

Is Smith a new Heisman archetype?

SPORTS, 1B

The Sheboygan Press

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2026 | SHEBOYGANPRESS.COM PART OF THE USA TODAY NETWORK

SHEBOYGAN STEPS UP FOR HUNGER



Runners listen to speakers before the Holiday Lights Hunger Run/Walk, Nov. 21, at Evergreen Park in Sheboygan. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Runners run among the splendor of holiday lights during the Holiday Lights Hunger Run/Walk. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Carmen Rodríguez, left, and Maria Fields, watch and document the event. PHOTOS BY GARY C. KLEIN/USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN





Line 5 reroute approved despite risks

Caitlin Looby
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
USA TODAY NETWORK – WISCONSIN

Wisconsin regulators knew Enbridge's plan to reroute its Line 5 pipeline would put state wetlands and streams at risk. They approved it anyway, largely taking the Canadian company at its word.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources issued permits to the pipeline giant in November 2024, clearing the way for the roughly $1 billion plan to move Line 5 around the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa's land.

Last year, the Bad River Band and environmental groups challenged those permits in a contested case hearing held over seven weeks, arguing the reroute would cause significant harm. During opening statements, a DNR attorney told a judge the Line 5 reroute review was "one of, if not the most, comprehensive environmental reviews in the history of the agency."

But a Milwaukee Journal Sentinel examination of DNR permits – as well as testimony from state regulators, Enbridge, the Bad River Band and environmental groups – has found that regulators, despite anticipating the project's environmental risks, relied primarily on Enbridge's own studies and assumptions in advancing the project.

The DNR's best chance to protect land and water came before it signed the permits. It could have demanded more information, required more testing or set stricter conditions. By and large, it didn't. Now, for the most part, it can only enforce the permits it already granted, and that alone can't immediately stop work.

In June of this year, about four months after Enbridge crews broke ground, drilling fluid spilled into forested wetlands near Vaughn Creek in the town of Gurney in Iron County. Sixteen days later it happened twice more.

On Aug. 25, reroute construction crews struck the existing Line 5 near Saxon in Iron County, releasing 1.3

See RISKS, Page 3A

Trump calls to investigate revised GDP numbers

Arit John and Zac Anderson
USA TODAY

President Donald Trump called for an investigation into a federal agency over revised GDP numbers and railed against immigrants, his political rivals and critics in a grievance-filled Thanksgiving Day message.

Trump spent the holiday in Florida, where he played golf and later held a press availability with Palm Beach County officials to discuss federal disaster funding for Florida flooding and called U.S. service members.

He started his post by wishing a happy Thanksgiving to "ALL AMERICAN PATRIOTS WHO HAVE WORKED SO HARD TO MAKE OUR COUNTRY GREAT!" But the post quickly turned toward his political grudges, including one against his Commerce Department.

The president, who has cast doubt on economic data in the past, accused the Commerce Department of purposefully underestimating the rate at which the economy grew. Data released by the department Nov. 25 showed the U.S. economy grew 4.3% in the third quarter, 0.9 percentage points higher than the 3.4% estimate released in October, days before the Nov. 3 midterm elections.

"I would like to wish a Happy Thanksgiving to even those who issued fake Economic Numbers, just prior to the Election, and corrected them yesterday, three weeks late, showing that the GDP was actually 4.3%, versus 3.4%, A RECORD SETTING ERROR, and one so grave that it should be immediately investigated," Trump said in the post.

Trump went on to wish a happy holiday to those who "worked so hard to bring our Country to the Radical Far Left," critics of his renovation efforts at the White House, members of Minnesota's Somali community, and "the murderers, drug dealers, and criminals of all shapes, sizes, and colors, who illegally entered our Country from other countries' jails, prisons, mental institutions, and places unknown."

The president later spoke at length with soldiers stationed around the world, covering everything from the Iran war to his favorite Thanksgiving dessert, which he said is pumpkin pie with vanilla ice cream on top.

Trump called members of an Air Force F-16 fighter squadron stationed in Saudi Arabia. A lieutenant colonel told the president his squadron has been de-

See NUMBERS, Page 2A

Subscriber-only eNewspaper

The eNewspaper is an electronic copy of your print newspaper. Enjoy every page by going to sheboyganpress.com/enewspaper or scan this code on your mobile device. You will also find late news and sports in the bonus sections. Check it out today!

Volume 122 | No. 149
Subscribe 877-424-5639
©2026 **$2.50**

7 40901 51950 7