

Rise and shine at the car show



The Shawano Flea Market Car Show, sponsored by Zurko Promotions, was held Oct. 18 at the Shawano County Fairgrounds. It featured the annual classic and vintage vehicle display, slow-moving parade of customized and vintage cars, and trophies sponsored by Twig's Beverage of Shawano. As the day began, the first drivers showed up, shined up their vehicles, and enjoyed doughnut and cup of coffee. At right, Jay Beyer drives his 1956 Chevy two-door sedan into the fairgrounds.

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Police chief: Flock cameras a valuable tool

Musolff says he'd rather disagree with protesters than disappoint victims

By LEE PULASKI City Editor

Cities and counties throughout the state have ended their ties with the Flock camera program over increased outcry about privacy issues, but Shawano doesn't appear to be jumping on the bandwagon anytime soon. Police Chief Mike Musolff told the Shawano Common Council during a presentation Oct. 14 that, with the right oversights and safeguards in place, the system can be a benefit to law enforcement and, by extension, the community. He acknowledged there has been abuse of the system by a select few police officers in the state, but those officers have been removed from the streets and shown the door, with many facing criminal charges as a result. The presentation came at the request of Alderman Kevin Barkow, who wanted to find out more about the program in the midst of all the controversy around Wisconsin. A similar presentation had been done earlier in the year for the city's field committee. There are eight Flock cameras at various entry points to Shawano, but they do not run continuous video. The cameras' automated license plate



One of the city of Shawano's Flock cameras is located where Main Street turns into state Highway 22 as traffic comes into the community from the Town of Belle Plaine.

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readers take photos of vehicles' plates when they're entering or exiting the city, according to Musolff. The software greatly limits the access of Shawano police officers. Musolff said officers have to input a specific case number and a description to access any data. There are also time limits for officers to peruse data; if they pass that limit, an alert is immediately sent to Lt. Heidi Cartwright, who oversees the city's Flock cameras. "ALPR is an investigative

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All Shawano County news now combined into one publication

Readers in the Wittenberg area in western Shawano County will notice something a little different with today's issue - the flag at the top of the front page reads Shawano Leader.

NEW Media, dedicated to covering news and sports in Shawano and

Oconto counties, has chosen to package the Shawano County news into one publication, the Shawano Leader, mirroring

the display of the content on our website www.newmedia-wi.com. Our dedication to those residents remains, as it

does for all of our readers. News from all of Shawano County will be found throughout the pages of the newspaper. This will

include the articles from the county level, court reports, obituaries, legal notices, sports, business stories and features.

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Behnke, Hinze discuss bipartisanship

6th Assembly candidates also discuss how to help farmers

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 on the assembly two years ago. NEW Media sent questionnaires to Behnke and Hinze to ascertain their stances on topics affecting people in the state of Wisconsin. Their responses to two of the questions follow. The remaining questions will be published in the weeks leading up to the Nov. 3 election. Answers to previous questions can be found at www.newmedia-wi.com.

For years, we've seen little progress, either by the legislature vetoing the governor's agenda or the governor vetoing legislative bills. With a new governor and potential changes in legislative leadership, give examples of bills from across the aisle you

would support.

Hinze: Fact: Republicans have controlled the Wisconsin Legislature for the last 15 years. What has the voting public received in return? Higher taxes, loss of funding into essential agencies. Those are things I'd never vote for, which is what they most often bring to the floor. People want change; that's a message to Republicans to work across the aisle. Stop the blame games. They're a waste of time, accomplish nothing and frankly are an insult to people's intelligence. I want to expand BadgerCare and lower costs for working families.

Behnke: I don't like the



SHIRLEY HINZE



ELIJAH BEHNKE

amount of chemicals used in conventional farming, so Democrats put out the Let's Protect Our Pollinators Bill, and I sponsored and put my name on them. They never go anywhere because Republican leadership hasn't picked up these organic practices to farming. I would ban glyphosate if I was the dictator, but for now, I compromised and joined the Democrats.

Also, we have a government agency that oversees banking, and there's large fees for banks to do certain things. Me and Alex Jores, a Democrat out of Milwaukee, we had bipartisan legislation to give every student a slice of the billions

for college.

Lastly, Salt Wise, I did a bipartisan bill to try not oversalting for winter road conditions, and if you apply the right amount of salt through a state agency, you can prevent slips and falls, and big insurance loved it, but trial lawyers hated it, so it got killed on the governor's desk.

Wisconsin farmers, which make up a good chunk of the 6th Assembly District, are feeling the financial pinch, both with increased cost of producing food and the fuel needed to operate farm machinery. What can you do to help those who keep everyone fed?

Behnke: We can have a temporary moratorium on the state gas tax. We've reduced agricultural taxes significantly over the years – for farm land, it's just

\$200. I'm not saying that's not something you couldn't dwindle down more, but it's pretty inexpensive compared to normal property taxes.

Hinze: The mantra "Just give us two more years" hasn't worked to our farming communities' advantage, from my perspective. I can work on expanding existing exemptions for farmers that could provide some relief, lower restrictions that make it harder to go into organic farming and I will vote to provide some of the state surplus to help them lower operating costs, but that will not be sustainable. This whole situation really angers me. Our farm community built Wisconsin, and because of the actions of one man, they've been reduced into groveling for monies to survive.

District mulling options for SCMS future

3 scenarios in the mix, will be researched

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Construction work is winding down on the Shawano School District's 2024 referendum, and now officials are looking toward the next big project – Shawano Community Middle School.

When the district was looking at what projects to do first, building a new middle school was briefly considered. Then it was decided to focus on the high school and do renovations at the other three schools; the caveat was that the existing middle school would get the district's support for seven years through 2031, and then something would need to be done.

Superintendent Kurt Krizan planted the first seeds of what's being looked at by the district during a Shawano School Board work session Oct. 12. He told the board that three options were currently on the table, but other ideas could come up in the process.

One option is to build a completely new middle



Officials are looking at three options as they discuss the future of Shawano Community Middle School. The Shawano School District can keep the school open and invest \$15 million into needed upgrades, close it and build a new school for \$50 million or close it and reconfigure the three remaining schools so that grades 6-8 will fit elsewhere. There is no estimate yet on the cost of the third option.

school, which Krizan estimated would cost about \$50 million presently. Last year, the school district purchased a portion of the Magee Family Farm adjacent to Shawano Community High School and is currently handling the maintenance for it until it's decided whether to build a new school.

Another option is to keep the existing building at 1050 S. Union St., which is more than 70 years old, and work to modernize it through renovations. Krizan said the price tag for all the needed improvements

and upgrades currently stands at \$15 million.

Both of those options would require going to the voters for a referendum to get approval.

"We won't be able to do a referendum this time without raising taxes," Krizan said.

The third option would be to close the middle school and reconfigure the remaining three schools to accommodate all the grades. Shawano has seen declining enrollment for more than a decade, something most Wisconsin schools are currently experiencing, so it's possible by

the time the target date of 2031 rolls around that the student population will be able to fit in the three buildings.

Krizan is expecting the study on reconfiguration to take about four months, with a plan brought to the school board in early February and a potential vote at the end of that month. He noted that a virtual meeting was held with all staff at the end of September to discuss the options and lay out what the process will be.

"We recorded that session with our staff, because we realized getting

ready that some of our support staff wouldn't be able to see that, so we shared that," Krizan said. "We also met with some of our district leaders, and some of the conversation in there was that we have a lot of questions that we need to answer. These people will be responsible for getting us those answers."

One of those questions is what the learning experience will be for students under any of the options, but especially if there's only going to be three schools. Krizan said he met earlier in the day with the allied arts and career and technical education teachers to tour the new facilities and to ask what needs to be done to improve things that hasn't happened previously.

"We want to make sure that we look at this and study everything we can to see if this plan will work," he said.

Board member John Arens expressed concern about the issue being given only four months to find solutions. He was also troubled that the board is not expected to do anything throughout the process, only vote on the plan at the end.

"It's different if you can see those people, look them in the face versus what we get fed at a board meeting," Arens said. "This is an extremely

truncated timetable. You won't have any data on our class sizes (voted on earlier in the year), and that could really affect this process. We don't know yet if we're going to have to decrease class sizes based upon how this year goes."

Arens estimated the process should take a full year to make sure that all available data can be considered to come to an educated conclusion. He pointed to the current referendum where continuous delays occurred with little to no communication to the board.

"To be real honest, with our referendum, we thought we had a decent plan, and quite frankly, it's a mess," Arens said. "It's not going well. It's behind. I don't want to go into any kind of reconfiguration of buildings, something that's going to affect our town and our district for years to come, on a truncated timetable."

Krizan said he doesn't expect all the questions to be answered in four months, but he believes the timetable will be enough to get something started. If it's determined that more time is needed, he said extra time will be given. February is a goal – not set in stone, he said.

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ENTERPRISE & NEWS

Jacobson honored by WMC

Fire prevention everyone’s responsibility

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce – the combined state chamber of commerce and manufacturers’ association – presented Rep. Brent Jacobson with the organization’s Working for Wisconsin Award.

Jacobson was honored for his support of initiatives to better Wisconsin’s economic climate during the 2025-26 legislative session. The Working for Wisconsin Award recognizes state legislators who demonstrate a commitment to advancing policies that support economic growth, job creation and a competitive business climate in the

state.

“Wisconsin’s economic success depends on leaders who are willing to champion policies that encourage investment, innovation, and job creation,” said WMC president and CEO Kurt R. Bauer. “The recipients of this year’s Working for Wisconsin Award have demonstrated a commitment to strengthening our state’s business climate and ensuring Wisconsin is competitive for employers, workers and entrepreneurs.”

The Working for Wisconsin Award is based on individual voting records, regardless of a legislator’s political affiliation. Legislators who earn the

award each session support pro-growth policies and reforms aimed at improving the state’s business climate.

“Rep. Jacobson is committed to making Wisconsin competitive; we are fortunate for his leadership in growing our economy and improving the business climate,” said WMC Executive Vice President of Government Relations Scott Manley.

Working for Wisconsin Award winners must receive at least a 70% rating on the WMC Legislative Scorecard. Jacobson was presented with the Working for Wisconsin Award on Sept. 21 at WMC’s Member Economic Briefing event in Mosinee.



Richard Bosanko, retired Kenosha Fire Department battalion chief, posted these fire prevention signs in his yard where he now lives in Wittenberg. Bosanko said everyone should have working smoke detector and carbon monoxide detectors on each level of their residence, as well as change the batteries when adjusting clocks. In addition, everyone one in the family should know where their alternate exits are in the home and have a family meeting place outside should a fire occur.

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Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District	
Board of Education Meeting October 26, 2026	
October 26, 2026	
5:40 P.M. - Budget and Finance Committee Meeting	
6:00 P.M. - Regular Board Meeting, Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School Library	
AGENDA	
I.	Meeting Called to Order, Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.84(1).
II.	Roll Call of the Board - Pledge of Allegiance
III.	Motion to Approve the Minutes of the September 28, 2026 Regular Meeting as Circulated.
IV.	Communications and Delegations
V.	Public Comments
VI.	Board Concerns or Reports
VII.	Student Representative
VIII.	Financial Report
IX.	Approve the Agenda
X	I. The Board will adjourn to Closed Session at the close of the meeting pursuant to WI.STATS.19.85(1)© for Personnel Matters, and 19.85 (1)(g) for Legal Matter and 19.85(1)(e) for Negotiations.
	II. The Board will reconvene to Open Session to ratify any decisions made in Closed Session.
XI.	Administrative Reports
	-Birnamwood Elementary and Middle School
	-Wittenberg Elementary and Middle School
	-Witt-Birn High School
	-Pupil Services
	-Technology
	-Reading Specialist
	-Aquatic Center
XII.	Old Business
	-None
XIII.	New Business
	A. Support Hire for Approval
	B. Coach Hire for Approval
	C. Overnight Field Trip for Approval
	D. ACP/E4E 2026-2027 for Approval
	E. 2026-2027 District Budget for Approval
	F. 2026-2027 District Levy for Approval
	G. Discuss and Approve Athletic Facility Change Orders
XIII.	Adjournment

2027 PROPOSED BUDGET			
VILLAGE OF WITTENBERG			
On Tuesday, November 3, 2026 the Village Board of Wittenberg will meet at the Wittenberg Community Center at 6:00 pm for the purpose of hearing any citizen or taxpayer on the proposed budget for the Village of Wittenberg for the year 2027.			
A detailed proposed budget is open for inspection at the Community Center during regular office hours of the clerk.			
SUBJECT:	2026 Budget	2027 Proposed	Reason for Change
REVENUE			
General Property Taxes	\$ 268,410.00	\$ 279,519.00	
Taxes	8,431.00	9,654.00	
Intergovernmental	1,053,918.00	536,827.00	2026 Grant
Licenses & Permits	5,100.00	5,300.00	
Fines/Penalties	500.00	500.00	
Public Charges for Services	17,412.00	17,812.00	
Misc. Revenues	62,484.00	50,634.00	
Use of Fund Balance	157,557.00	65,000.00	
	\$ 1,573,812.00	\$ 965,246.00	
EXPENSES			
General Government	\$ 373,705.00	\$ 394,996.00	
Public Safety	27,183.00	30,000.00	
Public Works	253,465.00	240,200.00	
Health/Human Services	600.00	-	
Conservation & Development	-	-	
Culture/Recreation	92,253.00	21,653.00	
Capital Outlay	826,606.00	278,397.00	2026 Grant
Tranfer to Other Funds	-	-	
	\$ 1,573,812.00	\$ 965,246.00	
WATER SEWER			
Expenses	\$ 247,329.00	\$ 749,468.00	
Revenues	\$ 247,329.00	\$ 749,468.00	
IND. PARK/TID #2 TID #3 TID #4			
Expenses	\$ 1,680.00	\$ 19,841.00	\$ 190,000.00
Revenues	\$ 38,733.00	\$ 106,693.00	\$ 56,427.00
REVOLVING LOAN			
Expenses	-		
Revenues	\$ 24,995.00		

COURT NEWS

• Sanome R. Wheelock, 51, Keshena, pleaded no contest Oct. 14 to possession of narcotic drugs and a misdemeanor charge of operating while revoked. Judge Katherine Sloma levied fines and court costs and sentenced him to 30 days in county jail, time deemed served.

• Leslie F. Welch, 36, Gresham, pleaded no contest Oct. 14 to possession of methamphetamine, two counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma withheld sentencing and placed him on four years of probation with conditions.

• Brandon R. DeCremer, 40, Shawano, was found guilty at an Aug. 25 jury trial of disorderly conduct as a domestic abuse repeater and two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. Sloma withheld sentencing and placed him on three years of probation with conditions.

• Stephan M. Nemetz, 43, listed as homeless, was charged Oct. 12 with possession of THC (second or

subsequent offense), two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, and misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked and violating an ignition interlock device order. Sloma set a \$1,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Dec. 3.

• Forrest T. Beauprey, 27, Keshena, was charged Oct. 12 with child abuse intentionally causing harm, two counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 19.

• Jessey G. Hawpetoss, 36, Shawano, was charged Oct. 12 with three counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a plea and sentencing hearing for Dec. 1.

• Robert Matthew Brown, 53, Rothschild, was charged Oct. 13 with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia to produce or store amphetamine. Sloma set a \$250 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Dec. 22.

• Zachary J. Fossum, 34, Shawano, was charged July 21 with two counts of felony bail jumping and one count of misdemeanor theft. Sloma set a \$5,000 signature bond during his Oct. 12 initial appearance and scheduled a status conference for Dec. 15. In a separate file, Fossum was charged Oct. 13 with two counts of felony bail jumping, two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of criminal trespass to a dwelling and disorderly conduct. Sloma set a \$4,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 23.

• Kenneth J. Boyd, 42, Green Bay, was charged July 22 with possession of methamphetamine. He failed to appear for his initial court hearing Oct. 13, and Sloma issued a warrant for his arrest.

• Michelle V. Kuhn, 41, Gillett, was charged Oct. 14 with three counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked, possession of THC, and possession of an illegally obtained prescription. Sloma set a \$750 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 23.

• Amber Mae Rudolph, 39, Antigo, was charged Oct. 15 with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia to produce or store amphetamine, felony bail jumping, misappropriating ID information to avoid penalty and misdemeanor counts of possession of a controlled substance and resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma set a \$2,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 22.

• Jorge Samuel Perez-Gomez, 25, Krakow, was charged Oct. 16 with substantial battery and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a \$5,000 signature bond. In a separate file, Perez-Gomez was charged with first-degree recklessly endangering safety, second-degree recklessly endangering safety, two counts of theft of movable property-special facts and misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and two counts of criminal damage to property. Sloma set a \$15,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing in both cases for Oct. 21.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MARATHON COUNTY
PUBLICATION SUMMONS & NOTICE
Case No. 26-CV-587
CREATIVE FINANCE, INC.
815 Business Park Road
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965,
Plaintiff,
vs.
CHARLES ALAN BURNETT
478 Sarah Street
Biramwood, WI 54414,
Defendant.
You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. Within forty (40) days after October 23, 2026, you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is: Clerk of Circuit Court, MARATHON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 500 Forest Street, Wausau, WI 54403, and to the plaintiff's attorney, Ann L. Patteson, von Briesen & Roper, s.c., 300 North Broadway, Suite 2B, Green Bay, WI 54303. You may have an attorney help or represent you. If you do not demand a copy of the complaint within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for an award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. This is an attempt to collect a debt; any information obtained shall be used for that purpose. Dated this 14th day of October, 2026.
Ann L. Patteson
Plaintiff's Attorney
von Briesen & Roper, s.c.
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10/23/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

TOWN OF ALMON
Shawano County, Wisconsin
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the town board of the Town of Almon will consider the adoption of the Town of Almon Responsible Unit Recycling Ordinance #16-2026, at 5:00 p.m. on Monday November 9, 2026, at the Town Hall.
You are further notified that a copy of said proposed adoption of the Town of Almon Responsible Unit Recycling Ordinance #16-2026 will be on file and open for public inspection on Thursday October 22, 2026 in accordance with Wis. Stat. 66.0103. For an appointment to review, please call Almon Town Clerk. 715-571-2561.

Heather Matsche
Almon Town Clerk
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Menominee County Fair Housing Ordinance

Menominee County is dedicated to promoting fair housing and equal choice for people looking to buy or rent a home in the County.

Vilas County has a fair housing ordinance. This ordinance states that persons cannot be treated unfairly in their search for housing because of:

- Race
- Lawful Source of Income
- Sex
- National Origin
- Sexual Orientation
- Ancestry
- Status as a Victim of Domestic Abuse, Sexual Abuse or Stalking

- Family Status
- Disability
- Age
- Color
- Religion
- Marital Status

Any individual who has been refused housing or otherwise discriminated against in the provision of housing on the basis of any of the above characteristics can contact State of Wisconsin, Equal Rights Division at: <https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/er> or call 608-266-6860.

Community Development Block Grant-Northwoods Housing Region

OBITUARIES

DORIS E. FOTH



Doris E. Foth, 83, of Wittenberg, fell asleep in Christ on Sunday, Oct. 11, 2026, at Applegate Terrace in Wausau.

Doris was born March 14, 1943, in Milwaukee, to Arthur and Evelyn (Finkler) Hedrick. On Jan. 29, 1964, she was united in marriage to Kenneth Foth at St. Paul Lutheran Church parsonage in Wittenberg. Together, they shared 62 years of marriage, building a life filled with friends, faith and cherished memories.

Throughout the years, Doris cleaned homes for many families and individuals in the community. She was also employed as a cleaner at Associated Bank, the former Clabough & Associates, Schmidt & Schulta Funeral Home and St. Paul Lutheran Church, all in Wittenberg.

Doris found joy in the simple pleasures of life. She loved caring for her plants and flowers, gardening, baking and canning. She also enjoyed

word searches, puzzles and listening to polka music. A woman of faith, Doris was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wittenberg and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). She and Kenny enjoyed attending community church dinners together and traveling to places such as Branson, Hollywood, Washington, D.C., and the Ark Encounter. These activities and adventures provided many special moments throughout their years together.

CAROL Y. BERGEON



Carol Yvonne Bergeon, 86, passed away peacefully Oct. 6, 2026, surrounded by love, at home in Raymondville, Missouri.

She was born Nov. 28, 1939, to Wilbur Sr. and Margaret (Rew) Fredrick of Birnamwood. Carol was married to Harry J. Bergeon on Dec. 23, 1967, in the Town of Birnamwood.

Carol is survived by her son, Joseph (Tracy) Bergeon, of Raymondville, Missouri; one sibling, Bonnie (Donny) Mueller, Birnamwood; two grandchildren, Edwin (Vani H., fiancé) Szczepaniak and Hannah Bergeon, of La Crosse; other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry J. Bergeon; her daughter, Julie Szczepaniak; her

parents, Wilbur Sr. and Margaret (Rew) Fredrick; her brothers, Jerome and Wilbur Jr.; nieces, Sarah and Jenny Fredrick.

Carol graduated from Wittenberg/Birnamwood, then went on to be a beautician. She enjoyed being a homemaker

Church in Navarino, with a graveside service afterward. Burial took place at Union Cemetery.

For a complete obituary and to leave online condolences to Jackie's family, please visit www.muehl-boettcher.com.

Doris will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 62 years, Kenneth Foth; her two children, Betty (Chuck Jr.) Reinke and Michael (Amy Jo) Foth; five grandchildren, Chuck, Sierra, Dylan (Vina Sylvester), Brianna and Claire Jo; great-grandchildren; sister, Darline Matsche; and several nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Evelyn Hedrick; her stepfather, Frank Durray; her brother-in-law, Donald Matsche; her Finkler and Hedrick grandparents; and several aunts and uncles.

A funeral service was held Friday, Oct. 16, 2026, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wittenberg. Burial followed in the parish cemetery.

Schmidt and Schulta Funeral Home in Wittenberg is assisting the family with arrangements. Memories and messages of support may be shared at schmidtschulta.com.

raising two children and was a loving wife to her husband of more than 50 years before his death. She enjoyed going to the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Stevens Point. Carol liked studying her Bible and reading extra biblical literature. She liked sharing the love of God, especially by handing out tracts and helping at the church fair booth.

She also loved being outdoors, going to parks, gardening and caring for animals. She loves her grandchildren. She had a talent for recalling family birthdays.

A memorial service was held at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Wisconsin Rapids, on Thursday, Oct. 15, 2026.

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Trick-or-treat at the fairgrounds



The trunk-or-treat event at the Shawano County Fairgrounds took place Oct. 18. Activities included candy and treats from local businesses and individuals, a haunted house, music by MC Whitehorse, and food and beverages available for purchase. It was sponsored by Restoration E.D.S. LLC and Emergency Disaster Services.

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SAM25 homeless shelter open for new season

Community asked to donate time, meals and supplies for the winter

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Temperatures are expected to fall to below the freezing mark the nights of Oct. 16 and Oct. 17, coinciding with the opening of SAM's House emergency shelter for the 2026-27 season.

"We're expecting a handful of people (the first night, Oct. 15)," said Kayla Bessette, executive director of Shawano Area Matthew 25. "They've been communicating with us about their need."

The shelter is open from Oct. 15 to May 15. In 2025-26, the shelter offered a place to stay for 89 people. Of those, 74 were adults and 15 were children 17 and younger. There were 50 males and 39 females.

The winter shelter is now the only homeless shelter in Shawano following the closure of Newcap's year-round shelter earlier this year. Newcap closed its Shawano homeless shelter and all of its regional operations March 31 after filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy amid severe financial deficits and leadership changes.

The homeless can check in each night between 5 and 6 p.m. Check-out is 8 a.m. after they are served breakfast and provided a bag lunch for the day.

"The first night, we have a pretty thorough check-in process, collecting their information, emergency contact, etc.," Bessette said.

SAM25 performs background checks on those who want to use the shelter. Entry is denied to anyone convicted of a violent felony within the past seven years or convicted of a crime that is sexual in nature. The same is true for anyone with outstanding warrants or those lacking the ability to self-care.

People can stay for two 30-day periods with a 30-day period in between.

If someone plans to be there for 30 days and does not show up one night without notice, it counts as a strike against them. After three strikes, they forfeit their stay for that time period.

"The 30 days can be extended on a case-by-case basis, if someone is working with someone in our resource center to find a job or permanent housing," Bessette said.

The shelter has eight rooms with two or three

beds per room for a total of 21 beds. Males and females are kept apart, but staff tries to keep families together.

Bessette has been executive director for about six weeks.

"We have a good staff team," she said. "Our thrift store is run entirely by volunteers. In the shelter, volunteers provide nightly meals. We have a lot of people signed up for the meals for the first several weeks, but there are some open dates."

Volunteer help is needed for shifts at the shelter to assist the staff member who is there overnight. Shifts are from 4:45-10:30 p.m., from 10:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. and from 4:20-8:30 a.m.

To volunteer, call 715-851-7252 or stop by the office at 105 E. Richmond St. between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. weekdays.

Volunteer applications and sign-ups for shelter shifts and meals can be done online at sam25.org.

There is also a wish list of items needed for the shelter, including napkins and paper towels, cleaning supplies, pantry staples, toilet paper, surgical and vinyl gloves, sandwich bags, socks, underwear and more.

By using SAM25's Amazon wish list, items are automatically delivered to the shelter.

There are many more local homeless than the 89 who were helped last season, Bessette said.

SAM25's resource center allows for helping people throughout the year, with continuity of care during shelter season and beyond. Folks can continue to work on established goals and receive the resource help they need.

Last year, SAM25 helped 32 of the 74 adults who used the shelter move on to better circumstances. Staff members work with many other area agencies to help the homeless transition back into permanent housing, reenter the workforce, enroll in treatment programs, receive human services support, collect veterans benefits, and get peer support and needed counseling.

"In an ideal world, we'll work our way out of business," she said. "We're not here to just provide a shelter; we want to help people so they don't need us anymore."

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Tax rate may increase 2.13%

Budget hearing to be held at Oct. 28 county board meeting

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Shawano County residents can expect to see a nominal increase in their county tax rate in 2027 assuming the proposed budget and levy are approved by the county board later this month.

Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the budget at 3:15 p.m. Oct. 28 in the County Board Room at the courthouse.

"Total county revenues across all funds, including property taxes, are projected at \$78,175,861.51 for 2026, compared with \$80,725,549.45 proposed for 2027," said Nichole Zuehl, county finance director.

Shawano County's proposed 2027 budget includes \$84.17 million in expenditures and \$80.73 million in projected revenues to support county services, employees and infrastructure.

"The sheriff's department, jail, and county roads and bridges represent the largest departmental funding needs," Zuehl said. "The budget includes a 3% wage scale increase, performance-based step increases and funding for a 5% increase in health insurance premiums. Capital improvements include siding at the Lakeland Building, pavilion air handlers and boat slips at the (Shawano Lake) County Park."

The proposed county tax rate rises from \$3.76 to \$3.84 per \$1,000 of equalized property value, about 2.13%.

"Much of the levy increase supports debt service, while new construction provides approximately \$217,440 in additional property tax funding for county operations," Zuehl said.

The general fund's total expenses are projected at \$30.9 million for 2026, compared with \$29.8 million

proposed for 2027.

The debt service fund's total expenses are \$4.4 million for 2026, compared with \$7.1 million proposed for 2027.

The state limits growth in the county's operating property tax levy.

Zuehl said that for 2027, net new construction of 1.29% allows an additional \$217,439.79 in operating levy across the county. Separate adjustments are allowed for qualifying debt service and other statutory items.

"The proposed county tax rate for 2027 is \$3.84 per \$1,000 of equalized property value, compared with \$3.76 for 2026," Zuehl said. "This budget reflects a strong team effort to support the services our residents rely on, invest in our employees and maintain county roads and facilities. We're making thoughtful investments today that will serve Shawano County well into the future."

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

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

A Budget Hearing for the proposed 2026-2027 Menominee Indian School District budget will be held at the Menominee High School Gym at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 28, 2026 with the Annual Meeting to follow.
MENOMINEE INDIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING/BUDGET HEARING
MENOMINEE HIGH SCHOOL - GYM
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2026

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

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Menominee Indian School District
to be held in the Menominee High School Gym
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%

Turn in old prescription drugs

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

The semiannual Drug Take Back Day will be held Oct. 24 when residents are encouraged to turn over their unused and expired prescription drugs to law enforcement for proper disposal.

“We have mobile collection sites in Bonduel, Ho-Chunk and up on the Stockbridge, so people don’t have to drive all they way into the sheriff’s office,” Shawano County Sheriff George Lenzner said.

Mobile sites will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Collection sites will be at the Bonduel Police Department, 207 S. First St., Bonduel; Stockbridge-Munsee Public Safety Building, W13445 Camp 14 Road, Bowler; and Sigma Fun-maker Community Center, W17634 Radke Road, Wittenberg.

Nationwide, in April, 4,306 law enforcement units participated at 4,417 collection sites with 321 tons (642,410 pounds) collected.

All local prescriptions and other drugs turned in will be taken to Wausau for disposal the following Monday.

“Shawano County has remained in the top three to five counties for the state for collecting the most prescription meds,” Lenzner said. “We’ve been at the top now for five or six years.”

Permanent collection sites at ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano and area clinics are not included in the totals.

For 15 years, the federal Drug Enforcement Administration’s Drug Take Back Day has helped Americans safely dispose of unneeded medications – those that are old, unwanted or expired – to prevent drug misuse and abuse.

Collection sites will not

accept syringes, sharps and illicit drugs. Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain sealed in the original container. The cap must be tightly sealed to prevent leakage.

“It’s good to get that stuff off the streets,” Lenzner said.

Residents who cannot attend the Oct. 24 event can also use permanent medication drop boxes at the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center, Shawano County Sheriff’s Department, ThedaCare-Shawano and the Bonduel Police Department.

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First round of bids for courthouse under budget

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

The first round of bids for a new Shawano County Courthouse, 150-bed jail and jail auxiliary services resulted in a multimillion-dollar cost savings from what was budgeted.

Members of the public property committee approved and forwarded to the county board the bids recommended by Kurt Berner, of The Samuels Group.

“You had a great bid day,” he said. “You’re currently \$6.5 million under the budget for bid pack 1.”

The bid deadline was pushed back a week at the request of several contractors, a decision Berner said helped get additional bidders for the project framework and long lead time items.

Base bids included work for the courthouse and jail auxiliary services. The alternate bids were for work on the 150-bed jail housing unit.

“Every one of these contractors we have worked with outside of Dairyland Grading, but we did do some reference checks on Dairyland Grading, and they all checked out,” Berner said.

Earlier this year, county supervisors agreed to a

maximum of \$88.5 million for the base work and \$121 million if the jail housing pod was included.

Berner said once the full county board approves the recommended contractors, the numbers will be put into a guaranteed maximum price amendment in the contract between the county and The Samuels Group.

“What the amendment is going to do is have me put it in writing to say that if there is a penny spent over \$121 million, it’s on us,” he said.

While line items may go up or down, the maximum will always be the maximum, he said. Also, the \$121 million includes contingency funds, and any unused contingency funds at the end of the project revert back to the county.

Berner said if the results of the second bid pack, which will be let in November and decided on in January, continue to be below budget, the county may not have to borrow as much as projected.

The county board is expected to vote on the recommended contractors Oct. 28.

Berner explained that contractors could bid one category or multiple categories.

Regarding the detention bid, he said the bid was

only for frame and glass in the new jail.

“We do have a component of detention that will go out in bid pack 2, which is detention furniture,” he said. “There are components that are in the jail that have to be detention-grade furniture.”

The electrical category only included the generator, which has a long lead time.

There was no recommendation for the HVAC category. Berner said it was not communicated well to the contractors that the county wanted chillers and boilers in one package. Only J.F. Ahern Co. bid in that way.

“Their number is over budget,” Berner said. “In talking to the engineers, we’re going to recommend to push that back into bid pack 2.”

He also discussed the changes made from precast concrete to cast-in-place concrete and masonry. The result was a savings of nearly \$5.75 million.

“When we started working with Venture, we did an evaluation of how much of that structure is done with CMU (concrete masonry unit) and masonry, which would be block and brick, or precast components,” Berner said. “That’s a market we have been tracking, because sometimes the precast market is high, sometimes it’s very competitive.

“And while we were looking at this, the precast market, even though they had a long lead time, we saw that, that precast component we thought would be more cost-effective, so we increased some of the precast from what we had as our original budget ... and we reduced the masonry number. That decision played out well. We were a little bit over on our precast, but we’re significantly under on our CMU.”

10/23/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
MENOMINEE COUNTY

NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING
The Specialized Transportation Assistance Grant Application for 2027 is scheduled for a public hearing on Wednesday, November 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Menominee Transportation Center, located at W2727 Our Children’s Road, Keshena Wisconsin.

The Public hearing will be held for the purpose of receiving comment for Menominee County / Tribe’s proposed plan for spending the allocation of \$95,866.00 authorized under Section 85.21 of the Wisconsin Statutes to implement elderly and disabled transportation programs.

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:
Gary Pyawasay, Director of Transit Services Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin
P.O. Box 910
Keshena, WI 54135-0910
(715) 799-3222 x1707

The application will be available for public inspection at the Menominee Transportation Center, W2727 Our Children’s Road, Keshena, Wisconsin. Persons with disabilities that require special accommodations wishing to attend the hearing should contact the person listed above prior to November 12, 2026. The location of the hearing is handicapped accessible.

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Red Raiders head into playoffs on a roll

Pulaski scores on first six drives in win over Terrors

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

As good as the Pulaski High School football team's offense looked in its final game of the regular season, its defense and special teams were just as impressive.

The Red Raiders wrapped up the regular season and tuned up for the WIAA playoffs Oct. 16 with a 49-0 Fox River Classic Conference-North win over Appleton West.

Now that they have finished the season with a 7-2 overall record and a 5-2 mark in conference play, the Red Raiders can focus on Ashwaubenon, a team that Pulaski will host at 7 p.m. Oct. 23 in a Level 1 playoff game.

Pulaski is a No. 3 seed in its Division 2 bracket, while the Jaguars received a No. 6 seed. The Red Raiders defeated Ashwaubenon 35-0 in a FRCC-North matchup in September.

The Red Raiders scored touchdowns on their first six possessions, with four of those scores coming in the first quarter.

Trentyn Linz opened the scoring with an 11-yard run less than three minutes into the game and after the Terrors' first possession ended with a punt, Bohdan Schmidt added to Pulaski's lead by returning the punt 56 yards.

The Red Raiders added to their lead later in

the opening quarter with Schmidt's 9-yard run. Appleton West's Carlos Nunn fumbled the ball on the kickoff return, Braun Wotruba's recovery set the Red Raiders up at the Appleton West 20-yard line, and Schmidt connected with Logan Clauss for a 14-yard touchdown pass on the drive's second play.

The Red Raiders' fifth and sixth possessions in the second quarter also ended with touchdowns, as Andre Burnett scored from 6 yards out and Schmidt scored on a 50-yard run on the first play of their next drive.

A running clock during the second half limited possessions for both teams, but Pulaski had the only score of the half on Parker Engels' 1-yard run in the fourth quarter.

Appleton West's best chance to avoid a shutout came on its first drive of the second half, but the Terrors turned the ball over on downs inside the Pulaski 15-yard line.

Schmidt led Pulaski with 123 rushing yards on eight carries and also completed four of five passes for 53 yards.

The Red Raiders played without one of their leading rushers, Anthony Ficcarri, who was injured during a 17-14 win over De Pere.

Coach Jerad Marsh hopes the senior will be back in the lineup against



Bohdan Schmidt scores on a 9-yard run for Pulaski, one of his two rushing touchdowns in a 49-0 win over Appleton West.
GREG SEUBERT

the Jaguars.

"We're planning on him being back," he said. "You'd have to talk to the athletic trainer on the extent of the injury, but we're always hopeful that a senior can come back

and finish the season off, and I think he's in a good position to do that."

Marsh said the opportunity to host a playoff game is a big deal for his team.

"One of the goals for the

team was to be able to host a playoff game, something we haven't done in awhile and something we'd love to be able to give the community and get people excited in October and November for football,"

he said. "We haven't been able to do that in three or four years."

Although Pulaski's offense was able to score on six of its seven drives in

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Witt-Birn gets second crack at Amherst in playoffs

Lena/STAA, Suring win Level 1 games

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Apparently, a 2-7 overall record and a 1-6 mark in conference play is good enough to qualify for the WIAA state football playoffs.

That's the case with Wittenberg-Birnamwood, a team that wrapped up its regular season Oct. 16 with a 49-15 Central Wisconsin Conference-Large loss to Amherst.

The two teams will meet again in Level 1 of the 11-player playoffs, as the Chargers are a No. 8 seed in Division 5 and will return to Amherst at 7 p.m. Oct. 23 to face the top-seeded Falcons.

Meanwhile, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy and Suring are in the second round of the 8-player playoffs after winning their Level 1 games Oct. 17 over Flambeau and Elkhart Lake/Glenbeulah, respectively.

Amherst 49, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 15

Amherst built a 27-0 halftime lead and wrapped up an unbeaten regular season behind five touchdowns and 140 rushing yards from Ayden Nerdahl.

Amherst quarterback Tyler Loken completed five of seven passes – all to Cal Lusic – for 46 yards and a touchdown.

Both of Wittenberg-Birnamwood's scores came in the second half on rushing touchdowns from Daniel Olivarez and Bo Davis.

Olivarez led the Chargers with 80 yards on six carries, and Phoenix Horachek completed a 37-yard pass to Davis.

Suring 46, Elkhart Lake/Glenbeulah 19

Suring opened the playoffs by hosting the Resorters.

The Eagles will also have a home game for Level 2, as they will host third-seeded Sevastopol, a 32-6 winner over Niagara, at 7 p.m. Oct. 23.

Lena/STAA 31, Flambeau 18

A long bus ride to Tony, a small community in Rusk County, wasn't a problem for the fifth-seeded Titans, as they defeated the fourth-seeded Falcons.

Isaac Peterson ran for 128 yards and two touchdowns, while Lucas Farley completed five of nine passes for 105 yards and a touchdown. Jake Farley caught four passes for 91 yards and a touchdown.

Next up for the Titans in Level 2 is top-seeded Valley Christian, which opened the postseason with a 48-8 win over NEW Lutheran/Providence Academy.

The Titans and Warriors will meet at 7 p.m. Oct. 23 at Valley Christian's home field in Oshkosh.

Bonduel 42, Southern Door 7

The Bears wrapped up an undefeated regular season and the Packerland Conference championship with a win over the Eagles on Southern Door's home field.

If the Eagles would have won, the Bears would have shared the championship with Kewaunee.

Bonduel is a No. 1 seed in Division 6 and will host No. 8 Lancaster at 7 p.m. Oct. 23 in the first round of the playoffs.

Peshtigo 14, Oconto Falls 13

Not only did the Panthers drop their regular-season finale to the Bulldogs in Peshtigo, the loss also kept them out of the playoffs for the first time since 2019.

Oconto Falls finished 4-5 overall and 3-4 in its

first season in the Packerland Conference and needed a win to make the playoffs.

Peshtigo finished 5-4 overall and 5-2 in conference play and already had a playoff spot locked up.

Seymour 30, Shawano 28

Shawano took a 22-21 lead early in the third quarter on Elijah Senft's second touchdown and had a 28-27 lead later in the game following Senft's third trip to the end zone.

However, the Hawks came up short on their 2-point conversion try and Seymour was able to get in field goal range for Kessler Jansen, who kicked the game-winning field goal with 2 1/2 seconds remaining in the game.

Shawano finished the season with a 2-7 record, while Seymour finished 5-4 and qualified for the playoffs.

Newman Catholic 18, Marion/Tigerton 14

The Thundercatz wrapped up the season Oct. 15 with a loss to the Cardinals in an extra game matchup of 8-player teams in Wausau.

Maxwell Wilkening led Marion/Tigerton with 81 receiving yards and 58 rushing yards. Quarterback Landon Drews had a touchdown pass to Wilkening and added a rushing touchdown.

Marion/Tigerton finished the game with 141 yards on the ground and 106 through the air.

Oct. 23 schedule (all games start at 7 p.m.): WIAA Level 1 11-player playoffs: Division 2: No. 6 Ashwaubenon at No. 3 Pulaski; Division 5: No. 8 Wittenberg-Birnamwood at No. 1 Amherst; Division 6: No. 8 Lancaster at No. 1 Bonduel. WIAA Level 2 8-player playoffs: No. 3 Sevastopol at No. 2 Suring; No. 5 Lena/STAA vs. No. 1 Valley Christian at Oshkosh.

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the first half, the defense also chipped in with a pair of interceptions by Keaton Dauk and a goalline stand to start the second half.

The special teams unit also recovered a kickoff return that gave the Red Raiders a short field and led to Pulaski's fourth touchdown.

"They've really come together as a group," Marsh said of his team's defense. "It's been fun to watch them mesh into what they've become. They have a lot of trust in each other, they play fast, they play physical and hopefully, that'll pay off in the playoffs where they are close games every time."

Marsh didn't know who the Red Raiders would face in their Level 1 playoff game after the win. In Ashwaubenon, Pulaski will match up against a team it sees every season.

"I guess it's like every week," Marsh said. "We try to train during the season to be prepared for whatever it is we're going to see. If it's a conference school, you're going to have film on them. We really try to work on being able to handle anything that somebody's going to throw at us."



Andre Burnett ran for 64 yards and a touchdown Oct. 16 in Pulaski's 49-0 win over Appleton West. GREG SEUBERT

Pulaski soccer team ends regular season with win

Thursday, Oct. 15
Pulaski 5, Ashwaubenon 1

The Red Raiders finished the regular season with a 5-1 conference win over the Jaguars.

Kevin Cruz Lagunes scored in the second minute to give Pulaski the early lead. Daenen Kehoe gave the Red Raiders a 2-0 advantage with a goal in the 20th minute. Ashwaubenon answered less than a minute later when Chase Beyer found the net. Pulaski regained the two-goal lead when Brayden Puyleart converted a penalty kick in the 22nd minute.

Pulaski got second half goals from Jack Van Haren and Puyleart's second of the game.

Beckham Norman made nine saves in goal for Ashwaubenon (7-11, 2-7). Blake Batzer and Kyle Hansen split time in goal for Pulaski (11-6-2, 4-5).

Columbus Catholic 13, Gresham/Bowler 0

The Wildcats fell to 1-10-2 with a 13-0 loss to the 15-3-3 Dons.

Appleton East 7, Shawano 1

The Patriots beat the Hawks in a nonconference game to end the regular season for Shawano.

Grayson Swedberg scored the only goal for the Hawks.

Regional action begins at 7 p.m. Oct. 22 at Shawano, when the Hawks host Waupaca.

Tuesday, Oct. 13
Neenah 6, Pulaski 3

The Red Raiders fell behind early in Neenah and couldn't recover, losing to the Rockets 6-3 in a nonconference matchup.

The game featured nine goals. Neenah got first-half goals from Cooper Christie, Tyler Geschrei, Ian Baekte and Awki Medina. Daenen Kehoe scored the first-half goal for Pulaski.

The Red Raiders got second-half goals courtesy of Walker Wozniak and Kehoe's second. Medina grabbed his second goal of the game for Neenah during the second half.

Ollie Peterka made two saves on goal for Neenah (12-2-2, 6-2-1). Blake Batzer made seven saves on goal for Pulaski (10-6-2, 3-5).

Monday, Oct. 12
Shawano 8, Mosinee 0

The Hawks shut out the Indians in a nonconference game.

Panther, Charger, Wildcat girls win conference championships

Saturday, Oct. 17
Bay Conference Championships

Shawano's boys placed second with 47 points at Shorewood Cross Country Course.

Finishing in the top 10 were Josiah Kuehl, fifth, 17:47.2; Teagan Harkey, sixth, 17:49; and Aloysius Frechette, ninth, 17:59.

Also scoring for the Hawks were Quinten Harley, 13th, 18:04.7, and Beckett Hendricks, 19th, 18:34.

Shawano's girls placed fifth with 114 points.

Scoring for the Hawks were Mikelah Powers, ninth, 21:36.8; Madilyn Powers, 14th, 22:09.9; McKenna Miller, 32nd, 24:01.1; Jai Bisterfeldt, 33rd, 24:10.1; and Lorelei Hancock, 35th, 24:28.6.

Friday, Oct. 16
NEC Championships

The Oconto Falls girls cross country won the conference championship with 45 points at Shorewood Cross Country Course.

Four Panthers finished in the top 10. They were Lily Meissner, sixth, 21:03; Ellie Beschta, eighth, 21:51.4; Sydney Braund, ninth, 21:51.4; and Alexandria Braund, 10th, 22:06.7. Also scoring for Oconto Falls was Ava Holtz, 12th,

22:13.7. The boys placed third with 83 points.

Scoring were Isaiah Holtz, 12th, 18:19; Mason Lotto, 16th, 18:32.5; Sage Mendolla, 19th, 18:51.4; Landon Timm, 20th, 18:59.7; and Lucas Vanhulle, 27th, 20:35.3.

Thursday, Oct. 15
CWC Championship Meet

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's girls won the conference meet at Standing Rocks County Park & Winter Recreation Area in Stevens Point. The race was hosted by Amherst High School.

The Chargers collected 39 points to lead the seven teams. Bonduel was third with 84 points.

Overall finishes for Wittenberg-Birnamwood were Brielle Rose, sixth, 20:59.9; Gabrielle Timm, eighth, 21:12.2; Kendyll Ladwig, ninth, 21:20; Harper Krull, 14th, 22:38.7; and Sophie Wendler, 17th, 22:57.6.

Scoring for Bonduel were Amelia Wilcox, 10th, 21:26.2; Lillian Burrack, 13th, 22:19.4; Payten Bierhals, 15th, 22:45.7; Kember Frome, 26th, 24:31.9; and Dahlia Harris, 40th, 26:03.6.

Menominee Nation's Azaliyah Waupoose

placed 30th in 25:21.1, and Kalylee Nacotee was 39th in 26:03.4. Elaine Skenadore was 60th in 31:21.5.

Aubrey Miller, running for Gresham/Bowler, finished 64th in 32:29.

Bonduel's boys placed third 75 points, and Wittenberg-Birnamwood sixth among seven teams with 144 points.

Scoring for the Bears were Garrett Anderson, 18th, 19:03.1; Oliver Chitwood, 25th, 19:18.3; Joah Dworniczak, 28th, 19:47.8; Griffin Richter, 31st, 19:54.2; and Carter Beilfuss, 38th, 20:01.3.

Running for the Chargers were Marty Nowinsky, 20th, 19:07.3; Dalton Fletcher, 32nd, 19:56.2; Colten Mueller, 56th, 22:15.1; Maskym Guk, 63rd, 22:45.7; and Cohen Kania-Kasten, 66th, 22:53.

Menominee Nation's Bryant Waupoose III finished in third in 16:50.8, and Cashius Reeves was 11th in 18:26.1. Christopher Waubanasum was 80th in 25:23.6.

Gresham/Bowler's Caleb Putnam finished 23rd in 19:12.2, while Blaze Ejnik was 55th in 22:10.1.

Marion/Tigerton's Payton Prickette was 27th in 19:36, and Brecklin Gleason was 52nd in 21:46.6.

Brayden Zietlow finished in 62nd in 22:41.4, and Nicholas Much was 82nd in 26:10.6.

M&O Conference Meet

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy's girls won with 20 points, and Gillett was second among three teams with 44 points at Nicolet Country Club.

Scoring for Lena/STAA were Aspynn Anderson, second, 20:47.4; Alisa Finger, third, 21:23.5; Sydney Pirlot, sixth, 21:38.5; Brooklyn Viestenz, eighth, 21:45.5; and Adrena Rabas, ninth, 21:54.7.

For Gillett, those who picked up points for the team were Hope Soper, fifth, 21:36.5; Amanda Pate, seventh, 21:42.6; Halle Wendorff, 10th, 23:09.2; Bayli Holub, 16th, 25:29.5; and Maggie Kaczmarek, 20th, 27:45.9.

Suring's Natalie Seibert was fourth in 21:33.4.

Suring's boys placed second and Lena/STAA was third among three teams.

The Eagles collected 43 points, and Lena/STAA had 52,

For Suring, runners were Liam Matelski, sixth, 19:32.2; Charles Richard, seventh, 19:48.5; Blake DeGrave, 10th, 20:14.9; Garrett School,

23rd, 24:12.3; and Aidan Thompson, 26th, 25:48.5.

For Lena/STAA, runners were Dash Comins, eighth, 19:51.9; Emiliano Almanza, 16th, 22:02.1; Wyatt Kosch, 18th, 22:21.4; Bronne Thoune, 21st, 22L57.3; and Cooper Malloy, 24th, 24:14.7.

Gillett's Braxton Valley finished 11th in 20:38.5, and Nolan Van Donsal was 14th in 21:15.9. Henry Schaal placed 17th in 22:16.8, and Brandon Slatky was 22nd in 23:08.1.

Fox River Classic Conference Championships

Pulaski's boys placed sixth among 10 teams with 159 points UW-Green Bay Shorewood Cross Country Course. The meet was hosted by West De Pere.

Scoring for Pulaski were Grayden Goessen, 14th place, 17:09.8; Mitchell Pilon, 24th, 17:37.2; Paxton Marshall, 33rd, 18:05.2; Jack Klarkowski, 39th, 18:23.3; and Elliott Wanger, 49th, 18:54.9.

Pulaski's girls also placed sixth among 10 teams with 184 points.

Scoring for the Red Raiders were Maggie Gerth, 12th, 19:58; Addie Bruckert, 22nd, 20:36; Cameran Reiss, 37th, 21:23.4; Paige Michalski, 55th, 23:52.5; and Tenley Zimmerman, 58th, 24:05.9.

Shawano netters win first round with New London

Teams clash in WIAA tourney

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

At the same time the Milwaukee Brewers were on their way to sweeping the Los Angeles Dodgers, the Shawano volleyball team was working on a sweep of its own.

The Hawks headed to New London for a Bay Conference match with the Bulldogs on Oct. 15 and returned home with a win that included 25-15, 25-13 and 25-23 victories.

It was the first of two matchups in less than a week between the two teams, as Shawano is scheduled to host the Bulldogs on Oct. 20 in a WIAA Division 2 regional quarterfinal. Shawano received a No. 8 seed for the tournament, while New London entered the postseason as a No. 9 seed.

The win gave the Hawks a 4-4 record in conference matches and is the fourth in a row after Seymour, Winneconne, Xavier and Fox Valley Lutheran swept them and Shawano had an 0-4 record.

Coach Dan Trudgeon attributed his team's slow start in conference play to facing the Bay's top teams early in the season.

"We're a very young team, and were still trying

to gel at the beginning of the season," he said. "We started with Seymour, who was a little more put together than us at the time. Then, it was Xavier, FVL and Winneconne. We played Winneconne really well, it just didn't go in our favor."

Besides New London, the Hawks also swept conference opponents Green Bay West and Green Bay East and three of four games from Menasha.

"We worked on the things that work for us as a team," Trudgeon said. "We weren't trying to do anything fancy, just stick to the basics and hone in on what this team can bring."

Trudgeon said the win over the Bulldogs gives his team confidence heading into its rematch with New London.

"I think we know what to expect for Tuesday, we'll have a good game plan and go from there," he said. "Nerves and everything else can happen once you're in regionals. We just have to show up and play how we can play."

Seeing a familiar team in the tournament also helps, he said.

"There's less scouting involved," he said.

Trudgeon is counting on the Hawks playing like they did in the second half of the season.

"We had a core group that was playing together all the time," he said. "We started the season with 12 (varsity players) instead of our usual 14 or 15. We had a few injuries in there, so it was even fewer playing together all the time. It makes practices a little harder when you can't do as much with players, but it was the same group of girls playing together all the time."

Trudgeon said the team's future is in good hands with several freshmen. One of them - Addison Waukechon - is a starter on the varsity team, while the JV1 and JV2 teams have eight and 13 freshmen, respectively.

"It's a very big class, and it does look good for the future, because the ones that want to progress have ample opportunity to do so," he said. "The senior, junior and sophomore classes aren't as big, so they have opportunity."



Above, Jacy Cowden hits the floor while diving for the volleyball in Shawano's 3-0 win over New London. At left, Gabby P as s e h l serves for Shawano on Oct. 15 during the first game of the Hawks' Bay Conference win over New London.

GREG SEUBERT

Pulaski tennis duo bows out at state's first round

The Pulaski doubles tennis team of Linde Lemerond and Aubrie Schuessler ended their season after they lost their opening round match at the WIAA State Tennis

Championships on Oct. 15 in Madison.

The duo was beaten 6-1, 6-0 by Hamilton High School's Deekshitha Premchand and Harshitha Premchand.

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Sweep part of Marion's CWC-North title

It's been 35 years since Mustangs were conference champions

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Thirty-five years. That's how long it's been since the Marion volleyball team has shared or won a Central Wisconsin Conference championship. Although the Mustangs had already wrapped up the CWC-North title, they put an exclamation point

on an undefeated conference season Oct. 13 with a three-game sweep of Tigerton. The 25-13, 25-11, 25-22 victory capped Marion's second two-match sweep of the Tigers. The Mustangs also had two sweeps over Bowler and Gresham during the season, and the team's other four CWC-North wins were 3-0 and 3-1 victories over Northland Lutheran and White Lake, respectively. Coach Charlotte Baldwin said the championship is the first for the program since the Mustangs shared the title with Amherst in 1991 and the first outright championship since 1989. "It's pretty amazing," she said. "These girls have worked hard all season long. A lot of these girls are playing club (volleyball) in

the offseason and putting in the work. That really what it comes down to: being able to be a team and adjust to differences." Winning a CWC-North championship was one of the team's goals at the start of the season, according to Baldwin. "Start with a conference championship and move on to regionals," she said. "They want to get past the second round this year. Last year, we made it to the second round of regionals, and it had been quite awhile since we had done that." Finishing the regular season doesn't mean the Mustangs didn't face competitive teams in the CWC-North, according to Baldwin. "I wouldn't say it was the competition," she said. "A lot of it was just

being able to have as many weapons as we have. The girls took the opportunity to really utilize everybody. Our setter sets everybody up, and there were multiple times when everybody on our team hit. That's huge. That's a really hard thing to adjust to." Marion improved its overall match record to 22-2 with the win over the Tigers. The first loss was a 2-1 defeat to Elcho in a season-opening meet Aug. 27. The other was a three-game sweep Sept. 17 to Wild Rose on the Wildcats' home court. "I think it was a little bit of a wakeup call," Baldwin said. "We had holes, and we used that opportunity to grow and learn." The Mustangs didn't lose another match the rest of the regular season,

and Baldwin said heading into the WIAA state tournament on a winning note is big. "The girls have confidence," she said. "We're a young team, and any confidence is huge." The Mustangs are a No. 3 seed in Division 5 for the state tournament and won't play again until they host Tigerton – a No. 6 seed – or 11th-seeded Bowler Oct. 22 in a regional semifinal. "It is a very long time off and we're going to

utilize it, prepare once we find out our matchup and be ready to go," Baldwin said. "We are going to see someone pretty good. We just have to have confidence and believe in our girls." The community support for the team has been strong all year, Baldwin said. "I think it's growing as we're winning," she said. "They're seeing something great happen, and it's starting from the ground up."



Madeline Wudstrack reacts after Marion scores a point against Tigerton in the third game to complete a three-game sweep over the Tigers. GREG SEUBERT



Myah Malueg gets ready to serve to Tigerton on Oct. 13 with the Marion Mustang logo in the background. Malueg and the Mustangs wrapped up the regular season with a 10-0 Central Wisconsin Conference-North record after picking up a win at home over the Tigers. GREG SEUBERT

Shawano, Suring can't win in tournament action

Saturday, Oct. 17
Oconto 2, Suring 1
The Blue Devils squeaked by the Eagles. Oconto won the first set 25-23, with Suring winning the second set by the same 25-23 score. In the deciding game, the Blue Devils won 15-13.
Shiocton 2, Suring 0
The Chiefs won 25-17, 25-7.
Luxemburg-Casco 2, Shawano 0
The Spartans defeated the Hawks 25-15, 25-23.
Denmark 2, Shawano 0
Denmark shut down Shawano 25-20, 25-16.
Sheboygan Falls 2, Shawano 1
The Hawks won the first set 25-23, but the

Falcons won the next two 25-15, 15-10.
Thursday, Oct. 15
Shiocton 3, Suring 0
The Chiefs topped the Eagles 25-14, 25-22, 25-16.
Crivitz 3, Suring 0
Crivitz also beat Suring on the Eagles' home court. Scores were 25-19, 25-23, 25-17.
Pulaski 3, Green Bay Southwest 0
The Red Raiders played just good enough to beat the Trojans 25-20, 25-20, 25-19.
Tigerton 3, Almond-Bancroft 1
After dropping the first game to the Eagles, the Tigers won the final three sets to pick up the non-conference win. Scores were 18-25, 25-17, 25-20,

25-10.
Fox Valley Lutheran 3, Oconto Falls 1
The Panthers won the first set 28-26, but the Foxes fought back to win the next three games 25-20, 25-22, 25-15.
Wittenberg-Birnamwood 3, Antigo 2
The Red Robins came out strong, beating the Chargers 25-22 and 25-23 in the first two sets. However, Wittenberg-Birnamwood would not give up that third game. The Chargers won the next three 25-21, 25-18 and 15-5 to claim victory.
Tuesday, Oct. 13
Crivitz 3, Gillett 1
The Tigers prevented the Wolverines from a three-game sweep after

winning the third game 25-19. However, Crivitz won the match with wins in games 1, 2 and 4. Scores of those games were 25-11, 25-11, 25-9.
Wittenberg-Birnamwood 3, Weyauwega-Fremont 0
The Chargers shut out Warhawks in three straight sets to earn the conference win.
Suring 3, Lena 0
The Eagles had 25-23 wins in games 1 and 3 with a 25-12 win sandwiched in between to defeat Lena in a conference match.
West De Pere 3, Pulaski 0
The Phantoms shut out the Red Raiders in three straight sets with scores of 25-17, 25-22, 25-16.

Amherst 3, Menominee Nation 0
The Falcons soared beyond the Eagles and won 25-10, 25-13, 25-9.
Shawano 3, Menasha 1
Menasha played tough against the Hawks, but Shawano ended up on the winning end of the conference match.
Shawano won the first game 25-18, while Menasha won the second set 25-19. The Hawks prevailed in the final two sets 25-19 and 25-23.
Gresham 3, Bowler 0
Gresham boosters left the game satisfied as they saw their volleyball squad achieve victory over the host Bowler Panthers in a league test.

With the win, Gresham improves its record to 16-8 on the season.
The Panthers now own a 2-18 record.
Oconto Falls 3, Marinette 0
Lucy Ripley led Oconto Falls with 10 kills as the Panthers shut out the Marines. Scores were 25-9, 25-10, 25-12.
Manawa 3, Bonduel 0
Monday, Oct. 12
Shawano 3, Green Bay West 0
The Hawks shut out the Wildcats in a Bay Conference matchup.
Game scores were 25-13, 25-13, 25-16.
With the win, Shawano improves to 12-15 on the season. The Wildcats now own a 1-15 record.



At far left, Javon Bullard moves in on Dallas quarterback Dak Prescott. The Packers defense never let up against the Cowboys. At near left, Packers quarterback Jordan Love won his third game in as many attempts abasing Dallas. On Oct. 19, he finished with 276 yards and two touchdowns.

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PACKERS WIN THREE IN A ROW

Green Bay still has room for improvement, but Dallas kept in check on all fronts

By LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

Green Bay continued on the right path after another dominant victory over another storied rival in the NFL.

Led by a strong showing from its defense, the Packers took down the Dallas Cowboys 23-13 on Oct. 18 at Lambeau Field.

Green Bay's defense was the story of the game, as defensive coordinator Jonathan Gannon's unit held Dallas, which had been averaging just north of 27 points per game, to just 13 points. The strong play from Gannon's unit came as a team, as Javon Bullard, Brandon Cisse, Evan Williams, Ty'Ron Hopper and Carrington Valentine all recorded pass defenses, Lukas Van Ness recorded a sack, and Cisse and Williams came away with interceptions.

"I thought (Gannon) was aggressive getting pressure on the quarterback," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur. "You know, it's hard to throw when you got stuff in your face, and I thought the coverage was outstanding."



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Matthew Golden dropped this touchdown pass in the second quarter as he is guarded by Ameer Spped. Godlen would go on to catch a TD pass from Jordan Love in the Packers 23-13 win.

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BEWARE: LIONS CAN SCORE FROM ALL FACETS ON OFFENSE



While happy with his team's win over Dallas, Green Bay coach Matt LaFleur admitted he wasn't fully satisfied, noting that the team left points on the field with penalties and drops.

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By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

Green Bay will travel to Detroit to take on the Lions in Week 7.

Packers offense vs. Lions defense

Green Bay's offense picked up right where it left off against the Chicago Bears on Sunday night against the Dallas Cowboys. The Packers moved right down the field on a 14-play drive that totaled 90 yards and a touchdown.

Quarterback Jordan Love has been largely excellent each of the last two weeks, but his stats do not fully show that.

Green Bay is facing some interesting opponents each of the last two weeks. Both teams are all offense with little semblance of defense. Detroit's defense is led by Aidan Hutchinson, who is one of the top pass rushers in football.

Alim McNeil has done some nice things for them up front as well, but otherwise the Lions have really struggled on that side of the ball. The secondary is in tatters as their top safety tandem has missed all of this season with different ailments. Brian Branch may be able to return soon, but there is nothing

imminent with Kerby Joseph.

Terrion Arnold, their first round pick in 2025, was released before the season started due to a legal matter that has yet to be resolved. D.J. Reed has struggled as a marquee free agent pickup.

The Lions are ranked at the bottom of the NFL in passing yards per game. They're ranked near the bottom of the league in points allowed. They don't stop the run either, as they're allowing around 114 yards per game there.

The Packers offense found a rhythm against Chicago and faced off

against a bad Dallas defense.

They should feel confident about their ability to move the ball this week.

Packers defense vs. Lions offense

For what Detroit lacks on defense, their offense makes up for. For all the fanfare that surrounds Ben Johnson's exit from Detroit and heading to Chicago, Detroit's offense is still a force to be reckoned with.

They have two top receivers who can hurt opposing defenses. Their running back is one of the

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Green Bay’s offense was once again propelled by the passing attack. Jordan Love finished the game by completing 23-of-41 passes for 276 yards, one touchdown and one interception.

Matthew Golden continued his hot streak, as the second-year player recorded 104 yards and a touchdown on six receptions. Christian Watson added another 64 yards on three receptions.

The run game was once again a struggle for Green Bay’s offense, as it was only able to muster 57 yards on the ground. Pierre Strong led the way, taking 11 carries for 28 yards, while Love chipped in 12 yards and a touchdown on four carries.

While getting the run game going is certainly a point of emphasis moving forward for Green Bay, the team has scored 54 points over the last two games, mostly on the back of Love and the pass game.

“I think it all starts up front,” said Love, alluding to the offensive line’s effect on the offense’s success. “I think that is where we have put a lot of focus, and I think those guys have responded and (have) been doing a great job in pass (protection).”

Green Bay’s first drive against Dallas may have been the best that Green Bay has looked all season long, as the Packers drove 90 yards in 14 plays, culminating in Golden’s touchdown reception. Not only was the drive positive due to getting an early lead, but Love said getting off to a hot start is an important part of the team’s identity.

“You have to start fast from the get-go,” said Love. “To put together a long drive like that – it’s huge.

You have to be able to do that and obviously come away with a touchdown at the end of it.”

Five players were involved in the drive that saw Green Bay convert three third downs, as well as overcome a 15-yard taunting penalty.

“That’s what it needs to be,” said Love. “That’s kind of the standard for us, where we have to keep building. When you put together a drive like that, you got to be able to follow that up with another one.”

The first drive was a foreshadow in the rest of the game in the fact that Green Bay’s ability to convert on third down was on display all night long. In total, the team finished 11-for-18 on third-down attempts.

“I think guys just made plays,” said Love, when asked about the third-down success.

For Dallas, quarterback Dak Prescott finished the game completing 34-of-54 passes for 258 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions.

George Pickens was the leading receiver, totaling 73 yards on six receptions, while CeeDee Lamb hauled in nine passes for 70 yards. Ryan Flounoy added another 40 yards and a touchdown on seven receptions.

In the run game, Javonte Williams recorded 40 yards and a touchdown on 11 carries.

The win over the Cowboys gives the Packers a 4-2 record as it prepares for a Week 7 matchup against the Detroit Lions. With both Detroit and Minnesota on bye and Chicago winning this week, Green Bay sits at second in the division, only behind the 5-0 Vikings.



Dallas’ Joey Porter drapes Green Bay receiver Bo Melton and is called for pass interference in the final minute of the second quarter. The 37-yard penalty helped Green Bay score a touchdown before the half. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

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There were 22 penalties in the Green Bay vs. Dallas game. Carrington Valentine’s interception was nullified due to a roughing the passer call against Lukas Van Ness. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

best players in the league at his position, and their tight end has returned to form after missing most of last season with injury issues.

Amon-Ra St. Brown, Jameson Williams and Jahmyr Gibbs allow the Lions to attack all three levels of a defense in their passing game. Jared Goff is their trigger man. While he’s not as physically gifted as some other quarterbacks, he’s capable of dicing up a

defense if he’s given time.

Goff has yet to throw an interception this season, which could be a challenge against Green Bay’s secondary that was banged up last week against Dallas.

Green Bay’s defense came out swinging early against the Cowboys offense. Jonathan Gannon was aggressive on early third downs as the Packers were able to shut the Cowboys down on their first two possessions of the

night. **Special teams**

From a special teams’ perspective, the Lions have some stability at both kicker and punter. Jake Bates has been perfect on field goals this season, and Jack Fox is averaging 47.2 yards per punt.

There is a slight transition in their return game with Tom Kennedy taking over for Kalif Raymond , who joined Johnson in Chicago.

Green Bay’s special teams entered the Dallas game struggling. Trey Smack missed three kicks against Chicago, and Skyy Moore is missing from their return game thanks to a high-ankle sprain that landed him on injured reserve.

Coleman Owen was elevated from the practice squad to return punts in Moore’s place while J. Michael Sturdivant and Bo Melton returned kickoffs.

GREEN BAY PACKERS AT DETROIT LIONS

Time and date: 3:25 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 25
Location: Ford 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 4-2, Lions 3-2.
History: Two NFC North rivals meeting up again, as the Packers hold the all time advantage in this series 108-78-7. The Packers swept the season series last year, knocking off the Lions on Thanksgiving Day at Ford Field

31-24 with Jordan Love hitting Dontayvion Wicks for a game-clinching first down that allowed the Packers to run out the clock.
The other meeting was at Lambeau Field, which marked Micah Parsons’ debut as a Green Bay Packer. The Packers won 27-13 with the Lions’ only score coming after the Packers had opened up a 27-6 lead.
The Packers returned the favor by sweeping the Lions last year, because Detroit had done the same to them in 2024.
This rivalry is much more competitive than it has been due to Detroit’s rise under Dan Campbell.
Coaches: Packers, Matt LaFleur,

eighth season, 79-41-1. Lions, Dan Campbell, sixth season, 51-38-1.
Packers Schedule
Sunday, Sept. 13, at Minnesota, L 39-22
Sunday, Sept. 20, at NY Jets, W 20-17 (OT)
Thursday, Sept. 24, vs. Atlanta, L 35-14
Sunday, Oct. 4, at Tampa Bay, W 17-14
Sunday, Oct. 11, vs. Chicago, W 31-7
Sunday, Oct. 18, vs. Dallas, W 23-13
Sunday, Oct. 25, at Detroit, 3:25 p.m., 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. 22
New England at Chicago, 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 25
Pittsburgh at New Orleans (in Paris), 8:30 a.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, noon
Miami at NY Jets, noon
NY Giants at Houston, noon
Cincinnati at Baltimore, noon
Cleveland at Tennessee, noon
Indianapolis at Minnesota, noon
San Francisco at Atlanta, noon
Denver at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Green Bay at Detroit, 3:25 p.m.
LA Rams at Las Vegas, 3:25 p.m.
Kansas City at Seattle, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 26
Dallas at Philadelphia, 7:15 p.m.

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RED ZONE DEFENSE

Evan Williams and the rest of the Green Bay Packers defense harassed Dallas quarterback Dak Prescott on Sunday Night Football. Williams picked off one of two interceptions for the Packers. This one came with two minutes left in the first half, which led to a Packers touchdown and a 17-0 lead. Williams’ pick stopped a Dallas red zone drive, as Prescott was intercepted at the 3-yard line.

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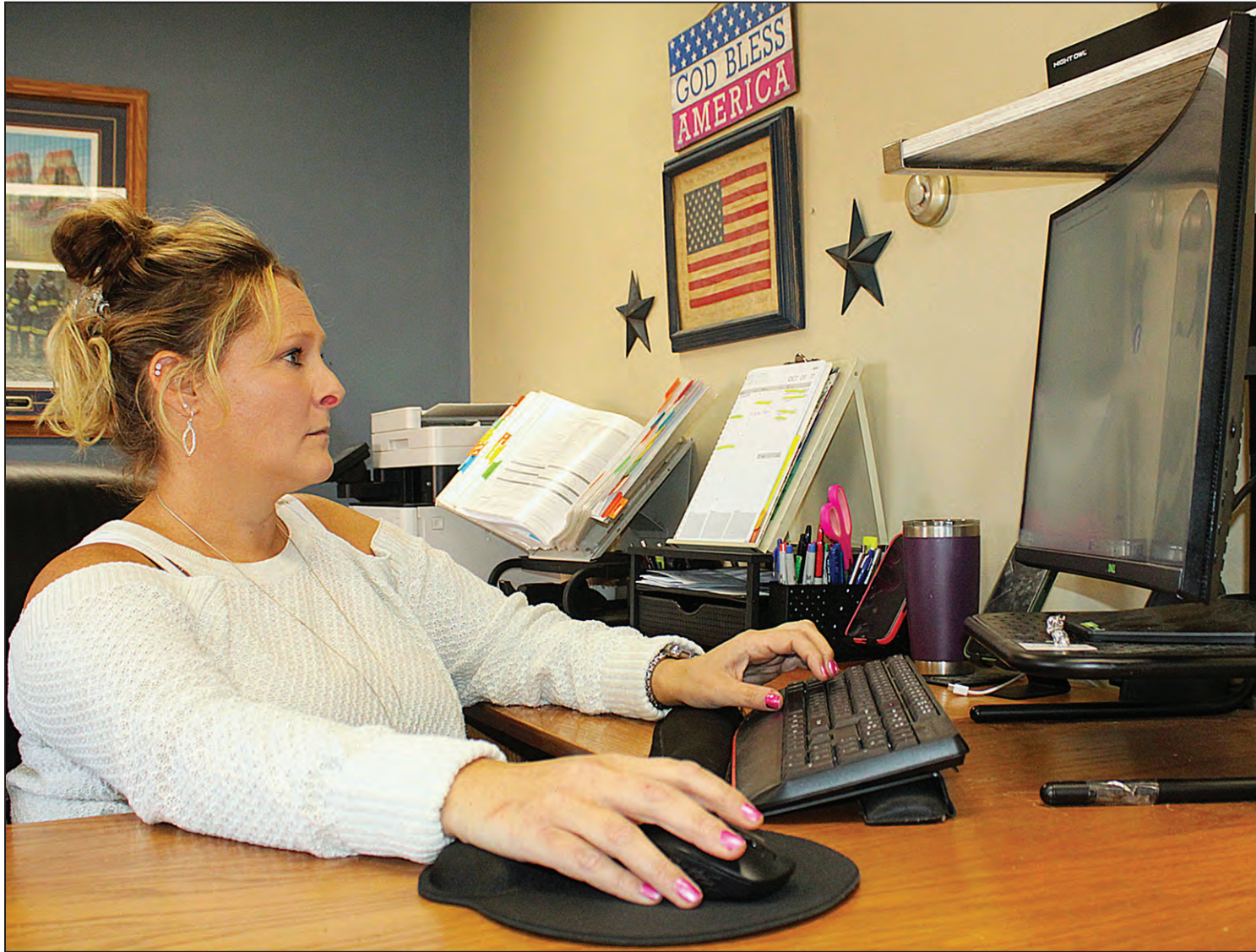
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Kaila Cota works from her desk at Vintage Insurance Agency LLC, the business she has owned and operated since 2014 inside a barn at 150 S. Rosera St. in Lena. GREG SEUBERT

Big red barn perfect fit for Lena insurance business

Cota also has display room showcasing community history

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Preserving the past while helping her clients prepare for the future — It's a business plan that works well for Kaila Cota, who owns and operates Vintage Insurance Agency LLC in Lena.

What makes her business stand out isn't the policies she prepares or the one-on-one service she provides her customers. It's the agency's location that makes it unique.

After deciding against opening her new business venture 12 years ago in a vacant building that used to house a bakery on Lena's Main Street, Cota opted to set up shop a century-old barn on South Rosera Street less than a block south of the village's main intersection.

"It was farmed by the Rosera family," she said. "It was an actual dairy farm. There is still (Rosera) family in the area, and they come in and tell stories about when they had to clean the barn."

According to information Cota was able to find, cows were milked on the farm until 1979 and heifers were raised in the barn until 1990. Fred Rosera built a home that went with the farm in 1901. That house, at 206 S. Rosera St., is still a private residence and has been separated from the barn for years by a Prevea Health medical clinic.

"I started my own insurance agency in 2014," Cota said. "I was born and raised here just out of town on a dairy farm. I wanted to be on Main Street and wanted to be in the old bakery (building). I remember going to the bakery as a kid. At that time, it was vacant and needed a lot of work. My dad was like, 'I just don't think that's going to be



One of Lena's most recognizable buildings, a barn on South Rosera Street less than a block south of Main Street, has housed an insurance agency office since 2014. GREG SEUBERT

suitable.' He said, 'Let's go look at (the barn).'

"My heart was set over there, that's where I wanted to be. My vision of it was I was going to have a small office front and never thought at that point that I would bring all my antiques and decorate with them to make it all coordinated together."

She recalled walking into the barn for the first time.

"As soon as I walked in, I knew there could be life in this," she said. "We did the carpet, painted and had to fix some of the windows."

The barn was vacant at the time after the owners of the pellet stove store retired.

"It was pretty much storage for them at that point," Cota said. "I came in and

as soon as I opened the door, I knew it was home to my business. Coming from the farm, it kind of keeps the country life going."

She eventually purchased the barn in 2015.

"It's the big red barn," she said. "That's all I have to say. Everybody says, 'OK, I know where that is.'"

Cota knew about the barn while growing up in the area.

"I knew it was here but never really knew anything about it," she said. "I went past it every day growing up. I never said, 'One day, I'm going to own that.'"

The display room includes memories of Lena's first 150 years, including toys,

Early monarch memories come to life

When I was a young child, I lived on the last block at the edge of town. Beyond it lay rolling hills that beckoned me to explore. I considered them my playground. One experience has stayed

with me for more than half a century.



LISA JANSEN
COLUMNIST

One day, I ventured over the third hill, farther than I had gone before. There stood an extraordinary tree. I remember thinking I had

stumbled into heaven. The tree was drenched in orange, not from its leaves but from what rested upon them.

Looking closer, I realized that every branch seemed blanketed with monarch butterflies. Their wings were closed, and they were packed so tightly together that it was difficult to distinguish one from another.

I knew what a monarch was, but I had never seen them gathered in such astonishing numbers. The sight was beautiful, unbelievable and mesmerizing. I didn't understand what I was witnessing, but I have felt a special connection to monarchs ever since.

Years later, I learned that the final generation of monarchs each year, known as the "super generation," migrates south and clusters together like this on trees throughout the winter. Monarchs that live east of the Rockies migrate to Mexico's oyamel fir forests, while those from the Northwest overwinter in California's coastal groves.

Reaching Mexico's monarch colonies requires planes, buses, donkeys, and mountain hikes, so I hoped to see monarchs roosting in California instead. That opportunity came during a birding festival last January, when I heard about an overwintering refuge near my lodging. I set out to see my miracle monarchs again.

I planned to arrive before the sun warmed their wings for flight. I imagined sagging branches covered in butterflies and wondered how I might photograph their overlapping wings. I was over the moon with excitement, feeling like the adventurous young girl who

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Monarchs roost during their fall migration. LISA JANSEN

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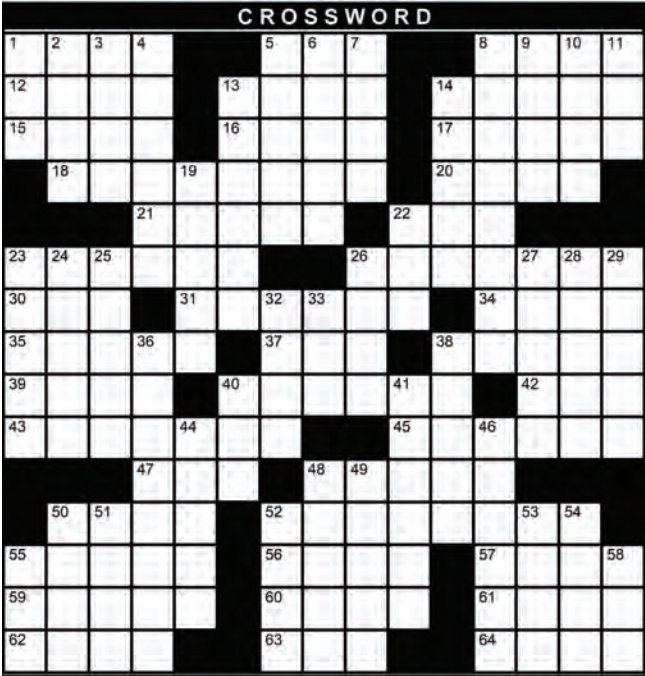
Take time this fall to look for opportunities to add this beautiful and ecologically important plant to your landscape. You, the pollinators and songbirds will be glad you did.

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.

THEME: HALLOWEEN ACROSS

- 1. *Count Dracula's creator
- 5. Zeppelin lead-in
- 8. Dry riverbed
- 12. Stew bean
- 13. Workbench holding device
- 14. Thing of the past
- 15. Just right (3 words)
- 16. "If all ____ fails..."
- 17. Thin mountain ridge
- 18. *Michael Jackson's Halloween party song
- 20. Exclamation, with Louise
- 21. Like days long gone
- 22. Lion's "hand"
- 23. Large seabird
- 26. YHWH
- 30. 50 states, acr.
- 31. Gone (2 words)
- 34. Drawn in the sand?
- 35. Long stories
- 37. Over there
- 38. Subsequently
- 39. Doris Day's "Que ____"
- 40. One million ohms
- 42. Vatican vestment
- 43. Causes of PTSD
- 45. Theater passages
- 47. Local Area Network
- 48. Like autumn air
- 50. '60s British teenagers
- 52. *Jason's last name
- 55. Subway in Paris
- 56. Pinnacle
- 57. First Nation nation
- 59. Cheerleader's prop
- 60. *____'s "swelter'd

- venom" in #36 Down
61. Capital of Ukraine
62. Any day now
63. Francisco lead-in
64. Dried-up
- ## DOWN
- 1. Club alternative
 - 2. '80s band "Quiet ____"
 - 3. Wet nurse
 - 4. Maid, after getting married
 - 5. City in Northern France
 - 6. Ruhr's industrial center
 - 7. Hunted ruminant
 - 8. *Full moon shapeshifter
 - 9. Sheltered, nautically speaking
 - 10. Flighty one
 - 11. Skater's turf
 - 13. South African grasslands
 - 14. Indian prince
 - 19. Intestinal obstruction
 - 22. Liveliness in one's step
 - 23. *Ghost at a Halloween party
 - 24. According to
 - 25. Nigerian money
 - 26. Jupiter's sister and wife
 - 27. Essential to life
 - 28. Anoint
 - 29. *Witches' hemlock and belladonna, e.g.
 - 32. *Pennywise's are mismatched
 - 33. *"Wool of bat, and tongue of ____"
 - 36. *"...toil and trouble; fire burn and ____ bubble"
 - 38. Anabaptist group
 - 40. Gingerbread shape
 - 41. *Red-____, like Win-



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44. Wide-mouth jar inventor
46. Small spots
48. "Cuckoo for ____ Puffs"
49. Kieran Culkin as ____ Roy
50. Not nice
51. Von Bismarck or Hahn, e.g.
52. Giant kettles
53. Great Lake
54. Tiresias in "Oedipus Rex," e.g.
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FRIDAY, OCT. 23

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.

NAVARINO: Halloween Happenings Goes to Hogwarts, 5:30-9 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. \$1 per person; food and drinks available for sale. Come in costume or in “muggle” clothes. Non-scary event; inflatable trail with Halloween decorations; games and trick-or-treat candy.

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

WITTENBERG: “A Doublewide, Texas Christmas,” 7 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. Crossroads Community Theatre production. Doors open 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$15, available at Wittenberg SENTRY or call 715-253-3525.

SATURDAY, OCT. 24

OCONTO: Bark and Boo Stroll, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Oconto Police Department, 1210 Main St. Pet costume contest and dog walk around Oconto starting at 10 a.m. Registration 9:30-10 a.m. Registration \$30 per person. K-9 demonstration, booyah, 50/50 raffle, coffee truck.

OCONTO FALLS: Trick or Treat Trail, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., West Side Beach, 307-399 N. Flatley Ave. Wooded trail, games, treats, activities. Preregistration required; QR code at Oconto Falls Trick or Treat Trail page on Facebook.

CECIL: Trunk or Treat, 3-6

p.m., Shur Rescue, N6561 Cheese Factory Road. Kids and adult costume contest, best decorated trunk contest, 50/50 raffle. Free event; Register by texting 715-927-7297, please include make, model and license plate number.

SHAWANO: Jayson Cross stand-up comedy, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., Ignacio’s Puebla Street Foods, 230 E. Green Bay St. Tickets \$45 at Ignacio’s.

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MONDAY, OCT. 26

OCONTO FALLS: “My Ascension,” 5:30-8:30 p.m., Oconto Falls High School, 210 N. Farm Road. Documentary on suicide prevention. Resource tables available from 5:30-6:15 p.m. sharing information on mental health and suicide prevention; film screens at 6:15 p.m.; discussion at 7:45 p.m. facilitated by professionals from the community and surrounding areas.

TUESDAY, OCT. 27

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

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28

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THURSDAY, OCT. 29

SHAWANO: American Red Cross blood drive, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B. Appointments at RedCrossBlood.org or 800-733-2767.

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.

MOUNTAIN: Sweet Street Trick or Treat, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Mountain Community Center, 13412 State Highway 32-64.

FRIDAY, OCT. 30

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

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

SATURDAY, OCT. 31

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

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

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had first discovered them.

When I arrived, cars filled the parking lot, yet not a speck of orange or black appeared. No monarchs in the trees, sky or on the ground. Not one. I was heartbroken. I knew their numbers were declining, but I hadn’t expected this. Later, I learned they had simply chosen another location that year.

As I continued learning about monarchs, I discovered something I’d overlooked for years – the super generation congregates not only at wintering grounds but also along its southern migration route. The butterflies seek sheltered roosting spots based on wind protection, water, nectar and suitable trees. Sometimes they return to the same trees their ancestors visited the year before. The butterflies that covered that tree in my childhood memory were migrating monarchs.

That discovery sparked a question: Could I experience my monarch miracle again, closer to home? To my amazement, I learned that hundreds, sometimes thousands, of monarchs gather during their fall migration at the southern tip of Michigan’s Stonington Peninsula, just a few hours away.

So off I went.

While there, I met Opal Hoffman, a dedicated community volunteer who educates visitors, organizes volunteers, tags monarchs and shares updates in the Facebook group Monarch Butterfly Migration on Stonington Peninsula. She explained that favorable wind and weather conditions funnel migrating butterflies down the peninsula over Lake Michigan to Door County.

Upon arriving, the monarchs remained clustered in the trees, too cold to fly. But as sunlight touched their wings, they seemed to come alive. One by one, they began to flutter, rising into the sky like heavenly orange angels. My spirit lifted right along with them.

Stonington Peninsula participates in monarch research. Through Monarch Watch, volunteers attach tiny, coded stickers to monarchs’ hindwings. This season, Hoffman and fellow volunteers tagged more than 500 butterflies at the peninsula. Researchers use the tags to learn about migration routes, geographic origins and survival rates. If you spot a tagged monarch, you can report its code at monarchwatch.org/tagging.

Researchers also track monarchs through

Project Monarch’s Blu-Morpho program. They attach tiny, solar-powered Bluetooth transmitters onto the monarchs’ thorax. Any cell phone with the free Project Monarch Science app installed can act as a mini-receiver. You do not need to physically see the butterfly or point your camera at it. If a tagged monarch flies within Bluetooth range, its signal is detected and the data is automatically logged, processed and mapped.

Together, these initiatives help researchers identify important habitats and stopover sites, guiding conservation efforts.

For me, the research is fascinating, but the greatest reward is discovering that childhood wonders can come to life again, sometimes closer to home than we imagine. This time, I understood a little more of the miracle before me.

The next time you see a monarch, take a moment to appreciate not only its beauty but also the remarkable journey unfolding just beyond your backyard.

Lisa Jansen is a Wisconsin master naturalist, nature writer, and award-winning photographer. She specializes in raising awareness of birds and butterflies of the Midwest.

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appliances, clothing and more.

“Growing up out on the farm, my grandpa used to go to a lot of auctions and get the dollar box,” Cota said. “I always picked out stuff and saved stuff, and that’s how I got collecting. A lot of it was never on display.”

The display room is tied to Cota’s business, which was her plan from the beginning.

“They come in to reminisce and say, ‘Oh, I had this as a kid,’ or ‘Oh, I remember that,’” she said. “It’s kind of a cool

centerpiece. People walk in the door and they’re not expecting that. Just watching my clients walk in that have never been here before is and seeing their face is probably the biggest thing. I just love it.”

Cota’s business doesn’t take up a lot of room in the barn. She has a desk in the display room near the entrance door but spends most of her time in a separate office room.

“The back is just storage at this point,” she said. “I don’t need this

much space.”

Cota will change the display room from time to time and add new items.

Cota said she’s glad she went with the barn over a smaller office space.

“I’m very happy that I went this way,” she said. “I’m trying to keep some of the history going. If we don’t preserve some of that, kids aren’t going to know what it was like years ago.”

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At the end of October, I will be celebrating my 80th birthday. During those eight decades, I have forged precious relationships and made priceless memories. I'm planning to spend the next year tying up loose ends, getting my memoir finished and showing my loved ones how much they mean to me.



KATHLEEN MARSH
COLUMNIST

As a teenager, I knew I was never going to be cool so I decided to go for competence. I worked hard, concentrating on learning, getting things done and looking presentable. So far, so good.

Like most everyone, I encountered tough challenges and heart-rending losses. I'm my own worst critic and admit to making many mistakes and missteps, but with the support of a wonderful family and great friends, I've lived a full, satisfying life. Along the way, I learned that a powerful coping tool is laughter.

A good sense of humor can get you through almost anything. Even when things seem darkest, a joke or funny story that evokes a good chuckle can help connect with others and perhaps spark a little joy for them, too. No one

is better at that than my husband.

People who know Jon appreciate that he is a gifted storyteller. It's his most endearing quality; he's made me laugh for 45 years. He sometimes pokes light-hearted fun at me, but being the punch line of his jokes is OK because I try not to take myself too seriously.

Here's an example. One night, I spent a lot of time getting ready to go to a wedding. I really wanted to look my best, but it wasn't happening. I moaned in frustration when he came to see what was taking me so long.

"Jon," I explained. "It takes me twice as long now to look half as good."

"You're beautiful," he said.

I appreciate it when he tells me that, but I'm not blind.

"You always say that, Jon, but when I look in the mirror, all I see is thinning hair, wrinkled skin and a saggy body. I could really use a serious compliment tonight."

He thought for a moment. "OK, Wifey. You have perfect vision, and remember, the only way to have a hot smoking body at your age is cremation."

I laughed so hard it made my mascara run.

Truth is, I've been forced to face the fact that now that I finally got my head together, my body is falling apart. Why, if I were a car, I'd be traded in for a newer model because every time I cough, sputter or sneeze, my radiator leaks and my exhaust backfires.

Hey, I'm not the only one. A friend and I were commiserating recently about our digestive issues while having a glass of elderberry wine. After her second refill, she confided that aging has made a definite difference in the romance department at her house. She said the night before she'd been in the mood and asked her husband to come upstairs to bed. He said he was sorry, but he didn't think he could do both.

I tried to cheer her up. "There are some benefits to aging. Remember high school? Getting old means a lot less peer pressure. And we both have time now to spend in church. I consider it cramming for the final."

She rolled her eyes. "Sure, but I refuse to think about dying or even assisted living. There's no place like home, but my kids better not try to put me in one."

We both giggled, but there is definitely some



Jon and Kathleen Marsh portray Whiskey Jack and Cathouse Cate at the Holt and Balcom Logging Camp in summer 2024.

truth in jest.

On that same topic, last week I was at the library and overheard some seniors discussing their ailments.

"My arms are so weak I can hardly hold a cup of coffee," said one.

"I know," replied another. "My cataracts are so bad, I can't even see my coffee."

"Well, I can't turn my head because of arthritis in my neck," said a third. "And my blood pressure pills make me dizzy."

A fourth chimed in.

"Guess that's the price we pay for getting old."

They all nodded.

"Hey, it's not that bad," chirped a fifth. "Thank God we can all still drive."

Oh, boy.

Turns out, jokes aren't just about making people laugh. They're about celebrating wild stories and hilarious memories. Like dancing to juke box music in a malt shop, tipping over an outhouse, cruising the downtown business district in your boyfriend's souped-up Chevy.

One precious memory

JINA JONEN
I have is doing comedy presentations at the logging camp. As Whiskey Jack and Cathouse Cate, we made audiences laugh while learning logging history. Remembering that makes me feel good all over. Laughter is indeed the best medicine.

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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STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

CIRCUIT COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Raymond Francis Piechota

Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 2026PR71

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
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
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano Courthouse, 311 N Main St, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office Shawano, WI 54166
Atty. Thomas J. Martell
117 North Main Street, PO Box 237
Shawano, WI 54166
715-201-3364 1003597

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SHA-363

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MARTHA BLANCHE PETERS

Amended
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 26 PR 73

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth April 19, 1937 and date of death August 15, 2026 was domiciled in Shawano County, State of WI with a mailing address of W364 State Hwy 156, Pulaski, Wisconsin 54162
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 12, 2027
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano, WI, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate office Wm. J. Vande Castle
VANDE CASTLE, S.C.
303 S. Jefferson St.
Green Bay, WI 54301 Telephone (920) 435-3599
Bar Number (if any) 1016919

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

CIRCUIT COURT
COVANTAGE CREDIT UNION
PO BOX 107
ANTIGO, WI 54409

Plaintiffs,
VS,
NATHAN POWELL
AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NATHAN POWELL
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Case No. 23-CV-99

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on September 25, 2023 in the amount of \$73,548.84 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:

TIME: November 11, 2026 at 9:00 am
TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the Shawano County Clerk of Courts. (Personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation for the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and encumbrances.
PLACE: Shawano County Courthouse, main lobby 311 N. Main Street in Shawano, WI 54166 in Shawano County

DESCRIPTION: That part of Lots 3 and 5 in Block 8 of Danks and Richmonds Plat, according to the Assessor's map of the City of Shawano, Shawano County, Wisconsin, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Lot 3 in block 8 of Danks and Richmonds Plat, according to the Assessor's Map of the City of Shawano; thence North along East boundary of Washington Street 65 feet, more or less, to the North boundary of Hill Street; thence West along North boundary of Hill Street 79 feet to the East boundary of Washington Street; thence North along East boundary of Washington Street 50 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning.
Parcel Identification Number (PIN) : 281 451500750

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 346 S Washington St. Shawano, WI 54166
Galanis, Pollack, Jacobs & Johnson, S.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff
413 N. 2 nd Street, Suite 150
Milwaukee, WI 53203
414-271-5400
Galanis, Pollack, Jacobs & Johnson, S.C. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a Chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.

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SHA-381

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

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY

CASE NO. 26-CV-78
Hon. Katherine Sloma, Br. 1
ASSOCIATED BANK, N.A.

Plaintiff,
vs.
VICTORIA E. CONRADT

Defendants,

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that by virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-captioned action on July 29, 2026,

in the amount of \$166,765.43, the Sheriff or his Designee will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:
TIME: November 11, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: in the main lobby of the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 North Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166

DESCRIPTION:

Parcel 1:

Lot 2 of Certified Survey Map recorded May 4, 1972 in Volume 1 of Certified Surveys on page 132 as Document No. 318391, being a redivision of Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map recorded October 26, 1967 in Volume 1 of Certified Surveys on page 56 as Document No. 296956 and being a part of vacated Waukechon Road and part of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 20 in Assessors Plat of the City of Shawano, Shawano County, Wisconsin.
Tax Key No. 281-40400-1550
AND
Parcel 2:

Lot 2 in Forest Hill Estates, City of Shawano, Shawano County, Wisconsin, except that part bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of the said Lot 2; thence South 44°22'00" West along the Southeasterly line of the said Lot 2, 116.76 feet; thence North 0°44'45" West 80.85 feet to the North line of the said Lot 2; thence South 89°48'58" East along the said North line 85.56 feet to the place of beginning.
Tax Key No. 281-50150-0010
Tax Key: 281-40400-1550; 281-50150-0010

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1506 E Lieg Ave. Shawano, WI 54166

TERMS: Down payment required **at the time of Sheriff's Sale** in the amount of 10% of the successful bid by cash or certified check; balance of sale price due within ten business days of confirmation of sale by the Court, together with the applicable transfer fee and cost of recording the deed, all payable to the Clerk of Court of the above county. Property to be sold as a whole 'as is' and subject to all real estate taxes, accrued and accruing, special assessments, if any, penalties and interest.

Sheriff George Lenzner
Shawano County, Wisconsin
Plaintiff's Attorney:
Weld Riley, S.C.
500 Third Street, Suite 800
P.O. Box 479
Wausau, WI 54402-0479
(715) 845-8234
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10/23/26, 10/30/26, 11/6/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice and Order for
Name Change Hearing
Case No. 26CV212

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME
CHANGE OF

Gavin James Buss

By Gavin James Buss

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Gavin James Buss
To: Gavin James Shmo

Birth Certificate: Gavin James Buss

IT IS ORDERED:

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County, State of Wisconsin
Judge Name: Kathrine Sloma
Place: Shawano County Courthouse
311 N. Main St, Shawano, WI 54166
Date: 12/30/2026
Time: 8:30 am

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

CIRCUIT COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Robert L. Lehman, Jr.

Notice to Creditors (Informal
Administration)
Case No. 26 PR 75

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 6-5-1967 and date of death 8-31-2026 was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N3119 Tower Road, Tigerton, WI 54486
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 29, 2027
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate office Shawano, WI 54166
James E. Aschenbrener 1008896
P.O. Box 146, Shawano, WI 54166
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SHA-382

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

Notice of Public Hearing

Planning, Development and Zoning Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 4, 2026 @ 9:00 AM

Shawano County Courthouse, Rooms A & B

Members: Ken Capelle, Curt Korth, Kathy Luebke, James Radtke, Steve Pollock

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Shawano County Planning, Development and Zoning Committee under the Shawano County Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 40, in Rooms A/B on November 4, 2026 at 9AM, to consider the following application:

Z-11-26: Michael Hoffman, agent for Luke E and Melissa J Laatsch, owners request zone change of 129,880 square feet (parent parcel #018-17320-0010) from A-R, Agricultural Residential Zoning District to FP, Farmland and Forest Preservation Zoning District for the purpose of adjusting lot lines between two parcels of different zoning districts. Rezone property to be combined to parcel #018-17320-0000 via a recorded Certified Survey Map. Property is located and described as: Part of the NW1/4 SW1/4, Section 17, T26N-R13E, Commencing at the West 1/4 Corner of Section 17; Thence S01°53'43"W, along the West line of the SW1/4 of said Section, 748.96 feet to the Point of Beginning; Thence S88°06'17"E, 500.00 feet; Thence S01°53'43"W, 170.00 feet; Thence S88°06'17"E, 820.00 feet; Thence S01°53'43"W, 100.00 feet; Thence N88°06'17"W, 970.02 feet; Thence N01°53'43"E, 233.63 feet; Thence N83°06'31"W, 351.31 feet; Thence N01°53'43"E, along the West line of the SW1/4, 5.77 feet to the Point of Beginning. Town of Grant. Currently vacant land.

Z-12-26: Michael Hoffman, agent for Tyler P & Lyndsey Lee Schulke, Henselin Farms Inc., and Michael & Trisha Hoffman, owners request zone change on 2 parcels of land: 1) 12,545 square feet (parent parcel #018-18410-0010) to be combined with parcel #018-18420-0000 located and described as: Part of Lot 2 of Certified Survey Map #4421 Volume 24 Page 152, located in the NW1/4 SE1/4, Section 18, T26N-R13E Commencing at the East 1/4 Corner of Section 18; Thence N89°54'21"W, along the North line of the SE1/4 of said Section, 1308.53 feet; Thence S02°00'00"W, along the East line of the NW1/4 SE1/4 of said Section, 62.93 feet to the Point of Beginning; Thence continuing S02°00'00"W, 224.24 feet; Thence S68°20'17"W, 300.81 feet; Thence N63°42'39"E, 267.14 feet; Thence N01°04'54"E, 220.28 feet; Thence S81°16'59"E, along the South right-of-way of C.T.H. "M", 22.06 feet; Thence S89°48'50"E, along said right-of-way, 21.92 feet to the Point of Beginning; AND 2) 10,958 square feet (parent parcel #018-18410-0010) to be combined with parcel #018-18410-0000 Part of Lot 2 of Certified Survey Map #4421 Volume 24 Page 152, located in the NW1/4 SE1/4, Section 18, T26N-R13E, Commencing at the East 1/4 Corner of Section 18; Thence S01°53'43"W, along the East line of the SE1/4 of said Section, 208.82 feet to the Point of Beginning; Thence continuing S01°53'43"W, along said line, 35.00 feet; Thence N89°54'21"W, 313.24 feet; Thence N01°53'43"E, 35.00 feet; Thence S89°54'21"E, 313.24 feet to the Point of Beginning. Both from the FP, Farmland and Forest Preservation Zoning District to A-R, Agricultural Residential Zoning District for the purpose of adjusting lot lines between two parcels of different zoning districts. Rezone properties to be combined via a recorded Certified Survey Map. Town of Grant. Currently vacant land.

Any interested person may address the Planning, Development and Zoning Committee by letter or appear in person, or by agent, and be heard at the public hearing. Written correspondence must bear a legible signature of the author as well as the primary address of the signer.

The Committee will accept and review all previously received pertinent information relative to the above listed item(s) during the open session of the public hearing on November 4, 2026. Notice is further given that printed copies of these proposals are available for public inspection in the Planning and Development office during regular business hours.

Please note that upon reasonable notice, effort will be made to accommodate the needs of any person wishing to attend who, because of disability, requires special accommodation through appropriate aids and services. Call 715-526-6766 to leave a message for arrangements.
Dated this October 7, 2026

For: The Shawano County Planning, Development and Zoning Committee

By: Kyle Waelchli, Zoning Administrator

NOTE: Any person may appear at the public hearing and be heard and/or submit comments to be read into the record for Committee consideration. Correspondence must bear a legible signature of the author as well as the primary address of the signer.

Accommodations due to disability can be made by calling: 715-526-6766

Meeting notice emailed/posted: Shawano County Courthouse, Department of Human Services, Shawano County Library, Shawano Leader, WTCH Radio, Shawano County Civic website @ coshawanowi.civicweb.net

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10/23/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

The Specialized Transportation Assistance Grant Application for 2027 is scheduled for a public hearing on Wednesday, November 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Menominee Transportation Center, located at W2727 Our Children's Road, Keshena Wisconsin.

The Public hearing will be held for the purpose of receiving comment for Menominee County / Tribe's proposed plan for spending the allocation of \$95,866.00 authorized under Section 85.21 of the Wisconsin Statutes to implement elderly and disabled transportation programs.

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:
Gary Pyawasay, Director of Transit Services Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin
P.O. Box 910
Keshena, WI 54135-0910
(715) 799-3222 x1707

The application will be available for public inspection at the Menominee Transportation Center, W2727 Our Children's Road, Keshena, Wisconsin. Persons with disabilities that require special accommodations wishing to attend the hearing should contact the person listed above prior to November 12, 2026. The location of the hearing is handicapped accessible.

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SHA-385

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

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

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

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

AGENDA

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

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

GRESHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Gresham School District's Annual Meeting and budget hearing will be held on Monday, October 26, 2026 at 6pm in the Media Center of Gresham School located at 501 Schabow St., Gresham WI, County Shawano, pursuant to Sec. 120.08(1) of the Wisconsin Statutes. The budget in detail may be examined at the school office during regular business hours. Posting Date: October 16th, 2026, and October 23rd, 2026.
Lanell Thorne
Gresham School District Clerk

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please take notice that a Public Hearing will be held before the Plan Commission of the City of Shawano on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at 5:00 PM at Shawano City Hall, 127 S. Sawyer St., Shawano, WI to consider the following: Zoning Map amendment pursuant to City Code Section 10-170 to rezone from Single Family and Two Family Residential (SR-6) to Neighborhood Mixed Use the property known as:

Parcel #281-404002680, 208 E. Maurer Street, Shawano, WI (Legal description: City of Shawano Assessors Map All of Lots 5-6-7-8 & Lot 9 Ex E 12' Blk 32 & Vacated Alley Des V605 P667 201 E Richmond St-Garage.

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

Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk
City of Shawano

WNAXLP
SHA-377

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

CIRCUIT COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ROSE MARIE MASTEY

Amended
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 26PR45

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth March 30, 1935, and date of death May 23, 2026, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of WI with a mailing address of W2082 HWY 162, Pulaski, Wisconsin 54162
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 12, 2027.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano, WI Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office.
Wm. J. Vande Castle
VANDE CASTLE, S.C.
303 S. Jefferson St.
Green Bay, WI 54301 Telephone (920) 435-3599
Bar Number (if any) 1016919

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

CIRCUIT COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MARTHA BLANCHE PETERS

Amended
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 26 PR 73

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth April 19, 1937 and date of death August 15, 2026, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of WI, with a mailing address of W364 State Hwy 156, Pulaski, Wisconsin 54162.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 12, 2027.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano, WI, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate office.
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1016919

WNAXLP
SHA-372

10/23/26
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SHAWANO COUNTY

At the September 23, 2026 Shawano County Board of Supervisors meeting, the following ordinances were adopted. A summary of the ordinances is as follows:
Ordinance No. 16-26. Ordinance Amending Shawano County Zoning Map (Brenda Stevens, Wanda Blundon F/K/A Waldvogel, Lynn Murphy, and Dorothy Chase - Town of Aniwa)
Ordinance No. 17-26. Ordinance Creating Article IV of Chapter 16 of County Code of Ordinances Regarding Food Safety and Recreational Licensing
The Ordinances in their entirety can be viewed at the County Clerk's office and are available on the Shawano County Government website at www.co.shawano.wi.us

WNAXLP
SHA-384

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Shawano Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at 5:00 PM at Shawano City Hall, 127 S. Sawyer St., Shawano, WI to consider the following:

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT to allow Adam Schultz to install roof mounted PV solar with battery energy storage system on their roof at 516 S. Lincoln St., Shawano, WI per City of Shawano Municipal Code Section 10-65(19) small solar system as a conditional use. The property is located in the Single Family Residential (SR-5) zoning district. *(Legal description: City of Shawano Naber-Ruedeusch Lot 9 Blk 5)*

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

Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk
City of Shawano

WNAXLP
SHA-369

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

CIRCUIT COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Eugene C. Field

Amended
Notice to Creditors (Informal
Administration)
Case No. 26 PR 43

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 6-25-1947 and date of death 5-17-2026 was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N7910 Bluebird Road, Eland, WI 54427
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 23, 2027
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin Room Probate 202
James E. Aschenbrener
P.O. Box 146, Shawano, WI 54166
715-524-6258 1008896

WNAXLP
SHA-368



10/23/26

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Lakeland Storage 722 Waukechon Street, Shawano WI 54166 November 7, 2026 to November 9, 2026 at 2PM. Bidding is on complete contents of unit. Sale will take place on www.storage-treasures.com. Owner: Luane Barrios Contents: boxes, bags, totes, vacuum cleaners, bicycle, household furniture, canopy, portable washer, misc.

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PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY
SHERIFF'S
DEPARTMENT

Oct. 18
Deputies responded to 41 incidents, including a fight in progress on Weasel Dam Road in Gresham; two 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; three traffic hazards; one welfare check; four

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crashes, one involving deer.

Oct. 17
Report not received by press time.

Oct. 16
Deputies responded to

47 incidents, including suspicious activity near Lake and Loon Lake drives in the Town of Wescott; one 911 call; 10 traffic stops; two reckless driving incidents; five traffic hazards; one welfare check; three crashes, two involving deer.

Oct. 15
Deputies responded to 27

incidents, including a weapon offense on South Andrews Street in Shawano; drugs on Moh He Con Nuck Road in Stockbridge-Munsee jurisdiction; operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated near East Green Bay and South Fairview streets in Shawano; robbery on Maple Avenue in Cecil; OWI near state Highway 47-55 and County Road A in the Town of Wescott; property damage on West Grand Avenue in Wittenberg; theft on Main Street in Gresham; a disturbance on Curt Black Road in the Town of Wescott; a disturbance on Main Street in the Town of Angelica; one 911 call; four traffic stops; one traffic hazard; three welfare checks; one crash.

Oct. 14
Deputies responded to 59 incidents, including theft on South Mission Street in Wittenberg; drugs near state Highway 29 and Leopold Road in the Town of Herman; suspicious activity on Grove Street in the Town of Angelica; a disturbance on Honey-suckle Lane in Tigerton; an animal bite on Beeler Drive in the Town of Washington; five 911 calls; 22 traffic stops; five reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; one crash.

Oct. 13
Deputies responded to 40

incidents, including attempted theft on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; an animal bite on Willow Road in the Town of Angelia; four 911 calls; six traffic stops; five reckless driving incidents; four traffic hazards; two welfare checks; three crashes, one involving deer.

Oct. 12
Deputies responded to 46 incidents, including a scam on East Lake Crest Drive in the Town of Wescott; bail jumping on County Road B in the Town of Waukechon; intoxication at Dollar General, 472 U.S. Highway 45, Birnamwood; suspicious activity on state Highway 156 in the Town of Lessor; four 911 calls; six traffic stops; six reckless driving incidents; five traffic hazards; one crash.

SHAWANO POLICE
DEPARTMENT

Oct. 18
Officers responded to 15 incidents, including operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated on state Highway 29 west of Valley Road in Bonduel; a disturbance on County Road B; a drug offense on South Main Street; an intoxicated person at Four Seasons, 201 N. Airport Drive; two 911 calls; one traffic stop; three welfare checks; one crash.

Oct. 17
Officers responded to 12 incidents, including suspicious activity near Olson and East Richmond streets; suspicious activity at Wisconsin House, 216 E. Green Bay St.; fraud on East Green Bay Street; two 911 calls; two traffic stops; one crash.

Oct. 16
Officers responded to 25 incidents, including a noise disturbance on Engel Drive; child abuse or neglect at a redacted location; truancy at Olga Brenner School, 1300 S. Union St.; assault at a redacted location; suspicious activity outside Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; one 911 call; three traffic stops; one welfare check; one crash.

Oct. 15
Officers responded to 29 incidents, including a weapon offense on South Andrews Street; a noise disturbance on Engel Drive; suspicious activity outside Olga Brenner School, 1300 S. Union St.; disorderly conduct at Shawano County Humane Society, 1290 Jaycee Court; assault at a redacted location; robbery on Maple Avenue; suspicious activity on Highview Avenue; one 911 call; one traffic stop; one reckless driving incident; three welfare checks; two crashes.

VILLAGE OF BONDUEL NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING 2027 PROPOSED BUDGET						
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with Section 65.90 Wisconsin Statutes, that a public hearing will be held at the Bonduel Village Hall, 117 W Green Bay Street, Bonduel, WI, on Wednesday, November 11, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. on the proposed 2027 budget. The proposed budget, in detail, is available for inspection at the Village Hall in the Clerk/Treasurer's office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday or by appointment.						
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that immediately following the completion of the public hearing, the regular Village Board meeting will be held to adopt the 2027 budget.						
Michelle Maroszek, Village Clerk/Treasurer						
The following is a summary of the proposed 2027 budget.						

Village of Bonduel 2027 General Fund						
	2024 Audited Budget	2025 Audited Budget	2026 Budget	2026 Projected Budget	2027 Proposed Budget	% Change 2027 Proposed versus 2026 Budget
Expenditures						
General Government	\$ 186,564	\$ 216,847	\$ 227,144	\$ 225,874	\$ 220,605	-2.88%
Public Safety	\$ 244,922	\$ 346,848	\$ 430,074	\$ 430,354	\$ 464,844	8.08%
Public Works	\$ 304,605	\$ 294,320	\$ 275,150	\$ 274,466	\$ 273,933	-0.44%
Health and Sanitation	\$ 218,145	\$ 230,213	\$ 220,626	\$ 261,055	\$ 267,885	21.42%
Culture and Recreation	\$ 87,073	\$ 97,864	\$ 85,783	\$ 83,610	\$ 86,640	1.00%
Conservation & Development	\$ 4,442	\$ 19,265	\$ -			
Operating Transfer Out		360,369				
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,045,751	\$ 1,565,726	\$ 1,238,777	\$ 1,275,359	\$ 1,313,907	6.06%
Revenues						
Property Tax Levy	\$ 396,850	\$ 385,055	\$ 340,477	\$ 340,477	\$ 399,746	17.41%
Other Revenues	\$ 734,512	\$ 801,984	\$ 898,300	\$ 937,350	\$ 914,161	1.77%
Operating Transfer In	\$ 4,650	\$ 374,950				
Total Revenues & Funding	\$ 1,136,012	\$ 1,561,989	\$ 1,238,777	\$ 1,277,827	\$ 1,313,907	6.06%
Excess of Revenues & Other Funding Over Expenditures	\$ 90,261	\$ (3,737)	\$ -	\$ 2,468	\$ -	
Property Tax Levy	\$ 396,850	\$ 385,055	\$ 340,477	\$ 340,477	\$ 399,746	17.41%
Assessed Full Valuation	\$ 89,758,400	\$ 89,570,600	\$ 90,422,700	\$ 90,422,700	\$ 159,468,700 *	76.36%
Village Tax Rate w/o TID	\$ 4.42	\$ 4.30	\$ 3.77	\$ 3.77	\$ 2.51	-33.43%
Fund Balance January 1	\$ 489,634	\$ 579,895		\$ 576,158		
Net Change	\$ 90,261	\$ (3,737)		\$ 2,468		
Fund Balance December 31	\$ 579,895	\$ 576,158		\$ 578,626		

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Village of Bonduel 2027 Capital Equipment Fund						
	2024 Audited Budget	2025 Audited Budget	2026 Budget	2026 Projected Budget	2027 Proposed Budget	% Change 2027 Proposed versus 2026 Budget
Expenditures						
Capital Equipment	\$ 8,071	\$ 54,268	\$ 211,984	\$ 196,707	\$ 91,000	-57.07%
Capital Reserve	\$ 247,668	\$ 177,821	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Debt Service/Lease	\$ 62,615	\$ 62,617	\$ 62,616	\$ 62,616	\$ 62,616	0.00%
Total Expenditures	\$ 318,354	\$ 294,706	\$ 274,600	\$ 259,323	\$ 153,616	-44.06%
Revenues						
Property Tax Levy	\$ 25,493	\$ 39,623	\$ 107,812	\$ 107,812	\$ 92,008	-14.66%
Other Revenues	\$ 223,400	\$ 289,607	\$ 57,008	\$ 57,283	\$ 61,608	8.07%
Proceeds of Debt		\$ 19,455				
Cash on Hand	\$ -	\$ 12,000	\$ 82,357	\$ 82,357	\$ -	
Operating Transfer In	\$ 28,285	\$ 28,285	\$ 27,423	\$ 27,423	\$ -	
Total Revenues	\$ 277,178	\$ 388,970	\$ 274,600	\$ 274,875	\$ 153,616	-44.06%
Excess of Revenues & Other Funding Over Expenditures	\$ (41,176)	\$ 94,264	\$ -	\$ 15,552	\$ -	
Property Tax Levy	\$ 25,493	\$ 39,623	\$ 107,812	\$ 107,812	\$ 92,008	-14.66%
Assessed Valuation	\$ 89,758,400	\$ 89,570,600	\$ 90,422,700	\$ 90,422,700	\$ 159,468,700 *	76.36%
Village Tax Rate w/o TID	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.44	\$ 1.19	\$ 1.19	\$ 0.58	-51.61%
Fund Balance January 1	\$ 338,416	\$ 297,240		\$ 391,504		
Net Change	\$ (41,176)	\$ 94,264		\$ 15,552		
Fund Balance December 31	\$ 297,240	\$ 391,504		\$ 407,056		

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Village of Bonduel 2027 Capital Project Fund						
	2024 Audited Budget	2025 Audited Budget	2026 Budget	2026 Projected Budget	2027 Proposed Budget	% Change 2027 Proposed versus 2026 Budget
Expenditures						
Capital Expense	\$ 25,800	\$ 48,100	\$ 26,200	\$ 15,954	\$ 32,200	18.63%
Culture and Recreation	\$ 33,953	\$ 119,807	\$ 91,000	\$ 194,331	\$ 32,500	-180.00%
Debt Service	\$ 682,580	\$ 447,500	\$ 319,250	\$ 319,250	\$ 310,350	-2.87%
Total Expenditures	\$ 742,333	\$ 615,407	\$ 436,450	\$ 529,535	\$ 375,050	-14.07%
Revenues						
Property Tax Levy	\$ 322,279	\$ 308,450	\$ 393,735	\$ 393,735	\$ 347,482	-11.75%
Other Revenues/Assessments	\$ 114,514	\$ 45,608	\$ 3,973	\$ 54,479	\$ 5,068	27.56%
Proceeds of Debt/Funds on Hand	\$ 641,404	\$ -	\$ 38,742	\$ 228,484	\$ 22,500	
Total Revenues & Funding	\$ 1,078,197	\$ 354,058	\$ 436,450	\$ 676,698	\$ 375,050	-14.07%
Excess of Revenues & Other Funding Over Expenditures	\$ 335,864	\$ (261,349)	\$ -	\$ 147,163	\$ -	
Property Tax Levy	\$ 322,279	\$ 308,450	\$ 393,735	\$ 393,735	\$ 347,482	-11.75%
Assessed Valuation	\$ 89,758,400	\$ 89,570,600	\$ 90,422,700	\$ 90,422,700	\$ 159,468,700 *	76.36%
Village Tax Rate w/o TID	\$ 3.59	\$ 3.44	\$ 4.35	\$ 4.35	\$ 2.18	-49.96%
Fund Balance January 1	\$ 91,724	\$ 427,588		\$ 166,239		
Net Change	\$ 335,864	\$ (261,349)		\$ 147,163		
Fund Balance December 31	\$ 427,588	\$ 166,239		\$ 313,402		

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Village of Bonduel 2027 Proposed Budget Summary						
	2024 Audited Budget	2025 Audited Budget	2026 Budget	2026 Projected Budget	2027 Proposed Budget	% Change 2027 Proposed versus 2026 Budget
Village Property Tax Levy	\$ 396,850	\$ 385,055	\$ 340,477	\$ 340,477	\$ 399,746	17.41%
Capital Equipment	\$ 25,493	\$ 39,623	\$ 107,812	\$ 107,812	\$ 92,008	-14.66%
Capital Street Tax Levy	\$ 322,279	\$ 308,450	\$ 393,735	\$ 393,735	\$ 347,482	-11.75%
Total Proposed Levy	\$ 744,622	\$ 733,128	\$ 842,024	\$ 842,024	\$ 839,236	-0.33%
Village Tax Rate w/o TID	\$ 8.30	\$ 8.18	\$ 9.31	\$ 9.31	\$ 5.26	-43.49%

VILLAGE OF BONDUEL 2026 TIF District #2 - Mixed Use District						
	2024 Audited Budget	2025 Audited Budget	2026 Budget	2026 Projected Budget	2027 Proposed Budget	% Change 2027 Proposed versus 2026 Budget
Expenditures						
TIF expenses	\$ -	\$ 15,709	\$ 31,708	\$ 32,938	\$ 37,458	18.13%
TIF Incentive	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,890	
Total Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 15,709	\$ 31,708	\$ 32,938	\$ 56,348	77.71%
Revenues						
TIF Tax Revenue *	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,778	\$ 25,778	\$ 113,956 *	342.07%
Other Revenue	\$ -	\$ 27,096	\$ 24	\$ 24	\$ 65	170.83%
Total Revenues & Funding	\$ -	\$ 27,096	\$ 25,802	\$ 25,802	\$ 114,021	341.91%
Excess of Revenues & Other Funding Over Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 11,387	\$ (5,906)	\$ (7,136)	\$ 57,673	
Property Tax Levy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,778	\$ 25,778	\$ 113,956	342.07%
Assessed Full Valuation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 90,422,700	\$ 90,422,700	\$ 159,468,700 **	76.36%
TID Tax Rate	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.71	150.66%
Fund Balance January 1	\$ -	\$ (18,217)		\$ (6,830)		
Net Change	\$ -	\$ 11,387		\$ (7,136)		
Fund Balance December 31	\$ -	\$ (6,830)		\$ (13,966)		

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VILLAGE OF BONDUEL 2026 TIF District #3 - Downtown District						
	2024 Audited Budget	2025 Audited Budget	2026 Budget	2026 Projected Budget	2027 Proposed Budget	% Change 2027 Proposed versus 2026 Budget
Expenditures						
TIF expenses	\$ -	\$ 3,128	\$ 30,708	\$ 33,438	\$ 35,458	15.47%
TIF Capital Outlay	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 3,128	\$ 30,708	\$ 33,438	\$ 35,458	15.47%
Revenues						
TIF Tax Revenue *	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,375	\$ 26,375	\$ 51,850 *	96.59%
Other Revenue	\$ -	\$ 12,585	\$ 22	\$ 65	\$ 65	195.45%
Total Revenues & Funding	\$ -	\$ 12,585	\$ 26,397	\$ 26,440	\$ 51,915	96.67%
Excess of Revenues & Other Funding Over Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 9,457	\$ (4,311)	\$ (6,998)	\$ 16,457	
Property Tax Levy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,375	\$ 26,375	\$ 51,850	96.59%
Assessed Full Valuation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 90,422,700	\$ 90,422,700	\$ 159,468,700 **	76.36%
TID Tax Rate	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.33	11.47%
Fund Balance January 1	\$ -	\$ (16,228)		\$ (6,771)		
Net Change	\$ -	\$ 9,457		\$ (6,998)		
Fund Balance December 31	\$ -	\$ (6,771)		\$ (13,769)		

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tool that helps our officers locate stolen vehicles, identify vehicles associated with wanted individuals and develop leads in criminal investigations,” Musolff said. “The cameras capture license plates, vehicle images and visible characteristics as vehicles pass certain locations. The system does not use facial recognition, and it does not continuously track individuals throughout our community.”

Musolff acknowledged that privacy concerns should be taken into account, but the police department has a written policy outlining what is in place to provide safeguards to prevent incidents. Data is only stored for 30 days and then deleted from the system, although Shawano is working to get that retention limited to seven days.

“Access is limited to

authorized personnel,” Musolff said. “Searches must have a legitimate law enforcement purpose, and system activity is logged and subject to review.”

The safeguards, in Musolff’s view, will help prevent what happened earlier this year in Milwaukee, where a police officer was criminally charged after using the Flock cameras to keep track of someone he was in a relationship with and that person’s ex-partner. According to Wisconsin Public Radio, Milwaukee has made changes limiting who can access the system.

“This is a big deal for officers to make sure they do not misuse the system,” Musolff said. “Our goal is to use this technology responsibly, protect the information it collects and maintain accountability for how it is used.”

The cameras have done

some good, and Musolff cited examples in a written handout to the council. A 91-year-old man was missing, and a Silver Alert was issued in the Port Washington area. Twenty minutes after the alert, a Flock camera caught the license plate, and a police officer was able to stop the vehicle and reunite the man with his worried family.

Locally, Flock cameras helped to catch someone in a high-speed chase the week before the council meeting that was initiated by Shawano County and went through Menominee County, with the driver traveling at an excessive rate of speed even through school zones.

“The male subject started this day of torture and went into another jurisdiction and ended up stealing a car,” Musolff said.

“I think it was three

cars total (he stole) and ended up being put in custody in Lincoln County, because they caught him on a Flock camera in the stolen car.”

Musolff also cited an open case involving somebody suspected of sexually assaulting a child where cameras showed the suspect leaving Shawano and last being seen in Wausau.

“After that, he disappeared,” Musolff said. “A lot of these departments that are getting rid of them because of public outcry do not realize the ramifications that are coming because of that. That’s one thing that’s causing issues for us in this investigation, and that makes me pretty sad and angry.”

Musolff made it clear he would not accept any demand that Shawano’s Flock cameras be removed or covered up. He criticized opponents, believing

many of them have not done the research about them or their capabilities.

“It’s really hard for me to sit and watch all the people that are saying we need to get rid of these cameras,” he said. “I’m going to say this, and I know it’s going to upset some people, but if you’re against the Flock cameras without getting to know what they’re for, I have a hard time with that. I would much rather look at somebody that thinks we’re tracking them when they’re not and tell them I’m keeping the cameras than looking at a mother who just had her child kidnapped and tell them we got rid of our cameras because there was public outcry.”

In September, Oconomowoc, Waukesha and Racine’s city councils voted to end Flock camera use. Stevens Point

and Sheboygan have also recently ended their partnership with Flock. Northeast Wisconsin communities that have shied away this year include Appleton, Kaukauna, Menasha, Neenah, Oshkosh and Sturgeon Bay, and Waupaca County has suspended its use of Flock recently.

After Musolff’s presentation, Barkow indicated he would not be in favor of Shawano following suit. He noted that Green Bay and Clintonville’s police departments favor keeping the cameras.

“It’s not like the PD is continuously watching,” Barkow said. “I am most definitely in favor of keeping the Flock cameras in the city of Shawano.”

Others on the council asked questions but did not express opposition to the cameras.

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Officer honored for saving teen

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Officer Calvin Schultz with the Shawano Police Department received a commendation Oct. 14 during the Shawano Common Council meeting for his role in saving a

suicidal teen.

Police Chief Mike Musolff said the Aug. 16 incident saw Schultz and two Shawano County sheriff’s deputies being called to help with a girl who appeared to be ready to jump from a bridge. The officers hurried forward

and stopped the girl from jumping.

“Situations involving mental health crises require officers to remain calm, assess rapidly changing circumstances and act decisively,” Musolff said, reading from a letter submitted by Capt.

Shane Stange.

“Your communication skills and patience were a key factor in ensuring a safe outcome.”

Schultz’s actions reflect a dedication to the community and show the values of the police department, Musolff said.



Officer Calvin Schultz, left, is congratulated by Shawano Police Chief Mike Musolff on Oct. 14 at the Shawano Common Council meeting in recognition for his actions that saved a suicidal teen girl.

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Shorter school year could become permanent

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

A survey sent to families and staff within the Shawano School District shows an interest in keeping the calendar the district utilized while referendum projects were being completed.

Superintendent Kurt Krizan told the Shawano School Board during its Oct. 12 work session that a majority of the 246 respondents who completed the survey want the school year to start after Labor Day, even though the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction allows for

schools to start on Sept. 1, and end right before Memorial Day, with high school graduation taking place the week before school ends.

“We had over 56% want to start after Labor Day, and we also had 52% want the summer break to be as long as possible with fewer breaks during the school year,” Krizan said.

Results showed that 48.5% of respondents wanted to end school earlier even if it meant starting school earlier, according to Krizan.

Additional questions showed that 44% would be fine with a shorter

Thanksgiving break. Normally, the school district takes the full week off, which coincides with gun deer hunting season, but with a shorter break, students would be out of school the days before and after the holiday, as well as Thanksgiving Day itself.

Almost 75% said they wanted the weeklong spring break to remain. Krizan said other options had been suggested like a four-day weekend or having a full week on alternating years.

The survey asked how important three-day weekends were, according to Krizan. The highest

percentage of votes went to the moderate category, just over one in four. He said over 53% favored fewer three-day weekends if that meant the summer break could go longer.

Staff were asked if they wanted to keep the extra 15 minutes in the school day, and 78.2% were in favor of it. Two in five staff members favored having their professional development days more toward the days before and after the school year, according to Krizan, while 48.5% preferred having a balance of professional development days during the school year, too.

“We will be bringing a

calendar to you that will start after Labor Day, end before Memorial Day and have those two days with the Thanksgiving break,” he said.

Krizan noted that the current calendar has 167 days when students are in school because the teachers needed extra time to prepare their classrooms after the renovations, but next year’s will have 168 days. Teachers will also have six additional days that will count toward their paychecks that they don’t have to work in order to compensate for the school days being longer than eight hours.

Board member Jeana Winslow said she took the survey and noted she loved how the last two years had gone.

“Keep it the same,” she said.

Krizan said a few staff members told him coming back after the 3 1/2-month break was the most relaxed they’d ever been. He said the only worry about keeping the schedule is if it has an impact on student learning, noting the “summer slide” effect experienced after being away from school for an extended period of time.

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