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Visitors enjoy another fun weekend at Schairer's

Autumn Acres farm is open every weekend in September and October

By **LUKE REIMER**

Reporter

Fall is in the air in Birnamwood.

Week two of Schairer's Autumn Acres fall celebration kicked off Sept. 24 with families coming out to the farm to participate in fall events, such as corn mazes, pumpkin picking and tractor rides.

"We open the farms for families to have fun," said Schairer Autumn Acres owner Karen Schairer. "We want them to make memories."

This is the 10th year that the Schairer family has hosted visitors to their farm during the fall. Schairer said the inspiration to host this event came from her experiences as a mother.

"Me, as a mother of four, I just thought what would I want to do with my kids," said Schairer. "I want to give that to other families."

The event is held every weekend in September and October.

A popular attraction at the farm is the giant corn maze. The maze allows visitors to take a walk through the corn with their families and solve riddles and games.

"This is a fun attraction for families," said Schairer. "This is also a good place to go for some peace. It is very peaceful in that maze."

Schairer said that it takes many months of preparation to get the corn maze ready for the two-month event.

"The corn maze is a year-round project," said Schairer. "In January, we work with Corn Maze America. We plant the field in May or June and cut in it July. We have to cut it about four or five times to keep it up."

She added that after October, the corn is cut and fed back to the animals.

"It is a farming cycle," said Schairer.

She also said that many of the visitors who come to the farm during the event are from the city.

"This is great for people to experience rural life," said Schairer. "This gives people a chance to get away



There were plenty of pumpkins to go around for visitors to pick at Schairer's Autumn Acres on Sept. 26.

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Pumpkins surround the area as visitors were treated to live music and wine tasting at Schairer's Autumn Acres on Sept. 26.

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from all of the hustle and bustle of city life."

According to Schairer, this is also a learning experience for many of the

families.

"Kids and even adults learn about farm life and how to raise animals," said Schairer.

CORRECTIONS

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Shawano resident Ty Stepniewski pushes Natalie Stepniewski on the swing during their visit to Schairer's Autumn Acres on Sept. 26.

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She said that a lot of people come from all around Wisconsin in order to experience what the farm has to offer.

"A lot of people come from the Northwoods," said Schairer. "We have people coming from Wausau, La Crosse, Racine and Green Bay."

She said there have also been inquiries about bringing foreign exchange students to the farm to have them experience farm life as well.

In the 10 years that the family has been holding the event, its popularity has increased every year, according to Schairer.

"We have grown and grown and grown," she said. "People always come by saying, 'What do they have that is new this year?'"

During the event, there is a play area for kids featuring a playground,

games and a petting zoo. Food and drinks are served as well. Vendors also set up stands on the front lawn of the farm to sell their merchandise.

Depending on weather, Schairer said that there will be additions this year to what they already have at the farm.

"We have wine tasting now," said Schairer. "We plan to do horse-drawn carriage rides too."

She also said holding this event gives people an opportunity to meet and greet and catch up with each other.

"We invited people to throw on a sweatshirt, come out and just have a good time with other families on a fall day," said Schairer. "This is like the transition from summer to autumn."

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▪ Michael L. Pamanet, 40, Shawano, was charged Sept. 20 with one count of bail jumping. Judge Katherine Sloma set a cash bond of \$500 and a signature bond of \$250. She also scheduled a resumed initial appearance for Oct. 12.

▪ Nicole L. Eades, 32, Shawano, was charged Sept. 20 with one count of operating while intoxicated (third offense with a passenger less than 16 years old). Sloma set a cash bond of \$1,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 30.

▪ Brandon D. Ehlke, 25, Redgranite, pleaded no contest Sept. 20 to one count of heroin possession with intent less than or equal to three grams and one count of bail jumping. One count of bail jumping was dismissed, but read into the record.

In another case, Ehlke pleaded no contest to four counts of possession of firearm by a convicted felon. One misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia was dismissed, but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Ehlke to four years in state prison and four years of extended supervision.

▪ Miguel K. Rosas, 25, Keshena, was charged Sept. 21 with two counts of bail jumping. Sloma set a signature bond of \$1,000 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for Oct. 15.

▪ Ayesha M. Dodge, 25, Keshena, pleaded no contest Sept. 21 to one count of possession of methamphetamine and four counts of bail jumping. Six counts of

bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia were dismissed, but read into the record.

In another case, one count of possession of methamphetamine, one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia and one misdemeanor count of bail jumping were dismissed, but read into the record.

In another case, one count of substantial battery was dismissed, but read into the record. In another case, Dodge pleaded no contest to one count of possession of drug paraphernalia and one count of bail jumping. One misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia was dismissed, but read into the record. One misdemeanor count of bail jumping was dismissed on defendant's motion.

In another count, Dodge pleaded no contest to one count of battery by prisoners. Judge William Kussel Jr. sentenced Dodge to two years in state prison and three years of extended supervision.

▪ Aaron L. Jacobs, 53, Bowler, was charged Sept. 22 with one count of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a signature bond of \$1,000. In another case, Jacobs was charged with one count of substantial battery and one count of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a cash bond of \$500 and set a preliminary hearing for Sept. 30.

▪ Jody K. Schoeppe, 29, Marion, was charged Sept. 23 with one count of possession of methamphetamine and

five counts of bail jumping. Sloma set a signature bond of \$2,500 and preliminary hearing for Jan. 3.

▪ Earl L. Shepard, 32, Marion, was charged Sept. 23 with one count of possession of methamphetamine and one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Sloma set a signature bond of \$2,500 and set a preliminary hearing for Jan. 3.

▪ Hunter K. Moy, 22, Brookfield, pleaded no contest Sept. 23 to one count of possession of narcotic drugs, two counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. One count of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and three counts of bail jumping were dismissed, but read into the record. Kussel sentenced Moy to nine months in jail and two years of probation.

▪ Naseen N. Pyatskowitz, 20, Wittenberg, was charged Sept. 24 with one count of possession of methamphetamine, two counts of possession of narcotic drugs, two counts of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer and seven misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$2,500 and set a preliminary hearing for Oct. 4.

▪ Miguel K. Rosas, 25, Keshena, was charged Sept. 24 with five counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of obstructing an officer and one

misdemeanor count of bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$7,500 and set a preliminary hearing for Sept. 28.

▪ Charges against Travis J. Reinhart, 34, Green Bay, were dismissed Sept. 24. Those charges include one count of failure to report to jail.

▪ Lloyd B. Tourtillott, 34, Crandon, pleaded no contest Sept. 24 to one count of possession of narcotic drugs and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. One misdemeanor count of battery was dismissed, but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Tourtillott to 90 days in jail and three years of probation.

▪ Laura L. Hernandez, 53, Shawano, pleaded no contest Sept. 24 to one count of operating while intoxicated (fourth offense) and two misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. Two misdemeanor counts of bail jumping were dismissed, but read into the record and one count of operating with prohibited alcohol content (fourth offense) was dismissed on prosecutor's motion.

▪ Shawn G. Fink, 34, Redgranite, pleaded no contest Sept. 24 to one count of receiving stolen property, greater than \$10,000. One count of burglary of cargo portion of a truck or trailer, one count of theft of movable property greater than \$10,000-\$100,000 and one misdemeanor count of theft of movable property less than or equal to \$2,500 was dismissed, but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Fink to two years in state prison and three years of extended supervision.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sept. 27

Officers responded to 24 calls, including harassment on East Maurer Street; a disturbance at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.; an automobile theft on East Center Street.

Sept. 26

Officers responded to 14 calls, including a disturbance on East Richmond Street; car property damage on North Main Street; a domestic disturbance on East Richmond Street; a disturbance on South Sawyer Street.

Sept. 25

Officers responded to 16 calls, including disorderly conduct at Goodwill Industries, 300 Lakeland Drive; a disturbance on South Humphrey Circle; a burglary attempt on South Main Street; a threat on West Richmond Street; a burglary on West Picnic Street; reckless driving on Prairie Street.

Sept. 24

Officers responded to 36 calls, including property theft on East Randall Street; a restraining order violation on South Franklin Street; gas drive off at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.; reckless driving on East Green Bay Street; reckless driving on state Highway 47-55; a disturbance on South Sawyer Street; reckless driving on south

Prospect Street; a disturbance on East Maurer Street.

Sept. 23

Officers responded to 27 calls, including trespassing on East Fifth Street; reckless driving on Main Street.

Sept. 22

Officers responded to 23 calls, including car property damage on Military Road; a car personal injury on East Lieg Avenue; a car personal injury at McDonald's, 1202 E. Green Bay St.; a probation violation on East Green Bay Street; a disturbance on East Maurer Street; a disturbance on West Richmond Street; reckless driving on East Green Bay Street.

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sept. 27

Deputies responded to 38 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; a disturbance on East Green Bay Street in Shawano; a fleeing/pursuit on Lake Drive in the Town of Washington; two crashes, one involving deer.

Sept. 26

Deputies responded to 33 calls, including a domestic disturbance on Oak Avenue in the Town of Richmond; a disturbance on County Road M in the Town of Belle Plaine; bail jumping on state

Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; a disturbance on East State Street in Bonduel; a disturbance on Roosevelt Road in the Town of Seneca; reckless driving on County Road Z in the Town of Hutchins; reckless driving on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Aniwa; four crashes.

Sept. 25

Deputies responded to 44 calls, including a disturbance on Country Lane in the Town of Washington; a disturbance on Main Laney Drive in the Town of Maple Grove; lewd/lascivious behavior on state Highway 160 in the Town of Maple Grove; lewd/lascivious behavior on Ash Circle in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on Cherry Street in Wittenberg; trespassing on Pulcifer Road in the Town of Green Valley; reckless driving on state Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; reckless driving on County Road Y in the Town of Belle Plaine; a drug problem on County Road BE in the Town of Waukechon; one crash.

Sept. 24

Deputies responded to 54 calls, including disorderly conduct on Lake Drive in the Town of Hutchins; reckless driving on Pioneer Drive in the Town of Wescott; trespassing on Butternut Road in the Town of Herman; disorderly conduct on South Cherry Street in Wittenberg; reckless driving on state Highway 22 in the Town of Wescott; a weapons offense on Retreat

Road in the Town of Wescott; property theft on Cedar Street in Tigerton; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in Bonduel; four crashes, one involving a boat.

Sept. 23

Deputies responded to 45 calls, including a domestic disturbance on East Green Bay Street in Bonduel; property theft on Pine Street in Eland; a weapons offense on Parkwood Drive in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on state Highway 117 in the Town of Hartland; a restraining order violation on East Green Bay Street in Bonduel; a burglary on County Road C in the the Town of Green Valley; bail jumping on Old Shawano Road in the Town of Pella; a disturbance on Lake Drive in the Town of Almon; reckless driving on state Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; reckless driving on Maple Avenue in the Town of Richmond; a drug problem on East Elizabeth Street in Shawano; five crashes, two involving deer.

Sept. 22

Deputies responded to 45 calls, including a domestic disturbance on state Highway 22 in Cecil; property theft on Landstad Road in the Town of Lessor; a drug problem on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; harassment on Country Lane in the the Town of Washington; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Angelica; four crashes.

Rogowski gives update on COVID-19

12 cases of COVID-19 present in school district

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District superintendent updated the Witt-Birn school board on the COVID-19 cases within the district during the school board meeting Sept. 27.

“Right now, we have been doing OK,” said Garrett Rogowski. “There have been multiple students in quarantine.”

Rogowski said that students were infected due in part to members of their households having the virus.

According to the numbers he saw from last week, Rogowski said that there has been a total of 12 cases of COVID-19 in the school district.

“There have been five in one (elementary) school, six in the other school and one at the high school,”

said Rogowski.

He said that after talking to other school officials in the CESA 8 region, some schools have seen more COVID-19 cases than the Witt-Birn school district.

Outside of COVID-19, Rogowski said that after talking to school officials in the school district, there have also been reported cases of strep throat, as well as head colds.

In a related story, Rogowski also updated the school board on the COVID-19 testing at the school.

“As of last Friday, we had a range of about 30 to 40 tests that

were administered,” said Rogowski.

He added that the testing site is only doing rapid antigen tests.

Rogowski said that there were issues with the testing.

“We had some issues last week,” said Rogowski. “Staff did not get results back, and communication was poor.”

Rogowski said that school nurse Rebecca Wendel had talked with and is working with the testing site to smooth out those problems.

“The last couple days of testing have been much more positive,” said Rogowski.

OBITUARIES

Horace Hirt

Horace “aka Ed or Hal” Hirt, 72, of Tigerton, passed away Friday, Sept. 24, 2021, at House of the Dove – Hospice House in Marshfield.

Horace William Hirt was born Dec. 30, 1948, at Clintonville Hospital to Ernest and Betty (Genskow) Hirt. He grew up and attended school in Tigerton. Ed entered the U.S. Army and served stateside for some time. He was united in marriage on Sept. 4, 1971, to Judith M. Kohn at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Wittenberg. The couple made their home in Tigerton, and his wife, Judy, preceded him in death on Aug. 31, 1993.



In his early days, Ed worked a short time at Marion Plywood and Tigerton Lumber Company. He was employed first at Bernitt's Auto Salvage and then with Zeb's Auto Salvage, Tigerton, for well over 20 years. Ed also worked several years for Dave Nero Construction. Finally, he worked for a number of years with his son helping whitewash dairy farms all around the area.

Ed always enjoyed the outdoors, whether he was hunting, fishing or trapping. He was a true handyman who could fix just about anything. He liked taking old fishing poles and rebuilding them into new ones. Ed was a skilled wood carver and made all sorts of ducks and frogs. He also built beautiful windmills and bird houses or feeders. He loved spending time with his family and friends.

Survivors include one son, Jesse (Tamra) Hirt of Split Rock; and a grandson, Colten Hirt. He is further survived by many other relatives and friends. Ed was preceded in

death by his parents; his wife, Judy; his father- and mother-in-law, Ervin and Frieda Kohn; one brother Herman Hirt; and two brothers-in-law, David (Lauretta) Kohn and Eugene Bricco.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, Oct. 9, at 11 a.m. at Beil-Didier Funeral Home, Tigerton. Rev. Sharon Fox-Bogen will officiate and inurnment will follow at Union Cemetery, Tigerton. Visitation will be Saturday from 9 a.m. until time of service at the funeral home. Please go to www.beil-didier.com to sign the online guestbook or to send a card.

Pat W. Baumgartner

Pat W. Baumgartner, 87, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2021, after a battle with Alzheimer's disease. She was born April 19, 1934, in the Town of Belle Plaine to Walter and Evelyn Wolf. Pat graduated from Shawano High School. She had a career in human resources, first at A.O. Smith, Inc. in Milwaukee and later in Green Bay at City Hall and Bellin Memorial Hospital, where she worked for 22 years.

Pat loved her family dearly. She loved to play bridge, embroider,



scrapbook and play golf. She was part of a bridge club for nearly 40 years. Pat loved to be around people. There was no one that she could not strike up a conversation with.

Pat was married to the late David Baumgartner on Aug. 17, 1957, in Shawano. They were married over 62 years until David's death

in February 2020. Together they lived almost all of their marriage in Green Bay.

Pat is survived by her daughter, Michelle Baumgartner; son, Michael (Mallary); four grandchildren, Dylan, Nathan, Rebecca and Jacob; and brother, Donald (Gail) Wolf.

Her husband, father and mother preceded her in death.

A funeral service will be held at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 110 N. Whitney Way, Madison, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021, with the Rev. Jason Zobel officiat-

ing, followed by a luncheon at the church. Burial will take place at Verona Cemetery after the luncheon. Visitation will be held at the church from 10 a.m. until the start of the service on Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Alzheimer's Association Wisconsin Chapter, 670 S. 76th St., Milwaukee, WI 53214.

Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com.

Gunderson West Funeral and Cremation Care, 7435 University Ave., Madison. 608-831-6761

Susan M. Schwan

Susan M. Schwan, 74, of the Town of Dupont, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2021, at home.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory in Marion is assisting the family.

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Mask mandate brings out angry parents

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

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"This mandate goes much deeper than what



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Ski sharks give back



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

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SAWM president Gary DeFere passes away

DeFere's passion was enhancing Shawano waterways

By LUKE REIMER
 Reporter

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

He passed away on Sept. 15.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dobberstein called DeFere a friend and a mentor.

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

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

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

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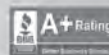
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Shawano residents treated to homecoming parade



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

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

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

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Bike the Barn Quilts back on wheels



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



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



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

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Gresham author rocking children's lives

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

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gender revelation can come as early as 10 weeks

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

noted at the beginning of pregnancy."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

IPA ranks KerberRose in top 200 accounting firms

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

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BOOKS AND STUFF

Macgregor's book is a real page-turner

My book choice this week was "The First Time I Died" by Jo Macgregor. It was one of those rare hard-to-put-down books that made me eager to read the next book in the series.

Pitchford, Vermont, could be any small town where everyone knows your business, and teens long to finish high school and leave for better places. Like most of the girls, Garnet McGee has a major crush on Colby Beaumont. She's stunned and thrilled when he breaks up with



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Judy and chooses her.

Colby's father and uncle own Beaumont Brothers Bottling Co., selling water from a local spring. He's expected to go into the family business, but he'd rather go into law enforcement, and that causes friction in the family.

By mid-December, the seniors are dividing their time between socializing and working on various science projects. On the 16th of December, Garnet and Colby make plans to meet after he has dinner with his dad and uncle. They both have something important to share, but that meeting

never takes place.

Colby disappears just as a three-day blizzard hits. When it ends, Colby's severely beaten body is found in Plover Pond. With no witnesses or suspects, the case goes cold.

Ten years later, Garnet is in Boston struggling to complete her psychology degree. Her adviser suggests she use a Christmas visit to Pitchford to clear her head. Before she goes to her parents' home, Garnet sees a little boy on the thin ice of Plover Pond. Without thinking she moves onto the ice and saves him, but not herself.

Garnet wakes in the hospital and learns that she had died but was miraculously brought back to life. She remembers drowning as peaceful but has inexplicable flashes of Colby's experiences just before he died. It is as if she's seeing through his eyes and feeling every blow to his battered body.

After avoiding thinking about it for 10 years, Garnet suddenly feels compelled to find out who killed Colby and why. This means she'll have to speak with everyone who knew Colby, even if she doesn't want to.

Colby's dad and uncle still run the bottling business but built a fortune developing land into fancy estates. Colby's little sister, Cassie, is dying from kidney cancer. The alcoholic Dr. Armstrong is in a nursing home, dying from liver failure. Police Chief Turner

AT A GLANCE

BOOK: "The First Time I Died" (Garnet McGee, Book 1)

AUTHOR: Jo Macgregor

PUBLISHER: Jo Macgregor

YEAR PUBLISHED: 2018

PAGES: 313

has dementia and lives there, too.

Mrs. Armstrong still runs the town as clerk and de-facto mayor. Garnet's former best friend Jessica Armstrong is married to an artist but isn't happy. Jess's brother has moved from selling pot to cooking meth. Pete Dillon is now married to Colby's old flame, Judy, and is abusing her.

As the sensations increase, Garnet finally accepts that Colby may be helping her find his killer. Each flash sends her searching in a new direction.

As with any town, people live tangled lives. Ambition and greed drive actions. Secrets are used to control, and old grudges linger on. Garnet wants to just walk away, but her promise to Colby and her need to move on in life spur her to take big chances.

Once she has the pieces in place, she shares what she knows. Colby had learned that the bottled water was contaminated with cadmium for about four years. In that time, Cassie and several others developed cancers or serious illnesses. Pete and Nat beat



Colby senseless as a warning to avoid Judy but left him alive. It was Colby's Uncle Roger who silenced him by dragging him to the pond and holding him under until he drowned.

It will take a long time for Pitchford to return to normal, but Garnet is finally free and ready to truly live again.

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Board OKs construction on Genesee Street

Telephone poles won't be moved until end of 2023

By LUKE REIMER
Reporter

The Wittenberg Village Board agreed to modify an amendment to the sidewalk contract from Martenson and Eisele (M&E).

"This is for that new little pathway you wanted to have at Pond Park," said village clerk Traci Matsche.

The board unanimously agreed

to approve the construction of the sidewalk on Genesee Street and work as much as possible without removing any telephone poles.

The design shows the pathway on the side of Pond Park by houses. After seeing the design from M&E, questions came up surrounding the location of the pathway.

"It has to be on the other side," said board trustee Renee Switalla.

Board president Bill Switalla suggested that the pathway should be built next to the existing pathway.

The board agreed to send their thoughts and suggestions back to M&E before they approve the construction.

"We have time," said Bill Swital-

la.

Matsche said that she would inform M&E about the change and approving the project will be on the next agenda.

In a related story, M&E sent the village board a letter stating that sidewalks on Genesee Street will be done in 2022, but they won't be able to complete the whole street because telephone poles won't be able to be moved until the end of 2023.

"I really want the sidewalk, but there are a lot of poles in that one section," said Bill Switalla.

The letter talks about starting at Wood Avenue and working up to Taco John's.

"She said in the letter that doing

it with the poles there and then having to redo it — it doesn't make sense," said Matsche. "At least for safety, this way we have a majority of it done."

Bill Switalla said that he thought the village should wait until the telephone poles are moved to finish that section.

"I would hate to do that and then have to move the poles," said Bill Switalla.

Board trustee Paul Yaeger said that they should do construction up to Westgor Avenue.

"If we can go up to Westgor, we should," said Yaeger. "We let kids off on the bus and if you get kids walking across on that side, it is better."

SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Witt-Birn continues to churn out strong teams

Chargers closing in on another CWC-East title

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Year after year, the Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School volleyball team is in the hunt for a conference title.

It doesn't matter if the team graduated several impact seniors from the season prior or even if the team lost a few all-conference players, the Chargers are always near the top of the conference standings.

This year is no different, as Witt-Birn is now 4-0 in Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division play after sweeping Menominee Indian 25-18, 25-13, 25-21 on Sept. 23 in Wittenberg.

The Chargers came into the season following a conference title in 2020, when the team finished with a perfect record. Three of the five all-conference players from that team graduated, including the conference's Player of the Year McKenna Foster, but it hasn't slowed the team to this point.

"Honestly, the girls and the time they put in," said Witt-Birn coach Becky Rew, the conference's Coach of the Year in 2020, on what keeps the team competitive each season.

"We have girls that are three-sport athletes and playing club (volleyball). We have girls who come all summer long and bust their butt at open gyms and agilities and summer league and everything else. It's how much work they put in and how hard they go."

While the team has graduated several big-time players each year, there always seems to be another player ready to step up and continue the team's success.

Junior Reese Rogowski and sophomore London Metropulos — both all-conference players from last year — are helping lead the charge this season. Rogowski leads the team in kills, with Metropulos in second.

Juniors Payton Foster and Lilly Betry share setting duties for the Chargers.

Junior Kiara Deruchowski, senior Jadalynn Davids and sophomore Layla



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Jadalynn Davids, left, hits the ball as teammate Reese Rogowski looks on during a CWC-East match against Menominee Indian on Sept. 23 in Wittenberg. The Chargers remained perfect in conference play after sweeping the Eagles.

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Huffman fill out this year's starting lineup, but the team also has had several other players produce when needed this year.

It was a complete team effort in the team's sweep of Menominee Indian, especially after Rogowski left with an injury.

Rogowski still led the team with 15 attack kills, while Metropulos added 10 attack kills and seven digs.

Foster finished the night with 13 assists and six aces. Betry provided 15 assists and nine digs.

Deruchowski posted nine digs for the Chargers, while Davids and Huffman had four block kills each. Davids also had seven digs.

"I think it's everyone's teamwork, getting to know each other and every position," said Davids on how the team succeeds each season. "Knowing

that, even if one person gets hurt, that multiple people can go into that spot. It proves that pushing hard at practice will help us improve every single game."

Since Rew took over the program in 2017, the Chargers have captured three out of a possible four conference titles, with 2018 being the lone year the team fell short.

Dating back to 2010, Witt-Birn has won seven of 11 possible titles.

The juniors on the team are hoping to end their careers with four CWC-East titles. Rew used that as a motivation tool for the juniors, and even the sophomores.

"Definitely," said Rogowski on whether the past CWC-East titles serve as motivation. "It really motivates us to win each conference game and put other teams away as quick as

we can so we can secure the conference championship."

"Every year is pressure; every game that we play to get those four years in, that's the goal," added Betry.

Rogowski added that she and the team thought there might be lots of holes to fill this season, but that the talent from some of the program's younger players has helped the team get to this point.

As the team attempts to chase down a third-straight conference title, it does so with only three seniors on the roster, so nine of the 12 varsity players figure to be back again next season.

Before thinking about a possible four-peat, the Chargers have two more conference matches to win this season — Oct. 5 at Amherst and Oct. 12 against Weyauwega-Fremont at home.

ATHLETE PROFILE: BEN FLAK

Witt-Birn senior the team's leading tackler

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School football team continues to play well and remained in the hunt for a Central Wisconsin Conference-Large Division title after upsetting Stratford on Sept. 24 in Stratford. Senior Ben Flak has helped the team's defense continue to lock up opposing offenses.

Through six weeks, Flak is the team's leading tackler with 54 stops. Of those tackles, 36 have been solo, while 18 have been assisted.

Flak has nine tackles for losses and is tied for the team lead with five sacks. He's also forced a fumble.

Flak has also chipped in as a pass catcher, grabbing five receptions for 86 yards.

The senior has been a tackling machine over the past month. He had 10 total tackles, four tackles for losses and a sack in a win over Spencer/Columbus Catholic on Sept. 3.

Flak contributed 13 total tackles and two tackles for losses in a loss to Amherst on Sept. 10 and then had nine total tackles and two more tackles for losses in a setback to Mosinee on Sept. 17.

In the team's big win over Stratford, the senior had 10 total tackles and another sack.

Q: When did your interest in football begin?

A: Around second grade when I first noticed my dad (Greg) watching the Packers. I soon became super interested and started to watch their games all of the time.

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

A: My favorite part of the season is our Thursday practice, because we have team meal after yoga and script.

Q: What has the game of football taught you over the years?

A: To not give up when things get hard and to work through them and make yourself better at everything you do.



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Ben Flak closes in on an Iola-Scandinavia ball carrier during a game on Aug. 28 in Iola.

KELLEE FLAK

Q: You are enjoying a strong senior season. What's helped you be so successful so far?

A: Well, after basketball, I had lost a lot of weight, and I wanted to get bigger over the offseason. And that's what happened. Along with all the other training I did over the summer really prepared me to be successful this year.

Q: Your team has lost a couple times after a strong start to the year. What's the key to getting back on track?

A: Don't make the same mistakes and build on what we did wrong. And prepare mentally for the next few games.

Q: Do you have any individual

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Ben Flak

SPORT: Football

POSITIONS: Wide receiver, defensive end

SCHOOL: Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

YEAR: Senior

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

A: I want to make first team all-conference for defense; this would be my biggest goal. I also want to lead my team in tackles.

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

A: I need music somewhere before the game, whether it's in my headphones or a speaker. I also sip on something that'll give me a little energy.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Wittenberg-Birnamwood football team?

A: I think my greatest memory will be this year as a whole. Because of all the years I've played for, and this is the end. I also think this is the year our team is the best team I've ever been on, so it will be a better memory, too.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show and music artist?

A: TV show — "Breaking Bad." Movie — "Fight Club." Music artist — Lil Uzi.

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

A: That I am actually a really good swimmer. And swimming is something I really enjoy.

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

A: Never give up.

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

A: I plan to attend college and get a degree in I'm not sure what yet. I also recently looked into playing football at the next level.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Badgers suffer lopsided loss to Irish

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Wisconsin football team was outscored 31-3 in the fourth quarter of an eventual 41-13 loss to Notre Dame on Sept. 25 in Chicago. A 27-yard field goal from Collin Larsh gave the No. 18 Badgers a 13-10 lead over the No. 12 Fighting Irish with 14 minutes, 14 seconds to play. Notre Dame returned the ensuing

kickoff 96 yards to get the lead right back and then tacked on a passing touchdown to go up 24-13 with 9:34 to play. A 37-yard field goal with 3:20 to play made it 27-13 before Notre Dame returned two interceptions for touchdowns to seal the game. Wisconsin quarterback Graham Mertz completed just 18 of 41 pass attempts for 240 yards, a touchdown

and four interceptions. Mertz also fumbled twice, losing one of them. Running back Chez Mellusi led a lackluster Badgers' running game with 54 yards on 18 carries. Wisconsin averaged just 2.6 yards a carry. Wide receiver Kendric Pryor caught the touchdown from Mertz and led the team with 69 receiving yards on six receptions. Danny Davis III had five receptions for 64 yards.

Wisconsin's defense racked up six sacks and only allowed 248 total yards, 239 of which came through the air. The Badgers were just one of 15 on third-down chances and are now 1-2 on the season. Wisconsin will look to get back in the winning column when No. 14 Michigan visits Camp Randall on Oct. 2 at 11 a.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wisconsin to retire Michael Finley's jersey this season

One of the true legends of Wisconsin basketball, Michael Finley, will be immortalized when his name and number are raised into the rafters of the Kohl Center later this season. The University of Wisconsin will officially retire Finley's No. 24 jersey during a halftime ceremony, as announced by athletic director Chris McIntosh on Sept. 24. "Michael Finley's impact on Wisconsin basketball is as profound as any athlete we've had, and I'm

thrilled that we are able to honor him by retiring his jersey," McIntosh said. "Finley's fingerprints are all over the revival of our program in the 1990s, and his legacy is alive in the incredible success we've enjoyed over the past 30 years. Finley has spent his life serving as an incredible ambassador for not only Badger basketball, but also for our university in general. We can't wait to welcome him back to the Kohl Center later this season."

"It's a great honor," Finley said. "It represents a lot, not just to me but to all the teammates I had. We have a bond. It represents those guys and the students that were there when I was. They can say, 'I went to school with that guy, and he represented the university in a great way.' "For me, that's one of the big things I look forward to seeing when my number is in the rafters. It's also something of a legacy for my kids.

If they ever decided to go to the UW, they can see their last name up there, and that represents a lot for me as well. "It gives guys who have grown up in a similar situation to the way I grew up, it gives them an example that if you put the hard work into something and dedicate yourself to being a better person and player, good things can happen. Maybe it gives them the inspiration to see that they can make it one day."

RECREATION SCOREBOARD

BOWLING
Resch Lanes — Wednesday Night Handicap

Team	W	L
Liberty Potatoes	17	4
Resch Lanes	17	4
Slammers	14	7
Mama's Place	13	8
Kemmer Electronics	11	10
Rachel's Roadside	8	13
Hanke's Sentry Foods	4	17
Tavern Front	0	21

High team handicap games (top 3): Liberty Potatoes 1,224, Slammers 1,181, Mama's Place 1,162.
High individual handicap games (top 7): Chris Gunderson 291, Jason Hanson 283, Jason Resch 279, Brian Mattmiller 276, Austin Schedlbauer 268, Jeff Arndt 267, Bill Timm 266.
High team handicap series (top 3): Liberty Potatoes 3,582, Slammers 3,377, Rachel's Roadside 3,320.
High individual handicap series (top 7): Jason Hanson 807, Brian Mattmiller 779, Chris Gunderson 777, Will Kubeny 753, Jamie Deruchowski 743, Jason Resch 738, Bill Timm 729.
Chet & Emil's Monday Women's League

Team	W	L
Cady Home	3	1
Star Campsite	3	1
Banner Banks	1	3

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High team handicap games: Cady Home 753, Chet & Emil's 697, Banner Banks 690.
High individual scratch games: Tracy Anderson 186, Christy Clark 173, Barbara Praslowicz 170, Cindy Mortenson 162, Courtney Tryba 160, Jonelle Resch 158.
High team handicap series: Cady Home 2,060, Star Campsite 2,057, Banner Banks 2,036.
High individual scratch series: Christy Clark 484, Barbara Praslowicz 461, Tracy Anderson 452, Courtney Tryba 442, Cindy Mortenson 435, Jonelle Resch 433.
Resch Lanes — Thursday Men's League

Team	W	L
Melody Mill	19	2
Golden Eagle Res.	17	4
Gutt er Done	11	10
RJ Auto Repair	10	11
Legacy Seed	10	11
Cherek Transport	9	12
Resch Lanes	4	17
Legacy Seed Pro	4	17

High team scratch games (top 3): Legacy Seed Pro 1,000, Melody Mill 971, Resch Lanes 966.
High individual scratch games (top 6): Jeff Arndt 265, Carl Malueg 239, Austin Wolff 237, Pat Provoast 235, Tim Lemke 225, Aaron Fuller 225.
High team scratch series (top 3): Legacy Seed Pro

2,870, Melody Mill 2,816, Resch Lanes 2,761.
High individual scratch series (top 6): Jeff Arndt 738, Carl Malueg 635, Tim Lemke 622, Carson Malueg 607, Greg Wolff 606, Jason Resch 604.
Chet & Emil's Tuesday Commercial

Team	W	L
Clark Construction	4	2
Schmidt Schulta	4	2
Chet & Emil's	3	3
White Insurance	2	4
Kautza Excavating	2	4

High team scratch games: Chet & Emil's 1,137, Kautza Excavating 870, White Insurance 867.
High individual scratch games: Doug Kunst 299, Dan Rew 264, Tim Lemke 260.
High team scratch series: Chet & Emil's 3,213, Kautza Excavating 2,597, White Insurance 2,400.
High individual scratch series: Doug Kunst 795, Dan Rew 668, Tim Lemke 645.
Resch Lanes - Monday Ladies Handicap

Team	W	L
Fandrey Construction	5	1
Fantastic Sams	3 1/2	2 1/2
Tavern Front	3	3
Strike-a-pose	3	3
Lisa's Lakeside	2	4
Resch Lanes	1 1/2	4 1/2

High team handicap games: Fantastic Sams 846, Strike-a-pose 841.

High individual handicap games (top 7): Jenny Schrank 273, Jordyn Krueger 267, Rhonda Guerink 255, Heather Schultz 243, Brenda Rondeau 239, Cheyanne Korbish 232, Cassie Wierzba 231, Lynn Wickman 231.
High team handicap series: Fandrey Construction 2,571, Resch Lanes 2,458.
High individual handicap series (top 7): Jenny Schrank 713, Brenda Rondeau 693, Rhonda Guerink 687, Lynn Wickman 637, Heather Schultz 635, Jordyn Krueger 633, Anne Rickert 633.
Chet & Emil's Wednesday Business

Team	W	L
Kessen Auto Body	6	0
CWAA	5	1
Rew Motors Inc.	3	3
TLC Auto Body	3	3
Kropf's Meat Pro	2	4
S&M Tool	2	4
Chet & Emil's	2	4
Melody Mill	1	5

High team scratch games: Melody Mill 1,004, S&M Tool 982, Kropf's Meat Pro 953.
High individual scratch games: Tim Lemke 244, Shawn Walkush 243, Doug Kunst 233, Tyler Krull 233.
High team scratch series: Melody Mill 2,773, Kropf's Meat Pro 2,711, S&M Tool 2,684.
High individual scratch series: Shawn Walkush 639, Tyler Krull 630, Tim Lemke 620.

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Shawano takes 3rd at conference tournament

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

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

Shawano also finished third in the final conference standings.

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

Singles players Adison Moesch

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Hawks' Eggert the Conference Player of the Year in Bay

By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bonduel placed seventh at the final

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

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

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

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

FOOTBALL

Lena/STAA 45

Sevastopol 6

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

conference play.

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

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

for 307 yards as a team.

Suring 38

Wausaukee 6

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

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

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yards on 19 carries.

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



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COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Marian

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

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

North Iowa Area

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

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

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

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

Bemidji State

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

loss to Wayne State on Sept. 25.

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

Viterbo

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

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

UW-Eau Claire

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

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

Concordia-St. Paul

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

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

Rockhurst

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

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

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

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

Minnesota Duluth

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

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

Central Lakes

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

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

Winona State

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

Hansen completed the 6K course in 25:23.9.

MSU Moorhead

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

Hanson posted a time of 29:04.4

in the 8K race.

UW-Whitewater

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Norbert

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

Karcz ended the game with six total tackles, a sack and an interception, which he returned 16 yards. Four of his tackles were solo ones.

Krizan was credited with an assisted tackle.

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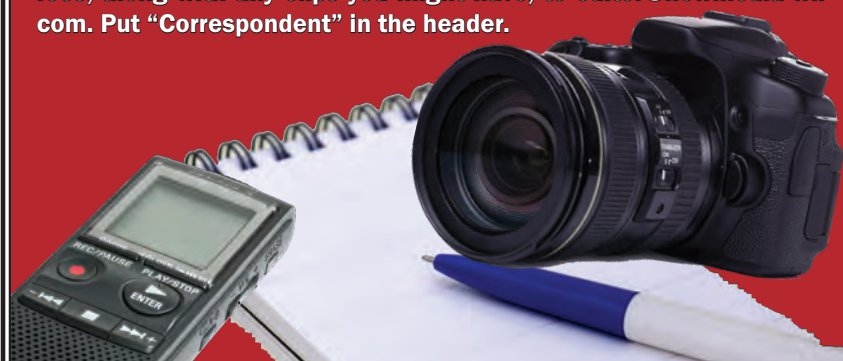
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The Shawano County Board of Supervisors approved the formation of two paralegal positions for the Shawano-Menominee County District Attorney's Office on Sept. 22 in the hopes of getting the court system back on track.

After the coronavirus pandemic hit in 2020, jury trials were put on hold out of concern for spreading the virus, causing the caseloads for prosecutors to balloon and making it difficult to prepare for cases in a timely fashion. With the hiring of the paralegals, they will be able to ensure evidence, witnesses and other necessities for court are taken care of so prosecutors don't have to ask the court for more time to prepare.

"The biggest problem their department has is getting everything ready to go to court," County Board Chairman Tom Kautza said. "With these two people doing the groundwork, (the district attorney) thinks that will be able to speed up the process and get a few of them in the jail out of the jail and moving on down the road."

The paralegal positions are set for one year of employment and are expected to cost the county \$142,176. The money is coming out of the county's American Rescue Act funds.

Kautza told the board that, even though rules were approved allowing the executive committee and a department's home committee to sign off on use of the ARA funds, county rules require the board to approve any job position that requires benefits.

"We can't just hire them part-time and take the money out without the full board approval," Kautza said.

Supervisor Joe Miller applauded the idea, saying the backlog needs to be resolved.

"I'm sorry to say this, but it's ridiculous the state of affairs over there right now," Miller said. "Even the victims, the delay in time the victims deal with is unacceptable. Don't just look at it

as the bad guys getting prosecuted. There's good guys on the other side of the coin."

Supervisor Deb Noffke also expressed support for hiring the paralegals, noting that she had previously suggested throwing some of the ARA money at resolving the court system backlog, as the funding is supposed to go toward — among other expenses — rebuilding things shut down because of the pandemic. However, she noted that county rules do not allow limited-term employees, which the paralegals were listed as in the resolution, to get benefits. So she pushed for that language to come out.

"This doesn't fit an LTE according to our own employee manual," Noffke said. "This is more of a temporary full-time position."

Administrative Coordinator James Davel noted that District Attorney Greg Parker has been requesting paralegals for 10 years but was cut off each time in order to keep budgets balanced.

"This is an effort to get some support into the DA's office," Davel said.

Supervisor Arlyn Tober expressed concern about hiring the paralegals, noting that the county did something similar with hiring law enforcement in the past with limited money and then got stuck paying them from the county coffers after the money ran out.

"By golly, we had to keep them on the payroll," Tober said. "We found that out the hard way. I think this would turn out to be the same thing."

Supervisor Aaron Damrau said the positions are needed, because the district attorney's office is lacking in support staff compared with others in the state.

"We need it bad," Damrau said, noting the county should amend its handbook to allow for temporary staff beyond the limited-term designation. "I want this to pass. I just want to make sure we're protecting ourselves a little bit more."

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OPINION

Petito in spotlight while other women vanish

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



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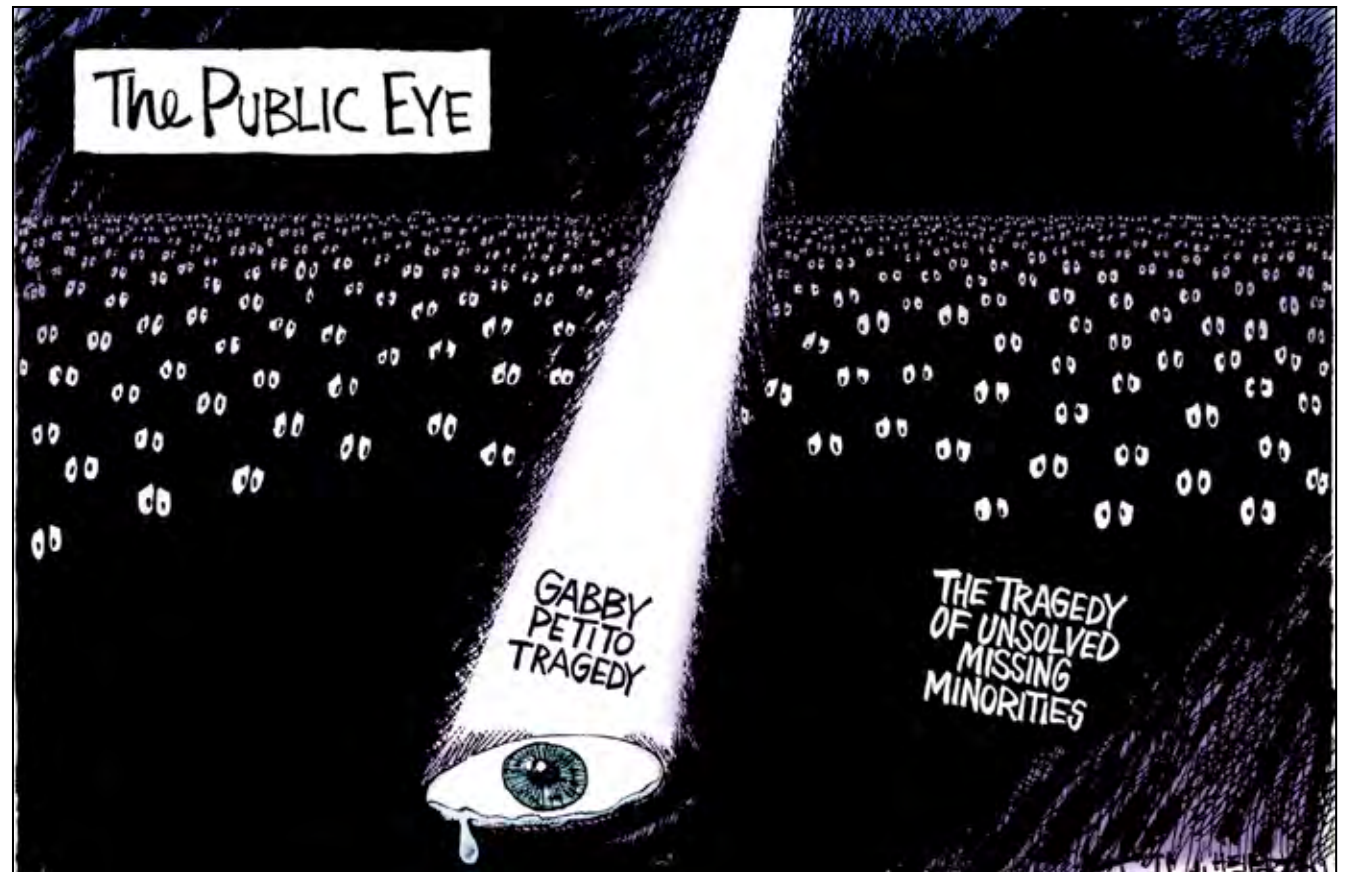
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Those are noble feelings to have. There's just one problem. Petito is far from being the only missing woman to have been found murdered, but yet everyone's attention is on her horrible fate and whether the perpetrator will be found and punished. Does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

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

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

Despite the fact that we have a roughly estimated thousands of



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We must end the cycle.

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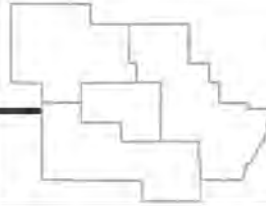
Bowler resident Brittney Paicer looks at a variety of key chains for sale with her daughters Jemma, front, and Courtlyn, back, at Applefest in Tigerton on Sept. 25.

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The new face of the Oconto County Economic Development Corp. is Jayme Sellen, who took over as executive director after Paul Ehrfurth retired Sept. 1. She has dived headfirst into the future of Oconto County.
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New face of economic development in Oconto County

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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again contributing \$250,000 each.

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

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

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

Sellen said she and the staff are

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

He completed his fellowship in

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

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Pulaski woman named to physician assistant board

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

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

The board was created under 2021

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

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PACK'S DEFENSE SHOWING POSITIVE SIGNS

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

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Team effort has defense trending up

Unit was stout in run game vs. San Francisco

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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running game, and were able to accomplish that.

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

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

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

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

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

Jaire Alexander ran down a deep ball by Garoppolo.

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

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

The stat sheet showed that.

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

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

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

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

Stokes was whistled for a pair of

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Rodgers rallies Packers past 49ers

Mason Crosby kicks game-winning field goal as time expires

By JOSH DUBOW

The Associated Press

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Fast start

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

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

to set up a field goal by Mason Crosby.

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

Double dip

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

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

the field.

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

Injury report

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

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

PACKERS ROSTER

Active

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

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

Reserve/Injured

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

Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform

69	David Bakhtiari	T	6-4	310	29	9	Colorado
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Practice Squad

6	Kurt Benkert	QB	6-3	218	26	2	Virginia
9	J.J. Molson	K	5-11	180	24	1	UCLA
16	Chris Blair	WR	6-2	198	23	R	Alcorn State
19	Equanimeous St. Brown	WR	6-5	214	24	4	Notre Dame
27	Patrick Taylor	RB	6-2	217	23	1	Memphis
30	Shawn Davis	S	5-11	202	23	R	Florida
38	Innis Gaines	S	6-1	202	23	R	TCU
45	Bronson Kaufusi	TE	6-6	270	30	3	Brigham Young
46	Steven Wirtel	LS	6-4	228	23	1	Iowa State
48	Kabion Ento	CB	6-1	187	25	2	Colorado
50	Tipa Galeai	LB	6-5	229	24	1	Utah State
57	Ray Wilborn	LB	6-3	230	24	1	Ball State
64	Ben Braden	G	6-6	329	27	2	Michigan
78	Cole Van Lanen	T/G	6-4	305	23	R	Wisconsin
88	Juwann Winfree	WR	6-1	210	24	2	Colorado
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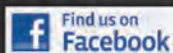
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2	Mason Rudolph	QB	6-5	235	26	4	Oklahoma State
3	Dwayne Haskins	QB	6-4	230	24	3	Ohio State
6	Pressley Harvin III	P	6-0	255	23	R	Georgia Tech
7	Ben Roethlisberger	QB	6-5	240	39	18	Miami (Ohio)
8	Melvin Ingram III	LB	6-2	247	32	10	South Carolina
9	Chris Boswell	K	6-2	185	30	7	Rice
11	Chase Claypool	WR	6-4	238	23	2	Notre Dame
13	James Washington	WR	5-11	213	25	4	Oklahoma State
14	Ray-Ray McCloud	WR	5-9	190	24	4	Clemson
15	Cody White	WR	6-3	215	22	1	Michigan State
18	Diontae Johnson	WR	5-10	183	25	3	Toledo
19	Julu Smith-Schuster	WR	6-1	215	24	5	USC
20	Cameron Sutton	CB	5-11	188	26	5	Tennessee
21	Tre Norwood	DB	6-0	194	22	R	Oklahoma
22	Najee Harris	RB	6-1	232	22	R	Alabama
23	Joe Haden	CB	5-11	195	32	12	Florida
24	Benny Snell Jr.	RB	5-10	224	23	3	Kentucky
25	Ahkello Witherspoon	CB	6-2	195	26	5	Colorado
27	Marcus Allen	LB	6-2	215	25	3	Penn State
28	Miles Killebrew	S	6-2	222	28	6	Southern Utah State
29	Kalen Ballage	RB	6-2	231	25	4	Arizona State
31	Justin Layne	CB	6-2	192	23	3	Michigan State
34	Terrell Edmunds	S	6-1	217	24	4	Virginia Tech
35	Arthur Maulet	CB	5-10	190	28	5	Memphis
39	Minkah Fitzpatrick	S	6-1	207	24	4	Alabama
40	Jamir Jones	OLB	6-3	255	23	1	Notre Dame
41	Robert Spillane	LB	6-1	229	25	3	Western Michigan
42	James Pierre	CB	6-2	185	25	2	Florida Atlantic
44	Derek Watt	FB	6-2	234	28	6	Wisconsin
45	Buddy Johnson	LB	6-2	240	22	R	Texas A&M
46	Christian Kuntz	LS	6-1	228	27	1	Duquesne
51	Trai Turner	G	6-3	315	28	8	LSU
53	Kendrick Green	C	6-4	315	22	R	Illinois
54	Ulysees Gilbert III	ILB	6-0	230	24	3	Akron
55	Devin Bush	LB	5-11	234	23	3	Michigan
56	Alex Highsmith	LB	6-4	242	24	2	Charlotte
60	J.C. Hassenauer	C	6-2	295	26	2	Alabama
65	Dan Moore Jr.	OT	6-5	315	23	R	Texas A&M
67	B.J. Finney	C/G	6-4	318	29	6	Kansas State

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

Reserve/Injured

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

Practice Squad

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

Practice Squad/Injured

84	Rico Bussey	WR	6-2	190	23	R	Hawaii
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OFFENSE

FYI

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

THE SERIES

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

SCHEDULE

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

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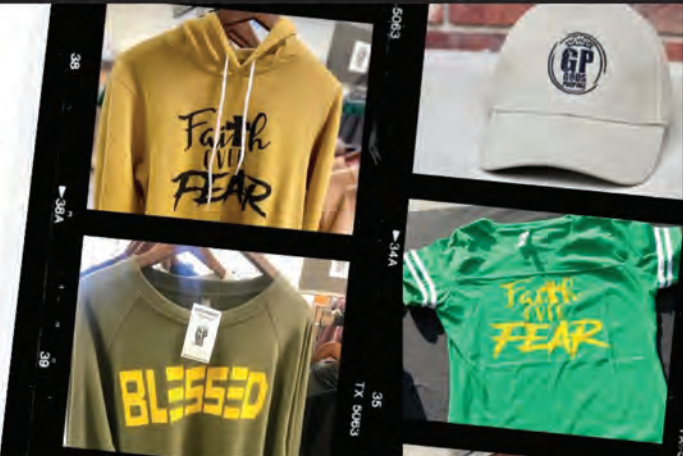
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SCHEDULE

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

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

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

STANDINGS

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



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NOTEBOOK

By **BILL HUBER**
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Clutch Crosby

A 51-yard field goal to win the game?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

King for a day

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In Yosh they trust

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

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

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

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

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

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

Back to work

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

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

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

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

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Pittsburgh @ Green Bay
Tampa Bay @ New England
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Weekly Standings

	Weekly Record	Overall Record
Buss Automotive.....	11-5.....	33-15
Dennis Brei.....	12-4.....	33-15
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	Weekly Record	Overall Record
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Indianapolis	Baltimore	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score : Kansas City 31 @ Philadelphia 24



Tim Murphy
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Leader

This Week's Picks:

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

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 24 @ Philadelphia 17



Dennis Brei
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This Week's Picks:

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

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 34 @ Philadelphia 20



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This Week's Picks:

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

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 28 @ Philadelphia 21



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This Week's Picks:

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

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 28 @ Philadelphia 13



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This Week's Picks:

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

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 35 @ Philadelphia 17



Dena
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This Week's Picks:

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

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 31 @ Philadelphia 20



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This Week's Picks:

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

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 35 @ Philadelphia 17



Scott Nyman
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This Week's Picks:

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

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 28 @ Philadelphia 17



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Buffalo	Tennessee	LA Chargers
Chicago	LA Rams	
Dallas	San Francisco	
Indianapolis	Baltimore	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 42 @ Philadelphia 17



Jim Wiegand
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Eye Center

This Week's Picks:

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

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 38 @ Philadelphia 13



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This Week's Picks:

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

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 34 @ Philadelphia 24



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This Week's Picks:

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

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 24 @ Philadelphia 28



Brenda
22 Shell

This Week's Picks:

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

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 42 @ Philadelphia 13



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This Week's Picks:

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

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 31 @ Philadelphia 24



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This Week's Picks:

Cincinnati	Cleveland	Green Bay
Washington	New Orleans	Tampa Bay
Buffalo	Tennessee	LA Chargers
Chicago	LA Rams	
Dallas	Seattle	
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 35 @ Philadelphia 17



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This Week's Picks:

Cincinnati	Cleveland	Green Bay
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KEYS TO GAME

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Correspondent

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

History

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

Coaches

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

When the Packers have the ball

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

seasons. Edmunds had 105 tackles in 2019.

When the Steelers have the ball

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Special teams

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Rookie seventh-round punter

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

Super Wild Card Weekend to include Monday game

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

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

on Saturday and three games on Sunday.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Packers offer limited standing-room-only tickets

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

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

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

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

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



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

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Mushroom & Swiss Burger
J-Burger (Bacon, Double Cheese, w/ Chili)
Trolley Burger

(Bacon, Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Mayo, Fried Onion, Tomato, & Pickle)

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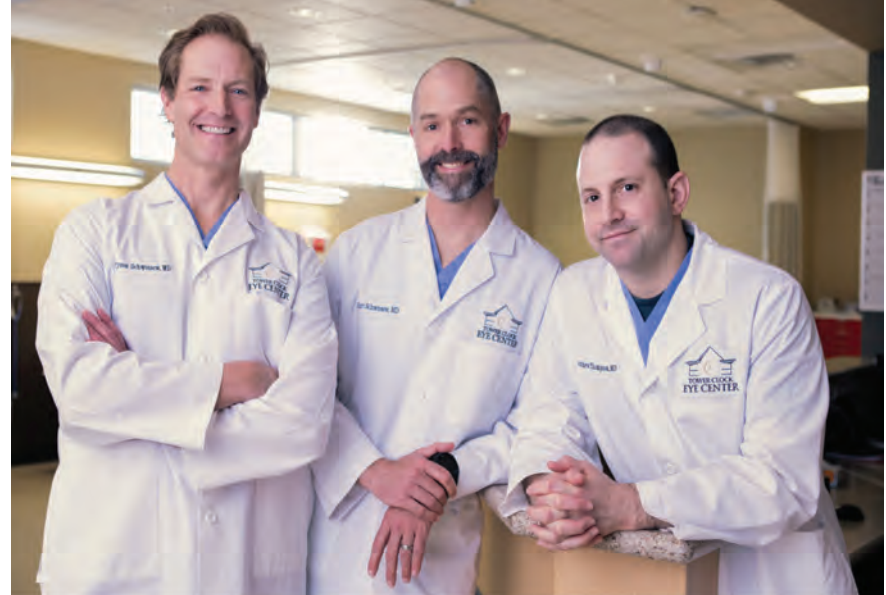
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