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A proposed solar array in the Town of Morgan would tie into this electric substation along CCC Road. A number of residents have expressed concern, but the Oconto County Board has been told the state will call the shots on approval. **SEE STORY ON PAGE 5.**

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Suring man faces federal charges in child-sex case

Counts related to an alleged five-year sexual relationship with a child since she was 12

By **KEVIN MURPHY**
Correspondent

A Suring man's trial in federal court on sex child offenses has been shelved as the attorneys consider how to resolve pending and potential similar offenses against the man.

John E. Fredenburgh, 36, was initially charged in Oconto County Circuit Court, but the state case was placed on hold while the federal case proceeds. Fredenburgh has pleaded not guilty to 24 state felony counts related to an alleged five-year sexual relationship with a child since she was 12, starting in 2016, and a charge of second-degree child sex assault in connection with an alleged incident with a 14-year-old girl in 2008.

Federal prosecutors have charged him with two counts of traveling in interstate commerce for the purpose of having sex with a minor, and one count of attempting to entice a minor to engage in sexual conduct.

The indictment alleged that on Oct. 27, 2020, and Jan. 22, 2021, Fredenburgh traveled in Wisconsin and Michigan for the purpose of having sex with a minor. Fredenburgh also allegedly used a telephone



JOHN FREDENBURGH

on Jan. 22 in an attempt to entice a minor to engage in conduct that in Michigan would constitute third-degree sexual conduct. The trial was set for Sept. 1, but on Aug. 10, Fredenburgh's attorney, Federal Defender Krista Halla-Valdes, asked for a 60-day postponement to review more than four hours of taped interviews and other evidence filed in the case.

The interviews were taped in a format that Fredenburgh couldn't view in the Oconto County Jail. He is currently being detained there in two cases on charges of second degree sexual assault of a child, possession of child pornography, false imprisonment and other felonies. The alleged victim in the main Oconto County case is the same as the victim in the federal case, according to Halla-Valdes.

Halla-Valdes also informed Federal District Judge William Griesbach that Marinette County and Menominee County in Michigan may bring additional charges

against Fredenburgh involving sexual misconduct with the same victim in the federal case.

Halla-Valdes and Assistant U.S. Attorney Darnel Humble have been discussing an agreement that would resolve all the cases, but Halla-Valdes needs time to confer with Fredenburgh and his state court attorney about the evidence in those cases and the penalties if he were to be convicted.

COVID-19 restrictions at Oconto County, where only one attorney or other professional at a time is allowed to visit a client, are also holding up Halla-Valdes, she wrote to Griesbach. If one attorney or probation officer is visiting an inmate, the second attorney must wait or return on a future date, she wrote.

Griesbach took the trial date off his calendar and will hear what the parties propose to do regarding the case at the Oct. 15 status conference.

Fredenburgh's Oconto County cases are set for a status conference on Nov. 8.

If convicted in federal court on the interstate travel charges, Fredenburgh faces up to 30 years in prison imprisonment and 10 years to life in person if convicted on the child enticement charge.

Rural Urban honorees announced

This year's honorees of the Oconto County Rural Urban Committee have been announced. The volunteers from all over Oconto County are scheduled to be honored at a recognition banquet Oct. 18 at Romy's Holiday Inn in Kelly Lake.

The honorees are Karl and Sheila Ballestad, LaVonne Brown, Dorothy Calvert, David Christianson, Jim and Virginia Damp, Dave and Carol Drella, Audrey Ferfecki, Ron and Doris Filter, Mary Frost, Herb and Leah Giese, Mary Heiser, Candie Lehto, Kenneth Linzmeyer, Chuck

and Connie Norman, Dennis and Peg Peipkorn, Victor Peterson, Roger and Linda Reed, Norb Reinhard, Jim Viestenz and Fran and Debbie Wranosky.

Banquet tickets are \$18 and are available from all members of the Rural Urban Committee.

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Oconto County officials renew COVID warnings

Common-sense health precautions urged as new cases increase

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

Oconto County officials have expressed alarm over a resurgence of new COVID-19 cases in the county since the end of July.

Health and Human Services Director Mike Reimer told the Oconto County Board on Sept. 23 that the coronavirus peaked last fall in late October, when the county was getting 100 cases daily, then trailed off.

The state's daily COVID report of COVID showed only 54 cases in Oconto County between May 24 and July 23, but the tally during the month of September was up to 522 as of Sept. 27.

In late July and August, positive tests began to come in at a rate of 10 a day, then 20, Reimer said.

"Twenty cases a day was where we started taking off the year before that it really started to climb, so we started getting a little jumpy about things, and not just us but everybody in the state," he said. "So

since I talked to you last, we were at about 30 cases a day through September, this week we're into the 40s."

Reimer said Public Health is recommending that people go back to taking precautions such as distancing, not spending a lot of time in crowded areas, and washing their hands.

"Masking is not 100% effective, but that does not mean that masking is not effective. There is a degree of effectiveness with masking, and many people are choosing to mask," he said. "We have a number of citizens in Oconto County who are carrying maybe a respiratory disease or something like this, or some kind of vulnerability, and maybe those people are choosing to wear masks, and I think they're telling us that they want to be cautious, and so we respect that, and there are times for masking."

County board supervisors can again to set an example in their communities, not necessarily

by masking but by taking those common-sense precautions, Reimer said.

"I don't know how long it's going to take for the virus to go through our community; last year it was about two and a half months. So that's what we're facing right now," he said.

In addition, health officials expect influenza levels to return, Reimer said.

"Last year when everybody shut down, there wasn't much flu," he said. "Flu's going to be on the increase now that we're open."

County public health nurses are planning flu immunizations in the schools on about 10 dates during the month of October, he said.

Reimer added that people don't seem to be as polarized about taking as they were last year. From what he said he has seen and heard, people who were worried about civil liberties are acknowledging seriousness of the disease, and people who supported shutting down the

economy can see the damage that the lockdowns did.

"I am seeing people coming together in the community with a common kind of respect and understanding that we need to proceed in the best way we can," he said.

In a Sept. 23 news release Public Health Division Manager Debra Konitzer said 35% of the new cases were in people 19 years old and younger. She also said the 19 county residents hospitalized for COVID during September were more than July and August combined, when 17 residents needed hospitalization.

She also cited Wisconsin Department of Health Services data from August that compared a group of 100,000 fully vaccinated people to 100,000 people who were not fully vaccinated, and found four times as many cases, nine times as many hospitalizations and 11 times as many deaths in the not-fully-vaccinated group.

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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of Sept. 24

Judge Jay N. Conley agreed to a one-month delay in the trial of Victor J. Alberts, 55, Lena, who is charged with 24 felonies — including three counts of repeated sexual assault of the same child, nine counts of child abuse, five counts of causing mental harm to a child and two counts of first-degree sexual assault of a child, among other related charges that allegedly occurred from 2005 to 2016, as well as two counts of felony child abuse and four counts of misdemeanor disorderly conduct, for incidents that allegedly occurred Dec. 1, 2019, and Jan. 17, 2020. Alberts was scheduled to stand trial beginning Sept. 27 in a trial that is expected to take up to four days. Conley granted the request of attorneys from both sides and rescheduled the trial to start Oct. 25. A motion hearing was scheduled for Oct. 7.

Proceedings of Sept. 23

Brent A. Olson, 29, Crivitz, was sentenced to 18 months in prison, followed by two years of extended supervision, for possession of methamphetamine, in connection with an incident that occurred April 6. Judge Michael T. Judge ruled that Olson is eligible for the Substance Abuse Program, which can lead to early release upon successful completion. Among other conditions of extended supervision, Olson must maintain absolute sobriety and obtain full-time employment and his GED.

David R. Riskus, 33, Oconto, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to possession of methamphetamine, felony bail jumping, five counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and operating a motor vehicle while his license was revoked, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 19. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Jan. 13.

Richard J. Beauprey, 19, Shawano, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over to circuit court on charges of taking and driving a vehicle without the owner's consent and a misdemeanor charge of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (first offense), in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 23. Arraignment was scheduled for Oct. 14.

Keith A. Smet, 34, Lena, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over to circuit court on charges of possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer,

possession of THC, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 29. Arraignment was scheduled for Oct. 14.

Hunter J. Kealiher, 17, Abrams, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to arson of property other than a building and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 9. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Oct. 14.

Regina Lynn Schueneman, 56, Racine, waived her right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over to circuit court on charges of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fifth or sixth offense) and a misdemeanor count of operating without a valid driver's license for the second time in less than three years, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 14.

Jacob S. Chilcote, 19, Oconto Falls, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to two counts possession of narcotic drugs, possession with intent to deliver THC, maintaining a drug trafficking place, and misdemeanor charges of carrying a concealed weapon and theft of movable property, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 10. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Oct. 14.

Proceedings of Sept. 22

A weeklong jury trial starting May 9 was scheduled for Brian A. Blasing, 31, Oconto, who is charged with first-degree reckless homicide and the manufacture with intent to deliver heroin, in connection with the Sept. 12, 2018, death of Jeffrey Dean Pecha, as well as possession with intent to deliver amphetamine, misdemeanor possession of cocaine, and two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping in connection with an alleged April 29, 2019, incident. Jury selection was scheduled for the previous Friday, May 6, with a final pre-trial conference set for May 2.

Michael A. Renner, 44, Marinette, 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. 17, 2020. Probation begins with 90 days in the county jail, and Judge Jay N. Conley ordered that Renner maintain absolute sobriety and full-time employment, among other probation conditions. The judge said he would consider reducing the jail term if

Renner is able to provide proof of full-time employment.

Taylor N. Nowinski, 19, Abrams, pleaded no contest to bail jumping and possession of methamphetamine, misdemeanor resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that occurred Sept. 1, 2020. A number of other charges were dismissed in a plea agreement, although counts of maintaining a drug trafficking place, possession with intent to deliver THC, bail jumping and misdemeanor resisting or obstructing an officer will be read into the record at sentencing, which Judge Jay N. Conley scheduled for Nov. 15. A pre-sentence investigation was ordered.

Shelly Lynn Swanson, 51, Lena, pleaded no contest to possession of narcotic drugs and misdemeanor possession of cocaine, in connection with an incident that occurred April 4. Judge Jay N. Conley scheduled sentencing for Nov. 15 and order a pre-sentence investigation.

Proceedings of Sept. 21

Travis K. Smith, 37, Oconomowoc, was sentenced to four years in prison, followed by three years of extended supervision, for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (sixth offense) in connection with an incident that occurred Aug. 30, 2019. He was given credit for 61 days already served in county jail. Judge Michael T. Judge ruled that after serving three years in prison, Smith may be eligible for the Substance Abuse Program, which can lead to early release upon successful completion. During extended supervision, he must maintain absolute sobriety, obtain mental health and alcohol and other drug abuse assessments, and complete all other assessments, counseling and treatment deemed appropriate by the Department of Corrections. His driver's license is revoked for three years, and for 18 months he must install an ignition interlock device on any vehicles he

drives.

Sentence was withheld and Joshua J. Young, 28, Oconto, was placed on probation for one year for child abuse intentionally causing harm, in connection with an incident that occurred Oct. 1, 2019. Judge Michael T. Judge ordered that Young serve 100 days in the county jail with Huber work-release and good time privileges. Judge assessed \$538 in court fees and costs and ordered Young to complete all assessments, counseling and treatment deemed necessary by his probation agent.

Katherine L. Reith, 30, Sussex, pleaded no contest to a controlled substance ordinance violation and a misdemeanor count of operating a motor vehicle while her license was revoked, in connection with an incident that occurred March 26. The ordinance violation was amended from a felony charge in a plea agreement. Judge Michael T. Judge levied fines and court costs totalling \$1,125.

Bond was set at \$10,000 cash for Robert F. Block, 33, Pound, after he was charged with battery or threat to a law officer and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 20. His initial appearance was adjourned until Oct. 14.

Proceedings of Sept. 20

Justin J. Coppens, 31, Gillett, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor bail jumping in connection with an incident that occurred March 21, 2019. In a plea agreement, the bail jumping charge was reduced from a felony, and a 2018 felony charge of possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a felony was dismissed but read into the record. Judge Michael T. Judge withheld sentencing and placed Coppens in the Volunteers in Probation program for one year, including 35 hours of community service and court fees and costs of \$514.80.

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Christopher Paul Wicker and Ashley Helena Vanepps, Gillett.

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Solar farm is out of the county's hands, board told

The state Public Service Commission and Department of Natural Resources expected to work together on approvals

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

The Oconto County Board doesn't have much power to regulate or stop a proposed solar energy farm in the Town of Morgan, the board was told Sept. 23.

NextEra Energy, a Florida-based renewable energy company that claims to be the world's largest utility company, is investigating the possibility of building a 150-megawatt solar array that would tie into an existing substation along CCC Road near County C in Morgan.

The company made a presentation to the town board in July and hosted a public information meeting Sept. 15

at Oconto Falls High School that drew about 100 neighbors, many of them opposed to the idea.

Corporation Counsel Beth Ellingson said several supervisors had asked her whether the county has any input into the process, but the answer is no.

"Because it's such a large project, the entity that governs the regulation of that is the Public Service Commission," she said. "My understanding is this is going to be over 100 megawatts, and when the utility gets that big, then the Wisconsin Public Service Commission is the one that provides the OKs."

The PSC and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources do work together in terms of looking over and evaluating the applications, Ellingson



A number of neighbors have launched petitions and other efforts to stop a large solar energy project in the Town of Morgan.

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said.

The company has said the project is in the early stages and probably won't be submitted to the PSC until sometime in 2023. Once applications

are submitted, Ellingson said documents including public comment will be posted at psc.wi.gov.

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OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sept. 23

Deputies responded to 52 incidents, including squad damage near East Main and Knapp streets in the Village of Suring, suspicious activity on Woodridge Lane in the Town of Doty, internet crime against children at an address in the Town of Underhill, burglary on County Road VV in the Town of Underhill, K-9 deployment at Lena High School on East Main Street in the Village of Lena, suspicious activity on County Road I in the Town of Stiles, suspicious activity on Cream City Road in the Town of Oconto, nine traffic stops, two traffic hazards, four traffic offenses, one citizen assist, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, one 911 hangup and two open lines; one ambulance call; one crash, involving deer.

Sept. 22

Deputies responded to 40 incidents, including suspicious activity on Grove Street in the Town of Oconto Falls, suspicious activity on County Road A in the Town of Little River, an assault on Ridge Road in the Town of Spruce, child neglect at an address in the Town of Pensaukee, a disturbance on Westcott Lake Road in the Town of Bagley, suspicious activity on Ridge Road in the City of Oconto Falls, fire on Allen Road in the Town of Little Suamico, suspicious activity on Landing Lane in the Town of Stiles, four traffic stops, one traffic

hazard, two traffic offenses, two citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident, two welfare checks; one 911 hangup and six open lines; one ambulance call; four crashes, two involving deer.

Sept. 21

Deputies responded to 44 incidents, including property damage on Good Lane in the Town of Abrams, theft on Silver Hill Road in the Town of Mountain, theft on Old 41 Road in the Town of Little River, fraud on Schroeder Road in the Town of Morgan, suspicious activity on County Road A in the Town of Little River, a disturbance on state Highway 32 in the Town of Lakewood, fraud on Mosling Road in the Town of Underhill, one traffic stop, two traffic hazards, five traffic offenses, two citizen assists, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; four 911 hangups and four open lines; two ambulance calls; three crashes, one involving deer.

Sept. 20

Deputies responded to 52 incidents, including an incident at the county jail on Arbutus Avenue in the City of Oconto, theft on County Road EE in the Town of Abrams, suspicious activity on County Road W in the Town of Mountain, a disturbance on William Bake Circle in the City of Oconto, suspicious activity on Ball Park Road in the Town of Little Suamico, suspicious activity on Sumac Road in the Town of Abrams, a

disturbance on Sherrie Lane in the Town of Underhill, a disturbance on Sampson Road in the Town of Pensaukee, two traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two traffic offenses, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, four welfare checks; two 911 hangups and five open lines; three crashes, all involving deer.

Sept. 19

Deputies responded to 42 incidents, including a disturbance on Briar Court in the Town of Abrams, fire near Sampson Road and County Road S in the Town of Pensaukee, an animal bite on Spirea Road in the Town of Stiles, a disturbance on North McKenzie Street in the City of Gillett, four traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two citizen assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; nine 911 hangups and seven open lines; one crash.

Sept. 18

Deputies responded to 63 incidents, including a disturbance on East Main Street in the City of Gillett, suspicious activity near U.S. Highway 41 and state Highway 22 in the City of Oconto, a utility problem on West Main Street in the City of Gillett, a fire control burn on Weller Road in the Town of Mountain, trespassing near County Road T and state Highway 64 in the Town of Doty, suspicious activity on Downtown Lane in the Town of Underhill, a noise disturbance on South Maple Street in the Town of Oconto Falls, a weapon offense on

Machickanee Lane in the Town of Stiles, a disturbance on Sherrie Lane in the Town of Underhill, suspicious activity on County Road C in the Town of Chase, a disturbance on state Highway 32 in the Town of Breed, fraud on Aspen Drive in the Town of Little Suamico, a disturbance on Sundew Road in the Town of Little Suamico, three traffic stops, four traffic hazards, one traffic offense, one miscellaneous traffic incident, two welfare checks; nine 911 hangups and eight open lines; one ambulance call; seven crashes, two involving deer.

Sept. 17

Deputies responded to 57 incidents, including suspicious activity on Kanack Lane in the Town of Lena, suspicious activity on Wedgewood Drive in the Town of Little Suamico, a disturbance on Balcom Lake Road in the Town of Gillett, harassment on Hogsback Road in the Town of Little River, shoplifting on Brazeau Avenue in the City of Oconto, criminal damage on Kaplin Lane in the Town of Brazeau, suspicious activity on Military Road in the Town of Oconto, suspicious activity near Bonita Road and state Highway 32 in the Town of Breed, threatening on North Main Street in the Town of Oconto Falls, two traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two citizen assists, six miscellaneous traffic incidents, nine 911 hangups and five open lines; three crashes, one involving deer.

Mask mandate brings out angry parents

Shawano School Board gets earful as members of the public question constitutionality, trust

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Shawano School District announced last week that it would be requiring masks for all students and staff at all schools after previously announcing it would only be mandatory at three of the schools one week earlier.

That brought out some angry parents to the Sept. 27 Shawano School Board meeting, with one vowing to bring a class-action suit and requiring a police officer to come stand next to the speaker.

The board held a special meeting on Sept. 24 and voted to require masks during regular school hours through the end of October. In a letter posted to the school district's website, Superintendent Randi Anderson wrote: "The safety of our students, staff and our ability to continue face-to-face operations is at risk."

Parents weren't buying it, and they weren't afraid to let the board know that, either. Nick Kleczka, a parent of three school district students who said he has lived in Shawano all of his life, told the board they took an oath to defend the Wisconsin and U.S. constitutions, but their mask mandate was, in his view, violating those documents.

"Mask mandates are involuntary," Kleczka said. "No public official has the authority to mandate a mask. None."

Kleczka said the board members should be brought up on charges of treason against the community, at which point, board president Michael Sleeper tried to tell him his time limit had been reached, but Kleczka said he would just speak up louder. Others in the audience chimed in and said that they would give Kleczka their time that they had requested.

"People have given me their minutes," Kleczka said. "I have the right. I have a freedom. You will be held accountable."

Sleeper continued to bang his gavel while Kleczka continued to speak and others yelled out that the board should let him speak. An officer with the Shawano Police Department came to where Kleczka was standing, to which he told the officer, "Bieber is OK with this. I talked to him. You can call him," referring to Shawano County Sheriff Adam Bieber. Kleczka also claimed to have spoken with Shawano Mayor Bruce Milavitz and gotten approval to speak longer.

"My mandate is providing our children with a full ability to learn," Kleczka said. "This is causing many health-related problems — inhaling carbon dioxide and causing severe health problems. The CDC (Centers for Disease Control) requires that masks be changed every half-hour. Is this happening?"

Kleczka also cited the psychological events on autistic children, those with speech delays and dealing with severe anxiety as a reason why masks should not be required for everyone.

"This mandate goes much deeper than what



Nick Kleczka told the Shawano School Board during its Sept. 27 meeting that the mask mandate it passed last week was unconstitutional and vowed to join others in the community in filing a class-action suit against the district to get it dropped. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

the servants claim to be just another two-week mask-wearing circus party," Kleczka said. "We must stand against all of you criminals and your treasonous behavior and hold you accountable."

Kleczka claimed he and "many others" would be filing class-action lawsuits against the district for the mask mandate.

Kleczka was not the only parent frustrated by the new mandate. Danelle Wudtke told the board she does not feel comfortable sending her children to school and having them wear masks for eight hours out of the day, noting that the school district required masks last school year, as well.

"This is happening again, one year later," Wudtke said. "Do you see the coincidence? We're going to see the same thing happening."

Wudtke told the board that "the smiles are disappearing" from local children's faces. She expressed concern about depression and suicide rates going up, to which the audience applauded.

"The best time in these kids' lives is turning into a nightmare," Wudtke said. "They can't enjoy themselves when they're forced to wear masks and keep their distance from others. You might as well consider school a prison."

Wudtke added that parents should be allowed to make the decision on whether their children wear masks, not the school district.

"With you implementing this, it sounds like you don't trust us as parents to do this task, which is really sad," Wudtke said.

Alicia Stichman spoke to the board about the issue of having available busing within Shawano,

but she noted she had an issue with masks because they cover up everyone's faces.

"You can't tell who is a stranger and who is not," Stichman said.

Nathan Powell said he was not insensitive to the issues of COVID-19, noting he has lost his mother and one of his best friends to complications from the virus, but he claimed it was being used as a "fear tactic" through the mask mandate.

"The fact is that the virus is not going away, and we're going to have to get used to it," Powell said. "Are we going to wear masks until the next several generations graduate?"

He noted the meeting where the board approved requiring masks was held on short notice and claimed many parents didn't know about, citing claims on social media. He also cried hypocrisy as many on the board were in the school without a mask, despite requiring it of students and staff.

"How are you going to mandate that my child is wearing one?" Powell said, garnering applause from the crowd.

He noted it does no good to require masks during school hours when folks are walking around businesses, churches and other public spaces without them.

"These kids congregate outside of school. They shop and go to church," Powell said. "I ask you, what point is your mask mandate? To me, it's a moot point."

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Ski sharks give back



On behalf of the Shawano Ski Sharks, Dave Passehl, left, and Brad Keuschel, right, present a check for \$2,850 to Dick Marbes, center, of the local chapter of Disabled American Veterans on Sept. 20. On Sept. 11, the Ski Sharks hosted an event with skiers from around the state as a fundraiser for the local chapter of Disabled American Veterans. The Ski Sharks set a goal of \$1,000 and had a donor that matched up to \$1,000. The money will be put toward helping the DAV continue providing free medical transportation to those who served this country.

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SAWM president Gary DeFere passes away

DeFere's passion was enhancing Shawano waterways

By LUKE REIMER
 Reporter

Former Shawano Area Waterways Management President Gary DeFere has passed away at the age of 83.

He passed away on Sept. 15.

DeFere played a large role in the Shawano community as he and his family were original members of the Shawano Ski Sharks Waterski club, where he became the announcer of the shows for many years. He also became the president of the Shawano Area Waterways Management, where he helped to maintain and improve various waterways in Shawano.

SAWM vice president Todd Dobberstein had a close relationship with DeFere, with both being a part of the SAWM board.

“We served on the SAWM board for 20 or more years together,” said Dobberstein. “We always ran the meetings together.”

He said that DeFere's passion in Shawano was to enhance the waterways.

“He was very passionate about the waterways,” said Dobberstein. “He even has Shawano Lake engraved on his urn.”

Dobberstein said that he became so involved with the waterways, he would go out with his son and clear

the waterways for buoy placement, as well as spray weeds himself.

He added that DeFere did whatever he could to help those who had questions about the waterways.

“He directed all of the calls to his home phone, where he would take the calls himself,” said Dobberstein. “He would answer everyone's questions and try to help everyone out.”

Dobberstein said that he would also talk to the DNR about applying for grants and permits.

According to Dobberstein, the effect that DeFere had on the waterways couldn't be overstated.

“The waterways mean so much to the community,” said Dobberstein. “The waterways are a reason for tourism and recreation.”

Dobberstein called DeFere a friend and a mentor.

“He was a true volunteer who cared for this community,” said Dobberstein. “He went over and above to help.”

Dobberstein said that he will remember DeFere for not only his commitment to the community, but also his attitude.

“Gary focused on the positives in life,” said Dobberstein. “He was always smiling and shaking hands with someone. He never had a bad thing to say.”

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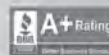
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Shawano residents treated to homecoming parade



Shawano football players wave to visitors at the homecoming parade as they prepare to take on the Xavier Hawks on Sept. 24.

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To fit with the theme of "magic happens," a float travels down Main Street featuring playing cards and a human-sized rabbit coming out of a top hat during the homecoming parade on Sept. 24.

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With a play on the word "homecoming," one float features grass and a gnome — titled "gnomecoming" — during the traditional parade Sept. 24.

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Bike the Barn Quilts back on wheels



Drums and bagpipes are played for riders at the Bike the Barn Quilts event as they begin their rides through Shawano County at Memorial Park on Sept. 25.



Stan and Laurie Frey, of Oconomowoc, listen to instructions before they begin their journey on a double bike at the Bike the Barn Quilts event at Memorial Park on Sept. 25.



Shawano resident Dylan Wegner sends out a message before he begins his bike ride through Shawano County on Sept. 25.

PHOTOS BY LUKE REIMER • REPORTER

Gresham author rocking children's lives

Two books detail good works that can done by youth through kindness rocks programs

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Stepheni Curran helps young people to find their voices as a speech and language pathologist with Gresham Community School.

Curran also helps them to find their voices through the children's books she writes.

With two books and her love of rocks, Curran has helped to teach the valuable lesson of kindness in all circumstances to children and children at heart. Her work has allowed her to speak about her books and the messages behind them on more than 60 occasions, including last week at the Central Wisconsin Book Festival in Wausau.

Curran's first book, "Rock on Kindness! Pass It On!" started out as something she wrote to teach her own children, but she was encouraged to send her message beyond blood lines.

"I was just trying to teach them about kindness and promoting diversity and trying to meet other kids who might be different from themselves to work past those differences and find common ground," Curran said. "I read it to my oldest, who was in kindergarten at the time, and she really liked it. Then I thought it might be helpful to other kids."

The first book introduces children to Ally, a 7-year-old girl who likes to paint rocks and then hides them to bring happiness to others. The book allows young readers to make predictions and learn new words as Ally gives the painted rocks to her five best friends.

"I thought this would be good for other kids, and maybe as a resource for teachers or guidance counselors, and that's why I decided to take what I had written and typed it into a manuscript," Curran said. "Then I started looking at different publishers in Wisconsin and surrounding states, like Illinois and Minnesota."

Her search led her to Orange Hat Publishing, a company in Waukesha that specializes in books for young readers. The "Pass It On" book saw such great success that she became the company's top-selling author in 2019.



Stepheni Curran has utilized the kindness rocks trend sweeping the United States and other countries to write children's books, including "Rock on Kindness! Pass It On!" The Gresham author teaches children about physical differences and personal challenges as her characters bring simple rocks alive.

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"It's family oriented," Curran said of Orange Hat. "They also give authors more say when it comes to the illustration phase of publishing, and I really liked that, because illustrations are so important."

However, Curran didn't stop with "Pass It On." This past May, she published a second book in the series titled "Rock on Kindness! Even When Your Heart Hurts!" which follows a 9-year-old boy named Ty, who wants to do something unique to celebrate the birthday of his grandfather, who recently passed away.

While the first book focused on dealing with physical differences, "Even When Your Heart Hurts" deals with personal challenges that Ty's friends experience, such as having a parent deploy through the military or moving to a new city.

"I postponed publishing the second one because of the pandemic," Curran said. "I thought it would be challenging to market with not being able to do a lot of presentations."

Curran said the second book was designed to help children who have lost loved ones. She noted that Ty's work to help his friends shows that children can continue to be kind and do good works, even when they're suffering loss.

Kindness rocks did not originate in Curran's stories. The project formed in 2015 when a woman named Megan Murphy from Cape Cod, Massachusetts, wrote "You've got this" on a rock and left it on the beach. The concept quickly went viral, and the trend spread from the United States to the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Australia and other countries.

"Now there's over 2,000 kindness rock groups in the United States," Curran said, noting that there are groups in Shawano and Appleton, among other places in Wisconsin. "It's actually very popular."

The local author admitted she was hesitant at first to put her words out to a larger audience, unsure of what the reaction would be.

"I think anyone who has published has felt a little apprehension when it comes to seeing what other points of view are in relation to what you've written," Curran said. "What I like to do before publishing and before my professional editors reviews it, I like to do my own peer review, where I select seven to 10 individuals I either know through work or some organization I'm involved in."

Curran plans to write at least one, possibly two, additional books related to kindness rocks. She said the third book would address perseverance, but she does not have a title for it yet. The next book is not expected for a while for various reasons.

"Once I bring a book, I like to spend about a year working on marketing and doing presentations about my books," Curran said. "I like to go to schools, libraries, different organizations like Boys and Girls Clubs and even Girl Scout Troops. Looking into 2022, I hope to have more of a manuscript together than what I have now."

The invite to speak at the book festival in Wausau was a surprise to Curran, who still considers herself to be a "novice" when it comes to being an author.

"I've written two books, but there are others who have written 10 or more," Curran said. "I think I'm just very humbled and appreciative of the opportunity and also to learn from authors who have done this for several years now."

Curran's books are available locally at Til the Cows Come Home, 154 S. Main St. The books may also be purchased online through Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Ingram Content Group, Orange Hat Publishing and Walmart.

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STEPHENI CURRAN, author of the "Rock on Kindness!" books

Gender revelation can come as early as 10 weeks

When a woman is expecting a baby, there are several milestones throughout the pregnancy.

Many times, now with the advancements in science, medical providers can tell the baby's gender as early as 10 weeks. It can be very exciting to learn any new details about the growing baby so soon-to-be parents can prepare and celebrate with family and friends.

"Some families may choose to do non-invasive prenatal testing (NIPT) early in the pregnancy," said Dr. Amy Mandeville, who practices family medicine and obstetrics at The-daCare Physicians-Waupaca. "We can complete this testing starting at about 10 weeks. This is a method of determining the risk that the fetus will be born with certain genetic conditions like Down syndrome. This test also gives early information about gender, and results are typically back within a week."

Mandeville added that, around 20 weeks, it is recommended to complete an anatomy scan to assess growth, look at the placenta and umbilical cord, and examine all parts of the fetus. It is also another opportunity to determine the baby's gender.

"NIPT testing is about 99% accurate," she said. "The 20-week anatomy ultrasound is about 95% accurate in gender determination. It is important for families to know that there is not a 100% accurate method to determine gender and sometimes we have surprises. There are also times where we might not be able to determine the gender from the ultrasound based on the baby's position or other factors."

People may also turn to old wives' tales as a way to learn the baby's sex. There are several theories that are believed to reveal the gender, but most are just folklore. The old wives' tale about learning the baby's gender based on the heart rate during an ultrasound says that the baby will be a boy if the fetal heart rate is lower, and a girl if it is higher.

"These old wives' tales can be interesting," said Mandeville. "It's important to remember that we should not take them as fact. Several studies have been done regarding fetal heart rate. The evidence shows there is no difference in the average of female or male fetal heart rates. The baby's heart rate also changes throughout the pregnancy with higher heart rates

noted at the beginning of pregnancy."

In addition to hoping for one gender or another, Mandeville explained there could be other reasons why a family may want to learn the sex of the baby before he or she is born.

"Some genetic conditions are associated with a specific gender," she said. "Some of these conditions are also associated with pregnancy loss. In these cases, families may want to know the gender as soon as possible."

Whether the baby is a boy or girl, most expecting parents just want a healthy baby. However, there are times when families might experience gender disappointment. The term describes the feeling some may have when the baby is not the hoped-for daughter or son. Some may experience mild to extreme disappointment, grief and even depression.

Mandeville said it's important to first understand why they're enduring gender disappointment so they can learn to cope.

"I think the first step is figuring out why someone might be feeling that disappointment," she said. "Once we understand, we can better figure out how to support these families."

Parents may be hoping for one gender or another for several reasons. Some may want siblings of the same gender, close in age. Other parents may want only two children – a boy and a girl. Mandeville noted some expecting parents may focus on the activities they think they'll get to do with a baby if it's a girl or a boy. In reality, she said there's no idea who that little person will be as they continue to grow.

It's important for families to discuss these feelings if they are present, according to Mandeville. Parents sometimes feel ashamed and guilty for having these feelings of disappointment.

"Early in pregnancy, I encourage expecting couples to find a provider who they feel really comfortable talking to," she said. "There are many things that come up for expecting parents and their partners, outside of gender disappointment. Common concerns include wondering if baby will be healthy, concerns about being a good parent, and concerns about the labor process. Our goal is to work with families to help them find the joy that comes with welcoming a new baby into their family."

IPA ranks KerberRose in top 200 accounting firms

KerberRose was recently ranked within the Top 200 Firms in the nation by Inside Public Accounting (IPA).

This is the firm's sixth consecutive year making IPA's Top Firms lists, and the first year within the Top 200 Firms.

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

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

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

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

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

Signed: Nanette Mohr, District Clerk

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

Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

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

PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY

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

ENERGY EFFICIENCY EXEMPTION

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

Name of Qualified Contractor	Honeywell Building Solutions		
Performance Contract Length (years)			10
Total Project Cost (including financing)			3,579,677
Total Project Payback Period			10
Years of Debt Payments			10
Remaining Useful Life of the Facility			66
Prior Year Resolution Expense Amount	Fiscal Year	2015	
Prior Year Related Expense Amount or CY debt levy	Fiscal Year	2015	
Utility Savings applied in Prior Year to Debt	Fiscal Year	2015	
Sum of reported Utility Savings to be applied to Debt			\$66,692
Savings Reported for 2019-20			
Specific Energy Efficiency Measure or Products	Project Cost Including Financing	Utility Cost Savings	Non-Utility Cost Savings
TRS.1 Baseline Development (Campus Wide)	\$9,333	\$-	
TRS.2 Annual M&V & Preventative Maintenance Services	\$9,300	\$-	
C.1 Energy Management & DDC-Base Project GES	\$96,512	\$6,125	
C.2 VaV Box Controls DDC Upgrade GES	\$186,508	\$2,299	
E.1 Variable Speed Drivers/Ventilation Control GES	\$21,211	\$1,869	
L.1 Lighting Retrofit GES	\$180,293	\$11,513	
S.1 Building Envelope/Air Leakage GES	\$23,774	\$1,985	
S.2 Secure ES Entrance GES	\$67,168	\$-	
C.1 Energy Management & DDC-Base Project GMS	\$138,458	\$10,301	
C.2 Energy Management & DDC Enhance Scope GMS/GHS	\$179,993	\$489	
E.1 Variable Speed Drivers/Ventilation Control GMS/GHS	\$28,281	\$4,338	
L.1 Lighting Retrofit GMS/GHS	\$293,419	\$18,781	
M.1 1961 Boiler Plant Replacement	\$422,099	\$1,150	
M.2 Original 1927 HS Multi Zone FA Furnace	\$776,079	\$1,936	
M.3 De-stratification Fans	\$11,706	\$769	
M.4 Replace DHS Tank with HE DHW Heater	\$53,027	\$142	
P.1 Bathroom Remodel	\$55,016	\$-	
S.1 Building Envelope/Air Leakage GMS/GHS	\$16,130	\$1,468	
S.3 Replace 1995 Roof	\$439,736	\$3,527	
V.1 Replace 1961 Unit Ventilators GMS/GHS	\$203,216	\$-	
V.2a Refurbish 1961 AHU's with DDC GMS/GHS	\$104,481	\$-	
V.2a Refurbish 1961 AHU's Asbestos Allowance GMS/GHS	\$17,589	\$-	
PD & B Project Development Commissioning & Bonds	\$155,428	\$-	
Measurement & Verification (10 years)	\$90,920	\$-	
Entire Energy Efficiency Project Totals	\$3,579,677	\$66,692	\$-

ENERGY EFFICIENCY EXEMPTION

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

Name of Qualified Contractor	Honeywell Building Solutions		
Performance Contract Length (years)			10
Total Project Cost (including financing)			3,150,670
Total Project Payback Period			10
Years of Debt Payments			10
Remaining Useful Life of the Facility			60
Prior Year Resolution Expense Amount	Fiscal Year	2018	
Prior Year Related Expense Amount or CY debt levy	Fiscal Year	2018	
Utility Savings applied in Prior Year to Debt	Fiscal Year	2018	
Sum of reported Utility Savings to be applied to Debt			\$17,607
Savings Reported for 2021-22			
Specific Energy Efficiency Measure or Products	Project Cost Including Financing	Utility Cost Savings	Non-Utility Cost Savings
O&M.3 Misc O&M Repairs (Contingency)	\$80,897	\$-	\$-
TRS.1 Baseline Development	\$11,846	\$-	\$-
TRS.2 Annual M&V Services	\$11,804	\$-	\$-
E.1 Refurbish/Replace Elevator Systems	\$26,130	\$-	\$5,000
L.1 Lighting/LED Upgrade	\$52,887	\$4,089	\$250
M.1 Replace HW Boilers	\$346,778	\$1,160	\$5,000
M.2 Boilers Asbestos Allowance	\$11,557	\$-	\$-
M.3 Office/ K Wing Heating System Improvements	\$23,920	\$-	\$-
M.4 Office/K Wing Asbestos Allowance	\$5,778	\$-	\$-
S.1 Roof Replacement (Option 1)	\$274,369	\$483	\$500
S.2 Roof Replacement (Option 2)	\$274,369	\$498	\$500
S.3 Replace Playground Door	\$41,809	\$-	\$-
L.1 Lighting/LED Upgrade	\$87,889	\$5,914	\$250
M.1 Replace 1997 Hote Water Boilers	\$491,173	\$1,945	\$10,000
M.5 Replace AC Condensing Unit - 35 Tons	\$113,232	\$386	\$7,500
S.1 Roof Replacement (Option 1)	\$511,561	\$1,129	\$500
S.2 Roof Replacement (Option 2)	\$495,355	\$1,646	\$500
S.3 Roof Replacement (Option 3)	\$113,903	\$357	\$500
S.5 Replace District Office Door Entryway	\$26,130	\$-	\$-
PDC&B Project Development, Commissioning & Bonds	\$149,284	\$-	\$-
Entire Energy Efficiency Project Totals	\$3,150,670	\$17,607	\$30,500

SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Pulaski suffers first loss of season

Red Raiders' offense stifled

By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

The Pulaski High School football team suffered its first loss of the season after getting shut out 14-0 by Fox River Classic Conference-North Division foe Bay Port on a rainy Sept. 24 night in Pulaski.

Pulaski's offense struggled to move the ball all night, but the Red Raiders' defense kept the team in the game with some big stops and timely takeaways.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, Bay Port scored the game's first points on an 80-yard touchdown run. The visitors then sealed up their win after recovering a fumble in the end zone after a fumbled snap on a punt attempt.

"They (Bay Port) know who we have. They have coaches that are teachers in our building. They know specifically the types of kids that we have and who we have walking the hallways. They do a great job of taking advantage of it," said Pulaski coach Jerad Marsh.

Marsh also noted that the Red Raiders' defense has been the "backbone" of the team this season, and that proved to be true again against Bay Port. The unit was constantly playing in its own territory, but was able to force stop after stop to keep the game scoreless.

A short punt after Pulaski's first offensive possession set Bay Port up at the host's 36-yard line. A holding penalty pushed the visitors back before a pair of incompletions forced a punt.

Junior running back Maverick Cole opened the ensuing possession with a 12-yard run, but Pulaski fumbled the ball back to Bay Port on the next play, setting the visitors up at the Pulaski 27-yard line.

On a third-and-11 play, senior linebacker Mason Petzel made an acrobatic interception to get the ball back for the offense.

"We're just one big family and every drive that we went out there we have the same determination every time — stop them, three-and-out," said Petzel. "Credit to Bay Port, they're an



Pulaski's Ben Suchalla (30) tries to tackle Bay Port's Cole Benson (13) during the team's conference matchup on Sept. 24 in Pulaski.

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an amazing team, they put together a really nice game."

The Red Raiders' offense worked the ball out to the 44-yard line before a fumble cost the unit eight yards and eventually led to a punt.

Bay Port's next drive was one of the better possessions of the first half, with the visitors marching to the Pulaski 33. A false start pushed the Pirates back, and the Red Raiders capitalized, forcing a turnover on downs a couple plays later.

Pulaski then put together its best first-half drive, getting to the visitors' 36 before fumbling the ball back to Bay Port on third down.

"It wasn't Bay Port, they didn't do anything special," said Cole on what kept the Pulaski offense in check. "We just didn't do our job tonight, and we have to do that next time. We just got to clean up the little things and we'll be fine."

Starting in its own territory again, the Pulaski defense forced another three-and-out, but the offense again couldn't take advantage. A booming punt from junior Mason Wells helped

flip the field and end any ideas of Bay Port trying to score before halftime, though. Wells punted from near his own end zone and got a favorable roll on his punt, forcing the visitors to take over at their own 16.

Pulaski's offense appeared to have figured things out at halftime after getting first-down runs from Cole and senior Aaron Maroszek on the opening drive of the third quarter, but a sack on a second-down play slowed the momentum and eventually forced a punt.

Pulaski sophomore defensive back Elliott Karcz picked off a pass on third down of the next drive, giving the Red Raiders' offense its best field position of the contest at the Bay Port 34.

Pulaski's offense wasn't able to take advantage, punting the ball back to Bay Port after three plays.

The teams traded punts at the end of the third quarter. A touchback on a Pulaski punt set the visitors up at their own 20 to start the final quarter.

Bay Port quarterback Cole Bensen faked a jet sweep handoff and then busted through the middle of the Pulaski defense before outrunning

a couple defenders for the 80-yard touchdown.

The teams then traded punts before Bay Port scored again on the recovered fumble in the end zone.

Pulaski's defense got the ball back two more times for the offense, but it was forced to punt and then turned the ball over on downs after failing to convert a fourth-and-1 run play.

The Red Raiders are now 5-1 overall and 3-1 in FRCC-North play.

Pulaski sits in a tie for second in the conference standings with Bay Port, and trails De Pere by a game. Pulaski hosts De Pere on Oct. 8 after visiting West De Pere on Oct. 1.

"We got to keep our heads up," said Karcz. "New week. The focus is on West De Pere now and going 1-0."

Bay Port 0 0 0 14 — 14

Pulaski 0 0 0 0 — 0

Fourth quarter

BP: Cole Bensen 80-yard run (Nick Fitt kick), 11:48

BP: A.J. Courchaine fumble recovery in end zone (Fitt kick), 6:09

ATHLETE PROFILE: GAVIN FREDENBURGH

Suring senior enjoying big final season

The Suring High School football team is in the hunt for a MONLPC-West Division 8-player title. The talents of senior Gavin Fredenburgh have played a role in the team's strong fall season.

Fredenburgh has rushed for six touchdowns this fall. In the team's conference games, the senior has four rushing scores.

He scored two rushing touchdowns against White Lake/Elcho on Sept. 17 and then two more in a win over Wausaukee on Sept. 24.

The senior caught a touchdown pass in a loss to Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy on Aug. 27 and then rushed for two scores and 135 yards in a win over Sevastopol on Sept. 2.

Fredenburgh also intercepted a pass against Sevastopol and had 18 total tackles through the team's first five games.

Q: When did your interest in football begin?

A: My interest in football began in third grade when Suring High School offered peewee football for the elementary students.

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

A: My favorite part about the football season is the camaraderie we share as teammates. Win or lose, in the end we are all there for one another.

Q: What are some keys to your team earning more wins as the season winds down?

A: The things our team needs to win is communication and positivity. The team and I play better when we have positivity and communication.

Q: You are enjoying a strong season on the field. What's attributed to that success?

A: The biggest attribute that has helped me this season is playing for



Suring's Gavin Fredenburgh runs with the ball during a game against Gillett on Sept. 25, 2020, in Gillett. FILE | NEW MEDIA

my teammates. Not only do I want to win, I want the team to win as a whole. When all of my teammates use their talents, we are a force to be reckoned with.

Q: Do you have any individual goals you hope to accomplish by the end of the season?

A: My greatest individual goal

for this season is to play the best I can. I want to be a player that teams prepare to defend against.

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

A: The positivity and camaraderie are the greatest ways I, along with the other seniors, lead the team. Every time somebody hangs

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Gavin Fredenburgh

SPORT: Football

POSITIONS: Wide receiver, running back, linebacker

SCHOOL: Suring High School

YEAR: Senior

their head, there is always a senior or even junior there to pick them up.

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

A: I personally do not have any pre-game rituals. However, the team and I have a pre-game prayer that we say before every game starts.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Suring football team?

A: My favorite memory playing here at Suring was my freshman year. Every week when preparing for a team, the underclassmen play as a "scout team." As I was playing as a corner on the scout team, I filled a lane to tackle Logan Stuart. As I went to wrap up, I accidentally stepped on his toe. The very next play, Logan hit me so hard I did a back flip.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show and musical artist?

A: Movie — "Saving Private Ryan." TV show — "The Office." Musical artist — Juice WRLD.

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

A: One thing that is only locally known is that I am in the Army.

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

A: There are three major things that I want to accomplish after high school. I want to be an Army recruiter or an Army Ranger. I want to bulk to 180-200, and I want to get a bachelor's degree in nutrition and fitness.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Oconto Falls' Bohl named Packers Coach of the Week

Panthers were undefeated on season, also making a difference in community

The Packers announced that Nick Bohl of Oconto Falls High School was named the Green Bay Packers High School Coach of the Week after week five.

Bohl, in his fourth year as head coach of the Panthers, had his team out to a 5-0 start. Bohl took over the program in 2018 as the team was coming off a 0-9 season. Now for the fourth season in a row, the Panthers will have more wins than their previous year.

While the impact that Bohl is having with his team on the field has been evident, off the field the Panthers are also leaving their mark on the community. This past summer, severe storms passed through the Oconto Falls area, leaving a trail of damage and debris in their wake. Bohl and his team saw this as a perfect opportunity to give back and help those in need clean up the mess that was left behind.

"We wanted to start a community service project for our football team this year," Bohl said. "I originally had a garbage pick-up planned. Then the storm came through toward the end of July, and the city crews were struggling

FYI

About the Green Bay Packers High School Coach of the Week Program: The Green Bay Packers Coach of the Week program supports football outreach efforts by giving high school coaches the recognition they deserve. Nominations can be submitted by 10 a.m. every Monday to Ryan Fencil, Packers football outreach specialist, at coachoftheweek@packers.com.

All nominations should include the nominee's name, address, school, phone number and reason he/she is deserving of the award. Continuing with last year's format, the Packers are seeking coaches to be nominated regardless of their teams' on-field performance. Rather, the nominee could be honored for how they have turned programs around, how the team has impacted the community, or how the coach impacts the players and their families.

because there was a lot of debris and a lot of brush down. ...We got six to seven trailers going, and we spread throughout the town. We were able to get about 30 loads of debris picked up from the storm, and the feedback we received from the community was just incredible.

"Everything was down for about two weeks and the city crews were working hard, but it takes a lot of time when there's that much brush

down. We just kind of jumped at the opportunity, and our kids did a great job of working hard. ... I could not be more proud of them for stepping up to the plate like that."

Bohl graduated from Chipewewa Falls High School in 2008. Throughout high school, he participated in football and baseball. He played right guard under Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame Coach Chuck Raykovich. Following high school, Bohl graduated from UW-Eau Claire in 2013 and received his teaching license in 2017 from UW-Stout.

Bohl's coaching career began in 2008, when he coached for the middle school program at Chipewewa Falls until 2010. Bohl became an assistant coach for the high school program at his alma mater in 2011, where he continued to advance until he took an assistant coaching position at Oconto Falls in 2017. In 2018, Bohl was named the head coach of the Panthers.

While Bohl is honored to have his name on the Coach of the Week Award, he gives the credit to the entire program.

"Personally, it feels great, obvi-

ously, but it's not a personal award. It's a team award," he said. "I'm very lucky to have the coaching staff that we do and the buy-in from them. Their ability to do everything as well with the X's and O's of football but along with all the other things that COVID has thrown at us. I can't thank them enough; they've been tremendous."

"It comes back to the buy-in with the kids and believing in what we're doing as a staff. When you are coming from a program that has struggled, it was hard the first four years, but all the kids have been tremendous. It takes everybody to turn a program around and start to reap some of the rewards."

Bohl and his staff oversee a program of 76 players.

His assistant staff includes Zach Beyer, Mike Kallies, Jeremy Seelig, Leo Kramer and Blake VanVooren. In addition to coaching, Bohl is also a marketing and business teacher at Oconto Falls High School.

Just hours before learning he had been named Coach of the Week, Bohl's wife, Katie, gave birth to their first child — a son named Jackson.

TOWN OF MORGAN RESIDENTS

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING- CHANGED

The October Board Meeting for the Town of Morgan will be held **Thursday, October 14, 2021** at the Morgan Town Hall, 3276 County Road C, Oconto Falls. The meeting will be called to order at 7:00 PM.

Julie Belongia, Town Clerk.

WNAXLP

Bids Requested

The Weatherization Program of NEWCAP, Inc., 1201 Main St., Oconto, WI 54153 is inviting vendors to submit bids to provide Cellulose to NEWCAP's warehouse in Oconto for their contract year. Contact Lori Noonan for bid specifications at (920) 834-4621 ext. 1126. All bids are due by October 4, 2021.

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Please apply on-line and include resume and references. A full job description is available by clicking the link. Application deadline is Wednesday, October 27th at 12:00 p.m.

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HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Shawano takes 3rd at conference tournament

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Shawano Community High School girls tennis team turned in a third-place finish at the Bay Conference Tournament on Sept. 25 in De Pere.

Shawano also finished third in the final conference standings.

The No. 2 doubles team of Sarah Carroll and Anna Etten led the Hawks with a second-place finish. Jenna Ainsworth took third in the No. 2 singles bracket.

Singles players Adison Moesch

(No. 3) and Elise Pyatskowitz (No. 4) each claimed fourth place for Shawano. The No. 1 doubles team of Kate Williams and Nicole Piantek also took fourth.

Shawano No. 1 singles player Rylie Anderson and the No. 3 doubles team of Kloie Boyles and Kylie Teetzen each placed fifth on the day.

Singles: No. 1: Paeton Krinkel NEW LONDON def. Rylie Anderson SHAWANO, 6-1, 6-0; Anderson def. Lilly Roberts, GREEN BAY WEST, 6-0, 6-0; Anderson def. Macy Hermanson MARINETTE, 6-3, 6-0; **No. 2:** Jenna Ainsworth SHAWANO def. Kate Schwaba MARINETTE, 6-0, 6-0; Nana Berko XAVIER def. Ainsworth, 2-6,

6-2, 12-10; Ainsworth def. Amelia Segelstrom FOX VALLEY LUTHERAN, 6-0, 6-2; **No. 3:** Adison Moesch SHAWANO def. Chloe Campbell MARINETTE, 6-2, 6-3; Dana Keesler XAVIER def. Moesch, 6-0, 6-1; Adeline Woosley FOX VALLEY LUTHERAN def. Adison Moesch, 7-5, 6-4; **No. 4:** Elise Pyatskowitz SHAWANO def. Johanna Mears FOX VALLEY LUTHERAN, 6-4, 6-0; Kelsey Maus NEW LONDON def. Pyatskowitz, 6-2, 6-2; Kenna Osentoski MENASHA def. Pyatskowitz, 6-4, 7-5.

Doubles: No. 1: Kate Williams-Nicole Piantek SHAWANO def. Jessa Muller-Rachel Schuler NEW LONDON, 6-4, 6-1; Mary Van Stratten-Carly Bomier XAVIER def. Williams-Piantek, 6-0, 6-1; Elizabeth Oakland-Jessica Griepentrog FOX VALLEY LUTHERAN def. Williams-Piantek, 6-2, 7-5; **No. 2:** Sarah Carroll-

Anna Etten SHAWANO def. Hannah Neubert-Jordan Augustine MENASHA, 7-5, 6-1; Carroll-Etten def. Autumn Winkelman-Maya Krause NEW LONDON, 6-1, 7-5; Sophia Bauman-Addison Hervey XAVIER def. Carroll-Etten, 6-3, 6-3; **No. 3:** Ruth Brink-Natalie Raschka FOX VALLEY LUTHERAN def. Kloie Boyles-Kylie Teetzen SHAWANO, 6-3, 6-1; Boyles-Teetzen def. Cianna Bobnock-Carly Jurgella MENASHA, 6-4, 6-2. **Conference tournament results (top 5):** 1. West De Pere 78; 2. Xavier 78; 3. Shawano 70; 4. Fox Valley Lutheran 58; 5. New London 58.

Final standings: 1. West De Pere 108; 2. Xavier 107; 3. Shawano 87; 4. Fox Valley Lutheran 82; 5. New London 76; 6. Menasha 37; 7. Marinette 20; 8. Green Bay East 1; 9. Green Bay West 0.

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Hawks' Eggert the Conference Player of the Year in Bay

By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

The Shawano Community High School girls golf team placed second at the final Bay Conference meet on Sept. 21 at Wander Springs Golf Course in Greenleaf.

Xavier was the top team finisher on the day with a score of 389, with Shawano posting a 391.

The Hawks also finished second in the conference standings, with West De Pere grabbing the title.

Sophia Eggert fired an 18-hole round of 90 to finish as the meet medalist and as the Conference Player of the Year.

"It feels great. I've worked very hard and it is a great accomplishment, and I was looking forward to my season with the Hawks all summer," said

Eggert of earning the honor. "My hard work paid off and I am really grateful."

Teghan Kristof fired a round of 91 for the Hawks. Riley Dreier (103), Braylyn Babino (107) and Alli Johnson (130) capped the Hawks' team.

Eggert and Kristof each made the all-conference first team, with Babino and Dreier on the honorable mention list.

Bonduel placed seventh at the final

meet, with Sarah Garside leading the team with a round of 103. Bonduel had a team score of 432.

Thea Tauchen (107), Ava Pleshek (109), Kerry O'Harrow (113) and Meghan Wondra (117) filled out the team.

Bonduel finished seventh in the conference standings. Garside made the all-conference honorable mention team.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

FOOTBALL

Lena/STAA 45

Sevastopol 6

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy improved to 5-0 after routing Sevastopol in a MONLPC-East Division 8-player matchup on Sept. 25 in Sturgeon Bay. The co-op is 2-0 in

conference play.

Sam Marquardt accounted for three touchdowns to lead Lena/STAA. He rushed for 130 yards and a score while throwing for 92 yards and touchdowns to Logan Shallow and Lane Whiting.

Whiting also tallied 48 rushing yards and two touchdowns, while Shallow had 88 rushing yards and another touchdown. Lena/STAA rushed

for 307 yards as a team.

Suring 38

Wausaukee 6

Suring rolled to a MONLPC-West Division 8-player victory over Wausaukee on Sept. 24 in Suring.

Jeremy Hensel rushed for 130 yards and three touchdowns, while Gavin Fredenburgh added two rushing scores. Taron Haak tallied 121 rushing

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yards on 19 carries.

Haak and Mason Ferrell each were credited with a sack in the contest. Haak led the team with eight total tackles, while Keegan Rattin and Fredenburgh had six total tackles each.



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COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

Marian

Menominee Indian High School graduate Tehya Pyawasay recorded four attack kills and a dig in the Marian University volleyball team's loss to Edgewood on Sept. 21.

On the season, Pyawasay has had 48 attack kills, 14 digs and 18 total blocks across 13 matches and 48 sets played.

North Iowa Area

Oconto Falls grad Samantha Coron continued to stuff the stat sheet for the North Iowa Area Community College volleyball team last week in a 3-2 week on the court.

In a five-set loss to Southeastern Community College on Sept. 22, Coron posted eight attack kills, 27 assists, five service aces and 24 digs.

In a win over Grand View on Sept. 24, the Panther grad had eight attack kills, 18 digs, 16 assists and two aces. That same day, Coron was credited with three attack kills, nine assists and seven digs in a loss to Iowa Central Community College.

Coron totaled 24 digs, 21 assists, two aces and two attack kills in a win over St. Ambrose on Sept. 25. Later that day, Coron had 22 assists, 15 digs and two block assists in a win over Madison College.

Bemidji State

Pulaski graduate Taylor Birr recorded four assists and two digs in the Bemidji State volleyball team's

loss to Wayne State on Sept. 25.

For the season, Birr has accumulated 29 assists and six digs across nine sets played.

Viterbo

Gillett grad Lauren Herzog turned in a 55th-place finish while running for the Viterbo women's cross-country team at the Carleton Invitational on Sept. 25.

Herzog completed the course in 26 minutes, 2.7 seconds. Viterbo placed sixth as a team.

UW-Eau Claire

Bonduel graduate Isaac Garside racked up 52 yards of offense on just two touches for the UW-Eau Claire football team in its loss to Albion on Sept. 25.

Garside had a 48-yard run and caught a four-yard pass.

Concordia-St. Paul

Pulaski grad Andrew Egnarski was credited with seven total tackles in the Concordia University-St. Paul football team's loss to Southwest Minnesota State on Sept. 25.

Egnarski had one solo tackle and six assisted tackles. He also had combined on a tackle for loss. His big run help set up one of the team's touchdowns.

Rockhurst

Shawano graduate Averi Vomastic continued her strong senior season for the Rockhurst University volleyball team across three matches last week.

In a sweep of Ottawa on Sept. 21, Vomastic finished with eight attack kills and 10 digs.

Vomastic recorded five attack kills, seven digs, five block assists and two assists in a loss to Missouri-St. Louis on Sept. 24.

In a bounce back win over Maryville on Sept. 25, the Shawano grad had six attack kills, 11 digs and three block assists.

Minnesota Duluth

Pulaski grad Logan Kobus punted seven times in the University of Minnesota Duluth football team's loss to Wayne State on Sept. 25.

Kobus averaged 39.9 yards per punt, including a long punt of 51 yards. He pinned the opponent inside their own 20-yard line once.

Central Lakes

Shawano graduate Trace Yeager was credited with two total tackles while playing for the Central Lakes College-Brainerd football team in a win over Mesabi Range College on Sept. 25.

One of the tackles was a solo one, while the other was assisted.

Winona State

Gillett grad Sylvia Hansen turned in a 153rd-place finish at the Roy Griak Invitational on Sept. 24 while representing the Winona State women's cross-country team.

Hansen completed the 6K course in 25:23.9.

MSU Moorhead

Gillett graduate Derek Hanson also competed in the Roy Griak Invitational, placing 212th while running for the Minnesota State University Moorhead men's team.

Hanson posted a time of 29:04.4

in the 8K race.

UW-Whitewater

Shawano grad Baylie Hansen put together some strong matches during the UW-Whitewater volleyball team's 3-1 week on the court.

In the team's first loss of the season to UW-Eau Claire on Sept. 22, Hansen totaled seven attack kills, four digs and two block assists.

Whitewater bounced back by winning the Whitewater Invite on Sept. 24-25. In a sweep of Carthage on Sept. 24, Hansen tallied four attack kills, a dig, a solo block and a block assist.

In a sweep of St. Mary's on Sept. 25, Hansen had four attack kills, a dig and a block assist. She then recorded five attack kills and three block assists in a sweep of Carroll later that day.

Bonduel graduate Jessica LaBerge tied for 58th while golfing for the UW-Whitewater women's team during the UW-Whitewater Fall Classic on Sept. 24-25.

LaBerge carded a round of 96 on the first day of the event before posting a 97 on the second day.

St. Norbert

Pulaski graduate Kendall Karcz and Shawano graduate Nathan Krizan each recorded tackles for the St. Norbert football team in its loss to Lakeland University on Sept. 25.

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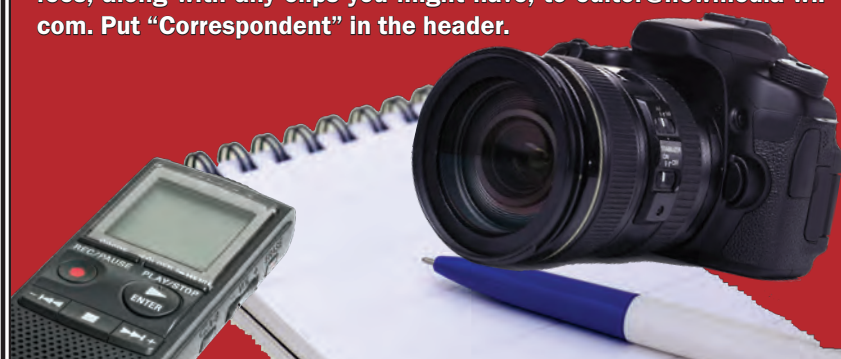
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Oconto Falls NWTC student overcomes obstacles to earn HSED

Melinda Steadman, of Oconto Falls, earned her High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED) this spring after taking Adult Basic Education College and Career Readiness classes at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College.

"I am super proud of myself. Life has not been easy," Steadman said in the words she shared during NWTC's virtual GED/HSED graduation. "Though it's easier to learn when you have teachers who not only help but also want to make sure you succeed."

Steadman encountered many barriers to continuing her education. As a single mother to three kids, she struggled to balance work, school and family time. Things got harder when cancer reared its ugly head and left Steadman with numerous health conditions after remission.

"I wanted to better myself, to give my kids the life I never had," Steadman said.

In September 2020, Steadman came to NWTC Oconto Falls and enrolled in GED Prep classes. She credits her instructor, Gino Gemignani, an NWTC Pathway to Aca-

demic Success instructor, as a large reason for her persistence this time around. "It helps when you have a teacher who isn't just there to get you in and out," she said. "To have someone telling you, 'You can do this,' helped me a lot."

NWTC offers free test preparation, including TABE pre-testing — classes designed to help students prepare and practice tests. GED prep classes are offered in-person with Gemignani in Oconto Falls on Mondays and in Shawano on Tuesdays, with additional online classes available. Steadman attended as many as she could. She would go to in-person classes at NWTC Oconto Falls every Monday and attend virtual classes Tuesdays through Thursdays.

Because she was doing so well, Gemignani suggested Steadman work towards earning a HSED rather than a Certificate of General Education Development (GED).

"Just do the HSED," Steadman said after completing her certificate. "If you're putting in the effort to do the GED, you might as well go for the HSED."

She said going through the HSED process also provides helpful refreshers in health and career awareness counseling, as well as citizenship and employability skills requirements.

Now that Steadman has her credential, she is attending NWTC this fall with the goal of becoming a forensic crime scene investigator.

Steadman found such a sense of belonging at NWTC that she has urged staff members to put together an alumni event for other NWTC Oconto Falls GED graduates. The event is scheduled for 5-6:30 p.m. Oct. 12 at NWTC Oconto Falls, 649 E. Jackson St.

Former students are welcome and are encouraged to share their success stories as inspiration for current and future students. Additional alumni events are being planned for NWTC program graduates in Oconto Falls and Shawano.

"If it wasn't for NWTC, my kids and Gino, I would have given up," Steadman said.

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Melinda Steadman credits her Northeast Wisconsin Technical College instructor for encouraging to get her High School Equivalency Diploma.

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OPINION

Petito in spotlight while other women vanish

Gabby Petito, a 22-year-old Florida woman who disappeared while traveling across the country with her boyfriend, has dominated the airwaves and internet in recent days as the entire nation has tried to figure out who dunit. Her story has captivated us as we have wrung our hands in pity and thought how horrible a tragedy it was that she was found dead near Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming and that



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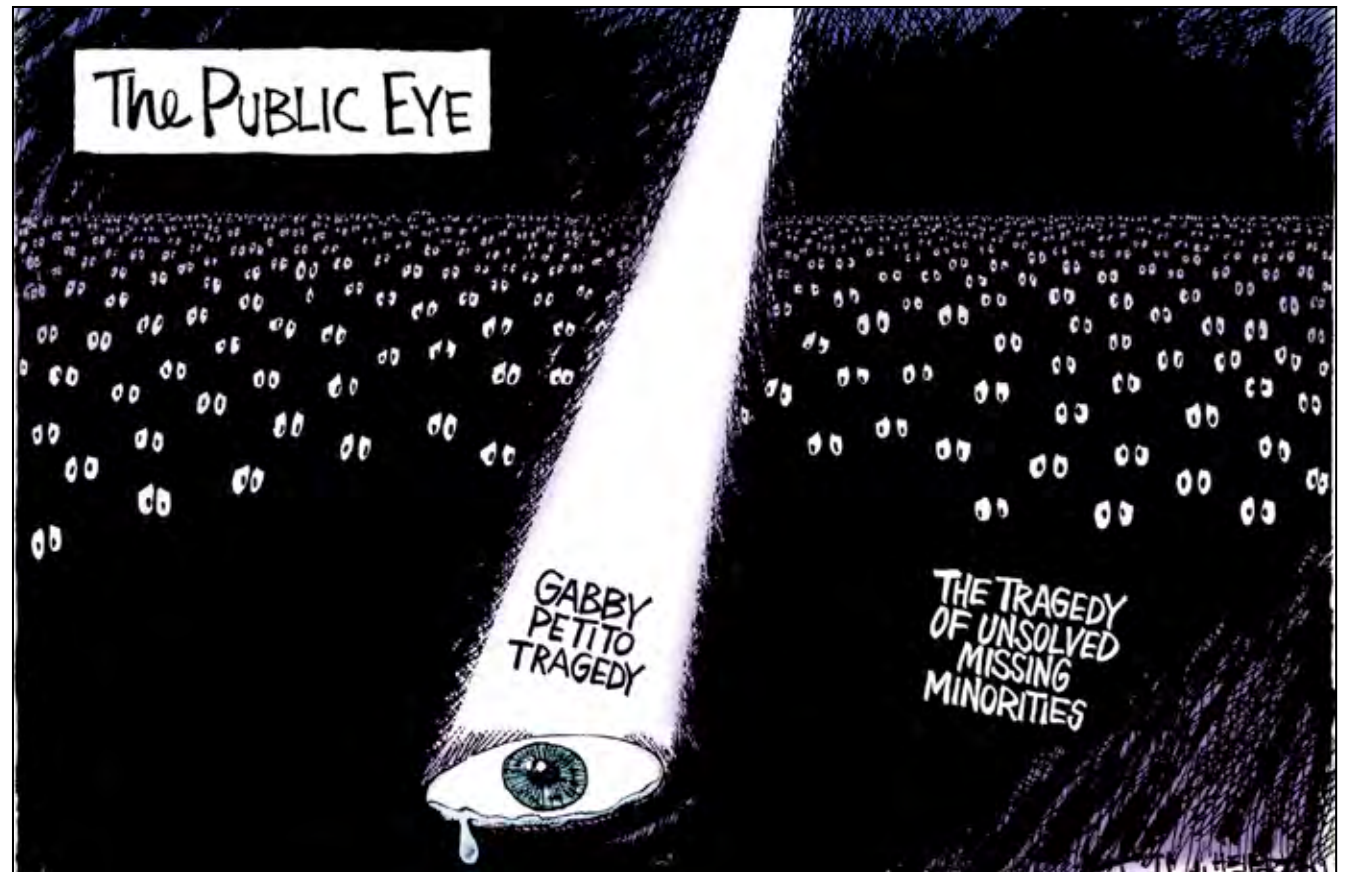
We need to find justice for this woman.

Those are noble feelings to have. There's just one problem. Petito is far from being the only missing woman to have been found murdered, but yet everyone's attention is on her horrible fate and whether the perpetrator will be found and punished. Does anyone realize how many women have disappeared, either to be found dead in some God-forsaken place or to never be found? If you don't believe me, just stroll up to your neighborhood Native American reservation and ask people there about their absent friends and neighbors.

Last year, the Menominee reservation highlighted some of its missing and murdered people. Among them was Katelyn Kelley, who was the same age as Petito when she disappeared in 2020. Her body was found on the reservation in March, but her killer has not been brought to justice. It has been over a year, but there has been no justice for her family. They are left with questions like, who would do something so horrible? Why would someone want to kill her? Who is so cold-hearted to take a life and leave Kelley to rot in the middle of nowhere?

Kelley's family has been dealing with the darkness for over a year now. The family of Lisa Ninham, another missing Menominee woman, has been seeking answers for 40 years. Rewards have been set up in exchange for information leading to the people who orchestrated these heinous crimes, but answers are not forthcoming. Why? It might have something to do with the fact that these people don't show up on the radar when we think of what America looks like.

Despite the fact that we have a roughly estimated thousands of



missing and murdered women in the Native American community alone, when we see that someone has disappeared on the national news, their skin is usually white. What would happen if all the major networks splashed the details of Katelyn Kelley or Lisa Ninham on their news feeds and broadcast news programs? Would folks be just as eager to hunt down their killers as they are to find the person who murdered Petito?

The plethora of missing and murdered Indigenous women used to be America's best-kept secret, but there are signs the tides are turning. The state of Wisconsin announced it was forming a task force to investigate this issue last year, and another such program was formed at the federal level. While solutions cannot come overnight, we need to push both of these agencies hard to seek out solutions, to make it possible that Kelley's case or Ninham's case receives the same full-court press that the Petito case has received.

The debate on all who are missing has even reached the federal Cabinet positions. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, a member of the Pueblo Laguna Tribe, commented recently about the need to shine the light on missing

and murdered Indigenous women, saying, "I see my mother. I see my aunties or my nieces or even my own child. So I feel that every woman and every person who is in this victimized place deserves attention and deserves to be cared about."

Obviously, journalists need to shoulder some of the blame for this phenomenon. We're so eager to showcase some fresh-faced white woman when we're writing about crime in our communities that we forget there are others with darker skin complexions, darker hair and darker life stories who have met horrible fates. That's wrong, and we need to do better.

However, the tides are shifting on this blemish in our society, as well. Dateline NBC recently featured a number of unsolved cases involving Native American women who have disappeared. Women like Olivia Lone Bear, a 32-year-old mother of five from the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in North Dakota, who last was seen in October 2017. Women like Cecelia Barber Finona, a 59-year-old Navajo woman who vanished from her home in May 2019 in Farmington, New Mexico.

Police are still searching for Kimberly Iron, a 21-year-old member of

the Crow Indian Reservation. If the national news had latched on to Iron's story when a missing persons report was filed in October of last year, would we have found this woman by now? Would the person who made her disappear be facing a prison sentence by now?

The segment by Dateline NBC and the task forces at the state and federal levels are a good start at shining a light on this dark corner of our societal makeup, but there's more than needs to be done.

Law enforcement officials need to apply the same pressure on all murder and kidnapping cases, not just the ones where the victim is fair-skinned.

News outlets need to give equal time to reporting all the women who have been murdered or just disappeared, whether it's Gabby Petito or Katelyn Kelley.

We must end the cycle.

Above all, we need to bring our friends and neighbors home. Regardless of what their skin color is, what their nationality is or even what side of the tracks they lived on, we need to bring them home.

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

Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Wetland

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that Macquarie under Part 58 has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11990, to determine the potential affect that its activity in the wetland will have on the human environment for Macquarie (Zahns Farm) Dairy Digester Project under USDA Rural Development (RDA) under its Rural Energy for America Program (REAP). The Project area consists of an 11-acre anaerobic digester. Impacts to wetlands are 4205 square feet. The proposed project is located Zahn's Farm at 6613 Mueller Hill Road in Gillett (Oconto County), Wisconsin.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by Macquarie at the following address on or before October 7, 2021: Andrea Rabe, 421 Commercial St, Klamath Falls, OR 97601 and 541-891-2137, Attention: Andrea Rabe, Consultant, during the hours of 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Comments may also be submitted via email at andrea@rabeconsulting.com.

Date: September 23, 2021

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Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a Wetland

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Macquarie has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: Site alternative, not chosen due to proximity to existing transmission corridor; avoiding placement of solar arrays on wetlands, not chosen due reduced number of arrays and permanent effects caused by access roads through wetlands. Any area that is disturbed from construction will be restored and low growth wetland vegetation allowed to regenerate.

Macquarie has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the wetland and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 and 11990, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments. This activity will have no significant impact on the environment for the following reasons:

The Project has been designed to minimize site impacts to the extent practicable. 4205 square feet of wetland will be impacted directly for the development of this Project.

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October 8, 2021

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County buys land for radio tower

The Oconto County Board has approved the purchase of 2.3 acres in the Town of Pensaukee for place-

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"Purchasing that property is going to eliminate us having to pay monthly rent for space on someone else's tower," Spice said, "so we will own this facility and in the long run that will give us the potential to possibly lease some of the tower and generate some revenue for the county."

Sheriff Todd Skarban estimated the county now spends \$238,000 a year for leasing space on other entities' radio towers at a cost of \$1,800 to \$2,600 monthly per location.



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SELLEN HITS THE GROUND RUNNING

The new face of the Oconto County Economic Development Corp. is Jayme Sellen, who took over as executive director after Paul Ehrfurth retired Sept. 1. She has dived headfirst into the future of Oconto County.
SEE STORY ON PAGE 3.

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New face of economic development in Oconto County

Sellen getting to know local business, education and government needs in new role

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

Jayme Sellen has hit the ground running as the new executive director of the Oconto County Economic Development Corp.

“My first day basically was a crash course in broadband and really how important that is to this area,” Sellen said during her first report to the Oconto County Board on Sept. 23.

Sellen took the helm of OCEDC, the county’s private-public partnership for tourism and economic development, upon the retirement of Paul Ehrfurth on Sept. 1. She came to the Oconto office after serving as vice president of economic development and government affairs for the Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce, and she served in a similar role for the Greater Green Bay Chamber for six and a half years before that.

Supervisor Rose Stellmacher, who chairs the county’s economic development committee, noted that Sellen has family ties to the county. Her grandparents were Cliff and Edith Sellen; Cliff Sellen represented the Lena area on the board for 18 years.

Jayme Sellen said one of her first tasks is working with Wayne Sleeter, the county’s technology services director, on a New North study of broadband feasibility and accessibility throughout the area.

Oconto County and private partner Bertram Communications currently have pending applications for state grants on projects to provide improved internet service in the Lakewood-Townsend area and the towns of Riverview and Mountain.

The Lakewood-Townsend project would serve an estimated 400 homes and businesses and would be completed in 2022-23. The project would cost \$1.445 million, and the application is for a \$945,710 grant that would be matched with \$250,000 each from Bertram and from the county.

The Riverview-Mountain project would serve about 500 homes and businesses and is also targeted for 2022-23. The \$2.095 million project would require a \$1.595 million state grant with the county and Bertram



Jayme Sellen delivers her first report to the Oconto County Board on Sept. 23. Sellen recently succeeded Paul Ehrfurth as executive director of the Oconto County Economic Development Corp.

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again contributing \$250,000 each.

Sellen told the county board Sept. 23 she had a great conversation with the contractor about “where we have towers in place, where we have unmet needs, and also the affordability of it, that’s a very important piece of this broadband puzzle, and making sure we have quality and affordable broadband.”

She said OCEDC is also planning meeting with other providers to see if it’s possible to bring some competition into the area, with a goal to increase quality and reduce the cost to consumers.

Broadband is just the tip of the iceberg as far as local economic development activities.

Sellen said she and the staff are

writing applications for Community Development investment grants with the city of Oconto, which has a couple of buildings that need some repair done before businesses can move in. The application will seek about \$50,000 and will come before the Economic Development Board for letters of support in the near future.

The USDA has recently notified OCEDC it will receive another year’s worth of grants to continue the Oconto County Business Innovation Development Program, which operates in tandem with consultant Mike Matthews.

“Basically he helps a lot of our small businesses with consulting and some technical expertise,” Sellen said. “So far Mike has helped over 64 businesses in the area with business plans, financial plans, and ways to move their businesses forward.”

The county is also in line for a relatively small Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. Institute Grant to help with some of those costs as well, she added.

OCEDC is exploring the Workplace Innovation Grant Program, which may be able to address workforce issues, Sellen said.

“We just don’t have enough people in the area or enough people retained in the area for work to meet the needs of the employers, so we’re working on putting together some programming and then potentially getting some funding for that,” she said.

Mainly the early weeks of her time in the new position involve meeting with a lot of the people she will be working with, including several county supervisors and a lot of businesses in the community, with an aim toward promoting tourism and strategic planning to “develop in the right way moving forward.”

She said she has heard that the No. 1 issue has been housing — the county needs more moderate-income housing to support the growing families business needs to attract. Other needs Sellen has heard about are child-care issues, better business and education partnerships, and, of course, broadband.

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Alshahrouri's areas of expertise include interventional pulmonology and advanced diagnostics, COPD, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin (AAT) deficiency, pulmonary hypertension, sepsis and septic

shock, endobronchial ultrasound (EBUS), navigational bronchoscopy, bronchial thermoplasty, electrocautery, cryotherapy and airway stenting.

Alshahrouri earned his medical degree at Albert Szent-Gyorgyi Medical University in Szeged, Hungary, and completed his residency as chief resident of internal medicine at University of Illinois, Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center in Chicago.

He completed his fellowship in

pulmonary and critical care at RUSH Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center, RUSH University Medical Center, Chicago.

Alshahrouri and his wife, who is also a physician, enjoy spending time with their children. He likes history, baroque music and reading about philosophy.

To schedule an appointment with Alshahrouri, call 715-735-5225 or visit bellin.org.

Pulaski woman named to physician assistant board

A Pulaski woman is among nine people Gov. Tony Evers has appointed to the new created Physician Assistant Affiliated Credentialing Board.

Cynthia Martin will be on the board when it replaces the Medical Examining Board's Council on Physician Assistants on April 1, 2022. She was appointed for a term due to expire July 1, 2023.

The board was created under 2021

Wisconsin Act 23, a bipartisan act which revises the regulatory oversight of physician assistants. The Act transfers credentialing of physician assistants to the new board, which consists of eight licensed physician assistants and one public member, each appointed for staggered four-year terms.

"Expanding access to quality, affordable health care, and ensuring

the health of Wisconsinites is, and has always been, a top priority," said Evers. "This board will make decisions that remove adverse barriers for physician assistants and improve their ability to provide critical services for Wisconsinites. I have faith that these individuals will perform their duty to the best of their ability, keeping the welfare of Wisconsinites in their hearts and minds."

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PACK'S DEFENSE SHOWING POSITIVE SIGNS

Unit has improved
since week 1 despite
missing key pieces

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Green Bay Packers defensive lineman Kenny Clark, left, and outside linebacker Rashan Gary rush Detroit Lions quarterback Jared Goff, right, during the team's game on Sept. 20 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

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Team effort has defense trending up

Unit was stout in run game vs. San Francisco

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Coming into the season, the Green Bay Packers pretty much knew what they were going to have on the offensive side of the ball.

The defense, on the other hand, was an unknown after bringing in Joe Barry as defensive coordinator.

Through the first six quarters of the season, the Packers' defense looked like it might be a hindrance to the team's lofty aspirations. But the last six quarters, the defense has shown some positive signs and should only continue improving as the players get familiar with the new schemes and as the unit gets healthier.

The defense's debut against the New Orleans Saints didn't go according to plan, as the Saints scored on six of its eight possessions — of the scores, five were touchdowns, so even the unit's bend but don't approach that was a familiar sight in years past was absent.

After the game, the team announced that pass-rushing linebacker Za'Darius Smith would go on injured reserve, so improved play seemed bleak.

The Packers' defense continued to struggle in the first half of the Detroit Lions game, allowing scores on three of four possessions in the first half. The unit was able to turn things around in the second half though as it shut out the Lions and only allowed only 145 yards, caused two turnovers and made two stops on fourth down.

Against a more complete San Francisco 49ers offense, the Packers defense continued its strong play. It might have been one of its best defensive showings in years had the special teams unit not set the defense up deep in its own territory at the end of the first half and had several questionable calls not gone against the unit in the second half.

"I was proud of our defensive effort," said coach Matt LaFleur. "Certainly, there's things to clean up, just like there is every week, but I thought they battled and did a really nice job."

Green Bay's defense made it a focal point to try and slow San Francisco's



Green Bay Packers outside linebackers Chauncey Rivers (47) and Jonathan Garvin (53) try and bring down Detroit Lions quarterback Jared Goff, left, during the team's game on Sept. 20 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. The Packers' defense has shown some promising signs after a tough opening week to the season.

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running game, and were able to accomplish that.

The 49ers managed just 67 rushing yards in the contest and averaged just 3.2 yards per rush.

Defensive lineman Kenny Clark helped set the tone for the defense and was constantly in the 49ers' backfield. As the game continued and San Fran sent more bodies at Clark, defensive linemen Dean Lowry, Tyler Lancaster and T.J. Slaton all were able to make some plays and create some pressure on the quarterback.

Speaking of the pass rush, the Packers had their best game getting after the quarterback, which is a promising sign with Za'Darius Smith out of the lineup.

Green Bay was credited with 11 quarterback hits on the night, with outside linebacker Preston Smith leading the way with three. Fellow OLB Rashan Gary and Jonathan Garvin had two each while Clark, Lowry, Slaton and linebacker Oren Burks had one each.

Green Bay had four sacks in the contest and also forced the fumble from Jimmy Garoppolo on the backwards pass in the fourth quarter. The Packers other takeaway came early in the second quarter when cornerback

Jaire Alexander ran down a deep ball by Garoppolo.

"I thought, for the most part, our guys played pretty physical," said LaFleur. "We were playing together. I felt like just the effort, the overall effort on the defensive side of the ball was really good."

"I thought we were swarming to the football and just did a nice job tackling for the most part."

The stat sheet showed that.

Green Bay finished the night with six passes defended along with Alexander's interception. Alexander had three of the pass breakups.

The defense also was able to limit big plays. The longest San Fran run was 16 yards, with new middle linebacker De'Vondre Campbell and safeties Darnell Savage and Adrian Amos doing a nice job in run support.

Campbell led the team in tackles for a second-straight week with 11 combined. He also recovered the fumble by Garoppolo and showed off his speed with a couple open field tackles.

Along with missing Za'Darius Smith for the contest, the unit was also down cornerback Kevin King, who missed the game with an illness. That thrust rookie Eric Stokes into a starting role.

Stokes was whistled for a pair of

pass interference calls — although his second one was a highly questionable call where he barely made contact with the receiver — but otherwise held his own.

San Fran tried to attack Stokes, but he remained physical despite his couple PI calls. He finished with five total tackles and knocked down a pass.

"I thought he competed and did a really nice job," said LaFleur of Stokes.

The Packers also had Lancaster and middle linebacker Krys Barnes leave with injuries, which opened up some opportunities for Slaton and Burks.

While the Packers would of course rather be 100 percent healthy and have its best 11 starters on the field, building up the confidence of some of the backups should only help as the season continues on. It also gives the team some much-needed depth.

The next test for the Packers' defense comes against a Pittsburgh Steelers' offense that has underperformed so far this season. Pittsburgh has been sacked eight times through three games and ranks near the bottom of the league in total yards and rushing yards. The Steelers are averaging just 16.7 points per game, which is bottom five in the NFL.

Rodgers rallies Packers past 49ers

Mason Crosby kicks game-winning field goal as time expires

By JOSH DUBOW

The Associated Press

Aaron Rodgers completed two deep passes to Davante Adams on a last-minute drive, setting up Mason Crosby's 51-yard field goal on the final play of the game that gave the Green Bay Packers a 30-28 victory over the San Francisco 49ers on Sept. 26 in Santa Clara, California.

"My first thoughts in devising how I wanted to get us into field-goal range was how could I get 17 (Adams) the ball," Rodgers said.

Rodgers delivered for the Packers after Jimmy Garoppolo gave San Francisco the lead on a 12-yard TD pass to Kyle Juszczyk with 37 seconds to play.

Green Bay had no timeouts, but Rodgers completed passes of 25 and 17 yards to Adams to set up the game-winning kick and a raucous celebration in the end zone.

Adams came back after taking a hard hit from Jimmie Ward that looked like it could knock him out of the game and finished with 12 catches for 132 yards.

"How can you not be romantic about football?" Rodgers said.

The comeback spoiled the first game for the 49ers with fans since beating Green Bay in the 2019 NFC title game. San Francisco had rallied from 17 points down to take the lead before getting crushed by Rodgers.

"Celebrating with the guys in the end zone, seeing that energy and feeling that juice, is what it's all about," Crosby said. "And then carrying on into the locker room and guys pouring water all over my head and everybody, that's what this game is all about. It was really special."

Rodgers threw for 261 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Packers to back-to-back wins after a season-opening 38-3 loss to New Orleans. Rodgers had six TD passes and no interceptions in wins over San Francisco and Detroit.

The Niners returned home following back-to-back road wins back East but struggled to slow down Rodgers.

Rodgers connected on a 1-yard TD pass to Adams and a 12-yarder in the fourth quarter to Marquez Valdes-Scantling as he exploited a banged-up 49ers secondary that lost two more players to injuries.

Starting cornerback Jason Verrett went down with a season-ending knee



Green Bay Packers kicker Mason Crosby (2) kicks the game-winning field goal from the hold of Corey Bojorquez during the second half of a game against the San Francisco 49ers on Sept. 26 in Santa Clara, California.

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injury in the opener, and K'Waun Williams (calf) and Josh Norman (chest) left this game in the first half with injuries.

The Packers were dealing with their own injury problems on the offensive line with their top linemen missing; Elton Jenkins is out with an ankle injury, and David Bakhtiari is on the physically unable to perform list with a knee injury.

Rodgers got rid of the ball quickly to neutralize Nick Bosa and the Niners pass rush and was only sacked once in the win.

Fast start

The Packers got off to a fast start with scores on their first two drives.

Rodgers connected on a 42-yard pass to Allen Lazard on the first drive

to set up a field goal by Mason Crosby.

Rodgers then hit Valdes-Scantling on a 47-yarder to set up the short TD pass to Adams. Rodgers was 9 for 9 for 127 yards in the quarter.

Double dip

The Niners avoided being shut out in the first half when they scored on the final play. After Garoppolo got away with an apparent intentional grounding that would have ended the half, Lance came in for his first snap since the opener. He ran behind a big block from Trent Williams for a 1-yard score that cut Green Bay's lead to 17-7.

Packers coach Matt LaFleur was angry about the lack of the intentional grounding call and gave referee Jerome Boger an earful on his way off

the field.

San Francisco then scored on the opening possession of the second half when Garoppolo hit Brandon Aiyuk on an 8-yard TD pass as the Niners scored 14 points without Rodgers touching the ball.

Injury report

Packers: Adams was down for a few minutes after taking a hard hit from Ward that didn't lead to a penalty. His teammates knelt near him as he was being treated but he was able to return after missing only one play.

LB Krys Barnes left the game in the first half with a concussion. DL Tyler Lancaster was evaluated for a concussion in the second half. WR Valdes-Scantling (hamstring) also left the game in the fourth quarter.

PACKERS ROSTER

Active

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2	Mason Crosby	K	6-1	207	36	15	Colorado
7	Corey Bojorquez	P	6-0	217	24	4	New Mexico
8	Amari Rodgers	WR	5-9	212	21	R	Clemson
10	Jordan Love	QB	6-4	219	22	2	Utah State
12	Aaron Rodgers	QB	6-2	225	37	17	California
13	Allen Lazard	WR	6-5	227	25	3	Iowa State
17	Davante Adams	WR	6-1	215	28	8	Fresno State
18	Randall Cobb	WR	5-10	195	31	11	Kentucky
20	Kevin King	CB	6-3	200	26	5	Washington
21	Eric Stokes	CB	6-0	194	22	R	Georgia
22	Shemar Jean-Charles	CB	5-10	184	23	R	Appalachian State
23	Jaire Alexander	CB	5-10	196	24	4	Louisville
24	Isaac Yiadom	CB	6-1	190	25	4	Boston College
26	Darnell Savage	S	5-11	198	24	3	Maryland
28	AJ Dillon	RB	6-0	247	23	2	Boston College
31	Adrian Amos	S	6-0	214	28	7	Penn State
32	Kylin Hill	RB	5-10	214	23	R	Mississippi State
33	Aaron Jones	RB	5-9	208	26	5	Texas-El Paso
36	Vernon Scott	S	6-2	202	23	2	TCU
39	Chandon Sullivan	CB	5-11	189	25	4	Georgia State
41	Henry Black	S	6-0	204	24	2	Baylor
42	Oren Burks	LB	6-3	233	26	4	Vanderbilt
43	Hunter Bradley	LS	6-3	241	27	4	Mississippi State
44	Ty Summers	LB	6-1	241	25	3	TCU
47	Chauncey Rivers	LB	6-2	259	24	1	Mississippi State
51	Krys Barnes	LB	6-2	229	23	2	UCLA
52	Rashan Gary	LB	6-5	277	23	3	Michigan
53	Jonathan Garvin	LB	6-4	257	22	2	Miami
54	La'Darius Hamilton	LB	6-2	261	23	1	North Texas
58	Isaiah McDuffie	LB	6-1	227	22	R	Boston College
59	De'Vondre Campbell	LB	6-3	232	28	6	Minnesota
62	Lucas Patrick	G	6-3	313	28	5	Duke
67	Jake Hanson	C	6-4	296	24	1	Oregon
70	Royce Newman	T/G	6-5	310	24	R	Mississippi
71	Josh Myers	C/G	6-5	310	23	R	Ohio State
73	Yosh Nijman	T	6-7	314	25	2	Virginia Tech
74	Elgton Jenkins	G	6-5	311	25	3	Mississippi State
76	Jon Runyan	G	6-4	307	24	2	Michigan

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

Reserve/Injured

25	Will Redmond	S	5-11	186	27	6	Mississippi State
49	Dominique Dafney	TE	6-2	243	24	1	Indiana State
55	Za'Darius Smith	LB	6-4	272	28	7	Kentucky
56	Randy Ramsey	LB	6-3	238	25	2	Arkansas

Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform

69	David Bakhtiari	T	6-4	310	29	9	Colorado
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6	Kurt Benkert	QB	6-3	218	26	2	Virginia
9	J.J. Molson	K	5-11	180	24	1	UCLA
16	Chris Blair	WR	6-2	198	23	R	Alcorn State
19	Equanimeous St. Brown	WR	6-5	214	24	4	Notre Dame
27	Patrick Taylor	RB	6-2	217	23	1	Memphis
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	23	1	Iowa State
48	Kabion Ento	CB	6-1	187	25	2	Colorado
50	Tipa Galeai	LB	6-5	229	24	1	Utah State
57	Ray Wilborn	LB	6-3	230	24	1	Ball State
64	Ben Braden	G	6-6	329	27	2	Michigan
78	Cole Van Lanen	T/G	6-4	305	23	R	Wisconsin
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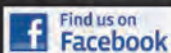
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19	Julu Smith-Schuster	WR	6-1	215	24	5	USC
20	Cameron Sutton	CB	5-11	188	26	5	Tennessee
21	Tre Norwood	DB	6-0	194	22	R	Oklahoma
22	Najee Harris	RB	6-1	232	22	R	Alabama
23	Joe Haden	CB	5-11	195	32	12	Florida
24	Benny Snell Jr.	RB	5-10	224	23	3	Kentucky
25	Ahkello Witherspoon	CB	6-2	195	26	5	Colorado
27	Marcus Allen	LB	6-2	215	25	3	Penn State
28	Miles Killebrew	S	6-2	222	28	6	Southern Utah State
29	Kalen Ballage	RB	6-2	231	25	4	Arizona State
31	Justin Layne	CB	6-2	192	23	3	Michigan State
34	Terrell Edmunds	S	6-1	217	24	4	Virginia Tech
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39	Minkah Fitzpatrick	S	6-1	207	24	4	Alabama
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60	J.C. Hassenauer	C	6-2	295	26	2	Alabama
65	Dan Moore Jr.	OT	6-5	315	23	R	Texas A&M
67	B.J. Finney	C/G	6-4	318	29	6	Kansas State

69	Kevin Dotson	OL	6-4	321	25	2	Louisiana
71	Joe Haeg	OT	6-6	298	28	6	North Dakota State
73	Carlos Davis	DT	6-2	320	25	2	Nebraska
76	Chukwuma Okorafor	OL	6-6	320	24	4	Western Michigan
79	Rashaad Coward	OL	6-5	319	26	4	Old Dominion
81	Zach Gentry	TE	6-8	265	25	3	Michigan
85	Eric Ebron	TE	6-4	253	28	8	North Carolina
88	Pat Freiermuth	TE	6-5	258	22	R	Penn State
90	T.J. Watt	LB	6-4	252	26	5	Wisconsin
92	Isaiahh Loudermilk	DE	6-7	240	23	R	Wisconsin
93	Joe Schobert	LB	6-1	240	27	6	Wisconsin
95	Chris Wormley	DL	6-5	300	27	5	Michigan
96	Isaiah Buggs	DE	6-3	295	25	3	Alabama
97	Cameron Heyward	DT	6-5	295	32	11	Ohio State
99	Henry Mondeaux	DE	6-4	280	26	2	Oregon

Reserve/Injured

5	Joshua Dobbs	QB	6-3	210	26	5	Tennessee
26	Anthony McFarland Jr.	RB	5-8	193	22	2	Maryland
72	Zach Banner	OT	6-8	335	27	5	USC
91	Stephon Tuitt	DE	6-6	303	28	8	Notre Dame
93	Demarcus Christnas	DT	6-3	302	26	1	Florida State
94	Tyson Alualu	DE	6-3	304	34	12	California

Practice Squad

17	Mark Gilbert	CB	6-1	175	24	R	Duke
30	Karl Joseph	S	5-10	200	28	6	West Virginia
33	Trey Edmunds	RB	6-2	223	26	4	Maryland
37	Donovan Stiner	S	6-2	210	22	R	Florida
38	Jaylen Samuels	RB	6-0	225	25	4	North Carolina State
48	Derrek Tuszka	OLB	6-5	246	25	2	North Dakota State
50	Delontae Scott	LB	6-5	246	24	1	SMU
50	Tyler Vaughns	WR	6-2	184	24	R	USC
61	Daniel Archibong	DT	6-6	307	24	R	Temple
64	Malcolm Pridgeon	G	6-7	310	26	1	Ohio State
74	Chaz Green	OT	6-5	318	29	5	Florida
77	John Leglue	OT	6-7	310	25	1	Tulane
82	Steven Sims	WR	5-10	176	24	3	Kansas
87	Kevin Rader	TE	6-4	250	26	1	Youngstown State
98	Taco Charlton	DL	6-5	270	26	5	Michigan

Practice Squad/Injured

84	Rico Bussey	WR	6-2	190	23	R	Hawaii
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GREEN BAY PACKERS (2-1)
vs. PITTSBURGH STEELERS (1-2)
WHEN: 3:25 p.m., Sunday
WHERE: Lambeau Field
TV: CBS
RADIO: 620 AM (WTMJ), Sirius
Satellite Radio (WTMJ feed)

OFFENSE

FYI

Rosters and depth charts are accurate as of Sept. 26, 11 p.m.

THE SERIES

Packers vs. Steelers
All-time, regular season: 18-16
All-time, postseason: 1-0
All-time, at Packers: 11-8
Streaks: Despite the Green Bay Packers lead in the series, the Pittsburgh Steelers have won five of the last six matchups. The one matchup over that timeframe that the Packers won was Super Bowl XLV, which Green Bay won 31-25. Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers hasn't played the last two games against the Steelers, with his last meeting with Pittsburgh was the Super Bowl.
Last meeting, regular season: Nov. 26, 2017, Steelers won 31-28 at Heinz Field

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	3:25 p.m.	CBS
Oct. 10	at Cincinnati	noon	FOX
Oct. 17	at Chicago	noon	FOX
Oct. 24	vs. Washington	noon	FOX
Oct. 28	at Arizona	7:20	FOX
Nov. 7	at Kansas City	3:25 p.m.	FOX
Nov. 14	vs. Seattle	3:25 p.m.	CBS
Nov. 21	at Minnesota	noon	FOX
Nov. 28	vs. L.A. Rams	3:25 p.m.	FOX
BYE WEEK			
Dec. 12	vs. Chicago	7:20 p.m.	NBC
Dec. 19	at Baltimore	noon	FOX
Dec. 25	vs. Cleveland	3:30 p.m.	FOX
Jan. 2	vs. Minnesota	7:20 p.m.	NBC
Jan. 9	at Detroit	noon	FOX

DEFENSE

WR
Davante Adams
Allen Lazard

TE
Robert Tonyan

RT
Billy Turner
Dennis Kelly

RG
Royce Newman
Jon Runyan

C
Josh Myers
Jake Hanson

LG
Lucas Patrick
Jon Runyan

LT
Elgton Jenkins
Yosh Nijman

TE
Marcedes Lewis
Josiah Deguara

WR
Marquez Valdes-Scantling
Randall Cobb

CB
Jaire Alexander
Chandon Sullivan

DE
Dean Lowry
Tyler Lancaster

NT
Kenny Clark
T.J. Slaton

DE
Kingsley Keke
Jack Heflin

CB
Kevin King
Eric Stokes

OLB
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Chauncey Rivers

ILB
Krys Barnes
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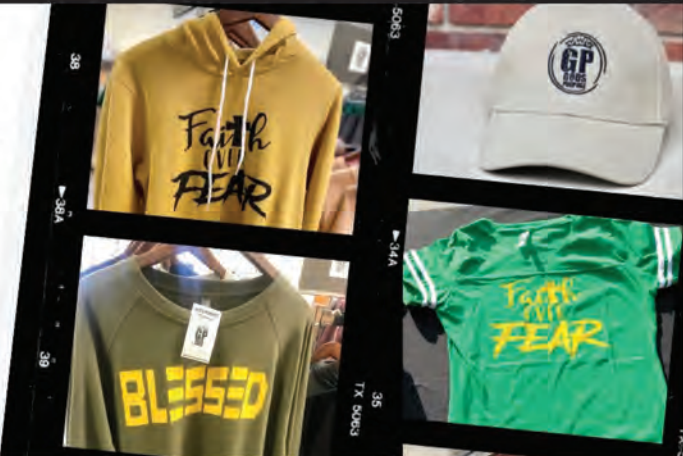
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FB
Derek Watt



WR
Diontae Johnson
James Washington

RT
Chukwuma Okorafor
Joe Haeg

RG
Trai Turner
B.J. Finney

C
Kendrick Green
J.C. Hassenauer

LG
Kevin Dotson
Rashaad Coward

LT
Dan Moore Jr.
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TE
Eric Ebron
Pat Freiermuth

DEFENSE



CB
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Justin Layne

DE
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Isaiah Buggs
Henry Mondeaux



CB
Cameron Sutton
James Pierre

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Melvin Ingram III

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Devin Bush
Marcus Allen

ILB
Joe Schobert
Robert Spillane

OLB
Alex Highsmith
Melvin Ingram III

S
Terrell Edmunds
Miles Killebrew

S
Minkah Fitzpatrick
Tre Norwood

SCHEDULE

Sunday's Games
Tennessee at N.Y. Jets, noon
Kansas City at Philadelphia, noon
Carolina at Dallas, noon
N.Y. Giants at New Orleans, noon
Cleveland at Minnesota, noon
Detroit at Chicago, noon
Houston at Buffalo, noon
Indianapolis at Miami, noon
Washington at Atlanta, noon
Seattle at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Arizona at L.A. Rams, 3:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Green Bay, 3:25 p.m.
Baltimore at Denver, 3:25 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New England, 7:20 p.m.

Monday's Game
Las Vegas at L.A. Chargers, 7:20 p.m.

Thursday's Game
L.A. Rams at Seattle, 7:20 p.m.

STANDINGS

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



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NOTEBOOK

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

Clutch Crosby

A 51-yard field goal to win the game?

With red-hot Mason Crosby, no doubt about it.

“Just said a quick prayer but, in my mind, the game was over,” receiver Davante Adams said.

Crosby was one of the heroes of the Green Bay Packers’ 30-28 victory over the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday night. With three more field goals, Crosby extended his streak to 22 consecutive successful field goals — the second-longest in franchise history behind his 23-kick run a decade ago.

The game-winner, set up by completions of 25 and 17 yards from Aaron Rodgers to Adams in the final seconds, was the biggest of the bunch.

“As soon as I hit it, I was kind of leaning and then, as I was trying to get a visual on it to make sure it had the distance, nothing crazy happened and then I just kind of went blank,” Crosby said. “Took off running. Everybody else was watching. I was already going.”

Since the start of the 2016 season, Crosby is 7-of-8 on game-winning opportunities. That includes his go-ahead and winning kicks in the final two minutes against Dallas in the 2016 playoffs.

“Obviously, just knowing what those moments feel like, what kind of the end result and the celebration, you just kind of have that experience from past moments, so that was a big one,” he said. “It was a 51-yarder, so you’ve got to hit it true and hit it solid. Celebrating with the guys in the end zone, seeing that energy and feeling that juice is what it’s all about. And then carrying on into the locker room and guys pouring water all over my head and on everybody, that’s what this game is all about. It was really special.”

The kick was perfect. The protection was not. San Francisco defensive back Dontae Johnson almost blocked it; photos show the ball just missing his outstretched fingers.

“It was pretty close,” coach Matt LaFleur said on Monday. “I thought Bobby (Tonyan) did as well as he could have done on the edge, as well. (Johnson) just got a really good jump on the snap and he made it close. We talk all the time about protecting from inside out. I think over the course of last season, I want to say there was something like only four kicks blocked from the perimeter. Most of it comes from internal pressure. So, our guys were stout inside and the guy got a



Green Bay Packers kicker Mason Crosby looks up during the team's game against the Detroit Lions on Sept. 20 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. Crosby made the game-winning kick against the San Francisco 49ers in week two.

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really good jump on it and, thankfully, he missed it.”

During the game, Crosby passed Hall of Famer Jan Stenerud on the career scoring list and became the 18th player in NFL history with 1,700 career points. His field-goal streak is impressive but he’s barely halfway to the NFL-record streak of 44 consecutive field goals, set by Adam Vinatieri of the Indianapolis Colts from 2015 through 2016. New England’s Nick Folk has the longest active streak at 35.

“Mason just continuing from what he did last year,” Adams said. “He kicked the leather off the ball. It makes

it much more comforting knowing that we don’t have to go down there and score (a touchdown) because we have such a reliable kicker. In my mind, once we completed that second one and spiked it, we had that one pretty much knotted up.”

King for a day

Sunday’s game against the Pittsburgh Steelers could bring a painful reminder of what could have been for the Packers.

Entering the 2017 draft, the Packers had a big need at cornerback, with Damarious Randall and Quinten Rol-

ins underachieving and Micah Hyde having left in free agency. They also had a big need at outside linebacker, with Julius Peppers departing in free agency and Clay Matthews on the decline.

Armed with the 29th selection, the board fell then-general manager Ted Thompson’s way. Edge rusher T.J. Watt, who grew up in Pewaukee and starred at Wisconsin, surprisingly was still available. So was cornerback Kevin King. Thompson traded out of the first round in a deal with Cleveland, acquiring a fourth-round pick to move back to No. 33.

The Steelers selected Watt at No. 30. Thompson pounced on King a few picks later.

Watt has become one of the NFL's truly elite defenders. In his first four NFL seasons, he recorded 49 sacks and 17 forced fumbles. He led the league in sacks in 2020 and forced fumbles in 2019. He is a three-time Pro Bowler and two-time All-Pro. On the eve of the start of the 2021 season, he signed a four-year, \$112 million contract extension.

"This is a dream to play for an organization like this," Watt said after signing. "It's everything from on the field to off the field. On the field, it's a 3-4 defense. I'm an outside linebacker. That is a player's dream. To play for Blitzburgh, to play for this city, to play for the fans is also a dream. To play for the Rooney family is also a dream. It's incredible and I get chills talking about it, being a part of an organization that has such rich tradition and it's not some rich billionaire came in and bought a team and started it because he had all this money."

Almost all of those words could have been said about Green Bay. Instead, the Packers wound up with King, who has been injury-prone and inconsistent. With only two more career interceptions than Watt, he re-signed this offseason on a meager

one-year deal worth \$5 million. Making matters worse, general manager Brian Gutekunst had to use his first-round pick this year on a cornerback, Eric Stokes.

If that's not bad enough, Gutekunst had to open the vault to sign Za'Darius Smith and Preston Smith and burn a first-round pick on Rashan Gary in 2019 to provide the pass rush that Watt has provided for the Steelers.

Watt missed last week's game against Cincinnati with a groin injury. In two games, he's got three sacks and two forced fumbles. With Za'Darius Smith on injured reserve with a back injury, all of Green Bay's outside linebackers combined have contributed two sacks and zero forced fumbles in three games.

In Yosh they trust

San Francisco defensive end Nick Bosa vs. Green Bay left tackle Yosh Nijman looked like a colossal mismatch last week.

Bosa, the No. 2 pick of the 2019 draft and the son of a former first-round pick, won Rookie of the Year honors with nine sacks. Nijman, an undrafted free agent in 2019 and the son of parents born in Suriname, had played zero meaningful offensive snaps in his first two-plus seasons.

Getting the start for injured Elgton Jenkins (ankle), Nijman survived a rocky start and played a key role in Green Bay's offensive success.

"I think I was a little bit crazy; my footwork and everything," Nijman said afterward. "I think I just needed the first drive to get the jitterbugs out. I think later on in the game, I kind of settled down a little bit, got in the flow of it and everything. With that mindset, I was trying to stay cool, calm and collected."

Green Bay's line was incredibly young. Four of the five starters had made five career starts: zero for Nijman, one for left guard Jon Runyan, two for rookie center Josh Myers and two for rookie right guard Royce Newman.

"Really, really proud of the boys," Adams said. "Yosh hasn't had a whole lot of opportunities, especially against teams like that. For him to be thrust into that position, really proud of him. I love that dude. When we switched sides of the field for the fourth quarter, he's waking by me and I'm turning everybody up, I'm going crazy. He looks me and he goes, 'It's just a blessing to play with you guys. I really enjoy this.' It kind of slowed me down for a second and I got real appreciative for having a teammate like that."

Back to work

Whether it's the thrill of victory (like beating San Francisco) or the agony of defeat (like getting crushed by New Orleans in the opener), LaFleur's message is always the same.

Hit the reset button and move onto the next game. So, while this was a huge victory, it's time to turn the page to Sunday's game against the Steelers. Pittsburgh is 1-2 and coming off back-to-back home losses.

"It's a confidence booster," LaFleur said of beating the 49ers. "Anytime you go into a team that is one of the premier teams in this league, into a hostile environment, that had a playoff-type atmosphere, that was 2-0, in their home opener, I think that definitely gives you confidence. But, ultimately, you've got to go back to work."

"We know we have a great team coming in here, a team that's going to be really hungry. I know they haven't started necessarily the way they've wanted to, but I've got so much respect for Mike Tomlin and just what he's been able to accomplish through the course of his career. We'll have our work cut out for us, and we're going to have to have a great week of preparation in order to defeat the Steelers."

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 Cleveland @ Minnesota
 NY Giants @ New Orleans
 Tennessee @ NY Jets
 Arizona @ LA Rams
 Seattle @ San Francisco
 Baltimore @ Denver
 Pittsburgh @ Green Bay
 Tampa Bay @ New England
 Las Vegas @ LA Chargers Mon., Oct. 4

Tie Breaker Game:
 Kansas City @ Philadelphia

Weekly Standings

	Weekly Record	Overall Record
Buss Automotive.....	11-5.....	33-15
Dennis Brei.....	12-4.....	33-15
God's Purpose Apparel.....	10-6.....	32-16
22 Shell.....	12-4.....	30-18
P & D Sales & service.....	10-6.....	30-18
B & C Auto Recycling.....	11-5.....	30-18
Tim Murphy.....	11-5.....	30-18
Tower Clock Eye Center.....	12-4.....	30-18
Hawkeye Hearth & Home.....	11-5.....	29-19

Weekly Standings

	Weekly Record	Overall Record
Shawano Place Assisted Living.....	10-6.....	29-19
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This Week's Picks:

Cincinnati	Cleveland	Green Bay
Washington	New Orleans	Tampa Bay
Buffalo	Tennessee	LA Chargers
Chicago	LA Rams	
Dallas	Seattle	
Indianapolis	Baltimore	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score : Kansas City 31 @ Philadelphia 24



Tim Murphy
Shawano
Leader

This Week's Picks:

Cincinnati	Cleveland	Green Bay
Atlanta	New Orleans	Tampa Bay
Buffalo	Tennessee	LA Chargers
Chicago	LA Rams	
Carolina	San Francisco	
Miami	Baltimore	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 24 @ Philadelphia 17



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This Week's Picks:

Cincinnati	Cleveland	Green Bay
Washington	New Orleans	Tampa Bay
Buffalo	Tennessee	LA Chargers
Detroit	LA Rams	
Carolina	San Francisco	
Miami	Denver	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 21 @ Philadelphia 14

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This Week's Picks:

Cincinnati	Cleveland	Green Bay
Atlanta	New Orleans	Tampa Bay
Buffalo	Tennessee	Las Vegas
Detroit	LA Rams	
Dallas	San Francisco	
Miami	Baltimore	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 34 @ Philadelphia 20



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This Week's Picks:

Cincinnati	Cleveland	Green Bay
Atlanta	New Orleans	Tampa Bay
Buffalo	Tennessee	LA Chargers
Chicago	LA Rams	
Dallas	San Francisco	
Miami	Baltimore	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 28 @ Philadelphia 21



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This Week's Picks:

Cincinnati	Minnesota	Green Bay
Atlanta	New Orleans	Tampa Bay
Buffalo	Tennessee	LA Chargers
Detroit	LA Rams	
Dallas	San Francisco	
Miami	Baltimore	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 28 @ Philadelphia 13



Robert Buss
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This Week's Picks:

Cincinnati	Minnesota	Green Bay
Washington	New Orleans	Tampa Bay
Buffalo	Tennessee	LA Chargers
Detroit	LA Rams	
Carolina	San Francisco	
Miami	Baltimore	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 35 @ Philadelphia 17



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This Week's Picks:

Cincinnati	Cleveland	Green Bay
Atlanta	New Orleans	Tampa Bay
Buffalo	Tennessee	LA Chargers
Chicago	LA Rams	
Dallas	San Francisco	
Miami	Denver	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 31 @ Philadelphia 20



Caroline
Idell Johnston
State Farm Agent

This Week's Picks:

Cincinnati	Cleveland	Green Bay
Atlanta	New Orleans	Tampa Bay
Buffalo	Tennessee	LA Chargers
Chicago	LA Rams	
Dallas	San Francisco	
Miami	Baltimore	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 35 @ Philadelphia 17



Scott Nyman
Cirinity

This Week's Picks:

Cincinnati	Minnesota	Green Bay
Atlanta	NY Giants	Tampa Bay
Buffalo	NY Jets	Las Vegas
Detroit	LA Rams	
Dallas	San Francisco	
Indianapolis	Denver	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 28 @ Philadelphia 17



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This Week's Picks:

Cincinnati	Cleveland	Green Bay
Atlanta	New Orleans	Tampa Bay
Buffalo	Tennessee	LA Chargers
Chicago	LA Rams	
Dallas	San Francisco	
Indianapolis	Baltimore	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 42 @ Philadelphia 17



Jim Wiegand
Tower Clock
Eye Center

This Week's Picks:

Cincinnati	Cleveland	Green Bay
Washington	New Orleans	Tampa Bay
Buffalo	Tennessee	Las Vegas
Chicago	LA Rams	
Dallas	San Francisco	
Indianapolis	Baltimore	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 38 @ Philadelphia 13



Russ
Gehm's
Club 117

This Week's Picks:

Cincinnati	Minnesota	Pittsburgh
Washington	New Orleans	Tampa Bay
Buffalo	Tennessee	LA Chargers
Chicago	LA Rams	
Dallas	Seattle	
Indianapolis	Baltimore	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 34 @ Philadelphia 24



Shane Senn
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Insurance

This Week's Picks:

Cincinnati	Minnesota	Pittsburgh
Atlanta	New Orleans	Tampa Bay
Buffalo	Tennessee	LA Chargers
Chicago	LA Rams	
Carolina	San Francisco	
Miami	Baltimore	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 24 @ Philadelphia 28



Brenda
22 Shell

This Week's Picks:

Cincinnati	Cleveland	Green Bay
Atlanta	New Orleans	Tampa Bay
Buffalo	Tennessee	Las Vegas
Detroit	LA Rams	
Dallas	Seattle	
Miami	Baltimore	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 42 @ Philadelphia 13



Chris
God's Purpose
Apparel

This Week's Picks:

Cincinnati	Cleveland	Green Bay
Washington	New Orleans	Tampa Bay
Buffalo	Tennessee	LA Chargers
Chicago	LA Rams	
Dallas	Seattle	
Indianapolis	Baltimore	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 31 @ Philadelphia 24



Aaron
Shawano
Place

This Week's Picks:

Cincinnati	Cleveland	Green Bay
Washington	New Orleans	Tampa Bay
Buffalo	Tennessee	LA Chargers
Chicago	LA Rams	
Dallas	Seattle	
Indianapolis	Baltimore	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 35 @ Philadelphia 17



Dale
Hawkeye
Hearth & Home

This Week's Picks:

Cincinnati	Cleveland	Green Bay
Atlanta	New Orleans	Tampa Bay
Buffalo	Tennessee	LA Chargers
Detroit	LA Rams	
Dallas	Seattle	
Miami	Baltimore	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 27 @ Philadelphia 17

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Sunday, September 12	3:25 pm	@ New Orleans Saints	FOX	
Monday, September 20	7:15 pm	DETROIT LIONS	ESPN	
Sunday, September 26	7:20 pm	@ San Francisco 49ers	NBC	
OCTOBER				
Sunday, October 03	3:25 pm	Pittsburgh Steelers (GOLD)	CBS	
Thursday, October 07	NOON*	@ Cincinnati Bengals	FOX	
Sunday, October 17	NOON*	@ Chicago Bears	FOX	
Sunday, October 24	NOON*	WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM	FOX	
Thursday, October 28	7:00 pm	@ Arizona Cardinals	FOX	
NOVEMBER				
Sunday, November 07	7:25 pm*	@ Kansas City Chiefs	FOX	
Sunday, November 14	3:25 pm*	SEATTLE SEAHAWKS	CBS	
Sunday, November 21	NOON*	@ Minnesota Vikings	FOX	
Sunday, November 28	5:25 pm*	LOS ANGELES DOLPHINS (GOLD)	FOX	
DECEMBER				
BYE WEEK				
Sunday, December 12	7:20 pm*	UNITED STATES	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	

KEYS TO GAME

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The Green Bay Packers (2-1) host the Pittsburgh Steelers (1-2) at 3:25 p.m. Oct. 3 at Lambeau Field. CBS will televise the game.

History

Green Bay leads the series 19-16, though Pittsburgh has won the last two and five of the last six. In their last matchup, the Steelers won 31-28 at Heinz Field on Nov. 26, 2017. Brett Hundley threw three touchdown passes and Jamaal Williams had two scores for the Packers, including a 4-yard run late in the fourth quarter to tie the score, but Chris Boswell made a 53-yard field goal on the final play to win the game.

Coaches

Green Bay – Matt LaFleur, 28-7, third season. Pittsburgh — Mike Tomlin, 146-80-1, 15th season. Tomlin is 3-1 against the Packers. He is 22nd in NFL history in wins; former Steelers coach Bill Cowher is 20th with 149.

When the Packers have the ball

Green Bay's three-point debacle in the opener against New Orleans is but a memory now that it's scored 30-plus points in each of its last two games.

With coordinator Keith Butler directing a 3-4 scheme, the Steelers

are 12th with 22 points allowed per game and 13th in total defense (354.7 yards per game). Throwing the ball is the path to success, with Pittsburgh ranking eighth with 3.58 yards allowed per carry but 22nd with 7.54 yards per pass attempt. Moreover, they're 24th in interception percentage and 26th in sack percentage.

It's a frustrating start given the high-profile talent on that side of the ball.

The defensive line is anchored by 11th-year pro Cameron Heyward, who is coming off his fourth consecutive Pro Bowl season. Like Green Bay's Kenny Clark, he's a three-down performer. Heyward had 29 sacks and 37 tackles for losses from 2017 through 2019 before falling back to four sacks and seven TFLs last season. He's got one sack and two TFLs to start this year but leads all interior defensive linemen with 15 pressures and has batted down three passes.

He's joined up front by Chris Wormley and Isaiah Buggs. Buggs is a tough customer against the run.

After the Packers successfully kept Nick Bosa and Arik Armstead at bay last week, they'll face another huge challenge this week against the Steelers' outside linebackers.

That group, of course, is led by former Wisconsin star T.J. Watt. He is one of the top defensive players in the NFL with his ability to change a game in one play. He had 13 sacks and six forced fumbles in 2018, 14.5

sacks and a league-leading eight forced fumbles in 2019 and a league-leading 15 sacks and two forced fumbles in 2020. In two games this season, he's got three sacks and two forced fumbles. He missed Sunday's game with a groin injury, so the injury report will be worth watching this week.

Alex Highsmith is the other starter, and Melvin Ingram packs a punch as the top backup. Ingram has one sack and is second on the team with 12 pressures. Without Watt and Highsmith last week, the Steelers' 75-game streak with a sack was snapped.

Devin Bush and another former Wisconsin star, Joe Schobert, are the inside linebackers. Schobert was acquired in a trade during training camp and leads the team with 21 tackles. Bush, who had 109 tackles as a rookie in 2019, brings a lot of speed to the party.

Joe Haden and Cameron Sutton are the starting cornerbacks, and James Pierre enters as the third corner. A 12th-year pro, Haden is a three-time Pro Bowler with 29 career interceptions. He is coming off three consecutive seasons with at least 12 pass breakups. In year five, Sutton is a full-time starter for the first time.

Minkah Fitzpatrick and Terrell Edmunds are the safeties. Fitzpatrick, the 11th pick of the 2018 draft by Miami, is coming off an All-Pro season in which he intercepted four passes. He has 11 interceptions in three-plus

seasons. Edmunds had 105 tackles in 2019.

When the Steelers have the ball

The Ben Roethlisberger-led offense is just 28th in the NFL in scoring with 16.7 points per game. In back-to-back home losses, it scored 17 against Las Vegas and 10 against Cincinnati. Roethlisberger completed 38-of-58 passes vs. the Bengals but for only 318 yards with two interceptions.

Pittsburgh, which hasn't scored a single point in the first quarter this season, is 25th in total offense, ranking last in rushing per game (53) and per play (3.18) and 24th in passing per attempt (5.89).

The 39-year-old Roethlisberger ranks seventh in NFL history in passing yards and eighth with 399 passing touchdowns. He's not the same player who was picked for Pro Bowls from 2014 through 2017, though. With a career average of 7.5 yards per attempt, he's averaged just 6.2 the past three seasons.

It's not as if there's a lack of weapons. Chase Claypool, JuJu Smith-Schuster and Diontae Johnson are the primary receivers and Eric Ebron is the tight end. Last year, those four players combined for 303 receptions, 3,158 yards and 31 touchdowns. They have one touchdown (by Johnson) in three games this season.

Ebron has just one catch. Johnson has missed the last two games with



Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers, center, prepares to pass the ball as the offensive line blocks during the game against the Detroit Lions on Sept. 20 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. The offensive line held up well against the San Francisco 49ers pass rush and will face another tough test this week against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

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a knee injury and Smith-Schuster dropped out of the Cincinnati game with a rib injury. The limited production notwithstanding, the veteran Roethlisberger has the supporting cast to make the Packers pay for any mental errors in the secondary.

Green Bay's improved run defense will be tested by Najee Harris. This year's first-round pick is sputtering along with just 3.1 yards per carry. He's been dangerous as a receiver, though, with a 25-yard touchdown vs. Las Vegas and 14 receptions for 102 yards vs. Cincinnati.

The offensive line is the weak link. It consists of rookie left tackle Dan Moore, left guard Kevin Dotson, rookie center Kendrick Green, right guard Trai Turner and right tackle Chukwuma Okorafor. Green (two) and Dotson (one) were guilty of holding calls against the Bengals. Of Harris' meager rushing average, 2.8 yards have come after contact, according to Pro Football Focus. In other words, the blockers have given him 0.3 yards before contact.

Special teams

Ray-Ray McCloud handles both phases of returns for the Steelers, with a 22.8-yard average on kick-offs and a 10-yard average on punts. While he's never scored, he's been one of the top punt returners in the NFL.

He'll test a punt unit that has been given a shot in the arm by new punter Corey Bojorquez. Acquired after final cuts, he's fifth in the league with a 43.4-yard net average.

Like Green Bay, Pittsburgh has been victimized by one long kickoff return – a 75-yarder. On the other hand, Miles Killebrew's blocked punt and Ulysses Gilbert's recovery for a touchdown was the big play in the week one upset of Buffalo.

This game will feature two of the most accurate kickers in the NFL. Green Bay's Mason Crosby has made 22 consecutive field goals, the



Green Bay Packers coach Matt LaFleur looks on during the team's game against the Detroit Lions on Sept. 20 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. LaFleur will try and match wits with longtime Pittsburgh Steelers coach Mike Tomlin this week.

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second-longest streak in franchise history. Pittsburgh's Chris Boswell, who is 5-of-6 on field goals this sea-

son, made 48-of-51 attempts (94.1%) the previous two seasons.

Rookie seventh-round punter

Pressley Harvin has a 40.8-yard net average with six inside-the-20 punts vs. zero touchbacks.

Super Wild Card Weekend to include Monday game

The NFL has announced that beginning with the 2021 season, Super Wild Card Weekend (Jan. 15-17, 2022) will conclude with a game on Monday night.

The NFL expanded the playoffs last season for the first time since 1990, adding a third Wild Card team in each conference and in the process creating "Super Wild Card Weekend" – three Wild Card games

on Saturday and three games on Sunday.

With the addition of a Monday night game to the 2021 playoffs, Super Wild Card Weekend will now have two Wild Card games on Saturday (3:35 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.), three on Sunday (12:05 p.m., 3:40 p.m., and 7:15 p.m.), and one on Monday (7:15 p.m.)

For the 2021 season, CBS and NBC will both broadcast two Super Wild

Card Weekend games while FOX and ESPN/ABC will each have one. The broadcaster for the Monday night game of Super Wild Card Weekend is yet to be determined.

The 2020 playoff expansion ensured that two additional Wild Card teams – one each in the American and National Football Conferences – qualify for the playoffs. The No. 1 seed in each conference will receive

a bye in the Wild Card round. The remaining division champions in each conference will be seeded No. 2, 3, and 4 by record, followed by the next three teams per conference with the best records seeded No. 5, 6, and 7.

AFC and NFC Wild Card games will feature the No. 2 seed hosting the No. 7 seed, the No. 3 seed hosting the No. 6 seed and the No. 4 seed hosting the No. 5 seed.

Packers offer limited standing-room-only tickets

The Green Bay Packers have a limited amount of standing-room-only tickets available for the final four regular season contests at Lambeau Field this season.

The tickets, priced at \$87 each (plus applicable fees), allow fans to stand in the area behind sections 432s to 442s, on the fourth level of Lambeau Field's south end.

In addition to standing behind the seating sections in that area, game attendees can use the viewing platforms on either side of the sections.

Concession stands and restrooms are readily available in the concourse area. The south gate is the recommended stadium entrance gate for those with standing-room-only tickets.

Tickets currently are available online. To access the page to purchase tickets, visit <https://www.packers.com/tickets> and click on individual games to view available tickets. The tickets will be listed as "Standing Room Only." A limit of eight per household has been established. Additionally, the tickets are not able to be resold on NFL Ticket Exchange.



Green Bay Packers fan cheer during the team's first home game against the Detroit Lions on Sept. 20 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

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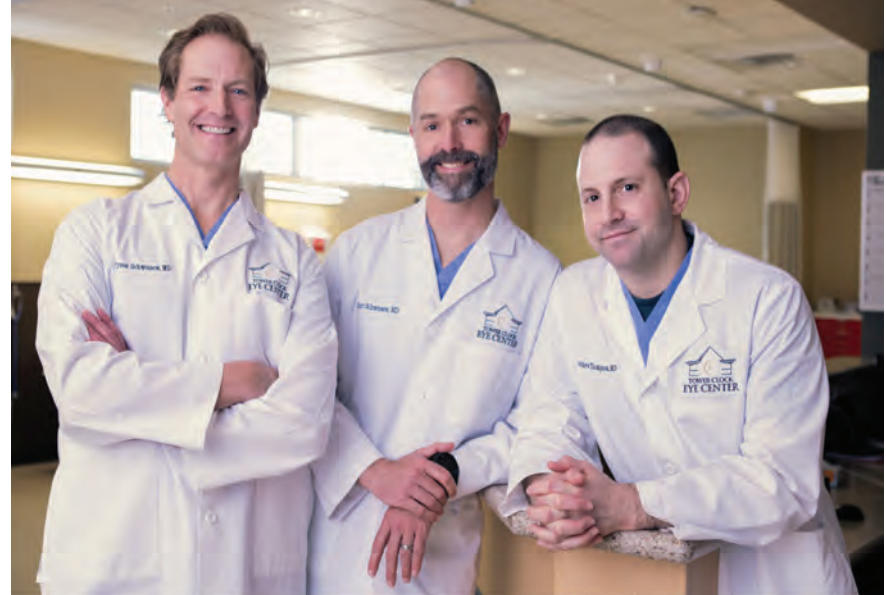
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