



Oconto County District Attorney Joshua Dryak makes his closing arguments Oct. 1 in the homicide trial of Manuel Antonio Herrera-Hernandez. WARREN BLUHM

Gillett increases water rates

Council, PSC approve 40.5% rate hike

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Residents in Gillett are seeing their first water rate increase in over a decade as the Gillett Common Council voted unanimously Oct. 1 on a 40.5% increase.

Currently, fees are \$76.34, with residents paying \$7.29 monthly for a 5/8-inch water meter, \$28 for the sewer charge, \$11.76 for public fire protection, \$20 for a sewer rehabilitation fee, \$3.54 for every 1,000 gallons of water and \$5.75 for every 1,000 gallons of sewer processed.

Under the new rates, the fee for the water meter triples to \$22. Public fire protection will more than double to \$25.65, and the cost for water increases to \$5.89 per 1,000 gallons.

Service charges will also increase to \$22 for those with 3/4-inch meters, \$27 for 1-inch meters, \$33 for 1 1/4-inch meters, \$39 for 1 1/2-inch meters, \$53 for 2-inch meters, \$80 for 3-inch meters, \$122 for 4-inch meters, \$175 for 6-inch meters, \$236 for 8-inch meters, \$296 for 10-inch meters and \$357 for 12-inch meters.

Fire protection charges will increase to \$25.65 for 3/4-inch meters, \$64.40 for 1-inch meters, \$95.10 for 1 1/4-inch meters, \$128.70 for 1 1/2-inch meters, \$205.90 for 2-inch meters, \$385.40 for 3-inch meters, \$641 for 4-inch meters, \$1,283 for 6-inch meters, \$2,054 for 8-inch meters, \$3,081 for 10-inch meters and \$4,108 for 12-inch meters.

The rate hike has already received the blessing of the Wisconsin Public Service Commission, which put out a report Sept. 9. The city applied to the commission in January to increase the water rates, and the last rate change, according to the PSC was done in December 2015.

In the report, the commission found the current rates for water utility services produced \$551,096 in operating revenues, falling short by \$474,965.

The city had originally requested a rate of return of 6.8%, but the commission approved a 6.5% rate increase instead, finding the rate would provide the city with sufficient earnings for future capital and operational needs.

The commission recommended that Gillett apply for smaller rate hikes more frequently in the future to avoid the sticker shock.

The commission's report said no public comments were received electronically

Guilty verdicts rendered in 2021 shooting death

Sentencing for Herrera-Hernandez scheduled for Dec. 11

By WARREN BLUHM
Correspondent

An Oconto County jury deliberated for about four hours Oct. 1 before finding Manuel Antonio Herrera-Hernandez guilty of shooting a Green Bay man to death in a remote area of the Town of Little Suamico.

Herrera-Hernandez, 37, formerly also of Green Bay, was convicted of first-degree intentional homicide in the Feb. 21, 2021, death of Miguel Gutierrez Palomera, as well as possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute and felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor charges of possession of THC and bail jumping.

The panel of nine women and three men heard three days of testimony before



Manuel Antonio Herrera-Hernandez glances toward the gallery Oct. 1 while awaiting closing statements in his trial for the 2021 murder of Miguel Gutierrez Palomera. WARREN BLUHM

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Behnke faces challenge from Hinze for Assembly

Candidates take a stand on data centers, school vouchers

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Rep. Elijah Behnke is running for his fourth term in the Wisconsin Assembly, facing a challenge from Shirley Hinze. Behnke, a Republican who is moving into a home in the Town of Angelica after two years in the Town of Chase, is looking for a second two-year term representing the 6th Assembly District, which includes

most of Shawano County, all of Menominee County, and segments of Oconto, Waupaca and Outagamie counties. Hinze, a Democrat and Shawano resident, had previously challenged Behnke for the seat in the Assembly two years ago. NEW Media sent questionnaires to Behnke and Hinze to ascertain their stances affecting people in the state of Wisconsin. Their responses to two of the questions follow. The remaining questions will be published in the weeks leading up to the Nov. 3 election. **What is your stance on data centers in the state of Wisconsin?**

What steps should the legislature take to ensure residents don't pay in one way or another if a data center is built in the community? Behnke: I started doing some research. I've met with people that are opposed to them and are concerned about their effect on the environment, whether it be the 100,000 gallons of anti-freeze and what we're going to do with that after it's past its good use. I do support limitations, and



ELIJAH BEHNKE



SHIRLEY HINZE

I voted on a bill that would require closed loop, and they would have to provide their own power. I definitely do not want any increase on public utilities. I would consider them a necessary evil for the (U.S.) Department of War, but I don't think we need them for everyday life. I don't 100% oppose them, because I do think we need to win the AI (artificial intelligence) race with China, but I don't want them in our backyard.

Hinze: I support a moratorium on data centers. However, data centers have become a necessary evil because the public has come to depend on them. I will work on laws to regulate them and have encouraged local communities to do so as well. But it isn't just the data centers that need to be regulated, it is the corporations that build them. I will work on laws that hold them accountable for any environmental damage they do, require them to find their own power and water supply and make sure they are built in areas that don't encroach on any community ability to expand.

What is your position on the state's open enrollment and voucher programs for schools? Should they be kept, modified or eliminated? Hinze: My position on the voucher program is to eliminate it. Taxpayers money should go to support local public schools, not pay tuition to private schools that are not required to meet the state's education requirements. It already has siphoned off money to the point some local schools could be forced to close. Behnke: I think they should be kept. I like parents having as many choices possible for what's best for their kid.

Highway 22 project, new playground complete

City clerk eager to celebrate both milestones at ribbon cutting

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The nightmare is just about over for the city of Gillett, and officials plan to celebrate the reopening of Highway 22 through the community. The city and the Gillett Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a celebration beginning at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 16 at Zippel Park, 150 N. McKenzie St., Gillett. The ribbon cutting will take place at 5:30 p.m. with remarks by Mayor Jon Blaskowski. In the event of rain, the event will be relocated to St. John's Lutheran Church (The Clock Church), 101 N. Main St., Gillett. For City Clerk Chelsea Anderson, the good times can't roll soon enough. Besides being able to celebrate unrestricted



The stretch of Highway 22 going through Gillett is pretty much done, except for striping and a few minor things. The city will be holding a ribbon cutting ceremony Oct. 16 to celebrate the completion of the year-long project.

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access to the highway, which has been closed in some form or fashion for almost a year, the city is also celebrating the new playground equipment at Zippel, which replaces

some equipment that has been in place for about 70 years. The playground work has only taken about three months to complete, with the help of

8Pine, a Shawano-based construction firm. The \$1 million project was made possible through a Community Development Block Grant. According to Anderson,

only a few finishing touches had to be made as of Sept. 30, and then the children of Gillett can play their hearts out – at least until winter temperatures drop too much. "They still have to put in the Pour In Place Rubber. They have the first layer down," Anderson said. "Next week, they're going to finish the top, colorful layers and that'll be it for the playground." The park project also included new restroom facilities and painting stripes on the pickleball and basketball courts, which will be done next summer, according to Anderson. "All the trails are done, and the playground is done," she said. "Excavation for the bathroom is done. It's looking great and right on time." The old equipment is not being discarded, however. Anderson said that most of it is still usable and will be placed in Honey Park, 124 N. Richmond St., Gillett. "It's kind of like two

upgraded parks in one," Anderson said. As for Highway 22, Anderson will be glad to see a paved road where equipment and mounds of dirt used to be. Although drivers were allowed business access to everything along the highway, the road conditions were very unpleasant. "It feels so good," Anderson said of the project completion. "We are really trying to get all our locals and our visitors to come visit all of our businesses and being able to park right next to it." As expected, things were rough for the businesses, Anderson said, but the good news is no businesses shuttered during the process, and things should get easier with the highway recently paved. She added that striping the road is the last part of the project to be completed. "They're all open, but it was a struggle," Anderson said.

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Juonis ministering at Hillside Assembly on Oct. 11

Evangelists Bill and Beth Juoni, of Fresh Fire Ministries from Whitewater, will be ministering at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Oct. 11 at Hillside Assembly of God Church, 5890 State Highway 22. Fresh Fire Ministries is a husband-and-wife

evangelistic team committed to ministering to people, believing Jesus is the answer to life and life's needs. After 20 years of serving as a senior pastor, 12 years in Wisconsin, the Juonis were led by God into

evangelistic ministry in 1998. Since then, they have traveled across America and overseas preaching the gospel and ministering in music. The Juonis also have ministered on television, radio and in camp meetings.

Prior to beginning pastoral ministry, Bill Juoni received an associate degree in business administration from Gogebic Community College in Ironwood, Michigan, a bachelor's degree in marketing from Northern Michigan University in

Marquette, Michigan, and a bachelor's degree in pastoral studies from North Central Bible College in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He also worked in management for Woolworth's for three years. Bill Juoni is an ordained

minister with the Assemblies of God and will minister in each service; combining the, truths of God's Word with humor, personal experiences and practical applications. Beth Juoni will minister in music in each service.

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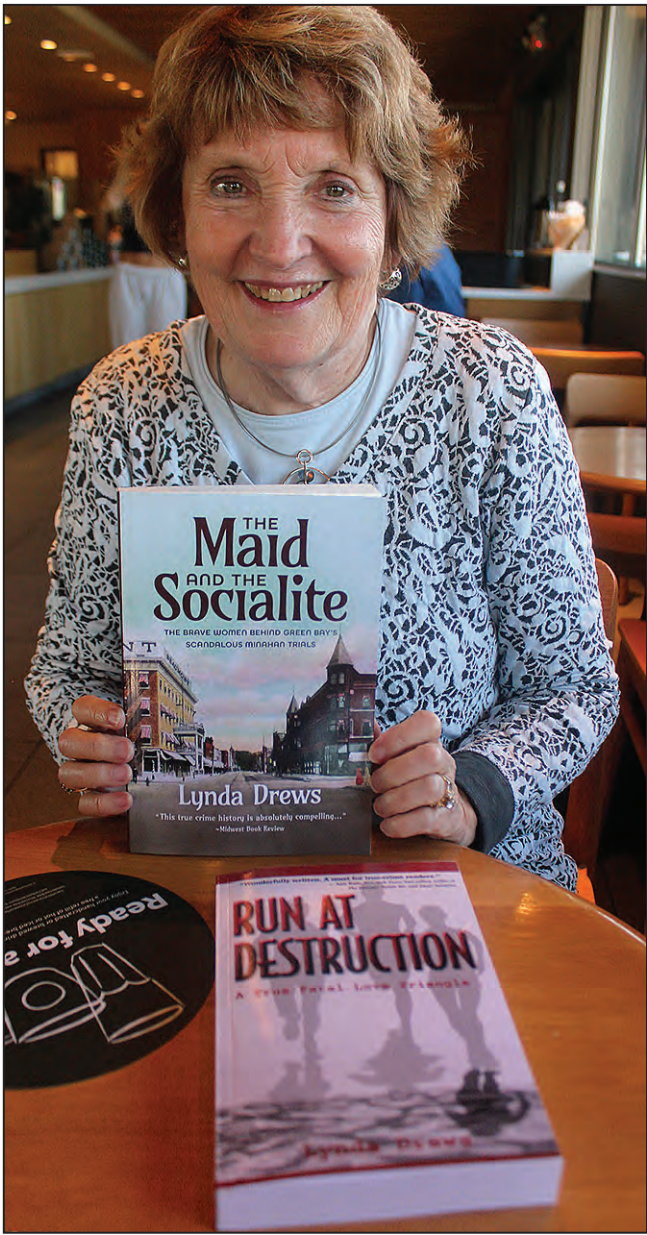
Drews to present about true-crime novels

Lynda Drews will be visiting Oconto through an event put on by Farnsworth Public Library. Her visit will take place at 6 p.m. Oct. 19 at Oconto City Hall, 1210 Main St., Oconto.

Drews will share about the research behind her historical true crime books, “Disposable Wives” and “The Maid and the Socialite.”

“The Maid and the Socialite,” released in 2023, takes place in Lynda’s hometown in an era where women were treated as less than equal to the city’s powerful men. Two women in Green Bay had their lives and reputations ruined at the turn of the 20th century when celebrated surgeon John R. Minahan claimed they had the shameful disease of syphilis at a time when there was no way to prove one way or another. The Midwest Book Review states that this true story is told with “the drama of fiction and the compelling research of fact.”

The Belgian Heritage Center says “Disposable Wives,” Drews’ latest novel, is “A gripping account of crime in Wisconsin’s Belgian settlement. This well-researched work provides a rich portrait of the life, laws, and traditions of the era, and the challenges of seeking justice in a new land.” This book is set after the Civil War in the Belgian pioneer settlement near Green Bay, focusing on farmer J.P. Soquet who is believed to have murdered three of his wives.



Lynda Drews, of Green Bay, will be presenting on her historical true-crime books Oct. 19 at Oconto City Hall. The event is being sponsored by Farnsworth Public Library.

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Pauline Villiesse, the sister of Soquet’s third wife, and Xavier Martin, a Belgian translator, work to get justice for the murdered women. Drews has also written three other books, “Run at Destruction,” “Circle of Innocence” and “Desperate Parallels.” For information, contact the library at 920-834-7730.

OFHS to screen suicide prevention documentary

The documentary “My Ascension” will be screened Oct. 26 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Oconto Falls High School, 210 N. Farm Road, Oconto Falls.

“My Ascension” chronicles the story of 16-year-old Dutchtown High School varsity cheerleader Emma Benoit, who was paralyzed by a suicide attempt. This propelled her on a mission to use her painful experience to help others find hope and stay alive. The film itself will be shown at 6:15 p.m.

“My Ascension” is a feature length documentary that highlights Benoit’s inspiring journey, as she works to bring Hope Squad, a school-based suicide prevention program, to Louisiana. The film also shares the stories of two remarkable

young people who tragically did not survive their attempts, and documentarians learn firsthand from their families, friends, school officials and suicide prevention experts about the devastating effects of suicide and what can be done to prevent it.

“Emma’s story captures the severity of the mental health and suicidality pandemic amongst the adolescent population in the United States,” said Saro Altinoglu, clinical director for the ROWI Teen and Parent Wellness Center. “My Ascension” is a serious yet uplifting story that provides hope, clarity and support to its audience from a personal perspective.”

The screening will be followed by an engaging

discussion at 7:45 p.m. on youth suicide prevention and mental wellness facilitated by mental health and support professionals in our community and surrounding areas.

OFHS will also have resource tables available from 5:30-6:15 p.m. sharing important information on mental health and suicide prevention. These include booths from Emplify, Unity Hospice, Oconto County, Rogers Behavioral Health, Oconto County Sheriff’s Department, Reaching Out About Depression and Suicide, Willow Creek Behavioral Health and Northwest Journeys.

For information, contact Caitlin Payne, OFHS school psychologist, at caitlin.payne@of-ps.org or 920-848-4467, ext. 4059.

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TOBY WARDEN

Toby Francis (Willy Lyn) Warden, 47, of Lakewood, passed away in the hospital surrounded by loving family after a six-month fight for his life Saturday, Sept. 19, 2026.

He was a cherished husband, father, son, brother, nephew, cousin, uncle and friend. His presence will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Toby was born in Green Bay to Pamela Warden (Mattick) and John Warden on Aug. 27, 1979. Toby was an adventurous, curious, spirited and resourceful child.

Toby was mostly homeschooled but graduated early from Wabeno High School in 1996 and went to NWTC to pursue his emergency medical technician certification, graduating in 1998. After a few years of working as an EMT, Toby started pursuing his true passion, masonry.

He worked with a few companies building apartments, condos and houses in the Green Bay area before starting his own business in the Northwoods with his wife and kids. Toby had an art for masonry like no one has ever seen; his new business soared while he helped Paul Bunyan Riders with grooming snowmobile trails



and Northwoods Powersports with renting out and touring trails with UTVs.

Toby had many passions and hobbies, mostly anything outdoors like fishing, hunting, mud-ding, skiing, snowmobiling, berry picking and sharing what he made; indoor strategy board game and video game nights; and teaching his family lessons with a “Let me show you something real quick.” Toby enjoyed everything life gave him.

On Sept. 4, 2026, Toby married his life partner, Angel, of 24 years, fulfilling a dream of theirs surrounded by family and friends.

There are many traits that made Toby Warden a very dear person to his family and friends, including his generosity,

selflessness, strength, tenacity, dependability, creativity and problem-solving, and he was the best family man. Toby was loved by all, and we hold him dear in our hearts and our spirits.

Toby is survived by his wife, Angel Barber; daughters, Eavin Lewis and Autumn Warden; mother, Pamela Mattick; brother, Jon Warden (Melanie); sister, Jessie Bennett; and their families.

Toby is preceded in death by his father, John Warden; grandparents, Francis and Martha Warden; and grandparents, Jayne and James Gilligan.

Toby was honored with a celebration of life Oct. 3, 2026, at the place he loved most, his home, located at 17401 North Road, Lakewood.

To honor Toby’s intense devotion to the outdoors and natural resources, we would like to ask for donations to be made to the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin to continue to help protect the nature around us.

We would also like to make a special thanks to the kind, caring and devoted staff of HSHS St. Vincent Hospital, UW Health and Unity Hospice.

Man killed in car-UTV crash

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

A 59-year-old man from Mountain was killed Oct. 4 when his utility vehicle collided with a car in the Town of Gillett.

According to a news release from Oconto County Sheriff Todd Skarban, deputies were called just after 11 a.m. to Klaus Lake Road at the Nicolet Recreation Trail.

The preliminary investigation indicated the victim was traveling south on the trail when he entered the roadway turning north and was struck by the southbound car, which was driven by a 32-year-old man from Kaukauna, Skarban said.

The UTV driver was pronounced dead at the scene. The car driver and his passengers, a 31-year-old woman and an infant, were transported to a Green Bay hospital for treatment. No other information was released immediately.

Skarban said the sheriff’s office, in cooperation with the Wisconsin State Patrol and Brown County Medical Examiner’s Office, continue to investigate the circumstances surrounding the accident. Other assistance was provided by the Gillett Police Department, Town of Gillett Fire Department, City of Gillett Fire Department, Gillett Municipal Utility, Gillett Area Ambulance Service and Larry’s Towing.

Class to train new literacy tutors

The Marinette and Oconto Counties Literacy Council is hosting a class to become a literacy tutor.

The class takes place from 10 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Oct. 21 at Farnsworth Library,

715 Main St. Oconto. Tutors are currently needed in Oconto, Coleman and Crivitz.

For information or to sign up, call or text 920-373-1035.

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Marinette County Judge James Morrison, who heard the trial in Oconto County Circuit Court.

Witnesses indicated that Palomera and Herrera-Hernandez owed money to Francisco “Pancho” Cortez-Mendez, whom District Attorney Joshua Dryak described as a mid-level drug dealer who oversaw distribution in the Green Bay area.

Cortez-Mendez ordered Herrera-Hernandez either to extract payment from Palomera or kill him, according to special agent Denny Carroll, who testified about several interviews he conducted with the defendant.

Herrera-Hernandez and his then-girlfriend, Mara Vance, picked up Palomera on Feb. 21, 2021, and they drove to the parking area of the Green

Bay Shores State Wildlife Area on Lade Beach Road, where the shooting occurred. A nearby resident discovered the body the next morning.

During closing arguments Oct. 1, Dryak said Palomera had been shot nine times, including two bullets found under his body, suggesting Herrera-Hernandez walked up to him as he lay on the ground and shot him two more times.

Although the defendant had claimed the gun went off as the two men struggled over the weapon, Dryak said the circumstances made it clear it was no accident.

“Agent Carroll talked about that Manny explained to him how Manny shot that gun and he kept shooting that gun till the slide locked to the rear and

it was out of bullets,” Dryak said. “This isn’t an accident, this wasn’t a misfire, this is somebody who had a goal and set out to accomplish what he meant to do.”

For his part, defense attorney Russell Jones pointed to what he said were discrepancies between the physical evidence and the story as told by prosecutors.

For example, Vance testified that Herrera-Hernandez shot Palomera from the truck, inconsistent with the scenario that he stood over the body, Jones said.

“There are a lot of reasonable common-sense questions that the prosecution never answered,” he said.

Morrison scheduled sentencing for 1 p.m. Dec. 11. Herrera-Hernandez faces a maximum sentence of life without the possibility of parole.

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while the rate case was being considered this year, but Seneca Foods, one of the larger businesses in Gillett, inquired during a public hearing about how the higher water rates would address its operations, as the company uses much larger quantities of water than community homes.

City Clerk Chelsea Anderson noted that the rate hike was spurred by the state Highway 22 road

reconstruction work, a \$4 million project. Anderson said the PSC found that the city’s rates were not enough to cover utility expenses, so the increase was needed to make the water and sewer utility more solvent.

The rate hike did not include anything related to sewer operations, Anderson said.

“They had a meeting in the afternoon while we wanted to hold a meeting at night where more people

could attend,” Anderson said about the PSC.

Only two people were in attendance for the council meeting and the utility committee meeting prior, where the rate increase was brought forward.

The new water rates will be seen on residents’ bills beginning Oct. 31.

“We bill a month behind, so these rates will be for the water used between Sept. 15 and Oct. 15,” Anderson said.



With autumn now officially here, Travel Wisconsin’s Fall Color Report (<https://www.travel-wisconsin.com/fall-color-report>) is ready to equip residents and visitors with the essential information and inspiration to take in the fall foliage and enjoy every moment of the beautiful-but-brief season. The Fall Color Report is an interactive, map-based resource to plan getaways around the changing fall leaves. The report tracks the status of fall color as leaves transition from green to peak color.

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How to tell if you have a cold, flu or allergies

As Wisconsin prepares for lower temperatures and sweater weather, it's important to remember fall allergies and cold and flu season are on their way.

For many people across the Midwest, they arrive side by side, and their symptoms can overlap in confusing ways. Emplify Health can help community members tell the difference, so they know when to manage symptoms at home and when it's time to seek expert medical care.

Fall allergies are triggered by airborne allergens such as ragweed pollen, mold spores and dust mites, while colds and influenza (the flu) are caused by viruses. All three can leave people reaching for the tissue box, and understanding what's behind the symptoms is the first step toward feeling better.

Colds, flu and allergies share a few common symptoms – sneezing, a runny or stuffy nose and fatigue among them – but there are important

differences that can help sufferers tell them apart.

Cold and flu symptoms may include a runny or stuffy nose; cough (dry and persistent with flu); sneezing; sore throat; body aches or muscle soreness; fever or chills (flu only); and sometimes vomiting or diarrhea, especially in children (flu only).

Fall allergy symptoms are tied to allergen exposure and often include itchy, watery eyes; sneezing; clear, runny nasal discharge and nasal congestion; itchy nose or throat; and symptoms that linger for weeks or as long as the allergen is present

“The biggest clue is often how the symptoms behave,” said Dr. Jared Darveaux. “Allergens typically don't cause fever or body aches, and they tend to stick around as long as the allergen is in the air. The flu, on the other hand, usually hits suddenly and can bring fever, chills and body aches. Knowing that difference helps you be more confident in choosing the right care instead

of reaching for the wrong treatment.”

Many cold, flu and allergy symptoms can be managed at home with over-the-counter medications and rest. Dr. Michael Hodulik said that knowing when to seek further care is important.

“Considering the severity of the symptoms can help you decide when to seek care,” said Hodulik. “If your symptoms persist longer than the typical duration, or you develop trouble breathing or swallowing, chest pain, a persistent cough or a fever that stays above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, it's time to take further action. Since medical symptoms don't like to stick to business hours, Emplify Health ensures community members have access to the right care at the right time.”

Emplify Health additionally recommends all community members help reduce the spread and severity of flu symptoms by getting a flu shot. Flu shots are available with one's primary care provider.



Sacred Heart Catholic School second grade students Adaya Allery, left, and Eloise Engel pose with their watershed model, which helped them to learn how water naturally flows. CONTRIBUTED

Second grade students work with watershed models

Second grade students at Sacred Heart Catholic School recently explored the science of water flow through an engaging, hands-on lesson that transformed them into young scientists and engineers.

As part of their earth science studies, students created watershed models using crumpled paper to form mountains, hills and valleys. They then used blue-colored water to observe how water naturally

flows from the highest points on the landscape to the lowest points, forming streams and rivers along the way before eventually reaching larger bodies of water, such as oceans.

Through this interactive investigation, students gained a deeper understanding of watersheds and learned how waterways are connected across Earth's surface. By carefully watching the paths the water created, they were able to see firsthand

how gravity influences the movement of water and shapes our environment.

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RC Flight School speaks on aviation

EAA Chapter 1710 recently welcomed Dave Scott of RC Flight School for a presentation on radio-controlled aircraft and the art of learning to fly.

Scott shared his journey into aviation, which began as a young boy with a dream of becoming an aerobatic pilot. Because he was too young to fly a full-scale airplane, he discovered radio-controlled aircraft as a way to pursue his passion for aviation.

What started as a childhood interest eventually became a lifelong career.

Scott became an RC club instructor and, in 1990, began his own RC flight instruction business on his family's property, which features a private RC flying field. For more than three decades, Scott has welcomed students from around the world to learn how to safely and confidently fly RC aircraft.

RC Flight School is located southwest of Shawano.

With 38 years of experience teaching RC flying, Scott has taught about 3,000 students with a wide range of experience levels. About 20% of his students are beginners, while the remaining 80% are experienced RC pilots looking to improve their aerobatic skills.

His students have included everyone from people flying an RC aircraft for the very first time to retired airline pilots looking to sharpen their skills and explore the world of RC aerobatics.

Scott's passion for aviation extends well beyond RC aircraft. He ultimately achieved his childhood dream of becoming a full-scale aerobatic pilot.

For about 15 years, he performed professional aerobatics in his Pitts aircraft, combining his love of aviation with the precision and skill required for competitive and professional aerobatic flying.

During his presentation to EAA Chapter 1710, Scott demonstrated how RC aircraft can provide an accessible introduction to aviation while also serving as a sophisticated discipline for experienced pilots. His story showed how a childhood passion can grow into both a career and a lifelong involvement in aviation.

"It's amazing to see how a childhood interest in RC airplanes can eventually lead someone to professional aerobatics," said Mathieu Labs, president of EAA Chapter 1710. "Dave's experience shows that there are many different paths into aviation, and RC flying can be an incredible way to develop skills, confidence and a passion for flight."

EAA Chapter 1710, based in Clintonville, continues to grow as a hub for aviation enthusiasts, offering hands-on building projects, educational programs and community events that inspire the next generation of aviators. They hold monthly gatherings on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

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Every family should make back-to-school check-in Sacred Heart participates in Orange Shirt Day

As students settle into the new school year, Emplify Health is encouraging parents and caregivers to pause and check in with their children about how the first few weeks of school have gone.

Having early, intentional conversations can help school-aged children feel supported before small concerns grow into larger struggles. The beginning weeks of school can be overwhelming, and these conversations can offer insight into workload and homework, friendships and social interactions and any concerns that may be quietly building.

“The first few weeks of school can set the tone for the entire year, and children are often processing a lot more than they let on,” said Dr. Simone Warrack, Emplify Health pediatrician. “Making space for honest conversation now can help prevent stress and anxiety from building up unseen. A few open-ended questions, asked with genuine curiosity instead of judgment, can make all the difference.”

The goal is not to interrogate but to listen. Children are more likely to confide in adults who remain calm, avoid reacting

strongly to what they hear, and reassure them that their feelings are valid. Parents are encouraged to use open-ended questions such as “What has been the best part of your week so far?” or “What types of activities are you interested in this year?”

While these conversations are an opportunity to listen to children, they’re also a time for parents to share their own concerns in a constructive way. Rather than lecturing about topics such as peer pressure, having the best grades or overcommitting, parents can frame their guidance around care and concern – making clear that their priority is their child’s well-being, not a specific outcome.

“We want young people to know, without a doubt, that they can come to the adults in their lives when something is hard – whether that’s a tough class, friendship conflict or pressure to drink or smoke,” said Jennifer Zweifel, Emplify Health pediatric nurse. “That kind of trust is built through repeated, low-pressure conversations where a child feels heard and never punished for being honest. When that

environment is created early in the school year, it provides a foundation for children to lean on all year long.”

Emplify Health offers the following tips for meaningful check-ins:

- Choose the right moment – car rides, walks or quiet moments at home.
- Ask open-ended questions. Invite more than one-word answers and allow your child to take the lead.
- Listen more than talk. Resist the urge to immediately fix the problem. Often, being heard is what a child needs most.
- Stay calm and non-judgmental. A strong reaction can shut a conversation down; measured responses encourage honesty.
- Reassure your child. Validate your child’s feelings and promote asking for help as a sign of strength.
- Keep the door open. Make it clear that these conversations can happen anytime.

Families are encouraged to reach out to their pediatrician, family medicine provider or a behavioral health specialist. Help is available, and no concern is too small to address.

Sacred Heart Catholic School students and staff gathered Sept. 30 for an all-school Mass and Orange Shirt Day observance, combining faith, learning, and reflection in a celebration of community and compassion.

The school’s fourth grade class led the liturgy, demonstrating leadership and active participation in the faith life of the school. The Rev. Edward Looney, joined by Deacon James Lonick, celebrated Mass in honor of the Memorial of St. Jerome, priest and doctor of the church. St. Jerome is remembered for his dedication to Scripture and scholarship, inspiring students to grow in both faith and knowledge.

Following the spirit of the day’s celebration, students and staff wore orange to recognize Orange Shirt Day, honoring the survivors and victims of residential schools. The observance provided an opportunity for the school community to reflect on the importance of truth, reconciliation, kindness, and respect for all people.

The message “Every Child Matters” was visible throughout the day and served as a reminder of the dignity, worth,



Sacred Heart Catholic School students Bailey Wild, left, and Brecken Bystol were among those wearing orange shirts Sept. 30 to remember the children who went through residential and boarding schools in the past.

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and God-given value of every person. By participating in Orange Shirt Day, Sacred Heart students learned about the importance of remembering the past while working toward a future built on understanding, compassion, and unity.

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Shawano quarterback Tristan Lawe hands the ball to Marcus Brezgel. The junior running back and linebacker rushed for a game-high 275 yards and three touchdowns.

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Turnovers help Hawks turn tide against Waupaca

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Wins haven't exactly been adding up this season for the Shawano football team.

Heading into their Bay Conference game with Waupaca on Oct. 2 on the Comets' home field, the Hawks were in the midst of a four-game losing streak that began after the team's only win over Lakeland.

The losing streak is over, as the Hawks returned home with a 42-26 win following a 275-yard, three-touchdown effort from Marcus Brezgel.

Shawano improved to 2-5 overall and 1-4 in conference play, while Waupaca is 0-5 in the Bay and 0-7 overall.

"It's an awesome feeling," coach Alan Tomow said. "The kids deserve this one. We had a good week of practice, especially how bad things went last Saturday (against Fox



A trio of Shawano defenders hold Waupaca's Carter Solberg to a short gain in the first half of a Bay Conference football game at Waupaca High School.

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Valley Lutheran). For us to regroup and come back and play a good Waupaca team, we knew the effort was going to be there. This is their homecoming game and they have a couple of tough games to finish out

the year, but we knew they were going to give us their best shot. I think we got the best version of Waupaca tonight."

Each team scored once in the first quarter. Brezgel opened the

scoring on the game's second play with a 64-yard run for a 6-0 lead less than a minute into the contest. Waupaca answered on its first drive with a 4-yard

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Suring wraps up M&O-8 football championship

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Suring High School's 8-player football team has dropped its last two games after starting the season 5-0.

On the other hand, the Eagles can add a conference championship to its list of accomplishments this season.

An 18-12 win over Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy in September clinched the Marinette & Oconto-8 Conference championship, but since then, the Eagles have dropped two nonconference games, including a 34-18 decision to Phillips on Oct. 2.

Meanwhile, Bonduel, Pulaski and Marion/Tigerton picked up wins over Oconto, Green Bay Southwest and Tri-County, respectively, Oct. 2.

Phillips 34, Suring 18

Phillips had more than 400 yards of offense in a nonconference win over the Eagles in Suring.

Kaden Borgen completed only two of six passes but finished with 142 passing yards for the Loggers in the Eagles' homecoming game, while Wade Vetter added 129 rushing yards and a 92-yard touchdown reception.

It was the second straight loss for the Eagles, a team that started the season with five straight wins. However, Suring also had wrapped up the Marinette & Oconto-8 Conference championship two weeks earlier with an 18-12 win over Lena/STAA.

Bonduel 42, Oconto 21

The Bears improved to 7-0 overall and 5-0 in the Packerland Conference with a homecoming win over the Blue Devils.

Carter Moesch scored on a 1-yard run in the first quarter, but Oconto recovered a fumble on the Bonduel 30-yard line and tied the score at 7-7 on Dane Helnore's 17-yard run.

Bonduel took the lead for good on its next drive, as Malachi Gray scored the first of his two touchdowns after catching a 14-yard pass from Quinn Wesenberg.

Moesch found the end zone for the second time with just under two minutes remaining in the first half with a 59-yard run on a fourth-and-12 play and the Bears led 21-7 at the break.

Bonduel added to its lead on its first drive of the second half, as Wesenberg connected with Andrew

Kolaske for a 40-yard touchdown pass.

Mason Colvin picked off a Wesenberg pass early in the fourth quarter that set up Helmore's 3-yard run that cut Bonduel's lead to 28-13 after a missed extra point attempt.

Moesch's 52-yard touchdown run on the first play of Bonduel's next drive gave the Bears a 35-13 lead, but the Blue Devils answered with Tyson Brabant's 26-yard touchdown pass to Colvin.

Bonduel recovered the onside kick attempt and Gray wrapped up the scoring with a 38-yard run with 4:53 to go in the game.

Pulaski 55, Green Bay Southwest 7

All eight of the Red Raiders' touchdowns came in the first three quarters as Pulaski picked up a Fox River Classic Conference-North win over the Trojans.

Anthony Ficarri and Andre Burnett had touchdown runs of 13 and 91 yards, respectively, in the first quarter before the Red Raiders found the end zone four more times before halftime.

Bohdan Schmidt added to Pulaski's lead with a 1-yard run and had touchdown passes of 4 yards to Burnett and 15 and 72 yards to Trentyn Linz.

Schmidt added a 65-yard touchdown run in the third quarter and Blake Magers capped the scoring with a 4-yard pass to Isaac Sonnegard.

Green Bay Southwest's score came on a 1-yard run in the fourth quarter.

Schmidt completed all seven of his passes for 150 yards and added 87 rushing yards. Burnett led Pulaski's rushers with 107 yards, and Linz caught three passes for a team-high 105 yards.

Marion/Tigerton 26, Tri-County 14

The Thundercatz defeated the Penguins in a matchup of Central Wisconsin Conference-8 8-player teams in Plainfield.

The teams headed to halftime tied at 6-6, but Marion/Tigerton outscored the home team 20-8 in the second half.

Maxwell Wilkening rushed for a game-high 163 yards on 20 carries and scored twice, while Landon Drews completed five of seven passes for 31 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

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run from Erik Harms and a successful extra point.

Waupaca almost came up with points on its second drive, as a 61-yard pass completion from JJ Peterson to Carter Solberg set the Comets up at the Shawano 14-yard line, but a missed field goal kept the score at 7-6.

After a Shawano fumble gave the Comets the ball at their own 20-yard line, Kevin Durham capped an 80-yard drive with a 5-yard touchdown run and a missed extra point try gave Waupaca a 13-6 lead with 7:12 to go in the first half. Shawano answered on its next drive with a 27-yard field goal from Austin Heling and the Hawks trailed 13-9 at the break.

Seven of the game's touchdowns came in the second half.

Peterson connected with Dylan Johnson for a 25-yard touchdown pass for Waupaca with 7:10 remaining in the third quarter that gave the Comets a 20-9 lead, but Elijah Senft scored on a 5-yard run for Shawano on Shawano's next drive that cut the lead to 20-15.

After Shawano's defense forced a 3-and-out, the Hawks took the lead for good on Brezgel's 14-yard run. Senft added the 2-point conversion run to give Shawano a 23-20 lead with 3:13 to go in the third quarter.

Shawano added to its lead on Tristan Lawe's 4-yard quarterback keeper after Heling kept the drive alive by running for a first down on a fake punt play.

Braxon Beyersdorf ended Waupaca's next drive with an interception, but the Comets soon had the ball again after

Lawe lost a fumble.

The game's next two plays turned out to be turnovers, as Shawano's Nolan Kleinschmidt and Waupaca's Solberg came up with an interception.

Solberg's interception gave Waupaca the ball at the Shawano 19-yard line, but the drive ended after Beyersdorf came up with his second interception.

Waupaca soon had the ball on the Shawano 25-yard line after another fumble, and Harms scored on a 3-yard run with 3:20 left in the game that cut Shawano's lead to 29-26.

Shawano added to its lead on its next drive, as Lawe scored on a 47-yard run.

Beyersdorf's third interception led to Shawano's final touchdown. The Hawks took over at their own 46-yard line and Brezgel added to his rushing total with a 54-yard touchdown run on the drive's first play.

The game ended on another interception from Shawano's Dominick Thorson.

Shawano ended up with 481 rushing yards. Lawe added 149 yards on the ground to go with Brezgel's 275, but the Hawks also came up with five interceptions.

"We ran the ball really well," Tomow said. "We turned the ball over in the red zone, which is a no-no. We kept on giving it back-and-forth between us late in the game. We work on it and emphasize it, but these guys made the last big play and finished the game. You see the touchdown runs, but there are a lot of things that go into that. It shows the fight that we have in these kids."



Above, Shawano's Austin Arrowood and Brayen Boivin team up to tackle Waupaca's Erik Harms. At left, Austin Heling heads upfield with the football in the first quarter of Shawano's 42-26 win over Waupaca. GREG SEUBERT

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Marinette 27, Oconto Falls 6

Marinette took a 27-0 lead into the fourth quarter during the Panthers' homecoming game in Oconto Falls.

Quarterback Kanon Maye scored on runs of 1 yard in the first quarter and 22 yards in the third quarter and finished with 169 rushing yards for the Marines, while Conner Herring added scoring runs of 51 and 57 yards and had 160 yards on the

ground.

Oconto Falls' touchdown came on Nathaniel White's 24-yard pass to JJ Pytleski in the fourth quarter.

White had 141 passing yards for Oconto Falls.

The Panthers fell to 3-4 overall and 2-3 in the Packerland Conference.

Iola-Scandinavia 26, Lena/STAA 16

Brody Peterman and Korz Loken combined for 277 rushing yards and three touchdowns in the

Thunderbirds' nonconference 8-player win over the Titans in Lena.

Jake Farley opened the scoring for Lena/STAA with a 9-yard run and Isaac Peterson added the 2-point conversion, but the Thunderbirds answered with touchdown runs of 78 yards from Peterson and 14 yards from Mason Kriesel to take a 12-8 lead into the second quarter.

Loken's 89-yard run gave Iola-Scandinavia a

20-8 lead until Peterson scored from a yard out for the Titans and Farley caught a 2-point conversion pass that cut the lead to 20-16 in the final minute of the third quarter.

The Titans never scored again and the Thunderbirds added their final touchdown on Loken's 4-yard run midway through the fourth quarter.

Luke Koslowsky led the Titans with 75 rushing yards, and Lucas Farley

completed six of 18 passes for 82 yards.

The Thunderbirds outgained the Titans 375-228. Peterman and Loken finished with 145 and 132 rushing yards, respectively, while Kriesel completed seven of 12 passes for 92 yards.

Colby 28, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 6

The Hornets defeated the Chargers in Wittenberg.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood fell to 2-5 overall and 1-4 in Central

Wisconsin Conference-Large play.

Oct. 8 schedule (all games start at 7 p.m.): 11-player: Sturgeon Bay at Bonduel; Oconto Falls at Southern Door. 8-player: Lena/STAA at Niagara.

Oct. 9 schedule (all games start at 7 p.m.): 11-player: Xavier at Shawano; Marathon at Wittenberg-Birnamwood; Pulaske at De Pere. 8-player: Wild Rose vs. Marion/Tigerton at Marion; Suring at Iola-Scandinavia.

Waupoose wins boys race in Oconto

Lena/STAA girls team finishes in second

Tuesday, Sept. 29
Oconto Invitational

Menominee Nation junior Bryant Waupoose III won the Oconto Invitational in 17 minutes, 12 seconds.

Teammates Cashius Reeves placed 15th in 19:54.1, and Christopher Waubanascam was 66th in 26:04.8.

Gresham/Bowler senior Caleb Putnam finished

eighth in 19:10.4. He was joined by Mason Martin in 30th in 21:47.5, Blaze Ejnik in 31st in 21:52.4 and Mason Pyatskowitz in 49th in 23:52.5.

Wolf River Lutheran's Anthony Long placed 28th in 21:34.2. He was joined by Ivan Long in 69th in 28:31.8 and Mark Buchholz in 70th in 28:54.8.

For Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas, the top five were Dash Comins, 38th, 22:40.6; Wyatt Kosch, 52nd, 23:59.8; Emiliano Almanza, 54th, 34:01.4; Cooper Malloy, 57th, 24:18.6; and Bronne Thoun, 58th, 24:23.1.

In team scores, Lena/STAA was sixth among seven with 164 points.

Lena/STAA's Aspynn Anderson placed second among the girls in 21:15.8. She led her teammates to a second-place finish among five teams with 43 points.

She was joined by Alisa Finger in fourth in 22:97.8, Brooklyn Viestenz in ninth in 22:39.9, Sydney Pirlot in 14th in 23:43.7 and Markee

Rakow in 27th in 26:30.5.

Wolf River Lutheran's Violet Buchholz finished eighth in 22:37.4.

Menominee Nation's Azaliyah Waupoose placed 25th in 26:20.5, and Kaylee Nacotee was 33rd in 28:01.1.

Aubrey Miller ran for Gresham/Bowler and placed 44th in 34:35.6.

SCHS welcomes 2026 hall of fame class

Shawano Community High School on Sept. 26 honored five new members when they were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame and Coaches' Hall of Fame.

The honorees were Allen Werbelow, Mackenzie (Buss) Wilson, Mark Tomashek, Robert (Bob) Jansen and Jim Allbaugh.

Allen Werbelow

Werbelow graduated from Shawano High School in 1931, where he lettered four years in basketball and track and three years in football. He was a 12-sport standout and was recognized with the American Legion Award for outstanding athletic and scholastic achievement.

After attending Michigan State University, he enrolled at UW-Whitewater. There, he lettered two years each in football, basketball and track. In basketball, he earned all-conference honors as a center. In track, he won conference championships in both the 120-yard high hurdles and the high jump. Werbelow graduated from UW-Whitewater in 1936.

Following college, he continued his connection to athletics as a coach. He coached football and basketball for two years each at Princeton High School in Princeton, Illinois, and Highland Park High School in Highland Park, Illinois. After his coaching career, Werbelow entered the business world and built a successful professional career.

He worked for Montgomery Ward, Spiegel Inc., Robert Morton Co. and Kierluff Electronics before serving as vice president of Fredericks of Hollywood. He retired following a career in business.

Werbelow's athletic legacy was further honored with his induction into the UW-Whitewater Athletic Hall of Fame in 1979.

Mackenzie (Buss) Wilson

Mackenzie (Buss) Wilson, class of 2013, established herself as one of the most accomplished swimmers in Shawano High



Allen Werbelow

School history. A four-year participant and four-year letter winner, Wilson made an immediate impact as a freshman, breaking six individual school records, earning Bay Conference first team and all-state honors, winning the WIAA state championship in the 100-yard backstroke, and being named team most valuable player.

Wilson continued to excel throughout her high school career. As a sophomore, she earned her second consecutive Bay Conference first team and all-state honors and finished second in the 100-yard backstroke at state.

During her junior season, she broke the Bay Conference and sectional records in the 100-yard backstroke and set a new WIAA state record that had stood since 2004. She became a two-time state champion, earned additional state medals in the 100-yard butterfly, and was named the Green Bay Press-Gazette All-Area Swimmer of the Year.

As a senior, Wilson added to her career, finishing with eight school records and contributing to three relay records. Over four years, she competed in 14 events at the state meet, earning seven state medals. She was a Bay Conference first team and all-state swimmer all four years, earned three team MVP honors, served as senior captain and competed in the 2012 USA Swimming Olympic Trials in Omaha, Nebraska.

Wilson's success extended beyond the pool. She maintained a 3.96 GPA,



Jim Allbaugh

earned USA Swimming All-American Scholastic honors, was named Optimist Scholastic Student of the Year and was recognized as the Shawano Community High School Student and Athlete of the Year. She also volunteered as a coach for Special Olympics for three years.

Following high school, Wilson continued her swimming career at the University of Louisville, competing at the NCAA Championships and helping her team achieve multiple top-eight national finishes. She also represented Louisville at the 2016 USA Swimming Olympic Trials.

Mark Tomashek

Mark Tomashek, class of 1992, was a standout two-sport athlete at Shawano High School, competing in basketball from 1988-92 and baseball from 1989-92. He earned three varsity letters in basketball and two in baseball.

On the basketball court, Tomashek scored 49 points in a single game and helped lead his team to a regional final during his senior season. He finished his career with 1,066 points, becoming the fastest player in Shawano history to reach 1,000 points in just 106 games. He ranks sixth on the school's all-time scoring list.

Tomashek's accomplishments earned him numerous honors during his high school career. He set a single-season Bay Conference scoring record, was named Bay Conference player of the year, and was recognized as Shawano's male athlete of the year in 1992. He earned first team



Mackenzie Wilson

all-conference, honorable mention all-state and was selected to the 1992 WBCA All-Star Game.

Tomashek continued his basketball career at St. Norbert College, where he earned all-conference honors. His passion for the game eventually led him into coaching, where he has continued to make an impact on high school basketball in northeast Wisconsin.

As the varsity boys basketball coach at Denmark High School, Tomashek compiled a 117-75 record and led the program to the sectional level.

He later became the varsity boys basketball coach at Ashwaubenon High School, where he established an impressive 99-32 record and guided the Jaguars to the WIAA state tournament in 2022.

Robert (Bob) Jansen

Robert "Bob" Jansen, class of 1970, was an exceptional three-sport athlete at Shawano High School, participating in football, basketball and baseball for three years. He earned varsity letters in football in 1969 and 1970, basketball in 1969 and 1970, and baseball in 1969 and 1970. Jansen was a starter in all three sports, serving as the starting quarterback in football and starting in basketball and baseball during his junior and senior seasons.

Jansen's accomplishments included being named second team all-conference in 1970 and earning the 1970 basketball free throw award. In baseball, he was a three-time sectional qualifier from



Mark Tomashek

1968-70, earned second team all-conference honors and the pitcher award in 1970, and established himself as a key contributor to the Shawano baseball program.

Following high school, Jansen continued his basketball career at UW-Oshkosh, playing four years.

His lifelong involvement in athletics continued as he became a coach and mentor, including being named 1984 Wisconsin softball coach of the year. His dedication to baseball was further recognized with his induction into the Shawano Baseball Hall of Fame.

Jansen continued giving back to the Shawano community decades after his own playing days. In 2022, he volunteered as a coach with Shawano baseball and helped lead the team to a conference championship and sectional qualification.

Jim Allbaugh

Jim Allbaugh began his teaching and coaching career in 1966 and went on to dedicate 45 years to education and athletics. In 1984, he joined Shawano School District as a middle school math teacher, beginning a chapter of coaching and service to the Shawano athletic community. He served as head wrestling coach from 1984-94 and head cross country coach from 1986-98, leaving a lasting impact on both programs.

During Allbaugh's tenure, Shawano cross country grew from just nine runners to more than 50, and the school captured five Bay Conference championships. His wrestling



Robert Jansen

and cross country programs produced state meet qualifiers, and in both 1992 and 1994, Shawano qualified athletes for the WIAA state wrestling and state cross country meets. This was the only time in school history the same coach led two separate sports to state competition in the same year.

Allbaugh was also instrumental in growing and promoting Shawano wrestling. In 1986, he helped establish the Shawano Holiday Classic Wrestling Tournament and introduced a parade of champions for the finals, complete with lights, music, and a presentation. The format later became part of the WIAA state wrestling finals. His commitment to developing the sport extended beyond Shawano, as he served on the WIAA Wrestling Advisory Board and the Wisconsin Wrestling Coaches Executive Committee from 1986-90.

Allbaugh's influence on wrestling reached far beyond the Shawano community. He was involved in the development and implementation of the 7% Rule for weight reduction, which became the accepted weight-management guideline for high school and college wrestling across the nation.

He received the Wisconsin Wrestling Coaches Association's 20 years of service award in 1990 and was named Shawano Public Schools' dedicated teacher of the year in 1992. He also spent 38 years officiating WIAA and NCAA wrestling and officiated WIAA football and volleyball.



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Fall colors are starting to come through around Kathleen Marsh's home in Townsend, prompting new rhythms in her and her husband's routine. KATHLEEN MARSH

October represents big change of season

October is my favorite month, the most scenic time of year if you are lucky enough to live on a lake in northern Wisconsin. The end of summer brings not only fall colors but new rhythms of life as Mother Nature prepares for a long winter nap.

Jon and I are part of that process and must be vigilant in getting ready for the cold months. It can be a fatal mistake to be unprepared for subzero weather in the rural Northwoods. Help is a long way away, and it can take a long time to arrive if there is an emergency.

We concentrate on doing what needs to be done every year to keep warm, fed, and safe. Having experienced several extended power outages in the last few years, one big upgrade is installation of a large battery to store electricity our solar panels are so good at generating.

Jon's main contributions in October involve bringing in the pontoon, dock, water toys, and deck furniture. He also preps the snowblower and stocks in a good supply of kindling and firewood. All that he has left to do is bring home a deer, because venison is almost the only red meat we consume.

My tasks are more on the domestic side. I start in late summer to stock the larder and fill the freezers. I'm a morning person and usually out of bed before

the sun comes up. Being an early riser means I get a lot done before he comes looking for his first cup of coffee. Being alone with my thoughts also allows me to quietly observe the wonder and beauty of the transition from night to day.



KATHLEEN MARSH
COLUMNIST

Some days begin more memorably than others. For example, on the last Tuesday in September, the sunrise was extra-spectacular. Old Sol took his time inching up into a cloudless azure sky, festooning it with stunning yellow, orange and red hues. He obviously found the cloudless sky

a perfect canvas to showcase his artistic talent. The scene included a breathtaking image of fall colors provided by the accelerating transformation of sumac and deciduous trees.

Early turners, birch, maple, and poplar were ablaze in a montage of yellow, orange and red against a cloudless sky. The less flashy species — oak, beech, ash, and basswood — provided a perfect contrast. The final touch was a variety of shades of green delivered by white, red, and jack pines and balsam trees. Altogether, they turned the woods into a picture-perfect postcard that morning.

Drinking in my fill of beauty, I decided to check the flower gardens. I admired

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ABOVE: Sedona, one of several does that regularly visit Kathleen Marsh's home, stops to look around.

KATHLEEN MARSH

LEFT: It's starting to look a lot like fall on the Townsend Flowage, where the crystal waters are accentuated by the colors of the leaves changing. KATHLEEN MARSH

Add colorful crotons for enhanced indoor fall décor



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Grow crotons in a warm, bright location with temperatures between 60°F and 85°F. Avoid drafts, droughty conditions, severe temperature fluctuations and temperatures that remain below 50°F that can cause its leaves to drop.

Water plants thoroughly and often enough to keep the soil slightly moist during the summer months. Cut back

on watering slightly during the winter as growth begins to slow. Only fertilize actively growing plants with a dilute solution of houseplant fertilizer.

Boost the humidity around this and other tropical plants by grouping them together to create an attractive display. As one plant loses moisture, transpires, its neighbors will benefit. Make maintenance easy while improving the growing environment with gravel trays. Place pebbles, round flat glass stones or similar items in the saucer or tray. Set the pot on the stones above any excess water that collects in the tray. As the water evaporates, it increases humidity around the plant.

Prune leggy plants in early spring, if needed, to encourage branching and

GARDENING WITH MELINDA MYERS



MELINDA MYERS
COLUMNIST

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It's all about the land in one way or another

Menominee elder Sylvia Wilber taught me that there's a truism behind the motivations about the United States' Native American policies: "It's all about the land."

From treaties, to relocation, to removal, to termination, to pipelines, to mines, to nuclear waste repositories, to carbon credits, the government-to-government relationship defined in the U.S. Constitution and upheld by the Supreme Court has historically been exercised on all matters concerning Native land. When Native people own it, someone else wants it.

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe tribal member Michael Witgen delivered the James Madison Lecture at the Brown County Library last month, affirming the reality that what some see as distant history has ongoing consequences for modern Americans.

Titling his presentation "Native Land and the American Revolution," the professor of history at Columbia University noted in his pre-lecture postcard that "European empires established colonies in North America around the idea of 'discovering' a so-called New World. In reality, these lands were already home to Native people with long histories, governments and cultures."

A 2023 Pulitzer Prize finalist



RYAN WINN
COLUMNIST

author of "Seeing Red: Indigenous Land, American Expansion, and the Political Economy of Plunder in North America," Witgen sought to clarify some of the historical realities about the dispossession of Native land.

Witgen began his talk by highlighting that John Locke's 1689 claim that "God, when he gave the World in common to all Mankind ... (and) command-

ed him to subdue the Earth" held sway with the colonists. Locke's literal or proverbial ideas offered non-Natives a rationale to seek dominion over Native land despite the "fully formed societies of Native Americans" that thrived there.

Quoting Presidents George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, "the Father of the National Archives," J. Franklin Jameson, and influential early 20th century Wisconsin-born professor Fredrick Jackson Turner, Witgen charted how the myths of Native people "vanishing" were used as partial justification for the conquest of Indigenous nations' resources.

"The treaty process was the easiest way to transfer land, offering a veneer of legitimacy," Witgen said. "The United States did not engage in the treaty process in good faith, but rather to extract wealth, resources and land from Indigenous populations."



Michael Witgen listens to audience questions following his lecture in September at the Brown County Library. RYAN WINN

In 1837, the first governor of what was then the Wisconsin Territory, Henry Dodge, led the charge to secure some of the homelands of Witgen's people.

"Wisconsin Territory created very little clamoring for Ojibwe land, but the immense pinery was desired," Witgen said.

The Ojibwe wanted to retain their land, noting that they hoped to continue to hunt and fish upon it. Recognizing the looming threat of Andrew Jackson's Indian Removal Act of 1830, the Ojibwe proposed that they'd be willing to lease their lands before ultimately being forced to relinquish them.

Dodge did implore "executive privilege" to note that the Ojibwe retained hunting and gaming rights on their former

homelands. Dodge's acquiescence to Ojibwe wishes set the stage for the 1987-1991 Wisconsin Walleye Wars where non-Natives accosted Ojibwe anglers who exercised these retained sovereignty rights.

The Morrill Land-Grant Act of 1862 provided the legislative means for New York business man Ezra Cornell to buy "499,900 acres" of the ceded Ojibwe land to use as an endowment for Cornell University. Witgen conveyed that the eventual sale of those lands yielded \$574 million for the Ivy League school.

Cornell was one of 52 land-grant beneficiary institutions that collectively bought 11 million acres of Indigenous land dispossessed from 250 nations. At least 16 of those

institutions still hold some rights to those lands, including Cornell's ownership of mineral rights to 300,000 acres of formerly Ojibwe land in Northern Wisconsin.

Cornell's holdings include the Barron Country Hills Pipestone Quarry, which the Lac Courtes Oreille Ojibwe used to craft pipes for Midewiwin religious ceremonies. While it's unlikely anyone will start mining the site anytime soon, the university is unwilling to return those rights to the people who believe that the pipestone offers them a means to interact with their creator.

After his address, an audience member asked how the story of the Ojibwe people's land loss compared with local Native nations, including the Menominee people whose ancestral homelands include the land we were gathered upon.

Witgen stated that what happened to the Ojibwe was not anomalous, and that "the Menominee have a similar experience."

Later, one of my students who couldn't attend asked what Witgen's lecture was about, and I provided him with a summary not unlike the one I now share here with our readers.

To put it succinctly, I told him it was all about the land.

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WHAT’S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, OCT. 9

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

GRESHAM: American Red Cross blood drive, noon to 5 p.m., Gresham High School, 501 Schabow Road. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

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

SATURDAY, OCT. 10

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

CROOKED LAKE: Crooked Lake/Mountain Lions Club 16th annual Oktoberfest, 11 a.m.to 3 p.m. (or until food is gone), Crooked Lake Community Center, 15345 County Road W. Outdoor craft area, free pumpkin decorating and

hayrides, minnow races, DJ, beer garden with bratwurst. Roast pork dinner starting at noon for \$13, children 6-10 \$10, younger than 5 free.

SUNDAY, OCT. 11

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

TUESDAY, OCT. 13

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

GRESHAM: Gresham Scholarship Fund annual meeting, 6 p.m., Abby Bank boardroom, 801 Main St. Election of officers and board members is the main order of business. For information, contact Bob Klopke at 715-787-3386.

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

Omaeqnomenewak Weto-hkatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road. Information: Mindy Thunder at 715-799-3835 or mthunder@mitw.org.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14

PULASKI: Our History, Our Future, 5-9 p.m., American Legion, 135 N. St. Augustine St. Presentation by author Lynda Drews hosted by the Pulaski Area Historical Society. Members \$20, non-members \$25, registration required at pulaskiwithistory.com, 920-220-9434, or at Dynamic Designs Unlimited, 1142 Mountain Bay Lane. Doors open 5 p.m., introduction 5:45 p.m., light buffet 6 p.m. followed by annual business meeting and guest speaker.

SHAWANO: Purses for a Purpose, 5 p.m., Stubborn Brothers Crescent Ballroom, 220 S. Main St. Purses auction to benefit Boys and Girls Club. Tickets and more

information at www.pforp26.givesmart.com.

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

THURSDAY, OCT. 15

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

NAVARINO: Navarino at Noon, noon, Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Topic: Steamboats of the Wolf River. Opportunity for seniors to learn more about local history, wildlife, management and more. Suggested donation \$5, RSVP at 715-758-6999.

FRIDAY, OCT. 16

OCONTO: Storytime, 10:30

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

BOWLER: American Red Cross blood drive, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Bowler High School, 500 S. Almon St. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

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

SATURDAY, OCT. 17

SHAWANO: Christmas Wresth Sale, 8 a.m. to noon, Sacred Heart Catholic Church Gathering Space, 302 S. Main St. Fundraiser for Sacred Heart School. Orders also taken after Mass Oct. 17-18 and Oct. 24-25 and through Oct. 28; pickup after Masses Dec. 5-6.

CROOKED LAKE: Crooked Lake/Mountain Lions Club 16th annual Oktoberfest, 11 a.m.to , Crooked Lake

Community Center, 15345 County Road W. Food, family activities, minnow races, wagon rides. Dinner prices \$13, children 6-10 \$10, younger than 5 free.

SHAWANO: Berkshire Hathaway Barn Dance, 4-9 p.m., Peebles Country Breeze Barn, N5628 County Road U. Local vendor market 4-7 p.m., food and drinks, games, 50/50 raffle, live music by Until Dawn 6-9 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCT. 18

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

SHAWANO: Porkie Pancake Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. to noon, Sacred Heart Catholic Church Cafeteria. Hosted by Knights of Columbus. \$8, children 6-12 \$4, 5 and under free.

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Oct. 4 Deputies responded to 46 incidents, including a wrong-way driver on U.S. Highway 41 near County Road J in the Town of Pensaukee; underage alcohol at a redacted location;

a fatal crash near Klaus Lake Road and West Park Street in Gillett; an animal bite on Bayside Road in the Town of Little Suamico; an animal bite on Fredrickson Road in the Town of Stiles; trespassing on County Road N in the Town of Oconto; suspicious activity on County Road M in the Town of Spruce; three traffic stops,

one traffic hazard, three traffic offenses, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; five 911 hangups and three open lines; three ambulance calls; two crashes, one involving deer.

Oct. 3 Deputies responded to 59 incidents, including attempted burglary on Crescent Drive in the Town of Mountain; a wanted person at a redacted location; burglary on state Highway 32-64 in the Town of Mountain; 10 traffic stops, one traffic hazard, one traffic offense, three citizen assists, five miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; one 911 hangup and five open lines; four ambulance calls.

Oct. 2 Deputies responded to 52 incidents, including a disturbance on Holiday Inn Road in the Town of Spruce; property damage on Maiden Lake Road in the Town of Riverview; fraud at the Law Enforcement Center, 220 Arbutus Ave., Oconto; a wanted person at a redacted location; suspicious activity on County Road A in the Town of Little River; suspicious activity near state Highway 32 and Thelen Road in the Town of Riverview; suspicious activity on Main Street in Abrams;

one traffic offense, one citizen assist, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; eight ambulance calls; five crashes, four involving deer.

Oct. 1 Deputies responded to 34 incidents, including a noise disturbance near West Main and Second streets in Lena; internet fraud on Harvest Valley Lane in the Town of Chase; a disturbance on South Green Bay Avenue in Gillett; fraud on South White Potato Lake Road in the Town of Brazeau; theft at the Law Enforcement Center, 220 Arbutus Ave., Oconto; harassment on Eagle Drive in the Town of Little Suamico; suspicious activity near Oconto River Shores Lane and County Road I in the Town of Stiles; suspicious activity at Lakes Country Public Library, 15235 State Highway 32, Lakewood; suspicious activity on Pecor Street in Oconto; a disturbance on South Rosera Street in Lena; one traffic stop, one citizen assist, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; four 911 hangups; six ambulance calls; one crash, involving deer.

Sept. 30 Deputies responded to 44 incidents, including criminal

damage on Lee Lake Road in the Town of Brazeau; suspicious activity on East Frontage Road in the Town of Little Suamico; a disturbance on North Franklin Street in Oconto Falls; a disturbance on Brookside Cemetery Road in the Town of Pensaukee; a disturbance on North Green Bay Avenue in Gillett; two traffic stops, two traffic offenses, two citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident, one welfare check; two open-line 911 calls; seven ambulance calls; two crashes, both involving deer.

Sept. 29 Deputies responded to 62 incidents, including a structure fire on Watercrest Road in the Town of Stiles; sexual assault at a redacted location; fraud on Commercial Road in the Town of Lakewood; two reports of harassment, and later theft, on Ranch Lake Drive in the Town of Brazeau; fire control burns on Chicago Street in Oconto and on County Road J in the Town of Oconto; a structure fire on Chicken Shack Road in the Town of Stiles; theft on North Kelly Lake Road in the Town of Brazeau; a wanted person at the jail, 220 Arbutus Ave., Oconto; seven traffic stops, one traffic hazard,

three traffic offenses, three citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident, five welfare checks; two 911 hangups; 10 ambulance calls; three crashes, two involving deer.

Sept. 28 Deputies responded to 64 incidents, including theft on West Frontier Road in the Town of Little Suamico; a fire control burn near state Highway 64 and Twin Pine Road in the Town of Mountain; suspicious activity in the Law Enforcement Center lobby, 220 Arbutus Ave., Oconto; suspicious activity on County Road G in the Town of Gillett; animal neglect on County Road G in the Town of Maple Valley; an internet crimes against children incident at a redacted location; sexual assault at a redacted location; suspicious activity on Fox Road in the Town of Little Suamico; animal neglect on Airport Road in the Town of Oconto; fire on Central Road in the Town of Breed; three traffic hazards, two traffic offenses, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; three 911 hangups and one open line; 12 ambulance calls; two crashes, one involving deer.

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

Notice for Annual District Meeting
(Section 120.08(1))

Notice is hereby given to qualified electors of the Suring Public School District, that the annual meeting of said district for the transaction of business, will be held in the HS Library in the said District, on the 19th day of October 2026, at 5:30 P.M.
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Signed: Cathleen Lundgren, District Clerk.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
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10/9/26, 10/16/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING DIVISION OF PARCEL –
Village of Lena
October 19, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

Please take notice that a public hearing will be held before the Village Board of the Village of Lena, Wisconsin on Monday, October 19, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Village of Lena Municipal Building located at 117 E. Main Street, Lena, WI. Land parcels proposed to be divided are as follows:
Tax Parcel Number: 146012603043A and 146012603043C Village of Lena. The property is located at 410 and 412 E Main Street in the Village of Lena.
Tax Parcel Number: 14605270888B and 14505270878A Village of Lena. The property is located at 300 and 312 W Main Street in the Village of Lena.
Proposed Parcel Maps are available for viewing during normal business hours at the Village of Lena Municipal Building. At the above time and place, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
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PUBLIC NOTICE
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Lisa Peltersen, Clerk, Town of Spruce

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
OCONTO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT
N.E.W. Credit Union
Plaintiff, Case No. 26CV136
v. Code No. 30301

Benjamin J. Gordon
XYZ Unknown Defendant
Defendants.

PUBLICATION SUMMONS
STATE OF WISCONSIN
To each person named above as a Defendant:
You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you.
Within 40 days after September 25, 2026, you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is Clerk of Courts, Oconto County Courthouse, 301 Washington St, Oconto, WI 54153-1621; and to Justin J. Bates, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is PO Box 1473, Wausau, WI 54402. You may have an attorney help or represent you.
If you do not demand a copy of the complaint within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
Dated: September 15, 2026.
Bates Legal Group, LLC
Attorneys for Plaintiff
By: /s/ Justin J. Bates
Justin J. Bates
State Bar No. 1066128
P.O. Box 1473
Wausau, WI 54402-1473
(715) 843-5599

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

STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT
FAMILY COURT BRANCH

In re the marriage of:
CAROL JEAN KNIPP
Petitioner
-and-
DANIEL ARNOLD KNIPP
Respondent
Divorce: 40101
Case No. 25 FA 126

PETITIONER'S AMENDED NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION TO ADD A PARTY OR FOR LEAVE TO ADD A PARTY PURSUANT TO WIS. STATS. § 803.05 AND § 803.06

TO:
Michelle McPhaul
6252 Sherrie Ln.
Gillett, WI 54124
Shawano County Clerk of Courts
Shawano County Courthouse
/Via E-Filing

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Petitioner, Carol Knipp, by her attorney, Sally Danner, of Karp & Iancu, S.C., will move the Court for the following relief pursuant to sections 803.05 and 803.06 Wis. Stats. and pursuant to In re the Marriage of Zabel v. Zabel, 210 Wis. 2d 336, 565 N.W.2d 240 (Ct App. 1997):
1.For an Order to add Michelle McPhaul, and Kayla Knipp as parties to the above-captioned action pursuant to section 803.05 Wis. Stats; or
2.For an Order granting the Petitioner leave to join Michelle McPhaul, and Kayla Knipp as parties to the above captioned action pursuant to section 803.06 Wis. Stats; an
3.For an Order enjoining Michelle McPhaul, and Kayla Knipp, or any corporate or non-corporate entity within his or her control from disposing of property transferred to him/her by Daniel Knipp or using funds provided to them by Daniel Knipp.
4. For an Order rescinding any transaction or transfer between Daniel Knipp and Michelle McPhaul, and Kayla Knipp, or corporate or non-corporate entities on their behalf.
5. For such other relief at law or in equity to which the Petitioner may be entitled, including but not limited to, her reasonable and actual attorney's fees.
BEFORE: Family Court Commissioner Eric Hendrickson
PLACE: Shawano County Courthouse 311 North Main Street Shawano, WI 54166
DATE: December 1, 2026
TIME: 11:30 a.m.
This Motion is based on the attached affidavit of Attorney Sally Danner.
September 21, 2026,
KARP & IANCU, S.C.,
Attorneys for Petitioner
Electronically signed by Sally Danner

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Ben Johnson and crew a disruptive force in the North

By **LUKE REIMER**
Green & Gold Express

It wasn't pretty, but Green Bay got back in the win column in Florida this past week.

Led by Jordan Love's two touchdown passes, the Green Bay Packers defeated the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 17-14 in Tampa on Oct. 4.

In what has been a recurring scenario for the Packers over the past 10 games, it led its opponent by two scores in the second half. This time though, Green Bay was able to shut the door despite two turnovers in the fourth quarter.

"There were some positive things, but I think that we are never going to be satisfied with scoring 17 points in a game," coach Matt LaFleur said. "That is just not to our standard, and we have to find ways when we have opportunities in the red area to convert. We can't be turning the ball over, can't have penalties."

The major story surrounding the Packers

during the previous week was the three veterans it brought in to help the struggling offensive line. After signing Laken Tomlinson, Mekhi Becton and Kevin Zeitler, it was Tomlinson who was the only one to see the field against the Buccaneers.

Tomlinson, who slotted in at left guard, joined Jordan Morgan at left tackle, Sean Rhyhan at center, Travis Glover at right guard and Anthony Belton at right tackle. The quintet put together the best performance up front for the Packers this season as Love was hit just twice and was not sacked. On top of that, Green Bay registered its best rushing day of the season with six players combining for 86 rushing yards.

"I think the O-Line did a great job today," Love said. "Pass protection. Run game. Obviously just keeping me clean (and) getting me some time. They did a great job and you can feel the difference back there for sure."

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Wide receiver Christian Watson and his teammates took one on the chin in the NFC Wildcard game in January. The 31-27 loss to the Bears ended the Packers season.
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OFFENSIVE LINE CHANGES HELP PACKERS REACH .500

By **LUKE REIMER**
Green & Gold Express

The Packers got a peak at its new offensive line in Week 4 against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, kind of.

In the week leading up to the Week 4 matchup, Packers general manager Brian Gutekunst did his best to remedy the issues on the offensive line, by signing 34-year old Laken Tomlinson, 27-year old Mekhi Becton and 36-year old Kevin Zeitler.

Tomlinson was the only one to see the field against the Bucs, as he logged all 55 offensive snaps at left guard, alongside Jordan Morgan, Sean Rhyhan, Travis Glover and Anthony Belton. Tomlinson's addition to the offensive line, as well as Glover's play at right guard, certainly improved upon Green Bay's recent struggles as Jordan Love was not sacked and the run game totaled a season high 86 yards.

It is encouraging to



Jordan Love had a good game against the Bears in the playoffs, except for the 31-27 final score that sent Green Bay packing for the offseason.

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see the offensive line take the step in the right direction, but with the additions of three veterans who have primarily played guard throughout their careers, the Packers may all of a sudden have too many players for not enough starter spots.

Becton came into the

NFL as a tackle prospect out of the University of Louisville but saw his best days on the interior, winning a Super Bowl with the Philadelphia Eagles while starting at right guard. Becton's signing appears to be more of a depth addition, given his spot on the practice squad.

Zeitler, who has spent most of his career in Cincinnati and Baltimore at right guard, is a familiar name for many Packers fans. Zeitler went to high school at Wisconsin Lutheran before attending college at Wisconsin. He figures to play sooner than later for Green Bay despite not being active for the Week 4 matchup.

"The guy just got here this week," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur, on not activating Zeitler. "We have to ramp him up. That was our decision. We just have to get him acclimated with what we are doing. I think it would have been pretty unfair to put him in these conditions today with three practices under his belt."

LaFleur went on to say that the team is going to take it day-by-day to evaluate when Zeitler will be ready to play.

Outside of bringing

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Defensive lineman Micah Parsons leans into a conversation with coach Matt LaFleur. Parsons' return is still up in the air, and he did not practice this week.

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Love finished the game completing 22-of-30 passes for 197 yards and the two touchdowns, while also throwing for one interception.

Christian Watson was the leading receiver for the Packers, hauling in three passes for 47 yards. Despite another dropped pass, Tucker Kraft totaled 42 yards and a touchdown on six receptions. Matthew Golden was the other recipient of Love's two touchdown passes as the Texas alum finished the game with 21 yards on three receptions.

In the run game, Kaleb Johnson led the way for the Packers, as he totaled 42 yards on eight carries. Chris Brooks added another 30 yards on four carries, while MarShawn Lloyd totaled 13 yards on seven attempts.

On the Buccaneers side of the ball, undrafted rookie Jalon Daniels, who started at quarterback in place of an injured Baker Mayfield, completed 19-of-27 passes for 148 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions.

Tight end Cade Otton was the leading receiver, totaling 37 yards on four receptions, while veteran wide receiver Chris Godwin added 31 yards on six receptions. It was running back Kenny Gainwell, who caught Daniels' lone touchdown pass.

Bucky Irving headed

the run game for Tampa Bay, totaling 61 yards on 16 carries, while Daniels finished with 55 yards on eight carries. Sean Tucker added a rushing touchdown.

Despite seeming like the better team on paper, Green Bay was up to its old tricks as two turnovers in the fourth quarter almost cost the team its second win of the season.

With just over nine minutes remaining in the game, Buccaneers safety Tykee Smith forced Johnson to fumble, as Green Bay was just five yards away from scoring. Green Bay's defense bailed Johnson out though, forcing Tampa Bay to punt just six plays later.

On Green Bay's next drive, after a 12-yard reception by Lloyd, Love was intercepted by Buccaneers defensive back Jacob Parrish with just under four and a half minutes remaining in the game. Again, the Packers defense was able to get out of the jam, turning the Buccaneers over on downs and essentially icing the win.

While getting back in the win column is certainly a positive, Green Bay may have taken a massive hit, as linebacker Edgerrin Cooper was forced to leave the game with an Achilles injury. After the game, LaFleur was not confident on seeing Cooper back on the field this season.



"I would suspect that, yes," said LaFleur, when asked if Cooper would be out for the season.

The win brings Green Bay's record to 2-2, tying it with the Detroit Lions, who lost to the Carolina Panthers on Sunday Night Football, in the NFC North.

Green Bay will look to add another win to the record, as it takes on the Chicago Bears at Lambeau Field next week.



Above, quarterback Aaron Rodgers salutes the fans at the end of his career in Green Bay. At right, Caleb Williams checks out the scoreboard in his rookie season. Williams will miss the Week 5 matchup against the Packers due to a hamstring injury. His status is on a week-to-week basis.

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in three veterans, Green Bay still has Aaron Banks when he returns from injury. Given the solid play of Tomlinson, it is going to be tough to move him out of the starting lineup when Banks is ready to return. Given LaFleur's comments, it appears that Zeitler is going to play at some point. Assuming Zeitler slots in at right guard, the Packers will have an interesting decision to make with shuffling the offensive line around when Banks is healthy.

Given that Banks is being paid \$19.25 million per year, the Packers have an incentive for him to play, assuming it does not want that money to be sitting on the bench. Moving

any of the three players to the tackle position is also not ideal, considering the draft investments that Green Bay has put into Morgan and Belton.

One thing is clear though. The first game with a somewhat revamped offensive line worked in Green Bay's favor, as Love came out unscathed and the running game took a step forward. Even if the guard position is overcrowded, the team now at least has some depth if more injuries were to occur. It is unknown yet who will be the five starters on the front against Chicago, but seeing the improvement this past week is something to give Packers fans hope for the future.



The status of Chris Brooks' (30) ankle injury is uncertain, while Matthew Golden (0) is finding success with passes from quarterback Jordan Love (10). Against Tampa Bay, Brooks left the game in the first half, and Golden caught three passes for 21 yards and one touchdown.

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CHICAGO BEARS AT GREEN BAY PACKERS

Time and date: 3:25 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 11
Location: Lambeau Field
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 2-2, Bears 3-1.
History: The Packers lead the historical NFL rivalry against the Bear with a 109-98-6 record (including three postseason

games).

Both of their matchups last year were absolute thrillers, with the Packers and Bears both holding serve at home. Green Bay's scored first blood with a 28-21 victory over the Bears on the strength of three touchdown passes from Jordan Love, and a game-sealing interception from Keisean Nixon.

The second time these two teams met, the Packers led by 10 just before the two-minute warning when disaster struck. Romeo Doubs bobbled an on-side kick, and Caleb Williams threw two touchdown passes on

Chicago's final two possessions, with the finishing blow being struck by DJ Moore.

Coaches: Packers, Matt LaFleur, eighth season, 78-42-1. Bears, Ben Johnson, second season, 14-7.

Packers Schedule
Sunday, Sept. 13, at Minnesota, L 39-22
Sunday, Sept. 20, at NY Jets, W 20-17 (OT)
Thursday, Sept. 24, vs. Atlanta, L 35-14
Sunday, Oct. 4, at Tampa Bay, W 17-14
Sunday, Oct. 11, vs. Chicago, 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

Houston at Tennessee, noon
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. 8
Tampa Bay at Dallas, 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 11
Philadelphia at Jacksonville (in London), 8:30 a.m.
NY Giants at Washington, noon
Cleveland at NY Jets, noon
Indianapolis at Pittsburgh, noon

San Francisco at Seattle, 3:25 p.m.
Chicago at Green Bay, 3:25 p.m.
Baltimore at Atlanta, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 12
Buffalo at LA Rams, 7:15 p.m.

MOMENTS

OUT FOR THE SEASON



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ANOTHER HUGE LOSS FOR PACKERS

Linebacker Edgerrin Cooper went down in the second half Oct. 4 against Tampa Bay with what was announced as an Achilles injury. He was carted off the field. Coach Matt LaFleur said the injury is “not good” and that he “would suspect” Cooper’s season is over. It’s a significant loss. Cooper has been, along with edge rusher Lukas Van Ness, arguably one of the defense’s top two players this season.

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TIME FOR ANOTHER WIN VS. BEARS

Jordan Love is 4-3 against the Chicago Bears, including a playoff appearance at the end of the 2025 season. In those games, he has thrown for 1,525 yards and 13 touchdowns with two interceptions. In Jan. 10's NFC Wildcard game, Love threw for 323 yards and four touchdowns, but the Packers fell 31-27 after a second-half comeback by Caleb Williams and the Bears.

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