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Raise a glass to Octoberfest!

The crowds were huge for the Oct. 3 Octoberfest celebration in downtown Shawano. At the far left, Gene Lasch and Pat Magnuson share a dance, while Jessica Jack and Marty Poahl are on the right. Below, Tom Magnuson brings the beer from Stubborn Brothers Brewery.

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Peace Church could be turned into event venue

City considering changing zoning from residential to mixed use

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Peace United Church of Christ building has sat vacant for almost a year, but there are plans in the works to bring it back to life for a different purpose.

The Shawano Plan Commission learned Sept. 30 that there's interest in turning the building, located at 208 E. Maurer St., into an event and entertainment venue. The building went up for sale after the Peace congregation merged with the First Presbyterian Church to form Fellowship Church of Shawano at the Presbyterian building, 100 W. Presbyterian St.

The current zoning for Peace is single-family residential, which allows for churches, according to City Zoning Administrator Dave Moesch. However, in order to permit the building to be used for events, it will require rezoning.

"There is light industrial adjacent to the building, so it's not plopped in the middle of a residential area," Moesch said. "There are other zoning districts present and adjacent to this property."

Moesch noted there have been other proposals for the building, including brief consideration as the new public library in Shawano, but nothing has panned out until now. He said there was concern by the city that the building could sit empty for years, but this proposal could help to stave off that fate.

Alex White, manager for Brothers Pub in the Town of Wescott, told the commission there is a need for a larger event facility in the city of Shawano, noting that many organizers have to go outside the area to hold events. For example, the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce holds its annual awards banquet at Menominee Casino Resort after the closure of The Gathering a couple of years ago, and Ball of the Badges takes place at North Star Mohican Casino Resort.

"Stubborn Brothers currently has a 150 foot facility," White said. "This could be 250, possibly up to 300, depending on if we can accommodate and do larger events."

He added that the organizers leaving the city, in his opinion, want to be in the city for their events.

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Panel OKs concept to expand Crawford Center

Plans include more locker rooms, showers, new kitchen

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Adam Gafner, president of the Shawano Hockey League, is working with county officials to remodel and expand the Crawford Center to better accommodate the needs of the league. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA

In between the September and October meetings of the Shawano County Public Property Committee, county officials and those with the Shawano Hockey League came to an understanding of what a remodeled Crawford Center would look like.

The committee agreed to the concept Oct. 1.

Nick Hesse, facilities management director for the county, said the existing meeting room and kitchen area would become a hallway, bathrooms and locker rooms with showers as well as a mezzanine viewing area.

A new kitchen, conference room and two small bathrooms would be built out on the east side of the building.

"There would be an extension made out there … where there would be a food making area, a drink serving area, a smaller meeting room with a couple small bathrooms," Hesse said.

Water service would come from the Zamboni room.

"To feed that, we would probably have to dig us some stuff in the parking lot," Hesse said.

The area on the west side of the building where the kitchen is already has water hookups for the showers, bathrooms and locker rooms. Minor alterations would be needed once the space is reconfigured.

Hesse said the new plan would expand the number of locker rooms from four to eight.

"Then they do have room when they have these bigger tournaments," he said.

Adam Gafner, president of the hockey league, said the construction would be done in two phases but ideally be completed in one summer.

The first phase would be the addition, and the second phase would be remodeling the current kitchen and surrounding area into the locker rooms and showers.

Gafner hopes to raise the funds by spring 2028.

"In a perfect world, it all depends on how fast we can get drawings and architects and everything and then bring that to investors," Gafner said. "Ideally, maybe not next summer but the following summer."

Construction would start after the end of the 2027-28 hockey season and be completed by the start of the 2028-29 season.

The hockey league would want a new, longer lease if it is investing hundreds of thousands of dollars into the building.

Gafner said the addition would eat up five or six parking spots.

Some of the grassy area toward Waukechon Street could be blacktopped to add parking, pending city approval, Hesse said.

"We have the acreage to do it," he said.

Gafner said the hockey league would reach out to J.J. Keller, Miron Construction and 8Pine to possibly serve as general contractor.

"This is not a project we have any capacity, and the best thing I can compare it to is the project you guys got going on right now with the courthouse," he said. "We would need to hire a group to manage a project like this to meet all the state codes, because none of us know anything about any of that stuff."

He said the league would provide regular updates to committee members.

Gafner said he also wants to create an endowment fund for the league with interest used for building maintenance and to operate the league.

"That's just too keep the cost of the sport as cheap as we can for kids," he said. "Youth sports has just gotten way out of hand what they're charging these kids to play. It's become big business, and part of that endowment is to keep it affordable."

Hesse said he and Gafner have also discussed a possibility of the hockey league renting the building all year and not just from October through April.

The county pays $8,000-$10,000 for utilities when hockey is not renting the Crawford Center. If the league rented it all 12 months, they would pay those utility costs but also keep any funds raised by renting out the facility for events like the circus, 4-H events, a deer hunters conference and more. About $3,000 in raised each year from these events.

They would still need to give access to Shawano Area Agricultural Society the week before and the week of the county fair.

Gafner said they would market the property to increase revenue.

Fall colors

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

One conversation can change everything

Veterans Connect breakfast debuts Oct. 22

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Shawano County Veterans Service Officer Zak Zuehlsdorf knows there are veterans not collecting the benefits to which they are due. He intends to do something about that.

"In the six months that I've been in this office, I see that there's a need for veterans to connect with other veterans," he said. "American Legions are great. VFWs are great. All the veterans organizations in our county are wonderful, but veterans a lot of times feel like they get alienated, because they don't want to go to a bar setting. Every veteran likes food."

To that end, Zuehlsdorf and his office will begin to host a free quarterly breakfast for veterans. The first one will be at 8 a.m. Oct. 22 at Farm Inn on Main, 123 N. Main St., Shawano.

The breakfasts will follow the example of Ron Christianson, CVSO in Oconto County.

The free breakfast will be provided for up 50 veterans, but Zuehlsdorf said reservations through his office are a must. To reserve, call 715-526-9183.

Zuehlsdorf will make introductory comments, followed by a few comments from the breakfast sponsor, Twig's Beverage.

"A lot of people that are going to be in this first one are veterans that I've worked with already," Zuehlsdorf said. "But I want those veterans to spread the gospel. I want them to come out of this saying, 'I need to go find another veteran that needs help like I needed help.'

"That goal is one conversation can change everything. That is my mantra for this. That is my building block."

Many veterans don't know what benefits they qualify for, and some have the mistaken belief they don't qualify or shouldn't take the benefit as some other vet needs or deserves it more.

Zuehlsdorf said they are not at education events and don't have social media.

"There's a ton of them that I get like that," he said. "They almost want to minimize their service to our country, and they want to compare themselves to somebody else that went over there and lost an arm, lost a limb, lost whatever."

There are about 2,900 veterans in Shawano County.

"Our last draft of veterans was the Vietnam War," Zuehlsdorf said.

Many of those veterans now in the 70s and 80s. They are slowly dying off and not being replaced at the same rate.

Under the umbrella of the Veterans Administration are three spokes in which the CVSO is involved. There's death and burial benefits; compensation, education and pension; and health care.

The death and burial spoke support for families when a veterans dies and to ensure they get any benefits due them.

The compensation, education and pension is the most prominent one for the county veterans office.

"That is our bread and butter, specifically the compensation," Zuehlsdorf said.

As for healthcare, Zuehlsdorf and his staff help veterans make connections with clinics and healthcare options so they can navigate within that system.

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Reuter becomes area's face of tourism

She's eager to share stories about Shawano Country

By KEVIN PASSON
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When Ashley Reuter was continuing her education at Oxford Brookes in England, she met and became engaged to James Groves. When she returned to the Shawano area, he joined her. CONTRIBUTED

Ashley Reuter and her dog, Ruger, enjoy some time outside. Reuter is the new tourism and marketing specialist with the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce. CONTRIBUTED

Ashley Reuter is the new tourism and marketing specialist with the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce.

She replaces Michelle Eron, who left in June after serving in the role for about 4 1/2 years.

"My family is originally from Suring, but we moved to Shawano when I was 5, so I really grew up in the area," Reuter said.

She graduated from Shawano Community High School in 2018 before attending UW-Stevens Point, where she studied political science, international studies and peace studies. After completing her undergraduate degree, she continued her education in England, earning a master's degree in international tourism, hospitality and event management from Oxford Brookes.

"While in England, I worked in weddings and conferences before making the move back home and joining the chamber," Reuter said. "I also met my fiancé, James (Groves), while I was living in England. We moved back to the area a few months ago, and I've really enjoyed being able to show him the new and improved version of Shawano and introduce him to all the things that make the area special."

She said that while her focus in school was on dark tourism, throughout her research, she came to realize how important and impactful tourism can be on the communities and areas surrounding a destination.

"Tourism has the ability to bring people into an area, support local businesses, create economic opportunities and showcase what makes a community unique," Reuter said. "I've also always enjoyed the creative side of marketing. I like finding new ways to tell a story, showcase a destination and get people excited about visiting or experiencing something. This position gives me the opportunity to combine my education in tourism with something I really enjoy doing – creative marketing."

Because she had been away from the area for several years, she returned home with fresh eyes and was able to really see Shawano County from a different perspective.

Her first major project is creating the official Shawano Country Visitor Guide for 2027.

"In the short term, I want to continue building a strong and consistent marketing presence for Shawano Country and make sure we're effectively promoting the many experiences available throughout the area," Reuter said. "I also want to continue building relationships with local businesses and tourism partners so we can work together to promote the area.

"Long term, I'd like to see Shawano Country continue to grow as a destination people recognize and intentionally choose when planning a Wisconsin getaway. I'd also like to continue finding new and creative ways to tell the Shawano Country story."

She intends to market to the local community as well as to outsiders visiting the area.

"I think both audiences are important, but the messaging is different," Reuter said. "For visitors from outside the area, the goal is to inspire them to come to Shawano Country, stay a little longer and experience something new. We want people to know that we're more than just a place to drive through. There are lakes, rivers, trails, events, unique shopping, dining, cultural experiences and plenty of reasons to make Shawano Country the destination.

"At the same time, marketing to our local community is important, because our residents are some of our best ambassadors. When locals are excited about where they live and know what's happening in their own backyard, they're more likely to share those experiences with friends and family and encourage others to visit."

Reuter believes one of the biggest strengths of the Shawano area is that it feels authentic.

"There are so many locally owned businesses, community events, traditions and experiences that give the area its own personality," she said. "It's a place where people can enjoy the outdoors, connect with their community and experience things they might not find anywhere else."

Among Reuter's favorite local tourism activities are walking along Main Street and visiting the many stores, as well as spending time at Hayman Falls.

"It's such a beautiful area and a great example of the natural scenery that makes Shawano Country special," she said. "I really enjoy that there are so many different ways to experience the area, whether you're exploring downtown, supporting local businesses or simply getting outside and enjoying the scenery."

Reuter said she is excited about the opportunity to help tell the Shawano Country story.

"There are so many great people, businesses and experiences here, and I think we have a lot to be proud of," she said. "One of my goals is to help people – both visitors and locals – realize just how much there is to see and do right here."

School budget comes up for vote in October

Board looks at latest numbers prior to annual meeting

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

THE NEXT STEP
WHAT: Shawano School District annual meeting
WHEN: 5 p.m. Oct. 26. Board meeting to follow.
WHERE: District office community room, 1310 S. Union St., Shawano

The final 2026-27 budget for the Shawano School District will get its approval Oct. 26, but the Shawano School Board got a look at the latest numbers Sept. 28. They showed the tax rate could go up, even as property values also increase.

Finance Director Bryan Kadlec presented the board with the latest estimates that showed the district has a potential surplus of about $38,000. This comes after the board voted in February to cut $1.77 million in expenses based on the forecast that at least $1.6 million would need to trimmed in order to keep from tapping into the district's fund balance.

The surplus might not be there long, according to Kadlec, as the district is still waiting on the final certification of how much state aid it will receive, which is based on the latest student count conducted Sept. 18. Once that information's available on Oct. 15, the district will be able to finalize the budget for presentation less than two weeks later – first to the electorate in the district's annual meeting where the tax levy will be set, and then to the board.

District taxpayers are currently paying $5.56 per $1,000 of equalized valuation, but the latest estimates from Kadlec show it could be going up to $5.69. He noted that the latest property values from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue show that there is a 6.9% increase, slightly less than last year's 12.16% bump.

The latest student count indicates 2,141 attending the public schools this year, according to Kadlec, lower than the 2,152 students counted in 2025 but much less of a drop than the district has experienced over the last decade. Where the enrollment numbers are more troubling is with open enrollment; 156 students are coming to Shawano from other districts, but 307 students living in Shawano attend schools in other districts. Kadlec, however, estimates the final number will be 270 after information comes back from the state.

Board member Bobbi Lemerond expressed concern that more needed to be done to encourage local families to bring their children back to Shawano schools, as the current situation has state aid originally designated locally following the students elsewhere.

"That's a lot of students out that we need back," Lemerond said.

The district's fund balance is in a healthier position than previously thought, coming in just shy of $11 million, up from the $10.2 million reported last year. The latest fund balance is around 32% of the district's total estimated budget for this year of $34.4 million.

"We did not have as much of a deficit (in 2025-26), so our fund balance did go up," Kadlec said. "That's another positive sign of how things are going."

Board member John Arens said he was pleased with the fund balance going up after several years of the district tapping into it when expenses exceeded revenue.

"Remember when they talked about when 24% was considered healthy?" Arens said. "That was for so many years, but it didn't account for the increased cost of goods. Some people might think that's a lot, but considering some of the failures we've had in the past, it's not a lot."

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Parade wraps up Caroline Colorama

Peter Pockat prepares to throw out some candy Oct. 4 from the Marion Body Works fire truck during the Caroline Colorama Parade. He has driven in the Colorama and Tigerton Lumberjack Days parades for Marion Body Works for the last 38 years. Pockat is planning to retire from the company in June 2027, according to his daughter-in-law, Amber Swenor.
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ABOVE: Anita Haircut's float looked like something out of a Mario Kart race, with characters Luigi, Mario and Wario greeting the crowds at the Caroline Colorama Parade.
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RIGHT: The Marion FFA had plenty of traditional symbols for dairy farming Oct. 4 in its entry for the Caroline Colorama Parade — tractor, barn and even a cow.
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Behnke faces challenge from Hinze for Assembly

Candidates take a stand on data centers, school vouchers

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Rep. Elijah Behnke is running for his fourth term in the Wisconsin Assembly, facing a challenge from Shirley Hinze.

Behnke, a Republican who is moving into a home in the Town of Angelica after two years in the Town of Chase, is looking for a second two-year term representing the 6th Assembly District, which includes most of Shawano County, all of Menominee County, and segments of Oconto, Waupaca and Outagamie counties.

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

NEW Media sent questionnaires to Behnke and Hinze to ascertain their stances affecting people in the state of Wisconsin. Their responses to two of the questions follow. The remaining questions will be published in the weeks leading up to the Nov. 3 election.

What is your stance on data centers in the state of Wisconsin? What steps should the legislature take to ensure residents don't pay in one way or another if a data center is built in the community?

ELIJAH BEHNKE

SHIRLEY HINZE

Behnke: I started doing some research. I've met with people that are opposed to them and are concerned about their effect on the environment, whether it be the 100,000 gallons of antifreeze and what we're going to do with that after it's past its good use. I do support limitations, and I voted on a bill that would require closed loop, and they would have to provide their own power. I definitely do not want any increase on public utilities.

I would consider them a necessary evil for the (U.S.) Department of War, but I don't think we need them for everyday life. I don't 100% oppose them, because I do think we need to win the AI (artificial intelligence) race with China, but I don't want them in our backyard.

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

What is your position on the state's open enrollment and voucher programs for schools? Should they be kept, modified or eliminated?

Hinze: My position on the voucher program is to eliminate it. Taxpayers money should go to support local public schools, not pay tuition to private schools that are not required to meet the state's education requirements. It already has siphoned off money to the point some local schools could be forced to close.

Behnke: I think they should be kept. I like parents having as many choices possible for what's best for their kid.

Plan commission OKs courthouse zoning change

Site plan, vacating streets also move ahead to city council

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

The Shawano Plan Commission signed off on a number of items Sept. 30 related to the new Shawano County Courthouse project, moving them forward to the Shawano Common Council for final consideration Oct. 14.

The commission approved vacating several streets around the courthouse, the site plan for the new facility and changing the zoning to urban development.

The city will be vacating Third Street from Main Street to Franklin Street, Second Street from Washington Street most of the way to Franklin Street, and Washington Street from Fourth Street to Second Street. As part of the agreement, the county will be increasing the width of Franklin Street from Second to Fourth to collector road standards, about 38-40 feet.

City Zoning Administrator Dave Moesch said no neighboring homes or property owners submitted any comments or concerns about the streets that were being vacated.

The site plan had previously heard reservations from commission members about the lack of green in the design, specifically trees and bushes. Moesch told the commission that the design was revised well beyond the minimum requirements of the city and will also include lighting that will dim automatically when no one is using the parking lot at night.

"I feel like that's a really good situation for the folks who live across the street," Moesch said. "If there's no motion, this lighting goes down to 20% (brightness). If there is motion, it will increase the lighting."

Buffer yards will be put in place in the outer edges to improve the view of residential neighbors, according to Moesch.

The space where the new courthouse will go has been a mixture of several zonings, including public lands, urban mixed use and single-family residential. The commission voted to make the whole area a campus development zone, which Moesch noted will allow the county to add on to the jail and courthouse if needed.

With the increasing width of Franklin Street, City Administrator Eddie Sheppard noted that the curb will be left on the residential side of the street but will be taken out for the side where the courthouse is located. He said the city will be expanding the remainder of Franklin Street up to Green Bay Street to keep the road width consistent.

"I think we are all interested in getting this right so that, at the end of the day, we're not stuck with something where we say, 'Oh, we should have done this instead,'" Sheppard said.

Currently, the width of Franklin Street from Main Street to the channel is about 30 feet, according to Sheppard.

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

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

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

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

Colds, flu and allergies share a few common symptoms – sneezing, a runny or stuffy nose and fatigue among them – but there are important differences that can help sufferers tell them apart.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

As part of their earth science studies, students created watershed models using crumpled paper to form mountains, hills and valleys. They then used blue-colored water to observe how water naturally flows from the highest points on the landscape to the lowest points, forming streams and rivers along the way before eventually reaching larger bodies of water, such as oceans.

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

The activity encouraged collaboration, critical thinking and scientific observation as students worked together, tested their models and shared their discoveries. The lesson highlighted the power of experiential learning, allowing students to connect classroom concepts with real-world science in a meaningful and memorable way.

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RC Flight School speaks on aviation

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

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

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

Scott became an RC club instructor and, in 1990, began his own RC flight instruction business on his family's property, which features a private RC flying field. For more than three decades,

Scott has welcomed students from around the world to learn how to safely and confidently fly RC aircraft.

RC Flight School is located southwest of Shawano.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For additional information about EAA Chapter 1710 activities and upcoming events, contact the chapter directly or follow the chapter's Facebook page.

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Every family should make back-to-school check-in

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

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

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

The goal it not to interrogate but to listen. Children are more likely to confide in adults who remain calm, avoid reacting strongly to what they hear, and reassure them that their feelings are valid. Parents are encouraged to use open-ended questions such as "What has been the best part of your week so far?" or "What types of activities are you interested in this year?"

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

"We want young people to know, without a doubt, that they can come to the adults in their lives when something is hard – whether that's a tough class, friendship conflict or pressure to drink or smoke," said Jennifer Zweifel, Emplify Health pediatric nurse. "That kind of trust is built through repeated, low-pressure conversations where a child feels heard and never punished for being honest. When that environment is created early in the school year, it provides a foundation for children to lean on all year long."

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

• Choose the right moment – car rides, walks or quiet moments at home.

• Ask open-ended questions. Invite more than one-word answers and allow your child to take the lead.

• Listen more than talk. Resist the urge to immediately fix the problem. Often, being heard is what a child needs most.

• Stay calm and non-judgmental. A strong reaction can shut a conversation down; measured responses encourage honesty.

• Reassure your child. Validate your child's feelings and promote asking for help as a sign of strength.

• Keep the door open. Make it clear that these conversations can happen anytime.

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

Sacred Heart participates in Orange Shirt Day

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

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

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

The message "Every Child Matters" was visible throughout the day and served as a reminder of the dignity, worth, and God-given value of every person. By participating in Orange Shirt Day, Sacred Heart students learned about the importance of remembering the past while working toward a future built on understanding, compassion, and unity.

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

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

Turnovers help Hawks turn tide against Waupaca

By **GREG SEUBERT**
Correspondent

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

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

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

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

"It's an awesome feeling," coach Alan Tomow said. "The kids deserve this one. We had a good week of practice, especially how bad things went last Saturday (against Fox Valley Lutheran). For us to regroup and come back and play a good Waupaca team, we knew the effort was going to be there. This is their homecoming game and they have a couple of tough games to finish out the year, but we knew they were going to give us their best shot. I think we got the best version of Waupaca tonight."

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

Each team scored once in the first quarter.

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

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Suring wraps up M&O-8 football championship

By **GREG SEUBERT**
Correspondent

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

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

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

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

Phillips 34, Suring 18

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

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

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

Bonduel 42, Oconto 21

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

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

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

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

Bonduel added to its lead on its first drive of the second half, as Wesenberg connected with Andrew Kolaske for a 40-yard touchdown pass.

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

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

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

Pulaski 55, Green Bay Southwest 7

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

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

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

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

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

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

Marion/Tigerton 26, Tri-County 14

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

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

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

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run from Erik Harms and a successful extra point.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Marinette 27, Oconto Falls 6

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

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

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

White had 141 passing yards for Oconto Falls.

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

Iola-Scandinavia 26, Lena/STAA 16

Brody Peterman and Korz Loken combined for 277 rushing yards and three touchdowns in the Thunderbirds' nonconference 8-player win over the Titans in Lena.

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

Loken's 89-yard run gave Iola-Scandinavia a 20-8 lead until Peterson scored from a yard out for the Titans and Farley caught a 2-point conversion pass that cut the lead to 20-16 in the final minute of the third quarter.

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

Luke Koslowsky led the Titans with 75 rushing yards, and Lucas Farley completed six of 18 passes for 82 yards.

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

Colby 28, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 6

The Hornets defeated the Chargers in Wittenberg. Wittenberg-Birnamwood fell to 2-5 overall and 1-4 in Central Wisconsin Conference-Large play.

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

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

Waupoose wins boys race in Oconto

Lena/STAA girls team finishes in second

Tuesday, Sept. 29
Oconto Invitational

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

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

Gresham/Bowler senior Caleb Putnam finished eighth in 19:10.4. He was joined by Mason Martin in 30th in 21:47.5, Blaze Ejnik in 31st in 21:52.4 and Mason Pyatskowit in 49th in 23:52.5.

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

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

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

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

She was joined by Alisa Finger in fourth in 22:97.8, Brooklyn Viestenz in ninth in 22:39.9, Sydney Pirlot in 14th in 23:43.7 and Markee Rakow in 27th in 26:30.5.

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

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

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

Eagles, Hawks soar to shutout wins

Thursday, Oct. 1

Suring 3, STAA 0

The Eagles shut out the Cavaliers in three sets 25-7, 25-13, 25-15.

Notre Dame 3, Pulaski 0

The games were close, but the Tritons emerged victorious in all three by scores of 25-20, 25-18, 25-17.

Shawano 3, Green Bay East 0

Shawano won its conference match 25-10, 25-12, 25-20.

Oneida Nation 3, Gillett 1

Oneida Nation won the first game 25-20, while Gillett claimed victory in the second game 25-19. However, the Thunderhawks won the next two games to get the match victory. Scores were 25-15 and 25-17.

Tigerton 3, Wild Rose 1

Wild Rose defeated Tigerton 25-22 in the first game, but the Tigers steadily wore down the Wildcats as they won the next three games. Scores of the last three games were 25-23, 25-20, 25-14.

Leading the Tigers were:

Digs: Myah Dent 20, Renata Nordwig 16, Presley Stewart-Rolfs 15, Danika Tiller 11, Mya Smith 7, Eliana Michaelis 6 and Jaelyn Brady 4.

Assists: Tiller 28.

Kills: Stewart-Rolfs 17, Nordwig 7, Smith 5 and Dent 3.

Block kills: Stewart-Rolfs 4 and Nordwig 2.

Service points and aces: Brady 18 points and 7 aces, Tiller 9 points and 4 aces, Stewart-Rolfs 9 points and 3 aces, Nordwig 8 points and 2 aces, and Smith 6 points.

Tuesday, Sept. 29

Tigerton 3, White Lake 1

Tigerton traveled to CWC-North foe White Lake and returned home with a 3-1 win with set scores of 25-18, 25-20, 20-25 and 25-13.

"The positives (serve receive and offensive aggressiveness) of this match outweighed the negatives (missed serves)," coach Holly Meverden said. "The team played as one and communicated quite well tonight. Everyone on the roster contributed to the win."

Stat leaders for the Tigers were:

Digs: Presley Stewart-Rolfs, 16; Jaelyn Brady and Mya Smith, eight each; Renata Nordwig, seven; and Danika Tiller and Myah Dent, six each.

Assists: Tiller, 31.

Kills: Stewart-Rolfs, 20; Nordwig, nine.

Block Kills: Stewart-Rolfs, Nordwig and Smith, one each.

Service points and aces: Smith, 19 points and two aces; Brady and Nordwig, eight points and three aces each; Dent, six points with two aces. Also: Stewart-Rolfs, three aces; Tiller, two aces; Emily Rich, one ace, all with five points each.

Tigerton improved to 4-3 in conference play and 8-4 overall.

Marion 3, Bowler 0

The Mustangs swept the Panthers 25-9, 25-21, 25-16.

Shiocton 3, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 0

The Chiefs squeaked by the Chargers in three close games. Each of the first two games was won by 26-24 scores, with the final victory a 26-15 score.

De Pere 3, Pulaski 0

De Pere defeated Pulaski in three straight sets 25-18, 25-11, 27-25.

The Red Raiders are now 9-19.

Fox Valley Lutheran 3, Shawano 0

The Foxes swept the Hawks in three straight games, 25-14, 25-14, 25-4.

Three Lakes 3, Lena 0

The Bluejays won a nonconference matchup against the Wildcats in three games. Scores were 25-15, 25-6, 25-13.

Gresham 3, Northland Lutheran 0

In a game of Wildcats vs. Wildcats, Gresham swept Northland Lutheran with scores of 25-15, 25-13, 25-18.

Oconto Falls 3, Freedom 1

Oconto Falls picked up a big conference victory, defeating Freedom 25-22, 22-25, 25-12, 26-24.

The Panthers and Irish battled through a tightly contested first two sets before Oconto Falls took control in the third set. Freedom fought back in the fourth, but the Panthers held on in a thrilling 26-24 finish to secure the four-set victory.

Lucy Ripley led the Panthers at the net with 23 kills and added seven block kills and eight digs. Setter Izzy Otto directed the offense with 35 assists while contributing four kills and eight digs.

Rhiana Van De Yacht provided a strong all-around performance with 15 digs, five aces and four kills. Brylee Gorman added five kills, four block kills and three aces, while Melanie Frank contributed five kills.

Karington Beaman and Isla Powell each added seven digs in the defensive effort.

With the win, Oconto Falls improves to 26-4 overall and remains undefeated in conference play at 5-0.

The Panthers will look to continue their strong season as they head into the final stretch of the regular season.

Bonduel 3, Menominee Nation 0

Bonduel shut out Menominee Nation in a conference contest by scores of 25-17, 25-12, 25-13.

Monday, Sept. 28

Sevastopol 3, Bonduel 0

The host Pioneers shut out the visiting Bears in nonconference volleyball action.

Game scores were 26-24, 25-17, 25-13.

Redbirds shut out Red Raiders on soccer field

Thursday, Oct. 1

De Pere 2, Pulaski 0

The Red Raiders fell to the Redbirds by a score of 2-0.

Tied 0-0 after one half of play, Nick Myers broke the deadlock with a goal for De Pere in the 49th minute. Maxim Skurka added an insurance goal for De Pere in the 72nd minute.

Oscar Baumgardt made three saves in goal for De Pere (11-1, 7-0). Blake Batzer had one save in goal for Pulaski (8-4-2, 2-4).

Xavier 6, Shawano 1

Grayson Swedberg scored the only goal for the Hawks in their conference game.

Tuesday, Sept. 29

West De Pere 2, Pulaski 0

The Phantoms topped the Red Raiders 2-0 in conference play.

Both West De Pere goals came in the second half as Grayson Birder converted a penalty kick for his first goal and added the second 12 minutes later.

Jackson Seroogy made two saves on goal for West De Pere (5-6-1, 2-2-1). Blake Batzer had three saves on goal for Pulaski (8-3-2, 2-3).

New London 5, Shawano 1

Shawano lost its conference mach 5-1 to New London. The Hawks sport a 7-5 record.

The teams waited 35 minutes for the third referee to arrive before the game could begin.

Cambren Zeuske scored the only goal with an assist from Brayden Meade.

4 advance to golf sectionals

Wednesday, Sept. 30

Division 1 Bay Port Regional

Two Pulaski golfers and one from Shawano advanced as individuals to the sectional competition after their performances at Crystal Springs Golf Course in Seymour.

Pulaski sophomore Ellie Mork scored 93, and junior Taylor Murphy had 102. Shawano senior Lauren Seehafer scored 99.

As teams, Pulaski placed fifth with 411 and Shawano was seventh with 441. Only the top four teams advance.

Also scoring for the Red Raiders were Teagan Dercks 103 and Kaylee Weinbrenner 113.

The three other Hawks and their scores were Alyssa Slinger 108, and Hailey Hawkinson and Mya Coffey 117 each.

Division 2 Freedom Regional

Oconto Falls sophomore Riley Borkovec scored 95 and advanced to sectional play after placing ninth at Irish Waters Golf Course in Freedom.

The top three teams advanced. Oconto Falls was fifth with 442, and Bonduel was sixth with 452.

Also scoring for the Panthers were Chloe Anastasopoulos 107, Lilly Wagner 111 and Jadyn Saari 129.

For the Bears, golfers included Paige Wolf 97, Quinn Hartaben 109, Morgan Graf 116 and Hailey Eggert 130.

Pulaski defeats Shawano on tennis courts

Thursday, Oct. 1

Pulaski 6, Shawano 1

Pulaski swept the doubles matches and won three of the four singles bouts in a 6-1 win over the Hawks.

Shawano's Jaelyn Hietpas defeated Anna Krause at No. 1 singles by identical 6-4 scores, but that was the team's only victory.

Pulaski's Emory Groteluschen, Alana Stangler and Riley Hartman won the other three singles matches.

Winning in doubles for the Red Raiders were the duos of Linde Lemerond and Aubrie Schuessler, Vivienne Miskulin and Cora Hansen, and Reese Burich and Kaesyn Klarkowski.

Singles

No. 1 - Jaelyn Hietpas, Shawano, def. Anna Krause, Pulaski, 6-4, 6-4.

No. 2 - Emory Groteluschen, Pulaski, def. Ruby Onesti, Shawano, 6-1, 6-1.

No. 3 - Alana Stangler, Pulaski, def. Jadyn Brown, Shawano, 6-0, 6-3.

No. 4 - Riley Hartman, Pulaski, def. Izabella Tupper, Shawano, 6-0, 6-2.

Doubles

No. 1 - Linde Lemerond - Aubrie Schuessler, Pulaski, def. Danielle Carroll - Kendall Knope, Shawano, 6-3, 6-0.

No. 2 - Vivienne Miskulin - Cora Hansen, Pulaski, def. Chloe Gilling - Gracelyn Behnke, Shawano, 6-4, 6-2.

No. 3 - Reese Burich - Kaesyn Klarkowski, Pulaski, def. Jola Busenius - Kate Hutchcraft, Shawano, 6-3, 6-3.

Tuesday, Sept. 29

De Pere 6, Pulaski 1

Alana Stangler, playing at No. 3 singles, earned the only victory for Pulaski in a 6-1 loss to De Pere.

Singles

No. 1 — Alexis Bowen, De Pere, def. Anna Krause, Pulaski, 6-1, 6-1.

No. 2 — Annie Kraszewski, De Pere, def. Emory Groteluschen, Pulaski, 6-4, 6-2.

No. 3 — Alana Stangler, Pulaski, def. Sophia Yang, De Pere , 6-3, 7-6 (3).

No. 4 — Soma Kadipi Reddy, De Pere, def. Riley Hartman, Pulaski, 6-2, 6-1.

Doubles

No. 1 — Lillianna Graf - Maria Cristescu, De Pere, def. Linde Lemerond - Aubrie Schuessler, Pulaski, 6-0, 6-1.

No. 2 — Olivia Krepline - Maggie McDonough, De Pere. def. Vivienne Miskulin - Cora Hansen, Pulaski, 6-1, 6-1.

No. 3 — Ellie Thiem - Ava Gafvert, De Pere, def. Reese Burich - Kaesyn Klarkowski, Pulaski, 6-1, 6-2.

Monday, Sept. 28

Pulaski 7, Green Bay Southwest 0

Pulaski's tennis team shut out Green Bay Southwest, never giving up more than two losses in any set.

Singles

No. 1 — Anna Krause, Pulaski, def. Izabelle Mueller, Green Bay Southwest, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 2 — Emory Groteluschen, Pulaski, def. Demi Kaquatosh, Green Bay Southwest, 6-0, 6-1.

No. 3 — Alana Stangler, Pulaski, def. Alayna Buchawan, Green Bay Southwest, 6-2, 6-0.

No. 4 — Riley Hartman, Pulaski, def. Ashani Walker, Green Bay Southwest, 6-1, 6-1.

Doubles

No. 1 — Linde Lemerond - Aubrie Schuessler, Pulaski, def. Jaisa VandenHouten - Andie Troup, Green Bay Southwest, 6-0 6-1.

No. 2 — Cora Hansen - Vivienne Miskulin, Pulaski, def. Samantha Trevarthen - Olivia Pineda, Green Bay Southwest, 6-2, 6-1.

No. 3 — Reese Burich - Kaesyn Klarkowski, Pulaski, def. Kennedy Ebert - Macie Yang, Green Bay Southwest, 6-1, 6-0.

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SCHS welcomes 2026 hall of fame class

Allen Werbelow

Jim Allbaugh

Mackenzie Wilson

Mark Tomashek

Robert Jansen

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

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

Allen Werbelow

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

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

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

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

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

Mackenzie (Buss) Wilson

Mackenzie (Buss) Wilson, class of 2013, established herself as one of the most accomplished swimmers in Shawano High School history. A four-year participant and four-year letter winner, Wilson made an immediate impact as a freshman, breaking six individual school records, earning Bay Conference first team and all-state honors, winning the WIAA state championship in the 100-yard backstroke, and being named team most valuable player.

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

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

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

Wilson's success extended beyond the pool. She maintained a 3.96 GPA, earned USA Swimming All-American Scholastic honors, was named Optimist Scholastic Student of the Year and was recognized as the Shawano Community High School Student and Athlete of the Year. She also volunteered as a coach for Special Olympics for three years.

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

Mark Tomashek

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

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

Tomashek's accomplishments earned him numerous honors during his high school career. He set a single-season Bay Conference scoring record, was named Bay Conference player of the year, and was recognized as Shawano's male athlete of the tear in 1992. He earned first team all-conference, honorable mention all-state and was selected to the 1992 WBCA All-Star Game.

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

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

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

Robert (Bob) Jansen

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

Jansen's accomplishments included being named second team all-conference in 1970 and earning the 1970 basketball free throw award. In baseball, he was a three-time sectional qualifier from 1968-70, earned second team all-conference honors and the pitcher award in 1970, and established himself as a key contributor to the Shawano baseball program.

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

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

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

Jim Allbaugh

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

During Allbaugh's tenure, Shawano cross country grew from just nine runners to more than 50, and the school captured five Bay Conference championships. His wrestling and cross country programs produced state meet qualifiers, and in both 1992 and 1994, Shawano qualified athletes for the WIAA state wrestling and state cross country meets. This was the only time in school history the same coach led two separate sports to state competition in the same year.

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

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

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

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

October represents big change of season

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

KATHLEEN MARSH
COLUMNIST

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

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

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

My tasks are more on the domestic side. I start in late summer to stock the larder and fill the freezers. I'm a morning person and usually out of bed before the sun comes up. Being an early riser means I get a lot done before he comes looking for his first cup of coffee. Being alone with my thoughts also allows me to quietly observe the wonder and beauty of the transition from night to day.

Some days begin more memorably than others. For example, on the last Tuesday in September, the sunrise was extra-spectacular. Old Sol took his time inching up into a cloudless azure sky, festooning it with stunning yellow, orange and red hues. He obviously found the cloudless sky a perfect canvas to showcase his artistic talent. The scene included a breathtaking image of fall colors provided by the accelerating transformation of sumac and deciduous trees.

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

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

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

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

Add colorful crotons for enhanced indoor fall décor

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MELINDA MYERS
COLUMNIST

Croton leaf shapes can vary, adding to their ornamental appeal. They can be broad or narrow, shaped like an oak leaf, twisted like a corkscrew or somewhat pinched in the middle. You may decide to buy a few to place throughout your home.

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

Water plants thoroughly and often enough to keep the soil slightly moist during the summer months. Cut back on watering slightly during the winter as growth begins to slow. Only fertilize actively growing plants with a dilute solution of houseplant fertilizer.

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

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

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how good they looked as I weeded and mulched a few days earlier. I wait to cut back dead foliage until spring because beneficial insects use it for a cozy winter bed, but I always pile extra mulch around the sides of cold-sensitive plants to use as a blanket after the first hard frost.

There was one new thing I reluctantly did this year. I hate using poison of any kind in the garden or yard, but I applied a grub preventative to the lawn. I absolutely cannot have a repeat infestation of Japanese beetles that feasted on my Honey Crisp apple tree this year.

Turning to go back into the house, I stopped when I saw a deer approaching. My pet does Sedona, Mesa and Phoenix, visit regularly, but this one I did not recognize. She started munching on the windfall apples I'd thrown out on the lawn. She was very skittish but cocked her ears when I spoke softly.

"Happy to meet you, ah, you need a name. I think I'll call you Dolly."

She seemed to like it and stood listening as I sang to her but scurried away when I got too close.

"It's OK, Dolly. It always takes time to bond."

I took one last moment to contemplate the wonders of nature before forcing myself to get going on my lengthy to-do list. Like the natural world, I start early getting ready for winter. I've already stocked my pantry with foods grown or gathered here.

There are rows of glass jars in the pantry containing home-canned tomatoes, applesauce, pickles and relish. The freezer is stuffed with blackberry, raspberry and cherry jam, large packages of broccoli, corn, and beans, six quarts of soup, several casseroles, and five ready-to-bake pies: apple, rhubarb, cherry and blackberry. All we need now is Jon's contribution, the venison.

As I came back inside, Jon was up and having his first cup of coffee. We shared our usual morning hug, and I said a silent prayer to thank God for giving me this man and our little corner of the world to cherish and protect. I ended with a promise to do my best to ensure that it's left in tip-top condition for the next caretakers. Amen.

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

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fuller growth. Consider increasing the amount of sunlight crotons receive to minimize this problem in the future.

If the croton leaves lose their color, displaying only green, it's time to evaluate the amount of light the plant receives. When crotons receive sufficient light, the yellow, orange, red and purple pigments mask the green chlorophyll. In low light, the green chlorophyll masks the other colors. Moving plants to a brighter location or supplementing natural sunlight with artificial light will help improve the leaf color.

If the plant was doing fine for quite some time and just started losing color, see if the amount of light the plant receives has changed. Check to see if a nearby tree has grown larger blocking some of the sunlight, a new structure was installed nearby or the window treatment has changed.

Excessive light can cause leaves to look dull while overfertilization can result in more lush green foliage. Check for insect pests, like mites and aphids, if there's a bronzing or speckling of the leaves. A strong blast of water can dislodge many of these pests. Follow up with an organic lightweight horticulture spray, if needed. Read and follow label directions whenever purchasing and applying any product for the safest and most effective control.

Enhance indoor fall décor further with the help of flowering potted plants. Combine small potted mums or asters with foliage plants in a decorative basket, or set a small pot among the foliage in a large planter.

Consider sinking a small empty pot in the soil when creating your indoor containers. Set a seasonal flowering plant in the empty pot so it looks like a permanent addition. Include small mums and asters for fall, poinsettias for the holidays, amaryllis for winter, azaleas for spring and more. This will minimize damage to indoor plant roots and make the switch out much easier with this technique.

Once fall fades to winter, continue to enjoy and appreciate the wonderful colors this tropical plant provides.

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

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5. Accounting pro
8. What Pinocchio did
12. What discern and concern have in common
13. "The American Tribal Love-Rock Musical"
14. Sack fabric
15. A in UAE
16. Not with us, prefix
17. Opposite of cathode
18. *Late Parton's amusement venture
20. Dog is ____ best friend
21. Made of certain hardwood
22. Tiny sip
23. Trite one
26. Type of rummy
30. Bajillion years
31. Appoint #40 Across
34. Film wheel
35. "Saturday Night Fever" music
37. Adam of "Stand and Deliver"
38. Smokeless tobacco brand
39. Region
40. Religious minister
42. Wear and tear
43. Opposite of advance
45. *____ World, Griswalds' destination
47. Not in
48. Worship like god
50. Music genre
52. *Like funnel cakes and elephant ears
56. Halt
57. *Disney World in Florida spans over 25,000 of these
58. Not out of
59. Like complete nonsense
60. Podium
61. Cottontail's tail
62. Willy Wonka's creator
63. Bass, e.g.
64. Not that

DOWN

1. Tropical marine fish
2. Submarine sandwich
3. Like traditional storytelling
4. All together (2 words)
5. Not kayak?
6. Mountain climber's spike
7. Like dry clime
8. *Coney Island's original (2 words)
9. Aware of a secret (2 words)
10. Make them meet
11. Food coloring, e.g.
13. *a.k.a. game barker
14. Gavroche, e.g.
19. Cowboy's cry of joy
22. Bobbsey twin
23. Wood in the closet?
24. France's longest river
25. Garment insert
26. Quote
27. "Gangnam Style" capital
28. Badger
29. *2021 movie "Nightmare ____"
32. *Balloon popper
33. "Wheel of Fortune" request, 2 words
36. *a.k.a. merry-go-round
38. Walking stick
40. Singer Benatar
41. Steals
44. Famous Swiss mathematician Leonhard ____
46. Lyre player
48. Hot rod sticker
49. Spooky
50. ____ ____ good example
51. Four-letter word
52. Bit of baby talk
53. Mark on a ruler
54. Tiny purse
55. Popular movie candy
56. Something to chew on

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

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

RYAN WINN
COLUMNIST

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

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

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

A 2023 Pulitzer Prize finalist author of "Seeing Red: Indigenous Land, American Expansion, and the Political Economy of Plunder in North America," Witgen sought to clarify some of the historical realities about the dispossession of Native land.

Witgen began his talk by highlighting that John Locke's 1689 claim that "God, when he gave the World in common to all Mankind … (and) commanded him to subdue the Earth" held sway with the colonists. Locke's literal or proverbial ideas offered non-Natives a rationale to seek dominion over Native land despite the "fully formed societies of Native Americans" that thrived there.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dodge did implore "executive privilege" to note that the Ojibwe retained hunting and gaming rights on their former homelands. Dodge's acquiescence to Ojibwe wishes set the stage for the 1987-1991 Wisconsin Walleye Wars where non-Natives accosted Ojibwe anglers who exercised these retained sovereignty rights.

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

Cornell was one of 52 land-grant beneficiary institutions that collectively bought 11 million acres of Indigenous land dispossessed from 250 nations. At least 16 of those institutions still hold some rights to those lands, including Cornell's ownership of mineral rights to 300,000 acres of formerly Ojibwe land in Northern Wisconsin.

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

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

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

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

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

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, OCT. 9

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

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

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

SATURDAY, OCT. 10

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

CROOKED LAKE: Crooked Lake/Mountain Lions Club 16th annual Oktoberfest, 11 a.m.to 3 p.m. (or until food is gone), Crooked Lake Community Center, 15345 County Road W. Outdoor craft area, free pumpkin decorating and hayrides, minnow races, DJ, beer garden with bratwurst. Roast pork dinner starting at noon for $13, children 6-10 $10, younger than 5 free.

SUNDAY, OCT. 11

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

TUESDAY, OCT. 13

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14

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

SHAWANO: Purses for a Purpose, 5 p.m., Stubborn Brothers Crescent Ballroom, 220 S. Main St. Purses auction to benefit Boys and Girls Club. Tickets and more information at www.pforp26.givesmart.com.

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

THURSDAY, OCT. 15

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

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

FRIDAY, OCT. 16

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

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

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

SATURDAY, OCT. 17

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

CROOKED LAKE: Crooked Lake/Mountain Lions Club 16th annual Oktoberfest, 11 a.m.to , Crooked Lake Community Center, 15345 County Road W. Food, family activities, minnow races, wagon rides. Dinner prices $13, children 6-10 $10, younger than 5 free.

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

SUNDAY, OCT. 18

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

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

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

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Shawano County joins national celebration for 4-H

Phil Goes, Huck Goes and Sawyer Schuettpelz take a few minutes to touch a fur pelt during the 4-H Trapper Certification Camp held this summer. CONTRIBUTED

Lane Laubscher, Zoey Riesenberg, Charlotte Johnson, Lydia Henn and Morgan Riesenberg develop their soda recipes and marketing plans during the first Shawano Library Lock In held Aug. 6-7. CONTRIBUTED

From fairgrounds to classrooms, community parks to college labs, 4-H youth in Shawano County are proving they're not just ready for the future, they're beyond ready.

During National 4-H Week, celebrated Oct. 5-11, local clubs are showcasing how 4-H equips young people with the skills, confidence, and resilience to lead in a world full of opportunity and change.

As part of the celebration, lawn displays created by 4-H clubs and families are popping up throughout the county. Shawano County 4-H includes 19 community clubs, two after-school programs in Marion and Gresham, and outreach programming through Safe Haven, Mohican Family Center, and Bridge the Gap, providing opportunities for youth across the county to learn, grow, and connect.

As America's largest youth development organization, 4-H empowers 6 million young people nationwide through hands-on learning experiences in clubs, camps, school programs, and community events. Through the Beyond Ready initiative, 4-H aims to prepare 10 million youth for work and life by 2030. Locally, 4-H offers youth opportunities to develop skills and explore interests through project meetings and educational experiences in visual arts, horses, dogs, dairy, livestock, rabbits, poultry and shooting sports.

Youth are encouraged to challenge themselves through local, regional, and state competitions and events, including the All Star Shoot Out, Small Animal Fun Show, Livestock Judging Team, Dairy Judging Team, and Dog Knowledge Bowl Team. They can also discover new sparks, or areas of interest, through Spark Saturdays, featuring hour-long try-it sessions on Nov. 7 in Marion and Jan. 23 in Shawano.

For older youth, leadership opportunities abound. Teens train for six months to become 4-H camp counselors, welcoming more than 100 campers each summer to 4-H Camp MarOcoSha at Camp Bird. Additional educational experiences such as Trapping Education and Lifetime Certification and Kayak/Water Safety Skills help prepare youth with practical skills they can carry throughout their lives. Youth serve as officers in local clubs and committee chairs in county-wide groups, like Livestock.

None of this would be possible without dedicated volunteers who help deliver 4-H programs. From supporting youth in officer roles during club meetings to coaching teams that compete at national competitions, volunteers play a critical role in helping young people develop teamwork, resilience, communication, and leadership skills. These experiences not only prepare youth for future careers but also equip them to become engaged and successful members of their communities for life.

"National 4-H Week is a powerful reminder that young people are already leading in extraordinary ways," said Jill Bramble, president and CEO of the National 4-H Council. "Through 4-H, youth discover their strengths, build lifelong career and life skills, and create opportunities for real change in their communities. They aren't waiting for tomorrow – they are stepping up today and are Beyond Ready."

During National 4-H Week, almost 27,000 Wisconsin 4-H youth members will wear green, participate in community service projects, and share their stories on social media using #4HBeyondReady and #National4HWeek. Shawano County 4-H will wrap up 4-H week with its Fall Fun 4-H Fest at noon Oct. 11 at Shawano Lake County Park, W5785 Lake Drive, Shawano.

For information, contact Megan Suehring, 4-H positive youth development educator, at msuehring@wisc.edu or 715-526-6136,or visit https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/shawano4h.

COURT NEWS

• Cory L. Lohman, 45, Shawano, pleaded guilty Sept. 29 to possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a felony. Judge William Kussel Jr. levied fines and court costs totaling $906.

• Michael R. Pamonicut, 36, Waukesha, pleaded no contest Sept. 30 to four counts of possession of other drugs generally and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia, all misdemeanors. At least one count was amended from a felony charge. Judge Katherine Sloma sentenced him to time served in the county jail.

• Nicholas A. Ramponi, 26, a Green Bay man serving a sentence at Dodge Correctional Institution in Waupun, pleaded no contest Sept. 28 to battery or threat to a prosecutor, judge, or law enforcement officer, six counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, two misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct, and misdemeanor counts of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (third offense), operating while revoked, and resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma withheld sentencing and placed him on three years of probation with conditions.

• Logan J. McGeshick-Savola, 27, Bowler, pleaded no contest Oct. 1 to three counts of felony bail jumping and two misdemeanor charges of resisting or obstructing an officer. Kussel sentenced him to 150 days in county jail.

• Daniel L. Rasnick, 30, Shawano, was charged Sept. 28 with substantial battery and misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and bail jumping. Kussel set a $1,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 2.

• Melaya A. Sexton, 36, Shawano, was charged Sept. 28 with four counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Kussel set a $1,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 13.

• Kurtis Russell Wilber, 35, Keshena, was charged Sept. 29 with strangulation and suffocation, substantial battery, two counts of second-degree recklessly endangering safety, and misdemeanor counts of criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct. Kussel set a $5,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 2.

• Shae Lynn Caldwell, 20, Shawano, was charged Sept. 29 with possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, felony bail jumping and misdemeanor bail jumping. Kussel set a $2,500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Nov. 16.

• Richard K. Ketner, 57, Gresham, was charged Sept. 29 with possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a felony, maintaining a drug trafficking place, and misdemeanor counts of possession of THC, possession of drug paraphernalia and bail jumping. Kussel set a $5,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 5.

• Jacob K. Lassen, 18, Gresham, was charged Sept. 29 with first-degree recklessly endangering safety, possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, maintaining a drug trafficking place, two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and criminal damage to property. Kussel set a $7,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 29.

• Jace M. Nacotee, 20, Keshena, was charged Sept. 30 with felony bail jumping, a misdemeanor count of retail theft, and three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. Kussel set a $300 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Oct. 6.

• Joshua L. Bublitz, 38, Gillett, was charged Oct. 1 with felony theft and three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping on June 24. Kussel set a $1,000 cash bond. In a separate file, Bublitz was charged with committing the same alleged crimes on June 30. Kussel set a $1,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing in both cases for Oct. 6.

• Henry M. Tomow III, 42, Bowler, was charged Oct. 1 with two counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor retail theft. Kussel set a $1,000 cash bond. In a separate file Tomow was charged with two additional counts of felony bail jumping. Kussel set a $1,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing in both cases for Oct. 7.

• Alex V. Koebach, 36, Cecil, was charged Oct. 1 with felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Kussel set a $1,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Nov. 5.

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PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Oct. 4

Deputies responded to 53 incidents, including a weapon offense on West Pine Street in Shawano; criminal damage on Highview Road in Pulaski; criminal damage at Bamboo Bar, W5884 Cedar Court, Town of Wescott; property damage at Colorama, W12721 Buss Road, Town of Grant; disorderly conduct on Country Lane in the Town of Washington; five 911 calls; 12 traffic stops; three reckless driving incidents; five traffic hazards; three welfare checks; four crashes, one involving deer.

Oct. 3

Deputies responded to 58 incidents, including suspicious activity on North Main Street in Marion; a scam on Old 47 Road in the Town of Lessor; a disturbance on Rocky Ridge Lane in the Town of Belle Plaine; trespassing on School House Road in the Town of Seneca; suspicious activity at Zion Lutheran Church, 740 Main St., Gresham; three 911 calls; 23 traffic stops; six reckless driving incidents; three traffic hazards.

Oct. 2

Deputies responded to 55 incidents, including a noise disturbance at Whiskey Wells aka Side Bar, 823 Richards St., Gresham; fireworks on West Vinal and Home streets in Wittenberg; bail jumping at Colorama, W12721 Buss Road, Town of Grant; four 911 calls; 18 traffic stops; one reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; two welfare checks; two crashes.

Oct. 1

Deputies responded to 46 incidents, including a disturbance on Ah Toh Wuk Court in Stockbridge-Munsee jurisdiction; suspicious activity near Lake and Oak drives in the Town of Wescott; intoxication at True North, 413 N. Genesee St., Wittenberg; a disturbance on South Jefferson Street in Bonduel; four 911 calls; 10 traffic stops; four reckless driving incidents; four welfare checks; three crashes, one involving deer.

Sept. 30

Deputies responded to 66 incidents, including a disturbance on East Front Street in Wittenberg; property damage on Sugar Bush Road in the Town of Aniwa; threatening on West Grand Avenue in Wittenberg; threatening near County Road MM and Poplar Road in the Town of Richmond; fraud on state Highway 32 in the Town of Angelica; theft on East Wall Street in Bowler; burglary on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; an animal bit on Swamp Road in the Town of Green Valley; bail jumping on Silver Creek Road in the Town of Almon; drugs at North Star Casino Resort, W12180 County Road A, Bowler; three 911 calls; 22 traffic stops; three reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; six welfare checks; one crash.

Sept. 29

Deputies responded to 47 incidents, including an animal bite on Romberg Road in the Town of Green Valley; a scam on Riverside Road in the Town of Pella; one 911 call; 16 traffic stops; two reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; two welfare checks.

Sept. 28

Deputies responded to 54 incidents, including trespassing on Basswood Road in the Town of Hutchins; suspicious activity on County Road F in the Town of Angelica; a noise disturbance on Pathfinder Circle in the Town of Wescott; intoxication near state Highway 22 and Oakcrest Drive in the Town of Washington; disorderly conduct on Schabow Street in Gresham; 10 traffic stops; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; one welfare check.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Oct. 4

Officers responded to 19 incidents, including a disturbance at AmeriVu Inn and Suites, 211 Waukechon St.; operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (OWI) near South Lincoln Street and County Road B; trespassing on East Green Bay Street; OWI near Estates Lane and North Airport Drive; suspicious activity on Prospect Circle; suspicious activity on South Franklin Street; one traffic stop; one reckless driving incident; one welfare check.

Oct. 3

Officers responded to 24 incidents, including burglary on South Sawyer Street; six 911 calls; one welfare check; three crashes.

Oct. 2

Officers responded to 30 incidents, including trespassing at Shawano Civic Center, 225 S. Main St.; an animal bite at Shawano Health Services, 1436 S. Lincoln St.; a scam on South Evergreen Street; a drug offense near East Ridlington Avenue and South Evergreen Street; a drug offense on South Sawyer Street; an elder abuse allegation at Birch Hill Care Center, 1475 Birch Hill Lane; disorderly conduct at AmeriVu Inn and Suites, 211 Waukechon St.; a disturbance, later a fight in progress, on Mountain Bay Trail Drive; one 911 call; three traffic stops; two reckless driving incidents; four welfare checks.

Oct. 1

Officers responded to 19 incidents, including trespassing on Madison Way; suspicious activity at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; suspicious activity at Dollar Tree, 172 Woodlawn Drive; one traffic stop; five welfare checks.

Sept. 30

Officers responded to 34 incidents, including illegal burning on East Randall Street; truancy at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; a disturbance on South Washington Street; trespassing on Madison Way; two disturbances on East Richmond Street; a disturbance on East Fifth Street; an animal bite on West Pone Street; one 911 call; 12 traffic stops; one welfare check; one crash.

Sept. 29

Officers responded to 44 incidents, including a death investigation on South Andrews Street; theft at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; a disturbance on South Weed Street; fraud on East Robin Lane; assault outside Charlie's County Market; 23 traffic stops; one reckless driving incident; two welfare checks; one crash.

Sept. 28

Officers responded to 53 incidents, including bail jumping near North Lincoln and East Green Bay streets; harassment on North Main Street; a disturbance on East Ridlington Avenue; theft on Birch Hill Lane; a fight in progress at the Recreation Center, 220 E. Division St.; suspicious activity on South Union Street; one 911 call; 32 traffic stops; one welfare check; four crashes.

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10/9/26, 10/16/26, 10/23/26
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CIRCUIT COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Raymond Francis Piechota
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 2026PR71
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2. The decedent, with date of birth 05-03-1930 and date of death 08-31-2026 was domiciled in Shawano County, State of WI with a mailing address of N3850 Elm Road, Krakow, WI 54137
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 8, 2027
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Shawano, WI 54166
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10/9/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

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Stockbridge-Munsee Community
Rhianne Blum
Case No. 2026-NC-0002
NOTICE OF COURT DATE
From: Rhianne Blum
To: Rhianne Brisk
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2. I am petitioning for my name to be changed to Rhianne **B**risk.
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.
Colby D. Wright, Sofiya G. Cruz, John Doe Cruz and State of Wisconsin, Department of Children and Families
Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Case No. 26-CV-000019

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on July 16, 2026 in the amount of $146,352.11 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:
TIME:
November 11, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.
TERMS:
Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the clerk of courts (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and encumbrances.
PLACE:
In the front lobby of the Shawano County Courthouse, City and County of Shawano
DESCRIPTION:
Lot Nine (9), Block Two (2), according to the recorded Plat of Anderson's Plat of Wescott, in the Town of Wescott, Shawano County, Wisconsin.
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
N5614 N Franklin St Shawano, WI 54166-1128
DATED:
August 17, 2026

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

George Lenzner
Shawano County Sheriff
Please go to www.gray-law.com to obtain the bid for this sale.
Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.
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SHA-306

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

Request for zoning variance for garage replacement to exceed zoning allowance

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

Teri Westerfeld, Clerk/Treasurer
Date Posted: October 1, 2026
Village of Cecil
WNAXLP
SHA-353

10/9/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Specialized Transportation Assistance Grant Application for 2027 is scheduled for a public hearing on Wednesday October 21, 2026 at 3:30pm at Shawano County Department of Human Services Room A-115 at W7327 Anderson Ave, Shawano, WI 54166
The public hearing will be held for the purpose of receiving comments for Shawano County's proposed application for spending the allocation of $125,187.00, authorized under Section 85.21 of the Wisconsin Statutes to implement an elderly and disabled transportation program, which includes a volunteer driver escort program, mini bus service, user side subsidy for the City of Shawano taxi service, and a marketing plan.

Those persons unable to attend the hearing and wishing to submit comments in advance may do so by mailing their comments prior to the hearing to:
Ericka Kowalkowski Supervisor of Aging Services
ADRC of the Wolf River Region
W7327 Anderson Avenue
Shawano, WI 54166
ericka@adrcwolfriver.org
The application will be available for public review prior to the hearing at the ADRC of the Wolf River Region, W7327 Anderson Avenue, Shawano, WI.
Persons with disabilities, which require special accommodations and who wish to attend the hearing, should contact the Aging and Disability Resource Center prior to October 21, 2026.
WNAXLP
SHA-362

9/25/26, 10/2/26, 10/9/26

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT
UPON PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO VACATE AND DISCONTINUE STREETS OR PORTIONS THEREOF
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Common Council of the City of Shawano, WI will act upon a proposed Resolution to vacate and discontinue a portion of streets at its regular meeting to be held on **Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at Shawano City Hall** located at 127 S. Sawyer Street, Shawano, WI 54166.

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

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

Containing 84,413 square feet or 1.9378 acres.

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

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

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

Data exchange expands to 11 counties

The Northeast Wisconsin Data Exchange has expanded its service area from three to 11 counties, giving organizations and residents access to more than 130 local indicators.

Formerly known as the Fox Valley Data Exchange, which served Calumet, Outagamie, and Winnebago counties, NEWDEX now also serves Brown, Green Lake, Kewaunee, Menominee, Oconto, Shawano, Waupaca and Waushara counties.

As part of the expansion, NEWDEX will host a free regional data event, NEWDEX DataCon, Oct. 20 at Fox Valley Technical College's Appleton campus. The event will share stories of how community partners are using data to inform their work.

"What started three years ago as the Fox Valley Data Exchange, with a goal of centralizing community data and reducing duplication, has grown into the Northeast Wisconsin Data Exchange. Today, NEWDEX is an open-access, go-to resource for communities throughout northeast Wisconsin, with relevant, high-quality data at the core of our mission, but ultimately, we want to connect the data to action," said Jason Schulist, executive director of Northeast Wisconsin Data Exchange.

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

CIRCUIT COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
David S. Barrett
DOD 6-16-2026
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 26 PR 68
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 6-29-1938 and date of death 6-16-2026was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N6772 Black Oak Circle, Shawano, WI 54166
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is December 31, 2026
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano Courthouse, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office 311 N. Main Street, Shawano WI 54166
Form completed by:
James E. Aschenbrener
P.O. Box 146, Shawano, WI 54166
715-524-6258 1008896
WNAXLP
SHA-351

10/9/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

SHAWANO SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING & BUDGET HEARING
In compliance with Chapter 120.08 (1) of the Wisconsin Statutes, notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Shawano School District that the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing of said district will be held the fourth Monday in October, being the 26th day of October 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the District Office Community Room at Olga Brener School, 1310 South Union Street, Shawano.

Alfred Pyatskowit, Clerk
Shawano School District

Budget information will be available to the public on the Shawano School District website www.shawanoschools.com or the District Office at 1310 South Union Street, Shawano, WI 54166.
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SHA-367

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"They don't want to branch out and having people driving 20 minutes, 30 minutes to come to an event when there's not a facility in Shawano," White said. "I believe there's a need for that, and if we can offer that, it'd be awesome."

Bayland is White's general contractor, and he estimated the company could get the building transformed and ready to operate next spring or possibly summer.

"They've taken a look at the infrastructure, and there is not a ton to be done there," White said. "A lot of it is cosmetic — replacing flooring, taking out some walls. The basement portion of it will have a lot of structural change just because the ceilings are currently being dropped down. We want to raise them to the fullest ability we can to get the height that we want, and then breaking down most of the walls so we can make that a big, grand space."

Churches are an institution that can fit into any neighborhood, according to City Administrator Eddie Sheppard, but when churches close or leave an area, there are not a lot of potential uses for the remaining building. He said some people had previously talked about turning Peace into a residential building, but that turned out not to be feasible.

"We don't rezone things lightly," Sheppard said. "There's a zone where you can do a business like this in a residential area. It's our neighborhood mixed use."

He acknowledged that would be spot zoning, but there's already precedent with Mickelson Funeral and Cremation Service near the church. Besides the new zoning, the event facility would also need to get a conditional use permit from the city.

Commission member Terry Hilgenberg said any change would be dependent on neighbors in the area, expressing concern that noise from potential events might be an issue.

White gave assurances that the facility would not be operating late at night, and he believes the brick exterior would absorb a lot of the noise that any event would generate.

He added that the building should be used, if possible, and not disappear from the community.

"It may get torn down," White said. "I would hate to see that."

Peace United Church of Christ on East Maurer Street has sat vacant for almost a year, but there is the possibility an event facility could take root in the building.
LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

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Working in the rain

Crews didn't let a little rain stop them last week as they continued their work on two blocks of North Washington Street.
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Menominee Indian School District
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October 28, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.

2026-2027
BUDGET PUBLICATION, 2026-27
Required Published Budget Summary Format
A budget summary, notice of the place where the budget in detail may be examined, the time and place for a public hearing on the budget must be published or distributed under s. 65.90. The required minimum detail for the published summary is as follows:

GENERAL FUND	Audited 2024-2025	Unaudited 2025-2026	Budget 2026-2027
Beginning Fund Balance	15,254,826.26	7,701,217.17	8,615,633.75
Ending Fund Balance	7,701,217.17	8,615,633.75	10,427,172.75
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers-In (Source 100)	0.00	6,028,718.15	0.00
Local Sources (Source 200)	2,088,945.48	1,038,289.46	3,053,670.00
Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)	960,354.00	1,082,734.00	1,082,734.00
Intermediate Sources (Source 500)	27,278.58	28,929.68	30,604.00
State Sources (Source 600)	15,155,564.58	17,456,997.43	15,683,839.00
Federal Sources (Source 700)	9,421,549.34	9,758,310.91	10,931,829.00
All Other Sources (Source 800 + 900)	2,565,522.60	65,763.86	27,600.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	**30,219,216.58**	**35,459,743.49**	**30,810,276.00**
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Instruction (Function 100 000)	9,587,331.27	10,052,795.22	10,750,918.00
Support Services (Function 200 000)	17,190,355.43	11,451,057.62	13,148,961.00
Non-Program Transactions (Function 400 000)	10,995,138.97	13,041,474.07	5,098,858.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	**37,772,825.67**	**34,545,326.91**	**28,998,737.00**

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2024-2025	Unaudited 2025-2026	Budget 2026-2027
Beginning Fund Balance	113,141.23	176,281.85	172,259.96
Ending Fund Balance	176,454.61	172,259.96	202,358.58
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	3,831,735.72	4,006,644.30	3,536,665.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	3,768,422.34	4,010,666.19	3,506,566.38

DEBT SERVICE FUND	Audited 2024-2025	Unaudited 2025-2026	Budget 2026-2027
Beginning Fund Balance	1,210,751.72	791,151.79	78,271.89
Ending Fund Balance	791,151.79	78,271.89	(0.00)
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	4,271,786.87	8,935,100.66	2,403,250.11
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	4,691,386.80	9,647,790.56	2,481,522.00

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2024-2025	Unaudited 2025-2026	Budget 2026-2027
Beginning Fund Balance	750,578.86	750,880.84	2,282,449.00
Ending Fund Balance	750,880.84	2,282,449.00	3,782,550.67
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	7,235,560.13	5,226,928.21	1,500,101.67
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	7,235,258.15	3,695,360.05	0.00

FOOD SERVICE FUND	Audited 2024-2025	Unaudited 2025-2026	Budget 2026-2027
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	192,933.63	(0.00)
Ending Fund Balance	192,933.63	0.00	197,480.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	1,263,512.44	804,886.23	1,171,369.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	1,070,578.81	997,819.86	973,889.00

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND	Audited 2024-2025	Unaudited 2025-2026	Budget 2026-2027
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	0.00	0.00	0.00

PACKAGE & COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FUND	Audited 2024-2025	Unaudited 2025-2026	Budget 2026-2027
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	0.00	0.00	0.00

Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

ALL FUNDS	Audited 2024-2025	Unaudited 2025-2026	Budget 2026-2027
GROSS TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	**54,538,471.77**	**52,897,153.57**	**35,960,714.38**
Interfund Transfers (Source 100) - ALL FUNDS	9,762,268.86	17,850,749.55	3,844,880.00
Refinancing Expenditures (FUND 30)	654.95	0.00	0.00
NET TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	**44,775,547.96**	**35,046,404.02**	**32,115,834.38**
PERCENTAGE INCREASE - NET TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR YEAR		**-21.73%**	**-8.36%**

PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY

FUND	Audited 2024-2025	Unaudited 2025-2026	Budget 2026-2027
General Fund	1,288,028.00	781,977.00	2,679,370.00
Referendum Debt Service Fund	4,271,785.00	4,780,000.00	2,901,575.00
Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Expansion Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Community Service Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	**5,559,813.00**	**5,561,977.00**	**5,580,945.00**
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- TOTAL LEVY FROM PRIOR YEAR		**0.04%**	**0.34%**

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Rivalry Ownership

Ben Johnson and crew a disruptive force in the North

By **LUKE REIMER**
Green & Gold Express

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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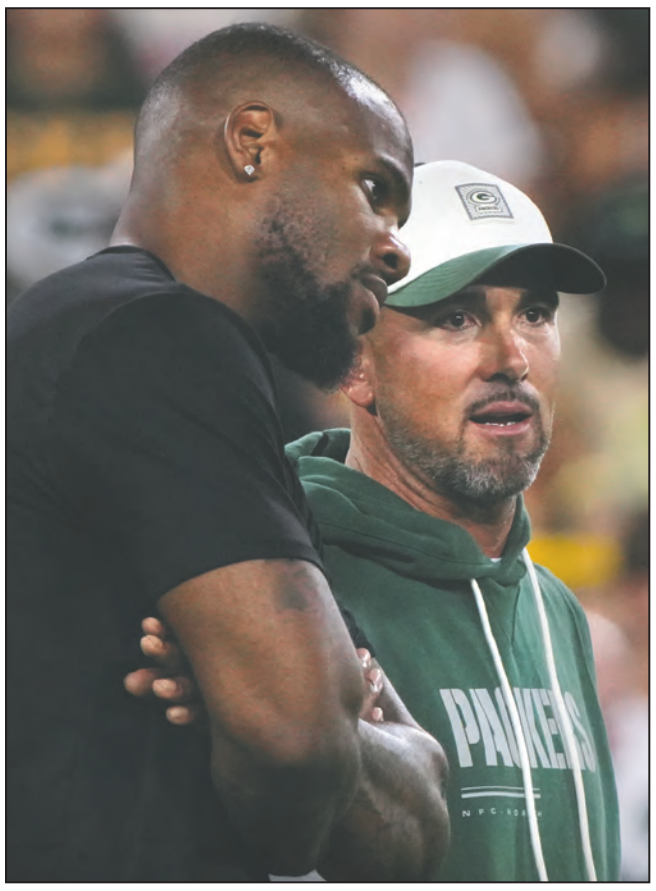
OFFENISVE LINE CHANGES HELP PACKERS REACH .500



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

By **LUKE REIMER**
Green & Gold Express

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

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

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

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

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

Jordan Love had a good game against the Bears in the playoffs, except for the 31-27 final score that sent Green Bay packing for the offseason.
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Zeitler, who has spent most of his career in Cincinnati and Baltimore at right guard, is a familiar name for many Packers fans. Zeitler went to high school at Wisconsin Lutheran before attending college at Wisconsin. He figures to play sooner than later for Green Bay despite not being active for the Week 4 matchup.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Given that Banks is being paid $19.25 million per year, the Packers have an incentive for him to play, assuming it does not want that money to be sitting on the bench. Moving any of the three players to the tackle position is also not ideal, considering the draft investments that Green Bay has put into Morgan and Belton.

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

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

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CHICAGO BEARS AT GREEN BAY PACKERS

Time and date: 3:25 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 11

Location: Lambeau Field

TV: FOX

Radio: Flagship WRIT-FM, Milwaukee, 95.7. Packers Radio Network includes WRLO-FM Antigo, 105.3; WMJQ-FM, Clintonville, 92.3; WIXX-FM, Green Bay, 101.1; WLST-FM, Marinette, 95.1; and WSAU Wausau, 550 AM and 95.1 FM

2026 records: Packers 2-2, Bears 3-1.

History: The Packers lead the historical NFL rivalry against the Bear with a 109-98-6 record (including three postseason games).

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

The second time these two teams met, the Packers led by 10 just before the two-minute warning when disaster struck. Romeo Doubs bobbled an onside kick, and Caleb Williams threw two touchdown passes on Chicago's final two possessions, with the finishing blow being struck by DJ Moore.

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

Packers Schedule

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

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

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

Sunday, Oct. 4, at Tampa Bay, W 17-14

Sunday, Oct. 11, vs. Chicago, 3:25 p.m., FOX

Sunday, Oct. 18, vs. Dallas, 7:20 p.m., NBC

Sunday, Oct. 25, at Detroit, 3:25 p.m., FOX

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

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

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

Week 11 BYE

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

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

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

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

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

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

Week 18, vs. Detroit, TBD

NFL Schedule

Thursday, Oct. 8

Tampa Bay at Dallas, 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 11

Philadelphia at Jacksonville (in London), 8:30 a.m.

NY Giants at Washington, noon

Cleveland at NY Jets, noon

Indianapolis at Pittsburgh, noon

Houston at Tennessee, noon

Minnesota at New Orleans, noon

Las Vegas at New England, noon

Cincinnati at Miami, noon

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

Detroit at Arizona, 3:25 p.m.

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

Chicago at Green Bay, 3:25 p.m.

Baltimore at Atlanta, 7:20 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 12

Buffalo at LA Rams, 7:15 p.m.

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OUT FOR THE SEASON

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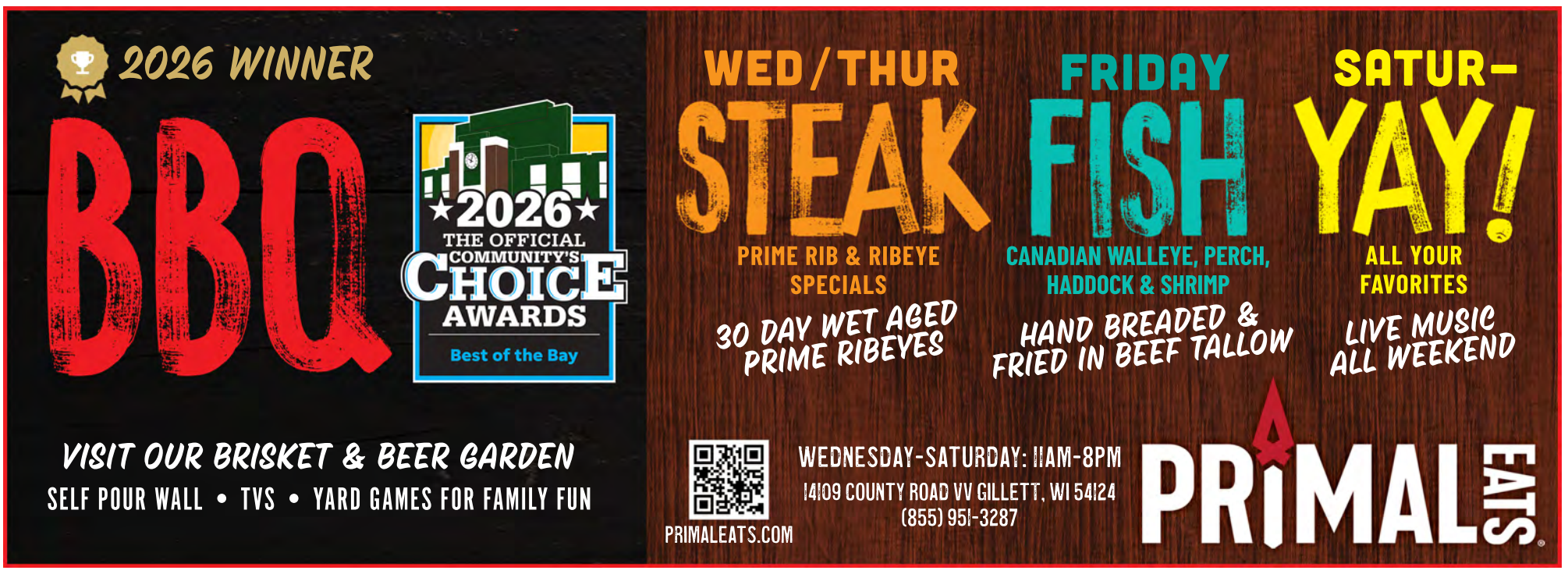
ANOTHER HUGE LOSS FOR PACKERS

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



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YEAR 4 AS A STARTER

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TIME FOR ANOTHER WIN VS. BEARS

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

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