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### Helicopter utility work draws eyes to the sky

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Many eyes have been drawn to work being performed along Highway 8. It is not often people in this area have seen a helicopter dropping off linemen to poles, but it is not all that uncommon of a practice, in fact by working from a helicopter, many linemen are reaching new heights in the line trade.

Many have witnessed lineman climbing utility poles, but there is a rare breed that choose another path of flying them. Hooper Co. is a contractor for Dairyland Power Cooperative and they have been using a helicopter to add fiber communications to transmission lines along Highway 8. Katie Thomson of Dairyland Power Cooperative said, "They are replacing the shield wire with optical ground [fiber] wire (OPGW)."

In this situation a lineman is suspended from the lanyard and dropped off on the top of the structure. Once the work is completed there, the helicopter picks him up and drops him off on the next.

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### Pledge to help pupils with pillowcases

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They say many hands make light work. Members of Amery High School's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) have been keeping their hands busy partnering with the Wisconsin Association of Family and Consumer Sciences to support Ryan's Case for Smiles, and they are hoping you can lend a hand as well.

Ryan's Case for Smiles is one the few volunteer organizations solely dedicated to helping kids feel better to heal better. While other great organizations focus on research and finding a cure, Ryan's Case for Smiles works to improve the quality of life of children and their families as they undergo treatment. Ryan's Case for Smiles gives children colorful pillowcases with

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Mykaela Thompson is shown with fabric gathered for pillowcases.

## Legislative preview

Local lawmakers share how they plan to tackle issues in 2022





**Gae Magnafici**  
District 28 Representative



**Rob Stafholt**  
10th District Senator

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The Wisconsin legislature opened its session January 18. See story on page 10.



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Win or lose, Al and Lou Ann Schock are Packer fans for life.

### 'Schocking' story of 45 year wait for Packers season tickets

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Have you ever heard of the Dolphins' Hook and Ladder? How about Nebraska's Fumblerooski or the

Patriots' Reverse Statue of Liberty? They are all considered some of the craziest trick plays in football history. An Amery couple, Al and Lou Ann Schock had an interesting trick play handed to them after well over

forty years of waiting for Green Bay Packer season tickets.

Approximately 10 years after the Green Bay Packers clinched the

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