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Many treats found on beach trail

Oconto Falls' West Side Beach hosts Trick or Treat Trail for 6th year

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor



Dave Wagner, of Oconto Falls, has plenty of treasure and a few spooky crew members as he tells his pirate tales to trick-or-treaters Oct. 24 along the Trick-or-Treat Trail at West Side Beach in Oconto Falls. Wagner has been a part of the Halloween tradition since it started six years.
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If you went into the woods Oct. 24 at Oconto Falls' West Side Beach, you were in for more than one surprise at the community held its sixth annual Trick or Treat Trail.

A spooky DJ kept the music flowing at the beach as hundreds of people walked into the woods and got some goodies from more than two dozen businesses, individuals and organizations. For those who had to park far away from the beach, Riverwood Saloon and Campground provide a bus to haul all the ghouls, witches and monsters – along with their loving parents – to the trail.

Along the trail were painted monster rocks that provided the children who collected them special treats. Iverson's Piggly Wiggly donated pumpkins for the trail, and for those who wanted more than candy and other sweets, the picnic shelter had plenty of pulled pork sandwiches, homemade macaroni and cheese, walking tacos and hot dogs for families to enjoy.

Among those bedeviling the trail was Dave Wagner, an Oconto Falls resident who has participated in the Trick or Treat Trail with his wife since it first began. Wagner dressed up as a pirate this year, with treasure chests, skeleton crew members and even a one-eyed parrot setting the scene as he tried to get children to volunteer to be part of his crew.

"I'm part of the Witch Next Door crew that helps to set up the decorations," Wagner said. "Last year, I was a gravedigger, so I had the grave down there."

He said the pirate costume "spoke to me" when deciding what to dress up as.

"It's just fun," Wagner said. "We've done haunted trails for a long, long time – the Children's Museum in Wausau, a pumpkin place over by Edgar that had a trail set up like this. We've been doing this for, I don't know, 15 years or more."

Wagner loves Halloween, especially for the props.

"I'm a big prop fan," he said.

Some of the groups were participating to not only interact with the children but

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Chris Byars, Gillett Area Chamber of Commerce president, holds up the Passport to Gillett that local customers can pick up from participating businesses. Participation in the program makes customers eligible to win Chamber Bucks.
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Gillett boosting businesses with passport program

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The reopening of state Highway 22 has prompted the Gillett Area Chamber of Commerce to provide an incentive to patronize local businesses that were impacted by the year-long road closure.

Chris Byars, chamber president, announced during the highway's ribbon cutting ceremony Oct. 16 that the Passport to Gillett program was launching. When someone purchases something from participating businesses, that person receives a stamp in the booklet. Getting at least 10 stamps in the booklet during a three-month period permits the user to turn it in and be eligible for winning Chamber Bucks.

"You can use them to spend at Gillett businesses for future purchases," Byars said. "I would say pick up one of these, stop at one of these local businesses and give them your business. They definitely appreciate it, and I know you will get some great service from every one of them."

Byars noted that businesses had some difficulty due to their main entrances being impacted by the road construction – not only those along the corridor, but others that didn't have heavy equipment outside their front door but still usually received visitors

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ASPI hosting auditions for 'Something Rotten!'

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ASPI holding auditions for 'Something Rotten!'

Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. will hold auditions Nov. 9 and Nov. 11 for its spring show, "Something Rotten!" to be presented March 4-7 and March 11-14, 2027.

This show, directed by Ali Carlson, calls for male and female cast members, ages 13 and up.

"Something Rotten!" is a musical about two brothers trying to make their mark in the theater world while competing with none other than William Shakespeare. It's packed with comedy, music, dancing, romance, and plenty of theatrical chaos.

People can audition 6-8 p.m. on either date at the Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St., Abrams. Those who audition should come prepared to sing one minute of a song from a musical. A bluetooth speaker will be provided or individuals can bring their own speaker or sing a capella.

The auditions will include a reading from the script and a short dance audition, so participants should wear shoes and clothing that's appropriate for dancing.

If an in-person audition isn't feasible, call 920-826-5852 or email theater.aspi@gmail.com to submit a video audition.

To save time, individuals are encouraged to complete the online audition paperwork prior to auditions. A link can be found under the Events/Auditions tab at www.abramstheater.com. The auditions tab also includes rehearsal information and character descriptions.

Exercise, physical therapy help reduce fall risks

A fall rarely happens without warning.

Changes in balance or confidence can signal an increased risk of falling, particularly among older adults, long before an injury occurs, according to Aspirus Health physical therapist Jessica Brandt.

One of the earliest warning signs is a growing fear of falling. Reduced confidence in their balance can lead people to limit activities or avoid situations where they feel unsteady. While those changes may feel protective, they can actually increase the likelihood of a fall over time.

"When people get the indication that their balance isn't very good, they tend to not want to move as much," Brandt said. "It creates a cycle where people limit what they do and where they go."

Brandt said stability and mobility can often be improved through regular exercise and targeted strength training, despite a common belief that physical decline is an unavoidable part of aging.

"I think people have the misconception that getting weak and getting immobile is part of the aging process, and it doesn't have to be," Brandt said. "You can keep yourself moving and combat a lot of those things that make you more susceptible to falls."

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via the highway.

Byars recounted how it really felt like Gillett was back to normal the first time he heard an ad the chamber had placed making the announcement.

"I remember listening to it and thinking, 'Wow. Gillett is open,'" Byars said.

He added that the advertisement vowed anyone who shops in the community will be greeted by smiling faces.

"That's what it means to live in a smaller city like Gillett," Byars said. "When you go in and support our local businesses, like when you go in and see Pete at Main Street Sweets, he has ice cream for you. He has some great chocolate and other candies, too."

Information about chamber programs can be found at www.gillett-chamber.com.

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NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
Gillett School District
November 3, 2026

Referendum Election Details
At an election to be held in the Gillett School District, Oconto and Shawano Counties, on November 3, 2026, the following proposed Resolution of the School District Board of Education will be submitted to a vote of the people:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the Gillett School District, Oconto and Shawano Counties, Wisconsin, that the revenues included in the School District budget be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, of the Wisconsin Statutes, by $1,900,000 in each year for the 2026-2027, the 2027-2028, and the 2028-2029 school years, for non-recurring purposes to sustain student educational programming, operations, and facilities maintenance.

Ballot Text
The question will appear on the ballot as follows:
"Shall the Gillett School District, Oconto and Shawano Counties, Wisconsin, be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, of the Wisconsin Statutes, by $1,900,000 in each year for the 2026-2027, the 2027-2028, and the 2028-2029 school years , for non-recurring purposes, to sustain student educational programming, operations, and facilities maintenance?"

Explanation
A "yes" vote is in favor of the Resolution set forth above and is a vote to grant the district the authority to exceed the revenue limits established under Section 121.91(2m) of the Wisconsin Statutes by $1,900,000 for each of three school years, the 2026-2027, the 2027-2028, and the 2028-2029 school years for non-recurring purposes to sustain student educational programming, operations, and facility maintenance.

A "no" vote is opposed to the Resolution set forth above and is a vote to deny.

Done in the City of Gillett
August 24, 2026
Trisha Ondik
School District Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF MAPLE VALLEY, OCONTO COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday November 19, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Maple Valley Town Hall, a PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed 2027 BUDGET for the Town of Maple Valley in Oconto County will be held. Hearing to Be held at the Maple Valley Town Hall, 9088 Cnty Rd. Z, Suring, WI 54174. The Proposed budget in detail is available for inspection at the Town Clerk's office by appointment.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OF THE ELCTORS OF THE
TOWN OF MAPLE VALLEY,
OCONTO COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday November 19, 2026, immediately following completion of the Public Hearing on the proposed year 2027 budget,
Which begins at 7:00 pm at the Maple Valley Town Hall, a special Town Meeting Of the electors is called pursuant to Section 60.12 (1)c of Wisconsin Statutes by
The Town Board, for the following purpose, will be held:
1. To approve the 2026 town Tax Levy to be collected in 2027 pursuant to Section 60.10 (1)(a) of Wisconsin Statutes

NOTICE OF SPECIAL
TOWN BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF MAPLE VALLEY,
OCONTO COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday November 19, 2026, immediately Following the completion of the Public Hearing and Special Town Meeting of the Electors, a special Town Board meeting will be held for the Purpose of adopting The 2027 Town of Maple Valley Budget. The Monthly Town Board meeting will immediately follow the Special Town Board meeting
Dated this 20 th Day of October 2026
Cindy Tousey, Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC TESTING
Town of Maple Valley

The Town of Maple Valley will conduct a Public Test of the Electronic Voting Machines to be used in the November 3, 2026 General Election.
The Public Test will be held on October 27, 2026 at 5:00 pm at the Maple Valley Town Hall Located at 9088 Cty. Z
The Public is Welcome.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
OCONTO COUNTY

CITY OF OCONTO FALLS NOTICE - RESOLUTION NO. 26-010 APPROVAL
The following resolution has been passed by the Joint Review Board for the City of Oconto Falls at a meeting held on September 09, 2026. A full text of said resolution may be obtained from the Oconto Falls clerk's office located at 500 N. Chestnut, Oconto Falls, WI 54154. Phone: 920-846-4505.
RESOLUTION NO. 26-010 JOINT REVIEW BOARD TERRITORY AMENDMENT NO. 1 OF TAX INCREMENTAL FINANCE DISTRICT NO. 3 CITY OF OCONTO FALLS, WISCONSIN
Posted by City Deputy Clerk Jenny Friedman

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Notice of Public Hearing
Village of Lena 2027 Proposed Budget Summary

The Village of Lena Board of trustees will hold a Public Hearing on it's Proposed 2027 Budget on Monday, November 16, 2026 at 5:45 p.m. at the Municipal Building at 117 E. Main St.. A detailed copy of the budget is available for inspection at the Village Clerk's office during regular business hours. The proposed budget will be acted upon by the Board at their regular meeting to be held later that same evening. The following is a summary of the proposed 2027 budget:

GENERAL FUND	Budget 2026	Budget 2027	Amount Change	% Change
Revenues				
Property Tax	$270,031	$268,167	($1,864)	-0.7%
Other Taxes	28,767	28,767	-	0.0%
Intergovernmental Grants/Aids	277,679	283,315	5,636	2.0%
Licenses and Permits	3,348	3,324	(24)	-0.7%
Fines/Forfeitures/Penalties	32,150	32,150	-	0.0%
Public Charges for services	25,590	27,755	2,165	8.5%
Miscellaneous (incl Interest on Invest)	60,890	53,209	(7,681)	-12.6%
Other Financing Sources	0	0	-	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES	**$698,455**	**$696,687**	**($1,768)**	**-0.25%**
EXPENDITURES				
General Government	$131,380	$132,430	$1,050	0.8%
Public Safety	210,201	228,068	17,867	8.5%
Public Works	178,107	194,328	16,221	9.1%
Culture, Education & Recreation	39,500	41,000	1,500	3.8%
Conservation & Development	13,000	11,800	(1,200)	-9.2%
Capital Outlay	47,249	20,619	(26,630)	-56.4%
Debt Service	79,018	68,442	(10,576)	-13.4%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	**$698,455**	**$696,687**	**($1,768)**	**-0.25%**

Dated
Jodi A. Marquardt/Clerk-Treasurer

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Trick-or-treaters in costumes, both young and old, filled up pathways Oct. 24 along the Trick-or-Treat Trail at West Side Beach in Oconto Falls. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

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also to promote safety as the actual Halloween trick-or-treating is at hand. Mary Rosener and Beth Early with Safe Kids Oconto County were on the trail encouraging children to have fun but not to let things go too far.

"We couldn't ask for a more beautiful day today," Rosener said. "Today we're promoting being visible when they're out on Halloween around dusk time. We have reflective bands that we're giving them, so they can use them over and over. We're trying to prevent unintentional injuries among children if there's ways they can be prevented."

This is the second year that Safe Kids has participated in the Halloween activity.



The pig from Iverson's Piggly Wiggly has a line of people eager to collect his goodies Oct. 24 at the Trick-or-Treat Trail at West Side Beach in Oconto Falls. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

To keep folks safe, the Oconto Falls Police Department had officers on hand in case witches tried to eat the children or werewolves tried to scare unsuspecting parents and cause them to trip and fall.

"Plenty of kids showing up, happy kids," said Officer Spencer Russ. "We're just on patrol today and were able to stop by. We just like to see the kids happy and having fun."

DIXIE



Dixie has a wonderful personality that truly shines once she's had time to build trust. She can be a bit shy when meeting new people, but her loyalty and affection are worth the wait.

KAREN



Karen is a 2 year old cat with a strong personality. She is very confident around the shelter and has made great friends with the staff. She would prefer a calmer home and few visitors. She is suited for an adopter who understands cat-itude!

SHERBERT



Sherbert is a 3 month old large sized mix breed looking for a home. She is the last in her litter looking for her forever home. If you're ready for young pup energy, stop by the shelter to meet her!

LILY



Lily is a quiet and well-mannered cat looking for a calm home. She is very affectionate and playful once she gets to know you. We hope to find this sweet gal a home soon.

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Cruisers Yachts teases all-new models

Cruisers Yachts is offering a first look at two new expressions of the VTR, the 45 VTR and the 45 VTR EC, ahead of their official debut at the 2026 Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show.

"Great products begin with a deep understanding of the people who use them," said Mark Pedersen, president of Cruisers Yachts. "As a company, we are committed to listening to our customers and dealers, anticipating where the market is going and continually challenging ourselves to build better experiences on the water. The all-new 45 VTR and 45 VTR EC reflect that vision."

At 45 feet with a 13-foot 10-inch beam, wider than anything else in its class, the new models bring more room, more luxurious finishes and more livability to the VTR lineup, without losing the character for which the series is known. Each model offers a single-level main deck, private dry head with a separate shower, a summer kitchen, quilted upholstery with double top-stitching and a sliding lower cabin door, a new addition to the line.

"We approached the 45 VTR and 45 VTR EC with a clear focus on creating boats that are thoughtfully designed from the inside out," said Josh Delforge, vice president of operations and engineering. "Our team looked closely at how owners want to use their boats and focused on maximizing space, functionality, comfort and performance while elevating the design and character that define the VTR series. Bringing these two models from concept to the water has been an exciting process, and we're proud of the attention to detail and craftsmanship that went into every aspect of their design."

Below the surface, both models share a hybrid stepped hull developed in partnership with DLBA Naval Architects, the same firm behind the 38 VTR's hull.

"The 45 VTR takes the proven hull form of our popular 38 VTR and elevates it to a larger, more stable platform," said Christopher Swanhart, director of recreational boats at DLBA Naval Architects. "Its sleek design features a fine entry at the bow that transitions seamlessly into an optimized blend of beam and dead rise, enabling it to handle challenging sea conditions with ease while delivering a soft, dry ride."

"Smartly positioned strakes help reduce spray and generate lift to minimize drag, while quasi-steps ventilate the outboard hull bottom, lowering wetted surface for improved efficiency. Together with a carefully balanced lower center of gravity, these features ensure lower trim through the hump and a smooth, confident running attitude at all speeds."

For details on these models, visit https://www.cruisersyachts.com/pages/vtr#45vtr.

CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Monday, November 30, 2025 at 5:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Oconto Falls Municipal Building, 500 North Chestnut Avenue, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin, a public hearing will be held on the proposed 2027 budget. Immediately following the public hearing, the Council will meet to vote on the proposed budget during a special Council meeting starting at approximately 5:30 pm. The proposed budget is available for inspection on the city website at www.cityofocontofalls.com, City Hall, the Oconto Falls Public Library, the Oconto Falls Post Office and Iverson's Piggly Wiggly.
The following is a summary of the proposed 2027 City Budget:

General Fund	2026 Approved Budget	2026 Actual through 9/30/2026	2027 Proposed Budget	% Change
Revenues				
General Government	3188541	2,293,607	3,385,833	6.2%
License	28,375	23,359	27,225	-4.1%
Gifts & Grants	34,024	35,325	34,776	2.2%
Penalties & Forfeitures	29,890	22,168	28,460	-4.8%
Special Assessments	154,304	145,372	151,586	-1.8%
All Other Revenues	167,520	88,857	171,219	2.2%
Fund Balance	0	0	0	0.0%
G.F. Revenues	3,602,654	2,608,688	3,799,099	5.5%
Expenditures				
General Government	1,117,704	901,074	1,200,280	7.4%
Protection Person & Property	1,000,023	749,246	1,078,328	7.8%
Health, Welfare, & Sanitation	315,738	214,566	306,515	-2.9%
Transportation	432,549	292,594	406,221	-6.1%
Education & Recreation	188,633	155,168	168,172	-10.8%
Conservation & Development	4,030	2,502	3,280	-18.6%
Transfer to Other Funds	0	0	0	0.0%
Transfer to TIF	0	0	28,775	100.0%
Transfer to Debt Service	510,228	510,228	607,527	19.1%
Transfer to Capital Projects	33,750	33,750	0	-100.0%
Transfer to Trust Agency	0	0	0	0.0%
Transfer to Fund Balance	0	0	0	0.0%
G. F. EXPENDITURES	3,602,654	2,859,129	3,799,098	5.5%
GF NET SURPLUS (DEFICIENCY)	0	(250,440)	0	
DEBT SERVICE FUND				
Revenues	507,889	510,228	607,527	19.6%
Expenditures	507,889	510,228	607,527	19.6%
DSF NET SURPLUS (DEFICIENCY)	0	0	0	
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND				
Revenues	62,000	0	10,000	-65.6%
Fund Balance	0	0	0	0.0%
Expenditures	62,000	0	10,000	-83.9%
CPF NET SURPLUS (DEFICIENCY)	0	0	0	
TIF PROJECTS FUND				
Revenues	100,000	96,900	34,450	-65.6%
Expenditures	100,000	9,271	34,450	-65.6%
TPF NET SURPLUS (DEFICIENCY)	0	87,629	0	
TAX LEVY				
General Fund	1,125,387		1,185,080	5.3%
Debt Service Fund	510,228		607,527	19.1%
TIF Projects Fund	0		0	0.0%
Capital Projects Fund	33,750		0.00	-100.0%
Total Approved Levy	1,669,365		1,792,607	7.4%
Levy limit	1,669,551		1,792,607	7.4%

A quorum of the Common Council may be in attendance of this public hearing.
Notice was given to the public at least 15 days prior to this hearing - Notice was forwarded to newspapers and any news media or persons who have requested the same – Notice was published in the Oconto County Times Herald, Notice was posted at City Hall, Oconto Falls Community Library, Iverson's Piggly Wiggly, and on the city website at www.cityofocontofalls.com
Any person wishing to attend the hearing who requires special accommodations because of a disability should contact the Clerk's office at 920-846-4505 with adequate notice so appropriate accommodations can be made.

PUBLIC RECORD

OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Oct. 25

Deputies responded to 43 incidents, including a disturbance on Lake Street in the Town of Little Suamico; suspicious activity near U.S. Highway 41 and Brookside Road in the Town of Pensaukee; harassment on Red Bank Road in the Town of Underhill; a disturbance on West Stiles Tower Road in the Town of Abrams; a structure fire on Section 8 Church Road in the Town of Brazeau; a disturbance on County Road N in the Town of Oconto; suspicious activity near North Surprise Lake Lane and state Highway 32 in the Town of Townsend; three traffic hazards, one traffic offense, four citizen assists; one 911 hangup and three open lines; three ambulance calls; eight crashes, six involving deer.

Oct. 24

Deputies responded to 46 incidents, including a wanted person on Daly Creek Road in the Town of Oconto Falls; fire near Peshtigo Brook Fire Road and Little Bass Lane in the Town of Brazeau; a death investigation at a redacted location; a weapon offense and later a disturbance on Pine Ridge Lake Lane in the Town of Lakewood; a disturbance on Red Bank Road in the Town of Underhill; disorderly conduct on Golf Course Road in Suring; an animal bite on North Maiden Lake Road in the Town of Riverview; three traffic stops, two traffic offenses, two citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident, two welfare checks; three 911 hangups and two open lines; three ambulance calls; three crashes, all involving deer.

Oct. 23

Deputies responded to 44 incidents, including suspicious activity on Berry Lake North Shore Road in the Town of Underhill; fireworks on South Chase Road in the Town of Chase; harassment on First Street in Lena; identity theft on Falcon Circle in the Town of Chase; three traffic stops, three traffic hazards, two traffic offenses, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; one open-line 911 calls; two ambulance calls; two crashes, one involving deer.

Oct. 22

Deputies responded to 51 incidents, including a fire control burn at Evergreen Cemetery, 316 Cook Ave., Oconto; suspicious activity near County Road S and East Frontage Road in the Town of Little Suamico; suspicious activity on Booth Lane in the Town of Riverview; two traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two citizen assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; one open-line 911 call; five ambulance calls; three crashes, two involving deer.

Oct. 21

Deputies responded to 57 incidents, including suspicious activity on Bridge Street in Oconto; a fire control burn on Logtown Road in the Town of Oconto; suspicious activity near County Road Y and East County Line Road and at County Park II, 500 Bay Road, in the Town of Little River; two reports of child abuse at a redacted location; suspicious activity on County Road J in the Town of Oconto; fire on South Shore Drive in the Town of Breed; a wanted person at the jail, 220 Arbutus Ave., Oconto; harassment on East Frontage Road in the Town of Little Suamico; one traffic offense, four citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident, one welfare check; two 911 hangups and two open lines; seven ambulance calls; five crashes, two involving deer.

Oct. 20

Deputies responded to 40 incidents, including fire on El Dorado Road in the Town of Townsend; fire near Bucks Ranch and Chickadee roads in the Town of Lakewood; harassment on Ball Park Road in the Town of Little Suamico; a disturbance on Holt Park Road in the Town of Spruce; one traffic hazard, four citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident, one welfare check; one 911 hangup and five open lines; five ambulance calls; two crashes, one involving deer.

TOWN OF STILES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST

In accordance to Wis. Stats 5.84(1), Notice is hereby given that the Public Test of the ICE voting machine to be used at the 2026 General Election on Tuesday, November 03, 2026 will be conducted for the Town of Stiles on Monday, November 2, 2026 at 10:00 AM at the Stiles Town Hall, 5718 Watercrest Rd, Lena.

The Public Test is open to the general public.

Terrah Patton
Town of Stiles Clerk

COURT NEWS

• Timothy J. Pearson, 42, Oconto, was charged Oct. 19 with two counts of felony bail jumping and two misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer. Court Commissioner Jacob Evans set a $3,000 cash bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Dec. 17.

CITY OF GILLETT
2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, November 5, 2026 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers of the Gille Municipal Building, 150 N McKenzie Ave, Gillett Wisconsin, a public hearing will be held on the proposed 2027 budget, following the public hearing the Council will vote on the proposed budget during a Common Council meeting at 6:00 pm that same night. The proposed budget is available for inspection in the business office at City normal business hours 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Mon - Thursday; at the Gillett Public Library during normal business ho at the Gillett Post Office or the Gillett Police Department during normal business hours.
The following is a summary of the proposed 2027 City Budget:

	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Budget
Taxes-General Levy	340,528.00	380,586.00	380,586.00	393,277.00
Taxes-Debt Levy	447,131.00	333,730.00	333,730.00	325,930.00
Other Taxes	118,307.00	103,018.00	94,107.00	122,003.00
Special Assessments/charges	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental Revenues	766,347.00	798,596.00	811,341.00	809,793.00
Licenses & Permits	11,625.00	11,800.00	7,163.00	11,910.00
Fines, Forfeitures, Penalties	11,960.00	12,060.00	14,309.00	11,600.00
Public Charges for Service	161,940.00	160,740.00	139,833.00	145,940.00
Intergovernmental Charges	-	-	47,500.00	87,399.00
Miscellaneous	8,200.00	9,500.00	24,536.00	11,500.00
Other Financing Sources	-	-	-	121,500.00
TOTAL REVENUES	**1,866,038.00**	**1,810,030.00**	**1,853,105.00**	**2,040,852.00**
EXPENDITURES				
General Government				
General Government	234,167.00	271,590.00	286,123.00	225,010.00
Public Safety	467,967.00	527,512.00	507,045.00	676,680.00
Public Works	517,035.00	546,348.00	516,583.00	642,832.00
Health and Human Services	27,800.00	27,150.00	15,677.00	55,500.00
Culture, Recreation, Education	42,700.00	28,800.00	25,889.00	38,750.00
Conservation and Development	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay and Planning	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	400,864.00	333,730.00	153,420.00	327,180.00
Other Financing Uses	175,505.00	74,900.00	455,320.00	74,900.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**1,866,038.00**	**1,810,030.00**	**1,960,057.00**	**2,040,852.00**
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Public records request on MISD funds denied

Attorney claims district doesn't have to respond to inquiries

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The Menominee Indian School District has denied a resident's public records request regarding over $7 million that was transferred from the district's general fund to capital projects.

Legend Lake resident Gregg Malmstrom sent a letter to Menominee Indian School Board President David Miller on July 20 regarding the transfer of funds that took place during the 2024-25 school year. Malmstrom asked for four things:

• A list of the specific capital projects funded by the $7,088,214 transfer, including each project's scope, cost to date and estimated total cost.

• Board resolutions, including meeting dates and recorded votes, authorizing the transfer and any related budget amendments under Wisconsin Statute 65.90(5), or an explanation if the transfer was made without a formal amendment.

• Why the projects and transfer were not included in the original or amended budget presented at the annual budget hearing, given that the final amended budget still anticipated an essentially break-even year.

• Whether additional reserve-funded capital spending is planned for the 2026-27 school year or beyond, and the district's plan – including any fund balance policy target – for maintaining the general fund balance, which now stands at approximately 27% of expenditures.

Malmstrom said there was an audit from Kerber Rose that flagged the transfer and questioned why there were no details on what the $7 million was used for, which prompted him to ask the district where the money went.

"I've been trying to find out where the fiduciary responsibility is of this board, because I've found that they don't understand what the responsibilities are when it comes to finances," Malmstrom said. "There's a major lack of transparency to the community, especially us, who are the taxpayers and part of the community."

Anthony Steffek, MISD's attorney, denied the public records request, noting that only one of the items involved records, while the others ask for responses to Malmstrom's inquiries. The letter was dated Oct. 6 with a note that the letter was originally supposed to be sent to Malmstrom on Aug. 19, but was delayed due to miscommunication.

"The District will not provide responses," Steffek wrote. "In this regard, please be advised that the Board of Education has no obligation to answer questions posed to it during the public comment periods of their regularly scheduled meetings. Public comment is just that – comment. It is not a forum for discussion between Board of Education members and attendees."

The letter did not address whether board members could respond to Malmstrom's questions outside of the meeting.

Malmstrom disputed Steffek's claim, noting that the district does have a responsibility to the public, especially when large amounts of money are involved.

"I have a right to ask the question. I have a right to receive the information," Malmstrom said. "They have no explanation as to why it's not being released, based on all of the (public record) requirements I put out there."

Regarding the one item that falls into the public record request category, Steffek claimed that "no such documents exist."

Steffek also addressed a school board meeting held Aug. 4 in which he claims Malmstrom continuously interrupted board discussion. He wrote that will no longer be tolerated.

"Moving forward, the Board will not allow any further behavior during its meetings," Steffek wrote. "The first instance of such behavior will receive a warning, and the second instance will result in removal from the meeting, which will involve law enforcement assistance if necessary. Please note that this directive is not specific to you. Any community members violating these directives will receive the same response."

Malmstrom said he interrupted the board's discussion once, and that was to correct a factual inaccuracy. He said there were not multiple interruptions from him, as Steffek alleges, and he is not aware of a policy that allows the board to arbitrarily remove members of the public.

"I understand people have a right to say something during the public commentary section on the agenda, but it was blatantly clear … the information was not a factual statement, and I tried to clarify that," Malmstrom said. "I wasn't belligerent. I wasn't disrespectful. It was just pointing out one thing."

Malmstrom said he plans to keep asking the questions and plans to bring it up during the district's annual meeting Oct. 28. He alleged the district has not been presenting a lot of information required by law at the annual meetings, and he plans to hold the board accountable.

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Candidates concerned about tech in schools

Dependency with young children may be doing harm

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.



SHIRLEY HINZE

Hinze, a Democrat and Shawano resident, had previously challenged Behnke for the seat on the assembly two years ago.



ELIJAH BEHNKE

NEW Media sent questionnaires to Behnke and Hinze to ascertain their stances on topics affecting people in the state of Wisconsin. Their responses to two of the questions follow. Answers to previous questions can be found at www.newmedia-wi.com.

For years, schools have been relying more on technology to help educate children, but now there are concerns the tech is doing more harm than good. What's your view on the issue?

Behnke: I never let my kids play with tablets. We still don't have tablets or the internet while our little kids are developing their brains. For zero to 12, I would have no technology. For 12-14, teach them the basics and then 15-18, make it part of their schoolwork because that could be their job; they could have a desk job. I think it's overused too much currently in our public schools.

Hinze: What we're talking about is AI. I have been reading about parents' dissatisfaction with the use of tablets in schools, how it exposes kids to it. But let's be honest, today's tech has made doing homework easier, saves time and is entertainment, giving already overworked parents some free time. It has come at the expense of kids' mental health (and) is limiting curiosity/freethinking.

Kids learn by example, so if parents are tied to their devices so shall they be. We all have become far too dependent on technology. Can I as an assembly member dictate to a parent how to handle tech in their home with their kid? The answer is no. That would be government sticking its nose in where it doesn't belong.

What issue will be your No. 1 priority if you're elected to the Wisconsin Legislature?

Hinze: My No. 1 priority are my constituents, and they are living paycheck to paycheck right now in Trump's economy. People don't trust the government right now. I will do everything possible to regain that trust by providing financial solutions to help working families and farmers. Health insurance, utilities and taxes that continue to be a drain on everyone's wallet, including my own. Change can only happen if the people elect it.

Behnke: I would say affordability. I'm campaigning on affordability and returning the surplus. We are being confronted by self-driving cars; Tesla's not allowed to be sold in Wisconsin, because there are just two showrooms. AI in data centers is something we have to tackle.

Veterans memorial's future discussed again

Alderman notes veterans groups still discussing where to move it

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Plans are starting to take shape to renovate the west side of Memorial Park in Shawano, and the city's park and recreation commission got a first look Oct. 21, but much of the initial discussion surrounded the possible relocation of the veterans memorial currently at the Shawano County Courthouse.

Blake Tyson, a consultant from Madison-based Parkitecture, presented the first draft of designs for the segment of the park facing Main Street, showcasing renovated concession areas, improved access and more. He noted that the plans did not include a space for the veterans memorial, because discussions between the city and county had turned to keeping it at the courthouse, possibly relocating it to the new courthouse's entrance when construction is completed.



The veterans memorial set up outside the Shawano County Courthouse could be moved once the new courthouse is built, but the question remains about whether it will be placed in front of the new courthouse or moved to Memorial Park. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

Alderman Kevin Barkow, who is a representative of the Shawano Common Council on the commission and also commander for Shawano American Legion Post 117, contradicted Tyson, saying that the city's veterans organizations are coming together to discuss the future of the memorial and that it could still be relocated to Memorial Park.

"The AmVets, the American Legion, the VFW and all the service organizations in Shawano will be getting together and discuss where they want to see the memorial," Barkow said. "Right now, the thought is moving it from Main Street is what they want. Memorial Park would be a great place to have it."

Barkow noted the park already has a tree that serves as a memorial for veterans who have received Purple Hearts for being injured or killed in the line of duty. However, that is located in the middle of the park, and Barkow said it might be better for the memorial to find a home on the west side.

"It's a lot better than dealing with all the traffic on Main Street," Barkow said, noting that nothing has been set in stone yet, at least for the Legion.

Shawano County Board Chairman Tom Kautza has previously said he would leave it up to the local veterans organizations to decide where the memorial should go.

Matt Hendricks, parks and recreation director, asked for clarification if Memorial Park is "on the table" for the memorial, and Barkow said again it was.

Barkow said someone needed to reach out to the veterans organizations and let them know if the memorial's future location has already been finalized.

Hendricks noted the plans are far from being finalized, and feedback for the final project is still sought. A timeline for renovations has not yet been set, and the city is still in the process of applying for grants to pay for the work.

The plans are expected to be brought back to the commission in early 2027 after Hendricks meets with the Shawano Youth League and Sun Drop Dayz representatives, and then it could go to the council for formal approval sometime after that.

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Tower repairs will cost Shawano County $135K

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Members of Shawano County's executive committee agreed to use part the county's 2026 contingency fund to bolster one of the emergency management's communications towers.

The full county board is expected to agree when it meets Oct. 28.

Lt. Chris Madle, also the emergency management director, said approval is given, repairs and enhancements to the tower in Gresham can begin.

"We are anticipating the work being completed by the spring of 2027," he said.

Three towers suffered damage during storms earlier this year. In each case, the microwave transmission antennas were damaged. Microwave transmission antennas need to be replaced at the Gresham tower, Marion tower and one on state Highway 29 between Tigerton and Wittenberg.

"In short, these microwaves are responsible for connecting each tower to each other to ensure radio signals and frequencies are transmitted across our whole system and not just off of a singular tower," Madle said. "Two towers had damage in the spring when ice fell off the tower, and the other was damaged during a hail storm (the same storm system where Neenah got hit with the tornado)."

Damage to the Marion and Wittenberg towers totaled $850,000, while damage to the Gresham tower was $480,000. The insurance claim for the Gresham tower is still in progress, said Nichole Zuehl, finance director.

The county must strengthen the Gresham tower before the microwave transmission antenna can be repaired.

"Motorola is requiring us to fix our tower," said Zuehl said in remarks to the executive committee. "It's not fit to climb."

Matt Hietpas, technology services director, said the tower's height needs to be extended for the new microwave and then made stronger to support the weight of the new dish, which will be higher on the tower.

The cost to extend and strengthen the tower is $135,000, of which $26,221 is available from existing budgeted funds, with the remaining $108,779 proposed to be funded through the contingency fund.

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One man dead after two-vehicle crash on state Highway 29

One man died Oct. 20 after two vehicles collided on state Highway 29.

The Shawano County Dispatch Center received multiple 911 calls about 3:40 p.m. reporting a motor vehicle crash on Highway 29 at Hofa Park Drive in the Town of Maple Grove. Deputies responded to the scene, along with personnel from local fire and EMS agencies.

A preliminary investigation indicates that a pickup truck struck a dump truck in the westbound lanes of Highway 29. The pickup truck was occupied by a 38-year-old man, who died at the scene. The dump truck was operated by a 21-year-old man.

The Shawano County Sheriff's Department was assisted at the scene by the Pulaski Tri-County Fire Department, NEW Ambulance, Brown County Sheriff's Office and several other Brown County law enforcement agencies, Wisconsin State Patrol, Shawano County Highway Department, and the Shawano County Coroner's Office.

The names of those involved are being withheld pending notification of family. The crash remains under active investigation.

Superintendent's letter addresses bullying issues

Parents say on social media they're pulling kids from schools

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Social media is exploding with debate about bullying going unresolved in the Shawano School District, prompting Superintendent Kurt Krizan to send out a two-page letter to parents outlining how officials deal with bullying.

Shawano Let's Talk About It has had at least two posts in recent days from parents who have pulled their children from the public schools because the bullying is out of control.

Pamela Rollins-Hermann, of Black Creek, posted on Shawano Let's Talk About It on Oct. 20 claiming that Shawano's public schools are protecting bullies. She did not specify which school in her initial post, but when another Facebook user asked, Rollins-Hermann said the bullying happened at Shawano Community Middle School and that she has pulled her son out of the school because of bullying.

"Know they will not protect them," Rollins-Hermann wrote. "It's okay to bully other children and get away with it. This is the message the school is sending go ahead and bully others and there are no consequences. Shame on the schools and the adults that allow this to happen."

Murphy Hartwig, of Pulcifer, posted on Shawano Let's Talk About It on Oct. 22 announcing she was pulling her daughter out of Shawano Community High School because of bullying.

"How many parents besides myself are tired of the way they handle bullying, medical issues and more?" Hartwig wrote. "Also when is the next board or PTO (parent-teacher organization) meeting that parents are able to speak at? Something needs to change."

In 2023, the district received unwelcome notoriety after a cellphone video showing an SCMS student assaulting another student and being posted on Instagram. Shortly after that, the school forbade the use of cellphones at the school.

Krizan wrote in his letter that the district uses the Youth Risk Behavior Survey to find out about a variety of issues, which includes bullying and school climate, once every two years. However, the most current results are not available to the district, he wrote.

"When the results become available, we will review the findings and consider how they can inform our prevention efforts, student supports, and future programming," Krizan wrote. "Survey data is one valuable source of information, but it does not replace the need to report individual concerns so they can be addressed when they occur."

Krizan recommended parents to contact teachers and administrators whenever they find out about bullying. Tips can also be submitted via the Speak Up and Speak Out website through the Wisconsin Department of Justice at speakup.wisdoj.gov.

"We cannot address a problem we do not know about," Krizan wrote. "While we understand that families may discuss concerns with one another, it is essential that reports reach the district through an appropriate reporting channel so we have the opportunity to investigate, understand what occurred, and take appropriate action. If you have reported a concern and believe it has not been adequately addressed, please follow up with the building principal or district administration."

Krizan noted in his letter that social media is not the ideal way to develop solutions for individual student problems.

"Social media can provide a place for people to share concerns and seek support, but it is not the most effective way to resolve an individual student situation," he wrote. "Online conversations often lack important context, and the district cannot investigate a concern based solely on a social media post. Public discussions can also unintentionally compromise student privacy or place students and staff in difficult situations."

At the beginning of the letter, Krizan wrote that bullying issues are taken seriously at the district.

"Every student deserves to feel safe, respected, and supported at school," he wrote. "Bullying can have a lasting impact on students and families, and we recognize the concern and frustration that can arise when a child experiences difficulties with peers. As a district, we take these concerns seriously and remain committed to creating a positive school environment where every student feels a sense of belonging."

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Shanda Hubertus, shown helping out during a sturgeon run at the Shawano dam, has served as president of the Waterways Association of Menominee and Shawano Counties (WAMSCO) since 2014, having been a founding member of the organization. CONTRIBUTED

Hubertus recognized for watershed management

Shanda Hubertus has been recognized for achievement in environmental conservation.

Hubertus has served as president of the Waterways Association of Menominee and Shawano Counties (WAMSCO) since 2014, having been a founding member of the organization. In this leadership role, she oversees daily operations, coordinates communications, and supervises a staff of four and an intermittent intern.

Her responsibilities include managing grant applications and reimbursement documentation, donated equipment, and volunteer waivers; coordinating educational outreach programs; overseeing WAMSCO's mobile education trailer; cultivating and donating tens of thousands of native plants annually for restoration initiatives; and coordinating shoreline and seawall restoration projects. Her work reflects extensive experience in watershed conservation, water quality monitoring, native habitat restoration, and environmental education.

Under her leadership, WAMSCO has received multiple state and international honors, including the Wisconsin Lakes Stewardship Award for Excellence in Public Education and the North American Lake Management Society's Leadership and Service Award for Community Education and Outreach in 2025. She has also received recognition from the Shawano County Land Conservation Department and other organizations for her contributions to conservation and education.

However, her most rewarding accomplishments have been witnessing a shift in landowners' attitudes toward conservation and helping them implement best management practices on their properties. Looking ahead, she hopes to expand unrestricted funding to support larger grant-funded projects without requiring landowners to pay costs upfront, while helping WAMSCO acquire its own property and building and preserve its grassroots approach.

Hubertus' commitment to service is rooted in her early life experiences. Raised on an 88-acre lake in Wisconsin, she developed a lasting connection to water and natural resources. Growing up in a family that adopted eight children with disabilities also exposed her to healthcare and nursing from an early age, helping shape her professional interests and dedication to caring for others.

She earned an Associate Degree in Nursing, demonstrating remarkable perseverance throughout her education. Despite being advised not to return to nursing school while facing mobility challenges that required her to use a wheelchair for five years, she persisted until graduation. This same determination carried over into her environmental work, particularly when she faced discouragement in securing funding and developing an educational program for WAMSCO. Her ability to overcome obstacles has been central to her leadership and success across both professions.

County to borrow $2.5M to balance budget

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

For the third year in a row, Shawano County is preparing to borrow funds for capital improvement projects, road construction and road maintenance projects as a way to get around state spending limits.

The executive committee voted Oct. 21 — and the county board is expected to adopt the same Oct. 28 — to borrow up to $2.5 million.

"We take it out for a few months, pay it off within a month at very little interest," said Nichole Zuehl, finance director.

She said the money would be borrowed from Premier Community Bank at a rate of 5.5%. The three-month loan would be paid off within 30 days, costing the county not quite $12,000 in interest.

The borrowing for capital projects is a workaround that allows the county to borrow to meet its operational needs without exceeding the levy limits imposed by the state. In the budget, the money is noted as debt service, not operational.

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Sperberg named events coordinator at chamber

The Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce has added a familiar face to its team, naming Sam Sperberg as its new events coordinator.

Sperberg officially began the role Oct. 12. She will oversee chamber events while also helping develop new ideas and opportunities throughout the year.

Sperberg has been an active leader in the Shawano community for years, serving on the Shawano Area Young Professionals board since 2019 and stepping into the role of president in 2021. In addition to her work with young professionals, she has been involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters serving as a "Big," holding a board seat and launching the Fun for Kids' Sake fundraiser in Shawano County. Her dedication earned her the Northeast Wisconsin Volunteer of the Year Award.

She has volunteered on the Sacred Heart Trivia Committee for three years and supports Toys for Tots annually through saYPro. She graduated from Leadership Shawano County in 2024, where she now serves on the program's steering committee.



SAM SPERBERG

Following her LSC experience, Sperberg helped launch Shawano's Hometown Heroes initiative and continues to guide the project as part of its steering committee. She also contributes her time and expertise to the Shawano County Progress Summit committee and participates in 100 Women Who Care.

In 2017, she graduated from UW-Green Bay with a degree in business administration and management.

DOT reminds drivers to share road with farmers

They're big, they're bulky and they'll slow down traffic, but experts say motorists have to learn to share the roads with farm equipment this time of year.

The Wisconsin State Patrol is reminding drivers and farm vehicle operators to share the road with the fall harvest underway. This is a busy time of year for farmers, requiring everyone on the road to be alert and patient to prevent dangerous crashes.

There have been 2,053 crashes involving farm vehicles in Wisconsin during the past five years, resulting in 650 injuries and 28 fatalities. Most of these crashes occur in September, October and November, with October being the peak month.

"We are in the middle of an especially busy time for farmers in Wisconsin, and drivers are likely to encounter large, slow-moving farm equipment on the roads," Wisconsin State Patrol Superintendent Tim Carnahan said. "Staying cautious, patient and aware behind the wheel can go a long way in safely sharing the road."

Drivers should always scan the road ahead and be ready to slow down when approaching a slow-moving vehicle. Give farmers extra space and anticipate the possibility that they may slow down or turn into a driveway or field entrance. If you need to pass, do so with caution and only when it is legal to do so. In Wisconsin, it is illegal to pass an agricultural vehicle in a no-passing zone.





Suring stays alive in 8-player playoffs

Eagles advance with 42-22 win over Sevastopol

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Suring football coach Mitch Taylor and his staff didn't have to think too hard to come up with an offensive game plan for the Eagles in their 8-player playoff matchup with Sevastopol.

The plan? Hand the ball off to running backs Kroix Kempka, Grant Thomson and Dyllan Flynn and let them work their magic.

That magic included six rushing touchdowns — three each from Kempka and Thomson — and Flynn's interception return for another score in a 42-22 win over Sevastopol on Oct. 23.

The second-seeded Eagles will now face top-seeded Wabeno/Laona in a Level 3 playoff game tentatively scheduled for 7 p.m. Oct. 30 in Wabeno.

"We've got it to the point where we're in a good rotation with our backs," Taylor said. "We had to take a step back. We had some injuries later in the season, but now we've got pretty much the full team back."

One of those injuries to Taylor Booth-Stoffregen caused the senior quarterback to miss three games, but he was back on the field against the Pioneers.

The three games he missed with a knee injury were nonconference losses to Valley Christian and Phillips and a Level 1 playoff win over Elkhart Lake/Glenbeulah.

Taylor was happy to get Booth-Stoffregen back.

"I think having Taylor back is a calming influence," he said. "He's a captain and a leader out there and would have been our third guy with a knee surgery, but it was a slight tear to his MCL. Will (Seibert) did a nice job of stepping in for him. He was a little nervous in the Phillips game, because he had to step into that role, but he really picked it up in that first playoff game."

Suring got off to a shaky start to start the game and trailed 8-6 at one point.

The Eagles' first drive ended after three plays and Flynn fumbled the ball on a punt return that gave the Pioneers the ball at the Suring 47-yard line.

After Sevastopol turned the ball over on downs, Thomson capped a 75-yard drive with a 7-yard run and the Eagles headed into the second quarter with a 6-0 lead.

Sevastopol answered on its next drive with a 4-yard run from Ray Johnson and took an 8-6 lead after Johnson added a 2-point conversion run.

The lead didn't last long, however, as Suring scored on its next drive on Kempka's 3-yard run with 4:18 to go in the first half.

Suring started its next drive at midfield later in the half, but the drive ended with an interception. The Eagles had one more chance for points after starting a drive at the Sevastopol 45-yard line following a punt, but Flynn's field goal attempt was blocked on the final play of the half.

Suring scored on all four of its possessions in the second half.

Sevastopol opened the third quarter with a long drive, but it ended after Flynn picked off Bo Tanck's pass and returned it 80 yards to give the Eagles an 18-8 lead.

Thomson's 3-yard touchdown run midway through the third quarter added to the Eagles' lead, but Sevastopol made it 24-14 with Tanck's 85-yard touchdown pass to Johnson.

A 2-yard touchdown run from Thomson in the opening minute of the fourth quarter gave Suring a 30-14 lead and found the end zone again four minutes later after a fumbled kickoff return gave the Eagles the ball at the Sevastopol 37-yard line. Kempka's 19-yard run with just over seven minutes left in the game made it 36-14 and after the Pioneers turned the ball over on downs, found the end zone for the third time with a 41-yard run.

Sevastopol's final points came with less than two minutes remaining on Tanck's 6-yard touchdown run and 2-point conversion run.

Kempka led the Eagles with 164 rushing yards and also led the defense with 11 tackles.



Kroix Kempka ran for a team-high 164 yards and scored three touchdowns in Suring's 42-22 win over Sevastopol.
GREG SEUBERT

Suring will now turn its attention to Wabeno/Laona, which defeated Northwood/Solon Springs 42-0 Oct. 24 in the Rebels' Level 2 playoff game.

"They have a heck of a player up there in Cooper Albrecht," Taylor said. "He's all-state material, a man among boys. (Ryder) Cronauer is a really good player. It's a good team, so we're going to have to play better than tonight."

Taylor said Suring is fortunate to be able to field an 8-player team, unlike other local programs like Gillett and Bowler/Gresham that cancelled their varsity schedules this season because of low participation numbers.

"Our enrollment is going to be well under 100 (students) next year," he said. "We'll be in the 20s again next year for (football players). That's nice, because they know they get a chance to at least play and they're part of the Suring school. We're not combined with anybody."

Having a successful program doesn't hurt, either. The Eagles won the Marinette & Oconto Conference-8 championship and started the season with five straight wins.

Big second halves lift Pulaski, Bonduel to playoff wins



Oconto Falls' Jack Falkowski charges at the Shawano defense in a 41-24 win Oct. 23. He carried the ball 15 times for 118 yards and scored three touchdowns.
GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Two area football teams have made it to the second round of the WIAA state playoffs after opening the postseason with a home win Oct. 23.

Pulaski handed Ashwaubenon a 41-3 loss in Division 2, while Bonduel improved to 10-0 with a 35-7 win over Lancaster in Division 6.

While the Red Raiders and Bears kept their season alive, Wittenberg-Birnamwood and Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy ended theirs with a loss. Wittenberg-Birnamwood fell to Amherst 36-0 in Division 5 on the Falcons' home field, while Lena/STAA headed to Oshkosh and fell to Valley Christian 52-20 in an 8-player Level 2 game.

Division 2

Pulaski 41, Ashwaubenon 3

After a scoreless first quarter, Anthony Ficarri opened the scoring for the Red Raiders with a 1-yard run with 3:58 to go in the first half. Ashwaubenon answered with a 48-yard field goal on the final play of the half to cut the lead to 7-3.

Those turned out to be the only points the Jaguars scored, as Pulaski added a 1-yard run from Andre Burnett and a 3-yard run from Bohdan Schmidt to take a 20-3 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

The Red Raiders added three more touchdowns in the fourth quarter on runs of 16 and 3 yards from Schmidt and Bryce VanLannen's 43-yard interception return.

Schmidt and Burnett combined for 312 of Pulaski's 337 rushing yards. Schmidt led the way with 182 yards on 24 carries, while Burnett added 130 yards on 20 attempts.

Pulaski's defense held the Jaguars to 127 yards of offense and had three interceptions, including VanLannen's touchdown.

Division 6

Bonduel 35, Lancaster 7

The top-seeded and unbeaten Bears overcame an early 7-0 deficit and scored 35 unanswered points to beat the eighth-seeded Flying Arrows.

Lancaster took the opening kickoff and drove 85 yards, with Toay Ragatz capping the drive with a 29-yard pass to Lukas Weber with 6:02 to go in the first quarter.

Bonduel answered on its first drive with Quinn Wesenberg's 1-yard

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Three teams, several individuals to run at state cross country meet



Shawano's Josiah Kuehl will compete at the WIAA state cross country meet for the fourth year in a row. He qualified his freshman and sophomore years as part of the Hawks boys team. In his sophomore and senior seasons, he qualified as an individual runner. CONTRIBUTED

Saturday, Oct. 24

Girls teams from Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy and Wittenberg-Birnamwood, as well as the Bonduel boys team, will compete in the WIAA state cross country meet Oct. 31 in Wisconsin Rapids.

Several areas individuals will also compete.

Division 1

Pulaski's Maggie Gerth placed fourth at the De Pere sectional to move on to the state meet. The junior finished with a time of 19:08.9.

The team placed sixth with 187 points.

Also scoring for the Red Raiders were Addie Bruckert, 19th, 21:02.3; Cameran Reiss, 40th, 22:33.8; Tenley Zimmerman, 59th, 25:36.6; and Peyton Anker, 72nd, 38:40.3.

The boys finished in ninth with 238 points.

Collecting points were Grayden Gossen, 24th, 17:49.9; Mitchell Pilon, 43rd, 18:29.8; Paxton Marshall, 46th, 18:39.4; Ben Augustine, 60th, 19:21.9; and Carter Ryskowski, 65th, 19:46.3.

Division 3

Bonduel's boys won the Rosholt sectional with 63 points.

Leading the way for the Bears were Gage Anderson, first, 16:58.3; Garrett Anderson, seventh, 17:58.9; Oliver Chitwood, 11th, 18:28.4; Griffin Richter, 21st, 19:17.8; and Joah Dworniczak, 23rd, 19:26.7.

Suring placed eighth with 227 points. Scoring for the Eagles were Charles Richard, 19th, 19:11.7; Blake DeGrave, 34th, 19:56.0; Liam Matelski, 49th, 21:04.7; Garrett Van Donsal, 73rd, 22:19.2; Henry Schaal, 80th, 22:53; and Brandon Slatky, 96th, 23:38.1.

Wolf River Lutheran: Anthony Long, 57th, 21:03.6; Ivan Long, 109th, 26:27.2; and Mark Buchholz, 110th, 27:03.9.

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy: Wyatt Kosch, 75th, 22:32.9; Emiliano Almanza, 82nd, 22:54.3; and Cooper Malloy, 88th, 23:13.8.

The Lena/STAA girls won the sectional title with 50 points. Bonduel was sixth with 118 points, and Gillett was seventh with 152.

Lena/STAA: Aspynn Anderson, fourth, 20:42.2; Alisa Finger, ninth, 21:04.1; Sydney Pirlot, 15th, 21:32.5; Adrena Rabas, 16th, 21:36.4; and Brooklyn Viestenz, 18th, 21:45.1.

Bonduel: Amelia Wilcox, eighth, 20:55.5; Lillian Burrack, 13th, 21:24.7; Kember Frome, 39th, 24:47.8; Katie O'Brien, 47th, 25:21.9; and Dahlia Harris, 58th, 26:46.8.

Gillett: Amanda Pate, 14th, 21:28.3; Hope Soper, 17th, 21:44.1; Halle Wendorff, 33rd, 23:43.8; Maggie Kaczmarek, 70th, 27:44.1; and Sharlee Stage, 579th, 30:58.4.

Suring: Natalie Seibert, seventh, 20:37.3.

Wolf River Lutheran: Violet Buchholz, 19th, 21:52.7.

Gresham/Bowler: Aubrey Miller, 80th, 33:54.4.

Friday, Oct. 23

Division 2

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's girls placed second with 69 points at the Rhinelander sectional.

Oconto Falls was fourth with 101 points, and Shawano was seventh with 165 points.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood: Gabrielle Timm, 10th, 21:03.6; Brielle Rose, 11th, 21:12.1; Kendyll Ladwig, 14th, 21:49; Harper Krull, 21st, 22:25.1; and Nora Bushman, 23rd, 22:40.6.

Oconto Falls: Lily Meissner, seventh, 20:36; Ellie Beschta, 17th, 22:05.9; Sydney Braund, 18th, 22:06.4; Ava Holtz, 32nd, 23:05.3; and Ava Savage, 36th, 23:17.4.

Shawano: Madilyn Powers, 16th, 22:03.8; Mikelah Powers, 19th, 22:08.4; Lorelei Hancock, 37th, 23:19.4; McKenna Miller, 50th, 24:16.4; Molly Hanson, 57th, 24:42.6; and Jai Bisterfeldt, 59th, 24:51.1.

Menominee Nation: Azaliyah Waupoose, 76th, 26:10.1; and Kaylee Nacotee, 82nd, 28:35.

Shawano's boys placed fourth with 89 points, followed by Oconto Falls in fifth with 173 and Wittenberg-Birnamwood in 12th with 319.

Shawano: Josiah Kuehl, 11th, 17:29.1; Teagan Harkey, 12th, 17:31.2; Quinten Harkey, 22nd, 17:56.6; Beckett Hendricks, 25th, 18:11.6; and Aloysius Frechette, 27th, 18:20.7.

Oconto Falls: Isaiah Holtz, 23rd, 18:01; Mason Lotto, 30th, 18:25.6; Sage Mendolla, 32nd, 18:32.8; Landon Timm, 37th, 18:38.4; and Lucas Vanhulle, 64th, 20:05.5.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood: Marty Nowinsky, 40th, 18:43.7; Dalton Fletcher, 67th, 20:15.1; Maskym Guk, 70th, 20:28.8; Flynn Bushman, 76th, 20:46.2; and Colten Mueller, 85th, 21:16.9.

Menominee Nation: Bryant Waupoose III, third, 16:45; and Cashius Reevis, 35th, 18:35.6.

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quarterback keeper, and the Bears took the lead for good on Wesenberg's 10-yard pass to Carter Moesch with 30 seconds remaining in the first half.

Wesenberg and Andrew Kolaske connected for an 8-yard touchdown pass with 5:38 to go in the third quarter, and Moesch added a 2-yard run later in the quarter to give the Bears a 28-7 lead.

Moesch wrapped up the scoring with five minutes left in the game with a 5-yard run.

Division 5

Amherst 36, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 0

The Falcons defeated the Chargers for the second time in a week in Amherst after wrapping up the regular season with a 49-15 win Oct. 16.

Amherst found the end zone twice in the first and second quarters. Ayden Nerdahl opened the scoring with a 10-yard run with 4:24 to go in the first quarter and the Falcons took a 15-0 lead after JC Bohman recovered a loose ball in the end zone after a high snap on a Wittenberg-Birnamwood punt.

The Falcons added to their lead in the second quarter on a 5-yard run from Nerdahl and a 14-yard run from Cal Lusic that gave the home team a 29-0 halftime lead.

Amherst wrapped up the scoring with 1:05 remaining in the third quarter on Tyler Loken's 47-yard touchdown pass to Nerdahl.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood, a No. 8 seed in the playoffs, ended its season with a 2-8 record.

8-player

Valley Christian 52, Lena/STAA 20

The Titans trailed 14-8 after one quarter, 31-14 at halftime and 52-14 after three quarters in a loss to the undefeated and top-seeded Warriors.

Lena/STAA didn't have an answer for Sam Gloudemans, who rushed for 242 yards on 18 carries or quarterback Mason Everts, who ran for three touchdowns.

Lena/STAA came into the game as a No. 5 seed and ended its season with a 5-5 record.

Oct. 30 schedule (all games start at 7 p.m.): WIAA Level 2 11-player playoffs: Division 2: No. 3 Pulaski at No. 2 Kaukauna. Division 6: No. 4 Belleville at No. 1 Bonduel. WIAA Level 3 8-player playoffs: No. 2 Suring vs. No. 1 Wabeno/Laona at Wabeno.

Oconto Falls 41, Shawano 24

Shawano hosted Oconto Falls for an extra game Oct. 23 after both teams failed to make the playoffs.

Oconto Falls finished the season with a 5-5 record, while the Hawks wrapped up their season with a 2-8 mark.



Shawano's Sosaeh Tepiew runs around the end of the line in a bonus game against Oconto Falls on Oct. 23. Neither team advanced to the WIAA playoffs this season. GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA



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Eagles, Chargers win regional volleyball titles

Saturday, Oct. 24
Suring 3, Gillett 0

Suring won the regional crown with a three-set victory over Gillett. Scores were 25-21, 25-17, 25-23.

The Eagles travel to Florence for a sectional semifinal game Oct. 29.

Luxemburg-Casco 3, Oconto Falls 1

The Panthers came up short in their battle for the regional title against the visiting Spartans. Set scores were 25-27, 25-18, 25-20, 25-18.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 3, Adams-Friendship 1

Wittenberg-Birnamwood will advance to sectional play after winning the regional title over Adams-Friendship. The Chargers won 25-21, 27-29, 25-20, 25-22.

Rib Lake 3, Marion 0

The Redmen ended the Mustangs' season in a match for the Division 5 regional championship. Set scores were 25-10, 25-14, 25-11.

Thursday, Oct. 22
Marion 3, Tigerton 0

The three sets between CWC North rivals Marion and Tigerton were competitive, with the Mustangs winning 3-0 and advancing to the regional championship game at Rib Lake.

The Mustangs were seeded third, and the Tigers were sixth. Set scores were 25-18, 25-15, 25-20.

"The girls came out ready to go, and they actually played a much better match compared to a short week ago when they also lost to the Mustangs," Tigers coach Holly Meverden said. "I am so very proud of the entire team as they encouraged each other throughout the night."

The Tigers end their season 12-7 overall and 5-5 for third place in the CWC North.

Stats for the match for Tigerton were:

Assists: Danika Tiller 24.

Digs: Renata Nordwig 11, Myah Dent, Mya Smith and Jaelyn Brady 7 each, and Presley Stewart-Rolfs 6.

Block kills: Stewart-Rolfs 3 and Nordwig 1.

Kills: Stewart-Rolfs 12, Nordwig 9 and Smith 2.

Service points and aces: Dent 11 points with 1 ace, Stewart-Rolfs and Smith each had 5 points with 3 aces.



Oconto Falls won its first North Eastern Conference championship this fall. In front, from left, are Ella Jahnke, Rhiana Van De Yacht, Viv Moua, Izzy Otto, Lucy Ripley, Leah Bigelow, Brenna Belanger, Karington Beaman and Isla Powell. In back, from left, are Rylan Macha, Brylee Gorman, Melanie Frank, Elsie Trochil, Kazlyn Graves and Calli Bursa. CONTRIBUTED

Gibraltar 3, Gresham 0

Fifth seed Gibraltar upset fourth-seed Gresham and advanced to the regional championship. Set scores were 25-17, 25-13, 28-26.

Gresham ended the season at 16-9 overall.

Hortonville 3, Pulaski 0

The No. 7 seed Polar Bears moved on the regional title game after shutting out No. 10 seed Pulaski in the second round of the Division 1 playoffs. Set scores were 25-14, 25-8, 25-18.

Gillett 3, Lena 1

Gillett topped Lena 3-1 to continue on in the Division 5 playoffs. Set scores were 25-22, 25-18, 17-25, 25-22.

Suring 3, Wausaukee 0

After getting a first round bye, the third seed Eagles beat the seventh seed Rangers 25-15, 26-24, 25-17.

Fox Valley Lutheran 3, Shawano 0

Top seed Fox Valley Lutheran defeated eighth seed Shawano in the second round of regional action. Set scores were 25-9, 25-10, 25-15.

The Hawks finished the season at 16-19 overall.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 3, Weyauwega-Fremont 1

With a first round bye behind them, Wittenberg-Birnamwood defeated Weyauwega-Fremont to move on the regional championship match against Adams-Friendship.

The Chargers, seeded second, won by set scores of 26-24, 25-22, 22-25, 25-18. The Warhawks were seeded seventh.

Oconto Falls 3, Little Chute 0

Second seed Oconto Falls defeated seventh seed Little Chute 25-14, 25-8, 25-8. The Panthers will host Luxemburg-Casco for the regional title.

Brillion 3, Bonduel 0

The Division 3 Bears fell to Berlin to end the 2026 volleyball season. Set scores were 25-13, 25-18, 25-17.

The Bears were seeded sixth, and the Lions were seeded ninth.

Tuesday, Oct. 20
Bonduel 3, Berlin 2

The Indians won the first two sets, but the Bears battled back to win the next three and advance in WIAA regional action.

Berlin won 25-20 and 25-23. Bonduel put the brakes on a shutout and won the third set 25-20 and then squeaked by 28-26 to set up a deciding fifth set. Bonduel won the final game 15-5 to get the win.

Amherst 3, Menominee Nation 0

The Eagles saw their season end with a regional loss to Amherst. The Falcons won 25-16, 25-13, 25-9.

Menominee Nation ended the year at 1-19.

Gillett 3, Phelps 1

The Tigers defeated the Knights to advance to the second found of regional action. Scores were 25-16, 25-14, 19-25, 25-12.

Shawano 3, New London 0

For the second match in a row, Shawano beat New London, using the latest victory to continue on in regional playoff action. The Hawks won 25-23, 25-20, 25-21.

Monday, Oct. 19
Tigerton 3, Bowler 0

Tigerton hosted Bonduel in the 2026 WIAA regional volleyball brackets with the Tigers winning. Set scores were 25-18, 25-11, 25-13. Tigerton was seeded sixth, and Bowler was 11th.

Stats for the Tigers were:

Assists: Danika Tiller, 21.

Digs: Presley Stewart-Rolfs, nine; Renata Nordwig, six; Tiller and Mya Smith, five each; Jaelyn Brady, four; and Myah Dent, three.

Kills: Stewart-Rolfs, 15; Nordwig, seven; Smith, three.

Block kills: Emily Rich, Stewart-Rolfs, Smith and Nordwig had one each.

Service points and aces: Brady, 11 points with three aces; Dent, 10 points with four aces; Smith, 10 points with three aces; Tiller, nine points with three aces; Stewart-Rolfs, seven points with five aces; and Nordwig, four points with two aces.

Pulaski soccer team wins regional title

Shawano's season ends with shutout loss at New London

Saturday, Oct. 24
Pulaski 1, Sheboygan South 0

Fourth seed Pulaski notched a 1-0 win over fifth seed Sheboygan South to win the regional championship.

The game-winning goal came in the 53rd minute when Pulaski's Daenen Kehoe found the net off an assist from Max Mondloch. The Red Raider defense held strong for the remainder of the match to preserve the shutout.

Liam See made six saves in goal for Sheboygan South. Blake Batzer had one save in goal for Pulaski.

Pulaski moves on to the sectional semifinal and will face eighth seed Slinger, which upset top seed Homestead. The game will be at 7 p.m. Oct. 29 at Saputo Stadium in Pulaski.

New London 3, Shawano 0

The Hawks traveled to New London for the regional championship but returned home with their season over.

The Bulldogs 3-0 shutout ended Shawano's playoff run. The Hawks finished the regular season in third pace in the Bay Conference.

Thursday, Oct. 22
Shawano 3, Waupaca 0

The Hawks shut out the Comets to advance to the regional championship game Oct. 24 in New London to take on the Bulldogs.

Shawano improved its overall record to 10-7, while Waupaca ended its season at 4-9. On his home turf, Brayden Meade scored at the 33rd minute of the game with an assist by Grayson Swedberg,

In the second half, Meade scored again at 58 minutes. Swedberg scored at the 65th minute,

After the win, the student fans stormed the field to celebrate with the team.

Tuesday, Oct. 20
Pulaski 2, Green Bay Southwest 0

The fourth seed Red Raiders took down the 13th seed Trojans 2-0 in first round playoff action.

After a scoreless first half, Pulaski's Walker Wozniak broke the deadlock with a goal in the 55th minute. Brayden Puyleart had the assist. The Red Raiders got a late insurance goal when Logan Seubert found the net in the 78th minute off an assist from Daenen Kehoe.

Owen Hanold made six saves in goal for Green Bay Southwest. Blake Batzer did not record a save in goal during the shutout for Pulaski.

Pulaski moves on to the regional final and will face fifth seed Sheboygan South at 7 p.m. Oct. 24 at Saputo Stadium in Pulaski.

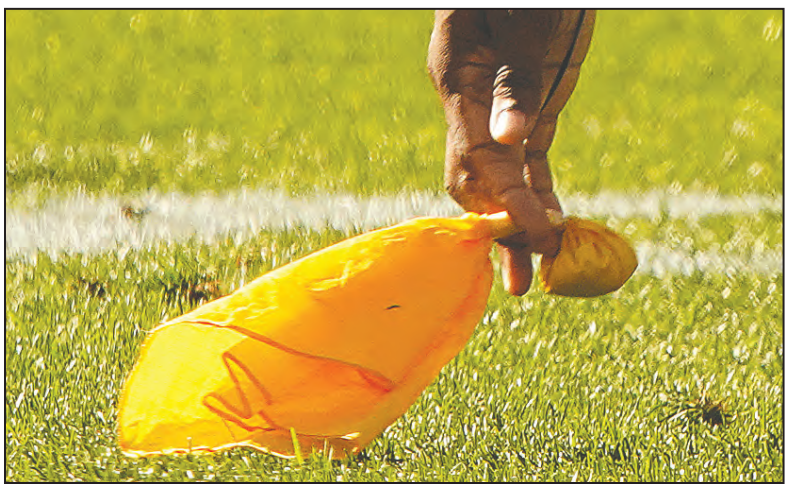
Roncalli 10, Gresham/Bowler 0

The Jets shut out the Wildcats 10-0 to end Gresham/Bowler's soccer season. The Wildcats ended their season at 1-11-2.



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Packers head coach Matt LaFleur won't comment On whether he thought his team's penalties were legitimate. "I don't even want to comment on any of the penalties," he said. "So, it is what it is. You got to play above it. And I thought there were some tough calls, but it is what it is." Quarterback Jordan Love said something similar on the intentional grounding penalty. "Yeah, they said that the ball was short of the line of scrimmage. I thought we had a receiver right there in the area, so it is what it is," he said.
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IT'S ALWAYS SOMETHING

Penalties, drops and rookie mistakes plague Packers

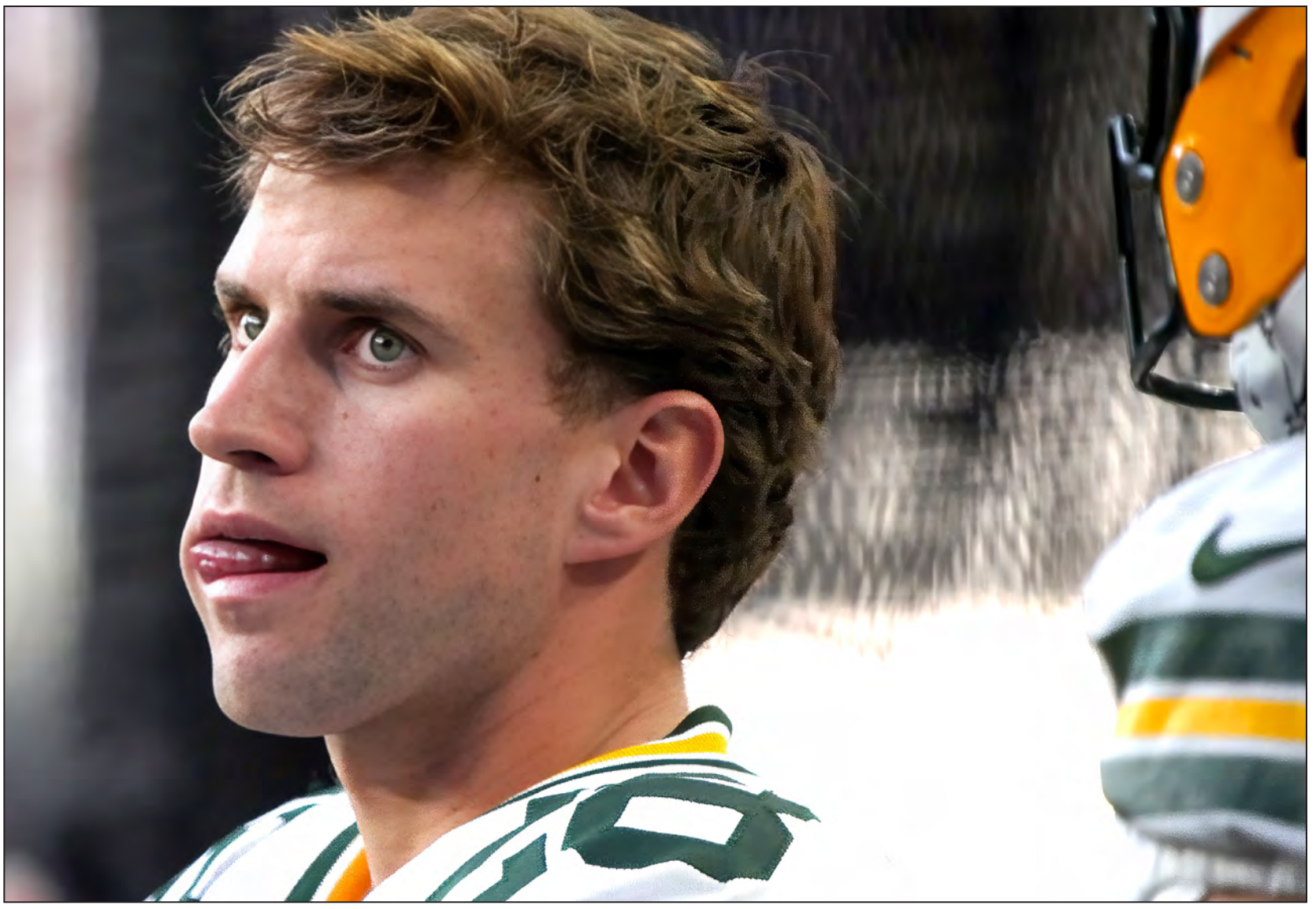
By LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

All Green Bay could do was watch as Lions kicker Jake Bates nailed a 22-yard field goal as time expired to clinch Detroit's 20-17 victory over the Packers on Oct. 25 at Ford Field.

While Bates' game-winning kick pushed the Lions to the victory, it didn't look like that way minutes earlier, as with 4:53 remaining in the game tied at 17-17 Detroit head coach Dan Campbell, who is known for his aggressiveness, elected to go for it on fourth-and-one from the Lions' own 24-yard line. Packers defensive back Keisean Nixon stopped Lions running back Jahmyr Gibbs for a two-yard loss, putting Green Bay in the driver's seat with incredible field position.

Green Bay was only able to muster five yards on the drive, settling for a Trey Smack go-ahead field goal attempt. From 35 yards out, Smack's attempt was tipped at the line of scrimmage, causing the ball to sail right, allowing Detroit to take back over, where it marched

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Kicker Trey Smack struggled against the Detroit Lions. He was 1-for-3 on field goals and made both extra point kicks. In the first seven games, he connected on 11-of-16 field goals and 11-of-13 extra points.
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GREEN BAY PREPARES TO HOST CAROLINA

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

Green Bay returns to Thursday Night Football with an Oct. 29 home game against the Carolina Panthers.

Packers offense vs. Panthers defense

Josh Jacobs returned to the lineup Sunday but did not single-handedly save Green Bay's run game. The run game was still bad against Detroit. Jacobs led the way with 36 yards on 11 carries.

The offensive line decision making remains head scratching. Kevin Zeitler, who was signed to stabilize the interior, was a healthy scratch. Travis Glover started and struggled immensely.

In the passing game, drops continue to plague Green Bay's offense. Bo Melton and Josh Jacobs each had one egregious drop. Melton's would have been a big play down the field. Jacobs' would have been a potential game-winning touchdown.

The pass-catching group leads the NFL in drops by almost double at this point in the season.

They are sabotaging what has otherwise been a great season by Jordan Love. Love threw two touchdown passes and an interception Sunday in Detroit. He was asked to carry the offense and nearly was able to carry them to a victory.

This week, they're facing a pass rush led by Jaelen Phillips. The big-money free agent signed in the offseason to a deal in excess of $100 million to go to Carolina instead of remaining in Philadelphia. Phillips has battled some injuries this season, but is still second on the team in sacks.

Once the ball is in the air, the Panthers do not have an interception from one of their defensive backs this season. Devin Lloyd leads the team with two picks. The Panthers as a team have just three interceptions this season.

Packers defense vs. Panthers offense

Green Bay's defense did a good job to keep the Lions' offense off the scoreboard for most of their matchup in Detroit. The Lions had been excellent all season at putting points on the scoreboard but were only able to muster 20 against Jonathan Gannon's crew.

That does not mean

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Jordan Love threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to Tucker Kraft in the first quarter and a 25-yard touchdown pass to Josh Jacobs in the third quarter. He also threw a crucial interception at the start of the fourth quarter.
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down the field for the game-winning field goal.

The tipped kick for Smack caused his second miss of the day, as the rookie kicker finished the day converting on just one of three field goal attempts and making both of his extra point attempts.

"It was just not capitalizing on some premier opportunities right there," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur. "Great stop by our defense to give us the ball in great field position, and we didn't capitalize on it and missed a field goal."

Through seven games of his rookie season, Smack has missed four field goal attempts and two extra point attempts. When asked if the rookie will continue as the kicker moving forward, LaFleur said yes, with no other comment.

For Green Bay, Sunday's game against Detroit marked the awaited return of running back Josh Jacobs, who had been listed on the Commissioner's Exempt List due to an investigation into domestic violence charges. With Jacobs in the lineup, Green Bay continued to struggle in the run game, totaling 60 yards on 19 carries. Jacobs accounted for 36 of those yards on 11 carries.

The former All-Pro running back was effective in the receiving game, though, as he finished with 55 yards and a touchdown on five receptions. The most important target to Jacobs ended up incomplete, though, as before Smack's second miss of the game, Jordan Love threw a pass down the left sideline in the end zone intended for Jacobs, which bounced off of the running back's hands and landed incomplete.

"I called that play where I dropped the touchdown," said Jacobs. "That's what I told (the team) – for my standard, I like myself 10 out of 10, and that is a play that I have to make. So I said if you want to blame anybody, put it on me."

After the game, Jacobs explained that this being his first game of the season, his on-field play came with a little bit of rust.

"Honestly, it was a weird week for me, because you still have to get all of the timing and everything down," he said. "I feel like I am half a second slower, not to where my eyes should be, but just making the initial reaction. Like a step late – a step late here, a step late there. So there is definitely some rust."

Love finished the game completing 27-of-45 passes for 274 yards, two touchdowns and one interception.

Christian Watson led the Packers in receiving, hauling in five passes for 57 yards. Tucker Kraft recorded 48 yards and a touchdown on four receptions, while Savion Williams chipped in 47 yards on three receptions and Matthew Golden contributed 39 yards on six receptions.

For the Lions, quarterback Jared Goff completed 22-of-32 passes for 303 yards and two touchdowns.

Amon-Ra St. Brown led Detroit in receiving, recording 153 yards on nine receptions. Jameson Williams added 91 yards and caught both of Goff's touchdown passes with his five receptions. Gibbs was the only other Lion who totaled more than one reception as he finished the game with 27 yards on five receptions.

In the run game, Gibbs finished with 116 yards on 29 carries.

The loss to the Lions brings the Packers record to 4-3 on the season. With Minnesota and Chicago both winning during Week 7, the Packers now sit in last in the NFC North but hold the seventh seed in the NFC playoff race.

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there are not some reasons for concern. The Packers surrendered more than 400 yards of offense, and were torn apart by Lions receiver Amon-Ra St. Brown.

St. Brown was on the receiving end of 153 of Jared Goff's 303 yards passing. Jameson Williams had 91 more, and the Packers were not as stingy as they had been in recent weeks.

The pass rush was noticeably absent. The Packers only sacked Goff once, and he was largely comfortable in the pocket throughout the game, which led to him being as productive as he was.

While most of the focus is going to be on some egregious roughing the passer penalties that were called, the Packers did not hit the quarterback enough.

Carolina's offense has been up-and-down this season, and they were way down Sunday against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Bryce Young threw for 163 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions as the Panthers were blown out by Tampa Bay. The Panthers were only able to muster 13 points.

Their run game was led by Chuba Hubbard, who gained 33 yards on seven carries. A 26-point explosion by the Bucs in the second quarter led to Carolina playing in a game script they do not want to play in.

Carolina's best receiver is Tet McMillan. McMillan was the best rookie receiver in the NFL last year. He leads the team in receiving by more than 100 yards. Their other pass catchers who have given them respectable production are Jalen Coker, Darren Waller and Tommy Tremble. The entire passing offense truly runs through McMillan. If Green Bay can slow him down, they should be able to control the game against Bryce Young.

Special teams

For everything that went wrong during Sunday's game, if the kicker simply makes his kicks, the Packers win the game in regulation. If the kicker just makes one of the two kicks he shanked, the Packers have a shot to win in overtime.

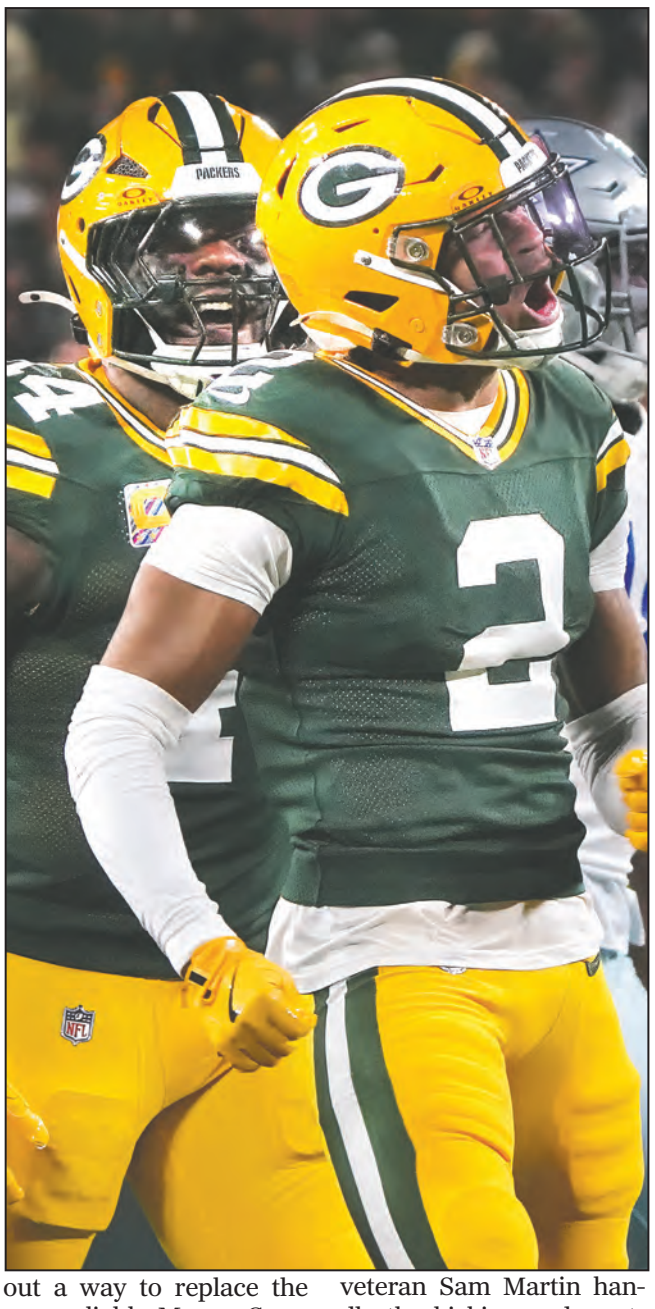
Trey Smack has been up-and-down all season, but his performance against the Lions will be one to forget.

Smack missed two field goals from 35 yards. One was officially blocked, but that still cannot happen.

Smack has missed five kicks in the last three weeks. The Packers are standing by him, but it's going to be interesting to see how much tolerance there is for a rookie kicker on a team that cannot afford to leave points on the field in big games.

Smack is not the only person at fault for why the Packers lost Sunday, but he played a huge role in it.

Missing two chip-shot field goals in a dome is inexcusable. In a league where kickers are better than they ever have been, it's a wonder how the Packers have not figured



out a way to replace the ever reliable Mason Crosby since allowing him to leave following the 2022 season.

Carolina's special teams are led by Tracy Smith, with former Packer JJ Jansen taking over the long snapping duties.

Ryan Fitzgerald and veteran Sam Martin handle the kicking and punting duties, respectively.

The return game is handled by committee as David Moore has returned the most kicks this season. The Panthers have not been particularly explosive in this phase of the game.



At left, Brandon Cisse, the Packers rookie cornerback, finished his day against the Lions with seven total tackles (five solo) and two passes defended. Above, after not playing the firs six weeks of the season, running back Josh Jacobs returned in Week 7 against Detroit. He rushed 11 times for 36 yards and caught five receptions for 55 yards and a touchdown. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

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Location: Lambeau Field

TV: Prime Video; WGBA-TV, Green Bay, Channel 26; WITI-TV, **Milwaukee, Channel 6.**

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 4-3, Panthers 3-3.

History: Far and away the most famous matchup between these two teams came in the 1996 NFC Championship Game. The Packers hosted the Panthers that day and beat them like a drum to the tune of a 30-13 victory.

Overall, the Packers lead the series 12-7, with the Panthers being a relatively new franchise as their inaugural season came in 1995. The two teams met last year at Lambeau Field with the Panthers securing a shocking 16-13 victory over the Packers at Lambeau Field. The last time Green Bay beat Carolina came in December 2023 where Jordan Love hit Romeo Doubs for a big play down the sideline to set up a game-winning field goal from Anders Carlson.

Coaches: Packers, Matt LaFleur, eighth season, 79-42-1. Panthers, Dave Canales, third season, 16-24.

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, W 31-7

Sunday, Oct. 18, vs. Dallas, W 23-13

Sunday, Oct. 25, at Detroit, 3:25 p.m., L 20-17

Thursday, Oct. 29, vs. Carolina, 7:15 p.m., Prime Video

Sunday, Nov. 8, at New England, 3:25 p.m., FOX

Sunday, Nov. 15, vs. Minnesota, noon, FOX

Week 11 BYE

Wednesday, Nov. 25, at LA Rams, 7 p.m., Netflix

Sunday, Dec. 6, at New Orleans, noon, FOX

Sunday, Dec. 13, vs. Buffalo, 7:20 p.m., NBC

Sunday, Dec. 20, vs. Miami, noon, FOX

Friday, Dec. 25, at Chicago, noon, Netflix

Monday, Jan. 4, vs. Houston, 7:15 p.m., ESPN

Week 18, vs. Detroit, TBD

NFL Schedule

Thursday, Oct. 29

Carolina at Green Bay, 7:15 p.m

Sunday, Nov. 1

Arizona at Dallas, noon

Indianapolis at Jacksonville, noon

Cleveland at Pittsburgh, noon

Atlanta at Tampa Bay, noon

Baltimore at Buffalo, noon

Minnesota at Detroit, noon

Las Vegas at NY Jets, noon

Tennessee at Cincinnati, noon

LA Chargers at LA Rams, 3:05 p.m.

New England at Miami, 3:25 p.m.

Kansas City at Denver, 3:25 p.m.

Philadelphia at Washington, 7:20 p.m

Monday, Nov. 2

Chicago at Seattle, 7:15 p.m.

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ON THE HUNT FOR EXPLOSIVE PLAYS

Following the 20-17 loss to Detroit, quarterback Jordan Love talked about the identify of the offense. “I think we’re definitely leaning on the pass right now, and I think we’ve been doing some good things there. There’s still more out there for us in the pass game,” he said. “But I think it always is. We’re trying to hunt explosive plays. And I think right now it’s a little bit of either we got it, or we don’t.”

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ANOTHER TOUCHDOWN FOR KRAFT

Green Bay tight end Tucker Kraft caught 4-of-6 balls thrown in his direction against the Lions for 48 yards and a touchdown. He caught a 14-yard touchdown pass from Jordan Love in the first quarter (with 58 seconds left) to tie the game at 7-7.

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Leslie Fischer-Preuss, left, owner of Timber + Petal Floral Studio in Birnamwood, explains how she handcrafts wooden flowers to Cindy Holewinski, of Pulaski. Fischer-Preuss gave an overview of how she creates wooden flower arrangements at an Oct. 13 Shawano Woman's Club program. LYNN ZAFFRANN

WHEN TIMBER MEETS PETAL

Birnamwood entrepreneur creates unique floral arrangements

By LYNN ZAFFRANN
Correspondent

Leslie Fischer-Preuss has a passion for creating unique flower arrangements suitable for many occasions.

"Unique" doesn't come close to describing the arrangements because each flower in them is made of wood. The arrangements feature wooden flowers that are hard to distinguish from the real thing. Fischer-Preuss' lifelike floral arrangements are lasting, sustainable and look like real flowers.

Opening her own floral business was a longtime dream that Fischer-Preuss had. It came to be in 2023 as Timber + Petal Floral Studio, based in Birnamwood.

In her arrangements, she uses greenery and fillers that are faux or dried, with the wooden flowers as the stars of the pieces. The pieces are all natural and will last for a long time.

Fischer-Preuss enjoys crafting pieces for weddings. She said that brides can choose the type of flowers that they want, without the cost of fresh flowers.

The bouquets and arrangements she creates for weddings and other occasions last forever.

She also creates arrangements for funerals, which provide a lasting memento and reminder of a significant person in someone's life.

"For funeral flowers, I feel like I have a special calling for that," Fischer-Preuss said.

She said that after a funeral, the flowers die, which she compared to a secondary loss.

"This is a way to remember that special person and have that lasting arrangement to display in your house," Fischer-Preuss said. "I feel that I have a special connection to grievers."

Turnaround time for a funeral arrangement is usually a day or two, but it depends on how busy she might be.



This floral arrangement is made with flowers made from the pith of the Sola tree, which grows in Southeast Asia. The wooden flowers are handcrafted by Leslie Fischer-Preuss, of Birnamwood. Each petal is formed and painted by hand. LYNN ZAFFRANN

Fischer-Preuss has a background in working for a professional fresh flower florist, but she's completely self-taught as a wood flower crafter.

The wooden flowers that she makes start out as a roll of paper formed from the pith of the Sola tree, which grows in parts of Southeast Asia. Fischer-Preuss cuts out individual petals for a flower from the roll and puts them together to assemble a specific type of flower.

The wooden flowers are lightweight, so a finished piece may be lighter than a live floral arrangement.

Fischer-Preuss is also able to get some wood flowers already assembled from a distributor.

"There are some really great small businesses that I support that have these flowers," she said. "One is actually from Wisconsin."

Fischer-Preuss has to dye, airbrush and hand paint each petal to mimic a real flower. She uses rice glue to put the petals together.

"Once I have all of the petals ready to assemble, it takes about 10 to 15 minutes to create a flower," Fischer-Preuss said. "I want them to look real, not fake."

She said that she likes making arrangements that people can enjoy forever. She makes pieces to sell, creating items that appeal to anyone who enjoys floral arrangements. Fisher-Preuss also makes arrangements specific to a customer's wishes.

In addition to selling her arrangements, Fischer-Preuss will rent some of them to her customers, such as swags and centerpieces, for special occasions. This gives customers the chance to display larger pieces for special evens without the higher prices.

Working as a luxury wood flower florist, she doesn't have the expense of refrigerating live flowers, and she doesn't have to worry about flowers wilting or dying.

Arrangements for sale range in price from $10 to just over $400.

"I'm trying to grow my business, but I just want people to feel loved and supported, and if this is a way that I can help and spread that, that's what I try to do," Fischer-Preuss said.

As a business owner, Fischer-Preuss is very customer-oriented.

She said that the floral arrangements she creates are a lasting memento or a lasting reminder of a significant occasion in people's lives. She said that she really

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Firari gets WTLL instructor award

Brittney Firari has been named the 2026 Wisconsin Instructional Leader of the Year by Wisconsin Teaching and Learning Leaders (WTLL).

This prestigious statewide recognition honors educational leaders who demonstrate exceptional commitment to improving curriculum, instruction, assessment and student achievement.

Firari, who serves as the Shawano School District's literacy coordinator, has been a driving force behind the district's efforts to strengthen literacy instruction and improve reading outcomes for students. Her expertise, collaborative leadership and commitment to evidence-based practices have helped establish sustainable systems that support both educators and students.

One of Firari's most significant contributions has been her leadership in implementing Wisconsin Act 20, the state's early literacy legislation. She guided the district through the development of comprehensive procedures, assessment processes, instructional supports and personal reading plans designed to ensure students receive the reading instruction and interventions they need to succeed.

Through extensive research, data analysis, professional learning and collaboration, Firari helped position the district to meet the requirements of Act 20 while maintaining a focus on the ultimate goal – improving students' reading abilities and confidence.

Firari works closely with regional educational service agencies, including CESA 6 and CESA 8, to remain informed of research-based practices and evolving educational requirements. She has also fostered partnerships with local parochial schools, Head Start educators, community volunteers and the district's multilingual learner program to expand access to effective literacy practices and resources.

Firari was nominated for the award by

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Brittney Firari, Shawano School District literacy coordinator, holds up the 2026 Wisconsin Instructional Leader of the Year Award she received from the Wisconsin Teaching and Learning Leaders. CONTRIBUTED

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GARDENING WITH MELINDA MYERS



MELINDA MYERS
COLUMNIST

Have an apple or other healthy snack before your next trip to the grocery store. Researchers at Cornell University found that people who ate a healthy snack before grocery shopping purchased 25-28% more produce than those who ate a cookie or nothing at all before heading to the store.

You'll find a variety of apples from tart to sweet and firm to soft to choose from. Purchase favorites or try new-to-you varieties you can find at farmers markets, orchards and retailers this time of the year. Many offer samples and provide recipes and recommendations for the best snacking, baking and processing varieties. Or buy a collection of apples and conduct your own taste test.

Whole fresh apples provide the greatest benefits. Combine them with peanut butter or cheese for a healthy protein snack. Add sweetness and crunch to salads with apple slices.

Extend your enjoyment with proper storage. Use bruised, cut or damaged fruit as soon as possible and only store firm blemish-free apples.

Mature apples store best in temperatures between 32 and 39 degrees with 95% humidity. Providing ideal storage conditions is not always possible. Maximize their storage life by placing apples in perforated plastic bags in the crisper drawer of the refrigerator. The plastic bag helps increase the humidity around the fruit while allowing air to flow through the holes.

Purchase extra apples for preserving. Make them into sauce or apple pie filling for canning. Peel, chop, cook and dry into fruit leathers for snacking. Make and freeze apple pies for a quick and easy dessert you can simply bake and serve when needed.

Set aside a few apples to have fun converting them into apple heads. This Native American tradition was picked up by the settlers and is now a part of American folk art. All you need are a couple apples, 1/2 cup lemon juice, 2 tablespoons salt, a bowl of water, a pencil and a knife.

Mix salt and lemon juice in a bowl of water and set aside. Peel the apple and core if you want to place it on a stick or prefer a long droopy face. Draw the outline of the face then carve the features into the apple.

Soak the carved apple in the bowl of salty lemon water for about 10 minutes. Set on a cooling rack or hang the apples in a warm place to dry. Apples are ready when spongy or leathery to the touch.

Add a few details to the apple head by inserting beads for eyes and rice for teeth. Use it as a head for a doll or place it on a stick and add it to your Halloween decorations.

Take advantage of the apple season to find new ways to include apples in your diet. You'll enjoy a diversity of flavors and the many uses this healthful fruit provides.



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

Building healthier future for Shawano, Menominee counties

On Aug. 17, the Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Department facilitated our 2026 Community Health Assessment event at the College of Menominee Nation. Alongside dedicated community members, local partners and organizations, we dove deep into key data spanning our social determinants of health, health behaviors and outcomes, clinical care and the physical environment.



NICK MAU
GUEST COLUMNIST

After thoughtful, open discussion, our community worked together to identify the core health priority areas that will guide our efforts over the next three to five years — mental health, transportation and housing.

These priorities directly reflect the voices, lived experiences and data-backed needs of our residents.

Addressing them isn't just about changing a statistic; it's about strengthening the foundational building blocks of health across our two counties.

Why do these priorities matter?

Mental health and physical health are deeply interconnected. Rural communities across Wisconsin often face unique challenges in mental healthcare access, making broad community awareness and early intervention critical.

When we speak openly about mental health, it normalizes people asking for help without feeling embarrassed or ashamed. Learning what to look for in ourselves and in our neighbors helps communities know when to step in give support before tough situations turn into crises or emergency room visits.

Taking care of our minds also does wonders for our bodies. Feeling well mentally helps people handle daily stress, strengthens the immune system and lowers the risk of serious health problems like heart disease. On top of that, when people feel supported, it's much easier for them to stay active, make healthier choices, and be there for their friends and families.

In rural partially-rural communities like Shawano and Menominee counties, transportation is the key thread connecting people to essential services. Transportation plays a vital role in public health by influencing access to jobs, education, health care, healthy food and social connections.

Public health data consistently shows that lack of reliable transportation leads to missed medical appointments, delayed management of chronic conditions (like diabetes and heart disease) and difficulty accessing grocery stores with fresh foods, according to the Rural Health Information Hub.

Beyond simply getting us where we need to go, transportation shapes the very feel of our neighborhoods. When communities invest in smooth roads, reliable transit, safe sidewalks and volunteer driver programs, it is naturally easier for everyone to stay active, breathe cleaner air and travel safely.

Expanding these options does more than bridge distances; it reduces long-standing barriers to good jobs, schools, and healthcare, bringing the entire community together.

Housing is widely recognized as one of the single most influential social determinants of health.

Adequate, stable housing gives individuals and families a sense of security, stability, control and privacy.

While safe housing provides physical protection, it can also impact child development. Safe, well-maintained housing protects families from structural hazards, mold, lead and extreme temperatures.

Additionally safe, quality housing reduces environmental exposures directly linked to childhood asthma, lead poisoning, accidental injuries and chronic respiratory illness.

Aside from the direct, physical impacts housing can have on health, the financial burden of housing is overwhelming for so many. According to the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, when households face high severe housing cost burdens (spending more than 30-50% of income on rent or mortgages), their budget for essentials shrinks dramatically.

High housing costs force families to make trade-offs between paying rent and affording health insurance, preventive care, prescribed medications and nutritious food. By stabilizing housing, communities can directly improve a family's financial capacity to stay healthy.

Identifying these priorities is just the beginning. Our next step is to assemble a steering committee of passionate community partners, local leaders and subject-matter experts to develop our Community Health Improvement Plan. By building onto the strengths, skills, and resources that already exist across our communities, we can work together on real, lasting solutions.

Over the next three years, the CHIP will serve as our evidence-based, collaborative roadmap, guiding collective action and targeted investments to measurably enhance the health and well-being of all Shawano and Menominee counties residents.

We invite you to keep an eye on the SMCHD's Facebook page (facebook.com/SMCHD) and county webpage in the coming weeks, where the full Community Health Assessment report will be published.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we work together to build a healthier community for everyone.

Nick Mau is the health officer for the Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Department with a master's degree in public health.

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making custom arrangements for her customers.

Her first husband, Jeremy Fischer, passed away unexpectedly and tragically in 2018. They have two children, Kailyn and Beau.

When she remarried in 2022, she was intent on making the floral arrangements for their wedding held in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains.

Her interest in a sustainable floral product led her to making the wooden flowers she used for her wedding pieces, the same wooden flowers she specializes in today. She made her bouquet, her attendants' bouquets and boutonnieres for her husband and groomsmen, in addition to other floral arrangements.

Fischer-Preuss has a bachelor's degree in history and political science. She also has a master's degree in educational leadership with an emphasis in adult education.

She works full time for the Medical College of Wisconsin, placing students in their medical rotations.

The Timber + Petal venture is a side job that Fischer-Preuss fits in between her Medical College position and running around with her children, who are both involved in sports.

She works out of her home in a little studio. Hours are by appointment only.

Fischer-Preuss runs classes for eight to 30 people at her home to learn how to create wood flower arrangements.

Her arrangements can be seen and purchased at Chet and Emil's, 388 Main St., Birnamwood.

Fischer-Preuss will run a workshop at the Birnamwood Berry Merry Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair on Nov. 28 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The event is held at Chet and Emil's.

She has a Facebook page, Timber + Petal. Her website is www.timberandpetal.com

Fischer-Preuss can be reached at 715-903-0232. Her email is timberandpetal@gmail.com.

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Joanne Edwards, a district instructional coach, who highlighted both her professional expertise and the personal qualities that make her an exceptional leader.

"Teachers (and students) love working with Mrs. Firari. She is kind, patient, knowledgeable, organized and trustworthy. These qualities make her an outstanding educator and an asset to our district," Edwards wrote in her nomination.

Edwards also recognized Firari's instrumental role in establishing the district's early literacy systems, supporting teachers in implementing effective reading strategies and using student achievement data to guide continuous improvement.

The award recognizes leaders who champion effective educational practices, foster partnerships, use data to improve learning and demonstrate a sustained record of innovation and improvement.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, OCT. 30

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.

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

SHAWANO: "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," 7 p.m., Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B. Adults $5, students $3 at shawanotheater.ludus.com.

SATURDAY, OCT. 31

OCONTO FALLS: Trunk or Treat, 1:30-3:30 p.m., St. Anthony Catholic School, 253 N. Franklin St. Booyah and soup for sale, free hot chocolate.

SURING: Suring Kids Halloween Party, 2-4 p.m., Fire Department, 21 Heasley St. Free goody bag, games, prizes, crafts, cookies. Geared toward kids 10 and under, adult supervision required. Hosted by Suring Area Business Association.

SHAWANO: "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," 7 p.m., Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B. Adults $5, students $3 at shawanotheater.ludus.com.

SUNDAY, NOV. 1

OCONTO: Breakfast and Basket Fundraiser, 7-11 a.m., Oconto Elks Lodge, 310 Farnsworth Ave. Pancakes, sausage and eggs $8, veterans and children under 5 free. Hosted by Oconto Elks Lodge, proceeds to benefit Oconto County Veterans Services.

SHAWANO: Holiday Rummage and Bake Sale, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wolf River Lutheran High School, W7467 River Bend Road. Christmas decor, new and gently used gift items, soup to-go (booyah and chili).

MONDAY, NOV. 2

OCONTO: American Red Cross blood drive, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Oconto High School, 1717 Superior St. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

BONDUEL: American Red Cross blood drive, noon to 5 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church, 240 E. Green Bay St. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

LENA: J&R Aquatic Animal Rescue presents "Creepy Crawly Creature Feature" live animal program, noon, Lena Public Library, 200 E. Main St.

LENA: American Red Cross blood drive, 1-6 p.m., Lena High School, 304 E. Main St. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

TUESDAY, NOV. 3

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

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4

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

LAKEWOOD: ADRC Support Group, 2-3 p.m., Lakes Country Public Library, 15235 State Highway 32. Help for caretakers of friends or family members with dementia or memory concerns.

SHAWANO: 100+ Women Who Care Shawano County Giving Circle, 5-6 p.m. social hour, 6-7 p.m. meeting, Stubborn Brothers Brewery Crescent Ballroom, 220 S. Main St.

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THURSDAY, NOV. 5

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

SHAWANO: Chili Supper, 1-6:30 p.m., Fellowship Church of Shawano, 100 Presbyterian St. All-you-can-eat chili $10, to-go $9; children 5-12 $4, under 5 free. Pies $3 per slice, $4 a la mode.

SHAWANO: 100+ Men Who Care Shawano County Giving Circle, 5-6 p.m. social hour, 6-7 p.m. meeting, Stubborn Brothers Brewery Crescent Ballroom, 220 S. Main St.

OCONTO: Historical Society Speaker Series, 6:30 p.m., Beyer House Museum and Carriage House, 915 Park Ave. "From Wood to Watercraft: Dugout Canoes of Wisconsin," presented by Dr. Sissel Schroeder. Free admission, light refreshments provided.

FRIDAY, NOV. 6

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.

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

SATURDAY, NOV. 7

BONDUEL: SPYRT Craft Sale and Silent Auction, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, 240 E. Green Bay St. Craft sale, silent auction, chili and hot ham sandwich lunch, plus Ladies Aid bake sale. Admission $1.

SURING: Fall Bazaar, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., St. Michael Catholic Church, 210 S. Krueger St. Shredded pork and turkey sandwiches, chili, chicken soup, pie, rummage, crafts, baked goods and raffles.

TOWN OF CHASE: Second annual Chase Christmas Market, noon to 6 p.m., South Chase Saloon, 494 County Road C.

SHAWANO: Annual Dinner and Auction, 3 p.m., Wolf River Lutheran High School, W7467 River Bend Road. "Through the Decades" theme; meal, spirits, live auction, silent auction, games, raffles. Admission $50; information at wrlhs.org.

SHAWANO: Jingle Mingle, 5:30-9 p.m., Sacred Heart School gymnasium, 302 S. Main St. $25 at the door, advance tickets $20, 21 and older. Local beer and food vendors, basket raffles, meat raffles.

SUNDAY, NOV. 8

TOWN OF CHASE: Second annual Chase Christmas Market, noon to 4 p.m., South Chase Saloon, 494 County Road C.

THEME: BIRDS

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11. Taxon, pl.
12. Mosaic piece
13. Speculate
15. Similar
16. Eye part
17. Belgian port city
18. *"The Birds" producer and director
20. *"Mourning" bird
21. Kicks out
22. *"Birds do it, ____ do it," sing.
23. "Hot" prefix
26. Suggest
30. Treaty of Rome org.
31. Dump
34. *Horus' mother
35. Spills over a container edge
37. Hole puncher
38. Finals
39. Type of balsam
40. Thumb, anatomically speaking
42. *New Zealand parrot
43. Suppresses
45. *Big Bird, e.g.
47. Shark part
48. Yo-Yo's instrument
50. Bleak
52. *Bird with largest wingspan
56. *Popular origami bird
57. Mongolian desert
58. *Hen to chick
59. Silly and scatterbrained
60. Affirm with confidence
61. Sailor's call
62. Number cruncher, acr.
63. Color
64. Totes

DOWN

1. D-Day beach
2. H. H. Munro's pseudonym
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4. Ill will
5. Basketball foot maneuver
6. Smart ones?
7. Reach a high
8. a,k.a. Kyiv
9. Green Gables resident
10. Hitherto
12. U of A home
13. Poet Nash
14. *Albus Dumbledore's companion
19. Dark fertile soil
22. Board of Directors, acr.
23. MCAT and LSAT, e.g.
24. Serf
25. Cause for food recall
26. Pay a visit
27. Japanese port city
28. Sand clock, e.g.
29. Test form
32. Vietnam's neighbor
33. *Parliament member
36. *Barbara's ____ Cereal
38. Glorify
40. Mightier than sword
41. Oblong cream puff
44. British sailor, slangily
46. Conventional
48. Garlic unit
49. What tide did
50. Golf club handle
51. Pro ____
52. Lab culture
53. Pearl Harbor island
54. Urban haze
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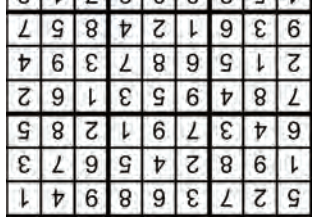
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More drivers slow down, move over for disabled vehicles

A new survey from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety found that more than 90% of drivers reported slowing down or moving over the last time they passed a disabled vehicle, tow truck or police vehicle on the shoulder.

However, previous observational research found that only 64% of drivers actually changed lanes or reduced their speed when required. More than one-third (36%) did neither.

The consequences of failing to slow down or move over can be deadly.

More than 2,100 people were struck and killed while stranded or working at the roadside between 2019 and 2023. In 2025 alone, AAA responded to more than 30 million roadside events, and 15 roadside service providers lost their lives in slow down, move over-related incidents. Several of those crashes involved impaired or hit-and-run drivers.

"Drivers often think roadside danger only affects police officers, firefighters and tow truck operators," Nick Jarmusz, director of public affairs for AAA. "But anyone can become vulnerable at the roadside. A flat tire, dead battery or mechanical problem can place drivers and passengers just feet from moving traffic. That's why slowing down and moving over is so important."

A new AAA survey found that drivers understand the risks of being stranded at the roadside. More than half (55%) of Wisconsinites said being struck by another vehicle would be their biggest concern if their vehicle became disabled.

"It's easy to think a roadside stop is someone else's problem," said Jarmusz. "But every driver could end up in that situation. That's why slowing down and moving over is more than a legal requirement. It's a responsibility we share."

Recognizing the dangers faced by stranded motorists, many states have expanded their slow down move over laws to include disabled vehicles and other roadside situations.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MARATHON COUNTY
PUBLICATION SUMMONS & NOTICE
Case No. 26-CV-587
CREATIVE FINANCE, INC.
815 Business Park Road
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965,
Plaintiff,
vs.
CHARLES ALAN BURNETT
478 Sarah Street
Birnamwood, WI 54414,
Defendant.
You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. Within forty (40) days after October 23, 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 Circuit Court, MARATHON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 500 Forest Street, Wausau, WI 54403, and to the plaintiff's attorney, Ann L. Patteson, von Briesen & Roper, s.c., 300 North Broadway, Suite 2B, Green Bay, WI 54303. 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 an 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. This is an attempt to collect a debt; any information obtained shall be used for that purpose. Dated this 14th day of October, 2026.
Ann L. Patteson
Plaintiff's Attorney
von Briesen & Roper, s.c.
300 N. Broadway, Ste. 2B
Green Bay, WI 54303
Telephone 920.713.7800
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10/30/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

NOTICE OF WINTER PARKING
VILLAGE OF WITTENBERG

MUNICIPAL CODE 7.04 PARKING RESTRICTIONS. (1) WINTER OVERNIGHT PARKING. No person shall park or leave standing any motor vehicle between the hours of 2:00 A.M. and 7:00 A.M. from the first day of November to the first day of May.

By Order of the
Village of Wittenberg
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
YEAR 2027 CITY OF SHAWANO BUDGET SUMMARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to section 65.90 of the Wis. State Statutes, and Acts amendatory thereof, the Committee on Finance of the Common Council of the City of Shawano has tentatively adopted the Budget for the year 2027 as hereinafter set forth, and that said Budget is available for inspection at the office of the City Clerk for said City of Shawano beginning with the date hereof.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that on WEDNESDAY, November 18, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. at Shawano City Hall, 127 S. Sawyer Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, a Public Hearing will be held on said Budget, and will be presented to the Common Council following the hearing.

REVENUES:	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	Adopted 2026 Budget	Proposed 2027 Budget	YOY Budget Increase (Decrease)	% Change
Taxes	$3,433,685	$4,244,801	$4,363,452	$4,368,662	$5,210	0.1%
Special Assessments	$5,490	$310,340	$310,275	310,000	(275)	-0.1%
Intergovernmental Revenues	$2,625,758	$2,650,591	$2,771,360	2,803,215	31,855	1.1%
General Government Revenues		$2,538,206	$2,287,485	1,996,878	(290,607)	
Licenses and Permits	$230,094					
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	$87,012					
Public Charges for Services	$791,237					
Intergovernmental Service Charges	$681,908					
Miscellaneous Revenue	$578,370					
Other Financing Sources	$930,075			408,000	408,000	100.0%
TOTAL REVENUES:	**$9,363,629**	**$9,743,938**	**$9,732,572**	**$9,886,755**	**$154,183**	**1.56%**
EXPENDITURES:						
General Government	$1,576,763	$1,754,295	$1,647,998	$1,728,046	$80,048	5%
Public Safety	$4,130,817	$4,251,502	$4,389,880	$4,343,146	-$46,734	-1%
Public Works	$2,041,569	$2,084,595	$2,085,793	$2,044,654	-$41,139	-2%
Health and Human Services	$96,350	$105,574	$134,908	$102,695	-$32,213	-31%
Culture, Recreation and Education	$1,162,442	$1,121,598	$1,193,110	$1,240,352	$47,242	4%
Conservation and Development	$55,402	$50,286	$54,883	$201,862	$146,979	73%
Transfers to Other Funds	$46,000		$226,000	$226,000	$0	0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	**$9,109,343**	**$9,367,850**	**$9,732,572**	**$9,886,755**	**$154,183**	**1.56%**
TOTAL REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	**$254,286**	**$376,088**	**$0**	**$0**		

These line items have been summarized in the corresponding yearly totals above.

ESTIMATED FUND BALANCES	EST BALANCE 31-Dec-26	2027 BUDGETED REVENUES	2027 BUDGETED EXPENSES	EST BALANCE 31-Dec-27	CITY TAX LEVY
GENERAL FUND	$2,722,348	$9,886,755	$9,886,755	$2,722,348	**$3,488,263**
CITY/COUNTY AIRPORT FUND	48,344	339,726	339,479	48,591	**154,916**
CITY CAB FUND	168,211	523,713	523,713	168,211	**9,000**
DEBT SERVICE FUND	371,866	2,764,882	2,764,882	371,866	**2,764,882**
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	2,787,699	4,600,000	2,787,699	4,600,000	**0**
TID FUNDS	(1,253,960)	2,511,533	625,860	631,713	**1,031,340**
ENTERPRISE FUNDS	63,918,729	35,221,500	32,699,662	66,440,567	**0**
TOTAL BALANCE	$68,763,237	$55,848,109	$49,628,050	$74,983,296	**$7,448,401**

Tax Rate Per $1,000 of Assessed Value for City Purposes:	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Change Over Previous Year	$10.672	$8.786	$9.104	$9.417	$7.441
	$0.774	($1.886)	$0.318	$0.217	($1.976)

Special Charges of $170.00 for garbage/recycling and $46.00 for curbside services are applied to tax bills of all developed residential

Shawano Municipal Utilities
2027 Operating Budget Summary - PRELIM

Electric Department	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Budget	2027 Budget	Increase (Decrease)	% Change
Operating Revenues	$ 25,292,326	$ 28,381,515	$ 28,610,009	$ 29,666,980	$ 1,056,971	3.7%
Other Revenues	1,502,695	1,361,731	480,347	678,467	198,120	41.2%
Total Revenues	26,795,021	29,743,246	29,090,356	30,345,447	1,255,091	4.3%
Purchased Power	20,333,130	21,542,001	21,612,652	22,528,874	916,222	4.2%
Operating & Maintenance Expenses	2,561,160	2,676,464	2,676,345	2,942,825	266,480	10.0%
Depreciation & Amortization Expense	1,200,833	1,416,108	1,333,212	1,385,229	52,017	3.9%
Taxes	838,826	897,880	984,524	979,816	(4,708)	-0.5%
Other Expenses	838,217	755,508	742,548	761,359	18,811	2.5%
Total Expenses	25,772,166	27,287,961	27,349,281	28,598,103	1,248,822	4.6%
Net Income (Loss)	**$ 1,022,855**	**$ 2,455,285**	**$ 1,741,075**	**$ 1,747,344**	**$ 6,269**	**0.4%**
Technology Department						
Total Revenues	$ 445,471	$ 485,635	$ 459,172	$ 458,050	$ (1,122)	-0.2%
Purchases	125,878	130,597	130,464	121,322	(9,142)	-7.0%
Operating & Maintenance Expenses	130,042	136,344	144,590	153,144	8,554	5.9%
Depreciation & Amortization Expense	63,666	67,042	36,964	38,469	1,505	4.1%
Taxes	-				-	0.0%
Total Expenses	319,586	333,983	312,018	312,935	917	0.3%
Net Income (Loss)	125,885	151,652	147,154	145,115	(2,039)	-1.4%
Appropriation to Municipality	(108,000)	(108,000)	(108,000)	(108,000)	-	0.0%
Retained Earnings Increase (Decrease)	**$ 17,885**	**$ 43,652**	**$ 39,154**	**$ 37,115**	**$ (2,039)**	**-1.4%**
Total Utility						
Total Revenues	$ 27,240,492	$ 30,228,881	$ 29,549,528	$ 30,803,497	$ 1,253,969	4.2%
Purchase Power & Service Expenses	20,459,008	21,672,598	21,743,116	22,650,196	907,080	4.2%
Operating & Maintenance Expenses	2,691,202	2,812,808	2,820,935	3,095,969	275,034	9.7%
Depreciation & Amortization Expense	1,264,499	1,483,150	1,370,176	1,423,698	53,522	3.9%
Taxes	838,826	897,880	984,524	979,816	(4,708)	-0.5%
Other Expenses	838,217	755,508	742,548	761,359	18,811	2.5%
Total Expenses	26,091,752	27,621,944	27,661,299	28,911,038	1,249,739	4.5%
Net Income (Loss)	1,148,740	2,606,937	1,888,229	1,892,459	4,230	0.2%
Appropriation to Municipality	(108,000)	(108,000)	(108,000)	(108,000)	-	0.0%
Retained Earnings Increase (Decrease)	**$ 1,040,740**	**$ 2,498,937**	**$ 1,780,229**	**$ 1,784,459**	**$ 4,230**	**0.2%**

Signed: /s/: Lesley Nemetz
Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk

LEGAL NOTICES

10/30/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

Shawano County Farmland Lease - Invitation and Request for Bids
Shawano County is requesting bids for the lease of 284.2 acres of farmland on property known as the County Farm site in the Town of Belle Plaine. Interested bidders should contact Tami Goers, Extension Coordinator, at 715-526-6136 or tami.goers@shawanocountywi.gov for more details and required bid form. Sealed bids must be received at the Shawano County Clerk's Office, located in the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166, no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 4, 2026. Bids will be opened and reviewed at the regularly scheduled Land Conservation and Extension Committee meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 5, 2026, in Room 7 (Lower Level) of the Shawano County Courthouse. Shawano County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and the right to disregard all nonconforming proposals and further reserves the right to accept any one proposal that will best serve the interests of Shawano County.

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LEGAL NOTICES

10/30/26, 11/6/26, 11/13/26

DATE SIGNED: October 19, 2026
Electronically signed by Gwen Hoffman
Probate Registrar
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KAREN M. CORN
Amended
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 26 PR 76
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 9/6/1943 and date of death 9/28/2026 was domiciled in Shawano, County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of: W5022 Highland Dr., Shawano, WI 54166
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 29, 2027
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Room 202, Probate Office
Shawano, Wisconsin 54166
Form completed by: James Vomastic
Address 1488 E Green Bay St.
Shawano, WI 54166
Telephone
715-851-3669
Bar Number (if any) 1045783.

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10/16/26, 10/23/26, 10/30/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
CASE NO. 26-CV-78
Hon. Katherine Sloma, Br. 1
ASSOCIATED BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,
vs.
VICTORIA E. CONRADT
Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that by virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-captioned action on July 29, 2026, in the amount of $166,765.43, the Sheriff or his Designee will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:
TIME:**November 11, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.**
PLACE: in the main lobby of the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 North Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166
DESCRIPTION:
Parcel I:
Lot 2 of Certified Survey Map recorded May 4, 1972 in Volume 1 of Certified Surveys on page 132 as Document No. 318391, being a redivision of Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map recorded October 26, 1967 in Volume 1 of Certified Surveys on page 56 as Document No. 296956 and being a part of vacated Waukechon Road and part of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 20 in Assessors Plat of the City of Shawano, Shawano County, Wisconsin.
Tax Key No. 281-40400-1550
AND
Parcel 2:
Lot 2 in Forest Hill Estates, City of Shawano, Shawano County, Wisconsin, except that part bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of the said Lot 2; thence South 46°22'00" West along the Southeasterly line of the said Lot 2, 116.76 feet; thence North 0°44'45" West 80.85 feet to the North line of the said Lot 2; thence South 89°48'58" East along the said North line 85.56 feet to the place of beginning.
Tax Key No. 281-50150-0010
Tax Key: 281-40400-1550; 281-50150-0010
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1506 E Lieg Ave. Shawano, WI 54166
TERMS: Down payment required **at the time of Sheriff's Sale** in the amount of 10% of the successful bid by cash or certified check; balance of sale price due within ten business days of confirmation of sale by the Court, together with the applicable transfer fee and cost of recording the deed, all payable to the Clerk of Court of the above county. Property to be sold as a whole 'as is' and subject to all real estate taxes, accrued and accruing, special assessments, if any, penalties and interest.
Sheriff George Lenzner
Shawano County, Wisconsin
Plaintiff's Attorney:
Weld Riley, S.C.
500 Third Street, Suite 800
P.O. Box 479
Wausau, WI 54402-0479
(715) 845-8234
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10/30/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

PUBLIC NOTICE

Application for Non-Metallic Mine Reclamation Permit & Reclamation Plan Review for Scott Marcks Trucking & Excavating (Reese Pit)

In accordance with Shawano County, Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance Chapter 12, Article III, we are hereby giving notice that a non-metallic mining reclamation permit has been requested and a reclamation plan has been received for review. Section 12-291(a) of the ordinance requires public notice of application and opportunity for public hearing. Contact Scott Konkle, East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (ECWRPC), 400 Ahnaip Street, Menasha, WI 54952, (920) 751-4770, (the *County's Agent)* for designated plan review locations.
Initial Post Date: October 30, 2026 – Please express concerns to the above address, including any request for holding a public informational hearing to County's Agent within 30 days of post date.
DESCRIPTION OF MINE SITE :
Owner of Property: Donald Reese Revocable Trust
Applicant: Scott Marcks Trucking & Excavating, Inc.
Location of Mine Site: West of State Highway 187, 1/2 mile North of Johnson Road.
Legal Description: Part of the SE1/4 of SW1/4 & SW1/4 of the SE1/4, Section 33, T25N, R16E, Town of Green Navarino, Shawano County. Parcel Nos. 333400000, 334300020
EXPLANATION: The mine site will be operated for the extraction of sand. The site will be reclaimed into agriculture production.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Robert L. Lehman, Jr.
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 26 PR 75
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 6-5-1967 and date of death 8-31-2026 was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N3119 Tower Road, Tigerton, WI 54486
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 29, 2027
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano CountyCourthouse,311 N. Main Street, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate office
Shawano, WI 54166
James E. Aschenbrener 1008896
P.O. Box 146, Shawano, WI 54166
715-524-6258

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10/16/26, 10/23/26, 10/30/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MARTHA BLANCHE PETERS
Amended
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 26 PR 73
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth April 19,1937 and date of death August 15, 2026 was domiciled in Shawano County, State of WI with a mailing address of W364 State Hwy 156, Pulaski, Wisconsin 54162
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 12, 2027
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano, WI, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate office
Wm. J. Vande Castle
VANDE CASTLE, S.C.
303 S. Jefferson St.
Green Bay, WI 54301 Telephone
(920) 435-3599
Bar Number (if any) 1016919

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10/30/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice Just Simple Storage - Gresham - Upper Lake Dr & Cherry Rd located at W10711 Upper Lake Dr / W10129 Cherry Rd, Gresham, WI, 54128 intends to hold a public sale of storage units in default of payment. The sale will occur as an Online Auction via www.bid13.com on 11/19/2026 at 12:00PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Sandra Anderson; Sonja Bowman. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing
Case No. 26CV212
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF
Gavin James Buss
By Gavin James Buss
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Gavin James Buss
To: Gavin James Shmo
Birth Certificate: Gavin James Buss
IT IS ORDERED:
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County, State of Wisconsin
Judge Name: Kathrine Sloma
Place: Shawano County Courthouse
311 N. Main ST, Shawano, WI 54166
Date: 12/30/2026
Time: 8:30 am

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10/30/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice All-Stor Self Storage - Shawano 946 S Waukechon located at 946 S Waukechon St, Shawano, WI, 54166 intends to hold a Auction of storage units in default of payment. The sale will occur as an Online Auction via www.bid13.com on 11/19/2026 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Lynn Felts (2 units). This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

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10/30/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT
Plaintiff(s)
Barbara Marie Berger
N8857 Maplewood Rol
Birnamwood, WI 54414
-VS-
Defendant(s)
Randy Pockat
N8857 Maplewood Rol
Birnamwood, WI 54414
Publication Summons and Notice
(Small Claims)
Case No. 26 SC493
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-526-934] prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
Publication Summons and Notice of Filing
TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S):
You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. The lawsuit will be heard in the following small claims court:
Shawano County Courthouse
311 N Main St.
Shawano, WI 54166 715
County Board Room
11/24/26 1:00 p.m.
If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court before the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county.
10-22-7076

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10/23/26, 10/30/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY given to the qualified electors of the Menominee Indian School District that the Annual Meeting of said District for transaction of business will be held at **the Menominee High School Gym on Wednesday October 28, 2026.**

A Budget Hearing for the proposed 2026-2027 Menominee Indian School District budget will be held at the **Menominee High School Gym at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 28, 2026** with the Annual Meeting to follow.

MENOMINEE INDIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING/BUDGET HEARING
MENOMINEE HIGH SCHOOL - GYM
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2026

AGENDA
1. Meeting called to order by Board President, Mr. David "Jonesy" Miller
2. Election of Meeting Chairperson
3. Designate Clerk of the meeting
4. Approval of October 1, 2025, Annual Meeting minutes
5. President's Message by Mr. David "Jonesy" Miller
6. Superintendent's Report by Ms. Shannon Chapman
7. Budget Summary - Jamie Wayka
8. Resolution A - Tax Resolution
9. Resolution B - Board Salaries
10. Resolution C - Board Travel
11. Resolution D - Off Site Programs
12. Resolution E - Transportation
13. Resolution F - Food Service Program
14. Resolution G - Textbooks
15. Resolution H - Legal Proceedings
16. Resolution I - Designate Official Depository
17. Community Comments
18. Set tentative date of Annual Meeting 2027-2028, or authorize Board to establish date and time
19. Adjournment

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10/30/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

City of Shawano
127 S Sawyer Street, Shawano, WI 54166
(715) 526-6138 Fax: (715) 526-5751

ORDINANCE NO.:	2059
SPONSORED BY:	Plan Commission
INTRODUCED BY:	Barkow
SECONDED BY:	Hauer

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHAWANO, WISCONSIN, DO ORDAIN that **Chapter 10 , ZONING CODE, Article X Administration and Procedures, Section 10-170 Zoning Map amendment** is hereby amended to re-zone the following described property from Single Family (SR), Urban Mixed Use (MU), and Public Lands (PL) to Campus Development (CD) zoning district:
Property more commonly known as:
From Public Lands - PL to Campus Development :
281-751000340 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat Lots 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9 &10 Blk 6 Found in V.202 P.7
From Urban Mixed Use – UMU to Campus Development :
281-751000350 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat all of Blk 7 now as re-mapped in the Assessors Plat
281-751000360 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat all of Blk 8 Ex S 10' of E177' for St (405 N. Main St.)
281-751000370 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat Lot 1 Blk 9 The N 65'
281-751000380 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat Lot 1 & Lots 2-9 & 10 Ex Prt Des V465 P379 Blk 9
281-751000460 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat E 27' of S ¾ Lot 9 & S ¾ Lot 10 Blk 9
281-751000780 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat Lot 1 & E ½ of Lot 2 Blk 14
281-751000790 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat W1/2 Lot 2 & All of Lot 3 Blk 14
281-751000870 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat Blk 15 (311 N. Main St.)

From Single Family Residential-6 SR-6 to Campus Development :
281-751000390 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat Th Prt of Lots 1-2-3-8 & 9 Des V.465 P.379 (210 W. 2 nd St.)
281-751000400 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat W1/2 of Lot 3 Blk 9 (216 W. 2 nd St.)
281-751000440 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat E27' Lot 7 & W1/2 Lot 8 Blk 9 (217 W. 3 rd St.)
281-751000450 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat E1/2 of S3/4 Lot 8 & W 39' of S ¾ Lot 9 Blk 9 (211 W. 3 rd St.)
281-751000800 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat N1/2 Lots 4 & 5 Blk 14 (318 N. Franklin St.)
281-751000810 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat S1/2 Lots 4 &.5 Blk 14 (312 N. Franklin St.)
281-751000820 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat Lot 6 Blk 14 & W 9' of Lot 7' (225 W. 4 th St.)
281-751000830 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat Lot 7 Blk 14 Ex W 9' (221 W. 4 th St.)
281-751000840 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat Lot 8 Blk 14 (211 W. 4 th St.)
281-751000850 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat W 60' of Lot 9 Blk 14 (205 W. 4 th St.)
281-751000860 City of Shawano Sawyer and Andrews Plat E 6' Lot 9 & All Lot 10 Blk 14 (201 W. 4 th St.)

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.
Adopted: October 14, 2026
Published: October 30, 2026
Signed: /s/: Bruce Milavitz
Bruce Milavitz, Mayor
Signed: /s/: Lesley Nemetz
Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk

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10/16/26, 10/23/26, 10/30/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MARTHA BLANCHE PETERS
Amended
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 26 PR 73
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth April 19,1937 and date of death August 15, 2026, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of WI, with a mailing address of W364 State Hwy 156, Pulaski, Wisconsin 54162.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 12, 2027.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse ,311 N. Main St., Shawano, WI, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate office.
Wm. J. Vande Castle
VANDE CASTLE, S.C.
303 S. Jefferson St.
Green Bay, WI 54301
(920) 435-3599
1016919

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10/16/26, 10/23/26, 10/30/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ROSE MARIE MASTEY
Amended
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 26PR45
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2.The decedent, with date of birth March 30, 1935, and date of death May 23, 2026, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of WI with a mailing address of W2082 HWY 162, Pulaski, Wisconsin 54162
3.All interested persons waived notice.
4.The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 12, 2027.
5.A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano, WI Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office.
Wm. J. Vande Castle
VANDE CASTLE, S.C.
303 S. Jefferson St.
Green Bay, WI 54301 Telephone
(920) 435-3599
Bar Number (if any) 1016919

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10/30/26, 11/6/26, 11/13/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
RUSSELL LEE FRANK
d.o.d. February 16, 2020
10-07-2026
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 26 PR 74
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 08/23/1953 and date of death 02/16/2020 was domiciled in Shawano County State of Wisconsin with a mailing address of N6985 Menominee Drive Shawano, WI 54166
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 15, 2027
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, Courthouse, 311 N Main Street Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office Shawano, WI 54166
Attorney Gabrielle Boehm
P.O. Box 717
Mukwonago, WI 53149
(262) 363-7311
1011378

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10/16/26, 10/23/26, 10/30/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Eugene C. Field
Amended
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 26 PR 43
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 6-25-1947 and date of death 5-17-2026 was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N7910 Bluebird Road, Eland, WI 54427
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 23, 2027
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin Room Probate 202
James E. Aschenbrener
P.O. Box 146, Shawano, WI 54166
715-524-6258 1008896

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10/23/26, 10/30/26, 11/6/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT
COVANTAGE CREDIT UNION
PO BOX 107
ANTIGO, WI 54409
Plaintiffs,
VS,
NATHAN POWELL.
AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NATHAN POWELL
Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Case No. 23-CV-99
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on September 25, 2023 in the amount of $73,548.84 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:
TIME: November 11, 2026 at 9:00 am
TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the Shawano County Clerk of Courts. (Personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation for the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and encumbrances.
PLACE: Shawano County Courthouse, main lobby 311 N. Main Street in Shawano, WI 54166 in Shawano County
DESCRIPTION: That part of Lots 3 and 5 in Block 8 of Danks and Richmonds Plat, according to the Assessor's map of the City of Shawano, Shawano County, Wisconsin, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Lot 3 in block 8 of Danks and Richmonds Plat, according to the Assessor's Map of the City of Shawano; thence North along East boundary of Washington Street 65 feet, more or less, to the North boundary of Hill Street; thence West along North boundary of Hill Street 79 feet to the East boundary of Washington Street; thence North along East boundary of Washington Street 50 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning.
Parcel Identification Number (PIN) : 281 451500750
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 346 S Washington St. Shawano, WI 54166
Galanis, Pollack, Jacobs & Johnson, S.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
413 N. 2 nd Street, Suite 150
Milwaukee, WI 53203
414-271-5400
Galanis, Pollack, Jacobs & Johnson, S.C. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a Chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.

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Notice of General Election and Sample Ballots
November 3, 2026

Office of the Oconto County Clerk
To the voters of Oconto County

Notice is hereby given of a general election to be held in the several wards in Oconto County, November 3, 2026, at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office to be voted for, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are listed under the title of the office and under the appropriate party or other designation, together with any referendum questions submitted to a vote, in the sample ballot below.

INFORMATION TO VOTERS
Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, a voter shall:
- state their name and address
- show an acceptable form of photo identification*
- sign the poll book**

*If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

**If the voter is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word “exempt.”

If a voter is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the voter provides proof of residence.

Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.

Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking their ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

A voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward.

An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Assistance for Voting
A voter may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter. If a voter is unable to state their name and address, an assistant may also do so for the voter.

Where Paper Ballots are Used
The voter shall make an “X” or other mark in the square next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall make an “X” in the square next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall make an “X” in the square next to "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used
The voter shall fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval next to the write-in line. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an electronic ballot marking device (“Automark,” “Express Vote,” “Clear Access” or “ImageCast Evolution-ICE”) to mark an optical scan ballot, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall touch the screen next to “write-in” and type in the name of the person of their choice. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Touch Screen Voting is Used
The voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question or the voter shall touch the screen next to "no" if opposed to the question.

Spoiling Ballots
If a voter spoils a paper or optical scan ballot, they shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

The voter may spoil a touch screen ballot at the voting station before the ballot is cast.

After Voting the Ballot
After an official paper ballot is marked, it shall be folded so that the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show. The voter shall then deposit their folded ballot in the proper ballot box or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit and leave the polling place promptly.

After an official optical scan ballot is marked, it may be inserted in a security sleeve so the marks do not show. The voter shall then insert the ballot in the voting device or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official touch screen ballot is cast, the voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

Sample ballots may be viewed on myvote.wi.gov, at the polling locations on election day, and a sample of the official ballot styles for the ICE voting equipment are included in the Type B Notice published in the Times Herald and Reporter the week prior to the election.

DONE in the City of Oconto, on October 19, 2026
Kim Pytleski, Oconto County Clerk
301 Washington Street Oconto, Wisconsin 54153
920-834-6800

All Oconto County voters will vote for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Representative in Congress District 8, Sheriff, Clerk of Court, and three State Referendum Questions. For Representative to the Assembly District 4, 6, 35, and 36, and Referendum Questions in the School Districts of Gillett, Oconto Unified, and Pulaski, voters will vote based on their municipality of residence.

Governor/ Lieutenant Governor
Tom Tiffany/David Varnam, Republican
David Crowley/Sarah Golewski, Democratic

Attorney General
Eric Toney, Republican
Josh Kaul, Democratic

Secretary of State
Jay Schroeder, Republican
JoCasta Zamarripa, Democratic
Pete Karas, Wisconsin Green

State Treasurer
John S. Leiber, Republican
Yee Leng Xiong, Democratic

Representative in Congress, District 8
Tony Wied, Republican
Rick Crosson, Democratic

Representative to the Assembly, District 4
David Steffen, Republican
Alexia Unertl, Democratic

Representative to the Assembly, District 6
Elijah Behnke, Republican
Shirley Hinze, Democratic

Representative to the Assembly, District 35
Calvin Callahan, Republican
Elizabeth McCrank, Democratic

Representative to the Assembly, District 36
Jeffrey L. Mursau, Republican
Shena Chapman, Independent

Sheriff
Todd Skarban, Republican

Clerk of Circuit Court
Trisha L. LeFebre, Republican

Municipalities represented by the 4th, 6th, 35th, and 36th Assembly Districts are as follows:
District 4: Towns of Abrams, Lena, Little River, Little Suamico, Maple Valley, Oconto, Oconto Falls, Pensaukee, Spruce, Stiles; Village of Lena; Cities of Oconto and Oconto Falls
District 6: Towns of Breed, Chase, Gillett, How, Morgan, Underhill; Village of Suring; City of Gillett
District 35: Town of Townsend
District 36: Towns of Bagley, Brazeau, Doty, Lakewood, Mountain, Riverview

State Referenda Questions

QUESTION 1: “Partial veto. Shall section 10 (1) (c) of article V of the constitution be amended to prohibit the governor, in exercising his or her partial veto authority, from creating or increasing or authorizing the creation or increase of any tax or fee?”

QUESTION 2: “Freedom to gather in places of worship during an emergency. Shall section 18 of article I of the constitution, which deals with religious liberty, be amended to prohibit the state or a political subdivision of the state from ordering the closure of, or forbidding gatherings in, places of worship in response to a state of emergency, including a public health emergency?”

QUESTION 3: “Governmental entity discrimination prohibited. Shall section 27 of article I of the constitution be created to prohibit governmental entities in the state from discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, public education, public contracting, or public administration?”

School Referenda Questions

Gillett Schools: “Shall the Gillett School District, Oconto and Shawano Counties, Wisconsin, be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, of the Wisconsin Statutes, by $1,900,000 in each year for the 2026-2027, the 2027-2028, and the 2028-2029 school years, for non-recurring purposes, to sustain student educational programming, operations, and facilities maintenance?”

Oconto Unified Schools: “Shall the Oconto Unified School District, Oconto County, Wisconsin, be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by $900,000 per year for five years, beginning with the 2027-2028 school year and ending with the 2031-2032 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of District operation and maintenance costs?”

Pulaski Schools: "Shall the Pulaski Community School District, Brown, Oconto, Shawano and Outagamie Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed $59,800,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: construction of an addition and renovations at Lannoye Elementary School, including for classrooms, special education, and support spaces; renovations at Pulaski Community Middle School in Career and Technology Education (CTE), including Technology and Engineering Education, Agriscience, Family and Consumer Science, and Business and Information Technology classroom spaces, and conversion of the existing pool to a multi-purpose activity facility; construction of additions and renovations at Pulaski High School, including for a community swimming pool facility, a fitness/weight center, wrestling space, additions and renovations to Career and Technology Education (CTE) classroom spaces in select program areas, renovations to classrooms and labs, and construction of tennis courts and parking lot expansion; district-wide capital maintenance, building systems and site improvements; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?"



NOTICE OF REFERENDUM ELECTION
November 3, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the several towns, villages, wards, and election districts of the State of Wisconsin, on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, the following questions will be submitted to a vote of the people pursuant to law:

2025 Senate Joint Resolution 116

To amend section 10(1)(c) of article V; relating to: prohibiting the governor from using the partial veto to create or increase any tax or fee.

Whereas, the 2023 legislature in regular session considered a proposed amendment to the constitution in 2023 Assembly Joint Resolution 112, which became 2023 Enrolled Joint Resolution 16, and agreed to it by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, which proposed amendment reads as follows:

Section 1. Section 10 (1) (c) of article V of the constitution is amended to read:

[Article V] Section 10 (1) (c) In approving an appropriation bill in part, the governor may not create a new word by rejecting individual letters in the words of the enrolled bill, and may not create a new sentence by combining parts of 2 or more sentences of the enrolled bill, and may not create or increase or authorize the creation or increase of any tax or fee.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution is agreed to by the 2025 legislature; and, be it further
Resolved, That the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution be submitted to a vote of the people at the election to be held on the first Tuesday of November 2026; and, be it further
Resolved, That the questions concerning ratification of the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution be stated on the ballot as follows:

QUESTION 1: "Partial veto. Shall section 10 (1) (c) of article V of the constitution be amended to prohibit the governor, in exercising his or her partial veto authority, from creating or increasing or authorizing the creation or increase of any tax or fee?"

2025 Assembly Joint Resolution 10

To amend section 18 of article I of the constitution; relating to: the freedom to gather in places of worship during a state of emergency.

Whereas, the 2023 legislature in regular session considered a proposed amendment to the constitution in 2023 Senate Joint Resolution 54, which became 2023 Enrolled Joint Resolution 11, and agreed to it by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, which proposed amendment reads as follows:

Section 1. Section 18 of article I of the constitution is created to read:

[Article I] Section 18. The right of every person to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of conscience shall never be infringed; nor shall any person be compelled to attend, erect or support any place of worship, or to maintain any ministry, without consent; nor shall any control of, or interference with, the rights of conscience be permitted, or any preference be given by law to any religious establishments or modes of worship; nor shall any money be drawn from the treasury for the benefit of religious societies, or religious or theological seminaries; nor shall the state or a political subdivision of the state order the closure of or forbid gatherings in places of worship in response to a state of emergency at the national, state, or local level, including an emergency related to public health.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the foregoing proposed amendments to the constitution is agreed to by the 2025 legislature; and, be it further
Resolved, That the foregoing proposed amendments to the constitution be submitted to a vote of the people at the election to be held on the first Tuesday of November 2026; and, be it further
Resolved, That the question concerning ratification of the foregoing proposed amendments to the constitution be stated on the ballot as follows:

QUESTION 2: "Freedom to gather in places of worship during an emergency. Shall section 18 of article I of the constitution, which deals with religious liberty, be amended to prohibit the state or a political subdivision of the state from ordering the closure of, or forbidding gatherings in, places of worship in response to a state of emergency, including a public health emergency?"

2025 Assembly Joint Resolution 102

To create section 27 of article I of the constitution; relating to: prohibiting governmental entity discrimination.

Whereas, the 2023 legislature in regular session considered a proposed amendment to the constitution in 2023 Assembly Joint Resolution 109, which became 2023 Enrolled Joint Resolution 15, and agreed to it by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, which proposed amendment reads as follows:

Section 1. Section 27 of article I of the constitution is created to read:

[Article I] Section 27 (1) In this section, "governmental entity" means the state, its political subdivisions including municipalities, the University of Wisconsin System, the Technical College System, any public college or university, any public school district, and any office, department, independent agency, board, commission, authority, institution, association, society, or other body in state or local government created or authorized to be created by the constitution or any law, including the legislature and the courts.
(2) A governmental entity may not discriminate against, or grant preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, public education, public contracting, or public administration.
(3) This section does not prohibit action that must be taken to establish or maintain eligibility for any federal program, if ineligibility would result in a loss of federal funds to the governmental entity.
(4) Nothing in this section prohibits bona fide qualifications based on sex that are reasonably necessary to the normal operation of public employment, public education, public contracting, or public administration.
(5) If any part or parts of this section are found to be in conflict with the United States Constitution or federal law, the section shall be implemented to the maximum extent that the United States Constitution and federal law permit. Any provision of this section held invalid shall be severable from the remaining portions of this section.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the foregoing proposed amendments to the constitution is agreed to by the 2025 legislature; and, be it further
Resolved, That the foregoing proposed amendments to the constitution be submitted to a vote of the people at the election to be held on the first Tuesday of November 2026; and, be it further
Resolved, That the question concerning ratification of the foregoing proposed amendments to the constitution be stated on the ballot as follows:

QUESTION 3: "Governmental entity discrimination prohibited. Shall section 27 of article I of the constitution be created to prohibit governmental entities in the state from discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, public education, public contracting, or public administration?"

Explanatory Statements as to the Questions

Explanatory statement regarding Question 1:

Under current law, the Governor may partially veto language in a spending bill passed by the Legislature. The veto may result in either more or fewer taxes or fees being imposed and may also result in local government entities being authorized to increase or decrease local taxes or fees.

The proposed amendment would add a new clause to Article V, section 10(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Constitution, providing that the Governor's veto "may not create or increase or authorize the creation or increase of any tax or fee." This language would not only prevent a veto from increasing any state taxes or fees, but also prevent a veto from allowing local governments, such as school districts, to increase their own taxes or fees.

A "yes" vote on Question 1 would vote to amend Wis. Const. art. V, § 10(1)(c) to prohibit the Governor from partially vetoing a spending bill in a way that would create or increase or authorize the creation or increase of any tax or fee.

A "no" vote on Question 1 would vote not to amend Wis. Const. art. V § 10(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Constitution.

Explanatory statement regarding Question 2:

Under current law, Article I, section 18 of the Wisconsin Constitution, like the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, protects religious rights. In a declared state of emergency, officials may limit public gatherings, including religious gatherings, so long as religious and secular gatherings are treated equivalently.

The proposed amendment would add a new clause to the end of Article I, section 18, prohibiting the state and local governments from ordering the closure or forbidding gatherings "in places of worship" when there is a state of emergency. That language would prevent officials from forbidding gatherings in places of worship even when other types of public gatherings have been closed.

A "yes" vote on Question 2 would vote to amend Wis. Const. art. I, § 18. The amendment would prohibit the state and local governments from closing or prohibiting gatherings in places of worship during a state of emergency.

A "no" vote on Question 2 would vote not to amend Wis. Const. art. I, § 18 of the Wisconsin Constitution.

Explanatory statement regarding Question 3:

Under current law, both under Article I, section 1 of the Wisconsin Constitution and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, states and local governments may not discriminate based on race, ethnicity, color, national origin, or sex except under specific circumstances. For race, color, ethnicity, or national origin, discrimination in favor of or against a group is permissible only if the government has a compelling interest and a narrowly tailored remedy. For sex, discrimination is permissible if it serves an important government interest and is substantially related to that interest. Current law also makes distinctions depending on whether discrimination is overt and intentional, or merely a disparate impact of a neutral policy.

The proposed amendment would create a new provision, Article I, section 27, which would prohibit state and local governmental entities from discriminating or granting preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, public education, public contracting, or public administration.

This language appears to impose stricter standards against discrimination than the standards under current state and federal law.

The amendment contains three exceptions. It does not apply if it would cause the governmental entity (1) to lose eligibility for a federal program or (2) to violate federal law. And the amendment's prohibition on treating people differently based on sex does not apply to measures that are "reasonably necessary" to the "normal operation" of public employment, education, contracting, or administration.

A "yes" vote on Question 3 would vote to create a new provision of the Wisconsin Constitution—Wis. Const. art. I, § 18, which would prohibit any governmental entity from discriminating or granting preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, public education, public contracting, or public administration.

A "no" vote on Question 3 would vote not to add Wis. Const. art. I § 18 to the Wisconsin Constitution.

DONE in the City of Oconto, on October 19, 2026
Kim Pytleski, Oconto County Clerk
301 Washington Street Oconto, Wisconsin 54153
920-834-6800

Notice of Location and Hours of Polling Place

At the election to be held on November 3, 2026, in the County of Oconto, the following polling place locations will be used for the wards indicated below. If you have questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk.

Abrams W1-3	Jean Hansen (920) 826-2299	5877 Main Street, Abrams, WI 54101
Bagley W1	Alan Sleeter (920) 590-0198	9812 County Road Z, Pound, WI 54161
Brazeau W1-2	Jamie Waller (920) 897-3855	10892 Parkway Road, Pound, WI 54161
Breed W1	Kristen Telford (920) 842-2166	11155 State Highway 32, Suring, WI 54174
Chase W1-5	Colleen Walgurski (920) 822-1560	8481 County Road S, Pulaski, WI 54162
Doty W1	Cheryl Field (715) 276-7554	14899 County Road T, Mountain, WI 54149
Gillett W1-2	Renee Carlson (920) 819-7475	10908 Town Hall Road, Gillett, WI 54124
How W1	Becky Dickson (920) 842-9851	12896 State Highway 32, Suring, WI 54174
Lakewood W1	Michelle Moczynski (715) 276-3579	17181 Twin Pines Road, Lakewood, WI 54138
Lena W1	Dawn VanArk (715) 281-4672	6087 Goatsville Road, Lena, WI 54139
Little River W1-2	Amy Peterson (920) 834-3617	3627 County Road A, Oconto, WI 54153
Little Suamico W1-9	Lisa Glinski (920) 826-7655	5964A County Road S, Sobieski, WI 54171
Maple Valley W1	Cindy Tousey (920) 598-0601	9088 County Road Z, Suring, WI 54174
Morgan W1-2	Erin Mooers (920) 846-0699	3276 County Road C, Oconto Falls, WI 54154
Mountain W1	Lynn Kauzlaric (715) 276-6474	Bill Lazansky Community Center 13412 State Hwy 32/64 Mountain, WI 54149
Oconto W1-2	Lori Scanlan (920) 834-4351	6120 Cream City Road, Oconto, WI 54153
Oconto Falls W1-2	Susan Mogged (920) 373-6663	8680 State Hwy 22, Oconto Falls, WI 54154
Pensaukee W1-2	Trudie Chico (920) 826-2010	4684 Brookside Road, Abrams, WI 54101
Riverview W1-2	Beth Hartman (715) 276-6914	15152 Island Lake Road, Mountain, WI 54149
Spruce W1	Lisa Peitersen (920) 829-5111	9097 County Road B, Oconto Falls, WI 54154
Stiles W1-2	Terrah Patton (920) 634-5348	5718 Watercrest Road, Lena, WI 54139
Townsend W1-2	Linda Ziegler (715) 276-6856	16564 Elm Street, Townsend, WI 54175
Underhill W1	Tracy Winkler (920) 855-2942	5597 Cardinal Road, Gillett, WI 54124
Village of Lena W1	Jodi Marquardt (920) 829-5226	117 E. Main Street, Lena, WI 54139
Village of Suring W1	Kim Gruetzmacher (920) 842-2333	604 E. Main Street, Suring, WI 54174
City of Gillett W1-3	Chelsea Anderson (920) 855-2255	150 N. McKenzie Avenue, Gillett, WI 54124
City of Oconto W1-7	Brittney Burruel (920) 834-7711	1210 Main Street, Oconto, WI 54153
City of Oconto Falls W1-9	Jenny Friedman (920) 846-4505	500 N. Chestnut Ave., Oconto Falls, WI 54154

All polling places will open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 8:00 P.M.
All polling places are accessible to elderly and voters with disabilities.

Notice of Meeting of the Municipal Board of Canvassers (MBOC)
At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, the Election Inspectors at each polling place will convene as the MBOC for the purpose of conducting the municipal canvass pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 7.51. This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

CLASSIFIEDS

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Consumer Cellular - the same reliable, nationwide coverage as the largest carriers. No long-term contract, no hidden fees and activation is free. All plans feature unlimited talk and text, starting at just $20/month. For more information, call 1-833-518-2155

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$500 each

MISCELLANEOUS

Jacuzzi Bath Remodel can install a new, custom bath or shower in as little as one day. For a limited time, waiving ALL installation costs! (Additional terms apply. Subject to change and vary by dealer. Offer ends 12/27/26.) Call 1-844-260-2934

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Under 200K miles. 2016 or newer. No rust. Dark color.
715-526-7285

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED!
S&K hardwoods have a new supervisor on duty, and we are seeking the following job positions to be filled; Forklift/ End loader Operator, Wood Piler (with chance to move up), and Truck Driver. If interested, you can find us on indeed, stop by our office, or email your resume to office@kerstenlumberco.com. Located at 295 US HWY 45, Birnamwood.

APARTMENTS

1330 E Lieg Ave
2 bedrooms
Great location
Parking avail.
Starting at $950 + deposit
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1/2/3 Bedrooms
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APARTMENTS

1350 E Lieg Ave
Beautiful recently Fully Remodeled
2 bedrooms
Great loc. Garage avail.
Starting at $950 + Deposit
Tom 715-280-0525

445 Humphrey Cr.
Beautiful Fully Remodeled
1 or 2 Bedroom
Convenient location
Garage Available
Starting at $855 + Deposit
Tom 715-280-0525





Notice of Meeting of MBOC to Process Rehabilitated Provisional Ballots
If provisional ballots have been issued and are subsequently cured by the voter before 4:00 p.m. on the Friday after the election, the MBOC must meet no later than the following Monday at 9:00 a.m. to process the cured provisional ballots. This is a public meeting and requires applicable notice.

Ballot ID: 4238 — City of Gillett, Wards 1 - 3

Official Ballot
Partisan Office and Referendum
November 3, 2026

Notice to voters: if you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two (2) election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials (see end of ballot for initials).

General Instructions

If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help (absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk).

To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this: ●

To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this: ●

Statewide

When voting for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, you have one of two choices:
- Vote for candidates on one ticket, *or*
- Write in names of persons on both write-in lines

A write-in vote for only a Lieutenant Governor candidate **will not be counted.**

Governor / Lieutenant Governor — Vote for 1
- Tom Tiffany / David Varnam (Republican)
- David Crowley / Sarah Godlewski (Democratic)
- write-in (Governor)
- write-in (Lieutenant Governor)

Attorney General — Vote for 1
- Eric Toney (Republican)
- Josh Kaul (Democratic)
- write-in:

Statewide (cont.)

Secretary of State — Vote for 1
- Jay Schroeder (Republican)
- JoCasta Zamarripa (Democratic)
- Pete Karas (Wisconsin Green)
- write-in:

State Treasurer — Vote for 1
- John S. Leiber (Republican)
- Yee Leng Xiong (Democratic)
- write-in:

Congressional

Representative in Congress District 8 — Vote for 1
- Tony Wied (Republican)
- Rick Crosson (Democratic)
- write-in:

Legislative

Representative to the Assembly District 6 — Vote for 1
- Elijah Behnke (Republican)
- Shirley Hinze (Democratic)
- write-in:

County

Sheriff — Vote for 1
- Todd Skarban (Republican)
- write-in:

Clerk of Circuit Court — Vote for 1
- Trisha L. LeFebre (Republican)
- write-in:

Referendum

To vote in favor of a question, fill in the oval next to "Yes," like this: ●
To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to "No," like this: ●

State

QUESTION 1: ***"Partial veto.*** Shall section 10 (1) (c) of article V of the constitution be amended to prohibit the governor, in exercising his or her partial veto authority, from creating or increasing or authorizing the creation or increase of any tax or fee?"
- Yes
- No

QUESTION 2: ***"Freedom to gather in places of worship during an emergency.*** Shall section 18 of article I of the constitution, which deals with religious liberty, be amended to prohibit the state or a political subdivision of the state from ordering the closure of, or forbidding gatherings in, places of worship in response to a state of emergency, including a public health emergency?"
- Yes
- No

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- Yes
- No

School District

QUESTION: "Shall the Gillett School District, Oconto and Shawano Counties, Wisconsin, be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, of the Wisconsin Statutes by $1,900,000 in each year for the 2026-2027, the 2027-2028, and the 2028-2029 school years, for non-recurring purposes, to sustain student educational programming, operations, and facilities maintenance?"
- Yes
- No

SAMPLE BALLOT

Official Ballot
Partisan Office and Referendum
November 3, 2026
for

City of Gillett, Wards 1 - 3
Oconto County

Ballot ID: 4238

Ballot issued by
Initials of election inspectors

Absentee ballot issued by
Initials of Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Certification of Voter Assistance
I certify that I marked or read aloud this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. §6.82 to receive assistance.
Signature of assistor

For Official Use Only

Inspectors: Identify ballots required to be remade:
- ☐ Overvoted
- ☐ Damaged
- ☐ Other

If this is the **Original Ballot**, write the serial number here:

If this is the **Duplicate Ballot**, write the serial number here:

Initials of inspectors who remade ballot

Page 2 of 2-sided ballot. Ballot begins on other side. →

Continue voting at top of next column.	Continue voting at top of next column.	Continue voting on back of ballot.

Page 1 of 2-sided ballot. Ballot continues on other side. →

Pat's Market

GILLETT (920) 855-6040

BEST OF TIMES HERALD 2025

STORE HOURS: Mon-Fri 7:00 am-7:00 pm
Deli Hours: 8am - 6pm
Sat 8:00 am-5:30pm Sun 8:00am-1:00pm
HSHS Pharmacy Hours:
Mon-Fri 9:00am-5:30pm
These Prices Good Nov. 2nd thru Nov. 8th, 2026
While Supplies Last!
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Patrick Cudahy Virginia Smoked Ham
Original or Honey Shaved or Sliced
$3.99 lb.

Jack's Original Pizza
13.8-15.8 oz. Asst. Variety
3/$9.99

Miller Amish Country Chicken Leg Quarters
$2.39 lb.

Family Farms Stuffed Bacon Chicken Wraps • 14 oz.
Asst. Variety
$5.79

85% Lean Family Pack Ground Chuck
3# packages & up
$4.59 lb.

Vollwerth's Assorted Pillow Packs • 18-22 oz
Polish Sausage, Cheddarwurst, Natural Casing Wieners or Fully Cooked Brats
$7.79

Whole Pork Butt Shoulder Roasts
$1.79 lb.

Hunt's Snack Packs
Asst. Variety • 4pk
2/$3.00

Kellogg's Pop Tarts
Asst. Variety • 13.5 oz.
2/$6.00

Honeycrisp Apples
$1.29 lb.

Pomegranates
$1.49 each

Lemons
59¢ ea.

Orange, Red, or Yellow Peppers
$2.39 lb.

Super Select Cucumbers
69¢ ea.

Orv's Ultimate Rizers Pizza
3/$12
Asst. Variety 25.45-28.45 oz.

Prairie Farms Whole, 2%, 1%, or Skim Milk
$2.49 64 oz.

Rana Pasta
10 oz. Asst. Variety
$3.99

On Cor Frozen Dinners
24-28 oz. Asst. Variety
$3.99

Food Club Canned Soup
10.5-10.75 oz. Asst. Variety
79¢

Cheetos & Fritos
8-10 oz. Asst. Variety
2/$8

JIF Peanut Butter or Smuckers Grape Jelly
16-30 oz. Asst. Variety
2/$5

Food Club All Purpose Flour
5# bag
$1.99

Food Club Brown or Powdered Sugar
2# bag
2/$4

Food Club Baking Chips
10-12 oz. Asst. Variety
2/$4