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Superintendent Dean Hess welcomes the crowd to the formal groundbreaking for Oconto Falls Middle School Sept. 27.

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County board seeks solar energy changes

Resolution urges restoring local government authority on large solar installations

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

The Oconto County Board is on record urging the state Legislature to change the law to again allow local units of government to regulate large-scale solar energy installations.

The resolution passed Sept. 21 calls on state lawmakers to revise the statute “to grant Wisconsin counties the authority to responsibly site utility-scale solar installations in order to maintain orderly planning and comply with the statutory requirement ... to adhere to the objectives, goals, and policies contained in the county’s comprehensive plan.”

Supporters said a change to the law in the 1990s essentially circumvented local control by giving the state Public Service Commission the sole authority to regulate solar installations that generate 100 megawatts of power or more.

“Right now the way it sits, someplace in the government they said, ‘Everything over the number of 100, we are in charge,’” Supervisor David Behrend said. “There’s no democracy for the people.”

The issue has been central to the controversy over a large solar energy

farm proposed by NextEra Energy LLC in the Town of Morgan. Then-Town Chairman Fran Wranosky and Supervisor Leonard Wahl were removed in a recall election for not opposing the NextEra project.

Wranosky and his wife, Debbie, urged the county board to reject the resolution in a letter that was read at the beginning of the board’s Sept. 21 meeting.

“This project has the potential to create a specific economic impact on the entirety of Oconto County and the Town of Morgan,” the Wranoskys wrote. “We ask that the county and its committee fully research the resolution, the project, and its probable impact on the entire county.”

NextEra has proposed an annual payment to Oconto County of \$350,000, or \$10.5 million over 30 years, they said, and the Town of Morgan stands to gain as much as \$250,000 a year or \$7.5 million over 30 years, to be used at the discretion of the county and the town.

The PSC and Department of Natural Resources must conduct extensive environmental and economic studies before approving any project, and NextEra must create and bond for

a plan to reclaim the land for agricultural use when the installation is eventually decommissioned, wrote the Wranoskys.

Supervisor Jolene Barkhaus noted that she got involved in local government because of the controversy over the solar installation. She said she has come to realize her issue isn’t with “industrial solar” itself but with the law that limits local involvement.

“I get enraged about that, because it’s a slap in the face and a straight-out insult,” Barkhaus said. “It’s an insult to our zoning department, it’s an insult to our appeals board, it’s an insult to our mission/vision values team, it’s an insult to our county and our local boards’ long-term conservation plan information.”

There is no reason to exclude counties or local municipalities from the regulatory process, she said.

“We are entrusting these local members to make binders of regulations for your backyard patio, your home septic, your farm animals, and your business licensing, your waterfront landscape options, the list goes on, but we aren’t screaming for them to have a seat at the table when it comes to installing industrial facilities

that will cover a minimum of 750 acres of land,” Barkhaus said. “Why would we let state legislators have the only say in a matter of such a large infrastructure coming to our county?”

Karen Nelson-Kispert, who described herself as a 30-year resident of the Town of Morgan, said she is firmly opposed to industrial-scale solar in an agricultural zone but that’s not what this resolution is about.

“Regardless of how you feel for or against industrial-scale solar in your community, this is a resolution to return the control of industrial-scale solar and wind installations back to local governments,” Nelson-Kispert said, adding that PSC commissioners “don’t have to recognize the concerns of the people from the areas that are going to be impacted the most.”

Supervisor Bart Schindel expressed reservations because he said he can’t see the PSC giving up its power.

“It’s going to cost millions of dollars to fight that, I think,” Schindel said.

The resolution passed on a 25-2-1 vote, with Schindel and Supervisor David Christianson the only no votes. Supervisor Pat Scanlan abstained.

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Sportsman’s Club donates pier

This past August, the Suring Sportsman’s Club installed a new fishing pier at Riverside Park at state Highway 32 near the Suring bridge. The fishing pier is wheelchair accessible and is open to all. This fishing pier was financed by the Suring Sportsman’s Club, and through donations from the Breed Sportsmans Club, The Oconto County Sportsman’s Alliance, Vets 4 Vets of Northeast Wisconsin, Michael and Sharon Jansen of Suring, and other donors. Installation was by Midwest Equipment, Dock and Lift Services LLC of Suring.

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Visitors get a look at senior center renovations

By **WARREN BLUHM**
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A ribbon was cut, a donation was made, and cake, cookies and other goodies consumed during a four-hour open house Sept. 27 at the newly renovated Oconto Falls Senior and Community Center.

The most significant renovation is the elevator that greets visitors as they move through the redesigned entryway to the facility at 512 Caldwell Ave., but the main gathering space sports all-new walls, flooring and lighting, said Debbie Arndt, president of the center board of directors.

Oconto Falls Senior and Community Center is home to the Oconto County Commission on Aging meal site and Home Respite Care's Caring Tree Adult Day Center. The facility is available for seniors to reserve for meetings, parties, and family gatherings.

The building first opened in 1981, and this is the first major renovation since a fundraising effort led to improvements in 2007 and 2009, Arndt said.

The upgrades were accomplished with the help of a Community Development Block Grant presented to the city in 2021. Work commenced in April 2022 and was completed this spring.

"It looks great," Mayor Brad Rice said. "The building is more accessible with the elevator. We were going to use (the grant) or lose it, and the money went to a good spot."

The enclosed elevator, which replaces an open freight elevator, makes the building's basement area more accessible. The original renovation plans included the downstairs meeting area and offices, but rising costs caused by inflation postponed that part of the project.

The Oconto Falls Lions Club presented a \$1,000 check to the center as



Visitors and board members mingle Sept. 27 during an open house at the renovated Oconto Falls Senior and Community Center.

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part of the ribbon cutting ceremony.

The center has announced a Giving Tree campaign to raise funds to complete more updates, keep the building running efficiently, maintain existing programs and create new

ones. Donors are recognized on a Tree of Giving mural on a wall of the main gathering area.

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Ragen honored for service to county, country

Born in 1929, Ragen currently longest-serving county board supervisor in Wisconsin

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

Oconto County Supervisor Elmer Ragen was recently recognized in the Congressional Record as the longest currently serving county supervisor in the state of Wisconsin and for his recent retirement as chairman of the Town of Little Suamico.

The honor crafted by U.S. Rep. Mike Gallagher was read at the beginning of the Sept. 21 county board meeting.

Ragen, 94, graduated from Lena High School in 1947 and served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. His public service includes nine years as chairman of the Town of Chase during the 1980s and 12 years as Oconto County veteran service officer from 1987-99. He served one two-year term on the county board just prior to going to work for the county and re-joined the board upon his retirement from the post.

"Elmer was known for his dedication to all veterans and would help them with whatever they needed, from assisting with paperwork to

driving to the hospital for appointments," Gallagher said. "Elmer was someone that could always be counted on."

He was elected Town of Little Suamico chairman in 2001 and served until his 94th birthday on April 17 of this year.

Gallagher noted that, as a youth, "Red" Ragen played baseball, football and basketball and ran track for Lena High School, going to state in track every year of his high school career.

During his time in the Navy, Ragen played catcher in the Sixth Fleet baseball team and took part in spring training in Guantanamo, Gallagher said.

He worked as an auto mechanic, owned Elmer's Mobile Station in Pulaski, taught mechanics at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College and started the first auto mechanic program at Pulaski High School.

Ragen moved on to managing local softball teams in the 1970s and 1980s for Elmer's Mobile in North Chase and Carver Boats. He also built and raced stock cars with his sons and friends in the 1960s and 1970s. When



Oconto County Supervisor Elmer Ragen, 94, acknowledges applause at the board's Sept. 21 meeting.
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he wasn't involved with sports or racing, Elmer loved to go fishing with his friends, Tom and Ray.

Ragen married his first wife, Patricia, in 1955 and together they had three children, Jim, Marty and Patty. After Patricia's death, he married Bev Weyenberg in 1983. The Ragens now have five grandchildren and five

great-grandchildren.

After Gallagher's salute was read into the record, the county board gave Ragen a standing ovation.

"Thank you and Congressman Gallagher for digging all that stuff up," Ragen said to laughter.

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CITY OF OCONTO FALLS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given, that The City of Oconto Falls Common Council will hold a Public Hearing on October 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the Municipal Building, 500 N Chestnut Ave, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin. The purpose of this hearing is for the consideration of:

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The legal description of the land proposed to be rezoned from Agricultural/Residential to Multi-Family as follows:

Part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE ¼ of the SW ¼) of Section Twenty-seven (27), Township Twenty-nine (29) North, Range Twenty (20) East, in the Village of Lena, Oconto County, Wisconsin (Full legal description available for viewing at the Lena Village Hall)

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Ground broken for new middle school

Planning for Oconto Falls facility has been ongoing for close to a decade

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

About 200 Oconto Falls School District students, parents, staff and administrators were on hand Sept. 27 at a formal groundbreaking ceremony for the district's new middle school.

The \$35 million project was approved by referendum in November. Earth movers have been hard at work at the site across County Road I from Oconto Falls High School for more than a month.

Superintendent Dean Hess told the crowd the event is the culmination of years of work.

"The planning for this started before I arrived in the school district in 2015," Hess said. "When I first came for my interview, one of the things that was brought up was how are we going to work together to address our aging middle school."

He commended the Gauthier family's willingness to sell their original farmstead and praised community members who worked to publicize the need to replace aging Washington Middle School in downtown Oconto Falls.

"It didn't pass the first time," Hess said, referring to a failed April 2022 referendum. "It took a lot of folks thinking about OK, what do we need to do, what do we need to adjust. To me, that's another example of teamwork, another example of grit."

Ginny O'Harrow, a parent, business owner and member of the middle school planning and design teams, said the community worked together for the good of its children and their future.

"This community is a strong foundation, and every adult that works in our district is helping to build the structure," O'Harrow said. "They are the walls and the roof. They give the building its shape, and they give their best to shape the lives of our children. We should all be proud of what we have accomplished to get here."

Dakota Freedman, currently in eighth grade at Washington Middle School, said the project means bigger classrooms, a gymnasium that allows the school to host more interscholastic events, more secure and safer entrances, and a playground area with grass.

"A new school also means a func-



Turning the first official shovels-full of soil for Oconto Falls Middle School are, from left, Mayor Brad Rice, City Administrator Peter Wills, current school board members Ken Harter, Emilie Trudell, Bryan Baumler, Clint Gardebrecht, Chad Early, and Sarah Schindel, Washington Middle School principal Stephanie Jeffers, and former board members Jan Stranz, Ron Leja and Adam Adler. See more photos at www.newmedia-wi.com. WARREN BLUHM | NEW MEDIA

tional parking lot with fewer traffic jams and better safety measures to help permit better dropoffs and pickups," he added, drawing knowing nods and laughter from assembled parents and staff.

Emilie Trudell, who was elected to the Oconto Falls School Board in April and served on the planning committee, praised the effort that made the new school a reality.

"There are no words that can describe the respect I have for the dedication, the energy and love that these groups put into this," Trudell said. "I'm incredibly proud and honored to have been a part of it."

The groundbreaking is tangible proof that great things can happen when a community comes together, she said.

"It's a symbol of opportunity, progress and our commitments to cultivating and nurturing student success and achievement," Trudell said. "My hope is that as you drive by during its construction and even for years after it's built, you're reminded of what this building represents."

Bids are being solicited and the main construction contracts are expected to be awarded this month, and the new middle school is slated to be ready for students in fall 2025.

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Mavis A. Blazek, 94, of the Town of Spruce, died Thursday morning, Sept. 28, 2023, at home. She was born Nov. 23, 1928, in Oconto Falls to Frank and Victoria (Christensen) Kamke.

She grew up in the Kelly Brook area where she attended elementary school before graduating from Oconto Falls High School with the class of 1946. Following graduation from high school, she attended Marinette Normal, where she received her teaching certificate. Her first teaching job was at Apple Orchard, a one-room schoolhouse in the Town of Gillett, where she taught all eight grades of about 40 children.

On Dec. 31, 1949, she married Melvin "Bucky" Blazek at St. Mark's Lutheran Church at Kelly Brook. Following their marriage, Mavis would go on to teach all eight grades in rural



School for many years until retiring in 1989 after 37 years of teaching.

It was during this time that Mavis was a devoted wife and mother of three sons. She also obtained her bachelor of science in teaching from University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and served as church organist, first at St. Mark's with an original pump organ and later at Our Redeemer's Lutheran

schools at Kelly Lake and Messenger Creek School near Klondike before teaching at Spruce School, a two-room schoolhouse. Eventually she taught fifth grade at Oconto Falls Elementary

Church. Over the years, she has been active in the church choir, Bible study groups and numerous women's activities and events.

Mavis is also a longtime member of NORTA, an area retired teachers association. She also enjoyed golfing, reading, traveling with friends, sewing and the time she could spend with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Her family includes three sons, Allan (Sally) Blazek, Kelly Lake, Dennis (Judith) Blazek, Oconto Falls, and Thomas (Linda) Blazek, Pound; seven grandchildren, Amber (Jim) Kuchenbecker, Trina (Brad) Paitl, Travis (Krista) Blazek, Troy (Sara) Blazek, Angela (Chad) Rabas, Sheila (Randy) Fisher and Brett Blazek; 10 great-grandchildren, Chaela and Adrena

Rabas, Trent and Brayden Blazek, Isabelle and Cressida Blazek, Hunter and Haylee Kuchenbecker, Trevor and Molly Fisher; one sister, Noni Dobratz, Kelly Lake; one brother, Bill (Nancy) Kamke, Kelly Lake; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Melvin "Bucky" on June 6, 2003; brother-in-law, Harvey Dobratz; and nephew, Jimmy Dobratz.

Visitation will take place 4-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2, 2023, at Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls. Visitation will continue after 9 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2023, at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Suring, until the time of service. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church with Pastor Beth Macha officiating. Burial will be in Pine Hill Cemetery, Spruce.

Nancy M. Sleeter

Nancy M. Sleeter, 82, of Suring, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2023.

Nancy was born on Dec. 4, 1940, to the late Louis and Erna (Beckendorf) Stix. She graduated from Suring High School with the class of 1959. On Nov. 26, 1960, Nancy married Robert Sleeter at St. Michael Catholic Church in Suring. She belonged to the area homemakers. Nancy farmed for most of her life and greatly enjoyed cutting hay. She also worked at Nu-Line for many years.

Nancy was a very talented artist. One of her greatest joys and passions was painting. Nancy enjoyed attending art classes in Oconto Falls and she also studied under Joan White in Lakewood. She also loved photography. One of her photos



was featured on a scratch-off lottery ticket, and it was a highlight of her life. A couple of Nancy's photos were also featured in a Wisconsin travel magazine. She also enjoyed calligraphy. Nancy enjoyed exhibiting her artwork at the Oconto County Fair. Throughout her life, Nancy enjoyed traveling.

Nancy is survived by her daughters, Pat (Harvey) Figgins and Kim (Randy) Figgins; daughter-in-law, Diane Sleeter; sister, Joyce (Burton) Tetzlaff; eight grandchildren, Robert (Nicole) Sleeter, Rachel (Karos) Reinhold, Kaitlyn (Nick) Figgins,

Jesse (Kayla) Figgins, Joe (Madison) Figgins, Samantha Weller, Jacob Figgins and Mitchell (Juliet) Figgins; 10 great-grandchildren, Harper, Audree, Paisley, Koralline, Quinn, Murphy, Marin, Jameson, Warren and Kennedee; four brothers-in-law, Fred (Cheryl) Sleeter, Al (Pat) Sleeter, Rodney (Dianna) Sleeter and Sonny Kopatz; and sister-in-law, Barb Sleeter.

She is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob, in 2009; two sons, Andy Sleeter in 1993 and Michael

Sleeter in 2001; sister, Mavis Stix; brother-in-law, Dale Sleeter; three sisters-in-law, Rena (Elger) Hoffman, Bettie Kopatz and Alice Sleeter.

A celebration of life will be held at Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring on Thursday, Oct. 5, 2023, from 3 p.m. until the memorial service at 6:30 p.m. with Pastor Andrew Jantz officiating.

Gruetzmacher Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com.



Luella Schuettpelz

Luella Mae Schuettpelz, 96, of Suring, went to be with her Savior on Sunday, Oct. 1, 2023, with family by her side.

Luella was born on Dec. 29, 1926, to the late Christ and Anna (Ziereis) Quandt. She was confirmed on June 15, 1941, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Breed. In her teenage years, Luella worked as a caretaker and as a cook at the school. On June 7, 1947, Luella married Chester Schuettpelz at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Breed.

Luella and Chester farmed and logged in Hayes for many years. The couple also owned Chet's Service in Suring from 1967 to 1997. Luella and Chester were always there to help those in need. They belonged to the Suring Area Antique Tractor Association, where they were honorary



members, and the Suring Area Historical Society. In 2010, Luella and Chester were grand marshals in the Suring Labor Day Weekend Celebration.

Luella was an avid crocheter. She made afghans, Kleenex box covers and dolls. Luella also did needle and bead work, making many beaded ornaments that filled her Christmas tree. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Hayes.

Luella is survived by her two sons, Thomas Schuettpelz and Terry "Bubba" (Marcie) Schuettpelz; granddaughter, Dana Schuettpelz; two

great-granddaughters, Madysen and Charlotte; siblings, Edna "Babe" Gipp, Melvin (Jean) Quandt, Gerald Quandt, Orville (Bette) Quandt and Dorothy (Richard) Witt. She is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Chester; parents; two siblings, John (Orieon) Quandt and Jim (Evelyn) Quandt; brother-in-law, Roman Gipp; sister-in-law, Geraldine Quandt.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023, at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church from 9 a.m. until the funeral service at 11 a.m. with Pastor Michael

Paholke officiating. Interment will take place at St. John Lutheran Church Cemetery.

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

A special thank you to the staffs of Serenity Gardens Assisted Living and Unity Hospice for the care and compassion offered to Luella and her family in their time of need.

In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to St. John Lutheran Church, St. John's Lutheran School or St. John's Lutheran Cemetery Association.

Shawano County capital improvement plan adopted

Projects centered around sheriff's department, jail

By **KEVIN PASSON**
Editor-in-chief

Shawano County will spend more than \$800,000 on its capital improvement plan next year, after supervisors voted Sept. 27 to adopt the 2024-28 plan.

All three major projects slated for 2024 in the five-year plan revolve around the Shawano County Sheriff's Department and jail.

Modernization of the jail elevator is projected to cost \$146,000, with federal ARPA funds used to cover the cost. Replacing the sheriff's department and jail control system will cost an estimated \$415,000, and will be paid for by a mix of money from the Ho-Chunk Nation, environmental impact, sales tax and federal programs. Finally, the \$200,000 needed to replace the shower and restroom floors in the dorms will be paid from the inmate welfare fund.

"Levy limits, unfunded mandates and the need for the county to provide services to our citizens in need, leaves little revenue to be used as a source to fund capital projects," said Jim Davel,

the county's administrative coordinator, about the plan. "Capital needs and project costing will continue to increase exponentially if we do not address these needs on an annual basis."

The entire plan focuses on building improvements outlined through the recently completed facilities assessment. For example, replacing the control system in the sheriff's department and jail, as well as replacing the shower and restroom floors in the dorms, were recommended as priority one projects in the facilities assessment report.

Several other priority one projects, totaling \$76,594, are part of the 2024 plan. These projects are all at the sheriff's department and jail and include replacing leaking sanitary pipes, replacing deteriorated storm piping, and replacing the ceilings in the kitchen, booking room and squad room.

It is understood the amounts listed in the 2024 plan are to be incorporated into the Shawano County budget for 2024, with subsequent annual amounts subject to change in the future.

Future projects include:

- \$229,000 for a new roof on the

Crawford Center (TBD).

- \$750,000 to replace two old maintenance shops with one large enough to store all equipment (TBD).

- \$91,750 for the remaining priority one maintenance projects listed in the facilities assessment (2025).

- \$10.96 million to \$12.37 million to renovate the public library (TBD), unknown costs to update the county's fiber infrastructure (TBD).

- About \$1.67 million for priority two maintenance projects at the court-

house, heating plant, sheriff's department and jail (2025).

- About \$1.16 million for priority three maintenance projects at the jail, courthouse and heating plant (2026-28).

- \$396,900 for priority four maintenance projects at the courthouse and jail (2028-33).

- \$173,000 for priority five maintenance projects at the sheriff's department, jail and heating plant (2033).

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School discipline, behavior policies updated

Dechant expects work over summer to reduce extreme behavior incidents in Shawano schools

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Shawano School District is hoping that work done over the summer to refine its discipline policies will result in fewer incidents falling through the cracks.

"We really looked at the role of safety in the district and the role of security in the buildings, processes if there are intruders or threats, but then looking at what threats could happen with behaviors," said Tom Dechant, pupil services director. "We revamped what was in place before. We looked at what are some prohibitive behaviors and behaviors that warrant immediate action."

Dechant noted the district will be doing more threat assessments under new plans that set up three steps. First, administrators will analyze the situation, which might include bringing in a school resource officer for consultation depending on the severity of the offense.

"That collaboration has been very important with law enforcement. It's been very healthy," Dechant said. "There have been trainings that we've all went to."

The threat will be classified as high, medium or low, and then connecting to resources for resolving the situation if the threat is low, including teachers and student services personnel, according to Dechant. If a threat is higher, a plan will be developed to meet the students' needs.

"Last year, we had a student go through this process," Dechant said. "As part of the safety plan, they had to check in with the principal and one of the guidance counselors to be checked. That was to make sure that they didn't

have things on them they weren't supposed to have, but the thing that really happened that was a very good by-product of that process was the student made connections with the principal and counselor."

After the threat assessment team gathered and determined the student was no longer a high threat to the school following three months, the student continued to check in with the principal and counselor because of the bonding that developed during the process, Dechant said.

Dechant said the district takes a zero tolerance approach to disciplinary issues, but he noted that educators' definition of "zero tolerance" can differ from that of parents and community members.

"People think zero tolerance means that if you do this, you'll be expelled from school," Dechant said. "I remember after Columbine I read something where a kindergartner used a chicken nugget at lunch and pointed it at a kid like a gun, and he got expelled, so we went from not the best things in place to extreme. This was in another state, but I heard about something similar happening like this again."

With Shawano schools, the definition of "zero tolerance" is that action will be taken in every situation, and it's going to be consistent, Dechant said. It does not mean a set behavior or the involvement of weapons will equal extreme action, but that action will be taken to prevent future incidents.

"It's a description of how school staff will handle the threat of violence, so the model advocates for using 'zero tolerance' to demonstrate the importance of reporting and responding to threats of school violence is going to be the same in

every instance," Dechant said.

He noted that, in the case of students who are in special education programs, state law can limit what the schools can do. If a student has an individual education plan (IEP), the document indicates what disciplines can be appropriate, specifically a behavior plan that is included with an IEP.

"We still do the threat assessment, but then we have to make sure the behavior intervention plan was implemented," Dechant said. "If the student does something that is an expellable offense, we have to have another IEP meeting, and in that meeting, the team decides whether the student did that because of their disability. If it is deemed yes, the disability was the reason why this happened, then we have to adjust the behavior plan. If the answer is no, that had nothing to do with the disability, then we can go forth what we have in our handbooks for discipline."

Discipline is not the only factor that was reviewed over the summer. The schools also looked at their positive

behavior intervention systems, when students are doing good or displaying exemplary behavior, according to Dechant. For those who don't know about the behavior, staff makes an effort to teach them, he said.

"The expectations are laid out and taught to the kids for the first couple of weeks," Dechant said. "They focus on what classroom behavior should look like, what it looks like to be on the bus, what it looks like to be in the lunchroom or for recess. By preteaching those things, statistics show that 85% of those kids will respond, and we shouldn't have issues with it."

The ones who don't respond are retaught the behavior, but then they're paired with a teacher for a mentor, Dechant added, where there are regular checks to see if behaviors are being implemented, or become part of a support group through student services.

"This is the proactive way to change behaviors, and it's also a way to build those relationships," Dechant said.

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Hochstetler Metals sets up in Bonduel

Roofing manufacturer seeks to cut down on contractors' wait time for materials

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Homeowners looking at replacing the roof on a current home or putting a roof on a new home will have some options, and it won't require a drive to a metropolitan area.

Hochstetler Metals held an open house Sept. 23 at its new facilities on Commerce Court in Bonduel. The facility is the second in Wisconsin, with the other one located around Sheboygan.

"A lot of people look at us like a lumber yard," said owner Brad Hochstetler. "We supply whole building packages — doors, windows, insulation. You name it, we supply it."

Where Hochstetler Metals differs from Home Depot or Ace Hardware is that it provides contractors and homeowners with steel roofing supplies, which Hochstetler said are more durable than asphalt roofs, especially in Wisconsin where the winters sometimes yield a lot of snow.

"The difference is how long it lasts," Hochstetler said. "A typical asphalt roof will last you 15, 20 years max. Occasionally, it can go a little bit longer. Our steel roofs are warranted for up to 40 years, and oftentimes, they will last longer. It's just the longevity of it. Some people love it for the curb appeal, and you have a lot of different color options."

The steel applies also to the other exterior necessities as well, according to Hochstetler, including walls. Most of that is manufactured on site, he said.

"Lead times, companies are waiting up to three weeks," Hochstetler said. "Had someone come in yesterday and say they've been waiting five weeks on the material to come in from the manufacturers, and that's just because they were so busy. We usually can promise most orders within 24 to 48 hours from the time they order it. We have the product here on hand, and we can usually schedule it."

Hochstetler noted that some insurance companies offer policy discounts if homes have steel roofs. He added that there are smooth and textured options.

"The snow slides off a lot easier, especially if you get our smooth product," Hochstetler said.

Prior to starting Hochstetler Metals, Hochstetler had never been involved in manufacturing. He said his previous experience was as an



Richard Steinle, an employee with Hochstetler Metals, measures the metal roofing segments needed for a project during the Sept. 23 open house in Bonduel. Steinle trimmed a 41-inch segment into four pieces with 4-inch corners.

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AT A GLANCE

WHAT: Hochstetler Metals
WHERE: 517B Commerce Court, Bonduel
WHEN: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays
INFORMATION: 715-509-0550, www.hochstetlermetals.com

installer, putting up roofs, but when he saw the need to provide roofing materials, he said goodbye to installing and moved into the sales and manufacturing fields.

"I just noticed the need for something that was quicker and faster, a better product and a better quality than the options out there were," Hochstetler said. "We also had other friends who were contractors, and we saw the opportunity to supply them and sell the product."

Hochstetler's first facility was set up near Oostburg, but he saw the opportunity to set up shop in Bonduel after his church merged with a congregation near Cecil.

"I saw some good potential in this area, better than I had there," Hochstetler said. "That's what drew us up here."

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ATV club donates \$1,000



Hidden Bear Trail ATV Club board member Bob Goble, left, presents a \$1,000 check to Dan Geundert from the Oconto River Kids, a nonprofit organization that helps children with serious illnesses enjoy outdoor recreational events — including a Wisconsin bear hunt. Oconto River Kids pays for the entire hunt, from the license, lodging for the entire family, meals, processing and taxidermy costs. Its annual budget for these bear hunts is around \$50,000.

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Experience New York-style deli in Shawano

Gourmet Café offers unique dining destination in downtown district

By LYNN ZAFFRANN
Correspondent

Foodies in the Shawano area and beyond have a new and unique dining destination. The Gourmet Café at Thornberry Cottage opened on Main Street in Shawano in early September.

The menu is unique to the area, offering made-to-order fresh sandwiches, served hot or cold.

Ingredients can vary from prosciutto with fresh walnut pesto to turkey, genoa salami, pastrami and Italian aioli. Any of the offerings can be served as a salad instead of a sandwich. Soups are also on the menu.

“We worked closely with Fannita’s Bakery in Shawano for the bread, and it is really good,” owner Suzette Hackl-Kroll said. “It’s our recipe, so that even makes it better. We’ve worked out an agreement with Fannita’s that they can’t sell our bread. If somebody wants to buy it, we sell it here.”

Completing the menu is a coffee and tea bar, serving hand-crafted Americano, cappuccino and latte concoctions, and a variety of teas. Soft drinks, including bottled Twig’s soda, are available. There is a curated selection of alcoholic drinks.

“This building has always had food in it,” Hackl-Kroll said. “If you go back to Dehn’s Ice Cream to Popp’s to Angie’s, it’s always had some sort of food component into it. We just thought that it would continue the heritage of the building and also enhance our brand in terms of bringing customers here.”

The dining area is located at the rear of Thornberry Cottage at 130 S. Main St. It is bright and modern, with a welcoming service counter, backed by a large video screen displaying the menu.

“Originally, we were going to start with just a sandwich and soup of the day,” Hackl-Kroll said. “As I thought through it, my family had a big influence in the menu.”

She said her son, Cameron Hackl, said, “Well, Mom, when you go somewhere, don’t you always order the same sandwich? We’re creatures of habit. When we like a sandwich, we want to go and get that same



ABOVE: Rose Salzmann, of Shawano, right, reviews the menu at The Gourmet Café at Thornberry Cottage on Main Street in downtown Shawano. She is joined by friends Katie Jesse, Shawano, left, Salzmann’s sister Patty Peebles, Red River, back left, and Stephanie Stewart, Shawano, back right. The new location offers a menu of unique sandwiches and soups.

LYNN ZAFFRANN

LEFT: Suzette Hackl-Kroll is the owner of The Gourmet Café at Thornberry Cottage. The cafe opened in early September and has been doing better-than-anticipated business for dine-in and carryout.

LYNN ZAFFRANN



sandwich again. If you keep rotating sandwiches, I’m going to be disappointed I can’t get my same sandwich that I wanted.”

Hackl-Kroll said her daughter, Carlee Hackl, also had input into the business.

“She worked with me on the marketing side, because she is a marketing person,” Hackl-Kroll said.

Further family involvement came through her husband, Dean Kroll.

“He’s in the commercial construction industry, so he’s the one that had the experience of who to hire, how to hire, how to get the building renovated quickly, how to do a commercial professional-level job,” she said. “Without him, we

wouldn’t have been able to open as quickly.”

A selection of Wisconsin wines and liquors are for sale in the dining room. Vodka, whiskey and bourbon from Northern Waters Distillery in Minocqua, wines from Door Peninsula Winery, and Lutz Bloody Mary mix from West Allis are some of the selections available.

Meat vendors are Melotte, a custom meat processor in Green Bay, Performance Foodservice (formerly Reinhart Foodservice) in Shawano and US Foods in Milwaukee.

She’s been working with chef Devin Summers from Performance Foodservice.

“He came in and helped tweak the menus I had in my head,” Hackl-Kroll said. “Every sandwich has a unique sauce on it. He came and spent many days in the kitchen with me, making sure that the sauces were just what we wanted. He helped quite a bit. He’ll stop in once in a while and give me some tips.”

On the Saturday before opening day, The Gourmet Café had a soft opening.

“I was here when they were giving samples,” said Stephanie Stewart, of Shawano. “My daughter and I came here, and we both said that it didn’t even taste like Shawano. It tastes like New York. It’s really like

a New York deli.”

Stewart has eaten at the Gourmet Café a few times, most recently to celebrate the birthday of her friend, Rose Salzmann. Katie Jesse, Shawano, Patty Peebles, Red River, and Sara Schingler, Shawano completed the celebration.

There are tables set on the sidewalk, in a special patio area in front of the building for customers who want to have dining service outside.

Hackl-Kroll said customers can place food orders between 10-11 a.m. to avoid waits that can happen after the café opens at 11 a.m.

Hackl-Kroll asks customers to be patient with them until they are fully staffed.

“We started hiring this summer, putting feelers out,” Hackl-Kroll said. “I’m still short-staffed, so I’m working many hours myself.”

“The great part about hiring the kitchen help here is that a lot of folks that have kitchen experience are used to working evenings, in a bar or at night. This offers daytime hours for them. It’s perfect hours for somebody who doesn’t want to be in a bar. I have four kitchen employees now; with myself, it’s five. But I need to hire two more.”

The business is part of a resurgent downtown shopping district, home to many unique stores.



Huitlacoche might not be the most attractive thing to eat, but it can be good for you, especially when added to delicata squash.

FRANCISCO M. ALEGRIA

Huitlacoche indigenous delicacy with deep roots

Corn smut.

Well, now that I have your attention, let's talk about this indigenous delicacy called huitlacoche. Although this fungus looks inedible, it is quite the opposite. It's delicious as well as nutritious.

This is an indigenous delicacy that goes back to when corn was developed about 10,000 years ago or more. It's a big part of many tribes from the Iroquois to the Mexica/Azteca.

We all know corn and have tried many variations of corn in soups, breads, desserts and snacks at the movie theater. Tribes have been using them for thousands of years in many applications and also using them as we would use tobacco for offerings.

Agriculturally, corn is part of our three sisters, the corn, beans and squash. The corn offers support for the beans to climb. The beans do something called "fixing" nitrogen by taking

**Francisco
M. Alegria**

Columnist



nitrogen from the air and allowing the plants to use it. The squash provides mulch and protects from weeds or also protects from small animals with its tiny spikes.

Where can you find huitlacoche? Well, field corn and sweet corn are the most popular. This edible fungus is grown in a place where the ear of corn would be located. You can also purchase huitlacoche in a can from your local mercado. Online works as well these days. For best results though, find it from where we know about the crops and how they are farmed.

Huitlacoche has tons of nutritional benefits from essential amino acids, fiber and fatty acids, just to name a few. Huitlacoche contains lysine, which is one of the amino acids, and it assists our bodies to absorb calcium.

So from this indigenous chef to you, I will say this: Just try it. It may not be the most appealing, but it has a sweet savory, unique profile and will surprise you in the best way. Happy cooking.

Chef Francisco Alegria is from the Menominee Reservation and has Indigenous roots from Mexico. He is a Teppanyaki master who owns an Indigenous/Asian fusion catering business and serves as a nutritional educator for the Menominee tribe.

SQUASH WITH HUITLACOCHÉ

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- 1/4 corn tortilla cut into strips

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'Peter and the Starcatcher' comes to Mielke stage

The Box in the Wood Theatre Guild production of "Peter and the Starcatcher" will be performed Oct. 6-8 and Oct. 13-15 at the Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road, Shawano.

Friday and Saturday performances begin at 7 p.m. and Sunday

matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children and are available online at shawanoarts.com or at the door.

"Peter and the Starcatcher" is based on the book by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson, adapted for the

stage by Rick Elice. It is a ridiculously funny interpretation of what might have been the experiences of the No-Name Orphan Boy who would one day become Peter Pan.

While "Peter and the Starcatcher" is not the fairytale-like story of the

original "Peter Pan," this show about the origin of Peter Pan ties into the characters and situations of the original story. Staged improvisationally, the cast changes between multiple characters — orphans, pirates, sailors, mermaids and mollusks.

New historical society forming in Oconto County

There will be an organizational meeting for a new historical society at 7 p.m. Oct. 10 in the community room at HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital, 855 S. Main St., Oconto Falls.

The tentative name for this

new group will be the Central Oconto County Historical Society. Residents of Oconto Falls and surrounding area are invited to attend, including the towns of Oconto Falls, Morgan, Abrams, Stiles and Spruce as well as anyone else inter-

ested in history of the Falls area.

On the agenda for the first meeting will be selection of temporary officers and possible board members, establishing a membership fee and discussion of initial projects. Sample bylaws for this new

organization as recommended by the state historical society will be presented for approval at a later meeting.

For information, email Diane Nichols or Joan Denis at cochist-soc@yahoo.com.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, OCT. 6

BONDUEL: Farmtoberfest, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Porter's Patch, W4314 State Highway 156. Pumpkin patch, taco food truck. \$10.48 admission includes corn maze, craft shed, obstacle course, petting zoo, hayrides, games and family activities. Weekends through Oct. 29.

SHAWANO: Homecoming parade, 6 p.m., Main Street to Green Bay Street to Washington Street to Franklin Park. Coordinated by Shawano High School, Shawano Country Chamber and City of Shawano.

SHAWANO: Box in the Wood Theatre Guild presents "Peter and the Starcatcher," 7 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Tickets \$15 adults, \$10 children. 715-526-2525 or shawanoarts.com/theatre.

SATURDAY, OCT. 7

SHAWANO: FRESH Project Farmers Market, 8 a.m. to noon, Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. More than 45 local food and craft vendors.

BOWLER: Stars, Cars and Handlebars, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mohican North Star Casino Resort, W12180 County Road A. Free car show with registration 8 a.m. to noon, awards 3 p.m., followed by 20- to 25-mile cruise. Guest star TV personality Joe Zolper.

NAVARINO: Pancake and Porkie Fall Family Fun Day Open House, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Breakfast, trolley rides, family activities and crafts. Most activities free; fee for food and materials.

SHAWANO: Octoberfest, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 100 and 200 blocks of Main Street. Free live music, food trucks, craft vendors, kids' games and scarecrow contest.

SHAWANO AND MENOMINEE COUNTIES: Miles of Art, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., five locations. Details at shawanomilessofar.com, Facebook and Instagram pages.

MOUNTAIN: 18th annual Nicolet Fall Colors Walk/Run, 10 a.m. to noon, 15618 Maiden Lake Road. Pirates of the Northwoods Parrot Head Club hosts 7K run/walk around Maiden Lake. Entry fee \$25, teams of four or more \$20 each, proceeds benefit volunteer fire and emergency units.

BIRNAMWOOD: Schairer's Autumn Acres, 194 Western Ave. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Corn maze, pumpkin patch, wagon rides, petting zoo, live music and special features. Every weekend through Oct. 31.

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NAVARINO: Sunset Wagon/Trolley Rides, 4:30-6 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. \$10 per person, space is limited, register by Oct. 4 at 715-758-6999.

ABRAMS: 24-Hour Theatre, 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. Participants present plays they created starting at 7 p.m. Oct. 6. \$5.

SHAWANO: Box in the Wood Theatre Guild presents "Peter and the Starcatcher," 7 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Tickets \$15 adults, \$10 children. 715-526-2525 or shawanoarts.com/theatre.

SUNDAY, OCT. 8

SHAWANO: Zurko Outdoor Flea Market, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Shawano County Fairgrounds, 990 E. Green Bay St. Admission \$2.

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11

SHAWANO: Northeast Wisconsin Technical College Alumni Celebration, 5-7 p.m., Stubborn Brothers Brewery, 220 S. Main St. Celebrating 20 years of NWTC at 111 Thomas Ave. and what having NWTC in the community has meant. \$10, Free to alumni.

THURSDAY, OCT. 12

KESHENA: Beading Vibes Only, 2-5 p.m., Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center, W2908 Tribal Office Loop Road. every Thursday

SHAWANO: Purses for a Purpose, 5-10 p.m., The Gathering, 2600 E. Richmond St. Fundraising purse auction for Boys and Girls Club of Shawano. Light horse d'oeuvres and cash bar. \$50 online ticket sales only.

GRESHAM: Gresham Scholarship Fund annual meeting, Gresham Village Hall, 801 Main St. Election of board of directors and officers for 2024. Information: Bob Klopke at 715-787-3386 or rklopke@charter.net.

FRIDAY, OCT. 13

BONDUEL: Farmtoberfest, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Porter's Patch, W4314 State Highway 156. Pumpkin patch, taco food truck. \$10.48 admission includes corn maze, craft shed, obstacle course, petting zoo, hayrides, games and family activities. Weekends through Oct. 29.

OCONTO: "Blithe Spirit," 7 p.m., Park Avenue Theatre, 408 Park Ave. Machickanee Players production. \$20 per

ticket at oconto.ludus.com.

SHAWANO: Downtown Witches Night Out, downtown. Costumes encouraged; Spark Spark Bang performs at 7 p.m. and food trucks 2-8 p.m. at the Naborhood, 214 S. Main St. Participating businesses plan in-store specials all day.

SHAWANO: Box in the Wood Theatre Guild presents "Peter and the Starcatcher," 7 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Tickets \$15 adults, \$10 children. 715-526-2525 or shawanoarts.com/theatre.

SATURDAY, OCT. 14

SHAWANO: FRESH Project Farmers Market, 8 a.m. to noon, Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. More than 45 local food and craft vendors.

BIRNAMWOOD: Schairer's Autumn Acres, 194 Western Ave. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Corn maze, pumpkin patch, wagon rides, petting zoo, live music and special features. Every weekend through Oct. 31.

SURING: Soup and Pie Event, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Hickory United Methodist Church, 9872 County Road M, Hickory Corners. Bake sale and basket drawings.

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MOUNTAIN: American Legion Post 44 Gunless Poultry Shoot, 1 p.m., Water's Edge, 12058 State Highway 32. Raffles of packages of meat, poultry, sausages, bacon, beverages and items donated by local businesses. There will also be 50/50 raffles.

SHAWANO: Mooseyard Scavenger Hunt and Hayride, 3-9 p.m., begins and ends at The Coachlight, W5814 Lake Drive. Hayride to your favorite Mooseyard bars. Park at Shawano County Park. Pre-register at the Coachlight or call 715-524-3063.

Green Lake Picnic Area reopening after 8 years

Mountain Historical Society strikes deal with U.S. Forest Service to restore beloved community area

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

After being closed for more than eight years, the former Green Lake Picnic Area in Oconto County will soon reopen with a new name.

The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest had operated the 5-acre park near the community of Mountain for years, but it and several other recreation sites in the forest were shut down in 2015 to cut costs.

Plans call for the park to reopen in April as A.C. Weber Park at Green Lake.

Brenda Carey-Mielke, a Mountain town supervisor and president of the Mountain Historical Society, was a major force in getting the park reopened and worked with forest officials to make it happen.

The U.S. Forest Service will continue to own the property, but the historical society will oversee and maintain the park.

The park is located on state Highways 32 and 64. The Green Lake Picnic Area included picnic tables, grills, swimming beach, boat landing and a pavilion listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

"The Civilian Conservation Corps established the park in 1937," Carey-Mielke said. "They wanted a place for their families, so they built a pavilion and put a nice, big fireplace in there. When families came to visit their husbands or sons while they were working, that's where they could stay. It was built by the fathers and the sons of the people who lived here. It's a part of the community. Community members built it, and it means a lot. I have a document from 1917 that shows it as A.C. Weber Park. Weber owned a lot of land here, and it was dedicated as a park."

The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the nation's historic places worthy of preservation. The National Park Service oversees the register, which is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate and protect America's historic and archaeological resources.

The Town of Mountain could not have operated the property as a town park, according to Carey-Mielke.

"We're a municipality, and forestry was interested in working with a nonprofit," she said. "The historical



Brenda Carey-Mielke, a Town of Mountain supervisor and president of the Mountain Historical Society, stands next to a pavilion in the former Green Lake Picnic Area in Oconto County. Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest officials closed the 5-acre park eight years ago, but Carey-Mielke spearheaded an effort to reopen the park, which the historical society will operate as A.C. Weber Park at Green Lake.

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society is a perfect partnership."

The process of working with the U.S. Forest Service to reopen the park took years, but Carey-Mielke believed an agreement could be reached.

"I saw no reason why it shouldn't, and I just put that in my head," she said. "I kept the faith. The Mountain Historical Society stepped in and said, 'Hey, you closed the park, but you have to give us access to the pavilion.' We're charged by the secretary of the interior to protect and preserve that building because it's on the register."

"Once (forest officials) were contacted, we stood firm, basically kept beating the drum and said, 'Let's work something out.' Once we opened communication and discussed things in detail, we worked out a plan and had to get approval. They had to rethink their order to shut down parks and reconfigure a plan."

Several downed trees from a windstorm in 2019 were still lying in the park this summer, but the U.S. Forest

Service recently removed several of them and will continue to work this fall, Carey-Mielke said. The park is expected to open in April 2024.

The historical society's A.C. Weber Park at Green Lake Preservation Group has established an endowment fund at Mountain's Flagstar Bank branch. Funds will be used to restore, protect and maintain the park. Contributions can be sent to Flagstar Bank, c/o MHS A.C. Weber Park at Green Lake Preservation Group, P.O. Box 228, Mountain, WI 54149.

There's plenty of work to do before the park opens its doors to visitors.

More than 50 community residents showed up at the park Sept. 9 to make plans for getting the property ready.

"I had 54 community members, people from around the lake and in town," Carey-Mielke said. "People are thrilled. I ended up with 28 volunteers and phone numbers after that initial meeting. People have been coming in here with garbage bags picking up

trash, especially at the boat landing. They didn't think it was going to happen because they had tried before. In 2016, a group approached the forest people, and they said, 'No, it's closed. We're not giving you the park.' We approached it differently. We sent them a presentation along with the story behind it."

Although the historical society is accepting donations to help maintain the park, visitors will be able to visit the park for free. The U.S. Forest Service had a \$5 daily use fee at the park for several years.

"That's one of the reasons it closed," Carey-Mielke said. "What they did in this area is say, 'Well, what's generating money?' They didn't get more than a couple hundred bucks out here from people who would pay. They had to take the approach of nobody's using it because nobody's paying."

Carey-Mielke said the park will be open from April through late October.

FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Making desserts out of fall harvest

Hauling out my outside fall decorations the other day, I was covered in a sheen of sweat and muttered under my breath, "I'm supposed to be out here in a sweatshirt." While I don't want to complain that summer is being obstinately stubborn, I do enjoy brisk, crispy fall air, and the colors — vibrantly magnificent. Giggling I read a Facebook post, "God must be a Packer fan!" The fella had posted a picture of a beautiful green and yellow tree, just turned. Fall is my most favorite time of the year. I just don't care for what comes after it. Envisioning a snow-covered deck, I literally shivered.

Enjoying these early fall, summer-like bonus days I am harvesting apples from our trees and ever-bearing raspberries from our small but productive patch. Every other day I pick about four cups of red ripe berries, vying with buzzing bees for the fruit. I tell them, "If you don't bother me, I won't bother you. There's enough out here for all of us."

I give berries away to family and friends. One responded, "The raspberries are so good." I take no credit other than to pluck the delight off the vine, God does it all. A few land in my mouth as I pick, many days adding a fresh bowl to our suppers and the rest I freeze to make "vudka" during those snow-covered days.

This is a recipe from my husband's mother that she passed down to me, which I'd never heard of until I married her son. It's 2 cups of flour, 2 cups of milk and two eggs stirred up like a pancake batter and then folded into a greased 9X13-inch pan. Add 2 cups of fresh (or frozen) raspberries on top and sprinkling all with a cup of sugar, bake for 45 minutes at 350 degrees. It's quick and delicious. Shamelessly, I admit between the two of us we polish it off in two days.

The fist-sized apples that come off our tree are delicious and sweet, the juice running down my chin as I blissfully bite into one, warmed by the sun. We have four apple trees on our property and they all have produced well, although just two have apples that are super good. As the other two drop their fruit, I rake up those apples and cart over to our pigs, who look up at me with grateful smiles, sloppily making the apples disappear in the blink of an eye.

One tree has so many apples it literally leans over, weighty with



While the apples came from down home, the recipe for the apple crisp was provided following a columnist's demand for something sweet.

KAY REMINGER



the fruit, snapping its branches. The branches can't support their heaviness as we've had such a dry summer. Hauling a ladder over to pluck the apples, we try to pick them before they fall, getting the best ones to make apple strudel, which is my husband's second most favorite dessert.

Checking in with Siri one day, I demanded: "Give me a good apple crisp recipe."

Immediately I read, "This apple

crisp recipe is the best fall dessert ever! Fresh sliced apples are topped with a buttery cinnamon oat topping that tastes divine with a scoop of vanilla ice cream."

Oh. She sold me, and the rave met expectation.

These apple trees needed a bit of tending. The deer were nibbling more apples than we, so we hung up some bars of Irish Spring soap to deter them. I still see bite-sized hunks out of some sprawled beneath the tree. As I pick those up for our pigs, I flick off engorged, lazy hornets, drunk with feasting on fermented apples made warm and pliable in the sun. There's enough, just like the raspberries, for all of us.

The beautiful season of fall has peeked around the corner, bringing along its vibrant colors and, as a bonus, a delicious harvest to enjoy

APPLE CRISP

FILLING

- 5 cups fresh apples, sliced (peeled or not, your choice)
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

TOPPING

- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/3 cup old-fashioned oats
- 2/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 cup butter, melted

Preheat oven to 360 degrees. Grease a deep dish pie plate or large baking dish with butter or cooking spray; set aside. Combine the sliced apples with the sugar, cinnamon and vanilla in a large bowl and mix until all of the apples are evenly coated. Pour into the prepared baking dish. In a separate medium-sized bowl, combine the flour, oats, brown sugar, salt and cinnamon. Pour in the melted butter and stir until well coated and crumbly. Sprinkle the crumb mixture evenly over the top of the apples. Bake in preheated oven for 45-60 minutes until fruit is soft and the topping is golden brown. Allow to cool slightly before serving. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream.



Red raspberries are a wonderful treat as summer turns into fall, as long as you're not interfering with the buzz of the bees.

KAY REMINGER

and share.

("I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing." John 15:5)

Kay Reminger was born and raised on a dairy farm, and she married her high school sweetheart, who happened to farm for a living in Leopolis. Writing for quite a few years, she remains focused on the blessings of living the ups and downs of rural life from a farm wife's perspective.



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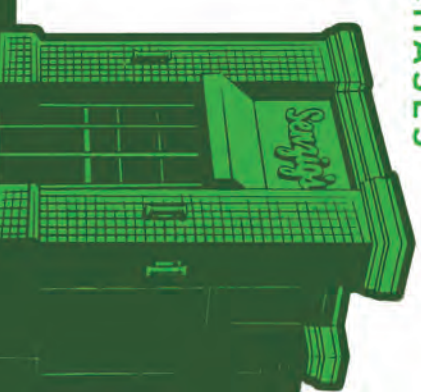
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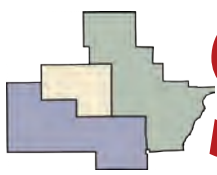
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Bonduel girls take first at Rosholt Invite

Oconto Falls girls take first place at Reedsville

By **KEVIN PASSON**
Editor-in-chief

Daniel Augustine placed 12th in 16:48.9 to lead the Pulaski boys cross-country team at the Red Raiders Invite on Sept. 28.

He was joined by Parker Marshall, Dayne Nowak, Arden Gillen and Peyton Yaw as the team's top five runners. Thomas Murphy and Dayne Groth also competed.

Pulaski placed fourth as a team, with Shawano in fifth and Gillett in 13th.

Will Chelberg placed third in 15:50, and Ethan Onesti was fourth in 16:01.5 to lead Shawano.

Other top five runners were Andon Chelberg, Josiah Kuehl and Trevor Schwartz. Quinn Olson and Connor Chelberg also competed.

Gillett was led by Bradyn Wendorff in 14th place in 16:50.6. Also running were Scott Herroux, Nash Stage, Ben Peterson and Zander Davis.

For the girls, Shawano placed third. Pulaski and Gillett runners competed but did not field a full squad.

For the Hawks, Bailey Hendricks placed ninth in 19:33.9, Grace Chelberg was 11th in 19:35.9 and Lilly Guenther placed 14th in 19:46.8.

Maci Beyer placed 28th, and Adalyn Barkley was 33rd. Also running were Anabelle Schroeder and Lauren Harkey.

Pulaski's Olivia Stedl placed 25th.

Gillett's Hope Soper placed 44th, Sophia Limberg was 80th, Lily Hansen was 86th and Maggie Kaczmarek placed 92nd.

Rosholt Invite

Bonduel's girls cross-country team finished in first place with 46 points and all top five girls medaled at the Rosholt Invite on Sept. 28.

The Bonduel boys finished in sixth place with two runners earning medals.

Mariah Wondra placed sixth in 20:16.46, followed by Teagan Engel in eighth in 20:44.13, Ashlyn Kurey in 10th in 21:02.59, Joselyn Bohm in 15th



Seven members of the Bonduel Bears cross-country teams earned medals Sept. 28 at the Rosholt Invite. From left, are Ben O'Brien, Mariah Wondra, Teagan Engel, Joselyn Bohm, Ashlyn Kurey, Cierra Schnell and Race Anvelink.

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in 21:42.54 and Cierra Schnell in 19th in 22:11.27. Taylor Rank, Hailey Berg and Seidy Blandon also competed.

For the boys, it was Ben O'Brien in fifth in 16:56.72 and Race Anvelink in 30th in 18:47.8. Also running were Gage Anderson, Griffin Uelmen, Ben Reisner, Joah Dworniczak and Garrett Anderson.

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood boys and girls each finished in fifth place.

The girls were led by Nora Bushman in fourth in 19:47.69, Rory Salveson in seventh in 20:36.45 and Gabrielle Timm in 11th in 28:56.81. Also competing were Amelia Bessert and Ava Hegewald.

Running for the boys were Jonas Bushman, Hayden Miller, Milo Salveson, Joey Seegmiller, Taras Guk, Carson Meronk and Marty Nowinsky.

Ryan Corn led the Menominee Indian boys with a 16th-place finish in 17:46.68. Julius Kaquatosh placed 28th, and Barron Waupoose was 33rd.

Urijah Reevis was the only girl running, and she placed 23rd in 23:25.59.

Marion's male runners included Jesse Trebus, Tristan Herro and Adam Liethen. Competing for the girls were Bella Conover and Bridget Much.

Reedsville Invitational

Oconto Falls High School competed at the Reedsville Invitational on Sept. 28.

Oconto Falls girls were first in their division and first overall. The boys were third in their division and third overall. Oconto Falls was also the combined team champion.

Ben Adams won the race with a blistering time of 16:07, while Brooke Hodkiewicz was third in the girls race with her personal best time of 19:47.

Merrill Invite

Four Bonduel boys finished in the top six including Ben O'Brien's first-place finish at the Merrill Cross-Country Invite on Sept. 26.

O'Brien, a senior, won in 17:15. Oliver Chitwood placed third in 19:21, with Griffin Uelmen in fifth in 20:04 and Gage Anderson in sixth in 20:21.

Ben Reisner had a time of 21:02, which put him in ninth place.

Joah Dworniczak was 12th, Garrett Anderson was 13th, Garrett Klosterman placed 17th, Dylan Keller placed 18th, Keaton Bahr finished in 20th and Nathaniel Delcore was 21st.

Gresham-Bowler's Bryson Nelson finished in fourth place in 19:28. Kobe Miller placed 19th.

The Bonduel boys team won, with Merrill in second. Gresham-Bowler did not field a complete team.

Bonduel also won the girls meet, with runners taking the top five spots and seven out of the top 10.

Mariah Wondra placed first in 20:30, followed by Teagan Engel in second in 21:10, Ashlyn Kurey in third in 22:01, Joselyn Bohm in fourth in 22:27 and Cierra Schnell in fifth in 23:20.

Hailey Berg placed seventh in 24:57, and Taylor Rank was eighth in 25:10.

Seidy Blandon ran to an 11th-place finish.

Rosholt 'Trebs' Invite

Ben O'Brien led the Bonduel boys cross country team and Dayne Nowak led Pulaski at the Rosholt "Trebs" Invite on Sept. 23.

O'Brien placed seventh in 16:49, while Nowak was 13th in 17:19.

Pulaski's Daniel Augustine placed

15th in 17:20, and teammate Parker Marshall was 16th in 17:26. Arden Gillen finished in 33rd place, Peyton Yaw was 46th, Dayne Groth was 72nd and Thomas Murphy was 88th.

Bonduel's Oliver Chitwood placed 73rd, Griffin Uelmen was 91st, Gage Anderson was 95th, Joah Dworniczak was 101st, Ben Reisner placed 104th and Garrett Anderson was 113th.

For the girls, Bonduel's Mariah Wondra was 15th in 20:02. Teagan Engel was 40th, Joselyn Bohm placed 57th, Ashlyn Kurey was 61st, Cierra Schnell finished in 80th, Taylor Rank was 110th and Seidy Blandon was 117th.

Mishicot Invite

Oconto Falls' Ben Adams placed second among all boys in the large school cross-country category at the Jim Bremser Invitational in Mishicot on Sept. 21. He completed the course in 16:31.56, about 20 seconds behind the winner.

Teammates Griffin Kopke placed 26th, Brant Laluzerne was 33rd, Isaiah Holtz finished in 54th, Emerson Rice was 70th, Sage Mendolla was 73rd and Landon Timm was 76th.

The team placed sixth out of 14 teams.

Brooke Hodkiewicz led the girls team with an 11th-place finish in 20:36.95. Hailey Delzer had a time of 21:49.52, good enough for 24th place.

Other Panthers competing were Emma Meissner in 32nd, Hannah Ludemann in 35th, Ava Hodkiewicz in 45th, Maddy Przybylski in 52nd and Mackenzie Lotto in 57th.

The team placed fifth out of 15.

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Playoff spots, conference titles on the line as season winds down

Wittenberg-Birnamwood falls from ranks of undefeated

By **DUSTIN RIESE**
Correspondent

Several area high school football teams have clinched or are in the process of clinching a playoff spot for the season. Also, many are in the running for a conference title.

Stratford 34, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 21

In what may go down as the CWC-Large conference title game, the Chargers fell from the unbeaten ranks and fell to fellow unbeaten Stratford on Friday. Led by Koehler Kitty and his 148 yards on the ground, the Tigers managed to withstand a strong showing from Nathan Waupekenay, who threw for 177 yards and a pair of scores. Kitty stole the show early on as he rushed for a pair of first quarter touchdowns to put Stratford in front 12-0.

Although held in check on the ground for the first time this season, Waupekenay managed to rush one in from six yards out to pull the Chargers to within 12-7 at the half. He would then hook up with Keegan Bambo from 14 yards out early in the second half as Wittenberg took their first and only lead of the game 13-12. From there, it was all Stratford, in particular Kitty who added two more scores to push the Tigers lead out to 28-13 before the Tigers closed things out 34-21.

Pulaski 49, Sheboygan North 26

Although the team is still under .500 on the season, the Red Raiders are one win away from clinching a postseason berth following a win over the Raiders of Sheboygan. Led by their 337 yards on the ground, including 151 from Logan Schultz, the Red Raiders offense got rolling early and often and dropped

35 points in the first half to set the tone.

Schultz also played a role in the passing game, completing all three passes he attempted for 17 yards with a pair of scores. It was the ground attack that set the tone in this one as Spencer Hakes, Schultz and Trevor Schuessler all had rushing TDs in the first quarter to help open a 21-6 lead. After Sheboygan North pulled within 21-14 following a Don Hamilton 34-yard TD run, Schultz hooked up with Ethan Schmidt for the first of two TD passes with Hakes adding his second score of the game to open up a 35-14 lead at the break.

Another TD run from Schuessler got the scoring started in the second half as the Red Raiders made quick work of Sheboygan North. With two winnable games remaining on the schedule, the Red Raiders should be playoff football again in 2023.

Bonduel 14, Mishicot 0

Bonduel now finds themselves just one win away from punching their ticket to the postseason as they picked up a hard-fought 14-0 shutout against Mishicot to move to 3-2 in conference play. Considering the start to the season for the Bears, should they make the postseason they will be a battle tested group and will be a team that no one wants to see in Level 1.

Oconto Falls 78, Clintonville 42

One of the most, if not the most exciting game of the weekend, came in Oconto Falls where the Panthers continue to lead the Northwoods Conference. Already with a play-off berth for the third consecutive season, the Panthers now have their sights on a bigger goal as they are trying to win their first conference title in more than 30 years. Anytime you rush for nearly 600 yards as a

team you have a great shot, but this was about Alex Haines and the game he had.

Haines has been the catalyst for the Panthers offense all season, but not even he saw what was coming in this one as he finished with a career high 429 yards rushing and six scores while carrying the ball 27 times. That comes out to more than 15 yards per carry as the Truckers had no answers for him.

He wasn't the only one who had a great game as Wyatt Laughrin added 79 yards and two scores as the running game was an issue for Clintonville all night.

Kade Rosenow continued to show why he is one of the better QBs in the state, tossing for 432 yards and four scores with Sam Wegener coming down with 306 of those yards on 14 receptions.

Wausaukee 50, Gillett 48

Another exciting game came in the 8-player side of things where Wausaukee edged out Gillett 50-48 in Peninsula Conference action. Jesse DeBauch continued to make plays in both the run and in the passing game as he was a part of five TDs in the loss.

Suring 40, Sevastopol 28

The Eagles picked up their first win of the season by taking down the Pioneers 40-28. Seth Scrivens (127) and Trent Thomson (115) combined to rush for more than 200 yards on the ground while also picking up a pair of TDs for Suring. Mikey Pecanas also did his job in the passing game completing 5-of-6 passes for 85 yards and a pair of scores.

After an exciting first quarter that saw both sides score a pair of TDs, it was the Eagles that took over in the second, picking up two additional TDs to put the game away. Jake Cor-

nell used an 81-yard TD run to put Suring on top for good while Pecanas found Trent Van Den Elzen for 53 yards as Suring opened up a 32-14 lead at the half and never looked back.

Newman Catholic 51, Marion/Tigerton 6

In a matchup that pegged Marion/Tigerton against one of the premiere teams in 8-player football, it was Newman Catholic taking care of business as they won going away 51-6. Newman Catholic did a phenomenal job of keeping Braxton Genskow off balance as they made life miserable for the QB.

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas 38, Gibraltar 18

The beat goes on for Lena as they have run their winning streak to six games to start the season with another easy win. Ironically, this game was much closer than many expected it to be early on as Lena held a 22-12 lead after one quarter of play. Calvin Peters set the tone with a pair of 50-plus yard TD runs with Ty Shallow also getting in on the action and using a 36 yard TD run to keep Lena in front.

Gibraltar continued to give Lena all they could handle and more as the Braden Sitte TD reception in the second made things 22-18, which was the score going into the break. After that, it was all Lena as they not only pitched a shutout in the second half, but used a pair of TD runs from Shallow and Logan Graef to bust the game wide open as their undefeated start to the season continued.

Lena rushed for 423 yards in the victory as all three of their backs topped the century mark in the victory. Given that both teams entered this game at 5-0, you could make a case that this was the conference title game as Lena is now in the driver seat the final two weeks.

Pulaski falls 6-1 to Sheboygan North

The Pulaski girls tennis team dropped its conference matchup against Sheboygan North, losing 6-1

on Sept. 26.

In singles action, Sheboygan North's Julia English defeated Pulaski's Ruth Krause (6-3, 6-4), Sheboygan North's Dana Yedica defeated Isabella Skalecki (6-4, 6-4), Sheboygan North's Thea Bates

defeated Ayla Groteluschen (6-1, 6-2) and Sheboygan North's Julianna van Deventer defeated Addison Heezen (6-3, 6-2).

In doubles, Sheboygan North's Hannah Williams and Sarah Redell defeated Sarah Johnson and Josie

Steen (6-0, 6-3), Pulaski's Hailey Jansen and Aubrie Schuessler defeated Callie Alfonsi and Reese Tevsh (6-1, 3-6, 10-5) and Sheboygan North's Kylie Vang and Aoife Meyer defeated Alyssa Eggert and Linde Lemerond (4-6, 6-3, 10-5).

Shawano falls to Xavier in battle of the Hawks

Loss eliminates team from playoff contention

By **DUSTIN RIESE**
Correspondent

Going into the Sept. 28 contest with the Xavier Hawks, Shawano had its back against the wall as the team needed to win out to make the postseason. That is a tall enough task as it is, but with Xavier striving to finish the season unbeaten and capture the Bay Conference crown, Shawano had its work cut out.

Beating Xavier is hard enough, but Shawano turned the ball over on three of its first four possessions. That was the difference in the game as Xavier scored 35 points in the first quarter on its way to a 42-14 win and improved to 7-0 on the season.

"That is a terrific team across the field over there, but we didn't do ourselves any favors tonight," Shawano coach Alan Tomow said. "Any time you face a team like that, you need to take care of the football if you want to win. We didn't do that at all in the first quarter, and that has been a problem for us throughout the season. Hopefully, we can learn from this game and bounce back to finish the season strong."

At the start, Jerzy Bocker put the ball on the turf and the Xavier

defense pounced on it for a quick recovery. One play later, Matthew Potter took it in from 26 yards out to put Xavier on top 7-0 less than a minute into the game.

Potter was part of a Xavier offense that racked up 269 yards and five TDs on the ground as he led the way with 87 yards and a pair of scores.

A bobbled kickoff and the change of possession put the offense in a tough spot as the Shawano Hawks offense began its possession inside its own five before punting it away three plays later. Already with one score and another short field, it was the ground game of Xavier that continued to cause the Shawano defense problems with Potter taking it in again from 27 yards out to extend the lead to 14-0.

Bocker continued to do his best for the offense, but after fumbling a second time in the quarter, the Xavier defense recovered and gave its offense another short field. Like on the first fumble, the Xavier offense only needed one play to strike again as Reid Hietpas went up top to complete his lone pass attempt of the game, finding Eli Mares for the 24-yard hookup and putting Shawano in a 21-0 hole.

"You couldn't have gotten off to a worse start than we did tonight," Tomow said. "Not taking care of the ball is one thing, but when you constantly give a team like that short fields by being careless with the ball, you are asking for a long night."

By this point, the Shawano offense was starting to become one-dimensional and the Xavier defense knew that, resulting in a turnover on downs and another short field for Xavier. Following a quick burst by Carter McGlone up the middle, Isaiah Des Jardins showed off the speed for the Hawks fourth TD of the quarter and extended the lead to 28-0. Des Jardins wasn't quite finished as he would add a second TD with just over two minutes remaining in the first as the Hawks opened up a 35-0 lead over Shawano.

Both coaches elected to take the running clock in the second instead of waiting for the second half to start.

After going nearly the entire first quarter without a first down, Kaden Ewert used his legs to churn out a first down with less than 30 seconds to go as that was the most excitement the Shawano offense had in what was a rough first 12 minutes.

That run seemed to give the Shawano offense far more confidence than what they initially had with Bocker finding Logan Sipple for the first of a few big completions in the game. But once again, it was another Shawano drive that stalled out with the Xavier offense having another short field to work with. As they did five times previous, it was the ground game of the Hawks that continued to get the job done with Evan McCormick getting to the outside and showing off his speed for the 79-yard TD burst and putting

the Hawks in front of Shawano 42-0 after one half of play.

At this stage in the game, all Shawano was trying to do was move the ball and get some confidence. Giving Bocker time to throw was crucial for that as he found Dylan Hodkiewicz over the middle to move the ball to around midfield. Bocker then found Sipple not once, but twice in the early stages of the fourth quarter as the duo hooked up for a long TD reception to put an end to the shutout, 42-8.

With the game comfortably in hand, Xavier continued to empty its bench throughout the final 12 minutes, thus giving the ball back to Bocker and company one last time.

A 16-yard pass from Bocker to Hodkiewicz ended the scoring.

With the loss, Shawano falls to 1-6 on the season and 1-4 in conference. The team has been eliminated from playoff contention. Tomorrow is hoping his team can bounce back the final two weeks and end the season on a high.

"We have a very young group and one that we knew would struggle at times this season," he said. "That is part of playing varsity football. You are going to take some bumps along the way, but it is how you bounce back from defeats like this that can set you up for future success. Although the playoffs are out of the question at this point, we still have two more games this season, which gives all of these kids two more chances to end the season on a high note."

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Shawano to induct six into Hall of Fame

By **KEVIN PASSON**
Editor-in-chief

Six athletes and coaches will be inducted into the Shawano Community High School Athletic Hall of Fame on Oct. 7.

They are Glen G. Seering, Ginger (Miller) Kendrick, Ross Wojta, Amanda (Jaskolski) Nagle, coach Susan "Sue" Szama and coach Marting "Marty" Gharrity Sr.

Seering, class of 1960 and known to his classmates as "Rocks," was a standout football and baseball player. He earned three letters in football and two in baseball.

Kendrick, class of 1975, was part of the volleyball state championship team in 1973 and returned to the state tournament in 1974 and 1975. She also lettered in track and field her senior year.

Wojta, class of 1994, earned varsity

letters in three of his four years playing football, was a member of the wrestling team for two years, earned letters in two of his four years on the track team and was a four-year member of the Weightlifting Club.

Nagle, class of 2010, was a 12-sport letter winner, competing and lettering in each season throughout her high school career. She was named Female Athlete of the Year in 2010.

Szama coached in the district from 1985-2003, including time as assistant middle school track coach, freshmen and JV1 girls basketball coach, and high school track assistant and coach and head coach.

Gharrity coached from 1930-36, serving as head coach for football, basketball and track. In 1935, the football team was trailing 6-0 when they fought back to win that game and shut out their opponents the rest of the year, finishing 7-0 and outscoring

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their opponents 145-6.

An induction brunch for inductees and their guests will be held at 10:15 a.m. in the high school library.

The induction ceremony will start at 11:15 a.m. in the high school commons.

"The public is welcome and encouraged to attend (the induction ceremony)," said Joel Wondra, activities director at Shawano Community High School.

Inductees will also be introduced as part of the pregame for the homecoming football game, beginning at 12:35 p.m. in the stadium.

Shawano will host New London with kickoff at 1 p.m.

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Former coach recounts volleyball state title wins Shawano won first-ever girls championship

By **KEVIN PASSON**
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Fifty years ago this fall, the Shawano High School girls volleyball team won the state tournament – the first such tournament in Wisconsin history.

And, 15 years later, they won it again.

Like her teammates and her coach, Matty Mathison, SHS graduate Virginia "Ginger" (Miller) Kendrick was a pioneer in female interscholastic athletic programs.

Kendrick will be among six athletes and coaches who will be inducted into the Shawano Community High School Athletic Hall of Fame on Oct. 7.

Mathison recalled the early days of Title IX, which requires female sports on an equal basis with male sports.

"I came here in 1969, and there

were no women's sports. We had something called the Girls Athletic Association," she said. "When I attended college in Minnesota, they had women's sports. I thought I had died and gone to heaven."

At college, she participated in every women's sport that was offered.

Once she started teaching in Shawano, she went in front of the school board and proposed creating girls volleyball, tennis, and track and field teams.

"My principal (Carl Carmichael) and the school board were opposed to them and said it would take money away from the boys teams," Mathison said, noting that Carmichael was the best principal she worked for during her teaching career. "I told them, 'This has to happen.'"

Mathison said the attributes students learn from being part of an

athletic team are enormous and can be life-changing.

The volleyball program was established at the school in 1972. As a sophomore, Kendrick joined that first year and would play for three years. The team won the Wisconsin Valley Conference each of those years. In 1973, the team was 8-0 in conference play, won the Kaukauna sectional and then defeated Beaver Dam, Madison Memorial and West Allis Hale for the first-ever state championship.

"We came back to town to a nearly empty parking lot, with just a few parents there to pick up their girls," Mathison said.

But the girls were named Women of the Year by the Shawano Women's Club.

Shawano teams returned to the state tournament in 1974 and 1975 but did not make it to the final round.

In 1987, the team was back at the tournament but lost the title match to Portage.

Then, in 1988, Shawano won its second state title, defeating Kaukauna. This year marks the 35-year anniversary of that state championship team.

"When we won that year, 57 cars met us in Bonduel. You could hardly find a place to park," Mathison said. "The gymnasium was full, and six of those girls received scholarships."

Mathison said Title IX is one of the biggest influences on her life but acknowledges it is still a work in progress.

"When it began, women made 35 cents for every \$1 made by a man," she said. "Now, it's up to 70-75 cents. There are still limitations, whether that's because of stereotypes or limited opportunities. But it has opened a lot of doors."

Mathison taught in the Shawano district for 37 years and spent 25 years coaching volleyball and 12 years coaching track.

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Shawano volleyball team wins another invite

Bowler tops Gresham in four sets

By **LUKE REIMER**
Correspondent

The Shawano Hawks traveled to Rhinelander on Sept. 30 to play a four-match round-robin tournament.

Shawano started the day against a scrappy Green Bay Southwest squad, where they dropped their only set of the day. The Hawks followed the 2-1 win over Green Bay Southwest with sweeps of Rhinelander, Auburndale and Chequamegon.

This is the fourth tournament the Shawano Hawks have won this season. The team also finished second in the Marshfield invite.

Amelia Klement led the team in aces with 11. She served a total of 51 times with one error. She also led the team in assists with 39. Ella Stuber split the setting duties and had 36 assists of her own.

Abby Bystol led the team in kills with 25 and a .476 hitting percentage and also led the team in blocks with six. Leah Nordin was right behind her with 24 kills and a .500 hitting percentage.

Teagen Thompson led the team in digs with 25 on the weekend.

On Sept. 28, Shawano defeated Green Bay West 3-0.

Bowler

In a Sept. 26 matchup, the Bowler volleyball team defeated the Gresham volleyball team in

four sets, winning 25-13, 25-15, 19-25 and 25-19. Ava Paiser recorded 20 assists and two digs, while Natalie Rickert recorded two assists and eight kills, and Anna Dassie led the team with eight service aces. For Gresham, Lexi Baddmoccasin-Barnes recorded 15 assists, while Maddie Haffner totaled eight kills and 11 digs.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood

During Parents' Night on Sept. 21, the Wittenberg-Birnamwood volleyball team took down Menominee Indian in a conference battle. The Chargers took down the Eagles, winning all three sets, 25-18, 25-18 and 25-23. London Metropulos led the Chargers with two aces and 14 kills, while Lily Metropulos recorded 11 assists and eight digs. Kaydence Burclaw added another five aces, 12 assists and seven digs.

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood volleyball team traveled to Manawa on Sept. 26 for a conference matchup, where the Chargers won all three sets, 28-26, 25-23 and 25-15. Lily Metropulos led the Chargers with 21 assists, 12 digs and four aces, while London Metropulos recorded 15 kills and 12 digs. Melania Granquist added another four blocks and seven kills.

Suring

The Suring volleyball team dropped its Sept. 26 match to Crivitz during the triangular. Suring dropped all three sets, losing 23-25, 25-27 and 17-25. The Eagles recorded nine service aces, with MaShya Seefeldt recording three, Karissa Hirschke recording two and Bailey

Stuart recording two.

Tigerton

The Tigerton Tigers dropped its Sept. 26 volleyball matchup to Northland Lutheran, losing 25-27, 19-25 and 19-25. In a hard-fought matchup, McKenzie Hoffman recorded two aces, five kills and nine assists. Samantha Suehring added another two aces and ten digs.

The Tigerton volleyball team dropped its Sept. 28 match against Wild Rose in four sets, losing 15-25, 14-25, 25-17 and 14-25. McKenzie Hoffman recorded one ace and five assists, while Samantha Suehring recorded six kills. Angel Welch added another three aces and five kills.

Oconto Falls

The Oconto Falls volleyball team battled Fox Valley Lutheran on Sept. 26, dropping its match in five sets, 28-26, 11-25, 25-22, 16-25 and 8-15. Izzy Otto recorded 22 assists and two aces, while Morgan Moynihan recorded two assists, three aces and 13 digs.

Gresham

In a Sept. 28 matchup, Gresham defeated Rosholt in five sets, winning 25-18, 22-25, 19-25, 25-20 and 15-8. Jessa Jensen recorded 22 kills, with Janay Pecore-Kirkland adding another 16 kills. Lexi Baddmoccasin-Barnes added 38 assists and 23 service points, while Maddie Haffner pitched in 17 digs.

Gresham also took on Manawa on Sept. 28, winning in five sets, 22-25, 20-25, 25-14, 25-17 and 15-13. Jensen recorded 17 kills, Baddmoccasin-Barnes recorded 30 assists and Rylie Kakwitsch recorded 22 digs.

Bowler

The Bowler volleyball team matched up against Faith Christian Academy on Sept. 28, where it won in three sets, 25-22, 25-23 and 25-10. Natalie Rickert recorded 15 kills, nine digs and one assist. Autumn Thies added another eight kills and four assists. Ava Paiser led the way with 28 assists and four aces.

Pulaski

Pulaski went 2-4 in the week including 2-3 in tournament action on the weekend.

On Sept. 26, the Red Raiders lost 3-1 at De Pere.

On Sept. 30, the team dropped three contests - 2-0 against Green Bay NEW Lutheran, 2-1 against Reedsville and 2-0 to Waupaca - before winning twice, as they defeated Green Bay East and Reedsville 2-0 each.

Wausaukee Triangular

Lena defeated Gillett 3-0 at the Wausaukee Triangular on Sept. 26. Gillett also lost 3-0 to Wausaukee, while Lena won 3-0 against their hosts.

Bonduel

The Bears won 3-1 over Shiocton on Sept. 26. The team continued its winning ways with a 2-0 win over Pacelli at the Oostburg Invite on Sept. 30. Unfortunately, Bonduel then lost 2-1 to Port Washington.

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Shawano, Oconto Falls golf team advance to sectionals

Shawano's girls golf team advanced to sectional action after finishing in fourth place at the Green Bay Preble Regional. Pulaski ended in sixth place.

Pulaski's Vivian Ninham finished tied for fourth overall with a score of 81, while Ella Ficarri finished tied for seventh with a score of 84.

Shawano's Sophia Eggert was the only Hawk to finish in the top

14, cashing in an 85 on the day.

At Little River Golf Course in Peshtigo, Oconto Falls advanced out of regional action, while Bonduel as a team saw their season end.

The Falls' Taylor Miller placed fourth with a 97, while Ava Salscheider and Olivia Wagner tied for seventh at 103.

Bonduel's Raina Dworniczak qualified as an individual, scoring 104 for ninth place.

The Shawano girls golf team competed in the Green Bay Preble Division 1 regional on Sept. 27. The team finished fourth and advanced to the Oct. 2 sectionals. From left, are Sophia Eggert, Maddie Moesch, Lily Glysch, Alli Johnson and Braylyn Babino.

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Pulaski goes winless at Spartan Invitational

By **DUSTIN RIESE**
Correspondent

Entering the weekend with a 7-18 overall record, the Pulaski volleyball team would love to string some wins together as the regular season is coming to an end and postseason play is on the horizon. What better way to string some wins together than by participating in the Spartan Invitational at Oshkosh North as this was a golden opportunity for Pulaski to gain some confidence these final few weeks.

Despite some strong efforts on the court throughout the day, the results were not what the Red Raiders were hoping for as they finished the day 0-3 and will now gear up for the stretch run of their season.

In their first match of the day, the Red Raiders were matched up with

Green Bay NEW Lutheran as both teams took part in pool C play.

This was one of those situations where the size of the school doesn't matter as the Blazers took care of business against Pulaski 2-0, winning set one 25-16 and taking set two 25-11. Emma Laatsch was a problem all match long for the Red Raiders and their front line as she set the tone for NEW Lutheran with 12 kills. She also added a team high 18 assists as she played as big of a role as anyone.

When it came to the Red Raiders, they were led by Alexia Thibodeau and Emma Quinnell as Thibodeau did her best to get things started for the offense while Quinnell made the kills she needed to make at the front line. Reese Lardinois also had a great first match of the day as her six assists helped make things happen for the Red Raiders on offense.

Looking to bounce back after a rough first match, Pulaski took their chances against Reedsville as they were hoping to move up in pool play. Pulaski couldn't have asked for a better start in this one as they opened the match with a 25-16 set one win to grab their first win of the day. Unfortunately for them, it would be the only win of the match and only win of the day as the Panthers responded with a 25-23 set two victory before closing things out 15-8 to take the match 2-1.

Once again, Quinnell played a huge role of setting things up for her team, but this one was all about Thibodeau and her all-around game. Not only did she do a phenomenal job setting things up offensively with a team high 22 assists, but she also added nine kills to lead the Red Raiders as the Panthers had no answers for her. She was joined by Quinnell and her 10 as-

sists and four kills as the Red Raiders continued to battle only to come up short in the end.

With a chance to end their day on a positive note, the Red Raiders closed out pool play against the 22-6 Waupaca Comets as this would be by far their toughest task of the day. Once again it was another straight set loss for Pulaski, but after dropping the first set 25-12, Pulaski at least showed a little bit of fight in the second set before falling 25-19.

Lia Richgels made her presence felt throughout the final match as she tallied three kills and six assists for her team. Thibodeau had another big game with seven kills and nine assists, but it was the freshman Jazlyn Kozlowski who played a huge role in the Red Raiders resurgence during that final set as she continues to make her presence felt this season.

Shawano, Pulaski each split a pair of soccer contests

By **DUSTIN RIESE**
Correspondent

As the 2023 soccer season winds down, the Shawano Hawks are hoping to get back on track as they have had to endure their share of injuries and struggles this season.

What started with a match against Menasha on Sept. 26, ended with Merrill on Sept. 29 as the Hawks managed to go 1-1 this week. Looking to push their winning streak to a season high

three games against the Blue Jays, Shawano was unable to contain the high-powered Menasha attack and fell to the Blue Jays by a final score of 4-1. Warner Beyer played a huge role in the goal for the Hawks as he picked up the assist while George Buerman finished it home for the Hawks.

Shawano closed out the week with a non-conference home game against Merrill and proceeded to deliver one of their better overall performances on the season with a 4-1 victory. The

Hawks are sitting at 6-9-2 with two games left to play.

Pulaski splits a pair

What has been an overall successful season for Pulaski (10-5-1, 2-3) continued as the Red Raiders split a pair of conference games this past week. First on the docket were the Raiders of Sheboygan North as they came into Pulaski on Sept. 26. Led by a pair of unassisted first half goals to open up a 2-0 lead, the Red Raiders did what

they had to do and held off Sheboygan North 3-1.

Pulaski built a two-goal lead in the first half courtesy of goals from Nolan Pratt and Zach Valeria in the 24th and 39th minutes, respectively. Both goals were unassisted as it was all Pulaski in the early going. The Red Raiders added a goal to the margin when Ben Uelmen converted a penalty kick in the 44th minute to close out the scoring for them as they opened up a convincing 3-0 lead.

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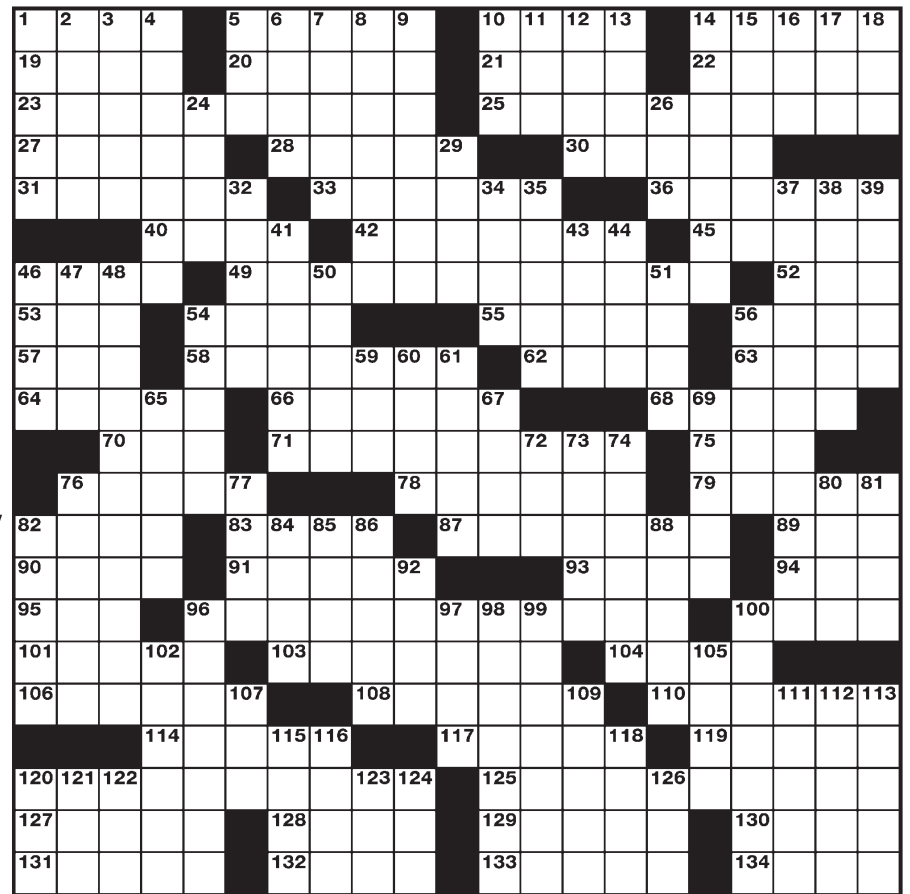
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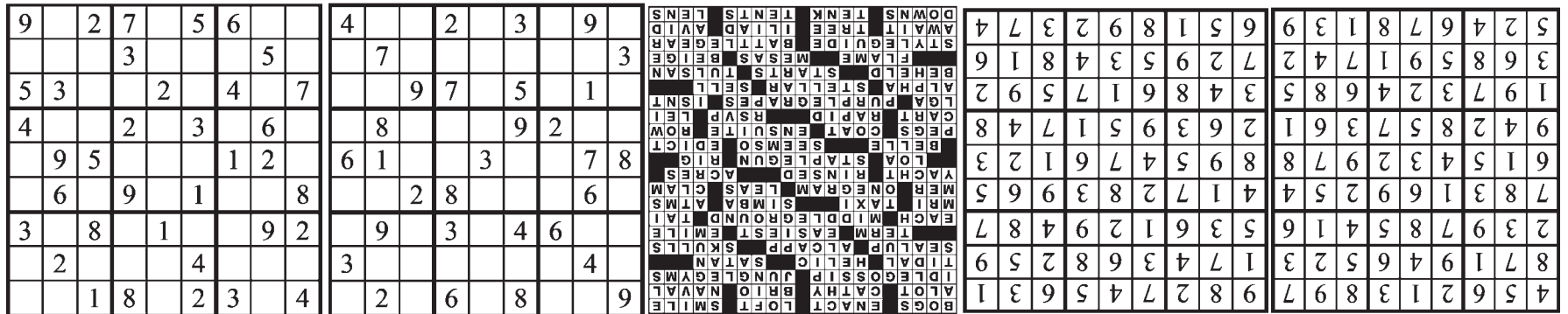
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CITY OF OCONTO FALLS NOTICE - RESOLUTION APPROVAL

The following resolution has been passed by the Common Council for the City of Oconto Falls at a meeting held on September 25, 2023. A full text of said resolution may be obtained from the Oconto Falls clerk's office located at 500 N. Chestnut, Oconto Falls, WI 54154. Phone: 920-846-4505.

RESOLUTION 23-007: City Council Resolution Approving the Creation of Tax Incremental Finance District No. 3 City of Oconto Falls, Wisconsin

Posted by City Deputy Clerk
Jenny Friedman

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CITY OF OCONTO FALLS NOTICE - RESOLUTION APPROVAL

The following resolution has been passed by the Joint Review Board for the City of Oconto Falls at a meeting held on September 25, 2023. A full text of said resolution may be obtained from the Oconto Falls clerk's office located at 500 N. Chestnut, Oconto Falls, WI 54154. Phone: 920-846-4505.

RESOLUTION 23-008: Oconto Falls Joint Review Board Resolution 23-008 Approving Creation of Tax Incremental Finance District No.3 City of Oconto Falls, Wisconsin

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RESOLUTION 23-006: City of Oconto Falls Planning Commission Creation of Tax Incremental Finance District No.3 City of Oconto Falls, Wisconsin

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET

COUNTY OF OCONTO, WISCONSIN

October 26, 2023 9:00 am

Notice is hereby given that a **PUBLIC HEARING** on the PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET for the COUNTY OF OCONTO, WISCONSIN, as recommended by the **Oconto County Administrator**, will be held Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 9:00 am in Room 3041, located at 301 Washington St, Oconto, Wisconsin. Citizens are encouraged to attend the **PUBLIC HEARING** and have the right to provide written and/or oral comments and ask questions concerning the budget. A detailed copy of the PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET is on file and available for review at the Finance Department in the Courthouse. In accordance with SS.65.90 WI Stats., the following is a summary of the proposed 2024 budget:

	ADOPTED 2023	PROPOSED 2024	AMOUNT CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE
EXPENDITURES:				
General Government	\$7,340,340	\$7,344,452	\$4,112	0.1%
Public Safety	8,857,392	9,570,492	713,100	8.1%
Health and Human Services	13,037,762	12,984,326	(53,436)	-0.4%
Public Works (incl. Highway)	11,094,227	11,322,274	228,047	2.1%
Culture, Recreation and Education	1,423,336	1,997,056	573,718	40.3%
Conservation and Development	2,526,956	3,676,421	1,147,465	45.4%
Capital Projects-Other	1,531,077	2,062,410	531,333	34.7%
Debt Service	1,778,000	1,297,125	(480,875)	-27.0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$47,591,092	\$50,254,556	\$2,663,464	5.6%
REVENUES:				
Taxes (Other than Property)	\$740,232	\$698,242	(\$41,990)	-5.7%
Intergovernmental Grants/Aids	9,651,493	11,796,863	2,145,370	22.2%
Licenses and Permits	371,140	400,540	29,400	7.9%
Fines, Forfeitures and Penalties	178,500	180,000	1,500	0.8%
Public Charges for Services	4,065,891	4,035,459	(30,432)	-0.7%
Intergovernmental Charges	4,549,765	4,654,518	104,733	2.3%
Other (incl. Interest on Investments)	533,800	1,185,915	632,115	118.4%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$20,090,841	\$22,931,537	\$2,840,696	14.1%
Fund balances applied/transferred to reduce the county tax levy:				
Highway fund balance applied to equipment and operations	\$737,469	\$796,170	\$58,701	
Recycling fund balance applied to equipment and operations	43,782	66,087	21,305	
Health & Human Services fund balance applied to operations	769,472	816,026	46,554	
County Road & Bridge fund balance applied to operations		413,263	413,263	
Debt Service fund balance applied to debt reduction		16,519	16,519	
Land Records fund balance applied to operations	27,647	31,734	4,087	
County sales tax funds applied for capital purchases and operations	1,484,000	1,721,478	237,478	
County sales tax funds applied for capital purchases - hwy	415,000	436,796	21,796	
County sales tax funds applied for debt services	472,311	0	(472,311)	
ARPA funds applied to equipment and operations	92,000	251,410	159,410	
ARPA funds applied to equipment and operations - co road/bridge	345,000	0	(345,000)	
Human services fund balance transfer to general fund	750,000	0	(750,000)	
General fund applied to reduce property tax levy	600,000	713,100	113,100	
Total Funds Applied and Transferred	\$5,736,681	\$5,261,583	(\$475,098)	
TOTAL REVENUES & FUNDS APPLIED	\$25,827,922	\$28,193,120	\$2,365,598	9.2%
COST OF COUNTY OPERATIONS LEVIED AS PROPERTY TAX	\$21,763,570	\$22,061,436	\$297,866	1.4%
Percent of county tax levy to total budgeted expenditures	45.7%	43.9%		
County equalized value (less TID Increment) for apportionment of tax	\$5,222,755,835	\$6,157,936,335	\$935,180,500	17.9%
COUNTY TAX (MILL RATE) PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED				
PROPERTY VALUE FOR COUNTY OPERATIONS	\$4.167	\$3.583	(\$0.584)	-14.0%

Please note the following in the 2024 proposed budget

Highway: The highway budget anticipates \$1,232,966 of equipment purchases in 2024, which will be funded by highway depreciation charges of \$796,170 and county sales tax of \$436,796.

Health & Human Services: The Health & Human Services budget applies \$816,026 of their fund balance to reduce the department's 2024 tax levy request to \$3,874,376.

Capital Projects: Capital project purchases for 2024 amount to \$2,062,410, including \$280,651 for computer and related equipment, \$651,325 for various courthouse projects, \$226,410 for campground development, \$175,000 for other F&P projects, \$400,000 for sheriff vehicle replacement, \$215,024 for dispatch console replacement, and \$114,000 for vehicle leases.

Debt Service: The \$1,297,125 debt payment in 2024 will be funded by county debt levy of \$1,280,606 and carryover interest of \$16,519.

Other: The reserve for contingency is \$125,000.

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(prepared by Oconto Co Finance Dept 9/25/2023)

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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of Sept. 29

• Bond was set at \$10,000 cash for Randy H. Lucas, 31, Suring, after he was charged with intimidating a victim threatening force, false imprisonment, making terrorist threats, misdemeanor fourth-degree sexual assault, disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 28. Judge Jay Conley adjourned his initial appearance until Oct. 12.

Proceedings of Sept. 27

• Bond was set at \$40,000 cash for Jay T. Deuster, 44, Green Bay, first-degree sexual assault of a child, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 4, and two counts of repeated sexual assault of the same child, in connection with incidents involving young girls that allegedly occurred between June and September. Conley scheduled a preliminary hearing

for Oct. 5.

Proceedings of Sept. 26

- Amber N. Barber, 42, White Lake, pleaded guilty to possession of narcotic drugs, in connection with an incident that occurred Aug. 31. Other charges were dismissed in a plea agreement. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for Dec. 1 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.
- Andrew E. Golla, 31, Green Bay, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to strangulation and suffocation, child abuse recklessly causing harm, and misdemeanor battery and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 27. Judge scheduled a pre-trial conference for Oct. 12.
- Bond was set at \$5,000 cash for Tarah L. Swope, 42, Appleton, after she was charged with two counts of

physical abuse of an elderly person and misdemeanor counts of criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 25. Conley adjourned her initial appearance until Oct. 12.

Proceedings of Sept. 25

- John J. Neider, 48, Appleton, pleaded no contest to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense) and misdemeanor charges of an ignition interlock violation, operating while revoked, possession of THC, and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that occurred June 20, 2022. Judge scheduled sentencing for Nov. 6 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.
- A Sept. 28-29 jury trial was postponed for William D. Patnode, 49, Green Bay, on charges of possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor

possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 28, 2022. Conley said that a Brown County case, in which Patnode is charged with first-degree reckless homicide in the delivery of drugs, should be tried first. That case is scheduled for December. A telephone scheduling conference in the Oconto County case was set for Nov. 21.

- Bond was set at \$3,000 cash for Michael Lee Vandenheuvel, 27, Oconto, after he was charged with attempted strangulation and suffocation, false imprisonment, and misdemeanor charges of battery, criminal damage to property, making contact after a domestic abuse arrest, and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 24. Conley adjourned his initial appearance until Oct. 12.

OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sept. 29

Deputies responded to 49 incidents, including suspicious activity on East Frontage Road in the Town of Little Suamico, trespassing on North Creek Lane in the Town of Little River, criminal damage on North Pineview Circle in the Town of Breed, an unwanted party on North Lake Street in the City of Gillett, a disturbance on North Main Street in the City of Oconto Falls, suspicious activity on Hilbert Road in the Town of Chase, five traffic stops, one traffic hazard, one traffic offenses, 11 miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; one 911 hangup and three open lines; one ambulance call; four crashes, three involving deer.

Sept. 28

Deputies responded to 47 incidents, including suspicious activity near East North and Barkman streets in Suring, a death investigation in the Town of Spruce, sexual assault in Suring, theft on North Branch Road in the Town of Breed, suspicious activity on Beaumier Lane in the Town of Little Suamico, fire on County Road W in the Town of Riverview, fraud on Elm Lawn Road in the Town of Morgan, property damage on Woodview Road in the Town of Little River, two traffic stops, two traffic hazards, four traffic offenses, one citizen assist, one miscellaneous traffic incident, one welfare check; three 911 hangups and one open line; four ambulance calls; three crashes.

Sept. 27

Deputies responded to 31 incidents, including a death investigation in the Town of Townsend, a wanted person on Arbutus Avenue in Oconto, suspicious activity on Tanglewood Drive in the Town of Little Suamico, a structure fire on County Road S in the Town of Oconto, suspicious activity near East

Railroad and West Main streets in Lena, a disturbance on Pecor Street in Oconto, two traffic stops, three traffic hazards, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; two 911 hangups and two open lines; one ambulance call; one crash.

Sept. 26

Deputies responded to 42 incidents, including two fraud complaints on East Frontage Road in the Town of Abrams, a structure fire on County Road Y in the Town of Little River, suspicious activity on County Road W in the Town of Riverview, criminal mischief on County Road W in the Town of Mountain, fraud on Oak Orchard Road in the Town of Abrams, threatening on Flynn Lane in the Town of Lakewood, suspicious activity on state Highway 32 in the Town of Oconto Falls, fire on Schwartz Road in the Town of Chase, an animal bite on Fairview Road in the Town of Little River, six traffic stops, one traffic hazard, four traffic offenses, one miscellaneous traffic incident, two welfare checks; one 911 hangup; one crash, involving deer.

Sept. 25

Deputies responded to 33 incidents, including a disturbance on Delcore Road in the Town of Oconto, theft on Mountain Town Road in the Town of Riverview, suspicious activity on Krause Road in the Town of Little Suamico, internet fraud on North Anderson Lake Lane in the Town of Mountain, three traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two traffic offenses, three citizen assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; one 911 hangup; one ambulance call; one crash.

Sept. 24

Deputies responded to 45 incidents, including suspicious activity on state Highway 32 in the Town of Morgan, suspicious activity near Schwartz Road and County Road S in the Town of Chase,

property damage on Warrington Lake Drive in the Town of Underhill, theft on state Highway 32 in the Town of Gillett, suspicious activity on South Green Bay Avenue in Gillett, suspicious activity on Kingston Road in the Town of Mountain, an animal bite on County Road WW in the Town of Little River, four traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two traffic offenses, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; two open-line 911 calls; one ambulance call; one crash.

Sept. 23

Deputies responded to 34 incidents, including a weapon offense on state Highway 32-64 in the Town of Mountain, a missing person on Meadowview Lane in the Town of Oconto Falls, an ATV crash on Waubee Lake Drive in the Town of Lakewood, harassment on state Highway 22-32 in the Town of Gillett, suspicious activity on state Highway 22 in the Town of Oconto, a disturbance on Elm Street in the Town of Townsend,

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suspicious activity on County Road W in the Town of Riverview, a disturbance near U.S. Highway 41 and Froelick Road in the Town of Pensaukee, two traffic stops, two citizen assists, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; three 911 hangups and two open lines; two ambulance calls; two crashes.

Sept. 22

Deputies responded to 46 incidents, including threatening on Klatt Road in the Town of Underhill, an unwanted party on Ridge Road in the Town of Spruce, fraud on South Rosera Street in Lena, suspicious activity on North White Potato Lake Road in the Town of Brazeau, suspicious activity on Wickman Way in the Town of Abrams, five traffic stops, one traffic offense, one citizen assist, five miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; two 911 hangups and four open lines; one ambulance call; five crashes, one involving deer.

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Attorney for Plaintiff
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OBITUARIES

Bruce A. Miller, 58, of Gillett, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023, with family by his side. Bruce was born Dec. 5, 1964, to the late Allen and Norma (Reed) Miller.

Growing up, Bruce started to help his father pour concrete and would continue to help throughout his life. He graduated from Gillett High School with the Class of 1983. Bruce served his country in the United States Army from 1984-88 and in the National Guard from 1988-90. For many years, he worked as a linemen supervisor for the cable company.

On Feb. 22, 1997, Bruce mar-



Lisa enjoyed making their own sausage for themselves and friends.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Lisa; children, Kelli (Lucas) Torbeck, Nathan (Robin) Riehl and Cameron

ried Lisa French. Bruce enjoyed deer hunting and hanging out at deer camp. He was always up for a good time and a laugh. Bruce was also a talented woodworker and cook. Bruce and

(Alex) Miller; grandchildren, Tyrus Torbeck, Evan Riehl, Owen Riehl and Mason Riehl; sister, Lisa (Dave) Erb, and her children, Aaron, Emily and Sam; brothers-in-law, Mark (Mary) French, Kurt (Kathy) French and Craig (Michelle) French; sister-in-law, Robin (Lance) Bur-rack. He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his

parents and in-laws, Paul and Irene French.

Per Bruce's wishes, no services will be held. Bruce will be interred next to his mother at Underhill Cemetery in the spring.

Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com.



Jean J. Ruege

Jean J. Ruege, 92, passed away peacefully on Friday morning, Sept. 29, 2023, at The Bay of Suring.

She was born on Dec. 23, 1930, in the Town of Green Valley, daughter of the late Harvey and Elsie (Nauman) Hansen. Jean was a graduate of Gillett High School. She was employed at Pulaske Shoe Company until her marriage. On May 23, 1959, she married Melvin Ruege at Bethel Lutheran Church in Green Valley. He preceded her in death on Aug. 17, 1992. The couple farmed in



the Town of Gillett until their retirement.

Jean was a member of St. John Ev. Lutheran Church, Gillett. She was active in the Ladies Aid, was a Sunday school teacher and the Lady Quilters.

Survivors include nieces and nephews, Dennis (Judy) Ellie, Sharon Prey,

Wayne Ellie, Diane Jakups, Kathy (Jeff) Bahrke, Jeff (Renae) Hansen, Burt (Mary Beth) Ruege and Nancy (Larry) Carter; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harvey and Elsie Hansen; her husband, Melvin; one brother, Leroy (Nonie) Hansen; two sisters, Elaine (Arthur) Ellie and Irene Hansen; nephew, Ron Ellie; nieces, Connie and Carol Hansen, Joey Ruege; brothers-in-law, Frank (Martha) Ruege, Bill (Ruth) Ruege.

Visitation for Jean will be held on Friday, Oct. 6, 2023, from 9:30-11 a.m. at St. John Ev. Lutheran Church, 101 W. Main St., Gillett. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 6, 2023, at St. John Ev. Lutheran Church.

The Kuehl Funeral Home, 108 E. Main St., Gillett, is assisting the family with funeral arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy, memories and photos may be shared with Jean's family on her tribute page at www.legacycarepartners.com.



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Emergency Medical Technician Course Offering

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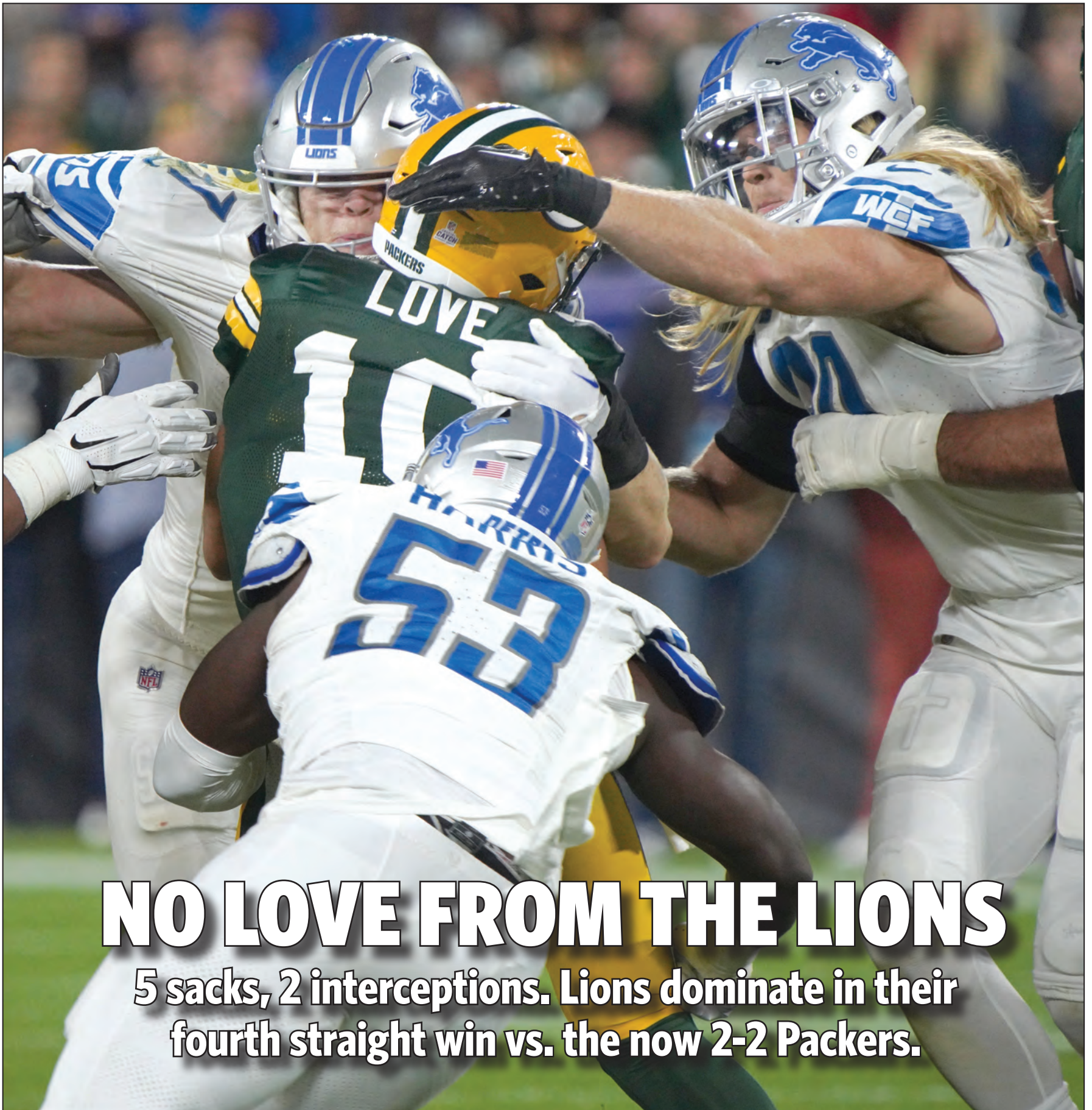
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NO LOVE FROM THE LIONS

5 sacks, 2 interceptions. Lions dominate in their fourth straight win vs. the now 2-2 Packers.

Green Bay Packers quarterback Jordan Love was sacked five times for a loss of 43 yards against the Detroit Lions on Sept. 28. Love connected on 23 of 36 passing attempts for 246 yards. He threw for a touch-down (and rushed for another) while tossing two interceptions in the Packers' 34-20 loss.

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Packers quarterback Jordan Love (10) escapes a safety against the Lions on Sept. 28. The offensive line was manhandled by the Lions' defense much of the night, as the Lions impaired to 3-1 and first place in the division.

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Lions extend winning streak over Packers

Green Bay's second half comeback falls short

By LUKE REIMER

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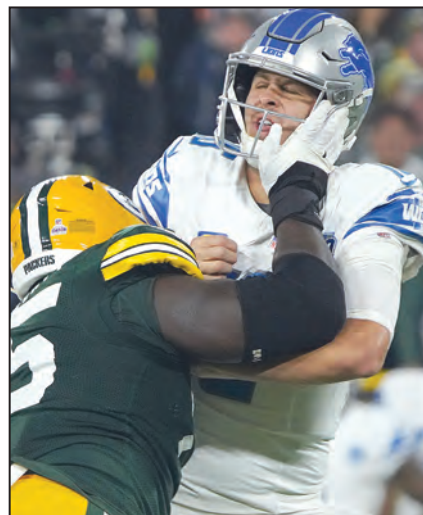
The Green Bay Packers dropped its Week 4 divisional matchup to the Detroit Lions, 34-20, at Lambeau Field on Sept. 28.

David Montgomery was the story of the game, as the Lions running back torched the Packers' defense to the tune of 121 yards and three touchdowns. In total, Detroit racked up 211 rushing yards, marking the second time this season Green Bay has given up 200-plus rushing yards. Conversely, Green Bay ran for just 27 yards in the game.

Quarterback Jordan Love finished with 246 yards on 23-of-36 passing, adding one touchdown and one rushing touchdown. Love also threw two interceptions, giving him the first multiple-interception game of his career.

It was Lions quarterback Jared Goff's interception that started the game, though, as Packers defensive back Rudy Ford picked Goff on the third play of the game. Starting from Detroit's 16-yard line, the Lions defense held Love and company to 0 yards, forcing Green Bay to take a field goal.

The Lions eventually built a 27-3 lead going into the halftime break.



Detroit Lions quarterback Jared Goff didn't have a perfect night, as the Packers' defense hurried him on occasion.

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"We just weren't executing," said Love, on how Green Bay fell behind early in the game. "To start the game and get the ball in scoring position right there, it's just not executing and not converting on third downs and just not putting ourselves in great positions to get positive plays going forward."

That's when the Packers rallied, much like they had against New Orleans the previous week. On its

opening drive of the second half, Green Bay marched down the field fairly easily and Love connected with Christian Watson for a one-yard touchdown. This was Watson's first game of the season after suffering a hamstring injury in the offseason. Green Bay then converted a two-point attempt after Love hit Jayden Reed on a throwback pass in the back of the endzone.

After exchanging punts, Green Bay took back over with 54 seconds left in the third quarter on its own 37-yard line. As the clock ticked down to zero, Love received the snap, seemingly after time had expired and connected with Reed for a 44-yard completion to set up a first-and-goal from Detroit's nine-yard line. Two plays later, Love called his own number and ran in a nine-yard touchdown. The following two-point conversion attempt was unsuccessful, though.

"We were just kind of in two-minute mode right there going fast, and we were just trying to get a play off as fast as we could before the quarter ended and we were able to get that one off," said Love. "J-Reed just made a really good play and used his speed to get past the DB there and made a great catch in the end."

On its ensuing drive, the Lions

ran the ball eight times, taking eight minutes and 52 seconds off of the clock. The drive was extended late, as Detroit elected to kick a field goal. Packers linebacker Quay Walker was called for a leaping penalty as he jumped over the long snapper. The Lions elected to take the free down to take more time off of the clock. That drive eventually ended with Montgomery's third touchdown of the game and ultimately the dagger, as Love threw his second interception of the game on Green Bay's next possession.

"You have to be within one yard of the line of scrimmage; you cannot be within one yard and do that," said coach Matt LaFleur, on why Walker was called for the penalty on the field goal block attempt. "It was a bad deal. I am not going to sit here and blame Quay. Obviously we have to do a better job of educating our players about what the rules are, so again, that's on me."

The Packers sit at 2-2, good for second place in the NFC North behind the Lions (3-1). Through the first four games, Love has thrown for 901 yards, eight touchdowns and three interceptions.

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Week 5 Games: Sunday, Oct. 8



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Chicago @ Washington...Thurs., Oct. 5
Carolina @ Detroit
Kansas City @ Minnesota
Green Bay @ Las Vegas...Mon., Oct. 9
Tie Breaker Game:
New York Jets @ Denver

Week 4 Winner :

**Jacob
Westendorf
New Media**

Weekly Standings

	Weekly Record	Overall Record
Jacob Westendorf, New Media.....	5-0	18-2
Jim Wiegand, Tower Clock Eye Center	5-0	16-4
Tim Murphy, New Media.....	5-0	14-6
Kevin Passon, New Media.....	4-1	14-6
Staff, Shawano Health Services.....	2-3	13-7
Robert Buss, Buss Automotive.....	4-1	12-8
Luke Reimer, New Media	3-2	12-8
Staff, Iverson's Piggly Wiggly	3-2	12-8
Shane Senn, Senn Insurance.....	4-1	11-9
Sue Moede, Moede & Sons Plumbing.....	4-1	10-10
Staff, Walsh Dental Group.....	3-2	8-12



Jim Wiegand
Tower Clock
Eye Center

This Week's Picks:

Washington
Detroit
Kansas City
Green Bay

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: New York Jets 23 @ Denver 28



Robert Buss
Buss
Automotive

This Week's Picks:

Washington
Detroit
Kansas City
Green Bay

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: New York Jets 28 @ Denver 21



Shane Senn
Senn
Insurance

This Week's Picks:

Washington
Detroit
Kansas City
Green Bay

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: New York Jets 20 @ Denver 23



Staff
Walsh Dental Group
Shawano

This Week's Picks:

Washington
Detroit
Kansas City
Green Bay

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: New York Jets 23 @ Denver 20



Staff
Shawano
Health Services

This Week's Picks:

Washington
Detroit
Kansas City
Green Bay

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: New York Jets 21 @ Denver 24



Moede & Sons
Plumbing
Shawano

This Week's Picks:

Washington
Detroit
Minnesota
Green Bay

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: New York Jets 24 @ Denver 14



Staff
Iverson's
Piggly Wiggly

This Week's Picks:

Washington
Detroit
Kansas City
Green Bay

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: New York Jets 21 @ Denver 28



Jacob Westendorf
New
Media

This Week's Picks:

Washington
Detroit
Kansas City
Green Bay

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: New York Jets 13 @ Denver 17



Luke Reimer
New
Media

This Week's Picks:

Washington
Detroit
Kansas City
Green Bay

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score : New York Jets 31 @ Denver 14



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This Week's Picks:

Washington
Detroit
Kansas City
Las Vegas

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: New York Jets 20 @ Denver 23



Kevin Passon
New
Media

This Week's Picks:

Washington
Detroit
Kansas City
Green Bay

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: New York Jets 17 @ Denver 20

NOTEBOOK



Green Bay Packers cornerback Keisean Nixon kicked it into high gear on a 34-yard punt return in the fourth quarter of the team's 'Thursday Night Football' matchup against their NFC North rival Detroit Lions. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

Packers struggling in all aspects of the game

By **JACOB WESTENDORF**
Green & Gold Express

Packers' offense vs. Raiders' defense

The Packers' offense is going through it right now. Yes, they're 2-2, but winning their home opener against the Saints appears to have masked some of the flaws that have plagued this team.

They have struggled in each of the last two first halves. They've been outscored by 41 points in the last two games.

Their offense only got moving once they were down by three scores. That's not a sustainable way to play offense in the NFL.

Jordan Love has turned the ball over in each of the last two games after not having a giveaway in his first two starts.

They're averaging 4.9 yards per play and struggling to find their identity to this point.

The growing pains in the passing game were expected. They've probably become even more exaggerated with David Bakhtiari likely lost for the season after being put on injured reserve.

Without Bakhtiari and injuries to Zach Tom and Elgton Jenkins, the offensive line struggled Thursday against Detroit.

The Lions had five sacks and pressured Love on 22 of his dropbacks. Those were season highs on both accounts.

The biggest issue for Green Bay has been in the run game. Aaron Jones returned from a 2.5 game absence but didn't provide much of a boost. He didn't touch the football

until the second quarter and only tallied five carries on the night.

He split those carries evenly with AJ Dillon.

One of the most troubling stats to come out of Thursday's game was that David Montgomery forced more broken tackles against Green Bay (9) than the Packers running backs have all season (4).

Green Bay's run game has been abysmal by any statistical measure to start the season. They have 298 total rushing yards through four games. Their running backs average a fraction of amount of yardage over three per carry. They need to get on track if this young offense is going to have any chance to compete over the course of the season.

The Raiders have given up 4.3 yards per carry to start the season.

Their defense was built around the edge rushing tandem of Maxx Crosby and Chandler Jones.

Jones will not play Monday after being released, but Crosby is still a menace that has to be accounted for.

One player in the Raiders' defensive backfield to keep an eye on is Marcus Peters.

He gives up a lot of big plays, but also makes a lot of them. He has 32 interceptions in his young career. If Love's ball placement is spotty, Peters will make him pay.

Packers' defense vs. Raiders' offense

This is another game that could be a clash of the titans, provided health on both sides. Jaire Alexander has missed the last two games with a back injury but has to be itching to return for this matchup. Alexander

relishes the opportunities to play against the league's elite receivers.

There is no receiver more elite than former Green Bay Packer Davante Adams.

The Raiders have not been as successful as they would've hoped since Adams was traded there, but that says more about the players around him than it does Adams himself.

Adams still leads the team in receiving and had a monster game against the Pittsburgh Steelers where he tallied 171 yards receiving and two touchdowns as he tried to will the Raiders across the finish line.

Adams left the Raiders' game on Sunday, but his status is up in the air.

The Raiders are breaking in another new quarterback after Derek Carr was released this offseason.

Jimmy Garoppolo missed last Sunday's game with a concussion, so his status is unclear for Monday night. If he cannot go, it's former Purdue quarterback Aidan O'Connell who had some nice moments against the Chargers in his first career start.

The Raiders have been statistically the worst rushing offense in football this season. Josh Jacobs is

off to a slow start after a contract dispute this offseason.

That hasn't mattered much against the Packers. They've given up more than 200 yards rushing in half of their games this season. That includes the most recent one against Detroit, where the Packers were gashed for 211 rushing yards.

Matt LaFleur said following the game that the team has to do something different as being unable to run the ball or stop the run is a losing recipe.

So far, the Packers have been unable to do either one of those things.

Talk is cheap, however. The Packers rush defense is the worst in the NFL dating back to 2018 when Brian Gutekunst was hired as the team's general manager.

Until the Packers consistently stop opposing run games, any words suggesting they will, ring hollow.

Should the Packers be able to stop the run, there are some opportunities to get after whoever is quarterbacking the Raiders.

Rashan Gary has been a menace to start the season. He's up to 3.5 sacks on the young season and has 17 total pressures.

He's going to need some more

help. The more he plays, the more attention he's likely to receive from opposing offenses.

The Packers need more from Preston Smith, Lukas Van Ness and the rest of the edge rushing crew.

Gary has 17 pressures; the other four edge rushers have 17 between them. Gary has 3.5 sacks. Van Ness is the only other edge rusher to record a sack.

Gary is a great player but cannot do it all on his own.

Special teams

Monday's game will be a homecoming for Packers' special teams coordinator Rich Bisaccia. Bisaccia was the interim head coach in 2021 after Jon Gruden was fired. Bisaccia was able to get the team to the playoffs and lost to the Cincinnati Bengals on the final play of the game when Derek Carr's final pass fell incomplete.

Bisaccia was not retained as the Raiders opted for McDaniels.

The special teams is coming off another rough performance against Detroit. They were penalized four times. Jayden Reed muffed a punt.

The inconsistencies across the Packers' special teams have been

jarring considering Bisaccia's stature in the NFL.

One bright spot for the Packers has been Anders Carlson. After a rocky training camp, Carlson has yet to miss a kick this season. He's shown some impressive range on field goals and is yet to miss a PAT.

The Raiders' special teams was solid last year, finishing 13th in Rick Gosselin's special teams rankings.

Their kicker, Daniel Carlson, is one of the best in football. Carlson's lowest moment as a pro came against Green Bay when he missed three kicks, including two potential game-winners.

Carlson was released the next day by the Vikings. Their loss has been the Raiders' gain. He's made more than 90% of his kicks every season except for 2019.

The Raiders are essentially in field goal range once they cross mid field. Carlson has a career long kick of 57 yards.

DeAndre Carter is their current return man, who is off to a slow start to begin the 2023 season.

With the inconsistencies in Green Bay, this could be one of the biggest advantages the Raiders have going into Monday night.

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KEYS TO THE GAME



The matchup between cornerback Jaire Alexander (pictured) and former Packer Davante Adams could be one of the better contests within the game when the Packers visit the Las Vegas Raiders for Monday Night Football.

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Jaire Alexander vs. Davante Adams could be game's great matchup

Packers need win to go above .500

By **JACOB WESTENDORF**
Green & Gold Express

The Green Bay Packers are licking their wounds after getting embarrassed on their home field by the Detroit Lions. The Sept. 28 loss to Detroit was the last game the Packers will play at Lambeau Field for a month. The Packers will be on the road for the next two games with a bye week sandwiched between them.

Monday's game against the Raiders will mark the Packers' first time visiting them since they moved to Las Vegas.

At 2-2, the Packers sit at second

place in the NFC North but need to get back on track as they've struggled mightily in the last two games.

Here are the keys for the Packers to get to 3-2.

1. Packers' run defense

Matt LaFleur was pretty adamant after the loss to Detroit that some things needed to change after they were clubbed for more than 200 yards rushing for the second time in four weeks.

LaFleur noted that the inability to run the ball or stop the run is a recipe for disaster.

The Packers have been unable to do either one of those things on the young season.

"It's insane to do the same thing over and over and expect different results," LaFleur said.

LaFleur is right, but that's the

way things have gone for Green Bay against the run. They're 31st in the NFL in rush yards allowed per game with opposing teams gashing them for 155.3 per game on average.

The good news, is this week's game is a case of a stoppable force meeting a movable object. The Raiders' run game has been putrid to start the season. They were 32nd in EPA per play, and average 2.9 yards per carry.

The Packers' pass rush has been solid to start the season, especially Rashan Gary with 17 pressures and 3.5 sacks to his name.

None of that matters, however, if opposing teams are able to run the ball down Green Bay's throat consistently.

After LaFleur's strong words last week, and considering their opponent it seems pretty simple. If the

THE VITALS

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2023 RECORDS: Packers, 2-2. Raiders, 1-3

HISTORY: The Raiders and Packers have played 14 times, most famously in Super Bowl II, which the Packers won 33-14. The Packers are 9-5 all time in the series, and currently hold an eight-game winning streak. Some famous games include Aaron Rodgers' perfect passer rating in the 2019 contest which saw the Packers win 42-20. A famous road game came in 2003 when Brett Favre played just two days after his father died. Favre threw four touchdowns and Green Bay won 41-7.

LINE: Raiders by 1.5

COACHES: Packers, Matt LaFleur (fifth season, 49-21). Raiders, Josh McDaniels 7-14

PACKERS SCHEDULE

Sept. 10 at Chicago W 38-20

Sept. 17 at Atlanta L 25-24

Sept. 24 vs. New Orleans Noon W 18-17

Sept. 28 vs. Detroit 7:15 p.m. L 34-20

Oct. 9 at Las Vegas 7:15 p.m. ESPN

Oct. 15 BYE

Oct. 22 at Denver 3:25 p.m. CBS

Oct. 29 vs. Minnesota Noon FOX

Nov. 5 vs. LA Rams Noon FOX

Nov. 12 at Pittsburgh Noon CBS

Nov. 19 vs. LA Chargers Noon FOX

Nov. 23 at Detroit 11:30 a.m. FOX

Dec. 3 vs. Kansas City 7:20 p.m. NBC

Dec. 11 at NY Giants 7:15 p.m. ABC

Dec. 17 vs. Tampa Bay Noon FOX

Dec. 24 at Carolina Noon FOX

Dec. 31 at Minnesota 7:20 p.m. NBC

Jan. 7 vs. Chicago, TBD

NFL SCHEDULE

Thursday, Oct. 5

Bears at Commanders, 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 8

Jaguars at Bills (in London), 8:30 a.m.

Saints at Patriots, Noon

Titans at Colts, Noon

Ravens at Steelers, Noon

Panthers at Lions, Noon

Texans at Falcons, Noon

Giants at Dolphins, Noon

Bengals at Cardinals, 3:05 p.m.

Eagles at Rams, 3:05 p.m.

Jets at Broncos, 3:25 p.m.

Chiefs at Vikings, 3:25 p.m.

Cowboys at 49ers, 7:20 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 9

Packers at Raiders, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 12

Broncos at Chiefs, 7:15 p.m.

Packers can't stop the run this week, they may never.

2. Jaire Alexander vs. Davante Adams

Monday Night Football pits two of the premier players at their respective positions against each other.

Assuming Jaire Alexander and Davante Adams are both healthy, this is one of the best matchups we'll see all season.

It was a matchup that used to take place every day in practice. Now, the two will be pitted against each other with real consequences on the line.

Adams and Alexander have both gotten off to good starts this season.

Alexander may not travel with Adams everywhere he goes, but when the money is on the line, the Packers will need to look to get their best player matched up against the Raiders' best player.

If the Packers can hold Adams in check, the Raiders might have a tough time moving the ball.

3. Joe Barry vs. opposing quarterback

This matchup is pretty simple. Jimmy Garoppolo's status is unclear. He missed Sunday's game due to a concussion. With the tricky nature of that injury, who knows who is starting for the Raiders on Monday.



With left tackle David Bakhtiari (69) on injured reserve, the Packers' offensive line could find itself on shaky ground for several weeks unless backup players pull through. At best, Bakhtiari could return Nov. 5 against the Los Angeles Rams.

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No matter who is starting at quarterback, the Packers' defense should be able to make plays against him.

The operative word there being should. The Packers should have been able to slow down a Falcons

offense led by Desmond Ridder, but they did not.

Garoppolo has been part of some very successful teams in his NFL tenure, but that's largely been due to the roster around him as opposed to

his individual achievements.

Even when Garoppolo is at his best, he has a propensity to turn the ball over. That's something the Packers will need to take advantage of.

If Garoppolo cannot go again, the Raiders will turn to Aidan O'Connell. O'Connell has had some nice moments, but he's a rookie, drafted in the fourth round, who would be making his second start.

Joe Barry is under fire again after his defense was embarrassed against the Lions.

LaFleur appeared to call out the entire defense publicly after Thursday's game.

Barry already entered the season under a microscope. A defense with seven first-round picks should be able to have more success than what they have under Barry for the three-plus years he's been in Green Bay.

This Raiders offense has a couple of dynamic players but has struggled throughout the young season.

There are no excuses for the defense to struggle on Monday. That's especially true if they are facing a backup quarterback.

As the offense finds its way, the Packers needs its defense, which has been invested heavily in, to finally step up.

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Meditation helping Walker focus on the next play

By JACOB WESTENDORF
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An interview with Quay Walker:
What's the difference so far from Year 1 to Year 2?

I think I'm seeing things faster and just trusting it and just going. Just trusting my instincts. It's a long season. I'm just trying to be as consistent as I can. I can feel the difference, though, between last year and this year. I think I'm playing much more downhill, I'd say, and just trusting everything, because I've got a better feel.

Does that year 2 jump help you get into better position?

Just having a better understanding of offenses and concept and what they want to do on certain downs – first, second or third. Just knowing and having pre-snap awareness.

You're meditating before games now. How did that come about?

Just calms me down and puts me in a mindset where I'm calm and not really thinking about anything, because I'm an overthinker. I can mess up a play, and it can bother me



Quay Walker said his use of meditation is helping him remain calm and avoid frustration during games. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

for the whole game. Just by me meditating, it keeps me calm and everything like that. It's something I pretty much enjoy, and it's something I'm probably going to do forever now because of the mindset that it puts me in.

You got that from Jaire Alexander?

Yeah, he persuaded me to do it. I'm glad he did that.

So it prevents you from being bothered?

Yeah, getting frustrated and everything like that. I just have a next-play mentality and that be it.

Do you meditate in the game, too?

Yeah, I do it on the sideline, too. Say it's a long drive, I may be frustrated a little bit, so I put the towel over my head and I meditate. KO (Kirk Olivadotti), my position coach, gives me a minute or to do that and that be it.

Were the year 1 mistakes a blessing in disguise?

Yeah, for sure. It humbled me in a way. At the same time, just by me having that, it allowed me to experience new things like meditation and everything like that. As bad as I hate what happened my first year, I'm kind of glad it happened at the same time. Not what I did but what I learned from it.

Can you bounce back on defense this week?

That's what it's all about. We already knew we were going to face adversity. You never know when it's going to come, but adversity is going to make you or it's going to break you, either one. It's a long season. Just got to come out with the same mind-set to get better and win that game.

What kind of statement will the defense make this week?

I can't quite say. I ain't a guy to say what we're going to do, but I know we've got to fly around, get to the ball, get the call, execute. Just communicate with one another and put it on film. I'm not going to say what we're going to do but I know we need to do, and that's everything we need to do what I just said.

The next play mentality that you struggled with, have you been that way going back to when you were playing football as a kid?

Yeah. It is. It definitely is. My whole life I've been like that. I'm just so hard on myself so like as soon as I mess up, I know already that I messed up. So I just, it can tear down and wear down on me and it can translate over to the next play, and sometimes that can lead to another bad play. So you never want to stack bad plays on top of bad plays, so that's about it.

What is meditating like for you?

For me, because I think a lot, I'm always in my thoughts, so it just clears my mind. But in the begin-

ning, it's kind of hard. It's hard to be consistent with it. Some days you're going to feel like it works, some days it's not, but for me, it's been working. And the days I don't do it are the days you pretty much can tell. Some days when I don't do it, Ja can say, 'Quay, I can tell you didn't meditate today.' And I can do the same with him. But that's about it. Just trusting it and sticking with it. That's the only thing I can say.

What stands out from last week's tape?

Pretty much just stopping the run. That's the only thing I can say. Just getting lined up faster as well. I think they caught us off guard with that but we've just got to get lined up, get the call and just fly around and just do that. everybody do their 1/11th and we'll be good.

Does Dr. Carr help? Who's Dr. Carr?

Oh, a lot. He pretty much reminds me to get in the room, over in the front before you come in, so he's always on me. Like before the game, I write something on my glove, just a word just to remind me just to be calm or whatever the case may be for me. I just write that down on my wrist and sometimes I look down at it and just reset me. So in between plays I can't meditate so I just look down at my wrist and that pretty much helps.

Wearing the radio helmet has been a new responsibility for you, how has that adjustment been for you?

Yeah, but that's what they drafted me for. First round, I'm a backer, so they put that on me. But I take pride in that because the school that I come from, UGa, the backers have to run everything so I have to get out there and run the show. But having him out there helps me a whole lot with his experience. So that's pretty much it.

How do you balance being calm with wanting to play physical on defense?

I'm an emotional player. It's hard, because I'm an emotional player. So I'm intense a whole lot. But it's hard to do it, just like after the whistle. After the whistle, I turn it off. I get the call out, and I turn around, and then I turn it back on. Turn it on, turn it off. If that makes sense. You get what I'm saying ... so just after the whistle, just on/off button—know when to turn it on, know when to turn it off.



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GREEN BAY PACKERS

Player	#	Pos	HT	WT	Age	Exp	College
Jaire Alexander	23	CB	5-10	196	26	6	Louisville
Zayne Anderson	39	S	6-2	206	26	1	BYU
Karl Brooks	94	DL	6-3	296	23	R	Bowling Green
De'Vondre Campbell	59	LB	6-4	232	30	8	Minnesota
Anders Carlson	17	K	6-5	219	25	R	Auburn
Kenny Clark	97	DL	6-3	314	27	8	UCLA
Sean Clifford	8	QB	6-2	218	25	R	Penn State
Brenton Cox Jr.	57	LB	6-4	250	23	R	Florida
Josiah Deguara	81	TE	6-2	238	26	4	Cincinnati
AJ Dillon	28	RB	6-0	247	25	4	Boston College
Romeo Doubs	87	WR	6-2	204	23	2	Nevada
Rasul Douglas	29	CB	6-2	209	29	7	West Virginia
Kingsley Enagbare	55	LB	6-4	258	23	2	South Carolina
Rudy Ford	20	S	6-0	210	28	7	Auburn
Rashan Gary	52	LB	6-5	277	25	5	Michigan
Malik Heath	18	WR	6-2	213	23	R	Mississippi
Justin Hollins	47	LB	6-5	248	27	5	Oregon
Elgton Jenkins	74	G/T	6-5	311	27	5	Mississippi State
Anthony Johnson Jr.	36	S	6-0	205	23	R	Iowa State
Aaron Jones	33	RB	5-9	208	28	7	Texas-El Paso
Caleb Jones	72	T	6-9	370	24	2	Indiana
Tucker Kraft	85	TE	6-5	259	22	R	South Dakota State
Dallin Leavitt	6	S	5-10	195	29	5	Utah State
Jordan Love	10	QB	6-4	219	24	4	Utah State
Isaiah McDuffie	58	LB	6-1	227	24	3	Boston College
Luke Musgrave	88	TE	6-6	253	23	R	Oregon State
Josh Myers	71	C/G	6-5	310	25	3	Ohio State
Royce Newman	70	G/T	6-5	310	26	3	Mississippi
Yosh Nijman	73	T	6-7	314	27	4	Virginia Tech
Keisean Nixon	25	CB	5-10	200	26	5	South Carolina
Matt Orzech	42	LS	6-3	245	28	4	Azusa Pacific
Jonathan Owens	34	S	5-11	210	28	5	Missouri Western
Jayden Reed	11	WR	5-11	187	23	R	Michigan State
Sean Rhyan	75	G	6-5	321	23	2	UCLA
Jon Runyan	76	G	6-4	307	26	4	Michigan
Darnell Savage	26	S	5-11	198	26	5	Maryland
Ben Sims	89	TE	6-5	250	23	R	Baylor
T.J. Slaton	93	DL	6-4	330	25	3	Florida
Preston Smith	91	LB	6-5	265	30	9	Mississippi State
Zach Tom	50	OL	6-4	304	24	2	Wake Forest
Samori Toure	83	WR	6-1	191	25	2	Nebraska
Carrington Valentine	37	CB	6-0	189	22	R	Kentucky
Lukas Van Ness	90	LB	6-5	272	22	R	Iowa
Quay Walker	7	LB	6-4	241	23	2	Georgia
Rasheed Walker	63	T	6-6	324	23	2	Penn State
Christian Watson	9	WR	6-4	208	24	2	North Dakota State
Kristian Welch	54	LB	6-3	240	25	4	Iowa
Daniel Whelan	19	P	6-5	216	24	R	UC Davis
Dontayvion Wicks	13	WR	6-1	206	22	R	Virginia
Emanuel Wilson	31	RB	5-11	226	24	R	Fort Valley State Univ.
Eric Wilson	45	LB	6-1	230	29	7	Cincinnati
Colby Wooden	96	DL	6-4	273	22	R	Auburn
Devonte Wyatt	95	DL	6-3	304	25	2	Georgia
Reserve/Injured							
David Bakhtiari	69	T	6-4	310	32	11	Colorado
Tyler Davis	84	TE	6-4	252	26	4	Georgia Tech
Luke Tenuta	78	T	6-8	314	24	2	Virginia Tech
Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform							
Eric Stokes	21	CB	6-0	194	24	3	Georgia

LAS VEGAS RAIDERS

Player	#	Pos	HT	WT	Age	Exp	College
Ameer Abdullah	22	RB	5-9	203	30	9	Nebraska
Davante Adams	17	WR	6-1	215	30	10	Fresno State
Jakorian Bennett	0	CB	5-11	195	23	R	Maryland
Jacob Bobenmoyer	50	LS	6-2	235	26	4	Northern Colorado
Brandon Bolden	34	RB	5-11	220	33	11	Mississippi
Amari Burney	56	LB	6-2	228	23	R	Florida
Adam Butler	69	DT	6-5	300	29	5	Vanderbilt
Daniel Carlson	2	K	6-5	215	28	6	Auburn
DeAndre Carter	3	WR	5-8	190	30	6	Sacramento State
AJ Cole	6	P	6-4	220	27	5	NC State
Maxx Crosby	98	DE	6-5	255	26	5	Eastern Michigan
Divine Deablo	5	LB	6-3	223	25	3	Virginia Tech
Jermaine Eluemunor	72	G/T	6-4	330	28	7	Texas A&M
Marcus Epps	1	S	6-0	191	27	5	Wyoming
Jimmy Garoppolo	10	QB	6-2	225	31	10	Eastern Illinois
Tyler Hall	37	CB	5-10	190	24	3	Wyoming
Justin Herron	71	T	6-5	290	27	4	Wake Forest
Nate Hobbs	39	CB	6-0	195	24	3	Illinois
Austin Hooper	81	TE	6-4	254	28	8	Stanford
Jesper Horsted	80	TE	6-3	237	26	4	Princeton
Brian Hoyer	7	QB	6-2	215	37	15	Michigan State
Josh Jacobs	8	RB	5-10	223	25	5	Alabama
Andre James	68	C	6-4	300	26	5	UCLA
John Jenkins	95	DT	6-3	327	34	11	Georgia
Jakob Johnson	45	FB	6-3	255	28	5	Tennessee
Malcolm Koonce	51	DE	6-3	250	25	3	Buffalo
David Long Jr.	23	CB	5-11	196	25	5	Michigan
Luke Masterson	59	LB	6-1	220	25	2	Wake Forest
Kana'i Mauga	43	LB	6-2	245	23	1	USC
Michael Mayer	87	TE	6-4	265	22	R	Notre Dame
Jordan Meredith	61	G	6-2	300	25	1	Western Kentucky
Jakobi Meyers	16	WR	6-2	200	26	5	N.C. State
Kolton Miller	74	T	6-8	325	27	6	UCLA
Tre'von Moehrig	25	S	6-2	202	24	3	TCU
Thayer Munford Jr.	77	T	6-6	315	24	2	Ohio State
Bilal Nichols	91	DT	6-3	313	27	6	Delaware
Aidan O'Connell	4	QB	6-3	210	25	R	Purdue
Dylan Parham	66	G	6-3	285	24	2	Memphis
Marcus Peters	24	CB	6-0	197	30	9	Washington
Isaiah Pola-Mao	20	S	6-4	205	24	2	USC
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Tyree Wilson	9	DE	6-6	275	23	R	Texas Tech
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Brandon Facyson	31	CB	6-2	197	29	6	Virginia Tech
Dalton Wagner	--	T	6-8	320	24	R	Arkansas
Austin Walter	--	RB	5-8	202	27	3	Rice

Packers' run offense, run defense off to poor start

Green Bay outrushed by opponents 621-298 through four games

By **LUKE REIMER**

Green & Gold Express

With the departure of Aaron Rodgers in the offseason, it seemed likely that Green Bay would need to lean on its run game much more than in years past.

That has not necessarily been the case, though, as much like years past Packers fans are still wondering why Aaron Jones has not received a majority of the snaps as Green Bay's lead back, and continue to wonder why A.J. Dillon continues to see a featured role.

Jones was forced to miss two games with an injury, but in the games that he has played, he has just 14 rushing attempts this season. By comparison, Dillon has 44 rushing attempts, including 18 in the games that Jones has been active.

The misuse of Jones continues to be a mystery this season, as Jones currently holds the ninth spot for most rushing yards per carry in NFL history with 5.1.

The limited run game has severely

handicapped the Packers' offense, as most of the pressure this season has been on Jordan Love to carry the offense with his arm. While he has played well at times, Love has completed just 56.1% of his passes (good for 34th in the NFL).

Against Detroit, Love was sacked five times. Had the run game mustered more than 27 yards on 12 attempts, it seems likely that Love could have done a better job exposing an underwhelming Lions' secondary.

Another concern for Green Bay here is the inability to consistently gain yards on first and second downs, oftentimes finding the team at second-and-nine or third-and-10 on a majority of its drives. After Green Bay opened the game against Detroit with an interception deep in Lions territory, the Packers spread the receivers out and threw three straight incompletions to settle for a field goal. Had the team run the ball, at least once, more of the playbook could have been opened and play action could have been set up within the first couple minutes of game time.

As for the defensive side of the ball, the Packers rushing defense continues to get gashed. Through the first quarter of the season, Green Bay has given up 621 yards on the ground and multiple 200-plus yard rushing games (Atlanta and Detroit). Currently, Green Bay ranks 30th in rushing defense, with the Cincinnati Bengals and Denver Broncos below them.

"We are going to have to do something different," said Packers coach Matt LaFleur, in reference to how the team can improve its run defense. "It is insane to do the same things over and over again and expect a different result."

The run game continues to limit the Packers' defensive potential, something that has seemingly been the case through Rodgers' whole tenure in Green Bay and now Love's. Whether it be the defensive scheme, edge rushers running up field at quarterbacks or the lack of a strong inside presence, something is not working for Green Bay and needs to be cleaned up sooner rather than later.

With an injured offensive line and

linebacking corps and a multitude of inconsistent play from the defensive line, Green Bay will need to find a spark from somewhere on either side of the ball to keep from being torched on the ground again.

"We gotta get better, we have to look at what we are asking our guys to do," said LaFleur. "At some point, we have to try and get a normal offense going. I think that is something that we will take a good, hard look at. Just to find different ways that when it is not going right, how do you flip the momentum and get it going in your favor."

This week, Green Bay matches up with the Las Vegas Raiders, where Josh Jacobs led the entire NFL in rushing last season but a banged-up Raiders offensive line has limited his production this season. With the Raiders also using a poor front seven on defense, this could be a game where Green Bay gets both its run offense and run defense going to help get the season back on track.

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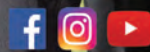
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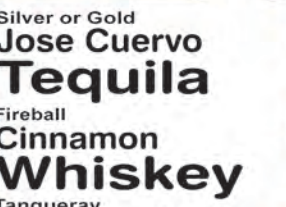
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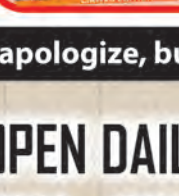
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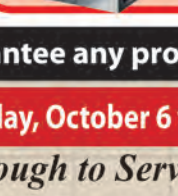
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