



Gillett names new police chief

Shane Breitenbach to take over after Kevin Schneider takes a new job.

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Alleged shooter found, charged

Oconto suspect arrested after high-speed chase and search, charged in Oconto County Circuit Court with attempted homicide.

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Parochial schools continue to see enrollment rise

St. Anthony in Oconto Falls' 103 students may be the highest enrollment in school's history; other area schools also see numbers swell.

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ENJOYING THE WANING DAYS OF SUMMER

With the first day of autumn looming on Sept. 22, a sailboat plies the water off the newly reopened Splinter Causeway at Waterfront Park in Oconto. The causeway, and Harbor Road leading to the park, reopened last week after an extensive upgrade.

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Shooting suspect arrested after chase

Two others taken into custody during an all-night search

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

The man wanted in connection with an Oconto shooting was captured shortly after sunrise Sept. 11 hiding in a wooded area near White Lake Road in the Town of Bagley.

Cody John Krueger, 24, is accused of shooting Nicholas Staidl in an apparently drug-related confrontation near Staidl's mailbox in the 2000 block of Superior Avenue.

Oconto County Sheriff Todd Skarban said the Emergency Dispatch Center got a call at about 3:16 p.m. Sept. 10 about a reckless driver in the Town of Lena. Deputies located the vehicle and attempted contact, but the driver of the vehicle refused to stop and a pursuit ensued.

The driver eventually stopped the vehicle and took off on foot in the Town of Bagely on Deer Lake Road. At that point the driver was identified as Krueger, and a passenger, Justin Jo Pierquet, 23, was taken into custody, Skarban said.

Law Enforcement worked throughout the night attempting to locate Krueger. Among other actions a search warrant was executed at a residence on Janik Road in the Town of Spruce after a tip the suspect may be there.

As a result of the search warrant, Kyra L. Saldana, 19, was arrested on a probation and parole warrant, and Steven M. Bickel, 37, was arrested on charges of maintaining a drug trafficking place, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Krueger was located around 7:15 a.m. Sept. 11 hiding in the woods and was taken into custody.

Bond was set at \$500,000 cash Sept. 13 when Krueger appeared in Oconto County Circuit Court to be formally charged with attempted first-degree intentional homicide, armed robbery, and first-degree recklessly endangering safety.

Skarban said the Oconto County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Oconto Police Department, Suring Police Department, Gillett Police Department, Oconto Falls Police Department, Lena Police Department, the Marinette County Sheriff's Office, Wisconsin State Patrol, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and Oconto County Emergency Management.

Breitenbach named Gillett police chief

Schneider held the post since 2019

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

The City of Gillett promoted Shane Breitenbach to be its new police chief Sept. 2.

Breitenbach succeeds Kevin Schneider, who had served as interim chief starting in February 2019 and was granted the job permanently three months later. He has taken another position, Mayor Josh McCarthy said in announcing the change.

McCarthy said Schneider has been an "outstanding" chief of police.

"I could not have asked for a better chief and ultimately a better person to run the police department," McCarthy said. "The knowledge, skills and the friendly people personality that chief Kevin brought made our working relationship very easy."

Schneider promoted a culture of sound, community-friendly policing, McCarthy said. The outgoing chief convinced the city to add a fourth full-time officer last year to maintain



Gillett Mayor Josh McCarthy, center, is flanked by new Police Chief Shane Breitenbach, left, and outgoing chief Kevin Schneider.

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24/7 coverage with minimal scheduling conflicts, he said.

Breitenbach "has vast knowledge, leadership training and law enforcement experience that will make the transition from one chief to another very smooth," McCarthy said. "Shane will be faced with the challenges of a small-town police

force. But as a council, we know he is the man for the job."

Schneider joined the Gillett department in 2017 after 16 years as a trooper with the Wisconsin State Patrol. He has a police science degree from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College and also served eight years in the U.S. Marine Corps.

CORRECTION

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy co-op football player Logan Shallow was misidentified as Lane Whiting in a photo in the Sept. 3 Times Herald. We apologize for the error.

Lena Lions celebrate 35th Dairy Fest

Main Street and St. Anne's Parish grounds in Lena were alive with activity Sept. 11 as thousands came to town for the Lena Lions Dairy Fest.

With the event landing on the 20th anniversary of 9/11 many of the parade entries had a patriotic theme.

Activities following the parade included a petting zoo by Lena FFA, pony rides by Casady's Critters, face painting by the Lena High School art department, bouncers, food vendors, free ice cream sponsored by the Lions, live music, and a truck and tractor pull. An evening fireworks display — sponsored by McGuire's Sports Bar, Revolution, Kugel's Cheese Mart, Jane's Classic Touch, Loopy's in Loomis, Marquardt Custom Homes, North Wood Flooring, Kelby Cook Construction, St. Louis Concrete, Five Corners Sportsman's Club, A-1 Driving School, and Mitch and Brooke Hodkiewicz — concluded the activities.

The winner of the Lions 50/50 raf-



The Patriot Guard Riders motorcycle group follow the color guard Sept. 11 at the head of the Lena Dairy Fest parade.

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fle was James Koslowsky from Lena (\$555). The club thanked all the Lions members, Oconto Sportsman's Club, school and church clubs, vendors and sponsors who helped out.



This little one marched with the Lena High School FFA in the Dairy Fest parade.

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Lena Lions Jack Kowalczyk, left, and Ken Linzmeyer hand out free ice sponsored by the club.

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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of Sept. 10

David R. Smith, 54, Oconto, pleaded no contest to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fifth offense), operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (sixth offense) and felony bail jumping, in connection with incidents that occurred Jan. 4, 2019, and May 16 of this year. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for Nov. 12 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

William A. Riskus, 37, Oconto, pleaded no contest to charges of possession of methamphetamine in connection with an incident that occurred Feb. 7; as well as felony bail jumping and misdemeanor resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that occurred July 12. A Jan. 28 charge of possession of narcotic drugs was dismissed but will be read into the record at sentencing, which Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled for Nov. 15. He also ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

William J. McGregor, 54, Green Bay, pleaded guilty to possession of narcotic drugs in connection with an incident that occurred April 4. Judge Jay N. Conley scheduled sentencing for Nov. 10 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Kevin J. Verhagen, 46, Little Suamico, waived his right to a preliminary

hearing and pleaded not guilty to four counts of second-degree sexual assault of a child, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 25. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Nov. 11.

A Jan. 19-20 jury trial was scheduled for Jessica L. Hartley, 38, Oconto, on two counts of second-degree recklessly endangering safety through the use of a dangerous weapon, two misdemeanor counts of intentionally pointing a firearm at someone and one count of misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 9. A final pre-trial hearing was scheduled for Dec. 17.

Shane Babe Sahm, 42, Altoona, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over to circuit court on charges of possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 26, 2020. Arraignment was scheduled for Oct. 14.

Calla Ann Hook, 27, Peshtigo, waived her right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to felony bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 25, 2020. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Nov. 11 on both

that charge and an earlier case alleging possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia from March 27, 2020.

Proceedings of Sept. 7

Christopher G. Halase, 30, Baraboo, pleaded no contest to homicide by negligent handling of a dangerous weapon, in connection with the death of his sister, Ashley Halase, 31, of Reedburg, on Aug. 21, 2020. In a plea agreement, a felony charge of second-degree reckless homicide and a misdemeanor count of discharging a firearm while under the influence of a controlled substance were dismissed but will be read into the record. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for Nov. 10 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Judge Jay N. Conley considered several motions in advance of a four-day jury trial starting Sept. 21 for Victor J. Alberts, 54, who is charged with 24 felonies — including three counts of repeated sexual assault of the same child, nine counts of child abuse, five counts of causing mental harm to a child, and two counts of first-degree sexual assault of a child, among other related charges that allegedly occurred from 2005 to 2016, as well as two counts of felony child abuse and four counts of misdemeanor or disorderly conduct, for incidents

that allegedly occurred Dec. 1, 2019, and Jan. 17, 2020. Another pre-trial motion hearing was scheduled for Sept. 17.

Charges were dismissed without prejudice against Hunter Joseph Schaden, 20, Oconto Falls, who had been charged with first-degree child sex assault, causing a child under 13 to view/listen to a sex act, child enticement for sexual contact, and another felony, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 1, 2015. The state's investigator did not appear for a scheduled preliminary hearing.

Christine Rivers, 53, Appleton, was placed on two years' probation beginning with a year in county jail for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense), in connection with an incident that occurred Nov. 16, 2019. Judge Michael T. Judge gave Rivers credit for 76 days already served and ruled that three months of the jail sentence may be stayed unless she violates conditions of her probation, which include maintaining absolute sobriety and completing all assessments, counseling and treatment deemed necessary by her agent. She is prohibited from entering any establishment where the main purpose is the sale of alcohol during the course of her probation.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, SEPT. 17

BREED: American Red Cross blood drive, 1-6 p.m., Community Center, 11155 State Highway 32.

ABRAMS: "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. Music farce presented by Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. Tickets 920-826-5852 or abramsspotlightproductions.com.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 18

OCONTO: Elks Fly-In 2021, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., J. Douglas Bake Municipal Airport, 2883 Airport Road. Celebrating the airport's 75th anniversary. Flyovers, planes on display, car show, music, food, craft vendors.

LAKEWOOD: Festi-Fall, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Music, crafts, food, vendors at various locations around town.

ABRAMS: "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater,

5852 Maple St. Music farce presented by Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. Tickets 920-826-5852 or abramsspotlightproductions.com.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 19

OCONTO FALLS: Flea Market, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Memorial Field.

ABRAMS: "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," 1 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. Music farce presented by Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. Tickets 920-826-5852 or abramsspotlightproductions.com.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 24

TOWNSEND: Amoterra Wellness Fair, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Town Hall, 16564 Elm St., mini-samplings of holistic treatments and wellness sessions, mini-classes.

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 25

OCONTO FALLS: Run for the Trails, 8 a.m., starting from ST Paper Stadium, 110 N. Farm Road. A timed 1/2 Marathon run, 10K run and 5K run or walk to benefit the city's recreational trail system.

TOWNSEND: Amoterra Wellness Fair, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Town Hall, 16564 Elm St., mini-samplings of holistic treatments and wellness sessions, mini-classes.

OCONTO: Harvest Fest, along Main Street, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Crafts, seasonal produce, kids activities, food and music.

LAKEWOOD: 11th annual Toys for Joy Ride, 11 a.m. registration, noon start, Prospect Lodge, 18207 County Road F. Motorcycle, car, truck ride sponsored by Prospect Lodge to benefit local children through the Christmas Heart Tree program at the Lakewood SuperValu.

ABRAMS: "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. Music farce presented by Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. Tickets 920-826-5852 or abramsspotlightproductions.com.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 26

OCONTO FALLS: Flea Market, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Memorial Field.

TOWNSEND: Amoterra Wellness Fair, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Town Hall, 16564 Elm St., mini-samplings of holistic treatments and wellness sessions, mini-classes.

ABRAMS: "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," 1 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. Music farce presented by Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. Tickets 920-826-5852 or abramsspotlightproductions.com.

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OBITUARIES

Kathleen Ann Coleman, 94, of Shawano (formerly of Mountain), went to heaven on Thursday, Sept. 9, 2021, joining her beloved husband, Harvey Coleman. Kathy was born on Sept. 26, 1926, the ninth child of Henry and Catherine (Podlasik) Watzka of Pine Grove. Her mother died shortly after giving birth. Several family members helped to raise our mom.

Kathy's sister, Frances Van Beek, and her husband owned a restaurant on Anderson Lake where Kathy worked as a waitress. Eva and Alvin Coleman, who were customers, liked the sweet waitress and told her that their son, Harvey, was coming home from the Marines. A meeting was arranged, and the rest is history. The couple was married on June 13, 1947, and eventually raised three children.

Kathy was a very talented seamstress, making the children's clothes, Halloween costumes, and even a



Store in Mountain, which they owned and operated until 1974. After the store sold, Kathy worked many jobs including as a tour guide for Quick Tours in Mountain.

Kathy was a member of the VFW Auxiliary. She became an EMT and was one of the people instrumental in securing an ambulance for Mountain. Kathy worked tirelessly with friends on getting the historical Swedish log home in Mountain. She was also a school board member and interested in all things Mountain. Kathy helped

prom dress. She knitted sweaters, hats, and mittens. Our mom was an amazing cook and baker. During this time she was also helping out at the family grocery store, Coleman's

many people stay at home at the end of their lives by being their caregiver.

Kathy is survived by her three children, Gwen (Dr. Charlie Thomas) Tatera, Glen (JoAnn) Coleman and Gail Coleman; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She is further survived by other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 73 years, Harvey; her parents; siblings, Dorothy (Frank) Dobesh, Alice (Herbert) Lax, Frances (Roman "Ray") Van Beek, Lillian (Elmer) Otto, Cloyde (Grace) Watzka, Ralph (Mary Ann) Watzka, Alvin Watzka, and Norbert Watzka; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Eva (Predith) and Alvin Coleman; sister-in-law, Lorraine (Conrad) Lipinski;

grandchild, Grace Marie.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Shawano from 10 a.m. until the Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Scott Valentyn officiating. Masks are required. Kathy will be interred in Mountain Cemetery with Harvey.

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

The family would like to thank Sue Olson, Sharon Ahern, Patty Peters, and Christie Tatera for being wonderful caregivers as well as

Unity Hospice in Shawano.

A memorial fund has been established for dementia research.



Thomas W. Lutz

Thomas "Tom" W. Lutz, 83, Oconto Falls, died Saturday, Sept. 4, 2021, at Bellin Hospital in Oconto following a short illness.

Tom was born in Minnesota but was raised on the family dairy farm outside Oconto Falls, and it was there that he learned the value of hard work from his parents, John and Marcella Lutz.

As a student at Oconto Falls High School, Tom was active in football, track, dramatics and forensics, FFA and the school play. He was also elected sophomore class president and junior Prom King. He graduated from OFHS in 1956. After two years of study at UW-Platteville, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he continued to develop his leadership skills and earned the rank of E-5 Platoon Sergeant.

After returning to Oconto Falls in 1962, Tom completed his teaching certification at Marinette Normal School and began his career in education as a sixth-grade teacher at Abrams School. On Nov. 30, 1963, he married Karen



Rabas at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Spruce. Tom continued to take courses, completing his bachelor's degree in elementary education from UW-Platteville in

1968. In 1970, Tom was named principal at Abrams School and soon added the responsibilities of principal at Little Suamico School. He completed his Master's degree in Educational Administration and Supervision at UW-Milwaukee in 1975.

As principal, Tom continued to touch the lives of students and teachers each day. He was well-respected by the students for his fair-mindedness and his ability to make learning fun for everyone. Many of his students went on to successful careers, often giving him credit for being an excellent role model and mentor.

Tom played a significant role in the remodeling and expansion of Abrams

School, which included returning the school bell to its rightful spot in the new bell tower. With the completion of Abrams School, he successfully blended the students and staff from both elementary schools and created a positive learning environment for all.

Tom retired in 1998 after 35 years with the Oconto Falls School District. He continued to be active in the community as a member of the Oconto Falls Lions Club, volunteering his time and energy to a variety of community projects.

Dedicated to education, Tom and his family established the annual John and Marcella (Murphy) Lutz Memorial Scholarship, given for the first time to a member of the OFHS Class of 2006.

Tom dedicated his entire career to educating children in the Oconto Falls School District. In 2006, he was inducted in the Oconto Falls High School Wall of Fame.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Karen (Rabas) Lutz, one daughter Michelle (Lutz) Grenke; two

grandsons, Gabe Grenke and David Grenke; one sister, Judi (Craig) Tanner; one sister-in-law, Gail (Rabas) Offerman; nieces and nephews Grant (Amy) Offerman, Lance (Madian) Offerman, Vincent (Sandy) Rudolph, John (Jennifer) Rudolph, Sue (Dennis) Coty, Scott Tanner, and other great-nieces and -nephews; their extended family includes three foreign exchange students, Patricia Rolon Pereira (Brazil), Misa Ito (Japan) and Joern Meissner (Germany), and special friends Jamie Kuhn and Corey Rank.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Marcella Lutz, father-in-law and mother-in-law Fred and Lillian Rabas, his sister Connie (Lutz) Carter and brothers-in-law, Donald Carter and Bob Christ.

A service of remembrance was held 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, 2021, at Jones Funeral Home with Deacon Peter Gard officiating.

In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, memorials may be made to the Lutz Family Scholarship Fund.

Terry L. Muth

Terry Lynn Muth, 60, of Keshena, passed away in her home on Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2021. She was born March 22, 1961, to George and Bonnie (Wilson) Muth in Gillett. Terry graduated from Gillett High School in 1979. She worked for the municipal court in Green Bay until retiring. After retiring, she enjoyed working part time with her mother as a paternity DNA tester. Terry loved living on Legend Lake and loved children.



cats — Hootsie, who passed away, and

She cherished spending time with her grandniece and grandnephew. Terry loved her family dearly and had many friends. She also held a special place in her heart for her

Bugsy, who will miss her.

Terry is survived by her mother, Bonnie Muth of Shawano, brothers; Richard Muth of Shawano, and Daniel Muth of Oconto Falls, nephews; Dustin (Allena) Muth of Cecil, and Dillon (friend Kailey) Muth of Oconto, special grandniece, Willow Muth, and special grandnephew, Forest Muth of Cecil. Terry is further survived by a special friend, Randy Bries and his

daughters, Courtney Bries and Lindsay Bries.

Terry is preceded in death by her father, George Muth, grandparents; George and Bernice Muth, and William and Maxine Otte.

A celebration of life for Terry will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at N1400 Thunderbird Road, Keshena.

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Unity is now offering Care Companions to residents of southern Oconto County and southeast Shawano County with plans to expand its service territory in the future. The program is available to anyone in the community, including Unity's existing hospice and palliative patients.

"We understand the importance that aging-in-place has for residents

in Northeast Wisconsin and are eager to offer services as the need for in-home care continues to increase, especially amid the current pandemic," said Samantha Brasier, Unity Care Companions Leader. "Our goal is to exceed expectations and maximize peace of mind by choosing the caregiver with the right skills and qualities to match our client's needs. Services are provided by thoroughly trained staff who are backed by the resources of Unity, the region's most trusted name in compassionate care since 1977."

Care Companions is a private-pay program that may be covered by some long-term care policies. Earnings from Care Companions will support Unity hospice care, Unity supportive palliative care and Unity grief support, ensuring everyone has access to the care they need regardless of ability to pay.

Anyone who needs assistance at home can be referred for a complementary assessment by calling Unity at 920-338-1111 or 800-990-9249.

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Paddling in the company of birds

Having put our canoe in the Oconto River just downstream of the Stiles dam at the east end of the Machickanee Flowage, we drifted downstream, an eye out for birds and a line cast now and then in search of bass. We soon spotted the “kings” of the river, the ever present Eastern kingbirds and belted kingfishers. Both species spend much of their time along streams, rivers, and lakes in search of prey; the kingbirds after insects and the kingfishers eating mostly small fish.

Paddling close to shore, it is hard to miss the belted kingfisher perching



CATHY CARNES

ing along the river's edge. It is easy to identify with its stocky build, short legs, big head and shaggy crest of feathers on the top and back of the head. The bluish-gray coloring and white neck band and belly of the adults are distinctive. The female has an added wide rusty band of color brushed across her belly. The stout dagger-like bills of these water-loving birds allows them to capture and eat a variety of foods. In addition to small fish, they also enjoy crayfish, small amphibians, mollusks, and reptiles. It's their loud rattling call that first alerts us of their presence. If we are patient, we get to watch their amazing plunging dives into the river as they pursue a fishy meal.

Paddling on, we spy Eastern kingbirds. They are quieter and less noticeable than the Kingfisher as they scan the river from their woody perches. Smaller than a robin, they are a stocky bird for their size with a large head, short but stout bill and squared-off tail. They are dressed in shades of black, the head darker than the wings and back, the chin and breast a flashy white. It is the white tip at the end of the tail that helps us identify the kingbird, a feature especially noticeable in flight. The Cornell Lab All About Birds website aptly describes their calls as high, sputtering notes followed by a buzzy zeer that is repeated many times. Listen closely and you will hear them on the river.

As our canoe drifts downstream, our attention is drawn to another larger bird skulking along the



A belted kingfisher is spotted on the river's edge in Manitowoc.

JOEL TRICK



A canoe ride down the Oconto River revealed this immature green heron.

CATHY CARNES

shoreline as it hunts for a meal. The feathers on its back seem to glow a

brilliant blue in the sunlight. It is a stocky bird about the size of a crow

with a longish neck, stout bill, and longer legs than the kingbird and kingfisher. It occasionally raises the dark feathers on the top of its head, giving it a regal appearance.

These features, along with white and brown streaking on the neck and breast, peg it as a juvenile green heron. Its jerky gait while hunting and rather stiff winged flight pattern evokes its prehistoric origins. According to AllAboutBirds.org, the green heron has multiple calls, a harsh, explosive skeow while perched, flying, or disturbed by a predator and raspy clucks (kuk-kuk-kuk-kuk) when disturbed at the nest. If you hear a grating scream on the river, that also could be an unhappy green heron.

During our paddle we also enjoyed seeing other birds, including a Spotted Sandpiper busy searching the shoreline for a meal, mourning doves, northern cardinals, red-winged blackbirds and a few ducks and geese. We came away from our river float without any bass, but with the satisfaction and appreciation of time well spent on a beautiful river in the company of birds.

Cathy Carnes of Oconto is a retired U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist who volunteers with Bird City Oconto.

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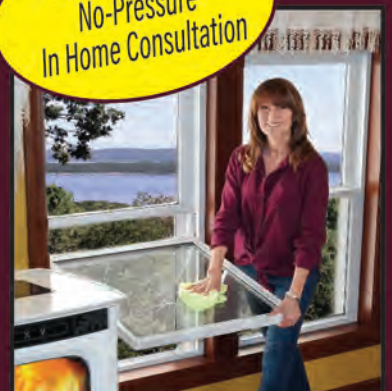
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School board reinstates mask policy

Decision takes authority away from superintendent, surprising some members after vote

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Decisions over masking policies and whether to keep school open or go virtual have community members and officials with the Gresham School District incredibly frustrated.

The Gresham School Board approved reinstating the mask policy it had in place last year on Sept. 13, but a couple of board members quickly had buyers' remorse after realizing the policy left the decision on masking mandates in the hands of the board itself.

Last month, before the policy was reinstated, the board voted to give Superintendent Newell Haffner the authority to decide whether masking was required. Since then, the district has said that masking is strongly recommended but not mandatory. However, the board rescinded the decision at board member Doug Huck's insistence it needed to do so because of the new policy.

"This is not about Mr. Haffner's ability or my trust in him at all," Huck said. "We need to be masked. It's a minimal, minimal safety measure to keep kids in school. That's been the whole goal of this thing. We want the kids in school five days a week."

However, that goal was put in jeopardy this week when Haffner announced the district was going virtual for at least Sept. 14 while waiting on COVID-19 test results. There were at least four confirmed positive cases within the school at the time of the board meeting, but the district's contact tracing indicates there could be other cases.

Children in fifth grade and below were expected to come back on Sept. 15, as there is no approved vaccine for those younger than 12 years. Vaccinated students in grades 6-12 could also return that day, according to Haffner.

That set parents off and brought almost two dozen to the board meeting, angry that the promises of keeping school in-person five days a week appeared to be disintegrating. Parent Ethan Schmidt felt the board should have had better plans that didn't require students to go to virtual learning so early in the school year.

"You guys said it was a 'massive outbreak,'" Schmidt said. "What is a massive outbreak? Is it actual confirmed cases? Is it mass amounts of



Parent Ethan Schmidt questions a decision to close Gresham School for a day during the Sept. 13 school board meeting.

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kids out because of close contacts? You left it broad."

Jen Brady, another parent, said she has sent written correspondence asking what the school's plans were in case of an outbreak and has received no reply. She also expressed disdain for the fact that vaccinated middle school and high school students can return later in the week but unvaccinated must remain out.

"I think this is being blown way out of proportion as far as all of a sudden we are now sending these kids home," Brady said. "I'm tired of the sob stories of the COVID cases. I understand COVID is deadly for some; I'm not denying that fact whatsoever. But that's all I hear at these meetings. It's not affecting the kids the way that it is adults."

Parent Amber Fischer was also upset because her child is among those having to be quarantined, but she can't find out who her child was potentially exposed to.

"Yet you're demanding my kid has to have a vaccine and show that vaccine card on Wednesday," Fischer said. "How is that right? This is a tiny school. No other school district in Shawano County is having these problems."

Not all of the parents disagreed with the decision to close school for a day. Heather Wilber said she was not willing to risk the life of her child, who is 11 and can't get vaccinated, and she knows at least five people who have died from the virus.

"What it comes down to is humanity, protecting everybody," Wilber said. "You're saying this is a small school. You're darn right it is, and that's exactly why every child should at least wear masks. I'm not saying you should get your child vaccinated by any means, if you don't want to, but we should want to protect all of our children."

Board member Joe Ejnik, who sits on the personnel and policy committee and was the lone vote against rescinding the Aug. 16 vote giving Haffner the ability to make the call on masking, said that the committee had recommended the policy with the understanding that Haffner and his staff could make the call on behalf of the board.

"Three weeks ago, we were saying how good a job Newell was doing and let him make the decision," Ejnik said. "Now we're coming back and saying Newell's not good enough to do it. That's my problem."

Board member Marge Eberhard, another member of the committee, said that circumstances changed since then, with additional positive cases coming to light.

"The board changes its mind with the information it receives," Eberhard said, to which Ejnik retorted, "Weekly?"

Board member Pat Pleshek noted that Haffner is the face of the school, the person parents deal with regularly when there are changes and issues within the school. Although he voted to rescind the Aug. 16 vote, Pleshek said he felt it wasn't right to take that responsibility away from the school's leader and having the board, which only meets twice a month, make the decisions instead.

"I feel I got snookered because I thought that this was going with the Aug. 16 policy to give him permission," Pleshek said. "I voted without that clarity."

Community members expressed anger at the decision, with one parent vowing to pull her three children out of the school and send them to Shawano.

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School resource officer retires after 37 years

Johnson thanks community for support during career

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

A 37-year veteran of the Shawano Police Department was honored Sept. 7 as she retired from her position.

Jody Johnson's career in law enforcement spanned time as a dispatcher, a patrol officer and a school resource officer.

"It is a strange feeling," said Johnson. "I am kind of in denial about not going to work every day."

Johnson started in Shawano in 1984 as a dispatcher, she then moved to a position as a patrol officer in 1995 and finally spent 21 years as a school resource officer, starting in 2000.

"Jody Johnson was quite unique," Shawano Police Department Captain Shane Stange said. "She is someone that you cannot recreate."

Johnson attributes her enjoyment of her job to her co-workers and the Shawano community.

"I have been blessed to work with great people at the police department and at the schools," she said. "I loved work. It never seemed like work. I would wake up every day and never think I am upset that I have to go to work."

Stange said it's clear Johnson played a major part in the community from the fact that every time he went out on a call with her, she was familiar with the people involved.

"We didn't go anywhere without her knowing someone at the call or the event," said Stange.

He said that her actions and behaviors were exactly what the police department in Shawano represented.

"Our motto at the police department is to protect and serve," said Stange. "She exemplified that."

Johnson said she and her husband, who recently retired from the sheriff's department, don't have set plans of what they want to do next.

"I do have some hobbies that I want to pursue," said Johnson. "I will still be on all of the committees. I want to learn how to golf better. We have UTVs that we can use. We also still have some kids in school, so I may have to learn sixth-grade math."

Stange said people who are just



Jody Johnson is all smiles as she is honored during her Sept. 7 retirement ceremony.

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entering the profession can learn a lot from Johnson's actions.

"Jody has excellent communication skills," said Stange. "I think that a lot of people can learn how to be a good communicator from the example that she set."

He went on to tell a story when he and Johnson were on a call together. The pair of officers responded to a disturbance involving a child and a young mother. The child was acting up, and the mother was scared that something would happen to her or her newborn baby.

"The mother and the child knew Jody and called her during the situation," said Stange. "It was in the evening and Jody came over to the house in lounging clothes, as she was getting ready for bed. She calmed the child down and sat and played a board game with the child even after the rest of us had left."

Stange said he learned a lot from her, not only that night, but working with her in general.

Johnson said she has always been involved in working with children, proved by her experience in foster care.

"My husband and I became foster parents," said Johnson. "In total, we fostered 29 children and we have adopted three of them."

Along with foster care, Johnson spent a majority of her career working as a school resource officer for Shawano Community High School.

"She was integral to the school," said Stange.

He said that before the hiring of two school liaison officers, Johnson would drive from school to school to make sure everything was running smoothly.

"She handled herself very well at the schools," said Stange. "She was able to pitch in at all of them. She did whatever was needed and never said 'that is not my job.'"

Stange believes that having someone like Johnson at the police department is important for not only the community, but co-workers as well.

"She has integrity," said Stange. "She is a very good communicator and is very easy to talk to."

According to Stange, the story about the board game is just one of many he has about working with her. He added that they both responded

to a high-risk domestic disturbance call and he and Johnson were able to take care of two small children while other officers dealt with the situation.

Johnson said her experience in law enforcement taught her a lot of things.

"I have learned to be flexible and understanding," said Johnson. "I always tried to leave people better than how I found them."

With her retirement, Johnson hopes that she left a legacy of compassion.

"I always wanted to be a police officer," said Johnson. "I always want to make a difference and help those who were less fortunate. I want everyone to recognize that everyone has good in them."

In her career and experiences with working with children, Johnson said that she always wanted to encourage them to do what they wanted to do.

"I always wanted to encourage young girls to give back and look at a job in law enforcement," Johnson said.

Kleefisch announces bid for governor's seat

Former lieutenant governor visits Shawano prior to announcing her candidacy

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Rebecca Kleefisch, who previously served for eight years as lieutenant governor, formally announced her desire to aim higher Sept. 9 as she threw her hat into the ring for the 2022 governor's race.

Kleefisch wasted no time in announcing how current Gov. Tony Evers has been bad for Wisconsin.

"Tony Evers' weak leadership has been disastrous for our state," Kleefisch said. "He failed to stand up to the left-wing mobs while Wisconsin cities burned. Evers tried to raise your taxes during a pandemic, and his administration let the calls of unemployed Wisconsinites go unanswered after he shut our economy down."

Kleefisch served as Gov. Scott Walker's right hand from 2011 through 2018. Her campaign noted that she championed workforce and economic development when she was in office and used her position as lieutenant governor to create the Governor's Small Business Summit as a source of connecting the governor's office, as well as a free business seminar for minorities and women interested in becoming entrepreneurs.

Kleefisch also has a reputation for pushing for a pro-life scenario and is an avid supporter of Wisconsin's outdoors programs and the Second Amendment.

"I'm a mother, a cancer survivor and, as your governor, I'll always put you first and never back down," Kleefisch said. "I have the backbone to get the job done and, together, we can build a stronger Wisconsin."

In a video announcing her campaign, Kleefisch started off by attacking Evers' actions in the wake of the riots in Kenosha following the police shooting of Jacob Blake.

"Tony Evers failed to lead," Kleefisch said in the video. "\$50 million up in smoke, our police deserted and disrespected, jobs destroyed. Lives were lost and small businesses were burned, and our governor sided with rioters instead of the people of this community."

Kleefisch went on to say Evers' entire time in the governor's chair has been defined by "weakness" and "failure."

As far as what she will do if elected, she announced she would stand behind law enforcement by hiring more



Rebecca Kleefisch, who served as lieutenant governor with Gov. Scott Walker, visited Shawano on Sept. 3. She attended a Shawano County Republican Party luncheon at the Shawano Four Seasons, visiting with Dick Olson and Carla Burr. Kleefisch announced recently she will be a candidate for 2022 Wisconsin governor's race.

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police officers and banning sanctuary cities, among other things. Kleefisch also said she would be a friend to the business community and advocate for blue-collar workers.

"I'll fight for those who work long hours and double shifts to provide for their families," Kleefisch said in the video. "I'll strengthen vocational training so people can make a good living whether they go to college or not."

Kleefisch also pitched herself as an education advocate, working to keep schools open and raise educational standards. She also said she would enhance school choice, allowing families to send their children to parochial schools through public tax dollars.

"Tony Evers sided with union bosses and liberal activists to keep our kids out of the classrooms," Kleefisch said. "It's a disgrace."

Prior to her formal announcement for governor, Kleefisch paid a visit to the Shawano County Republican Party on Sept. 3 to talk about issues affecting the state. Richard Kucksdorf, chairman for the county GOP, said he believes

any opposition will underestimate her, to their own detriment.

"When she ran for lieutenant governor, she was not the choice of the establishment, and she still won because she worked harder," Kucksdorf said. "I think she'll bring that work ethic to the governor's office; I don't think we have that same work ethic there now."

Kucksdorf noted that the governor needs to be in the thick of things, something he believes Kleefisch would accomplish. Evers' style, he said, is to say hello to everybody and then leave for his "minions" to handle the situation.

"I think that'll change under Rebecca," Kucksdorf said. "She's going to provide actual leadership, and I think Wisconsin needs that."

Kleefisch could be a better governor than Walker, as well, according to Kucksdorf, because she listens to people and takes action — something her former boss didn't always do, especially in his 2018 campaign when he lost to Evers.

"You couldn't talk to Scott Walker.

You had to talk to his young college handlers," Kucksdorf said. "We tried to tell them, 'You've got to address preexisting conditions,' and they didn't listen until October, and by then it was too late."

Democrats were quick to pounce on Kleefisch's candidacy announcement, labeling her in a press release as a radical who would hurt people in the state as they're recovering from the coronavirus pandemic.

"Kleefisch has fully embraced radical extremism — spreading misleading information about COVID-19 and vaccines, buying into conspiracy theories about the election and using inappropriate, inflammatory rhetoric that disqualifies her from being governor," said Ben Wikler, chairman for the Democratic Party of Wisconsin. "Kleefisch is the wrong person for this moment. She wants to drag Wisconsin backwards to the failed days of the Scott Walker era, and has shown she can't be trusted to follow science and listen to the experts in a crisis."

Enrollment up at 3 parochial schools

Administrators believe variety of issues bring families to Christian education

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

With the 2021-22 academic year underway, three area parochial schools are seeing a noticeable increase in their student counts.

“St. James currently has 215 students enrolled in grades K-8,” said St. James Lutheran School Principal David Kaiser. “When preschool (3K and 4K) is included, the enrollment grows to 271 students.”

Similar to St. James, Sacred Heart Catholic School has seen a boom in enrollment lately — its highest in decades.

“We have 156 students in our school,” said Autumnne Gee, director of admissions and development at Sacred Heart. “This is our highest enrollment in 20 years.”

Gee said that the school has seen a consistent 11% increase in enrollment over the last couple of years.

One other school that has seen a rise in enrollment is St. Anthony School in Oconto Falls.

“We have 103 kids in our school,” said St. Anthony Principal Sue Beschta. “This number is higher than our previous years. It is likely the highest enrollment in our school’s history.”

These schools in the area have seen an increase in their enrollment numbers within the last couple of years.

“Enrollment has either maintained the level of around 200 students or increased in the past 10 years,” said Kaiser. “This was an unexpected growth of students this year.”

Kaiser attributed the growth in enrollment to four factors — Christian-based education, a family feel, class size and the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program.

“The primary factor that families look for when considering St. James, is a Christian-based education,” said Kaiser. “This is called the St. James difference. Other public schools are not able to talk about Jesus Christ.”

St. Paul Lutheran School in Bonduel has seen a slight decrease in enrollment this year compared to last year.

“We have 203 students enrolled this school year,” said St. Paul Principal Gerald Schmidt. “That is a few less than previous years.”

With the growing enrollment at St. James, Kaiser said that most of the lower grade classes had reached their caps, forcing the school to turn away a dozen students.

“This has been our greatest increase in enrollment in five years,” said Kaiser. “Part of this enrollment increase was due to the number of students that St. James retained when we were able to safely navigate the COVID-19 pandemic last year and hold face-to-face instruction.”

With the COVID-19 pandemic, Kaiser acknowledged the job that the Shawano public schools did to keep class in session.

Gee attributed their constant growth in enrollment to the school’s ability to market themselves.

“We try to market and get our name out there as much as possible,” said Gee. “We are very active on



Third grade student Colton Farley, left, and first grade student Ayriss Nicholas pray as they partake in the first all-school Mass during the new school year at Sacred Heart Catholic School.

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social media and our website.”

Beschta said marketing helps St. Anthony to grow.

“We promote enrollment by being active in our community as well as utilizing social media, radio interviews, newspaper articles, etc.,” said Beschta.

Gee said the family feel of Sacred Heart is a reason why enrollment keeps steady. She said that the transparent communication between the staff, students and family helped during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We have a good relationship with the health department,” said Gee. “We were able to effectively communicate news and updates to families. We built and continue to build personal connections.”

Kaiser said St. James does not spend a lot of time focusing on promoting enrollment.

“We simply ask if parents and their children are enjoying their educational experience at St. James, they talk with friends, family and even their neighbors about the benefits of St. James education,” said Kaiser.

He added that if someone has had a bad experience at St. James, he makes himself available to talk to that person to help resolve the issue, so that family or another family in the future won’t face the same problem.

Schmidt said that parents enroll their children at St. Paul due to the type of education that is promoted.

“Parents are looking for a school where Christ is included in education,” said Schmidt. “We provide

an education with Christ at the center.”

Schmidt said the voucher program has helped to bring more students into the school, as well as give parents an opportunity for their children to learn about Jesus Christ.

“The voucher program was set up five to seven years ago,” said Schmidt. “There is a line of income level and if parents are below that level, they can apply. Families are then chosen to receive free tuition at a parochial school.”

Sacred Heart employs a similar method in an effort to promote enrollment.

Gee and Sacred Heart also rely on testimonials from current and past students and family to help spread the word about the school.

“We want current families to share the experiences that they and their children have had at Sacred Heart,” said Gee. “We will continue to pray for families, students and staff.”

Like the other schools, Beschta believes that parents choose St. Anthony due to education that is surrounded by catholic faith.

“Children attend Mass, have question/answer sessions with Father Greg, pray the rosary and attend adoration on a weekly basis,” said Beschta.

She said a small class size is an intriguing option for parents.

“Smaller class sizes allows for individual attention, personal growth and a family-like environment,” said Beschta.

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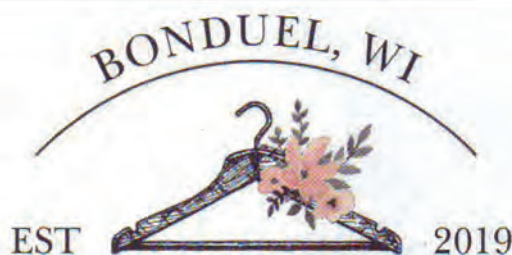
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Sept. 9

Deputies responded to 37 incidents, including suspicious activity along County Road SS in the Town of Pensaukee, suspicious activity near Bonita and McComb Lake roads in the Town of Mountain, a fire control burn on South Range Line Road in the Town of Little River, suspicious activity on Elm Avenue in Oconto Falls, harassment on Sunrise Lake Road in the Town of Riverview, a disturbance on Maplewood Lane in the Town of Little Suamico, four traffic stops, three traffic offenses, one citizen assist, four miscellaneous traffic incidents; two 911 hangups and three open lines; one ambulance call; one deer-related crash.

Sept. 8

Deputies responded to 38 incidents, including suspicious activity on County Road I in the Town of Stiles, suspicious activity on Columbia Street in Oconto Falls, suspicious activity near Geano Beach Road and County Road J in the Town of Pensaukee, suspicious activity on David Lane in the Town of Mountain, an overdose at an address in Oconto Falls, six traffic stops, one citizen assist, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; one 911 hangup and three open lines; two ambulance calls; four crashes, two involving deer.

Sept. 7

Deputies responded to 44 incidents, including theft near Duame Road and state Highway 22 in the Town of Stiles, theft on O'Malley Lane in the Town of Abrams, a disturbance on Presbyterian

Road in the Town of Townsend, theft on Old 141 Road in the Town of Lena, theft near West Frontier Road and County Road S in the Town of Little Suamico, animal neglect on Red Bank Road in the Town of How, squad damage on Sixth Street in Oconto, suspicious activity on County Road D in the Town of Abrams, a disturbance on Gray Lake Road in the Town of Oconto Falls, five traffic stops, two traffic offenses, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; four 911 hangups and three open lines; one deer-related crash.

Sept. 6

Deputies responded to 55 incidents, including a noise disturbance on Lilly Road in the Town of Little Suamico, suspicious activity on County Road W in the Town of Riverview, a disturbance on Barkman Street in Suring, threatening on Duescher Lane in the Town of Pensaukee, property damage on Ridge Lane in the Town of Brazeau, theft on Tar Dam Road in the Town of Riverview, a disturbance on Elm Road in the Town of How, a disturbance on Morgan Road in the Town of Underhill, theft on County Road EE in the Town of Abrams, theft on County Road G in the Town of Maple Valley, an animal bite on Lake View Lane in the Town of Townsend, animal neglect on Violet Lane in the Town of Maple Valley, suspicious activity on Demit Road in the Town of Little River, one traffic stop, seven traffic offenses, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; four 911 hangups and seven open lines; four crashes, one

involving deer.

Sept. 5

Deputies responded to 67 incidents, including a disturbance on Tar Dam Road in the Town of Riverview, a noise disturbance on North Washington Street in Oconto Falls, a noise disturbance on County Road S in the Town of Little Suamico, a structure fire on Archibald Lake Road in the Town of Lakewood, an unwanted party on Main Street in Oconto, illegal burning on Pelky Road in the Town of Lakewood, an ATV accident on Spring Creek Road in the Town of Mountain, a disturbance on South Maple Avenue in Oconto Falls, harassment on Chute Dam Lane in the Town of Mountain, a disturbance near U.S. Highway 141 and Norway Woods Lane in the Town of Abrams, suspicious activity on County Road A in the Town of Maple Valley, suspicious activity on Lee Lake Road in the Town of Brazeau, a noise disturbance on Sunset Bay Lane in the Town of Townsend, one traffic stop, two traffic offenses, one citizen assist, one miscellaneous traffic incident, one welfare check; 14 911 hangups and six open lines; three crashes, one involving deer.

Sept. 4

Deputies responded to 70 incidents, including suspicious activity on Sunnyside View in the Town of Chase, a disturbance on White Lake Road in the Town of Bagley, suspicious activity on West Burnt Dam Road in the Town of Townsend, suspicious activity near County Road S and Windross Lane in

the Town of Pensaukee, an ATV accident near Mountain Lake Road and state Highway 64 in the Town of Mountain, trespassing on Goldhorn Road in the Town of Brazeau, trespassing on Muehl Drive in Suring, theft on state Highway 32 in the Town of Townsend, illegal burning on St. Bernadette Road in the Town of Spruce, a noise disturbance on Rosewood Court in the Town of Little Suamico, six traffic stops, one traffic hazard, five traffic offenses, three citizen assists, six miscellaneous traffic incidents; seven 911 hangups and seven open lines; two crashes, one involving deer.

Sept. 3

Deputies responded to 62 incidents, including suspicious activity on North Franklin Street in Oconto Falls, drugs at an address in the Town of Stiles, fraud on Cheyenne Drive in the Town of Abrams, a drug investigation at an address in Oconto Falls, fire near U.S. Highway 141 and Kottke Lane in the Town of Lena, suspicious activity on East Frontage Road in the Town of Little Suamico, a disturbance on William Blake Circle in Oconto, criminal damage on Pickerel Lake Road in the Town of Townsend, an animal bite on Pine Tree Road in the Town of Townsend, an animal bite on Hornick Lane in the Town of Abrams, three traffic stops, one traffic hazard, four traffic offenses, six miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; six 911 hangups and four open lines; two ambulance calls; five crashes, two involving deer.



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SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY

Oconto Falls girls 7th, boys 8th at invitational

Petersons,
Kaczmarek lead
Gillett teamsBy MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

The Oconto Falls High School girls and boys cross-country teams had top-10 finishes at a strong Shawano Invitational on Sept. 11 in Shawano.

The Oconto Falls girls came in seventh with a team score of 198, while the boys were eighth with a mark of 219. Against other Division 2 schools, the girls and boys each took third.

Hannah Ludemann and Brooke Hodkiewicz led the way for the girls team with top-20 finishes. Ludemann was the 17th runner across the finish line, posting a time of 21 minutes, 35.2 seconds. Hodkiewicz placed 20th in 21:51.4.

"When we stick together, work hard and encourage each other, we do really well," said Ludemann.

"We can improve on trying harder, encouraging each other even more and pushing through the difficulties the course gives us."

Freshman Hailey Delzer also enjoyed a strong run, taking 36th in 22:38.8. Maddy Przybylski (23:55.1) and Ava Hodkiewicz (24:44) filled out the team score, taking 63rd and 79th, respectively.

"Today's finish means a lot to all of us, because this just points us to what could possibly happen later in the season and possibly in the following years as a team," said Brooke Hodkiewicz.

Joe Adams earned the Panthers' top boys individual finish on the day, coming in 12th in his race with a time of 17:25.3.

Ben Adams was the second Oconto Falls boys runner across the finish line, taking 38th in 18:26.1.

Grant Yuma (19:09.2) placed 55th, while Griffin Knox (19:13.9) was 59th. Brant Laluzerne capped the team score after taking 84th in 19:56.9.

"Today's invitational went really well for us," said Joe Adams. "We definitely got a great young group of runners this year. The competition at this meet was a great experience for



Oconto Falls' Hannah Ludemann, left, and Brooke Hodkiewicz navigate the course during the Shawano Invitational on Sept. 11 in Shawano. Ludemann took 17th, while Hodkiewicz was 20th.

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us. When we are challenged, we grow stronger. That is evident with the times we had today compared to the first meet."

Gillett

Gillett also had several individual runners with strong runs, leading to a 10th-place finish for the boys team with a score of 237 and a 12th-place finish for the girls team with a mark of 263.

One of just two qualifying Division 3 teams in action, the boys were first and girls second.

Alex Peterson had Gillett's top individual finish, placing fifth in the boys

race with a time of 16:39.6.

"My race and post race were definitely a roller coaster," said Peterson. "I felt pretty good through the first mile and most of the second mile. But the third mile for me felt slow. I looked at the clock coming into the finish, and I thought it said 17:04, which isn't a PR (personal record). But turns out, I ran a 16:39! I guess I felt better than I thought. Just like my coach always tells us, trust your training and get the job done. That's what I felt I did today."

Evan Peterson wasn't too far behind Alex, taking 13th in 17:29.7. Conner Hanson was 39th in 18:26.8.

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Full results can be found at pttiming.com.

Scott Herroux (20:43.2) and Aydin Franti (21:37.6) capped the team's top-five runners, finishing 106th and 116th, respectively.

"Team wise, I am very excited of the improvements we have made, including an almost two-minute PR from one of our freshman (Herroux)," said Evan Peterson. "And with all the guys posting season PRs, I know that our team has something special in store for us later down the road — hopefully a state trip to Wisconsin Rapids. And with a new sophomore joining our team (Franti), that just makes our vision even more tangible."

"Overall, I am very proud of our team today for taking first over Bonduel, which was a great test for sectionals, and for our whole season so far."

Carleigh Kaczmarek led the Gillett girls team, placing 15th with a time of 21:28.5.

Angela Mosconi finished 45th in 22:54.1, while Kasey Hansen was 69th in 24:09.9.

Cheyenne Krueger (24:25.6) and Laney DeBauch (25:00.3) were the team's fourth and fifth runners to finish, placing 73rd and 85th, respectively.

"Running against such great competition definitely helps us push ourselves to be the best," said Kaczmarek. "It takes more determination and confidence to run with them, so it's definitely going to help with tournament time."

Suring

Suring only had four girls runners take part in the invitational, so no team score was achieved.

Chantelle VanDenElzen was the top finisher, placing 82nd in 24:51.5.

"This race was a great experience for my team as we all improved our times," said VanDenElzen. "It taught us that teamwork and positivity can help us reach our goals."

Hailey Thomson wasn't far behind VanDenElzen, coming in 86th in 25:00.5.

Georgia Gerndt (25:59.3) and Samantha Seibert (28:15.6) were the other two runners, taking 101st and 115th, respectively.

ATHLETE PROFILE: LANE WHITING

Lena senior has scored in every game so far

The Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy football team is off to a 3-0 start to the fall season. Lena senior Lane Whiting has helped the team to that perfect start and has been a threat all over the field on offense.

Whiting rushed nine times for 55 yards and scored a 17-yard rushing touchdown in the team's season-opening win over Suring in week one. He also caught one pass for 17 yards.

In a week two win over Florence, Whiting scored a 2-yard rushing touchdown. He finished with 59 rushing yards and the score on 13 carries.

Whiting also scored in the team's most recent game against Wausaukee, scoring on a 17-yard run. The senior totaled 14 carries and 110 yards. He also caught a 41-yard pass.

Q: When did your interest in football begin?

A: My interest in football started at a young age when I started playing flag football.

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

A: My favorite part is the first couple of weeks when we start bonding and playing together as a team.

Q: Your team is a co-op with St. Thomas Aquinas Academy for football. Talk about how you are able to gel with athletes from another school in order to put strong teams on the field and come together to earn wins.

A: We get along great with the group from St. Thomas, and it's fun to see how we all work together to become a better team. Between the two schools, we have a lot of talent.

Q: What's the key to picking up more wins as the season continues on?

A: We have to practice hard, learn from our mistakes and continue to get better every day.

Q: Do you have any individual

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Lane Whiting

SPORT: Football

POSITIONS: Running back, linebacker

SCHOOL: Lena High School

YEAR: Senior

goals you hope to accomplish this season?

A: I want to make all-conference again this year and become a better leader and teammate.

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

A: I continue to send examples by working hard at practice, keeping a positive attitude and pushing my teammates to be better.

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

A: I mentally prepare and eat a bag of gummy worms before every game.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Lena/STAA team?

A: My favorite memory is playing Wausaukee in the snow and winning the COVID Cup and the Highway 141 sign (in 2020).

Q: Favorite movie, TV show and musical artist?

A: Movie – "Space Jam." TV show – "SpongeBob SquarePants." Musical artist – don't have a favorite.

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

A: I get to school at 5:30 every morning to lift weights.

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

A: "There may be people that have more talent than you, but there's no excuse for anyone to work harder than you do." — Derek Jeter

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

A: My goal is to play baseball in college and earn a degree.



Lena/STAA's Lane Whiting, left, leaps up to try and catch the ball during a win over Suring on Aug. 28 in Suring.

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COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

St. Norbert

Pulaski High School graduate Kendall Karcz was credited with nine total tackles in the St. Norbert football team's loss to UW-Stout on Sept. 11. Karcz now has 13 total tackles through the team's first two games.

North Iowa Area

Samantha Coron, an Oconto Falls grad, continued her strong career and helped the North Iowa Area Community College to a 3-2 record on the court last week.

In a loss to Hawkeye Community College on Sept. 8, Coron recorded 15 assists, nine digs and five attack kills.

In a five-set win over Rochester Community and Technical College on Sept. 10, Coron totaled 10 attack kills,

18 digs and 24 assists. In a victory over Iowa Lakes Community College that same day, the Panther grad had 14 assists, dive digs and five attack kills.

In a win over Minnesota State Community and Technical College on Sept. 11, Coron was credited with 21 digs, 17 assists and five attack kills. Later that day, she had 12 assists, nine attack kills and five digs in a loss to Rock Valley College.

Bemidji State

Pulaski graduate Taylor Birr has produced for the Bemidji State volleyball team despite the team's 0-8 start to the fall.

Birr had four assists and a dig in a loss to South Dakota Mines on Sept. 3. She recorded 14 assists and three digs in a setback to MSU Billings on Sept. 3.

The Pulaski grad tallied five assists in a loss to Black Hills State on Sept. 4.

Dubuque

Gillett graduate Riley Engebretsen placed 147th while competing for the University of Dubuque men's cross-country team on Sept. 11.

Engbretsen earned the spot after completing the Luther College All-American Invitational in 25:35.07.

UW-Oshkosh

Oconto Falls grad Mac Winkler carried the ball three times for 12 yards in the UW-Oshkosh football team's win over Northern Michigan University on Sept. 11.

Oshkosh is now 2-0 on the season.

MSU-Moorhead

Gillett graduate Derek Hanson

placed 44th in his first collegiate cross-country race for Minnesota State University-Moorhead on Sept. 11.

Hanson earned 44th after completing the course in 21:05.6.

Concordia-St. Paul

Pulaski grad Andrew Egnarski had a huge game on the defensive side of the ball in the Concordia University-St. Paul football team's win over Upper Iowa on Sept. 11.

Egnarski tallied 11 total tackles in the contest and forced and recovered a fumble. He also was credited with 3½ sacks.

Egnarski's big day earned him Defensive Player of the Week recognition in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

The sophomore has 15 total tackles and four sacks through two games.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Mellusi powers Wisconsin past Eastern Michigan

By **TAMIRA MADSEN**

The Associated Press

Chez Mellusi ran for 144 yards and a touchdown, leading No. 18 Wisconsin to a 37-7 victory over Eastern Michigan on Sept. 11 in Madison.

Wisconsin (1-1, 0-1 Big Ten) piled up 352 rushing yards and also dominated on defense against Eastern Michigan (0-2), which had 92 total yards on offense. The Eagles had three first downs.

Mellusi, a Clemson transfer, became the first Wisconsin running back to record consecutive 100-yard rushing games in his first two contests since Corey Clement in 2013.

The Badgers, typically known

for their explosive running, also had breakout performances from Isaac Guerendo and Jalen Berger. Berger, who missed the opener, had 15 carries for 62 yards and one TD.

Guerendo got to the edge and ran 82 yards for his first career touchdown that increased Wisconsin's lead to 24-0 with 4:40 left in the first half. Guerendo, a junior, posted the eighth-longest TD run in program history.

The Badgers excelled on defense, even though two veteran starters didn't play.

Safety John Torchio made his second career start in place of senior Collin Wilder, who was out. Alexander Smith was inserted at cornerback due to the absence of fifth-year senior

Faion Hicks.

But mistakes, like the ones in its 16-10 loss to Penn State last week, were still frustrating for Wisconsin.

The Badgers failed to score inside the Eagles' 10-yard line on their first series. Mellusi tripped on a handoff from Graham Mertz on first down and then the Badgers didn't score on three runs following that miscue.

A holding penalty down field by Wisconsin wide receiver Danny Davis negated a 36-yard TD pass by tight end Clay Cundiff in the first quarter.

The lone highlight for Eastern Michigan was a 98-yard interception return for a TD in the fourth quarter by freshman defensive back David Carter, who picked off Badgers reserve

quarterback Chase Wolf. The score was a career first for Carter.

Mertz returned in the fourth after Wolf's interception.

The takeaway

Badgers receivers saw some action Saturday. Kendrick Pryor led receivers with 54 yards, while Davis had 30.

Quarterback Graham Mertz completed 14 of 17 passes for 142 yards and no interceptions in three-plus quarters.

Up next

Wisconsin is off next week before a marquee matchup against No. 8 Notre Dame on Sept. 25 at Soldier Field in Chicago.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wisconsin men's team announces schedule for 2021-22 season

With Wednesday's announcement of the Big Ten Conference slate, the Wisconsin men's basketball program unveiled its complete 2021-22 schedule — which includes 17 regular season home games at the Kohl Center.

Fans will have the opportunity to get their first look at this season's team at the annual red-white scrimmage, which is set for Oct. 17 at the Kohl Center. Time will be announced at a later date.

Wisconsin is scheduled to host

UW-Whitewater for an exhibition on Oct. 29.

The Badgers officially tip off the regular season Nov. 9 at home against St. Francis Brooklyn.

As part of the Big Ten vs. Big East Gavitt Tipoff Games, Wisconsin hosts Providence in Madison on Nov. 15. The Badgers and Friars will meet for the first time since 1996.

During Thanksgiving week, Wisconsin will play in the Maui Jim Maui Invitational, Nov. 22-24. The Badgers

open up tournament play against Texas A&M on Nov. 22 at 1 p.m. on ESPN2. On Nov. 23, UW will face either Butler or Houston.

For this year's Big Ten/ACC Challenge, the Badgers will travel to Atlanta for a game against Georgia Tech on Dec. 1. Wisconsin also visited the Yellow Jackets in 2001 as part of the third-annual Big Ten/ACC Challenge.

Wisconsin returns home to host Marquette on Dec. 4 before opening Big Ten play with a two-game confer-

ence stint in December. The Badgers welcome Indiana to the Kohl Center on Dec. 8 and then travel to play at Ohio State on Dec. 11.

League play resumes in full for the Badgers on Jan. 3 with a road trip to Purdue.

Men's basketball student season tickets go on sale to all degree-seeking undergraduate, graduate and professional students beginning Sept. 23 at 7:30 a.m. Tickets will be sold online at UWBadgers.com.

Skiers fail to break Guinness record



Skiers attempted to break a Guinness World Records mark of 38 barefoot skiers behind a single boat but fell short while skiing on the Wolf River on Sept. 12. A National Show Ski Association record might have been achieved and is currently pending.

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National record under review

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Skiers failed to break a Guinness World Records mark for most barefoot skiers behind one boat, but might have set a new National Show Ski Association (NSSA) record after hitting the Wolf River on Sept. 12.

Shawano Ski Sharks members and other water skiers teamed up to form the Big Pull event and were trying to break the Guinness World Records mark of 38 barefoot skiers behind

one boat, a mark that was established in Shawano in 2019. The group was unsuccessful in achieving that feat, but believe they may have set a NSSA record with a 40-person barefoot line.

"The criteria for Guinness and National is very different," said Eric Gran, who sets up and plans Big Pull events. "So, the National record is everybody has to be on their feet for five seconds, where the world record, we have to go 300 meters or longer, which is significantly longer when you do that."

Video of the 40-person barefoot line has been sent to USA Water Ski, and their committee will review all the video footage and see if the skiers met all the criteria. The committee will

vote on the potential new record at its mid-November meeting in Florida.

When discussing why the group fell short of the Guinness record, Gran mentioned the boats the skiers were behind. He believes that a bigger boat would be needed, otherwise the current record of 38 won't be broken.

A triple 300R Mercury boat was used in the attempts to break the record. Gran mentioned needing a triple 400R boat to get the job done, as the 300R didn't bring the skiers up to a great enough speed.

"We would like to have 40 (miles per hour), that's an ideal speed for us," said Gran. "When we got the big number of footers out there, we weren't breaking 38. You wouldn't

think two miles an hour makes a big difference, but on your bare feet, it makes a huge difference."

Despite the failure to post a new Guinness record, Gran and the rest of the skiers enjoyed the experience and challenge it presented.

Gran also made it a point to highlight the community support that Shawano gave to the event. Water patrol was out on the river making sure everyone participating was safe and that no other boats got in the way. He also mentioned the ambulance service, police, sheriff and department of public works for helping put on the event.

"It's a great community to have this happen in," said Gran.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

BOYS SOCCER

Pulaski 8

Xavier 1

Pulaski rolled to a nonconference victory over Xavier on Sept. 10 in Pulaski.

Noah Jaime and Austin Decker each had two goals and an assist for Pulaski. Dylan Carley and Ben Uelmen had a goal and an assist each.

Hayden Burkel and Will Steeno had Pulaski's other two goals. Joe Wacholz and Jonah Kochaver had an assist each.

Mason Baker and Gaven Halde-mann defended the net for the Red Raiders.

VOLLEYBALL

Tigerton ties for 3rd at tournament

Tigerton topped Stockbridge (25-14, 25-7) but lost to Sevastopol (25-17, 25-

20) and Suring (22-25, 25-16, 17-15) to tie for third place at a six-team tournament on Sept. 11 in Suring.

Tigerton's Skyler Hauser finished the day with 19 kills, 29 digs, nine service points and five block kills. Abby Swartz contributed 10 kills, 29 digs and eight service points, while Jaycee Hoppe-Schmidt tallied 39 digs and 19 service points.

Elizabeth Robbins chipped in 19 assists and 13 service points for the Tigers. Samantha Suehring tallied 23 service points and 12 digs, while Angel Welch had 10 service points.

Suring earns 2 wins

Suring defeated Oneida Nation 25-23, 26-24, 25-15 and Lena 25-7, 20-25, 25-20, 25-21 during a triangular on Sept. 9 in Suring.

Christine Sleeter finished the night with 19 total kills, five aces and seven assists to lead Suring. Bailey Stuart tallied 10 attack kills, five digs and four aces, while MaKenzie Chesterfield had

nine attack kills, seven digs and four aces.

Kate Mahoney served nine aces and led the team with 28 assists over the two matches. Emma Kristoff recorded six digs, while Trinity Remic had five. Macie Reed and Macyn Garrigan chipped in five attack kills each.

Gillett 3

Green Bay West 0

Gillett eased to a 25-20, 25-8, 25-12 sweep over Green Bay West in a non-conference match Sept. 7 in Gillett.

Taylor Schuster recorded eight kills, six aces, three digs and two blocks to lead Gillett to victory.

Bowler 3

Marion 0

Bowler defeated Marion by scores of 25-21, 25-19, 25-11 in a Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division match on Sept. 7 in Marion.

Morgan Paiser tallied seven kills, seven aces and six digs to lead Bowler,

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while Tia Kroening added four kills, six digs and three aces.

Bertina Dodge and Brandi Spencer each recorded four kills and four aces for the Panthers. Shianne Pike also had four kills. Spencer was credited with 13 assists, while Ava Paiser had 12 assists.

Gresham 3

Northland Lutheran 0

Gresham picked up a CWC-North win over Northland Lutheran on Sept. 7 in Kronenwetter, winning by scores of 25-9, 25-16, 25-21.

Chloe Bohl led Gresham with 14 kills, while Valarie Cerveney added 13 total kills and 10 service points. Kalayla Tucker tallied 17 digs.

Hannah Cerveney led the Wildcats with 24 assists. Maddie Haffner chipped in 11 digs.

Nectar-producing plants feast for hummingbirds

Hummingbird migration is in full swing and, over the next several weeks, hummingbirds will continue migrating through the state on their journey south. Many gardeners grow colorful nectar sources specifically to benefit migrating hummingbirds during this important time in their long journey.

It's easy to grow nectar plants during spring and summer; however, growing sources of nectar that last throughout the fall season until Halloween is a bit more difficult. This is when hummingbirds need these sources the most, as they need to fuel up for a long journey south.



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Hummingbird feeders are nice and beneficial to hummingbirds moving through; however, they should always be treated as a supplemental food source. Hummingbirds will always choose to feed from live plants and fresh blooms in the garden.

In our area, there are plenty of choices you can grow to provide important nectar sources from Labor Day through Halloween to benefit hummingbirds that will still be passing through for the next several weeks. Here are some of my favorites:

- **Trumpet honeysuckle:** Not to be confused with the large, woody trumpet creeper vines that can be quite aggressive, native trumpet honeysuckle is an herbaceous vine that is much easier to control, and it provides clusters of colorful blooms that feed hummingbirds during their migration season. The native variety is scarlet red in color, but there are garden hybrids in peach, pink and gold.

- **Hostas:** Surprisingly, one of the plants that I see hummingbirds visit most frequently in my fall garden are hostas. Hosta varieties that bloom in fall are perfect for hummingbirds, and I often see them hovering among the spires of lavender blooms.

- **Salvias and sages:** There are many varieties of annual salvias and sages that are wonderful nectar sources for hummingbirds and bloom late into the season. One of the most important nectar sources for hummingbirds all season long is black and blue salvia. This plant



Wendy's Wish salvia is a must have in the fall garden for hummingbird migration season.

ROB ZIMMER

can grow 3 to 4 feet high and wide and features stunning cobalt blue flowers.

Wendy's Wish is another large salvia that blooms in a gorgeous wine color. Pineapple Sage is a popular herb featuring brilliant scarlet red blooms and lime green to yellow foliage. All of these are wonderful choices for hummingbirds, as well as for late season beauty in the garden.

- **Goldenrod:** Goldenrod is abundant during late summer and fall, and there are many wonderful varieties to choose from. Many people are reluctant to plant goldenrod in the garden because of a few aggressive species. However, there are many excellent non-aggressive and beautiful varieties of goldenrod for the garden.

Stiff Goldenrod features rigid stems with large, fuzzy leaves and a flat cluster of golden flowers. These are excellent clump forming perennials and do not spread aggressively.

Zigzag Goldenrod is a great goldenrod for a shady spot. This is one of only a few goldenrod species that thrives in the shade.

Showy Goldenrod features large, rounded plumes of yellow flowers in an elegant form.

Fireworks Goldenrod is an extravagant and flamboyant plant with foot-long, narrow splays that cascade downward like a golden waterfall.

Hummingbirds love to dance among the clusters of small yellow flowers, gorging themselves on every tiny blossom as they move along.

- **Lantana:** Excellent for hummingbirds, as well as migrating monarchs that are moving south at the same time, lantana is the classic, woody, trailing or upright annual featuring blooms in pink, orange, yellow and red.

- **Verbena:** Both tall verbena and trailing or spreading verbena are great choices for hummingbirds, and these annuals last well into the fall season when deadheaded properly and placed in a bright, sunny location. Tall verbena comes in purple and may grow to 5 feet tall, featuring small clusters of ball shaped spheres of purple blooms. Trailing verbena comes in many different colors including white,

purple, red, pink, as well as bicolors.

- **Vermillionaire or cuphea:** There are many varieties of "firecracker" plants that are excellent choices for hummingbirds. This is my favorite, with smaller, firecracker-shaped blossoms in red and yellow that are abundant on small, bushy plants. Place this plant in your garden and the hummingbirds will come. Excellent for containers as well.

- **Turtleheads:** Turtleheads are late-blooming perennials in our area and come in rose pink or white. These flowers get their name from the shape of the bloom that resembles the neck and head of a turtle. Because of their tubular shape, hummingbirds find them attractive and feast upon these gorgeous wildflowers on their journey south.

Planting a variety of nectar-producing annuals and perennials that last through the fall season is a great way to help migrating hummingbirds as they are on their way south for another winter season.

County park hosts car show



A custom Jeep with a lifted body and a bed was one of the popular attractions for visitors at the car show at Shawano Lake County Park on Sept. 12.

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Menominee program harvests healthy knowledge

Jennifer Gauthier is inspired by indigenous food stories. The Menominee tribal member recognizes that the important work tribal nations throughout the world were doing to practice food sovereignty was inherent in the knowledge of her people.

Serving as the community development educator for the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension in Menominee County, Gauthier said, “Locally, we have the knowledge. We hear it when listening to our grandmothers’, aunties’, and uncles’ food stories—listening to what they do and then passing it onto the next generations.”



RYAN WINN

The teachings in those family stories are being amplified by Kemamaceqtaq: We’re All Moving, which focuses upon “increasing access to healthier foods and expanding access to safer locations for physical activity” for the Menominee Nation. Funded by The National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention award of \$2.5 million over five years, the initiative will “work with partners to improve the health of residents” through “evidence-based strategies grounded in Menominee cultural values.”

Gauthier noted, “Everyone in the community has a piece of knowledge, and this is a representation of what happens when we all pull together and share what we know.” Working alongside state support staff, Gauthier’s team includes Dawn Doperalski, who plans curricula activities; Daniel Grignon, who designs their artwork and helps with their application of Menominee language; and Annette Tourtillott, who weaves the pieces together through community coordination.

The fruit of the team’s labors is a community guidebook that is available both in-print at the Extension office and in digital format on the UW-Extension’s website.

“The guidebook provides a Menominee timeline of harvesting and hunting food, which ties to the moons in the Menominee calendar,” Gauthier said. “It also has our language and hands-on and virtual activities for each month.”

Gauthier sees the project as a



Jennifer Gauthier explores community health policy with Menominee county and tribal stakeholders.

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JENNIFER GAUTHIER, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension community educator

way to connect the current generation’s health to the wisdom of their ancestors.

“We include recipes from community cookbooks from the 1950s, ‘60s, and ‘70s,” Gauthier said. “We want to uplift those chefs and the meals they prepared during the moons in their own time.”

Gauthier emphasized, “Sharing food and being together is a way of healing for people,” adding, “August was Men-kesoq, Blueberry Moon, and berry picking is a great way for a family to connect. They’re spending time together, getting exercise in a Menominee way, and gathering a food that has nutritional value beyond those that are store bought.”

The guidebooks are also being highlighted by the language teachers in the Menominee school district.

Gauthier recounted, “We shared

them with a focus group this past summer, and they loved the concept, thought about how to use it, and gave us feedback to help make our work even better.”

She conveyed that this was what her team hoped for. “We kept all language teachers in our minds and hearts when working on the guidebooks, hoping they would adapt them and use them to help with their lesson planning.”

The group’s efforts were highlighted this past month at the Kehtekaewak Farmers Market on the College of Menominee Nation’s Keshena campus. Visitors to their booth were gifted a pint of blueberries and invited to both peruse the guidebook and use juice from the berries to paint wooden heart necklaces. September is Pawahan-kesoq, Wild Rice Gathering Moon, and Gauthier shared that they plan

to return to the market to share the traditional food of her nation.

The Kemamaceqtaq: We’re All Moving is undertaking endeavors to be a catalyst for Menominee health by connecting food, traditions, art, culture, language, and environment.

Speaking on behalf of her team, Gauthier said, “We want to value and recognize our Menominee knowledge systems as valid and important. There are teachings within them. There’s been changes in our land and food systems, but the knowledge is still there for us.”

She continued, “My hope is that this is a way for us all to reconnect and start to share those stories and their teachings again.”

Gauthier said, “Sharing food is a wonderful thing. It brings back a lot of memories for people.”

The hope is that this type of thinking will yield exponential rewards. After all, the more memories created and shared, the more food stories the Menominee nation has to nurture its citizens.

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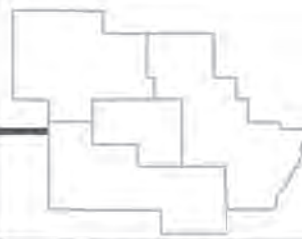
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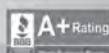
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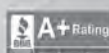
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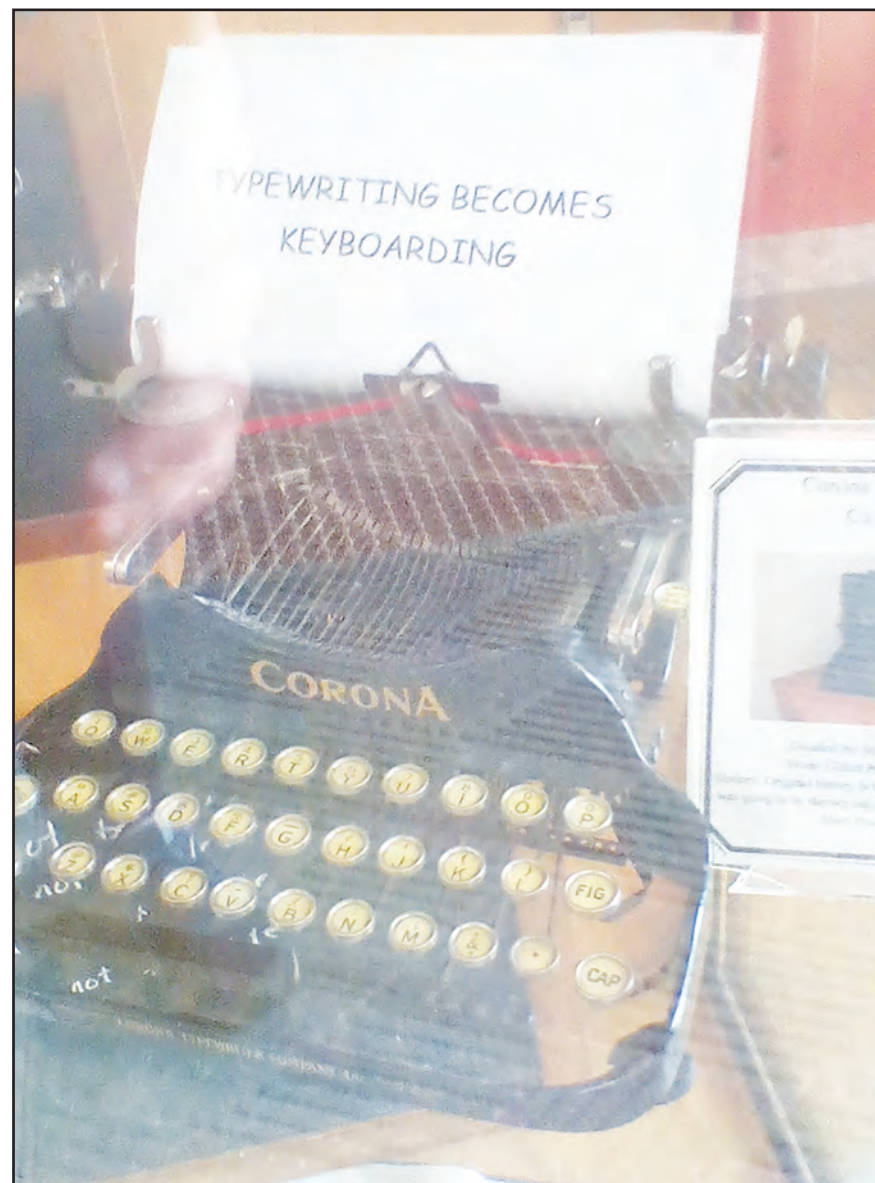
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Gillett library showcases a century of learning



The Gillett Public Library's display includes a 1912-era Corona typewriter.

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The Gillett Public Library, in partnership with the Gillett Historical Society, have created a display featuring how local schools have changed over a century.

Multiple one-room schoolhouses have been consolidated into a single location. Gillett School District students have seen many changes over the years. None of these changes have impacted students with such depth as technology.

Blackboard slates have been replaced by paper notebooks. No longer

are the days when students pack their lunches in lard pails or carry cigar boxes with ink wells. Cellphones now occupy pockets where jacks and marbles were once used for recess fun.

Those interested in exploring Gillett's schoolyard history can visit us at 200 East Main Street in Gillett on Mondays through Thursdays from 10 am to 6 pm and Fridays 10 am to 5 pm. For more relics of Gillett's academic past, contact the Gillett Historical Society, 110 W. Main St., 920-598-1910.

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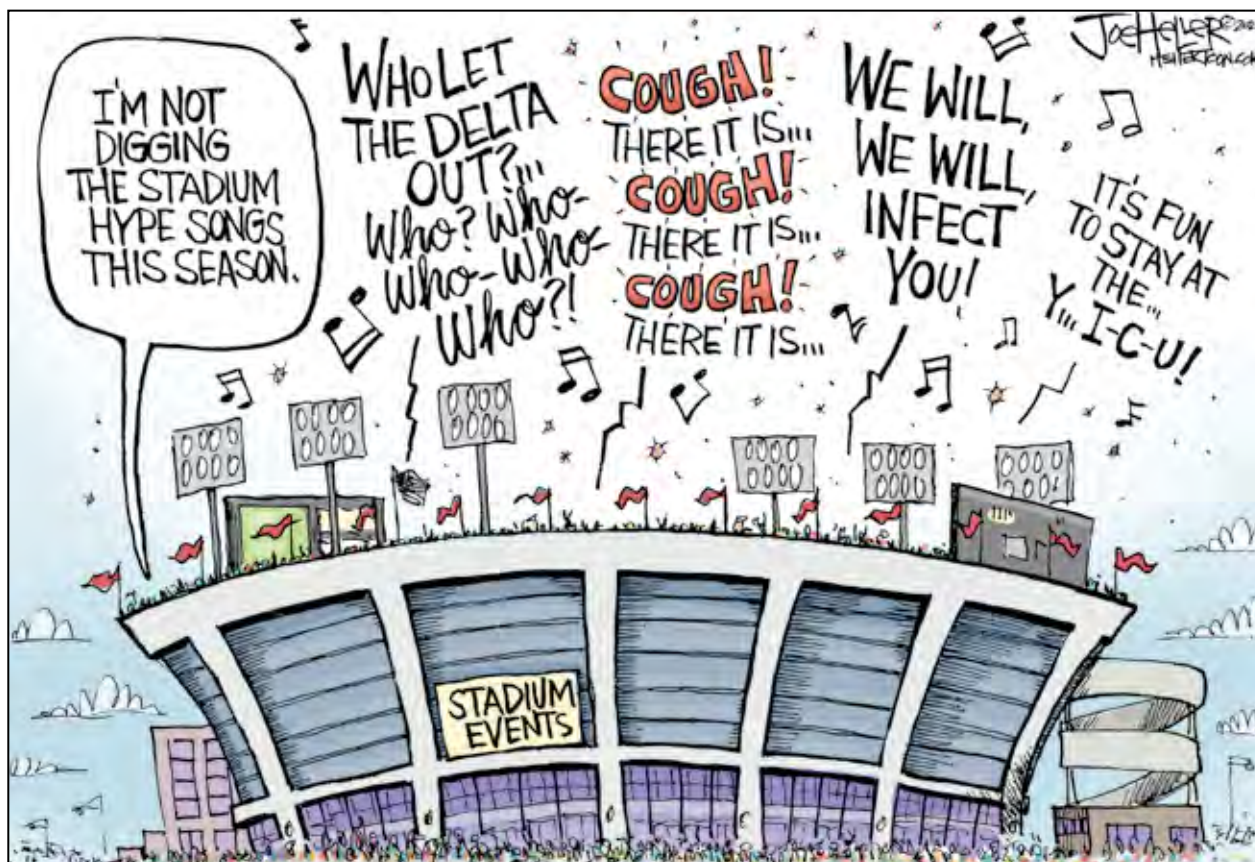
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**Warren Bluhm is the editor-in-chief for NEW Media.
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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR

Oconto County is seeking applications for a full time Health & Human Services Director. This position is responsible for developing, implementing and evaluating a comprehensive range of programs and services that impact the quality of life of all County residents in areas including mental health, public health, child welfare, elderly, disability and children long-term care services and other social services for the County. Please see link for complete job description.

Requires Bachelor's a degree in a related field including but not limited to social work, healthcare administration or public or business administration; prefer related Master's degree with at least five years of progressively responsible leadership experience in the field of health and human services. Desire a strong background in budget development, planning and program evaluation. The successful candidate should be a team player with a collaborative leadership style. Integrity and a strong work ethic are essential.

Salary \$99,000 to \$106,000 based on qualifications plus a generous benefits package including participation in the Wisconsin Retirement System.

Interested candidates must send cover letter, resume, reference and salary history via email, in a single PDF, by Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. CTS to bretld.paa@gmail.com with email subject: Oconto County, Wisconsin HHS Director Search. Questions should be directed to Dave Brett, Public Administration Associates, LLC, at 414-350-3328.

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The Oconto County Commission on Aging, Inc., a private non-profit agency, has an immediate opening for the position of Executive Director. This position will be responsible for the development and administration of a comprehensive aging services program to the citizens of Oconto County, consistent with Wisconsin State Statutes Chap. 46, administrative rules promulgated by the State and local directives. This position serves at the will of the Oconto County Commission on Aging Board. The ideal candidate will possess excellent written and verbal communication skills, leadership and coordination skills, computer and word processing skills, and an interest in the well-being of seniors in Oconto County. The Executive Director must understand, support and work within the values, mission, and vision of the Oconto County Commission on Aging.

This position is responsible for the oversight and implementation of operations and programs in-house and at outside locations including but not limited to meal sites, transportation and senior activities. The Executive Director is responsible for the preparation and monitoring of the annual agency budget and must apply for grants to supplement program funding. The Executive Director is responsible for all areas of employee matters including the recruitment, training and supervision of all paid and volunteer staff.

This position works 40 hours per week. Rate of pay will depend on qualifications and experience. Minimum requirements include education and experience in administration, personnel, finance and accounting. Finalists may be required to undergo a background check. Interested candidates must apply on-line at www.co.oconto.wi.us. Please include a cover letter, resume and references. For more information, please contact Shelly Schultz, Human Resource Director at shelly.schultz@co.oconto.wi.us or 920-834-6810. Application deadline is Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at noon.

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Requires Bachelor's a degree in public or business administration or related field; prefer Master's degree with at least six years of progressively responsible administrative and leadership experience in a County or municipal organization(s). ICMA-CM certification a plus. Desire a strong background in budget development/long term financial planning, capital improvement and execution and strategic planning. The County Administrator serves as the Risk Manager for the County. The successful candidate should be a team builder, possess open and positive communication skills and have a collaborative leadership style. Integrity and a strong work ethic are essential.

Salary \$116,000 to \$124,000 based on qualifications plus a generous benefits package including participation in the Wisconsin Retirement System.

Interested candidates must send cover letter, resume, reference and salary history via email, in a single PDF, by Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. CTS to bretld.paa@gmail.com with email subject: Oconto County, Wisconsin County Administrator Search. Questions should be directed to Dave Brett, Public Administration Associates, LLC, at 414-350-3328.

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The City of Gillett Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a hearing on Monday, October 4, 2021 at 5:30 pm at City Hall, 150 N McKenzie Avenue, Gillett, Wisconsin. This hearing is open to the public.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider the request of Dan Buell to rezone his property located next to 312 East Washington Street, parcel number 2310422257578A1, from residential to commercial.

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Green Bay Packers head coach Matt LaFleur, center, watches from the sideline during the first half of a game against the New Orleans Saints on Sept. 12 in Jacksonville, Florida.

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Green Bay needs to improve in all facets

Packers hoping to correct several issues as Lions come to town

By **MORGAN RODE**

Sports Editor

The Green Bay Packers came into the season with big goals and aspirations, so its abysmal performance against the New Orleans Saints in week one was a big shock to the football world.

The Packers' offense only lost a couple players from last year, while its defense was eager to play with more intensity under a new defensive coordinator. The offense and defense were equally bad in what turned into one of the team's most lopsided losses in recent memory.

Head coach Matt LaFleur made no excuses for the team's uninspiring first game, calling it embarrassing, humbling and disappointing during his postgame press conference.

LaFleur added he was surprised at how poor the team looked after a strong training camp and weeks of practice leading up to the game. He said the issues wouldn't just disappear overnight either.

"The only way that I believe you bounce back from any defeat or setback, whether it's in football or life, is you put in the work and that's what we have to do," said LaFleur.

One day Hall of Fame quarterback Aaron Rodgers didn't sugar-coat things from the loss that turned out to be one of his worst games of his career.

"We played bad. I played bad," said Rodgers. "Offensively, we didn't execute very well."

Rodgers also think the Saints provided the rest of the league a blueprint on how to take down the Packers this season, and that the team will need to figure out answers in a hurry so that the performance doesn't snowball.

The Saints' defense played a lot of two high, sending extra defenders at wide receiver Davante Adams all game.

Adams was targeted seven times, pulling in five passes for only 56 yards. The numbers were inflated by a 31-yard reception late in the first half. One of Rodgers' two interceptions came when targeting Adams, and turned out to be the game-sealing play.

Even with the extra emphasis on stopping Adams, the Packers other receiving options weren't able to



New Orleans Saints quarterback Jameis Winston, left, scrambles away from Green Bay Packers linebacker Rashan Gary during the first half of game on Sept. 12 in Jacksonville, Florida. The Packers' defense only held the Saints' offense scoreless on two drives.

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capitalize on their single coverage looks. Randall Cobb was the next leading receiver for Green Bay, but his 32-yard catch came with Jordan Love at quarterback and the game well out of reach.

The Packers' running game also mightily struggled despite the lack of defenders around the line of scrimmage.

Starting running back Aaron Jones had just nine rushing yards on five attempts. A.J. Dillon was more effective with a 4.8-yard average run, but only had four carries. In total, the Packers had 43 rushing yards on 15 attempts.

The Saints also didn't blitz often, but were still able to get to Rodgers several times with only four pass rushers. Rodgers was sacked once and hit seven times.

Even after the poor showing, Rodgers didn't seem too concerned that the unit would continue to struggle against the same looks.

"Hopefully, we see it a little bit more because we'll have it figured

out by next week," said Rodgers.

On the other side of the ball, the first game under new coordinator Joe Barry went about as poorly as it could go.

New Orleans scored on its first three offensive possessions to take a 17-3 lead into halftime. The Packers forced a punt after halftime but bounced back with three straight touchdown drives to blow the game open.

Known as a turnover-prone quarterback, Jameis Winston instead completed 14 of his 20 pass attempts for 148 yards and five touchdowns and didn't turn the ball over. He also rushed six times for 37 yards and a couple big first-down runs in the first half.

New Orleans finished with 171 rushing yards and averaged over four yards a carry.

Defensive lineman Kenny Clark said the team failed to "capitalize on our opportunities" in the first half, allowing Winston to scramble for a couple first downs after avoiding

some pressure and tackle attempts.

The Saints converted three third downs and a pair of fourth downs in the first half, including a 1-yard touchdown pass to go up 17-0.

There were also several instances where Saints' receivers were left uncovered throughout the game.

Safety Adrian Amos said the defensive mistakes and shortcomings are all correctable.

"We just got to make our plays. We have to communicate. We have to be on our assignments," said Amos. "We just have to be all-around better. You can't just pinpoint one or two things this game."

"There's a lot that went wrong — a lot that we can correct. A lot of easy things to correct."

The Packers luckily have an extra day to try and iron out some of the issues that plagued them in the opening game, as the team's second game won't be until Monday when division foe Detroit comes to Lambeau Field.

Rodgers, Packers struggle in loss to Saints

QB picked off twice

By **MARK LONG**

The Associated Press

Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers has rarely had an NFL performance like this. It was nearly a new Sunshine State low for a quarterback with plenty of Florida woes.

The league's reigning MVP completed 15 of 28 passes for 133 yards, with no touchdowns and two interceptions in a 38-3 drubbing to hurricane-displaced New Orleans on Sept. 12 in Jacksonville.

"This is a good kick in the you know where," said Rodgers, ready to turn to page to next Monday night's game against Detroit. "Hopefully gets us going in the right direction going back home and playing a division opponent next week."

Rodgers spent the final 11 minutes of the game on the sideline, having given way to second-year pro Jordan Love. Rodgers mostly sat on the bench and chatted with teammates. There was plenty to break down, little of it positive.

"We played bad. I played bad. Not characteristic of how we've practiced in training camp. Obviously not how I've played over the years," Rodgers said. "This is hopefully an outlier moving forward. We'll find out next week."

The Saints looked like geniuses for choosing to play in Florida, where Rodgers has been less than stellar over his 17-year NFL career. This one, though, made most of the others look decent.

"I think those are all great excuses for us that we will not even go near," said Packers coach Matt LaFleur.

LaFleur said it was fair to question whether he should have rested most of his starters during the preseason.

"Certainly I think you question every decision you make when you put a performance like that out there," he said.

Rodgers finished with a 36.8 passer rating, tied for his fourth worst in 191 starts. And it came against a defense supposedly thin in the secondary.

His biggest issue was Green Bay's offensive line, which started two rookies and had another guy playing out of position because All-Pro left

tackle David Bakhtiari is recovering from a knee injury. The revamped unit did little to open rushing lanes and even less to give Rodgers enough time in the pocket.

It didn't help that Green Bay punted on its first two possessions and trailed 17-0 before picking up its third first down. Rodgers went to two-minute mode from there, hardly ideal against New Orleans' two-deep shell scheme designed to get pressure with just the front four.

The Packers managed a field goal at the end of the half and moved into the red zone to open the third quarter — they were hoping to cut the lead to 17-10 — when Rodgers got hit as he threw and misfired behind Davante Adams. Paulson Adebo got the interception.

Rodgers called it the "play of the game."

His second interception was a bad overthrow to speedster Marquez Valdes-Scantling. He completed just one pass longer than 20 yards, a perfectly placed ball to Adams that gained 31. That led to Green Bay's lone score, a 39-yard field goal by Mason Crosby on the final play of the first half.

Nothing changed after the break.

And Rodgers ended the day like few others in his illustrious career.

The only passing games worse for the three-time MVP came at Buffalo in 2014 (34.3 rating), at Detroit in 2010 (34.7) and at Tampa Bay last season (35.4).

Rodgers fell to 3-5 in eight starts in Florida, including back-to-back losses.

The Saints, who spent two weeks practicing in the Dallas area after Hurricane Ida made landfall near New Orleans on Aug. 29, had their pick of any of Florida's three NFL stadiums. They chose Jacksonville in an effort to make it tougher on Packers fans trying to get tickets, and partly because they didn't want Tampa Bay fans cheering against a fellow NFC South team.

They also looked at Rodgers' record in the Sunshine State, which wasn't good and just got worse.

"I always say there's no coincidences in life, so I don't think I can slough it off as a coincidence," Rodgers said. "We traveled down here. It was hot but not as hot as we played here in '16. The heat shouldn't have been an issue for us., We just didn't execute very well."



Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers throws from the pocket during the second half of a game against the New Orleans Saints on Sept. 12 in Jacksonville, Florida.

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2	Mason Crosby	K	6-1	207	36	15	Colorado
7	Corey Bojorquez	P	6-0	217	24	4	New Mexico
8	Amari Rodgers	WR	5-9	212	21	R	Clemson
10	Jordan Love	QB	6-4	219	22	2	Utah State
12	Aaron Rodgers	QB	6-2	225	37	17	California
13	Allen Lazard	WR	6-5	227	25	3	Iowa State
17	Davante Adams	WR	6-1	215	28	8	Fresno State
18	Randall Cobb	WR	5-10	195	31	11	Kentucky
20	Kevin King	CB	6-3	200	26	5	Washington
21	Eric Stokes	CB	6-0	194	22	R	Georgia
22	Shemar Jean-Charles	CB	5-10	184	23	R	Appalachian State
23	Jaire Alexander	CB	5-10	196	24	4	Louisville
24	Isaac Yiadom	CB	6-1	190	25	4	Boston College
26	Darnell Savage	S	5-11	198	24	3	Maryland
28	AJ Dillon	RB	6-0	247	23	2	Boston College
31	Adrian Amos	S	6-0	214	28	7	Penn State
32	Kylin Hill	RB	5-10	214	23	R	Mississippi State
33	Aaron Jones	RB	5-9	208	26	5	Texas-El Paso
36	Vernon Scott	S	6-2	202	23	2	TCU
39	Chandon Sullivan	CB	5-11	189	25	4	Georgia State
41	Henry Black	S	6-0	204	24	2	Baylor
42	Oren Burks	LB	6-3	233	26	4	Vanderbilt
43	Hunter Bradley	LS	6-3	241	27	4	Mississippi State
44	Ty Summers	LB	6-1	241	25	3	TCU
47	Chauncey Rivers	LB	6-2	259	24	1	Mississippi State
49	Dominique Dafney	TE	6-2	243	24	1	Indiana State
51	Krys Barnes	LB	6-2	229	23	2	UCLA
52	Rashan Gary	LB	6-5	277	23	3	Michigan
53	Jonathan Garvin	LB	6-4	257	22	2	Miami
55	Za'Darius Smith	LB	6-4	272	28	7	Kentucky
58	Isaiah McDuffie	LB	6-1	227	22	R	Boston College
59	De'Vondre Campbell	LB	6-3	232	28	6	Minnesota
62	Lucas Patrick	G	6-3	313	28	5	Duke
67	Jake Hanson	C	6-4	296	24	1	Oregon
70	Royce Newman	T/G	6-5	310	24	R	Mississippi
71	Josh Myers	C/G	6-5	310	23	R	Ohio State
73	Yosh Nijman	T	6-7	314	25	2	Virginia Tech
74	Elgton Jenkins	G	6-5	311	25	3	Mississippi State

76	Jon Runyan	G	6-4	307	24	2	Michigan
77	Billy Turner	G/T	6-5	310	29	8	North Dakota State
79	Dennis Kelly	T	6-8	321	31	10	Purdue
81	Josiah Deguara	TE	6-2	238	24	2	Cincinnati
83	Marquez Valdes-Scantling	WR	6-4	206	26	4	South Florida
85	Robert Tonyan	TE	6-5	237	27	4	Indiana State
86	Malik Taylor	WR	6-1	220	25	2	Ferris State
89	Mercedes Lewis	TE	6-6	267	37	16	UCLA
90	Jack Heflin	DL	6-3	304	23	R	Iowa
91	Preston Smith	LB	6-5	265	28	7	Mississippi State
93	T.J. Slaton	DL	6-4	330	23	R	Florida
94	Dean Lowry	DL	6-6	296	27	6	Northwestern
95	Tyler Lancaster	DL	6-3	313	26	4	Northwestern
96	Kingsley Keke	DL	6-3	288	24	3	Texas A&M
97	Kenny Clark	DL	6-3	314	25	6	UCLA

Reserve/Injured

25	Will Redmond	S	5-11	186	27	6	Mississippi State
56	Randy Ramsey	LB	6-3	238	25	2	Arkansas

Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform

69	David Bakhtiari	T	6-4	310	29	9	Colorado
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Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner

87	Jace Sternberger	TE	6-4	251	25	3	Texas A&M
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Practice Squad

6	Kurt Benkert	QB	6-3	218	26	2	Virginia
16	Chris Blair	WR	6-2	198	23	R	Alcorn State
19	Equanimeous St. Brown	WR	6-5	214	24	4	Notre Dame
27	Patrick Taylor	RB	6-2	217	23	1	Memphis
35	J.J. Molson	K	5-11	180	24	1	UCLA
38	Innis Gaines	S	6-1	202	23	R	TCU
45	Bronson Kaufusi	TE	6-6	270	30	3	Brigham Young
46	Steven Wirtel	LS	6-4	228	23	1	Iowa State
48	Kabion Ento	CB	6-1	187	25	2	Colorado
50	Tipa Galeai	LB	6-5	229	24	1	Utah State
57	Ray Wilborn	LB	6-3	230	24	1	Ball State
60	Jacob Capra	G/T	6-5	300	22	R	San Diego State
64	Ben Braden	G	6-6	329	27	2	Michigan
72	Abdullah Anderson	DL	6-3	303	25	2	Bucknell
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8	Jamie Collins Sr.	LB	6-3	255	31	9	Southern Mississippi
10	David Blough	QB	6-1	205	26	3	Purdue
11	Kalif Raymond	WR	5-8	182	27	5	Holy Cross
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17	Trinity Benson	WR	6-0	180	24	1	East Central
18	KhaDarel Hodge	WR	5-11	183	26	4	Prairie View A&M
21	Tracy Walker III	S	6-1	206	26	4	Louisiana-Lafayette
23	Jeff Okudah	CB	6-1	202	22	2	Ohio State
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26	Ifeatu Melifonwu	CB	6-3	210	22	R	Syracuse
27	Bobby Price	S	6-3	208	23	2	Norfolk State
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30	Jamaal Williams	RB	6-0	224	26	5	BYU
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66	Darrin Paulo	T	6-3	320	24	1	Utah
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83	Javon McKinley	WR	6-2	216	23	R	Notre Dame
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Last meeting, regular season: Dec. 13, 2020, Packers won 31-24 at Ford Field

SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	TV
Sept. 12	at New Orleans	Loss 38-3	
Sept. 20	vs. Detroit	7:15 p.m.	ESPN
Sept. 26	at San Francisco	7:20 p.m.	NBC
Oct. 3	vs. Pittsburgh	3:25 p.m.	CBS
Oct. 10	at Cincinnati	noon	FOX
Oct. 17	at Chicago	noon	FOX
Oct. 24	vs. Washington	noon	FOX
Oct. 28	at Arizona	7:20	FOX
Nov. 7	at Kansas City	3:25 p.m.	FOX
Nov. 14	vs. Seattle	3:25 p.m.	CBS
Nov. 21	at Minnesota	noon	FOX
Nov. 28	vs. L.A. Rams	3:25 p.m.	FOX
BYE WEEK			
Dec. 12	vs. Chicago	7:20 p.m.	NBC
Dec. 19	at Baltimore	noon	FOX
Dec. 25	vs. Cleveland	3:30 p.m.	FOX
Jan. 2	vs. Minnesota	7:20 p.m.	NBC
Jan. 9	at Detroit	noon	FOX

OFFENSE

RB
Aaron Jones
A.J. Dillon



QB
Aaron Rodgers
Jordan Love



WR
Davante Adams
Allen Lazard



TE
Robert Tonyan
Dominique Dafney



RT
Billy Turner
Dennis Kelly



RG
Royce Newman
Jon Runyan



C
Josh Myers
Jake Hanson



LG
Lucas Patrick
Jon Runyan



LT
Elgton Jenkins
Yosh Nijman



TE
Mercedes Lewis
Josiah Deguara



WR
Marquez Valdes-Scantling
Randall Cobb



DEFENSE

CB
Jaire Alexander
Chandon Sullivan



DE
Dean Lowry
Tyler Lancaster



NT
Kenny Clark
T.J. Slaton



DE
Kingsley Keke
Jack Heflin



CB
Kevin King
Eric Stokes



OLB
Preston Smith
Rashan Gary



ILB
Krys Barnes
Oren Burks



ILB
De'Vondre Campbell
Ty Summers



OLB
Za'Darius Smith
Jonathan Garvin



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Adrian Amos
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Darnell Savage
Henry Black



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Rosters and depth charts are accurate as of Sept. 12, 8:30 a.m.

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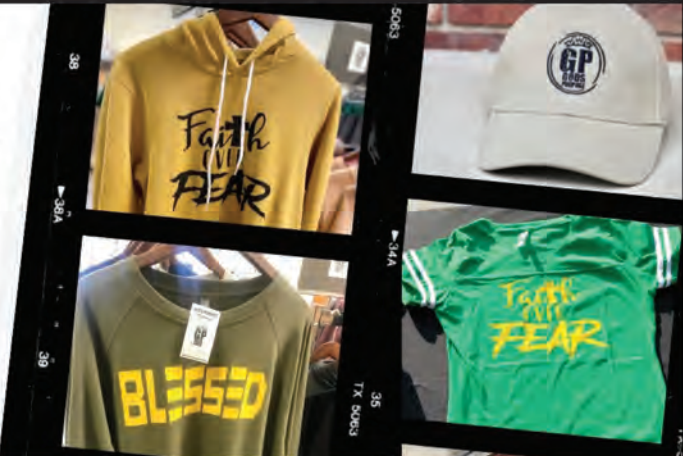
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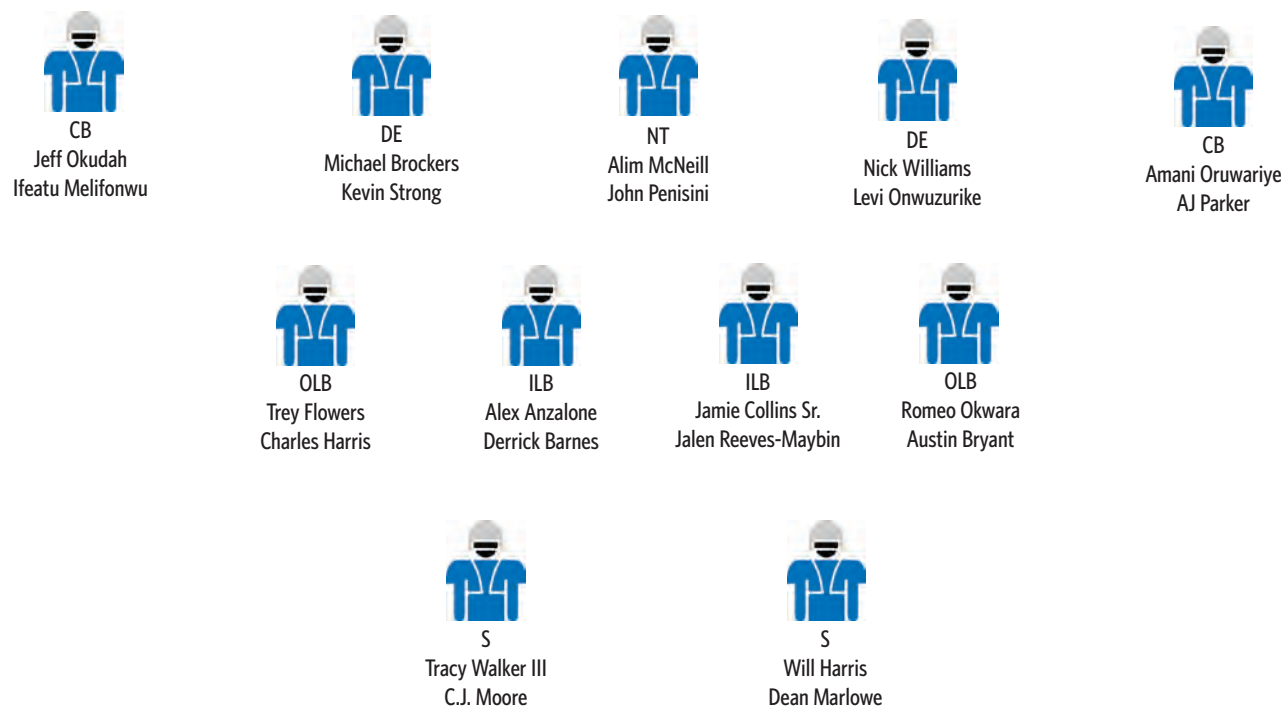


LIONS DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE



DEFENSE



SCHEDULE

Sunday's Games

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

Monday's Games

Detroit at Green Bay, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Carolina at Houston, 7:20 p.m.

STANDINGS

NFC

East

Team	W	L	T
Philadelphia	1	0	0
Dallas	0	1	0
Washington	0	1	0
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0

North

Team	W	L	T
Minnesota	0	1	0
Detroit	0	1	0
Chicago	0	1	0
Green Bay	0	1	0

South

Team	W	L	T
New Orleans	1	0	0
Tampa Bay	1	0	0
Carolina	1	0	0
Atlanta	0	1	0

West

Team	W	L	T
L.A. Rams	1	0	0
San Francisco	1	0	0
Arizona	1	0	0
Seattle	1	0	0

AFC

East

Team	W	L	T
Miami	1	0	0
New England	0	1	0
Buffalo	0	1	0
N.Y. Jets	0	1	0

North

Team	W	L	T
Pittsburgh	1	0	0
Cincinnati	1	0	0
Cleveland	0	1	0
Baltimore	0	1	0

South

Team	W	L	T
Houston	1	0	0
Indianapolis	0	1	0
Jacksonville	0	1	0
Tennessee	0	1	0

West

Team	W	L	T
Las Vegas	1	0	0
Kansas City	1	0	0
Denver	1	0	0
L.A. Chargers	1	0	0

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NOTEBOOK

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

Assessing week 1

In the wake of the Green Bay Packers' humiliating 38-3 loss to the New Orleans Saints, the sky is falling.

Matt LaFleur had a bad gameplan and, therefore, is a bad coach and leader.

Aaron Rodgers performed poorly and, therefore, isn't invested in winning.

Joe Barry's defensive debut was a flop and, therefore, the defense will be terrible all season.

Perhaps nothing in life triggers more overreaction than week one of an NFL season. It's almost as if the last two seasons, which ended

with 13-3 records and trips to the NFC Championship Game, didn't happen. It's almost as if LaFleur doesn't have the second-most wins for any coach in NFL history through two seasons. It's almost as if Rodgers isn't coming off an MVP season.

It's true: The Packers performed miserably against New Orleans. LaFleur's gameplan wasn't good. Rodgers didn't have a good game. Barry's unit was defenseless. But it's only one game. History is littered with great teams having one bad game.

Take, for instance, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Before winning last year's Super Bowl, they were stomped 38-3 at home by the New Orleans Saints. Yes, 38-3 against the

Saints. Before winning yet another Super Bowl in 2018, the New England Patriots lost 34-10 to the Tennessee Titans. Long before winning the Super Bowl in 2003, the Patriots were demolished 31-0 in the opener against the Buffalo Bills.

A total of 21 teams reached the Super Bowl after losing a game by 27-plus points.

Heck, in 1961, even Vince Lombardi's first championship team lost to the Baltimore Colts by 24 points. The 1965 team, the first season of Lombardi's historic three-peat, lost by 21 to the Chicago Bears.

"We can't let one game beat us twice," was safety Adrian Amos' assessment immediately after the game. He's right about that. It's how the team responds that matters.

"There's a lot to be taken from the tape and a lot that we feel like we can correct and get right," LaFleur said on Monday. "Really, it just comes down to all 11 guys doing their jobs. Certainly, I think we can do some things as coaches to put our guys in better position to have success, and we'll try to get that corrected before this next big game versus Detroit."

The upcoming schedule will give the Packers a chance to get into gear. After hosting the Lions on Monday night, the Packers will play at San Francisco in week three, and hit the road for games against Cincinnati and Chicago before hosting Washington in week seven. If the Packers return to form, there's no reason



New Orleans Saints tight end Adam Trautman, left, makes a reception in front of Green Bay Packers cornerback Eric Stokes during the second half of a Sept. 12 game in Jacksonville, Florida. The Packers' defense look to tighten things up and will be tasked with slowing a Lions' offense that erupted late in their season-opening loss to the 49ers.

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why they can't be 5-2 or even 6-1.

However, that's obviously not a given. Even Rodgers said the team was feeling too good about itself heading into the opener. The Saints didn't just roll over at the sight of the guys with the green jerseys and yellow helmets. Nobody else will, either.

"We've just got to get back to work, and we've got to stay resilient," LaFleur said. "We've got to stay together. It's one game, and that's the beauty of the National Football League, is nobody's going to feel sorry for you and you better not feel sorry for yourself. You've just got to get back to work and try to hit that reset button and focus on your upcoming opponent. You have to have a short memory in this league both as a player and as a coach."

Big challenge for defense

After Saints tight end Juwan Johnson scored two touchdowns in week one, the Packers will face a bigger challenge with Detroit tight end T.J. Hockenson.

The eighth pick of the 2019 draft, he caught 67 passes or 723 yards and six touchdowns last season. In the opening loss to San Francisco on Sunday, he caught eight passes for 97 yards and one touchdown.

"T.J. did a great job," Lions quarterback Jared Goff said after the game. "It's a chemistry that I've spoken about that we've been building I think ever since I first got here that me and him have been working together. There are a lot of things today that showed up that are from all that work and from that chemistry that you're talking about. I think specifically the touchdown, just being a player there and kind of adjusting his route to make it work. It was good and we made it work."

More wanted from Za'Darius Smith

Two-time Pro Bowl outside linebacker Za'Darius Smith practiced just once in training camp because of a back injury but was cleared to play against the Saints. He had one tackle in 18 snaps. His one impact play, a big-time hit on quarterback Jameis Winston that helped create

Darnell Savage's interception, was eliminated with a suspect roughing-the-passer penalty.

"I thought Z, he did some really good things in that game," LaFleur said. "Hopefully, he'll be able to practice a little bit more for us and be able to take more snaps in the game because you can certainly feel his presence when he's out there. I thought he played pretty physical. He made a couple of splash plays in the run game. I thought he hit Jameis on the pick, which I thought was pretty clean, but apparently the official disagreed."

Savage suffered a shoulder injury on the return. LaFleur hopes the extra day before the Detroit game will allow his third-year safety to play.

Wanted: Explosive plays

While the Lions scored 33 points against San Francisco and the Packers scored three points against New Orleans, both offenses enter Monday's game with one thing in common.

They both need more big plays on offense.

Green Bay produced only two plays of 20-plus yards — one by Davante Adams in a 2-minute drill just before halftime and the other by backup quarterback Jordan Love in garbage time.

Detroit produced seven plays of 20-plus yards. However, a lot of that came in garbage time. Goff had only one completion of more than 13 yards in the first half, when the Lions trailed 31-10.

"I think you can easily take the excuse of their defense is pretty damn good up front," Goff said. "They can get home and they can get to the passer pretty good. But that's a lot of teams in this league. So, we have to create them. We have to find ways to get down the field. We have to find ways to get guys open, and I have to find ways to deliver the ball to them."

Green Bay's defense did do one thing well against the Saints. It allowed only one play of longer than 17 yards — the 55-yard touchdown pass to Deonte Harris vs. Kevin King to cap the scoring.

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Week 2 Games: Sunday, Sept. 17

NY Giants @ Washington Thurs, Sept 16
 New Orleans @ Carolina
 Cincinnati @ Chicago
 Houston @ Cleveland
 LA Rams @ Indianapolis
 Denver @ Jacksonville
 Buffalo @ Miami
 New England @ NY Jets
 San Francisco @ Philadelphia
 Las Vegas @ Pittsburgh
 Minnesota @ Arizona
 Atlanta @ Tampa Bay
 Dallas @ LA Chargers
 Tennessee @ Seattle
 Kansas City @ Baltimore

Tie Breaker Game:
 Detroit @ Green Bay Monday, September 20

Weekly Standings

**Weekly
Record** **Overall
Record**

God's Purpose Apparel	11-5.....	11-5
P & D Sales & service.....	10-6.....	10-6
Buss Automotive.....	9-7	9-7
Hawkeye Hearth & Home.....	9-7	9-7
Shawaa Place Assisted Living.....	9-7	9-7
B & C Auto Recycling	8-8	8-8
Dennis Brei.....	8-8	8-8
Gehm's Club 117	8-8	8-8
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Weekly Standings

**Weekly
Record** **Overall
Record**

Senn Insurance.....	8-8	8-8
Shawano Seasons Restaurant.....	8-8	8-8
Smokey Joe's	8-8	8-8
Tim Murphy	8-8	8-8
Tower Clock Eye Center.....	8-8	8-8
22 Shell.....	7-9	7-9
Morgan Rode	7-9	7-9
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Cirrinity/Wittenberg Telephone	5-11	5-11



This Week's Winner: God's Purpose Apparel



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This Week's Picks:

Washington	Buffalo	LA Chargers
New Orleans	New England	Seattle
Chicago	San Francisco	Kansas City
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	
Indianapolis	Arizona	
Jacksonville	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score : Detroit 17 @ Green Bay 31



Tim Murphy
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Leader

This Week's Picks:

Washington	Buffalo	Dallas
New Orleans	New England	Seattle
Cincinnati	San Francisco	Kansas City
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	
LA Rams	Arizona	
Denver	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 21 @ Green Bay 24



Dennis Brei
Oconto County
Times Herald

This Week's Picks:

Washington	Buffalo	Dallas
New Orleans	New England	Tennessee
Chicago	San Francisco	Baltimore
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	
Indianapolis	Arizona	
Denver	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 21 @ Green Bay 24

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This Week's Picks:

Washington	Buffalo	Dallas
Carolina	New England	Seattle
Chicago	Philadelphia	Kansas City
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	
LA Rams	Arizona	
Jacksonville	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 20 @ Green Bay 31



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This Week's Picks:

Washington	Buffalo	LA Chargers
New Orleans	New England	Seattle
Chicago	San Francisco	Kansas City
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	
LA Rams	Arizona	
Denver	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 21 @ Green Bay 24



Aaron
Shawano
Place

This Week's Picks:

Washington	Buffalo	LA Chargers
New Orleans	New England	Seattle
Chicago	San Francisco	Kansas City
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	
LA Rams	Arizona	
Jacksonville	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 17 @ Green Bay 37



Robert Buss
Buss
Automotive

This Week's Picks:

Washington	Buffalo	Dallas
New Orleans	New England	Tennessee
Chicago	San Francisco	Baltimore
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	
Indianapolis	Arizona	
Denver	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 28 @ Green Bay 34



Dena
P&D Sales
& Service

This Week's Picks:

Washington	Buffalo	LA Chargers
New Orleans	New England	Seattle
Cincinnati	San Francisco	Kansas City
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	
LA Rams	Arizona	
Denver	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 20 @ Green Bay 34



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This Week's Picks:

Washington	Miami	LA Chargers
New Orleans	NY Jets	Seattle
Cincinnati	San Francisco	Kansas City
Houston	Pittsburgh	
LA Rams	Arizona	
Denver	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 38 @ Green Bay 28



Scott Nyman
Cirinity

This Week's Picks:

NY Giants	Miami	Dallas
New Orleans	NY Jets	Seattle
Chicago	Philadelphia	Baltimore
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	
LA Rams	Arizona	
Denver	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 17 @ Green Bay 28



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This Week's Picks:

Washington	Buffalo	LA Chargers
Carolina	New England	Tennessee
Cincinnati	San Francisco	Kansas City
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	
LA Rams	Arizona	
Jacksonville	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 17 @ Green Bay 35



Caroline
Idell Johnston
State Farm Agent

This Week's Picks:

Washington	Buffalo	LA Chargers
New Orleans	New England	Tennessee
Chicago	San Francisco	Kansas City
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	
LA Rams	Arizona	
Denver	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 20 @ Green Bay 31



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This Week's Picks:

Washington	Buffalo	LA Chargers
New Orleans	New England	Seattle
Cincinnati	San Francisco	Kansas City
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	
LA Rams	Arizona	
Jacksonville	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 17 @ Green Bay 34



Shane Senn
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This Week's Picks:

Washington	Buffalo	LA Chargers
Carolina	New England	Seattle
Chicago	San Francisco	Baltimore
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	
Indianapolis	Arizona	
Jacksonville	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 10 @ Green Bay 38



Jim Wiegand
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Eye Center

This Week's Picks:

NY Giants	Buffalo	Dallas
New Orleans	New England	Seattle
Cincinnati	San Francisco	Kansas City
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	
LA Rams	Arizona	
Denver	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 17 @ Green Bay 21



Chris
God's Purpose
Apparel

This Week's Picks:

Washington	Buffalo	Dallas
New Orleans	New England	Seattle
Cincinnati	San Francisco	Kansas City
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	
LA Rams	Arizona	
Denver	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 17 @ Green Bay 34



Brenda
22 Shell

This Week's Picks:

Washington	Buffalo	LA Chargers
New Orleans	New England	Seattle
Chicago	San Francisco	Kansas City
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	
LA Rams	Arizona	
Denver	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 21 @ Green Bay 31



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This Week's Picks:

NY Giants	Buffalo	Dallas
New Orleans	New England	Seattle
Cincinnati	San Francisco	Kansas City
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	
LA Rams	Minnesota	
Denver	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 20 @ Green Bay 28

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Green Bay Football 2021 Season

SEPTEMBER - REGULAR SEASON

Sunday, September 12	1:25 pm	@ New Orleans Saints	FOX
Monday, September 20	7:15 pm	(DETROIT 100)	ESPN
Sunday, September 26	7:20 pm	@ San Francisco 49ers	NBC

OCTOBER

Sunday, October 03	3:25 pm	Pittsburgh Steelers (GOLD)	CBS
Thursday, October 10	NOON*	@ Cincinnati Bengals	FOX
Sunday, October 17	NOON*	@ Chicago Bears	FOX
Sunday, October 24	NOON*	WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM	FOX
Thursday, October 28	7:00 pm	@ Arizona Cardinals	FOX

NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 07	1:25 pm*	@ Kansas City Chiefs	FOX
Sunday, November 14	3:25 pm*	SEATTLE SEAHAWKS	CBS
Sunday, November 21	NOON*	@ Minnesota Vikings	FOX
Sunday, November 28	5:25 pm*	LOS ANGELES RAMS (GOLD)	FOX

DECEMBER

BYE WEEK			
Sunday, December 12	7:20 pm*	CLEVELAND BROWNS	NBC
Sunday, December 19	NOON*	@ Baltimore Ravens	FOX
Saturday, December 25	3:30 pm	CLEVELAND BROWNS	FOX

JANUARY

Sunday, January 02	7:20 pm*	MINNESOTA VIKINGS	NBC
Sunday, January 09	NOON*	@ Detroit Lions	FOX

KEYS TO GAME

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

The Green Bay Packers (0-1) host the Detroit Lions (0-1) at 7:15 p.m. Sept. 20. ESPN will televise the game.

History

The Packers lead 104-72-7. Packers coach Matt LaFleur is 4-0 against the Lions, though it hasn't been easy. Three of the games were decided by one score. In both games in 2019, the Packers never led until Mason Crosby booted field goals on the final play of each game.

Coaches

Green Bay — Matt LaFleur, 26-7, third season. Detroit — Dan Campbell, 0-1, first season.

When the Packers have the ball

Last season, Green Bay led the NFL in scoring. Through Week 1 of this season, Green Bay has scored a league-worst three points.

After a dismal performance in which Aaron Rodgers threw two interceptions and the running game was forgotten, the Packers have a chance to get things right against Detroit, which allowed a league-worst 41 points in a season-opening loss at home against San Francisco.

The Lions are 28th in total defense, 23rd against the pass and 22nd against the run. With star running back Raheem Mostert lost with an injury, Elijah Mitchell came off the bench to rush for 104 yards, including a 38-yard touchdown. Jimmy Garoppolo needed merely 17

completions in 25 attempts to throw for 314 yards. The Niners produced eight plays of 20-plus yards.

Under Campbell, the Lions shifted to a 3-4 defense. Up front, veterans Michael Brockers and Nick Williams flank rookie nose tackle Alim McNeill. In his 10th season, Brockers has started 137 of a possible 145 games in his career. With the Rams last season, he had one of his best years with five sacks and 10 quarterback hits.

Trey Flowers and Romeo Okwara are the outside linebackers. Flowers is one of the league's more underrated defenders. He had 21 sacks from 2017 through 2019 before missing most of last season with an injury. He is an excellent defender versus the run and pass.

Okwara had a career-high 10 sacks last year.

Jamie Collins and Alex Anzalone are the inside linebackers. Like Flowers, Collins is one of the more underrated defenders in the NFL. He had 101 tackles, six passes defended and three forced fumbles last season. Anzalone is a weak link.

The cornerback position is a hot mess. Jeff Okudah, the fourth pick in the 2020 draft, has been lost for the season with a torn Achilles.

Amani Oruwariye and rookie Ifeatu Melifonwu will be the starting tandem. Oruwariye gave up a pair of touchdowns in the teams' last meeting. A.J. Parker, an undrafted rookie, manned the slot against the 49ers. The safeties are former third-round picks Tracy Walker



Green Bay Packers wide receiver Davante Adams, top, catches a pass as New Orleans Saints cornerback Marshon Lattimore tries to stop him during the first half of a Sept. 12 game in Jacksonville, Florida. Adams and the Packers' offense will look to get on track as they take on a weak Lions' defense on Monday.

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and Will Harris. Walker had the Lions' only sack last week.

When the Lions have the ball

New Packers coordinator Joe Barry's debut was a flop. The Saints scored five touchdowns and one field goal on their first seven possessions. They rank at or near the bottom of the NFL in points allowed, third-down conversions, red-zone performance, sack percentage and takeaways.

The Lions' offense, meanwhile, scored 33 points against the powerful 49ers' defense. To be sure, some of that was garbage time. San Francisco led 41-17 with 10 minutes to go but Detroit rallied with two touchdowns and advanced to the Niners' 24 in the waning moments.

In his debut as Matthew Stafford's successor at quarterback, Jared Goff completed 38-of-57 passes for 338 yards. That's not a lot of yards for the number of attempts but Goff was patient. He pushed the ball past mid-

field on 11 of 14 possessions.

The running back tandem of D'Andre Swift and former Packer Jamaal Williams was highly productive. Williams rushed nine times for 54 yards and one touchdown and added eight receptions for 56 yards. Swift rushed 11 times for 39 yards but added eight receptions for 65 yards, including a 43-yard touchdown. Added together, the Lions' primary backs accounted for 214 yards and two scores.

Swift, Williams and tight end T.J. Hockenson led the way with eight receptions apiece.

Hockenson, with 97 yards and a touchdown, is a rising star. Good thing, too, because the Lions might have the worst receivers in the NFL.

Kalif Raymond, a 5-foot-8 undrafted free agent in 2016, played a unit-high 69 snaps. Amon-Ra St. Brown, a fourth-round rookie and brother of Packers receiver Equanimeous St. Brown, played 59 snaps.

Tyrell Williams, a 6-4 undrafted

free agent in 2015, played 39 snaps before dropping out with a concussion. Quintez Cephus, a fifth-round pick from Wisconsin last year, played 32 snaps. Even with all those snaps, they combined to catch 10 of 18 targets for 99 yards and one touchdown (by Cephus).

The offensive line isn't as good as the Saints' unit that dominated last week, but it is decent. Penei Sewell, the seventh pick of the draft, replaced injured veteran Taylor Decker and had an excellent debut.

Frank Ragnow is one of the top centers in the league. Matt Nelson, who was a defensive lineman at Iowa, got the start at right tackle. He played right tackle in a late-season game vs. Green Bay last year and performed admirably.

Special teams

New Packers coordinator Maurice Drayton's debut wasn't great but it sure as heck was better than Barry's.

Acquired from the Rams on Aug.

31, punter Corey Bojorquez didn't have a great first game – his best of the day from a numbers perspective was a mis-hit with a good roll – but only one of his four punts was returned.

Rookie receiver Amari Rodgers had a 17-yard punt return. The best the Packers had all of last season went for 11 yards. Fellow rookie Kylin Hill had returns of just 17 and 12 yards on kickoffs.

Detroit cut both of its kickers after training camp and signed Austin Seibert. A fifth-round pick by Cleveland in 2019, he's got 80% career accuracy. He made a 49-yard field goal but missed a 51-yarder vs. the 49ers.

Punter Jack Fox ranked second in net average last season, when his 59 punts limited opponents to just 116 return yards.

Raymond is listed as the No. 1 returner in both phases but No. 4 running back Godwin Igwebuike handled kickoff returns last week and produced a woeful 13.8-yard average on four tries.

BY THE NUMBERS

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Green Bay Packers play their first home game of the 2021 season against the Detroit Lions on Monday and are hoping to pick up their first win after a tough opening week against the New Orleans Saints.

Here are some numbers that Packers players and coaches have accumulated over the years and highlight some things to watch when Green Bay and Detroit meet:

4

The number of consecutive wins the Packers have against the Lions heading into Monday's matchup. Coach Matt LaFleur took over as the Packers' head coach in 2019 and has not lost to the Lions yet.

73

Combined points for the Packers in their two wins over the Lions in 2020. Green Bay won 42-21 at Lambeau Field and 31-24 at Ford Field in Detroit.

5

Touchdown passes for quarterback Aaron Rodgers in last year's wins over the Lions. Rodgers was held without a touchdown pass against the Saints, something that only happened once during his MVP season in 2020.

237

Combined rushing yards for running back Aaron Jones against the Li-

ons a season ago. Jones had only nine rushing yards against the Saints.

8

Sacks for the Packers against the Lions last year. Green Bay didn't register a sack against the Saints in week one.

36.8

Passer rating for Rodgers against the Saints in week one. Against the Lions last year, Rodgers posted passer ratings of 133.6 and 107.6.

25:24

Time of possession for Green Bay in its season-opening loss to New Orleans. The Packers led the league in time of possession in 2020 with a mark of 32:50, over a minute more than the next team.

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Turnovers for the Packers in week one — two interceptions by Rodgers and a fumble by backup quarterback Jordan Love. Green Bay's defense also failed to create any turnovers. The minus-three differential is an oddity for the Packers, which finished with a mark of plus-seven a year ago.

442

Total yards for the San Francisco 49ers in their 41-33 win over the Lions in week one. Green Bay was held to just 229 total yards in week one. The Packers averaged 449 total yards against the Lions last year.

33

For all the things that went wrong for the Packers in week one, one thing they did was avoid pen-

alties. Green Bay was flagged five times for 33 yards. The Lions were penalized five times for 45 yards in week one.

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KICKOFF WEEKEND NOTES

A look at seven statistical highlights from games played during the noon and 3 p.m. windows on Sept. 12, the first week of the 2021 season.

After the afternoon games, eight games had been within one score in the fourth quarter while two teams overcame deficits of at least 10 points to win: the Kansas City Chiefs (12 points) and Pittsburgh Steelers (10).

For the third time in the past four seasons, a game on kickoff weekend has gone to overtime. Cincinnati defeated Minnesota, 27-24, and marked the first regular-season game in NFL history with a game-tying score with no time remaining in regulation and a game-winning score with no time remaining in overtime.

Jacksonville rookie quarterback Trevor Lawrence, the No. 1 overall selection in the 2021 NFL Draft, New York Jets rookie quarterback Zach Wilson (No. 2), and New England rookie quarterback Mac Jones (No. 15) each made their first career starts on kickoff weekend. At least one rookie quarterback has started in week 1 in 14 consecutive seasons, the longest streak in the NFL since

at least 1950.

With three rookie quarterbacks starting in week 1, 2021 joined the 2012 season (five rookie quarterbacks) as the only seasons since 1970 in which at least three rookie quarterbacks started in week 1.

Four rookie quarterbacks — Jones, San Francisco's Trey Lance, Lawrence and Wilson — each threw their first-career touchdown passes in week 1. It marks the most rookie quarterbacks to throw their first career touchdown passes in week 1 since 1970, surpassing the 2012 (Robert Griffin III, Andrew Luck and Russell Wilson) and 1971 (Scott Hunter, Archie Manning and Jim Plunkett) seasons.

Seven first- or second-year quarterbacks — Cincinnati's Joe Burrow, the Los Angeles Chargers' Justin Herbert, Philadelphia's Jalen Hurts, Jones, Lawrence, Miami's Tua Tagovailoa and Wilson — each started on kickoff weekend, tied with the 2013 and 2000 seasons for the second-most such starting quarterbacks in a season-opening week in the Super Bowl era. Only the 2012 season (10 quarterbacks) had more.

Lawrence passed for 332 yards in his NFL debut, the third-most passing yards by a No. 1 overall pick in his first career start in the Super Bowl era. Only Cam Newton (422 passing yards) and Vinny Testaverde (369) had more.

Three rookie wide receivers that were each selected in the first round of the 2021 NFL Draft — Cincinnati's Ja'Marr Chase (No. 5 overall), Miami's Jaylen Waddle (No. 6) and Philadelphia's DeVonta Smith (No. 10) — each recorded their first career touchdown receptions on kickoff weekend.

This is the first season in the common-draft era in which three rookie wide receivers that were each selected in the first round of the NFL Draft registered a touchdown reception in week 1.

Kansas City quarterback Patrick Mahomes passed for 337 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions for a 131.4 rating, while tight end Travis Kelce had 76 receiving yards and two receiving touchdowns in the Chiefs' 33-29 win over Cleveland.

Making his 47th career start in week 1, Mahomes has 14,489 career

passing yards and surpassed Pro Football Hall of Famer Kurt Warner (14,372) for the most passing yards by a player in his first 50 career starts in NFL history.

In 47 career starts, Mahomes has 117 touchdown passes and surpassed Pro Football Hall of Famer Dan Marino (116 touchdown passes) for the most touchdown passes by a player in his first 50 career starts in league annals.

Kelce recorded his 50th career touchdown reception in his 112th career game, surpassing Vernon Davis (115) as the fifth-fastest tight end to reach 50 touchdown receptions in NFL history.

Arizona quarterback Kyler Murray passed for 289 yards with a career-high four touchdowns and one interception for a 121.0 rating and added a rushing touchdown, while linebacker Chandler Jones totaled a career-high five sacks with two forced fumbles in the Cardinals' 38-13 win at Tennessee.

Murray has four career games with at least three touchdown passes and one rushing touchdown, tied with Josh Allen (four games) and Jack Kemp (four) for the most

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such games by a player in his first three seasons in NFL history.

Jones is the third player to record at least five sacks in a week 1 game since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic, joining Pro Football Hall of Famer Derrick Thomas (six sacks in 1998) and Bill Gay (5.5 sacks in 1983). He is the sixth player to record at least five sacks and two forced in a single game since 2002.

Jones, who had two games (weeks 7 and 16) with four sacks during the 2019 season, is the fourth player since 1982 with three career games with at least four sacks, joining Pro Football Hall of Famers' Thomas (four games) and Reggie White (three), as well as Leslie O'Neal (four).

Seattle quarterback Russell Wilson recorded four touchdown passes with zero interceptions and a 152.3 rating in the Seahawks' 28-16 win at Indianapolis.

Wilson has 11 career games with at least four touchdown passes and zero interceptions, surpassing Tom Brady (10 games), Pro Football Hall of Famer Peyton Manning (10) and Aaron Rodgers (10) for the most such games by a player in his first 10 seasons in league annals.

Other notable performances

from Sunday include:

- Carolina running back Christian McCaffrey recorded nine receptions and 187 scrimmage yards (98 rushing, 89 receiving) in the Panthers' 19-14 win over the New York Jets.

- McCaffrey has seven career games with at least 75 rushing yards and 75 receiving yards, surpassing Pro Football Hall of Famer Walter Payton (six games) for the third-most such games in the Super Bowl era. Only Pro Football Hall of Famer Marshall Faulk (11 games) and Priest Holmes (nine) have more.

- Tennessee wide receiver Julio Jones recorded his 850th career reception in his 136th career game, surpassing Pro Football Hall of Famer Marvin Harrison (140 games) as the second-fastest player to reach 850 career receptions in NFL history. Only Antonio Brown (133 games) reached the mark in fewer games.

- Cincinnati rookie kicker Evan McPherson converted a 33-yard field goal with no time remaining in overtime in the Bengals' 27-24 win over Minnesota. He is the second rookie kicker in NFL history to kick a game-winning field goal with no time remaining in overtime, joining Jason Sanders (Oct. 14, 2018).

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Workshop aims to help 'win the war for talent'

Czarnik developed hiring process through 20 years of working with job seekers

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

It's a whole new world trying to find employees in this day and age, and the Shawano County business community has scheduled a guest speaker who has a whole new way of finding them.

Chris Czarnik, a hiring guru with more than 20 years of experience in human resources and training, is the featured speaker at "Winning the War for Talent," a workshop scheduled for 8-11 a.m. Sept. 30 at Boarders Inn and Suites, W7393 River Bend Road, Shawano.

Czarnik created and refined an innovative process approach to job search that he dubbed "The Human Search Engine" by working with thousands of job-seekers. The workshop bears the title of his third book, which was released in July 2018 and serves as a talent model to more than 2,500 organizations across the country.

The process is different from more traditional hiring practices, Czarnik said.

"It changes the way we recruit talent by looking at the job we are trying to fill as a product or service that we have to 'sell' to potential employees," he said. "In the past we just posted a job ad and a line of eager job seekers formed that we could make selections from. With the current demographic changes in the country, there are literally not enough breathing human beings to fill all of the open positions that are being created by 10-12,000 baby boomers retiring every day."

The Human Search Engine ap-



Chris Czarnik, author of "Winning the War for Talent," plans to lead a workshop Sept. 30 at the Boarders Inn and Suites in Shawano.

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proach spends a good deal of time creating the persona of the person who needs the employer's job as the next logical aspirational role for them in their work life and then uses proven marketing strategies to speak directly to them.

"People who come to the workshop can expect four zero-cost ideas that they can implement the next day to generate interest in their jobs," Czarnik said. "While these are zero-cost solutions, they do require time

and work. The ideas will have little value to those organizations who are looking for a miracle cure or a magic pill. These ideas are all logical, process-oriented and are measurable, auditable and adaptable based on what feedback they get from the market."

Czarnik said his books and workshops emerged from 20 years working to understand why people came to and left organizations as he provided outplacement services to

thousands of job seekers.

"If you are going fishing for talent, I just spent the last two decades with the fish," he said.

The workshop is presented by Shawano County Economic Progress Inc. in partnership with the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce, Presenting Sponsor AbbyBank and Supporting Sponsor KerberRose S.C. The cost is \$20 per person. To register, email chamber@shawanocountry.com or call 715-524-2139.

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Ikezuagu comes to ThedaCare with broad clinical, quality and operational experience in accountable care, acute care and ambulatory set-

tings. For the past seven years, he has held leadership positions in utilization, quality, practice transformation and population health. As the medical director for a clinically integrated network in Toledo, Ohio, Ikezuagu oversaw quality, utilization, care coordination and network development as the system developed robust Population Health tools and invested in practice transformation.

He was the founder of the utilization review committee of a tertiary teaching hospital responsible for improving hospital length of stay and case mix index. As the clinical associate professor of the Internal Medicine residency program, he was instrumental in integrating its teaching service into the hospitalist program.

Ikezuagu is board-certified in in-

ternal medicine. His clinical practice focuses on prevention and wellness as well as medical education. Ikezuagu earned his medical degree from Ross University School of Medicine and completed his internal medicine residency training at Mercy Health-St. Vincent Medical Center in Toledo, Ohio.

Ikezuagu received his bachelor's degree in biology from the University of the District of Columbia and master's degree in health care administration from the George Washington University Medical Center in Washington, D.C. He is a fellow in the American College of Physicians and certified physician executive in the American Association of Physician Leadership.



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Printco adds senior accountant to team



TINA BERGNER

Printco Industries, Inc. has announced the addition of a senior accountant to its team.

Tina Bergner was hired recently to assist with all facets of the accounting operations at the manufacturing/design facility located in Pulaski.

Bergner has a Bachelor of Science in accounting and business through Lakeland College. Bergner feels that having worked numerous years in accounting as well as other industries has provided her a solid foundation for the position.

"Having been in retail, hospital and manufacturing settings, my favorite is definitely manufacturing

because I have the opportunity to see products produced. I see what has been harvested, and that's a plus," said Bergner.

According to Bergner, another reason that she enjoys her current position at Printco Industries is the flexibility, and the balance between work and family.

"The culture at Printco is exceptional, and they understand the importance of balance between work and family, which is a definite benefit to employment with the organization," she said.

Challenges come with the position as well, simply because sometimes you need to "learn things on the fly,"

according to Bergner.

When she isn't working, Bergner enjoys camping, crafting, fishing, puzzles and gardening. She resides with her husband, Jim, and her dog, Gypsy Rose, in Sobieski.

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Federal relief expands NWTC's certificate offerings

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College is expanding its short-term credential offerings to the regional learning centers, helping to provide more opportunities for education and training to the entire northeast Wisconsin region.

Starting in October, NWTC's regional learning centers in Aurora, Crivitz, Luxemburg, Oconto Falls and Shawano will offer more ways to earn a certification or credential in

16-week programming, broken into two, eight-week class sessions.

"Bringing more courses to our regional learning centers aligns with the college's larger efforts to make education more accessible to our communities throughout northeast Wisconsin," said Jan Scoville, dean of regional learning. "We are excited for the opportunity to offer more classes to help students start their new career or expand their skills in

16 weeks."

Selected based on industry growth and local demand, the expanded course offerings will include business, manufacturing, health sciences, communications and public safety programs.

Each new certification or certificate will ladder into a technical diploma or associate degree. Courses will be offered through a blend of in-person or virtual setting, varied by

each program.

These new course offerings, funded in part by the federal COVID-19 relief, are part of the college's ongoing goal to make higher education more accessible to all in the region.

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Jobless claims reach a pandemic low as economy recovers

By **CHRISTOPHER RUGABER**
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits fell last week to 310,000, a pandemic low and a sign that the surge in COVID-19 cases caused by the delta variant has yet to lead to widespread layoffs.

The Sept. 9 report from the Labor Department showed that jobless claims dropped from a revised total of 345,000 the week before. And at their current pace, weekly applications for benefits are edging toward their pre-pandemic figure of roughly 225,000.

But the spread of the delta variant this summer has put renewed pressure on the economy and the job market. On Sept. 8, the Federal Reserve reported that U.S. economic activity “downshifted” in July and August, in part because of a pullback in dining out, travel and tourism related to concerns about the delta variant.

Still, the ongoing drop in applications for unemployment aid — six declines in the past seven weeks — indicates that most companies are holding onto their workers despite the slowdown. That trend should help sustain the economic rebound through the current wave of infections.

The pace of hiring, though, has

weakened — at least for now. Last week, the government reported that hiring slowed dramatically in August, with employers adding just 235,000 jobs after having added roughly a million in both June and July. Hiring plummeted in industries that require face-to-face contact with the public, notably restaurants, hotels and retail. Still, some jobs were added in other areas, and the unemployment rate actually dropped to 5.2% from 5.4%.

“While the August jobs report showed employers may have hit the pause button on hiring amid renewed concerns about the pandemic, the claims data suggest a reluctance to lay off workers amid a record number of job openings,” said Nancy Vanden Houten, an economist at the consulting firm Oxford Economics.

The steady fall in weekly applications for unemployment benefits coincides with a scaling-back of aid for jobless Americans. This week, more than 8 million people lost all their unemployment benefits with the expiration of two federal programs that covered gig workers and people who have been jobless for more than six months. Those emergency programs were created in March 2020, when the pandemic first tore through the economy.

That cutoff isn’t yet reflected in the weekly jobless claims report. The report’s data on the emergency programs is delayed by two weeks.

As of Aug. 21, 8.8 million people were receiving benefits from these two programs.

An additional 2.6 million people were receiving regular state unemployment aid. These recipients have just lost a \$300-a-week federal unemployment supplement, which also expired this week.

Those cutoffs could also be a reason why applications for jobless aid are declining, said Eliza Forsythe, an economist at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: Many of the unemployed may now believe they aren’t eligible for aid.

Some business owners had complained that the federal supplement made it harder to fill open jobs. Those pleas led governors in about 25 states to cancel the \$300 payment early and to shut off the two emergency programs in most of those states as well. But academic research has found that so far, the early cut-offs in jobless benefits have led to only a small increase in hiring in those states.

Many economists express concern that the cut-off will lead to financial hardship because the resurgence of the pandemic will make it harder for some of the unemployed to find work.

After previous recessions, emergency expansions of jobless aid ended at a time when far fewer people were still receiving benefits.



GREG MELLIS

Producer prices jump unprecedented 8.3% in August

By **PAUL WISEMAN**
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Inflation at the wholesale level climbed 8.3% last month from August 2020, the biggest annual gain since the Labor Department started calculating the 12-month number in 2010.

The Labor Department reported Friday that its producer price index — which measures inflationary pressures before they reach consumers — rose 0.7% last month from July after increasing 1% in both June and July. Inflation has been stirring as the

economy recovers from last year’s brief but intense coronavirus recession. Supply chain bottlenecks and a shortage of workers have pushed prices higher. Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell has called the price spikes temporary and has warned of the dangers of the central bank raising its benchmark interest rate (now near zero) prematurely, potentially stalling the economy’s comeback.

“Since the pandemic, supply chains have never been the same and likely won’t normalize for at least six months,” said a report by Contingent Macro Advisors. “Only then will

we (and, more importantly, the Fed) get a true sense of the trend rate of producer inflation.”

Excluding volatile food and energy prices, so-called core producer prices rose 0.6% from July and 6.7% from a year earlier. Food prices were up 2.9% last month after falling in July. Over the past year, wholesale food prices have climbed 12.7%, including surges of 59.2% for beef and 43.5% for shortening and cooking oil. Energy prices rose 0.4% from July and are up 32.3% over the past year.

The economy’s brisk recovery appears to have hit a late summer

lull as COVID-19’s highly contagious delta variant discourages Americans from shopping in stores or going out to restaurants. Retail sales dropped in August, and employers added just 235,000 jobs last month, a third of what economists were expecting, and a sharp drop from June and July, when about 1 million jobs were added each month.

The Labor Department’s report on August consumer prices was due Sept. 14. Economists expect them to have moderated slightly from July’s 5.4% annual uptick, according to a survey by the data firm FactSet.



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Eligibility on the first of the month following date of hire for health, dental, vision coverage, short and long-term disability, Profit Sharing and 401(k) plans, all subject to plan terms; Eligibility for company-paid life insurance Six company paid holidays per year; Vacation accrual

Hourly position wages range from \$11.50 - \$17.00

Salaried positions based on experience and qualifications.

PART TIME POSITIONS

Company Store

SEASONAL POSITIONS

Call Center and
Fulfillment Team Member

DON'T DELAY CALL TODAY!

**WALK-IN WEDNESDAYS
OPEN INTERVIEWS!**

8:30AM-4:30PM

AUGUST 25TH - NOVEMBER

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CALL **715-253-4313** TO
SCHEDULE INTERVIEW.

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**SEASONAL CALL CENTER & FULFILLMENT TEAM MEMBERS
WORK IN A FUN & FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT
EARN EXTRA CASH AND YEAR END BONUS**

- **PICK/PACK/SHIP/CALL CENTER OPERATIONS**
- **1ST SHIFT POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

STARTING PAY OF \$14.00/HOUR - PRODUCT DISCOUNTS

SAFE WORKING CONDITIONS BASED ON CDC GUIDELINES

