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Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Reese Rogowski, left, tips the ball during the team's Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division win over Weyauwega-Fremont on Oct. 12 in Wittenberg. The Chargers claimed the conference title outright with a win in four sets. **SEE PAGE 18 FOR THE MATCH STORY.**

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Wittenberg Village Board approves monthly sewer rate increase

Board increases sewer rate to \$8 per 1,000 gallons of water used

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Sewer rates in the village of Wittenberg are set to increase.

The Wittenberg Village Board voted Oct. 13 to increase the sewer rates in the village by \$2 per every 1,000 gallons of water used.

This would make the sewer rates \$8 per every 1,000 gallons of water used.

Wittenberg Village Clerk Traci Matsche said that the average person in the village uses 16,000 gallons of water per quarter.

"So for \$2 per thousand gallons, it is going to be \$32 more for a quarter," said Matsch.

Village board president Bill Switalla said that this increase could upset village residents due to a recent increase in water rates.

"People look at the water and sewer bill being one bill," said Switalla. "When it increases, it is under one bill."

A discussion arose surrounding sewer department in the village.

"Something that comes up is that (sewer department) is a business entity," said board trustee David Timm. "Businesses can't lose money every year. The reason that you want to show positive is that down the road, we will need a new sewer plant."

Board trustee Renee Switalla responded saying that the board needs

to watch out for the voters.

Timm added that in order to get money, the sewer department is going have to show positive cash flow.

"It is a tough decision," said Timm.

Board trustee Paul Yaeger said that the board cannot use tax revenue to support it.

"All that supports it (sewer department) is the usage," said Yaeger.

The board agreed to make the increase effective Dec. 1, so that village residents would receive the increase on their bills in March.

The board passed the sewer rate increase on a 5-2 vote, with both Renee Switalla and Bill Switalla saying no.

Wittenberg Telephone Company earns three broadband access grants

Company to provide more than \$1M in matching funds

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

Internet access in parts of Shawano, Marathon and Langlade counties should get a boost from three grants to the Wittenberg Telephone Co. totaling \$1.238 million, announced Oct. 14.

With \$1.016 million in matching funds, the projects are expected to reach about 20 businesses and 400 residential locations upon completion.

tion.

The work involves fiber-optic access to locations in the towns of Almon, Bartelme and Red Springs in Shawano County; Antigo, Neva, Upham and Polar in Langlade County; and the Town of Norrie in Marathon County.

The state Public Service Commission announced the recipients of Broadband Access Grants through funding made available in May. The commission awarded \$99,932,502 for 83 projects that will expand fiber broadband internet to more than 28,426 residential and 1,490 business locations currently unserved and underserved.

The grants are funded through

the American Rescue Plan Act.

Applications were made available on June 1 and were due July 27. The PSC received 242 applications requesting more than \$440 million for projects that must be completed by Dec. 31, 2024.

Internet service providers, telecommunications utilities, cooperatives, local governments, and for-profit and nonprofit organizations were eligible to apply.

The commission evaluated broadband projects based on applicant capacity, capability, performance, project budget, proposed matching funds and the proposed service area's existing broadband service needs.

CORRECTIONS

Accuracy is important to the Enterprise & News, and it wants to correct mistakes promptly. Call errors to our attention by phone at 715-526-2121, ext. 7018.

Coach seeks use of village park diamond

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Discussions surrounding the usage of the village park baseball field came to fruition Oct. 18 as representatives from Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School and the Wittenberg Little League attended the village board meeting.

Jason Rieck, who is taking over the high school baseball program this year, said he was hoping the team could play most of their games in the village park in spring.

Rieck said he prefers the village diamond to the high school field.

"We would need two diamonds in close proximity to host both JV and varsity games," he said.

This request comes on the back of varsity and JV games being scheduled

simultaneously.

Board trustee Paul Yaeger said he spoke with Witt-Birn Athletic Director Chris Nier about the high school baseball field usage.

"It has nothing to do with the upkeep of the field of any kind," Yaeger said. "It is about two games at once and also possibly because the high school field does not have lights."

Rieck added that on windy days in the spring, it gets very cold at the high school diamond.

"We would never need the lights in the springtime because our games start early enough," he said.

Rieck said that the team would not practice on the village diamond.

Yaeger suggested that the high school team and the Little League put together their schedules and communicate when games are being played.

"If there is any conflict, we will talk about those particular dates," said Yaeger.

Frank Wierzba, who is heading the Little League, said that they plan to begin practicing in March.

Village Board president Bill Switalla suggested hanging a calendar at the village diamond where coaches can write out their schedules.

"The most important thing is to try and work it out together so that everyone knows what is going on," said Switalla.

Wierzba said that he wants to work with the high school team because the Little Leaguers will grow up to play on the Witt-Birn team. Rieck and Wierzba agreed to stay in communication with each other about their schedules.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District Board of Education Meeting October 25, 2021

October 25, 2021

5:15 P.M. - Transportation Committee Meeting

5:40 P.M. - Budget & Finance Committee Meeting

6:00 P.M. - Regular Board Meeting Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

AGENDA

- I Meeting called to order, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.84(1).
- II Roll Call of the Board - Pledge of Allegiance
- III Motion to Approve the Minutes of September 27, 2021, Regular Meeting as circulated.
- IV Communications and Delegations
- V Public Comments
- VI Board Concerns or Reports
- VII Student Representative
- VIII Financial Report
- IX Approve the Agenda
- X
 - I. The Board may adjourn to Closed Session at the close of the meeting pursuant to WI.STATS.19.85(1) for Personnel Matters, and 19.85 (1)(g) for Legal Matters and 19.85(1)(e) for Negotiations.
 - II. The Board will reconvene to Open Session to ratify any decisions made in Closed Session.
- XI Administrative Reports
- XII Old Business
- XIII New Business
 - A. ESSER III Consultation with Stakeholders
 - B. Capital Project Update for Review and Approval
 - C. Middle School Baseball Program for Discussion and Approval
 - D. Approve 2021-2022 Budget
 - E. Approve 2021-2022 Levy
 - F. Library Plan for Approval
 - G. JV2 Boys Basketball Coach Hire for Approval
 - H. Head Baseball Coach for Approval
 - I. District Administrative Assistant Hire for Approval
 - J. Coaching Resignation for Approval
- XIII Adjourment

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SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Oct. 18

Officers responded to 31 calls, including property theft on East Stevens Street; operating while intoxicated on East Richmond Street; trespassing on East Center Street; car personal injury on Waukechon Street.

Oct. 17

Officers responded to 18 calls, including a burglary on West Third Street; a disturbance on South Lutz Street; property theft on West Richmond Street.

Oct. 16

Officers responded to 15 calls, including reckless driving on County Road MMM; a disturbance on East Richmond Street; a gas drive-off at The Store, 404 E. Green Bay St.; a domestic disturbance on South Union Street; a car personal injury on East Lieg Avenue.

Oct. 15

Officers responded to 26 calls, including car property damage on North Main Street; harassment at Culver's, 1220 E. Green Bay St.

Oct. 14

Officers responded to 25 calls, including a disturbance on South Cleveland Street; a fight in progress at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; harassment on South Union Street; reckless driving on East Lieg Avenue; a fight in progress on East Center Street.

Oct. 13

Officers responded to 25 calls,

including car property damage on South Lafayette Street; a threat at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; a hit-and-run at Angie's Main Cafe, 132 S. Main St.; a threat and harassment at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; a disturbance on Mills Street; criminal damage on Aspen Court.

Oct. 12

Officers responded to 32 calls, including multiple threats at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; disorderly conduct on North Humphrey Circle; harassment at Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St.; harassment on South Lutz Street; disorderly conduct on South Franklin Street; disorderly conduct on South Lutz Street.

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Oct. 18

Deputies responded to 38 calls, including a burglary on state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in Wittenberg; property theft on County Road Y in the Town of Belle Plaine; three crashes, two involving deer.

Oct. 17

Deputies responded to 39 calls, including an automobile theft on First Street in Eland; reckless driving on state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; reckless driving on County Road BE in the Town of Waukechon; criminal damage on Maple Street in Birnamwood; property damage on Lake Drive in the

Town of Wescott; disorderly conduct on Huntington Court in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on Upper Red Lake Road in the Town of Red Springs; six crashes, two involving deer.

Oct. 16

Deputies responded to 52 calls, including trespassing on Larson Road in the Town of Germania; property theft on South Warrington Avenue in Cecil; trespassing on Lovers Lane in the Town of Pella; a disturbance on River Drive in the Town of Wescott; a restraining order violation on Chippewa Drive in the Town of Wescott; trespassing on Blue Goose Road in the Town of Germania; disorderly conduct on Cedar Avenue in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on state Highway 47 in the Town of Hartland; two crashes.

Oct. 15

Deputies responded to 48 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Angelica; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Belle Plaine; property theft on Mosling Road in the Town of Green Valley; a burglary on state Highway 29 in the Town of Morris; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in Bonduel; bail jumping on state Highway 22 in the Town of Washington; three crashes, one involving deer.

Oct. 14

Deputies responded to 40 calls, including a domestic disturbance on Park Side Court in Gresham; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; a repossession on County Road

M in the Town of Grant; three crashes, two involving deer.

Oct. 13

Deputies responded to 41 calls, including a disturbance on North Lafayette Street in the Town of Wescott; a restraining order violation on Salzman Lane in the Town of Fairbanks; reckless driving on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Aniwa; reckless driving on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Aniwa; disorderly conduct on South Prouty Street in Wittenberg; harassment on Lindsten Road in the Town of Navarino; reckless driving on U.S. Highway 45 in Wittenberg; child abuse on Bohn Road in the Town of Green Valley; criminal damage on County Road E in the Town of Green Valley; property theft on South Warrington Avenue in Cecil; an assault on North Genesee Street in Wittenberg; reckless driving on Wittenberg-Birnamwood Town Line Road in the Town of Birnamwood; a sex offender registry on North Main Street in Shawano; a burglary on County Road M in the Town of Pella; reckless driving on Emma Street in Aniwa; two crashes, one involving deer.

Oct. 12

Deputies responded to 42 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; criminal damage on Airport Road in the Town of Wescott; a weapons offense on Emma Street in Aniwa; property theft on Shady Lane in the Town of Washington; trespassing on West Sandy Drive in the Town of Washington; five crashes, one involving deer.

COURT NEWS

• Joseph E. Boyd, 32, Gillett, was charged Oct. 11 with one count of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Judge Katherine Sloma set a cash bond of \$500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 28.

• Trina J. Myers, 35, Howard, was charged Oct. 11 with two counts of possession of narcotic drugs, one count of possession of methamphetamine, 13 counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a cash bond of \$1,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 18.

• Akeem L. Hargrove, 31, Green Bay, was charged Oct. 11 with possession of amphetamine (greater than 3-10 grams) with intent, one count of possession of heroin (greater than 10-50 grams) with intent, six counts of bail jumping, two misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer, one misdemeanor count of possession of THC, one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia and one misdemeanor count of bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$5,000 and scheduled a review hearing for Oct. 28.

• Kamie M. Rein, 31, Wrightstown, was charged Oct. 12 with one count of bail jumping. Sloma set a signature bond of \$2,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Dec. 9.

• Charges against Kenneth M. Greetan, 56, Green Bay, were dismissed Oct. 12 before initial appearance. Those charges include one count of possession of narcotics with intent to deliver.

• Allison S. Peters, 26, Shawano, pleaded no contest Oct. 12 to one count of possession of methamphetamine and three counts of bail jumping. Two counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of retail theft, less than or equal to \$500, was dismissed but read into the record.

In another case, Peters pleaded to contest to taking and driving a vehicle without consent. Sloma sentenced Peters to 12 months in state prison, two years of extended supervision and four years of probation.

• Max G. Moede, 33, Shawano, pleaded no contest Oct. 12 to one misdemeanor count of resisting or failing to stop, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer and one misdemeanor count of bail jumping. One count of bail jumping was dismissed on

prosecutor's motion.

In another case, Moede pleaded no contest to one misdemeanor count of battery, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct and two misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. One count of strangulation and suffocation was dismissed on prosecutor's motion. Judge William Kussel Jr. sentenced Moede to two years of probation.

• Kurt E. Oppen, 55, Birnamwood, was charged Oct. 13 with one count of capturing an intimate representation of a victim less than 18 years old and one count of using a surveillance device to invade privacy of a victim less than 18 years old. Sloma set a cash bond of \$1,000 and a signature bond of \$5,000. She also scheduled a resumed initial appearance for Oct. 25.

• Elmer J. Kakwitsch, 38, Shawano, was charged Oct. 13 with three counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked and three misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$1,000 and a signature bond of \$3,500. She also set a preliminary hearing for Oct. 19.

• Eric J. Ihrcke, 42, Gillett pleaded no contest Oct. 13 to one count of operating a

vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense). One count of operating with prohibited alcohol content (fourth offense) was dismissed on prosecutor's motion. Kussel sentenced Ihrcke to 280 days in jail and revoked his license for 28 months.

• Devin J. Kornaus, 35, Pulaski, was charged Oct. 14 with one count of child abuse. Sloma set a signature bond of \$5,000 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for Nov. 23.

• Matthew W. Dugan, 38, Green Bay, pleaded guilty Oct. 15 to one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. One count of false imprisonment was dismissed on prosecutor's motion. Sloma sentenced Dugan to 18 months of probation.

• Samuel B. Bullock, 45, Bonduel, was charged Oct. 15 with one count of child abuse. Sloma set a cash bond of \$250 and a signature bond of \$1,500. She also scheduled a resumed initial appearance for Dec. 7.

• Spencer Q. Inman, 20, Bonduel, was charged Oct. 15 with one count of homicide by intoxicated use of a vehicle and one count of homicide by use of a vehicle with prohibited alcohol content. Sloma set a signature bond of \$100,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Nov. 10.

OBITUARIES

Pat Anthony Ebert, of Elkhart Lake, formerly of Gresham, passed away at home on Friday, Oct. 1, 2021, with his three daughters and wife by his side. His brave battle with cancer over, he trusted his Lord to welcome him to his heavenly home.

Pat grew up in Gresham, born to Bonita (Steff) and Gervase Ebert on Dec. 31, 1941. During his school years, he gained a great deal of knowledge about cars and mechanics helping out in the family-owned Ebert Sales and Service Garage.

He also worked in his grandfather C.J. Ebert's meat processing and locker plant. He graduated from Gresham

High School as valedictorian of his 1960 class.

During the years 1961 to 1965, he served his country in the United States Air Force, stationed in Colorado Springs and Duluth, trained in electronics and working on the radar systems of fighter jets. In the 1970s, he took advantage of the educational opportunities offered to veterans by earning a degree in electronics from DeVry Institute of Technology. This involved a final project of building test equipment and full-sized color



The Rev. Dr. Gerald Ray Wick, "Jerry" to all who knew him, 84, of Sturgeon Bay, was called home to be with the Lord on Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021, at Cardinal Ridge Residential Care in Howard, where he had been living the past several months.

He was born Nov. 8, 1936, in Plymouth, the son of Raymond W. and Ada (Albers) Wick. Jerry attended Plymouth High School and graduated with the Class of 1955. He went on to study vocal music at Mission House College (now Lakeland University) in Sheboygan. During his junior year, Jerry decided to go into the ministry. He attended Bangor Theological Seminary in Maine where he graduated and was ordained in 1964. Jerry earned his doctoral degree in 1987 from United Theological Seminary in Minnesota.

He served churches at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Bloomer, Peace United Church of Christ in Shawano and Wallin



with Burroughs Corp., which later became Unisys. This challenging career involved working on large main-frame computer systems in banks, hospitals and universities. On April 20, 1968, he was joined in marriage to Charlene Hoffman, also of Gresham. For the next 25 years, various promotions and transfers led them to Janesville, Madison, St. Paul, Minnesota, and St. Louis, Missouri, where he was branch manager until 1991.

While residing in Lake St. Louis, Missouri, Pat and his family were very involved as charter members of Living Lord Lutheran Church, where he was a choir member, Bible study leader, and church council member and president.

From 1991 until 1996, Pat worked as a regional sales representative for Tilton Equipment Co., which spe-

cialized in small engine products. In 1996, the family moved to Sheboygan and then Elkhart Lake, where he was the inside sales manager and all-around consultant for Plyco Corp., retiring in spring 2012.

Upon his honorable discharge, he began his civilian work career in 1965 as a computer repair technician

with Burroughs Corp., which later became Unisys. This challenging career involved working on large main-frame computer systems in banks, hospitals and universities. On April 20, 1968, he was joined in marriage to Charlene Hoffman, also of Gresham. For the next 25 years, various promotions and transfers led them to Janesville, Madison, St. Paul, Minnesota, and St. Louis, Missouri, where he was branch manager until 1991.

Pat's main hobbies were listening to music on his multi-component stereo system, going to car shows and tinkering with cars. He and his family enjoyed many vacations touring the U.S. by car, and sometimes camping. He was an avid reader, enjoyed golfing, bowling, working on home improvement projects, and visiting and entertaining family and friends; his "Name that Tune" and "Neighborhood Feud" summer parties were fun to create and host.

Being a multi-talented, jack-of-all-trades type of guy, his advice and counsel will be greatly missed by his family. We will also miss his loving and caring nature and his sense of humor, as well as his fine baritone voice at Christmas caroling time.

Pat is survived by his wife Charlene Ebert, Elkhart Lake; his daughters Sarah (Brad) Henschel, Forest City, Missouri, Jennifer (Randy) Higginbotham, Defiance, Missouri, and Elaine (Darren) Leonard, Lake St. Louis, Missouri; his grandsons

Alex Higginbotham, Clarksville, Tennessee, Dustin Higginbotham, Des Moines, Iowa, and grandson Chase Higginbotham, Defiance, Missouri; and granddaughters Anna, Claire and Bridget Leonard, Lake St. Louis, Missouri.

He is also survived by brothers Daniel Ebert, Tyrus (Janice) Ebert and Allan (Sharon) Ebert, all of Gresham, and Denton Ebert, Franklin/Shawano; sisters Etola (Garry) Matz, Elkhart Lake/Shawano, Opal Carroll, Gresham, and Darla (Mike) Brunner, Shawano; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends in Wisconsin and beyond.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother-in-law, Arthur Carroll; and sisters-in-law, Linda Ebert and Eyvonne Ebert.

A memorial service and celebration of life will take place in Gresham in spring 2022.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital or Sharon S. Richardson Hospice Center in Sheboygan Falls in honor of Pat.

The Suchon Funeral Home and Cremation Service is serving the family. For online condolences, visit www.suchonfh.com.

Rev. Dr. Gerald Ray Wick



Congregational Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, which was his last full-time pastoral placement. Jerry also served Hainesville Lutheran Church in the

Town of Nasewaupee, just south of Sturgeon Bay, for a few years when he found he didn't really enjoy retirement.

He married Brenda Louise (Kolb) Thiel on Jan. 29, 1993, at Wallin Congregational Church. They moved to Door County in 1999 and resided in Sturgeon Bay.

One of the highlights of his life was taking part in an archaeological dig in Israel in 1979. Jerry was a Freemason and a former master of the Shawano Lodge 170, member of the local lodge in Grand Rapids and also a member of the Henry S. Baird

Lodge 174 in Sturgeon Bay, where he also served as chaplain. He was member of the Saladin Shrine in Grand Rapids, where he served as chaplain there as well.

Jerry loved the outdoors — canoeing, hunting, camping. He enjoyed golfing, downhill skiing and snowshoeing; he loved to spend time at the cottage in Crivitz, which was his favorite place to be. Jerry enjoyed travelling and seeing the world that God gave us. He had two Model A's in his lifetime and belonged to the Cherryland Model A Club, and always had fun playing with his model trains.

Above all, he loved his family whom he will be deeply missed by, including his wife, Brenda; his three children, Steven "Steve" (special friend, Jean Lund) Wick, of Clintonville, Terrence "Terry" (special friend, Michelle Doherty) Wick, of Hartford, and Tracey Wick, of Green Bay; two grandchildren,

Gabriel "Gabe" and Mackenzie Wick; stepdaughter, Jenna (Derek) Jennerjohn, of Sturgeon Bay; two step-granddaughters, Harper and Hayden Jennerjohn; three siblings-in-law, Cythia Ochs, of Sturgeon Bay, Bradley (Liza) Kolb, of Hobart, and Peter (Jane) Kolb, of Milwaukee; and other relatives.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents; and other relatives.

His life will be honored privately by his family.

Memorials may be given in Jerry's name for the Henry S. Baird Lodge 174 Masonic Lodge, P.O. Box 86, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235. www.hsbaireld.com.

Huehns Funeral Home, Inc. and Door County Crematory in Sturgeon Bay are assisting the Wick family. Expressions of sympathy, memories and photos of Gerald may be shared with his family through his tribute page at www.huehnsfuneralhome.com.

Kyle S. Blankschien

Kyle S. Blankschien, 31, of the Town of Morris, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2021, at his home.

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

Rita Wyzskowski

Rita Wyzskowski, 91, of the Town of Grant, passed away Thursday, Oct. 14, 2021, at ThedaCare Physicians in

New London.

Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Marion.

Tom Ashenbrenner

Tom Ashenbrenner passed away on Oct. 11 at the age of 69. While fully vaccinated, he died of COVID-19. His family was well known for its work managing the Shawano Lake County Park Pavilion.

Tom started both his radio career at WTCH and playing in bands at the age of 15. He continued working in radio and playing music for the next 50 years. Tom had a magnetic personality and made friends easily. He had a strong interest in local history, loved sharing his home with a variety of dogs and passionately supported his Milwaukee Brewers and Green Bay Packers. Tom will be deeply missed by everyone who knew him.

Tom is survived by his wife, Susan Anderson, and sister, Sharon Ashenbrenner Charles. He is also survived by his brothers-in-law, Gary



Ashenbrenner.

The family would like to say a special thanks to the nurses and doctors in the ICU at Finley Hospital in Dubuque.

In remembrance of Tom's life, the family asks that any charitable donations be made to your local humane society or historical society. To honor Tom's memory, please get vaccinated and remember to abide by the CDC's mask guidelines.

Charles and Peter Anderson (Sara Minkoff), along with three nieces, a nephew and great-nephew.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Glenn and Vilese

Gary F. Ehman

Gary Frank Ehman, 84, died at his home in Mint Hill, North Carolina, after a short battle with cancer. He was born in Milwaukee on June 19, 1937, the son of William Ehman Sr. and Louise Margaret (Gross) and moved with his family to the Town of Belle Plaine when he was 6 years old.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Janice Schultz (Lewis); and brother, William Jr. He is survived by his wife, Linda (they had no children); nephews,



Todd Ehman and Robert Schultz; and numerous great-nephews and great-nieces, along with spiritual brothers and sisters spanning the world.

Online condolences may be offered at www.mccwenminthillchapel.com.

Shawano County plans drug takeback events

On Oct. 23, law enforcement agencies in Shawano County will participate in the Wisconsin Department of Justice's Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative.

Prescription drug take-back locations include the Bonduel Police Department, 207 S. First St., Bonduel; and the Stockbridge-Munsee Public Safety Building, W13455 Camp 14 Road, Bowler.

Prescription Drug Take-Back Day occurs on the last Saturday of April and October every year. However, prescription and over-the-counter medications can be dropped off year-round at the Shawano County Sheriff's Office, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; or ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano, 100 County Road B, Shawano.

Participants may dispose of solid, non-liquid medications by removing the medication from its container and disposing of it directly into a disposal box or into a clear sealable

plastic bag. Plastic pill containers should not be collected. Blister packages are acceptable without the medications being removed.

Liquids will be accepted during this initiative. However, the liquids, creams and sprays must be in their original packaging and evenly distributed within the boxes of collected solid prescription medications. Liquids without the original packaging will not be accepted.

Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine are not a part of this initiative and should not be placed in collection containers.

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Village of Bonduel General Fund

	2019 Audited Budget	2020 Audited Budget	2021 Budget	2021 Projected Budget	2022 Proposed Budget	%Change 2022 Proposed versus 2020 Budget
Expenditures						
General Government	\$147,718	\$186,026	\$176,765	\$173,388	\$174,796	-1.11%
Public Safety	\$244,874	\$215,920	\$262,023	\$253,938	\$267,986	2.28%
Public Works	\$223,864	\$211,980	\$252,645	\$254,953	\$248,736	-1.55%
Health and Sanitation	\$176,806	\$202,093	\$195,146	\$191,185	\$201,879	3.45%
Culture and Recreation	\$65,865	\$65,989	\$54,954	\$68,737	\$60,001	9.18%
Conservation & Development	\$5,519	\$1,784	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Operating Transfer Out						
Total Expenditures	\$864,646	\$883,792	\$941,533	\$942,201	\$953,398	1.26%
Revenues						
Property Tax Levy	\$263,839	\$324,509	\$313,174	\$313,174	\$288,447	-7.90%
Other Revenues	\$581,971	\$604,480	\$628,359	\$703,075	\$664,951	5.82%
Operating Transfer In	\$43,681	\$40,090	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Total Revenues & Funding	\$889,491	\$969,079	\$941,533	\$1,016,249	\$953,398	1.26%
Excess of Revenues & Other Funding Over Expenditures	\$24,845	\$85,287	\$-	\$74,048	\$-	
Property Tax Levy	\$263,839	\$324,509	\$313,174	\$313,174	\$298,834	-4.58%
Assessed Full Valuation	\$72,758,800	\$73,253,900	\$73,466,900	\$73,466,900	\$83,416,100	13.54%
Village Tax Rate w/o TID	\$3.63	\$4.43	\$4.26	\$4.26	\$3.58	-15.96%
Fund Balance January 1	\$431,507	\$456,352		\$541,639		
Net Change	\$24,845	\$85,287		\$74,048		
Fund Balance December 31	\$456,352	\$541,639		\$615,687		

Village of Bonduel Capital Equipment Fund

	2019 Audited Budget	2020 Audited Budget	2021 Budget	2021 Projected Budget	2022 Proposed Budget	%Change 2021 Proposed versus 2020 Budget
Expenditures						
Capital Equipment	\$214,996	\$680,679	\$50,475	\$50,174	\$31,450	-37.69%
Capital Reserve	\$49,159	\$21,377	\$10,928	\$10,928	\$-	
Debt Service/Lease	\$45,367	\$82,260	\$62,616	\$62,616	\$62,616	0.00%
Total Expenditures	\$309,522	\$784,316	\$124,019	\$123,718	\$94,066	-24.15%
Revenues						
Property Tax Levy	\$85,470	\$75,470	\$61,739	\$61,739	\$26,988	-56.29%
Other Revenues	\$354,785	\$168,397	\$62,280	\$68,010	\$67,078	7.70%
Proceeds of Debt	\$15,430	\$510,139	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Funds on Hand						
Total Revenues	\$455,685	\$754,006	\$124,019	\$129,749	\$94,066	-24.15%
Excess of Revenues & Other Funding Over Expenditures	\$146,163	\$(30,310)	\$-	\$6,031	\$-	
Property Tax Levy	\$85,470	\$85,470	\$61,739	\$61,739	\$26,988	-56.29%
Assessed Valuation	\$72,758,800	\$72,758,800	\$73,466,900	\$73,466,900	\$83,416,100	13.54%
Village Tax Rate w/o TID	\$1.17	\$1.17	\$0.84	\$0.84	\$0.32	-61.50%
Fund Balance January 1	\$257,787	\$403,950		\$373,640		
Net Change	\$146,163	\$(30,310)		\$6,031		
Fund Balance December 31	\$403,950	\$373,640		\$379,671		

Village of Bonduel Capital Project Fund

	2019 Audited Budget	2020 Audited Budget	2021 Budget	2021 Projected Budget	2022 Proposed Budget	%Change 2022 Proposed versus 2021 Budget
Expenditures						
Capital Expense	\$7,252	\$35,853	\$287,260	\$370,984	\$384,550	
Culture and Recreation			\$-	\$-	\$-	
Debt Service	\$388,088	\$412,590	\$293,858	\$293,859	\$335,816	12.49%
Total Expenditures	\$395,340	\$448,443	\$581,118	\$664,843	\$720,366	23.96%
Revenues						
Property Tax Levy	\$248,911	\$241,361	\$259,995	\$259,995	\$329,291	26.65%
Other Revenues/Assessments	\$33,975	\$63,012	\$38,863	\$48,680	\$11,075	-71.50%
Proceeds of Debt/Funds on Hand		\$733,094	\$282,260	\$355,625	\$380,000	
Total Revenues & Funding	\$282,886	\$1,037,467	\$581,118	\$664,300	\$720,366	23.96%
Excess of Revenues & Other Funding Over Expenditures	\$(112,454)	\$589,024	\$-	\$(543)	\$-	
Property Tax Levy	\$248,911	\$241,361	\$259,995	\$259,995	\$329,291	26.65%
Assessed Valuation	\$72,758,800	\$73,466,900	\$73,466,900	\$73,466,900	\$83,416,100	13.54%
Village Tax Rate w/o TID	\$3.42	\$3.29	\$3.54	\$3.54	\$3.95	11.55%
Fund Balance January 1	\$122,829	\$10,375		\$599,399		
Net Change	\$(112,454)	\$589,024		\$(543)		
Fund Balance December 31	\$10,375	\$599,399		\$598,856		

Village of Bonduel 2021 Proposed Budget Summary

	2019 Audited Budget	2020 Audited Budget	2021 Budget	2021 Projected Budget	2022 Proposed Budget	%Change 2022 Proposed versus 2021 Budget
Village Property Tax Levy	\$263,839	\$324,509	\$313,174	\$313,174	\$298,834	-4.58%
Capital Equipment	\$85,470	\$85,470	\$61,739	\$61,739	\$26,988	-56.29%
Capital Street Tax Levy	\$248,911	\$241,361	\$259,995	\$259,995	\$329,291	26.65%
Total Proposed Levy	\$598,220	\$651,340	\$634,908	\$634,908	\$655,113	3.18%
Village Tax Rate w/o TID	\$8.22	\$8.89	\$8.64	\$8.64	\$7.85	-9.12%

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Winning the battle after the battle

Wounded officer doing better 2 months after incident, but there's more work in recovery efforts

By **NICOLE FISCHER**
Correspondent

Oconto Falls Police Officer Nicole Blaskowski has found a way to cheat death, not by one bullet, but by two.

At around 10 a.m. Aug. 8, Blaskowski was shot twice — once in the head and another time in the back. A third bullet was fired at Blaskowski but never hit her.

Alisha Kocken, 29, was charged with nine counts including attempted first-degree intentional homicide. Her next scheduled court date is Nov. 19.

Two months after, Blaskowski is improving, but the incident has changed her as a person not only physically, but mentally.

"My physical balance was terrible at first," she said.

Blaskowski's gunshot wound to the head has caused her to suffer some sensory issues.

"I couldn't shower alone without someone in the room. Noises, Sounds. They irritate me. During speech therapy I had to listen to loud noises and it was terrible. I had to have her make it stop," Blaskowski said.

"I just couldn't handle it at the beginning, but I'm getting better. They even have introduced sirens, and radio traffic. I'm adapting well. I'm analytical and pay attention to detail. So writing thank yous was a challenge to focus. Something that simple we take for granted. That was very difficult."

Blaskowski said a lot has changed since being shot.

"I am more intentional with my time. Instead of saying to those friends you haven't seen forever, 'We should hang out' but never do, I now do," she said. "I literally stopped to smell the flowers the other day, buried my face in a hydrangea bush. My husband asked what I was doing, I explained I don't think I've stopped to smell flowers in a long time. They're beautiful."

Blaskowski said her circle not only is small, but strong amazing humans.

Blaskowski is up every morning with her kids. She used to sleep in when her husband was home but now wants all the moments with them. She explained that her phone sits on the charger in her bedroom when her kids are home.

Blaskowski wants to return to work again.



Nicole Blaskowski, an officer with the Oconto Falls Police Department, shows the part of her head where a bullet struck her during an altercation where a woman accused a neighbor of kidnapping her son. The suspect, Alisha Kocken, is being charged with first-degree intentional homicide and other charges for the shooting.

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"I have no other purpose," she said. "There was a time I wasn't a cop and you know what? I was miserable. I was meant to be a cop. I know I have changed lives. I'm a helper. I will continue. People keep telling me I could retire and get disability, but why? Then what? I need to work. I already asked my doctor if I could go back to light duty. I was denied yet, but I will. This is not the end. This is just a setback. I'm coming back."

Blaskowski explained she has more fear of going back than the actual shooting, only for the reason, "Can I cheat death again? How many chances does God give us? I don't want my luck to run out. But I truly feel, that's where I'm meant to be."

While looking online and seeing all the different news articles about the shooting, she wanted to explain. She never handed her gun over. She never ran away. She fought until

she was blacking out and couldn't anymore.

"I fought until I couldn't, and there was one blip when I thought I was going to die. Just one," Blaskowski said. "I was held from the back of my hair, and I could see the muddy bottom steps of the building. I thought, no way is my kids' mom going to die at the bottom of these muddy stairs. I will not die here. Not today. So I continued to fight."

Blaskowski expressed gratitude for all the love and support she and her family has received. Everything from calls, texts, cards, food, and her law enforcement family meeting her outside of the hospital when she was released.

"I was totally surprised," Blaskowski said about the greeting she received as she left for home. "I walked down the stairs, I saw Gillett's squad with its lights on, then I saw all of the squads with the red and blues on. The blue family is truly like no other. I cried. I'm not emotional, but seeing the line of officers, some from throughout my career, most I've never seen before. A long blue line of cops standing there. For me. How lucky I am to have a family like this."

Blaskowski said her children are handling it better than expected, but still, this has impacted their little lives greatly. Simple things like not wanting to leave the house without Blaskowski, refusing sleepovers away from home, checking in with her a lot.

The Blaskowski family has been working with the Wellness Co-Op, based in Oconto Falls, since six days after the shooting. The co-op is for first responders and military families who need counseling after a life-changing event.

"We are so blessed to have something like the Wellness Co-Op in our community," she said.

The Wellness Co-Op is nonprofit and is run by donations. Blaskowski said she is so happy they had the co-op and Dr. Abby Baumgart Huntley as a resource because she wasn't able to get in to see a psychiatrist until seven weeks after the shooting.

"It's sad," Blaskowski said. "I have my people that I know I can call and they can talk to me. Not everyone is so lucky. Not everyone knows how to reach out when they need to talk. Mental health is serious."

Menominee legislator tells her story to help women

Fernandez encourages women at summit to stand up to those who mean them harm, even among own people

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Rachel Fernandez, a Menominee tribal legislator, spoke her truth Oct. 16 at the Menominee Casino Resort in the hopes of empowering other women and breaking a code of silence dating back several generations.

Fernandez was one of the keynote speakers at the Women's Empowerment Summit and Training. She told those in attendance about the abuse she endured in her early years, which contributed to a cycle of alcohol and drug abuse that almost made her a statistic in the tragedy of missing and murdered indigenous women that has slowly been gaining attention across the United States.

"Speak up, because you're not alone," Fernandez said. "I know I'm not alone."

Fernandez spoke of the love she felt from her grandmothers, but even that wasn't enough to deal with the childhood trauma she endured. It caused Fernandez, who was raised in Neopit, to become bulimic in her teenage years and eventually to turn to drugs and alcohol. By her mid-20s, she already had four children and was still haunted by her past, and the drugs and alcohol helped to numb the pain.

Fernandez eventually had her mother care for her children and went to Green Bay, noting that "I'd pretty much given up on life," and she met a man who wanted to go on a road trip with her.

"I was drunk and high on drugs, so I said OK," Fernandez said. "They probably just thought, 'Oh, Rachel's off drinking and doing her own thing.' Nobody ever checked up on me like we do now for our sisters and our relatives out there."

Before Fernandez knew it, she woke up in North Carolina, she said, and she didn't have any idea where she was. She said she felt unsafe for the first time and needed to go home.

"I realized I could have been dead, and nobody knew where I was," Fernandez said.

However, it wasn't that easy to get back home. The man Fernandez had gone on the road trip with drugged and raped her, and she believes other men on the property had violated her, as well. Fernandez was terrified and had no access to a phone. She eventually found herself in Indiana and begged to be returned to Green Bay, saying she'd



Menominee Tribal Legislator Rachel Fernandez tells a group of women gathered Oct. 16 in the Five Clans Ballroom of the Menominee Casino Resort for the Women's Empowerment Summit and Training about how she survived childhood trauma, drug and alcohol addiction and sexual assault to become a mother of eight children and grandmother to 20 grandchildren.

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be quiet and wanted to go back to her kids.

"He took me back to Green Bay, and he left me on Main Street," Fernandez said. "I took off, and I ran. I never told that story for a long, long time."

Past traumas have damaged both Native American women and men alike, and Fernandez said that allowing tribal members to hurt one another should not be tolerated.

Fernandez pointed out the boarding school era, where indigenous people were not allowed to practice their traditions or speak their native language. Not being permitted to speak about and process the bad things that happened in life has caused the phenomenon of missing and murdered women to become so prevalent. The United States government's past actions of "assimilation and genocide," she said, have damaged the tribal culture and way of life.

"It's unacceptable to me that we have our people hurting our own people," Fernandez said. "We can look back at that and ask why. We need to be seeking justice, and we need to seek

responsibility and accountability. But why is this happening? Why are our people hurting our own people?"

The tribes had their ways of dealing with members who had done wrong in the past, but once the boarding school era occurred, more and more Native Americans lost their way, according to Fernandez.

"We were taught, 'Don't talk about that. Don't say anything,'" she said, noting that she had heard her great-grandfather speak in the traditional Menominee language and asked him to teach her, only to be rebuffed and told to do so was too dangerous.

She added that, for women, the key to healing is to form sisterhoods among other women — sisters, mothers, aunts and grandmothers.

"When we talk about empowerment as women, we have to look back and acknowledge everything that happened before us and honor those ancestors that endured and went through the pain and struggle for us to get here — for us to have our land, for us to have our language, for us to have our ceremonies," Fernandez said.

To honor those ancestors, it's im-

portant for women to speak up about the wrongs being committed and standing up for others who are hurting, Fernandez said. She added that women need to be "calling out those who are doing the trauma to us, who are out there, walking amongst us in our community."

"There's murderers out there," Fernandez said. "We need to stand together and call these people out, because it's not only for our families — our families have endured so much already — but for our community, so we can walk out there in safety. So we can be together safely. We need to stand up, and we need to keep standing up."

Women need to stand up to violence and toxic masculinity, she added. To do so will provide a better future for tribal descendants.

"I see it on the legislature," Fernandez said. "It's unacceptable to me. We don't need you to take our space. We need to gather in liberation so that we can look forward to our next seven generations and provide a health foundation for our kids, our grandkids and so forth."

Holsey urges women to support other women

Stockbridge-Munsee president talks about leadership involving support of the people served

By LEE PULASKI

City Editor

Anyone who asks Shannon Holsey, president of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians, who her hero is, and she'll immediately reply that it is Ada Deer of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin.

Holsey proudly held up the Menominee advocate, scholar and civil servant as a shining example of leadership Oct. 16 as she spoke at the Women's Empowerment Summit and Training at the Menominee Casino Resort. She also brought up how it's possible for any woman to be a leader, but it's just as important for women to support other women and stop comparing themselves to one another.

"Every woman's success should be an inspiration to another," Holsey said. "We're the strongest when we work together. One woman makes a difference, but together, we can rock the world."

Holsey, who is entering her fourth term as the Stockbridge-Munsee president, also expressed pride at hearing the "wonderful wisdom" of Verna Fowler, the founding president of the College of Menominee Nation, in a presentation earlier in the day about starting the tribal college.

"It's evidence the significant role women play in this community and through our communities throughout," Holsey said. "She said that leadership is not entitlement-based, and it's not gender-based. Work is work. Leadership is something that's in all of us."

Holsey noted that everybody is imperfect, but those imperfections should not be seen as inadequacies.

"Ladies, stop comparing yourselves to one another. We're not in a competition," she said. "I am not your competition, and you are not mine. There is enough opportunity in this world."

Holsey encouraged those in attendance to live big, but do so with boundaries, integrity and generosity. She noted courage should come over comfort when it comes to being a leader.

"In my opinion, shame is the most corrosive thing in work culture, as it changes the belief of who are and can be, and what we can do better," Holsey said. "Those are moments when you see somebody you're working with — whether it be a colleague or another tribal member or a legislator or whom-ever — it's that opportunity you all can



Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal President Shannon Holsey speaks about being a leader during the Women's Empowerment Summit and Training held Oct. 16 at Menominee Casino Resort. Holsey encouraged audience members to choose courage over comfort to be an effective leader. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA



Verna Fowler, left, the founder for the College of Menominee Nation, speaks with a pair of attendees Oct. 16 during her session about the lessons she learned starting the tribal college as part of the Women's Empowerment Summit and Training at Menominee Casino Resort. Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal President Shannon Holsey held Fowler up as an example of someone who has been a true leader in Native American circles. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

take and grow somebody. Mentoring somebody is critically important, and there is a capability in all of you to do that."

For Holsey, a great leader is someone who sees and hears the people that she or he serves. She admitted she doesn't have all the answers when she speaks with her people, but her willingness to listen and to find those

answers she doesn't possess is key for any leader.

"You have the capability of writing an ending for yourself," Holsey said.

Any leader must have self-awareness and self-love, she continued, and they should also have the capacity to understand they will stumble along the way, as nobody is perfect.

"It's about service to others, not

ourselves, and that's why you should always choose courage," Holsey said. "You can only rise by lifting others. It is not singular; it's pluralistic."

The values Holsey talked about are nothing new, she said, but they're things that are not always talked about among women. It's important to shed the silence, she added, to rise up and be true leaders to the community.

"It's OK to have those conversations because it doesn't make you weak. It makes you even more daring," Holsey said. "Learn how to face risk with those tough conversations. Live into your values."

Women, especially those who are mothers, are already true leaders, because they have shown the capability of managing a household and children, Holsey said. She noted they're juggling multiple things at once and have to be multi-faceted to achieve success.

"Now, that's a true leader," Holsey said. "She is the foundation for the first interaction that many of these young people will have in their lives. She's showing them it's possible to manage her household, to manage the care of her children, to do the things necessary to set a strong foundation for their future."

Johnson gets awards from state, Safe Haven

Retired police officer honored for her tireless work with domestic abuse victims

By LYNN ZAFFRANN
Correspondent

Jody Johnson, of Shawano, retired from the Shawano Police Department last month, completing a successful career as a law enforcement officer that began in 1995.

This month, she is the recipient of two awards that honor her law enforcement experience as a school resource officer and her many accomplishments as a volunteer working with domestic abuse victims at Safe Haven Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault of Shawano.

Johnson is one of three people honored this year by the Governor's Council on Domestic Abuse. She is also the recipient of Safe Haven's Behind the Badge Award, a special honor given to first responders.

The Justice Award from the Council on Domestic Abuse honors Johnson for her outstanding accomplishments in promoting safety, empowerment and justice for victims of domestic abuse and their children.

She received the Justice Award during a ceremony at City Hall on Oct. 13. Family members, Safe Haven staff and former police department colleagues joined Johnson at the ceremony, presented virtually by the council as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month — a statewide observance to raise awareness about the effects of domestic abuse.

Safe Haven staff nominated Johnson for the prestigious Justice Award in honor of her many years of advocacy on behalf of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault crimes. Johnson is a strong advocate for victims of crimes and provides many hours of compassionate assistance within the Safe Haven program. In her role as a school resource officer with Shawano School District, she worked as a liaison and helped countless domestic violence survivors while bringing abusers to justice.

Jennifer Laude Bisterfeldt, executive director of Safe Haven, said that Johnson is a tireless advocate who embodies the mission of Safe Haven, which is to encourage a safe community free of physical and sexual violence and emotional abuse through shelter, caring, advocacy and education. She noted that



Jody Johnson, right, stands with Jennifer Laude Bisterfeldt, executive director for Safe Haven, outside of Safe Haven's shelter. Johnson received the Justice Award from the state's Council on Domestic Abuse on Oct. 13, and she will receive the Behind the Badge Award on Oct. 22. LYNN ZAFFRANN

Johnson works closely with first responders and is a caring liaison with Safe Haven.

Johnson will receive her second award this month, the Behind the Badge award. Staff and board members of Safe Haven chose Johnson for this special award to honor her tireless volunteer efforts on behalf of domestic abuse survivors. The award is scheduled for presentation to Johnson at the Ball of the Badges on Oct. 22 at Shawano Lake County Park.

The ball, a Safe Haven annual event, honors all Shawano County first responders. Although tickets for the event are sold out, Safe Haven is still seeking donations and raffle items to enhance the event. All proceeds benefit Safe Haven, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

As a member of the Safe Haven Board of Directors for 20 years, Johnson helped the agency grow from its inception, worked to raise funds and oversaw multiple expansions as one of the agency's strongest allies.

Johnson says that, as a recent retiree, she misses the daily interaction with the school children and her liaison work with families and police officers.

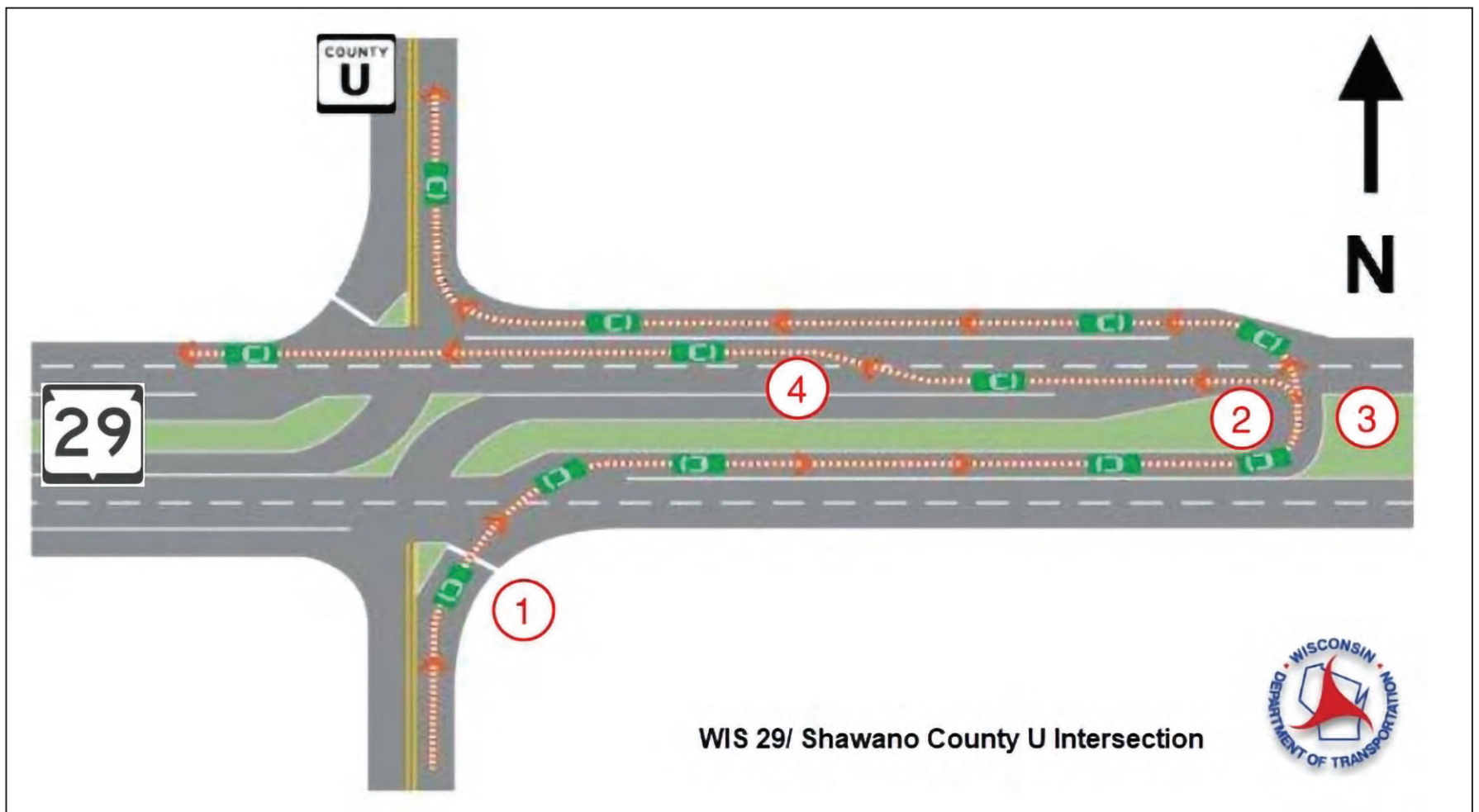
Safe Haven was created in 1989. Bisterfeldt noted that Johnson has volunteered for the organization for many years and worked countless hours in her volunteer capacity. She said that whenever help is needed, Johnson can be relied on to step in and give her time.

The other Governor's Council on Domestic Abuse award recipi-

ents are Cheryl Davis, of Wisconsin Rapids, and Sharon Lewandowski, of Madison. Davis is the Courage Award recipient and Lewandowski received the Patricia J. Waschbisch Lifetime Achievement Award.

Statistics provided by the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) show that, on a single day in Wisconsin, about 2,500 victims seek assistance from a domestic abuse program. Through strong partnerships between DCF and nonprofit, county and tribal partners, individuals receive specialized trauma-informed care that allows them to heal and become independent.

DCF continues to work to prevent domestic abuse and educates a range of audiences about the impact abuse can have on families.



The map of state Highway 29 and County Road U gives a visual look at what drivers should do when they approach the J-turn.

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Wisconsin DOT completes J-turn lane

J-turn at intersection of state Highway 29, County Road U

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The Wisconsin DOT has just completed a new J-turn on state Highway 29 near Gresham.

The J-turn will be located at the intersection of state Highway 29 and County Road U in the Town of Herman.

“The intersection of state Highway 29 at County Road U was identified as having a right-angle crash trend and has been the site of

multiple severe and fatal crashes,” said Tegan Griffith, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Region Communications Manager.

According to the project overview from the Wisconsin DOT, the purpose of the new J-turn is to reduce and/or eliminate the severe crashes that the intersection has been known for.

The intersection also has a sight problem as visible distance is limited, due to a hill located east of County Road U.

The project overview gave directions for drivers on how to maneuver the J-turn, saying from the stop line at County Road U — turn right across state Highway 29 into the J-turn crossover lane. When drivers reach the J-turn crossover, they

should yield. After doing so, perform the U-turn to the left lane of state Highway 29 while increasing speed.

She said that this J-turn helps to reduce crash potential.

“There are 42 conflict points with a standard intersection,” said Griffith. “With a J-turn, there are only 24 conflict points.”

She added that drivers are only required to look at one direction of traffic at a time and that this provides additional space for longer vehicles to store in the median.

Griffith said that J-turns are becoming more popular, due to the fact they help to mitigate accidents.

“There are several intersections similar to this across Wisconsin,” said Griffith. “When intersection safety concerns are identified, the

Wisconsin DOT evaluates the most appropriate solution to reduce crashes while also considering construction costs, property impacts and environmental impacts.”

The project overview also states that there are seven J-turn intersections throughout Wisconsin. There is a 21% reduction in the number of crashes and an 89% reduction in the number of crashes that cause injuries and fatalities.

The overview states that the J-turn that was constructed on the intersection of state Highway 29 and County Road VV in Brown County has seen a 66% reduction in the number of crashes that result in injury or death.

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Sacred Heart students, staff to spook Shawano with downtown stroll

Sacred Heart Catholic School students and staff in 4-year-old kindergarten through fifth grades are

conducting their own Halloween spirit parade starting at 12:45 p.m. Oct. 27.

Students will be changing into their costumes after lunch and leaving their school campus. They will

head to downtown Shawano on Main Street making a swoop from one side of the street to the other.

OBITUARIES

Marv Christensen passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2021, just after celebrating his 86th birthday with his family.

Marv, the fourth child of Verna Ramage and Conrad Christensen, grew up in Gillett. Growing up on a farm, Marv tended to pigs, sheep and cows and joined 4-H. Marv graduated from Gillett High School in 1953 and shortly after joined the Army, serving from 1955 to 1957.

Marv met Marlene McHugh on a blind date, and on Nov. 28, 1957, they wed. Marv and Marlene welcomed four energetic boys — Michael, Mark, Merlin and Marty — and settled down in Suamico and created their perfect



Herthal Larsen passed away on Oct. 17, 2021, at the age of 97. Herthal was born Sept. 11, 1924, the daughter of William and Gladys (Wilson) Krueger. She was the oldest of four children. Herthal attended Shawano area schools and graduated from Shawano High School. She was a cheerleader, played in the band and was an honor student. She grew up on a family farm on the north shore of Shawano Lake where she greatly enjoyed riding horses and, as a teenager, raced her horse at the county fair.

On Dec. 13, 1944, she was united in marriage to Ervin Larsen. Herthal was an avid reader and enjoyed gardening,

Rockney Bernard Johnson, of Mercer, passed away on Oct. 13, 2021, at the age of 83.

He is survived by his wife, Gretchen Johnson; his children, Laurie Ringquist, Kris Tetting (Don), Diane Brusoe (Bruce) and Ryan Johnson (Cindy), his stepson, Michael Zazeski (Becki); and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bernard and Antoinette Johnson and his brother, Dan Johnson.

Rocky was born in Bessemer, Michigan, and, after graduating from high school, he entered the Air Force, where he was stationed in Iceland. After he

Marvin (Marv) Christensen



home. When not working at the local paper mill where he spent 42 years as a millwright, Marv enjoyed playing and coaching softball, hunting, fishing, woodworking and trap shooting. In their free time, Marv and Marlene enjoyed spending time at their trailer up north, camping with their P&M club friends, moped rides and enjoying polka and bluegrass music.

After retirement, Marv enjoyed various projects in his meticulously organized shop. He spent many afternoons outdoors, tending to the garden

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and lawn or taking a nap in the swing. His favorite was riding his lawn-mower. When he wasn't outdoors, he spent time entertaining his friends, playing cards or marbles and enjoying a beer or two. Marv and Marlene also enjoyed going out to dinner and, his favorite, nightly ice cream.

Marv is survived by his wife of 63 years, Marlene; children, Michael and Pat Christensen, of Clarksville, Tennessee, Mark and Paula Christensen, of Suamico, Merlin Christensen, of Green Bay, and Marty and Nancy Christensen, of Denmark; and sibling, Norman (Ruby) Christensen. Grandchildren include, James (Misty) Peras, Laura Perras, Marissa (Nathan) Heim, and Taylor and Austin Christensen. Marv is further survived by

nine great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Marv was preceded in death by his parents, Verna and Conrad; and siblings, Vernon, Elton, Tom, Dorothy Cornish and Norma Ondik.

A service was held on Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021, at Pfothenhauer Funeral Home, 1145 Cardinal Lane, Green Bay.

Online condolences are welcome at www.PfothenhauerFuneralHome.com

Marv's family would like to thank the compassionate staff of St. Vincent's ninth floor and Unity Hospice (Jack and Engrid Meng Residence) for their exceptional care.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund in Marvin's name has been established at Unity Hospice.

Herthal B. Larsen



especially tending her roses. She and Ervin traveled to the west several times enjoying the Rocky Mountain parks. They were avid Brewers and Packers fans, and many Sundays were spent at their place having dinner and watching the Packers. Herthal was employed for 34 years for the Shawano County Highway Department, beginning as a clerk and working her way up to office administrator. Herthal was a dedicated mother and grandmother.

She is survived by her son, Sheldon (Penelope) Larsen, of Green Bay; two grandchildren, Christina (Joel) Ehrfurth, of Pensaukee, and Andrew (Emily) Larsen, of Mequon; and six great-grandchildren, Kate, Jack and Charles Ehrfurth and Elle, Annie and Will Larsen.

Herthal was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; her siblings and their spouses, Ramona (Charles) McBride, Betty Jean (Edward) Prange and Gale (Muriel) Krueger.

Herthal will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

The family would like to thank the staff at Brookview Meadows Assisted

Living, Woodside Lutheran and Unity Hospice for their loving care and support.

In lieu of flowers, condolences may be directed to: Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 1800 Appleton Road, Suite 2, Menasha, WI 54952 in the name of Herthal Larsen.

Services will be held at noon on Monday, Oct. 25, 2021, at Zion Lutheran Church in Shawano with the Rev. Scott Ludford officiating. Burial will be at Lake Drive Cemetery in the Town of Wescott. Visitation will be held at the church on Monday at 10:30 a.m. until the time of service.

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Rockney B. Johnson



family and made many lifelong friends.

Upon retirement, Rocky was able to build his dream home on Little Pike Lake in Mercer. He was active in the Mercer Lions Club for a number of years and enjoyed being part of the

left the service, he moved from Milwaukee to Ironwood to Shawano for various job opportunities. He particularly enjoyed his time as part of the Shawano Paper Mill

Wakefield United Methodist Church community, where Rocky and Gretchen were married in 1994.

Rocky was a good man who took great pleasure from the simple things in life — fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, classic country music, watching football and spending time with family and friends. He could always be counted on to tell a funny story. He liked to build things in his wood shop; he could fix almost anything and liked to try new things, like making wine or maple syrup. He was always willing to lend a hand to anyone who needed it.

He was a great cook and if you were

lucky you shared one of his homemade pizzas or pasties with him and Gretchen. He also loved to eat and as soon as breakfast was done, he was already thinking about what to make for dinner. He and Gretchen had a daily ritual of cribbage and an old fashioned while dinner was cooking. They also loved to play cards and dice with family and friends.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021, from 2-5 p.m. at the Mercer Community Center, 2648 W. Margaret St., Mercer. The family requests no flowers. Please join us to reminisce and raise a toast to a life well lived.

Jean Stuewer



Jean Stuewer, 81, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2021.

Jean attended the Pulaski School District, graduating from grade school and went to Pulaski High School and graduated in May 1958.

On June 26, 1965, she was united in marriage to the love of her life, Ordwin Stuewer,

at the Assumption BVM Parish in Pulaski.

She is survived by the Gary Felckowski family, Darren and Maureen Zernicke family; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Jean was preceded in death by her husband, Ordwin Stuewer; brother, Merlin Krautkramer; and special friend, Sally Felckowski.

Services took place at Muehl-Boettcher Funeral Home in Seymour on Friday, Oct. 15, 2021, Burial was at Woodlawn Cemetery in Shawano.

Muehl-Boettcher Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed to Jean's family at www.muehlboettcher.com.

BOOKS AND STUFF

First Wolfborne book a quick, compelling read

I didn't have much reading time this week, so I selected Cheree Alsop's "Defiance." It is the first in her Wolfborne Saga.

The story opens with a terrifying chase through the woods. The protagonist is running for his life. His only hope is reaching a nearby highway where his pursuers can't follow. The urge to survive spurs him to throw off his attackers and make a desperate leap onto the highway, only to be hit by a car.

The young driver, Ian, loads him into the car and takes him home hoping his "almost a vet" sister Ali can save him. Things take a startling turn when they see that Ian hasn't hit a big dog; it is a massive wolf. Ali knows how dangerous it can be but feels she must treat the wounded animal.

Once he is muzzled and sedated, she sets his broken paw and treats his many wounds, then secures the wolf in a wire cage. Ali and Ian's mother is furious. She suspects that this is no ordinary wolf.

But the Willards are no ordinary family. Many years ago, their father tried to prepare them for encounters with monsters and demons. Ali, James, Ian and little Asia were all trained to

use unique weapons with great skill. When her husband died of a heart attack, Mrs. Willard removed the weapons and moved the family into a remote wood.

All had been quiet until now. This wolf is actually a werewolf who did the unthinkable by escaping the Lair. He knows his pack mates will soon track him here and kill everyone who has helped him. Somehow, he feels compelled to protect the Willards, even though he has brought dozens of humans to the Lair to feed the Masters.

Once awake, he escapes and morphs into human form but doesn't go far. Ali convinces him to return to the house. The family knows what he is but wants to understand more about him.

Before he can say much, two werewolves in human form who refer to him as Zev arrive. Zev kills them both with help from Ali and James. The bodies must be burned and sprinkled with silver. While doing that, they are attacked by two more werewolves.

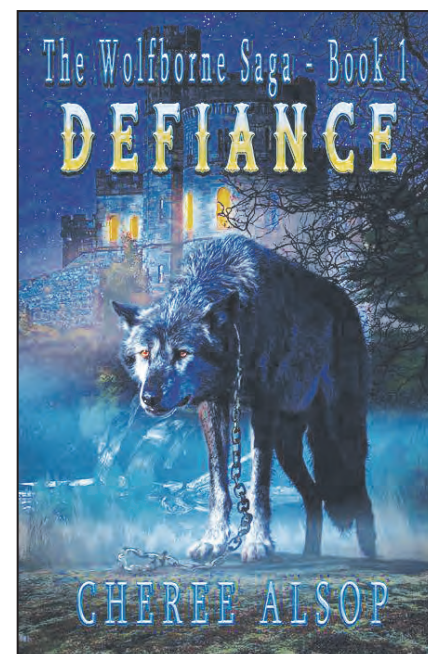
Zev recounts that he was the third highest-ranking wolf in a pack that lives to protect their vampire Masters. He tells them about the horrific scars on his body were punishment for defying the Masters or for failing to learn important lessons. As he grew, Zev began to chafe at the rules and punishments meted out by the Masters. The final straw came when he attempted to save an innocent young girl and failed.

As soon as he healed from the punishment, Zev made his escape and inadvertently put the Willards in danger. He can't deny the strange pull he feels whenever he is near Ali, but Zev doesn't have time to analyze anything. More werewolves will come, and carnage will ensue.

Neither Zev nor the Willard family knows why, but they see the good in Zev want to help him. Raised to fight monsters, the three teens enlist the aid of warlock named Virgo and his sister Jemmy, a witch. They are joined by their mother, who happens to be a powerful witch. They decide to face the attack at the Willards' house.

Between the warding spells of the witches and once-forbidden weapons, they arm themselves for the battle to come. And it comes with terrible carnage.

When it ends, a lone werewolf arrives. He is conflicted about returning to the Masters where he'd probably be tortured and killed for failing to bring down Zev. Zev tells him that he doesn't have any answers. He only



knows that they both have a choice. After his first shower, Zev is ready to face the future and all it entails in his human form. This sets the scene for Book Two.

WBHS student to perform with National FFA Band

Mary Lewandowski, a member of the Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School FFA chapter, will be on stage and in the spotlight Oct. 27-30 during the 2021 National FFA Convention and Expo in Indianapolis.

Lewandowski, a senior and the daughter of Bill and Sandy Lewandowski, of Bevent, has been selected to play trumpet in the National FFA Band.

Lewandowski submitted an audition tape and was selected to help bring full instrumental balance to the band from a pool of applicants nationwide.

The National FFA Band is scheduled to perform several times during



MARY LEWANDOWSKI

the national convention and expo. Lewandowski will join fellow band members in Indianapolis for rehearsals three days before the convention and expo begins.

Corteva Agriscience sponsors the National FFA Band. The national FFA organization is a school-based youth leadership development organization of more than 735,000 student members as part of 8,817 local FFA chapters in all 50 states and Puerto Rico.

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SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Witt-Birn wins third straight conference title

Chargers beat Warhawks to finish undefeated in conference

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School volleyball team took down Weyauwega-Fremont on Oct. 12 in a match that resulted in another Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division title for the Chargers.

"I am so proud of the girls," said Witt-Birn coach Becky Rew. "They are strong girls who know what they want and go for it."

The Chargers won by scores of 26-24, 19-25, 25-17, 25-15.

The conference title is the third in a row for Wittenberg-Birnamwood.

"It feels great to keep that streak going," said Witt-Birn junior Reese Rogowski. "We really want to push for that next year too. We want to get four years in a row."

Junior Kiara Deruchowski said that the team was able to win another conference title due to their ability to play together as a team.

"It feels great to show other teams that we worked hard for this," said Deruchowski. "We worked hard in practice and worked as a team tonight. We talked and came together as one."

Rew attributed the streak continuing to the strength of the program.

"It is so awesome to keep this streak going," she said. "It shows how strong the program is and how strong the girls are."

Rew added that due to the strength of the program, there is always a player ready to step up and succeed.

"It is awesome how the girls take that upon their shoulders and say this is my time to do it," said Rew.

As the Chargers prepared for the match where they could win conference outright, Rew said that the team stayed focused and prepared the same way they do for every game.

"We prepared for this game like we did for any other game," said Rew. "Weyauwega-Fremont is a great defensive team, and we prepared for that."



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's London Metropulos prepares to spike the ball during the team's conference win over Weyauwega-Fremont on Oct. 12 in Wittenberg.

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Deruchowski added that it was just another week of practice for the Chargers.

"We wanted to show everyone that we could win," said Deruchowski. "We worked hard in practice and just keep going,"

Wittenberg-Birnamwood started off the match with an ace from junior Lily Betry. After the two schools had traded points throughout the set, Weyauwega-Fremont went on a run to lead 24-20. Wittenberg-Birnamwood then rattled off six straight points, with two coming from senior Jadalynn Davids, to win the set 26-24.

"I am proud of how they fought back when the girls were down in the first set," Rew said. "When I saw us coming back, I just thought, we got this."

In the second set, Weyauwega-Fremont built a 19-17 lead and won the set, scoring six out of the last eight points.

Weyauwega-Fremont began the third set in the same manner that they ended the second as they scored the first five points. Witt-Birn came back after aces from Davids to take the lead 9-8. The schools then battled back and forth, tying the set at 16-16. An ace from

ONLINE

The volleyball postseason opened up this week. For results, visit www.newmedia-wi.com.

Deruchowski sparked the Chargers as they scored nine out the next 10 points to win the set.

In the subsequent set, Wittenberg-Birnamwood took the lead early with three straight points. The Chargers never looked back, as they held the lead the whole set, winning 25-15, with four of those points coming from aces.

Witt-Birn sophomore London Metropulos finished the match with 13 attack kills, four block kills and 16 digs.

Rogowski added 17 attacks kills. Deruchowski, junior Payton Foster and senior Faith Cummings combined for nine aces. Betry added 17 assists.

Davids, who is one of three seniors on the team said that this conference win felt a little more special.

"It is very exciting knowing that I gave it my all in my last conference game," said Davids. "It felt heart touching, because I knew it was my last conference game."

Rew said that the Chargers will use this momentum and excitement from winning conference to help them mount a playoff run.

"That is the biggest thing," said Rew. "Our first-round matchup is with Menominee Indian, which is a conference game. Depending on results, we are probably going to be play another conference game. We are conference champs, so we can win these games. We don't want to take teams for granted because it is always hard to beat a team 2-3 times in a season. We are confident, but won't take games for granted."

Rogowski added that with the conference win, the team will continue to stay focused as playoffs loom.

"We are really competitive in practice," said Rogowski. "We take it seriously and have to work hard at the stuff that we need to be better at."

ATHLETE PROFILE: ISABELLA HEGEWALD

Witt-Birn senior guides team in and out of pool

Isabella Hegewald has been an all-around leader for the Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School girls swim team this fall. She's one of the team's captains and also has been one of the team's most successful swimmers.

Hegewald won the 200-yard IM and 100 breaststroke in a Bay Conference win over Shawano on Oct. 5. She was also on the top-finishing 200 medley and 200 freestyle relay teams that night.

She helped those two relay teams to first-place finishes in a conference victory over Clintonville on Sept. 7 and Marinette on Sept. 9. She also was first in the 100 breaststroke against Marinette.

Hegewald helped fill out the 200 medley relay, which claimed first at the Bay Conference Relay on Aug. 26.

Q: When did your interest in swim begin?

A: I have always loved to be around water for as long as I can remember. I still distinctly remember the first time I learned to swim when I was 4 years old, and it wasn't until first grade that my mom (Elizabeth) asked me if I wanted to join the local swim program — WASP. So being in WASP for eight years, there was no question about joining the high school team.

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

A: My favorite part about the swim season is seeing improvement and when the hard work pays off, especially in individual events. For example, I've been swimming the 100 breast as one of my main events since freshman year and being able to see that time get faster over the years is an euphoric feeling.

Q: What has the sport of swimming taught you over the years?



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Isabella Hegewald competes in the 200 IM at the team's Bay Conference dual win over Shawano on Oct. 5 in Shawano.

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A: This sport has taught me two things. One being hard work truly does pay off; whatever you give in, you're going to get out. The second being discipline, being able to push yourself even when you don't want to is a game changer.

Q: Being a senior, how have you tried to help lead the team this fall season?

A: I have tried to help keep people motivated and just positive overall. I also have come in on Saturday mornings when we don't have practice for anyone to get some yards in.

Q: Do you have any individual goals you hope to accomplish by

the end of the season?

A: My biggest goal is to keep improving my times in all my events and just keep watching that time drop when I look at the scoreboard.

Q: In order for the team to have success down the stretch of the season, what needs to happen?

A: The biggest thing we have to do is stay motivated and keep working hard. It gets easy as the season comes to an end to become more laid back, but that's when we need to work our hardest.

Q: Do you have any rituals you go through before a meet or event starts?

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Isabella Hegewald

SPORT: Girls swim

EVENTS: 200 IM, 100 breaststroke, 200 medley and 200 freestyle relays

SCHOOL: Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

YEAR: Senior

A: Before every event, I have to clarify the event and yardage I'm swimming with someone nearby even though I know exactly what I'm swimming. I don't know if that's necessary a ritual but that's about it.

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

A: I don't necessarily have one, but my favorite memories are watching coach Rudy (John Ru-deen) jumping up and down, cheering, screaming, basically anything when he gets so excited by the results of races or even possible upcoming races.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show and music artist?

A: TV show — "Criminal Minds." Movie — "Secretariat" or "Breakthrough." Music artist — Taylor Swift.

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

A: I played soccer for 10 years.

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

A: "No matter how hard the situation is, there will be a time that you look back on it and see that you made it so you can't give up."

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

A: I hope to attend a four-year college to then enter med school and eventually specialize in neuroscience.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Chenal's big game helps Wisconsin to win

By STEVE MEGARGEE
The Associated Press

The one big weakness of Wisconsin's otherwise outstanding defense this season has been its inability to force turnovers.

But the Badgers finally produced a takeaway at a critical moment Saturday late in the fourth quarter and outlasted a pesky Army team 20-14.

Army (4-2) trailed 13-7 and had the ball when Leo Chenal delivered a punishing hit that knocked the ball loose from quarterback Jabari Laws. Wisconsin's Keanu Benton recovered the fumble at Army's 1-yard line with 2:55 remaining.

On the next play, Graham Mertz scored on a quarterback keeper for his second touchdown run of the night.

"It was definitely the game-changing moment we needed," Benton said.

Wisconsin (3-3) entered the weekend having allowed the second-fewest yards per game of any Football Bowl Subdivision program, but the Badgers were among the nation's worst teams at forcing turnovers.

Laws' fumble was just Wisconsin's fourth takeaway of the season.

"We always want to be going for

that ball," said Chenal, who also had a career-high 17 tackles. "We need to be creating more turnovers than we are right now."

Army cut the lead to 20-14 on A.J. Howard's 6-yard touchdown run with 38 seconds left, but Jack Sanborn recovered the ensuing onside kick to seal the victory.

"When we practiced it this week, I actually messed up that exact same play and our onside team recovered it in practice," Sanborn said. "I told everyone that I got it out of the way that day and that Saturday I would get it. I knew it was coming my way."

Wisconsin's Braelon Allen rushed for 108 yards on 16 carries, including a 33-yard touchdown.

This marked the second straight game in which Allen rushed for at least 100 yards. The 17-year-old freshman ran for 131 yards and a touchdown on 18 carries last week in a 24-0 victory at Illinois.

"I definitely feel myself getting more comfortable and confident," Allen said. "My line's done a great job. I've had huge holes to run through these past two weeks."

Army (4-2) played a second straight game without usual starting

quarterback Christian Anderson, who is dealing with a shoulder injury. The Black Knights lost 28-16 to Ball State without Anderson two weeks ago.

Tyhier Tyler and Laws both played quarterback in Anderson's absence. Tyler started, played most of the game and rushed for 90 yards on 17 carries. Laws had all of Army's pass attempts and went 5 of 6 for 87 yards.

But the Black Knights once again came up just short against a Power Five team. Army lost in overtime to Oklahoma in 2018 and in double overtime at Michigan in 2019 before falling 24-21 to West Virginia in last season's Liberty Bowl.

"Our team expected to win," Army coach Jeff Monken said. "The only people that are shocked are the guys in our locker room. Shocked that they didn't win. Our guys expect to win the game. That's just the way they roll."

Wisconsin (3-3) led 13-0 at halftime and outgained Army 230-48 in the first two periods before the Black Knights rallied, thanks to Tyler's tenacity.

Tyler took a big hit while executing a pitch early in the fourth quarter and stayed on the ground for a few minutes before walking to the sideline under his own power. Monken said Tyler had

the wind knocked out of him.

After sitting out just one play, Tyler returned to the game and promptly raced 36 yards on a keeper. Two plays later, Tyler ran into the end zone from 5 yards out on third-and-goal to cut Wisconsin's lead to 13-7.

Guerendo's season over

Wisconsin announced before the game that reserve running back Isaac Guerendo will miss the remainder of the season due to an injured left leg.

Guerendo hadn't played since a 38-17 loss to No. 8 Michigan on Oct. 2. He finishes the season with 160 yards rushing on 23 carries, including an 82-yard touchdown against Eastern Michigan.

The takeaway

The Badgers won thanks to huge efforts from their two outstanding inside linebackers.

Chenal delivered the best performance of the night, but Sanborn added 12 tackles and a couple of big plays on special teams. Before recovering an onside kick in the closing seconds, Sanborn took a snap and ran 8 yards on a successful fake punt attempt that set up a second-quarter touchdown.

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY

Wittenberg-Birnamwood boys place 7th at conference meet

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School's boys cross-country team placed seventh at the Central Wisconsin Conference Meet on Oct. 12 in Stevens Point.

Pacelli ended up taking first on

the boys side. Gresham/Bowler also had a runner in action.

Four Witt-Birn girls competed, so the team failed to qualify for a score.

Simon Schairer snagged eighth place with a time of 18 minutes, 19.1 seconds to lead the Witt-Birn boys.

Craig Wendel finished 21st in 19:12,

while Mason Meverden was 29th in 19:47.8. Ian Salvesen (21:54.8) finished 49th and Owen Schultz (22:03.6) 51st to cap the Chargers' team score.

Bryson Nelson represented the Gresham/Bowler co-op, taking 48th in the boys race in 21:51.

Ruby Nowinsky's 17th-place finish

in 23:05 led the way for the Witt-Birn girls.

Annika Resch (23:54.7) was 22nd, while Ava Hegewald (29:43) took 53rd and Amelia Bessert (31:12.5) 56th.

Full results from the conference meet can be found at performancetiming.com.



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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

6 area teams make postseason field

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Six area high school football teams were part of the postseason brackets the WIAA released early Saturday morning.

Pulaski, Shawano, Oconto Falls, Wittenberg-Birnamwood and Bonduel made the 11-player field, while Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy made the 8-player field.

Division 2

Pulaski picked up a No. 3 seed in its Division 2 pod.

The Red Raiders will host No. 6 West De Pere at 7 p.m. on Oct. 22.

Pulaski finished the regular season with a 7-2 record and 5-2 mark in the Fox River Classic Confer-

ence-North Division.

Pulaski defeated West De Pere 21-7 on Oct. 1 in De Pere.

Division 3

Shawano made the postseason as a No. 7 seed in Division 3.

The Hawks will travel to face second-seeded Menasha at 7 p.m. on Oct. 22.

Shawano went 4-5 this season, including a 3-4 mark in the Bay Conference.

Division 4

Oconto Falls is a No. 3 seed in Division 4. The Panthers will host sixth-seeded Little Chute at 7 p.m. on Oct. 22.

Oconto Falls posted an 8-2 re-

cord in the regular season, including a 6-1 mark in the Northwoods Conference.

Division 5

Wittenberg-Birnamwood received a No. 2 seed in Division 5 and will open the postseason hosting seventh-seeded Tomahawk at 7 p.m. on Oct. 22.

Witt-Birn finished 8-2 on the season and tied for second place in the Central Wisconsin Conference-Large Division with a 6-1 mark.

Division 6

Bonduel is a No. 7 seed in Division 6. The Bears will travel to face second-seeded Markesan at 7 p.m. on Oct. 22.

ONLINE

Full playoff brackets can be found at <https://www.wiaawi.org/Sports/Fall/Football/Tournament>.

Bonduel had a 5-5 regular season record and was 5-2 in the Packerland Conference.

8-player

Lena/STAA is one of 16 teams in the 8-player postseason bracket.

Lena/STAA is a No. 1 seed in its four-team pod and will host fourth-seeded Florence at 7 p.m. on Oct. 22. Lena/STAA topped Florence 27-8 back on Sept. 2.

Lena/STAA finished 8-0 this fall and won the MONLPC-East title with a 5-0 mark.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Viterbo

Gillett Secondary School graduate Lauren Herzog turned in a 144th-place finish while running for the Viterbo women's cross-country team at the Jim Drews/Tori Neubauer Invitational on Oct. 15 in LaCrosse.

Herzog completed the 3.73-mile course in 25 minutes, 2.5 seconds.

Concordia-St. Paul

Pulaski grad Andrew Egnarski led the Concordia University-St. Paul football team with nine total tackles in the team's loss to Minnesota-Duluth on Oct. 16.

Egnarski was credited with five assisted tackles and four solo tackles. He also returned a kickoff 18 yards.

ONLINE

More college highlights can be found at www.newmedia-wi.com.

Minnesota Duluth

Pulaski grad Logan Kobus boot-ed a 37-yard punt in the University of Minnesota Duluth football team's win over Concordia-St. Paul on Oct. 16.

For the season, Kobus is averaging 37.1 yards per punt. He's pinned opponents inside their own 20-yard line nine times.

Rockhurst

Shawano graduate Averil Vomastic helped the Rockhurst University volleyball team to a 2-1 record at the Midwest Region Crossover on Oct. 15-16.

In a win over Walsh on Oct. 15,

Vomastic tallied nine attack kills, five digs, three block assists and a solo block.

In a loss to Wayne State on Oct. 16, Vomastic posted seven digs and six attack kills. That same day, the Shawano grad had eight attack kills, eight digs and three service aces in a win over Ashland.

UW-Eau Claire

Bonduel graduate Isaac Garside caught three passes and returned a couple of kickoffs in the UW-Eau Claire football team's loss to UW-River Falls on Oct. 16.

Garside had a long reception of 23 yards and finished with 39 receiving yards in the contest. He returned two kickoffs for 36 yards.

UW-Whitewater

Shawano graduate Baylie Hansen

helped the UW-Whitewater volleyball team to two more wins last week.

In a victory over Dubuque on Oct. 13, Hansen was credited with two digs, two block assists and an attack kill. She had two digs, two block assists and an attack kill against UW-Stevens Point on Oct. 16.

Marian

Tehya Pyawasay, a Menominee Indian grad, put together a pair of strong matches in the Marian University volleyball team's 0-2 week on the court last week.

Pyawasay had six attack kills and two block assists in a loss to Illinois Tech on Oct. 15. She then tallied five attack kills and two block assists in a loss to Concordia on Oct. 16.



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A lot to reflect on as gardening season closes

With the gardening season beginning to wind down, it's time to take a look back and reflect on the successes, failures, trials and rewards of the growing season in 2021.

It was a year of weather challenges, from heat to cold, from excessive moisture to excessive drought. We saw it all over the past year. How did the gardening season go for you?



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Were you brave enough to try anything new this season? Whether it is a new edible crop, new perennial variety, shrub, colorful annuals, or, creating a brand new bed or growing area, it is always rewarding to try something different and new to keep the gardening hobby fresh and exciting and rewarding.

Trying new varieties of plants is always an exciting part of gardening for me. Each year, plant breeders introduce more and more varieties of annuals, perennials, shrubs and edible plants to the market and selecting fun, new varieties to try at home is always a joy.

Growing plants in new ways is also exciting. Trying out new plant combinations and experimenting in the garden is a great way to keep the garden hobby alive and growing.

As we reflect back on the gardening season, what plants worked best in your garden this year? What varieties of tomatoes or peppers or other edible plants did the best in your garden? What ornamental annuals, perennials or shrubs thrived this year? Those



The gardening season isn't over yet. There's still plenty of time for gardening fun. Planting garlic, as well as spring blooming bulbs, such as tulips, daffodils, allium and more, are all perfect gardening activities leading into late October.

ROB ZIMMER

that did are probably worth trying again because if they can survive the type of weather we had this past growing season, they probably will survive just about anything.

Another question to ask yourself is, what still looks good in the garden? Thanks to a warm September and October, thus far, many annuals and perennials are still thriving, blooming away and providing a source of pollen and nectar or late flying bees and butterflies.

What's still blooming in your garden? Chances are, this is something you should grow again next year, as late season color is sometimes hard to come by.

Did you keep a garden journal this year? A garden journal is a great way to chronicle the growing season and keep track of the types of plants and seeds you grow, as well as treatments for disease, photos of your favorite garden plants, recipes and so much more. It's never too late to start a garden journal. If you have photographs from your garden this past year, begin to arrange them into a journal and fill in the blanks with your observations and memories of this past growing season.

Because we've had a warm last few weeks, it's not too late to enjoy what's left of the gardening season. Many perennials, in fact,

can be seeded now, in late fall, even in winter, to provide a burst of color during spring. Perennials, such as oriental poppies, columbine, lupine, delphiniums, purple coneflower, prairie coneflower and others can be planted now.

Of course, October and November are a great time to plant spring blooming bulbs in the garden. Create masses of color by planting an assortment of tulips, daffodils, allium, hyacinths and more.

Take time to answer these questions as you reflect back on an amazing growing season.

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Chamber looking for tourism manager

Peterson praised for her 14 years of work in position

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter



PATTI PETERSON

The Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce is still looking for someone to fill the role of tourism manager.

Nancy Smith, the chamber's executive director, said the ideal candidate would be passionate about Shawano and the surrounding communities.

"We are looking for someone who is passionate about promoting all of what our area has to offer," said Smith. "We are looking for someone who enjoys working in a positive team environment, likes being creative and preferably has sales and marketing experience — specifically with graphic design and social media/digital marketing."

Smith said that Patti Peterson, who is leaving the position of tourism manager in November, was a major contributor to the advancement of the chamber of commerce. She added that Peterson has promoted tourism for 14 years.

"The position has evolved as technology and the tourism industry have changed, and Patti has grown to meet those changes," said Smith. "Patti has created new ways to promote our area — including creating unique bus tours highlighting our barn quilts and the Amish community. I appreciate her hard work, creativity and commitment."

According to Smith, the position of tourism manager requires wearing many different hats, including marketing, sales and service to bring visitors to both Shawano and Menominee counties. The manager promotes area hotels, restaurants, shopping, recreation, attractions and activities to potential visitors.

Smith said that this is an important position to Shawano County.

"Tourism is vital to our area," said Smith. "Visitor spending contributes \$72 million to our local economy, supports over 800 jobs and provides

\$8 million in state and local tax revenue. Most of our small businesses rely on tourism spending to survive."

She added that tourism is a big reason why people return to

Shawano.

"The Shawano Country tourism manager promotes our area to potential and returning visitors and keeps them coming and spending their dollars here," said Smith. "Tourism is a great way to get people to take notice of our area, visit and maybe move here someday, which helps with our workforce shortage."

Smith said that the pay for the position is dependant on qualifications and experience, ranging from \$45,000 to \$50,000.

Smith said that Peterson did a lot for the chamber, including creating the visitor guide.

"Patti is skilled in many areas of sales and marketing," said Smith. "She put her heart and soul into the tourism manager position. She is very dedicated and a hard worker. She loves Shawano Country, and it showed in her work. She was responsible for the official Shawano Country Visitor Guide — selling all of the ads, creating most of the ads, creating the layout and the overall design. That is our largest marketing piece to sell our area."

She added that the chamber is searching for a similar candidate to fill Peterson's role.

"We have had applicants," said Smith. "We are promoting the job in a variety of places including professional job sites, social media and by word of mouth. We all know that it is a challenge to find workers, but I am hoping we find someone who will find this as a fun and rewarding opportunity. This is a dream job for someone who loves marketing, meeting people and telling the world about what a great place Shawano Country is."

A full description of the job is available upon request by emailing chamber@shawanocountry.com.

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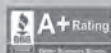
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Motorsports author's book tour stops locally

Motorsports author and Green Bay native Joe Verdegan has announced a book tour in December to promote his seventh book, "5-10-32 - McBride, Parker and Anvelink," which will feature the trio of Northeast Wisconsin dirt late model icons.

Those icons featured in the book are M.J. McBride from Shawano, Pete Parker from Kaukauna and Terry Anvelink from Navarino.

"5-10-32 - McBride, Parker and Anvelink" will be the fourth book Verdegan has penned with Pedal Down Promotions of Manitowoc.

On Dec. 7, the tour stops at the Lighthouse Bar and Grill in Shawano from 6-8 p.m.

On Dec. 9, the tour swings into Anvelink's hometown of Navarino for a stop at Peppermint Josie's from 6-8 p.m. Peppermint Josie's is formerly Walt's Bar, which was a longtime sponsor of Anvelink's.

The tour will also stop at Club 117 in Bonduel on Dec. 16 from 6-8 p.m. Club 117 is a supporter of local racing including both Shawano Speedway and second-generation racer Nick Anvelink.

All three drivers earned extremely popular fan followings beginning with McBride. The speedster's career began in 1965 at Shawano Speedway. McBride would go on to battle in USAC stock car competition in the early 1970s and eventually would wind up dominating at his hometown half-mile, bagging five straight track titles in the 1980s and still winning frequently into the 1990s and into the 2000s era. McBride, who would wind up winning

13 track championships in all, was ushered into Shawano Speedway's Hall of Fame in 2007.

Parker began his career in drag racing after a stint in the military. It didn't take long for the Eagle River native to explode onto the dirt late model scene. Parker began winning features and track titles frequently in the late 1970s and for the next few decades. Parker spread his wings in the 1980s chasing big-money specials, including the long-defunct National Dirt Racing Association circuit. After an estimated 450 feature wins at both the local and regional level and a pair of WISSOTA late model national crowns, Parker was inducted into the National Dirt Late Model Hall of Fame in 2006.

Anvelink won his first late model feature in 1977 and wasted little time becoming a consistent front-runner and fan favorite in the years ahead at Shawano Speedway, as well as nearby Seymour Speedway. The Navarino Nightmare, as he's affectionately known has scored multiple feature wins and 13 track championships. Anvelink has also won some big races along the way, including the \$5,000-to-win Legendary 100 at Cedar Lake Speedway in western Wisconsin and the \$4,000-to-win Mid-Summer Classic at Shawano. Anvelink was a 2009 inductee into the Shawano Speedway Hall of Fame.

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Would naturalized president be better for US?

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Let us during our short exploratory journey set aside the issue of the Iroquois origin of the United States Constitution and go directly to Article II, Chapter 5, which states: “No Person except a natural born Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States.”

The perpetual fountain of life of the Constitution is in Article V, which provides the mechanism for amending the Constitution to help it keep abreast of changing times and is a testament to the insight and wisdom of the Founders and as time marches on, the Constitution will accordingly meet the needs of a great citizenry who can tackle any change of any seismic proportion.

The digital age has been upon us for some time now, and much of what we have been witnessing and experiencing today was not even



JEFFREY CUNNINGHAM

There are several million American citizens who were born outside the United States to their non-American parents. Among them there must be a few with great leadership capabilities. Unfortunately, the constitutional barrier has kept them on the sidelines and the highest they can reach is to serve as a cabinet secretary to a native-born president.

Let us review the cases of two American top diplomats: Henry Kissinger, the 56th Secretary of State under President Richard Nixon, born in Bavaria, Germany, to his non-American parents, and Madeleine Albright, the 64th Secretary of State under President Bill Clinton, born in Prague, Czech Republic, to her non-American parents.

What was the United States’ experience under the native-born presidents Nixon and Clinton? It had to spend extensive amount of valuable time and resources to deal with the unnecessary and uncalled-for nuisance of their short-sighted, irresponsible and unethical “presidential actions” of

conceivable when the Constitution was being crafted in the 18th century. Because of the digital age, the nations of the world are now having highly incestuous relations with one another.

the Watergate and Monica Lewinsky scandals.

We can rightfully call this constitutional barrier in Article II, Chapter 5 the United States’ self-imposed opportunity loss.

First, this leaves the door open for a very legitimate argument that one or more of those who were foreign-born citizens “at the time of the adoption of this Constitution” and could legally run for president would have done so if they had been intensely preoccupied and consumed by the malicious intention of becoming the president to switch sides and betray the United States, but it never happened.

Second, we can also bring a native-born president’s foreign-born spouse into the picture and, considering the influence that spouses have on each other, legitimately argue that since the ancient times rulers’ foreign-born spouses have tremendously influenced the rulers’ vital national decisions and conclude that when it comes to the dealings with the country of origin of the native-born president’s spouse, the native-born president will not always choose what is in the best interest of the United States.

One of the significant and pivotal figures among the Founding Fathers is Alexander Hamilton, a foreign-born American. Since George Washington to date, there have been nine four-star generals and one admiral who were born outside the United States to their non-American parents and at all times were ready to make the ulti-

mate sacrifice for the United States, and also, including Kissinger and Albright, there have been 19 cabinet secretaries, who were born outside the United States to their non-American parents and advised the president of their time.

Among millions of naturalized Americans, for the few of them with great leadership qualities and capabilities, the cultural and social transformation they have undergone is an added advantage in seeing the bigger picture in its totality and developing a worldview to lead the United States responsibly and sure-footedly.

All of this makes a compelling case in favor of ending the United States’ self-imposed opportunity loss and allowing a naturalized American citizen to run for president or be tapped for vice president if he/she has satisfied all other requirements.

The removal of the constitutional barrier with an amendment will not result in having a naturalized president any time soon, but it will heal the injured and hurt relations between the two immigrant and native-born groups and will have a calming and settling effect on the nation’s nerves, which will be felt within one generation after school children at a tender age learn that any American citizen regardless of where they were born can become the president and head of state of the United States of America.

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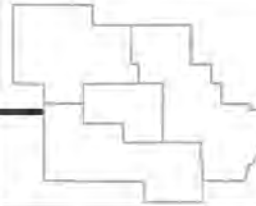
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'I STILL OWN YOU'

Packers QB voices
dominance over Bears

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Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers (12) calls out an audible as teammates Lucas Patrick (62), Jon Runyan (76) and Aaron Jones (33) look on and Chicago Bears linebacker Roquan Smith (58) prepares for the snap during the team's game on Oct. 17 in Chicago.

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Rodgers proclamation draws mixed feelings



Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers walks off Soldier Field after leading the team to a win over the Chicago Bears on Oct. 17 in Chicago. Rodgers' celebration and choice words for Bears' fans following a touchdown run in the fourth quarter was a hot topic in the NFL this weekend. GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA

The Green Bay Packers improved to 5-1 on the season after a 24-14 victory over the NFC North rival Chicago Bears on Sunday.

After the Bears scored to make it a three-point game in the fourth quarter, quarterback Aaron Rodgers led the Packers on a seven-play, 75-yard touchdown drive to seal a win for Green Bay. The final play of the drive was a 6-yard touchdown run by Rodgers, who then delivered



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one of the weekend's best moments — and what will probably go down as one of Rodgers' most iconic moments.

After being knocked down on the touchdown run, the first thing Rodgers did was his 'championship belt' celebration, something Bears linebacker Robert Quinn did after sacking Rodgers earlier in the game. It's a celebration the whole NFL world knows of but something Rodgers rarely does nowadays.

Rodgers was then caught on live TV yelling a few choice words at Bears fans. As his teammates celebrated around him, Rodgers continued to chirp at the Chicago crowd, ending with an emphatic, "I still own you! I still own you!"

"Sometimes you blackout on the field — in a good way," said Rodgers with a big grin on his face in his post-game press conference. "I've definitely blacked out from a concussion, which isn't a good way."

"I looked up in the stands and in the front row, all I saw was a woman giving me the double bird. I'm not exactly sure what came out of my mouth next."

The loud proclamation by Rodgers was a hot topic on sports talk shows after the game, with many questioning if it crossed a line or was disrespectful.

For starters, let's begin by addressing what Rodgers yelled at Bears' fans.

With Sunday's win, Rodgers improved to 22-5 all-time against the Bears, which included a 21-14 win in the NFC Championship Game in 2011.

Rodgers has the second-most touchdown passes against the Bears all-time with 57, only behind Brett Favre's 60 despite playing in 10 less games against the Bears than Favre.

So Rodgers does in fact own Chicago, and I think many Bears fans would

also grudgingly agree on the matter.

Now, did Rodgers' words cross a line, especially since it was directed at fans?

You can form your own opinion on the matter, but if fans are allowed to berate, swear at and throw up obscene gestures to players all game, I'm perfectly OK with players having the option to talk a little trash back.

You obviously don't want those kind of interactions to lead to any physical altercations, but the back and forth between fans and players only adds to the game, in my opinion, especially in a great rivalry like the Packers and Bears have.

"I love this rivalry, it's been a lot of fun over the years," said Rodgers. "That's what I told Justin on the field. I said, 'Enjoy this. A special rivalry. Unlike any other in our game.'"

Many joke that NFL stands for the "No Fun League" with all the different ways the league has tried to take emotion out of games. First, it was flagging celebrations. This year, taunting penalties have been a focus of the league.

I'm OK with flagging players when they are egregiously disrespectful to opponents — spitting in their faces and things of that nature. The trash talk between players between plays is something that made the NFL what it's become today, and it's a shame the league is trying to stop it.

These are grown adults playing a game meant to entertain the world. Let them participate in some harmless trash talk and express some emotion on the field.

I digressed a bit, but what Rodgers did after his touchdown run only adds to the Packers-Bears rivalry. I'm sure Chicago will use that play and ensuing actions as "bulletin board material" when the teams meet again later in the year, which ultimately should result in another fun and entertaining football game — hopefully full of lots of trash talk and back-and-forth interactions between players.

You know Chicago fans won't forget it, and will be mocking the Packers and their fans the second the Bears earn a win in the matchup. If fans fall under this category, they should have no problem with what Rodgers said and instead be more upset that their team again fell short against the Packers with Rodgers leading the way.

For a matchup that began back in 1921, these are the kind of things that keep the rivalry alive, and I'm all for it.

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Rodgers accounts for 3 TDs in win over Bears



Green Bay Packers wide receiver Allen Lazard, left, catches a pass in front of Chicago Bears defensive back Kindel Vildor during the team's matchup on Oct. 17 at Soldier Field in Chicago.

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Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers, center, celebrates with receiver Davante Adams, left, and Aaron Jones during the team's game against the Chicago Bears on Oct. 17 at Soldier Field in Chicago.

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By **ANDREW SELIGMAN**

The Associated Press

Aaron Rodgers didn't need to say it. He couldn't resist.

Rodgers turned toward the crowd after running for a touchdown to help secure yet another win for Green Bay over Chicago. Then, he yelled, "I still own you! I still own you!"

Who would argue?

Rodgers threw for two touchdowns and ran for another, leading the Packers to a 24-14 victory over the Bears on Oct. 16.

"I love playing in Soldier Field," Rodgers said. "I said this week I have a lot of respect for the fans. I'm sure there's a little bit of respect coming back my way, not a lot of love I'm sure. Had a lot of great moments on this field, a lot of great battles."

The Packers (5-1) beat the Bears (3-3) for the 20th time in 23 games counting the playoffs and improved to 22-5 with Rodgers as the starter against Chicago. They also prevented their rivals from tying them for the NFC North lead.

Rodgers shook off a sluggish start, throwing a 1-yard touchdown to Allen Lazard in the second quarter and a 12-yarder to Aaron Jones in the third, making it 17-7.

Rodgers put away the Bears after Justin Fields threw a 5-yard touchdown to Darnell Mooney, cutting the lead to three with 8:44 left. He scrambled in from the 6 to cap a 75-yard drive, bumping the lead back up to 10. He then turned toward the crowd and yelled, "I still own you! I still own you!"

Rodgers joked about blacking out and said: "I looked up in the stands, and in the front row, all I

saw was a woman giving me the double bird. I'm not sure what came out of my mouth next."

Rodgers finished 17 of 23 for 195 yards and a 128 passer rating.

Davante Adams caught four passes for 89 yards, including a 41-yarder that helped set up Rodgers' TD scramble. Jones ran for 76 yards and caught four passes for 34, helping the Packers remain unbeaten since a season-opening 38-3 loss to New Orleans in Jacksonville.

Crosby's kicks

Green Bay's Mason Crosby made his lone field goal and all three extra points coming off a shaky outing.

A week earlier against Cincinnati, he missed three field goals and an extra point before booting the winning 49-yarder in overtime.

Picked off

The Bears thought they had a free play late in the first quarter, when Fields had a heave toward the end zone intercepted by Darnell Savage. It looked like the Packers might have jumped offside, but no flag was thrown.

"I looked up in the air, interception, I wasn't worried about it," Mooney said. "And then I looked back and there wasn't a flag. I was like, 'Whoa. We didn't snap the ball for no reason.'"

Injuries

Packers center Josh Myers (knee) had to be helped off the field following a running play on the opening possession and did not return.

Savage left with a concussion after the first play from scrimmage in the second half.



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8	Amari Rodgers	WR	5-9	212	22	R	Clemson
9	Jaylon Smith	LB	6-2	235	26	5	Notre Dame
10	Jordan Love	QB	6-4	219	22	2	Utah State
12	Aaron Rodgers	QB	6-2	225	37	17	California
13	Allen Lazard	WR	6-5	227	25	3	Iowa State
17	Davante Adams	WR	6-1	215	28	8	Fresno State
18	Randall Cobb	WR	5-10	195	31	11	Kentucky
19	Equanimeous St. Brown	WR	6-5	214	25	4	Notre Dame
20	Kevin King	CB	6-3	200	26	5	Washington
21	Eric Stokes	CB	6-0	194	22	R	Georgia
22	Shemar Jean-Charles	CB	5-10	184	23	R	Appalachian State
24	Isaac Yiadom	CB	6-1	190	25	4	Boston College
26	Darnell Savage	S	5-11	198	24	3	Maryland
28	AJ Dillon	RB	6-0	247	23	2	Boston College
29	Rasul Douglas	CB	6-2	209	26	5	West Virginia
31	Adrian Amos	S	6-0	214	28	7	Penn State
32	Kylin Hill	RB	5-10	214	23	R	Mississippi State
33	Aaron Jones	RB	5-9	208	26	5	Texas-El Paso
36	Vernon Scott	S	6-2	202	24	2	TCU
39	Chandon Sullivan	CB	5-11	189	25	4	Georgia State
41	Henry Black	S	6-0	204	24	2	Baylor
42	Oren Burks	LB	6-3	233	26	4	Vanderbilt
43	Hunter Bradley	LS	6-3	241	27	4	Mississippi State
44	Ty Summers	LB	6-1	241	25	3	TCU
51	Krys Barnes	LB	6-2	229	23	2	UCLA
52	Rashan Gary	LB	6-5	277	23	3	Michigan
53	Jonathan Garvin	LB	6-4	257	22	2	Miami
54	La'Darius Hamilton	LB	6-2	261	23	1	North Texas
58	Isaiah McDuffie	LB	6-1	227	22	R	Boston College
59	De'Vondre Campbell	LB	6-3	232	28	6	Minnesota
62	Lucas Patrick	G	6-3	313	28	5	Duke
67	Jake Hanson	C	6-4	296	24	1	Oregon
70	Royce Newman	T/G	6-5	310	24	R	Mississippi
71	Josh Myers	C/G	6-5	310	23	R	Ohio State
73	Yosh Nijman	T	6-7	314	25	2	Virginia Tech
74	Elgton Jenkins	G	6-5	311	25	3	Mississippi State
76	Jon Runyan	G	6-4	307	24	2	Michigan
77	Billy Turner	G/T	6-5	310	30	8	North Dakota State

79	Dennis Kelly	T	6-8	321	31	10	Purdue
81	Josiah Deguara	TE	6-2	238	24	2	Cincinnati
84	Tyler Davis	TE	6-4	252	24	2	Georgia Tech
85	Robert Tonyan	TE	6-5	237	27	4	Indiana State
89	Mercedes Lewis	TE	6-6	267	37	16	UCLA
90	Jack Heflin	DL	6-3	304	23	R	Iowa
91	Preston Smith	LB	6-5	265	28	7	Mississippi State
93	T.J. Slaton	DL	6-4	330	24	R	Florida
94	Dean Lowry	DL	6-6	296	27	6	Northwestern
95	Tyler Lancaster	DL	6-3	313	26	4	Northwestern
96	Kingsley Keke	DL	6-3	288	25	3	Texas A&M
97	Kenny Clark	DL	6-3	314	26	6	UCLA
Reserve/Injured							
23	Jaire Alexander	CB	5-10	196	24	4	Louisville
25	Will Redmond	S	5-11	186	27	6	Mississippi State
47	Chauncey Rivers	LB	6-2	259	24	1	Mississippi State
49	Dominique Dafney	TE	6-2	243	24	1	Indiana State
55	Za'Darius Smith	LB	6-4	272	29	7	Kentucky
56	Randy Ramsey	LB	6-3	238	26	2	Arkansas
83	Marquez Valdes-Scantling	WR	6-4	206	27	4	South Florida
Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform							
69	David Bakhtiari	T	6-4	310	30	9	Colorado
Practice Squad							
6	Kurt Benkert	QB	6-3	218	26	2	Virginia
11	J.J. Molson	K	5-11	180	24	1	UCLA
16	Chris Blair	WR	6-2	198	24	R	Alcorn State
27	Patrick Taylor	RB	6-2	217	23	1	Memphis
30	Shawn Davis	S	5-11	202	23	R	Florida
34	Quinton Dunbar	CB	6-2	201	29	6	Florida
38	Innis Gaines	S	6-1	202	23	R	TCU
45	Bronson Kaufusi	TE	6-6	270	30	3	Brigham Young
46	Steven Wirtel	LS	6-4	228	24	1	Iowa State
48	Kabion Ento	CB	6-1	187	25	2	Colorado
50	Tipa Galeai	LB	6-5	229	24	1	Utah State
57	Ray Wilborn	LB	6-3	230	24	1	Ball State
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	25	2	Colorado
99	R.J. McIntosh	DL	6-5	286	25	4	Miami
Reserve/COVID-19 list							
86	Malik Taylor	WR	6-1	220	25	2	Ferris State



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3	Dustin Hopkins	K	6-2	205	31	8	Florida State
4	Taylor Heinicke	QB	6-1	210	28	4	Old Dominion
5	Tress Way	P	6-1	220	31	8	Oklahoma
8	Kyle Allen	QB	6-3	210	25	3	Houston
10	Curtis Samuel	WR	5-11	195	25	5	Ohio State
11	Cam Sims	WR	6-5	220	25	4	Alabama
13	Adam Humphries	WR	5-11	195	28	7	Clemson
15	Dax Milne	WR	6-0	190	22	R	BYU
17	Terry McLaurin	WR	6-0	210	26	3	Ohio State
18	Antonio Gandy-Golden	WR	6-4	223	23	2	Liberty
20	Bobby McCain	CB	5-9	196	28	7	Memphis
22	Deshazor Everett	S	6-0	203	29	7	Texas A&M
23	William Jackson III	CB	6-0	189	28	6	Houston
24	Antonio Gibson	RB	6-2	220	23	2	Memphis
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31	Kamren Curl	S	6-2	198	22	2	Arkansas
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59	Jordan Kunaszyk	LB	6-3	235	25	3	California
64	David Bada	DL	6-4	293	26	1	No college
66	David Steinmetz	T	6-8	321	26	3	Purdue
69	Tyler Larsen	C	6-4	335	30	6	Utah State
71	Wes Schweitzer	G	6-4	300	28	6	San Jose State
72	Charles Leno Jr.	OT	6-3	302	30	8	Boise State
73	Chase Roullier	C	6-4	312	28	5	Wyoming
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98	Matt Ioannidis	DT	6-3	310	27	6	Temple
99	Chase Young	DE	6-5	264	22	2	Ohio State

Reserve/Injured

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34	Darryl Roberts	CB	6-0	190	30	7	Marshall
35	Torry McTyer	CB	5-11	188	26	4	Nevada-Las Vegas
48	Darrick Forrest	S	5-11	200	22	R	Cincinnati
50	Jared Norris	LB	6-1	238	28	5	Utah
53	Jon Bostic	LB	6-1	245	30	9	Florida
57	Jalen Jelks	DE	6-5	256	25	2	Oregon
82	Logan Thomas	TE	6-6	250	30	7	Virginia Tech
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39	Jeremy Reaves	DB	5-11	200	25	3	South Alabama
46	Cole Luke	CB	5-11	200	26	4	Notre Dame
56	Will Bradley-King	DE	6-3	254	23	R	Baylor
57	Bunmi Rotimi	DE	6-3	273	26	1	Old Dominion
60	Keith Ismael	C	6-3	310	23	2	San Diego State
62	T.Y. McGill	DT	6-0	299	28	7	N.C. State
74	Nolan Laufenberg	G	6-3	312	22	R	Air Force
84	Kelvin Harmon	WR	6-2	215	24	3	N.C. State
92	Daniel Wise	DT	6-3	285	25	1	Kansas
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Streaks: The Green Bay Packers have dropped two of the last three matchups against Washington. Green Bay has won its last five home games against Washington.

Last meeting, regular season: Dec. 8, 2019, Packers won 20-15 at Lambeau Field. Aaron Jones rushed for 134 yards and a touchdown to lead Green Bay to victory. Aaron Rodgers threw a touchdown to Robert Tonyan, and Mason Crosby kicked two field goals.

SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	TV
Sept. 12	at New Orleans	Loss 38-3	
Sept. 20	vs. Detroit	Win 35-17	
Sept. 26	at San Francisco	Win 30-28	
Oct. 3	vs. Pittsburgh	Win 27-17	
Oct. 10	at Cincinnati	Win 25-22	
Oct. 17	at Chicago	Win 24-14	
Oct. 24	vs. Washington	noon	FOX
Oct. 28	at Arizona	7:20	FOX
Nov. 7	at Kansas City	3:25 p.m.	FOX
Nov. 14	vs. Seattle	3:25 p.m.	CBS
Nov. 21	at Minnesota	noon	FOX
Nov. 28	vs. L.A. Rams	3:25 p.m.	FOX
BYE WEEK			
Dec. 12	vs. Chicago	7:20 p.m.	NBC
Dec. 19	at Baltimore	noon	FOX
Dec. 25	vs. Cleveland	3:30 p.m.	FOX
Jan. 2	vs. Minnesota	7:20 p.m.	NBC
Jan. 9	at Detroit	noon	FOX

OFFENSE

RB
Aaron Jones
A.J. Dillon



QB
Aaron Rodgers
Jordan Love



WR
Davante Adams
Malik Taylor



TE
Robert Tonyan
Tyler Davis



RT
Billy Turner
Dennis Kelly



RG
Royce Newman
Lucas Patrick



C
Josh Myers
Jake Hanson



LG
Jon Runyan
Lucas Patrick



LT
Elgton Jenkins
Yosh Nijman



TE
Marcedes Lewis
Josiah Deguara



WR
Allen Lazard
Randall Cobb



DEFENSE

CB
Kevin King
Chandon Sullivan



DE
Dean Lowry
Tyler Lancaster



NT
Kenny Clark
T.J. Slaton



DE
Kingsley Keke
Jack Heflin



CB
Eric Stokes
Isaac Yiadom



OLB
Preston Smith
La'Darius Hamilton



ILB
Krys Barnes
Oren Burks



ILB
De'Vondre Campbell
Ty Summers



OLB
Rashan Gary
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Adrian Amos
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WASHINGTON DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE



WR
Terry McLaurin
Dyami Brown



WR
Adam Humphries
DeAndre Carter



RT
Sam Cosmi
Saahdiq Charles



RG
Brandon Scherff
Saahdiq Charles



C
Chase Roullier
Tyler Larsen



LG
Ereck Flowers
Wes Schweitzer



LT
Charles Leno Jr.
Cornelius Lucas



TE
Logan Thomas
John Bates



QB
Antonio Gibson
J.D. McKissic



QB
Ryan Fitzpatrick
Taylor Heinicke



WR
Curtis Samuel
Cam Sims

DEFENSE



CB
Kendall Fuller
Benjamin St-Juste



DE
Chase Young
James Smith-Williams



DT
Daron Payne
Tim Settle



DT
Jonathan Allen
Matt Ioannidis



DE
Montez Sweat
Casey Toohill



CB
William Jackson III
Torry McTyer



OLB
Cole Holcomb
David Mayo



MLB
Jamin Davis
Khaleke Hudson



OLB
Jon Bostic
David Mayo



S
Landon Collins
Deshazor Everett



S
Kamren Curl
Bobby McCain

SCHEDULE

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

Monday's Game
New Orleans at Seattle, 7:15 p.m.

Teams on bye: Buffalo, Dallas, Jacksonville, L.A. Chargers, Minnesota, Pittsburgh

Thursday's Game
Green Bay at Arizona, 7:20 p.m.

STANDINGS

NFC East				AFC East			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Dallas	5	1	0	Buffalo	4	2	0
Washington	2	4	0	New England	2	4	0
Philadelphia	2	4	0	N.Y. Jets	1	4	0
N.Y. Giants	1	5	0	Miami	1	5	0
North				North			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Green Bay	5	1	0	Baltimore	5	1	0
Minnesota	3	3	0	Cincinnati	4	2	0
Chicago	3	3	0	Pittsburgh	3	3	0
Detroit	0	6	0	Cleveland	3	3	0
South				South			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Tampa Bay	5	1	0	Tennessee	4	2	0
New Orleans	3	2	0	Indianapolis	2	4	0
Carolina	3	3	0	Houston	1	5	0
Atlanta	2	3	0	Jacksonville	1	5	0
West				West			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Arizona	6	0	0	L.A. Chargers	4	2	0
L.A. Rams	5	1	0	Las Vegas	4	2	0
San Francisco	2	3	0	Denver	3	3	0
Seattle	2	4	0	Kansas City	3	3	0



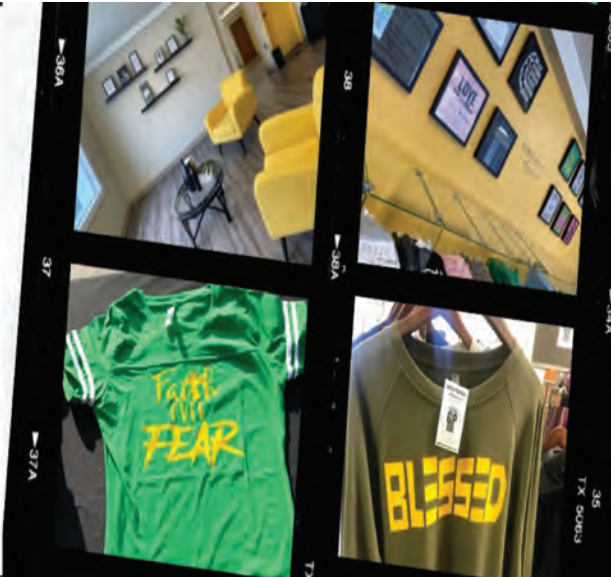
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KEYS TO THE GAME

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

The Green Bay Packers (5-1) host the Washington Football Team (2-4) at noon Oct. 24 at Lambeau Field. FOX will televise the game.

History

The Packers lead 19-15-1. Green Bay broke a two-game losing streak in the series with a 20-15 win on Dec. 8, 2019. Aaron Jones had a 4-yard touchdown run and Robert Tonyan added a 12-yard touchdown catch as Green Bay bolted to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter.

Coaches

Green Bay – Matt LaFleur, 31-7, third season. Washington — Ron Rivera, 85-76-1, 11th season; 9-13 in second season with Washington.

When the Packers have the ball

Before the season, this liked it would be a huge challenge for the Aaron Rodgers-led Packers offense. Washington won the NFC East last season despite its 7-9 record. In winning five of its final seven regular-season games, it allowed an average of just 16.1 points per game. That stellar defense has vanished, though.

Through week six, Washington has allowed a league-worst 31 points per game. It's 31st in total defense (423 yards), 32nd in passing defense (309.5 yards per game) and 32nd on third down (57.8%). It does play good run defense (ninth with 4.03 yards allowed per carry) and is strong in goal-to-go situations (fifth with a 57.1% touchdown rate).

Jack Del Rio's 4-2-5 defense is strong up front. Montez Sweat (first round, 2019) and Chase Young (first round, 2020) are the ends and Daron Payne (first round, 2018) and Jonathan Allen (first round, 2017) are the tackles. They will present the latest in a series of big challenges for Green Bay's front.

Young, the No. 2 overall pick last year, is the reigning Defensive Rookie of the Year following a season of 7½ sacks and four forced fumbles. He's got only two sacks and a forced fumble this year. He'll line up almost exclusively against right tackle Billy Turner, who is coming off a strong performance vs. Khalil Mack.

Allen is the real stud of the group, though. He's got three sacks and ranks third in the league with 14 quarterback hits. He lines up mostly at right tackle, which means an individual matchup against left guard Jon Runyan.

Cole Holcomb is the every-down linebacker and rookie first-round pick



Green Bay Packers running back Aaron Jones, right, runs away from Chicago Bears cornerback Kindle Vildor during the team's matchup on Oct. 17 at Soldier Field in Chicago.

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Jamin Davis is his frequent sidekick.

Holcomb leads the team with 58 tackles and has one of the four interceptions. Davis, an athletic and rangy prospect, had a career-high 11 tackles in last week's loss to Kansas City.

"I think he is showing signs of what we believe he can be," Rivera said on Monday. "And that's a downhill guy that could run."

If the Packers can protect Rodgers, big plays should await against a porous secondary that allowed six completions of 20-plus yards in Sunday's 31-13 loss vs. Kansas City.

Kendall Fuller, Bobby McCain and William Jackson are the cornerbacks, with Fuller getting most of the work in the slot.

Landon Collins and Kamren Curl are the safeties. Cornerback Benjamin St-Juste, a 6-foot-3 rookie, gets a lot of playing time, as well. Fuller, McCain and Jackson have interceptions.

Fuller has allowed a league-high 32 completions and Jackson has been flagged a league-worst six times and given up three touchdowns.

Collins is the big name of the group as a three-time Pro Bowler. He is a physical presence but a major liability in coverage.

When Washington has the ball

Washington is 21st with 22.7 points per game. When it scores, it wins. It scored 30 and 34 in victories over the Giants and Falcons, respectively. In losses to the Chargers, Bills, Saints and Chiefs, they averaged only 18 points.

What does it do well? Protect the quarterback (league-best 2.9% sack rate). What doesn't it do well? Throw the ball (21st in yards per play) or move the chains (27th with a 34.3% conversion rate on third down).

"We've got the talent," running back Antonio Gibson said. "We've got the skill. We can do it. We just have to show it. Just got to be more consistent."

With veteran quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick on injured reserve (hip), Taylor Heinicke has been the starter. He is 23rd with an 86.9 passer rating and has nine touchdowns vs. six interceptions. Heinicke is a dink-and-dunker, with his average completion going just 5.36 yards downfield. According to Pro Football Focus, he's thrown 38 passes behind the line of scrimmage and only 29 passes 20-plus yards downfield. However, he is a threat with his legs with 127 yards and a 5.1-yard average.

"There's no panic. It's a long season. There's still a lot of football left," Heinicke said after failing to lead Washington to a single red-zone drive on Sunday. "There's a lot of guys pissed off, rightfully so. But again, hopefully, we can just use that fuel for this week and get ready for Green Bay. It's going to be another tough game. But the guys aren't getting down. We're pissed off and we want to come back next week and get it going."

The backfield is strong with Gibson and J.D. McKissic. Gibson has 357 rushing yards and a 79-yard touchdown among his dozen receptions. McKissic has 21 receptions and 315 yards from scrimmage.

Terry McLaurin, one of the game's more underrated players, highlights the receiver corps. "Scary Terry" has 33 receptions for 428 yards and three touchdowns.

Rookie Dyami Brown has eight catches for 81 yards and veteran Adam Humphries has 15 receptions for 149 yards from the slot. With Logan Thomas on injured reserve, Ricky Seals-Jones leads the tight ends with 12 receptions for 137 yards and two scores. Thomas played quarterback in college; Seal-Jones played receiver.

Left tackle Charles Leno, left guard Ereck Flowers, center Chase Roullier, right guard Brandon Scherff and rookie right tackle Sam Cosmi form a solid offensive line.

A four-time Pro Bowler, Scherff has missed the last two games with a knee injury. If he's out again, Wes Schweitzer will get another start. Even without Scherff, it's a group without an obvious weak link.

Of the six sacks allowed, PFF charged only two to the offensive line. This will be a much bigger test than what Green Bay faced against Chicago's overmatched quintet.

Special teams

Green Bay, which bounced back from a horrible performance at Cincinnati, will be tested by Washington's high-quality unit.

Kicker Dustin Hopkins is 12-of-14 on field goals. In his seventh season, he's got 84% career accuracy on field goals. His kickoffs typically wind up in the end zone.

Tress Way is in his eighth season as the punter. He's got a huge leg, having led the NFL in average twice and boasting a gaudy 49.7-yard average this year. Of his 21 punts, 13 have been returned, so there will be opportunities for Amari Rodgers. Way's net average of 42.6 ranks ninth.



Green Bay Packers defensive lineman Dean Lowry, right, tries to disrupt the throwing motion of Chicago Bears quarterback Justin Fields during the team's matchup on Oct. 17 at Soldier Field in Chicago.

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DeAndre Carter returns kickoffs and punts, with averages of 25.8 yards

and 9.5 yards, respectively. On kickoffs, he's got a 101-yard touchdown on his

resume. Green Bay's kickoff coverage has not been a strength.

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NEW Media Sports Editor

Week 7 Games: Sunday, Oct. 24

Teams on bye: Buffalo, Dallas, Jacksonville,
LA Chargers, Minnesota & Pittsburgh

Denver @ Cleveland..... Thurs., Oct. 21
Washington @ Green Bay
Atlanta @ Miami
NY Jets @ New England
Indianapolis @ San Francisco
Detroit @ LA Rams
Carolina @ New York Giants
Chicago @ Tampa Bay
Kansas City @ Tennessee
Houston @ Arizona
Philadelphia @ Las Vegas Raiders
New Orleans @ Seattle..... Mon., Oct. 25

Tie Breaker Game:
Cincinnati @ Baltimore

Weekly Standings

	Weekly Record	Overall Record
God's Purpose Apparel.....	9-5	65-29
Tower Clock Eye Center.....	12-2	64-30
Buss Automotive.....	10-4	63-31
Dennis Brei.....	11-3	62-32
Hawkeye Hearth & Home.....	12-2	62-32
Shawano Place Assisted Living.....	11-3	62-32
Shawano Seasons Restaurant.....	10-4	62-32
Tim Murphy.....	10-4	62-32
22 Shell.....	10-4	61-33

Weekly Standings

	Weekly Record	Overall Record
Morgan Rode.....	9-5	61-33
B & C Auto Recycling.....	9-5	59-35
Smokey Joe's.....	11-3	58-36
Idell Johnston State Farm Ins. Agent.....	9-5	58-36
P & D Sales & Service.....	9-5	57-37
Iverson's Piggy Wiggly.....	8-6	53-41
Cirrinity/Wittenberg Telephone.....	9-5	52-42
Gehm's Club 117.....	8-6	52-42
Senn Insurance.....	8-6	51-43



This Week's Winner: Tower Clock Eye Center



Morgan Rode
Shawano
Leader

This Week's Picks:

Cleveland	Carolina
Green Bay	Tampa Bay
Miami	Kansas City
New England	Arizona
Indianapolis	Las Vegas
LA Rams	New Orleans

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score : Cincinnati 28 @ Baltimore 31



Tim Murphy
Shawano
Leader

This Week's Picks:

Cleveland	Carolina
Green Bay	Tampa Bay
Atlanta	Kansas City
New England	Arizona
San Francisco	Las Vegas
LA Rams	New Orleans

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 33 @ Baltimore 40



Dennis Brei
Oconto County
Times Herald

This Week's Picks:

Cleveland	Carolina
Green Bay	Tampa Bay
Atlanta	Kansas City
New England	Arizona
San Francisco	Las Vegas
LA Rams	New Orleans

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 31 @ Baltimore 34

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Recycling

This Week's Picks:

Cleveland
Green Bay
Miami
New England
San Francisco
LA Rams

Carolina
Tampa Bay
Kansas City
Arizona
Las Vegas
Seattle

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 28 @ Baltimore 34



Iverson's Staff
Iverson's
Piggly Wiggly

This Week's Picks:

Denver
Green Bay
Atlanta
New England
San Francisco
LA Rams

Carolina
Tampa Bay
Kansas City
Houston
Philadelphia
New Orleans

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 24 @ Baltimore 14



Amber
Smokey Joe's
& JDoggs

This Week's Picks:

Cleveland
Green Bay
Atlanta
New England
San Francisco
LA Rams

NY Giants
Tampa Bay
Tennessee
Arizona
Las Vegas
Seattle

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 20 @ Baltimore 24



Robert Buss
Buss
Automotive

This Week's Picks:

Cleveland
Green Bay
Atlanta
New England
San Francisco
LA Rams

Carolina
Tampa Bay
Kansas City
Arizona
Las Vegas
New Orleans

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 28 @ Baltimore 34



Dena
P&D Sales
& Service

This Week's Picks:

Cleveland
Green Bay
Atlanta
New England
San Francisco
LA Rams

Carolina
Tampa Bay
Kansas City
Arizona
Las Vegas
New Orleans

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 20 @ Baltimore 31



Sophie
Idell Johnston
State Farm Agent

This Week's Picks:

Cleveland
Green Bay
Miami
New England
San Francisco
LA Rams

Carolina
Tampa Bay
Kansas City
Arizona
Las Vegas
New Orleans

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 19 @ Baltimore 27



Scott Nyman
Cirinity

This Week's Picks:

Cleveland
Green Bay
Atlanta
New England
San Francisco
LA Rams

Carolina
Tampa Bay
Kansas City
Arizona
Las Vegas
New Orleans

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 21 @ Baltimore 28



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This Week's Picks:

Cleveland
Green Bay
Atlanta
New England
Indianapolis
LA Rams

Carolina
Tampa Bay
Tennessee
Arizona
Philadelphia

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 20 @ Baltimore 35



Jim Wiegand
Tower Clock
Eye Center

This Week's Picks:

Cleveland
Green Bay
Atlanta
New England
San Francisco
LA Rams

Carolina
Tampa Bay
Kansas City
Arizona
Las Vegas
New Orleans

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 24 @ Baltimore 27



Russ
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This Week's Picks:

Cleveland
Green Bay
Atlanta
New England
Indianapolis
LA Rams

Carolina
Tampa Bay
Kansas City
Arizona
Philadelphia
Seattle

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 24 @ Baltimore 17



Shane Senn
Senn
Insurance

This Week's Picks:

Cleveland
Green Bay
Miami
New England
San Francisco
LA Rams

Carolina
Tampa Bay
Tennessee
Arizona
Las Vegas
New Orleans

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 27 @ Baltimore 34



Brenda
22 Shell

This Week's Picks:

Cleveland
Green Bay
Atlanta
New England
San Francisco
LA Rams

Carolina
Tampa Bay
Kansas City
Arizona
Las Vegas
New Orleans

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 20 @ Baltimore 24



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This Week's Picks:

Cleveland
Green Bay
Atlanta
New England
Indianapolis
LA Rams

Carolina
Tampa Bay
Kansas City
Arizona
Las Vegas
New Orleans

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 24 @ Baltimore 27



Aaron
Shawano
Place

This Week's Picks:

Cleveland
Green Bay
Atlanta
New England
San Francisco
LA Rams

Carolina
Tampa Bay
Kansas City
Arizona
Philadelphia
New Orleans

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 21 @ Baltimore 33



Dale
Hawkeye
Hearth & Home

This Week's Picks:

Cleveland
Green Bay
Atlanta
New England
San Francisco
LA Rams

NY Giants
Tampa Bay
Kansas City
Arizona
Las Vegas
Seattle

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 7 @ Baltimore 21

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Green Bay Football 2021 Season				
SEPTEMBER - REGULAR SEASON				
Sunday, September 12	3:25 pm	@ New Orleans Saints	FOX	
Monday, September 20	7:55 pm	BYE WEEK	ESPN	
Sunday, September 26	1:20 pm	@ San Francisco 49ers	NBC	
OCTOBER				
Sunday, October 03	3:25 pm	Pittsburgh Steelers (GOLD)	CBS	
Sunday, October 10	NOON*	@ Cleveland Browns	FOX	
Sunday, October 17	NOON*	@ Chicago Bears	FOX	
Sunday, October 24	NOON*	WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM	FOX	
Thursday, October 28	7:30 pm	@ Arizona Cardinals	FOX	
NOVEMBER				
Sunday, November 07	1:25 pm*	@ Kansas City Chiefs	FOX	
Sunday, November 14	3:25 pm*	SEATTLE SEAHAWKS	CBS	
Sunday, November 21	NOON*	@ Minnesota Vikings	FOX	
Sunday, November 28	3:25 pm*	LOS ANGELES DOLPHINS (GOLD)	FOX	
DECEMBER				
BYE WEEK				
Sunday, December 12	7:20 pm*	INDIANAPOLIS COLTS	NBC	
Sunday, December 19	NOON*	@ Baltimore Ravens	FOX	
Saturday, December 25	3:30 pm	CLEVELAND BROWNS	FOX	
JANUARY				
Sunday, January 02	7:20 pm*	MINNESOTA VIKINGS	NBC	
Sunday, January 09	NOON*	@ Detroit Lions	FOX	

NOTEBOOK

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

Daunting road ahead

The Green Bay Packers are 5-1 and winners of five straight. So, it might be odd to say this, but Sunday's game against the Washington Football Team might be a must-win matchup.

Since losing to New Orleans in the opener, Green Bay has fattened its resume by beating Detroit, San Francisco, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Chicago in succession. The Bengals (4-2) are the only team with a winning record.

"I'm really proud of the guys," quarterback Aaron Rodgers said after a 24-14 win at Chicago on Sunday. "Like I've said before, felt like the first week was an anomaly. We've backed it up the last five weeks. But the way that we've done it, with the guys that we've done it with, with the kind of injuries that we've had (is impressive). You look at our roster now, there's a lot of guys that weren't with us at the start of the season that are playing big minutes. These are character wins. These are wins that are really, really important. We've got to get healthy. But I really like where we're at, two up in the division after six and playing winning football."

Washington is 2-4. Its offense is feeble and its defense has been surprisingly porous considering its line is filled with four first-round draft picks. After that, to use major-college football as a metaphor, the nonconference schedule is over and league play begins.

Coming up is as tough a five-game stretch as any team in the NFL will face this season. First, on a short week, it's a trip to Arizona (6-0) to face MVP front-runner Kyler Murray and the Cardinals. Then, it's a trek to Kansas City (3-3 after back-to-back Super Bowl appearances) to face perhaps the best player in football, quarterback Patrick Mahomes.

Green Bay will return home to face Seattle (2-4), which may or may not have Russell Wilson (finger) back in the lineup. Then it's the border battle at Minnesota (3-3), which has one of the best home-field advantages in the NFL. Finally, in the last game before the bye, it's a home game against the powerhouse Los Angeles Rams (5-1).

Green Bay's last five opponents have won 12 games. After Washing-



Green Bay Packers running back A.J. Dillon, left, covers the ball as Chicago Bears safety Eddie Jackson, center, and Packers receiver Davante Adams run alongside him during a game on Oct. 17 at Soldier Field in Chicago. After rattling off five straight wins, Green Bay faces several tough opponents over the next several weeks.

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ton, its next five opponents have won 19 games.

It's not just the schedule. It's the circumstances. With All-Pro cornerback Jaire Alexander and Pro Bowl pass rusher Za'Darius Smith out indefinitely, the Packers' pass defense will face a gauntlet of excellent quarterbacks.

Murray is third in passer rating (116.3) and has accounted for 17 touchdowns. Mahomes is 11th in passer rating (103.1), third in yards (1,887) and first in touchdowns (18). Minnesota's Kirk Cousins is eighth in passer rating (105.8). Wilson is first in passer rating (125.3) and yards per attempt (9.57). Stafford, the longtime Lions quarterback, is

second in passer rating (116.2), second in average gain (9.19) and third in touchdowns (16).

Moreover, Green Bay has exactly zero red-zone stops, with opponents scoring 15 touchdowns in 15 treks inside the 20-yard line. In the red zone, Seattle is fourth, Kansas City sixth, Arizona eighth, Minnesota 10th and Los Angeles 13th.

While the Packers' offense hasn't quite hit peak efficiency, red-zone defense is where the Packers must immediately find some answers to weather the upcoming storm.

"The (second) touchdown pass that Chicago scored on, we had a busted coverage, and those are self-inflicted wounds," coach Matt

LaFleur said on Monday. "You've got to make sure that you don't beat yourself first. There's a lot of room growth there. The positive is we haven't done very well in that department but we've still been able to win games, so hopefully that will start to even out a little bit, you'd think, at some point. But we've got to continue to grind and work at it and maybe look at what we're doing and try to switch some things up."

From Mahomes to Rodgers

Talk about going from the frying pan to the fire. Last week, Washington lost 31-13 to Kansas City as Mahomes threw for 397 yards. Washington led 13-10 at halftime and was

kicking itself for not putting away the Chiefs.

Now, it's a matchup against Rodgers, the reigning MVP.

"This is the time we got to be men," Washington defensive end Chase Young said. "Got to look in the mirror. Gut-check time."

Of Washington's four losses, three have come against premier quarterbacks: Justin Herbert and the Chargers, Josh Allen and the Bills and the Mahomes-led Chiefs.

"We did lose to four good teams, but we could have also beat a couple of them," coach Ron Rivera said. "That's the hard thing to swallow, if you're going to be honest with it. You are what your record says you are. The only way we can get better is to practice, work at it and then go out and play better. And that's pretty much what we have left."

Help on the way

The Packers have been hit hard by injuries. ManGamesLost.com, a subscription site that tracks NFL injuries, had Green Bay as the third-most impacted team in terms of games missed by quality players before last week's games.

For a change, LaFleur had good injury news on Monday.

First and foremost, All-Pro left tackle David Bakhtiari will practice this week. He's been out since tearing his left ACL on New Year's Eve before the Chicago game. He probably will need more than three practices to get ready for a game but getting arguably the best offensive lineman in football back in the lineup at some point soon should provide a big boost not just for the pass protection but for LaFleur's ability to get creative schematically.

"When you're coming off a pretty significant injury, you don't want to just throw somebody out there," LaFleur said. "We want to make sure that, No. 1, physically his knee is in great shape and he's not at further risk of doing more damage to it. And also I think there's a confidence factor that you develop by playing football, so there is a ramp-up period."

Meanwhile, LaFleur said it's looking more likely that Alexander will avoid potentially season-ending surgery on his shoulder. "We feel like it's progressing nicely," LaFleur said. Fellow cornerback Kevin King is "day to day" with his shoulder injury. The Packers obviously need as many good cornerbacks as possible to survive the list of great quarterbacks coming up on

the schedule.

However, center Josh Myers is expected to at least miss this week's game with a knee injury. Veteran Lucas Patrick replaced Myers and was the highest-graded player on the line vs. Chicago, LaFleur said. And big-play receiver Marquez Valdes-Scantling (hamstring) might not be activated from injured reserve this week.

New faces on defense

A couple weeks ago, the Packers grabbed cornerback Rasul Douglas off Arizona's practice squad and signed former Pro Bowl linebacker Jaylon Smith.

Douglas didn't start against Chicago but played most of the game after Isaac Yiadom was benched. A former third-round pick, he had a terrific debut. According to Pro Football Focus, he allowed 3-of-6 passing for just 32 yards. He might wind up starting against Washington.

"I thought he did an outstanding job, especially since he hasn't been here for a very long amount of time," LaFleur said. "I thought he went in there and he's a veteran guy that's played a lot of ball. It was good to see him perform to the level that we thought he could do."

Oren Burks (19 snaps), Smith (17)

and Krys Barnes (13) all got playing time alongside standout starter De'Vondre Campbell (all 61 snaps) at Chicago. Barnes (one) and Burks (one) contributed the only tackles among the trio.

"I thought Jaylon did a nice job in his first time out there," LaFleur said. "You can definitely tell he's played a lot of football. He's very instinctive. But we also have confidence in those other guys in that room. I thought O.B. continues to do a really nice job and K.B. We'll just kind of play it out each and every week in terms of who's out there playing."

Packers Hall of Fame Class of 2022

The Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame announced on Tuesday that Tim Harris and Greg Jennings will form the Class of 2022.

Harris had 55 sacks in five seasons, including a franchise-record 19½ sacks in 1989. He was a Pro Bowler in 1988 and 1989.

Jennings caught 425 passes for 6,537 yards and 53 touchdowns in seven seasons with the Packers. A two-time Pro Bowler, he ranks ninth in receptions, eighth in receiving yards and sixth in receiving touchdowns in franchise history.

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Green Bay Packers receiver Davante Adams, left, hangs on to the ball as a Chicago Bears defender drags him down during the team's matchup on Oct. 17 at Soldier Field in Chicago.



Green Bay Packers players celebrate a touchdown by running back Aaron Jones during the team's win over the Chicago Bears on Oct. 17 at Soldier Field in Chicago.

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