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Gillett City Council OKs bridge study

Study will cost \$10,500, one council member questions need

By **LUKE REIMER**

Reporter

The Gillett City Council is moving forward with the process for a new bridge.

The city recently received a grant for \$325,000 for replacing the bridge on Washington Street.

"In order to do the right process on it, we have to do a bridge study on it to find out if it is a box culvert or an arched bridge," said Gillett Public Works and Utility Head Ron Anderson.

Craig Schuh, a manager of engineering services for Ayers Associates, said that there would have to be a hydraulic modeling.

"We have to make sure that upstream of that structure, there is no change in the flood plain or the back water," said Schuh. "That will depend on the opening requirements for that structure."

He added that there is a vast change in the scope and fee if Ayers designs a box culvert, a bridge or an aluminum arch structure.

"It did not make a whole lot of sense for us to put together a proposal for the city — saying worst-case scenario is, it is going to cost \$50,000 to design it, and we are able to do it for \$15,000," said Schuh. "We are taking a small chunk off right now to do the hydraulic modeling and put the study together so you know, and so we can come back with a realistic engineering fee to do the design for that structure replacement."

Mayor Josh McCarthy said that the bridge study will be \$10,500.

Schuh said that there was a very large drainage basin for several hundred acres north of Highway 32.

"We have to do the hydraulic modeling to verify that the opening is the same or slightly larger, so we do not have any back water," said Schuh. "It could be drastically oversized right now and we wouldn't know that."

Schuh said that Ayers will make sure that upstream and downstream structures are surveyed. They will also survey cross-sections of the stream in several locations.

Anderson said the council should have a plan by this time next year so the grant money doesn't disappear.

"We need to do a bridge study to make sure that we are putting the right bridge up, because we have a lot of water coming and we have to make sure that everything is right," said Anderson.

Council member Debbie Rudie said that she was unprepared for a possible vote on the bridge study.

"Why do we need to have that bridge any longer?" asked Rudie. "Why does that road need to be open any longer?"

Anderson said the road used to be the main hub for entry into the city, and there is still traffic there.

Rudie said this is a major project for Gillett.

"If our little city is facing a huge road project in a couple years, and now we have to talk about the TID money in a time frame — do we need that bridge anymore?" asked Rudie. "It might be a convenience, but is it a necessity to spend \$500,000 on it when we have other roads that access the same area?"

Anderson said that they don't know how much it will cost in total.

Rudie said that if the water does not cause structural damage to other buildings, then there is no

need for the bridge.

Anderson said that if you take the bridge out, you leave no path for ATV and UTV users. He added that he does not want to miss out on the grant money.

"You can leave the bridge the way that it is. But my thing is, you are getting \$325,000 to fix that structure. Do you want to throw it away, or five years from now, you have to fix it?" said Anderson.

Rudie responded saying it doesn't need to be fixed if it isn't used.

McCarthy said emergency response time for the police department and fire department is something that needs to be looked into as well.

Gillett Fire Chief Kurt Hicks said that the fire department does not use the bridge due to the trucks being too heavy.

"For the last couple years we have not gone that way, because we can't," said Hicks. "I keep telling my guys to try to not drive across the bridge."

McCarthy added that in order to sign an agreement with Ayers, there are some factors that have to be considered.

"Before you sign an agreement with Ayers as a consultant to design a structure, we want to give you the options and the potential cost," said McCarthy. "The only way we can do that is if we do the survey and the hydraulic modeling and put the memo together."

The motion to move forward with the bridge study was passed with four council members voting yes and one no from Rudie. Council member Matthew Stroik was absent from the meeting.

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Annual meeting attendees approve 2021-22 Gillett school budget

Mill rate decreases from last year

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The Gillett Board of Education held its annual meeting to present its proposed budget to the public.

Treasurer Cliff Gerbers presented the 2021-22 budget to members of the audience, which included a budget of \$10,069,342 — a 6.58% increase from last year.

“This is an increase from last year,” said Gerbers. “Part of that is from receiving ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) money, and we have to spend it.”

Gerbers walked through the 2021-22 budgeted expenses: with salaries accounting for 38.3%; purchased services accounting for 23.7%; benefits accounting for 16.8%; operating trans-

fers accounting for 12.1%; supplies and equipment accounting for 7.4%; and debt and insurance accounting for 1.6%. The total budget expenses equal \$8,395,722.

At the meeting, Gerbers also presented the tax levy for the district. With the general fund at \$2,229,753, the non-referendum debt service fund at \$731,826 and the community service fund at \$45,000, the total school levy comes out to \$3,006,579.

“This is a decrease of 6.25% based off of what happened a year ago,” said Gerbers.

Gillett’s school population currently sits at 527 students, which is up from last year’s count of 523.

The proposed tax rate for the school district is \$9.11 per \$1,000 of equalized value for the 2021-22 school year, which is below last year’s tax rate of \$9.72 per \$1,000. That means the owner of a home in the district valued at \$100,000 would pay \$911 in school taxes.

“It has changed over the years,” said Gerbers. “Some years we were well below the state average, and some years we were well above. All in all, I think we have been pretty good in maintaining our levy in reasonable rates.”

Gillett superintendent Todd Hencsik updated the public on the details of what the school has been doing since the last annual meeting.

“We are pleased to announce that this year’s proposed budget is a balanced budget,” said Hencsik. “In our continual mission to be good stewards of our taxpayers’ money, we are pleased to announce that we have put roughly \$313,000 into fund 46, which is a long-term fund aimed at maintaining and improving our facility.”

Hencsik added that the school district does not tax their base to the limit.

“We are one of a handful of districts in the state that can boast this,” said Hencsik.

He said that as the last round of emergency ESSER funds comes in, it will come with stipulations.

“As we find out more of the specifics, we will allocate the COVID-19 funding to satisfy the federal requirements,” said Hencsik.

Gerbers also gave his treasurer’s report at the meeting.

“We have a fund balance of about \$1.5 million,” said Gerbers. “While that sounds like a lot of money, our fund balance is 18%, our auditors tell us that we should be between 20-25%.”

The fund balance is used for cash flow, according to Gerbers.

“Our income does not always match up with our expenses,” said Gerbers. “The fund balance made it so that we didn’t have to borrow any money in the short term to meet our expenses.”

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Green Bay area man dies after collision

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Oconto County Sheriff's Department says a Green Bay area man has died of injuries sustained

in a two-vehicle crash north of Oconto on Oct. 8.

The traffic report said Bradey G. Sorenson, 21, of Howad, was driving a pickup truck that struck

a dump truck from behind at 1:22 p.m. on U.S. Highway 41 near Maple Grove School Road in the Town of Little River. He was taken to a Green Bay hospital and later

died of his injuries.

The driver of the dump truck, Johnathan P. Liegeois, 42, of Oconto, was treated at a local hospital with minor injuries.

OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of Oct. 11

Tami Graves, 33, Suring, pleaded no contest to knowingly trafficking in food stamps, in connection with an incident that occurred April 1, 2019. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for Dec. 13 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Proceedings of Oct. 8

After a preliminary hearing, Justin M. Farrell, 35, Kingston, Illinois, was bound over to circuit court on charges of fleeing an officer and misdemeanor failure to stop, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 29. Arraignment was scheduled for Nov. 11.

Proceedings of Oct. 7

Brianna Rose Balfantz, 20, pleaded no contest to felony bail jumping, in connection with an incident that occurred May 26, and misdemeanor theft from a Feb. 17 incident. Judge Jay N. Conley scheduled sentencing for Dec. 17 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Proceedings of Oct. 6

Tracey Lee Bartlett, 60, Oconto, was sentenced to six years in prison, followed by 10 years of extended supervision, for two counts of possession of child pornography, in connection with an incident that occurred Jan. 27, 2020. A number of other charges were dismissed but read into the record. Judge Jay N. Conley ordered that Bartlett complete and follow through with an alcohol and other drug abuse assessment, a psychological examination and sex offender treatment. He must comply with the sex offender registry, and during extended supervision he must maintain absolute sobriety and may have no contact with minors and may not connect to the internet without approval of his Department of Corrections agent.

A bench warrant was issued for Casey James Kelly, 34, Pound, after he failed to appear for a plea

hearing on charges of first-degree recklessly endangering safety, strangulation-suffocation, aggravated battery and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 20.

A March 1 jury trial was scheduled for Martin Cooper, 51, Mountain, on charges of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (10th or more offense) and misdemeanor operating while his license was revoked, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 7, 2020. A final pre-trial conference was scheduled for Feb. 15.

Cheryl Lynn Jenkins, 50, Gillett, was sentenced to 18 months in prison, followed by two years of extended supervision, for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fifth offense), in connection with an incident that occurred April 11. Judge Michael T. Judge gave Jenkins credit for 101 days already served in the county jail and declared her eligible for the Substance Abuse Program, which can lead to early release upon successful completion. Her driver's license is revoked for three years, and ignition interlock devices must be installed on any vehicles she owns. During extended supervision, she must maintain absolute sobriety and follow through with an alcohol assessment.

Dylan D. Walk, 29, Menominee, Michigan, formerly of Abrams, pleaded no contest to a felony charge of strangulation and suffocation, as well as misdemeanor animal mistreatment, in connection with an incident that occurred Dec. 5, 2019. Several related charges were dismissed in a plea agreement. Judge Michael T. Judge ordered sentencing for Dec. 2 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

A jury trial was rescheduled to Nov. 3-5 for Joshua L. Dickinson, 44, Portage, on a charge of repeated sexual assault of the same child, in

connection with incidents alleged to have occurred in 2015. Judge Michael T. Judge ruled that any motions are due Oct. 15, and the final pre-trial conference was rescheduled for Oct. 18.

Sapphire M. Otradovec, 19, Gillett, waved her right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over to circuit court on charges of child abuse intentionally causing harm and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 16. Arraignment was scheduled for Oct. 14.

Proceedings of Oct. 5

Michael J. Baye, 61, Oconto, was sentenced to two years in prison, followed by two years of extended supervision, for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fifth or sixth offense) and battery or threat to a law officer, in connection with an incident that took place May 19, 2020. Judge Michael T. Judge ordered that during extended supervision, Baye must maintain absolute sobriety and complete all assessments, counseling and treatment deemed necessary by his Department of Corrections agent. His driver's license is revoked for 36 months, during which time ignition interlock devices must be installed on all vehicles he owns.

Bradley D. Schulte, 27, Oconto, was placed on two years of probation after a prison sentence was imposed and stayed for possession of methamphetamine, in connection with an incident that occurred Nov. 8. Judge Michael T. Judge ruled that during probation, Schulte must maintain absolute sobriety and full-time employment or school, and he must complete all assessments, treatment and counseling deemed necessary by his Department of Corrections agent.

Fred Benjamin Larsen, 31, Marion, pleaded no contest to theft in a business setting, in connection with

an incident that occurred Sept. 30, 2019. A second count was dismissed but read into the record in a plea agreement. Judge Jay N. Conley scheduled sentencing and a restitution hearing for Dec. 17 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Jessi Daye Wynn Rockman, 40, Keshena, pleaded no contest to possession of methamphetamine and guilty to misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that occurred May 6. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for Nov. 17 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Proceedings of Oct. 4

Bond was set at \$6,000 cash for William J. Neering, 46, Oconto, after he was charged with two counts of bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 25. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Oct. 21. Meanwhile, the parties discussed whether to postpone an Oct. 19-20 jury on charges of strangulation-suffocation and misdemeanor battery and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 27, 2020, and bail jumping in an alleged Jan. 13 incident. A motion to adjourn the trial was filed Oct. 7.

Jared Ronald Barber, 27, Lena, pleaded no contest to strangulation-suffocation in connection with an incident that occurred Jan. 24, 2020. Several other charges were dismissed in a plea agreement. Judge Jay N. Conley scheduled sentencing for Dec. 17 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Koltin Winchester Grzybowski, 20, Coleman, pleaded not guilty to charges of injury by intoxicated use of a motor vehicle, injury by use of a vehicle with a prohibited alcohol content and second-degree reckless endangerment, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 15. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Nov. 15.

Jehovah's Witnesses help children with anxiety

Children worried about returning to the classroom during the pandemic

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Going back to school can be stressful for a lot of children.

Going back to school during a pandemic adds another layer to that.

With many Jehovah's Witnesses students returning to in-person learning, officials have been trying to come up with strategies on how to help children through a tough time.

"I think that Jehovah's Witness parents, along with most other parents, understand that education doesn't really happen at school," said U.S. Jehovah's Witnesses spokesman Robert Hendriks III. "It is just augmenting what they are getting at home."

Hendriks said that in order for parents to prepare children for their school, they have to prepare them for the stress of school.

"I think about Proverbs 22:6, where it says train up a boy in a way you should go, even when he grows old, he will not part from it," said Hendriks. "This training has to be at home."

According to Hendriks, the pandemic has added stress to students who are returning to school.

"The issue of wearing a face covering has become politicized," said Hendriks. "What do our children do? It may be that they need to be prepared to face ridicule if their parents are saying you need to wear a mask."

He added that there is an extra element of bringing home a virus that may not be serious to children, but can affect family members.

"That is heavy burden to put on kids when they are already stressed about tests and learning," said Hendriks.

Aiden Adema, an Oconto Falls student who began high school this year, said that he and his classmates went virtual for weeks last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I didn't like going virtual," said Adema. "It is a lot easier for me to understand the information when we are in class. It is hard not having the teacher face to face."

Hendriks said families are turning towards the Jehovah's Witnesses website, jw.org, to find resources to help reduce children's stress.

"One of the tools that is available, especially for young ones, is the Caleb and Sofia series," said Hendriks. "It is an animated series that details tough issues that kids are facing today at



Aiden Adema prepares for a day of school as he packs his backpack with hand sanitizers to continue to practicing healthy exercises.

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school."

He added that another resource has become popular as well.

"There is another animated series," said Hendriks. "It is an animated whiteboard that details how you can fight back without your fists when bullying happens."

Oconto Falls natives Jesse and Susan Adema made the decision to send their son Aiden back to in-person school.

"As a parent, you have to figure out what is best for your child," said Susan Adema.

With Aiden Adema's first year of high school, the Adema family found it appropriate to return to in-person learning.

"Especially with high school, you are planning more for what you are going to do in the future," said Susan Adema. "I think that it is more important that he stays focused these next four years."

Even though the family enjoyed having Aiden home with them, Jesse Adema said the quality of what he was

learning was deteriorating.

"It is not the fault of the school, but they are not set up to do that type of learning," said Jesse Adema.

Susan Adema said that her and Jesse were both overwhelmed with Aiden at home learning, due to them having to work and not always being available to help out.

Aiden Adema said that he noticed a big life change with returning to in-person learning.

"My routine has definitely changed," said Aiden Adema. "Waking up earlier is part of it and trying to fit everything in."

Although this is the case, Aiden Adema said that it does help to relieve some of that stress.

"In virtual learning, you had to do work, where you really didn't know what was going on," said Aiden Adema. "Whereas in in-person learning, you can actually go up to teachers and talk to them and they can help you when you are struggling."

Susan Adema said seeing Aiden go back to school helps to relieve some of

their stress, but it also adds more due to his safety with the pandemic.

Jesse Adema said that the family has worked together to help reduce their stress as a family, including using jw.org.

"They had a little thing about pandemic relief," said Susan Adema. "It helped us with that."

Aiden Adema said that used the website for a learning experience.

"There was a video that shows you want happens when a virus comes and how it evolves," said Aiden Adema.

"There is also a video that shows you ways to manage your time," said Susan Adema. "That was really useful."

Aiden Adema said that he will continue using these resources and strategies in his life after the pandemic.

"It helps with everything in your day-to-day life," said Aiden Adema. "You go on the website and it has an answer for almost every question that you have."

OBITUARIES

Melvin R. Trever

Melvin R. Trever, 90, of Mountain, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021. Melvin was born on April 18, 1931, to the late Raymond and Ardis (Saunders) Trever. Melvin served his country from 1950 to 1953 in the U.S. Army. Melvin married Lois Troutman at Hickory Church of Christ in December 1952. He was a member of Mountain Church of Christ. Melvin loved to go fishing, including fly fishing, and also enjoyed hunting. He loved cutting grass for neighbors and friends in Mountain.

Melvin is survived by his children, Ardis (Roger) Kuske, Lori (Alton)



Helen Anderson, Margie McNutt; Arnola Troutman, and Patricia Trever; a brother-in-law, Lyle Troutman; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He is further survived

Braddy, Wanda (Brian) Ploeger, Ellen (Rick) Hunt, and Brad (Shaun) Trever; two sisters, June Janousky, Lillian Krueger; a brother, Joe (Sandy) Trever; four sisters-in-law,

by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; former wife, Lois Trever; three brothers, Robert Trevor, Ray Trever Jr. and Gilbert Trever; a sister, Dorothy Thompson; seven brothers-in-law, Emerald Anderson, Gilbert McNutt, Robert Krueger, Gerald Janousky, Roy Troutman, Harry Troutman, and Gary Troutman; three sisters-in-law, Gail Trever, Nona Troutman, and Dorothy Trevor.

Visitation will be held on Friday, Oct. 15, 2021, at Gruetzmacher Funer-

al Home in Suring from 10 a.m. until funeral service at noon with Pastor Bill Krauss officiating. Melvin will be interred in Mountain Cemetery.

Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacher-funeralhome.com.

The family would like to thank Lakewood Assisted Living and its staff for the care and compassion offered to Melvin during his time of need.

NHS announces members



Gillett High School has announced its National Honor Society members for 2021-22. The group includes, from left, front row, Macy Franti, Elsa Limberg, Amanda Jenerou, Madyson VanHaren, Marissa Klein, Ryann Wagner, Megan Wagner, Laney DeBauch, Carleigh Kaczmarek and Angela Mosconi; back row, advisor Brian Kurzynski, Evan Peterson, Alex Peterson, Phillip Heroux, Virgil Herzog, Thayne Bjeland, Taylor Schuster, Alaina Herzog, Bella Matczak, and advisor Don Kahler.

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The officers for the Gillett High School National Honor Society are, from left, Alex Peterson, secretary; Macy Franti, president; Ryann Wagner, treasurer; and Taylor Schuster, vice president.

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Judith L. Brezinski

Judith "Judy" Lynn Brezinski, 67, of Green Bay, passed away peacefully and with her family by her side on Oct. 2, 2021, due to complications from cancer. Judy was born on March 13, 1954, to Harold and Nancy Campbell. Judy graduated from Oconto Fall High School in 1972. She married David M. Brezinski at Grace Lutheran Church in Oconto Falls, on Nov. 15, 1975.

Judy enjoyed spending time with her family, baking, and writing poetry. She had several of her poems published, and she was a lifelong cook and baker for her family as well as through her work at the Pancake Place in Green Bay, The Penguin, The Avenue, the Falls Family Restaurant, and Sharpe Care in Oconto Falls.

Judy is survived by her husband, David; her children, Michael (Abigail) and Kimberly; her grandchildren, Austin, Michaela, and Alice; her mother, Nancy Campbell; her aunt Sharon (Tom) Benedum; one sister, Debra (David) Wilmont; five broth-



ers, John (Janet) Campbell, Dean (Joan) Campbell, Dennis (Linda) Campbell, Donald Campbell, Danny Campbell; three brothers-in-law, Ronald (Sandy) Brezinski, Allen Brezinski, Martin

(Doreen) Brezinski; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Harold "Dub" Campbell, and her sister-in-law, Joanie Brezinski.

Friends and family are welcome to attend the memorial service to be held on Oct. 23, 2021, with visitation from 2-4 p.m., a prayer service at 4 p.m., and a gathering from 5-6 p.m. The memorial will be held at the Malcore (West) Funeral Home located at 1530 W. Mason St., Green Bay.

A memorial fund has been established in Judith's name.

Ruth Truckey

Ruth Truckey, 62, Stiles, died Saturday afternoon, Oct. 2, 2021, following an acute illness with Lewy-Body dementia. She was born Feb. 10, 1959, to George and Regina Lotter. Ruth grew up in Oconto Falls where she attended St. Anthony Catholic School, graduating from Oconto Falls High School with the class of 1977.

On June 28, 1986, she married Gary Truckey in Stiles and they had two children together. Ruth loved children and provided in-home child care for many years.

Survivors are her husband of 35 years, Gary Truckey, Stiles; one daughter, Amanda (Matt) Porior, Nebraska; one son, Andrew Truckey,



Stiles; two sisters, Mary (Lee) Bosdeck, Shawano; Ann Lotter, Oconto Falls; special family friends, Jolene and Brian Barkhaus and their three daughters, Josie, Kendra and Harper, whom

she loved as grandchildren.

Private graveside services were held.

As a fitting tribute to Ruth, the family asks you to research Lewy-Body dementia.

Nalonnie A. Von Gunten

Nalonnie A. Von Gunten, 65, of Waupaca, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021, at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center in Appleton. She was born Jan. 29, 1956 in Keshena, daughter of Andrew Jr. and Ida (Shawanomitta) Boyles.

Out of all things in life, Nalonnie loved being a mother the most. Her love for her children and grandchildren was infinite. Every child that walked through her door, she made sure felt loved and her favorite way to show it was by providing home-cooked meals big enough to feed an army. Her Sundays were always spent at church with her beloved boyfriend, Roger. She treasured her



time in the outdoors and with all animals, especially her own. Nalonnie will be dearly missed by all of her loving family and many friends.

Nalonnie is survived by her seven children, Adam Kenowski, of Bend, Oregon, Joseph (Ashleigh) Von Gunten, of Fond du Lac, Rayleen Von Gunten, of Waupaca, Andre Von Gunten, of Rib Lake, Joshua (Patience Turner) Von Gunten, of Stevens Point, Scott Von Gunten, of Iola, and Ryasa

“Rainy” Von Gunten, of Milwaukee; former husbands, John Kenowski, of Waupaca, and Jeff Von Gunten, of Waupaca; 11 grandchildren Sophea, Chole, Brogen, Paitynn, Elden, Claire, Haddie, Emma, Reuben, Quinn and Nora; dear friend, Roger Ventrice, of Montello; three brothers, George (Lucila) Boyles, of Temecula, California, Pete Shawanomitta, of Shawano, and Francis Shawanomitta Jr., of Green Bay; three sisters, Marilyn Wilson, Liz (Byron) Shawanomitta, of Baraboo, and Catherine Shawanomitta, of Green Bay; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Andrew Jr. and Ida Boyles; three brothers, Lee Boyles, Andrew Boyles and Stewart Boyles; and a sister, Marilyn Shawanomitta.

A celebration of Nalonnie's life will be on Saturday, Oct. 16, 2021 at noon at the First Baptist Church in Waupaca. Pastor Larry Gross will officiate. A visitation will be held on Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon at the church.

The Holly Funeral Home of Waupaca is assisting the family with arrangements.

Holly Funeral Home, 526 S. Main St., Waupaca, WI 54981. www.hollyfuneralhome.com

Fred N. Bowersock

Fred Norris Bowersock, 83, of Gresham, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021, at ThedaCare Medical Center. Fred was born May 25, 1938, in the town of Lima, Ohio, to Eva Bowersock, who preceded him in death. On Nov. 28, 1958, Fred was united in marriage to Lucy (Hass) Bowersock.

Those who knew Fred knew he had a huge heart and stuck to his convictions. He was always happy to give advice to anyone who need-



ed it. Fred was a very generous man who didn't think twice about giving you the coat off his back. He dedicated his life to mentoring, helping his community and

trying to make the world a better place. Fred will be sorely missed by his community, friends and family.

Fred is survived by his children, Christy (Randy) Kulas, Timothy (M.J.) Bowersock and Susan (Joseph) Savetwith; 12 grandchildren, Melissa Baron, Sarah (Brian) Figueroa, Taylor (Ryan) Koenig, Aaron (Jess) Bowersock, Brian (Dawa) Savetwith, Shawn (Alyssa) Bowersock, Marco (Angel) Figueroa, Emily (Graham) Huck, Melena (Brendan) Price, Josh Kwapick, Casidy (John) Doepker and Nicholas Bowersock; 24

great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; and his sister, Christina (Don) Bowser. He is further survived by many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lucy Bowersock, and his daughter, Mary Figueroa.

A burial and remembrance for Fred will be held at Red Springs Cemetery, W10234 Town Hall Road, Gresham, at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021. No reception will be held.



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Sacred Heart holds community prayer

Shawano one of many communities across United States to hold event

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Members of the Shawano community came together in prayer at Franklin Park on Oct. 10.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church hosted a community prayer in an effort to promote togetherness and pray for those who are struggling in the country.

"Through Sacred Heart church, we decided to join in on the U.S. Grace Force coast to coast rosary rally," said Gail Bartz, a member of Sacred Heart who aided in organizing the event.

The event saw Bartz and Deacon James Lonick leading prayers in front of a statue of Mary. The same event occurred in different communities around the country at the same time.

"Father (Richard) Heilman in Madison went with a group out to Washington D.C.," said Bartz. "They went to the capital and prayed at 4 p.m. eastern time. We prayed at three and across the country it goes down, so we were all praying at the exact same time."

Heilman is involved with U.S. Grace Force, which helps to inform people about what is happening in the country and the catholic church.

Bartz believes that holding this event is very important in the Shawano community.

"This is the power of praying," said Bartz. "I don't know how many thousands of people at one time. That is how something is going to happen."

She was excited to see that 38 people came together for the event.

"This brings the community a little closer together," said Bartz. "Some of these people that came — I looked out and thought that I never expected them to come. It is awesome to see."

According to Bartz, U.S. Grace



An audience of 38 people kneel, stand and sit as they pray together at Franklin Park on Oct. 10.

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Force informs members about community prayer in early October.

"They do it every October," said Bartz. "Oct. 7 is the feast of the lady of our rosary. This is also for the Battle of Lepanto."

Sacred Heart tried to organize this event last year, but ran into a problem with the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This year is really the first time that we held this," said Bartz.

She said that it was exciting to see more people coming outside and joining in community events.

Bartz added that people within Shawano and surrounding communities can learn something from this event.

"People can learn about being together and what the power of prayer can do," said Bartz.

She said that while there aren't many other events or gatherings scheduled, there is a woman's retreat on Oct. 15.

"The retreat is not specifically for our country, rather to get together and get closer to God," said Bartz.

Bartz said that with how many people joined in this gathering across the country, that others may see it and get more information. She added that others may not have attended the event but still prayed.

"I suspect that there is people at

home, who are praying at the same time," said Bartz. "If they can't get out and come to one, or there is not one near them — I think that there is a lot who are participating at home."

With U.S. Grace Force having about 76,000 followers, Bartz believes there are some strategies to keep that number growing.

"People keep talking and spreading word," said Bartz. "I actually heard about it from someone else and listened to what U.S. Grace Force had to say. You sign up, contribute if you want and they send you information."

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Tauchen hospitalized with heart, ankle injuries

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Wisconsin Rep. Gary Tauchen, R-Bonduel, was recently hospitalized in intensive care.

Tauchen said he was walking down the street in Madison on Oct. 5 when he felt a shock from his defi-

brillator, making him fall.

"I had heart surgery last year," said Tauchen. "The electrical connection went wacky."

He said that when the incident happened and arterial fibrillation occurred, he could feel a second shock.

When Tauchen fell, he also suffered a broken ankle.

"I have two problems right now," said Tauchen.

Tauchen was able to call 911, and he said that the ambulance got to him within five minutes to bring him to the hospital. Tauchen anticipates to be out of the hospital by the end of the week, when he hopes to start rehab for his broken ankle.

"The problem is that most of the rehab centers are full," said Tauchen.

He does not anticipate his injuries to affect his work, as he said when he had heart surgery last year, he was able to participate in Zoom calls and meetings.

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Haunted house finds new home at Mielke

New venue allows for more room, visitors

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The annual haunted house in Shawano has found a new location at the Mielke Arts Center.

"This is the first year that we have held the event at the Mielke center," said Maddie Stuewer, who helps to organize the haunted house.

The event was normally held at the Sugar Bowl, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the event has found a new home with the Mielke.

"We have more room here," said Stuewer. "Visitors take a self-guided tour, where they walk through 25 rooms. We have 20 actors who take part in scaring the visitors."

Stuewer said that organizers with the haunted house have connections with the Mielke, which allowed them to relocate.

"The board is very excited to bring the haunted house to the Mielke center," said Stuewer.

Stuewer said she is excited to keep the haunted house going this year.

"I think that this is something that Shawano is lacking," said Stuewer. "There are things like this in Green Bay and Appleton, but there is nothing like this in Shawano."

She was especially excited about the haunted house this year, as last year was subdued due to the pandemic.

"Last year, we toned it down, and we abided by COVID-19 mitigation strategies, like wearing masks, sanitizing hands and making sure people were socially distanced," said Stuewer. "This year — with people continuing to get vaccinated and hosting the event at the Mielke Center — we have the room for everyone to spread out, as well as include

AT A GLANCE

WHAT: Stage Fright Haunted House

WHEN: 7-10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays in October, noon to 3 p.m. on Sundays.

WHERE: Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road, Shawano

INFO: Maddie Stuewer, 715-584-1813

ADMISSION: \$13 adults, \$8 children. \$15 per family on Sundays.

new sets and invite more people."

The haunted house is open every Friday and Saturday from 7-10 p.m. and every Sunday from noon to 3 p.m. until Halloween.

"The haunted house is toned down on Sundays to provided a fun family experience," said Stuewer.

Through the first weekend, Stuewer said they have welcomed all ages of scare-seekers, old and young alike.

"People are very excited to come," said Stuewer. "We have seen people of all different ages. Adults, teenagers and children are all getting scared."

She added that most of the people who visit the haunted house are from the Shawano community; some, she said, made the trip from Green Bay.

"Our goal is to get more people coming," said Stuewer. "We want people to visit the haunted house from all over the state."

Stuewer said that she was excited to get see more people coming to the haunted house in relation to last year. She said that the haunted house acts as an area where people can come and spend some time together.

"This is a social hangout," said Stuewer. "Families come and just have fun together. There is a sense of togetherness in the community."

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Bohemian Fest welcomes community



Members of the American Legion lead the parade down County Road T in Lunds during Bohemian Fest at Lunds Corner Bar on Oct. 9.

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Vintage cars travel down County Road T while passengers throw candy to spectators at Bohemian Fest during the Oct. 9 parade.

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A blue tractor decorated with balloons rolls down County Road T in Lunds, part of the Bohemian Fest parade Oct. 9.

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Judy Goodchild, left, stands with the newly installed officers for Shawano Optimists, from left, Troy Edwards, Robyn Shingler, Lorine Raddant, Jeanne Cronce, Dawn Knope, Axel Rehder, Gail Moesch, Dan Mauel, Jim Liesner, Brian Morstad and Greg Parker.

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Optimists install officers, give out awards

The Shawano Optimist Club recently held its 45th annual installation and awards ceremony, during which officers and directors for the coming year were installed and special awards presented.

Judy Goodchild, chairman of leadership development for the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan region of Optimist International, installed the new officers and directors for the 2021-2022 Optimist year. In addition to Troy Edwards becoming president, others installed were Axel Rehder, vice president for fundraising; Robyn Shingler, vice president for youth activities; Gail Moesch, secretary; Dawn Knope, treasurer; and directors, Brian Morstad, Lorine Raddant, Jeanne Cronce, Dan Mauel, Greg Parker and Jim Liesner.

The Shawano Optimists annually name an Optimist of the Year, and Gail Moesch is the 2021 recipient.

"Gail has always been dedicated to keeping accurate records and this year, presented two new activities that turned out to be very successful," said Greg Parker, who presented the award. "One was a three-on-three



Receiving the Shawano Optimist Club's top awards were Gail Moesch, left, who was named Optimist of the Year, and Jen Schroeder, who received a life membership in Optimist International.

JIM LEUENBERGER

soccer tournament and the other was a fundraiser in which people could purchase game cards that gave them a chance to win cash depending on the

scores of each week's NFL games."

The club also presented Jen Schroeder with a life membership in Optimist International. In presenting the

award, Dan Mauel said that Schroeder "exudes optimism and our mission of serving our community's youth."

Honored for perfect attendance at club meetings and events during the 2020-2021 Optimist year were Jim Leuenberger, 44 years; Jim Black, 23 years; Gail Moesch, 22 years; Michael Sleeper, 21 years; Ron Schmalz and Steve Peterson, 17 years; Ryan Alexander, 14 years; Troy Edwards, 13 years; Greg Parker and Dawn Knope, eight years; Dan Mauel, five years; Jim Liesner and Bob Hannes, four years; Robyn Shingler and Brian Morstad, three years; Jeanne Cronce, two years; and Axel Rehder, one year.

The Optimists have been serving the Shawano area since 1976. Annual youth projects include a bike rodeo, Christmas movies for kids, Respect for Law activities, boys and girls basketball tournaments, a Rose Day fundraiser, a Scholastic Awards Banquet, as well as basketball and football skills competitions. The funds raised each year are all returned to the Shawano community to support youth activities and more than 30 different organizations.

Shawano chamber looking for new tourism manager

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce Tourism Manager Patti Peterson has accepted a new job.

She will begin her new job Nov. 8 but did not specify what the job would be. Chamber director Nancy

Smith was out of the office and could not be reached for comment, and others whom NEW Media attempted to reach for information referred the newspaper to Smith for comment.

Peterson accepting a new job leaves a vacant position in the chamber. The job offers an opportunity

for an energetic, highly motivated employee to use what they know with marketing and communication to promote Shawano County, according to the chamber's website.

The position comes as a full-time job with paid vacations, holidays and a retirement program.

The chamber of commerce is looking for people with an educational degree in marketing, tourism or a related field. They are also looking for someone with three years of progressive marketing or tourism experience.

For information visit, <https://www.shawanocountry.com>.

Doctor advocates vaccine for pregnant women

Divjak claims COVID-19 vaccines won't impact women's menstrual cycle, cause erectile dysfunction in men

The vaccines for COVID-19 will not impact a woman's ability to get pregnant or cause men to suffer erectile dysfunction, according to a family medicine physician in Shawano.

"The Delta variant, which also is proving to be more severe than earlier COVID-19 variants, creates even more urgency around getting vaccinated," said Dr. Angela Divjak, with ThedaCare Physicians-Shawano. "It's vital for patients to protect themselves and the community, because we're not through the pandemic by any means."

If you are currently trying to become pregnant or would like to get pregnant in the future, you may get a COVID-19 vaccine, according to Divjak. There is no evidence that COVID-19 vaccines cause any fertility problems for either women or men, she said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced that pregnant women should get the COVID-19 vaccine, strengthening past language that stated it was safe for them to get the vaccine.

There is no evidence that the



ANGELA DIVJAK

effects.

"Research shows pregnant women who contract the COVID-19 virus are at greater risk for certain complications, including a greater likelihood of miscarriage, premature birth or cesarean delivery," Divjak said. "Additionally, pregnant women who have diabetes or other underlying conditions may be at greater risk of serious illness due to COVID-19."

Along with similar conversations, vaccinated mothers may safely breastfeed their infants.

"In fact, breast milk is the best way to help your infant both get the nutrition she needs as well as to protect the infant against many kinds of illnesses,"

vaccine causes any problems with pregnancy, including with development of the placenta, according to Divjak, but as with all vaccines, the vaccine is being monitored carefully for side

Divjak said. "It will help your baby to build stronger defenses overall."

Early research indicates infants may receive some antibodies from breast milk that can help protect them from COVID-19, said Divjak.

Mothers who are not vaccinated should take extra precautions around their infants if they suspect they've been exposed to the COVID-19 virus, Divjak said. That should include mask-wearing and careful hand-washing and sanitizing any time the mother plans to touch the infant or express breast milk.

Another myth currently circulating is that a woman's menstrual cycle can be impacted by being near someone who received a COVID-19 vaccine.

"Your menstrual cycle can be impacted by a number of factors, including stress, infections, changes to your schedule or changes in diet and exercise or sleep problems," Divjak said. "Your cycle cannot be affected by being in close proximity to someone who is vaccinated."

Men can safely get the COVID-19 vaccine without concern about erectile dysfunction. Divjak said that getting

vaccinated may help protect men from problems with erectile dysfunction that have been observed after testing positive for the virus.

While the link between COVID-19 and erectile dysfunction hasn't been proven, the virus can cause blood vessel inflammation, lung damage that reduces oxygen in the blood, changes in sense of smell and infection of testosterone-producing cells — all of which can lead to erectile dysfunction, she said.

"Stress-related mental health effects of the pandemic also can impact erectile function," said Divjak. "The vaccine itself cannot cause erectile dysfunction."

Additionally, erectile dysfunction after the COVID-19 virus can be an indicator of greater vascular damage that has been noted as a long-term impact in some people who have had the virus, according to Divjak.

For information about COVID-19, to schedule a vaccine, find a testing location and view online care options and community resources, visit thedacarecovid19.org.



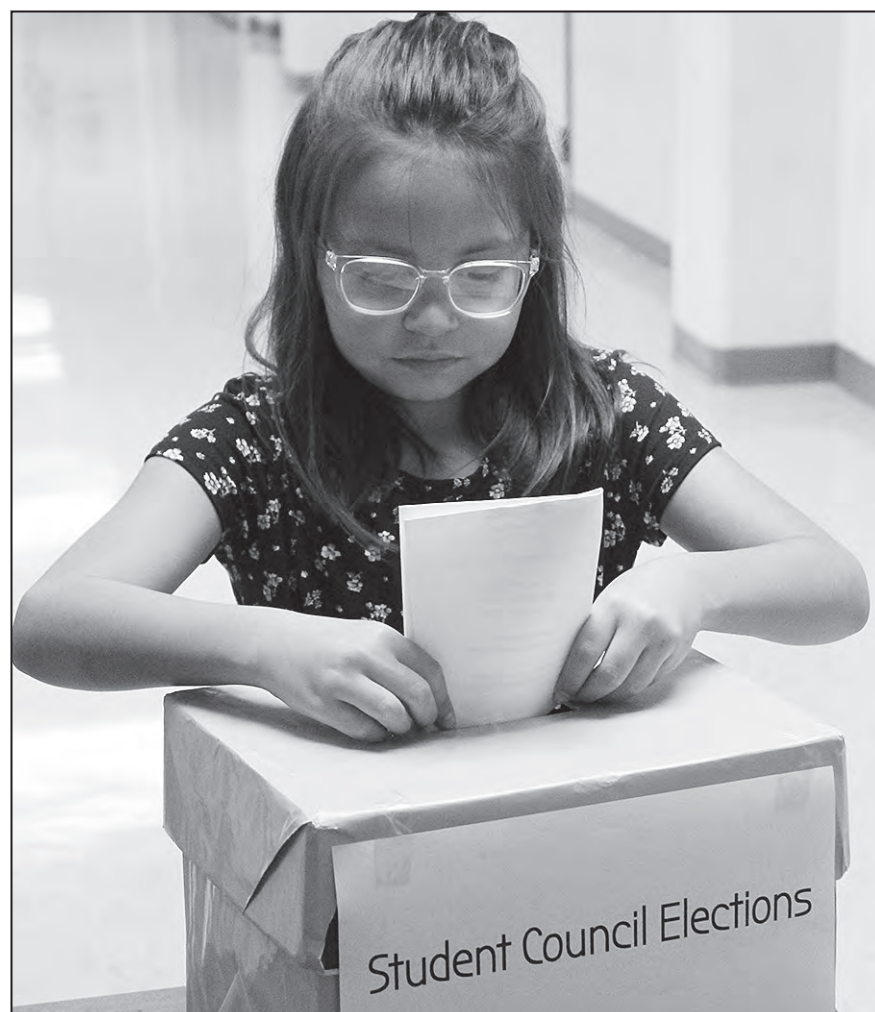
Sacred Heart elects new student council

ABOVE: Sacred Heart Catholic School in Shawano rebooted its student council after a two-year hiatus, and on Oct. 4 students in grades 3-8 participated in elections. The executive board includes, from left, front row, Robin Walby and Cora Pieper; back row, Isabelle Brown, Izzy Martens, Sydney Mitchell, Davis Lyons and Bryton Van Gheem. The council is advised by Sacred Heart staff members Michelle Powers and Kate Ruth. The hope is to have the council assist with school spirit days, service projects, school-wide dances, Catholic Schools Week activities, fundraising, policy recommendations and more.

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RIGHT: Mila Cook, a third-grade student at Sacred Heart Catholic School, submits her ballot Oct. 4 as the school elected its new student council. This was an opportunity for students to cast their votes, share their opinions, and see how a real election works. Students learned valuable lessons like majority rules during voting, fairness counts, and displaying good sportsmanship.

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New North survey seeks info on broadband access

New North Inc. has contracted with the broadband consulting team of Design Nine, MSA and GEO Partners to provide a broadband study for each of the region's 18 counties. A key part of the process is a public survey of households and businesses about current broadband service conditions.

The household survey was mailed to all Northeast Wisconsin residences in early October. It also is available for completion online at <https://projects.designnine.com/survey/newnorth-residential>.

The business survey is available at <https://projects.designnine.com/survey/newnorth-business>.

"We urge participation in the public survey on current broadband service conditions," said Barb LaMue, president and CEO of New North. "Through robust feedback from households and businesses in the region, we can develop meaningful strategies to address deficiencies in high-speed internet access."

Both surveys will be available until Oct. 29, allowing for the broadband study to be completed in December.

It will guide investment and implementation of a modern broadband network. Each county within the New North region will receive a set of strategies to address high-speed internet deficiencies.

With funding assistance in part from the U.S. Economic Development Administration, the team of Design Nine, MSA and GEO Partners is analyzing existing broadband assets in Northeast Wisconsin counties, including those offered by telecom service providers, cable companies and government organizations that provide communications services through schools and first responders. The analysis will encompass the types of broadband services available, along with broadband-use patterns and gaps in coverage, and make recommendations to the counties on how to best improve coverage.



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Staff of Life in Shawano under new ownership

Mother-daughter team providing community with Christian gifts, health food items

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Staff of Life store, a place for people to find health food and Christian gifts, is continuing to flourish under new ownership, even as one of the owners is facing an additional challenge.

Holly Montoure and her daughter, Miranda Hoyer, took ownership of Staff of Life on July 1. For Montoure, it was an opportunity to continue to serve her faith after being a Catholic school teacher for a number of years.

"I liked the Christian part of it," Montoure said. "The health food was just a bonus."

Montoure learned in April that she has cancer, and having the health food available would be a help to her as she's going through treatment. She said it was a way to immerse herself in becoming healthier.

"I realized when I was diagnosed that life is too short to stick to one thing," Montoure said. "I was teaching at the time, and I thought it was a good investment in my retirement and my daughter's future. She's only 24 and owns a business that she can keep going in this community, a community that needs it."

She noted that there's no other place in Shawano to buy baptism cards. The same goes for crucifixes.

"I just felt it was very important to supply the churches," Montoure said. "It's important to keep our faith alive, especially in these times."

The need has been evident in the last three months as the two women and other members of the family have been busy running the store.

"It started out kind of slow, and we weren't sure what we doing," Montoure said. "As we're learning more about what to do and what to order and what customers want and what the community needs, it's crazy. We're selling as fast as we're ordering."

Not only are they selling out, but they're growing, too. There has been some rearranging as the new owners determine what to do to expand.

"We moved it all around and gave it a fresh face," Hoyer said. "There's only one thing that's in the exact same space since we've been here, and that's the cooler. Everything else has been moved, cleaned, dusted and shifted around."

As Christmas draws closer, Mon-



A customer brings her purchase to Miranda Hoyer, who is wearing a witch's costume Oct. 8 to celebrate the Witches Night Out event sponsored by the Shawano Business Improvement District. Hoyer and her mother are the new owners for Staff of Life, a shop that provides health food supplements and Christian gifts.

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Miranda Hoyer, second from left, and her mother, Holly Montoure, center, join Jeanne Cronce, left, an ambassador from the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce, and assorted family members in cutting the ribbon for the grand opening of Staff of Life under their new ownership. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

toure and Hoyer are already breaking out decorations and preparing to have plenty of gift items available. Of course, there are plenty of other things people are looking for prior to the holiday rush.

"We have a lot of people coming in looking for different things," Hoyer said. "It's not just supplements. We had a load of baptismal gifts on a Friday, and by the end of the day Saturday, they were all gone."

There are a number of customer who call about healthy items like gluten-free flour, and they tend to be surprised when Hoyer or Montoure let them know that they have it. Some of the items can't even be bought online, according to Hoyer.

"If we know Aldi's carries it or Walmart carries it, we can't compete," Hoyer said. "Let them carry it, and we'll get things in that people are looking for."

Hoyer and Montoure are planning to incorporate other things into the store, like an expanded pet items section and a children's section so Sunday school and parochial school teachers can get their needed items without having to travel to Green Bay or another city.

"The goal is to grow so big that we eventually grow out of this space," Montoure said. "It already looks like we're getting kind of tight. Maybe in future years, we'll expand to other towns — Clintonville, Bonduel."

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SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Suring overcomes slow start, tops Gillett

Eagles take last 3 sets

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Suring High School volleyball team found its groove in the latter half of the first set before controlling the second, third and fourth sets in a Marinette & Oconto Conference victory over Gillett on Oct. 7 in Suring.

The Eagles won by scores of 23-25, 25-13, 25-13, 25-13.

"I think we realized that we really weren't playing our game to our potential," said Suring senior Kate Mahoney. "We just really looked at each other, talked to each other and dug deep. We were like, 'hey, we can still get this.' It didn't turn out that first set but we dug deep for the rest of the sets and got it."

Gillett built an early 11-3 lead in set one, taking advantage of some Suring errors and going on a couple runs as senior Naomi Anker and junior Halle Fisher served.

Suring got four-straight aces from junior Trinity Remic to build some positive momentum, but Gillett worked it right back to a six-point advantage after junior Madyson VanHaren and senior Katilynn Dodge scored.

The teams battled back and forth for the next several points before eventually Gillett was a point away from taking the match, 24-17. Suring won the next six points, with juniors Macie Reed, Christine Sleeter and MacKenzie Bailey scoring for the team before a tip from Gillett's Dodge ended the set.

From that point forward, Suring controlled the match.

"I think the first set, we did an amazing job hustling. We weren't afraid to dive all over, hustle and just do anyway possible to get (the ball) over the net," said Gillett senior Naomi Anker.

"Then the second set, it was just like we had low energy. Nobody was really wanting to get the ball and we had hesitation everywhere and then it just kept going down and down



Suring's Bailey Stuart leaps up before spiking the ball during the team's Marinette & Oconto Conference victory over Gillett on Oct. 7 in Suring.

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for energy."

After the teams split the first 16 points of the second set, the hosts

were able to pull ahead after a kill from sophomore Bailey Stuart, a tip from senior Macyn Garrigan and an

ace from Stuart.

Gillett whittled the deficit back down to two later on before Reed had a kill, junior McKenzie Chesterfield scored back-to-back points and Bailey served a pair of aces. The Eagles ended the set on an 11-1 run.

"Definitely our intensity and our motivation, confidence. It all came into play," said Chesterfield on how the Eagles got things turned around after the slow start. She added the team now knows it can rally should it face deficits later this season and in the postseason.

"To get back up is a hard thing, especially in volleyball," said Mahoney. "When one point goes wrong, it's hard to turn around and come back. But when you have great teammates like I do, we know what we're capable of, so we can come back."

Remic continued Suring's strong night of serving in the third set to help the team out to an early lead. She was serving again when the team extended the lead out to nine, 18-9.

Gillett took the next three points before Suring ended the set on a 7-1 run.

It was the Tigers that pulled ahead early in the fourth set, but the Eagles got kills from Reed, Chesterfield and Sleeter to soon pull back ahead. Gillett continued to battle until the end, but Suring wouldn't be denied and closed the match in four sets.

Suring surged to victory behind its serving, finishing the night with 24 aces. Remic served 10 of the aces, while Bailey had six and Sleeter and freshman Emma Kristof three each. Stuart had the final two aces.

Sleeter led the team with nine attack kills and also posted three block kills and nine assists. Mahoney led the Eagles with 17 assists and chipped in three attack kills.

Chesterfield and Reed tallied eight attack kills each, while Stuart had three. Remic and Kristof each finished with five digs, while Stuart had three.

Junior Bella Matczak tallied a team-leading four attack kills for Gillett, with Dodge and VanHaren recording three each. Fisher had five assists.



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VOLLEYBALL

Oconto Falls wins home invite

Oconto Falls defeated Green Bay NEW Lutheran (25-12, 25-10), Kewaunee (25-11, 25-11), Freedom (25-21, 25-22) and Peshtigo (25-14, 25-22) and lost to Denmark (25-21, 25-21) to win the Oconto Falls Invite on Oct. 9 in Oconto Falls.

Grace Oninski finished the match against Green Bay NEW Lutheran with seven attack kills, while Brailyn St. Louis had five. Quinn Eisch led the team with six digs, while Hailey Peitersen had 13 assists.

In the loss to Denmark, Magnin had a team-high seven attack kills, Eisch posted nine digs and Peitersen had 13 assists. Peitersen was credited with 17 assists against Kewaunee. Hanna Krejcarek posted nine digs, while Eisch had eight and Madison Uelmen seven. St. Louis served four aces, while Oninski had six attack kills and Peitersen and Magnin each had five.

In its win over Freedom, Peitersen tallied 12 assists and nine attack kills. Magnin had 10 attack kills, Eisch had nine digs and Krejcarek and Peitersen had seven digs each. Peitersen led the team in digs (17) and assists (15) against Peshtigo. Eisch recorded 13 digs, while Karlie Kowalczyk added 11 digs. Magnin led the Panthers with 11 attack kills.

Oneida Nation 3

Lena 2

Lena came up just short in a Marinette & Oconto Conference match against Oneida Nation on Oct. 7 in Lena. The visitors won by scores of 18-25, 11-25, 28-26, 25-15, 15-6.

Natalie McNurlen totaled nine attack kills for Lena, while Alabama Lambert added four attack kills and four aces.

Melanie Cops was credited with 16 total kills and three aces for the Wildcats. Makynna Herald contributed 21 assists, while Breanna Koslowsky served three aces.

Oconto Falls 3

Wrightstown 2

Oconto Falls picked up a five-set North Eastern Conference victory over Wrightstown on Oct. 7 in Wrightstown, winning by scores of 21-25, 25-11, 25-12, 10-25, 15-13.

Oconto Falls' Hailey Peitersen finished the match with 32 assists, eight digs and eight attack kills. Grace Oninski led the Panthers with 15 attack kills, while Emmie Magnin added 14. Oninski also had four total blocks.

Quinn Eisch recorded a team-leading 14 digs for the Panthers, with Morgan Kluth added 10 digs. Eisch also contributed seven assists on the night.

Niagara 3

Suring 1

Suring came up short in a Marinette & Oconto Conference match against Niagara on Oct. 5 in Niagara, losing by scores of 23-12, 25-18, 20-25, 25-15.

Christine Sleeter totaled 14 attack kills, seven assists, four digs and three block kills for Suring. Kate Mahoney added 21 assists and four digs, while Bailey Stuart had five attack kills and 10 digs.

Macie Reed finished with six attack kills and four digs for the Eagles. Trinity Remic contributed nine digs, while Emma Kristoff had seven digs.

FOOTBALL

Lena/STAA 58

Gibraltar 34

The Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy co-op remained perfect on the season after taking down Gibraltar in a high-scoring MONLPC-East Division 8-player contest on Oct. 8 in Gibraltar. Lena/STAA is now 7-0 overall and 4-0 in the conference.

Logan Shallow rushed for 215 yards and three touchdowns to power the co-op's offense. Sam Marquardt added 158 rushing yards and a score, while Lane Whiting also had a rushing touchdown. Marquardt also threw a touchdown to Ethan Braley.

Marquardt returned a punt 75 yards for a score, while Shallow scored on a 73-yard kickoff return. Lena/STAA's defense also scored two points on a safety.

Josh Kristof led the co-op's defense with 15 tackles, while Whiting and Logan Graef had eight each and Shallow seven. Shallow recovered a fumble forced by Nathan Younger, while Kristof and Whiting were credited with one sack each.

BOYS SOCCER

Notre Dame 3

Pulaski 0

Pulaski was blanked in a Fox River Classic Conference match against Notre Dame on Oct. 7 in Pulaski.

Pulaski was outshot 8-6 in the contest.

Mason Baker made five saves while defending the net for the Red Raiders.

ATHLETE PROFILE: HAILEY PEITERSEN

Oconto Falls senior reaches assist milestone

Reaching milestones in high school sports not only shows off an athlete's talent, but also shows how valuable a player is to a team for a multi-year period. Hailey Peitersen has been a big part of the Oconto Falls High School volleyball team's success over the past few seasons and recently topped the 1,000-assist mark for her career.

Peitersen has been the Panthers' setter this season, and is averaging over six assists per set. She hit 1,000 career assists in the team's win over Fox Valley Lutheran on Oct. 5.

She also led the team in assists as a junior, when she landed on the North Eastern Conference honorable mention team.

Q: When did your interest in volleyball begin?

A: I first became interested in playing volleyball from watching my older sister, Stephanie Peitersen, play when I was younger. The first time I ever competitively played was on a club team in sixth grade, and I have loved the sport ever since.

Q: What is your favorite part about the volleyball season?

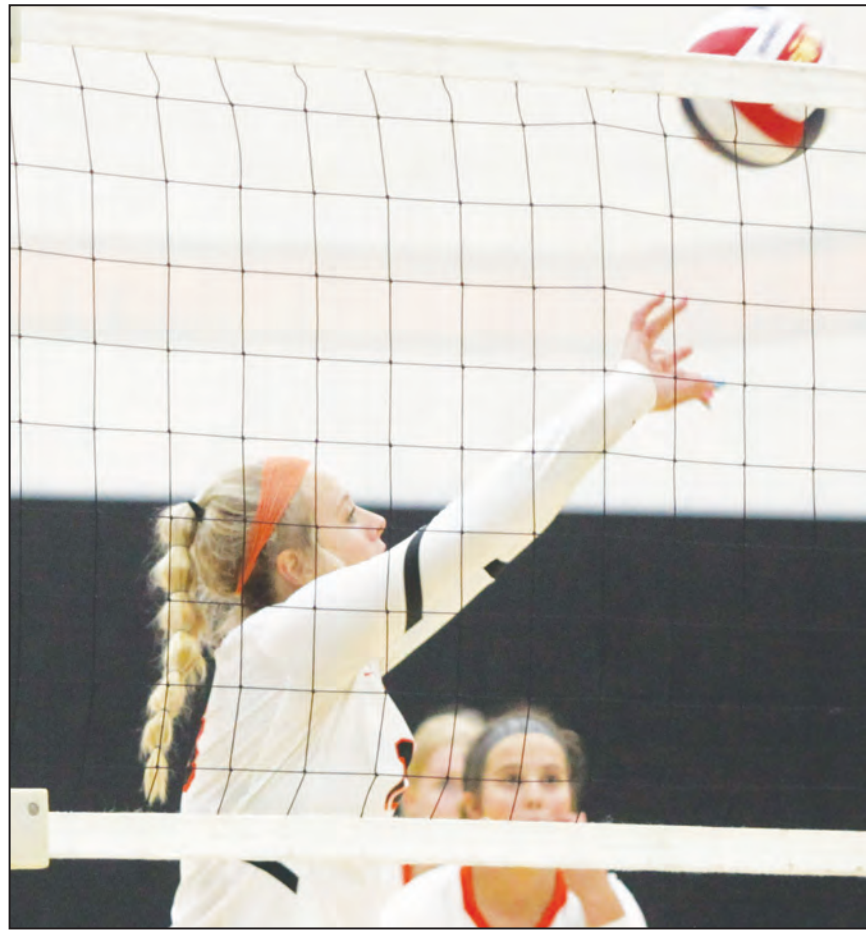
A: My favorite part about volleyball is the bus rides and team bonding with the girls. We all are so close this year and everything someone seems to say or do is always so funny. It is such a positive environment that I just love being around all the girls!

Q: What has volleyball taught you over the years?

A: Volleyball has taught me the importance of resilience and teamwork. It has also led me to become a stronger leader and build my communication skills on and off the court.

Q: You recently topped 1,000 assists for your career. How special is that milestone to you?

A: This milestone is incredibly special and rewarding to me after the years of training it took me to reach 1,000 assists. I was unsure if I would be able to reach this milestone because



Oconto Falls' Hailey Peitersen, left, sets the ball during the team's North Eastern Conference match against Freedom on Aug. 31 in Oconto Falls.

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of the limited games last year, so the fact that I still accomplished it is very special to me.

Q: Who helped you reach that milestone?

A: Many people helped contribute to my 1,000 assists. I could not have done this without the hours of coaching and training from all levels of the coaching staff. My friends and family were also big supporters, always cheering me on and driving me to practices and games. The biggest contributor to this milestone was my teammates. Without them, this achievement would not have been pos-

sible, so I cannot give credit to them enough.

Q: Do you have any rituals you go through before a volleyball match?

A: On gamedays, it is a ritual that me and my teammate, Grace Oninski, go to Kwik Trip to get snacks and energy drinks. While warming up before the game, the team always listens to our favorite pump-up songs and sings the school song.

Q: What is your favorite memory from playing for the Oconto Falls volleyball team?

A: My favorite memory from play-

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Hailey Peitersen

SPORT: Volleyball

POSITIONS: Setter

SCHOOL: Oconto Falls High School

YEAR: Senior

ing volleyball will always be singing the school song with our student section after winning a game. This is a ritual we just started toward the end of the season, but it is so fun to celebrate our win with our friends that came out to support us and show our school spirit!

Q: As the season winds down, what is the key to the team keeping its season alive?

A: After coming off a five-set win at Wrightstown on Thursday (Oct. 7) and then winning our home invitational this Saturday (Oct. 9), our team has a lot of momentum. The key for us is to keep this momentum this next week and then build on it into the playoffs.

Q: As a senior, how have you helped lead the team this fall?

A: I was awarded the position as a team captain this year, and with this role, I have prioritized encouraging teammates and setting a good example on and off the court.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show and musical artist?

A: Movie — "The Lorax." TV show — "Criminal Minds." Musical artist — Luke Combs.

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

A: One thing many people do not know about me is that I love learning about physics and astronomy.

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

A: After graduation, I plan to attend the University of Alabama and study aerospace engineering. I hope with this degree to eventually work for NASA or SpaceX.

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COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

St. Norbert

Pulaski High School graduate Kendall Karcz intercepted four passes and also had two total tackles in the St. Norbert football team's 68-0 win over Wisconsin Lutheran on Oct. 9.

Karcz's four interceptions were the most in school history since a five-interception day from Bill Van Lanen back in 1957. Karcz intercepted three passes in the first quarter alone.

He returned the four interceptions for a total of 124 yards, including a long return of 71 yards. He returned an interception 53 yards for a score to end the first quarter and then had a 71-yard interception return for another touchdown early in the second quarter.

Viterbo

Lauren Herzog, a Gillett grad and current cross-country runner for the Viterbo women's team, placed 43rd at the Seminole Valley Stampede meet

on Oct. 9.

Herzog completed the course in 21 minutes, 11.1 seconds.

UW-Oshkosh

Oconto Falls graduate Mac Winkler rushed for a touchdown during the UW-Oshkosh football team's loss to UW-La Crosse on Oct. 9.

Winkler scored on a 3-yard run in the second quarter. He finished with 15 rushing yards on five carries.

Fellow Panther grad Kaylee Sadowski competed at the WIAC Championship for the UW-Oshkosh women's golf team from Oct. 8-10.

Sadowski came in 60th after posting a three-day total of 294. She fired a round of 99 on day one followed by a 97 on day two and 98 on day three.

UW-Stevens Point

Oconto Falls grad Dakota Carriveau was credited with two total tackles in the UW-Stevens Point football team's loss to UW-River Falls on Oct. 9.

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Carriveau now has nine total tackles on the season.

Winona State

Gillett graduate and current Winona State women's cross-country runner Sylvia Hansen took 15th at the Bob Waxlax Invitational on Oct. 7.

Hansen finished the 3.73-mile race in 24:14.10.

MSU-Moorhead

Gillett grad Derek Hanson placed 24th while running for the Minnesota State University-Moorhead men's cross-country team at the Jimmie Invitational on Oct. 8.

Hanson completed the 8K course in 28:45.3.

Drury

Oconto Falls graduate Brant Row-

land represented the Drury University bass fishing team a couple of times over the last two weekends.

He and teammate Cole Breeden teamed up to catch eight fish totaling 14.9 pounds to place 25th at the AFTCO Collegiate Bass Open on Oct. 9 and 10.

Rowland and teammate Brycen Soliday caught three fish totaling 5 pounds, 13 ounces to come in 51st at the Major League Fishing tournament on Oct. 1.

North Iowa Area

Oconto Falls graduate Samantha Coron continued her strong season for the North Iowa Area Community College volleyball team last week across a pair of matches.

In a loss to Northeast Community College on Oct. 6, Coron posted three attack kills, 21 assists and 14 digs. That same day, Coron recorded 23 assists, six digs and three attack kills in a win over North Platte Community College.

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on **Tuesday, November 9, 2021**, at 5:30 PM at the Suring Municipal Building, 604 E. Main Street, a **PUBLIC HEARING** on the **PROPOSED BUDGET for 2022** of the Village of Suring will be held. The Proposed Budget in detail is available for inspection at the Village Clerk's office during regular business hours. The following is a summary of the proposed 2020 budget:

VILLAGE OF SURING	2020	2021	2021	BUDGET	2022	Percentage change in budget
	ACTUAL	YEAR END				
		PROJECTED	BUDGET	NOTES	BUDGET	
REVENUES						
Taxes - General Levy	\$265,794	\$247,333	\$ 247,333		\$ 280,722	13.50%
Other Taxes	\$41,627	\$42,732	\$ 40,317		\$ 40,317	0.00%
Special Assessments/charges	\$23,167	\$19,065	\$ 19,065	Garbage service-Special Chg. Per parcel of \$110	\$ 20,000	4.90%
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$257,937	\$297,071	\$ 265,613	No Expenditure Restraint	\$ 227,698	-14.27%
Licenses & Permits	\$4,840	\$4,451	\$ 3,770		\$ 3,915	3.85%
Fines, Forfeitures, Penalties	\$2,972	\$2,100	\$ 2,500		\$ 3,000	20.00%
Public Charges for Service	\$5,787	\$7,346	\$ 4,150		\$ 4,950	19.28%
Intergovernmental charges	\$106,693	\$110,821	\$ 106,071		\$ 110,671	4.34%
Miscellaneous	\$77,462	\$82,504	\$ 21,200		\$ 20,200	-4.72%
Other Financing Sources	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$ -		\$ -	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$861,279	\$888,423	\$ 710,019		\$ 711,473	0.20%
EXPENDITURES						
General Government	\$138,729	\$112,545	\$ 107,865		\$ 126,320	17.11%
Public Safety	\$372,493	\$309,058	\$ 322,952	PY - PD SQUAD	\$ 291,212	-9.83%
Public Works	\$152,201	\$126,902	\$ 163,294		\$ 155,056	-5.05%
Health & Human Services	\$1,959	\$3,017	\$ 2,850		\$ 3,115	9.30%
Culture, Recreation, Education	\$31,553	\$33,924	\$ 39,606		\$ 33,856	-14.52%
Conservation & Development	\$4,560	\$1,800	\$ 4,080		\$ 3,580	-12.25%
Capital Outlay & Planning	\$6,797	\$29,042	\$ 26,442		\$ 24,625	-6.87%
Debt Service	\$87,469	\$42,930	\$ 42,930		\$ 73,710	71.70%
Other Financing Sources	\$13,057	\$0	\$ -		\$ -	0.00%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$808,818	\$659,218	\$ 710,019		\$ 711,473	0.20%

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HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

No area golfers qualify for state tournament

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

No area girls golfers or teams were able to qualify for state despite some strong round at sectionals.

Shawano and Pulaski each competed at the Division 1 Wausau East/West Sectional on Oct. 4 at Greenwood Hills Country Club in Wausau.

Bonduel and Oconto Falls individual golfers took part in the Division 2 Wrightstown Sectional on Oct. 5 at Hilly Haven Golf Course in De Pere.

Teghan Kristof and Sophia Eggert represented Shawano at sectionals.

Kristof just missed an individual state spot after firing a round of 89. That score was good enough for a tie for 10th place and was just five shots back of the final individual state qualifier.

"The front nine went well. I figured out the greens and my short game was on. On the back nine I got in my own head and could not hit my driver,

which made things a little harder for me," said Kristof, a junior. "Qualifying for sectionals meant a lot to me. I worked hard all season to get to that point."

Eggert tied for 17th with a round of 94.

"Sectionals was fun and tough. What went well for me was my tee to green. I struggled around the greens and they were tough," said Eggert, a freshman.

"Qualifying for sectionals meant a lot to me and it was a great experience. This motivates me to get farther next year."

Pulaski competed as a team, finishing eighth with a score of 400.

Sophomore Vivien Ninham led the Red Raiders with a round of 97. Senior Olivia Follese (99) and sophomore Ella Ficarri (100) also had strong days on the course.

Junior Summer Jaeger (104) and sophomore Danika Holewinski (113) rounded out the Pulaski five-golfer

team.

Ava Pleshek and Sarah Garside represented Bonduel, while Kate Pytleski golfed for Oconto Falls at sectionals.

Pleshek, a senior, turned in a round of 95 in her final high school event. She tied for 14th and was six shots back of the last state qualifier.

"Qualifying for sectionals my senior year was always one of my biggest goals ever since I was a freshman," said Pleshek. "After golfing regionals I was a little disappointed because I did not think I golfed well enough to move on. It was a really emotional round of golf but in the end I was super excited to have qualified for sectionals."

"I am thankful for the sport of golf and everything it has taught me over the years. I couldn't have asked for a better way to end the season."

Garside, a junior, posted a round of 103 to tie for 29th on the day.

"My round of golf today was decent. My drives improved quite a bit from the beginning of the season

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Full results from sectionals can be found at <https://www.wiaawi.org/sports/fall/girls-golf/tournament>.

and it really helped today. I definitely could've done better with my putting, but it's still OK," said Garside, who added sectionals showed her what she needs to improve on for next season.

Pytleski ended her junior season with a round of 101, good enough for a 26th-place finish.

"I hit the ball really well today, however the fast greens really messed up my putting, which did totally damaged my score card," said Pytleski.

"Qualifying for sectionals was a great feeling and I loved representing my school! However, I do wish that we could have qualified as a team. This experience will prepare me for next season because I now know to learn to adapt to faster greens at different courses."

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Pulaski No. 1 doubles team advances to sectionals

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

The Pulaski High School No. 1 doubles team of Paige Vanderveren and Madeline Diefenthaler earned one win at the Division 1 Notre Dame Subsectional on Oct. 4 in Green Bay to advance to sectionals.

The duo then lost their lone match at the Division 1 Manitowoc Lincoln Sectional on Oct. 7 in Manitowoc. Vanderveren and Diefenthaler were defeated 6-2, 6-1 by Appleton North's Anna Vechart and Caroline Thaxton.

Shawano earned four wins at the subsectional, but the team didn't advance any players to sectionals.

Jenna Ainsworth (No. 2), Adison Moesch (No. 3) and Elise Pyatskowit (No. 4) won in singles action for the Hawks, while the No. 2 doubles team of Sarah Carroll and Anna Etten also picked up a win.

Singles: No. 1: Siera Bellue GREEN BAY SOUTHWEST def. Rylie Anderson SHAWANO, 6-0, 6-2; Lucy Lawton NOTRE DAME def. Kelsey Waggoner PULASKI, 6-4, 6-1; **No. 2:** Jenna Ainsworth SHAWANO def. Kylie

Coel PULASKI, 6-4, 6-0; Allie Brosteau BAY PORT def. Ainsworth, 6-3, 6-1; **No. 3:** Adison Moesch SHAWANO def. Rylee Miller PULASKI, 6-1, 6-2; Aneasha Prathigudupu ASHWAUBENON def. Moesch, 6-0, 6-1; **No. 4:** Elise Pyatskowit SHAWANO def. Isabella Skalecki PULASKI, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; Jordan Domnick ASHWAUBENON def. Pyatskowit, 6-0, 6-0.

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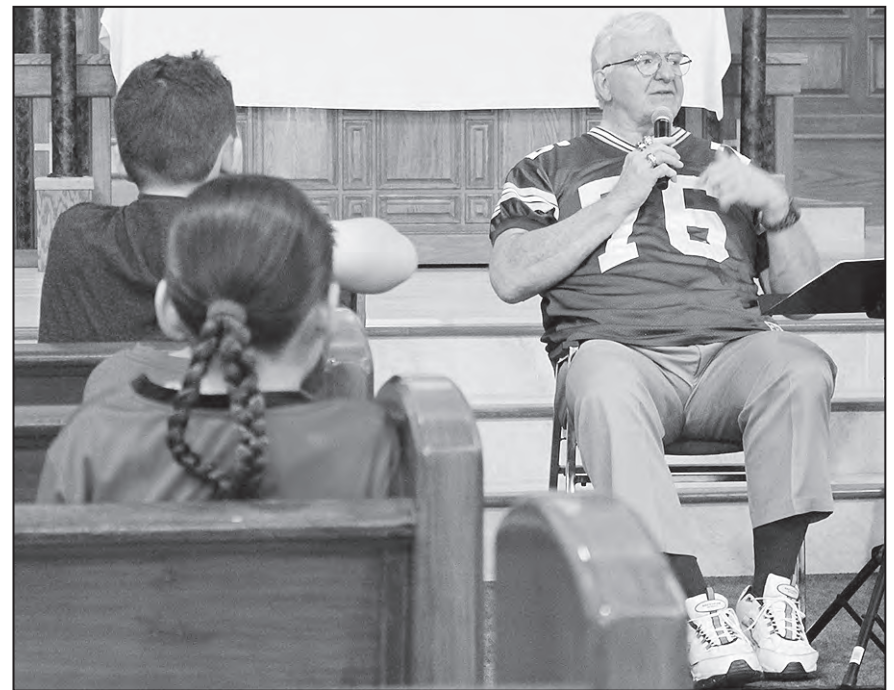
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Former Packer visits Sacred Heart



Mike McCoy, former NFL and Green Bay Packers player, came to Sacred Heart Catholic School in Shawano on Oct. 5, to speak to students in grades 3-8. Students were asked to reflect on their own friendship and how they treat those around them. McCoy played defensive tackle in the 1970s for the Packers, Oakland Raiders and New York Giants. He is now at Notre Dame University where he runs a ministry program speaking to students across the country.

CONTRIBUTED

Food center gets big bucks



Shawano Area Food Center recently received a \$15,000 grant from the COVID-19 Community Response Fund, established by the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region and United Way Fox Cities, with additional generous donations from the community. Accepting the grant are Merrie Crawford, left, and Marsha Hoefts with the food center. This grant will assist with increased cooler and freezer needs at the food distribution warehouse, which assists area food pantries in accepting and storing delivered food orders from Feeding America, Hunger Relief, TEFAP and local food retailer/distributor donations.

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OPINION

Majority of America wants social media cover-up

We realized all too well recently how much we depend on social media in our lives when we tried getting into Facebook and were told that no connection could be made for a six-hour period. Those who tried getting into Instagram were also out of luck. WhatsApp? Denied.

There were a couple of moments when I wondered if our push to be technologically advanced had come back and knocked us on our keisters, if maybe it had been decided that the digital ties we've all made to other people around the country and around the world needed to be cut. How easy would it be to flip the switch and shut off those social media sites, especially in light of the recent "60 Minutes" piece on the Facebook whistleblower?

Of course, it appears there are plenty of people who wouldn't be that upset. I received an email the other day that a company called Redact conducted a survey of 3,360 social media users, and among Wisconsin residents, 60% of them want all of their social media posts erased once they die, citing concerns that existing social media content posted in the past might now be controversial or contentious.

The Redact survey found majorities of people in every state, save



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for Wyoming, would prefer that their social media accounts be deleted for this. Additionally, there are other states with higher percentages of people who would just as soon not let future generations see what they said, thought or looked like in a string bikini once they kicked the bucket. In neighboring Minnesota, 81% of respondents said yes, while in Iowa, the response was 85% in favor. In my home state of Arizona, 69% said kill the social media accounts.

The survey also revealed that almost half of respondents admit old social media posts differ from their current opinions, and two-fifths say they avoid posting about politics on Facebook and other sites for fear of being ostracized. Also, 27% said they make their social media profiles private when they're job hunting.

It's rather interesting that, in this era of cancel culture, so many people want to cover their heads when it comes to being hesitant about putting their name to the opinions

they post. Sadly, many people go ahead and post the strangest and most outrageous viewpoints on a whim, as anger or arrogance give them the confidence to stick it to whomever they don't like.

I'm a little baffled as to why only 27% of respondents in Wyoming confirmed they wanted their social media accounts erased. Are people really confident in that state of their convictions? Do they look back at the wacky fashions they modeled five or 10 years ago and just think, good times?

It's an interesting commentary on people in general. By extension, the folks who want their social media obliterated are wanting to hide from their pasts. Sure, we all say and do things that are stupid and that we regret, but it's usually better to admit that we're flawed than to perpetuate the lie that we're amazing and can do no wrong. Besides, if we're dead, why should we care what people think of us at that point?

The Redact survey also indicated that social media users are already trying to rewrite their history. While being locked down during the pandemic, about 38% of respondents said they used their spare time to 86 any embarrassing posts

from the past.

It's kind of a shame that people don't want to leave such mementos of their life untouched to be part of a historical record. There has never been an easier way to chronicle people's lives and show what society was like at this point in time. Instead of searching for human remains or tattered papers, historians in the 22nd century and beyond can look at the internet as a data gold mine.

Instead, people are letting their vanity win out. Folks are too worried about the public's perception of them, long after they're dead and turned to dust. It's absurd not to be an individual and instead join the rest of the flock as being sheep. America claims to be a melting pot with different cultures and abilities, but at the end of the day, a majority of folks would rather blend in than stand out.

As for me, I want my social media accounts to stay how they are. Maybe there are a few things that make me look idiotic, but that's OK. Let history deem me either a genius or a moron. I'll be dead anyway, so why should I care?

Lee Pulaski is the city editor for the Shawano Leader. Readers can contact him at lpulaski@newmedia-wi.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Election review in state flawed, unnecessary

To the editor:

I am frustrated with the review of the 2020 election in Wisconsin. The excuse is to regain public trust in our elections. The county and municipal clerks I know take their responsibility for conducting fair and transparent elections by the rules seriously. Except for hardcore partisans I don't

believe there is concern for the conduct of the election. Accusations have already been investigated and debunked through legitimate election audits and court decisions.

Why are taxpayers funding this duplicative, biased, politically motivated, and incompetent review? Speaker Robin Vos and legislative leadership chose to spend \$676,000 of taxpayer money on this gambit. At least the recently concluded "audit" in Arizona was paid for by those who

wanted it — not by taxpayers.

Michael Gableman, who Vos chose to lead this investigation, has demonstrated he does not approach the review with an open mind, but in word and deed has demonstrated he is extremely partisan and given to acceptance of baseless conspiracy theories. This leads me to conclude this review is less a legitimate quest for knowledge than a political stunt.

The only reasons I see for this charade are to feed false narratives

of election irregularities which further threaten our democracy and to attempt to gain political advantage on the part of the majority party leadership, on the public's dime.

I urge all rank-and-file members of the legislature to work on the leadership to cancel Gableman's contract and end this travesty. I further call on all citizens to contact their legislators to demand an immediate end to this flawed, unnecessary review.

Ken Harter, Oconto Falls

OPINION PAGE POLICY

The Shawano Leader welcomes letters from its readers and wants to publish as many as possible. Letters should be no longer than 400 words and must be typed.

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the author, and an address and telephone number must be included for verification. No anonymous opinion pieces will be published under any circumstances.

Thank you letters will be considered for publication on community pages in the paper. The 400-word limit applies to thank you letters, as well.

The best and most expedient way to send letters is by email to editor@newmedia-wi.com. Put "letter to the editor" in the subject line and send the text in the body of the email.

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Oct. 7

Deputies responded to 48 incidents, including suspicious activity on Executive Circle in the Town of Little Suamico, suspicious activity near Elm and Green Bay avenues in the Oconto Falls, K-9 deployment on East Algoma Street in Suring, theft on Hardwood Lane and County Road C in the Town of Oconto Falls, a disturbance on Pecor Street in Oconto, two reports of fraud on Timberline Circle in the Town of Morgan, a disturbance on CCC Road in the Town of Morgan, a disturbance on Warrington Lake Drive in the Town of Underhill, criminal damage on Rosera Street in Lena, five traffic stops, one traffic offense, three citizen assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; two 911 hangups and two open lines; three crashes, all involving deer.

Oct. 6

Deputies responded to 66 incidents, including a fire control burn near Main and Chicago streets in Oconto, a missing person on Maiden Lake Road in the Town of Riverview, fraud on Thompson Lane in the Town of Stiles, a missing person on McDermid Drive in the Town of Oconto Falls, a search warrant at an address in Oconto Falls, disorderly conduct on Frog Pond Road in the Town of Oconto,

harassment on Knollwood Lane in the Town of Mountain, a fire control burn near state Highway 22 and Rea Road in the Town of Oconto Falls, suspicious activity near Shawano Line Road and state Highway 32 in the Town of Oconto Falls, disorderly conduct on East Main Street in Suring, four traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two citizen assists, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; two 911 hangups and two open lines; four crashes, three involving deer.

Oct. 5

Deputies responded to 54 incidents, including a jail incident on Arbutus Avenue in Oconto, drugs at an address in the Town of Lakewood, an assault on Parkway Road in the Town of Spruce, trespassing on Markusen Lane in the Town of Doty, theft near Timberline Road and Pine Ridge Trail in the Town of Stiles, suspicious activity on Flower Lake Drive in the Town of Riverview, trespassing on Chase Town Hall Road in the Town of Chase, suspicious activity on Old 32 Road in the Town of Riverview, a noise disturbance on West First Street in Gillett, a wanted person on County Road F in the Town of Lakewood, a disturbance on County Road SS in the Town of Pensaukee, three traffic stops, two traffic hazards, four traffic offenses,

two citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident, two welfare checks; six 911 hangups and three open lines; four crashes, three involving deer.

Oct. 4

Deputies responded to 44 incidents, including a wanted person on County Road I in the Town of Stiles, disorderly conduct on state Highway 32 in the Town of Lakewood, theft on Duame Road in the Town of Stiles, theft on state Highway 32 in the Town of Gillett, harassment on County Road BB in the Town of Gillett, trespassing on Old 32 Road in the Town of Lakewood, five traffic stops, one traffic hazard, one traffic offense, one citizen assist, two welfare checks; two 911 hangups and three open lines.

Oct. 3

Deputies responded to 37 incidents, including suspicious activity on Duame Road in the Town of Stiles, property damage on County Road C in the Town of Chase, suspicious activity on North McKenzie Street in Gillett, suspicious activity on Yurek Road in the Town of Chase, a disturbance on Memorial Drive in Oconto, a wanted person on Third Street in Oconto, a disturbance on North Maple Avenue in Oconto Falls, criminal damage on Riverview Drive in the Town of Little Suamico, two traffic stops, one traffic offense, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, five welfare checks; three 911 hangups and three open lines; one

ambulance call; four crashes, one fatal.

Oct. 2

Deputies responded to 40 incidents, including a disturbance on South Main Street in Oconto Falls, property damage on Elm Lawn Road in the Town of Morgan, a weapons offense on Oak Orchard Road in the Town of Pensaukee, fireworks on Liegeois Road in the Town of Abrams, a noise disturbance on Wilson Street in the Town of Lakewood, three traffic stops, three traffic hazards, one citizen assist, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; five 911 hangups and two open lines; two ambulance calls; five crashes, one involving deer.

Oct. 1

Deputies responded to 55 incidents, including an animal bite on Quincy Street in Oconto Falls, suspicious activity near Timberline Road and Dogwood Lane in the Town of Abrams, theft on Kelly Road in the Town of Underhill, theft on Snowmobile Lane in the Town of Townsend, fire on Redwood Drive in the Town of Chase, a wanted person on Funk Road in the Town of Oconto, an ATV crash near Cream City and Logtown roads in the Town of Oconto, five traffic stops, three traffic hazards, three traffic offenses, one citizen assist, five miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; four 911 hangups and 10 open lines; one deer-related crash.

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City of Gillett Utility Operator Assistant

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED 2022 BUDGET
COUNTY OF OCONTO, WISCONSIN
October 28, 2021 10:00 am**

Notice is hereby given that a **PUBLIC HEARING** on the PROPOSED 2022 BUDGET for the COUNTY OF OCONTO, WISCONSIN, as recommended by the **Oconto County Administrator**, will be held Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 10:00 am in Rooms 1003/1004, located at 301 Washington St, Oconto, Wisconsin. Citizens are encouraged to attend the **PUBLIC HEARING** and have the right to provide written and/or oral comments and ask questions concerning the budget. A detailed copy of the PROPOSED 2022 BUDGET is on file and available for review at the Finance Department in the Courthouse. In accordance with SS.65.90 Wi Stats., the following is a summary of the proposed 2022 budget:

EXPENDITURES:	ADOPTED 2021	PROPOSED 2022	AMOUNT CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE
General Government	\$6,956,790	\$7,279,301	\$322,511	4.6%
Public Safety	8,061,300	8,589,266	527,966	6.5%
Health Human Services	11,701,485	12,496,437	794,952	6.8%
Public Works (incl. Highway)	11,542,558	10,735,811	(806,747)	-7.0%
Culture, Recreation and Education	1,604,114	1,717,297	113,183	7.1%
Conservation and Development	2,743,635	2,178,231	(565,404)	-20.6%
Capital Projects - Other	2,380,000	5,611,649	3,231,649	135.8%
Debt Service	1,740,250	1,785,250	45,000	2.6%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$46,730,132	\$50,393,242	\$3,663,110	7.8%
Revenues:				
Taxes (Other than Property)	\$682,185	\$747,300	\$65,115	9.5%
Intergovernmental Grants/Aids	9,113,381	13,413,261	4,299,880	47.2%
License and Permits	307,475	361,540	54,065	17.6%
Fines, Forfeitures and Penalties	165,000	160,000	(5,000)	-3.0%
Public Charges for Services	3,893,715	3,766,957	(126,758)	-3.3%
Intergovernmental Charges	4,561,511	4,490,926	(70,585)	-1.5%
Other (incl. Interest on Investments)	304,847	658,850	354,003	116.1%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$19,028,114	\$23,598,834	\$4,570,720	24.0%
Fund balances applied/transferred to reduce the county tax levy:				
Highway fund balance applied to equipment and operations	\$1,650,000	\$789,406	(\$860,594)	
Recycling fund balance applied to equipment and operations	18,830	15,764	(3,066)	
Health & Human Services fund balance applied for operations	186,606	394,355	207,749	
Co Road & Bridge fund balance applied for STP projects		501,706	501,706	
Land Records fund balance applied for operations	(33,021)	40,214	73,235	
County sales tax funds applied for capital purchases	2,080,000	1,034,000	(1,046,000)	
County sales tax funds applied for capital purchases - hwy	300,000	838,000	538,000	
County sales tax funds applied for debt services	681,339	653,379	(27,960)	
Human services fund balance transfer to general fund		265,679	265,679	
General fund applied to reduce property tax levy	2,014,145	1,000,000	(1,014,145)	
Total Funds Applied and Transferred	\$6,897,899	\$5,532,503	(\$1,365,396)	
TOTAL REVENUES & FUNDS APPLIED	\$25,926,013	\$29,131,337	\$3,205,324	12.4%
COST OF COUNTY OPERATIONS LEVIED AS PROPERTY TAX	\$20,804,119	\$21,261,905	\$457,786	2.2%
Percent of county tax levy to total budgeted expenditures	44.5%	42.2%		
County equalized value (less TID increment) for apportionment of tax	\$4,235,645,135	\$4,527,484,135	\$291,839,000	6.9%
COUNTY TAX (MILL RATE) PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED				
PROPERTY VALUE FOR COUNTY OPERATIONS	\$4.912	\$4.696	(\$0.216)	-4.4%

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IN THE PROPOSED 2022 BUDGET:

Highway: The highway budget anticipates \$1,150,000 of equipment purchases in 2022, which will be funded by highway depreciation charges, retained earnings, and county sales tax.

Health & Human Services: The Health & Human Services budget applies \$394,355 of their fund balance to reduce the department's 2022 tax levy request to \$3,949,376.

Capital Projects: Capital project purchases for 2022 amount to \$1,872,000, including \$220,000 for computer and related equipment, \$40,000 for various repairs at the Beyer Home Museum, \$196,000 for various courthouse projects, \$50,000 for an onsite rehab trailer, \$130,000 for F&P dump truck, \$58,000 for other F&P projects, \$240,000 for sheriff vehicle replacement, \$400,000 highway equipment replacement, \$438,000 for highway STP projects, and \$100,000 for vehicle leases.

Debt Service: The \$1,785,250 debt payment in 2022 will be funded by the county sales tax fund in the amount of \$653,379 and the county debt levy in the amount of \$1,131,871.

Other: The reserve for contingency is \$205,364.

If you are an individual with a disability and need a special accommodation while attending this hearing as required by the Americans With Disabilities Act, please notify the County Clerk at 920-834-6806 at least 24 hours prior to the hearing to make suitable arrangements. (TTD#920-834-6911)

(prepared by Oconto Co Finance Dept 09/30/21)

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UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

Lena's Bumper To Bumper new owners are Ken and Rhonda Stuart, who purchased the former Ash's Auto Parts on Sept. 1. The new R&K Auto Parts is located at 414 E. Main St. with new hours of operation 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. As first-time business owners, they have been busy learning the trade, adding new stock, and future plans are to carry trailer parts in the future. The Stuarts have three children — Jady and Logan are in college and Bailey attends Suring High School. Ken is a commercial pilot for Delta Airlines and Rhonda is a former social worker.

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Finance and Nutrition Program Supervisor – COMMISSION ON AGING

The Oconto County Commission on Aging, Inc., a private non-profit agency, has an immediate opening for a Full-time Finance and Nutrition Program Supervisor for the monitoring, management, and administration of the day-to-day functions of the Oconto County Senior Dining Program as well as the management of the day to day financial duties required for the organization.

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It's natural, then to wonder about your own risk of breast cancer and what can be done to prevent it. Some say, "I'm getting a mammogram, so I'm ok." While this is a great first step, managing breast cancer risk is about more than having a mammogram. Read that again.

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RED ZONE WOES

Packers look to fare better
inside 20-yard line

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Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers, left, yells out instructions to teammates during the team's game against the Pittsburgh Steelers on Oct. 3 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA

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Pack's offense, defense struggling in red zone

Defense has yet to stop opposing offense inside 20

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Green Bay Packers are riding a four-game winning streak, sit atop the NFC North standings and appear to be in the hunt for one of the top seeds in the conference again. But there's a common theme through the first five games that's cause for concern — red zone efficiency on both sides of the ball.

Through five games, the Packers' offense has made it to the red zone 20 times, a top-five mark in the NFL. Once Green Bay has reached the opponent's 20-yard line, things have slowed down, only scoring touchdown on 11 of those possessions.

The 55% touchdown rate is one of the worst in the league.

Like he does for most problems or issues on the team or inside the organization, coach Matt LaFleur took responsibility.

"Speaking from an offensive standpoint, I've got to do a much better job of putting our guys in a better position," said LaFleur. "I didn't like a couple of the sequences, just some of the play calls for the situations (against the Bengals)."

The 55% mark is a drastic dropoff from last year's league-leading mark of 80%, when the team scored touchdowns on 48 of its 60 red zone trips. That mark helped the Packers score the most points in the league.

The team's inability to finish off drives have kept the Packers from putting opponents away, and it has forced the defense to make some timely stops.

"It starts with me and then, you know, when the plays are there, then we have to execute a little bit better," said LaFleur.

What makes the offenses' red zone inefficiency a bit more puzzling is that many of the players who were part of last year's offense are still on the roster this year. The only noticeable changes are on the offensive line, and the makeshift line hasn't had any troubles moving the ball into the red zone.

LaFleur did note that when you are one of the best units in the league, that other teams study their tendencies and figure out what made them so successful. He added his next task is to have



Green Bay Packers defenders Adrian Amos, bottom, and Henry Black, left, try and take down Pittsburgh Steelers running back Najee Harris during the team's Oct. 3 game at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. The Packers' defense has yet to keep an opposing offense out of the end zone after it reached the red zone this season.

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counters to what's slowed the team down so far. He also believes the team had plays that would have gotten the job done but just didn't "dial them up."

The Packers' offense will look to improve in the red zone against one of the NFL's best red zone defense so far this season in the Chicago Bears. Sixteen times opposing offenses have reached the red zone against Chicago, and the Bears have only allowed six touchdowns.

For as strong as the Packers' defense has looked since week one, its red zone defense has been the farthest thing from strong. In fact, Green Bay's defense hasn't stopped an opponent once after they've reached the red zone, with scores on all 13 attempts.

"Defensively, it really comes down

to making sure that everybody is doing their job," said LaFleur. "I've got no issue with what we called down there, but we didn't execute."

"You can't have nine guys doing their job — if two guys aren't doing their job then it's going to be tough to stop anybody. So we need all 11 on the same page and make sure that communication is on point, and then we got to go out there and execute."

A year ago, it was a bend but don't break approach most weeks for the Packers' defense. Opponents made it to the red zone 52 times, but only scored touchdowns on 30 of those trips.

The 57.7% mark was a top-10 mark in the league.

The Packers' defense has made up

for some red zone troubles by forcing eight turnovers already, a top-10 ranking so far.

The defenses' red zone woes are a bit more understandable given all the injuries and new faces on that side of the ball. Without the likes of cornerback Jaire Alexander and pass-rushing linebacker Za'Darius Smith, it might take that side of the ball a bit longer to turn in results like the defense had a year ago.

The defense will next take on a Bears' offense that has been decent in the red zone so far this season. Chicago has scored touchdowns on eight of its 13 trips inside the 20.

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Crosby caps bad day with game-winner

Green Bay now 4-1 on the season

By **JEFF WALLNER**

The Associated Press

Talk about difficult decisions. Packers head coach Matt LaFleur had a huge one to make late in overtime of Sunday's game against the Bengals. He could have gone on fourth-and-inches to extend the drive, or allow Mason Crosby — who had missed three straight field goal attempts and an extra point in the game — to attempt a 49-yard field goal with 1:55 left in OT.

"It was just fourth-and-inches. I went over to Mason and I said, 'Hey, what do you think?' I saw the look in his eyes. There was zero flinch from him," LaFleur said. "If I felt anything different, we were going for it."

Not often have the Packers lacked confidence in their veteran kicker, but this was no ordinary day.

A total of five field goals were missed in the Packers' 25-22 win, three by Crosby and two by the Bengals' Evan McPherson. According to Elias, it was the first time three potential winning field goals were missed in the fourth quarter or overtime.

Crosby came in hot. He'd made 24 straight field goal attempts and 20 consecutive extra points dating to last season. He was 11 for 11 on PATs and 6 for 6 on field goals to start this season.

Crosby's last miss before Sunday came in the 2019 season finale against Detroit. But on a breezy Sunday at Paul Brown Stadium, those streaks came to an abrupt end.

"I have every confidence I'm going to make every kick," Crosby said. "I had a couple go bad there. I was really happy to hit that last one. There was a little bit of relief."

It was Crosby's worst game since a 2018 loss to Detroit when he missed four field goals and an extra point. The Packers were doing everything to change the karma prior to Crosby's last kick.

Receiver Davante Adams said he didn't watch. Aaron Rodgers said he stood at the end of the sideline rather than in the middle like he had for Crosby's misses.

"I was just trying to not be too superstitious," said LaFleur. "I just was holding my breath."

It also was a rough day for the rookie McPherson. He has two winning

field goals already this seasons, but missed both of his attempts Sunday.

"People think that when you're a kicker, you just make kicks. It's not an easy task doing that," Adams said.

McPherson believed so strongly in his 49-yard attempt to win the game in OT that he celebrated by leaping into holder Kevin Huber's arms, before realizing the kick sailed wide left.

"I mean, I honestly was celebrating before the ball, I guess, curved to the

left," McPherson said. "Maybe a gust of wind caught it at the last second. I struck it well. You know I'm upset about it but there's nothing I can do about it now, just kind of move on to Detroit and the next kick."

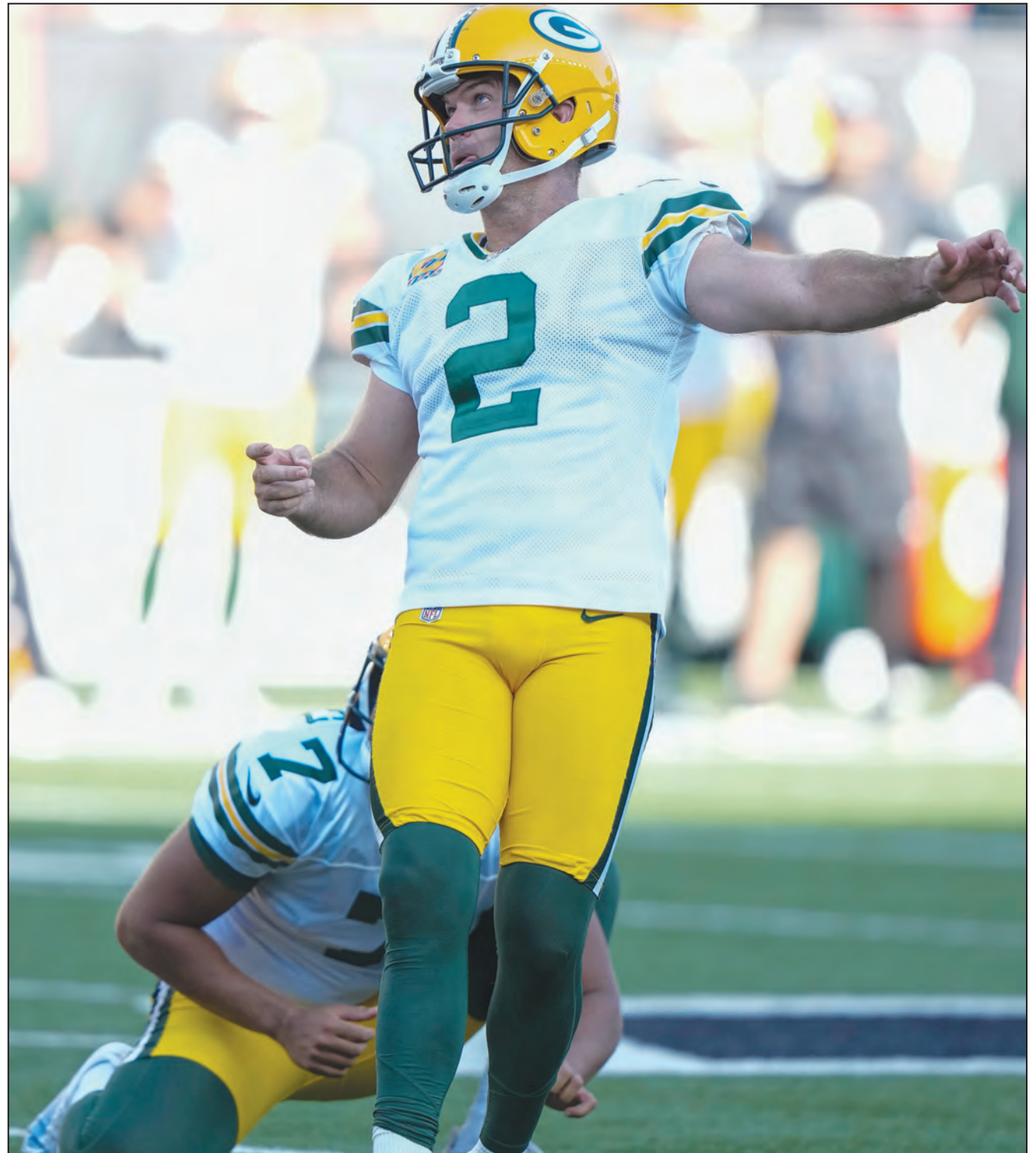
McPherson could have won the game in regulation, but his 57-yard attempt caromed off the right upright with 26 seconds left.

"We have a lot of faith in Evan," said Bengals head coach Zac Taylor.

"He's going to hit a lot of those."

Crosby and McPherson went a combined 4 for 9 on field goals Sunday. Crosby, who missed the PAT following the Packers' first touchdown, said he and McPherson met after the game to discuss their strange afternoon.

"You live, you learn," Crosby said. "We're going to look at the film like we do every time, make or miss. I need to find a line on those and knock them through."



Green Bay Packers kicker Mason Crosby (2) kicks a winning field goal from the hold of Corey Bojorquez during overtime in a game against the Cincinnati Bengals on Oct. 10 in Cincinnati.

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PACKERS ROSTER

Active						
#	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	AGE	EXP. COLLEGE
2	Mason Crosby	K	6-1	207	37	15 Colorado
7	Corey Bojorquez	P	6-0	217	25	4 New Mexico
8	Amari Rodgers	WR	5-9	212	22	R Clemson
9	Jaylon Smith	LB	6-2	235	26	5 Notre Dame
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
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
29	Rasul Douglas	CB	6-2	209	26	5 West Virginia
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	24	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
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
84	Tyler Davis	TE	6-4	252	24	2 Georgia Tech
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	24	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	25	3 Texas A&M
97	Kenny Clark	DL	6-3	314	26	6 UCLA
Reserve/Injured						
23	Jaire Alexander	CB	5-10	196	24	4 Louisville
25	Will Redmond	S	5-11	186	27	6 Mississippi State
47	Chauncey Rivers	LB	6-2	259	24	1 Mississippi State
49	Dominique Dafney	TE	6-2	243	24	1 Indiana State
55	Za'Darius Smith	LB	6-4	272	29	7 Kentucky
56	Randy Ramsey	LB	6-3	238	26	2 Arkansas
83	Marquez Valdes-Scantling	WR	6-4	206	27	4 South Florida
Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform						
69	David Bakhtiari	T	6-4	310	30	9 Colorado
Practice Squad						
6	Kurt Benkert	QB	6-3	218	26	2 Virginia
11	J.J. Molson	K	5-11	180	24	1 UCLA
16	Chris Blair	WR	6-2	198	24	R Alcorn State
19	Equanimeous St. Brown	WR	6-5	214	25	4 Notre Dame
27	Patrick Taylor	RB	6-2	217	23	1 Memphis
30	Shawn Davis	S	5-11	202	23	R Florida
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	24	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
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#	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	AGE	EXP.	COLLEGE
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2	Cairo Santos	K	5-8	175	29	8	Tulane
4	Eddie Jackson	DB	6-0	206	27	5	Alabama
6	Danny Trevathan	LB	6-0	234	31	10	Kentucky
8	Damien Williams	RB	5-11	225	29	7	Oklahoma
9	Nick Foles	QB	6-6	262	32	10	Arizona
10	Damiere Byrd	WR	5-9	175	28	6	South Carolina
11	Darnell Mooney	WR	5-11	173	23	2	Tulane
12	Allen Robinson II	WR	6-2	220	28	8	Penn State
14	Andy Dalton	QB	6-2	219	33	11	TCU
16	Pat O'Donnell	P	6-4	223	30	8	Miami (Fla.)
17	Jakeem Grant Sr.	WR	5-7	172	28	6	Texas Tech
18	Jesse James	TE	6-7	251	27	7	Penn State
19	Breshad Perriman	WR	6-1	210	28	7	UCF
20	Duke Shelley	DB	5-9	176	25	3	Kansas State
21	Xavier Crawford	DB	5-11	185	25	3	Central Michigan
22	Kindle Vildor	DB	5-11	189	23	2	Georgia Southern
23	Marqui Christian	DB	5-11	195	26	5	Midwestern State
24	Khalil Herbert	RB	5-9	212	23	R	Virginia Tech
25	Artie Burns	DB	6-0	187	26	4	Miami (Fla.)
26	Deon Bush	DB	6-0	198	28	6	Miami (Fla.)
33	Jaylon Johnson	DB	6-0	196	22	2	Utah
36	DeAndre Houston-Carson	DB	6-0	202	28	6	William & Mary
38	Tashaun Gipson Sr.	DB	6-1	207	31	8	Wyoming
44	Alec Ogletree	LB	6-3	250	30	9	Georgia
45	Joel Iyiegbuniwe	LB	6-1	235	26	4	Western Kentucky
48	Patrick Scales	LS	6-3	226	33	6	Utah State
50	Jeremiah Attaochu	LB	6-3	262	28	8	Georgia Tech
52	Khalil Mack	LB	6-3	267	30	8	Buffalo
57	Christian Jones	LB	6-3	245	30	8	Florida State
58	Roquan Smith	LB	6-1	232	24	4	Georgia
64	Alex Bars	OL	6-5	334	26	3	Notre Dame
65	Cody Whitehair	OL	6-3	316	29	6	Kansas State
67	Sam Mustipher	OL	6-2	332	25	2	Notre Dame
68	James Daniels	OL	6-4	327	24	4	Iowa
70	Elijah Wilkinson	OL	6-6	322	26	5	Massachusetts
71	Jason Peters	OL	6-4	328	39	18	Arkansas
73	Lachavious Simmons	OL	6-5	319	25	2	Tennessee State

74	Germain Ifedi	OL	6-5	344	27	6	Texas A&M
80	Jimmy Graham	TE	6-7	259	34	12	Miami (Fla.)
81	J.P. Holtz	TE	6-3	246	28	3	Pittsburgh
84	Marquise Goodwin	WR	5-9	180	30	8	Texas
85	Cole Kmet	TE	6-6	260	22	2	Notre Dame
87	Jesper Horsted	TE	6-4	241	24	2	Princeton
90	Angelo Blackson	DL	6-4	315	28	7	Auburn
91	Eddie Goldman	DL	6-3	325	27	6	Florida State
92	Caleb Johnson	LB	6-2	227	23	R	Houston Baptist University
94	Robert Quinn	LB	6-4	245	31	11	North Carolina
95	Khyiris Tonga	DL	6-4	338	25	R	BYU
96	Akiem Hicks	DL	6-4	335	31	10	Regina (Canada)
97	Mario Edwards Jr.	DL	6-3	277	27	7	Florida State
98	Bilal Nichols	DL	6-4	302	25	4	Delaware
99	Trevis Gipson	LB	6-4	263	24	2	Tulsa

Active/Physically Unable to Perform

29	Tarik Cohen	RB	5-6	196	26	5	North Carolina A&T
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Reserve/Injured

32	David Montgomery	RB	5-11	224	24	3	Iowa State
75	Larry Borom	OL	6-5	333	22	R	Missouri
76	Teven Jenkins	OL	6-6	321	23	R	Oklahoma State

Practice Squad

13	Rodney Adams	WR	6-1	188	27	2	South Florida
15	Nsimba Webster	WR	5-10	180	25	3	Eastern Washington
17	Brian Johnson	K	6-1	182	23	R	Virginia Tech
27	Thomas Graham Jr.	DB	5-11	197	22	R	Oregon
31	Artavis Pierce	RB	5-11	208	25	2	Oregon State
35	Ryan Nall	RB	6-2	240	25	3	Oregon State
37	Teez Tabor	DB	6-0	193	25	3	Florida
49	Charles Snowden	LB	6-7	245	23	R	Virginia
53	Arlington Hambricht	OL	6-5	309	25	2	Colorado
60	Dieter Eiselen	OL	6-4	320	25	1	Yale
72	Tyrone Wheatley Jr.	OL	6-6	326	24	R	Stony Brook
78	Sam Kamara	LB	6-2	288	23	R	Stony Brook
82	Isaiah Coulter	WR	6-2	198	23	2	Rhode Island
83	Dazz Newsome	WR	5-10	184	22	R	North Carolina
86	Jon'Vea Johnson	WR	6-0	191	25	2	Toledo
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Last meeting, regular season: Jan. 3, 2021, Packers won 35-16 in Chicago. Aaron Rodgers threw four touchdowns in the win as Green Bay rallied from an early deficit.

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	Win 30-28	
Oct. 3	vs. Pittsburgh	Win 27-17	
Oct. 10	at Cincinnati	Win 25-22	
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
Malik Taylor



TE
Robert Tonyan
Tyler Davis



RT
Billy Turner
Dennis Kelly



RG
Royce Newman
Lucas Patrick



C
Josh Myers
Jake Hanson



LG
Jon Runyan
Lucas Patrick



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WR
Allen Lazard
Randall Cobb



DEFENSE

CB
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Kingsley Keke
Jack Heflin



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Preston Smith



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QB

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Andy Dalton

RT

Germain Ifedi
Elijah Wilkinson

RG

James Daniels
Alex Bars

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Sam Mustipher
Cody Whitehair

LG

Cody Whitehair
Alex Bars

LT

Jason Peters
Elijah Wilkinson

TE

Cole Kmet
Jimmy Graham

WR

Darnell Mooney
Damire Byrd

DEFENSE

CB

Jaylon Johnson
Artie Burns

DT

Akiem Hicks
Angelo Blackson

NT

Eddie Goldman
Khyiris Tonga

DE

Bilal Nichols
Mario Edwards Jr.

CB

Kindle Vildor
Duke Shelley

OLB

Khalil Mack
Trevis Gipson

ILB

Alec Ogletree
Christian Jones

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SCHEDULE

Sunday's Games
Miami at Jacksonville (in London), 8:30 a.m.
Kansas City at Washington, noon
L.A. Rams at N.Y. Giants, noon
Houston at Indianapolis, noon
Cincinnati at Detroit, noon
Green Bay at Chicago, noon
L.A. Chargers at Baltimore, noon
Minnesota at Carolina, noon
Arizona at Cleveland, 3:05 p.m.
Las Vegas at Denver, 3:25 p.m.
Dallas at New England, 3:25 p.m.
Seattle at Pittsburgh, 7:20 p.m.

Monday's Game
Buffalo at Tennessee, 7:15 p.m.

Teams on bye: Atlanta, New Orleans, N.Y. Jets, San Francisco

Thursday's Game
Denver at Cleveland, 7:20 p.m.

STANDINGS

NFC East					AFC East				
Team	W	L	T		Team	W	L	T	
Dallas	4	1	0		Buffalo	4	1	0	
Washington	2	3	0		New England	2	3	0	
Philadelphia	2	3	0		Miami	1	4	0	
N.Y. Giants	1	4	0		N.Y. Jets	1	4	0	
North					North				
Team	W	L	T		Team	W	L	T	
Green Bay	4	1	0		Baltimore	4	1	0	
Chicago	3	2	0		Cincinnati	3	2	0	
Minnesota	2	3	0		Cleveland	3	2	0	
Detroit	0	5	0		Pittsburgh	2	3	0	
South					South				
Team	W	L	T		Team	W	L	T	
Tampa Bay	4	1	0		Tennessee	3	2	0	
Carolina	3	2	0		Houston	1	4	0	
New Orleans	3	2	0		Indianapolis	1	4	0	
Atlanta	2	3	0		Jacksonville	0	5	0	
West					West				
Team	W	L	T		Team	W	L	T	
Arizona	5	0	0		L.A. Chargers	4	1	0	
L.A. Rams	4	1	0		Las Vegas	3	2	0	
Seattle	2	3	0		Denver	3	2	0	
San Francisco	2	3	0		Kansas City	2	3	0	

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KEYS TO THE GAME

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

The Green Bay Packers (4-1) travel to take on the Chicago Bears (3-2) at noon Oct. 17 at Soldier Field. FOX will televise the game.

History

Green Bay leads the series 100-94-6. The Packers are 4-0 under coach Matt LaFleur and have won nine of the last 10 and 13 of the last 15 overall. For his career, Aaron Rodgers has a 20-5 record against the Bears.

Coaches

Green Bay – Matt LaFleur, 30-7, third season. Chicago — Matt Nagy, 31-22, fifth season.

When the Packers have the ball

Green Bay had its best game of the season by posting 466 yards last week against Cincinnati but saw its point total decline for the third consecutive week. For the brilliance of Aaron Rodgers, Davante Adams and Aaron Jones, Green Bay's attack has been mediocre. It enters this week ranked 12th with 24 points per game. That's down almost eight points per game from last year's league-leading total.

Incredibly, Green Bay isn't in the top 10 in any of the major statistical categories, including total offense (21st), third down (11th) and the red zone (27th). The red-zone issues are confounding. The NFL has been tracking that stat since 1999. Last season, the Packers' 80% touchdown rate was No. 1 during that period.

The matchup against Chicago will mark the third time that Green Bay has faced a top-10 scoring defense. New Orleans is fourth, and Cincinnati and Chicago are tied for eighth. Unlike the Bengals, the Bears have a few elite players. That's why they're ninth in total defense (332.4 yards per game), eighth in yards allowed per carry (3.93) and third in the red zone (37.5% touchdowns). That unit crushed the high-flying Raiders offense in Chicago's 20-9 win Sunday.

First-year coordinator Sean Desai operates out of a 3-4 alignment. Many of the names are familiar.

The big names on the defensive line are Akiem Hicks and Eddie Goldman, but the stalwart is underrated Bilal Nichols. The 31-year-old Hicks isn't quite the game-wrecker of yesteryear. He had 22½ sacks



Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers runs with the ball during the team's win over the Pittsburgh Steelers on Oct. 3 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. Rodgers and the Packers' offense will look to keep producing and utilizing all available weapons this weekend against the Chicago Bears.

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and 38 tackles for losses from 2016 through 2018 but only five sacks and nine tackles for losses the past two-plus seasons.

Khalil Mack and Robert Quinn are the quarterback-sacking outside linebackers. Mack has five sacks and Quinn has four-and-a-half as the Bears are No. 1 in the NFL in sack percentage. It's a blast-from-the-past season for the 30-year-old Mack, who had 12½ sacks and six forced fumbles in his first season with Chicago in 2018 but "only" nine sacks in 2020 to earn Pro Bowl honors for the sixth consecutive year.

Mack, who has at least one sack in four consecutive games, has rushed mostly from the defense's left side this season, meaning a steady diet of right tackle Billy Turner. Quinn had only two sacks last year, his first season with Chicago. He'll be a big test for whomever lines up at left tackle, Yosh Nijman or Elgton Jenkins. Trevis Gipson has two sacks off the bench.

Roquan Smith and Alec Ogletree have been the inside linebackers. Smith leads the team with 50 tackles. He is coming off a magnificent season of 139 tackles, four sacks, 18 tackles for losses, two interceptions

and seven passes defended. He is an all-around menace.

Ogletree, who is on his fourth team in five years, has 30 tackles. Smith's usual sidekick, Danny Trevathan, opened the season on injured reserve but returned last week. After playing 10 snaps, he figures to get more playing time this week.

Against Las Vegas, Jaylon Johnson and Kindle Vildor started at corner, Duke Shelley manned the slot, and Eddie Jackson and Tashaun Gipson were the safeties. A second-round pick last year, Johnson has one interception and a team-high six pass breakups. He is really good. According to Pro Football Focus, he's allowed just 9-of-23 passing. That 39.1% is fourth-best among corners.

If the Packers can protect Rodgers, there's plays to be made against the rest of this group.

There might not be a more dangerous defensive back in the NFL than Jackson because he's lethal if he gets the ball in his hands with 10 interceptions and six defensive touchdowns in his four-plus seasons.

When the Bears have the ball

Joe Barry's defense is coming off its best performance of the season in holding an impressive Cincinnati offense to just two touchdowns and 22 points. It coaxed second-year quarterback Joe Burrow into two interceptions. This week, it will face rookie first-round pick Justin Fields.

Of 32 qualifying quarterbacks, Fields is 31st in passer rating (64.5), 31st in yards per attempt (6.36) and 32nd in completion percentage (51.4). It's not that Fields is bad. The bottom four in passer rating are all rookies. He's got a rifle arm and excellent mobility.

Allen Robinson and Darnell Mooney are the primary receivers. Robinson is the big name. He had 98 receptions in 2019, when he topped 100 yards in both games against Green Bay, and 102 catches in 2020.

Mooney, though, is the budding standout. A fifth-round pick last year, Mooney leads the way with 20 receptions for 261 yards. Their 37 combined receptions represent half the team's total.

With standout running back David Montgomery on injured reserve and scatback Tarik Cohen on the physically unable to perform list, the Bears went with Damien

Williams and rookie sixth-round pick Khalil Herbert as the one-two punch against the Raiders. They combined for 139 yards on 34 carries. In his eighth season, Williams never has had to carry the load. In fact, he's got only 1,368 rushing yards in his career. He's got 10 catches.

At tight end, Cole Kmet has 10 catches for 81 yards. Former Packers tight end Jimmy Graham has just one catch for 11 yards.

The offensive line consists of left tackle Jason Peters, left guard Cody Whitehair, center Sam Mustipher, right guard James Daniels and right tackle Germain Ifedi.

At age 39, Peters is one of the oldest starters in the NFL and one of a league-high 14 players who are 30 or older. He is starting for injured first-round pick Teven Jenkins and might be the best player on the unit. It's been a jail break behind that wall. The Bears have the league's worst sack percentage by a wide margin.

With a rag-tag line and a rookie quarterback, Chicago is 30th in the NFL in scoring with 16.8 points per game. It's last in yards per game (240), yards per play (4.15), passing per game (113.2) and passing per play (4.64). It's 28th on third down

but 17th in the red zone. Green Bay is the only team to allow a touchdown on every red-zone possession.

Special teams

After a woeful performance at Cincinnati in which Mason Crosby missed four kicks, Corey Bojorquez shanked a punt and the kickoff coverage unit allowed a 44-yard return, the Packers will face a major challenge against Chicago.

The Bears recently acquired Jakeem Grant from Miami. The 5-foot-7, 171-pound speedster has career averages of 24.7 yards per kickoff return and 9.9 yards per punt return. In his Chicago debut last week, he had punt returns of 21 and 17 yards and a kickoff return of 32 yards. For perspective, the Packers haven't had a 20-yard punt return since 2018.

Cairo Santos has solved the Bears' long-standing issues at kicker. He is 7-of-7 on field goals after making 30-of-32 last year.

Veteran Pat O'Donnell ranks fourth with a lofty 49.8-yard average on punts.

He'll give Amari Rodgers some opportunities; 12 of his 20 punts have been returned for a 13-yard average.

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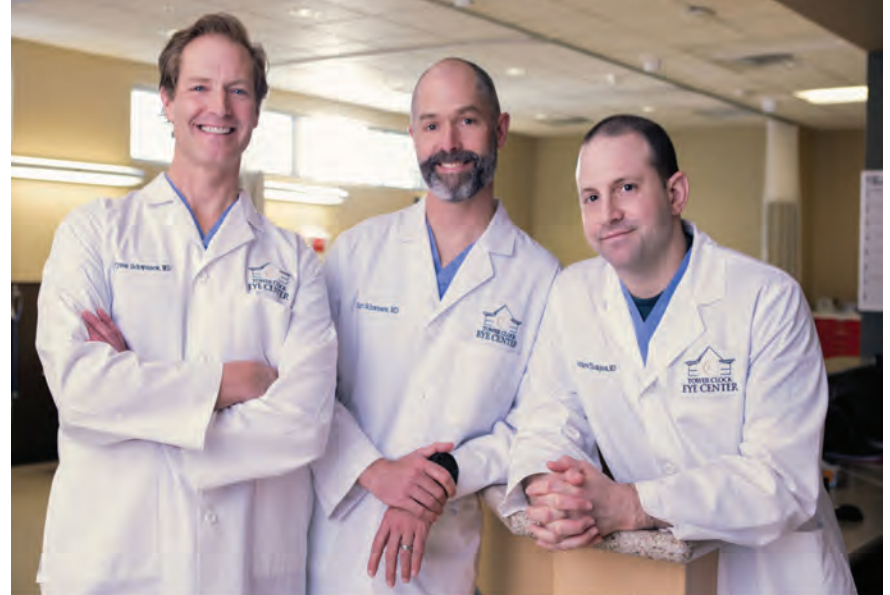
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Week 6 Games: Sunday, Oct. 17

Teams on bye:
Atlanta, New Orleans, NY Jets & San Francisco

Tampa Bay @ Philadelphia Thurs., Oct. 14
Miami @ Jacksonville (London)
LA Chargers @ Baltimore
Minnesota @ Carolina
Cincinnati @ Detroit
Houston @ Indianapolis
LA Rams @ NY Giants
Kansas City @ Washington
Arizona @ Cleveland
Las Vegas @ Denver
Dallas @ New England
Seattle @ Pittsburgh
Buffalo @ Tennessee Mon., Oct. 18

Tie Breaker Game: Green Bay @ Chicago

Weekly Standings

	Weekly Record	Overall Record
God's Purpose Apparel	11-5.....	56-24
Buss Automotive.....	12-4.....	53-27
Morgan Rode	12-4.....	52-28
Shawano Seasons Restaurant.....	12-4.....	52-28
Tim Murphy	13-3.....	52-28
Tower Clock Eye Center.....	11-5.....	52-28
22 Shell.....	10-6.....	51-29
Dennis Brei.....	10-6.....	51-29
Shawano Place Assisted Living.....	10-6.....	51-29

Weekly Standings

	Weekly Record	Overall Record
B & C Auto Recycling.....	12-4.....	50-30
Hawkeye Hearty & Home	11-5.....	50-30
Idell Johnston State Farm Ins Agent.....	11-5.....	49-31
P & D Sales & Service	9-7	48-32
Smokey Joe's	12-4.....	47-33
Iverson's Piggly Wiggly.....	7-9.....	45-35
Gehm's Club 117	10-6.....	44-36
Cirrinity/Wittenberg Telephone	10-6.....	43-37
Senn Insurance.....	11-5.....	43-37



This Week's Winner: Tim Murphy



Morgan Rode
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Leader

This Week's Picks:

Tampa Bay	LA Rams	Buffalo
Jacksonville	Kansas City	
LA Chargers	Cleveland	
Minnesota	Las Vegas	
Cincinnati	New England	
Indianapolis	Seattle	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score : Green Bay 27 @ Chicago 24



Tim Murphy
Shawano
Leader

This Week's Picks:

Tampa Bay	LA Rams	Buffalo
Miami	Kansas City	
LA Chargers	Arizona	
Carolina	Las Vegas	
Cincinnati	Dallas	
Indianapolis	Pittsburgh	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 30 @ Chicago 20



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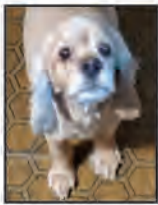
This Week's Picks:

Tampa Bay	LA Rams	Buffalo
Miami	Kansas City	
Baltimore	Arizona	
Carolina	Las Vegas	
Cincinnati	Dallas	
Indianapolis	Pittsburgh	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 34 @ Chicago 17

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This Week's Picks:

Tampa Bay	LA Rams	Buffalo
Miami	Kansas City	
Baltimore	Cleveland	
Carolina	Denver	
Cincinnati	Dallas	
Indianapolis	Pittsburgh	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 27 @ Chicago 17



Iverson's Staff
Iverson's
Piggly Wiggly

This Week's Picks:

Tampa Bay	NY Giants	Tennessee
Miami	Washington	
LA Chargers	Arizona	
Minnesota	Las Vegas	
Cincinnati	New England	
Houston	Pittsburgh	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 35 @ Chicago 21



Amber
Smokey Joe's
& JDoggs

This Week's Picks:

Tampa Bay	LA Rams	Buffalo
Miami	Kansas City	
Baltimore	Arizona	
Minnesota	Las Vegas	
Cincinnati	New England	
Indianapolis	Pittsburgh	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 27 @ Chicago 17



Robert Buss
Buss
Automotive

This Week's Picks:

Tampa Bay	LA Rams	Buffalo
Miami	Kansas City	
Baltimore	Cleveland	
Minnesota	Las Vegas	
Cincinnati	Dallas	
Indianapolis	Pittsburgh	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 28 @ Chicago 17



Dena
P&D Sales
& Service

This Week's Picks:

Tampa Bay	LA Rams	Buffalo
Miami	Kansas City	
LA Chargers	Arizona	
Carolina	Denver	
Cincinnati	Dallas	
Indianapolis	Pittsburgh	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 20 @ Chicago 13



Caroline
Idell Johnston
State Farm Agent

This Week's Picks:

Tampa Bay	LA Rams	Buffalo
Miami	Kansas City	
Baltimore	Cleveland	
Carolina	Las Vegas	
Cincinnati	Dallas	
Indianapolis	Seattle	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ Chicago 7



Scott Nyman
Cirinity

This Week's Picks:

Tampa Bay	LA Rams	Buffalo
Jacksonville	Kansas City	
Baltimore	Cleveland	
Carolina	Denver	
Cincinnati	Dallas	
Indianapolis	Seattle	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 31 @ Chicago 17



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This Week's Picks:

Tampa Bay	LA Rams	Buffalo
Jacksonville	Kansas City	
Baltimore	Cleveland	
Carolina	Las Vegas	
Cincinnati	Dallas	
Indianapolis	Seattle	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 42 @ Chicago 17



Jim Wiegand
Tower Clock
Eye Center

This Week's Picks:

Tampa Bay	LA Rams	Buffalo
Miami	Kansas City	
Baltimore	Arizona	
Minnesota	Las Vegas	
Cincinnati	Dallas	
Indianapolis	Pittsburgh	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ Chicago 17



Russ
Gehm's
Club 117

This Week's Picks:

Tampa Bay	LA Rams	Tennessee
Miami	Kansas City	
LA Chargers	Cleveland	
Minnesota	Denver	
Cincinnati	Dallas	
Houston	Seattle	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 33 @ Chicago 18



Shane Senn
Senn
Insurance

This Week's Picks:

Tampa Bay	LA Rams	Buffalo
Miami	Kansas City	
Baltimore	Cleveland	
Carolina	Las Vegas	
Cincinnati	New England	
Indianapolis	Seattle	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 27 @ Chicago 13



Brenda
22 Shell

This Week's Picks:

Tampa Bay	LA Rams	Buffalo
Jacksonville	Kansas City	
LA Chargers	Arizona	
Carolina	Las Vegas	
Cincinnati	Dallas	
Indianapolis	Seattle	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 28 @ Chicago 17



Chris
God's Purpose
Apparel

This Week's Picks:

Tampa Bay	LA Rams	Buffalo
Jacksonville	Kansas City	
LA Chargers	Cleveland	
Carolina	Denver	
Cincinnati	Dallas	
Indianapolis	Pittsburgh	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 28 @ Chicago 17



Aaron
Shawano
Place

This Week's Picks:

Tampa Bay	LA Rams	Tennessee
Jacksonville	Kansas City	
Baltimore	Cleveland	
Minnesota	Las Vegas	
Detroit	Dallas	
Indianapolis	Seattle	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 33 @ Chicago 17



Dale
Hawkeye
Hearth & Home

This Week's Picks:

Tampa Bay	LA Rams	Buffalo
Jacksonville	Kansas City	
Baltimore	Arizona	
Minnesota	Las Vegas	
Cincinnati	Dallas	
Indianapolis	Seattle	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 30 @ Chicago 14

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Green Bay Football 2021 Season			
SEPTEMBER - REGULAR SEASON			
Sunday, September 12	3:25 pm	@ New Orleans Saints	FOX
Monday, September 20	7:55 pm	DETROIT LIONS	ESPN
Sunday, September 26	3:20 pm	@ San Francisco 49ers	NBC
OCTOBER			
Sunday, October 03	3:25 pm	Pittsburgh Steelers (GOLD)	CBS
Sunday, October 10	NOON*	@ Cincinnati Bengals	FOX
Sunday, October 17	NOON*	@ Chicago Bears	FOX
Sunday, October 24	NOON*	WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM	FOX
Thursday, October 28	7:30 pm	@ Arizona Cardinals	FOX
NOVEMBER			
Sunday, November 07	3:25 pm*	@ Kansas City Chiefs	FOX
Sunday, November 14	3:25 pm*	SEATTLE SEAHAWKS	CBS
Sunday, November 21	NOON*	@ Minnesota Vikings	FOX
Sunday, November 28	3:25 pm*	LOS ANGELES DOLPHINS (GOLD)	FOX
DECEMBER			
BYE WEEK			
Sunday, December 12	7:20 pm*	CHICAGO BEARS	NBC
Sunday, December 19	NOON*	@ Baltimore Ravens	FOX
Saturday, December 25	3:30 pm	CLEVELAND BROWNS	FOX
JANUARY			
Sunday, January 02	7:20 pm*	MINNESOTA VIKINGS	NBC
Sunday, January 09	NOON*	@ Detroit Lions	FOX

NOTEBOOK

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

Thin secondary

That sound you hear might be an air raid siren.

With starting cornerbacks Jaire Alexander and Kevin King out with shoulder injuries, opposing offenses are sure to test the Green Bay Packers' defense through the air.

Already without Alexander, the cornerback corps suffered another blow on Sunday when King went down. His final play came during a fourth-quarter collision with Bengals receiver Tyler Boyd, who tried to hurdle King, but King initially was injured when he was bowled over by left tackle Jonah Williams on Adrian Amos' third-quarter interception.

"That was just the final straw," coach Matt LaFleur said of the play involving Boyd at the sideline.

Combined with All-Pro Alexander's injury, which has him on injured reserve with the potential of ending his season, Green Bay's cornerback corps is incredibly thin. It finished the game with Eric Stokes and Isaac Yiadom at corner and Chandon Sullivan in the slot. In reserve are fifth-round rookie Shemar Jean-Charles, who was embarrassed on Joe Mixon's fourth-quarter touchdown run, Rasul Douglas, who was plucked off Arizona's practice squad last week, and Kabion Ento, an undrafted free agent in 2019 who is on the practice squad.

"Anytime you're losing starters, that's never fun," LaFleur said.

The injuries could accelerate Douglas' push into the lineup. A third-round pick by Philadelphia in 2017, Douglas played in 46 games with 18 starts during three seasons with the Eagles. He failed to stick for a fourth season, though. Released at the end of training

camp, he was claimed off waivers by Carolina, for which he started a career-high 11 games last season.

A free agent this past offseason, Douglas signed with the Raiders but was released toward the end of training camp. He spent a few days with the Texans as nothing more than a camp body to get through the preseason finale. A few days later, he signed to the Cardinals' practice squad.

That makes Green Bay his fourth stop in less than two months.

"I think it's a great chance," Douglas said last week. "Just got to learn the defense and what my job is and all the plays. But I definitely think this is a great opportunity for me."

On Sunday, Stokes spent most of the game matched against young Bengals star Ja'Marr Chase. It's not ideal to have a rookie asked to be the stopper in the secondary, but such are the circumstances without Alexander.

Stokes battled Chase to a draw. Chase made three superb plays — a catch for 14 yards off Stokes' deflection in the third quarter, a 19-yard back-shoulder catch on the game-tying touchdown drive in the fourth quarter and a ballerina-style toe-tap for 21 yards in overtime. Stokes missed a tackle, which turned a short pass into a gain of 28, and had a potential interception slip through his hands.

"I thought Stokes competed at the highest level," LaFleur said. "I loved how he challenged Chase, and he was in great position really on every throw that he had on him. You've got to give Ja'Marr a lot of credit. That catch he made in overtime on the sidelines, there's very few guys that are going to make that play. I also think (Joe) Burrow did a nice job on one of the third downs where he threw a back-shoulder.

"I've always told our guys there's



Green Bay Packers wide receiver Davante Adams, left, makes a move with the football in the game against the Pittsburgh Steelers on Oct. 3 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. Adams will look to follow up his 200-plus yard performance against the Bengals with another big game against the Bears' stout defense.

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no defense for the perfect ball, and that was a perfect ball and the guy adjusted on the fly. Stokes, he just brings it every time he comes out on the field, every play. He's got a short memory, whether it's good or bad, and I just love how he's challenging these receivers. He's making the offense earn everything they get."

The pressure will be on Stokes and the last men standing, especially if Alexander's injury doesn't respond to rest and will require surgery. Starting in week eight, the Packers face a five-game stretch against Cardinals quarterback Kyler Murray, Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes, Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson (if healthy), Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins and Rams quarterback Matthew Stafford. Murray, Stafford and Tom Brady are among the quarterbacks that would loom in the playoffs.

"It is the next man up," LaFleur said, "and we're fortunate we've got other guys here we feel very, very confident in, and they're going to have to prove us right."

Dominating De'Vondre

There are three certainties in life: death, taxes and the Packers shopping for a veteran linebacker.

In 2018, it was Antonio Morrison. In 2019, it was B.J. Goodson. In 2020, it was Christian Kirksey. None of those three were asked back for a second season. This time, with the June addition of De'Vondre Campbell, general manager Brian Gutekunst landed a game-changing performer.

"I was talking on the sidelines today and said, 'How in the hell was this guy on the street?'" quarterback Aaron Rodgers said after the Cincinnati game. "It's a great pickup by our personnel folks. He can run; he's a great tackler. He's around the ball all the time; he's a great locker room guy. I mean, it's baffling to me. We're just so thankful to have him because I think as he continues to make plays, his leadership opportunities will continue to

grow. Guys listen to him, he's leading the defense as much as he feels comfortable and that's a guy we're really lucky to have."

A fourth-round pick by Atlanta in 2016, Campbell arrived in Green Bay having started 69 of a possible 80 games in his first five seasons. He started all 16 games for Arizona last season, recording 99 tackles with seven for losses, but there were no takers in free agency. Finally, he landed in Green Bay during the June minicamp.

Green Bay's every-down inside linebacker and defensive quarterback, Campbell has 47 tackles, two interceptions and three passes defended in the first five games. He is eighth in the NFL in tackles. Of the 25 players with at least 37 tackles, Campbell is one of only two with at least two interceptions. One of those came in overtime against the Bengals.

"Dre has been outstanding," LaFleur said. "He's been so consistent, making plays, being physical. He's going out there and he's playing at a really high level, and he's bringing a lot of energy and confidence to our defense. As good of a player he is, he's even a better person. We were talking about it as a staff earlier today, just how much fun he is to be around. We're lucky we have a guy like that."

Dominating Davante

Rodgers threw for 344 yards in the victory at Cincinnati. Adams accounted for 206 of those on 11 receptions. It was the first 200-yard day of Adams' career and the first 200-yard performance in the NFL this season.

Adams' dominating performance matched James Lofton for fourth on the team's all-time list. Had Rodgers and Adams connected for what might have been the winning touchdown late in regulation, Adams would have finished with 224 yards. That would have trailed only Billy Howton's 257 yards against the Rams in 1956.

Adams said he saw it coming.

"I told at least three people outside

the building, talking to family, one of my cousins, talking to my wife, I told her, 'I feel like this could be my career high this game,'" he said. "So, either I'm clairvoyant or I know what I'm talking about."

Adams is so good that even when everyone in the building knows where the ball is going, Adams delivers. Early in the fourth quarter, he split a double team by the Bengals' best defensive backs, cornerback Chidobe Awuzie and safety Jessie Bates, for a gain of 59. With Green Bay trying to attempt a last-second field goal at the end of regulation, he somehow got open over the middle for a gain of 20.

"He's just so talented," Rodgers said. "Even when you know that I'm probably going to him, he still finds a way to get open and makes a big catch and breaks a tackle. The guy is a special player."

Since the start of the 2020 season, Adams has seven games of 10-plus receptions for 100-plus yards. That's as many as the next two players, Kansas City's Tyreek Hill (four) and Las Vegas' Darren Waller (three), combined. Green Bay is 7-0 in those games.

Through five games, he leads the NFL with 42 receptions and 579 yards.

"I could feel him early and I could tell," LaFleur said. "He's a guy who's hungry for the football, and he shows

good reason why. He's got people draped all over him, and it doesn't matter. He finds a way to do it every time. There's a reason he's got that '99' rating in Madden. He is a baller. I don't think there's anybody better than him."

Unlikely targets

At running back, Aaron Jones is considered the do-it-all lightning to AJ Dillon's thunder. At tight end, Robert Tonyan is considered the playmaker and Mercedes Lewis the blocker.

Against the Bengals, Jones caught four passes for 6 yards while Dillon caught four balls for 49 yards and a touchdown; Tonyan caught one pass for 8 yards while Lewis had two receptions for 30 yards, including a 20-yarder to help set up the winning field goal.

"I think you can see how excited the guys get when he touches the football," LaFleur said of Lewis, the NFL's oldest tight end. "Every time we go to 'Cedes in the pass game, even though we don't do it a ton, he seems to deliver. That was a pretty big moment in the game, taking that screen pass 20 yards and his ability to be elusive. I always call him 'Sweet Feet' when he gets going like that. He made a guy miss and then broke two tackles and was physical. You could feel it, and it definitely brings a lot of juice to our sideline and to our team."



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Packers keep finding solutions as injuries pile up

O-line missing several starters

By **STEVE MEGARGEE**
The Associated Press

They're missing their 2020 All-Pro left tackle, their best pass rusher and their top cornerback. They're not scoring as frequently or winning as decisively as they did last season.

Yet somehow and some way, the Green Bay Packers have made it through the first five games of the season with the same 4-1 record they owned a year ago.

They're just making their victories a little more suspenseful this year. Consider the Packers' 25-22 overtime victory at Cincinnati on Sunday a prime example.

"That just goes to show the type of men we have in our locker room," Packers linebacker De'Vondre Campbell said after the game. "Nobody flinched. Nobody complained. Nobody did anything but their job, and we were able to handle business and get the victory. That's what good football teams do. They find a way to get it done."

Twice in the last three weeks, the

Packers have nearly lost a game they controlled most of the way, only to find a way to win at the end. Mason Crosby has played a major role both times, for very different reasons.

Crosby kicked a 51-yarder as time expired to give the Packers a 30-28 victory at San Francisco after the 49ers scored a go-ahead touchdown with 37 seconds left. In the Bengals game, Crosby ended a franchise-record string of 27 consecutive successful field-goal attempts by missing three straight to keep the Packers from wrapping up the victory before he finally made a 49-yarder in overtime.

"We stuck together, and that's all that mattered at the end," running back Aaron Jones said. "We didn't blink or flinch. That's the testament of a good team."

So is the Packers' ability to withstand injuries.

David Bakhtiari, the 2020 All-Pro left tackle, hasn't played all season. Outside linebacker Za'Darius Smith and cornerback Zaire Alexander – both Pro Bowl picks last year – are on injured reserve and won't return anytime soon.

The Packers also played Sunday's game without 2020 Pro Bowl selec-

tion Elgton Jenkins and starting center Josh Myers on the offensive line. Wide receiver Marquez Valdes-Scantling missed a second straight game.

"There are some guys in that locker room and guys that played, they weren't with this football team in August and weren't with this football team in June," quarterback Aaron Rodgers said. "A lot of big plays and high-volume play counts for guys who we didn't count on being important."

Those types of contributions have helped the Packers continue figuring out ways to win when they're not at full strength.

What's working

The top playmakers on offense – Rodgers, Jones and 2020 All-Pro receiver Davante Adams – are making plays.

This marked the first time in franchise history that the Packers had a 300-yard passer, 100-yard rusher and 200-yard receiver in the same game.

Stock up

Adams had 11 catches for a career-high 206 yards and one touchdown. He has 42 receptions for 579 yards this season to lead the NFL in both

categories.

Campbell continued his fast start to the season by intercepting a pass in overtime.

Stock down

Crosby had his worst day as a pro since Oct. 4, 2018, when he missed four field goals and an extra point in a 31-23 loss to the Detroit Lions. This time, Crosby missed three field goals and an extra point before making the winner in overtime.

Tight end Robert Tonyan, who had 11 touchdown catches last season, was held below 10 yards receiving for the fourth time in five games.

Injured

Cornerback Kevin King joined the long list of injured Packers when he hurt a shoulder Sunday.

"He was playing a lot of that game, or part of that game, with basically one arm," Packers coach Matt LaFleur said Monday. "So I thought he competed well and was playing really, really well."

Number

2 – number of field-goal attempts Crosby had missed since the start of the 2019 season heading into Sunday.



The Green Bay Packers offense huddles before a play against the Pittsburgh Steelers on Oct. 3 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. The Packers have overcome a slew of injuries, including several to offensive starters, during a 4-1 start to the season.

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Kristie Hauer, left, director for the Shawano County Library system, helps train new library assistant Claire O'Brien on Oct. 8 at the main library in Shawano. The county libraries have had a number of retirements and resignations in the last year, and few people have been applying, so they've had to close for at least one day a week in recent months to keep services running smooth. **FOR THE FULL STORY, SEE PAGE 4.**

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Worker shortage impacts public libraries

Branches cut back the days they are open to consolidate remaining library crew

By **LEE PULASKI**

City Editor

The coronavirus pandemic forced the six libraries of the Shawano County Library system to close their doors to the public, although they kept their services alive through phone calls, online help and curbside service.

Eventually, the libraries returned to their regular schedules, providing in-person service and activities like guest authors and children's programs. However, the libraries are having to close their doors again, not because of COVID-19, but because there are not enough employees to keep things running smoothly.

While the phenomenon is showing up in a number of different industries, for libraries to be limited in services means that people have to adjust their schedules when they're using books for research, using the computers for job searches, and many fun programs that community members enjoy have to be scaled back or cancelled.

Kristie Hauer, county library director, said that the library system has had three employees retire in the last year, whereas in the previous decade, there had only been two retirements in that time.

"The good thing about these retirements were that they were higher level, full-time positions, so we were able to do some internal movement, moving some part-time people into full-time jobs," Hauer said. "We've moved some library assistants into librarians. There's been a domino effect."

What really impacted the library system was when some resignations coincided with the retirements, leaving some areas short-staffed, according to Hauer. She noted that when that happened, it was decided to close each of the six libraries for an additional day per week, as they could not afford to be spread so thin.

The phenomenon isn't unique to Shawano County's libraries, according to Hauer.

"We're seeing this at libraries across northeast Wisconsin," she said. "Almost all of the libraries in northeast Wisconsin are running on a more limited operation schedule than they usually have."

To compound the issue, there are also very few people applying to fill the vacant positions available, which means a quick hiring turn-



Paige Crawford with the Shawano Public Library catalogs several stacks books Oct. 8. Employees like Crawford also spend time helping patrons with various technological devices, so besides book knowledge, they also need to have vital IT skills to assist patrons.

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around is not happening.

"Our applicant pool is quite small," Hauer said. "As we're working through the hiring process, library work tends to be more fast-paced and detailed than folks who have had less exposure to libraries might think. Sometimes the tasks get to be more difficult than what people think it might be."

For one thing, library workers are dealing with more technology than their predecessors. Gone are the card catalogs, with computer systems handling the checking out and in of books and other materials the library lends to community members.

"All of our library assistants work with a lot of technology," Hauer said. "It is not just learning the technology that our staff uses to check out materials and inventory of those materials, but we're helping patrons navigate their technological devices, as well."

Helping patrons with their devices also involves a lot of IT work, helping them to print from their mobile devices, going through program and processes and more, Hauer said.

"We are helping people set up an email, at a very basic level, teaching a

person how to use a mouse to navigate through a basic online job application," she said. "We deal with a lot of technology, and I think that surprises people sometimes."

Even when technology isn't a factor, library employees are dealing with multiple patrons at a given time. Hauer said there could be one person at the desk they're dealing with at the same time that the phone is ringing and other folks are emailing inquires for help.

"Also, our back-of-house operations is pretty detailed, as well, processing them and preparing them to get ready," Hauer said. "We're using volunteers to help get that stuff ready."

Although the library has a number of volunteers to assist, Hauer noted that, since they are not employees, they are not allowed to have access to patron information, so library assistants are still needed for those tasks. She said, to ensure that operations flow smoothly without long lines, it was necessary to limit the hours of operation to consolidate staff and prevent burnout.

"That patron data is a huge chunk

of what we do," Hauer said.

Now, the branch libraries in Bondel, Tigerton, Wittenberg, Birnamwood and Mattoon are fully staffed and have returned to full staffing levels and are able to resume their normal schedules, according to Hauer. However, a few more vacancies prompted the main library in Shawano to close shop an additional day, so the library is closed Wednesdays and Thursdays in October.

Hauer is hoping to have the Shawano library back to normal operations by November, noting that four people were recently hired, and there were one or two positions left to fill. Once the new employees are trained, things should be back to normal, she said.

"We have fewer staff to handle training at this time to handle training with so many new people, so that's a little bit of a challenge," Hauer said. "We'll get there."

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