love watching the cranes appear, flock after flock in the evening and hearing their loud exuberant trumpeting as they spiral down into the marsh, their legs and broad wings outstretched as they come in for a perfect landing. With sunset as a backdrop, this is one breathtaking sight.

Spotting warblers is difficult in the fall, so we joined an early morning bird walk at Barkhausen Waterfowl Preserve in Suamico (just north of Green Bay) led by an expert bird guide. With the leaves still on the trees and the males no longer in their bright breeding plumage, it is difficult to see and identify these birds. But with the help of our guide, we were delighted to observe about a dozen warbler species as they flitted amongst the trees.

The warbler's colorful names evoke their showy spring plumage. We saw, among others, the Blackburnian, bay-breasted, blackpoll, yellow-rumped, black-and-white, black-throated green and American redstart warblers. We also spied a yellow-bellied sapsucker, woodpeckers, swallows and a merlin, a small yet fierce bird of prey and namesake of the wonderful Merlin app.

It's easier now than ever to learn about birds and fall is a good time to see many of them. The Merlin app offers three ways to identify birds; via a photo, a description and by their calls, and includes images of each bird and information on their habitat, calls and range. There are several field guides available if you prefer a book format.

You can also look for birding groups or events in your area to make the learning process more fun and informative. Of course, one can appreciate the beauty and songs of birds without knowing which species they are. All one needs to do is open their eyes and ears to include the company of birds.



CATHY CARNES
COLUMNIST

Cathy Carnes is a retired biologist in Oconto who worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Green Bay Field Office and prior to that with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch in Buffalo, New York. As endangered species coordinator for the USFWS, she helped conserve and recover federally listed threatened and endangered species in Wisconsin.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Candidates differ on rural school support

To the editor:
The primary season is over, and we know who the two candidates for Wisconsin governor are.

While the totality of each candidate's positions and promises is important there is one factor I find especially critical – funding for rural school districts. Our rural districts are facing increasing challenges, and it is important to decide which of the two candidates is committed to meeting the educational needs of all Wisconsin families.

The school is, in many rural areas, the heart of the community. Not only is it the means of addressing the birthright of every Wisconsin child to obtain a high quality public education, it serves as a social gathering place and entertainment center for the community. Unfortunately, the reality is that rural school districts have been facing funding and operating problems in Wisconsin for some time.

State records show that over the past two decades, more than 600 public schools have closed, with nearly 40% of those occurring in small and rural communities. Funding for rural districts is an ongoing challenge compounded by lower enrollments and

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a state revenue model dependent upon local property taxes.

While the funding model has improved slightly over the past eight years, the reality is that our rural school districts continue to be shortchanged by legislators who refuse to address the need for investment by the state in rural districts that does not place an undue burden on the rural taxpayer.

As you think about who you will be voting for, take into consideration the candidate's plan for ensuring that every Wisconsin child is provided the opportunity to prepare for their role as adults through a quality public education. It is important to consider behaviors and not simply campaign promises.

While he served in the state legislature, one of the candidates never offered support for any increase in funding for districts to keep pace with inflation, an acute concern in rural districts, while supporting increased funding for private school vouchers. The other has displayed a firm commitment to ensuring that every Wisconsin child, including those in rural districts, has the opportunity to obtain a solid education.

There are a number of factors to consider in making your choice for Wisconsin's next governor.

However, as it relates to funding and support for education, especially in the rural areas, I believe the choice is clear.

Dan McCollum,
Town of Elderon



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WHAT’S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25

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

SHAWANO: 2026 Homecoming Parade, 6 p.m., Main Street. Theme “Out of This World.”

SATURDAY, SEPT. 26

GRESHAM: Fall Harvest Day, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., car show, food trucks, live music, pin-up contest, craft sale, pancake breakfast. Questions? Contact Randy at 715-853-4526.

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

STILES: St. Patrick’s Rummage Sale, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., 5760 County Road I.

ABARAMS: Machickanee Harvest Hustle fun run/walk, 8 a.m. shotgun start, 6625 Timberline Road. 4-mile and one-mile routes; untimed but recognition for top three men’s and women’s finishers in the 4-mile course.

OCONTO: Harvest Fest, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

Main Street. Vendors, music, car show, family activities.

SHAWANO: Mountain-Bay State Trail 30th Anniversary Celebration, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Trail Information Center, 620 S. Main St. Food, family activities, prizes.

BOWLER: Nature Bathing Along the Trail Walk, 10 a.m., Snowmobile Pavilion, 104 E. Railroad St. Outdoor enthusiast Nikole Koszarek leads a 1.5-mile walk designed to help participants slow down, engage their senses and experience the natural beauty of the Mountain-Bay State Trail.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27

SHAWANO: Zurko’s Flea Market, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shawano County Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. Admission \$2.

SHAWANO: Pedal for Pancakes and Pie Group Ride, 8:30 a.m., Huckleberry Harbor. Friends of Mountain-Bay State Trail meet for on-road ride through towns of Wescott and Richmond to St. Jakobi breakfast.

SHAWANO: Potato Pancake Breakfast, 10 a.m.

to 12:30 p.m., St. Jakobi Lutheran Church, W8089 County Road A. All-you-can-eat potato or wheat pancakes, sausage, maple syrup, cheese, applesauce, pie. \$10, children 6-12 \$5, 5 and younger free. Takeouts available. Silent auction.

SHAWANO: Celebrate St. James Community Picnic, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., St. James Lutheran Church, 324 S. Andrews St. Live music, raffles, food truck rally, kids carnival and bounce houses.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 30

STILES: St. Patrick’s Rummage Sale, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., 5760 County Road I.

BONDUEL: Farmers Market, 4-7 p.m., corner of Cecil and Green Bay streets.

THURSDAY, OCT. 1

OCONTO: Thursday Play Group, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Farnsworth Public Library, 715 Main St. Meant for children to play and interact with other children at the library. A caregiver must stay with the child.

SHAWANO: God’s Little Wonders: Parent/Tot

Hour, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1254 S. Union St. Hands-on activities and crafts, songs and stories, faith nurturing.

NAVARINO: Senior Safari Lunch and Learn, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Topic: Fall Trolley Tour. Suggested meal fee \$5. RSVP at 715-758-6999 or navarino.org.

NAVARINO: Hike with the Sandhill Cranes, 6-8 p.m., Navarino Nature Center W5646 Lindsten Road. Enjoy the nightly flight of the sandhill cranes after a hike to the Hazelwood Observation Platform. Binoculars, spotting scopes and cameras recommended. NNC members \$5, non-members \$10, families \$25. Register by Sept. 30 at 715-758-6999 or navarino.org.

OCONTO: Historical Society Speaker Series, 6:30 p.m., Beyer Home and Carriage House Museum, 915 Park Ave. “Bottoms Up!” A toast to Wisconsin bars and restaurants with Jim Draeger, including a special Oconto tavern. Light refreshments, Oconto beer caps and T-shirts available for purchase.

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teaching tweens and teens for 35 years can do to you.

Now please understand that in no way am I comparing myself physically to these famous, beautiful women. I didn’t have the time, money or energy it takes to look so fabulous, because you must have “work done.” Plastic surgery to keep a pretty face and well-toned body long past your prime can be painful.

In addition, you need resources to hire people to do life in our lane – childcare, housekeeping, yard work, cooking, cleaning, etc. Women in my world don’t have hired professionals taking care of our daily needs nor do we have

personal trainers or makeup artists to keep us looking in tiptop shape. We have to settle for eating healthy, exercising, exfoliating, cosmetics and hair dye. That is, if we can afford it.

I have read that Dolly chose blood relatives to do a lot of the ordinary things in her extraordinary life, but she did have access to unlimited “outside helpers” to take care of her needs. She was so accessible though that many people who began working for her as strangers became part of her extended “family.” Good for her.

Still, there’s definitely a downside to having paid staff at your beck and call. The loss of privacy

and private time has to take a toll. Dolly was away from home, often for extended work tours, but she cherished time spent with her husband at their farm in Tennessee. She wasn’t afraid to say that when she was home, she ditched the heavy makeup and wigs, threw on comfy clothes, and snuggled on the couch with Carl.

Knowing that makes me smile, because I love my life here at Otter Run with Jon, but let’s get real. No one can do laundry, cleaning, yard work, grocery shopping or meal prep while wearing 5-inch heels and sporting perfectly manicured 2-inch fingernails.

Dolly and I had another thing in common. Workaholics. She maintained an intense work schedule focused on projects that she still hoped to accomplish, continuing to work for as long as her health allowed. I share her desire to create even as my health isn’t what it once was. There’s one more: I ain’t blonde and I ain’t dumb.

So the girl from Pigeon Forge is gone, but her incredible legacy that garnered global praise will live on forever. Her music and philanthropy were world-class. It’s fitting that Imagination Library continues to honor her illiterate father by putting books into the hands of children who would

probably never have owned one.

My sister Marge, who is 18 months older than me, has a priceless view on birthdays that has become my mantra. She says we should think of aging in a different way: If you didn’t know your birth date, how old would you think you are? She says for her it’s 40. I’d say for me it’s 50. Seeing I’m almost 80, I like that perspective.

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



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please take notice that a Public Hearing will be held before the Plan Commission of the City of Shawano on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at 5:00 PM at Shawano City Hall, 127 S. Sawyer St., Shawano, WI to consider the following: Zoning Map amendments pursuant to City Code Section 10-170 to rezone as follows:

Legal description:

From Public Lands - PL to Campus Development:

281-751000340 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat Lots 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9 & 10 Blk 6 Found in V.202 P.7

From Urban Mixed Use - UMU to Campus Development:

281-751000350 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat all of Blk 7 now as re-mapped in the Assessors Plat 281-751000360 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat all of Blk 8 Ex S 10' of E177' for St (405 N. Main St.) 281-751000370 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat Lot 1 Blk 9 The N 65'

281-751000380 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat Lot 1 & Lots 2-9 & 10 Ex Prt Des V465 P379 Blk 9 281-751000460 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat E 27' of S¼ Lot 9 & S¼ Lot 10 Blk 9

281-751000780 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat Lot 1 & E½ of Lot 2 Blk 14

281-751000790 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat W1/2 Lot 2 & All of Lot 3 Blk 14 281-751000870 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat Blk 15 (311 N. Main St.)

From Single Family Residential-6 SR-6 to Campus Development:

281-751000390 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat Th Prt of Lots 1-2-3-8 & 9 Des V.465 P.379 (210 W. 2nd St.) 281-751000400 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat W1/2 of Lot 3 Blk 9 (216 W. 2nd St.)

281-751000440 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat E27' Lot 7 & W1/2 Lot 8 Blk 9 (217 W. 3rd St.)

281-751000450 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat E1/2 of S3/4 Lot 8 & W 39' of S 4 Lot 9 Blk 9 (211 W. 3 St.)

281-751000800 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat N1/2 Lots 4 & 5 Blk 14 (318 N. Franklin St.)

281-751000810 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat S1/2 Lots 4 & 5 Blk 14 (312 N. Franklin St.)

281-751000820 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat Lot 6 Blk 14 & W 9' of Lot 7 (225 W. 4th St.)

281-751000830 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat Lot 7 Blk 14 Ex W 9' (221 W. 4th St.)

281-751000840 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat Lot 8 Blk 14 (211 W. 4th St.)

281-751000850 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat W 60' of Lot 9 Blk 14 (205 W. 4th St.)

281-751000860 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat E 6' Lot 9 & All Lot 10 Blk 14 (201 W. 4th St.)

All the above time and place all interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk
City of Shawano
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING VACATION AND DISCONTINUANCE OF STREETS OR PORTIONS THEREOF

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held before the Plan Commission of the City of Shawano, Wisconsin on **Wednesday, September 30, 2026 at 5:00 PM** at Shawano City Hall located at 127 S. Sawyer Street, Shawano, WI 54166.

Legal descriptions of the portion of streets proposed to be vacated is as follows:

All that part of the southeast 1/4 and northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 25, Township 27 North, Range 15 East, in the City of Shawano, Shawano County, Wisconsin, bounded and described as follows:

Commencing at a point on the east line of North Washington Street, being the southwest corner of Block 15 of Sawyer and Andrews Plat of the City of Shawano, being the point of beginning of lands to be described; thence S 88°57'25" W 60.24 feet to a point on the west line of said street, being the southeast corner of Block 14 of said plat; thence N 01°04'03" W along said west line 242.27 feet to a point on the south line of West 3rd Street, being the northeast corner of said block; thence S 88°56'53" W along said south line 333.48 feet to a point on the east line of North Franklin Street, being the northwest corner of said block; thence N 01°11'05" W 60.00 feet to a point on the north line of said 3rd Street, being the southwest corner of Block 9, thence N 88°56'53" E along said north line 333.71 feet to a point on the west line of said Washington Street, being the southeast corner of said block, thence N 00°58'25" W along said west line 241.21 feet to a point on the south line of West 2nd Street, being the northeast corner of said block; thence S 89°04'37" W along said south line 200.41 feet; thence N 00°55'23" W 60.00 feet to a point on the north line of said 2nd Street; thence N 89°04'37" E along said north line 260.36 feet to a point on the east line of said Washington, being the southwest corner of Block 7; thence S 00°58'25" E along said east line 301.35 feet to a point on the north line of said 3rd Street, being the southwest corner of Block 8; thence N 88°56'01" E along said north line 62.80 feet; thence N 01°03'59" W 10.00 feet; thence N 88°56'01" E 176.13 feet to a point on the west line of North Main Street; thence S 01°18'53" E 70.00 feet to a point on the south line of said 3rd Street, being the northeast corner of said Block 15; thence S 88°56'01" W along said south line 239.09 feet to a point on the east line of said Washington, being the northwest corner of said block; thence S 01°04'03" E along said east line 242.01 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 84,413 square feet or 1.9378 acres.

A map of the described area can be viewed at City Hall, 127 S. Sawyer St., Shawano, WI.

At the above time and place, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO VACATE AND DISCONTINUE STREETS OR PORTIONS THEREOF

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Common Council of the City of Shawano, WI will act upon a proposed Resolution to vacate and discontinue a portion of streets at its regular meeting to be held on **Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at Shawano City Hall** located at 127 S. Sawyer Street, Shawano, WI 54166.

Legal descriptions of the portion of streets proposed to be vacated is as follows:

All that part of the southeast 1/4 and northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 25, Township 27 North, Range 15 East, in the City of Shawano, Shawano County, Wisconsin, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at a point on the east line of North Washington Street, being the southwest corner of Block 15 of Sawyer and Andrews Plat of the City of Shawano, being the point of beginning of lands to be described; thence S 88°57'25" W 60.24 feet to a point on the west line of said street, being the southeast corner of Block 14 of said plat; thence N 01°04'03" W along said west line 242.27 feet to a point on the south line of West 3rd Street, being the northeast corner of said block; thence S 88°56'53" W along said south line 333.48 feet to a point on the east line of North Franklin Street, being the northwest corner of said block; thence N 01°11'05" W 60.00 feet to a point on the north line of said 3rd Street, being the southwest corner of Block 9, thence N 88°56'53" E along said north line 333.71 feet to a point on the west line of said Washington Street, being the southeast corner of said block, thence N 00°58'25" W along said west line 241.21 feet to a point on the south line of West 2nd Street, being the northeast corner of said block; thence S 89°04'37" W along said north line 200.41 feet; thence N 00°55'23" W 60.00 feet to a point on the north line of said 2nd Street; thence N 89°04'37" E along said north line 260.36 feet to a point on the east line of said Washington, being the southwest corner of Block 7; thence S 00°58'25" E along said east line 301.35 feet to a point on the north line of said 3rd Street, being the southwest corner of Block 8; thence N 88°56'01" E along said north line 62.80 feet; thence N 01°03'59" W 10.00 feet; thence N 88°56'01" E 176.13 feet to a point on the west line of North Main Street; thence S 01°18'53" E 70.00 feet to a point on the south line of said 3rd Street, being the northeast corner of said Block 15; thence S 88°56'01" W along said south line 239.09 feet to a point on the east line of said Washington, being the northwest corner of said block; thence S 01°04'03" E along said east line 242.01 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 84,413 square feet or 1.9378 acres.

A map of the described area can be viewed at Shawano City Hall, 127 S. Sawyer St., Shawano, WI.

At the above time and place, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

BY THE ORDER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk/Community Relations Manager
**WNAXLP
SHA-344**

9/25/26, 10/2/26, 10/9/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF David S. Barrett DOD 6-16-2026

**Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 26 PR 68**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
 2. The decedent, with date of birth 6-29-1938 and date of death 6-16-2026 was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N6772 Black Oak Circle, Shawano, WI 54166
 3. All interested persons waived notice.
 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is December 31, 2026
 5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano Courthouse, Wisconsin, Room 202. Probate Office 311 N. Main Street, Shawano WI 54166
- Form completed by:
James E. Aschenbrener
P.O. Box 146, Shawano, WI 54166
715-524-6258 1008896
- WNAXLP
SHA-351**

9/18/26, 9/25/26, 10/2/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Walter I Conkey COUNTY

**Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 26 PR64**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 9-19-1970 and date of death 4-22-2026, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of WI with a mailing address of 1105 S. Lafayette St. Shawano, WI 54166
3. All interested persons waived notice. Amended
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is December 14, 2026
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano Courthouse, Room 202, Probate Office 311 N. Main St., Shawano, Wisconsin, 54166.

**WNAXLP
SHA-343**

9/11/26, 9/18/26, 9/25/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

NOTICE OF CLAIMS DEADLINE
IN THE MATTER OF THE
LEONARD L. AND MARY LYNN
SZPREJDA LIVING TRUST
DATED MARCH 15, 2016
Pursuant to Section 701.0508, Wis. Stats., DANIELLE L. NOOYEN, as Trustee of the LEONARD L. AND MARY LYNN SZPREJDA LIVING TRUST dated March 15, 2016, with power to pay the debts of LEONARD L. SZPREJDA, who died on August 1, 2026, hereby provides notice that the deadline for filing claims for the payment of debts of the decedent is four months after the date of the first insertion of this Notice. Claims shall be delivered to the address set forth below:
LEONARD L. AND MARY LYNN
SZPREJDA LIVING TRUST dated March 15, 2016
By: DANIELLE L. NOOYEN, Trustee
W884 Middle Dr.
Pulaski, WI 54162

**WNAXLP
SHA-335**

9/18/26, 9/25/26, 10/2/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage
Servicing
Plaintiffs
-vs-
Cole D. Galland, et al.
Defendants

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Case No: 26 CV 48

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on June 16, 2026 in the amount of \$298,923.48 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:

TIME: October 14, 2026 at 9:00 AM
TERMS: By bidding at the sheriff sale, prospective buyer is consenting to be bound by the following terms:
1.) 10% down in cash or certified funds at the time of sale; balance due within 10 days of confirmation of sale; failure to pay balance due will result in forfeit of deposit to plaintiff.
2.) Sold "as is" and subject to all legal liens and encumbrances.
3.) Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax from the proceeds of the sale.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

PLACE: First floor of the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 North Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166
DESCRIPTION: Lot One (1), Certified Survey Map No. 1746 recorded September 22, 1998, in Volume 6 of Certified Surveys on pages 265-266, as Document No. 510595, said map being part of Government Lot Two (2) in Section 12, Township 27 North, Range 15 East, Town of Wescott, Shawano County, Wisconsin.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: N6898 Balsam Row Road, Shawano, WI 54166
TAX KEY NO.: 362100001
Dated this 10th day of August, 2026.
Shawano County Sheriff

Phillip A. Norman, P.C.
Kelly M. Smith
State Bar No. 1067970
17035 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 150
Brookfield, WI 53005
(262) 314-6564

Phillip A. Norman, P.C. is the creditor's attorney and is attempting to collect a debt on its behalf. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

**WNAXLP
SHA-348**

9/18/26, 9/25/26, 10/2/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Nathan J. Morris DOD 4-14-2026

**Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 26PR65**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
 2. The decedent, with date of birth 6-4-1985 and date of death 4-14-2026 in was domiciled Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W7949 Koeller Lane, Shawano, WI 54166
 3. All interested persons waived notice.
 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is December 17, 2026
 5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166
- Form completed by:
James E. Aschenbrener
P.O. Box 146, Shawano, WI 54166
715-524-6258
Bar Number 1008896
- WNAXLP
SHA-339**

9/25/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

Publication Summons and Notice (Small Claims)
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
Case No. 2026SC000400

Plaintiff(s):
Huntington Debt Holding, LLC
1965 Sheridan Drive Suite 200
BUFFALO NY 14223
VS.
Defendant(s):
SALVADOR HERNANDEZ
1620 ESTATES LN APT 4
SHAWANO WI 54166-1342

TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE
AS DEFENDANT(S):

You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. The lawsuit will be heard in the following small claims court:
SHAWANO County Courthouse
Telephone Number of clerk of court: 715-526-9347
Courtroom/Room Number:
Address: 311 N Main Street
Address:
City: Shawano, WI 54166
on the following date and time:
Date: 10/06/2026 Time: 01:00 pm

If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court before the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county.

Electronically Signed by TYLER J. GLASER
State Bar # 1118674
9/11/2026
DLF Law Group, LLC (formerly Dobberstein Law Firm, LLC)
225 S. Executive Dr. Suite 201
Brookfield, WI. 53005
262-641-3715

**WNAXLP
SHA-350**

9/11/26, 9/18/26, 9/25/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT
COVANTAGE CREDIT UNION
Plaintiff,
VS.
SHANE S. DANEY,
JOHN/JANE DOE DANEY
Unknown spouse of Shane S. Daney,
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES STATE OF
WISCONSIN,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE Case No. 25 CV 249

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a Judgment entered on February 19, 2026, in the amount of \$109,874.78 in the above-entitled action, the Sheriff will sell the following described premises at public auction as follows:
TIME: Wednesday, October 14, 2026, 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 (10) days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the Plaintiff. If the Plaintiff is the successful bidder, the Plaintiff may give its receipt in lieu of a down payment. Property sold "as is" and subject to all legal liens and encumbrances including any property tax due. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax.

PLACE: 1st Floor of Shawano County Courthouse 311 N. Main St. Shawano, WI 54166
DESCRIPTION: That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4 SE 1/4), Section One (1) and that part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4 NE 1/4), Section Twelve (12); all in Township Twenty-six (26) North, Range Fifteen (15) East, in the Town of Belle Plaine, Shawano County, Wisconsin, bounded and described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the said Section 1; thence North 87° 45' 07" West along the Section line 814.70 feet to the intersection with the North line of Hillside Drive and the place of beginning; thence South 52° 49' 11" West along the said West line 256.26 feet to a set 1 inch iron pipe; thence following the arc of a 368.14 foot radius curve to the right a distance of 114.27 feet to a found 1 inch iron pipe, the chord of which bears South 61° 42' 43" West 113.81 feet, being the Southeast corner of Lot Two (2), Vol. 5 Certified Survey Maps, Page 311, Map No. 1477; thence North 05° 05' 16" West 195.48 feet to a found 1 inch iron pipe at the Northeast corner of the said Lot 2; thence North 86° 37' 19" West along the Northern line of the said Lot 2 a distance of 200.00 feet to a found 1 inch iron pipe at the Northwest corner of the said Lot 2; thence North 01° 03' 31" West along the Eastern line of Lot One (1), of said Certified Map No. 1477 a distance of 70.61 feet to a found 1 inch iron pipe at the intersection with the South line of County Trunk Highway "CC", being the Northeast corner of the said Lot 1; thence along the said South line following the arc of a 640.87 foot radius curve concave to the North a distance of 265.35 feet to a found 1/2 inch iron rod, the chord of which bears North 83° 35' 54" East 263.46 feet; thence North 68° 49' 11" East continuing along the said South line 413.90 feet to a found 1/2 inch iron rod; thence South 59° 47' 44" East continuing along the said South line 131.50 feet to a set 1 inch iron pipe at the intersection with the North line of Hillside Drive; thence South 52° 49' 11 sec. West along the said North line 299.57 feet to the place of beginning.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: W7310 Hillside Drive, Shawano, WI 54166
TAX KEY NO.: 010-01440-0020
DUNHAM LAW, LLC
Attorneys for Plaintiff
1930 Algoma Blvd Ste. A
Oshkosh, WI 54901
Dated this 31st day of August 2026.
Gene L
George Lenzner, Sheriff Shawano County, Wisconsin
Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (15 U.S.C. Section 1692), Dunham Law, LLC is required to state that it is attempting to collect a debt on its client's behalf and any information Dunham Law, LLC obtains 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.

**WNAXLP
SHA-332**



PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sept. 20
Deputies responded to 29 incidents, including bail jumping at the Bamboo Bar, W5884 Cedar Court, Town of Wescott; a disturbance on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; trespassing near Navarino and Birch roads in the Town of Navarino; suspicious activity on Main Street in Birnamwood; two 911

calls; four traffic stops; one reckless driving incident; three traffic hazards; two crashes.
Sept. 19
Deputies responded to 44 incidents, including threatening on South Oak Park Circle in the Town of Wescott; operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated at Culver's, 1220 E. Green Bay St., Shawano; trespassing on East Hazel Drive in the Town of Richmond; intoxication at North Star Casino

LEGAL NOTICES

9/25/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

INVITATION TO BID:
Shawano County Bid Pack 1

Shawano County is soliciting bids for the new Government Center project. This bid includes division of work 02, 03, 04, 05, 11, 14, 31, 32, 33. Bidding documents may be obtained by contacting: Brian Winter, The Samuels Group. bwinter@samuelsgroup.net 715-409-1416. Plans will also be available on ISQFT. There will be a Pre-Bid Meeting on Thursday, 09/10/26 at 1 PM at the Shawano County Government Center in Meeting Room A, located at 311 N Main St., Shawano, WI 54166. Attendance is not mandatory but strongly recommended for interested bidders.

All bids are due to Shawano County no later than September 30th, 2026, at 2:00 PM; bids will be opened at 2:10 PM.

Bids shall be placed in a sealed envelope, clearly labeled "Shawano County Government Center Bid, Bid Category # and delivered or mailed to the Shawano County Clerk's Office, 311 N Main St., Shawano, WI 54166. Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to select the bid that is most advantageous to the Owner.

WNAXLP
SHA-317

9/18/26, 9/25/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

Notice of Public Hearing
Planning, Development and Zoning
Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 7, 2026 @ 9:00 AM
Shawano County Courthouse, Rooms A & B
Members: Ken Capelle, Curt Korth, Kathy Luebke, Steven Pollock, James Radtke

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 October 7, 2026 at 9AM, to consider the following application:
CU-11-26: Terry L. Watters, request conditional use permit for the temporary occupancy of a recreational vehicle in the Residential-Rural Zoning District on approximately 17.800 total acres. Property is located and described as Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, Section 14, T27N R13E, Now Known As Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map #4870, located in the Town of Seneca. Tax Parcel: 042-14340-0001. Property Address: N6136 Mill Lane.
CU-12-26: Scott Marks, Agent for Donald G & Jeanne Reese for the purpose of conducting a Non-Metallic Mineral Extraction (Land Use) in the OAR, Open Lands, Agriculture, and Residential Zoning District and the FP, Farmland and Forest Preservation Zoning District. The OAR zoned parcel is approximately 16.8600 acres and is located and described as Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 Lying West of the Highway Except Certified Survey Map Volume 9 Page 25, Section 33 T25N R16E. Parcel Number: #034-33430-0020. The FP zoned parcel is approximately 40 acres and is located and described as the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 Except a Triangle in the Northwest Corner East 30' and South 30', Section 33, T25N R16E. Parcel Number: #034-33340-0000. Both Parcels are located in the Town of Navarino. 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 October 7, 2026. Notice is further given that printed copies of these proposals are available for public inspection in the Planning and Development office during regular business hours. 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. 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 September 9, 2026 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:
Shawano County Courthouse, Department of Human Services, Shawano County Library, Shawano Leader, WTCR Radio, Shawano County Civic website @ coshawanowi.civicweb.net

WNAXLP
SHA-346

9/11/26, 9/18/26, 9/25/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION
Case No.: 2026CV000148
Classification Code: 30301
The amount claimed is over \$10,000.

HS Financial Group, LLC
18013 Cleveland Parkway Dr Suite 170
Cleveland OH 44135

Plaintiff,

vs
WILLIAM WEAVER
500 S PROUTY ST APT 2
WITTENBERG WI 54499
Defendant.

PUBLICATION SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, To the 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 of the legal action.
Within 40 (forty) days after September 10, 2026, 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 311 N Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166 and to DLF Law Group, LLC (formerly Dobberstein Law Firm, LLC), the plaintiffs attorneys, whose address is 225 S. Executive Drive, Brookfield, Wisconsin 53005. You may have an attorney help or represent you.
If you do not provide a proper answer within 40 (forty) days, 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 1st day of September, 2026.

DLF Law Group, LLC (formerly DOBBERSTEIN LAW FIRM, LLC)

Attorneys for the plaintiff

Electronically signed by Tyler J. Glaser

Tyler J. Glaser

State Bar No. 1118674

MAILING ADDRESS:
225 S. Executive Dr.
Brookfield, WI 53005
(262) 641-3715

WNAXLP
SHA-333

Resort, W12180 County Road A, Town of Bartelme; OWI near Golfview and Meadowview roads in Cecil; a disturbance on Bluebird Road in the Town of Wittenberg; a noise disturbance at Captains Cove Resort, N9099 Big Lake Road, Town of Red Springs; four 911 calls; eight traffic stops; two reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; two welfare checks; one crash.
Sept. 18
Deputies responded to 73 incidents, including suspicious activity on State Road in Birnamwood; one 911 call; 17 traffic stops;

two reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; two welfare checks; two crashes, one involving deer.
Sept. 17
Deputies responded to 32 incidents, including criminal damage on Poplar Road in the Town of Richmond; harassment on West Sandy Drive in the Town of Washington; an animal bite on Shady Road in the Town of Maple Grove; lewd and lascivious behavior on Hemlock Road in the Town of Wittenberg; harassment on state Highway 22 in the Town of Washington; four 911 calls; six traffic stops; two reckless

driving incidents; one traffic hazard; two welfare checks; one crash.
Sept. 16
Deputies responded to 58 incidents, including a death investigation on Summer Street in Aniwa; trespassing on Anderson Avenue in the Town of Wescott; criminal damage on East Grand Avenue in Wittenberg; suspicious activity near Oak Park and Woods roads in the Town of Wescott; suspicious activity on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; a disturbance on Raspberry Road in the Town of Birnamwood; four 911 calls; 22 traffic stops; two

reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; two welfare checks; one crash.
Sept. 15
Deputies responded to 85 incidents, including a scam on Golden Sands Avenue in Cecil; trespassing on Ashley Road in the Town of Navarino; attempted theft on Green Bay Court in Shawano; operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated near state Highway 29 and County Road MMM in the Town of Richmond; six 911 calls; 31 traffic stops; four reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; four crashes.

COURT NEWS

- Madonna D. Pecore, 57, Green Bay, pleaded no contest Sept. 16 to possession of narcotic drugs. Judge Katherine Sloma withheld sentencing and placed her on two years of probation with conditions.
- Jon L. Hostetttler, 54, Appleton, pleaded no contest Sept. 16 to possession of methamphetamine. Sloma withheld sentencing and placed him on two years of probation with conditions.
- Luke Aiello, 40, Caroline, pleaded no contest Sept. 16 to misdemeanor bail jumping and two misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct. Related felony charges were dismissed but read into the record in a plea agreement. Sloma withheld sentencing and placed him on one years of probation with conditions.
- Allen M. Wier, 38, Menominee, Michigan, pleaded no contest July 16 to a sex offender registry violation. Sloma sentenced him Sept. 17 to 18 months in prison followed by 18 months of extended supervision with conditions.
- Justin T. Perez, 32, Shawano, was charged Sept. 14 with felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma set a \$2,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Oct. 14.
- Austin M. Hartmann, 31, Shawano, was charged Sept. 14 with possession of methamphetamine, two counts of felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts

of possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$5,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 22.

- Cole D. Galland, 35, Shawano, was charged Sept. 14 with felony bail jumping, three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma set a \$2,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 23.
- Cheryl C. Miller, 34, Keshena, was charged Sept. 14 with possession of narcotic drugs and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$250 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Nov. 16.
- Carl Lee Waupoose, 42, Milwaukee, was charged July 14 with possession of drug paraphernalia to produce or store methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, and a misdemeanor count of possession of an illegally obtained prescription. He failed to make his initial court appearance scheduled for Sept. 14, and Kussel authorized a \$1,000 bench warrant for his arrest.
- John B. Doecker, 65, Shawano, was charged Aug. 14 with burglary, receiving stolen property, and three counts of felony theft. Sloma set a \$5,000 signature bond Sept. 15 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Nov. 5.
- Paul J. Waubunascum, 39, Shawano, was charged Sept. 16 with two counts

of felony bail jumping, two misdemeanor counts of criminal damage to property, and misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct and bail jumping. Sloma set a \$5,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Sept. 22.

- Dana M. Gerow, 41, Tigerton, was charged Sept. 16 with possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), two counts of felony bail jumping, and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Oct. 7.
- Colin Oscar Miesbauer, 19, Shawano, was charged Sept. 18 with burglary and misdemeanor counts of theft and bail jumping. Sloma set a \$1,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Oct. 26.
- Jeffrey P. Zeise, 44, Shawano, was charged Sept. 18 with possession of methamphetamine, two counts of felony bail jumping, and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Oct. 13.
- Crystal M. Malone, 41, Bowler, was charged Sept. 18 with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense) and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma set a \$750 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 23.

OBITUARIES

ARY S. MULDER

Ary S. Mulder, 87, of Sandy, Oregon, passed away Sept. 11, 2026, in Yuma, Arizona.
Ary was born Oct. 15, 1938, in Waupun to the late John and Ada Mulder. He graduated from Waupun High School in 1956. He married Marlene

Behringer on Sept. 6, 1956, and Dixie Wesselink on Dec. 3, 2007.
Ary proudly served in the National Guard from 1955-83. He worked for the United States Department of Agriculture as a state food inspector until retirement in 1995.

Retirement brought on the adventure of full time traveling and living in an RV. Ary loved fishing for trout in the mountains, playing shuffleboard, meeting people and the Green Bay Packers. Ary and Marlene enjoyed taking their grandson, Nick,

on summer travels.
He is survived by one son, Ary (Bobbi Jo) Mulder; one stepdaughter, Becky (Randy) Brown; three grandchildren, Michael, Joseph (special friend Katie) and Nicholas (Jaritza) Mulder; five great-grandchildren, Nevaeh, Braden, Madison, Lily and Aiden.

He was preceded in death by his wives, Marlene Mulder and Dixie Wesselink; one son, Todd Mulder; one stepdaughter, Brenda Irvin; his parents; his siblings, Walter (Linda) Mulder, Julie Wiersma.
A celebration of life will be held at a future date.

KAREN K. VISOCKY

Karen K. Visocky went to the Lord on Aug. 19, 2026.
She is survived by her husband, Joseph; son, Sean (Nancy); brother, Douglas (Mary); and several nieces and nephews.
A funeral service was held Sept. 5 at Gillett Baptist Church.

NEWS CORRESPONDENTS

NEW Media is always on the lookout for talented freelance correspondents who can write stories AND take stunning photographs for the Shawano Leader.

Self-starters find a lot worth writing about as we showcase the best of what Shawano County and Menominee County has to offer. We seek correspondents with a knowledge of government workings and the ability to come up with stories from public meetings, interviews with public officials and getting information from a variety of sources, along with an interest in covering community events. The main coverage area is Shawano, Bonduel, Gresham, Pulaski and the Menominee Reservation.

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thing so we could get our ducks in a row.”

Koepke said Simpson was unable to be at the public hearing due to a missed flight, which left more than 70 residents in attendance with more questions than answers about the data center. He added both he and Reinert were impressed with Simpson and hoped to glean more details about the proposal in the future.

Reinert said the proposed data center would be smaller than what has been built in places like Port Washington but did not give specifics.

Reinert said Simpson wanted to work for the village and told him, “I want to do what’s best for Tigerton. There is a lot of stuff with these big ones that came in, and it’s different from the smaller ones we propose.”

“We don’t totally want to say no to anything,” Reinert said as he explained the need for the moratorium. “We also want to protect the village.”

Tigerton resident Domenic Dedolph said he was in favor of the moratorium, having chosen the village for his retirement but having a home in Janesville. He said he enjoys living across from the Dollar General and being able to relax in a lawn chair under his



Gillian Battino, Democratic candidate for the Wisconsin Senate 29th District, tells Tigerton village residents Sept. 15 that they should be speaking with their legislators and urging them to take action on data centers.

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spruce tree.

“I’m listening to the crickets chirping and the frogs croaking, and when the sun went down the other night, I heard an owl hooting,” Dedolph said. “It just doesn’t get any better than that, and for me, that is my liberty, and that’s why I spend so much time in Tigerton.”

If a data center comes to Tigerton, Dedolph will easily be able to go to Janesville to escape any noise and disruption the center would bring, but he noted that his neighbors might not have such

an option available to them.

“I can tell you this much. When the noise is too loud for me to sleep, I won’t be here,” Dedolph said.

Data centers that use 30 megawatts of energy to power their facilities use 60 times more energy than Tigerton residents currently utilize, according to Dedolph, and can power 24,000 homes.

“Believe me, when you produce that much power, it is loud,” he said. “You can mitigate it. It costs tens of millions of

dollars to mitigate the sound, but if we’re going to move forward with this, I want to see a moratorium put into place. I would like to see some good zoning regulations for the noise, and if the developer wants to spend the money, he can mitigate the noise.”

Shawano County Supervisor Steve Natzke pointed out that the county board established a moratorium in June so the planning, development and zoning committee can do the same thing the village is trying

to do – get more information. The county moratorium only affected towns in the county that were under county zoning and did not have their own municipal zoning. Tigerton has its own zoning regulations, which is why a village moratorium needed to be passed.

“They will also be visiting sites,” Natzke said of the county officials looking into data centers. “The moratorium can be only a year. It can’t go longer than a year. They said they would move forward slowly and try to get everything done before the moratorium is over.”

Natzke suggested the village try to piggyback off the county’s research to help move further along.

Several residents voiced concerns about municipalities that inked deals with data centers and had to sign nondisclosure agreements that prevented them from talking about the centers. Village Attorney Austin Mogard said there was a case going through the court system challenging the agreements as a violation of the Open Records Law.

“That’s a whole other barrel of monkeys of violations of open records,” Mogard said.

The village’s public hearing also including comments from people

running for political office. Rick Crosson, a Democrat seeking to unseat U.S. Rep. Tony Wied, pointed out that Wrightstown held a referendum on data centers with 94% of voters saying no to the facilities. Crosson said the referendum was only advisory, but it sent a clear message; he recommended Tigerton put the matter to voters, as well.

“Taking the words of these data center folks, they are slick, and they will tell you what they think you want to hear,” Crosson said. “I would also encourage you to get as much neutral expertise in place to help you through the decision-making process so that you are making informed decisions.”

Gillian Battino, a Wausau resident who is running for the state senate in District 29, recommended the village also seek some help from the state. She recommended that villagers talk to area representatives and senators and make sure they know how their constituents feel about data centers.

“As a community, we need to be holding our state legislators’ feet to the fire and making sure they’re protecting our local control so that we can be making decisions,” Battino said.

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Rick Crosson, Democratic candidate for U.S. Congress, tells the Tigerton Village Board and village residents Sept. 15 that the decision on data centers should rest with the voters.

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SO MANY QUESTIONS, SPECIAL TEAMS HAS ANSWERS



Green Bay's offensive line is a mixed bag of starters, injured players and backups. The quality depth of the line will have a huge impact on the entire Packers season. From left, are five-year veteran Zach Bako-Bewele, third-year veteran Jacob Monk, five-year veteran Sean Rhyhan, second-year veteran Donovan Jennings and third-year veteran Jordan Morgan.

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Roster depth will determine team success

Packers injury report grows, Bako-Bewele, Reed suffer severe injuries



Jordan Love wonders what's next for the offensive line.

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By LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

While it is encouraging that the Green Bay Packers came away with a victory in its week two matchup with the New York Jets, it is becoming more apparent the offensive line is going to be an issue moving forward.

Coming into the season, it appeared that while it wasn't the greatest

offensive line in the league, the Packers had experienced and somewhat reliable players with Jordan Morgan, Aaron Banks, Sean Rhyhan, Anthony Belton and Zach Bako-Bewele (formally Tom) on the front. Through two games though, that thought of experience and consistency couldn't be farther from the truth.

First, the Packers offensive line got dismantled in

Week 1 by a very good Vikings defense. Minnesota was able to come away with four sacks, seven tackles for a loss and 15 quarterback hits. That number was improved in the Week 2 victory over the Jets, as New York came away with three sacks, six tackles for a loss and three quarterback hits.

While Week 2 seems like an improvement, those numbers are still too

high for Jordan Love and the offense to work into sort of consistency.

While the pass game certainly suffered against Minnesota, the run game as a whole has yet to get going this season. Through two weeks, Green Bay has totaled just 99 rushing yards and no rushing touchdowns. Without a consistent run game, passing the ball is going to be just as difficult

if the Packers' can't get linebackers and safeties to cheat up and respect the run.

Through two weeks, the Packers have seen eight different offensive linemen log snaps: Jacob Monk, Sean Rhyhan, Jordan Morgan, Anthony Belton, Aaron Banks, Jager Burton, Donovan Jennings and Zach Bako-Bewele.

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EARLY RETURNS, SPECIAL TEAMS DELIVER AN OT 'W'

By LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

Rookie kicker Trey Smack was thrust into the spotlight early in his career as a 26-yard field goal attempt in overtime sailed through the uprights giving the Green Bay Packers a 20-17 win over the New York Jets on Sept. 20.

After seeing a revolving door at the kicker position over the past four years, it appears that Green Bay's willingness to spend a sixth-round pick at the position in the 2026 NFL draft is on the right path to success.

With the inconsistent play from a majority of the team through the first two weeks of the season, Smack has been one of

Green Bay's better and more reliable players, connecting on all five of his field goal attempts and three out of four of his extra point attempts.

While Smack was the player to put Green Bay over the top, it looked unlikely that Green Bay was even going to get to a chance to win the game, as according to ESPN's win probability chart, the New York Jets had an 88.7% chance to win when it had a 10-point lead with just under 11 minutes left in the game.

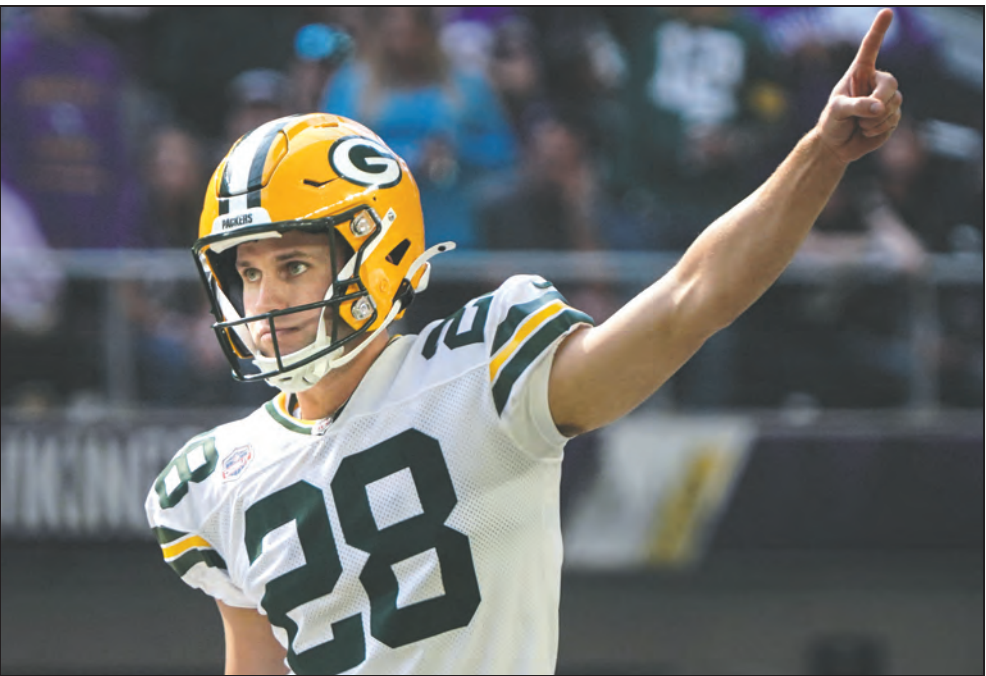
From that point, the Packers scored 10 points in the fourth quarter to send the game into overtime, before ultimately holding the Jets on the first drive of the extra period

and setting up Smack for the game-winning kick.

"It is hard to win in this league, especially on the road," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur. "For our guys to continue to battle, hopefully that'll give us some momentum moving forward, because it was tough sledding in there for about three quarters."

The Packers finished the game with 199 total yards on offense, but the play of edge rusher Lukas Van Ness and the defense did just enough to slow the Jets offense down all game to keep the score at a manageable deficit. Van Ness' career day saw the Iowa alum total 10 total tackles,

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Kicker Trey Smack delivered a 26-yard game-winning field goal in overtime to help the Packers defeat the Jets 20-17 on Sept. 20 in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

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Third-year running back MarShawnno Lloyd made his first NFL start in Week 1 against the Vikings. Leading him down the field were Sean Rhyen, front, and Anthony Belton (71). The Packers are still without Josh Jacobs, their top running back.

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including three tackles for a loss, four quarterback hits and 1.5 sacks.

“I am drained, I am exhausted, but it feels good,” said Van Ness, on his performance. “I laid it all out there for the team, and more than anything, I just had a lot of fun today.”

No play was bigger for Van Ness though than on fourth-and-one from the 50-yard line with 1:02 left in the game. The Jets attempted to keep the drive going, but the Packers edge rusher penetrated the offensive line and stuffed New York (and former Wisconsin Badger) running back Braelon Allen for no gain, ending the drive.

“We called a pressure from the right side, so I was able to tighten down. I saw the back step up (and) before I knew it, I was kind of able to just sneak through the back-field and come clean,” said Van Ness. “Obviously it was a huge turning point in the game, and obviously it was a big play.”

Quarterback Jordan

Love finished the game completing 16-of-29 passes for 145 yards and two touchdowns.

Christian Watson was on the receiving end of one of Love’s touchdown passes, as he totaled 41 yards on four receptions. It was Matthew Golden, though, who led the Packers in receiving, catching four passes for 58 yards.

Running back MarShawnno Lloyd was the other Packer who caught a Love touchdown, marking his first career touchdown.

In the run game, Kaleb Johnson led the way for the Packers, totaling 32 yards on eight carries, while Lloyd went for 20 yards on six carries. Chris Brooks added another 11 yards on four carries.

For the Jets, quarterback Geno Smith completed 27-of-41 passes for 247 yards and one touchdown.

Running back Breece Hall and wide receiver Adonai Mitchell tied for the receiving leaders, both totaling 63 yards. Garrett Wilson added another 57

yards on five receptions, including Smith’s lone touchdown.

In the run game, Hall was only able to manage 29 yards on 16 carries, while Allen totaled seven yards on five carries, including a touchdown.

While the win over the Jets in overtime gives Green Bay its first victory of the season, it may have come at a major cost.

Wide receiver Jayden Reed left the game early, as he was carted off on a spine board after a vicious hit in the first quarter. Following Reed leaving the game, right tackle Zach Bako-Bewele (formally Tom) also left the game in an inflatable cast.

“Jayden Reed – he’s got movement in all of his extremities; he will be staying overnight,” said LaFleur. “That was obviously a very scary deal anytime you see anybody down on the field and have to get carted off. An update on Zach Tom, that doesn’t look good either as far as – I think he could be out a long time.”

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That number may continue to climb, after a litany of injuries against the Jets affected Green Bay’s offensive line. Bako-Bewele and Jennings both left the game with injuries, severely thinning out the depth among the line.

“Guys are going to have to step up, and that is just the way that it is,” said coach Matt LaFleur, on the offensive line injuries. “We are going to have to do a great job coaching them up.”

Against New York, injuries and inconsistent play got so bad that LaFleur mentioned Green Bay was down to just four healthy offensive linemen.

“We were talking about having to put Tucker Kraft in at tackle when Monk was getting evaluated,” said LaFleur.

The absence of Josh Jacobs does not help the offensive line either, as the Alabama alum is one of the better running backs in the NFL and can help the offensive line set up its blocks with cuts and patience.

With players like MarShawnno Lloyd, Kaleb Johnson and Chris Brooks, that

element of the run game has not fully been developed yet, leading to the lack of success in one of the more important facets of the game.

The silver lining though is that rookie Jager Burton was one of Green Bay’s replacements among the offensive line, and while he is not ready to be a starter yet, the opportunity to play early in the season will only help his development as he works to become a future piece.

With all of the injuries among the offensive line, it is yet to see if Green Bay adds anyone to the locker room in free agency or through a trade. But one thing is certain. If the Packers cannot establish a strong and consistent run game moving forward, it is going to be very difficult for the offense to move the ball down the field this season.

In the short term, with Bako-Bewele injured, it appears that Belton will man the right tackle position, while Burton will continue to fill in at the guard spot depending on if Jennings, Banks or Monk are not able to suit up in the future.



One of the bright spots for the Packers’ defense is the tandem of third-year linebacker Edgerin Cooper (56) and nine-year veteran linebacker Zaire Franklin (44). The duo celebrate a tackle for a loss in Week 1 against the Minnesota Vikings.

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ATLANTA FALCONS AT GREEN BAY PACKERS

Time and date: 7:15 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 24
Location: Lambeau Field
TV: Prime Video
Radio: Flagship WRIT-FM, Milwaukee, 95.7. Packers Radio Network includes WRLO-FM Antigo, 105.3; WMJQ-FM, Clintonville, 92.3; WIXX-FM, Green Bay, 101.1; WLST-FM, Marinette, 95.1; and WSAU Wausau, 550 AM and 95.1 FM
2026 records: Packers 1-1, Falcons 0-2
History: The Packers have played the Falcons 36 times, including four postseason games, with Green Bay leading the

series 19-17.
The most recent game, in 2023, saw the Falcons come from 24-12 deficit at the start of the fourth quarter to win 25-24. Younghoe Koo kicked the winning field goal with less than a minute on the clock.
The last time the Falcons came to Lambeau Field was in an empty stadium.
COVID-19 restrictions forced the stadiums to be empty for most of the year. Aaron Rodgers and Green Bay’s offense rang up 30 points, and did just enough against Matt Ryan and the Atlanta offense to coast to a

two-score victory.
Coaches: Packers, Matt LaFleur, eighth season, 76-40-1. Falcons, Kevin Stefanski, first season, 0-2.
Packers Schedule
Sunday, Sept. 13, at Minnesota, L 39-22
Sunday, Sept. 20, at NY Jets, W 20-17 (OT)
Thursday, Sept. 24, vs. Atlanta, 7:15 p.m., Prime Video
Sunday, Oct. 4, at Tampa Bay, noon, FOX
Sunday, Oct. 11, vs. Chicago, 3:25 p.m., FOX
Sunday, Oct. 18, vs. Dallas,

7:20 p.m., NBC
Sunday, Oct. 25, at Detroit, 3:25 p.m., FOX
Thursday, Oct. 29, vs. Carolina, 7:15 p.m., Prime Video
Sunday, Nov. 8, at New England, 3:25 p.m., FOX
Sunday, Nov. 15, vs. Minnesota, noon, FOX
Week 11 BYE
Wednesday, Nov. 25, at LA Rams, 7 p.m., Netflix
Sunday, Dec. 6, at New Orleans, noon, FOX
Sunday, Dec. 13, vs. Buffalo, 7:20 p.m., NBC
Sunday, Dec. 20, vs. Miami, noon, FOX

Friday, Dec. 25, at Chicago, noon, Netflix
Monday, Jan. 4, vs. Houston, 7:15 p.m., ESPN
Week 18, vs. Detroit, TBD
NFL Schedule
Thursday, Sept. 24
Atlanta at Green Bay, 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 27
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, noon
New England at Jacksonville, noon
Tennessee at NY Giants, noon
Seattle at Washington, noon
NY Jets at Detroit, noon

Carolina at Cleveland, noon
Kansas City at Miami, noon
LA Chargers at Buffalo, noon
Houston at Indianapolis, noon
Arizona at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 3:05 p.m.
Las Vegas at New Orleans, 3:25 p.m.
Baltimore at Dallas (at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), 3:25 p.m.
LA Rams at Denver 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 28
Philadelphia at Chicago, 7:15 p.m.

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VICTORY IN OVERTIME



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KICKER TANDEM LIFTS SPECIAL TEAMS

Green Bay’s special teams got a boost this year with new coordinator Cam Achord, return specialist Skyy Moore and kicker Trey Smack (28). They join fourth-year punter Daniel Whelan (19). Against the Jets, Whelan had six punts with an average of 54 yards, including a long punt of 66 yards. Smack started his NFL career with a 59-yard field goal against Minnesota and kicked a 26-yarder to beat the Jets in overtime.

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VAN NESS FINALLY EMERGING

Fourth-year edge rusher Lukas Van Ness is a late bloomer, as the former first-round pick is finally breaking out. In Week 2 against the New York Jets, Van Ness recorded 10 tackles, including three tackles for a loss, 1.5 sacks and four quarterback hits. Pro Football Focus tallied six pressures and seven stops, which are tackles that constitute a failure for the offense.

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