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Pilot Steve Jones, left, and 90-year-old Clyde Bridger can be seen in the cockpit during a flyover in Jones' T-33 Fighter Jet at the Oconto Elks Club Fly-In on Sept. 18. Bridger flew T-33s during his U.S. Air Force service in Vietnam 65 years ago. **SEE MORE FLY-IN PHOTOS ON PAGE 20.**

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Rising COVID-19 numbers trouble Oconto Falls School District

Rising numbers of sick students, staff are cause for concern

By **WARREN BLUHM**

Editor-in-chief

Oconto Falls School District officials are keeping a wary eye on a growing number of COVID-19 cases among students in the early days of the 2021-22 school year.

During the school board meeting Sept. 20, Superintendent Dean Hess said that, on Aug. 31, the district had three students who tested positive for coronavirus.

Compiled every Tuesday afternoon, that number grew to five students on Sept. 8, 16 students Sept. 14, and was expected to be above 30 when this week's numbers were posted Sept. 21.

"It's important to note the number of positive cases continues to rise in our school district," Hess said.

Also rising is the number of students absent for illnesses of any kind since the school year began Sept. 1. As of Sept. 8, there were 30 students out, a total that grew to 91 on Sept. 14 and was more than 130 on Sept. 20, when the board met.

Hess said that coincides with information he has received from

the Oconto County Public Health Department, which reports a "significant number" of people reporting respiratory illnesses but not testing positive for COVID-19.

As students test positive, staff members are conducting contact tracing and notifying parents their child has been in close contact with someone who's turned up positive, Hess said. If their own child is not showing symptoms, it's up to the parent whether to send the student to school, but the district does encourage them to have the child tested.

The numbers are a concern, he said, although at this point administrators are not recommending any change from the current policy of in-person classes five days a week, with masks encouraged but not required.

"This may or may not be something that can just simply be left," Hess said. "It may be something that you consider at some point having a special board meeting to determine whether or not there's any further action needed."

Another issue is a growing shortage of available substitute teachers, he added. On Sept. 17, for example,

the district had seven or eight teaching positions "uncovered" and others needed to staff classrooms.

"It was all hands on deck — we had counselors, administrators in classrooms, everybody across the team, to try to make this work," Hess said.

Some substitutes who were in the pool have been hired as full-time staff, and others are concerned about coming into the school because of COVID-19 worries.

"We're really struggling right now to keep the classrooms covered on a daily basis," he said.

Board members said the number of absentees is a concern, but at least parents are keeping their sick children home rather than sending them to school where they can spread the illness.

Hess agreed but added that in the early days after school opened, they did see a couple of kids who "were showing symptoms literally as they come off the bus" and administrators needed to remind parents to keep them at home.

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Gillett school board OKs new water heater

Purchase will help to meet state dishwashing regulations

By **LUKE REIMER**

Reporter

A new water heater is in store for the Gillett School District.

The school board unanimously voted Sept. 16 to approve a purchase of a new water heater for the secondary school kitchen.

"Our dishwasher was not passing

state regulation for heated water," said Gillett superintendent Todd Hencsik.

After researching the issue, it was found that the water heater was the culprit for the cool water, not the dishwasher itself.

The purchase of the water heater costs \$6,300. The money will be coming out of Fund 50, the designated fund for food services.

"We had surplus money to use," said Hencsik. "We were reimbursed for free lunches."

With the money, Hencsik and the board decided to use it for improvements on the school. This will start with the purchase of the water heater.

Hencsik and the board anticipate that this water heater will be used for a long time.

CORRECTIONS

Accuracy is important to the Oconto County Times Herald, and it wants to correct mistakes promptly. Call errors to our attention by phone at 920-848-3427.

Shooting suspect appears in court

Bond set at \$750K; competency exam ordered

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The woman accused of shooting an Oconto Falls police officer has been released from Winnebago Mental Health Institute and into the Oconto County Jail.

Alisha M. Kocken, 29, Oconto Falls, is charged with attempted first-degree intentional homicide, first-degree recklessly endangering safety, resisting an officer causing substantial bodily harm, battery to a law officer, aggravated battery, disarming a police officer, and three related misdemeanor countst.

During an Aug. 6 confrontation, Kocken allegedly fired three shots at Officer Nicole Blaskowski, striking her in the head and ballistic vest, after Kocken called 911 to report that someone had kidnapped her young son.

Blaskowski was treated overnight at a Green Bay hospital and released to recuperate at home. The criminal complaint says Kocken accused her boyfriend of kidnapping after he took the boy to a nearby park. It further says that before the shots were fired, Kocken accused a neighbor of kidnapping after the boy went to a neighbor's apartment as she talked with the officer.

On Aug. 20, Oconto County Judge Jay N. Conley ordered Kocken committed to the mental health institution for up to six months, but she was released to the county jail by mid-September. On Sept. 15, defense attorney John Miller Carroll filed a notice that Kocken will plead not guilty by reason of mental

disease or defect.

During a Sept. 20 court appearance, Kocken told Conley she did not understand the charges against her, and the judge ordered that she undergo a competency examination to determine her ability to proceed. Carroll asked that his client be returned to the mental health institution, but Conley denied the request since staff at the facility made the decision to release her.

Conley set bail at \$750,000 cash with conditions that she take all medications as prescribed and obey all medical orders she has received. She is prohibited from possessing weapons or consuming alcohol or illegal drugs, and she is to have no contact with the victim's family or a list of witnesses in the case. If she were to make bail, she must wear a GPS monitor.

A status conference was scheduled for 2 p.m. Oct. 14.

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ORDINANCE NO. 21-004; an ordinance amending Chapter 406 - Golf Carts
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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of Sept. 17

Judge Jay N. Conley approved an agreement to consolidate two criminal cases against Victor J. Alberts, 55, who is charged with 24 felonies — including three counts of repeated sexual assault of the same child, nine counts of child abuse, five counts of causing mental harm to a child and two counts of first-degree sexual assault of a child, among other related charges that allegedly occurred from 2005 to 2016, as well as two counts of felony child abuse and four counts of misdemeanor disorderly conduct, for incidents that allegedly occurred Dec. 1, 2019, and Jan. 17, 2020. He is scheduled to stand trial beginning Sept. 27 in a trial that is expected to take up to four days.

A Feb. 10-11 jury trial was scheduled for Randall J. Robenhorst, 60, Little Suamico, who faces three counts of first-degree child sexual assault, child enticement and three other felony counts, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 27. A final pre-trial conference was scheduled for Jan. 31.

Cory Lee Lohman, 39, Shawano, pleaded no contest to possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a felony and a misdemeanor count of failure to obtain approval for deer hunting, in connection with an incident that occurred Nov. 7, 2020. Judge Jay N. Conley scheduled sentencing for Nov. 17 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Christopher E. Kilgore, 43, Chicago, was placed on two years' probation after a prison sentence was imposed and stayed for felony bail jumping, in connection with an incident that occurred May 6. Judge Michael T. Judge said probation conditions include 134 days already served in the county jail and no possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages. He is prohibited from contact with a co-defendant and must undergo an alcohol and other drug abuse assessment and follow through with any recommended treatment or counseling.

Joseph E. Longsine, 22, Oconto Falls, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over to circuit court on a charge of forgery-uttering, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 29, 2020. A plea hearing was scheduled for Oct. 18.

Roger J. Borkovec, 43, Oconto, pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor charge of possession of THC, in connection with an incident

that occurred June 15. The charge was amended from a felony count. Judge Jay N. Conley sentenced him to 94 days already served in the county jail and assessed court costs of \$463.

Proceedings of Sept. 16

Oconto County charges were formally dismissed against Chasity M. Denny, 31, Oconto, after the April 2019 charges of possession with intent to deliver amphetamine and misdemeanor possession of cocaine were consolidated with a Marinette County case. She was sentenced May 25 to six years at Taycheedah State Prison followed by 10 years of extended supervision.

A March 8-9 jury trial was scheduled for Phillip John Wau-poose, 37, Neopit, on charges of substantial battery intending bodily harm, intimidating a victim by damaging property, false imprisonment, misdemeanor criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 29, 2020. A final pre-trial conference was set for Feb. 28.

A Jan. 19-20 jury trial was scheduled for Tyler J. Wolf, 31, Oconto, on two counts of felony bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 25, as well as strangulation and suffocation and misdemeanor counts of battery, criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 15, 2020. A final pre-trial conference was set for Jan. 3.

A March 8-9 jury trial was scheduled for Brody J. Tappa, 35, Oconto, who faces two counts of victim intimidation, child abuse recklessly causing harm, false imprisonment, substantial battery, and misdemeanor counts of battery and theft of movable property, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 1, 2020. A final pre-trial conference was scheduled for Feb. 28.

A bench warrant was ordered for Robert P. Shampo Jr., 29, Peshtigo, who failed to appear for a court hearing on charges of fleeing an officer in a vehicle (second and subsequent offense), possession of THC (second and subsequent offense), and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, operating a motor vehicle while revoked, and failure to install an ignition

interlock device, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 21, 2020, as well as felony bail jumping and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 9. The court was told Shampo is in custody in Marinette County after being arrested for speeding Sept. 13.

A Jan. 4-5 jury trial was set for Taylor R. Peterson, 29, Wabeno, who is charged with three counts of possession of narcotic drugs and misdemeanor counts of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (second offense), possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 22. A final pre-trial conference was set for Dec. 13.

Allan C. Evans, 34, Abrams, pleaded not guilty to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense) and misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked, resisting or obstructing an officer, possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 31. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Oct. 14.

A Feb. 8-9 jury trial was scheduled for Jacob M. Samsa, 31, Oconto, on two counts of second-degree recklessly endangering safety, two misdemeanor counts of battery and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 22. A final pre-trial conference was set for Jan. 28.

Andrew J. Pecor, 36, Oconto, pleaded not guilty to possession of methamphetamine and possession of narcotic drugs, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 14. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Nov. 11.

Cindy M. Earley, 53, Oconto, pleaded not guilty to a felony charge of child abuse intentionally causing harm and misdemeanor counts of bail jumping and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 23. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Oct. 14.

Randy Joseph Micolichuk, 29, Green Bay, pleaded not guilty to two counts of hit-and-run causing injury and a misdemeanor count of causing injury by operating while under the influence, in connection with a July 11 crash on U.S. Highway 141 and Chicken Shack Road in the Town of Stiles. A pre-trial con-

ference was scheduled for Oct. 14.

A bench warrant was issued for Donovan Bryan Ducane, 22, Suring, after he failed to appear in court to face a charge of sex registry violation, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 8.

James Christopher Knudsen, 20, Cecil, pleaded not guilty to attempted possession of an electric weapon and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 4. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Oct. 14.

Judge Jay N. Conley accepted the prosecutor's motion and dismissed the case against Jordan Aaron Belongia, 18, Oconto, who had been charged with taking a motor vehicle without the owner's consent and criminal damage to property in an Aug. 24 incident.

Bond was set at \$10,000 cash for Brett A. Harvey, 26, Oconto, after he was charged with second-degree recklessly endangering safety in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 4. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Oct. 18.

Proceedings of Sept. 15

An arrest warrant was authorized for Dylan M. Hendzel, 21, Oconto, after he failed to appear for his initial appearance on charges of felony bail jumping, misdemeanor bail jumping and two counts of disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 27.

Proceedings of Sept. 14

Ben D. Kingsley, 42, Lena, pleaded not guilty to charges of strangulation-suffocation, false imprisonment, and misdemeanor battery, disorderly conduct and bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 11. A pre-trial hearing was scheduled for Oct. 21.

Kevin Miguel Reed, 20, Three Lakes, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to three counts of armed robbery, two counts first-degree reckless endangerment, and one count each of burglary and theft, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 4. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Nov. 11.

Proceedings of Sept. 13

A Jan. 19-21 jury trial was scheduled for Ryan Paul Winslow, 27,

Oconto Falls, who is charged with second-degree sexual assault, victim intimidation, stalking, harassment, two misdemeanor counts of making computer threats, and disorderly conduct in connection with incidents that allegedly occurred in December 2019. A final pre-trial conference was set for Jan. 14.

A jury trial was rescheduled for Nov. 9 for Micky W. Michalak, 53, Oconto, on charges of taking and driving a vehicle without the owner's consent and misdemeanor counts of criminal damage to property and resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred

May 18. A final pre-trial hearing was rescheduled for Nov. 8.

Proceedings of Sept. 10

A Feb. 16-17 jury trial was scheduled for David W. Parmentier, 70, Suring, on charges of second-degree reckless endangerment and misdemeanor charges of resist-

ing or obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 27, 2019. A final pre-trial conference was set for Jan. 24. Brown County Judge Beau Liegeois is hearing the case because the defendant is an Oconto County Board supervisor.

OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sept. 16

Deputies responded to 53 incidents, including a disturbance on South Main Street in the City of Oconto Falls, harassment on Duane Road in the Town of Stiles, an unwanted party on County Road M in the Town of Spruce, attempted fraud on County Road Z in the Town of Maple Valley, a wanted person on state Highway 64 in the Town of Riverview, a disturbance on County Road I in the Town of Stiles, a disturbance on Oak Orchard Road in the Town of Abrams, harassment on Tar Dam Road in the Town of Riverview, one traffic stop, four traffic offenses, one citizen assist, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; one 911 hangup and six open lines; two ambulance calls; five crashes, two involving deer.

Sept. 15

Deputies responded to 58 incidents, including a disturbance on Downtown Lane in the Town of Underhill, a disturbance on Elm Lawn Road in the Town of Oconto Falls, an animal bite on Machickanee Lane in the Town of Stiles, intoxication on Magnin Road in the Town of Stiles, a wanted person on North Mill Street in the Village of Suring, a disturbance on South Main Street in the City of Oconto Falls, animal neglect on state Highway 64 in the Town of Brazeau, an animal bite on Hillside Drive in the Town of Mountain, harassment on County Road G in the Town of Maple Valley, suspicious activity on East Frontage Road in the Town of Little Suamico, theft near West Frontier Road and County Road S in the Town of Little Suamico, threatening on Froelick Road in the Town of Pensaukee, a wanted person near U.S. Highway

41 and County Road M in the Town of Little River, one traffic stop, one traffic hazard, one traffic offense, two citizen assists, six miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; four 911 hangups and two open lines; three ambulance calls; five crashes, two involving deer.

Sept. 14

Deputies responded to 60 incidents, including fire near Trail Road and County Road A in the Town of Maple Valley, suspicious activity on County Road S in the Town of Oconto, fire on Landry Lane in the Town of Brazeau, suspicious activity on County Road C in the Town of Chase, suspicious activity near Sunshine Road and County Road A in the Town of Lena, suspicious activity on County Road B in the Town of Spruce, theft on County Road B in the Town of Spruce, harassment on Morgan River Road in the Town of Morgan, property damage on County Road I in the Town of Stiles, suspicious activity on North Franklin Street in the City of Oconto Falls, a disturbance on County Road C in the Town of Chase, suspicious activity on Old 141 Road in the Town of Lena, a disturbance on Settlement Road in the Town of Underhill, suspicious activity on County Road R in the Town of Underhill, three traffic stops, one traffic offenses, one citizen assist, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, three 911 hangups and three open lines; one ambulance call; four crashes, three involving deer.

Sept. 13

Deputies responded to 57 incidents, including suspicious activity near U.S. Highway 141 and Lemere Road in the Town of Stiles, suspicious activity on Bullfrog Bend in the Town of Townsend, a disturbance on Sherrie Lane in the

Town of Underhill, a fire control burn on state Highway 32 in the Town of Townsend, a wanted person on Muehl Drive in the Village of Suring, suspicious activity on Lade Beach Road in the Town of Little Suamico, a fire control burn on state Highway 22 in the Town of Gillett, suspicious activity on Hogsback Road in the Town of Little River, suspicious activity on Elm Avenue in the City of Oconto Falls, a disturbance on North Farm Road in the City of Oconto Falls, five traffic stops, three traffic hazards, four citizen assists, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; one 911 hangup and three open lines; one ambulance call; one crash.

Sept. 12

Deputies responded to 48 incidents, including a disturbance on Tar Dam Road in the Town of Riverview, suspicious activity on state Highway 64 in the Town of Riverview, suspicious activity on Duane Road in the Town of Stiles, a disturbance on Tar Dam Road in the Town of Riverview, property damage on County Road E in the Town of Morgan, five traffic stops, two traffic hazards, two traffic offenses, one citizen assist, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; three 911 hangups and seven open lines; one ambulance call; three crashes.

Sept. 11

Deputies responded to 59 incidents, including suspicious activity on Gale Street in the City of Oconto, suspicious activity on St. Bernadette Road in the Town of Spruce, a utility problem near state Highway 22 and County Road J in the Town of Oconto, a vicious animal on Harley Street in the Village of Lena, trespassing on First Street in the City of Oconto, a noise disturbance on Airport Road in the Town of Oconto,

suspicious activity on Sherrie Lane in the Town of Underhill, a disturbance near South Lake and East First streets in the City of Gillett, a disturbance on Tar Dam Road in the Town of Riverview, four traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two traffic offenses, one citizen assist, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; nine 911 hangups and 13 open lines; one ambulance call; three crashes, two involving deer.

Sept. 10

Deputies responded to 53 incidents, including suspicious activity on Sherrie Lane in the Town of Underhill, squad damage near County Road B and Arndt Road in the Town of Spruce, theft on Ball Park Road in the Town of Little Suamico, suspicious activity on Rose Road in the Town of Oconto Falls, theft on Lade Beach Road in the Town of Little Suamico, a disturbance near County Road A and Midway Road in the Town of Lena, suspicious activity on Daly Creek Road in the Town of Gillett, suspicious activity on Sherrie Lane in the Town of Underhill, suspicious activity on state Highway 32-64 in the Town of Mountain, squad damage near Goatsville and Jagiello roads in the Town of Lena, suspicious activity on North Kelly Lake Road in the Town of Brazeau, suspicious activity on County Road Q in the Town of Maple Valley, suspicious activity on Sand Valley Lane in the Town of Breed, suspicious activity on Big Eddie Lane in the Town of Breed, suspicious activity on Sherrie Lane in the Town of Underhill, four traffic stops, three traffic hazards, one citizen assist, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; one 911 hangup and two open lines; four crashes, all involving deer.

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To participate, visit prevea.com/ support to reserve a spot. A link to access the Zoom meeting for the support group will be provided upon registration.

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OBITUARIES

Mark R. Goedtel

Mark R. Goedtel, DVM, ("Doc"), of Lena, passed away peacefully at home in his sleep on Sept. 16, 2021. Mark was born to the late Frederick and Catherine "Kay" (Cody) Goedtel in Kearny, New Jersey, on Jan. 24, 1958, and spent the majority of his youth with his parents and five siblings in Troy, Michigan. He graduated from Bishop Foley High School in 1976 and pursued his undergraduate and large animal veterinary education at Michigan State University.

Mark married his high school sweetheart, Theresa, on Aug. 26, 1983. They were married for 38 years. Soon after the wedding Mark began his veterinary career in Mineral Point before moving to Lena



in 1986 where he found an opportunity to own a large animal veterinary practice. He was able to run Dair-Ray Veterinary Service for 35 years up to his passing. Even after experiencing an accident that led to a life-changing spinal cord injury in 1992, he continued to live a life fully dedicated to his family, local farmers, and his practice.

Mark loved spending time with his children and grandchildren more than anything. He enjoyed the

outdoors, audiobooks, listening to music, singing, and had a passion for continuing his education and staying connected to the community. Mark was incredibly loved by his wife and family, staff, caregivers, and every person that crossed his path. He is best described by those closest to him as loving, strong, resilient, kindhearted, and funny.

Mark is survived beloved by his wife, Theresa; his siblings Fred (Betty) Goedtel, Marie "Sis" Goedtel, Jeff (Deanne) Goedtel, Gary (Teri) Goedtel, and Kathy (Jeff) Price; his daughters Katie (Ryan) Bennett, LCSW, and Stacey Goedtel DO; and his grandchildren Calvin, Sawyer, and Reese.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents, Frederick James Goedtel, former special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Catherine Elizabeth Goedtel (Cody).

To honor Mark's wishes, he will be cremated and there will be no formal visitation or funeral service. The family will hold a private Celebration of Life in October. In lieu of flowers, Mark's family asks that any memorial contributions be made to a fund that will be announced in the future to honor Mark in the local community.

Rhodes-Charapata Funeral Home-Lena is assisting the family. Online condolences may be expressed at www.rhodescharapata.com

Carl E. Johnson

Carl E. Johnson was called home where hunting and fishing adventures are perfect each and every day. He was born on June 18, 1926, to Gustaf and Elsie (Ekman) Johnson. He was baptized on Sept. 5, 1926, in the Town of Maple Valley in the Evangelical Lutheran Congregation. He grew up on the family farm, Oconto Falls.

On Dec. 17, 1960, Carl married Ruth Clausen-Belongia in Menomonee, Michigan. Carl lived in the Green Valley area all of his life where he farmed. He was also employed by the Scott Paper Co. in Oconto Falls, retiring in 1985 after 32 years of dedicated service. Carl will be lovingly remembered as a kind, gentle and generous husband, father,



grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. His witty and dry sense of humor will be greatly missed. Carl loved family, the farm, gardening, outdoors, fishing and deer hunting. He believed it is better to sit in a deer stand thinking about God than to sit in church thinking about deer hunting.

Survivors are one son, Kent Johnson; two grandchildren, Kurt Johnson and Danielle (Brad) Smith; two great-grandchildren, Blaine and Charolette Johnson. Three stepchil-

dren: Sandra Schuster and her family, John (Robie) Schuster, Deborah (Robert) Goodine, Connie Tikalsky and Julie (Robert) Popp; Tim (Roz) Belongia and their family, Lorraine (Craig) Jorgenson, James Belongia and Timothy (Kellie) Belongia; and René Schabow and her family, Suzy (Gary) McKeefry and Shari (Ron) Bitters. Two brothers, Arnold Johnson and David (Janice) Johnson; one sister, Lillian (George) Friedl; many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife Ruth in 1998, one son Gary Johnson, one son-in-law, John "Jack" Schuster, two sisters, Ruth (Percy) Nass and Alma (Sylvan) Salesky, three brothers, Leon-

ard (Mim) Johnson, Raymond Johnson and Gustave (Agnes) Johnson, and sister-in-law, Joyce Johnson.

A special thanks to Janelle Schaal, APNP, Leah, Alicen, Brianna and Mary (Aurora Hospice), James Clemens, MD, and Carl's caregiver Sharen Krepline for their care going the extra mile for Carl. Additional thanks to Garth Bentz and Jerry and Laurie Brown for a lifetime of friendship and a helping hand.

Visitation will be held after 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021, at Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls until the time of service. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor David Hatch officiating. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Oconto Falls.

Darrel J. Amond

Darrel J. Amond, 81, of Two Rivers, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021. Darrel was born on Good Friday, April 11, 1941, to the late Wallace and Viola (Anderson) Amond. He graduated from Gillett High School where he played football. Darrel served in the U.S. Army in the early 1960s and was stationed in Alaska. For most of his life, Darrel worked as a foundry worker and retired from Eck Industries Inc. in Manitowoc. He loved sports and watched any sporting



events he could. Darrel was also an avid gardener and sold his produce. He loved good food, especially at family events.

Darrel is survived by his siblings, David (Connie) Amond of Neenah, Douglas Amond of Neenah, Dan (Carrie) Amond of Lena and

Dorene (Keith) Schindel of Oconto Falls; stepdaughter, Tina Christman. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Donald Amond, Eleanor Braun, and infant sister, Carol Amond; sister-in-law, Dorothy Amond.

A private memorial service will be held for Darrel. Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring is assisting the family with arrangements. Online

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Simple and inexpensive final farewells

By JIM MILLER

Special to NEW Media

Dear Savvy Senior,

My husband and I are looking for the simplest and least expensive way to dispose of our bodies when we die. We hate the idea of wasting a lot of money on high-priced funerals and would like some advice on some simple and cheap send-offs.

Simple Seniors**Dear Simple,**

With the average cost of a full-service funeral running around \$11,000 today, many people are seeking simple ways to make their final farewell more affordable. Depending on how you want to go, here are several low-cost options to consider.

Direct cremation

If you and your husband are interested in cremation, a direct cremation is the simplest and least expensive way to go. It includes picking up the body, completing and filing the necessary

paperwork, the cremation itself and returning the cremated remains to the family. There's no embalming, formal viewing or casket. A simple cardboard box called an "alternative container" is used to hold the body.

Depending on where you live and the funeral home you choose, the average cost for a direct cremation runs between \$1,000 and \$3,000. If you want additional services beyond what a direct cremation offers, ask the funeral home for an itemized price list that covers the other services cost, so you know exactly what you're getting. All providers are required by law to provide this.

To locate nearby funeral homes, look in your local Yellow Pages, or Google "cremation" or "funeral" followed by your city and state. You can also get good information online at Parting.com, which lets you compare prices from funeral providers in your area based on what you want.

Immediate or direct burial

If you're interested in being buried, an immediate/direct burial is the most

basic and low-cost option. With an immediate burial, your body would be buried in a simple container shortly after death, skipping the embalming, viewing and use of the funeral facilities.

If your family wants a memorial service, they can have it at the graveside at your place of worship or at home without the body.

These services usually cost between \$1,800 and \$3,500, not counting cemetery charges, which can run you an additional \$1,000 to \$3,000. All funeral homes offer direct burial.

Green burial

An eco-friendly green burial is another affordable way to go that costs anywhere from \$1,000 to \$4,000 depending on the provider. With a green cemetery burial, the body is buried in a biodegradable coffin or just wrapped in a shroud, without embalming chemicals or a burial vault.

The Green Burial Council (GreenBurialCouncil.org, 888-966-3330) has a state listing of cemetery operators who

accommodate green burials, as well as funeral professionals who provide the services.

Anatomical donation

If you'd like to eliminate your cremation/burial costs all together, as well as help advance medical research, you and your husband should consider donating your bodies to science. This option won't cost you a cent; however, some programs may charge a small fee to transport your body to their facility.

After using your body for medical research projects, anatomy lessons and surgical practice, your remains will be cremated and your ashes will be buried or scattered in a local cemetery or returned to your family, usually within a year.

To locate accredited university medical school body donation programs in your state, see the University of Florida's U.S. program directory at Anatbd.acb.med.ufl.edu/usprograms, or call the whole-body donation referral service during business hours at 800-727-0700.

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Miles of Art tour canceled again for 2021

Rise in COVID cases cited as reason for cancellation

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

For the second year in a row, the Shawano-Menominee Miles of Art Tour has been canceled. "This year's Miles of Art event is canceled due to concerns regarding COVID-19's increasing spread in our community," said Miles of Art Chair Megan Dorsch.

Members of the Miles of Art Tour board, as well as studio sites, voiced their concern of COVID-19, Dorsch said.

"We had 50% of our studio sites wish to drop out of this year's event due to the area's COVID-19 status," she said.

Dorsch said that the board discussed different viewpoints, ideas and risk management strategies when they were deciding whether to hold the event.

"We talked, at length, about COVID mitigation measures being taken by our communities and about some of our sites' understandable reticence to be involved during the pandemic," said Dorsch. "We did not want to be in the same position we were at this time last year, but the reality of it is that we are."

She added that visitors to the event have been mostly supportive of the board's decision.

"The vast majority of our followers and attend-

ees have been very supportive and understanding, if disappointed, about this year's cancellation," said Dorsch. "We appreciate you all."

Dorsch said that if anyone is interested in purchasing art from local artists and artisans, they should contact the artists and artisans directly. There is also a Facebook page (@smartwisconsin) that Dorsch urges community members to look at for information on the event, art and artists.

"We will continue to showcase our artists' work throughout the upcoming fall and holiday seasons," said Dorsch. "We sincerely hope that our community works together in regards to COVID numbers and mitigation in the upcoming months. We hope that 2022 will bring a safer environment for all."

The Shawano-Menominee Miles of Art is an art studio tour event that showcases art created by members of the Shawano-Menominee region. Visitors are invited into designated artists' studios to observe the art.

"This event allows the community and visitors to the area a unique experience by inviting people right into artists' spaces and letting them see and learn more about each artist's process," Dorsch said. "Each studio site also has great artists from around our region, displaying work. Much of the art is available for purchase at the event."



Michael Groth, of Shawano, talks with a customer about the work he puts into his wooden bowls in 2018 at the Old Feed Mill in Gresham as part of the Miles of Art festival. For the second year, the event that opened up artist studios and facilities in Shawano County has had to cancel due to COVID-19 concerns. FILE | NEW MEDIA

With 2022 closely approaching, Dorsch said that she and the rest of the board will begin meeting to plan next year's event.

"Our board will begin meeting to discuss plans for 2022's Miles of Art, starting in November," said Dorsch. "We will talk over contingency planning for the coming year and may consider options like virtual art shopping for the 2022 event as a possible added feature."

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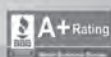
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Perry fills library with people, laughter

Wisconsin author shares stories of life, which serve as fodder for his books

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Wisconsin author Michael Perry's visit to Shawano finally went off without a hitch after two previous efforts to come to town were thwarted by the coronavirus pandemic.

The mastermind behind "Population: 485" and other books about rural life was well received with over 100 people crowding into the Shawano Public Library on Sept. 17 and sending staff scrambling for additional chairs. The event, sponsored by Friends of Shawano County Libraries, was originally going to take place in April 2020 in celebration of National Library Week, which was then rescheduled for the fall of that year before coronavirus cases surged nationwide.

The wait didn't diminish the excitement — or the laughter.

"You can ask me about anything. You can ask me about writing, publishing — hair care tips," said Perry as he motioned to his bald head.

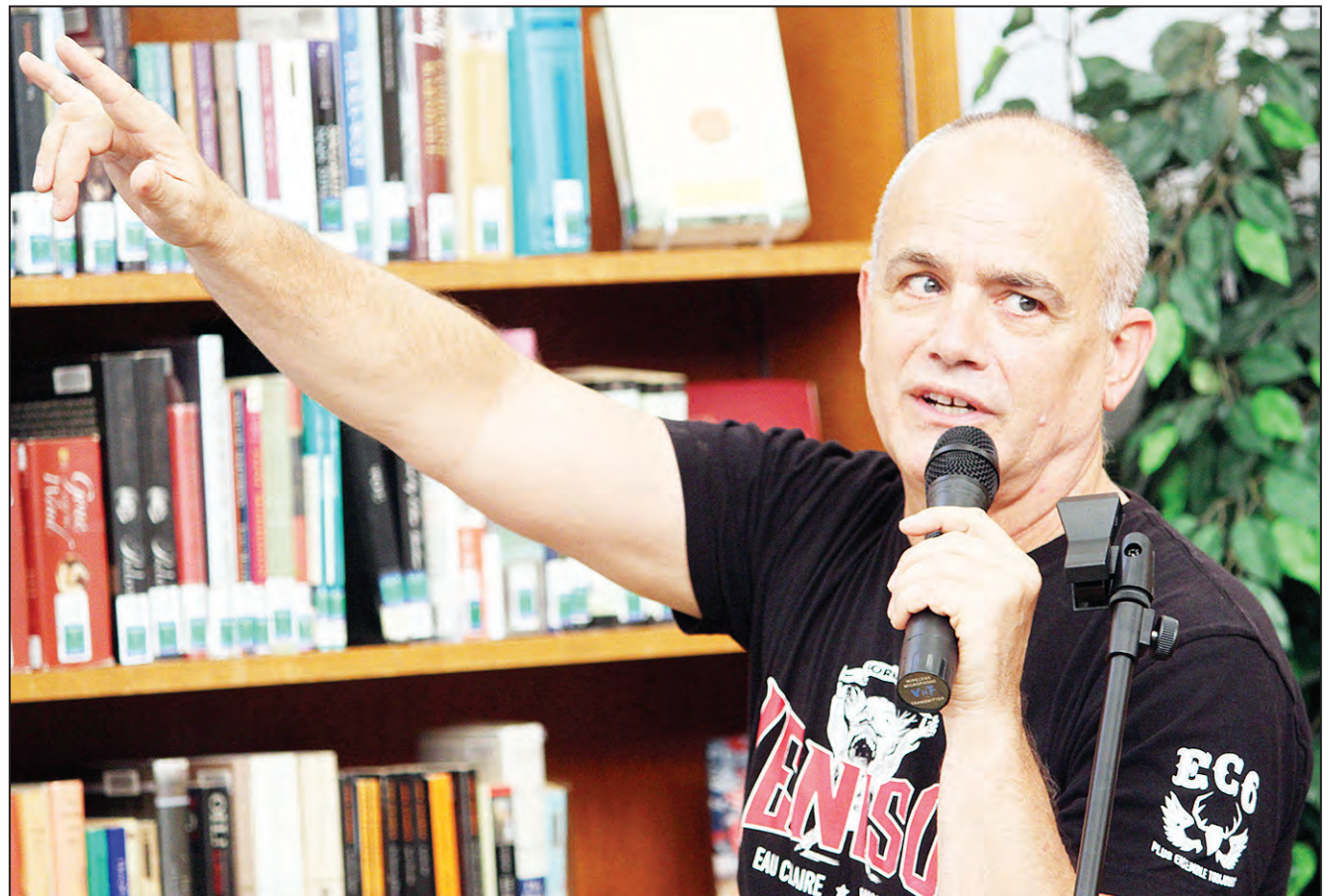
Turning a little more serious, he told the audience that he wouldn't be where he is today as an author if it hadn't been for "Population: 485." Although not one of his bestsellers, the book about meeting people through volunteering for a community fire department has continuously sold in bookstores and online, giving folks a glimpse into the people of Wisconsin.

"Population: 485" is that old can-you-go-home-again book," Perry said. "I wrote about going back home to New Auburn, Wisconsin, which is where I grew up. I grew up on a little farm six miles north of New Auburn."

After leaving New Auburn after high school and returning 12 years later, he knew he needed to meet people again, and the solution for him was to join the fire department.

"I'm pretty much a loner. The happiest place for me is in my room, writing," Perry said. "I don't drink, so I don't go to any of the taverns. I don't bowl. I don't play softball, and I can't polka. So there really wasn't much left to do, but I wanted to do something to be part of the community."

Perry joked that people saw he still has a defibrillator in his truck when he was offloading his books



New York Times bestselling author Michael Perry tells a humorous story about one of his brothers during his presentation Sept. 17 at the Shawano Public Library. Humor abounds in Perry's books, starting with "Population: 485" and continuing through another 20. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

and that it would be available if anyone in the audience needed it. His self-deprecating humor kept those in attendance laughing as he talked about his journey in life.

"When I left New Auburn, I was a farm boy, a good student and a fair defensive end," Perry said. "I returned 12 years later a long-haired writer with soft hands and a nursing degree, so there was a certain amount of street cred to recover with some of my buddies in the coon hunting crowd."

Perry also talked about the apprehension he felt the night he told his father he was planning to become a nurse, even though his mother had also been a nurse. Perry recalled that his father told him he "would make a fine nurse." Then he remembered his father walking to the barn, turning back and adding, "I just want to be there when they pin that little white cap on you."

Perry's daughters also motivate him to keep writing. He noted that one is in college and the other one's in braces.

"I've been fortunate enough to publish a lot of other books after 'Population: 485,'" Perry said. "I never saw any of this stuff coming, but I do just have to keep writing."

Perry also recalled being contacted by an editor once who asked him to write a 10,000-word essay on Wisconsin and where his mind went from there.

"Wisconsin reminds me of cows," Perry said he wrote. "Cows remind me of milk. Milk reminds me of cheese. Cheese reminds me of cheeseheads. Cheeseheads remind me of the Green Bay Packers. The Packers remind me of the meaning of life."

Perry's humor has been lost on some people. He once spoke at a conference and joked that he had "functional ADD" and had a licensed clinical psychologist who sent an email the next day saying she knew he did not have that condition.

"She wrote, 'The symptoms you described are consistent with flight of ideas, which is associated with a completely different manic depres-

sive disorder,'" Perry said. "I thought, well, whatever it takes. As someone who has been buying his own health insurance since 1992, I thought it was cool I got diagnosed for free."

Also a columnist for the Wisconsin State Journal, Perry is often asked where he gets the ideas for the column, Roughneck Grace. He said that many times, all he has to do is wait for one of his brothers to call him.

He recalled one instance where he was two hours from his deadline and getting the "prickly failure sweats" when his brother, John, called to tell him he'd been in his shop working on a bench grinder when the stone exploded, with a chunk of shrapnel flying off and piercing his neck, just missing the carotid artery.

"It was an eighth of an inch from a memorial service to a really awesome story," Perry said. "If you come where I come from, there's nothing funnier than someone getting hurt. I'm just (hitting) 'Send' with 45 minutes to spare."

Bonduel celebrates Founders Day event

LEFT: An Amish buggy full of eager visitors turns around on Second Street in Bonduel to begin a ride through the village Sept. 18 as part of Bonduel Founders Day. The big event closed several streets in the community as vendors sold a variety of foods and other products, the Bonduel Community Archives opened its doors to visitors and the Bonduel Fire Station held an open house.

BELOW LEFT: Matt Pleshek takes a step back as Cara Richter tosses some more burgers on the grill Sept. 18 outside the Bonduel Fire Station to help feed hungry visitors for Bonduel Founders Day.

BELOW: James Birdwell, 4, takes a look around the cockpit of the Theda-Star helicopter, sitting in a field near the Bonduel Fire Station for Founders Day on Sept. 18.



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The Rising Presidents Fellows will embark on the 10-month fellowship beginning in November. Delivered in collaboration with the Stanford Educational Leadership Initiative, the fellows will be mentored by current and former community college presidents who have achieved exceptional outcomes for students throughout their careers and will learn strategies to improve student outcomes in and after college, lead internal change, and create strong external partnerships with K-12 schools, four-year colleges, employers, and other partners.

"To become institutions that truly advance social mobility and talent development, community colleges must have presidents with a clear vision for equitable student success," said Monica Clark, director of leadership initiatives at the College Excellence Program. "We have selected these fellows because they share that commitment and are well-positioned to become transformational leaders."



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"It is an honor to be among this cohort of exceptional leaders across the nation who share the same commitment to equity, access, and success for community and technical college students," said Rogalski. "I am grateful for the support of NWTC and look forward to applying my experience to our institution and beyond."

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By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Oconto Falls High School football team improved to 5-0 on the season after a 36-8 victory over Menominee Indian on Sept. 17 in Oconto Falls.

The turning point of the Northwoods Conference clash came about halfway through the first quarter.

Menominee Indian started the game with the ball and was on a long drive. On a first-and-goal play, Oconto Falls forced a fumble and recovered it in the end zone.

On Oconto Falls' first offensive play, senior Dylan Thomson busted free for an 80-yard touchdown run.

"We got a lot of confidence from that. It was a big momentum swinger. It was huge for us because everyone was fired up," said Thomson.

The sequence turned out to be the theme of the contest, with Menominee Indian putting together long drives before Oconto Falls' defense buckled down. More often than not, the Panthers' offense would then go down the field and score.

Menominee Indian's second drive marched to the Oconto Falls' 18 before the Panthers made a stop on fourth down. The ensuing drive lasted four plays, with Thomson capping it with a 9-yard run.

The Panthers' defense started getting to the quarterback on the next Eagles' drive, which eventually led to a three-and-out.

Menominee Indian's defense flipped the script on the next drive, forcing a stop inside its own 5-yard line. The Eagles' offense then worked out of the shadow of its own goalpost and crossed midfield before the drive broke down. Three straight sacks not only ended the drive, but helped the hosts start at the Menominee Indian 40 for the next drive.

It was another one-play drive for the Panthers to extend the lead to



Oconto Falls' Carter Hill, left, hands off to Dylan Thomson during the team's game against Menominee Indian on Sept. 17 in Oconto Falls.

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20-0. Junior quarterback Carter Hill threw a deep ball up the left sideline that senior Isaac Raddatz pulled down and turned into a 40-yard score.

"It starts with our line, we need protection and we need holes to run through. When we passed, we got protection and that's how we got our touchdowns," said Raddatz.

A nice return from freshman Truper Wilber and penalty from Oconto Falls set the visitors up at the 40-yard line and about a minute to go in the first half.

Senior Devin Beaulieu-Morgan hit senior Andre Corn on a 26-yard

pass before a penalty moved the ball back to the 28. Beaulieu-Morgan then found senior Allen Smith to put the Eagles on the 6-yard line. A pass picked up another yard but an incomplete pass in the end zone on a third-down play turned out to be the half's final play.

The Eagles forced and recovered a fumble on the Panthers' first drive of the second half, but Menominee Indian couldn't take advantage, turning the ball over on downs at their own 25.

It took Oconto Falls four plays to score, with Thomson powering in from four yards out.

Another time-consuming Eagles' drive worked the ball into Panthers' territory before the hosts made a fourth-down stop. Oconto Falls then sealed its win with a 15-play touchdown drive. Hill connected with Raddatz on a 6-yard pass to cap it.

Oconto Falls moved to 5-0 on the season and 3-0 in conference play ahead of its showdown with Coleman. The two teams are the lone unbeaten ones left in the conference.

"I think we're all hungry because, I mean Oconto Falls, the last time they were 4, 5-0, (was) 1990-something," said Thomson. "We want it, we're hungry. Coleman is our biggest game, we want to beat them really bad."

Menominee Indian got a little positive momentum built with a touchdown drive late in the fourth quarter.

Beaulieu-Morgan hit Dixon for a 54-yard touchdown pass.

"We need to finish our plays a lot more," said Dixon of the team's offense. "We're always fired up going all the way down (the field) but like our coaches said in the huddle, we kind of relax when we get in the red zone. It just comes down to staying fired up when we're in the red zone and finishing what we started."

"We just need to capitalize on a lot more drives. We hung in there but a few plays got us," said Corn. "We gotta come back stronger next week."

Menominee Indian hosts Tomahawk on Sept. 24.

Menominee Indian 0 0 0 8 — 8
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First quarter

OF: Dylan Thomson 80-yard run (Kody Vorpahl pass from Carter Hill), 5:08

Second quarter

OF: Thomson 9-yard run (run failed), 10:51

OF: Isaac Raddatz 40-yard pass from Hill (pass failed), 1:00

Third quarter

OF: Thomson 4-yard run (Vorpahl pass from Hill), 6:25

Fourth quarter

OF: Raddatz 6-yard pass from Hill (Skyler Dalton run), 7:56

MI: Bryce Dixon 54-yard pass from Devin Beaulieu-Morgan (Gregory Turney run), 2:00

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Eggert leads Shawano to 3rd-place finish at Oconto Falls Invitational

Oconto Falls takes 4th, Bonduel 7th

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Shawano Community High School girls golf team finished in third place behind a big day from Sophia Eggert at the Oconto Falls Invitational on Sept. 13 at River Island Golf Course in Oconto Falls.

Eggert carded an 18-hole round of 89 to lead Shawano, which had a team score of 419. The 89 for Eggert helped her tie for the top individual score on the day. The Hawks finished behind Wrightstown (396) and Marinette (399).

Oconto Falls turned in a team score of 428 to place fourth. The Panthers also had a junior varsity team in action, and that group took eighth with a score of 473.

Bonduel and Pulaski were among the other teams at the invitational. Bonduel took seventh with a mark of 442, while Pulaski's golfers accumulated a score of 508. Pulaski sent a varsity team to an invitational in Sheboygan.

Eggert fired a 44 on the front nine before a 45 on the back nine for her round of 89.

"That gave me confidence but also something to motivate me," said Eggert.

Braylyn Babino carded a round of 102 for the Hawks, while Riley Dreier fired a 107. Alli Johnson (121) was the golfer who rounded out the team score.

Shawano was down a golfer on the day, making the team's finish even more meaningful.

"Today we were a golfer short," Eggert said. "It proved that if you play your game and shoot a good score, we can still place good as a team."

"It was a big loss without our No. 1 golfer today. But after today, it showed that we could persevere as a team and have confidence to play at a higher level," said Babino, who tied for eighth as an individual.

The Oconto Falls varsity team was led by Kate Pytleski, but it was JV golfer Lexi Nelson who posted the best round of the day at 102. Both

golfers finished among the invitational's 12 top golfers.

Pytleski carded a 103 to tie for the 10th spot as an individual. Nelson was one of two golfers at a 102, tied for the eighth-best round.

Danielle Darby and Kenadee Seidl each fired rounds of 107 for the Panthers' varsity team. Alexis Euclide (111) and Kloeigh Seidl (115) capped the balanced team.

"I really think that we were able to golf the way we did today was because of how close and supportive our team is," said Darby. "We all have things each of us need to work on and and struggle with, but all of us motivate each other to do our very best. I know for myself, I wouldn't be golfing as good if I didn't have my team there pushing me."

Amber Krause (114) and Gina Sconzert (115) had the next best rounds behind Nelson on the JV team. Hailey Kopke (142) and Ava Salscheider (152) capped the five-golfer team.

It was Sarah Garside leading Bonduel on the course, posting a round of 103 to tie for 10th as an individual.

Thea Tauchen (107) and Ava Pleshek (109) had similar showings on the day, finishing the day with better scores on the back nine.

"Honestly, at first I could not hit anything, but as I kept going, it slowly got better," said Tauchen of her round. "I shot a 107, which isn't terrible and I'm pretty content with it. Personally, I need to work on my chipping more than anything."

Meghan Wondra (122) and Raina Dworniczak (123) rounded out the Bears' team.

"Since this was our first individual 18-hole meet, I think it was a great way to prepare everyone for conference and regionals that's coming up," said Pleshek. "It will also help build our confidence and stay positive for when we have to golf 18 again later in the season. Our team has a lot of room for improvement, but we make the most of it when we're out there playing."

Pulaski's team was led by Katie Fuiten's round of 118. Danika Hole-



Shawano's Sophia Eggert takes a shot during the Oconto Falls Invitational on Sept. 13 at River Island Golf Course in Oconto Falls. Eggert led the Hawks on the course and tied for the top individual score on the day.

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winski carded a 120.

Maggie Jandrin (134), Savannah

Malicoat (136) and Amelia Rass-muson (139) capped the team.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

CROSS-COUNTRY

Suring's Noack places 1st at invite

Olivia Noack posted a time of 21 minutes, 33 seconds to take first and lead the Suring girls in the Marinette Invite on Sept. 18 in Marinette.

Suring came in fourth out of six qualifying teams.

Georgia Gerndt (24:46.9) placed 23rd for the Eagles, while Hailey Thomson (25:20.9) came in 25th.

Chantelle VanDenElzen (26:31.2) finished 32nd and Samantha Seibert (28:53.3) 40th to cap the five-runner team.

Gillett girls 12th, boys 20th at invite

The Gillett girls earned a team score of 302 to place 12th at the Angel Invite on Sept. 18 in Kenosha. The Gillett boys placed 20th with a score of 529.

Carleigh Kaczmarek (21:05.7) led the Gillett girls with a 24th-place finish, while Angela Mosconi (21:29.5) took 32nd. Kasey Hansen (23:30.1), Cheyenne Krueger (23:38.4) and Laney DeBauch (24:07.3) capped the team's top-five runners, placing 88th, 91st and 106th, respectively.

Alex Peterson placed seventh in 16:38 to pace the Gillett boys. Evan Peterson (17:37.6) took 35th, while Connor Hanson (19:00.5) was 99th. Scott Herroux (21:29.6) and Aydin Franti (22:13.9) capped the team's top five, finishing 196th and 211th, respectively.

VOLLEYBALL

Panthers go 2-3 at invite

Oconto Falls defeated Green Bay NEW Lutheran (25-22, 25-11) and Marinette (25-19, 25-8) while losing to West De Pere (25-21, 13-25, 15-8), Kewaskum (25-23, 25-20) and Kiel (25-22, 25-15) at the Pulaski Invite on Sept. 18 in Pulaski.

Emmie Magnin posted 14 attack kills in Oconto Falls' loss to West De Pere. Hanna Krejcarek led the team with nine digs, while Hailey Peitersen tallied 18 assists.

Karlie Kowalczyk led the Panthers with 13 digs in the win over Green Bay NEW Lutheran. Peitersen had 14 assists, while Magnin had a team-leading seven attack kills. Kowalczyk also led the team with 10 digs against Kewaskum, while Peitersen tallied nine attack kills and 12 assists.

Magnin totaled seven attack kills in the win over Marinette. Krejcarek tallied nine digs and three aces, while Peitersen had nine assists. In the loss to Kiel, Magnin and Morgan Kluth recorded eight and six attack kills, respectively. Peitersen was credited with 16 assists and eight digs, while Krejcarek and Kowalczyk had 11 and 10 digs, respectively.

Oconto Falls 3

Marinette 0

Oconto Falls swept Marinette by scores of 25-15, 25-18, 25-13 in a NEC match on Sept. 16 in Marinette.

Hailey Peitersen led Oconto Falls with 12 digs, 21 assists, three blocks and seven attack kills on the night. Emmie Magnin added 14 attack kills and three blocks.

Amber Otto served five aces for the Panthers, while Hanna Krejcarek had 10 digs. Karlie Kowalczyk chipped in with seven digs.

Lena 3

Crivitz 2

Lena claimed a Marinette & Oconto Conference victory over Crivitz in five sets on Sept. 14, winning by scores of 25-20, 25-12, 10-25, 12-25, 15-12.

Peyton Dorow-Wagner tallied nine attack kills for Lena, while Melanie Cops and Claire Brooks had seven and six total kills, respectively.

Makynna Herald finished the

match with 16 assists for the Wildcats.

Wausaukee 3

Suring 2

Suring was unable to finish off Wausaukee in a M&O match on Sept. 14 in Wausaukee, losing by scores of 18-25, 20-25, 25-19, 25-21, 17-15.

Suring's Christine Sleeter finished the night with 10 total kills and seven assists. MaKenzie Chesterfield and Macie Reed chipped in six attack kills each, while Kate Mahoney and Bailey Stuart had four attack kills each.

Mahoney led the Eagles with 18 assists, while Chesterfield added seven digs and five aces. Trinity Remic and Emma Kristoff were credited with seven digs each.

FOOTBALL

Lena/STAA 69

Gillett 8

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy routed Gillett in a 8-player MONLPC-East Division matchup on Sept. 17 in Lena.

Tyler Shallow rushed for 88 yards and two touchdowns for Lena/STAA, while Logan Shallow, Sam Marquardt, Lane Whiting and Josh Kristof added a rushing touchdown each. As a team, the co-op accumulated 310 rushing yards and six touchdowns.

Marquardt also threw a touchdown to Logan Shallow, returned a punt 76 yards for another score and also returned a kickoff 71 yards for a score. Kristof picked off a pass and returned it 40 yards for a score.

Ben Matczak caught a 25-yard touchdown pass from Jesse DeBauch for Gillett's lone touchdown. The team also scored two points on a snap out of the end zone on a punt attempt.

Pulaski 56

Ashwaubenon 7

Pulaski rolled to a Fox River Classic Conference-North Division game

ONLINE

More high school and college highlights, plus a video of the Bonduel Cross-Country Invitational on Sept. 14 can be found at www.newmedia-wi.com.

against Ashwaubenon on Sept. 17 in Ashwaubenon. Pulaski is now 5-0 overall and 3-0 in conference play.

Pulaski rushed for 401 yards and seven touchdowns as a team. Jacob Doxtater finished with 144 rushing yards and two scores, while Aaron Maroszek added 128 rushing yards and two touchdowns.

Gatlin Robaidek, Maverick Cole and Aidan McDougal each had a rushing touchdown each. Derek Block threw a touchdown pass to McDougal.

Riley Lorn was credited with an interception for the Red Raiders.

Suring 40

White Lake/Elcho 20

Suring doubled up White Lake/Elcho in an 8-player MONLPC-West contest on Sept. 17 in Elcho.

Suring is now 2-2 overall and 1-0 in conference play.

BOYS SOCCER

Pulaski 6

Manitowoc 2

Pulaski eased past Manitowoc in a Fox River Classic Conference match on Sept. 14 in Manitowoc.

Ben Uelmen scored a goal and assisted on a goal from Austin Lipsey to lead Pulaski. Alex Kouzov and Hayden Burkel scored unassisted goals for the Red Raiders.

Peyton Winkelman added a goal on a penalty kick for Pulaski. Jack Ryan had the team's other goal.

Chase Ambrosius and Dylan Carley each were credited with an assist for the Raiders. Mason Baker and Gaven Haldemann each spent time defending the net.



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ATHLETE PROFILE: JOE ADAMS

Panther runner enjoying big senior season

Joe Adams has been one of the Oconto Falls High School boys cross-country team's top runners over his high school career. The senior has saved his best for last though, as he's turned in several strong finishes already this fall.

Adams won the Bonduel Invitational on Sept. 14 in Bonduel, completing the course in 17 minutes, 20.4 seconds to help his team to a second-place finish.

Adams placed 12th at the Shawano Invitational on Sept. 11 with a time of 17:25.3.

The senior posted a time of 17:37.72 to come in fourth at the Freedom Invite on Aug. 27.

Q: When did your interest in cross-country begin?

A: I joined track in eighth grade and my middle school track coach, Miss (Kelani) O'Neil, told me one day at practice that I should give cross-country a try in high school. I've been hooked ever since.

Q: What is your favorite part about the cross-country season?

A: The big meets at the end of the year like conference and sectionals. Everyone gives it their all, and it makes for a fun race.

Q: You've enjoyed a lot of success over your high school cross-country career. What's attributed to that sustained success?

A: Honestly it has just been a lot of running. I run and condition year-round to stay in shape from one season to the next.

Q: You've seemed to have found another gear at this point in your senior season. What's helped you earn the strong finishes you have over the past few weeks?

A: The experience that I have gained over the last few years has helped me understand how to race versus just running.

Q: Do you have any individual

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Joe Adams

SPORT: Cross-country

SCHOOL: Oconto Falls High School

YEAR: Senior

goals you hope to accomplish by the end of the season?

A: I want to qualify for state. I haven't done it yet, so I am trying to make this my year.

Q: As a senior, how are you helping lead the rest of the boys team?

A: I help lead by example. I want to show them that you get out of it what you put into it. My goal is to help them to be the best that they can be, so we are the best we can be.

Q: Do you have any rituals you go through before a race starts?

A: I don't do anything too special. I just take a few deep breaths as I wait for that gun to go off.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Oconto Falls boys cross-country team?

A: This year's Bonduel meet. The team has been working hard and that second-place finish was awesome. That was the first time we took home a trophy in my four years.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show and musical artist?

A: Movie - "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle." TV show - "The Dukes of Hazzard." Musical artist - Tim McGraw.

Q: Name one thing about yourself that not many people know.

A: I've had two eye surgeries.

Q: What's the greatest piece of advice you have ever been told?

A: Coach (Andrew) Jantz told me not to start off the race like a loose cannon and just run a strong race.

Q: What are some things you hope to accomplish after graduating high school?

A: I hope to go to college for conservation law enforcement and continue to develop as a runner.



Oconto Falls' Joe Adams competes at the Shawano Invitational on Sept. 11 in Shawano.

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County redistricting gets preliminary approval

By **WARREN BLUHM**
Editor-in-chief

The Oconto County Board of Supervisors has approved a preliminary redistricting plan that keeps the board at the maximum 31 members allowed by state statutes, but not before swatting down an attempt to adjust the new district boundaries to benefit a potential candidate.

The work was done at a special meeting Sept. 16 because of the shrunk timeline created by late release of U.S. Census data and Gov. Tony Evers' veto of a bill that would have extended the deadline for redrawing local maps.

That combination condensed what usually is a six-month process down to 74 days, County Administrator Kevin Hamann told the board.

The 2020 data indicates that the average population among Oconto County's 31 districts needed to be about 1,257. That meant, for example, that the City of Gillett with a 2020 population of 1,289 could now stand alone as its own district. As a result, the county won't need to prepare as many ballots, County Clerk Kim Pytleski said.

"Now for supervisor districts, we won't have two separate ballots (for Gillett) when it comes to an even-year April election," she said.

The executive committee met Aug. 26 and Sept. 9 to recommend maps that Hamann had drawn.

The committee directed the administrator to come up with maps that were as compact as possible and, more significantly, did not take into account where incumbents live.

"Years ago, we made some changes because of where county board members lived, and some

of our districts were a little bit stretched out and weird," Hamann said. "The Executive Committee directed me by making a motion to not consider where county board members live when I drew the maps."

That turned out to make a difference when Supervisor Buzz Kamke made a motion to adjust the border slightly between the districts he and Supervisor Bart Schindel now represent in the Oconto Falls area.

Kamke said he is planning to retire from the board next April, and he recruited Oconto Falls Mayor Brad Rice to run for his seat as a potential successor.

It turns out Rice lives on a street that forms part of the boundary between the two districts, but on Schindel's side of the road.

"He was 20 feet away from being in my district," Kamke said.

Kamke made a motion to swap two census zones with similar-sized populations so that Rice's house is in the district Kamke represents.

That, however, did not sit well with most of the board members — including Board Chairman Paul Bednarek.

"You know, when we started this, we wanted to completely eliminate gerrymandering, and that's what Kevin was directed to do," Bednarek said.

Recently appointed Supervisor Theresa Willems said because she is new, she doesn't really know anybody yet, so her comments are not personal, but she was "a little bit uncomfortable" with the motion.

Supervisor Al Stranz said Kamke's motion is exactly what the Executive Committee wanted to avoid.

"This takes into consideration someone who isn't even elected

yet," Stranz said. "I don't think that's right. I think it'll open a whole can of worms ... everybody else is going to want their lines changed, too."

Kamke's motion was defeated 25-4, getting support only from him, Schindel, John Matravers and Leonard Wahl. Rice, who attended the meeting, said he was OK with the board's decision.

The board then approved the recommended maps, also by a 25-4

vote, this time with dissent from Supervisors Schindel, Wahl, Rose Stellmacher and Kenneth Linzmeier.

The maps now go to the county's city, town and village boards for their review and comments. Final approval must be given in early November so that the maps can be published in the county's official newspapers before nomination papers begin circulating Dec. 1 for the April election.



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Several dozen private planes came into Oconto for the annual Elks Club Fly-In, this year celebrating the 75th anniversary of J. Douglas Bake Airport.



ABOVE: Vendors' tents lined the concourse at the Oconto Elks Club Fly-In.



RIGHT: A line of planes is parked near the runway for the 2021 Oconto Elks Club Fly-In.

Colorama fall trail ride around corner

1,000 horses anticipated at event in Caroline

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Caroline Lions Club officials are preparing for another great turnout for Caroline Colorama this year.

The 33rd annual event kicks off Sept. 30 and runs through Oct. 3. The event features trail rides on horses and carriages in Caroline. Free live music will also be provided from bands including Whiskey and Lace, Jason McNabb and the Reign and K Sterling and the 85 Silver Band.

"This is a chance for people to get outside, socialize and ride horses," said club member John Asenbrenner.

The weekend will feature horse rides, as visitors are encouraged to bring their own horses, a parade, a horseshoe tournament and breakfast and lunch.

The parade begins on Sunday at 1 p.m. and runs through Main Street in Caroline. During the parade, there are three categories for participating floats — horseback, horsedrawn and beauty. Each category pays \$75 for first place and \$50 for second place. For information, contact Scott Brandenburg at 715-250-3344.

Colorama acts as the Lions Club's annual fundraiser, where all of the money raised benefits local folks.

"This money stays in the community," said Asenbrenner. "We use it to help those in need."

The event will take place under the Lions Club shelter.

Asenbrenner said that 900 campsites are sold for this year, with many families and horses ready to spend a weekend outdoors.

"We average about 1,000 horses on Saturday," said Asenbrenner. "On Sunday, it is a little bit of an advanced ride, but we still see between 500 and 800 horses."

With this being such a big event, Asenbrenner said that the community plays a large role in the success of the event every year.

"This is a community effort," said Asenbrenner. "The whole community helps. Everyone pitches in."

Adding to the community effort, during the trail rides, Asenbrenner said that land owners donate their land for the weekend to be used.

The event was held last year in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Asenbrenner said that he assumes a similar turnout will attend this year.

"Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we had less people come than usual," said Asenbrenner. "With the COVID-19 variant now, I would assume that we would have a similar attendance; if not, I think there will be more people."

He said that holding an event like this gives people that opportunity to get out, have some fun and socialize with people whom they may not have seen in a while.

With the amount of people who attend this event every year, Asenbrenner said that he has seen people travel to Caroline from Michigan, Minnesota and as far away as Montana.

Since the event's inception 33 years ago, Asenbrenner has noticed how it has evolved.

"Our first year, we had a handful of people just take a horse ride together and got dinner after," said Asenbrenner. "Now it has evolved into this, where we have 1,000 horses coming and 900 campsites sold."

Asenbrenner said that people enjoy coming to this event not only due to the festivities, but also a sense of town pride.

"People like to come to this event because they enjoy putting Caroline on the map," said Asenbrenner.

He added that the weekend is a lot of fun but isn't likely to break a family's budget.

"I think that is why people come: It is an inexpensive way to spend the weekend," said Asenbrenner. "With our campsites at \$40 to rent and a \$5 fee to ride the trails, visitors don't have to drive back and forth from home, or find another place to stay. They can just camp here."

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Nominations of Wisconsin teachers and principals can be submitted online at www.kohleducation.org for the 2022 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation teacher fellowship and principal leadership awards.

The deadline for submission is at 5 p.m. Oct. 12. Awards are \$6,000, with an additional \$6,000 grant going to the school of each selected teacher and principal. Established in 1990, the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation awards 100 fellowships and 16 leadership awards annually from among applicants throughout the state.

For teachers or principals to be eligible, they must be nominated by a parent, student, other teacher, community member or school administrator. Teachers and principals in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade who plan to continue in their current capacity for at least one year are eligible.

The Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Fellowship rewards teachers who have demonstrated superior ability to inspire love of learning in their students, have motivated others and have provided meritorious ser-

vice both in and outside the classroom. It also recognizes and supports principals who demonstrate administrative leadership and positively influence school culture.

Online nominations must be submitted at www.kohleducation.org. Selection of recipients will be made by a state-level panel composed of representatives from the Wisconsin Newspaper Association Foundation, Association of Wisconsin School Administrators, cooperative educational service agencies, several education-related associations and

community representatives.

Since the program was established in 1990, the Herb Kohl Foundation has awarded 3,313 grants to teachers and principals, and 3,313 matching grants to their schools throughout the state for a total of almost \$13.4 million.

The programs are co-sponsored by the Wisconsin Newspaper Association Foundation, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Association of Wisconsin School Administrators and the state's 12 cooperative educational service agencies.

3 men, 2 local, arrested in Clintonville traffic stop

Two men, one from Marion and the other from Keshena, were arrested during a traffic stop in Clintonville that yielded drugs.

On Sept. 17, a Clintonville police officer noticed a vehicle traveling through the city with expired registration displayed. The officer stopped the vehicle on Eighth Street for the unregistered vehicle violation.

K-9 Charr was on scene and

alerted on the vehicle for the presence of illegal narcotics.

Officers searched the vehicle and located 18.46 grams of suspected methamphetamine, 7.27 grams of suspected marijuana, 0.66 grams of suspected heroin, medication, a scale and other various pieces of drug paraphernalia, according to a Clintonville Police Department press release.

As a result of the search, the 30-year-old Marion man was arrested for a Wisconsin probation and parole hold, possession of methamphetamine with the intent to deliver with the enhancer of possessing within 1,000 feet of a school, possession of narcotic drugs and possession of drug equipment. The 42-year-old Keshena man was arrested on a Shawano County Sheriff's Department

warrant, while a 21-year-old man from Iron River, Michigan, was arrested for possession of methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of a school and possession/illegally obtained prescription.

The Marion man and Iron River man were transported to the Wau-paca County Jail, while the Keshena man was turned over to the Shawano County Jail.

Mask mandate put into place for 3 Shawano public schools

The Shawano School District posted a notice on Sept. 17 that it was going to require masks, beginning Sept. 20, during the normal school day at three of its schools.

The mask mandate is in effect for Shawano Community High School, Shawano Community Middle School

and Hillcrest Primary School through at least Oct. 1. There is no mandate at Olga Brener Intermediate School, although the district "strongly recommends masking" at the school, according to the notice.

The notice from Superintendent Randi Anderson claimed increased

rates of illness in the schools where the mandates are in effect, along with an increased community rate, which she said is putting the effort to keep school in session five days a week at risk. She wrote that the district would be looking at what plans are to keep COVID-19 in check after Oct. 1.

The pandemic is slightly better for the school district now than when it was a year ago. In 2020, the district required masks from day one with a hybrid learning session, and it was around the end of September when the district went to a full virtual learning schedule for over three months.

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Therapeutic exercise for neck pain first choice

It's estimated that 48.5% of us will be affected with neck pain at some point in our life and that costs for treating it are approximately \$20 billion per year in the United States alone. Neck pain can be caused by any number of disorders and diseases.

The most common cause is classified as mechanical malfunction, which occurs after years of normal use, overuse, and misuse. The neck supports the heavy weight of the head while still allowing it to tilt, turn, and nod easily. Decades of such use can cause neck pain for many, and recent research also found that smart-phone overuse increased the risk of neck pain by 599%, likely due to the awkward head postures it can promote.

Neck pain used to be something many people simply had to learn to live with. Recently published research provides us with important new insights about treatment for this potentially debilitating condition.

A team of international researchers assessed a select group of high-quality studies regarding the effectiveness of therapeutic exercise for patients with chronic neck pain. Therapeutic exercise proved to have good short-term and intermediate-term effects on pain and disability with no serious adverse events. Based on these find-



BRIAN GRIEVES

Before starting a therapeutic exercise program, you should consult your family medical doctor or chiropractor. Your doctor will perform an examination to determine the cause and if you are a good candidate for a therapeutic exercise program. The exam should include muscle endurance testing to measure any deficit and establish a baseline.

Based upon the results of endurance testing, a specific spinal rehabilitation program should be initiated and followed with periodic testing. Additionally, multiple research studies demonstrate that having strong endurance neck muscles reduces the risk for future episodes.

Brian Grieves is a doctor of chiropractic with a master's in public health and a member of the Shawano Community Health Action Team. Call 715-524-8722 for information.

ings, therapeutic exercise should be considered a first-line choice for patients with chronic neck pain. Overall, these methods are safer and more effective than medications, injections or surgery.



Dean and Cheryl Konkel, right, are shown with Todd and Wendy Senzig, sponsors of Shawano County's 372nd barn quilt at W13004 State Highway 29 in Tilleda.

JIM LEUENBERGER

Senzig's sponsors barn quilt in Tilleda

Todd and Wendy Senzig, owners of Senzig's Fine Home Furnishings in Shawano, have sponsored Shawano County's 372nd barn quilt. Called "I Feel MOO-velous," it is on display on a farm owned by Dean and Cheryl Konkel at W13004 State Highway 29, Tilleda, 15 miles west of Shawano.

Dean Konkel and four brothers, including his twin, Wayne, grew up on the 80-acre farm that was purchased by their parents, Lesley and Beulah Konkel, in 1943 from a Schultz family. The barn on which the quilt is displayed was built more than 100 years ago.

Dean's dad had a dairy herd of about 20 Holstein cows until 1982. From then until 1988, there were a few beef cattle on the farm, but Dean always had a love of dairy cows, so he put together a dairy herd of 40 Holstein cows and started milking in 1988. He purchased the farm from his dad in 1998 and continues to milk his Holstein cows twice a day. He also does custom harvesting for nearby Hartleben farm, where they raise dairy heifers.

Dean and Cheryl have been married since 2004. She works at Fleet Farm in Clintonville, where they met in 2002.

"One day, I went to Fleet Farm to buy some bug spray, and I came home with a wife," Dean said with a chuckle.

Senzig's Fine Furniture has been in business in Shawano for 56 years through three generations, currently owned by Todd and Wendy. However, the history of their farming roots will lie forever in the hearts of the Senzig family.

Todd's grandparents were all farmers, while Wendy grew up on a Christmas tree farm. Their upbringing taught them both from an early age the importance of agriculture. Today, they use their learned skills through gardening, something they look forward to every spring.

Although it may not be harvesting acres of crops or planting rows of seedlings, the love the Senzigs have for tending to the earth remains strong.

"Our sponsorship of a barn quilt for Shawano County comes from a deep respect and admiration for the farmers in our community," Todd Senzig said. "We are thankful for the opportunity to show our appreciation to the farmers in our area and the people they serve."

The Konkel barn quilt was painted by the Shawano County barn quilt committee and was put on display by LeRoy Raddant and his grandson, Keenan, both of whom work for Raddant Electric in Shawano.

Toothpaste provides lesson on words



Sacred Heart Catholic School students, from left, Elias Reiter, Carter Kleist, Remington Montour and Oliver Schwantes work with little tube of toothpastes, which were helpful recently in teaching an important lesson on bullying and kindness to first grade students at Sacred Heart.

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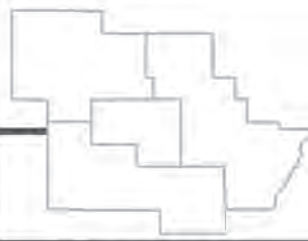
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Caldwell named to New North board of directors



CHRISTOPHER CALDWELL

College of Menominee Nation President Christopher Caldwell has been named to the board of directors of New North Inc., the organization's board development committee announced recently.

Caldwell has been president of CMN since June 25. He had served as the college's interim president for the prior 17 months, successfully guiding CMN through pandemic-related challenges. Caldwell previously directed the Sustainable Development Institute at CMN, starting in October 2012.

Prior to entering the field of higher education, he spent 7½ years as director of compliance and enforcement officer for the department of trust resources of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin. His earlier career included work as a forest products technician with the USDA Forest Service in Madison; student and intern with the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs-NCCE; and timber marker and forest technician for Menominee Tribal Enterprises.

"We are excited by the multiple perspectives that Chris brings to

the New North board of directors," says Barb LaMue, president and CEO of New North. "His background in higher education, tribal operations and sustainability will be beneficial to our dialogue and work programs."

Caldwell holds an associate degree in sustainable development from CMN, a bachelor's degree in natural resources from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a master's degree in environmental science and policy from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. He currently is a Ph.D. candidate in environment and resources from the UW-Madison Nelson Institute.

He is the fourth person to lead CMN, an accredited baccalaureate-level college with campuses in Keshena and Green Bay since its inception in 1993. Caldwell is an enrolled member of the Menominee tribe.

Combat vet featured speaker at annual meeting for historical society

A combat veteran will be sharing her experiences at the Shawano County Historical Society's annual meeting at 6 p.m. Oct. 18 at Shawano City Hall, 127 S. Sawyer St., Shawano.

Laura Colbert is the author of "How to Pee Standing Up/Sirens: An alarming memoir of combat and coming back home." Colbert has appeared on PBS, Veterans Radio, NPR and a variety of podcasts.

Colbert grew up in Minocqua and Waupaca. She attended UW-Madison from 2000-2006 and graduated with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology. During that time, she served in the Army National Guard as a military police officer. Colbert deployed

to Baghdad, Iraq, from March 2003 to July 2004.

After graduating from UW-Madison, Colbert taught physical education in Aylesbury, England, in 2007. In 2008, she worked as an activities director in Fargo, North Dakota, for individuals with special needs.

Wanting to move closer to home and utilize her degree, Colbert worked as a physical education teacher, dean of students and academic and career planning coordinator at Madison West High School from 2008-2017. She received a master's degree in educational leadership through Cardinal Stritch in 2011 and a master's degree in experiential education from UW-LaCrosse in 2012.

NOW HIRING

The Lakes Country Public Library is hiring a part-time library assistant for 10-20 hours per week, including some weekends. High School diploma or GED required, some post-secondary education preferred; applicants must have computer skills.

Position starts at \$12.00/hour.

Duties include: children's programming, circulation desk, shelving, and helping patrons with technology questions.

Send resume and cover letter to:

Lakes Country Public Library
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Or email to: nlowery@lakescountrylibrary.org

Applications will be accepted until Friday, October 1, 2021.

OPINION

GUEST COLUMN

Legislative leaders undermine public education

This is a special time of year for children, families and educators. I know, as an educator and as a parent, that the transition back to school can be a challenging time, and this year, of course, the challenges are far greater than ever before, and our educators and students are rising to them.

While they do that, while they take on the common challenges of a new school year and the extraordinary ones stemming from returning to school during a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic, the legislative leadership in our state is taking on a different challenge — the challenge of undermining public education for their own political gain.

I've said it before and I'll say it again: These legislators are using our children as playthings in a political game, and they will not win, but they will hurt our students, our educators and our democratic principles in the process. Because by attempting to undermine public education by ramming controversial, misguided and unexamined bills through the legislative process without providing ample opportunity for public input, they are ultimately undermining democracy and robbing Wisconsinites of their right to civic participation.

It's ironic, really, since one of the egregiously fast-tracked bills currently making its way through the legislature is a bill about civics, and it includes a stipulation concerning curriculum that teaches "an under-



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standing of the process for effectively advocating before governmental bodies and officials." How interesting that Assembly Bill 563, authored by Speaker Robin Vos, was introduced only one day before its hearing. I would say it's pretty difficult to effectively advocate before a governmental body with barely 24 hours' notice, so the bill is already hypocritical in its provisions.

It doesn't stop there. The bill also attempts to regulate civics curriculum to require teaching "an understanding of pupils' shared rights and responsibilities as residents of this state." Sounds great, doesn't it? Except that Vos and the exclusively Republican co-sponsorship of this bill seem to have forgotten their own rights and responsibilities as residents in, not to mention representatives of, this state. They are responsible, as stewards of their constituents, for engaging with experts and stakeholders in Wisconsin as they craft legislation.

In this field, civics education, I am both an expert and a stakeholder, and more importantly, the duly elected Wisconsin state superintendent. This is an independent statewide elected office. I head the Department of Public Instruction,

charged with advancing public education to ensure the success of our state's children, and somehow the sponsors of this bill forgot to consult us or other experts or stakeholders. I wonder why.

Actually, I know why. They don't want to hear what I have to say. The thing is, they shouldn't have a choice. They don't have to agree with me, but concerning public education in Wisconsin, I will not stand idly by while legislative leaders attempt a blatant power grab at the expense of Wisconsin's children. We must — and we will — make our case.

Another of these hastily proposed and ill-advised bills is Assembly Bill 562, which would require parental notification prior to any instruction regarding sexuality or gender identity, effectively obstructing the potential for free and open discussion in our classrooms and LGBTQ+ inclusive curriculum in our schools. There are far-reaching and damaging implications of this bill, but again, with one day's notice, we cannot thoroughly examine them. I wonder why.

My guess is that speed is tantamount to smoke and mirrors; the sponsors of this bill want to hide exactly how far-reaching and damaging this legislation stands to be. Let me be clear — it would be extremely damaging. This bill, if made into law, would hurt children, both LGBTQ+ and not. Without being able to address sexuality and gender identity

in the classroom, how can LGBTQ+ students identify the supportive staff in their schools?

Research from GLSEN shows that having supportive adults in a school has a significant positive effect on LGBTQ+ students' sense of belonging and safety, not to mention on their attendance rates and their academic success. All students benefit from supportive adults and LGBTQ+-inclusive curriculum, because modeling support and allyship reduces discrimination, and inclusive curriculum makes it possible to teach about the rich tapestry of the people of Wisconsin, of which the LGBTQ+ community is an integral part.

So here is my message for the students of Wisconsin: You have an ally in your state superintendent. I've got your back.

That is why I am taking my appeal directly to the people of Wisconsin, who elected me to lead public education in this state. You can agree or disagree with me, but either way, I need you to pay attention. I need you to read up on these bills. I need you to talk to your schools and your friends, and especially your children, about what they would mean for the schools and classrooms in your district. I need you to call your state representative and senator and ask them to slow down.

Jill Underly is the superintendent for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fear distorts elections, COVID-19, refugees

To the editor:

Fear — an emotion experienced in the mind.

Fear has the power to inhibit one's rational thinking. It may be politically and culturally manipulated to persuade others of ideas that otherwise should be widely rejected. It also can dissuade people from idea that would otherwise be widely supported. Our world today is full of examples of fear being used to influence our thinking and divide us.

We value that our elections are secure. Yet people have been manipulated into believing there is widespread voter fraud. We also value honesty. However, fear of election fraud has been publicized, though the research has shown this is not true.

The Centers for Disease Control's latest recommendation is that masks be worn in areas of the county where COVID-19 has spiked to concerning levels. However, according to a Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article, Sen. Ron Johnson says it's "time to reclaim liberty and end this state of fear." He questions

if masks "do more harm than good." Research has shown clearly that masks reduce COVID-19 spread. So, fear has been used to stir emotions and make people think that masks are bad for their health.

Wisconsin's Fort McCoy is being used as a temporary home to Afghan immigrants who have been rescued from a dangerous country. We should be having empathy for these individuals and do all we can do to help them. However, there is already the spreading of fear that these people haven't been vetted thoroughly and are therefore dangerous. We should have trust

that the process that is in place will function to keep Wisconsinites safe.

We need to be aware that we are being manipulated by some of what is said on Facebook or on conservative media. Misinformation (information that is inaccurate) and disinformation (false information that is meant to deceive) can cause fear. We need to be aware of situations where the emotion of fear is being generated for a certain outcome. We should be wary of politicians who use incorrect information to spread fear.

Richard J. Hansen, Wittenberg

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Clint Lee Denowski and Raquel Marie Welte, Oconto Falls.

Rural Urban Banquet set for Oct. 18

Biannual event honors longtime community heroes

The Rural Urban Committee of Oconto County is hard at work organizing the 2021 Recognition Banquet, which is scheduled for Oct. 18 at Romy's Holiday Inn in Kelly Lake.

This is the banquet that honors senior citizens of Oconto County who have given to their communities for many years. The honorees must be 70 years of age or older and have given of their time and effort making Oconto County a better

place.

Tickets are available from the members of the Rural Urban committee: Ken Cisar, Doug Allen, Karl Ballestad, Judy Buhrandt, Ken Harter, Ron Korzeniewski, Deanna Tachick and Jeff Vankevort. The ticket price is \$18.

The list of people who will be honored that evening is still being assembled and is expected to be made public in the near future.

FOR A BRIGHTER EDUCATION



Mike Bouche, maintenance supervisor with the Oconto Falls Area School District, accepts a check from Lisa Miotke, Oconto Falls Municipal Utilities, for LED lighting in the local schools. CONTRIBUTED

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF GILLETT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The City of Gillett Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a hearing on Monday, October 4, 2021 at 5:30 pm at City Hall, 150 N McKenzie Avenue, Gillett, Wisconsin. This hearing is open to the public.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider the request of Dan Buell to rezone his property located next to 312 East Washington Street, parcel number 2310422257578A1, from residential to commercial.

Chelsea Anderson
Clerk
City of Gillett

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Gillett School District Notice of Budget Hearing (Section 65.90(4))

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Gillett School District that the budget hearing will be held at the Gillett Secondary School Commons, on the 6th day of October, 2021, at 6:00pm. The summary of the budget is printed below. Detailed copies of the budget are available for inspection at Gillett School District, District Office at 208 W Main Street, Gillett, Wisconsin.

Dated this 16th day of September, 2021 Signed: Nanette Mohr, District Clerk

Gillett School District Notice for Annual District Meeting (Section 120.08(1))

Notice is hereby given to qualified electors of the Gillett School District that the annual meeting of said district for the transaction of business, will be held in the Gillett Secondary School Commons, on the 6th day of October, 2021, at 6:30pm.

Signed: Nanette Mohr, District Clerk

GENERAL FUND	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
Beginning Fund Balance	1,533,335.62	1,533,335.62	1,533,335.62
Ending Fund Balance	1,533,335.62	1,533,335.62	1,533,335.62
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers-In (Source 100)	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Local Sources (Source 200)	2,284,770.83	2,436,485.92	2,266,983.00
Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)	148,331.31	282,406.91	474,130.00
Intermediate Sources (Source 500)	8,957.00	6,037.95	5,525.00
State Sources (Source 600)	4,859,362.40	4,869,590.69	5,002,786.00
Federal Sources (Source 700)	237,521.00	410,739.99	598,298.00
All Other Sources (Source 800 + 900)	24,619.28	26,680.97	46,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	7,565,561.82	8,033,942.43	8,395,722.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Instruction (Function 100 000)	3,065,759.28	3,111,290.55	3,190,464.00
Support Services (Function 200 000)	2,827,122.67	3,011,560.80	3,342,169.00
Non-Program Transactions (Function 400 000)	1,672,679.87	1,911,091.08	1,863,089.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	7,565,561.82	8,033,942.43	8,395,722.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
Beginning Fund Balance	31,043.39	42,442.56	549,820.10
Ending Fund Balance	42,442.56	549,820.10	549,820.10
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	1,377,776.29	2,085,568.32	1,617,703.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	1,366,377.12	1,578,190.78	1,617,703.00
DEBT SERVICE FUND	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
Beginning Fund Balance	115,228.52	123,758.49	122,283.87
Ending Fund Balance	123,758.49	122,283.87	128,671.87
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	750,629.68	4,378,066.17	732,426.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	742,099.71	4,379,540.79	726,038.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
Beginning Fund Balance	147,518.43	197,938.13	512,469.85
Ending Fund Balance	197,938.13	512,469.85	512,469.85
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	97,938.13	314,531.72	0.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	47,518.43	0.00	0.00
FOOD SERVICE FUND	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
Beginning Fund Balance	33,878.93	0.00	56,326.33
Ending Fund Balance	0.00	56,326.33	91,326.33
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	242,890.69	285,721.46	294,245.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	276,769.62	229,395.13	259,245.00
COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
Beginning Fund Balance	9,276.44	17,827.87	40,495.97
Ending Fund Balance	17,827.87	40,495.97	30,287.97
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	48,346.00	46,930.00	46,200.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	39,794.57	24,261.90	56,408.00
PACKAGE & COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FUND	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	128,451.16	51,468.49	34,551.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	128,451.16	51,468.49	34,551.00

Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

ALL FUNDS	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
GROSS TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	10,166,572.43	14,296,799.52	11,089,667.00
Interfund Transfers (Source 100) - ALL FUNDS	996,339.97	2,000.00	2,000.00
Refinancing Expenditures (FUND 30)	0.00	3,621,552.10	0.00
NET TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	9,170,232.46	10,673,247.42	11,087,667.00
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- NET TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR YEAR		16.39%	3.88%

PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY

FUND	Audited 2019-20	Unaudited 2020-21	Budget 2021-22
General Fund	2,247,937.00	2,407,114.00	2,229,753.00
Referendum Debt Service Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund	741,151.00	754,792.00	731,826.00
Capital Expansion Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Community Service Fund	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	3,034,088.00	3,206,906.00	3,006,579.00
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- TOTAL LEVY FROM PRIOR YEAR		5.70%	-6.25%

ENERGY EFFICIENCY EXEMPTION

§ 121.91 (4) (c) Revenue Limit Exemption for Energy Efficiencies-Evaluation of the Energy Performance Indicators

Name of Qualified Contractor	Honeywell Building Solutions		
Performance Contract Length (years)			10
Total Project Cost (including financing)			3,579,677
Total Project Payback Period			10
Years of Debt Payments			10
Remaining Useful Life of the Facility			66
Prior Year Resolution Expense Amount	Fiscal Year	2015	
Prior Year Related Expense Amount or CY debt levy	Fiscal Year	2015	
Utility Savings applied in Prior Year to Debt	Fiscal Year	2015	
Sum of reported Utility Savings to be applied to Debt			\$66,692

Savings Reported for 2019-20

Specific Energy Efficiency Measure or Products	Project Cost Including Financing	Utility Cost Savings	Non-Utility Cost Savings
TRS.1 Baseline Development (Campus Wide)	\$9,333	\$-	
TRS.2 Annual M&V & Preventative Maintenance Services	\$9,300	\$-	
C.1 Energy Management & DDC-Base Project GES	\$96,512	\$6,125	
C.2 VaV Box Controls DDC Upgrade GES	\$186,508	\$2,299	
E.1 Variable Speed Drivers/Ventilation Control GES	\$21,211	\$1,869	
L.1 Lighting Retrofit GES	\$180,293	\$11,513	
S.1 Building Envelope/Air Leakage GES	\$23,774	\$1,985	
S.2 Secure ES Entrance GES	\$67,168	\$-	
C.1 Energy Management & DDC-Base Project GMS	\$138,458	\$10,301	
C.2 Energy Management & DDC Enhance Scope GMS/GHS	\$179,993	\$489	
E.1 Variable Speed Drivers/Ventilation Control GMS/GHS	\$28,281	\$4,338	
I.1 Lighting Retrofit GMS/GHS	\$293,419	\$18,781	
M.1 1961 Boiler Plant Replacement	\$422,099	\$1,150	
M.2 Original 1927 HS Multi Zone FA Furnace	\$776,079	\$1,936	
M.3 Deaeration Fans	\$11,706	\$769	
M.4 Replace DHS Tank with HE DHW Heater	\$53,027	\$142	
P.1 Bathroom Remodel	\$55,016	\$-	
S.1 Building Envelope/Air Leakage GMS/GHS	\$16,130	\$1,468	
S.3 Replace 1995 Roof	\$439,736	\$3,527	
V.1 Replace 1961 Unit Ventilators GMS/GHS	\$203,216	\$-	
V.2a Refurbish 1961 AHU's with DDC GMS/GHS	\$104,481	\$-	
V.2a Refurbish 1961 AHU's Asbestos Allowance GMS/GHS	\$17,589	\$-	
PD & B Project Development Commissioning & Bonds	\$155,428	\$-	
Measurement & Verification (10 years)	\$90,920	\$-	
Entire Energy Efficiency Project Totals	\$3,579,677	\$66,692	\$-

ENERGY EFFICIENCY EXEMPTION

§ 121.91 (4) (c) Revenue Limit Exemption for Energy Efficiencies-Evaluation of the Energy Performance Indicators

Name of Qualified Contractor	Honeywell Building Solutions		
Performance Contract Length (years)			10
Total Project Cost (including financing)			3,150,670
Total Project Payback Period			10
Years of Debt Payments			10
Remaining Useful Life of the Facility			60
Prior Year Resolution Expense Amount	Fiscal Year	2018	
Prior Year Related Expense Amount or CY debt levy	Fiscal Year	2018	
Utility Savings applied in Prior Year to Debt	Fiscal Year	2018	
Sum of reported Utility Savings to be applied to Debt			\$17,607

Savings Reported for 2021-22

Specific Energy Efficiency Measure or Products	Project Cost Including Financing	Utility Cost Savings	Non-Utility Cost Savings
O&M.3 Misc O&M Repairs (Contingency)	\$80,897	\$-	\$-
TRS.1 Baseline Development	\$11,846	\$-	\$-
TRS.2 Annual M&V Services	\$11,804	\$-	\$-
E.1 Refurbish/Replace Elevator Systems	\$26,130	\$-	\$5,000
L.1 Lighting/LED Upgrade	\$52,887	\$4,089	\$250
M.1 Replace HW Boilers	\$346,778	\$1,160	\$5,000
M.2 Boilers Asbestos Allowance	\$11,557	\$-	\$-
M.3 Office/ K Wing Heating System Improvements	\$23,920	\$-	\$-
M.4 Office/K Wing Asbestos Allowance	\$5,778	\$-	\$-
S.1 Roof Replacement (Option 1)	\$274,369	\$483	\$500
S.2 Roof Replacement (Option 2)	\$274,369	\$498	\$500
S.3 Replace Playground Door	\$41,809	\$-	\$-
L.1 Lighting/LED Upgrade	\$87,889	\$5,914	\$250
M.1 Replace 1997 Hote Water Boilers	\$491,173	\$1,945	\$10,000
M.5 Replace AC Condensing Unit - 35 Tons	\$113,232	\$386	\$7,500
S.1 Roof Replacement (Option 1)	\$511,561	\$1,129	\$500
S.2 Roof Replacement (Option 2)	\$495,355	\$1,646	\$500
S.3 Roof Replacement (Option 3)	\$113,903	\$357	\$500
S.5 Replace District Office Door Entryway	\$26,130	\$-	\$-
PDC&B Project Development, Commissioning & Bonds	\$149,284	\$-	\$-
Entire Energy Efficiency Project Totals	\$3,150,670	\$17,607	\$30,500

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Green Bay Packers running back Aaron Jones leaps into the stands after scoring one of his four touchdowns in the game against the Detroit Lions on Sept. 20 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. The fans provided plenty of energy for the team in its 35-17 win.

GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA

Fans provide energy for Pack in 1st game back

By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

After the Green Bay Packers' abysmal showing against the New Orleans Saints in week one, the team was eager to return home and have full support of the green and gold faithful at Lambeau Field for the first time since early 2020.

The Packers looked much more like the team fans expected to see coming into the season in their 35-17 win over the Detroit Lions on Monday night. The 77,240 fans in attendance made their presence felt, and the team took notice.

Head coach Matt LaFleur opened his press conference talking about the fans.

"It was great to be back in Lambeau," said LaFleur. "Definitely felt the fans' presence. It was long overdue. I think we can all attest to that."

The last time Lambeau Field was at full capacity was for the NFC Divisional Round playoff game against the

Seattle Seahawks on Jan. 12, 2020. That Green Bay season ended the following week in San Francisco before limited fans were in attendance for the entire 2020 season because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Players had a difficult time adjusting to playing in nearly empty stadiums, often saying they needed to bring extra energy to the field. Big plays didn't bring out a buzz from the crowd like in years past, and many players admitted that playing in 2020 wasn't nearly as fun.

While things aren't exactly how they were in 2019 or years before that, there was definitely some extra energy at Lambeau on Monday.

When asked about the atmosphere, quarterback Aaron Rodgers' face lit up.

"It's special. It's what you miss for an entire year without this type of atmosphere," said Rodgers. "You miss everything from the intro with the people holding their phones up, or lights or whatever it was, to the fly-

over. Yeah, It's special. There's nothing like that feeling — 'Jump Around' in the fourth quarter when you're ahead. 'Roll Out The Barrel' and beer races. With the crowd, it's way different."

After a shaky first half, the Packers established dominance over the Lions in the third quarter. Like has happened so many times in the past, in the blink of an eye, the Packers had taken complete control of the game — with the fans loving every minute of it.

With the game out of reach soon after, the anxiety level of the fans went down, and the energy level of the fans continued to rise. Fans were on their feet for much of the second half, even as rain began to fall and the rain ponchos were brought out.

Songs played over the stadium were sung along to and fans reacted more with some of the games, hype videos and other game day features the Packers displayed on the scoreboards.

Even with a win well in hand, many fans remained in the stands until the fi-

nal whistle, soaking up the team's first win of the season. Many of the fans who left their seats early could still be found in the parking lots an hour-plus after the game wrapped up, even despite having heavy rain move through the area right after the game.

"It was fun," said running back Aaron Jones of having fans back. "It's special playing here in front of a packed crowd. The fans really bring the juice, and they give us the extra added energy we need. Last year, we had to bring our own juice, and you get out there and it's kind of like they brought the juice for you. I love playing in front of a packed Lambeau crowd, running out of that tunnel to 80,000."

The win over the Lions marked the ninth consecutive victory for the Packers in home openers, yet another sign of just how much the fans mean to the team. Since 2007, the Packers are 14-1 in their first games of the season at Lambeau Field.

Big 2nd half lifts Packers over Lions

Green Bay outscores Detroit 21-0

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Green Bay Packers outscored the Detroit Lions 21-0 after halftime to claim a 35-17 win on Sept. 20 at Lambeau Field.

The teams traded punches in the first half, with a late Lions' field goal giving the visitors a 17-14 lead at the break. The Packers' offense started the second half with the ball and got a big play from its two biggest offensive stars to start rolling.

Facing a third-and-12 play, quarterback Aaron Rodgers delivered a deep ball to receiver Davante Adams up the right sideline. The pass from Rodgers was perfect against good coverage, and Adams reached up at the last second to pull down the ball.

Three plays later, Rodgers delivered another perfect pass into a small window, finding tight end Robert Tonyan for a 22-yard touchdown and a 21-17 lead — the Packers' first lead of the season.

"That was a game-changing play,"

said coach Matt LaFleur on the 50-yard connection between Rodgers and Adams. "I think there was a couple within the game that were like that, but certainly that had an enormous impact on how that game turned out."

The Packers' defense then kept the Lions off the scoreboard for just the second possession of the game after forcing an incomplete pass on a fourth-down play.

A penalty-filled drive followed, with the Packers eventually extending their lead on an 11-yard touchdown pass from Rodgers to running back Aaron Jones.

On the Lions' first offensive play of the next series, quarterback Jared Goff mishandled the snap and Packers linebacker Krys Barnes fell on it.

Five plays later, Jones powered in from a yard out to cap the scoring in the contest and a four-touchdown game for the running back.

Jones scored both of the Packers' first-half touchdowns, with one coming on a 4-yard touch pass from Rodgers and the other on a 1-yard pass to the right flat.

Jones finished the night with 17 carries for 67 yards and six receptions for 48 yards. His three receiving scores

in the game marked the first time a Packer running back accomplished that feat since Andy Uram against the Chicago Cardinals way back in 1942.

"It feels great, you know, just to get that ugly taste out of your mouth (after the lopsided loss to the Saints in week one)," said Jones. "We had to wait an extra day to get that taste out of our mouth."

"I'm glad we came out and handled business and (got) back to playing Packer football."

The Packers' offensive outburst in the second half was complimented by the defense shutting out the Lions after a shaky first half.

Green Bay's defense surrendered 197 total yards and over six yards a play in the first 30 minutes of action. Along with its fourth-down stop and fumble recovery, the Packers' defense forced a punt, saw linebacker De'Vondre Campbell intercept a pass and had another stop on fourth down in the final half.

After only managing three points in the opener, Green Bay's offense was also much more efficient, with LaFleur noting the team made it a priority to put the ball in the hands of its playmakers.

Along with Jones' big game, Adams caught eight passes for 121 yards, and Tonyan had three catches for 52 yards. Rodgers finished the night completing 22 of 27 passes for 255 yards and the four scores.

Along with his fourth-quarter interception, Campbell led the defense with 13 total tackles. Safety Adrian Amos had 10 total tackles.

"Hopefully, it is an upward trajectory," said LaFleur on what to expect out of the defense going forward. "I think there are a lot of things that we can build upon, but certainly there are a lot of things we can do better."

In what turned out to be a similar first half to the first week, Green Bay stayed in the game this time around because it was able to match Detroit's scores.

After Detroit marched 75 yards in seven plays on the first drive of the game, Green Bay answered with an 11-play, 75-yard drive to tie it. The Lions went back ahead after scoring another touchdown on their third possession, but again the Packers answered, this time with a 10-play, 56-yard drive.

The victory improved LaFleur's record to 7-0 in regular season games following a loss.



Green Bay Packers running back Aaron Jones, center, reacts after scoring a touchdown against the Detroit Lions on Sept. 20 at Lambeau Field.

PACKERS ROSTER

Active

#	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	AGE	EXP.	COLLEGE
2	Mason Crosby	K	6-1	207	36	15	Colorado
7	Corey Bojorquez	P	6-0	217	24	4	New Mexico
8	Amari Rodgers	WR	5-9	212	21	R	Clemson
10	Jordan Love	QB	6-4	219	22	2	Utah State
12	Aaron Rodgers	QB	6-2	225	37	17	California
13	Allen Lazard	WR	6-5	227	25	3	Iowa State
17	Davante Adams	WR	6-1	215	28	8	Fresno State
18	Randall Cobb	WR	5-10	195	31	11	Kentucky
20	Kevin King	CB	6-3	200	26	5	Washington
21	Eric Stokes	CB	6-0	194	22	R	Georgia
22	Shemar Jean-Charles	CB	5-10	184	23	R	Appalachian State
23	Jaire Alexander	CB	5-10	196	24	4	Louisville
24	Isaac Yiadom	CB	6-1	190	25	4	Boston College
26	Darnell Savage	S	5-11	198	24	3	Maryland
28	AJ Dillon	RB	6-0	247	23	2	Boston College
31	Adrian Amos	S	6-0	214	28	7	Penn State
32	Kylin Hill	RB	5-10	214	23	R	Mississippi State
33	Aaron Jones	RB	5-9	208	26	5	Texas-El Paso
36	Vernon Scott	S	6-2	202	23	2	TCU
39	Chandon Sullivan	CB	5-11	189	25	4	Georgia State
41	Henry Black	S	6-0	204	24	2	Baylor
42	Oren Burks	LB	6-3	233	26	4	Vanderbilt
43	Hunter Bradley	LS	6-3	241	27	4	Mississippi State
44	Ty Summers	LB	6-1	241	25	3	TCU
47	Chauncey Rivers	LB	6-2	259	24	1	Mississippi State
49	Dominique Dafney	TE	6-2	243	24	1	Indiana State
51	Krys Barnes	LB	6-2	229	23	2	UCLA
52	Rashan Gary	LB	6-5	277	23	3	Michigan
53	Jonathan Garvin	LB	6-4	257	22	2	Miami
54	La'Darius Hamilton	LB	6-2	261	23	1	North Texas
58	Isaiah McDuffie	LB	6-1	227	22	R	Boston College
59	De'Vondre Campbell	LB	6-3	232	28	6	Minnesota
62	Lucas Patrick	G	6-3	313	28	5	Duke
67	Jake Hanson	C	6-4	296	24	1	Oregon
70	Royce Newman	T/G	6-5	310	24	R	Mississippi
71	Josh Myers	C/G	6-5	310	23	R	Ohio State
73	Yosh Nijman	T	6-7	314	25	2	Virginia Tech
74	Elgton Jenkins	G	6-5	311	25	3	Mississippi State

76	Jon Runyan	G	6-4	307	24	2	Michigan
77	Billy Turner	G/T	6-5	310	29	8	North Dakota State
79	Dennis Kelly	T	6-8	321	31	10	Purdue
81	Josiah Deguara	TE	6-2	238	24	2	Cincinnati
83	Marquez Valdes-Scantling	WR	6-4	206	26	4	South Florida
85	Robert Tonyan	TE	6-5	237	27	4	Indiana State
86	Malik Taylor	WR	6-1	220	25	2	Ferris State
89	Marcedes Lewis	TE	6-6	267	37	16	UCLA
90	Jack Heflin	DL	6-3	304	23	R	Iowa
91	Preston Smith	LB	6-5	265	28	7	Mississippi State
93	T.J. Slaton	DL	6-4	330	23	R	Florida
94	Dean Lowry	DL	6-6	296	27	6	Northwestern
95	Tyler Lancaster	DL	6-3	313	26	4	Northwestern
96	Kingsley Keke	DL	6-3	288	24	3	Texas A&M
97	Kenny Clark	DL	6-3	314	25	6	UCLA

Reserve/Injured

25	Will Redmond	S	5-11	186	27	6	Mississippi State
55	Za'Darius Smith	LB	6-4	272	28	7	Kentucky
56	Randy Ramsey	LB	6-3	238	25	2	Arkansas

Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform

69	David Bakhtiari	T	6-4	310	29	9	Colorado
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Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner

87	Jace Sternberger	TE	6-4	251	25	3	Texas A&M
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Practice Squad

6	Kurt Benkert	QB	6-3	218	26	2	Virginia
16	Chris Blair	WR	6-2	198	23	R	Alcorn State
19	Equanimeous St. Brown	WR	6-5	214	24	4	Notre Dame
27	Patrick Taylor	RB	6-2	217	23	1	Memphis
35	J.J. Molson	K	5-11	180	24	1	UCLA
38	Innis Gaines	S	6-1	202	23	R	TCU
45	Bronson Kaufusi	TE	6-6	270	30	3	Brigham Young
46	Steven Wirtel	LS	6-4	228	23	1	Iowa State
48	Kabion Ento	CB	6-1	187	25	2	Colorado
50	Tipa Galeai	LB	6-5	229	24	1	Utah State
57	Ray Wilborn	LB	6-3	230	24	1	Ball State
60	Jacob Capra	G/T	6-5	300	22	R	San Diego State
64	Ben Braden	G	6-6	329	27	2	Michigan
72	Abdullah Anderson	DL	6-3	303	25	2	Bucknell
78	Cole Van Lanen	T/G	6-4	305	23	R	Wisconsin
88	Juwann Winfree	WR	6-1	210	24	2	Colorado



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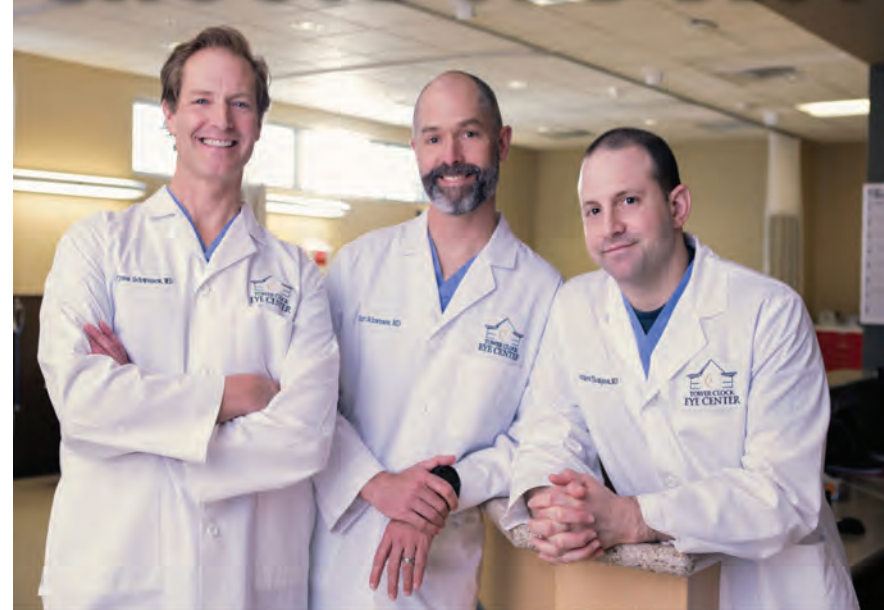
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1	Jimmie Ward	DB	5-11	195	30	8	Northern Illinois
3	Jaquiski Tartt	S	6-1	215	29	7	Samford
4	Emmanuel Moseley	CB	5-11	190	25	4	Tennessee
5	Trey Lance	QB	6-4	224	21	R	North Dakota State
6	Mohamed Sanu Sr.	WR	6-2	210	32	10	Rutgers
9	Robbie Gould	K	6-0	190	38	17	Penn State
10	Jimmy Garoppolo	QB	6-2	225	29	8	Eastern Illinois
11	Brandon Aiyuk	WR	6-0	200	23	2	Arizona State
13	Dre Kirkpatrick	CB	6-2	190	31	10	Alabama
15	Jauan Jennings	WR	6-3	212	24	1	Tennessee
18	Mitch Wishnowsky	P	6-2	220	29	3	Utah
19	Deebo Samuel	WR	6-0	215	25	3	South Carolina
20	Ambry Thomas	CB	6-0	190	22	R	Michigan
23	Ja'Myca Hasty	RB	5-8	205	25	2	Baylor
24	K'Waun Williams	CB	5-9	185	30	7	Pittsburgh
25	Elijah Mitchell	RB	5-10	200	23	R	Louisiana
26	Josh Norman	CB	6-0	200	33	10	Coastal Carolina
27	Dontae Johnson	CB	6-2	200	29	8	North Carolina State
28	Trey Sermon	RB	6-0	215	22	R	Ohio State
29	Talanoa Hufanga	S	6-0	200	22	R	USC
32	Tavon Wilson	S	6-0	208	31	10	Illinois
36	Marcell Harris	LB	6-0	215	27	4	Florida
38	Deommodore Lenoir	DB	5-10	200	21	R	Oregon
40	Trenton Cannon	RB	5-11	185	27	4	Virginia State
44	Kyle Juszczyk	FB	6-1	235	30	9	Harvard
45	Demetrius Flannigan-Fowles	LB	6-2	223	25	2	Arizona
46	Taybor Pepper	LS	6-4	245	27	4	Michigan State
50	Alex Mack	C	6-4	311	35	13	California-Berkeley
51	Azeez Al-Shaair	LB	6-2	228	24	3	Florida Atlantic
54	Fred Warner	LB	6-3	230	24	4	BYU
55	Dee Ford	DL	6-2	252	30	8	Auburn
56	Samson Ebukam	DL	6-3	245	26	5	Eastern Washington
60	Daniel Brunskill	OL	6-5	300	27	3	San Diego State
64	Jake Brendel	OL	6-4	299	29	3	UCLA
65	Aaron Banks	OL	6-5	325	24	R	Notre Dame
66	Tom Compton	OL	6-6	315	32	9	South Dakota
69	Mike McGlinchey	T	6-8	310	27	4	Notre Dame
71	Trent Williams	T	6-5	320	33	11	Oklahoma
75	Laken Tomlinson	OL	6-3	315	29	7	Duke
76	Jaylon Moore	OL	6-4	311	23	R	Western Michigan
81	Trent Sherfield	WR	6-1	219	25	4	Vanderbilt
82	Ross Dwelley	TE	6-5	235	26	4	San Diego

85	George Kittle	TE	6-4	250	27	5	Iowa
89	Charlie Woerner	TE	6-5	241	23	2	Georgia
90	Kevin Givens	DL	6-1	285	24	2	Penn State
91	Arik Armstead	DL	6-7	290	27	7	Oregon
92	Zach Kerr	DL	6-2	334	31	8	Delaware
93	D.J. Jones	DL	6-0	305	26	5	Mississippi
95	Kentavious Street	DL	6-2	287	25	3	N.C. State
97	Nick Bosa	DL	6-4	266	23	3	Ohio State
98	Arden Key	DL	6-5	240	25	4	LSU
99	Javon Kinlaw	DT	6-5	319	23	2	South Carolina
Reserve/Injured							
2	Jason Verrett	CB	5-10	188	30	8	Texas Christian
13	Richie James	WR	5-9	185	26	4	Middle Tennessee State
14	Jalen Hurd	WR	6-5	230	25	3	Baylor
26	Davontae Harris	CB	5-11	200	26	4	Illinois State
31	Raheem Mostert	RB	5-10	205	29	7	Purdue
57	Dre Greenlaw	LB	6-0	230	24	3	Arkansas
67	Justin Skule	OL	6-6	315	24	3	Vanderbilt
78	Shon Coleman	T	6-5	310	29	5	Auburn
96	Maurice Hurst	DL	6-2	291	26	4	Michigan
Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform							
22	Jeff Wilson Jr.	RB	6-0	213	25	4	North Texas
33	Tarvarius Moore	DB	6-2	200	25	4	Southern Mississippi
Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner							
94	Jordan Willis	DL	6-4	270	26	5	Kansas State
Practice Squad							
7	Nate Sudfeld	QB	6-6	227	27	6	Indiana
17	Travis Benjamin	WR	5-10	175	31	9	Miami (Fla.)
33	Kerryon Johnson	RB	5-11	206	24	4	Auburn
35	Jared Mayden	S	6-0	205	23	1	Alabama
40	Curtis Bolton	LB	6-0	228	25	2	Oklahoma
40	Josh Hokit	FB	6-1	225	23	1	Fresno State
41	Dee Virgin	DB	5-9	195	27	3	West Alabama
43	Kai Nacua	S	6-0	205	26	3	BYU
47	Nathan Gerry	LB	6-2	230	26	5	Nebraska
58	Alex Barrett	DL	6-2	250	27	2	San Diego State
61	Senio Kelemete	OL	6-3	301	31	9	Washington
67	Darrion Daniels	DL	6-3	311	23	1	Nebraska
68	Colton McKivitz	OL	6-6	301	25	2	West Virginia
77	Alfredo Gutierrez	OL	6-9	332	25	R	Tecnológico de Monterrey
84	Tanner Hudson	TE	6-5	239	26	3	Southern Arkansas
86	River Cracraft	WR	6-0	198	26	3	Washington State
88	Jordan Matthews	TE	6-3	236	29	7	Vanderbilt



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GAME VITALS PACKERS DEPTH CHART

GREEN BAY PACKERS (1-1) at SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (2-0)
WHEN: 7:20 p.m. Sunday
WHERE: Levi's Stadium
TV: NBC
RADIO: 620 AM (WTMJ), Sirius Satellite Radio (WTMJ feed)

THE SERIES

Packers vs. 49ers
All-time, regular season: 33-28-1
All-time, postseason: 4-4
All-time, at 49ers: 13-20-1
Streaks: The Green Bay Packers are 3-2 against the San Francisco 49ers over the last five matchups. Green Bay is just 2-4 in its last six trips to San Francisco, including a 37-20 loss in the 2019 NFC Championship Game. This will be the fourth-straight time the teams face off in San Francisco.
Last meeting, regular season: Nov. 5, 2020, Packers won 34-17 at Levi's Stadium

SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	TV
Sept. 12	at New Orleans	Loss 38-3	
Sept. 20	vs. Detroit	Win 35-17	
Sept. 26	at San Francisco	7:20 p.m.	NBC
Oct. 3	vs. Pittsburgh	3:25 p.m.	CBS
Oct. 10	at Cincinnati	noon	FOX
Oct. 17	at Chicago	noon	FOX
Oct. 24	vs. Washington	noon	FOX
Oct. 28	at Arizona	7:20	FOX
Nov. 7	at Kansas City	3:25 p.m.	FOX
Nov. 14	vs. Seattle	3:25 p.m.	CBS
Nov. 21	at Minnesota	noon	FOX
Nov. 28	vs. L.A. Rams	3:25 p.m.	FOX
BYE WEEK			
Dec. 12	vs. Chicago	7:20 p.m.	NBC
Dec. 19	at Baltimore	noon	FOX
Dec. 25	vs. Cleveland	3:30 p.m.	FOX
Jan. 2	vs. Minnesota	7:20 p.m.	NBC
Jan. 9	at Detroit	noon	FOX

OFFENSE

RB

Aaron Jones
A.J. Dillon



QB

Aaron Rodgers
Jordan Love



WR

Davante Adams
Allen Lazard



TE

Robert Tonyan
Dominique Dafney



RT

Billy Turner
Dennis Kelly



RG

Royce Newman
Jon Runyan



C

Josh Myers
Jake Hanson



LG

Lucas Patrick
Jon Runyan



LT

Elgton Jenkins
Yosh Nijman



TE

Mercedes Lewis
Josiah Deguara



WR

Marquez Valdes-Scantling
Randall Cobb



DEFENSE

CB

Jaire Alexander
Chandon Sullivan



DE

Dean Lowry
Tyler Lancaster



NT

Kenny Clark
T.J. Slaton



DE

Kingsley Keke
Jack Heflin



CB

Kevin King
Eric Stokes



OLB

Preston Smith
Rashan Gary



ILB

Krys Barnes
Oren Burks



ILB

De'Vondre Campbell
Ty Summers



OLB

Za'Darius Smith
Jonathan Garvin



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Adrian Amos
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Darnell Savage
Henry Black



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Rosters and depth charts are accurate as of Sept. 20, 7:45 p.m.



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49ERS DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE


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Brandon Aiyuk
Mohamed Sanu Sr.

RB
Trey Sermon
JaMyca! Hasty

QB
Jimmy Garoppolo
Trey Lance

FB
Kyle Juszczyk

RT
Mike McGlinchey
Tom Compton

RG
Daniel Brunskill
Aaron Banks

C
Alex Mack
Jake Brendel

LG
Laken Tomlinson

LT
Trent Williams
Jaylon Moore

TE
George Kittle
Ross Dwelley


WR
Deebo Samuel
Trent Sherfield

DEFENSE


CB
Emmanuel Moseley
Ambry Thomas


DE
Nick Bosa
Samson Ebukam


DT
D.J. Jones
Kevin Givens


DT
Javon Kinlaw
Kentavious Street


DE
Arik Armstead
Dee Ford


CB
Jason Verrett
Deommodore Lenoir


OLB
Azeez Al-Shaair
Demetrius Flannigan-Fowles


MLB
Fred Warner


OLB
Dre Greenlaw
Marcell Harris


S
Jimmie Ward
Talanoa Hufanga


S
Jaquiski Tartt
Tavon Wilson

SCHEDULE

Sunday's Games

Indianapolis at Tennessee, noon
Atlanta at N.Y. Giants, noon
L.A. Chargers at Kansas City, noon
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, noon
Chicago at Cleveland, noon
Baltimore at Detroit, noon
New Orleans at New England, noon
Arizona at Jacksonville, noon
Washington at Buffalo, noon
N.Y. Jets at Denver, 3:05 p.m.
Miami at Las Vegas, 3:05 p.m.
Seattle at Minnesota, 3:25 p.m.
Tampa Bay at L.A. Rams, 3:25 p.m.
Green Bay at San Francisco, 7:20 p.m.

Monday's Games

Philadelphia at Dallas, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Jacksonville at Cincinnati, 7:20 p.m.

STANDINGS

NFC

East

Team	W	L	T
Washington	1	1	0
Dallas	1	1	0
Philadelphia	1	1	0
N.Y. Giants	0	2	0

North

Team	W	L	T
Green Bay	1	1	0
Chicago	1	1	0
Minnesota	0	2	0
Detroit	0	2	0

South

Team	W	L	T
Carolina	2	0	0
Tampa Bay	2	0	0
New Orleans	1	1	0
Atlanta	0	2	0

West

Team	W	L	T
San Francisco	2	0	0
Arizona	2	0	0
L.A. Rams	2	0	0
Seattle	1	1	0

AFC

East

Team	W	L	T
Buffalo	1	1	0
Miami	1	1	0
New England	1	1	0
N.Y. Jets	0	2	0

North

Team	W	L	T
Baltimore	1	1	0
Pittsburgh	1	1	0
Cleveland	1	1	0
Cincinnati	1	1	0

South

Team	W	L	T
Houston	1	1	0
Tennessee	1	1	0
Indianapolis	0	2	0
Jacksonville	0	2	0

West

Team	W	L	T
Las Vegas	2	0	0
Denver	2	0	0
Kansas City	1	1	0
L.A. Chargers	1	1	0

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KEYS TO THE GAME

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

The Green Bay Packers (1-1) travel to face the San Francisco 49ers (2-0) at 7:20 p.m. on Sept. 26 at Levi's Stadium. NBC will televise the game.

History

The Packers are 33-28-1 in regular season matchups, and the teams split their eight playoff encounters. The teams last met on Nov. 5, 2020 – a highly anticipated showdown after the 49ers crushed the Packers in the 2019 regular season and again in the 2019 NFC Championship Game. Instead, with the 49ers decimated by injuries and COVID, Green Bay rolled to a 34-17 victory. It wasn't even that close; Green Bay led 34-3 late in the fourth quarter before a couple lipstick-on-the-pig touchdowns. Aaron Rodgers was 25-of-31 passing for 305 yards, four touchdowns and a 147.2 passer rating.

Coaches

Green Bay – Matt LaFleur, 27-7, third season. San Francisco — Kyle Shanahan, 31-35, fifth season.

When the Packers have the ball

After a dismal performance vs. New Orleans in week one in which the Packers scored a league-worst three points, the offense came to life in Monday's 34-17 victory over the Detroit Lions. Rodgers threw four touchdown passes vs. zero interceptions, Aaron Jones scored four touchdowns and Davante Adams caught eight passes for 121 yards.

"Obviously, it starts with getting the ball to our playmakers, which are 33 and 17," Rodgers said of Jones and Adams. "That's where it all starts, then finding ways to let our great role players make plays."

Of course, first-year 49ers defensive coordinator DeMeco Ryans will be well aware of Green Bay's offensive formula and will plan accordingly. This will be a much, much bigger test than facing the Lions' retooled defense. The 49ers have a star-studded unit that has been mostly dominant to start the season.

Statistically, it's not a great unit. Through the way-too-early prism of two games, San Francisco is 10th with 22 points allowed per game, 19th in total defense (379.0 yards), 28th in yards per rushing attempt (5.04), eighth in yards per passing attempt (6.06), sixth on third down (33.3 percent conversions) and 25th in the red zone (80.0 percent touchdowns).



Green Bay Packers returner Kylin Hill, top, leaps over a Detroit Lions player during a kickoff return on Sept. 20 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. Hill gave the Packers' return game a boost against the Lions.

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However, a lot of that is skewed by Detroit's week one comeback.

The 49ers took the foot off the gas a bit after taking a 38-10 lead midway through the third quarter. Perhaps a more accurate indicator is the first half of that game (164 yards allowed, 10 points, one defensive touchdown) and Sunday's 17-11 victory at Philadelphia in which it took the Eagles 56 minutes to find the end zone.

Ryans runs a 4-3 defense that is fueled by a superb front. Nick Bosa and Arik Armstead are an elite tandem on the edges, and D.J. Jones and Javon Kinlaw are the tackles. Bosa (second pick in 2019), Armstead (17th pick in 2015) and Kinlaw (14th pick in

2020) aren't just former first-round picks but top-20 picks. Dee Ford (23rd pick in 2014) comes off the bench to rush the passer.

They will provide a massive test for Green Bay's retooled offensive line, which has been pretty good the first two weeks but will face a much stiffer challenge. Bosa, in particular, is off to a dominant start with three sacks. He rushes mostly from the defense's right side, meaning the first real challenge for left tackle Elgton Jenkins.

Fred Warner is one of the best middle linebackers in the business. He has at least 118 tackles and six passes defended in each of his

first three seasons. He's flanked by Marcell Harris and Azeez Al-Shaair. Harris replaced Dre Greenlaw in the lineup; Greenlaw is on injured reserve with a groin injury sustained on his pick-six at Detroit. It's a big loss, though it hardly mattered against the Eagles.

Rodgers will look at the Niners' cornerbacks and see opportunities. On paper, the outside starters are Jason Verrett and Emmanuel Moseley and the slot is K'Waun Williams. However, the injury-prone Verrett suffered a torn ACL in week one and Moseley missed the first two games with a knee injury (though Shanahan is hopeful he'll make his season

debut vs. Green Bay).

That left former All-Pro Josh Norman and fifth-round rookie Deommodore Lenoir as the corners with Williams in the slot against Philadelphia. That the Niners went with the 33-year-old Norman, who is long past his days as a premier cover man, over the 33-year-old Richard Sherman speaks volumes about where Sherman's at at this stage of his career.

The safeties are the quality duo of Jaquiski Tarrt and Jimmie Ward.

When the 49ers have the ball

Through six quarters, the Packers' defense had given up nine scores in 12 possessions. It's hard to imagine Joe Barry's tenure as coordinator starting much worse. But, Green Bay played much better in the second half, pitching a shutout while forcing two turnovers. Of course, that comes with the obvious asterisk of that came against Detroit, which might have the worst receiver corps in the NFL.

"I think we did make some necessary adjustments at halftime," LaFleur said. "One of the things I talked to Joe about was either play coverage or we have to pressure because, when we were doing our four-man rushes and playing man coverages behind it, we weren't getting to the

quarterback. We needed to affect the quarterback much more."

It will be a bigger challenge against the 49ers. They are eighth with 29 points per game, sixth in yards per passing attempt (8.93), 24th in yards per rushing attempt (3.76), No. 17 on third down (39.1 percent) and tied for No. 1 with a perfect mark in the red zone.

Before this year's draft, the 49ers traded their 2021, 2022 and 2023 first-round draft picks, as well as an additional third-rounder, to move up from No. 12 to No. 3. At that spot, they selected quarterback Trey Lance. Nonetheless, expect Jimmy Garoppolo to make his third consecutive start. He's played well, with a 70.9 percent completion rate, two touchdowns vs. zero interceptions, and a 111.4 passer rating.

Garoppolo's got two elite targets with receiver Deebo Samuel and tight end George Kittle. Samuel has 15 receptions for a league-leading 282 yards and one touchdown. Presumably, Barry will put All-Pro cornerback Jaire Alexander on Samuel early and often to force Garoppolo to look elsewhere.

Kittle isn't a bad second option. In fact, he's probably the best tight end in football because he changes games as a receiver and a blocker. In

2018 and 2019, Kittle posted back-to-back seasons of 88 receptions for 1,377 yards and 85 receptions for 1,053 yards. He probably would have been in that range again in 2020 but missed half the season with a foot injury. He's caught eight passes for 95 yards to start this season. In the 2019 regular season game, Kittle caught six passes for 129 yards and a touchdown.

Just like the Niners will want to force Rodgers to throw it to someone other than Adams, the Packers will want to force Garoppolo to look at his other receivers. Trent Sherfield, Mohamed Sanu and Brandon Aiyuk have combined for merely five receptions for 49 yards.

San Francisco's running back corps is a M*A*S*H unit. Starter Raheem Mostert suffered a season-ending injury in week one. In week two, Elijah Mitchell, JaMychal Hasty and rookie Trey Sermon all dropped out with injuries, though Mitchell at least returned following a shoulder injury.

It might not matter because the offensive line is filled with studs. Left tackle Trent Williams, left guard Laken Tomlinson, center Alex Mack, right guard Daniel Brunskill and right tackle Mike McGlinchey might rival the Saints' unit as the best line in the NFL. So long as the Packers' David Bakhtiari is out of action, Williams

might be the top left tackle in the game. The Niners are No. 1 in the league in sack percentage allowed.

Special teams

Last year, the 49ers finished 27th and the Packers 29th in Rick Goselin's annual special-teams rankings for SI.com. Both units, however, appear to be on the upswing.

With punter Mitch Wishnowsky and ageless kicker Robbie Gould, the Niners have a pair of proven legs. Five of Wishnowsky's seven punts have pinned the opponent inside the 20. The 38-year-old Gould is sixth in NFL history in field-goal accuracy, though he's at less than 80 percent the last two-plus seasons.

Aiyuk handles punt returns (10-yard average on two returns) and cornerback Ambry Thomas returns kickoffs (17.5-yard average on four tries). Their coverage units have been excellent.

For Green Bay, new punter Corey Bojorquez is off to an excellent start. Only one of his seven punts have been returned. The rookie returners have each contributed one strong runback.

Kylin Hill had a 41-yard kickoff return against Detroit and Amari Rodgers had a 17-yard punt return against the Saints. Those beat last year's best returns.



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Week 3 Games: Sunday, Sept. 26

Carolina @ Houston Thurs, Sept 23
Washington @ Buffalo
Chicago @ Cleveland
Baltimore @ Detroit
Arizona @ Jacksonville
LA Chargers @ Kansas City
New Orleans @ New England
Atlanta @ NY Giants
Cincinnati @ Pittsburgh
Indianapolis @ Tennessee
NY Jets @ Denver
Miami @ Las Vegas
Seattle @ Minnesota
Green Bay @ San Francisco
Philadelphia @ Dallas Mon, Sept 27

Tie Breaker Game:
Tampa Bay @ LA Rams

Weekly Standings			Weekly Standings		
	Weekly Record	Overall Record		Weekly Record	Overall Record
Buss Automotive.....	13-3.....	22-10	Tim Murphy	11-5.....	19-13
God's Purpose Apparel	11-5.....	22-10	22 Shell.....	11-5.....	18-14
Dennis Brei.....	13-3.....	21-11	Hawkeye Hearth & Home	9-7	18-14
P & D Sales.....	10-6.....	20-12	Idell Johnston, State Farm Agent.....	11-5.....	18-14
B & C Auto Salvage.....	11-5.....	19-13	Tower Clock Eye Center.....	10-6.....	18-14
Iverson's Piggly Wiggly	11-5.....	19-13	Gehm's Club 117	9-7	17-15
Senn Insurance	11-5.....	19-13	Morgan Rode	9-7	16-16
Shawano Place	10-6.....	19-13	Cirrinity /Wittenberg Telephone.....	9-7	14-18
Shawano Seasons.....	11-5.....	19-13	Smokey Joe's	6-10.....	14-18



This Week's Winner: Buss Automotive



Morgan Rode
Shawano
Leader

This Week's Picks:

Carolina	New Orleans	Seattle
Buffalo	NY Giants	San Francisco
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	Dallas
Baltimore	Tennessee	
Arizona	Denver	
Kansas City	Las Vegas	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score : Tampa Bay 27 @ LA Rams 28



Tim Murphy
Shawano
Leader

This Week's Picks:

Carolina	New England	Seattle
Buffalo	Atlanta	Green Bay
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	Dallas
Baltimore	Tennessee	
Arizona	Denver	
Kansas City	Las Vegas	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Tampa Bay 41 @ LA Rams 30



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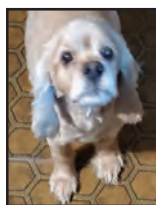
This Week's Picks:

Carolina	New Orleans	Seattle
Buffalo	NY Giants	Green Bay
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	Dallas
Baltimore	Tennessee	
Arizona	Denver	
Kansas City	Las Vegas	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Tampa Bay 21 @ LA Rams 24

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This Week's Picks:

Houston	New Orleans	Seattle
Buffalo	Atlanta	San Francisco
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	Dallas
Baltimore	Tennessee	
Arizona	Denver	
Kansas City	Las Vegas	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Tampa Bay 31 @ LA Rams 34



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Iverson's
Piggly Wiggly

This Week's Picks:

Carolina	New England	Seattle
Buffalo	NY Giants	San Francisco
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	Dallas
Baltimore	Tennessee	
Arizona	Denver	
Kansas City	Las Vegas	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Tampa Bay 38 @ LA Rams 28



Amber
Smokey Joe's
& JDoggs

This Week's Picks:

Carolina	New Orleans	Seattle
Buffalo	NY Giants	Green Bay
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	Dallas
Baltimore	Tennessee	
Arizona	Denver	
LA Chargers	Las Vegas	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Tampa Bay 21 @ LA Rams 23



Robert Buss
Buss
Automotive

This Week's Picks:

Carolina	New Orleans	Seattle
Buffalo	NY Giants	Green Bay
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	Dallas
Baltimore	Tennessee	
Arizona	Denver	
Kansas City	Las Vegas	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Tampa Bay 35 @ LA Rams 31



Dena
P&D Sales
& Service

This Week's Picks:

Carolina	New England	Seattle
Buffalo	NY Giants	San Francisco
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	Dallas
Baltimore	Tennessee	
Arizona	Denver	
Kansas City	Las Vegas	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Tampa Bay 20 @ LA Rams 31



Sophie
Idell Johnston
State Farm Agent

This Week's Picks:

Carolina	New Orleans	Seattle
Buffalo	NY Giants	San Francisco
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	Dallas
Baltimore	Tennessee	
Arizona	Denver	
Kansas City	Las Vegas	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Tampa Bay 28 @ LA Rams 21



Scott Nyman
Cirinity

This Week's Picks:

Carolina	New England	Minnesota
Buffalo	NY Giants	San Francisco
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	Dallas
Baltimore	Tennessee	
Arizona	Denver	
Kansas City	Las Vegas	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Tampa Bay 35 @ LA Rams 28



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Patty Lasher
Shawano Seasons
Restaurant

This Week's Picks:

Houston	New England	Minnesota
Buffalo	Atlanta	Green Bay
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	Dallas
Baltimore	Tennessee	
Arizona	Denver	
Kansas City	Miami	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Tampa Bay 24 @ LA Rams 20



Jim Wiegand
Tower Clock
Eye Center

This Week's Picks:

Carolina	New Orleans	Seattle
Buffalo	Atlanta	San Francisco
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	Dallas
Baltimore	Tennessee	
Arizona	Denver	
Kansas City	Las Vegas	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Tampa Bay 24 @ LA Rams 27



Russ
Gehm's
Club 117

This Week's Picks:

Carolina	New Orleans	Seattle
Washington	NY Giants	San Francisco
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	Philadelphia
Detroit	Tennessee	
Arizona	NY Jets	
Kansas City	Las Vegas	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Tampa Bay 28 @ LA Rams 21



Shane Senn
Senn
Insurance

This Week's Picks:

Houston	New Orleans	Seattle
Buffalo	NY Giants	San Francisco
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	Dallas
Detroit	Tennessee	
Arizona	Denver	
Kansas City	Miami	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Tampa Bay 28 @ LA Rams 21



Brenda
22 Shell

This Week's Picks:

Carolina	New Orleans	Seattle
Buffalo	NY Giants	Green Bay
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	Dallas
Baltimore	Tennessee	
Arizona	Denver	
Kansas City	Las Vegas	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Tampa Bay 31 @ LA Rams 35



Chris
God's Purpose
Apparel

This Week's Picks:

Carolina	New England	Seattle
Buffalo	Atlanta	Green Bay
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	Philadelphia
Baltimore	Tennessee	
Arizona	Denver	
Kansas City	Las Vegas	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Tampa Bay 27 @ LA Rams 23



Aaron
Shawano
Place

This Week's Picks:

Houston	New Orleans	Seattle
Buffalo	NY Giants	Green Bay
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	Dallas
Baltimore	Tennessee	
Arizona	Denver	
Kansas City	Las Vegas	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Tampa Bay 34 @ LA Rams 27



Dale
Hawkeye
Hearth & Home

This Week's Picks:

Carolina	New England	Minnesota
Buffalo	NY Giants	Green Bay
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	Dallas
Baltimore	Indianapolis	
Arizona	Denver	
Kansas City	Las Vegas	

Tie Breaker Game:

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Packers Tonyan chasing San Fran's Kittle

Tight ends work out together in offseason

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

Before the 2017 NFL Draft, agent Jack Bechta had two of his tight end prospects work out together in Dallas.

One of them was George Kittle, who wound up being drafted by the San Francisco 49ers in the fifth round after playing at Iowa. The other was Robert Tonyan, who wound up signing with the Detroit Lions as an undrafted free agent after playing quarterback and receiver at Indiana State.

Tonyan failed to make the Lions' roster and was out of the league for three months before joining the Green Bay Packers' practice squad for the end of the 2017 season. Over the past few years, he's built himself into one of the better tight ends in the NFL. Perhaps the best tight end is Kittle.

That history made the first few weeks of the season especially intriguing for Tonyan. Facing the Lions on Monday night, Tonyan made one of the plays of the game with his 22-yard touchdown catch in the third quarter. Now, on Sunday night, it will be a matchup against Kittle, one of his best friends and, oddly enough, a former roommate.

In 2018, Kittle had one of the great seasons by a tight end in NFL history with his 88 receptions for 1,377 yards and five touchdowns. Tonyan, meanwhile, had merely four receptions for 77 yards.

That made the offseason between the 2018 and 2019 seasons particularly noteworthy. Kittle, needing a training partner, sent a group text message to a bunch of tight ends he knew. Tonyan, trying to build himself into a legitimate tight end, needed a mentor.

So, Tonyan responded. The two wound up working out and living together in Nashville. While Kittle had another monster season in 2019 to earn All-Pro honors, Tonyan was just starting to show his potential when he suffered a hip injury at Dallas that sidelined him for five weeks. They worked out together again during the offseason between the 2019 and 2020 seasons.

"I didn't grow up with a brother; I grew up with an older sister," Tonyan said. "She's super-competitive and a tough girl. She's one of my role models growing up. Now that I'm with George, everything's a competition just



Green Bay Packers tight end Robert Tonyan carries the ball after making a catch against the Detroit Lions on Sept. 20 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

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because of the type of people we are. Whether it's video games or weight room, we're just always competing. He appreciates it because he has someone that is chasing him and I have someone that I'm chasing."

This time, potential became production as Tonyan emerged as one of the NFL's breakout performers. He caught 52 passes for 586 yards and 11 touchdowns. The touchdown total not only was tied with Kansas City Chiefs star Travis Kelce for tops among tight ends, it was one more than Kittle scored even while catching a total of 173 passes in 2018 and 2019.

Of the 34 tight ends who were targeted at least 40 times in the passing game, Tonyan was No. 1 in catch percentage (89.7), drop percentage (0.0) and passer rating (148.3), according to Pro Football Focus. Throw in eight catches in the playoffs, Tonyan made 60 grabs without a drop. No tight end since Dallas' Jason Witten (77 receptions in 2015) caught more passes than Tonyan in a season without a drop, according to PFF.

"He's coming along really quickly," Kittle said last year of Tonyan. "He's an absolutely insane athlete, one of the most natural people I've ever seen

catch a football. So, when you have that going for you, and he's an incredibly hard worker, he's going to find success."

After offseason practices ended in June, Tonyan and Kittle were back at it. This time, it was part of Tight End University. The inaugural three-day event was organized by Kittle and featured 49 tight ends from around the league convening in Nashville to share the tricks of the trade.

"We're sharing our strategy, our mind-set with guys," Kittle told ESPN.com. "How do you flip the switch? All it's doing is giving the opportunity for

the tight end position to take a step forward. You have all of these guys that are so different but they play the same position. We wanted to bring all of the guys together who are the best in the world at their position and learn from each other. It allows these guys to learn about every aspect of their game. If you can do all of the things that a tight end can do, there's not much a defense can do to stop you."

Among the tight ends in attendance were Tonyan and teammates Mercedes Lewis and Dominique Dafney.

"It was just very beneficial to get around guys and seeing them in the classroom and their mentality in certain things and how they view defenses or view themselves," Tonyan said. "I haven't been able to be doing tight end for a while, so it's good to get around those guys. Obviously, I've been around George for the past handful of years, so it was good to get around like guys like Travis Kelce and Greg Olsen and Darren Waller and just see their work, and what they put in and just try to take as much from them as possible and just kind of be a sponge."

While hands and athleticism are among Tonyan's strengths – his 70-catch streak without a drop ended in the opener against New Orleans –

he's a work in progress as a blocker and as a ball-carrier. In 2019, Kittle led all tight ends by forcing 20 missed tackles. In 2020, among the 33 tight ends with at least 25 catches, Tonyan was one of only two who didn't force a single missed tackle. So, it perhaps was noteworthy to see Tonyan post a career-high 40 yards after the catch against Detroit.

As a blocker, Tonyan has two excellent mentors with Kittle and Lewis. If he can become more of an asset in that phase of the game, he could warrant a huge contract as a free agent after this season.

"Every day I try to get better at that because, obviously, that's not what I was growing up doing. I was throwing the football and catching the football my whole life," Tonyan said. "I can do it, I'm strong, I can bend, I'm physical. It's kind of getting used to it, seeing the looks and playing fast in the box, and playing next to (Lewis) is obviously very encouraging and brings me confidence, and A-Rod putting us in the right positions to have those matchups and make those blocks is huge. But just day by day just keep getting better. That's what I want to get better at mostly. I can run and catch all day, but can I put my face on someone for four quarters? I challenge myself with that every day."



Green Bay Packers tight end Robert Tonyan gestures as running back Aaron Jones scores a touchdown against the Detroit Lions on Sept. 20 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA

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Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers gestures to the sideline after throwing a touchdown to running back Aaron Jones on Sept. 20 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. Rodgers threw three touchdowns to Jones and one to tight end Robert Tonyan.

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Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers looks up at the scoreboard during the team's win over the Detroit Lions on Sept. 20 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

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Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers takes a moment to gather his thoughts after taking a hit against the Detroit Lions on Sept. 20 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

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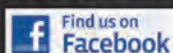


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