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Evers approves marketing grants for Shawano, Oconto county tourism efforts

Officials expect grants will have a lasting impact

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Two local tourism departments have received grants from Gov. Tony Evers to help bolster tourism.

The Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce and the Oconto County Economic Development Corp. were both rewarded with grants, totaling \$85,041.50 for Shawano and \$112,859.50 for Oconto.

"This fund provides money to new or existing businesses and non-profit organizations moving into vacant properties in Wisconsin's downtown's and commercial corridors," said Sammy Boucher, Oconto County Economic Development Corp. tourism director.

She added that this will help to revitalize Oconto.

"These funds can be used to pay leases or mortgages, operational expenses and other business costs related to the newly opened locations," said Boucher. "These grants will help to rebuild our downtown districts and increase traffic."

Just like Oconto, the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce plans to use this grant money to help rebuild tourism and offer more opportunities for tourism to expand.

"We will utilize the funds to promote and advertise our beautiful outdoor trails, waterways and other public spaces to visitors," said Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Nancy Smith. "These funds will allow us to create and print a silent sports guide, that will include maps and descriptions of our hiking and

biking trails, waterway information for canoeing and kayaking, as well as other outdoor activities."

Smith said the silent sports guide has been in the works for a while, and receiving this grant will help to get it published.

"We have not previously had this information at our fingertips in one comprehensive guide," said Smith.

Another point of emphasis for Smith and the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce is to increase digital marketing and video production.

"The funds will also help us build our library of professional photos of people having fun in Shawano County," said Smith.

With Shawano's reputation of outdoor recreation, Smith believes that these funds will provide a positive impact on the county.

"We know that people have gravitated towards outdoor recreation during the COVID pandemic, and Shawano County is positioned very well to take advantage of that," said Smith.

Boucher also said that Oconto County has been known as area for outside recreation. She said that without tourism, parts of the county would suffer.

"Oconto County has always been an outdoor recreation destination, and right now, those are the type of vacations that are being planned," said Boucher. "Without tourism, the northern half of the county would not succeed."

Smith said that tourism in Shawano County has declined due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"According to the Wisconsin

Department of Tourism's economic impact study, Shawano County experienced a 20% decline in tourism spending in 2020," said Smith. "A lot of that was due to events being canceled. Due to those cancellations, lodging occupancy at our area hotels were down."

Like Boucher for Oconto County, Smith said tourism has major importance for Shawano County.

"Visitor spending contributes \$72 million dollars to our local economy, supports over 800 jobs and provides \$8 million in state and local tax revenue," Smith said. "Most of our small businesses rely on tourism spending to survive. Tourism is a great way to get people to take notice of our area, visit and maybe move here someday, which in turn would help our workforce shortage."

Smith believes that this grant will have long-term effects for Shawano County.

"We have very loyal visitors," said Smith. "We know from past research that 80% of our visitors are repeat visitors, which is incredible. When we get people to visit once, there is an excellent chance they will be back again and again."

Along with this grant, Boucher said that they have been notified that they will receive a Destination Marketing Organization grant to support more marketing in 2022.

Smith said that the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce will continue to use various methods of marketing — including print advertising, outdoor and digital marketing, social media and radio advertising — to promote the area.

CORRECTIONS

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Local brothers recognized for preservation

New fencing has detracted deer, helped trees grow

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

One local farm has recently been recognized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for their efforts in preserving their land and trees.

John and Jim Hanson, who live in Stoughton and Green Bay, respectively, and have a tree farm in the Town of Morris, were recognized by the USDA for the way they have maintained the farm.

The brothers were born and raised at the land in the Town of Morris, where they developed skills on maintaining the land from their parents.

“Our mother and father bought this place in late 1929,” said Jim Hanson. “Our mother was a school teacher and our father was a farmer.”

After they had noticed that maple trees were not growing well, the brothers applied for funding through the USDA, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

After being awarded money from EQIP, the brothers built a fence around their land to preserve their trees and other plants.

“A lot of what we did was caring a lot for this land,” said Jim Hanson. “We love this land.”

John Hanson said that the USDA recognized them for their work in an experimental program through the NRCS.

“They recommended that they come in and take a lot of the maple trees out of the farm,” said John Hanson. “They left the best ones to grow and then in five years time, they would come in and take the others out.”

He added that NRCS reps recommended to put a fence up to protect the growing maple trees, but the brothers cited expenses as a reason for not initially putting a fence up.

“They subsidized the fence and came in and chewed up all of the ground,” said John Hanson. “That is where the fence started.”

The brothers said that the fence is in place to help to preserve the trees as they grow.

“It is to preserve the young trees



Jim and John Hanson look at and talk about why they wanted to put a fence around their land in the Town of Morris.

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Jim and John Hanson were provided with Environmental Quality Incentives Program funds to build a fence around their land to help keep deer and other animals from harming trees and other plants.

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to get big enough, to where the deer won't chew them,” said John Hanson.

Before the fence was installed, the brothers said that being a part of a forest managing program helped to preserve the trees.

“We have been in a program for quite a period of time,” said Jim Hanson. “The deer population in Shawano County is intense enough to where you just didn't get a lot regeneration

for trees.”

The fence was then installed in early 2019.

John Hanson said that it is important to keep trees protected from animals and other outside forces that could harm them.

“I think it is a proven fact that trees are what take a lot of carbon monoxide out of the air,” said John Hanson. “Also, what are you going to

do with land that is just barren?”

Jim Hanson added that that NRCS plays a large role in keeping trees protected.

“I think that the conservation department's biggest objective is to try and preserve the forests that are in Wisconsin,” said Jim Hanson. “I think the more people that they get on board with that, the better everyone else is off.”

Both brothers said they appreciate the recognition from the USDA.

“It is kind of a thank you when you see articles like that,” said John Hanson. “If somebody said that we are not proud of it, they would be wrong.”

“While it is nice, we are not out seeking that recognition,” said Jim Hanson. “We are not doing this for the headline.”

As time keeps passing on, the brothers said that the fence has helped their maple trees grow.

“We see the maple trees growing a lot,” said Jim Hanson. “There is a lot of underbrush. You can see the maples growing under that.”

“There is good progress,” added John Hanson.

COURT NEWS

• Aaron C. Miller, 33, Bowler, was charged Nov. 8 with one count of bail jumping and two misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. Judge Katherine Sloma set a cash bond of \$10,000 and scheduled a pre-trial conference for Nov. 30 and a final pre-trial for Jan. 11.

• William J. Boss, 32, Shawano, was charged Nov. 8 with one count of manufacturing/delivering THC, less than 200-1,000 grams, two misdemeanor counts of possession of THC and two misdemeanor counts of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a signature bond of \$5,000 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for Dec. 21.

• Jacqueline A. Schuman, 59, Lac Du Flambeau, was charged Nov. 8 with one count of possession of narcotic drugs, one count of possession of methamphetamine, one misdemeanor count of possession of cocaine/coca, one misdemeanor count of possession of THC and five misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Nov. 24.

• Bentley J. McGovern, 37, Oshkosh, pleaded no contest Nov. 8 to one count of possession of methamphetamine. One misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia was dismissed but read into the record. Judge William Kussel Jr. fined McGovern \$250.

• James A. Vigue, 67, Shawano, was charged Nov. 9 with one count of first-degree child sexual assault - intercourse with a person under 12, two counts of repeated sexual assault of the same child (at least three violations of first- or second-degree sexual assault) and one count of exposing genitals/pubic area/intimate parts to a child. Sloma set a cash bond of \$100,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Nov. 15.

• Wendy Lou Mason, 45, Eland, was charged Nov. 9 with one count of possession of methamphetamine, one misdemeanor count of possession of amphetamines/LSD/psilocin, one misdemeanor count of possession of a controlled substance, one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia and two misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. Sloma set a signature bond of \$1,500 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for Dec. 21.

• Katie L. Lewandowski, 22, Suring, pleaded no contest Nov. 9 to one count of possession of methamphetamine. One misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia was dismissed but read into the record. Another misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia was dismissed on prosecutor's motion. Kussel sentenced Lewandowski to two years of probation.

• Asaneet A. Rosario, 16, Bowler,

was charged Nov. 10 with one count of attempted first-degree intentional homicide, one count of strangulation and suffocation, one count of burglary with a dangerous weapon, two counts of child abuse and one misdemeanor count of criminal damage to property. Sloma set a cash bond of \$100,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Nov. 19.

• Danny S. Wedde, 36, Tigerton, was charged Nov. 10 with one count of disorderly conduct - domestic abuse repeater. Sloma set a signature of \$1,500 and scheduled a pre-trial conference for Jan. 5 and a final pre-trial for Feb. 18.

• Stephanie A. Jones, 41, Taycheedah, pleaded no contest Nov. 10 to one count of possession of an electric weapon and one count of bail jumping. Another count of bail jumping was dismissed but read into the record. Kussel sentenced Jones to 18 months in prison and 18 months of extended supervision.

• James N. Johnson-Long, 34, Shawano, pleaded no contest Nov. 10 to one count of possession of methamphetamine and one misdemeanor count of possession of THC. One misdemeanor count of bail jumping was dismissed on prosecutor's motion. Kussel sentenced Johnson-Long to one year in jail.

• Kyle J. Pecore, 38, Shawano, was charged Nov. 11 with six counts of

possession of amphetamine with intent (less than three to 10 grams), six counts of possession of narcotics with intent to deliver and 12 counts of bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$25,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Nov. 17.

• Benjamin J. Teller, 39, Shawano, was charged Nov. 12 with one count of battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer, one misdemeanor count of operating while intoxicated, one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked, one misdemeanor count of hit-and-run, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer and 11 misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$2,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Nov. 22.

• Michael L. Alloway, 24, Crandon, was charged Nov. 12 with one count of possession of THC (2nd or subsequent offense), one count of misappropriating identification information, 12 counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked, one misdemeanor count of ignition interlock device tampering, one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia and six misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. Sloma set a signature bond of \$15,000 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for Dec. 20.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Nov. 15

Deputies responded to 30 calls, including an explosives problem on state Highway 156 in the Town of Lessor; six crashes, two involving deer.

Nov. 14

Information was not available by press time.

Nov. 13

Deputies responded to 29 calls, including a burglary on Landstad Road in the Town of Lessor; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Angelica; property damage on North Lake Drive in Cecil; a drug problem on North Airport Drive in Shawano; reckless driving on County Road J in Tigerton; a drug problem on East Green Bay Street in Bonduel; one crash.

Nov. 12

Deputies responded to 33 calls, including a drug problem on County Road HH in the Town of Washington; reckless driving on West Green Bay Street in Bonduel; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Angelica; reckless driving on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Aniwa; a fleeing/pursuit on County Road A in the Town of Bartelme; a domestic disturbance on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; four crashes, three involving deer.

Nov. 11

Deputies responded to 47 calls, including a disturbance on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Maple Grove; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland; property theft on Old Lake Lane in the Town of Wescott; a threat on County Road D in the Town of Almon; identity theft on Lulu Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; operating while intoxicated on East Green Bay Street in Shawano; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Waukechon; a disturbance on Main Street in Gresham; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Maple Grove; property theft on Knoke Street in Gresham; reckless driving on Spruce Road in the Town of Angelica; reckless driving on County Road A in the Town of Herman; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; two crashes, one involving deer.

Nov. 10

Deputies responded to 39 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Waukechon; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland; a weapons offense on Bakers Lake Lane in the Town of Hutchins; identity theft on Blue Goose Road in the Town of Germania; a domestic disturbance on County Road F in the Town of Angelica; two crashes, one involving deer.

Nov. 9

Deputies responded to 35 calls, including disorderly conduct on Main Street in Birnamwood; a disturbance on West Campfire Road in the Town of Grant; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Waukechon; harassment on Cedar Street in Tigerton; two crashes, one involving deer.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Nov. 15

Officers responded to 23 calls, including a restraining order violation on South Lincoln Street; a disturbance on South Humphrey Circle; property theft on Estates Lane; criminal damage at People's Express South, 716 S. Main St.; property theft on South Washington Street.

Nov. 14

Officers responded to 10 calls, including trespassing on Prairie Street; reckless driving on South Main Street.

Nov. 13

Officers responded to 21 calls, including a disturbance on North Airport Drive; trespassing on East Green Bay Street; harassment at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; disorderly conduct at Amerivu Inn and Suites, 211 Waukechon St.

Nov. 12

Officers responded to 23 calls, including a disturbance at Amerivu

Inn and Suites, 211 Waukechon St.; car property damage at Associated Bank, 129 E. Division St.; a threat at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; property theft at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; car property damage on North Main Street; harassment at Stubborn Brothers, 220 S. Main St.; a fight-in-progress at Anello's Torch Lite, 1276 E. Green Bay St.; a disturbance on East Richmond Street; disorderly conduct on Eat Lieg Avenue.

Nov. 11

Officers responded to 26 calls, including a domestic disturbance on South Andrews Street; reckless driving on state Highway 29; an overdose on South Smalley Street; a hit-and-run at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; a hit-and-run at Senzigs, 1482 E. Green Bay St.; reckless driving on County Road B.

Nov. 10

Officers responded to 16 calls, including an assault at Brickstone Inn, 622 E. Green Bay St.; criminal damage on East Randall Street; a restraining order violation on South River Street; a fleeing/pursuit on East Maurer Street; shoplifting at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; car property damage on Woodlawn Drive.

Nov. 9

Officers responded to 18 calls, including trespassing on East Center Street; harassment at the Shawano Police Department, 125 S. Sawyer St.

OBITUARIES

Rudolph Peter Edward Schoepke Jr. (Rudy), 87, of Delano, Minnesota, passed away Nov. 5, 2021. Born June 9, 1934, on the Mathison homestead farm in rural Wittenberg. His youth was spent living and working on his family farm and later the Mathison farm, where he stepped in to help following the death of his uncle, Carl Mathison.

Following his graduation from Wittenberg High School in 1953, Rudy joined the U.S. Army and served as a high-speed radio operator in Germany during the Korean conflict. After leaving the military, he worked at Minnesota Quadion Co., where he retired after 40 years of



nature made him a favorite with all who knew him. He made friends easily and had deep bonds going back many years. He loved spending time with family and friends, and he especially enjoyed his grandchildren and great-grandchildren who adored him.

An all-around sports fan, he was a staunch supporter of the Vikings and

employment. He served 25 years with the Lions Club of Apple Valley, Minnesota, and has been a member of the American Legion for 31 years.

Rudy's happy nature made him a favorite with all who knew him. He made friends easily and had deep bonds going back many years. He loved spending time with family and friends, and he especially enjoyed his grandchildren and great-grandchildren who adored him.

An all-around sports fan, he was a staunch supporter of the Vikings and

Rudolph Schoepke Jr.

Twins. He spent many years playing in a softball league in the summer and on a bowling league during the winter. Free time was spent hunting and fishing, most often with his son, Pete. Together they enjoyed many adventures, made many friends and brought home a lot of game birds, fish and deer to share with family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Hazel Louise Schoepke; parents, Rudolph Sr. and Sophia (Mathison) Schoepke; sisters Joan Schoepke and Betty Dawson; three children, Mary (Bill) McCarty, of Montrose, Minnesota, Karen (Tim Holleran) Anderson, of Wausau, and Peter (Sara)

Schoepke, of Delano, Minnesota; grandchildren Allison Schoepke, Alaina Schoepke, Jennifer Anderson, Danielle Anderson, Jonathan Ellis, Robert Ellis, Joseph Ellis and Zach McCarty; great-grandchildren Sophia Ellis, William Ellis, Connor McCarty, Anderson McCarty, Charlotte McCarty, Timothy Codrington, Keira Schoepke and Ernest McLean; and his brother, Jon (Debbie) Schoepke, of Siren.

A celebration of Rudy's life will be held at Light of Christ Lutheran Church on Friday, Nov. 19, 2021, at 2 p.m. Reception to follow at 514 Meadow Rose Court in Delano. Military honors service at Fort Snelling on Dec. 20, 2021, at 2 p.m.

Nancy Lee Werner, 90, of Shawano, passed away on Nov. 13, 2021, in Appleton. She was born May 6, 1931, in Elgin, Illinois, a daughter of William H. and Ruby (Lester) Schultz, of Bartlett, Illinois. Nancy graduated from Elgin High School with the Class of 1949 and Northwestern Nursing College in Evanston, Illinois, with the Class of 1952.

She and her first husband, Rodger Carlson, raised three children in Bartlett, Illinois. She was a member of the Bartlett Women's Club and Immanuel United Church of Christ where she was the Sunday School



superintendent. She worked on the maternity ward at Delnor Hospital in St. Charles after graduation and, in 1965, started working for Dr. Kase, OB/GYN,

in Elgin, Illinois, until her retirement in 1991.

When she moved to Shawano in 1993, she became a member of United Methodist Church where she met many dear friends. She was a mem-

ber of the Red Hatters, the 31 Club and enjoyed playing lots of bridge.

Nancy is survived by her children, Sandra (Dale) Volkening, of Gilberts, Illinois, William (Mary) Carlson, of Shawano, and Annette (Chuck) Smith, of Brownsville, Oregon; eight grandchildren, Rebecca (Mark) Kelly, Adam (Michelle) Volkening, Katie (Dustin) Wing, Jessica (Chuck) Wolfgram, Amanda (Justin) GaVette, Keri (A.J.) Schneider, Brandon Smith and Gavin Smith; 13 great-grandchildren; one sister, Annette Dickinson, of Eureka, Illinois; her brother-in-law, William

White, of Algonquin, Illinois; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Naomi White; her brother-in-law, Richard Dickinson; and her two husbands, Rodger Carlson and Jack Werner.

A celebration of her life will be held at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Elgin, Illinois, starting at 11 a.m. on July 9, 2022, with the service at noon and interment at Lakewood Memorial in Elgin following.

Memorials may be made out to United Methodist Church or Theda-Care Hospice, both in Shawano.

Jeffrey R. Sousek

Jeffrey R. "Jeff" Sousek, 64, of the Town of Belle Plaine, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2021, while listening to Jimi Hendrix rock and Buddy Guy sing the blues, which brought a final smile to his face.

Jeff was born Jan. 19, 1957, in Tacoma, Washington, a son of Leland Sousek and Marceline (Brzezinski) Sousek Schmitt. He lived most of his life in Wisconsin. For 40 years he was a carpenter and builder, operating Sousek Brothers Quality Builders with his brother, Dan. He loved hanging out at "the land,"



his property on Friendship Road. Jeff also loved rock and blues music and enjoyed playing guitar with friends, family and in several bands. Above

all, he loved his family. Those who knew Jeff will remember him as a man whose heart was true, his spirit kind, his soul gentle and his lifestyle simple.

Jeff battled serious health issues for several years and was able to live the last few months, thanks to all the medical staff and support staff who cared for him at Shawano Health Services, several medical centers and clinics, as well as Shawano Hospice in his last few days.

Survivors include his wife, Joan; his son, Ryan; his brother, Dan (Cindy) Sousek; his sisters, Deb (Greg) Rades, all of Shawano; and his sister, Julie (Hans) Schmitt, of Birnamwood. He

is further survived by aunts, uncles, cousins, in-laws, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents and two uncles.

In keeping with Jeff's wishes, no public services will be held.

Mickelson Funeral and Cremation Service of Shawano is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share online condolences at www.mickelsonfs.com.



Ervin H. "2115" Reinke, 89, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021. He was born on Jan. 28, 1932, to the late Albert and Hertha (Wudtke) Reinke Sr. On Aug. 22, 1956, Ervin was united in marriage to Genevieve "Gena" DeBauch in Gillett.

Ervin farmed the very land where he was born all his life. Ervin and his brother, Albert, did field work together often sharing and buying machines to do it. Ervin hunted



whenever he had the time. During the summer he spent time training hounds to run bear. During the fall, he was bear, coon, and deer hunting; winter was bobcat, fox and coyote. He was always waiting for that fresh snow. When the snow

was bad, he was ice fishing on a dozen or more different lakes. Mom used to say, if Dad put all that time into farming as he did in hunting, they would be millionaires.

Ervin is survived by his sons, Dan Reinke and David Reinke, siblings, Florence Rueckert and Harvey (Judy) Reinke; and a sister-in-law, Pauline Reinke.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Genevieve; his parents; four

siblings, Maynard in infancy, Richard (Maxine), Albert Jr., and Helen (Joe) Bluma; and a brother-in-law, Wallin Rueckert.

A memorial service was held Thursday, Nov. 18, 2021, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Zachow, Pastor Virgil Hanson officiating. Burial was in Angelica at Hillside Cemetery.

Swedberg Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. www.swedbergfuneralhome.com

Ervin H. Reinke

OBITUARIES

Joe Walter Naumann, 91, passed away peacefully on Nov. 10, 2021, at ThedaCare Medical Center in Shawano.

Born June 18, 1930, to Frank and Hulda Reimer in Land O' Lakes, Joe was adopted by his parents, John and Amanda Naumann, after his birth parents passed away in an automobile accident in 1936. A life-long Cecil resident, Joe met his loving wife, Beatie, early in life while both attending the same school. Shortly after high school, they married in 1951 at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, a



church of which they both were lifelong members.

A farmer and factory worker by trade, Joe put God and family above all else.

He could be found jigsaw puzzling, fishing, volunteering at his church on pancake dinner Sunday or spreading his infectious laugh and sense of humor to everyone around him.

Joe was preceded in death by his

birth and adoptive parents; brothers and sisters; two daughters, Tammy and Jill; and his wife of 64 years, Beatie.

Joe is survived by his children, Pat Naumann (Scott Gibson), Mike (Sara) Naumann, Dan (Tammi) Naumann and Bonnie Schultz (Robert Karbon); his grandchildren, Elizabeth (Matt) Sheehan, Timothy (BreAnn) Schultz, Rachael (Justin) Arrogante, Andrew (Erica) Naumann, Chris Schultz, Eric Naumann and Evan Naumann; and his great-grandchildren, Lucas, KyLee and Ethan Schultz, Aaron Sheehan and

Norah Arrogante.

Services were held at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, W3110 White Clay Lake Drive, Cecil, on Tuesday, Nov. 16 by Pastor Michael Paholke.

Arrangements provided by Swedberg Wendt Funeral Home in Bonduel.

The family would like to thank the wonderful and caring staff at Shawano Health Services and ThedaCare Medical Center in Shawano for making Joe's end-of-life journey as comfortable as possible.

Lawrence Jay Sperberg left the physical in union with his heavenly father on Nov. 6, 2021. He served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Korea. He worked for Murphey Construction before opening his own business, L.J. Sperberg Construction, in 1971. He was very active in his community, was a strong God-fearing Christian and loved his morning coffee with friends. He married the love of his life, Bonnie



Lou Groleau, on May 1, 1965, in Shawano.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie; his daughters, Jody (Greg) Stichman and Heidi (Shawn) Reynolds; seven

grandchildren, Jessica (Weston Lepak) Lepak-Kast, Joshua (Tiffany) Kast, Jade Kast, Tara Reynolds, William Reynolds, Jack Reynolds

and Maverick Reynolds; four great-grandchildren, Taiten Kast, Ariyah Kast, Linnea Lepak and Corbin Kast; and brother, Richard (Anita) Sperberg.

Larry's love for his family was unmeasurable. He shared with them all the hobbies he enjoyed, as well as everything he learned throughout his life. He taught all the grandkids how to ride and care for the horses at their ranch, how to hunt, work hard and stay humble. He had the ability to connect and converse with

nearly anyone and never missed a beat.

He was the true definition of a great man and will forever be missed by many. There will not be a funeral service held but a celebration of life with military honors in the spring for friends and family.

John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid."

www.swedbergfuneralhome.com

Joan P. Roberts

Joan P. Roberts, 80, of Lodi, peacefully passed away on Monday, Nov. 8, 2021. She was born on Jan. 4, 1941, in Newfoundland, Canada, the daughter of the late James and Martha (Sweeney) Parsons.

Joan graduated from Cornerbrook High School in Newfoundland in 1959. She was employed with JC Penney in Shawano as a manager until retiring.



Joan enjoyed traveling internationally and throughout the U.S., gardening, and attending and listening to live bands at different venues, but what she

loved most was being a grandma

and the times she spent with her family.

She is survived by her son, David (Debbie) Bingham; three grandchildren, Alyssa Bingham, Rebecca Bingham and Hailey Bingham; sister-in-law, Esther Parsons; nephew, James Parsons; and special friends, Joany Binder and Margarie Engel.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Steven;

and brother, William Parsons.

In keeping with Joan's wishes, there will be no formal services but she will be honored with special memories and thoughts by those closest to her.

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Jeanette Pflughoeft

Jeanette Pflughoeft, 76, of Clintonville, passed away Friday, Nov. 12, 2021, at ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory in Clintonville is assisting with arrangements.

Wayne M. Weber

Wayne M. Weber, 77, of the Township of Dupont, passed away Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021, at The Pines Post-Acute and Memory Care in

Embarrass.

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

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Myrtle M. Kirchner, 98, of Clintonville, passed away Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021, at ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano.

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Shawano downtown plaza swells in price

Supply chain issues, construction price hikes bring project up to \$2 million

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The planned plaza for downtown Shawano is now expected to cost about \$2 million, leaving the city to try and figure out whether to scale down the project or find another revenue source to pay for it.

The city has \$1 million in Community Development Block Grant funding, along with matching funds of \$500,000, earmarked for the project, which leaves around \$500,000 of the project unfunded. The \$2 million project includes \$200,000 in contingency funds.

The reason for the increased price tag is due to supply chain issues, according to Brandon Herbert, a civil engineer with Strand Associates, which has been handling the design work for the plaza. He said lag time in getting construction materials has made it difficult to predict what the price of those materials will be.

"As you might have heard, supply chains, labor shortages and material pricing is just very difficult to predict," Herbert said while meeting with the Shawano Common Council on Aug. 10.

City Administrator Eddie Sheppard noted that the city is not looking at cutting anything hard and firm at this point, as the city still has to get bids from contractors to see if the \$2 million estimate is accurate. But the city and Strand have been looking at potential items that could be delayed to a future date in order to reach the estimated opening date of fall 2022.

Currently, there are several items earmarked to be cut from the initial project. Among them are a table-top crossing and additional parking spaces on Washington Street, where the plaza connects with Franklin Park.

"Those are things you could do at any point," Herbert said. "It's not like you have to build them right now."

The city could also hold off on seat walls in two areas of the plaza, as well as the floating bench structures slated to go in the plaza between Main and Washington streets. Herbert noted



Supply chain issues and increased construction material costs could impact how the Shawano downtown plaza, rendered here, could look by the time the work begins. The city has \$1.5 million in funding lined up, but the latest cost estimates put the plaza at \$2 million. PARKITECTURE

the seat walls might be more difficult to do later because there is one area that is going to be artificial turf instead of grass.

"These alternates are things we felt we could break out, if pricing gets too high; we could strip these things out of the project — not build them — and you would still get the plaza," Herbert said. "It would still satisfy the general design intent of the space and the use of the space. We may not get everything we hoped for."

However, even with those items put on hold, the project would still have \$110,000 in unfunded work if the bids came in around the \$2 million estimate. Sheppard said there are several resources that the city can tap into. Utilizing the city's fund balance is an option, he noted, or the city could see if there are any savings from 2022 street repairs and other capital improvement projects that could be refunneled into the plaza project.

"With building conditions where they are, there are a lot of things we could trim, trim on the contingency, to make the numbers line up," Sheppard said. "We do have options."

Sheppard also said that several of the city's tax incremental finance (TIF) districts are doing particularly

well, so it's possible to find funding there.

"If you break down the purpose of what those districts are, it's to encourage redevelopment," Sheppard said. "This has clearly been key to our downtown revitalization and a factor in the growth of some of our TIF districts, bringing businesses and new residential."

Herbert said he still plans to seek other parts of the project that could be delayed so the initial project could be done at \$1.5 million, unless the council decides to tap other revenue sources.

"This is just kind of the challenge we face right now," Herbert said.

Blake Theisen, designer with Parkitecture, which came up with the plaza drawings, noted that the supply chain issues have caused everything to spike in price. He noted that there have been two hikes in the cost of steel alone, which includes rebar reinforcement, light poles and shade structures to be implemented into the plaza.

"It's been a very frustrating year for everyone in the design industry with these supply chain issues," Theisen said. "Since we've started the design, the shade structures have increased over \$120,000. When

that second price hike came in, we stepped back as a team and said, 'OK, we have to reevaluate this and bring it into control.'"

Herbert said that Strand would advertise the project for bids in December and ideally open bids and approve in mid-January, in the hopes of starting construction early and having the space ready to use by next fall.

Alderman Rhonda Strebel said she would like to see the floating bench structures remain in the project, if at all possible, even if they were installed later. She noted they would match what has been set up at Franklin Park.

Mayor Bruce Milavitz, who sat on the plaza steering committee, noted that the seat walls were an important component that committee members considered key to the project, as it would provide as much seating as possible for plaza concerts and other events.

"I would hope that, as you build alternate ways of structuring it, if we can't do it another way, at least we wouldn't eliminate all of the seat walls," Milavitz said. "The steering committee was pretty adamant of having that added in."

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Wade Fernandez, shown at his home on the Menominee reservation in 2015, will be performing a concert in Appleton on Nov. 21 to benefit the Waking Women Healing Institute. FILE | NEW MEDIA

Fernandez concert to help Waking Women institute

Wade Fernandez will be performing a concert at 4 p.m. Nov. 21 at First Congregational Church of Christ, 724 E. South River St., Appleton.

At the concert, a freewill offering will be received to benefit the Waking Women Healing Institute, started by Kristen Welch, of Gresham, to address and prevent Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and acts of sexual violence against Indigenous women, girls and two-spirits. Please note that masks are required at this event.

Fernandez, whose Menominee name is Walks with the Black Wolf, is a multi-award winning international

touring artist from the Menominee Nation. Fernandez was in Appleton for Mile of Music 2021 and has just returned from Washington, D.C., for rehearsals at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Winning numerous awards in many genres, Fernandez's musical style knows no bounds. Beginning his solo career joining Jackson Browne and the Indigo Girls onstage has led to a long career with over 60 international tours. Both his music and his message are firmly grounded in his Menominee reservation roots and love for the land, animals and people.



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Menominee arts, crafts tell stories



Marguerite and Ron Bowan display a quantity of baby bibs, hot pads and Native-themed articles hand-sewn by Marguerite. They wear matching T-shirts to honor their uncle Jim Frechette, whose carvings are displayed in the Menominee Cultural Museum. Honoring family is very important to the couple.

LYNN ZAFFRANN

Mittens, leather medicine bags, carvings and more on display at cultural museum sale

By **LYNN ZAFFRANN**
Correspondent

The Native American Artist Arts and Craft Sale held at the Menominee Cultural Museum on Nov. 12 displayed the artistic talents of its vendors and gave voice to a few special individual stories.

When rummaging through various church or yard sales, Sue Welk's creative vision sees more than just a used sweater — she sees mittens. She repurposes sweaters into mittens that highlight the designs or colors that attracted her to a sweater in the first place. Her mitten creations include buttons, appliques or designs that were part of the original sweaters.

Welk has been selling her mittens at craft sales in the area for many years, along with other original

creations, such as doll clothes, scarves and pocket tissue covers.

"I originally started sewing Barbie doll clothes," Welk said, "but now I sew American Girl doll clothes, which are much easier to craft."

Recently, she fashioned an American Girl dress using fabric from a special wedding attendant dress.

Welk's talents are displayed at quite a few fairs each year.

"I had a booth at Shawano Fest and the Farmers Market this year, and also Oktoberfest," Welk said. "I was in a show in Pella just last week."

Ron Bowan Sr. and Marguerite Bowan have been involved in countless arts and crafts fairs for many years. They lived in Chicago for a while and that location made it convenient for them to take part in the pow wow circuit, selling their Native-

themed craft items.

"The main thing is you have to enjoy it," Marguerite Bowan said, "and these events are important to us, to our community."

Ron Bowan sells beaded items made by school children in New Mexico. Proceeds from sale of the items, which include various beaded items, help to fund the school. He makes leather medicine bags as part of his display, which is separate from Marguerite's.

"What's important to you can be put into the bags. I have tobacco and other items in mine." With a chuckle, Ron Bowan added, "My largest bags are used by women for their Bingo supplies."

Home economics class at Shawano High School spurred Marguerite Bowan's interest in sewing. She makes

a large variety of items, including baby bibs, adult bibs, Native-patterned Christmas stockings and Native-themed hot pads. Items using sports team logos are also popular.

"The plastic canvas medicine wheel is my big seller," Marguerite Bowan said, noting the wheel embodies the Four Directions and is very important to her.

Marguerite Bowan once sold 10 Green Bay Packers-patterned small Christmas stocking to a customer who planned to put a \$100 bill in each one for her grandchildren. She laughingly said she asked the woman if she could become her grandchild.

The Bowans became involved in arts and crafts after the deaths of their four daughters in a tragic carbon monoxide accident in January 1970.

"Staying busy helped us to move



Darrell Okachekum completes the purchase of a painted emu eggshell by Davey Jean Dorff at the Native American Arts and Craft sale on Nov. 12.

LYNN ZAFFRANN

forward, to deal with the loss," said Marguerite Bowan, who wears a necklace holding a picture of their daughters to remember them every day.

Since then, the couple was blessed with a son and two daughters, which also helped them to be able to move forward.

Ron Bowan's uncle Jim Forchette did multiple carvings for the cultural museum, including the large carved bear featured in the community room. The Bowans wore special T-shirts from the Oshkosh Museum to honor his uncle at the sale.

Alex Menore Jr. is an artist who has done carving and painting for more than 30 years, with involvement in arts and crafts markets for about 20 years.

Menore worked with his uncles, John and Anthony Gauthier, to paint the murals around the common area of Menominee Indian High School, which started his artistic ventures. This summer, he painted a mural in the common room of the cultural museum. The museum directors had a general idea of what they wanted. Menore took their suggestions and created a painting showing the floral themes the Woodland Indians used, along with the Menominee creation story, using the river and ancestors of the five main clans of the tribe (bear, eagle, wolf, moose and crane) in the mural.

"I dedicated this to my two uncles," Menore said. "If it wasn't for the patience they showed me, I wouldn't have been able to create this mural."

Menore signs his works "Gokey," a name his mother called him, derived from her maiden name, Gauthier. His crafting booth features vinyl decals,

which he traces and hand cuts. The decals are for cars, vans, trucks and other hard surfaces.

"I enjoy seeing my work on other people's cars," Menore said.

His nephew, Tom Gauthier, joined him at the fair on Friday. He is beginning to forge his creativity by making braided cords and painting lively patterns onto athletic shoes.

Darrell Okachekum's wife, Rita, is the inspiration for many of his creative projects. He said she tells him, "Why don't you do so-and-so?" He laughed and said he follows through on her ideas.

His hobby started with carving designs into ostrich and emu eggshells about 35 years ago. Okachekum was a country musician and took some of his projects on the road with him. He turned the hobby into Boodieful Creations by Okachekum when he saw how popular his crafting was with his fans on the road.

The ostrich eggshells are lit from the interior, and show the intricate scenes he carves into them. Okachekum said that he follows the natural shadings in the shells when carving. After the ostrich and emu eggshells, he started painting goose eggshells, typically with a Native theme. Inspired by his wife, who admired them at other fairs, Okachekum then turned to painting gourds. Rita finishes the edges of the gourds by incorporating braided pine needles as trim. Another popular item in his craft offerings are painted tree mushrooms.

A number of Okachekum's creations are on display in the cultural museum, located at W3426 County Road VV in Keshena.

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Dennis Bohm, right, reads the names of deceased veterans in Shawano County, as Nick Benzinger, second from left, replies "absent" during the roll call Nov. 11 during the Shawano Veterans Day ceremony at Shawano Ambulance Service. Joe Schwabe, left, and Scott Ludford look on.

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For veterans, every day is Veterans Day



Patty Ainsworth sings the national anthem during the Shawano Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 11 inside Shawano Ambulance Service, flanked by Joe Schwabe, left, commander of Shawano American Legion Post 117, and Scott Ludford, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Shawano.

LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

Erdmann speaks about the sacrifices veterans make for freedom at Shawano ceremony

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

For most of America, Veterans Day comes once a year, but for those veterans the day honors, every day is Veterans Day.

That sentiment came from Jerry Erdmann, a Vietnam veteran from Tigerton who sits on the Shawano County Board of Supervisors. He noted that most folks who put on the uniform do it voluntarily with pride and honor.

"It's something we have in our souls that makes us proud that what we did for our government, even though some of it was in war," Erdmann said during the Shawano Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 11 at Shawano Ambulance

Service. "I've always said that I'm a common man, but the government asked me to do uncommon things in the name of freedom."

Erdmann feels the freedom that the United States has is greater than any other country.

"The freedom that we have was given to us by tears, blood and lives," Erdmann said. "Sacrifices by the military individual, whether they were men, women, whether they drove trucks, whether they drove tanks, whether they were in an office or, like a lot of us, whether we carried the rifles that kept ourselves alive and kept our friends alive. They had my back, and I had their back."

Men and women have answered the call of duty, Erdmann said, dating back

to “Washington days.” Those people have fought for freedom so that others can enjoy it, he said.

“When we go to bed at night, trust me, there are men and women watching over us, protecting this great nation — protecting it for future generations,” Erdmann said. “We’re the home of the free because of the brave, and we all know why. It’s because of good men and women in the military and other parts like law enforcement have stepped forward to keep it that way.”

Military service is a mainstay for Erdmann’s family. He told the standing-room-only crowd that his grandfather served the United States during World War I, his uncle in World War II and a cousin answered the call for the Korean War.

“Well, guess whose turn it was next?” Erdmann said. “My turn. Vietnam. At least on a day like today, where it’s raining, we fought — but at least we didn’t have snow to worry about. Those veterans who were in a battle where there was snow, I feel so sorry for them, but they were stronger than most of us could ever be.”

Erdmann said he would gladly serve in the military again, if given the opportunity.

“I’m proud to be an American. I’m proud to have served,” Erdmann said. “I would gladly, if asked — and I don’t know why they haven’t asked me — do it all again. I know, when my daughter-in-law was deployed to Iraq, when we invaded Iraq, there was countless of us Vietnam veterans that talked to our legislators and had said there were some I know had signed petitions saying, ‘Don’t send the young. Send us, and this time let us do it right.’”

Erdmann expects that future generations will answer the call, like he did. He doesn’t expect it to cease, because there will always be good men and women who will step forward to protect the country.

“To a veteran, Veterans Day is 365 days a year,” Erdmann said. “We don’t forget. Memories are like a movie reel in our minds. I’ve seen that played over and over, but yet I’m damned proud to be an American. I’m proud to know good American veterans who have answered the call also.”

He added that many of those veterans are no longer alive, whether dying during battle or succumbing to age. Regardless of that, the memory of what they did will live on and should never be forgotten, Erdmann said.

“God help us if we should ever take our freedom for granted,” he said.

Erdmann also recounted that he really didn’t think much of country singer Billy Ray Cyrus when he first came on the music scene. But a song that Cyrus wrote, “Some Gave All,”



A few seats lay empty as most in the audience preferred to stand during the Shawano Veterans Day ceremony held Nov. 11 at Shawano Ambulance Service. The event was moved to the building from its usual spot outside the Shawano County Courthouse when rain fell mid-morning. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

moved people to remember what veterans have done for America. Erdmann said he plays the song quite often, and he recited some of the words for the crowd.

Pastor Scott Ludford of Zion Lutheran Church in Shawano, who gave the prayers at the beginning and end of the ceremony, said he was moved by the roll call of the absent veterans who have passed on. He said it makes Veterans Day, which honors all veterans, even more meaningful.

“We remember today all those who have come before us, those who sacrificed and those who gave the greatest gift to our democracy — their lives,” Ludford said. “Their duty, their honor, today we leave this service knowing that all who have served our country, their lives are a precious gift that must be given to the future of our country and our families.”

Military service is the very fiber of freedom, according to Ludford, and recognition of that service makes the country’s freedom even stronger.

“Freedom and democracy are the result of what all of the honorable of this country has produced,” Ludford said. “Today we stand for the most honorable amongst us, and we must continue to carry the burden of their sacrifices, lest we lose sight of what true freedom is. Today is for remembering.”



Jerry Erdmann, a U.S. Army veteran who served during the Vietnam War, talks about the fight for freedom as the keynote speaker during the Shawano Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 11 at Shawano Ambulance Service. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

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By **LEE PULASKI**

City Editor

Angela Waupochnik is dedicated to helping the forests that sit on the Menominee and Stockbridge-Munsee reservations, but in addition to that, she wants to make sure future generations are engaged and willing to carry on the work in the future.

Black ash trees on the reservations are threatened in particular by the emerald ash borer, a jewel beetle that's native to northeastern Asia that feeds on ash species of trees. The insect was first discovered in the United States in 2002 around Detroit and has since destroyed 40 million trees in that state and tens of millions more in other parts of the country and Canada.

For Waupochnik, the demise of the black ash trees in the area could result in damaging the ecosystem overall in Wisconsin. She had previously worked as a natural resources manager for the Stockbridge-Munsee, but she is now doing graduate work at the University of Wisconsin-Madison that will look at how to mitigate the damage the invasive species is expected to do.

"Like most tribes, we want to find mitigation strategies and respond to the impacts that we expect from the emerald ash borer," Waupochnik said. "I didn't have the expertise for that. I was a hydrologist, but I didn't know how to do that."

Waupochnik said she brought in some experts to do a sap flux study, which measures whole-tree water use. She wanted to see what the black ash trees' role was in the forests and wetlands that make up much of northern Wisconsin.

"If we can determine what their role is in these systems, then we'd know what the impact would be once the ash is gone," Waupochnik said. "What will the water levels be? What can we expect to grow there? What will be the impact on the species that live there? By measuring water, that's going to open a door to study a bunch of things that will be impacted by the emerald ash borer."

Because of the massiveness of the project, Waupochnik knew she couldn't do the work in her role with the tribe, so she made the decision to go back to school to get a doctorate in forest and wildlife ecology and utilize the university's resources to grab hold of the problem and perhaps find some solutions.

"I contacted some folks at UW, and



Students from Menominee Indian High School do research on the black ash trees on the reservation as a University of Wisconsin sign in the foreground indicates that there is a research site that should not be trespassed on. Angela Waupochnik, of Keshena, is utilizing the students to determine if there are ways to mitigate the threat of the emerald ash borer, which has decimated more than 40 million black ash trees in Michigan alone.

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they were willing to take me on as a graduate student," Waupochnik said. "So, here I am."

Two years into her research and study, one thing has been made clear, according to Waupochnik. Wetlands do not have a common mapping or classification, which makes it hard to determine impacts from invasive species in general and the emerald ash borer in particular.

"We don't know the status to begin with," Waupochnik said. "We have ideas, but I can't make comparisons between wetlands because there are so many differences."

The reason there's little data on wetlands, according to Waupochnik, is that many have assumed those ecosystems were "wastelands" that weren't important to people. The emerald ash borer has caused almost 100% mortality with the black ash trees it comes in contact with, she said, and she hopes to come up with better ways to manage the forests so that the mortality rate can go down.

"It's a good hope," Waupochnik said. "Right now, the only thing we can anticipate is complete loss."

She believes the black ash trees suck up more water than any other and release it into the atmosphere, so the loss of the trees would have an impact on water management. The loss of that tree species would also impact birds, mammals and reptiles who use them for shade, breeding and nesting, impacting the biodiversity of the region.

"What does that mean? Are we going to lose diversity on the landscape?" Waupochnik said. "Are we not going to have that support for other trees that need drainage? Losing a tree species is major. That's something we don't want."

To help her with her research, Waupochnik has been enlisting the aid of students at Menominee Indian High School. She said that, with increasing forest issues, it was important to be vigilant with the management of the land, and it only made sense to bring future generations in

to focus on the care.

"Let's show them the importance of modern forest health," Waupochnik said. "Let's encourage them to go into the field. They're already primed because they've lived in the forest their whole life. This is the most reasonable action we can do now."

The reaction has been mixed, according to Waupochnik. At first, it was overwhelming for the students, many of whom asked if they were the best research assistants for something this big. However, Waupochnik showed the students that the forests where they've lived are a friendly space and prime for learning.

"It's just like learning to ride a bike. You get used to it," Waupochnik said. "I think after they realized — hey, we're contributing — hopefully that alone will spark some interest. They are totally capable with this. Anyone is if you have the right atmosphere, the right space."

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Wittenberg Village Board approves 2022 budget

Budget decreased about \$141,000 from last year

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The Village of Wittenberg presented the proposed 2022 village budget and property tax levy to the public on Nov. 10.

The budget totaled \$861,192, as well as the tax levy for village purposes of \$258,366.

"The general fund budget is the

only one supported by the general tax levy," said Village of Wittenberg Clerk Traci Matsche.

This has decreased about \$141,000 from last year's total budget of \$1,002,045. The tax levy increased about \$4,000 from \$254,489 to \$258,366.

Matsche said that the budget decreased from last year due to the pending sidewalk projects.

"We budgeted last year to do several of the sidewalks this summer, but then our engineers found out about this TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) grant, and we decided to put it off a year to try and get the (federal) grant," said Matsche. "We won't get the grant (assuming that we do) until 2023, so we decided to go ahead in 2022 with the Genesee sidewalk because that is the most important for safety reasons."

Matsche said that she does not have the village tax rate just yet.

"The final piece of information that I need for that calculation comes from the state," said Matsche.

The village does not receive that information until later this month.

Matsche said that there are not a lot of capital projects budgeted for

2022.

"The only capital project that we have budgeted for next year is the Genesee sidewalk," said Matsche. "The other sidewalk projects will be waiting for 2023, since we are applying for that Department of Transportation TAP grant in 2022 to help pay for them."

She added that the village put away money for road repairs next summer.

"We don't know specifically which roads will have work done, but the money is budgeted," said Matsche.

The budget was unanimously approved by the village board with board trustees Paul Yaeger and Marlene Wepner absent from a special meeting after the public hearing Nov. 10.

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BOOKS AND STUFF

Human trafficking, serial killings make for creepy read

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"What Lies Beneath" by E.M. Smith, Tim McBain and L.T. Vargas



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was disturbing to read. It is book 2 in their Victor Loshak series.

Loshak is an FBI profiler known for solving particularly difficult cases. So, when the FBI wanted to attract new recruits,

they allowed journalist Jevon Spinks to shadow Loshak and write about his cases.

They have come to Kansas City to help several jurisdictions connect and solve a series of murders. Each victim had been shot and posed with a glove over one eye. Other than that, they have no connection to each other. One was a college athletic scout/coach who traveled extensively searching for sports recruits. Another was a councilman and aspiring politician. The most recent victim was a businessman and philanthropist involved with child related charities.

While Loshak is an excellent profiler, he considers Spinks the most observant individual he's ever met. Loshak is amused that journalist Spinks jots down nearly everything in a notebook, but he does admit that they do work well together.

Because the murders took place in multiple counties, a task force is formed with the expected power struggles. After an interview with one of the victim's widows, they find a note on the windshield, "Don't trust the locals." It is only one of many to come.

Another twist to a strange case: During a walk-through of the Griffin house, Loshak notes the odor

of decay and soon discovers the remains of 13 children beneath the floorboards. This sends the investigation in new and horrifying direction.

While the authorities search for clues, we are introduced to Dylan. We learn that he had been snatched off the streets and drugged. He woke in the crawl space of a "McMansion" surrounded by decaying bodies. He managed to escape and eventually connect with other survivors.

The drugs wiped Dylan's memory of how he woke up in the crawl space, but one of the other escapees knows the names of the leaders of a human trafficking group. When one teen tries to alert the authorities, he is arrested and suddenly commits suicide in a cell with no surveillance camera. Dylan immediately understands that they can't trust anyone and must seek justice themselves.

One by one, he shoots three of the five known traffickers. Things go terribly wrong when he surprises victim number four, and she fights back. After examining the scene, Loshak's gut tells him that something this is "off" in the victim's garage. Why would the minimalist victim keep a bulky washer/dryer combo in the garage with a sleek new set in the laundry room? Removing the set reveals a secret room holding three children.

They describe the truck in which they were transported. Suddenly things fall into place. Dylan must kill the final trafficker and get the other escapees a long way from Kansas City. But this victim's house is surrounded by cameras. Nothing goes right, and Dylan runs for his life. They now know what he looks like. He runs knowing that he would never survive arrest.

The warning notes make Loshak suspect nearly everyone. He chooses to go the opposite direction when searching for Dylan. To his amazement, he finds him.

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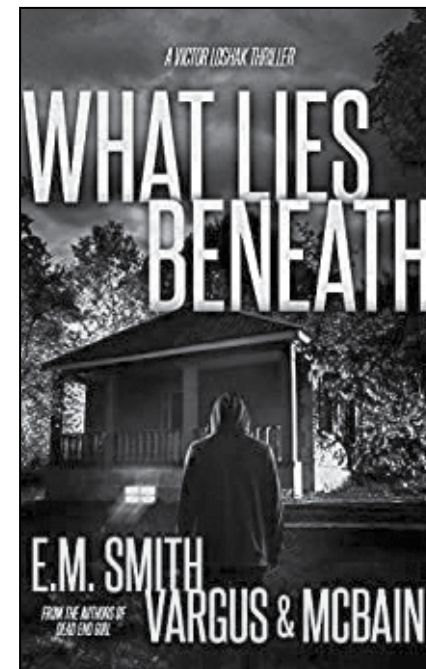
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After listening to Dylan's story, Loshak makes a major moral decision. He gasses up the rental, extends the lease for two more weeks and tells Spinks to reserve seats on the first flight out. Then he calls a cab and hands Dylan the keys to the rental. Both men know that justice isn't always found within the confines of the law.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Witt-Birn falls short in state semifinal

Chargers run out of gas in second half

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School football team saw its magical season come to an end after a 28-18 loss to Aquinas in a Division 5 state semifinal matchup on Nov. 12 in Wisconsin Rapids.

Witt-Birn held a 6-0 lead at halftime, but left several points on the field after a pair of turnovers. In the second half, the Chargers got worn down by a Blugolds' team that featured many more players.

"They had a lot more guys, you could tell. A lot more subs, a lot fresher guys," said senior Johnny Stewart. "We had 15 guys rotating both ways, and they had like 30. Just a matter of time before we get tired and they didn't."

A turning point in the contest came on the first possession of the second half. Facing fourth-and-3 from its own 39-yard line, Witt-Birn decided to leave the offense on the field. Senior quarterback Ben Wesolowski took off on a run and came up short of the first-down marker, a rare occurrence this season.

Five plays later, Aquinas scored on a 7-yard touchdown run on a fourth-and-4 play. The Blugolds also converted the two-point conversion to go up 8-6.

"I mean, they were just faster than any team we've seen all year," said Wesolowski. "They just came out quick, they were fresh, and they knew what they were doing and they executed well. They caught us flat-footed in the second half."

After the Blugolds' touchdown, the Chargers took the momentum right back when Wesolowski hit senior Jack Fraaza on a 76-yard passing touchdown. Wesolowski bought time by scrambling around, and then pointed deep to Fraaza before launching a perfect pass to him.

A couple of long passes helped Aquinas march right down the field before a 6-yard rushing score and two-point run conversion gave the



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Ben Flak, right, chases down an Aquinas player during a Division 5 state semifinal game on Nov. 12 in Wisconsin Rapids.

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Blugolds a 16-12 lead.

With its run game being bottled up, Witt-Birn decided to attempt a few more passes on the next drive, and that's when Aquinas' depth started to show through prominently.

Wesolowski was forced to scramble around to avoid several sacks. Wesolowski picked up one first down with his legs before extending a play and finding junior David Gauderman on a long passing play. The drive eventually ended when Wesolowski was sacked on a fourth-and-8 pass attempt.

Aquinas then put together its third-straight scoring drive to go up 10 with 10 minutes and change remaining in the game.

Witt-Birn decided to punt when facing fourth-and-7 from its own 35 on the ensuing drive, and the Blugolds put together another lone touchdown drive to take a 28-12

lead. The Chargers' defense had a few opportunities to get off the field, but missed tackles helped extend the Aquinas drive.

"They just had way more guys that were fresh and they could keep going, so it was just hard for us to be able to stay fresh and compete with that," said Witt-Birn senior Kaden Schmidt.

With under four minutes to play and needing several things to go their way to have a chance at extending the game to overtime, the Chargers continued to fight.

Wesolowski connected with senior Ben Flak on a fourth-and-19 play to keep the drive alive before Gauderman eventually scored on a 2-yard run.

Witt-Birn's slim comeback chances took a big hit when the two-point conversion pass fell incomplete. The onside kick attempt failed to go 10 yards, allowing Aquinas

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More details on the Witt-Birn team's postseason run can be found at www.newmedia-wi.com.

nas to kneel a couple times to end the contest.

"It's one of those things, sometimes you're clicking and sometimes you're not," said Witt-Birn coach Bernard Holsey. "Unfortunately, we weren't clicking tonight as well as we have in previous games. And a credit to Aquinas. They watched film and they played us well on defense. As far as offense, we couldn't stop the run."

The first half featured plenty of offense, but each team missed opportunities to score.

Aquinas started the game with the ball and went on a long drive before Witt-Birn's defense forced a turnover on downs after an incomplete at its own 4-yard line. Witt-Birn's first drive got to the Aquinas 7 before an interception on a fourth-down pass.

Aquinas fumbled the ball right back to Witt-Birn, but the Chargers fumbled inside the Blugolds' 5-yard line on the ensuing drive.

After forcing an Aquinas punt, Witt-Birn put together the lone scoring drive of the first half, capped by a 15-yard touchdown pass from Wesolowski to Schmidt.

The Blugolds had a chance to score at the end of the half, but time ran out after an incomplete pass from the Witt-Birn 4-yard line.

The loss left Witt-Birn a game short of its second-ever state berth. The first came in 1997, when the team won the Division 4 title.

Witt-Birn 0 6 6 6 — 18

Aquinas 0 0 16 12 — 28

Second quarter

WB: Kaden Schmidt 15-yard pass from Ben Wesolowski (kick failed), 0:44

Third quarter

A: Jackson Flottmeyer 7-yard run (Quinn Miskowski pass from Flottmeyer), 7:48

WB: Jack Fraaza 76-yard pass from Wesolowski (pass failed), 7:03

A: Flottmeyer 3-yard run (Joe Penchi run), 4:27

Fourth quarter

A: Calvin Hargrove 3-yard run (run failed), 10:19

A: Hargrove 1-yard run (run failed), 4:07

WB: David Gauderman 2-yard run (pass failed), 1:11

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Allen's big day helps Wisconsin rip Northwestern

Badgers win 6th straight

By STEVE MEGARGEE
The Associated Press

Braelon Allen understood the importance of his role following Chez Mellusi's injury, sidelining Wisconsin's leading rusher for the rest of the season.

Allen handled that burden as effectively as he has accepted every other task assigned to him during his exceptional freshman season.

The 17-year-old Allen rushed for 173 yards and three touchdowns to help No. 20 Wisconsin beat Northwestern 35-7 for its sixth consecutive victory on Nov. 13.

"I told Chez I was going to finish the season for the both of us," Allen said.

Mellusi, who hurt his left knee during a 52-3 victory at Rutgers last week, entered Saturday's action ranked fifth in the Big Ten in rushing (815) and second in carries (173).

Allen stepped up, continuing his emergence that coincided with the start of Wisconsin's winning streak. He has rushed for over 100 yards in six straight games after totaling just 12 carries during Wisconsin's 1-3 start.

He's the first Wisconsin true freshman to run for at least 100 yards in six consecutive games since Anthony Davis in 2001. Allen improved his season rushing total to 834 yards.

"He knows how important he is to this group," Wisconsin coach Paul Chryst said. "He's got a great mix of he's humble, he's confident and I think today showed he's got a chance to be special."

Allen led a balanced team effort. Graham Mertz threw two touchdown passes, and Wisconsin's defense recorded four interceptions. Northwestern's Andrew Marty was picked off three times for a second straight week.

Wisconsin (7-3, 5-2 Big Ten) is tied with No. 19 Iowa for first place in the Big Ten West Division standings. Wisconsin beat Iowa 27-7 on Oct. 30.

"We're blessed with an opportu-

nity, a second chance," said Wisconsin linebacker Leo Chenal, who had 14 tackles and a sack. "We're just thinking about making the most of that second chance, not blowing it, not trying to get too ahead of ourselves, not thinking about anything else except the next game."

Northwestern (3-7, 1-6) lost its fourth straight game.

Allen wasted no time Saturday showing he could pick up the slack in Mellusi's absence.

He had seven carries for 86 yards during a 95-yard drive that put Wisconsin ahead for good. He started that stretch with a 37-yard scamper and ended it with a 2-yard touchdown.

The most spectacular of his 25 carries came late in the third quarter when he bounced off three defenders in the first 10 yards of a 33-yard touchdown that extended Wisconsin's lead to 35-0. Ron Dayne, Wisconsin's 1999 Heisman Trophy-winning running back, was on the sideline Saturday and offered Allen encouragement before that touchdown.

"I think after my first couple of

carries, honestly, I was like, "These guys aren't really trying to tackle. They're bouncing off me," Allen said. "I think by the end of the game, it was the same thing. Start to finish, they weren't really interested in it."

That's been an issue all season for Northwestern, which entered the day ranked 124th out of 130 Football Bowl Subdivision teams in yards rushing allowed per game and 121st in yards allowed per carry.

Mertz completed his first nine pass attempts and went 18 of 23 for 216 yards, including touchdown passes of 13 yards to Danny Davis and 11 yards to Jake Ferguson. He completed passes to nine different teammates and was intercepted once.

Northwestern's lone score came when A.J. Hampton returned a Julius Davis fumble 49 yards with 11:38 remaining. The fumble was forced by Xander Mueller.

Northwestern wasted an 82-yard drive on its opening possession when Caesar Williams picked off a Marty pass in the end zone. Wisconsin then scored touchdowns on three straight possessions.

RECREATION SCOREBOARD

BOWLING		
Resch Lanes — Wednesday Night Handicap		
Team	W	L
Resch Lanes	50	20
Liberty Potatoes	40	30
Mama's Place	38	32
Tavern Front	37	33
Slammers	37	33
Rachel's Roadside	33	37
Kemmer Electronics	30	40
Hanke's Sentry Foods	15	55
High team handicap games (top 3): Rachel's Roadside 1,256, Mama's Place 1,227, Hanke's Sentry Foods 1,218.		
High individual handicap games (top 7): Dick Potrykus 287, Will Kubeny 282, Blaine Paszek 281, Kris Poehnelt 277, Dave Hasse 276, Jason Resch 267, Jeff Arndt 267.		
High team handicap series (top 3): Mama's Place 3,476, Slammers 3,470, Kemmer Electronics 3,448.		
High individual handicap series (top 7): Jason Harris 767, Dick Potrykus 763, Will Kubeny 756, Blaine Paszek 752, Chris Gunderson 747, Randall Skaggs 745, Jason Resch 735.		
Chet and Emil's Monday Women's League		
Team	W	L
Cady Home	21 1/2	10 1/2
Banner Banks	18 1/2	13 1/2
Star Campsite	14	18
Chet and Emil's	10	22
High team handicap games: Cady Home 777, Star Campsite 731, Banner Books 699.		

High individual handicap games: Tracy Anderson 258, Kim Zeller 214, Jonelle Resch 208.		
High team handicap series: Cady Home 2,246, Banner Books 2,065, Star Campsite 1,999.		
High individual handicap series: Tracy Anderson 694, Courtney Tryba 564, Karla Kunst 562.		
Resch Lanes — Thursday's Men's League		
Team	W	L
Legacy Seed Pro	49	21
RJ Auto Repair	42	28
Melody Mill	40	30
Resch Lanes	36	34
Golden Eagle Res.	30	40
Legacy Seed	30	40
Cherek Transport	29	41
Gutt er Done	24	46
High team scratch games (top 3): Legacy Seed Pro 1,132, Cherek Transport 1,102, RJ Auto Repair 1,042.		
High individual scratch games (top 6): Jeff Arndt 299, Brad Davis 290, Carson Malueg 258, Pat Provoast 245, Carl Malueg 237, Joe Onesti 236, Erik Steigerwald 236.		
High team scratch series (top 3): Legacy Seed Pro 3,216, Cherek Transport 3,169, RJ Auto Repair 2,995.		
High individual scratch series (top 6): Jeff Arndt 810, Brad Davis 766, Carson Malueg 688, Carl Malueg 665, Jason Resch 649, Joe Onesti 649.		
Chet and Emil's Tuesday Commercial		
Team	W	L
Schmidt Schulta	20	7
White Insurance	15	12
Kautza Excavating	15	12

Clark Construction	14	13
Chet and Emil's	13	14
High team scratch games: Chet & Emil's 1,122, Kautza Excavating 1,037, White Insurance 894.		
High individual scratch games: Dan Rew 275, Jeremy Praslowicz 268, Eric Schultz 267.		
High team scratch series: Chet & Emil's 3,183, Kautza Excavating 2,994, White Insurance 2,615.		
High individual scratch series: Eric Schultz 733, Jeremy Praslowicz 726, Tim Lemke 701.		
Resch Lanes — Monday Ladies Handicap		
Team	W	L
Lisa's Lakeside	16	11
Fandrey Construction	15	12
Resch Lanes	14 1/2	12 1/2
Tavern Front	14	13
Strike-a-pose	11	16
Fantastic Sams	10 1/2	16 1/2
High team handicap games: Strike-a-pose 834, Fantastic Sams 828, Lisa's Lakeside 789.		
High individual handicap games (top 7): Cherie Zeinert 236, Cassie Wierzba 226, Rhonda Guerink 220, Jenny Schrank 219, Miranda Borgemoen 219, Mary Krause 218, Anne Rickert 218.		
High team handicap series: Strike-a-pose 2,427, Fantastic Sams 2,357, Tavern Front 2,345.		
High individual handicap series (top 7): Cassie Wierzba 674, Lynn Wickman 620, Anne Rickert 612, Cherie Zeinert 601, Sue Hughes 599, Cheyanne Patzer 599, Mary Krause 594, Jenny Schrank 594, Sue Zeinert 594.		
Chet and Emil's Thursday Early Birds		

Team	W	L
Schairer Farms	12	4
Rightway Propane	10	6
M&J Harvesting	7	9
Stadler Farms	3	13
High team scratch games: Schairer Farms 627, Rightway Propane 591, M&J Harvesting 572.		
High individual scratch games: Kristine Beran 222, Jennifer Rainville 177, Susan Zeinert 176.		
High team scratch series: Schairer Farms 1,833, Rightway Propane 1,678, Stadler Farms 1,523.		
High individual scratch series: Kristine Beran 594, Susan Zeinert 500, Tricia Schairer 488.		
Chet and Emil's Wednesday Business		
Team	W	L
CWAA	18	9
Melody Mill	16	11
S&M Tool	15	12
Rew Motors Inc.	14	13
Kessen Auto Body	14	13
TLC Auto Body	13	14
Kropf's Meat Pro	9	18
Chet and Emil's	9	18
High team scratch games: Melody Mill 1,035, S&M Tool 1,030, CWAA 953.		
High individual scratch games: Dave Schultz 235, Steve Preuss 221, Stephan Miller 212, Paul Hanke 212.		
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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

5 Marion/Tigerton co-op players receive all-conference nods in CWC

4 players recognized from Bowler/Gresham

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

A total of nine players from the Marion/Tigerton and Bowler/Gresham 8-player football teams were named to all-conference teams by the Central Wisconsin Conference.

Five players from the Marion/Tigerton were honored, while four from Bowler/Gresham got selected.

Marion/Tigerton

Marion/Tigerton had several players earn all-conference honors on both sides of the football, with junior Nick Malueg leading the way with a pair of first-team honors.

Malueg was honored for his play as a running back and linebacker.

"It is very rewarding to see in the paper that the hard work has paid off," said Malueg. "My coaching staff pushes me, and I personally push myself past that. I have a great team all around me throughout the season and just love playing this sport!"

"Meeting first team all-conference in two positions is very rewarding and was one of my goals. Getting second place for player of the year on offense and defense in the conference was unfortunate, although I'm very blessed to receive what I've accomplished. For this next season I have higher goals and expectations, which I'm excited to reach."

On offense, Malueg led the team with 701 rushing yards and nine touchdowns for the season. He also caught nine passes for 112 yards and two more scores, while also throwing a touchdown.

He led the team's defense with 61 total tackles, with six going for losses. He had 1½ sacks.

Junior Asher Michaelis made the first team as a defensive lineman and was on the second team as an offensive lineman.

"It really does mean a lot to me," said Michaelis. "I worked hard my

freshman year to play both sides of the ball and wasn't able to at that time, and sophomore year I didn't have the opportunity to play a full season.

"So now to be able to play both sides of the ball and win all-conference awards for both of the positions really does mean a lot to me and hopefully I can improve next year as well."

Michaelis racked up 37 total tackles, with six going for losses. He intercepted a pass, forced a fumble and also had a sack.

Senior Ethan Scheef was a second teamer as a quarterback and line-backer.

Scheef passed for 917 yards and 11 touchdowns, while rushing for 352 yards and six more scores.

On defense, Scheef had 34 total tackles, six of which went for losses. He forced two fumbles and recovered another.

Senior defensive back Quinn Tolan made the second team. He picked off two passes and finished with 21 total tackles.

Senior Alex Zimmerman landed on the honorable mention list as both a defensive lineman and wide receiver.

Zimmerman caught 13 passes for 265 yards and two touchdowns, while rushing for 49 yards and another score. On defense, he totaled 28 tackles, three of which were for losses. He was credited with 1½ sacks and a recovered fumble.

Bowler/Gresham

Senior Zach Ziemer landed on the second team after a strong season as a linebacker for Bowler/Gresham.

Ziemer finished the season with 25 total tackles.

Junior quarterback Emmitt Kietlinski, sophomore defensive lineman Hunter Reindl and junior receiver Beau Brunner all were honorable mentions.

Kietlinski passed for 783 yards and a touchdown on the season, while rushing for 179 yards and another score.

Reindl finished with 22 tackles on the season.

Brunner hauled in 22 passes for 336 yards and a touchdown. He also rushed for 94 yards and two touchdowns.



Marion/Tigerton's Nick Malueg runs with the football during the team's game against Port Edwards on Sept. 25 in Tigerton. Malueg made the all-conference first team at two positions this fall.

HIGH SCHOOL SWIM

Pulaski's Schmidt takes 22nd at state

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Pulaski High School's Taya Schmidt placed 22nd as a diver at the 2021 Girls Fall Swimming & Diving Championship on Nov. 13 at the Waukesha South Natatorium in Waukesha.

Schmidt earned a score of 166.8. "Competing at state this year was exciting and I had lots of fun, even though I didn't do the greatest," said Schmidt. "The meet was pretty much like every other meet, as in warm-ups, divers meeting, then competing. I had fun talking to other divers and

meeting new people while warming up."

Schmidt was one of 22 athletes in the 1-meter diving event. She advanced to state after a second-place finish at sectionals.

Being a junior, Schmidt is hoping to use the state experience as a moti-

national tool heading into next season.

"This year's state made me realize how much harder I have to push myself for next year because of the things I would like to accomplish," said Schmidt.

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COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

UW-Whitewater

Shawano Community High School graduate Baylie Hansen played in both of the UW-Whitewater volleyball team's NCAA regional matches last week.

In a win over Ithaca on Nov. 11, Hansen posted three attack kills, a dig, three block assists and two solo blocks.

In a loss to Otterbein on Nov. 12, the Shawano grad tallied two digs.

St. Norbert

Pulaski grad Kendall Karcz tallied eight total tackles in the St. Norbert football team's win over Concordia Chicago on Nov. 13.

Karcz was credited with four solo tackles and four assisted tackles. One of his assisted tackles was for a loss.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood grad Emma Herb scored two points in two minutes of action during the St. Norbert women's basketball team's win over Carthage on Nov. 12.

Herb hit two free throws for her points. She also grabbed a rebound and had an assist.

Lindenwood

Oconto Falls graduate Nate Trepanier opened his wrestling season for Lindenwood University by picking up two wins by pin at the Maryville Open on Nov. 6.

After his two wins, he dropped his remaining matches by medical forfeits.

Concordia-St. Paul

Pulaski grad Andrew Egnarski led the Concordia University-St. Paul football team with 10 total tackles in a loss to Minot State on Nov. 13.

Four of the 10 tackles were solo ones.

Egnarski finished the regular season with 58 total tackles, the

second-most on the team.

He also had five sacks and an interception.

Carroll

Oconto Falls graduate Sammy Shallow started and played 11 minutes in the Carroll University women's basketball team's win over St. Mary's College on Nov. 12.

She dished out an assist in her time on the floor.

Saginaw Valley State

Shawano grad Tori DePerry started in both of the Saginaw Valley State women's basketball team's wins last week.

In 27 minutes and a win over Hillsdale on Nov. 12, DePerry hit eight of her 14 shot attempts for 19 points. She also grabbed nine rebounds and tallied an assist and a block.

DePerry posted two points, three rebounds, one assist and one steal in 17 minutes against Findlay on Nov. 13.

Augsburg

Bonduel graduate Max Sokolski dropped a pair of matches during the Luther Open on Nov. 13.

Competing in the 165-pound weight class, Sokolski lost by technical fall (17-2) before a tough 5-4 decision loss.

Ripon

Witt-Birn grad Lauren Bahr competed in four events while representing the Ripon women's swim team at the Gene Davis Invitational on Nov. 13.

Individually, Bahr placed seventh in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 27.35 seconds. She was 10th in the 100 freestyle (1:02.03).

She was also on the second-place finishing 400 freestyle relay (3:59.59) and the fourth-place finishing 200 freestyle relay (1:50.71).

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Carthage

Bonduel graduate Jayson Toellner earned a major decision win for the Carthage College wrestling team on Nov. 10.

Toellner won 14-2 in a 149-pound exhibition match.

Wisconsin Lutheran

Bonduel grad Kara Troxel scored in both of the Wisconsin Lutheran College women's basketball team's games last week.

In a win over Martin Luther on Nov. 12, Troxel played eight minutes and scored two points. She also tallied three rebounds.

In three minutes and the team's win over Washington (Missouri) on Nov. 13, Troxel scored two points.

Rockhurst

Shawano graduate Averi Vomatic led the Rockhurst University volleyball team with 20 attack kills in a five-set win over Missouri University of Science and Technology on Nov. 12.

Vomatic also tallied 13 digs, four block assists and an assist.

UW-Green Bay

Witt-Birn grad McKenna Metropulos turned in three first-place finishes during the UW-Green Bay women's swim team's dual win over St. Norbert on Nov. 12.

Individually, Metropulos won the 100 freestyle with a time of 53.93 seconds.

She was also on the first-place finishing 200 freestyle relay (1:39.13) and 400 medley relay (4:03.55).

UW-Eau Claire

Bonduel graduate Isaac Garside caught four passes for 50 yards in the UW-Eau Claire football team's

loss to UW-La Crosse on Nov. 13.

Garside's longest reception went for 20 yards. He also returned two kickoffs for 33 combined yards.

Minnesota Crookston

Witt-Birn grad Abi Fraaza played big minutes off the bench for the Minnesota Crookston women's basketball team in a pair of games last week.

In a loss to Nebraska-Kearney on Nov. 12, Fraaza played 17 minutes. She had eight points, three rebounds and an assist.

In a tight loss to Northwest Missouri State on Nov. 13, Fraaza played 22 minutes. In that time, she totaled nine points, two rebounds, one assist and two blocks.

Minnesota Duluth

Pulaski graduate Logan Kobus punted four times for the Minnesota Duluth football team in its win over Northern State on Nov. 13.

He averaged 34.2 yards per punt, with a long punt of 46 yards.

Marian

Oconto Falls grad McKayla Goebel played in both of the Marian women's basketball team's losses last week.

Goebel grabbed a rebound in two minutes of play against Dubuque on Nov. 9.

In 13 minutes against Lawrence on Nov. 11, Goebel tallied two points and three rebounds.

Cardinal Stritch

Gillett graduate Aubrey DeBauch played 25 minutes in the Cardinal Stritch University women's basketball team's loss to Olivet Nazarene on Nov. 13.

DeBauch scored eight points, grabbed seven rebounds and dished out three assists in her time on the floor.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Pulaski duo makes FRCC 1st team

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

A pair of Pulaski High School volleyball players landed on the Fox River Classic Conference first team after big fall seasons.

Senior Jocelin Feutz and sophomore Emily Bruss were the two Red Raiders honored.

Feutz led the team with 134 attack kills and 30 total blocks in conference play. The senior also posted 50 digs, 37 service points and 11 aces.

"Being selected first team all-conference my senior year really put the cherry on top," said Feutz. "I was able to end my last high school season playing the best volleyball I have throughout my career. This award showed all my hard work has paid off. This is not the end, and I am excited for the next chapter of my career."

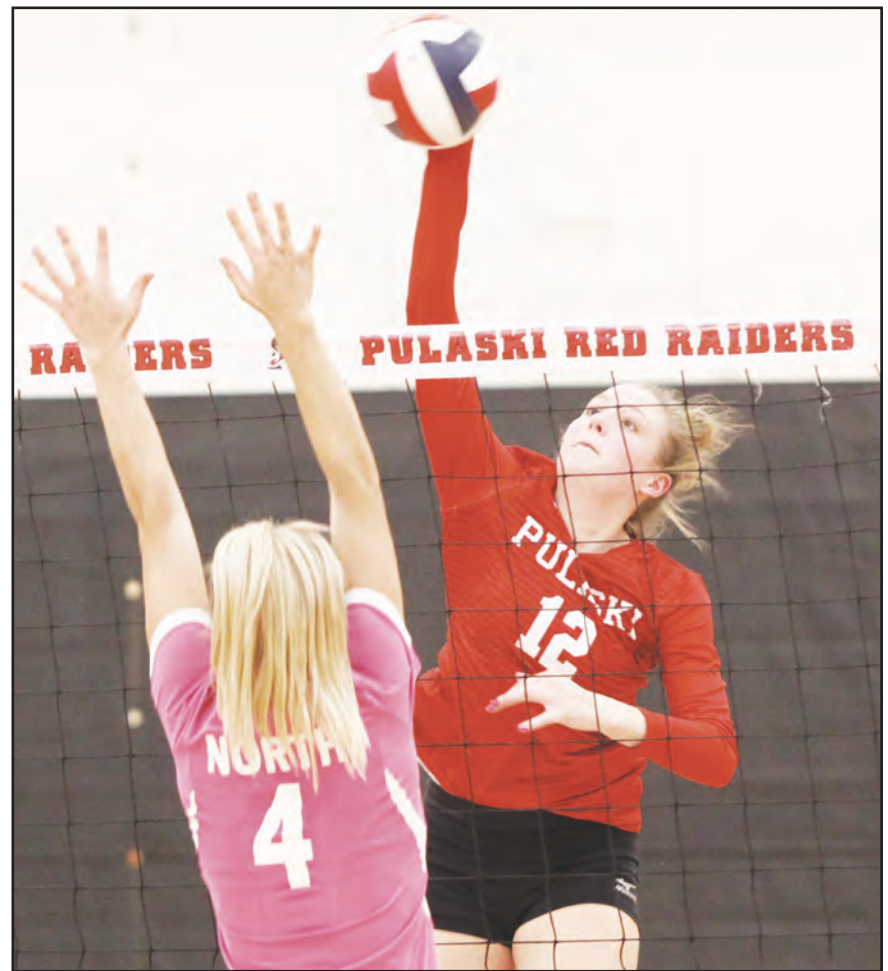
Bruss racked up 263 assists in FRCC play for Pulaski.

The sophomore also tallied 70 digs, 16 total blocks and 25 attack kills. She led the team in service points (63) and aces (16).

"This honor is huge because this will definitely motivate me even more next season to achieve even more," said Bruss. "I will continually be working hard in the offseason to make myself stronger and a better volleyball player. Especially, since club season is coming up, I will be working even harder to compete and play at that high level. I will keep working on getting stronger, bigger, faster, so that my work will pay off in the long run next season. I can't wait for the next season to come!"

Pulaski finished 3-6 in conference play this season.

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Pulaski's Jocelin Feutz, right, spikes the ball during a conference match against Sheboygan North on Sept. 28 in Pulaski. Feutz made the all-conference first team in her senior season. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

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Diane Mehlberg, of Gresham, finishes setting up some wood puzzles crafted by her husband, Tom Mehlberg, as the winter farmers market starts Nov. 13 at the First Presbyterian Church in Shawano. The booth was aptly named "Husband's Craft, Wife's Cash."



Kayla Sesse, left, of Pulaski, looks over some of the cookies and other treats being offered by Tracey Zillman, second from right, and Lee Ellis, right, with her 4-year-old son, Aldo, in tow during the first winter farmers market of the season at First Presbyterian Church in Shawano.

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Students attend Catholic Schools Mass



Sacred Heart Catholic School's student council executive board attended the annual Catholic Schools Mass at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Pulaski on Nov. 3, where Bishop David Ricken presided. Posing with Ricken are, from left, front row, Izzy Martens, Isabelle Brown, Robin Walby and Cora Pieper; back row, Sydney Mitchell, Davis Lyons and Bryton Van Gheem. Sacred Heart students were joined by numerous other students from across the Diocese of Green Bay. CONTRIBUTED

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OPINION

Military families should not be going hungry

At this time of the year, we're eager to celebrate all that we are thankful for, trimming down the turkey population to prepare for a big feast. However, it's also the time of year when we hear about those less fortunate, with many of them unable to afford the basic food necessities we all take for granted. Usually it's folks who have lost their employment or who have lost their home to fire, flood or some other tragedy.

You wouldn't suspect that some of those people are our men and women in uniform. I certainly didn't, until I read an Associated Press story that said as many as 160,000 active-duty members of our military are having trouble feeding their families, according to Feeding America. According to the organization, about 29% of those in the junior enlisted ranks faced food insecurity, although there have not been any formal studies on the issue.

There is also some rule from the U.S. Department of Agriculture that prevents needy military families from accessing food stamps. Apparently, military families who live off base receive a basic allowance for housing to help cover rent, utilities and other things. However, that allowance counts as income in calculating food stamp eligibility, according to the 2008 Food and Nutrition Act.

Couple that with the reality that military life involves frequent reloca-



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tion around the country, which makes it difficult for military spouses to secure steady employment, and I can't help but wonder what kind of raw deal the federal government is giving the folks who sacrifice to defend our freedom. We're asking them to fight our enemies, potentially losing life and limb, and yet we can't make sure that the families being left behind are getting enough food to eat?

I've long criticized how our country treats those who give up much to put on the uniform and defend us from harm. The broken veterans administration system has kept our great heroes waiting for medical and mental services often to the point where they die without getting the help they need. That's bad enough, but knowing that the Pentagon and Congress have not developed something where the people who serve can supply their families with essential food while they do their duty just makes my blood boil.

Sen. Tammy Duckworth, a Democrat in Illinois who had been a Blackhawk pilot before losing both of her legs in a helicopter crash in Iraq, spoke in the AP story about the United States having the mightiest military in the

world, but we've got lower ranking military members who have to worry about carrying out their missions while simultaneously wondering if their family is going to be able to eat that night.

"It's one of these things that the American people don't know about, but it's a matter of course among military members. We know this," Duckworth said, according to AP.

If we know this, then why aren't we doing something about this? More specifically, why isn't Congress doing something about this? The fat cats on Capitol Hill are prattling on about whether the 2020 election is legit, arguing about how to pay for needed infrastructure in our country or preaching that Republicans or Democrats — depending on what day of the week it is — are going to send this country directly to hell. They should be focusing on this country's needs, and ensuring the families of our military have enough to eat is a need.

This would seem like an issue that Rep. Mike Gallagher, who ran for office touting his time in the military, should be jumping on. Gallagher has preached the need for a strong military and the need to shore up national security. How can our men and women in uniform focus on what needs to be done to protect our country knowing that the families back home are having to turn to food pantries and the kindness of strangers to feed themselves?

If he was wise, he'd be gathering up his fellow Republicans and reaching across the aisle to the Democrats to pass legislation fixing this travesty.

Come to think of it, there's nothing saying that folks on Capitol Hill who have never served in uniform shouldn't be leading the charge. Sens. Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin could be heroes in their own right if they crafted legislation to correct this issue or at least led the rallying cry on the Senate floor if one of their colleagues develop a solution. Instead of being in the chorus of preaching their party lines, Johnson and Baldwin could stand out and solve what should be an easy problem.

This is the land of the free, because of the brave. The spouses and children provide strength to those brave men and women. We should be providing strength to those families by making sure they're well-fed, and it's inexcusable that those families should need to scrounge for food in what is supposed to be a land of plenty. We just finished expressing our gratitude to veterans and are about to embark on another holiday where we give thanks for having enough food to eat. This should not be happening.

The federal government created this problem. It needs to fix it — now.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gallagher, Johnson spread discord locally

To the editor:

In the recent edition of the Shawano Leader, there was an article describing the dedication of the new Shawano County Republican party headquarters. The highlighted guests were Rep. Mike Gallagher and Sen. Ron Johnson. Of course, the attendance of these individuals was highly appropriate.

However, the content of their

messages was not. In effect, they were speaking to attendees that continue to bow to the knee of their secular "jesus" — Donald J. Trump. This despite the fact that he continues to propagate the "big lie" about the 2020 election and continues to foment discord that could result in additional events as the one that occurred on Jan. 6.

Specifically, Gallagher intimated "dark money" coming into Wisconsin that influenced the election in favor of Democrats. Really? This coming from a member of a party whose very existence is almost totally dependent on

hard-to-trail money from individuals such as the Koch brothers and other white elites. Of course, his MO is not to provide specifics but merely to add to prevailing conspiracy theories.

Then, of course, there is the honorable Ron Johnson. He is the one who very proudly asserted that he did not feel threatened on Jan. 6, because the crowd was made up of white patriots; however, he would have been terrified if the crowd had been made up of Black Lives Matter protesters. The implication was that this was a "peaceful" gathering.

The attack on Anthony Fauci was particularly egregious. When science does not matter, it flies in the face of God creating human beings to think.

I will repeat my firm belief that personal freedom does not extend to another's right to place my health in jeopardy. Don't believe the myths propagated by our Republican leadership — nationally, statewide or locally. If you want to be faith-based, start thinking about your neighbors' well-being instead of just your own.

Ken Kroenke, Shawano

OPINION PAGE POLICY

The Shawano Leader welcomes letters from its readers and wants to publish as many as possible. Letters should be no longer than 400 words and must be typed. The editor reserves the right to edit letters for accuracy, brevity and clarity. Please avoid personal attacks. Only one letter per writer will be published in a 14-day period, and letters from new writers will be considered first over more frequent participants. Longer pieces of up to 800 words will be considered for guest columns. All columns require a head shot of the author. All opinion pieces must be signed by the author, and an address and telephone number must be included for verification. No anonymous opinion pieces will be published under any circumstances. The 400-word limit applies to thank you letters, as well. The best and most expedient way to send letters is by email to editor@newmedia-wi.com. Put "letter to the editor" in the subject line and send the text in the body of the email. Letters can also be sent by mail or delivered in person to 1464 E. Green Bay St., Shawano.

Nature still has many shades in November

For many people, November is often a forgotten month in the garden. Most of our trees and shrubs now stand bare of leaves, and most of our perennials and annuals are dormant for another season. Yet, November is a beautiful time to take notice of the many different textures and the subtle beauty of the shades of autumn.



ROB ZIMMER

Hydrangeas, still full and lush as their blooms fade and dry beneath the November wind, have transformed into shades of bronze and copper and gold. Leave them standing throughout the winter season, when their elegant forms are tufted in pristine white snow.

Ornamental grasses are the stars of November, dancing in the autumn breeze and filling our gardens with vertical flair, incomparable texture, elegant beauty, as well as an important food source for migrating songbirds, along with those that choose to overwinter here in our area.

Some of my favorite grasses during November are native prairie dropseed, now colored in rich golden yellow, as well as Japanese silver grass and all of the miscanthus, or maiden grasses. Blue fescue is also stunning in powder blue with tufts of snow decorating its textured form.

Many of our trees and shrubs take on a whole new look during November, when their leafless forms make it easier to appreciate their textured bark, subtle colors, graceful forms and the habitat and shelter they provide for wildlife and birds.

Some of my favorite trees and shrubs for interest in November, as well as all winter long, are red osier dogwood, yellow twig dogwood, highbush cranberry, conifers in all shapes and sizes, hydrangeas, roses, as well as all of our birches, hickories, and crabapples that provide abundant food sources for winter in birds.

White birch, especially, is important for overwintering birds such as American goldfinches, common redpolls, juncos, as well as other songbirds that feast upon the abundance seeds that now fill these trees throughout the winter season.

Of course, there are the oaks, many of which hold their richly



Bunchberry displaying its gorgeous fall color. Many lucky property owners are fortunate to find this beautiful spring wildflower in their woodland gardens.

ROB ZIMMER

colored leaves throughout the winter season and provide bountiful acorns as food for many species of backyard birds, as well as squirrels, whitetail deer and other garden visitors.

Our most beautiful backyard trees reach their peak in November. These are the tamaracks. Tamaracks are native throughout the state and often found in large colonies in swamp-

land and bogs, especially in our area. The only conifer found in our area that drops its needles each year in November, tamaracks turn a brilliant yellow, then orange, before finally shedding their needles in the November wind.

Many gardeners in our area still have annuals blooming in garden beds and containers, as warm weath-

er throughout much of the month has kept hardy annuals in bloom. Even with the snowfall, I've seen snapdragons, marigolds, and others still adorning containers and landscape beds this past weekend.

Take a closer look at your garden and backyard over the next month and enjoy the subtle beauty of the shades of November.

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Any questions contact Chairman Don Aanonsen at 715-881-0536

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WITTENBERG-BIRNAMWOOD and VILLAGE OF WITTENBERG NOTICE OF SPRING PRIMARY AND ELECTION April 5, 2022

STATE OF WISCONSIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an election to be held in the Village of Wittenberg and School District of Wittenberg-Birnamwood on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The 2 year term for Village Board members begins on April 19, 2022. The term for Wittenberg-Birnamwood Public School District Board of Education members is for 3 years and begins on April 25, 2022.

WITTENBERG-BIRNAMWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

(3 year term)

Office

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Board of Education Area 6

Incumbent

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Bree Krueger-Schmidt
Laura Magee

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(2 year term)

Office

Village Trustee
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Incumbent

Renee Switalla
Paul Yaeger
Barb Buchholz

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the first day to circulate nomination papers for the Village of Wittenberg and the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District is December 1, 2021 and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 in the office of the Clerk.

NOTICE IF FURTHER GIVEN that a Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy must be filed between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday, and no later than 5:00 P.M. on January 4, 2022 in the office of each Clerk. The School District office is located at the High School with papers filed with Joy Hartleben, School Board Official Secretary.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on February 15, 2022.

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Village of Wittenberg
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Each sealed bid envelope shall properly identify the parcel and sale #. Individual sealed bids will be accepted in the office of Kim Trueblood, Marathon County Clerk, Courthouse, 500 Forest Street, Wausau, WI 54403 by noon, Tuesday, December 7, 2021. A 10% deposit by **cashier's check or money order**, payable to the Marathon County Treasurer must accompany all bids. No personal checks will be accepted. Deposits will be refunded to unsuccessful bidders. Bids will be publicly opened, read and awarded by the Marathon County Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee at their meeting, Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. at the Marathon County Courthouse, Assembly Room, 500 Forest Street, Wausau, WI. Bids will be awarded according to criteria set forth in Sec. 3.20(6)(a) of the Marathon County General Code of Ordinances. A copy of Sec. 3.20(6)(a) of the Marathon County General Code of Ordinances can be obtained on the Marathon County website at www.co.marathon.wi.us. The Marathon County Human Resources, Finance and Property Committee may accept the bid most advantageous to Marathon County and reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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Veterans honored in Wittenberg area

Students provide poems, songs to honor those who have served

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District showed support for local veterans on Nov. 11.

Veterans from the American Legion Post 502 in Wittenberg were invited to take part in the Veterans Day events in the district to celebrate the holiday.

The first event was held at Wittenberg Elementary-Middle School, where community members were invited to come to the gymnasium with all of the students and share poems, songs and other festive pieces in front of the veterans.

The day started out with the presentation of colors from the veterans, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, singing of “The Star Spangled Banner” and an introduction from Wittenberg Elementary-Middle school principal Vicky Haas.

“We have songs, poems and traditions, all the much to walk with a strong sense of patriotism and respect for the veterans who fought for our country and for our freedoms,” said Haas.

American Legion Women’s Auxiliary member Barb Staehler then read a book titled “America Is...” in front of the whole gymnasium.

“For all of you children and all of you adults, we are such a lucky group of people, to be here in this country,” said Staehler, as she read the book.

The gymnasium full of students, teachers and community members listened to Staehler as she read the book.

“America is our country,” read Staehler. “It is a place that we call home. We are the nation, whose name means freedom. Some states are big, and some states are small. Thirteen of the states are very old, the rest come later, one by one.”

After Staehler had finished reading the book, kindergarten students from Cindy Yaeger’s class sang “Veteran’s March” to the veterans.

“Thank you, thank you to our veterans,” sang Yaeger’s kindergar-



Students, veterans and parents get together and mingle after the Veterans Day ceremony at the Wittenberg Elementary-Middle School on Nov. 11.

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Kindergarteners from Cindy Yaeger’s class perform a song for veterans during the the Veterans Day ceremony at Wittenberg Elementary/Middle School on Nov. 11.

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ten class. “We are marching for our veterans.”

Following the song, kindergartener Soloman Popp shared a poem titled “Veterans Day” which was originally written by author Cheryl Dyson.

“On Veterans Day, we honor all,”

read Popp. “They fought for us and all our rights; they fought through many days and nights.”

After Popp’s poem reading, student council representative Rory Salvesson explained about the missing man table, which was situated in the gym. The table had 10 symbols,

which stood in place for different representations of a veteran’s life.

“The table is small to show one soldier’s lonely battle against many,” said Salvesson. “The cloth is white, symbolizing the purity of their motives when answering the call to serve. The single red rose reminds us of the lives of those Americans and their loved ones and friends, who keep the faith, while seeking answers.”

Salvesson ended her explanation, saying that the chair that goes along with the table is empty, symbolizing the veterans who are missing.

The event at the elementary/middle school came to a close when Wittenberg-Birnamwood alumna Brianna Schmidt sang “God Bless America” and the members of the American Legion Post 502 played “Taps” and gave their gun salute.

Veterans and community members then made their way over to Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School, where students there honored them.

The veterans were once again asked to stand in front of the audience. WBHS principal Bill Hass then introduced students who are planning on serving in the military, as well as honored staff and community



Members of the American Legion Post 502 raise the American flag during the national anthem at Wittenberg-Biramwood High School on Nov. 11.

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members who served for the country.

Science teacher Dan Krolow and Wittenberg resident Paul Yaeger were two people whom Haas brought up and honored.

"Dan served in the U.S. Army from 1986-1989," said Haas. "Paul served in the U.S. Air Force for 35 years, so that definitely deserves an applause."

American Legion Post 502 members once again presented the colors and were treated to the Witt-Birn band playing all five of the military's branches songs.

The ceremony concluded with the Legion members once again giving their gun salute.

The members of the American Legion were thankful in being a part of ceremonies at both schools.

"It was just such a joy and such a good thing to see the kids support us like that," said American Legion Post 502 member Jay Timm. "It brings back a lot of memories. It was just great to see all of the kids and staff showing support."

"I really enjoyed the kindergarteners singing us that song," said

American Legion Post 502 member Steve Passehl. "It is just nice to see that everyone supports the veterans in our community."

Timm said that the celebrations and ceremonies were emotional for him.

"What made it emotional was the sacrifices that we make — the blood, sweat and tears that we have going through our military experience. Not everyone has the same military experience," said Timm. "Some do different things, have different jobs and go different places in the world, but just to watch over the years, it brings back the loss of life."

He added that the emotions come from the people who served before himself and gave their lives so he could join the military.

"That's why I went in and joined up," said Timm.

Both members said that they think it is important that schools hold events like these, celebrating veterans.

"I think it is part of our culture and history," said Timm.

"It is a big commitment to join the service and leave your family and



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friends," said Passehl. "It is really nice to see that people appreciate that."

Timm said that he wants the students to understand the sacrifices that veterans make when they join

the military.

"Thank you for all of the American people, that couldn't make it in the military or had other reasons for not going in the military, for continuing to support us," said Timm.



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FOOTBALL

Chargers' Wesolowski named Player of the Year

Witt-Birn, Lena/STAA earn team recognition

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

A total of six area football teams made the postseason this fall, with plenty of impact players leading the way.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood was one of the teams that made the postseason, with senior Ben Wesolowski having a monster season to lead the Chargers. Wesolowski was named the NEW Media Inc. Football Player of the Year.

"I just trusted my coaches' game plan and teammates, and they trusted me in return which helped make this season possible — along with putting in extra time with my teammates just trying to be they best team we could be," said Wesolowski.

During Witt-Birn's 13-game season, the quarterback was as dynamic as some of the state's best. Wesolowski threw for 1,967 yards and 29 touchdowns while rushing for 1,847 yards and 20 more scores. To add to his impressive resume, he also caught a touchdown pass.

Wesolowski credited his teammates for their work in the offseason as the biggest reason for his balanced season on offense. He added their "constant support and belief in me helped greatly."

On defense, he tallied 36 total tackles, five of which went for losses. Wesolowski also intercepted three passes.

In the team's 79-8 thumping of Nekoosa in mid-October, Wesolowski had a game for the ages.

The senior threw nine touchdowns in the contest, which set a new state record. Seven of the scores went to star wideout Kaden Schmidt, which set another state record.

Wesolowski finished with 522 passing yards in the contest. He also rushed for 78 yards and two more scores, while tallying seven total tackles and an interception on defense.

"It's awesome to have a record that rewards you for your hard work, and to have a record is not only a personal achievement but a team one," said Wesolowski. "I



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Ben Wesolowski runs with the football during the team's playoff win over Amherst on Nov. 5 in Amherst.

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can't thank my teammates or coaches enough for giving me the opportunity to do something like that, because without them it wouldn't be possible."

Honorable mentions

With so many strong teams in the area, it should come as no surprise that several individual players enjoyed big seasons.

Wesolowski's teammate Ben Flak put together a big season on defense, totaling 94 tackles and 13 sacks. He also forced two fumbles.

Schmidt finished with 784 receiving yards and 16 scores on the season to go along with his new single game record.

Dealing with injuries for most of the season, Shawano's Carson Popp and Ashton Henning became one of the state's best duos in the passing game. Popp finished with 2,365 passing yards and 21 touchdowns, with 966 of those yards and 11 of the touchdowns going to Henning — who also intercepted three passes this fall.

Dylan Thomson led Oconto

Falls this fall. He rushed for 1,445 yards and 18 touchdowns and was the second-leading tackler on the defense. Lineman Mitchell Kallies enjoyed strong showings on both sides of the ball to earn some conference honors.

Despite a tough season as a team, Menominee Indian senior Andre Corn was an absolute force all over the field. Corn had 891 yards and three touchdowns as a receiver while tallying 141 total tackles, four interceptions and four forced fumbles on defense.

In Pulaski, the 1-2 running duo of Aaron Maroszek and Maverick Cole guided the Red Raiders to a strong fall. Maroszek had 1,058 yards and 13 touchdowns, while Cole had 1,023 yards and 14 scores.

At the 8-player level, the big seasons continued.

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas saw Logan Shallow rush for over 1,000 yards and score 16 total touchdowns. He was also second on the team in tackles.

Suring's Taron Haak totaled 1,217 rushing yards and nine scores on the season and racked up six sacks and 17 tackles for losses on defense.

The Marion/Tigerton co-op was powered by Nick Malueg, who rushed for 701 yards and nine scores while adding a couple scores as a receiver. He also led the team in tackles.

Teams of the Year

Witt-Birn and Lena/STAA are the Teams of the Year after incredible fall seasons.

Before the season began, Witt-Birn coach Bernard Holsey said, "I feel we could do something special this season and surprise people." The Chargers did something special and surprised plenty of people on their way to a second-place finish in the Central Wisconsin Conference-Large Division and eventual run to the state semifinals.

Witt-Birn upset state power Amherst on its playoff run and had several players earn all-conference honors.

Lena/STAA posted a perfect record in the regular season to win the MONLPC-East Division crown. The co-op finished without a win just two years ago in 2019.

The co-op also earned a playoff win — the first in co-op history.

VOLLEYBALL

Gresham's Cervený tabbed area's top player

Witt-Birn earns team honor

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Several volleyball teams in the area enjoyed big fall seasons, with several teams and players accomplishing big-team feats.

Gresham kept up its recent string of success, with Valarie Cervený leading the way. The senior was named the NEW Media Inc. Player of the Year for her efforts this fall.

"My teammates, coaches and family have helped me have a big season this year," said Cervený. "They're always there to support me, and I wouldn't be able to receive this recognition if it wasn't for them. I have to give a lot of credit to my teammates and coaches, because if it wasn't for them I don't think I would be able to be as successful."

Cervený averaged nearly four kills per set this fall, tallying 260 on the season. She also had 27 total blocks.

"Going into matches, it's hard to tell what the other team is going to do because you can watch so much film but yet they'll change it the day before the match," said Cervený of how she was successful match after match. "A lot of times I'll watch the blockers to see what side they're taking away and if they're double blocking.

"If they double block, it's really easy to find an open spot on the court, so I generally tip around the block. When I'm going up and only have a single block, I watch the block out of the corner of my eye to see what side they're taking away, and then I'll hit the ball to the opposite side."

She wasn't just a strong player at the net though, also excelling as a server and on defense.

Cervený racked up 159 service points and served 39 aces this fall. She also had 84 digs.

Her play in the Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division earned her the Player of the Year honor. The Wildcats won the conference title with a perfect record.

"My teammates are always so supportive and so hyped up," said



Gresham's Valarie Cervený leaps up to spike the ball during the team's Aug. 28 match against Bowler in Gresham.

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Cervený. "It's so fun playing when everyone is so close to each other and we just go out on the court and have fun. Winning is just a plus side of playing with them; it really was just an amazing year."

Honorable mentions

Nearly every team in the area had a player or two who enjoyed big seasons.

Shawano's Abby Bystol racked up 200 attack kills on the season and landed on the Bay Conference first team.

Bonduel's Allaina Robaidek was a first teamer in the CWC-East and finished the year with 234 attack kills, 244 digs and 156 assists.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Reese Rogowski was the Player of the Year in the CWC-East and accumu-

lated 352 attack kills, 299 digs, 208 service points and 44 aces for the season. Teammate London Metropulos had 344 attack kills, 69 total blocks and 221 digs for the year, and she was a first team selection in the conference.

Hailey Peitersen did a little bit of everything for Oconto Falls this fall, finishing with 738 assists, 306 digs, 50 total blocks, 213 service points and 165 attack kills. She made the North Eastern Conference first team.

Tigerton's Skyler Hauser was a first-team pick in the CWC-North, posting 237 attack kills, 46 block kills, 264 digs and 37 aces for the fall season.

Pulaski's Emily Bruss was an all-conference first-team pick in the Fox River Classic Conference

after tallying 634 assists, 161 digs, 32 blocks, 159 service points, 59 aces and 87 attack kills.

Team of the Year

Witt-Birn is this fall's Team of the Year after winning the CWC-East title and winning a regional title.

The Chargers went undefeated in conference play and were rewarded with six all-conference selections and Becky Rew being tabbed the conference's Coach of the Year.

Witt-Birn accomplished that all with a fairly young team. The Chargers graduate just three players from this fall's team and will return almost all of its starting lineup next year.



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BOYS SOCCER

Pulaski's Steeno named top athlete

Red Raiders the Team of the Year after deep postseason run

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Pulaski High School boys soccer team enjoyed a special fall season, finishing in the top half of the conference standings before a deep postseason run.

Senior Will Steeno was a big part of the team's success and has been named the NEW Media Inc. Boys Soccer Player of the Year for his efforts.

"I think what helped me the most was playing with and learning from previous varsity players," said Steeno of his big season. "I have been waiting for my senior season since freshman year and preparing for it throughout my high school career. I knew I had to step up and be a leader on the team, so that gave me motivation to have a successful season."

Steenno battled an ankle injury in the early portion of the season, but he rounded into form in time to help Pulaski to a fourth-place finish in the Fox River Classic Conference and then advance to a sectional final in playoff action.

Steenno was the hero for the Red Raiders in the team's playoff victory over Wausau East, scoring the only goal of the match in overtime.

"Starting from captains' practices in the summer, we knew we were going to have a strong team this year," said Steeno. "Through practices every day and going through training camp and tryout week with the team led us to success this season."

The senior capped the year with seven goals and an assist despite being a focal point for opponents. He made the all-conference first team.

Along with his play on the soccer field, Steeno also did some kicking for the football team, which also had a big season and deep postseason run.



Pulaski's Will Steeno chases down the ball during the team's conference match against Bayport High School on Sept. 28 in Pulaski.

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"I knew it would be difficult to fit both seasons in this fall, and I was drained, especially toward the end of the seasons," said Steeno.

"To balance out football and soccer, I would have two practices a day. When soccer and football game days overlapped, I would drive from the soccer games right to the football games, throw on my gear and play. I made it right before kickoff for a few games, but for the majority of the time, the combination worked out just fine. I'm glad I could be a part of two teams this fall."

Honorable mentions

Pulaski seniors Trentin Dauk

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and Joe Wacholz, Shawano senior Ethan Schwitzer and Gresham/Bowler senior Will Jensen all enjoyed strong seasons on the field.

Dauk helped anchor a stout Red Raiders' defense. He added four goals and an assist and was named to the all-conference second team.

Wacholz led Pulaski with 11 goals this season, while also chipping in seven assists. He was an all-conference honorable mention pick.

Schwitzer guided the Hawks on the field this fall, scoring 12 goals.

The senior landed on the Bay Conference second team for his play.

Jensen led the Gresham/Bowler co-op with nine goals this fall.

Team of the Year

After its regional title and sectional appearance, Pulaski was tabbed the Team of the Year for the 2021 season.

The Red Raiders finished 14-7-2 on the season, including playoff wins over Merrill (10-0), Wausau East (1-0) and Green Bay Southwest (1-0).

After Steeno had the only goal against Wausau East, Wacholz had the lone goal against Green Bay Southwest.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Beyer, Adams named Runners of the Year

Shawano boys and girls earn Team of the Year honors

By **MORGAN RODE**

Sports Editor

It was another strong year for area cross-country runners, with plenty of top finishes and achievements being met along the way.

As the season came to a close, it was Shawano senior Grace Beyer and Oconto Falls senior Joe Adams who continued to deliver under pressure. For their efforts, Beyer and Adams were named the NEW Media Inc. Female and Male Runners of the Year.

Beyer was the top runner for the Shawano girls team all season, and she eventually helped the team qualify for state.

Beyer placed fourth at the Bay Conference Meet, fifth at sectionals and 24th at state.

"I owe a lot of my success this year to my teammates and coaches who pushed me every day at practice and made me work hard even when I was having an off day," said Beyer. "A few of the girls ran with me every day at practice, and we worked together to make sure we got the best workout in as possible.

"Another thing that I feel helped my success was the team bond we had this year. I enjoyed going to practice every day, which in turn helped me want to work harder and strive for the goals I had set in the beginning of the year."

Adams placed fourth at the North Eastern Conference Meet and at sectionals. He then capped his career with a 48th-place finish at state.

"The last four years of experience and advice from my coaches helped me to this great final year of high school cross-country," said Adams. "I used the positives and negatives of my past seasons to learn and grow as a runner."

Both Beyer and Adams served as leaders for their teams and thanked their teammates for their support.

Both runners mentioned the hard work they and their teams put in and added that their teammates pushed them to the strong seasons they had.

Beyer and Adams each had plenty of memorable moments this fall, with the biggest being state.

"The most memorable moment from this cross-country season has to be finding out that the girls qualified for state as a team," said Beyer. "Be-



Shawano's Grace Beyer runs at the 2021 State Boys & Girls Cross-Country Championships on Oct. 30 at The Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids.

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fore the awards ceremony we didn't know who had qualified, but we had suspected that Grace Chelberg, Lily Guenther and myself had qualified.

"When they weren't calling our names individually, we slowly started to figure out that we had qualified as a team. There was so much joy in

everyone that day that I will remember that moment forever."

Beyer made her first state appearance, as did Adams.

"My favorite moment this past season was the state meet," said Adams. "Missing out on state the last three years was always rough, but getting there this year probably meant more to me because of that."

"The boys team went down to the meet with me, and that experience is one I will never forget. I am so glad I got to state this year and that my team went to support me. That was just one awesome day for sure."

Honorable mentions

The strong year of cross-country action meant there were plenty of runners worthy of being tabbed the area's best runners.

On the girls side, Shawano's Chelberg and Guenther each enjoyed big years behind Beyer, with plenty of top-10 finishes to their names.

Ashlyn Kurey was the top runner for the Bonduel girls team, which qualified for state.

Carleigh Kaczmarek and Angela Mosconi were the top runners for the Gillett girls, and both ended the season competing at state.

Olivia Noack has been the Suring girls top runner for a couple seasons, but she took it to another level this season and racked up a bunch of top finishes before also making it to state.

There were some strong showings

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on the boys side as well.

Ethan Onesti led the Shawano boys this season with a number of top finishes and then helped guide the team to state.

Cooper Uelmen was the top runner for the Bonduel boys. He ended his high school career competing at state.

Pulaski's T.J. Shaw had a similar story to Adams, making state for the first time as a senior.

The brother duo of Evan and Alex Peterson led the Gillett boys all season and both qualified for state.

Teams of the Year

The Teams of the Year are both from Shawano after both teams qualified for state.

The boys won a Bay Conference title before also taking first at sectionals. The girls were second in the Bay and second at sectionals.

What makes the team's big years even more promising is that many of the same runners will be back next fall. Only Beyer was a senior from the girls state team, while the boys team had only two seniors.



Oconto Falls' Joe Adams nears the finish line at the 2021 State Boys & Girls Cross-Country Championships on Oct. 30 at The Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids.

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GIRLS GOLF

Shawano's Eggert named Golfer of the Year

Pulaski earns team honor after getting to sectionals

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

It's not too often that freshmen golfers lead their team on the links. It usually takes some experience before a golfer can settle into a groove and match other team's top golfers.

That wasn't the case for Shawano freshman Sophia Eggert, who was named the NEW Media Inc. Girls Golfer of the Year. The freshman looked like an experienced upper-classmen this season as she guided the Hawks at several events this fall.

"What helped me this successful season was the positivity around me from my team, coaches and family. My dad always helps me with everything and trained me for the season," said Eggert.

Eggert not only made the first team in the Bay Conference, but she was the conference's Golfer of the Year.

"My favorite moment from this season was winning the last Bay Conference Championship Meet at Wander Springs and ending the conference season as No. 1 Conference Player of the Year," said Eggert.

She then placed 11th at regionals to earn an individual spot at sectionals.

"My team helped me with the season by encouraging me and always being great sports. Also, it was a great experience to win meets as a team," said Eggert. "The work I put in this season really paid off — golf practice with the team is like fun work."

Honorable mentions

Despite only a few other girls golf teams in the area, there were plenty of honors to go around.

Eggert's teammate Teghan Kristof also landed on the all-conference first team before qualifying for sectionals.

Bonduel's Sarah Garside and Ava Pleshek each enjoyed strong seasons. Garside made the honorable mention team in the Bay before qualifying for sectionals alongside Pleshek.

Oconto Falls' Kate Pytleski was an honorable mention in the North Eastern Conference before making it to sectionals as an individual.



Shawano's Sophia Eggert looks on after taking a shot during a Bay Conference meet at Shawano Lake Golf Course on Aug. 19 in Shawano.

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Team of the Year

While Pulaski wasn't led by an individual golfer or two, the Red Raiders earned the Team of the Year honor.

After taking fifth in the Fox River Classic Conference standings, Pulaski placed fourth at its regional to qualify for sectionals as a team.

Vivien Ninham and Summer Jaeger were the team's top finishers at regionals before Ninham, Olivia Follese and Ella Ficarri led the team at sectionals.



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GIRLS SWIM

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Stark tabbed 2021 area Swimmer of the Year

Chargers also take Team of the Year honor after big year

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School girls swim team has rostered several talented individual swimmers over the past few seasons.

Senior Olyvia Stark was one of those talented swimmers on this year's team and was named the NEW Media Inc. Girls Swimmer of the Year after a big fall season.

"Well, it's my senior year, and I wanted it to be my best and fastest season yet," said Stark on what led to her big year. "I showed up to as many

practices as I could and pushed myself to keep going even if I was exhausted. There were many days where I would feel like quitting, but I knew if I did I would regret it."

Stark swam individually in the 200-yard freestyle and 100 backstroke and helped form the 200 medley and 200 freestyle relay teams.

She finished in the top three in three of the four events to make an all-conference team in the Bay Conference.

Stark was the conference's second-best swimmer in the 200 freestyle and third-fastest swimmer in the 100 backstroke. The 200 freestyle relay team Stark was a part of came in third.

"We worked hard in and out of the pool," said Stark. "We would go into the weight room every day and do ab workouts. We all had hard workouts in the pool as well that we had to push through together — most of us cried

through some of them and fought through injuries. Even though they were hard, we pushed through, and if we didn't, I don't think we would have been as fast as we were."

Along with her strong finishes at the conference meet, Stark was often the top finisher in the team's duals this fall.

"Honestly this whole season has been a blessing and a blast," said Stark. "My favorite moments would have to be at the meets, cheering on my teammates and the opposing teammates. I met so many girls from the other teams that were just bundles of joy. The people from my team and other teams made this season one to remember for years to come."

Honorable mentions

Pulaski's Taya Schmidt and Witt-Birn's Faith Resch both had strong seasons, too.

Schmidt ended her season competing at state as a diver. She was the first-place finisher in the event at the Fox River Classic Conference Meet, along with finishing third in the 50 freestyle.

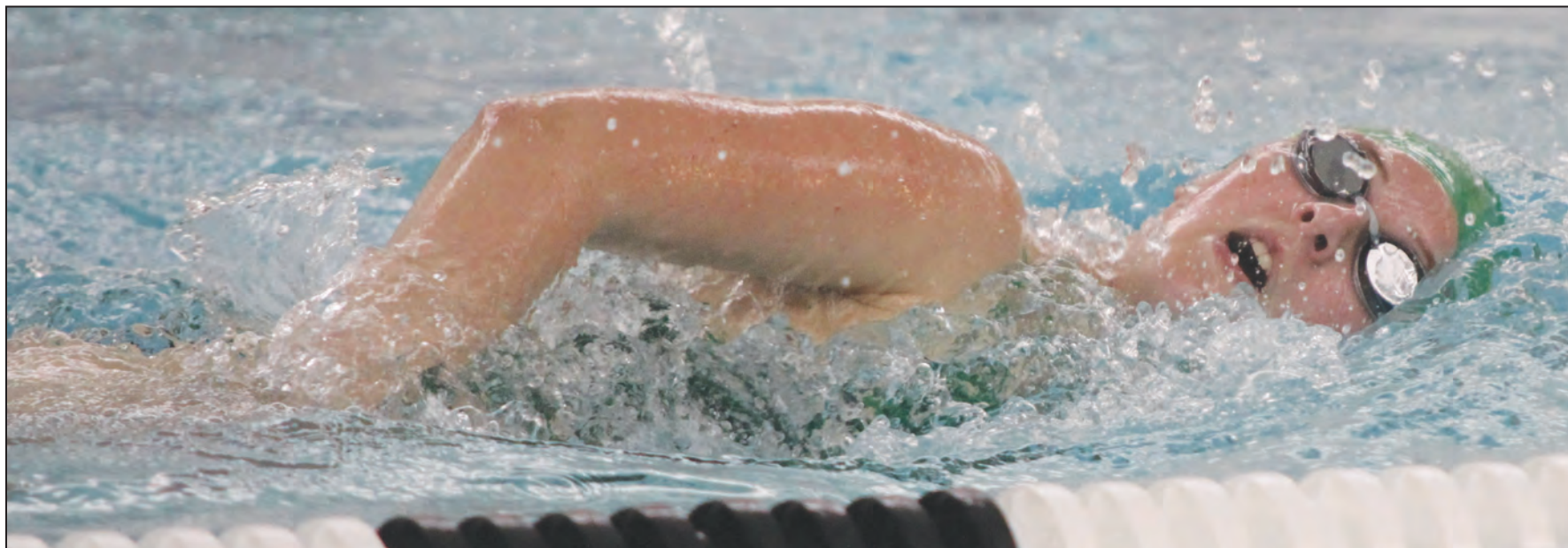
Resch capped her strong freshman year by taking third at the conference meet in the 50 freestyle and 100 butterfly individually, along with a third-place finish with Stark on the 200 freestyle relay team.

Team of the Year

Witt-Birn also takes the Team of the Year honor for continuing to succeed despite its limited roster numbers.

Competing in the Bay against primarily larger teams, the Chargers still won several duals and placed fourth at the conference meet.

Behind Stark and Resch, the Chargers had six total top-three finishes at the conference meet.



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Olyvia Stark swims the 200-yard freestyle during a Bay Conference dual against Shawano on Oct. 5 in Shawano.

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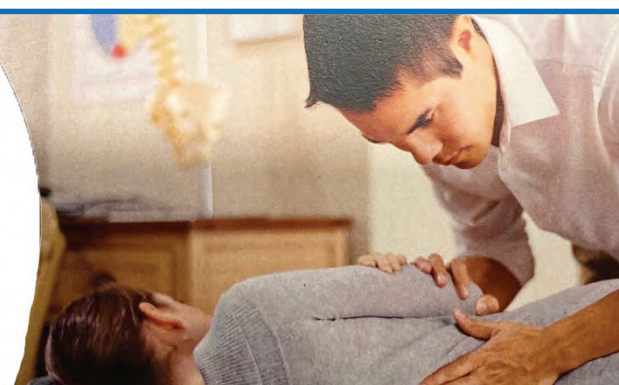
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GIRLS TENNIS

Hawks' Ainsworth named Player of the Year

Shawano also the Team of the Year

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Shawano and Pulaski girls tennis teams each turned in some memorable moments during the 2021 fall season.

Junior Jenna Ainsworth was a part of several big moments for Shawano and was named the NEW Media Inc. Girls Tennis Player of the Year.

"Most of my success comes from my mental strength. Tennis is truly a mental sport, and playing singles amplifies the loneliness felt," said Ainsworth.

"I always focus on the next point, whether I'm winning 5-1 or losing spectacularly. I always think, 'OK, let's win the next point, get to 15-love, next point, next point, next point.' Over and over. That was my mantra throughout every game, and it really helped me stay strong through some tough matches."

Ainsworth capped the year with an 18-8 mark and took third in the No. 2 singles bracket at the Bay Conference Tournament. She made the all-conference first team.

She helped the Hawks to a third-place finish at the conference tournament and for the overall standings.

"Our team is so supportive of everyone. Our practices are full of encouragement and fun, and my teammates heavily contribute to how much I enjoy playing," said Ainsworth.

"We help each other during the offseason with player-led open courts and group lessons, and I can tell through my and the team's success this year that those really

paid off. We had an amazing season, and though I excelled individually, I know I couldn't have done it without the support of everyone around me."

After regular season play wrapped up, Ainsworth picked up a win at subsectionals.

There were many matches or big days that Ainsworth could have considered her favorite of the season, but one conference match against West De Pere stood out.

"The girl I played this year I happened to play the previous year during the conference tournament," said Ainsworth. "What makes this match so special is that I lost to her pretty badly last year, but turned the tables this year. I won in two sets, so we didn't even end up in a close match tie break. Winning showed me how much I've improved in the offseason and makes me want to continue growing."

Honorable mentions

Shawano's Adison Moesch and the doubles team of Sarah Carroll and Anna Etten and the Pulaski doubles team of Paige Vanderveren and Madeline Diefenthaler also turned in big moments.

Moesch finished the year with a 15-8 mark. She took fourth at the conference meet at No. 3 singles and earned a win at subsectionals.

Carroll and Etten teamed up for a 10-5 record this season. They took second at the conference meet at No. 2 doubles and also picked up a subsectionals win.

Vanderveren and Diefenthaler represented Pulaski at sectionals at No. 1 doubles after a win at subsectionals.

Team of the Year

Shawano is this fall's Team of the Year after placing third in the Bay, which was a team goal set before the season.



Shawano's Jenna Ainsworth prepares to hit the ball during the team's home quad on Aug. 19 in Shawano.

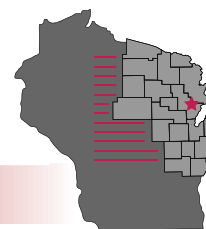
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Along with Ainsworth making the all-conference first team, Rylie Anderson made the second team singles list, while Kate Williams

and Nicole Piantek made the second team doubles list.

The team then picked up four wins at subsectionals.

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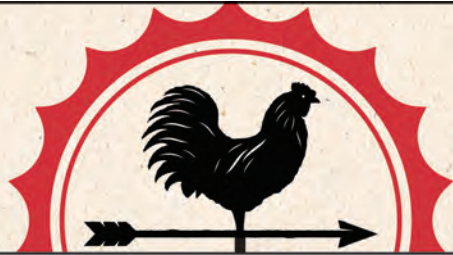


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Green Bay defense blanks Seattle, but injuries continue to mount

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Green Bay Packers outside linebacker Whitney Mercilus celebrates a sack against the Seattle Seahawks on Nov. 14 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. Mercilus later left with an injury and has since been ruled out for the season.

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Injury-riddled defense looks to continue upward trend

The Green Bay Packers' defense continues to defy the odds.

The unit's most recent achievement was shutting out Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson for the first time in his career. The Packers' defense accomplished that while missing a couple key starters — something the team has dealt with for several weeks — and lost a couple more players along the way.

It doesn't

seem to matter who has stepped onto the field for the defense this year, the unit has continued to impress and actually somehow looks improved without a couple of its stars.



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"When someone goes in, there's no loss of faith at that position," said safety Adrian Amos. "They are held accountable to the standard of the person they are replacing.

"Our coaches do a great job of putting us in positions to succeed. So if you do have a guy in there, he's not going to go in there and do something that he necessarily (is) not comfortable with."

The Packers have only had pass-rushing linebacker Za'Darius Smith for one game, and he was limited in his snaps against the New Orleans Saints.

Green Bay lost star cornerback Jaire Alexander a couple weeks later, but they have found ways to replace him and continue their winning ways.

Starting pass rusher Preston Smith and cornerback Kevin King have also missed some games.

The most recent additions to the



Green Bay Packers outside linebackers Preston Smith, right, and Rashan Gary, left, close in on Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson during a Nov. 14 game at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

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defensive injury list are pass rushers Rashan Gary and Whitney Mercilus, who each had sacks against the Seahawks. Gary is expected to play again this season, but Mercilus is reportedly out for the year.

That means more players will need to step up to continue the defense's upward trend.

"It's tough, but like I've said, we all practice like we're starters," said inside linebacker Krys Barnes. "It's always tough when you lose somebody, but the next guy in is going to come up and fill that role the same

way like whoever was in there."

Both Amos and Barnes talked about the defense buying into defensive coordinator Joe Barry's scheme and simply doing their 1/11 when on the field.

It sounds like a fairly easy thing to do, but all it takes is one defender to not fully comprehend a certain play for an opposing offense to take advantage. It makes what the defense has accomplished to this point of the season that more impressive considering how many guys have been asked to do their 1/11 at certain points.

Speaking of the first-year defensive coordinator Barry, he has endeared himself to Packers' fans in a hurry.

When Barry was hired by coach Matt LaFleur in the offseason, fans weren't thrilled looking back on Barry's track record. The defense's showing against the Saints in week one and for the first half of the Detroit Lions game in week two didn't help matters, but the defense has steadily improved since then and is now starting to get noticed across the league.

While LaFleur is an offensive-minded coach, he's been quick to

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credit the defense after each game and knows that unit is the biggest reason for the team's 8-2 start.

"I really like the culture that we have on that side of the ball," said LaFleur. "The guys are buying in, playing for one another, playing with great energy and effort."

Green Bay seems to be trending away from having a high-powered offense and instead being guided by a strong defense.

With quarterback Aaron Rodgers still in town, the chances the offense continues to play second fiddle to the team's defense seem low. If the Packers' offense can start playing more efficiently and consistently, or Rodgers plays anywhere near the MVP level he did a season ago, Green Bay will be the team to beat in the NFC and the front-runner for the Super Bowl.

Now the Packers' goal is to find a way to get the offense and defense to play well at the same time.

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KEYS TO THE GAME

By **BILL HUBER**

Correspondent

The Green Bay Packers (8-2) will travel to face the Minnesota Vikings (4-5) at noon Sunday at U.S. Bank Stadium. FOX will televise the game.

History

Green Bay leads the series 62-54-3.

Coaches

Green Bay – Matt LaFleur, 34-8, third season. Minnesota — Mike Zimmer, 68-52-1, eighth season.

When the Packers have the ball

In past seasons, Green Bay's offense vs. Minnesota's defense would be a clash of the titans. Not this year. After leading the NFL in scoring last season, Green Bay enters this week ranked 19th with 21.6 points per game and is 25th in the red zone. Minnesota is 16th with 23.4 points allowed per game and is also 25th in the red zone.

Passing the ball will be a challenge, though. The Vikings are No. 10 in opponent passer rating, No. 4 in completion percentage and No. 1 in sack percentage.

Not that the injury-plagued Packers will have sympathy, but injuries have been a major issue.

Danielle Hunter, who with six sacks is one of the best pass rushers in the NFL, is on injured reserve after suffering at torn pectoral against Dallas a few weeks ago. Nose tackle Michael Pierce (elbow) was placed on injured reserve this week. That's their best defensive linemen. Veteran cornerback Patrick Peterson (hamstring) has been on injured reserve for a month but could be ready to for Sunday.

Zimmer employs a 4-3 defense. The front consists of Everson Griffen and D.J. Wonnum as the ends, and Dalvin Tomlinson and Armon Watts as the tackles.

Tomlinson, a second-round pick by the Giants in 2017 who has started all 73 games of his career, is the best player on the depleted unit. However, with zero tackles for losses after recording eight last year in New York, he's been a bit of a disappointment after signing a two-year deal worth \$22 million in free agency.

Griffen, a four-time Pro Bowler who will turn 34 next month, is back with the Vikings and has five sacks. Sheldon Richardson, the NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year in 2013, a Pro Bowler in 2014 and a 16-game starter in 2020, is the top backup. He's got 1½ sacks.

The linebackers are excellent, with Eric Kendricks flanked by Anthony Barr and Nick Vigil.



Green Bay Packers receiver Davante Adams, center, carries the ball as quarterback Aaron Rodgers (12) and Josiah Deguara (81) look on during the team's win over the Seattle Seahawks on Nov. 14 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. The Packers' passing game will face a challenge against the strong Minnesota Vikings pass defense.

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An All-Pro in 2019, Kendricks is one of the game's great middle linebackers. He leads the team with 92 tackles, is second with five tackles for losses, third with four sacks and tied for second with four passes defended. Barr, a four-time Pro Bowler, missed the first four games with a knee injury and has 14 tackles. He is a threat against the run, in coverage and blitzing the quarterback.

Cameron Dantzler and Bashaud Breeland have been the cornerbacks with Mackenzie Alexander in the slot. Based on the early season lineups, Peterson would replace Dantzler in the lineup. Breeland, though, has really struggled. According to Pro Football Focus, he's allowed a 69.1 percent catch rate and four touchdowns and been penalized four times.

The 31-year-old Peterson spent his first 10 seasons in Arizona before joining the Vikings in free agency. He's allowed a 59.4 percent catch rate in six games. Dantzler and Alexander lead the cornerbacks with four passes defended.

Harrison Smith and Xavier Woods are the safeties. The 32-year-old Smith, who is expected back from the COVID list, is one of the league's great game-wreckers. From 2017 through 2020, he recorded 16 interceptions, 39 passes defended and four forced fumbles. Woods, an underrated pickup from Dallas, has two interceptions, six passes defended and two forced fumbles.

When the Vikings have the ball

Green Bay's surging defense, which is up to third in points allowed and total defense after smothering Arizona's Kyler Murray, Kansas City's Patrick

Mahomes and Seattle's Russell Wilson the past three weeks, will get another challenge against Minnesota quarterback Kirk Cousins.

Few teams in the league can match the combination of Justin Jefferson and Adam Thielen at receiver and Dalvin Cook at running back. Minnesota is 14th with 24.6 points per game but seventh in total offense (384.7 yards per game), ninth in rushing offense (122.4 per game) and ninth in passing offense (262.2 per game).

Cousins is hard to sack (Minnesota is second in sack rate) and doesn't make mistakes (No. 1 in interception percentage). It is terrible on third down (26th at 35.7 percent) but excellent in the red zone (seventh at 66.7 percent).

Cousins is No. 6 in passer rating and completion percentage, and has 18 touchdowns vs. two interceptions. He's mostly a dink-and-dunker; his average pass distance of 6.86 yards ranks 31st out of 34 qualifying quarterbacks. He was brilliant against the Packers in 2018 (passer ratings of 118.8 and 129.5), horrendous in 2019 (52.9 and 58.8) and superb in 2020 (118.6 and 138.1).

Jefferson, who had one of the great rookie seasons by any receiver in NFL history with his 88 receptions for 1,400 yards and seven touchdowns in 2020, has 55 receptions for 775 yards and four touchdowns this year. He is their best deep threat and is elusive after the catch, but he's dropped six passes, according to PFF.

Thielen, coming off a season of 14 touchdowns, has 50 receptions for 542 yards and seven touchdowns. K.J. Osborn sees a lot of action as the No. 3 receiver and has 29 catches for 341

yards and two scores.

With Irv Smith on injured reserve, Tyler Conklin has provided surprise production at tight end with 35 receptions for 353 yards and three touchdowns.

Cook, who is fifth in the league with 648 rushing yards, and Alexander Mattison form one of the best one-two punches in the NFL. According to PFF, Cook is sixth with 32 missed tackles forced and second with 23 runs of 10-plus yards. He is a threat to go the distance at any point. Fullback C.J. Ham is a quality blocker and adept receiver.

The offensive line is not very good. Rookie Christian Darrisaw is the left tackle, Ezra Cleveland the left guard, Garrett Bradbury is the center, Oli Udoh is the right guard and Brian O'Neill is the right tackle.

O'Neill is by far the best player; the interior is weak and Darrisaw is only four starts into his career.

Special teams

Packers kicker Mason Crosby made his first nine field-goal attempts of the season but has missed seven of his last 12 tries. While he's been in a funk for weeks due to poor holds and protection, Vikings kicker Greg Joseph shook off a chip-shot miss that would have beaten Arizona in week two. He's 19-of-23 on field goals, including 5-of-6 from 50-plus yards.

Packers punter Corey Bojorquez has been tremendous and will have to be again because Vikings returner Dede Westbrook is a legit threat. He's got a 45-yard return this year. Vikings punter Jordan Berry will give Packers rookie returner Amari Rodgers some opportunities.







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8	Amari Rodgers	WR	5-9	212	22	R
10	Jordan Love	QB	6-4	219	23	2
12	Aaron Rodgers	QB	6-2	225	37	17
13	Allen Lazard	WR	6-5	227	25	3
17	Davante Adams	WR	6-1	215	28	8
18	Randall Cobb	WR	5-10	195	31	11
19	Equanimeous St. Brown	WR	6-5	214	25	4
20	Kevin King	CB	6-3	200	26	5
21	Eric Stokes	CB	6-0	194	22	R
22	Shemar Jean-Charles	CB	5-10	184	23	R
24	Isaac Yiadom	CB	6-1	190	25	4
26	Darnell Savage	S	5-11	198	24	3
27	Patrick Taylor	RB	6-2	217	23	1
28	AJ Dillon	RB	6-0	247	23	2
29	Rasul Douglas	CB	6-2	209	26	5
31	Adrian Amos	S	6-0	214	28	7
33	Aaron Jones	RB	5-9	208	26	5
36	Vernon Scott	S	6-2	202	24	2
39	Chandon Sullivan	CB	5-11	189	25	4
41	Henry Black	S	6-0	204	24	2
42	Oren Burks	LB	6-3	233	26	4
44	Ty Summers	LB	6-1	241	25	3
46	Steven Wirtel	LS	6-4	228	24	1
49	Dominique Dafney	TE	6-2	243	24	1
50	Whitney Mercilus	LB	6-4	261	31	10
51	Krys Barnes	LB	6-2	229	23	2
52	Rashan Gary	LB	6-5	277	23	3
53	Jonathan Garvin	LB	6-4	257	22	2
58	Isaiah McDuffie	LB	6-1	227	22	R
59	De'Vondre Campbell	LB	6-3	232	28	6
62	Lucas Patrick	G	6-3	313	28	5
67	Jake Hanson	C	6-4	296	24	1
69	David Bakhtiari	T	6-4	310	30	9
70	Royce Newman	T/G	6-5	310	24	R
73	Yosh Nijman	T	6-7	314	25	2
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79	Dennis Kelly	T	6-8	321	31	10
81	Josiah Deguara	TE	6-2	238	24	2
83	Marquez Valdes-Scantling	WR	6-4	206	27	4
84	Tyler Davis	TE	6-4	252	24	2
86	Malik Taylor	WR	6-1	220	25	2
89	Mercedes Lewis	TE	6-6	267	37	16
90	Jack Heflin	DL	6-3	304	23	R
91	Preston Smith	LB	6-5	265	28	7
93	T.J. Slaton	DL	6-4	330	24	R
94	Dean Lowry	DL	6-6	296	27	6
95	Tyler Lancaster	DL	6-3	313	27	4
96	Kingsley Keke	DL	6-3	288	25	3
97	Kenny Clark	DL	6-3	314	26	6
Reserve/Injured						
23	Jaire Alexander	CB	5-10	196	24	4
25	Will Redmond	S	5-11	186	27	6
32	Kylin Hill	RB	5-10	214	23	R
47	Chauncey Rivers	LB	6-2	259	24	1
55	Za'Darius Smith	LB	6-4	272	29	7
56	Randy Ramsey	LB	6-3	238	26	2
71	Josh Myers	C/G	6-5	310	23	R
85	Robert Tonyan	TE	6-5	237	27	4
Practice Squad						
6	Kurt Benkert	QB	6-3	218	26	2
11	J.J. Molson	K	5-11	180	24	1
16	Chris Blair	WR	6-2	198	24	R
30	Shawn Davis	S	5-11	202	23	R
35	Ryquell Armstead	RB	5-11	220	25	3
38	Innis Gaines	S	6-1	202	23	R
40	Tipa Galeai	LB	6-5	229	24	1
45	Bronson Kaufusi	TE	6-6	270	30	3
48	Kabion Ento	CB	6-1	187	25	2
57	Ray Wilborn	LB	6-3	230	24	1
64	Ben Braden	G	6-6	329	27	2
72	Auzoyah Alufohai	DL	6-4	313	25	1
78	Cole Van Lanen	T/G	6-4	305	23	R
88	Juwann Winfree	WR	6-1	210	25	2
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3	Jordan Berry	P	6-5	195	30	7	Eastern Kentucky
8	Kirk Cousins	QB	6-3	205	33	10	Michigan State
11	Kellen Mond	QB	6-3	212	22	R	Texas A&M
12	Dede Westbrook	WR	6-0	178	27	5	Oklahoma
14	Sean Mannion	QB	6-6	230	29	7	Oregon State
15	Ihmir Smith-Marsette	WR	6-1	185	22	R	Iowa
17	K.J. Osborn	WR	5-11	203	24	2	Miami (Fla.)
18	Justin Jefferson	WR	6-1	195	22	2	LSU
19	Adam Thielen	WR	6-2	200	31	8	Minnesota State
20	Harrison Hand	CB	5-11	185	23	2	Temple
21	Bashaud Breeland	CB	5-11	195	29	8	Clemson
23	Xavier Woods	S	5-11	204	26	5	Louisiana Tech
24	Mackensie Alexander	CB	5-10	192	28	6	Clemson
25	Alexander Mattison	RB	5-11	215	23	3	Boise State
26	Kene Nwangwu	RB	6-1	210	23	R	Iowa State
27	Cameron Dantzler	CB	6-2	190	23	2	Mississippi State
29	Kris Boyd	CB	5-11	195	25	3	Texas
30	C.J. Ham	FB	5-11	250	28	6	Augustana (S.D.)
33	Dalvin Cook	RB	5-10	210	26	5	Florida State
35	Luke Stocker	TE	6-5	253	33	11	Tennessee
41	Chazz Surratt	LB	6-2	233	24	R	North Carolina
42	Andrew DePaola	LS	6-1	229	34	7	Rutgers
43	Camryn Bynum	S	6-0	200	23	R	California
44	Josh Metellus	S	5-11	207	23	2	Michigan
45	Troy Dye	LB	6-3	225	25	2	Oregon
48	Blake Lynch	LB	6-3	233	24	2	Baylor
51	Wyatt Davis	G	6-4	315	22	R	Ohio State
52	Mason Cole	OL	6-5	298	25	4	Michigan
54	Eric Kendricks	LB	6-0	232	29	7	UCLA
55	Anthony Barr	LB	6-5	257	29	8	UCLA
59	Nick Vigil	LB	6-2	230	28	6	Utah State
64	Blake Brandel	T	6-7	315	24	1	Oregon State
66	Eddie Yarbrough	DE	6-3	259	28	4	Wyoming
69	Rashod Hill	T	6-6	310	29	6	Southern Mississippi
71	Christian Darrisaw	T	6-5	315	22	R	Virginia Tech
72	Ezra Cleveland	G	6-6	312	23	2	Boise State
74	Olisaemeka Udoh	G	6-6	320	24	3	Elon
75	Brian O'Neill	T	6-7	310	26	4	Pittsburgh
83	Tyler Conklin	TE	6-3	248	26	4	Central Michigan
85	Dan Chisena	WR	6-3	203	24	2	Penn State
89	Chris Herndon	TE	6-4	253	25	4	Miami
90	Sheldon Richardson	DT	6-3	290	30	9	Missouri
92	James Lynch	DT	6-4	295	22	2	Baylor
93	Patrick Jones II	DE	6-4	264	23	R	Pittsburgh
94	Dalvin Tomlinson	DT	6-3	325	27	5	Alabama
96	Armon Watts	DT	6-5	307	25	3	Arkansas
97	Everson Griffen	DE	6-3	273	33	12	USC
98	D.J. Wonnum	DE	6-5	258	24	2	South Carolina

Reserve/Injured

7	Patrick Peterson	CB	6-1	198	31	11	LSU
12	Chad Beebe	WR	5-10	187	27	4	Northern Illinois
13	Blake Proehl	WR	6-1	190	22	R	East Carolina
14	Nate Stanley	QB	6-4	233	24	1	Iowa
58	Michael Pierce	DT	6-0	340	29	6	Samford
66	Jordon Scott	DT	6-1	326	23	R	Oregon
81	Bisi Johnson	WR	6-0	210	24	3	Colorado State
82	Ben Ellefson	TE	6-3	250	25	2	North Dakota State
84	Irv Smith Jr.	TE	6-2	240	23	3	Alabama
95	Janarius Robinson	DE	6-5	258	22	R	Florida State
99	Danielle Hunter	DE	6-5	263	27	7	LSU

Reserve/Non-Football Injury

76	Jaylen Twyman	DT	6-2	285	22	R	Pittsburgh
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Practice Squad

5	Tye Smith	CB	6-0	190	28	6	Towson State
9	Trishton Jackson	WR	6-1	191	23	2	Syracuse
36	A.J. Rose Jr.	RB	6-1	211	24	R	Kentucky
39	Parry Nickerson	CB	5-10	179	27	4	Tulane
40	Zach Davidson	TE	6-7	251	23	R	Central Missouri
46	Myles Dorn	S	6-2	210	23	2	North Carolina
47	Tuf Borland	LB	6-1	233	23	R	Ohio State
50	T.J. Smith	DT	6-3	303	24	1	Arkansas
63	Cohl Cabral	C	6-5	296	23	1	Arizona State
65	Spencer Pulley	C	6-4	311	28	6	Vanderbilt
68	Kyle Hinton	G	6-2	315	23	1	Washburn
73	Nate Orchard	DE	6-3	243	28	6	Utah
86	Brandon Dillon	TE	6-5	250	24	1	Marian
87	Myron Mitchell	WR	6-1	185	23	R	UAB
91	T.Y. McGill	DT	6-0	294	28	7	N.C. State

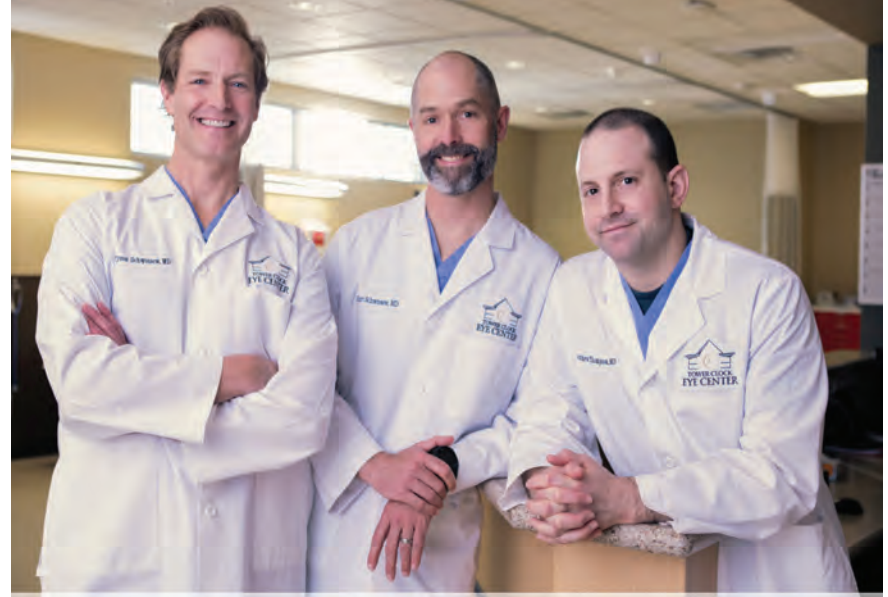
Practice Squad/COVID-19

34	Jake Bargas	FB	6-2	245	24	1	North Carolina
61	Timon Parris	T	6-6	330	26	1	Stony Brook
78	Dakota Dozier	G	6-4	305	30	8	Furman

Reserve/COVID-19

22	Harrison Smith	S	6-2	211	32	10	Notre Dame
56	Garrett Bradbury	C	6-3	300	26	3	North Carolina State
57	Ryan Connelly	LB	6-2	234	26	3	Wisconsin
79	Kenny Willekes	DE	6-3	264	24	2	Michigan State

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THE SERIES

Packers vs. Vikings
All-time, regular season: 62-54-3
All-time, postseason: 1-1
All-time, at Vikings: 30-29
Streaks: The Green Bay Packers have won three of the past four games against the Minnesota Vikings. The Packers are 2-3 in their last five trips to Minnesota.

Last meeting, regular season: Nov. 1, 2020, Vikings won 28-22 at Lambeau Field. Minnesota's Dalvin Cook rushed for 163 yards and three touchdowns in the win.

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	Win 24-10	
Oct. 28	at Arizona	Win 24-21	
Nov. 7	at Kansas City	Loss 13-7	
Nov. 14	vs. Seattle	Win 17-0	
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
Randall Cobb



TE
Josiah Deguara
Tyler Davis



RT
Billy Turner
Dennis Kelly



RG
Royce Newman
Lucas Patrick



C
Lucas Patrick
Jake Hanson



LG
Jon Runyan
Lucas Patrick



LT
Elgton Jenkins
Yosh Nijman



TE
Mercedes Lewis
Dominique Dafney



WR
Marquez Valdes-Scantling
Allen Lazard



DEFENSE

CB
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Chandon Sullivan



DE
Dean Lowry
Tyler Lancaster



NT
Kenny Clark
T.J. Slaton



DE
Kingsley Keke
Jack Heflin



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Eric Stokes
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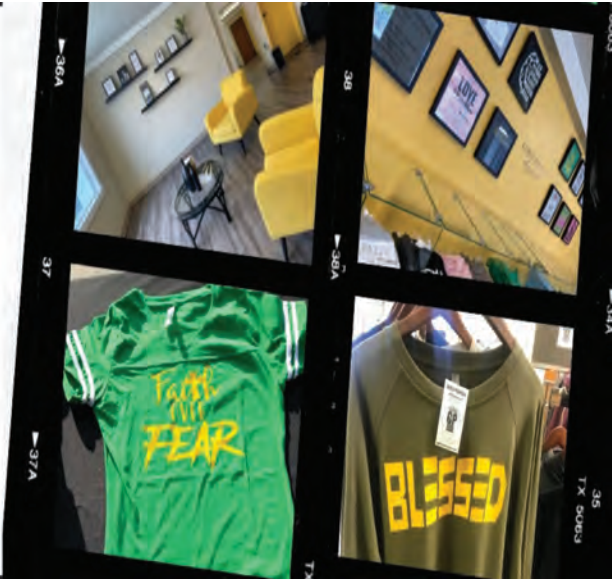
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LT
Christian Darrisaw
Rashod Hill

RB
Dalvin Cook
Alexander Mattison

QB
Kirk Cousins
Sean Mannion

FB
C.J. Ham

WR
Adam Thielen
Ihmir Smith-Marsette

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CB
Cameron Dantzler
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Eric Kendricks
Troy Dye

OLB
Anthony Barr
Blake Lynch

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Josh Metellus

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Xavier Woods
Camryn Bynum

SCHEDULE

Sunday's Games

New Orleans at Philadelphia, noon
Miami at N.Y. Jets, noon
Washington at Carolina, noon
Indianapolis at Buffalo, noon
Detroit at Cleveland, noon
San Francisco at Jacksonville, noon
Houston at Tennessee, noon
Green Bay at Minnesota, noon
Baltimore at Chicago, noon
Cincinnati at Las Vegas, 3:05 p.m.
Arizona at Seattle, 3:25 p.m.
Dallas at Kansas City, 3:25 p.m.
Pittsburgh at L.A. Chargers, 7:20 p.m.

Monday's Game

N.Y. Giants at Tampa Bay, 7:15 p.m.

Teams on bye: Denver, L.A. Rams

STANDINGS

NFC East					AFC East				
Team	W	L	T		Team	W	L	T	
Dallas	7	2	0		Buffalo	6	3	0	
Philadelphia	4	6	0		New England	6	4	0	
Washington	3	6	0		Miami	3	7	0	
N.Y. Giants	3	6	0		N.Y. Jets	2	7	0	
North					North				
Team	W	L	T		Team	W	L	T	
Green Bay	8	2	0		Baltimore	6	3	0	
Minnesota	4	5	0		Pittsburgh	5	3	1	
Chicago	3	6	0		Cincinnati	5	4	0	
Detroit	0	8	1		Cleveland	5	5	0	
South					South				
Team	W	L	T		Team	W	L	T	
Tampa Bay	6	3	0		Tennessee	8	2	0	
New Orleans	5	4	0		Indianapolis	5	5	0	
Carolina	5	5	0		Jacksonville	2	7	0	
Atlanta	4	5	0		Houston	1	8	0	
West					West				
Team	W	L	T		Team	W	L	T	
Arizona	8	2	0		Kansas City	6	4	0	
L.A. Rams	7	3	0		L.A. Chargers	5	4	0	
San Francisco	4	5	0		Las Vegas	5	4	0	
Seattle	3	6	0		Denver	5	5	0	



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Morgan Rode
NEW Media Sports Editor

Week 11 Games: Sunday, Nov. 21

Teams on bye: LA Rams & Denver

New England @ Atlanta Thurs., Nov. 18
Indianapolis @ Buffalo
Washington @ Carolina
Baltimore @ Chicago
Detroit @ Cleveland
San Francisco @ Jacksonville
Green Bay @ Minnesota
Miami @ NY Jets
New Orleans @ Philadelphia
Houston @ Tennessee
Cincinnati @ Las Vegas
Dallas @ Kansas City
Pittsburgh @ LA Chargers
NY Giants @ Tampa Bay Mon., Nov. 22

Tie Breaker Game: Arizona _____ @ Seattle

Weekly Standings

	Weekly Record	Overall Record
God's Purpose Apparel	8-5-1	100-49-1
Tower Clock Eye Center	7-6-1	96-53-1
Shawano Seasons Restaurant	6-7-1	95-54-1
22 Shell	6-7-1	93-56-1
Buss Automotive	5-8-1	93-56-1
Tim Murphy	5-8-1	93-56-1
Morgan Rode	6-7-1	92-57-1
Dennis Brei	6-7-1	91-58-1
Hawkeyes	5-8-1	90-59-1

Weekly Standings

	Weekly Record	Overall Record
Shawano Place Assisted Living	6-7-1	90-59-1
State Farm-Idell Johnston	6-7-1	90-59-1
P & D Sale and Service	6-7-1	88-61-1
Smokey Joes	7-6-1	88-61-1
B & C Auto Recycling	5-8-1	86-63-1
Gehm's Club 117	5-8-1	83-66-1
Iverson's Piggly Wiggly	8-5-1	79-70-1
Cirrinity/Wittenberg Telephone	4-9-1	78-71-1
Senn Insurance	6-7-1	78-71-1



This Week's Winner: Iverson's Piggly Wiggly



Morgan Rode
Shawano
Leader

This Week's Picks:

New England	Green Bay	LA Chargers
Buffalo	NY Jets	Tampa Bay
Carolina	New Orleans	
Baltimore	Tennessee	
Cleveland	Las Vegas	
San Francisco	Kansas City	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score : Arizona 27 @ Seattle 31



Tim Murphy
Shawano
Leader

This Week's Picks:

New England	Green Bay	LA Chargers
Buffalo	Miami	Tampa Bay
Carolina	Philadelphia	
Baltimore	Tennessee	
Cleveland	Las Vegas	
San Francisco	Kansas City	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Arizona 20 @ Seattle 17



Dennis Brei
Oconto County
Times Herald

This Week's Picks:

New England	Green Bay	LA Chargers
Buffalo	Miami	Tampa Bay
Carolina	Philadelphia	
Baltimore	Tennessee	
Cleveland	Cincinnati	
Jacksonville	Dallas	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Arizona 21 @ Seattle 13

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This Week's Picks:

New England	Green Bay	LA Chargers
Buffalo	Miami	Tampa Bay
Carolina	New Orleans	
Baltimore	Tennessee	
Cleveland	Cincinnati	
San Francisco	Kansas City	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Arizona 31 @ Seattle 24



Iverson's Staff
Iverson's
Piggly Wiggly

This Week's Picks:

New England	Green Bay	LA Chargers
Buffalo	Miami	Tampa Bay
Carolina	New Orleans	
Chicago	Tennessee	
Cleveland	Las Vegas	
San Francisco	Kansas City	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Arizona 21 @ Seattle 24



Amber
Smokey Joe's
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This Week's Picks:

New England	Green Bay	LA Chargers
Indianapolis	Miami	Tampa Bay
Washington	Philadelphia	
Baltimore	Tennessee	
Detroit	Las Vegas	
Jacksonville	Kansas City	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Arizona 17 @ Seattle 13



Robert Buss
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This Week's Picks:

New England	Green Bay	LA Chargers
Buffalo	Miami	Tampa Bay
Carolina	Philadelphia	
Baltimore	Tennessee	
Cleveland	Cincinnati	
Jacksonville	Dallas	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Arizona 17 @ Seattle 23



Dena
P&D Sales
& Service

This Week's Picks:

New England	Green Bay	LA Chargers
Buffalo	Miami	Tampa Bay
Carolina	New Orleans	
Baltimore	Tennessee	
Cleveland	Las Vegas	
San Francisco	Dallas	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Arizona 30 @ Seattle 27



Sophie
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This Week's Picks:

New England	Green Bay	LA Chargers
Buffalo	Miami	Tampa Bay
Carolina	Philadelphia	
Baltimore	Tennessee	
Cleveland	Cincinnati	
San Francisco	Kansas City	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Arizona 25 @ Seattle 27



Scott Nyman
Cirinity

This Week's Picks:

New England	Minnesota	LA Chargers
Buffalo	NY Jets	Tampa Bay
Carolina	Philadelphia	
Chicago	Tennessee	
Detroit	Las Vegas	
San Francisco	Kansas City	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Arizona 28 @ Seattle 17



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This Week's Picks:

Atlanta	Green Bay	Pittsburgh
Buffalo	NY Jets	Tampa Bay
Carolina	New Orleans	
Baltimore	Tennessee	
Cleveland	Cincinnati	
San Francisco	Kansas City	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Arizona 28 @ Seattle 21



Jim Wiegand
Tower Clock
Eye Center

This Week's Picks:

New England	Green Bay	Pittsburgh
Buffalo	Miami	Tampa Bay
Carolina	New Orleans	
Baltimore	Tennessee	
Cleveland	Las Vegas	
San Francisco	Dallas	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Arizona 24 @ Seattle 17



Russ
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This Week's Picks:

New England	Minnesota	LA Chargers
Buffalo	Miami	Tampa Bay
Washington	New Orleans	
Baltimore	Tennessee	
Cleveland	Cincinnati	
Jacksonville	Kansas City	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Arizona 31 @ Seattle 27



Shane Senn
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This Week's Picks:

Atlanta	Green Bay	LA Chargers
Buffalo	NY Jets	Tampa Bay
Carolina	Philadelphia	
Chicago	Tennessee	
Cleveland	Cincinnati	
San Francisco	Dallas	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Arizona 34 @ Seattle 31



Brenda
22 Shell

This Week's Picks:

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

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Arizona 31 @ Seattle 21



Chris
God's Purpose
Apparel

This Week's Picks:

New England	Green Bay	LA Chargers
Indianapolis	Miami	Tampa Bay
Carolina	New Orleans	
Baltimore	Houston	
Cleveland	Cincinnati	
San Francisco	Kansas City	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Arizona 27 @ Seattle 23



Aaron
Shawano
Place

This Week's Picks:

New England	Green Bay	LA Chargers
Buffalo	NY Jets	Tampa Bay
Carolina	Philadelphia	
Baltimore	Tennessee	
Cleveland	Cincinnati	
San Francisco	Kansas City	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Arizona 34 @ Seattle 27



Dale
Hawkkey
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This Week's Picks:

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

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Arizona 17 @ Seattle 20

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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	7:35 pm	DETROIT LIONS	ESPN
Sunday, September 26	12:20 pm	@ San Francisco 49ers	NBC
OCTOBER			
Sunday, October 03	3:25 pm	Pittsburgh Steelers (GOLD)	CBS
Sunday, October 10	NOON*	@ Cincinnati Bengals	FOX
Sunday, October 17	NOON*	@ Chicago Bears	FOX
Sunday, October 24	NOON*	WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM	FOX
Thursday, October 28	7:30 pm	@ Arizona Cardinals	FOX
NOVEMBER			
Sunday, November 07	3:25 pm*	@ Kansas City Chiefs	FOX
Sunday, November 14	3:25 pm*	SEATTLE SEAHAWKS	CBS
Sunday, November 21	NOON*	@ Minnesota Vikings	FOX
Sunday, November 28	3:25 pm*	LOS ANGELES DOLPHINS (GOLD)	FOX
DECEMBER			
BYE WEEK			
Sunday, December 12	7:20 pm*	CHICAGO BEARS	NBC
Sunday, December 19	NOON*	@ Baltimore Ravens	FOX
Saturday, December 25	3:30 pm	CLEVELAND BROWNS	FOX
JANUARY			
Sunday, January 02	7:20 pm*	MINNESOTA VIKINGS	NBC
Sunday, January 09	NOON*	@ Detroit Lions	FOX

NOTEBOOK

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

Dynamo Dillon

When running back A.J. Dillon ran through Pro Bowl linebacker Bobby Wagner for a 3-yard touchdown early in the fourth quarter on Sunday, it was the type of power running the Green Bay Packers expected when they selected Dillon in the second round of last year's draft.

When Dillon caught a swing pass at his knees, turned upfield, ran through two tackles and gained 50 yards to set up his clinching touchdown, it was the type of athletic play the Packers could only have projected.

Dillon has emerged as an all-around dynamo for the Packers. With Pro Bowl running back Aaron Jones suffering a minor knee injury vs. Seattle, it will be up to Dillon to not just carry the load for the next game or two but be an all-around threat out of the backfield.

"That's something I really wanted to work on here," Dillon said after scoring two touchdowns in a 17-0 victory over the Seahawks. "I always talk about being an APB – all-purpose back. I really want to be somebody reliable in every situation. So, I've just been working on it. I've got Aaron Jones to teach me a lot of the stuff he's done so well in the pass game, so he's really been teaching me a lot."

There was no denying Dillon's running ability coming out of Boston College. In three seasons, he carried the ball 845 times. He averaged 24.1

carries per game for his career and 26.5 carries during his final season. Many of his 4,382 rushing yards were the result of the 245-pounder's bruising style.

The question entering the 2020 NFL Draft was whether he'd be a viable receiver. It wasn't that Dillon couldn't catch the ball. It's that he wasn't asked to catch the football. Dillon caught only 21 passes for 236 yards in his career and had just one game of more than two catches.

In 10 games this season, he has 16 receptions for 196 yards. Of the 46 running backs with at least Dillon's 18 targets, he is tied for eighth in catch percentage (88.9), No. 1 in yards per target (12.3), No. 2 in yards after the catch per catch (11.3) and No. 5 in yards per route (2.11). Obviously, that's skewed by the 50-yarder, but he's also had catches of 24, 21 and 16 yards.

With Jones sidelined and rookie seventh-round pick Kylin Hill out with a season-ending knee injury, Dillon is the last man standing in what had been a crowded backfield. Patrick Taylor, an undrafted free agent in 2020 who had zero career carries until late in the fourth quarter vs. Seattle, is the only other back on the 53-man roster. So, it will be up to Dillon to carry the running game at the Minnesota Vikings on Sunday and perhaps against the Los Angeles Rams at Lambeau next week.

It's something he did at Boston College but hasn't done in the NFL. In fact, he's played half of the offensive snaps just once in his career – 56% vs. Tennessee late last season, when he dominated the Titans with 124 rushing

yards and two touchdowns.

He's ready for the challenge.

"I don't want to say he's come a long way, but he has come a long way," coach Matt LaFleur said. "That's not a knock on him. I'm just really happy to see his progression. Going back and really reflecting back on his first year, there were times where he would get worn out quickly and I don't think that's necessarily an issue anymore. He's learned how he needs to prepare. I think he puts in the work in the offseason. I think he is so multi-dimensional as a halfback."

Challenge on offense

With Aaron Rodgers back from a bout with COVID-19, the offense was not sharp against Seattle. The conundrum for LaFleur is how to get it fixed.

Players need to practice – Rodgers included. After beating Arizona with a makeshift receiver corps on a Thursday night, he missed the final three practices and the game against Kansas City, then the three practices before facing the Seahawks.

"We haven't really practiced a whole bunch," LaFleur said. "Basically, the week before Arizona was all walk-through, so it's not like he was getting a ton of time with these guys. And then we had different receivers the last time he played and then you're getting all these guys back, so naturally there was probably a little bit of a dip in terms of from our passing game."

The challenge is the Packers are entering their 11th consecutive week with a game. They've been hammered

by injuries. LaFleur felt "the energy was maybe a little bit off" against the Seahawks. So, there are competing interests. One is to cut back on practice to make sure the players are as fresh as possible for Sunday. Another is to crank up the practice reps to help an offense that ranks only 19th in scoring.

"That's the trick right now," LaFleur said. "How do you make it so that we're getting what we need from an actual practice standpoint but yet keeping everybody fresh and so we can fly around? Because the speed is absolutely one thing that can benefit you, and the more you practice, sometimes it takes away from that. You want guys healthy, you want them to be able to go out there and fly around."

Slow starts

The Packers have scored only 24 points in the first quarter. Only the Giants (20), Lions (20) and Jets (14) have scored fewer points. Those teams are a combined 5-21. This week's opponent, the Vikings, are 11th with 51 points.

"That's something that we're searching for," LaFleur said. "Obviously, it all starts with us as coaches and myself as a play-caller. Got to do a better job. We've got to make sure we get these guys ready to go so that when we go into a game, we're capitalizing on our opportunities. I thought we had some opportunities in the first quarter (against Seattle) and didn't do enough, obviously. But that's always a good problem to correct when you win a football game. You've just got to be on your 'A' game every week."



Green Bay Packers running back A.J. Dillon grits his teeth as he carries the ball during the team's win over the Seattle Seahawks on Nov. 14 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. Dillon will have to carry a bigger workload the next couple weeks with starting running back Aaron Jones out.

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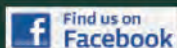
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Packers blank Seahawks at Lambeau for 8th win

Dillon scores 2 TDs

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The Green Bay Packers defense continued its recent string of success, this time shutting out the Seattle Seahawks in the team's 17-0 win on Nov. 14 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

The Seahawks got quarterback Russell Wilson back after he missed time with an injury, but the Packers' defense was up to the challenge. It was the first time that Wilson has been shut out in his NFL career.

"First and foremost, it's hard to shut out anybody," said Packers safety Adrian Amos. "But then when you got a guy that can extend (plays) who has the pedigree and all the things he has done — a Super Bowl-winning quarterback and everything — that's a tough task."

It marked the first Packers' shut-out win since September 2018.

The Packers' pass rush chased Wilson around all game, leading to some errant throws and costly mistakes. The Seattle quarterback completed half of his 40 passes for



Green Bay Packers running back A.J. Dillon, left, and Elgton Jenkins celebrate with fans after Dillon scored a touchdown during the game against the Seattle Seahawks on Nov. 14 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

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only 168 yards, was intercepted twice and was sacked three times.

Both of the Packers' interceptions came in the end zone.

Cornerback Kevin King got the first pick in the third quarter on what

was the best Seattle drive of the game. Amos got the second takeaway on a deep ball from Wilson in the fourth quarter.

"I thought our defense really carried the night," said coach Matt LaFleur.

It was a standout performance from start to finish for the Packers' defense.

Four of the five Seattle possessions in the first half ended in punts. The other drive came right before halftime, with the Packers' defense knocking down a pass to the end zone as the second quarter clock expired.

Seattle had just 86 total net yards at halftime.

Amos said that it was at halftime that the defense started having thoughts of pitching the shutout, and the unit continued to dominate in the second half.

The defense forced another punt on Seattle's first drive of the third quarter before King's pick kept the visitors off the scoreboard on the next drive.

"It's always good to get interceptions, especially down in the red zone — taking points off the board. Those are huge," said King. "Get that momentum swing and give it back to the best offense in football."

After the Packers turned the ball over, the defense picked them up by forcing a three-and-out.

After Green Bay was able to extend its lead to 10-0, Amos had his interception to set up the Packers' final scoring drive of the contest.

Up 17-0 with under two minutes to play, the only real question left was if the defense was going to pitch the shutout or not.

Seattle worked the ball to the Green Bay 37 before outside line-backer Preston Smith came up with a big sack of Wilson, resulting in a 14-yard loss.

After an incomplete pass, the Packers' defense stopped a fourth-down pass short of the first-down marker as time expired to seal up the win.

"A lot of times when you're up like that, you give them something cheap at the end. That was good to see we closed it out at the end, didn't give them nothing cheap to make it interesting with them kicking an on-side kick — we finished it right then," said Amos.

Seattle finished with 208 net yards for the game and had the ball for just over 20 minutes.

The defensive effort was especially big because the Packers' offense struggled for a large portion of the contest.

The Packers' offense drove right down the field on the first possession of the game, but a holding penalty and sack forced a 42-yard field goal attempt, which kicker Mason Crosby missed.

After punting on the next two drives, the offense put together a 14-play, 82-yard drive to finally score. This time, Crosby connected from 27 yards.

The offense had another chance to score before half, but eventually turned the ball over on downs.

The unit had just four possessions in the second half. The first ended in a punt before a promising drive ended in an Aaron Rodgers interception in the end zone.

The offense at least ended the day on a positive note with a pair of touchdowns from running back A.J. Dillon, who finished with 128 total yards of offense. His touchdown runs were from 3 and 2 yards out.

Dillon got the bulk of the workload in the second half after starting running back Aaron Jones left and didn't return with an injury.

In Rodgers' return from the COVID-19 list, he struggled at times but still finished with 292 passing yards, with the longest pass going to Dillon for 50 yards. Davante Adams had seven grabs for 78 yards, Jones added four receptions for 61 yards and Marquez Valdes-Scantling pulled in a 41-yard reception.

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