



Green Bay Packers running back Chris Brooks makes a run with the football as he tries to run past the Minnesota Vikings in a game on the road Sept. 13. While Packers fans got to see how this game played out, it was a different story Sept. 24 when the Packers home game against the Atlanta Falcons was only available on Amazon Prime.

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# Baldwin speaks out on sports broadcast access

## For the Fans Act would ease costs for families, sports bars

By **LEE PULASKI**  
City Editor

U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin is pushing for sports fans to be allowed free access to broadcast sports events in their home state through her bill, the For the Fans Act.

Baldwin strategically held a press conference via Zoom on Sept. 24, the same day as the Green Bay Packers home opener against the Atlanta Falcons, which was being broadcast on Amazon Prime, a streaming service that requires a subscription, instead of on network television, which has been a tradition for decades.

"Today is one of those days Wisconsinites circle on their calendar," Baldwin said. "There's a crispness in the air, and tonight the Green Bay Packers play their home opener at Lambeau Field. The sound of football should fill living rooms and sports



**TAMMY BALDWIN**

bars across the state, but tonight, millions of Packers fans won't be able to simply turn on the TV and cheer on the Green and Gold, and that's because the game is streaming on Amazon Prime Video."

This year, four of the Packers games are being broadcast on streaming services, including the night before Thanksgiving, a special Wednesday night football game where Green Bay faces off against the Los Angeles Rams that will be shown on Netflix. Baldwin said requiring fans and businesses to "shell out money" to watch a sporting event that's practically in their backyard is unacceptable.

"In January, the Packers-Bears play-off game was also on Amazon Prime,"

Baldwin said. "It was the kind of game that Wisconsinites expect to crowd around the TV to watch together, but folks across Wisconsin discovered they couldn't get it through their normal TV package."

Baldwin said that sports fans shouldn't be forced to pay more money to watch events on television at a time when the economy is stretching families' budgets to the extreme. Under her bill, sports leagues would still be allowed to ink deals with streaming services to broadcast games, but they would have to provide a free option for the local market. That means, in Wisconsin, there would need to be a free option to watch the Packers, the Milwaukee Brewers and the Milwaukee Bucks.

"This could be broadcasting on TV, a streaming network, YouTube or wherever

## Shawano County takes multimillion dollar leap

### Supervisors agree to borrow \$29M toward new courthouse, jail project

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

By a vote of 22-4, Shawano County supervisors agreed Sept. 23 to borrow \$29 million for the first phase of what is expected to be a \$121 million courthouse and jail project.

Supervisors Jeremy Gretzinger, Katharine Jacob, Curt Korth and Joe Miller opposed the borrowing. Supervisor Kimberly Leffel was absent.

Five residents spoke out against the plan, and former Supervisor Jerry Erdmann spoke in favor of it. A few of them even offered alternatives to the current building plan.

"Not a single one of your constituents agrees with this kind of money being spent," said Shirley Hinze, of Shawano. "This is unaffordable. The people in our county are being stressed financially already, especially our farmers."

Paul Hammond, of Bonduel, said the decision to build should have been settled through a referendum.

"People of Shawano County don't want this," he said.

Erdmann, of Tigerton, said the county has delayed the building project for too long.

"Everybody thinks this can be saved, but at what expense?" he asked. "We need to redo this building. We need to connect the courthouse with the sheriff's department, because we cannot have prisoners walking up 3 feet from regular citizens, and they could be harmed. That would cost this county a fortune."

"It needs to be completed. Let's get it done once and for all."

The \$121 million project includes constructing and equipping a new courthouse, a secure connection to the existing jail, a vehicle sally port, jail intake and support areas and a new inmate housing unit, as well as acquiring land and related furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

Carol Wirth, president and owner of Wisconsin Public Finance Professionals LLC, said 10 bids from lenders were received, with the best offer coming from Robert W. Baird in Milwaukee at 4.75% interest.

"That is phenomenal interest in the market," she said. "What that tells everybody is

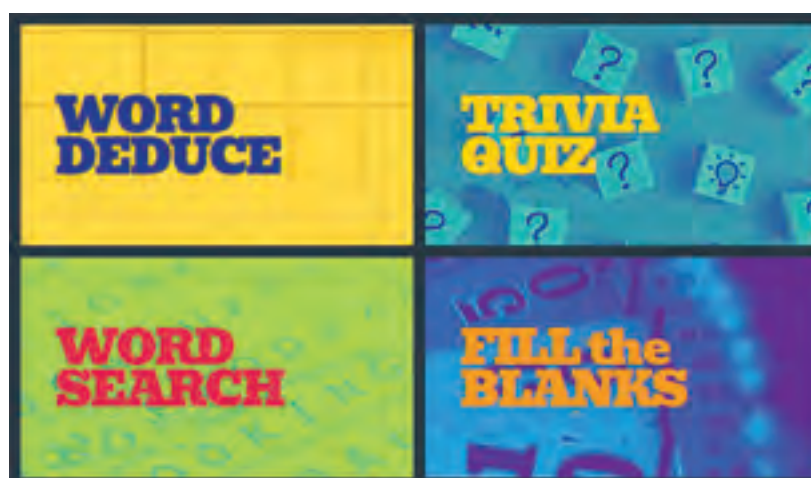
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they want,” Baldwin said. The For the Fans Act would also prevent the leagues from blacking out any games for local markets, according to Baldwin. She noted this is for those who can afford the streaming services but discover after the fact that certain of their favorite team’s games are not being broadcast like they thought. “This doesn’t just affect families at home. This

also impacts sports bars and restaurants, where so many Wisconsinites gather to watch the games together,” Baldwin said. “For establishments with multiple TV monitors, these streaming costs add up very, very quickly. Our sports unify us, whether it’s a high-five with a stranger at a bar when the Packers score or a simple smile and a nod at the grocery store who has on a Brew Crew T-shirt.

Our sports really do bring us together.” Baldwin estimated the cost for watching all of the Packers, Bucks and Brewers games on streaming services will cost each Wisconsin household an average of \$1,400 per year. “My bill, the For the Fans Act, would put a stop to this chaos,” Baldwin said. Don Mjelde, eastern district vice president of the Wisconsin Tavern League

who owns two establishments in Green Bay, said his small businesses have been seeing costs jump up, and keeping up with providing sports for his loyal customers has eaten away at his bottom line. He noted that Thursday night football games, which are exclusively on Amazon Prime, would cost business owners anywhere from \$1,100 to \$95,000 per year, based on the size of the business. “What makes this unique

is its geographic impact on our state, as well as other states in the nation,” Mjelde said. “If you want to chance it and break the rules, there’s a fine, anywhere from \$750 to \$30,000 and could escalate to \$150,000 if proven willful, and that’s per violation, per streaming service, per instance.” The current state of sports access is causing economic strain on bars, restaurants and supper clubs, and Mjelde believes

Baldwin’s bill is the way to get rid of it. “With thousands of small businesses being impacted in Wisconsin, something needs to be done,” Mjelde said. “Speaking on behalf of a lot of these businesses, I hope the For the Fans Act continues with bipartisan support to regulate costs and streaming blackouts and provide free access for everyone.”   
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very well respected in the bond market.” The 4.75% interest rate is half a percentage higher than what was projected earlier this year. The increase will cost taxpayers \$12 instead of \$11 for \$100,000 of home value. The \$29 million will be wired into a separate construction account Oct. 14. The county will also receive an additional \$409,000 in premiums to be applied toward debt service. Gretzinger pointed out that the \$121 million in principal will also include nearly \$80 million in interest over the 20 years, bringing the total cost of the project

closer to \$200 million. He made a motion to table the resolution authorizing the borrowing of the \$29 million until at least Nov. 18. He wanted a forensic audit conducted on the county’s purchase of property in 2023 related to the construction project. Supervisor Kathy Luebke said the county cannot wait any longer. “We cannot keep kicking this down the road,” she said. “It’s time to bite the bullet and do what’s right.” County Board Chairman Tom Kautza agreed. “The impact is just ludicrous how bad it would be,” he said. “They would never

bond us again. That would be the end of bonding, because we would have a bad reputation.” The motion to table was defeated 22-4, with Gretzinger, Miller, Jacob and Korth voting to table. Two other borrowing phases totaling \$92 million are expected to continue in 2027 and 2028. In a related matter, the opening of the first pack of bids for the project has been moved from Sept. 30 to Oct. 7 at the request of several contractors, according to Kurt Berner, of The Samuels Group. The bids will be opened at 2:10 p.m. in the County Board Room.



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# Gun in courthouse renews security, cost debate

Shawano County to address issue with its new building project

By KEVIN PASSON  
Editor-in-Chief

Several courthouses in the northern part of Wisconsin do not regularly screen visitors for weapons, but a firearm discovered recently in one of them is highlighting that lack of security in public buildings in rural counties, as well as a reticence by elected officials to pass the high costs of upgrades on to taxpayers.

As reported by The Badger Project, a courthouse cleaner found a gun in the Langlade County Courthouse in Antigo just after 5 a.m.

July 16, according to a criminal complaint from the Langlade County Sheriff's Department. The firearm, which had been stashed behind a toilet in the third-floor men's bathroom, sat on top of a handwritten note containing the name of a jail inmate who'd recently testified in an attempted homicide trial.

The day the gun was found, the Langlade County Sheriff's Office arrested Harout Hosepian, who faces seven charges, including carrying a firearm in a public building and carrying a concealed knife.

Hosepian was seen on camera in the courthouse on July 15 and entered the bathroom, as well as the offices of the county clerk and district attorney, according to the complaint. That day, Hosepian

carried a backpack and a cane. Authorities later discovered the cane concealed a serrated sword.

"This was also a big factor in helping with the decision to build a new courthouse," Shawano County Sheriff George Lenzner said. "It will provide safety and security for our courthouse employees and safety of the public. We are one of the few courthouses in the state that is wide open."

Shawano County is building a \$121 million courthouse and jail housing unit. Among the features will be a main entrance for all visitors to be screened and a secure entrance for inmates making court appearances.

Like Langlade County, the Shawano County Courthouse does not currently screen visitors.

Unlike in Antigo, which limits the public to one point of entry at the courthouse, members of the public in Shawano County can enter any of three doors.

"We have discussed numerous times and continue to keep this discussion open in our safety meetings," Lenzner said. "Unfortunately it does always come down to money and the current design of the outdated courthouse that we currently have."

"If we were to do this, the county would have to invest in screening equipment, extra manpower and close off two of the three entrances. The other problem we have is only one entrance is handicap accessible, so it would be the south entrance that we would have to leave open."

Marathon County – with an estimated population of 139,000, according to the U.S. Census Bureau – features the most intensive form of courthouse security in northcentral Wisconsin, including metal detectors and an X-ray machine. This system, installed in 2017, cost more than \$300,000, along with additional employee costs to operate the station, according to the Wausau Pilot & Review.

The costs of security equipment, space, and staffing can be off-putting for local governments in rural municipalities. Residents like their taxes low, Circuit Court Judge John Rhode said during the Langlade County Public Safety Committee meeting on Sept. 10, and bolstering courthouse security would require

"horrendous amounts of money."

"If we do millions of dollars on upgrades to our security, it's going to raise taxes," Rhode said. "It's not a popular thing. But I think we have to have the courage to say, we have to properly protect and care for our people and provide the services that we need. We can't just keep wishing and hoping and being relieved that nothing bad is going to happen."

Langlade County Sheriff Mark Westen told the committee he'd proposed security upgrades to the courthouse about eight years ago, but the county board scrapped the plans over the estimated costs.

Wyatt Massey of The Badger Project contributed to this report.

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## OBITUARIES

### MARK S. SCHWERKE

Mark Steven Schwerke, 67, of Shawano, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by the people he loved most.

Mark was born April 28, 1959, in Shawano. On April 3, 1982, he married his high school sweetheart, Jane Dillenberg, at St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano. Their marriage of more than 44 years became the foundation of the life Mark treasured most—a life centered on faith, family, home and taking care of the people he loved.

Mark proudly served his country for more than two decades in the United States Army, retiring Aug. 31, 2004. An accomplished Army aviator, Mark served as a CH-47 Chinook pilot, instructor pilot, maintenance test pilot and flight examiner, including service with the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment. His career earned him numerous military honors, including the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, four Army Achievement Medals and numerous



other decorations and commendations.

Those accomplishments would have made for quite a story – if Mark had ever been willing to tell it.

He was a private and humble man who rarely spoke about his achievements and certainly never gloated about them. Mark was quiet and reserved, with the discipline and high expectations of a lifelong military man. Beneath that hard outer shell, however, was an enormous heart. Somewhere along the way, his fellow servicemen even gave the hard-nosed Army guy the nickname "Sweetness." Those who knew him best understood just how fitting the

name actually was.

After retiring from the Army, Mark began working for Boeing in 2006 in Philadelphia, where he spent 10 years as a pilot and chief pilot. Aviation was more than a career for Mark; it was a field in which he quietly excelled. He earned a master's in professional aeronautics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and accumulated a long list of professional qualifications and achievements throughout his career.

As impressive as his professional life was, however, Mark's greatest pride was never found on a uniform, résumé or medal. It was his family.

Mark was a family man through and through. He loved fishing, hunting, fixing just about anything with an engine, remodeling houses and working with his hands. He was happiest at home, working on his retirement dream home along the Wolf River, or spending time at the family's trailer up north.

There may have been some hunting happening there, but as the years went on, it became a lot

less about hunting and a lot more about sitting around with family and friends, telling stories, laughing and making memories.

Mark was also famously careful with a dollar. He might grumble that his family was draining him of every cent he had, but everyone knew better. When one of his people needed something, there wasn't much Mark wouldn't give, fix, build, remodel or do for them.

He loved his family deeply and showed that love in the way that came most naturally to him – not always with words, but through a lifetime of showing up.

His faith was equally important to him. Mark was a devoted Lutheran whose faith remained a constant throughout his life and gave him strength through both its blessings and its trials.

Mark faced more than his share of those trials. He battled esophageal cancer and beat it. Later, he was diagnosed with primary progressive aphasia, a rare form of dementia that gradually

took away his ability to communicate. With so little certainty about the disease or how much time they would have, his family treasured the additional years they were given with him. Even as words became difficult and eventually disappeared, Mark was still there, and so was his love for his family.

Perhaps that was fitting for a man who had never needed many words to begin with. Mark's actions had always said what mattered most.

He fought hard throughout his life, and he fought just as hard at the end. His family will remember the accomplished soldier and pilot, the mechanic and fixer, the fisherman and hunter, the hard-ass affectionately known as "Sweetness," the devoted husband, father and grandfather, and above all, the man who would do absolutely anything for the people he loved.

Mark is survived by his wife and high school sweetheart, Jane; his children, Benjamin (Anna) Schwerke, Brandon Schwerke and Catelyn (Adam) Schwerke;

his grandchildren, Arthur Schwerke and Max Schwerke; his mother, Betty Lemke; his brother, Michael (Sue) Schwerke; his sisters-in-law, Patty (Steve) Gonzalez and Ginny (Steven) Berndt; as well as his best friend, "Brother Tom Cotter"; and many treasured aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and Army and AMVETS friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Percy Schwerke; his sister, Jennifer Ploman; his niece, Erin Ploman; his parents-in-law, Ruth and Paul Dillenberg; and his siblings-in-law, Cathy Dillenberg and Dan Dillenberg.

A Lutheran service celebrating Mark's life and faith will be held at noon Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026, at St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano, with the Rev. David Kaiser officiating. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. at the church and continue until the time of the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to St. James Lutheran School in Mark's memory.

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### JANICE DICKSON FORD

Janice Dickson Ford, 97, formerly of Shawano and matriarch of the Albert Dickson family, died Friday, Sept. 11, 2026, at her home in Milwaukee.

The oldest of 11 children of the late Albert "Bony" and Dorothy (Morrow) Dickson, she was born in the home of her parents' farm in the community of Advance in the Town of Green Valley. The farm was homesteaded by her great-grandfather, James Campbell Dickson. She was a child of the Great Depression.



After graduation in 1947 from Shawano High School, she worked for

the Shawano County Nurse for three years. She moved to Milwaukee, was married and had four children with Wesley Ford: Jeffrey, Kathleen, Patrick and Trudy. They and their families were the center of her life.

She retired in January 1988 from AC Spark Plug Division, General Motors. She spent her retirement years enjoying family, friends and relatives, gardening, traveling, reading, piano, researching family history, as well as taking care of her home, yard

and flower gardens.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her oldest son, Jeffrey Ford; eight brothers; two sisters; several sisters- and brothers-in-law.

She is survived by her son, Patrick (Linda) Ford; daughters, Kathleen (Tim) Schilz and Trudy Ford; five grandsons, Aaron (Julie) Schilz, Jacob (Samantha) Schilz, Paul (Amy) Ford, Michael Ford, Daniel (Sveta) Ford; seven great-grandchildren, Aislin, Madeline and Samuel Ford, Arthur Ford, Emma

Schilz, and Jane and Henry Schilz.

Sher is further survived by two sisters-in-law, Mary Dickson, California, Josephine Dickson, San Juan Puerto Rico; and one brother-in-law, John W. Anderson, Havre, Montana; also, lifelong friend, Arleen O'Connor, and family friend, Richanda Kaquatosh, both of Milwaukee; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2026, (exact times pending) at

Heritage Funeral Home, 4800 S. 84th St., Greenfield. A separate, private memorial service and interment will be held at the family cemetery in Advance.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the PKD Foundation. Because of the impact of polycystic kidney disease on so many of her family members, the PKD Foundation was one of Janice's favorite charities.

Remember the good times and until we meet again ...

## Food stories for all tastes



“Wisconsin Foodie” host and James Beard Award nominee Luke Zahm spoke to a large gathering Sept. 23 at the Shawano Public Library. Zahm is passionate about quality organic food and talked to attendees about how food connects everyone regardless of any differences. He also regaled the audience with stories of upbringing and his travels around the state as host of “Wisconsin Foodie.” With support from the Friends of Shawano County Libraries, programs for all ages are held throughout the year.

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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 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.

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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.

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SHAWANO COUNTY

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

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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

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10/2/26  
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SHAWANO COUNTY

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SHA-359**

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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:

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**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

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State Bar No. 1067970  
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**WNAXLP  
SHA-348**

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Planning and Zoning Commission on Tuesday, October 20 th., 2026 at 4:00 p.m., at the Village Community Hall, at 111 E. Hofman Street, Cecil, WI, to hear the following request for zoning variance:

Z 3-26 Ken Przybylski & Sharon Peterson  
Parcel #: 111-174400400(197 Pike Street)  
Village of Cecil, Part of Lot 5 Blk D Section 17, T. 27 R. 17 E,  
Was Lot 1 V3 P168 CSM#824  
Was Lot 1 V18 P15 CSM #3898  
Was Lot 1 V18 P108 CSM#3930  
NKA Lot 1 V18 P186 CSM#3955 EX DOC

Request for zoning variance for garage replacement to exceed zoning allowance

Any interested person may address the Planning and Zoning Commission by letter or appear in person or by agent and be at the public hearing. The Planning and Zoning Commission will discuss, review and take possible action at their scheduled meeting to be held immediately after the Public Hearing is over.

Teri Westerfeld, Clerk/Treasurer  
Date Posted: October 1, 2026  
Village of Cecil

**WNAXLP  
SHA-353**

## Jacob appointed to county board's fifth district

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

Katharine Jacob was sworn in Sept. 23 as the new Shawano County supervisor representing District 5.

She will complete the unexpired term of Charles Anderson, who resigned in August due to health concerns.

“I have recently moved up to Shawano as of May,” Jacob said. “I’m personally interested in local politics.”

Jacob has a master’s degree in literature. She

previously worked in law firms with contract law and probate law.

Supervisors agreed with the appointment on a 26-0 vote.

The term runs through April 2028.

Supervisor Randy Mallmann asked again for background information and qualifications about candidates for vacancies.

“It would be nice to at least have a little more knowledge of what this person’s qualifications are. Then maybe we don’t have to ask as many questions during the meeting,” he said.

Board Chairman Tom Kautza said the only qualifications are that that the candidates live in the district they want to represent.

“I don’t have a questionnaire made up. Nobody has one,” he said.

Mallmann responded, “I just feel like everything else we vote on, it’s an



Katharine Jacob addresses the Shawano County Board on Sept. 23 just prior to her appointment as the new District 5 supervisors. Jacob, a relative newcomer to Shawano, will fill the unexpired term of Charles Anderson, who resigned due to health reasons in August.

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agenda item. We’re given information about that. We have some information on what we’re voting on. When it comes to these, we have none.”

10/2/26, 10/9/26, 10/16/26  
STATE OF WISCONSIN  
SHAWANO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT

SHAWANO COUNTY

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Colby D. Wright, Sofiya G. Cruz, John Doe Cruz and State of Wisconsin, Department of Children and Families Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
Case No. 26-CV-000019

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on July 16, 2026 in the amount of \$146,352.11 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:

**TIME:**  
November 11, 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 days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and encumbrances.

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

**DESCRIPTION:**  
Lot Nine (9), Block Two (2), according to the recorded Plat of Anderson's Plat of Wescott, in the Town of Wescott, Shawano County, Wisconsin.  
PROPERTY ADDRESS: N5614 N Franklin St Shawano, WI 54166-1128  
**DATED:**  
August 17, 2026

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

George Lenzner  
Shawano County Sheriff  
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SHA-306**

10/2/26  
STATE OF WISCONSIN  
SHAWANO COUNTY

Estate sale  
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8:30AM- 4pm.

Tons of tools including Stihl chain saws, ladders, air compressor, many hand tools and misc items. Other items include beds, dressers, clothing, kitchen / household items.

**WNAXLP  
SHA-352**

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:

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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**

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

CIRCUIT COURT  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
Walter J 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 County Courthouse, Room 202, Probate Office 311 N. Main St., Shawano, Wisconsin, 54166.

**WNAXLP  
SHA-343**

10/2/26  
STATE OF WISCONSIN  
SHAWANO COUNTY

Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice All-Stor Self Storage - Shawano N4844 Waukechon St located at N4844 Waukechon St, Shawano, WI, 54166 intends to hold a Auction of storage units in default of payment. The sale will occur as an Online Auction via www.bid13.com on 10/22/2026 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Donald Gorman; Nathan Powell. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

**WNAXLP  
SHA-356**

# Bonduel hesitant to sign humane society deal

Questions, lack of access to records concerning to village

By **LEE PULASKI**  
City Editor

The Bonduel Village Board isn't ready to sign on with the Shawano County Humane Society's proposal that would require municipalities to chip in for the care of stray cats and dogs. Trustees have questions about how the village would be billed and whether the animals are from the village itself or the surrounding towns.

The board met Sept. 23 as the committee of the whole to review the proposal, which offers two options for the village to provide financial support for the no-kill shelter.

The first option is for municipalities to pay \$2.50 for each resident within their borders, based on the most recent official numbers from the U.S. Census. For Bonduel, that would mean paying the humane society \$3,837.50 annually.

Earlier in the meeting, it was announced that the village's levy limit would go up \$12,000 for next year, but board members were trying to keep their budget at the same amount as last year.

The second option would seek \$500 for every stray dog or cat, or for every dog or cat with a litter apprehended within municipal boundaries. Municipalities would be billed on a quarterly basis under this option.

Originally, the humane society said through a letter to municipalities that any municipality that didn't ink a deal utilizing either option would not be allowed to bring stray animals to the Shawano shelter. However, Village Clerk Michelle Maroszek said that she attended one of the society's town hall sessions and learned that officials plan a different alternative.

Maroszek said the humane society would notify the village about an animal

brought in, and village officials would have 24 hours to pick up the cat or dog. After that, the humane society would charge a boarding fee of \$30 per day for the five-day holding period and then assess the \$500 per animal fee via its second option if they still have the animal.

Maroszek said so far most of the municipalities she deals with have not signed the humane society deal. The society gave a deadline of Nov. 1 with the new policies taking effect at the start of 2027.

"There's still a lot of municipalities who are not happy," Maroszek said.

She noted that a letter from the Wisconsin Towns Association has been drafted asking the humane society for more information like investment allocations, IRS forms and detailed operating budgets, among other things.

"Most townships have not agreed to anything," Maroszek said. "It's basically coming down to animals or people, and I know everybody loves their animals, but it's a no-kill facility, so they have animals there that they're spending lots of money on for vet services."

Maroszek said some of the expenses include ACL replacement for two dogs, as well as a disease in the shelter that impacted 10 dogs with veterinary expenses averaging \$1,000 per dog.

"They do some euthanasia, but only when it's necessary," Maroszek said. "I asked them, what is the protocol, and they didn't say."

The humane society also takes in animals from other counties, Maroszek said, with the reason being that Shawano doesn't kill them unless their health is beyond their ability to help.

"Yeah, but now you're asking taxpayers to pay for all these," she said.

Maroszek has been talking with Bonduel Police Chief Keith Fischer to see if there was somewhere that village officials could hold stray cats and dogs surrendered or found by village residents, or perhaps finding other shelters that take strays.

"We were told we had seven strays this year (from a Bonduel address)," Maroszek said. "When we asked where they were picked up, they had no idea. There are six municipalities that have a Bonduel address. That is a problem."

Another sticking point for Maroszek was that the humane society only had records available for the current year. She said she had requested the last three years.

That piece of information did not sit well with board member Sean Falk.

"Signing up for that, you should leave yourself open for any municipalities to check and make sure your books are kept well," Falk said.

Maroszek noted the village has a tight budget, and the humane society's demand would require something to be eliminated or scaled back.

"How do I cut something in the budget to pay for animals?" Maroszek said. "I would recommend we don't do anything until we hear more on what their final things is going to be."

The humane society has previously said it found homes for 1,109 animals last year, a mix of stray and surrendered animals. However, during the same year, the humane society only received \$17,335.41 through the state's statutory apportionment for dog license fees. The rest of the costs have been funded private donors, community supporters, businesses and foundations.

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# County's plan to buy apartments fails

Library project will need to consider other avenues

By KEVIN PASSON  
Editor-in-Chief

A proposal for Shawano County to purchase a small apartment complex for a potential library construction project fell short of the required two-thirds support needed.

Supervisors voted 15-10 (with one abstention and one member absent) on Sept. 23 to purchase the two-building, 12-unit complex at 205 E. Division St. However, County Clerk Raymond Rigsby later informed the board that because the purchase was unbudgeted, a two-thirds vote of the entire board (18 of 27 members) was required.

The proposal was to buy the apartments for \$975,000 and eventually raze the buildings for an expanded public library. For at least two years, until construction of a library would begin, the residents would be allowed to continued living there. If plans for the library did not materialize, the apartment would remain and the property sold.

Shawano resident Dick Karth said his father built the apartments in 1974, and it was sold about 20 years ago.

"I'm here to talk about the concern that you're taking 12 apartment units that are affordable housing for people that don't have a lot of alternatives," he said. "Many of them are elderly, and many have moved to there to live out the last years where they can live independently."

He suggested purchasing the Wisconsin House, 216 E. Green Bay St., which is on the same block but northeast of the library.

Fellow resident Nancy Cramer said she sees the need for a new library but questioned the need for a lot of parking.

"Most of the time, the library is not that busy, and it does not require parking," she said. "I just don't think at this point you need to buy the land that that apartment

building is on."

Library director Stacy Rubenzer countered the comments that the library is not busy and does not have significant parking needs.

"We had over 97,000 patrons this last year alone. Most of those were in the library here," she said.

Rubenzer also noted the library had more than 157,000 physical checkouts, more than 6,000 computer use sessions, more than 22,000 Wi-Fi sessions, 930 room reservations and 820 programs that draw more than 9,000 attendees.

"Modern libraries are the hub of their communities," she said. "I can't go to donors and ask, 'Could you give us money for a library we don't know where we're going to build?' The investment in a library is an investment in the future of this community."

Kurt Berner, consultant with The Samuels Group, said the choice to take affordable housing from the community was not taken lightly.

He said if the county does not purchase the property, it will go back on the market, and there is interest from others in buying it.

"This opportunity leaves you," Berner said. "That is your decision today."

Supervisor Joe Miller said he was against the purchase.

"This county has a unique ability of purchasing real estate for proposed projects before those proposed projects are even approved by the county board," he said.

Miller said he wanted to see cost comparisons on building new versus renovating and expanding the current building.

Supervisor Jeremy Gretzinger said the current building is obviously still operable.

"Do we need a new building, and what are the library's needs?" he asked. "There needs to be a set plan going forward."

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## City leaf collection begins Oct. 12

By LEE PULASKI  
City Editor

It won't be long before the leaf vacuums will be roaming the streets of Shawano and collecting residents' yard waste.

According to public works director Mike Mahloch, leaf cleanup begins Oct. 12 and continues five days each week for six weeks until Nov. 20, just before the start of the gun deer hunting season. The leaf cleanup will coincide with a neighborhood's garbage collection day, he said, with two leaf vacuums running through areas.

"Sometimes we might run the leaf vacuums a little longer if necessary," Mahloch said.

He said that garden waste and grass clippings can be included in the piles of leaves, but other debris should be separated from leaves. This includes sticks, brush and pumpkins, which are collected via a separate truck on weeks opposite of recycling collection, also following the schedule of garbage collections.

Animal waste should also not be in piles of leaves. Mahloch said some Shawano residents don't separate dog feces from the leaves they've raked up, and it can impact the equipment collecting the leaves.

Rocks and garbage should also be kept out of the leaf piles, Mahloch said. Leaf piles should be kept a distance away from utility poles, mailboxes and garbage cans.

"The hose swings out from the leaf vacuum, so we do need room to operate," Mahloch said. "Sometimes, the poles will hamper us from picking things up, so please be mindful."

Another problem city staff have sometimes when collecting leaves is when people park on the street during the leaf collections and block access to the leaves. Mahloch said there are times when the vacuums have to leave those piles behind and try to come back later to do the cleanup. He noted that it's not always residents blocking the leaf piles; sometimes, it's visitors or neighbors parking on the

street and causing issues.

"We have a lot of people who, for some reason, park in front of the leaf piles," Mahloch said.

Sometimes, the leaf vacuums will get ahead on pickup and start collecting in the next day's areas, but if residents haven't moved leaves to the curb before the day of garbage collection, Mahloch said there's no reason to worry. Leaf vacuums will start picking up the full neighborhood that day, even the areas serviced the day before.

"We will start over on Tuesday's route Tuesday morning, even if we were there Monday," Mahloch said.

For those who don't want to wait for trash collection day to roll around, they can bring their leaves to the landfill, 1099 Rusch Road, Shawano, for disposal, Mahloch said. There is no fee for leaves.

There is also no fall cleanup for bulk items like there is in the spring. Anyone who wants to dispose of those large items can take them to the landfill.

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## Native art on full display at casino



Ronnie Preston, left, paints a pair of eagle feather earrings made from dentalium shells while Lisa Bernal beads a heart that will go on a brown bow during the Native American Art Showcase on Sept. 25 at the Menominee Casino Resort. Bernal said some of her beadwork can take about an hour to do, while some larger projects are done over the course of a day.

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Tyson Powless adds a little performing art by playing on his guitar while his artwork surrounds him Sept. 25 during the Native American Art Showcase at the Menominee Casino Resort.

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Linda Thunder, of Keshena, takes the opportunity during a lull in the day to work on a pair of beaded earrings Sept. 25 during the Native American Art Showcase at the Menominee Casino Resort.

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## Two area schools part of Center Stage program

The Fox Cities Performing Arts Center has announced a record-setting year as the Center Stage High School Musical Theater Program enters its 11th season.

The program, which celebrates and supports the achievements and development of theater programs, leaders and performers across Northeast Wisconsin, will feature 40 participating schools during the 2026-27 season, including Shawano Community High School and Pulaski High School.

"This promises to be a very exciting season for the Center Stage Program," said Maria Van Laanen, Fox Cities Performing Arts Center president and

CEO. "Following up on the success of our milestone 10th anniversary season, this year we welcome a record number of theater programs from across the region, which will also offer a greater number of opportunities to help students build confidence, creativity and connections through the live performing arts."

Since its launch in 2016, the Center Stage Program has served students and educators from participating schools with experiences and educational opportunities to enrich and support their theater programs and yearly productions. Select students will serve as student ambassadors or audition for the

Encore Singers, a featured ensemble that performs at center-hosted and community events throughout the year.

Additionally, the program equips students for further exploration of careers in the live performing arts; among the expected opportunities in the 2026-27 Season are dance workshops led by local professionals and pit orchestra workshops with cast and crew from visiting Broadway productions.

The season will culminate in a Tony Awards-style Showcase on May 15 at 7:30 p.m. As one of the most anticipated events of the year, the Center Stage Showcase celebrates the achievements of

participating schools with a red-carpet entrance, unforgettable performances and the nomination of two students to represent Northeast Wisconsin at the Jimmy Awards in New York City in June 2027.

Tickets for the Center Stage High School Musical Theater Showcase are \$20. Online and phone purchases include mandatory fees. Tickets can be purchased at [www.foxcitiespac.com](http://www.foxcitiespac.com), through the Fox Cities PAC mobile app, by visiting or calling the ticket office at 920-730-3760 or via Ticketmaster online. For ticket office hours, visit [foxcitiespac.com](http://foxcitiespac.com). Performance schedules, prices and performers are subject to change.

## Octoberfest, Witches' Night Out planned

By KEVIN PASSON  
Editor-in-Chief

It's a busy time for Lindsay Johnson and business owners in downtown Shawano.

Johnson, Shawano Business Improvement District coordinator, is putting the finishing touches on the Octoberfest and Witches' Night Out events, set for Oct. 3 and Oct. 9, respectively.

Businesses will celebrate Octoberfest from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"Octoberfest is traditionally a family-friendly event. The best way to describe it is that it's like a street festival," Johnson said. "We have kids' game, crafters, food trucks."

Events will include more than 50 craft vendors; children's activities courtesy of the Shawano County Library, Shawano County 4-H and Shawano Area Early Childhood Partnership; free pumpkins from Idell Johnston State Farm Insurance; the FRESH Project Farmers Market (open until 1 p.m. at Franklin Park); pumpkin succulent planters at The Stock Peddler; and T-shirt sales at the Witches' Night Out booth.

Belmark Inc. is the event sponsor. Senzig's Fine Home Furnishings will sponsor polka music.

From 10 a.m. to noon, visitors can enjoy the sounds of the Mark Jiricevic Band. Sugar Bush Lite will play from 12:30-3 p.m.

There's no reason to go away hungry or thirsty.

"We have two German food trucks coming this year," Johnson said.

Stubborn Brothers Brewery will feature a German menu inside the restaurant, along with Oktoberfest, pumpkin ale and salted caramel beers. Old Glory Candy will feature open-faced caramel apple bars.

Food trucks will include The Melt Stop, El Tequila,

Home Field Kettle Corn, Wisco Eatery, Luigi's On the Go, Busted Spud, The Bubble Bar, Guetn Appetit, Big Axe Chops and ThaiLicious.

Witches' Night Out will be held from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 9.

"Witches' Night Out is more like a ladies' shopping event," Johnson said. "Of course, warlocks are welcome, too."

Shoppers are encouraged to dress in their best witch costume.

"They really are getting more and more impressive the past couple of years," Johnson said. "And each participating business does something special, whether it's sales, drinks or something else only offered during these hours."

Attendees are invited to try out the spooky bowls, poison apple caramel smoothies or the vampire blood punch.

There will also be a photo booth at Berkshire Hathaway.

The band Spark Spark Bang will perform from 7-10 p.m. at The Naberhood. Sponsors are Wallrich Agency, Stubborn Brothers Brewery and The Daily Drip Coffeehouse.

Johnson said 35 businesses are participating — the most ever in the history of the event.

Witches' Night Out has been held since 2018, and Octoberfest began several years before then.

Johnson said she communicates with participating business owners to determine what is and is not successful at the events. She sometimes gets comments from attendees, as well.

Other Shawano Downtown events coming up this year are the Christmas Open House, all day Nov. 6-7, Small Business Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 28, the Holiday Stroll and Tree Lighting from 3-5 p.m. Nov. 28 and the Santa Parade from 6-7 p.m. Dec. 4.



Special drinks and foods are served during the 2025 Witches' Night Out in downtown Shawano. More than 35 businesses will participate this year — the most ever, according to Lindsay Johnson, Shawano Business Improvement District coordinator.

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## Renard departs school board, leaving vacancy

Tim Renard has stepped down from the Shawano School Board after moving to another location outside the Shawano School District, and the district is seeking to fill the vacancy.

The district will be accepting applications from anyone interested who is a

resident of Area III, which is the Town of Wescott and a portion of the Town of Washington that is a part of the Shawano School District, must be 18 years of age or older, and a U.S. citizen.

The appointment will be through the April 2027

spring election at which time the successor could be elected for the remainder of the term, which ends April 2029.

A declaration of interest must be filed with Lori Sherman, school board assistant, no later than 3:30 p.m. Oct. 19. Filing

forms are available from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. are at the district office, 1310 S. Union St., Shawano. The board may interview applicants. If the decision is made to interview, this will be in an open session during a school board meeting.



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# Road work takes chunk of CIP for next 2 years

Green Bay, Main streets among top projects for Shawano

By **LEE PULASKI**  
City Editor

The city of Shawano is working on getting its next list of capital improvement projects ready for approval later this year by the Shawano Common Council, with the biggest road projects being West Green Bay Street, all of North Main Street and a significant part of South Main Street.

The council got its first look at all of the proposed projects, which total almost \$4.7 million over the next two years. Public works projects are taking up two-thirds of the list, whereas parks and recreation projects usually take up a significant chunk of the CIP list.

According to Matt Hendricks, parks and recreation director, his department has made it through a lot of priorities in recent years, including the recent renovation of the Shawano Recreation Center, the creation of the Naberhood Plaza, improvements to Kuckuk Park and more. As a result, now is a time to re-examine the parks and see what should become priorities in future planning stages, so those costs are dropping for the next years.

Green Bay and Main streets are two main thoroughfares through Shawano, so both will be major projects, with Green Bay Street in 2027 and Main Street in 2028. Fortunately, a lot of the costs for the two streets will be covered through outside funding.

For example, West Green Bay Street, which will cover from Main to Bartlett streets, is expected to cost more than \$2.5 million, with design, street construction and utility construction all to be completed. However, the city only has to pay out \$72,000 for the design of the project and \$457,943 of the street reconstruction. The other 80% is paid for through grant funding.

"That is a street that we, in no way, could do on our own in one year," said Eddie Sheppard, city administrator. "That would probably be a three- or four-year project. The last thing we want to is interrupt West Green Bay Street for multiple years, going back and forth, so this is a huge gift for us."

When it comes to Main



West Green Bay Street from Main to Bartlett streets will be reconstructed in 2027 as part of the city of Shawano's two-year capital improvements plan. The total cost for the project is \$2.5 million, but thanks to outside funding, the city's allocation is only around \$500,000.

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Street a year later, which will cover from Zingler Avenue to the bridge for the channel between the Wolf River and Shawano Lake, the city anticipates only spending \$220,000 for street construction and another \$135,000 for designing, with the latter being done in 2027.

Other street reconstruction projects in 2027 will include the extension of Willow Wood Drive, which will cost an estimated \$300,000, along with repaving Madison Way and Industrial and Eberlein Park drives. Public works will also be spending \$70,000 reconstructing business district alleys next year in anticipation they will be experiencing heavy use when Main Street is under construction in 2028. Reconstructing Smalley Street is also planned for 2027.

In 2028, other street reconstructions will include Maiden Lane and Hamlin, Union and Maurer streets. Simple repaving projects will involve work on Arlington and North Franklin streets, Teddington Lane, Pickadilly Circle and Lieg Avenue.

"I'm very excited for the next two years with the amount of road reconstruction projects that we have," said Mike Mahloch, public works director.

Along with other annual maintenance work like relining culverts, crack filling services, sidewalk replacement and rail lead maintenance, public works will also replace equipment and reconstruct traffic signals at Fairview Way and Lincoln Street.

The total estimated expenses for public works projects is more than \$3.45 million.

Other CIP work for the city in the next two years includes the following:

- Parks and recreation department: Lift and chair for the pool at

the Shawano Recreation Center, master plan for a park in southeast Shawano, replacing the trail at Kuckuk Park, rehabilitating ball diamonds, improving cemetery roads and providing better connectivity at Memorial Park to be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The total estimated cost for the projects is \$367,000.

- Police department: Replacing three squad vehicles, replacing cameras and equipment, and the second phase of renovating the police department. The estimated cost for the projects is \$369,097.

- Fire department: Purchasing a new fire truck and replacing radios. The estimated cost for the projects is \$379,320.

- City hall: The second phase of renovating the facility, purchasing Badger Books for elections and a GIS project. The estimated cost for the projects is \$92,091.

- Airport: \$30,000 for capital contributions.

Sheppard noted that the amount of work wouldn't have been possible if city staff hadn't searching for additional funding through outside grants and resources.

"There's about \$7.3 million in road projects, and the city's only expensing about \$3.4 million," Sheppard said. "We've done a really good job of seeking out opportunities for funding when it's available and putting it into this. We've been able to leverage this to double, or in some cases triple, our money. That's why we've been able to keep up on this stuff."

Even with the massive amount of outside funding, Sheppard said a couple of things might need to be trimmed or pushed back, as the city is only planning to borrow \$4.6 million short-term to cover capital projects.

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# Plenty of spirit for Shawano homecoming



The Shawano Community High School Hawk mascot was roaming through the stands during Shawano's homecoming football game against Fox Valley Lutheran. Unfortunately, the Foxes outran the Hawks en route to a 49-14 win.

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The theme for this year's Shawano homecoming parade was "Out of this World." Some students created a float based on "Guardians of the Galaxy."

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ABOVE: Younger students with the Shawano School District wave and pass out candy Sept. 25 along the homecoming parade route.

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ABOVE RIGHT: The next generation of Shawano football players via the Shawano Youth Football League was well represented Sept. 25 as the younger athletes took part in the annual Shawano homecoming parade.

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RIGHT: Shawano Community High School students Jai Bisterfeldt, left, and Tristan Lane were two members of the homecoming court who took part in the parade Sept. 25.

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BELOW: The Shawano Community Middle School marching band provided a musical interlude that mixed in with the cheering and applause Sept. 25 at the Shawano homecoming parade.

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Members of the Shawano Community High School band perform at the start of the Sept. 26 homecoming football game against Fox Valley Lutheran. The band also performed a couple numbers during halftime.

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The rivalry between the two mascots — the Shawano Hawk and the Fox Valley Christian Fox — became epic on a galactic scale as the pair engaged in a light saber battle to add a little humor to the Shawano homecoming parade. This year's theme was "Out of This World."

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# Opening drives set tone in Bonduel's latest victory

Moesch, Gray combine for 6 TDs

By GREG SEUBERT

Correspondent

They might not be as flashy as Green Bay Notre Dame's Kingston Allen, but the Bonduel football team has a pair of running backs that are putting up big numbers as well.

At the same time Allen was rushing for 296 yards and six touchdowns in a 49-0 win over Oshkosh North, Carter Moesch and Malachi Gray combined for six of the Bears' eight touchdowns Sept. 25 in a 56-14 Packerland Conference win over Peshtigo at Rush Niles Memorial Field.

Not only did Bonduel improve to 6-0, the Bears also opened a three-game home stand by holding the Bulldogs to one offensive touchdown, with Peshtigo's other score coming on a kickoff return.

Peshtigo, which entered the game tied with Bonduel for first place in the Packerland with a 3-0 record, took the opening kickoff and used most of



Carter Moesch added to his touchdown total for Bonduel on Sept. 25 by rushing for four scores in a 56-14 win over Peshtigo.

GREG SEUBERT

the first quarter driving toward the Bears' end zone.

Charlie Cooper scored on a 9-yard run with just over three minutes to go in the opening quarter, but a holding penalty on Peshtigo took the six points off of the scoreboard, and the Bulldogs ended up turning the ball over on downs on the 2-yard line.

It didn't take the Bears long to take the lead, as Moesch scored on the drive's first play on a 98-yard run.

Peshtigo answered Bonduel's touchdown on its next drive, as Zac Schonfeld capped a 67-yard drive with a 7-yard run two minutes into the second quarter and a missed extra point cut the lead to 7-6.

Moesch fumbled to end

Bonduel's next drive, but the Bears added to their lead with a pair of scores in the final three minutes of the first half.

Ryan Niles scored on a 2-yard run to make it 14-6 and after a second straight 3-and-out for the Bulldogs, the Bears took over on Peshtigo's 35-yard line and Moesch scored from 10 yards out with 17 seconds remaining to give Bonduel a 21-6 halftime lead.

Bonduel then sealed the win with touchdowns on all five of its possessions in the second half.

The opening drives helped set the tone for the game, according to coach James Westrich.

"We're very fortunate that we have two really explosive backs that can break it loose at any



Malachi Gray returns a kickoff for Bonduel in the second half of the Bears' 56-14 win over Peshtigo.

GREG SEUBERT

time," he said. "They run hard and block hard for each other. That's a nice one-two punch to have. We've got Carter doing punt returns and Malachi doing kickoff returns. We try to keep them involved and good things usually happen."

That's exactly what happened on each of the Bears' first drives of the second half, as long kickoff and punt returns by Gray and Moesch, respectively, set the Bears up at the Peshtigo 20-yard line.

Moesch scored from 4 yards out with 9:04 to

go in the third quarter, and Gray added a 20-yard scoring run on the first play of the second drive to make it 35-7.

Peshtigo's final points came on the kickoff

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Shawano quarterback Tristan Lawe (10) brings his arm back as he prepares to make a throw early in the first quarter Sept. 26 in the Hawks' homecoming game against Fox Valley Lutheran. Shawano lost 49-14.

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# Panthers get back to .500 with road win over Sturgeon Bay

By GREG SEUBERT

Correspondent

Oconto Falls' football team snapped a two-game skid in Packerland Conference play Sept. 25 with a big night of offense in a 54-24 win over Sturgeon Bay.

The Panthers were the only area team besides Bonduel to pick up a win in Week 6, as Wittenberg-Birnamwood, Pulaski, Shawano, Suring, Marion/Tigerton and Lena/STAA lost their games.

**Oconto Falls 54, Sturgeon Bay 34**

The Panthers are now 3-3 overall and 2-2 in the Packerland Conference after heading to Door County and returning home with a win over the Clippers in Sturgeon Bay's homecoming game.

The Panthers scored a season-high 54 points but also gave up more than 200 yards of offense to Sturgeon Bay's Rayshaun Johnson.

Jeffrey Pytleski opened the scoring with a 37-yard touchdown run on the game's opening drive and Croix Gardebrecht scored on a 2-yard run on Oconto Falls' next drive to give the Panthers a 13-0 lead.

Sturgeon Bay answered on its next drive on Johnson's 65-yard touchdown run, but the Panthers added to their lead on their next drive on Nathaniel White's 1-yard quarterback keeper, and Oconto Falls took a 21-6 lead into the second quarter.

The teams combined for three more touchdowns before halftime.

Pytleski's interception set up Gardebrecht's 6-yard scoring run, Johnson scored on a 95-yard run for the Clippers, and Gardebrecht added a third rushing touchdown that gave the Panthers a 33-12 lead at the break.

Trygg Stuth's 77-yard touchdown pass to Johnson in the third quarter made it 33-18 before Landon Johnson added to the Panthers' lead with a pair of rushing touchdowns.

Sturgeon Bay's final score came on Johnson's 79-yard run before Gardebrecht scored his fourth rushing touchdown for Oconto Falls.

The Panthers' final points came on a sack of Jack Higgenbotham in the end zone for a safety.

**Shiocton** 21,

**Wittenberg-Birnamwood 6**

Shiocton hosted the Chargers on Sept. 25 for a nonconference matchup of teams from the Northwoods Conference and Central Wisconsin Conference-Large and improved to 6-0 by beating Wittenberg-Birnamwood for the first time in eight years.

The Chargers opened the scoring in the second quarter on Bo Davis' 8-yard pass to Braxton Olson, but it turned out to be their only points of the night.

After a scoreless opening quarter, Wittenberg-Birnamwood struck first in the second quarter.

Kaleb Voight's 1-yard

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after Gray’s touchdown, as Cody Nesberg scored on a 75-yard kickoff return and Jackson Malke connected with Carter Drong for the 2-point conversion. Bonduel wasn’t finished, however, as the Bears scored on their next three drives.

Gray scored on a 4-yard run with 2:17 remaining in the third quarter and caught a 35-yard pass from Quinn Wesenberg

early in the fourth quarter that started a running clock. Thomas Vanderzanden wrapped up the scoring with an 80-yard run. Westrich said there’s a reason why the Bulldogs came into the game undefeated in conference play after picking up shutout wins over Southern Door and Sturgeon Bay and coming from behind to top Marinette.

“We knew they were going to be physical,” he said. “Defensively, we have a few new guys, not so much on offense. We’re filling some spots. The heart of our defense is missing right now and hopefully, we’ll get a couple of guys back soon. We have some young guys. They’re doing fine. They’re a little behind, but we just have to get them up to speed.”

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run just before half-time and the successful extra point gave the Chiefs all the scoring they needed before Shiocton added a pair of touchdowns in the third quarter.

Kyle Bergsbaken added to the Chiefs’ lead with a quarterback keeper that made it 13-6, and Voight set up Shiocton’s final score by returning an interception to the Wittenberg-Birnamwood 2-yard line. Wyatt Hess scored from 2 yards out and the Chiefs converted the 2-point conversion to complete the scoring.

Phoenix Horacek led the Chargers and all rushers with 90 yards on 18 carries as the Chargers fell to 2-4 overall.

West De Pere 35, Pulaski 10

The undefeated Phantoms held Pulaski scoreless until the fourth quarter Sept. 25 in a Fox River Classic Conference-North game in De Pere.

West De Pere took a 28-0 lead into the fourth quarter after finding the end zone three times in the first half and once more in the third quarter.

Pulaski didn’t score until Mason Borseth’s 27-yard field goal on the first play of the fourth quarter.

The Phantoms answered with a touchdown pass before Pulaski wrapped up the scoring on Bohdan Schmidt’s 14-yard pass to Andre Burnett with 13 seconds remaining in the game.

West De Pere’s



Shawano’s offense lines up against Fox Valley Lutheran early in the team’s Sept. 26 homecoming game. The Hawks lost 49-14.

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defense held Pulaski’s Anthony Ficarra and Schmidt to a combined 106 rushing yards. Ficarra finished with 77 yards on 20 carries, while Schmidt added 29 yards to go along with 122 passing yards. He completed 11 of 18 passes, including eight to Trentyn Linz for 78 yards.

Fox Valley Lutheran 49, Shawano 14

The Foxes led 35-6 at halftime and went on to pick up a Bay Conference win over Shawano Sept. 26 in the Hawks’ homecoming game.

Shawano fell to 1-5 overall and 0-4 in conference play.

Valley Christian 28, Suring 22

Valley Christian handed Suring its first loss of the season Sept. 25 in a nonconference matchup of 8-player teams in Suring.

Valley Christian scored a touchdown in each of the first two quarters to take a 13-0 halftime lead.

Suring answered with a pair of

touchdowns in the third quarter, but the Eagles still trailed 20-14 heading into the final period.

Each team added a touchdown and 2-point conversion in the fourth quarter.

The Eagles were originally scheduled to host Florence on Oct. 2, but that game was canceled after the Bobcats recently called off the rest of their season. Suring will now host Phillips and is scheduled to close out the regular season Oct. 9 with a nonconference matchup with Iola-Scandinavia in Scandinavia.

Laona/Wabeno 20, Lena/STAA 14

The Titans headed to Wabeno for the second time this season Sept. 25 and dropped a nonconference 8-player game to the Rebels for the second time.

Lena/STAA also opened the season against the Rebels in August and fell 12-6.

The Titans were originally scheduled to play Florence on Sept.

25 and will host Iola-Scandinavia on Oct. 2. The Titans were scheduled to host Gillett in Lena that day, but Gillett suspended its varsity program for 2026.

Port Edwards 32, Marion/Tigerton 20

The Hornets spoiled the Thundercats’ homecoming game Sept. 25 in a Central Wisconsin Conference-8 8-player contest in Marion.

Kelson Casey rushed for 152 yards and completed 12 of 18 passes for 140 yards and three touchdowns for Port Edwards. Ayden Schumer caught seven passes for 70 yards and two touchdowns and also led the Blackhawks with 20 tackles.

Oct. 2 schedule (all games start at 7 p.m.)

11-player: Oconto at Bonduel; Marinette at Oconto Falls; Green Bay Southwest at Pulaski; Colby at Wittenberg-Birnamwood; Shawano at Waupaca. 8-player: Iola-Scandinavia at Lena/STAA; Phillips at Suring; Marion/Tigerton at Tri-County.

Shawano, Pulaski soccer teams have perfect week

Thursday, Sept. 24

Pulaski 6, Manitowoc Lincoln 0

The Red Raiders cruised to a 6-0 win over the visiting Ships of Manitowoc Lincoln.

Pulaski got first half goals from Max Mondloch, Walker Wozniak and Kevin Cruz Lagunes.

The Red Raiders added three more in the second half courtesy of Wozniak’s second, Miles Mondloch and Daenen Kehoe.

Miles Mondloch also had two assists on the night.

Kyle Hansen had one save in goal for Pulaski (8-2-2, 2-2).

Shawano 3, Menasha 1

The Hawks came away with a win under the lights.

The game was very physical, and Kyler Shepherd made some great saves to hold Menasha to only 1 point. Shawano’s Grayson Swedberg scored in the first half and kicked it in for another score on a penalty kick. Kasten Kegel also scored on a penalty kick.

Tuesday, Sept. 22

Pulaski 4, Bay Port 2

The Red Raiders topped the Pirates 4-2 in Fox River Classic Conference action at Bay Port.

Pulaski jumped out to an early lead with goals in the 12th, 16th and 29th minutes. Bay Port battled back courtesy of a penalty goal by Grady Volmert and a goal from Elijah Wettstein.

The score remained 3-2 until the 65th minute when Walker Wozniak got his second goal of the game to stretch the Red Raider lead back to two. Miles Mondloch had the assist.

Blake Bazter had three saves in goal for Pulaski (7-2-2, 1-2).

Shawano 2, Medford 0

Shawano beat Medford 2-0 in a nonconference match.

Monday, Sept. 21

Columbus Catholic 14, Gresham/Bowler 0

The Dons shut out the Wildcats 14-0 in a game in Marshfield. Gresham/Bowler fell to 0-7-1 overall, while Columbus Catholic improved to 7-3.

Shawano shuts out FVL 7-0

Thursday, Sept. 25

Pulaski 4, Manitowoc Lincoln 3

Pulaski’s girls tennis team won three of the four singles matches en route to a 4-3 win over Manitowoc Lincoln.

Emory Groteluschen. Alana Stangler and Riley Hartman won their singles matches, while Linde Lemerond and Aubrie Schuessler claimed victory in their doubles match.

Singles

No. 1 - Ava Wetenkamp, Manitowoc Lincoln, def. Anna Krause, Pulaski, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 2 - Emory Groteluschen, Pulaski, def. Anna Hartlaub, Manitowoc Lincoln, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 3 - Alana Stangler, Pulaski, def. Haley Patel, Manitowoc Lincoln, 6-1, 6-0.

No. 4 - Riley Hartman, Pulaski, def. Anna Carey, Manitowoc Lincoln, 6-3, 6-2.

Doubles

No. 1 - Linde Lemerond - Aubrie Schuessler, Pulaski, def. Elighana Camacho- Julia Jagemann, Manitowoc Lincoln, 6-3, 6-0.

No. 2 - Sophia Levihn - Hannah Brown, Manitowoc Lincoln, def. Cora Hansen - Vivienne Miskulin, Pulaski, 6-3, 6-3.

No. 3 - Graceyn Konecny - Zina Dong, Manitowoc Lincoln, def. Reese Burich - Kaesyn Klarkowski, Pulaski, 5-7, 7-5, 10-6.

Tuesday, Sept. 22

Pulaski 5, Ashwaubenon 2

Pulaski’s tennis team cruised to a 5-2 win over Ashwaubenon.

The Red Raiders won three of the four singles matches and two of the three doubles contests.

At No. 3 doubles, Pulaski’s Reese Burich and Kaesyn Klarkowski, took Camella Ducat and Evelyn VanLaanen to three sets before winning 2-6, 6-3, 10-8.

Singles

No. 1 - Amrusha Prathigudupu, Ashwaubenon, def. Anna Krause, Pulaski, 6-0, 6-1.

No. 2 - Emory Groteluschen, Pulaski, def. Eden Wojtyla, Ashwaubenon, 6-0, 6-3.

No. 3 - Alana Stangler, Pulaski, def. Chloe Lemmen, Ashwaubenon, 6-1, 6-0.

No. 4 - Riley Hartman, Pulaski, def. Leah Hansgate, Ashwaubenon, 6-0, 6-2.

Doubles

No. 1 - Linde Lemerond - Aubrie Schuessler, Pulaski, def. Mariah Weiss - Caleigh Kiser, Ashwaubenon, 6-1, 6-0.

No. 2 - Aliyah Matuszewski - Kenley Mundigler, Ashwaubenon, def. Vivienne Miskulin - Cora Hansen, Pulaski, 6-3, 6-1.

No. 3 - Reese Burich - Kaesyn Klarkowski, Pulaski, def. Camella Ducat - Evelyn VanLaanen, Ashwaubenon, 2-6, 6-3, 10-8.

Shawano 4, Fox Valley Lutheran 3

Shawano (8-12) defeated Fox Valley Lutheran (6-6).

Monday, Sept. 21

Shawano 7, New London 0

Shawano (7-12) defeated New London (2-8) by a 7-0 score.



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Emery Thompson concentrates before serving for Bonduel on Sept. 22 during the Bears' Central Wisconsin Conference-East volleyball match against Amherst on the Falcons' home court. GREG SEUBERT

# Bonduel netters drop CWC-East match to Amherst

## Bears fall to 0-3 in conference

By GREG SEUBERT  
Correspondent

It was an opportunity for the Bonduel volleyball team to make a little noise in the race for a Central Wisconsin Conference-East championship.

The Amherst Falcons didn't go along with that plan, however, as they hosted the Bears on Sept. 22 and sent them home following a three-set sweep.

Amherst improved to 3-0 in CWC-East play with a 25-22, 25-17, 25-16 win, while the Bears fell to 0-3 in conference play after also dropping recent four-set matches to Shiocton and Weyauwega-Fremont.

Bonduel's best chance for a set win came in the first game, as the Bears built 14-10 and 20-17 leads. Amherst led from start to finish in the second and third sets.

Coach Abby Krull and her team have already faced two favorites to contend for a conference championship in the Falcons and Shiocton.

"We have a lot of youth, so it's taken us a little bit

to get rolling on the same page," she said. "We made some strides in the last couple of matches and tournaments that we've had, so we're getting there."

The Bears' starting lineup against the Falcons included sophomores Casey Wesenberg and Jorja Reinke and freshman Kollins Wesenberg.

"I think it's going to continue to compete when we come in the gym and do everything we can to make it tough on the other side," Krull said.

The Bears didn't have much time to dwell on the loss, as they host Wittenberg-Birnamwood two days later on Sept. 24.

"That's definitely a goal for us here, get the first (CWC-East win) and get some momentum going for ourselves," Krull said.

Several of Amherst's points, especially in the second and third games, came on Bonduel's unforced errors that included service errors and misplayed balls at the net.

"It's the little stuff," Krull said. "Get the pass up to the center hitters, everybody be ready to go so you have all your options and make them play defense. When we do that, that's when we look really good. When we have unforced errors, that's when we're going to struggle."



Paige Niquette and the Bonduel volleyball team dropped three games to Amherst on Sept. 22. GREG SEUBERT

# Oconto Falls goes 5-0 to capture West De Pere Invite championship

**Saturday, Sept. 26**  
**West De Pere Invite**

Oconto Falls volleyball continued its impressive season, going 5-0 at the West De Pere Invite and capturing the tournament championship. With the perfect tournament performance, the Panthers improved to 25-4 on the season.

Oconto Falls opened the day with three pool-play victories, defeating Sheboygan Falls 25-23, 25-20; Marinette 25-9, 25-9; and Oconto 25-21, 25-17.

The Panthers advanced to the afternoon bracket and continued their strong play with a 25-9, 25-13 victory over Winneconne, setting up a championship matchup with host West De Pere.

The championship match proved to be a battle between two teams determined to finish the day on top.

Oconto Falls took control early, winning the opening set 25-19. West De Pere responded in the second set, earning a 25-19 victory to even the match and force a deciding third set.

The Panthers came out strong in the final set, building an early lead before holding off West De Pere down the stretch to earn a 15-9 victory and claim the tournament championship.

Oconto Falls was led throughout the tournament by a balanced offensive attack and strong defensive play.

Izzy Otto finished the tournament with 101 assists, 21 digs and 13 kills. Lucy Ripley led the Panthers offensively with 54 kills, while also contributing seven block kills, 28 digs and nine aces.

Rhiana Van De Yacht added 21 kills, 31 digs and nine aces, while Brylee Gorman recorded 20 kills and six aces. Ella Jahnke added 14 kills. Brenna Belanger contributed 19 digs and nine aces, while Karington Beaman added 17 digs. Rylan Macha contributed nine aces.

**Three Lakes 2, Suring 0**

Suring was defeated 25-10 and 25-12 at the Columbus Catholic Invitational.

**McDonnell Central 2, Suring 0**

The Eagles went down 25-17 and 25-13.

**Lena 2, Goodman-Pembine 0**

The Wildcats knocked off the Patriots 25-23 and 25-14 at White Lake.

**Crivitz 2, Bonduel 0**

Crivitz squeaked by Bonduel 25-20 and 26-24.

**Valley Christian 2,**

**Bonduel 0**

The Warriors topped off the Bears 25-18, 25-12.

**Sevastopol 2, Bonduel 1**

Sevastopol won the deciding match 15-5 to earn a 2-1 win over Bonduel. The Pioneers won the first game 25-11, and the Bears won the second contest 25-17.

**Bonduel 2, Two Rivers 0**

The Bears narrowly defeated Two Rivers 26-24 in the first game but won more easily in the second game, 25-15.

**Appleton North 2, Pulaski 0**

Pulaski was defeated 25-21 and 25-12 at the Appleton East Invitational.

**D.C. Everest 2, Pulaski 1**

The Red Raiders won the first game but were defeated the next two in a loss to the Evergreens. Scores were 25-21, 25-17, 15-4.

**Kewaskum 2, Pulaski 0**

Kewaskum beat Pulaski by identical 25-19 scores.

**Thursday, Sept. 24**  
**Tigerton 3, Bowler 1**

The Tigers hosted CWC North foe Bowler in their homecoming match and defeated the Panthers 3-1 in a back-and-forth contest with set scores of 25-20, 20-25, 25-18 and 25-13.

"Everyone contributed something to the team's victory tonight," coach Holly Meverden said. "It was a well-fought match, with the players improving on multiple skills since the last match they played."

Leading the Tigers were:

Digs: Jaelyn Brady 14, Renata Nordwig 11, Myah Dent and Mya Smith 9 each, and Danika Tiller 7.

Assists: Tiller 36.

Kills: Presley Stewart-Rolfs 23, Nordwig 12, Dent 5 and Smith 4.

Block kills: Stewart-Rolfs and Nordwig 1 each.

Service points and aces: Stewart-Rolfs 15 points with 5 aces, Smith 11 points with 4 aces, Brady 11 points with 3 aces, Dent 10 points with 1 ace, and Tiller 7 points with 2 aces.

Tigerton improved to 3-3 in the CWC North and 7-4 overall.

**Marion 3, Northland Lutheran 1**

After being tied at 1-1, Marion pulled away in the last two games to beat Northland Lutheran 3-1. Game scores were 25-14, 20-25, 25-12, 25-14.

**Ashwaubenon 3, Pulaski 2**

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With the West De Pere Invite championship, Oconto Falls continues to build momentum heading into the final stretch of the regular season. Front row, from left, are Izzy Otto, Leah Bigelow, Karington Beaman, Isla Powell, Rylan Macha and Rhiana Van De Yacht. In back, from left, are Calli Bursa, Ella Jahnke, Lucy Ripley, Brylee Gorman, Elsie Trochil, Brenna Belanger, Kazlyn Graves and Melanie Frank.

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The Red Raiders had victory in their grasp, but it slipped away as the Jaguars won the final two games of five-set match 3-2.

Ashwaubenon won the first game 25-20, with Pulaski winning the next two by identical 25-22 scores. The Jaguars won the fourth game 25-17 and then the deciding fifth contest 15-3 for the match victory.

Oconto Falls 3, Denmark 0

It wasn't easy, but Oconto Falls turned back

Denmark and won 3-0. Game scores were 25-22, 31-29, 25-14.

Xavier 3, Shawano 0  
Xavier swept Shawano in three sets 25-13, 25-22, 25-15.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 3, Bonduel 0

Gresham 3, White Lake 0

Gillett 3, Crandon 1  
Manawa 3, Menominee Nation 0

Tuesday, Sept. 22  
Suring 3, Oneida Nation 0

Suring had little trouble

sweeping Oneida Nation 25-10, 25-13, 25-9.

Gresham 3, Bowler 0  
Gresham defeated Bowler 25-14 in each of the first two games and then won the match with a 25-11 win in the third game.

Marion 3, Tigerton 0  
Marion defeated Tigerton 25-18, 25-16, 25-13.

Iola-Scandinavia 3, Menominee Nation 0

Iola-Scandinavia wasted little time in defeating Menominee Nation in three straight sets 25-7, 25-15, 25-6.

Oconto Falls 3, Clintonville 0

The Panthers swept the Truckers in three straight sets 25-12, 25-8, 25-19.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 3, Manawa 0  
Wittenberg-Birnamwood topped Manawa by scores of 25-21, 25-17, 25-20.

Crivitz 3, Lena 0  
Lena wound up on the short end of a conference match, losing to Crivitz 25-14, 25-9, 25-15.

Monday, Sept. 21  
Florence 3, Lena 0

Conference championship golf meets held

Thursday, Sept. 24  
Fox River Classic Conference Championship

Pulaski golfers scored 414 and placed eighth among nine team at Wander Springs Golf Course in Greenleaf.

Scoring for the Red Raiders were Ellie Mork 87, Taylor Murphy 107, Teagan Dercks 108 and Madison Schuh 112.

Wednesday, Sept. 23  
NEC Championship

Oconto Falls recorded

a 474 and placed seventh among eight teams at Wander Springs Golf Course in Greenleaf.

Scoring for the Panthers were Riley Brokovec 96, Neala Horkman and Emilie Sanders 125 each, and Lilly Wagner 128.

Tuesday, Sept. 22  
Bay Conference Championship

Shawano golfers scored 439 and placed sixth, while Bonduel had 497 and was 10th among 10

teams at Wander Springs Golf Course in Greenleaf.

For Shawano, it was Lauren Seehafer at 102, Hailey Hawkinson at 106, Alyssa Slinger at 114 and Mya Coffey at 117.

Scoring for the Bears were Paige Wolf 107, Quinn Hartlaben 108, Morgan Graf 119 and Jennifer Calaway 163.

Monday, Sept. 21  
Notre Dame Triton Invitational

Pulaski golfers placed

14th and Shawano was 19th among 19 teams at Oneida Golf & Country Club in Green Bay.

Pulaski tallied 423, and Shawano scored 484.

Scoring for the Red Raiders were Ellie Mork 92, Taylor Murphy 99, Kaylee Weinbrenner 116 and Teagan Dercks, also 116.

Scoring for the Hawks were Hailey Hawkinson 115, Alyssa Slinger 117, Mya Coffey 119 and Lauren Seehafer 133.

Gerth leads local runners at Lourdes

Saturday, Sept. 26  
Lourdes Academy Invitational

Pulaski's girls had 273 points and finished 10th, and Bonduel had 362 and placed 14th among 19 teams in Oshkosh.

Pulaski: 4, Maggie Gerth, 18:49.7; 52, Addie Bruckert, 21:38.5; 61, Cameron Reiss, 21:50.1; 91, Ellie Murphy, 23:08.7; 101, Tenley Zimmerman, 23:49.6.

Bonduel: 20, Lillian Burrack, 20:17.2; 72, Amelia Wilcox, 22:20.8; 82, Payten Bierhals, 22:39.4; 112, Kember Frome, 24:37.8; 126, Katie O'Brien, 26:09.9.

Pulaski's boys had 378 points and finished 13th, and Bonduel had 433 and placed 17th among 23 teams.

Pulaski: 35, Grayden Gossen, 17:31.1; 60, Mitchell Pilon, 18:05.6; 89, Paxton Marshall, 18:43; 97, Jack Klarkowski, 19:01.9; 107, Ben Augustine, 19:17.9.

Bonduel: 37, Gage Anderson, 17:33.1; 92, Garrett Anderson, 18:46; 100, Griffin Richter, 19:10.1; 103, Oliver Chitwood, 19:12.2; 115, Joah Dworniczak, 19:43.1.

Thursday, Sept. 24  
Jim Bremser Memorial XC Meet

The Oconto Falls girls earned 149 points to place fourth among 13 large school teams in Mishicot.

Ellie Beschta placed 36th in 22:41.3, and Ava Holtz was 37th in 22:42.9. Alexandria Braund was right behind in 38th place in 22:52.1.

The boys collected 179 points and placed sixth among 12 large school teams.

Isaiah Holtz led the Panthers with a 21st place finish in 19:02.8. He was followed by Mason Lotto in 41st in 20:01.3.

Among small schools, the Panthers were 14th among 37 schools with 461 points.

Sage Mendolla was 52nd in 19:34.5, followed by Landon Timm in 86th in 20:15.3, Lucas Vanhulle in 134th in 21:24 and Carson Laluzerne in 142nd in 21:42.8.

Three Lakes Invitational

Suring's Natalie Siebert finished eighth in 21:36.7 in Three Lakes.

Suring's Blake DeGrave finished 46th in 21:09.7. Garrett School was 54th in 22:01.8, and Aidan Thompson placed 78th in 26:56.3.

Tuesday, Sept. 22  
Eagle Invitational

Bonduel's boys and Wittenberg-Birnamwood's girls runners claimed team titles at Menominee Nation High School.

All five Bears who collected Bonduel's 27 points placed in the top 10, including Gage Anderson who won with a time of 17:56.4.

Joining him were Garrett Anderson, fourth, 19:22.8; Griffin Richter,

sixth, 19:43.7; Joah Dworniczak, seventh, 19:54.9; and Oliver Chitwood, ninth, 20:23.8.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's boys were third with 78 points.

Scoring for them were Marty Nowinsky, eighth, 20:15; Dalton Fletcher, 10th, 20:57.4; Colten Mueller, 17th, 21:56.6; Maksym Guk, 21st, 23:13.6; and Milo Salvesen, 22nd, 23:25.

Running as individuals were Byrant Waupoose III, Menominee Nation, first, 17:39.2; teammate Eric Webster, 47th, 25:42.1.

Gresham: 9, Caleb Putnam, 19:51; 24, Blaze Ejniak, 22:40.5; 42, Mason Martin, 24:55.8; 54, Mason Pyatskowitz, 27:17.

Wolf River Lutheran: 23, Anthony Long, 22:33.3; 57, Ivan Long, 31:12.5; 58, Mark Buchholz, 31:22.4.

Marion-Tigerton: 35, Brayden Zietlow, 23:53.9; 45, Breckin Gleason, 25:02.8.

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy: 48, Cooper Malloy, 25:49.9; 52, Wyatt Kosch, 26:39.3; 53, Bronne Thoune, 26:41.6; 56, Caleb Jenkins, 30:23.5.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's girls tallied 24 points, followed by Lena/STAA in second with 54 and Bonduel in third with 61.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood: 2, Brielle Rose, 21:38.6; 3, Nora Bushman, 21:51.1; 4, Gabrielle Timm, 22:05.2; 6, Kendyll Ladwig, 22:19.6; 9, Harper Krull, 23:12.3.

Lena/STAA: 5, Aspynn Anderson, 22:12.1; 7, Alisa Finger, 22:34.8; 10, Brooklyn Viestenz, 23:20.2; 11, Adrena Rabas, 23:29.9; 21, Sydney Pirlot, 27:37.8.

Bonduel: 1, Lillian Burrack, 21:20.5; 8, Amelia Wilcox, 23:02.9; 12, Payten Bierhals, 23:37; 15, Kember Frome, 26:05.1; 25, Dahlia Harris, 28:24.3.

Competing as individuals were:

Wolf River Lutheran: 13, Violet Buchholz, 23:27.

Marion-Tigerton: 17, Brooklyn Ahlers, 24:58.8.

Menominee Nation: 22, Kaylee Nacotee, 26:35; 33, Aaliyah Waupoose, 28:25; 50, Elaine Skenadore, 36:29.3.

Gresham: 48, Aubrey Miller, 34:47.8.

Winneconne Invite

Shawano's Josiah Kuehl finished in sixth place with a time of 17:28.8 at Winneconne High School.

Also placing for the boys were Teagan Harkey, 10th, 17:44; Quinten Harkey, 14th, 17:53.6; Aloysius Frechette, 25th, 18:34; and Brayden Fish, 28th, 18:41.8.

Madilyn Powers set the pace for the girls, finishing 23rd in 22:02.9. She was followed by Mikelah Powers, 32nd, 22:26.9; McKenna Miller, 52nd, 23:56.7; and Lorelei Hancock, 54th, 24:01.

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# Sustainable living not a one-size-fits-all

## Raising Pynes provides natural products to shoppers

By **KAY REMINGER**  
Correspondent

Rachel Pyne, owner of Raising Pynes, is a homesteading mom of three, surrounding herself with chickens and garden beds.

Opening her store more than two years ago June 4, 2024, she is intent on bringing her knowledge to the Shawano area.

"I want to help others to grow confident and more self-reliant on our life's journey," Pyne said. "And it's not a one-size-fits-all."

Offered at the store are refillery items as well as homestead wares.

Refillery products are mineral- and plant-based, such as liquid and block dish soaps, liquid and powdered laundry detergents, laundry detergent sheets, compostable and natural dryer sheets, wool-dryer balls, laundry scent boosters, cleaner, all-purpose sprays and many more, all which are septic-safe, biodegradable, environmentally friendly, cleaner products.

Sold by weight, customers are encouraged to bring in clean, empty containers that are weighed before filling. They can take as little or as much refillery product as needed. The container's weight is then subtracted at the checkout. The customer pays only for the product.

If the customer does not have a container, there is no need to purchase one. A community shelf convenience is provided that offers free containers to take as needed. A variety of new containers are available for purchase. Raising Pynes welcomes donations of clean, odor-free jars that are suitable for reuse.

"My homestead wares are those things that make you feel sustainable in your own home," said Pyne. "Most of us have items in our homes that have multiple purposes that we are not even aware of that would give us cleaner and more affordable options. We're in the era of convenience."

Products that are brought into the store have to go through the "Rachel Test," Pyne said. It should align with the values behind Raising Pynes — helping people build self-reliance, make more sustainable choices and create a healthier, more intentional home.

Pyne prioritizes small businesses, Wisconsin-made products, responsible business practices and items designed to last. Body care and cleaning products are carefully selected for their straightforward ingredients and their impact on people, animals and the environment.

"I started by bringing in a little bit of everything that represents what I envision Raising Pynes becoming," said Pyne. "Eventually, I would like the store to offer products covering many parts of a self-reliant lifestyle, from natural home, health and body products, to gardening and animal husbandry supplies."

Pyne plans to offer classes and demonstrations led by local crafters and creators.

"I want to provide people in the community with a place to teach and



Owner Rachel Pyne pauses at her counter at Raising Pynes, 816 E. Green Bay St., Shawano. Refillery containers are ready to fill with natural, biodegradable household needs — dish soaps to laundry soaps and more.



Natural body care salves such as lotions, balms and womb oils are offered for sale, to aid hormone balances. The balms are made onsite by owner Rachel Pyne.

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showcase their skill while helping others understand how those skills can be

used in their own home or homesteads," said Pyne. "Learning practical and traditional skills builds confidence, helping people realize they are capable of doing and making things themselves. They do not always have to rely on purchasing a ready-made product. That knowledge creates a greater sense of self-reliance and self-sustainability."

Raising Pynes is built around three brand pillars — inspire, learn and thrive.

Loving what she does, Pyne said, "I want this to be a judgement-free space. There are no silly questions. If I know the answer, I'll share it. If I don't, I'll do my best to help find it. We can all learn from one another."

Raising Pynes welcomes community members interested in teaching, demonstrating a skill or hosting a class at the store.

To find various upcoming events, for questions on products, or to inquire about sharing your skill, like Raising Pynes LLC on Facebook. Connect by emailing raisingpynes@gmail.com or calling 715-852-7963. The store is located at 816 E. Green Bay St., Shawano.

## Memories in certain years bring smiles, tears

Certain years hold life's memories and experiences that find a place deep in our souls. Recollections may be warm and sweet. Others could be heart-wrenching.

After seven years of infertility, we were blessed with the adoption of our first son

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— just 12 days old  
— in November 1988. Two years later, at three weeks old, our second adopted son was placed in our arms in March 1991. We've thanked God over and over through the years that their birth mothers chose life. In

October 1995, I miraculously gave birth to our only biological child; a daughter.

Recalling each one of those events bring back a rush of emotion — Tender, scared, grateful, anxious, thankful, overwhelmed, sleep-deprived — all full of joy and motion. Blanketed by love.

I remember crying at one point because I couldn't get one of them to nap. It brought me up short as I had cried wanting to be a mama, and here I am a crying mama. It all came with the territory. I learned, grew and came to cut myself some slack.

The years flew by when our kids were small. We were parenting three precious little souls and tending a farm. Both, at times, were blurry.

Fast-forward to 2009. It remains in my heart as a year of ecstatic hilltops and heart-crushing valleys.

My mom passed Jan. 24 of that year. By then, both of my parents had been in the nursing home system for two years. Their minds were sharp, but their physical bodies were wearing out.

I was on my way that morning and had planned on stopping for a coffee-to-go when I received a phone call from a good friend that happened to be a nurse on staff.

She simply said without explanation: "Kay, come as soon as you can."

I'll be forever grateful to her.

The coffee forgotten, I sped to the nursing home in time to sit between my parent's beds, holding my dad's hand in one and my mom's in the other. I could tell that she was close to going home.

After praying aloud, I bent down to her ear and softly whispered, "Go ahead, Mom. Jesus is waiting."

In a tranquil peace, she quietly slipped away. I profoundly sensed the presence of heaven's angels.

Just four months later, I was again privileged to be with Dad when he drifted away from his physical bond to join Mom. Within months, my siblings and I were orphaned. We all acknowledged, because they knew Jesus as their Lord and Savior, they were more alive than we were, skipping together on streets of gold. What comfort that brings.

Later, in spring of that year our middle son won a state baseball championship. The emotional rollercoaster of moving up and winning the games one by one to make it to state was hair-raising. Working the cows around the games, we attended every single one, as was our custom.

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# Story of survival, resilience now illustrated

Lederhaus' story available at Dreier's in Shawano

By KEVIN PASSON  
Editor-in-Chief

Dreier Pharmacy Gift Shoppe and Boutique in Shawano is extra special to Tansy Lederhaus.

Her book "43 Days" is available at the local business, but the store is also the first location to carry the new illustrated version of the book that tells of her survival, strength and resilience in coming back from a traumatic car crash more than two decades ago.

"Dreier's is exactly the kind of small town, locally-owned business that makes a community feel like home," Lederhaus said. "It's a pharmacy, yes, but it's also so much more than that. Step inside, and you'll find an incredible gift shop filled with all kinds of treasures, unique finds and things you didn't know you needed until you saw them."

Shawano is a neighboring city to her hometown of Clintonville, so having

"43 Days" make its way into a locally-owned business in a community so close to home feels especially fitting, she said.

In June 2002, Lederhaus and her best friend, Sarah Severson, were involved in a car-and-semi crash near Clintonville. Severson did not survive.

Lederhaus, 17 at the time, clung to life. Her injuries required her to be taken by ThedaCare Regional Medical Center-Neenah.

At the hospital, imaging revealed she suffered two fractured femurs (thigh bones), a ruptured spleen and a grade five liver laceration – a severe, life-threatening injury involving extensive damage to the liver. Her liver bled profusely.

"It required repeat treatments to try to get it to stop bleeding," Lederhaus said. "I required more than 100 units of blood products in order to survive."

The book is based on her father's journal of the time she spent in the hospital.

"From the moment I decided to turn my story into a book, I knew I wanted to include photos as well," she said. "Once I



Tansy Lederhaus stands in front of Dreier's Pharmacy in downtown Shawano with her book "43 Days." It chronicles her time in the hospital following a life-threatening crash in 2002. The Shawano store is the first to carry an illustrated version of the book.

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finished writing, I felt like I had painted an accurate picture of my experience.

After I published and some of my friends and family read it, they

questioned why I hadn't included photos. That was all I needed to decide to finally include photos in an illustrated edition of '43 Days.'"

Writing "43 Days" turned out to be a form of therapy Lederhaus didn't know she needed.

"I had read my dad's journal and paged through my photo album hundreds of times, but reflecting on each of his entries and adding my memories and thoughts was truly therapeutic," she said.

The selection of Dreier's as a sales outlet was intentional.

"One of my dearest high school friend's moms works at Dreier's," Lederhaus said. "She actually suggested it to me a while ago, and I loved the idea of having my book in a store in a city with such close affiliations to Clintonville. I love the unique combination of a pharmacy which ties in to my medical background, while also having an incredible and expansive boutique. I thought it would be a good addition to their store."

She continues to donate blood as often as possible.

"I've personally donated just over 60 units of blood. I recently received my 7-gallon pin," she said. "I will continue to donate blood every eight weeks as long as my body lets me. My goal is to give back at least part of what I received."

She has received several messages from people who've read her book – people who knew her parents, people who remember the crash and even complete strangers.

"I love hearing that they couldn't put it down, it left an impact on them or it made them emotional," Lederhaus said. "I love hearing that they scheduled a blood donation and donated for the first time."

In addition to Dreier's, "43 Days" is available online at <https://shop43days.com>.

It's also available at the very location where the story takes place, the gift shop at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center in Neenah. The book can also be found at Down Home on Main in Clintonville, Lyons Fine Books in Neenah and online through Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

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# Sportsmen organize to vote for their values

Hunters and anglers don't mind getting up before dawn to pursue deer or walleyes. They'll sit for hours in the rain, snow or frigid temperatures for a shot at a big buck or some slab crappies.

When it comes to voting, they tend to stay home, according to Hunter Nation.

This Kansas-based activist group for sportsmen, credited with the legal action that helped get Wisconsin a wolf season in 2021, is sounding the alarm before the November elections to help right some of the perceived wrongs that have been occurring in our state and elsewhere in America.

"We're losing our rights quicker than anything," said Ken Sikora, of Oconto, speaking for Hunter Nation last month at a political rally in Manawa. "We need a voice."

According to Hunter Nation, about 300,000 hunters and anglers did not vote in the last presidential election. Sikora noted that about 20,000 sportsmen in Waupaca County alone didn't vote last time.

With a margin of victory measured at about 20,000 votes statewide, it's clear that these sportsmen's

votes can be critical on issues important to those who value hunting, fishing and gun ownership.

Rather than relying on state or federal game biologists for wildlife management, certain game animals (notably wolves) are being managed in the courts through lawsuits and judicial rulings.

While the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources currently estimates the state's wolf population at 1,200 animals, Sikora told the rally that the number is closer to 5,000. The increased wolf population in northern counties is reducing the deer herd, and hunters are selling their cabins to largely non-hunters who may be from out of state and not as likely to support sportsmen's views.

As evidence of the discrepancy in wolf numbers, HN points to the past few wolf seasons.

In the 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 seasons, it took 69, 70 and 52 days, respectively, for hunters and trappers to harvest 117, 257 and 154 wolves, respectively. A season brought about by a HN lawsuit in February 2021 saw 218 wolves harvested in just 60 hours. The



Ken Sikora, of Oconto, speaking on behalf of Hunter Nation and Wisconsin Outdoor Alliance, addresses a political rally in Manawa on Sept. 12. Sikora said thousands of sportsmen have not voted in recent elections and must join together to support their values and their outdoor activities.

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wolf population of 660 animals in 2014 had more than doubled to 1,340 animals in 2021, according to DNR estimates. Many northern residents believe the actual number is much higher.

"When a season that used to take 50-70 days is effectively over in 60 hours with similar license participation, responsible predator management requires a full re-evaluation of the population estimate and its

margin of error," according to the HN website.

The DNR had planned to hold a hunt in November 2021, but a judge ruled the DNR was violating state law by not holding a hunt immediately after gray wolves were removed from the Endangered Species list.

Chris Vaughan, Hunter Nation's Wisconsin state director, said the group is not partisan but encourages

sportsmen to vote for candidates who share their values and supports the Second Amendment and hunting.

Sportsmen are not voting in large numbers because "they just don't feel represented," he said.

HN's Wisconsin chapter was the first state chapter started in 2023 and already takes credit for stopping an anti-hunting effort to end organized coyote hunting contests earlier this year. Although outnumbered, HN made it clear that such contests were not violating any laws and convinced the Natural Resources Board to stop the push for a contest ban.

U.S. Rep. Tom Tiffany was a sponsor of HR 845, the Pet and Livestock Safety Act, that was approved in the U.S. House. The act would delist the wolf from the Endangered Species list and restore state control of wolf hunting. Although stalled in the Senate, President Donald Trump signed an executive order Sept. 4 to remove federal protection of wolves, which Interior Secretary Doug Burgum must decide on by Dec. 3.

The state DNR could work on details of a hunt, but the Wolf Advisory Committee has just three pro-hunting members of the 24-member committee, Vaughan said.

HN is trying to simplify hunting, fishing and trapping laws nationwide. He noted that a 1956 copy of the state's game laws was three pages, and one of them was a table of hunting hours. Today's booklet is 31 pages. HN recently helped removed a restriction in Pennsylvania that prohibited all hunting on Sunday.

National spokesman and rock legend Ted Nugent will be on hand from 6-8 p.m. Oct. 8 at the Epic Event Center in Green Bay during a Sportsmen's Rally. Tiffany and Hunter Nation founder and CEO Keith Mark also will appear.

The other prong of sportsmen's political voting organization is the Wisconsin Outdoor Alliance. This group's website unites hunters, anglers, boaters, trappers, shooters, archers, powersports lovers and wildlife watchers to help them learn the issues affecting their sports.

One of the alliance's tools is a podcast. Sikora discusses a confirmed wolf attack in southern Oconto County and also the spread of chronic wasting disease on one episode at <https://wisconsinoutdooralliance.com/podcast>.

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WHAT’S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, OCT. 2

**SURING:** Brat/Burger Fry, 9 a.m. until brats are gone, Suring Area Library Parking Lot, 604 Main St. Hosted by Suring Area Historical Society to support museum project. Last of the season.

**WABENO:** “Nana’s Naughty Knickers,” 7 p.m., Nancy Volk Auditorium, 4325 N. Branch St. Wabeno Area Players production. Adults \$15, students \$10.

**CAROLINE:** 38th annual Lions Colorama, 7:30-11:30 p.m., W12721 Buss Road. Food and vendors, horse trail ride. Music, \$5 admission.

SATURDAY, OCT. 3

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

**CAROLINE:** 38th annual Lions Colorama, 7 a.m. to 12:30 a.m., W12721 Buss Road. Breakfast 7-10 a.m., Food and vendors, horse-drawn wagon rides. Legion Auxiliary craft sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., trail ride 10 a.m., bean bag tournament noon

(\$20 entry fee), music 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., \$5 admission.

**SHAWANO:** Shawano Area Quilters Quilt Show, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Elizabeth Street Business Center, 605 E. Elizabeth Street. Admission \$5.

**NAVARINO:** Fall Family Fun Day with Bluey, 9 a.m. to noon, Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Family activities such as apple cider press, candle dipping, rope making, bird feeder building (Price depends on feeder), crafts, tours, photos with Bluey. Admission \$1.

**SHAWANO:** Downtown Octoberfest, Main Street, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free live music, food, craft vendors on the streets, kids games and more.

**OCONTO FALLS:** Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony, 10:30 a.m., Oconto Falls High School, 210 N. Farm Road.

**NAVARINO:** Sunset Trolley Ride, 4:30-7 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Trolley ride to view the sandhill cranes coming

in to roost. \$10 fee, limited space on trolley. Register by Sept. 30 at 715-758-6999 or navarino.org.

**WABENO:** “Nana’s Naughty Knickers,” 7 p.m., Nancy Volk Auditorium, 4325 N. Branch St. Wabeno Area Players production. Adults \$15, students \$10.

SUNDAY, OCT. 4

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

**CAROLINE:** 38th annual Lions Colorama, 7 a.m. to close, W12721 Buss Road. Food and vendors. Pancake breakfast 7-10:30 a.m., trail ride 9:30 a.m., parade 1 p.m., auction after parade.

**ABRAMS:** Farmers Market, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Town Square, 5877 Main St.

**WABENO:** “Nana’s Naughty Knickers,” 2 p.m., Nancy Volk Auditorium, 4325 N. Branch St. Wabeno Area Players production. Adults \$15, students \$10.

**SHAWANO:** Coast to Coast

Rosary Rally, 3-5 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Hosted by Sacred Heart Parish and Wisconsin Right to Life for Respect Life Month.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7

**SHAWANO:** Chamber Coffee Connection, 8-9 a.m., The Daily Drip, 215 N. Main St., Unit B.

**SHAWANO:** Shawano Municipal Utilities Customer Appreciation Event, 3-6 p.m., SMU, 122 N. Sawyer St. Live demonstrations, kids activities.

Playing at Empty Bowls



Musicians Dale Kakkak, 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.

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## COURT NEWS

• Sunday D. Dixon, 40, Madison, had her probation revoked June 19 from a 2024 conviction for possession of methamphetamine and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge Katherine Sloma sentenced her Sept. 21 to 12 months in county jail.

• Delaina M. Escalante, 44, Green Bay, pleaded no contest Sept. 21 to possession of narcotic drugs and two misdemeanor charges of possession of an illegally obtained prescription. Sloma withheld sentencing and placed her on three years of probation with conditions.

• Paula A. Richard, 47, Shawano, pleaded no contest Sept. 21 to misdemeanor charges of possession of other drugs generally and possession of drug paraphernalia. One charge was amended from a felony in a plea agreement. Sloma levied fines and court costs of \$4,046.

• Christopher W. Blum, 50, Gresham, pleaded no contest Sept. 22 to possession of methamphetamine. Sloma ordered fines and restitution of \$1,551.25.

• Scott L. Morford, 33, Oseo, pleaded no contest Sept. 23 to felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor charge of operating while revoked. Judge Gregory Jerabek levied fines and court costs of \$1,411.

• Lianne R. Soman, 36, a Crandon woman serving a sentence at Taycheedah Correctional Institution, pleaded guilty Sept. 23 to six counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor charges of operating a motor vehicle with a restricted controlled substance and operating while revoked. Sloma levied fines and court costs and sentenced her to 180 days in county jail.

• Brian W. Koch, 44, a Wausau man serving a sentence at Jackson Correctional Institution in Black River Falls, pleaded guilty Sept. 22 to forgery-uttering. Sloma withheld sentencing and placed him on an additional two years of probation with conditions.

• Samantha N. Jensen, 28, Shawano, pleaded no contest Sept. 21 to possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor charges of child neglect and bail jumping. Judge William Kussel Jr. withheld sentencing and placed her on two years of probation with conditions.

• Keenan J. Zhuckahosee, 34, had his probation revoked June 19 from a 2022 conviction for three counts of possession of narcotic drugs, seven counts of felony bail jumping, possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor charges of operating with a valid license and two counts of resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma sentenced him Sept. 25 to 204 days in county jail, time deemed served.

• Collin D. Schueler, 23, had his probation revoked March 5 from a 2023 conviction for possession with intent to distribute THC. Kussel sentenced him Sept. 23 to one year in prison followed by one year of probation, time deemed served.

• Lena M. Malone, 35, Bowler, was found guilty of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct at an Aug. 27 jury trial. Sloma withheld sentencing Sept. 25 and placed her on two years of probation with conditions.

• Cecilianne E. Dodge, 21, Shawano, was charged Sept. 21 with two counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of battery and disorderly conduct. Kussel set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 5.

• Calvin Arnold Kapitz, 26, Green Bay, was charged Aug. 20 with felony retail theft and a misdemeanor count of bail jumping. Kussel set a \$3,000 signature bond on Sept. 22 and scheduled a status conference for Nov. 23.

• Jeffrey J. Owen, 61,

Shawano, was charged Sept. 25 with battery to certain individuals involved with a court or legal system and misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and two counts of resisting or obstructing an officer. Kussel set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Dec. 1.

• David T. Smith, 44, Shawano, was charged Sept. 25 with fleeing an officer in his vehicle, operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense), possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), six counts of felony bail jumping, three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia, and a forfeiture count of operating while revoked. Kussel set a \$7,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 29.

## Donating to Dollars for Scholars



The Shawano High School class of 1968 recently presented a check for \$541.66 to the Shawano Dollars for Scholars for its endowment fund. Class representatives Doug Engel, right, and Terry Hilgenberg, second from right, said the class believed it was important to encourage future graduates to continue their educational opportunities at either technical schools or four-year colleges to best prepare themselves for their working year challenges. They also challenged other classes of SHS to join in the Dollars for Scholars program. Accepting the donation are, from left, Dollars for Scholars director Tracy Lobermier, Treasurer Becky Onesti and President Nancy Ainsworth.

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### VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

#### Absentee ballot requests for the November 3, 2026 General Election

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may request to vote an absentee ballot. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, who has resided in the ward or municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election. The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot. **Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued.**

**You must make a request for an absentee ballot in writing or online at [MyVote.wi.gov](https://MyVote.wi.gov).**

Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the primary or election or both. You may also submit a written request in the form of a letter or you may apply for an absentee ballot online at [MyVote.wi.gov](https://MyVote.wi.gov). Your written request must list your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, and your signature. You may make application to your municipal clerk for an absentee ballot in person, by mail, by fax, by email or at [MyVote.wi.gov](https://MyVote.wi.gov).

#### Voting an absentee ballot by mail

**The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is: 5:00 p.m. on October 29th, 2026.**

**Note:** Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined to home or a care facility, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

#### Voting an absentee ballot in person

You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office or other specified location during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot in person. **See list below.**

**\*\*The first day to vote by Absentee ballot in the municipal clerk's office is TUESDAY, October 20th, 2026.**

| Towns               | Municipal Clerk   | Phone Number | Address to Obtain Absentee Ballot       | Hours for In Person Absentee Voting                                          |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tn. of Almon        | Heather Matsche   | 715-571-2561 | W16650 Co. Rd. N, Birnamwood, 54414     | By Appointment                                                               |
| Tn. of Angelica     | Connie Przybylski | 920-822-8191 | N3285 Co. Rd. C, Pulaski, 54162         | By Appointment                                                               |
| Tn. of Aniwa        | Tammy Resch       | 715-432-4123 | N10485 Cherry Rd., Birnamwood, 54414    | By Appointment                                                               |
| Tn. of Bartelme     | Beth Grosskopf    | 715-853-2161 | N7525 Maple Rd., Bowler, 54416          | By Appointment                                                               |
| Tn. of Belle Plaine | Kristine Vomastic | 715-524-2690 | N3002 State Hwy 22, Clintonville, 54929 | Tues / Thurs 9:00 am – 3:00 pm; Sat 8:30 am – 11:00 am or By Appointment     |
| Tn. of Birnamwood   | Pamela Fischer    | 715-370-8884 | N9291 Riverview Road, Birnamwood, 54414 | Tues 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, Thurs 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm or By Appointment Mon - Fri |
| Tn. of Fairbanks    | Jennifer Dzioba   | 715-881-1751 | N3614 Co Rd. J, Tigerton, 54486         | By Appointment                                                               |
| Tn. of Germania     | Kim Meisner       | 715-881-0921 | W18852 Cty Rd P, Wittenberg, 54499      | By Appointment                                                               |

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| Tn. of Grant        | Sarah Knaup                       | 715-851-1414                 | W12704 Co. Rd M, Caroline, 54928                                                     | By Appointment                                                                             |
| Tn. of Green Valley | Rose Nygaard                      | 715-851-5264                 | W1734 Hwy E, Cecil WI 54111                                                          | By Appointment                                                                             |
| Tn. of Hartland     | Carrie Bohm                       | 715-851-3107                 | N4058 Highline Rd., Bonduel, 54107                                                   | By Appointment                                                                             |
| Tn. of Herman       | Chris Cerveny                     | 715-280-0824                 | W11252 Grunewald St, Gresham WI 54128                                                | By Appointment                                                                             |
| Tn. of Hutchins     | Jan Fischer                       | 715-903-0707                 | N11814 Hutchins-Aniwa Rd., Birnamwood, 54414                                         | By Appointment Mon – Fri                                                                   |
| Tn. of Lessor       | Alexis Olson                      | 920-606-8435                 | N2350 Two Creek Road Bonduel WI 54107                                                | By Appointment                                                                             |
| Tn. of Maple Grove  | Kathy Luebke                      | 920-822-5414                 | W1236 Main Laney Dr., Pulaski, 54162                                                 | By Appointment                                                                             |
| Tn. of Morris       | Jennifer Dzioba                   | 715-881-1751                 | N3614 Co Rd. J, Tigerton, 54486                                                      | By Appointment                                                                             |
| Tn. of Navarino     | Kim LaViolette                    | 920-525-2008                 | N281 St. Hwy. 187, Navarino, 54107                                                   | By Appointment                                                                             |
| Tn. of Pella        | Karen Habeck                      | 715-823-6259                 | W10233 Co. Rd. D, Clintonville, 54929                                                | By Appointment                                                                             |
| Tn. of Red Springs  | Gwen Olsen                        | 715-787-3356                 | W11019 W Townhall Rd., Gresham, 54128                                                | By Appointment                                                                             |
| Tn. of Richmond     | Erica Davel                       | 715-526-6527                 | N5170 Co Road MM, PO Box 240 Shawano 54166                                           | By Appointment                                                                             |
| Tn. of Seneca       | Raymond Rigsby                    | 715-851-2251                 | N5866 Rock Rd Leopold, 54948                                                         | By Appointment                                                                             |
| Tn. of Washington   | Kara Skarlupka or Cathy Phillippi | 715-851-8592<br>704-651-4943 | PO Box 219, Cecil, 54111<br>111 E Hofman St., Cecil 54111                            | By Appointment                                                                             |
| Tn. of Waukechon    | Christine Prey                    | 715-853-2344                 | W7005 St. Johns Church Rd., Clintonville, 54929                                      | By Appointment                                                                             |
| Tn. of Wescott      | Angela Vreeke                     | 715-526-9853                 | N5794 Old Keshena Rd, PO Box 526, Shawano 54166                                      | July 28-30 9:00 am - 3:00 pm<br>August 3-6 9:00 am - 3:00 pm<br>August 7 9:00 am - 5:00 pm |
| Tn. of Wittenberg   | Maria Donat<br>James Zahn         | 715-253-3222<br>715-216-4738 | W17395 County Rd. Q, Wittenberg, 54499<br>1215 4 <sup>th</sup> St, Mattoon, WI 54450 | Tues and Thurs 9:00 am to 1:00 pm or by Appointment                                        |

| Villages and Cities |                                    |                              |                                                              |                                                             |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Vil. of Aniwa       | Mary O'Neill                       | 715-218-2364                 | N11895 Summer St., Aniwa, 54408                              | By Appointment                                              |
| Vil. of Birnamwood  | Jodi Dombrowski                    | 715-449-0059                 | Matsche Community Center, 362 Railroad St, Birnamwood, 54414 | By Appointment                                              |
| Vil. of Bonduel     | Michelle Maroszek                  | 715-758-2402                 | 117 W. Green Bay St., PO Box 67, Bonduel, 54107              | Mon - Thurs 8:00 am to 4:30 pm<br>Fri - 8:00 am to 11:00 am |
| Vil. of Bowler      | Kerry Breitrick                    | 715-851-4713                 | 107 W. Main St., PO Box 68 Bowler, 54416                     | By Appointment                                              |
| Vil. of Cecil       | Teri Westerfeld                    | 715-745-4428                 | 111 E. Hoffman St., PO Box 159, Cecil, 54111                 | Mon - Thurs 8:00 am to 3:00 pm                              |
| Vil. of Eland       | Denise Larson                      | 715-881-0028                 | W19141 Maple St., Eland WI 54427                             | By Appointment                                              |
| Vil. of Gresham     | Judy Kristof                       | 715-787-3991<br>715-851-0222 | 801 Main Street, PO Box 50, Gresham, 54128                   | By Appointment                                              |
| Vil. of Mattoon     | Angie Copas                        | 715-489-3107                 | 310 Slate Ave., PO Box 225, Mattoon, 54450                   | Mon and Thurs 9:00 am - 2:00 pm                             |
| Vil. of Pulaski     | Jessica Glese                      | 920-822-5182                 | 585 E. Glenbrook Dr., PO Box 320, Pulaski, 54162             | Mon - Thurs 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Fri 9:00 am to 11:00 am      |
| Vil. of Tigerton    | Helen Selle                        | 715-535-2262                 | 221 Birch St., PO Box 147, Tigerton, 54486                   | Mon - Fri. 8:30 am - 4:00 pm                                |
| Vil. of Wittenberg  | Traci Matsche                      | 715-253-6063                 | 208 W. Vinal St., Wittenberg, 54499                          | Mon - Thurs 7:30 am - 5:00 pm                               |
| City of Marion      | Mary Rogers                        | 715-754-2124                 | 217 N. Main, PO Box 127, Marion, WI 54950                    | Mon - Thurs 8:00 am to 4:00 pm or by Appointment            |
| C. of Shawano       | Lesley Nemetz/<br>Deputy Lisa Bohr | 715-526-6138                 | 127 S. Sawyer St., Shawano, 54166                            | Mon - Thurs 8:00 am to 4:00 pm<br>Fri 8:00 - 11:00 am       |

The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place before the polls close on November 3rd, 2026. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted. No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election.

# PUBLIC RECORD

## SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

### Sept. 27

Deputies responded to 62 incidents, including an animal bite near Wilson Creek Lane and County Road Q in the Town of Morris; property damage near Friendship and Range Line roads in the Town of Belle Plaine; suspicious activity on Second Street in Mattoon; ATV crashes, near Oakcrest and Russ drives in the Town of Washington, and near Koo Yi Kun Lane in the Town of Bartelme; threatening on Sunshine Court in Bonduel; a disturbance on Cloverleaf Lake Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; a disturbance on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; suspicious activity near County Road Q and Pike Lane in the Town of Morris; three 911 calls; 19 traffic stops; five reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; one welfare check; two crashes.

### Sept. 26

Deputies responded to

46 incidents, including suspicious activity near Sunset Lane and East Street in the Town of Washington; operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated on Lake Drive in the Town of Washington; disorderly conduct on state Highway 29 in the Town of Morris; disorderly conduct on Center Street in Birnamwood; counterfeit money at Dollar General, 309 N. Genesee St., Wittenberg; a noise disturbance near Springbrook Road and Springbrook Lane in the Town of Washington; lewd and lascivious behavior at Dollar General, 410 N. State Highway 22, Cecil; suspicious activity at Pine Grove Campground, N5999 Campground Road, Town of Seneca; a noise disturbance on West Mill Street in Bonduel; three 911 calls; 15 traffic stops; four reckless driving incidents; one welfare check; one crash, involving deer.

### Sept. 25

Deputies responded to 53 incidents, including a pursuit near County Road

BE and state Highway 22 in Shawano; a disturbance on Pine Court in the Town of Wescott; property damage on Green Valley Road in the Town of Green Valley; a disturbance at Ho-Chunk Casino, N7198 U.S. Highway 45, Wittenberg; a disturbance on Maplewood Road in the Town of Birnamwood; disorderly conduct on Oak Avenue in the Town of Richmond; an assault on Silver Creek Road in the Town of Almon; two 911 calls; 19 traffic stops; five reckless driving incidents; three traffic hazards; one welfare check.

### Sept. 24

Deputies responded to 70 incidents, including suspicious activity on Spauling Street in Tigerton; four 911 calls; 24 traffic stops; four reckless driving incidents; five traffic hazards; two welfare checks; three crashes, one involving deer.

### Sept. 23

Deputies responded to 57 incidents, including criminal damage on Maple Avenue in the Town of

Richmond; threatening on Hillview Road in the Town of Hutchins; suspicious activity on Old 47 Road in the Town of Lessor; a scam on Wall-rich Road in Cecil; bail jumping at the county jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; five 911 calls; 22 traffic stops; one reckless driving incident; two traffic hazards; one welfare check; two crashes.

### Sept. 22

Deputies responded to 64 incidents, including disorderly conduct on Regina Road in the Town of Almon; suspicious activity on North Main Street in Shawano; criminal damage and disorderly conduct at Bonduel School, 400 W. Green Bay St., Bonduel; theft on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; threatening near Witt-Birn Townline Road and U.S. Highway 45 in Ho-Chunk jurisdiction; disorderly conduct on Oak Avenue in the Town of Richmond; four 911 calls; 24 traffic stops; one reckless driving incident; two traffic hazards; one welfare check; five crashes, two

involving deer.

### Sept. 21

Deputies responded to 59 incidents, including theft on Cedar Street in Tigerton; threatening on West Grand Avenue in Wittenberg; a missing person on Birch Street in Birnamwood; harassment on North Airport Road in the Town of Wescott; a disturbance on White Birch Street in the Town of Red Springs; theft at Dollar General, 309 N. Genesee St., Wittenberg; a disturbance on County Road M in the Town of Richmond; suspicious activity near Granite and Elm streets in Tigerton; a disturbance on Curt Black Road in the Town of Wescott; two 911 calls; 15 traffic stops; three reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; three welfare checks; two crashes.

## SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Sept. 27

Officers responded to 35 incidents, including theft on South Sawyer Street; a noise disturbance on South

Smalley Street; one 911 call; 22 traffic stops; one welfare check.

### Sept. 26

Officers responded to 68 incidents, including trespassing on South Washington Street; a death investigation at a redacted location; suspicious activity at Sturgeon Park, 811 S. Water St.; trespassing at a redacted location; threatening outside Family Dollar, 413 S. Main St.; a noise disturbance on West Stevens Street; one 911 call; 39 traffic stops; two reckless driving incidents; three welfare checks; one crash.

### Sept. 25

Officers responded to 37 incidents, including a burglary on East Green Bay Street; vandalism on South Franklin Street; theft on East Richmond Street; a pursuit near County Road BE and state Highway 22; suspicious activity on East Richmond Street; theft outside Tractor Supply, 1313 E. Green Bay St.; two 911 calls; 14 traffic stops; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; three welfare checks; one crash.

### Sept. 24

Officers responded to 37 incidents, including a drug offense near Presbyterian and South Main streets; threatening on South Main Street; a drug offense at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; suspicious activity on Madison Way; suspicious activity at Safe Haven, 380 Lakeland Road; operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated near North Main and East Green Bay streets; a noise disturbance on South Smalley Street; a disturbance near South Washington and Prairie streets; one 911 call; 10 traffic stops; two welfare checks.

### Sept. 23

Officers responded to 63 incidents, including property damage on South Hamlin Street; trespassing at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; suspicious activity on Alpine Drive; a disturbance on South Main Street; suspicious activity on South Hamlin Street; two 911 calls; 37 traffic stops; one reckless driving incident; two welfare checks; four crashes.

### Sept. 22

Officers responded to 40 incidents, including a disturbance on South Andrews Street; harassment at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; theft at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; property damage on South Smalley Street; a drug offense at Goodwill Industries, 300 Lakeland Road; 19 traffic stops; two reckless driving incidents; one welfare check; one crash.

### Sept. 21

Officers responded to 37 incidents, including a disturbance on West Pine Street; a scam at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; a disturbance on South Lincoln Street; one 911 call; 22 traffic stops.

## NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING SHAWANO COUNTY, WISCONSIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing on the proposed Shawano County Budget for 2027, as prepared by the County Board Executive Committee, will be held in the County Board Room, Courthouse, City of Shawano, Shawano County, Wisconsin on the 21st day of October, 2026 at 3:15 p.m. The board room is handicapped accessible. Any resident or taxpayer of Shawano County may appear at said meeting and have the opportunity to provide written and oral comments or questions regarding the proposed budget.

Copies of the entire proposed 2027 budget for Shawano County will be available for public inspection at the Shawano County Department of Administration/Finance Division offices located in the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Room 101, Shawano, Wisconsin. A summary of the proposed budget is presented below:

|                               | 2025<br>Actual | 2026<br>Amended | 2027<br>Proposed | %<br>Change |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|
| REVENUES                      |                |                 |                  |             |
| <i>General Funds</i>          |                |                 |                  |             |
| Taxes                         | 5,078,672      | 4,715,370       | 4,989,120        | 5.81%       |
| Special Assessments           | 11,725,175     | 10,732,944      | 11,654,052       | 8.58%       |
| Intergovernmental             | 3,864,315      | 4,596,226       | 3,842,043        | -16.41%     |
| Licenses & Permits            | 296,556        | 345,525         | 361,500          | 4.62%       |
| Fines, Forfeitures, Penalties | 431,804        | 410,000         | 411,000          | 0.24%       |
| Public Charges for Services   | 1,625,350      | 1,570,695       | 1,545,580        | -1.60%      |
| Intergovernmental Charges     | 3,096,432      | 2,740,369       | 2,462,540        | -10.14%     |
| Miscellaneous Revenue         | 1,872,222      | 2,156,889       | 1,199,030        | -44.41%     |
| Other Financing Sources       | 1,105,016      | 1,930,477       | 649,945          | -66.33%     |
| TOTAL                         | 29,095,541     | 29,198,494      | 27,114,809       | -7.14%      |
| <i>Special Revenue Funds</i>  |                |                 |                  |             |
| Public Health                 | 992,786        | 990,047         | 1,272,411        | 28.52%      |
| Human Services                | 14,314,111     | 14,401,843      | 14,244,509       | -1.09%      |
| ADRC                          | 3,121,089      | 3,114,300       | 3,354,324        | 7.71%       |
| Library                       | 971,063        | 993,843         | 1,067,886        | 7.45%       |
| County Roads & Bridges        | 6,042,988      | 6,574,104       | 7,221,787        | 9.85%       |
| Jail Assessment Fund          | 52,847         | 52,000          | 50,400           | -3.08%      |
| Wis. Develop. Fund            | 12,205         | 13,314          | 14,000           | 5.15%       |
| Crime Prevention Fund         | -              | -               | 100              | 0.00%       |
| Small Cities Housing CDBG     | 1,306          | 650             | -                | -100.00%    |
| Environmental Impact Fees     | -              | -               | -                | 0.00%       |
| American Rescue Plan Act      | 2,066,510      | 90,088          | -                | -100.00%    |
| Debt Service Fund             | 3,399,721      | 4,419,712       | 7,053,845        | 60.00%      |
| Capital Projects Fund         | 1,918,706      | 1,183,570       | 50,000           | -95.78%     |
| <i>Enterprise Funds</i>       |                |                 |                  |             |
| Lakeland Industries           | 174,856        | 192,902         | 204,002          | 5.75%       |
| Highway Department            | 14,249,642     | 16,622,624      | 15,969,024       | -3.93%      |
| <i>Internal Service Funds</i> |                |                 |                  |             |
| Technology Services           | 1,931,985      | 2,253,836       | 2,576,498        | 14.32%      |
| Self-Funded Insurance         | 730,576        | 561,000         | 561,000          | 0.00%       |
| <i>Trust Funds</i>            |                |                 |                  |             |
| Transportation Trust          | 5,705          | -               | -                | 0.00%       |
| TOTAL                         | 79,081,638     | 80,662,327      | 80,754,595       | 0.11%       |
| GENERAL PROPERTY TAX          |                |                 |                  |             |
| General Fund                  | 11,725,175     | 10,732,944      | 11,654,052       | 8.58%       |
| <i>Special Revenue Funds</i>  |                |                 |                  |             |
| Public Health                 | 499,077        | 535,698         | 489,547          | -8.62%      |
| Library                       | 910,242        | 910,242         | 1,032,635        | 13.45%      |
| County Roads & Bridges        | 1,311,911      | 2,193,759       | 1,480,463        | -32.51%     |
| ADRC                          | 299,434        | 298,567         | 402,612          | 34.85%      |
| Human Services                | 1,882,523      | 2,206,872       | 2,042,465        | -7.45%      |
| Debt Service Fund             | 3,399,721      | 4,419,517       | 6,644,534        | 50.35%      |
| TOTAL                         | 20,028,084     | 21,297,599      | 23,746,308       | 11.50%      |

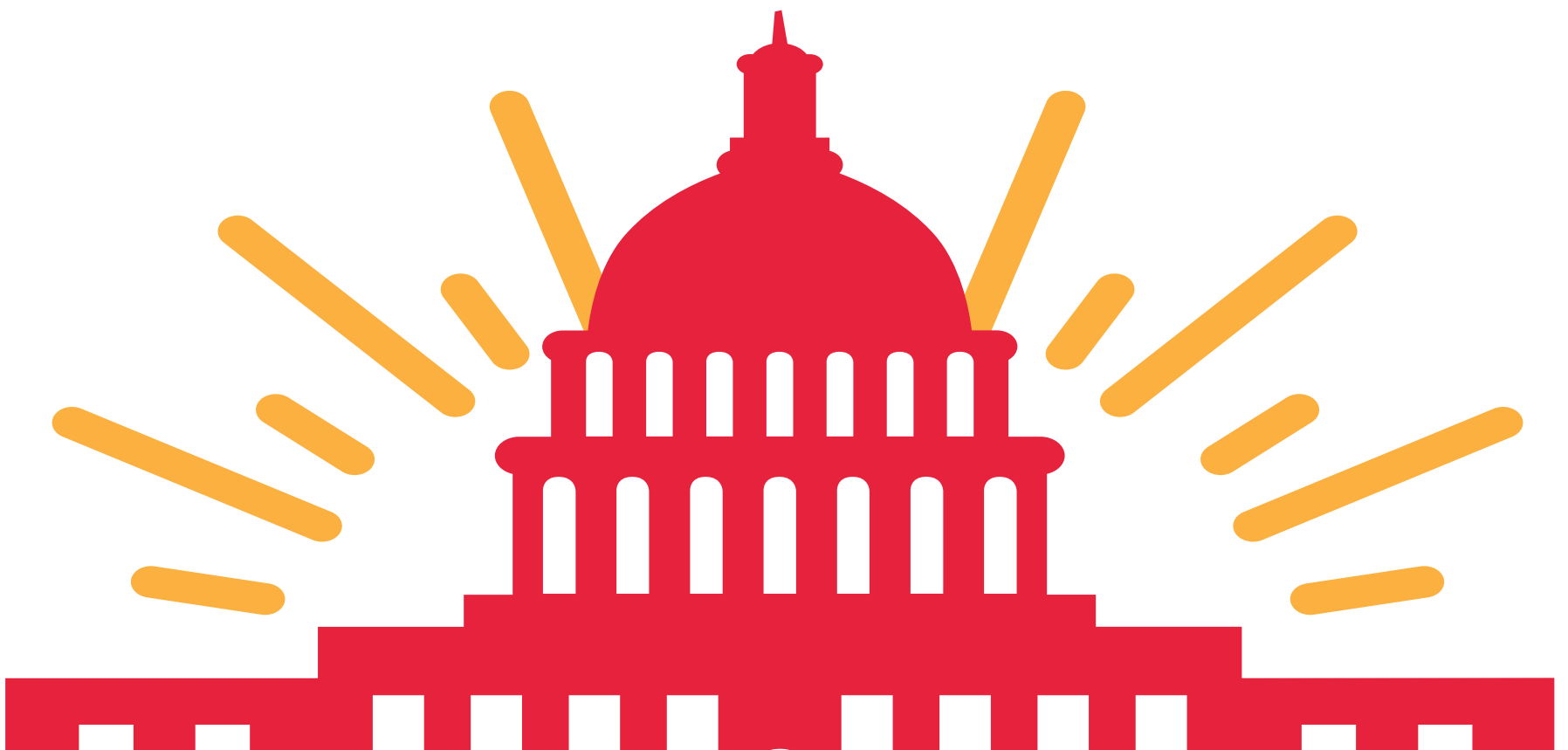
|                               | 2025<br>Actual | 2026<br>Amended | 2027<br>Proposed | %<br>Change |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|
| EXPENDITURES                  |                |                 |                  |             |
| <i>General Funds</i>          |                |                 |                  |             |
| General Government            | 6,052,190      | 7,244,384       | 7,644,535        | 5.52%       |
| Public Safety                 | 14,134,124     | 15,684,549      | 16,208,210       | 3.34%       |
| Public Works                  | 28             | -               | -                | 0.00%       |
| Health & Social Services      | 222,419        | 220,412         | 252,756          | 14.67%      |
| Leisure & Education           | 1,466,318      | 1,685,646       | 1,694,005        | 0.50%       |
| Conservation & Development    | 1,823,389      | 1,967,949       | 1,884,903        | -4.22%      |
| Capital Outlay                | 582,723        | 2,867,145       | 425,148          | -85.17%     |
| Other Financing Uses          | 1,975,197      | 2,792,827       | 1,695,155        | -39.30%     |
| TOTAL                         | 26,256,388     | 32,462,912      | 29,804,711       | -8.19%      |
| <i>Special Revenue Funds</i>  |                |                 |                  |             |
| Public Health                 | 1,027,988      | 1,084,450       | 1,285,964        | 18.58%      |
| Human Services                | 13,824,309     | 14,456,007      | 14,416,748       | -0.27%      |
| ADRC                          | 3,034,078      | 3,114,300       | 3,354,324        | 7.71%       |
| Library                       | 968,752        | 1,072,419       | 1,092,886        | 1.91%       |
| County Roads & Bridges        | 6,218,206      | 7,270,991       | 7,221,787        | -0.68%      |
| Jail Assessment Fund          | 70,680         | 62,000          | 50,400           | -18.71%     |
| Wis. Develop. Fund            | 575            | -               | -                | 0.00%       |
| Crime Prevention Fund         | 2,843          | -               | 100              | 0.00%       |
| Small Cities Housing CDBG     | 41,638         | 650             | -                | -100.00%    |
| Environmental Impact Fees     | -              | -               | -                | 0.00%       |
| American Rescue Plan Act      | 2,055,740      | 376,088         | 94,000           | -75.01%     |
| Debt Service Fund             | 3,399,721      | 4,419,712       | 7,053,845        | 59.60%      |
| Capital Projects Fund         | 1,790,119      | 2,036,846       | 232,750          | -88.57%     |
| <i>Enterprise Funds</i>       |                |                 |                  |             |
| Lakeland Industries           | 169,217        | 226,357         | 216,857          | -4.20%      |
| Highway Department            | 13,201,987     | 16,642,134      | 16,086,145       | -3.34%      |
| <i>Internal Service Funds</i> |                |                 |                  |             |
| Technology Services           | 1,824,541      | 2,290,399       | 2,728,150        | 19.11%      |
| Self-Funded Insurance         | 515,052        | 408,219         | 430,481          | 5.45%       |
| <i>Trust Funds</i>            |                |                 |                  |             |
| Transportation Trust          | 359            | -               | -                | 0.00%       |
| TOTAL                         | 74,402,193     | 85,923,484      | 84,069,146       | -2.16%      |

| FUND BALANCE/NET ASSETS |            |            |            |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Governmental Funds      | 25,615,474 | 22,851,693 | 20,043,238 |
| Proprietary Funds       | 27,227,009 | 27,099,433 | 26,948,325 |

|                                                                                |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Shawano County Outstanding Indebtedness as of December 31, 2025 is as follows: |            |
| Capital Project - Human Services Facility (2019)                               | 11,410,000 |
| Capital Project - Jail Locks/Dispatch (2019)                                   | 1,478,709  |

Respectfully submitted by the Shawano County Executive Committee:  
Thomas Kautza - Chairman, Jacob Hartwig, Kathy Luebke, Steve Schinke,  
William Switalla, Terry Tipton, Randy Young  
Dated: September 24, 2026 Stacey Cicero, Administrative Coordinator

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## Out of position and on the clock

Scrambling for answers, Green Bay has no line or running game

By **LUKE REIMER**  
Green & Gold Express

The Packers offense once again sputtered out, as the Atlanta Falcons dismantled Green Bay by a score of 35-14 at Lambeau Field on Sept. 24.

The loss for the Packers gives Green Bay its first home opener loss in the last 11 seasons. This loss also marks the first time the Packers have started a season 1-2 since 2014.

The Atlanta Falcons rode a strong run game to the victory, with its superstar running back Bijan Robinson finishing the game with 194 rushing yards and two touchdowns on 29 carries. Backup Brian Robinson also added 50 yards and a touchdown on 10 rushes.

While Robinson is an elite talent at the running back position, the 242 rushing yards given up by the Packers defense appears to be a bit of an outlier, given that the team had only given up 174 rushing yards through the first two weeks.

"Obviously (Bijan Robinson) is a good running back, which isn't an excuse," said Packers linebacker Isaiah McDuffie. "I think we had a great plan; it is just about execution at the end of the day."

The game looked like



**What's the plan?** Packers President Ed policy, general manager Brian Gutekunst and coach Matt LaFluer had high hopes (and new contracts) to begin the year. Instead, the season has given way to a disastrous start. An embarrassing home opener leaves the Packers at the bottom of the division with many roster questions.

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it was going to go Green Bay's way early, as Falcons quarterback Michael Penix, who was seeing his first start of the season, threw an interception to Xavier McKinney on the fourth play of the game. Even though the Packers were not able to do anything with the strong field position, the Packers got on the board first on the back of Christian Watson's fourth touchdown reception of the season.

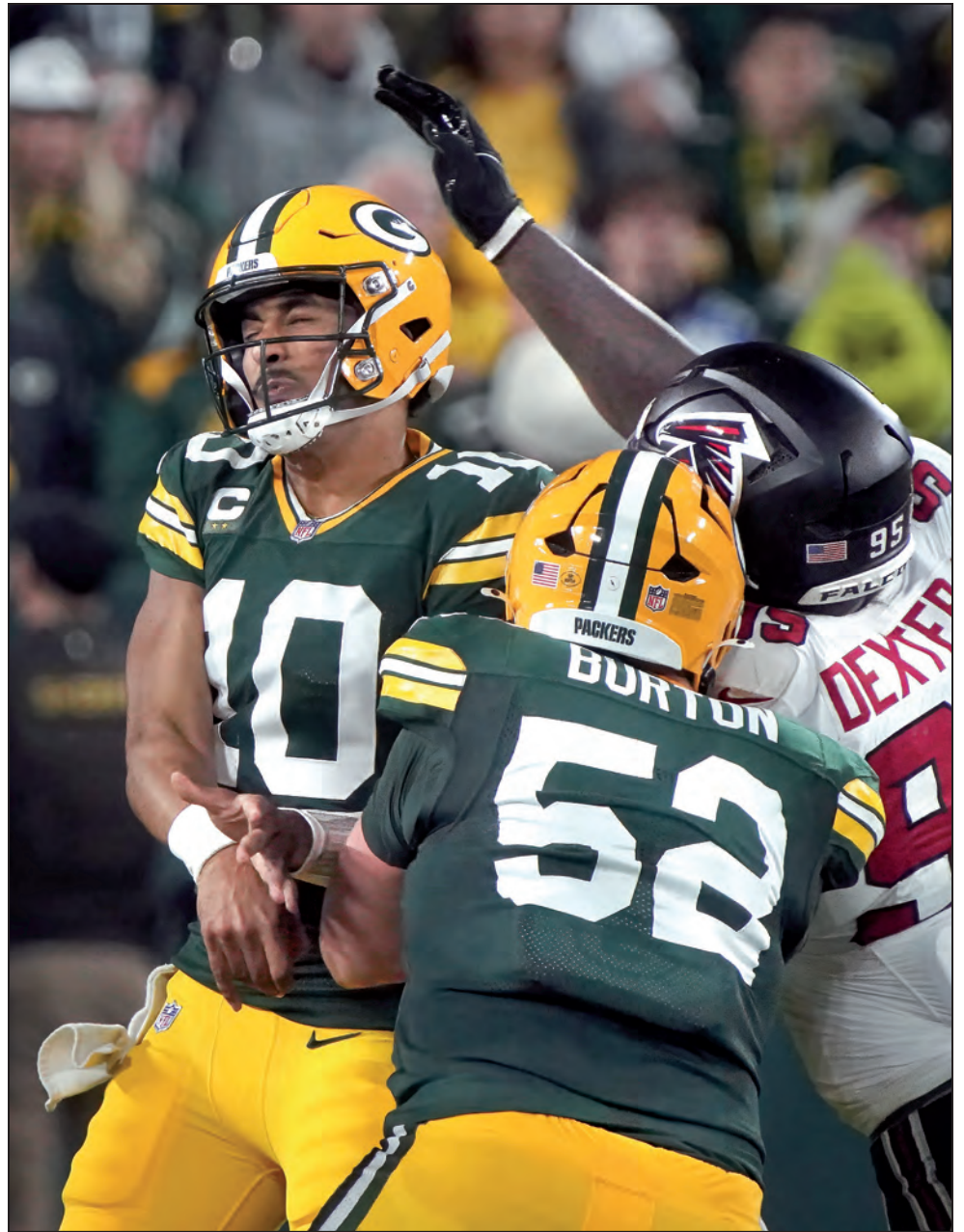
Facing third-and-11 on the Falcons ensuing drive, Packers pass rusher Brenton Cox forced heavy pressure on Penix, causing an incompleteness, but a

questionable roughing the passer call gave Atlanta a first down. That first down set up a 55-yard Bijan Robinson rush before he finished the drive off with a touchdown.

More than just giving up a touchdown on the drive, the roughing the passer call seemed to take the wind out of Green Bay's sails, as from that point on, Atlanta outscored Green Bay 35-7.

As a whole, the Falcons totaled 498 total yards, compared to Green Bay's 328 as the Packers were only able to total 17

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**Banged and bruised,** franchise quarterback Jordan Love has been pressured more than any other NFL quarterback this season.

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## CELEBRATING 1996, WILL THE PACK BE BACK IN 2026?

By **JACOB WESTENDORF**  
Green & Gold Express

Green Bay travels to Florida to take on the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in a Week 4 matchup.

**Packers offense vs. Buccaneers defense**

Can someone, anyone stand in the way of a defender who wants to hit Jordan Love? Green Bay's offense has been downright putrid since their hot start in Minnesota, and their offensive line has been one of the biggest reasons why.

There is no white knight coming to save this group. On defense, the Packers have Micah Parsons on their way back, which should make them better. There are rarely, if ever, good offensive linemen available at this point in the season.

The Packers would settle for below average at this point. According to Next Gen Stats, the Packers allowed 15 quick



**Celebrating the 1996 Super Bowl victory,** MVP Desmond Howard and his teammates left the fans yearning for a return to the championship tradition.

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pressures to the Atlanta Falcons on Sept. 24. That's the second most in a game this season. The most, was the 17 they allowed against Minnesota in Week 1.

Love is under siege to the point where it is affecting his play. He's missing throws when he has time, because he is

anticipating getting hit.

Green Bay's run game is doing nothing to take pressure off of their passing game as well. The Packers have their least amount of rushing yards through three games since 1933. They have been historically awful without Josh Jacobs in

the backfield. Marshawn Lloyd, Chris Brooks and Kaleb Johnson all have done nothing to assert themselves as a leading man in the backfield. Too many yards are left on the field even when a play is blocked up appropriately.

When they are actually able to get the ball in the air, Christian Watson and Matthew Golden are off to excellent starts this season. Both players scored in Green Bay's 35-14 loss to Atlanta.

Golden was the entire offense for a good portion of the game. The offense does have reasons for hope, but it's hard to envision anything good happening if Love is going to get hit 10 or more times in every game.

The Packers did grab some reinforcements on their offensive line. They signed veteran guard Laken Tomlinson off the Cowboys' practice squad.



**Jordan Love has faced a tough start to the season.** With only one win in three games, the Packers are at the bottom of the division.

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It was 194 times 2 when the Packers lost to the Falcons. Receiver Drake London (5) caught five passes for 194 yards including this 68-yard reception in which he shoves cornerback Brandon Cisse out of the way. Running back Bijan Robinson carried the ball for 194 yards and two touchdowns. His longest run was for 55 yards. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

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rushing yards, while Jordan Love was hit 12 times, sacked once and Atlanta finished with three tackles for a loss.

“I think that we have to continue to work with these guys and try to figure out what we do well, because right now I don’t know what we are doing well offensively,” said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur, on how to fix the offensive line. “I think that we can all see the benefit of having a strong rushing attack – how you can get into normal rhythm on

offense and that will open a lot of things in the passing game, but anytime you drop back (53) times in a game and you have nine rushes, it is usually not going to bode well for you.”

Penix finished the game completing 18-of-25 passes for 256 yards, one touchdown and one interception.

Austin Hooper was on the receiving end of Penix’s touchdown pass, as the tight end finished with 11 yards on two receptions. It was Drake

London though who had his biggest day of the season, recording 194 yards on nine receptions.

In another game where Green Bay’s offense struggled to get going, Love finished the game completing 28-of-53 passes for 312 yards, two touchdowns and one interception.

Matthew Golden led the team in receiving in the game, totaling 100 yards and a touchdown on five receptions.

Watson added another 96 yards and a touchdown on seven receptions.

In the run game, Mar-Shawn Lloyd totaled 11 yards on four rushes, while Kaleb Johnson added six yards.

“It is a very disappointing feeling right now, you know how we went out and played today,” said Love. “Like I said, myself to start. A lot of stuff to improve on, to get better at and to look at.”

Because it played on Thursday, Green Bay will get an extra three days of rest before taking on the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in a Week 4 matchup.



Bijan Robinson (7) is pushed out of bounds by Javon Bullard after gaining 31 yards on a third quarter run. His 194 total yards is more than the Packers have in their first three games. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

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Will he be ready to start on Sunday? That remains to be seen, but the Packers do not have a lot of answers up front right now, and signing a 34-year-old who struggled last season off a practice squad reeks appropriately of the desperate situation this team is in.

**Packers defense vs. Buccaneers offense**

Baker Mayfield got a contract extension before the season started, and he’s gotten off to a slow start. He threw for just 182 yards against the Cleveland Browns last week, in a game that went into overtime. He has one touchdown pass

and one interception.

When he’s able to get the ball in the air, his best receiver is Emeka Egbuka, who was a candidate for rookie of the year last year but lost out to Carolina Panthers star Tet McMillan.

Green Bay’s defense laid its first egg of the season against the Falcons, as Atlanta piled up more than 500 yards, with Bijan Robinson running around, over and through their hapless defense.

Edgerrin Cooper played his worst game of the season before leaving with a concussion.

The Packers defense gave up 27 unanswered

points and was a big part of suffering what was the most lopsided loss at Lambeau Field in Matt LaFleur’s tenure as the head coach.

**Special teams**

Green Bay’s special teams followed up their best game in what seemed like a decade with a bit of a dud against Atlanta. Their return game was shut down with Skyy Moore having little room to roam against Atlanta’s kick coverage.

Trey Smack made both of his PATs but had an egregious blocked field goal in the first half as the Packers were trying to climb their way back into the game.



Safety Xavier McKinney and the defense celebrate an interception that ended the Falcons’ first drive. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

GREEN BAY PACKERS AT TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

**Time and date:** Noon, Sunday, Oct. 4

**Location:** Raymond James Stadium

**TV:** FOX

**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 1-2, Buccaneers 0-2.

**History:** In an old school NFC Central battle, these two teams have locked horns 59 times and were in the same division

until the NFL realigned before the 2002 season. The Packers lead the all-time series 34-24-1.

The last time these two teams met came in 2023, when the Bucs came to Lambeau in Jordan Love’s first season as a starter. Baker Mayfield was excellent, accumulating a perfect passer rating on the day as the Bucs won 34-20.

The last time these two teams met in Tampa was in 2022, the final meeting between Aaron Rodgers and Tom Brady. The Packers took an early lead on two touchdown passes from Rodgers to Romeo Doubs and Allen Lazard. Their defense had to hold off

the Bucs late, as they scored a late touchdown to get within 14-12.

Brady’s pass on the potential tying two-point conversion, however, was knocked away and the Packers escaped Tampa with a victory.

**Coaches:** Packers, Matt LaFleur, eighth season, 76-41-1. Buccaneers, Todd Bowles, fifth season, 35-35.

**Packers Schedule**

Sunday, Sept. 13, at Minnesota, L 39-22

Sunday, Sept. 20, at NY Jets, W 20-17 (OT)

Thursday, Sept. 24, vs. Atlanta, L 35-14

Sunday, Oct. 4, at Tampa Bay, 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, Oct. 1**

Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 7:15 p.m.

**Sunday, Oct. 4**

Indianapolis at Washington (in London), 8:30 a.m.

Dallas at Houston, noon

NY Jets at Chicago, noon

New England at Buffalo, noon

Jacksonville at Cincinnati, noon

Arizona at NY Giants, noon

Tennessee at Baltimore, noon

LA Rams at Philadelphia, noon

Green Bay at Tampa Bay, noon

Miami at Minnesota, 3:05 p.m.

Kansas City at Las Vegas, 3:25 p.m.

Denver at San Francisco, 3:25 p.m.

LA Chargers at Seattle, 3:25 p.m.

Detroit at Carolina, 7:20 p.m.

**Monday, Oct. 5**

Atlanta at New Orleans, 7:15 p.m.

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## BRIGHT SPOT

One of the bright spots so far this season has been defensive end Lukas Van Ness. In the first quarter, he caught Atlanta quarterback Michael Penix in a tight grip and forced Penix into an intentional grounding situation. Green Bay was leading 7-0, but a roughing the passer penalty on the next play helped lead to a Falcons touchdown and a 7-7 game.



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## EYES ON THE BALL

Christian Watson was targeted 10 times and caught seven passes for 96 yards and a touchdown. He was joined by Matthew Golden, who caught five passes for 100 yards and a touchdown. The receivers were a bright spot despite no running game.

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