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COVID numbers restabilize across Oconto County, surge appears to pass

Cases down but still higher than state average

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

COVID-19 numbers in Oconto County have come down in the latter half of October, but the county still finds itself among a handful of counties listed as having a “critically high” number of positive cases.

“We’re one of about seven in the state that are still at that point,” Public Health Division Manager Debra Konitzer reported to the Oconto County Board of Supervisors on Oct. 21. “For whatever reason, there’s four counties right around us all in that level,” the others being Langlade, Marinette and Florence counties.

Still, after a surge in September and early October, the number of new cases was coming down. During the surge as many as 30 or more cases were developing every day, but the

number was less than half that by Oct. 25.

“We’re still in the highest risk category, but it’s come down a little bit from what it was two weeks ago,” Superintendent Dean Hess told the Oconto Falls School Board on Oct. 18.

The school district had seen a decline in reported COVID cases since the first week in October, Hess said.

Konitzer said one area of concern is hospital capacity, with HSHS, Bellin Health and Aurora all reporting their beds are filling up not just because of COVID but respiratory illnesses of all kinds.

“Part of that is because of the number of patients they have coming in, as well as the staffing issues that they’re having,” she said.

Many of the common-sense measures people were asked to adopt during the pandemic remain good advice,

Konitzer said.

“Anything we can do, you know. Keep the hand washing. Masking is good if we can do that when we’re indoors, physical distancing, staying home when you’re sick, staying away from people who are sick ... all of those things really make a difference in all of those respiratory issues that are out there,” she said.

Jan Stranz, board vice president, said she is glad to see the numbers have stabilized somewhat, and she advocated for continued vigilance.

“I think it’s important to ask people that everybody does what they think they could do themselves within their realm to help the whole community be healthy, no matter what that might be,” Stranz said.

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Decision nears on hiring new county administrator

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

The Oconto County Executive Committee may have a recommendation for the county board to pick a new county administrator at its monthly meeting Nov. 11.

The committee is scheduled to meet Nov. 1 to discuss the results of Oct. 20 interviews with the two finalists, Cullen Peltier and Erik Pritzl.

Both candidates are Brown County department heads. Peltier is director of public safety communications, and Pritzl currently serves as executive director of health and human services.

The new administrator will take the place of Kevin Hamann, who is retiring Jan. 7. Hamann told the county board Oct. 21 he is pleased with the quality, if not the quantity, of the field.

“I wasn’t happy with the number of applicants; I was hoping for more qualified (candidates), but I think we have good choices on the table right now,” Hamann said.

Supervisor Rose Stellmacher, who chairs the personnel and wages committee, also said the two finalists are promising.

“Our department heads got to meet with the candidates for county admin-

istrator, and I think they were pretty pleased; they were happy with either candidate,” Stellmacher said. “It’s not their decision, by any means, but just to get their input was kind of nice, and they thought both candidates were top quality.”

Hamann said he also expects to have a recommendation Nov. 11 on a new health and human services director, succeeding Mike Reimer, who plans to retire Jan. 14. That recommendation may hinge on the executive committee’s choice, he said, as Pritzl has applied for both positions.

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School building proposal to be presented

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

A committee of Oconto Falls School District officials and local residents is getting ready to share a building proposal for the school board to present to voters in April.

The Oconto Falls Public Schools Facility Committee plans to present the plan at an event scheduled for 5:30-7 p.m. Nov. 3 at Washington Middle School, 102 S. Washington St., Oconto Falls.

The proposal includes a new middle school along with district-wide facility improvements to add secure

entrances and deferred maintenance to all buildings, safety upgrades, parent pickup and traffic patterns, and 21st century learning environments.

District officials and the board have been talking for several years about the need to renovate or replace Washington Middle School. Parts of the building are more than a century old and date to the facility's past life as the high school.

The World Cafe is being described as an opportunity for people to listen to the needs and hear the potential modifications that would be included at each building, and then ask questions and provide feedback.

During the school board's Oct. 18 meeting, Superintendent Dean Hess presented an updated timeline of activities facilitated by Nexus Solutions, the consulting firm that has worked with the board to audit district buildings in anticipation of a possible building referendum.

The facility task force met four times to develop its recommendation and expects to provide an update Nov. 8 at the board's regular monthly meeting. A second phone survey is scheduled starting Nov. 15 for about 10 days, and the task force's final report is due at the board's Dec. 13 meeting, Hess said.

"Each step is gathering information and then sharing it with the community, and then gathering information and sharing with you, the board, with the idea that you'll have an opportunity to potentially take action either in December or January in regards to a capital referendum," he said.

Board member Clint Gardebrecht pointed out that the survey is scheduled during a "national Wisconsin holiday" — the Nov. 20-28 gun deer hunting season — and he suggested the organizers make as many calls as possible before that weekend. Hess said that's already being taken under consideration.

Gillett School Board updates quarantine plan

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The Gillett School Board reviewed its COVID-19 protocols at its meeting on Oct. 21.

"We had questions raised about our household quarantine," said Gillett

School District Superintendent Todd Hencsik. "We also wanted to look at what other school districts were doing and stay aligned with them."

Hencsik presented the board with an updated list of the school's opening plan. The main point of the discussion was surrounding household members

who contracted COVID-19.

"In the case of a member of a household contracting COVID, all household members will be deemed a close contact and will need to quarantine for a minimum of seven days," said Hencsik. "After seven days, the close contact will need to be symptom-

free and have a negative COVID PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test done after day five of the quarantine."

Hencsik said that this aligns with what school districts close to Gillett are doing.

The school board unanimously agreed to update the opening plan.

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No contest pleas in Lena child abuse case

Victor Alberts to be sentenced Jan. 7

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

A Lena man who had been charged with 23 felony counts, including child sexual assault and other abuses of children, pleaded no contest to two felonies and a misdemeanor Oct. 25, averting what had been scheduled as a five-day trial in Oconto County Circuit Court.

Victor J. Alberts, 55, was being held

on \$1 million bond after being charged with 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 allegations.

Judge Jay N. Conley revoked bond and scheduled sentencing for Jan. 7 after Alberts pleaded no contest to child abuse intentionally causing harm, in connection with an incident that occurred Jan. 17, 2020; possession of a short-barreled shotgun or rifle, in connection with an incident that occurred March 13, 2020; and a misdemeanor

count of disorderly conduct, in connection with a Jan. 20, 2020, incident.

The pleas came after the district attorney's office filed a new motion to adjourn the trial and dismiss the case in part without prejudice, meaning that the charges could be refiled at some point in the future. Both sides had sought to postpone the original Sept. 21 trial date. Because Alberts' victims had expressed a desire for the trial to proceed, Conley had postponed the trial for one month only, and he asked prosecutors to revise the charges to address concerns that had been raised in a series of pre-trial

motions.

The revised list of charges comprised five felonies and two misdemeanors. In addition to accepting Alberts' plea to three of those charges, Conley dismissed without prejudice two more counts of child abuse intentionally causing harm, one count of child abuse intentionally causing great harm and one count of misdemeanor battery.

A pool of potential jurors waiting in the jury assembly room for the five-day trial was sent home after the hearing.

OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of Oct. 21

After a preliminary hearing, William J. Neering, 46, Oconto, was bound over to circuit court on two counts of bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 25. Arraignment was scheduled for Nov. 11. Meanwhile, a jury trial was postponed on charges of strangulation-suffocation and misdemeanor battery and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 27, 2020, and bail jumping in an alleged Jan. 13 incident. A status conference on the earlier cases will be held at the time of Neering's arraignment.

A bench warrant was authorized for James Richard Cackovic, 23, Irma, after he failed to appear at a plea hearing on charges of possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 16.

Proceedings of Oct. 20

Michael Joseph Frank Ponton, 28, Gillett, was sentenced to four years in prison, followed by five years of extended supervision, for felony child abuse recklessly causing great harm, and misdemeanor resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that occurred Jan. 6, 2020. Judge Jay N. Conley also imposed but stayed a prison sentence and placed Ponton on an additional three years of probation to follow the prison term for felony bail jumping, in connection with an Oct. 9, 2020, incident. After he is released from prison and during his extended supervision and probation, Ponton must maintain absolute sobriety, have no contact with three specific persons or any minors younger than

10, and complete all assessments, counseling and treatment deemed necessary by his agent. He was given credit for 431 days already served in the county jail.

After a preliminary hearing, Jason T. Lipp, 34, Oconto, was bound over to circuit court on charges of possession with intent to deliver heroin and maintaining a drug trafficking place, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 19. He is also awaiting trial for first-degree reckless homicide, in connection with the drug-related death of an Oconto Falls man Aug. 2, 2020. Arraignment on the new charges and a status conference on the pending case were scheduled for Nov. 11.

Trevin L. Dorner, 50, Green Bay, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over to circuit court on a charge of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fifth or sixth offense), in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 26. Arraignment was scheduled for Nov. 11.

Jeffrey S. Wenzel Jr., 21, Oconto, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over to circuit court on charges of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 28. Arraignment was scheduled for Nov. 11.

A jury trial was rescheduled for May 4-5 for Michael Allen Maleport, 31, Green Bay, who is charged with two counts of substantial battery, as well as misdemeanor counts of battery and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 25, 2020. A final pre-trial conference was set for April 22.

Proceedings of Oct. 19

A deferred judgment agreement was approved for Andy Miles Carpenter, 39, Menasha, after he pleaded no contest to bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of battery, in connection with an incident that occurred July 2, 2019. Under the agreement, Judge Michael T. Judge withheld judgment and suspended the case for three years, during which time Carpenter must maintain absolute sobriety, have no contact with the victim and complete all assessments, counseling and treatment deemed necessary by his agent.

Robert F. Block, 33, Pound, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to battery or threat to a law officer and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 20. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Nov. 11.

Proceedings of Oct. 18

David J. SanRoman, 46, Oconto, made his initial appearance on four

counts of first-degree child sexual assault and one count of second-degree child sexual assault, all counts charged as a persistent repeater, in connection with incidents that allegedly occurred from 2016 to 2020. The hearing was adjourned until Nov. 15, at which time a motion hearing is scheduled regarding three earlier cases against SanRoman that had been scheduled for trial beginning Aug. 31. In those cases, he is charged with four counts of first-degree sexual assault of a child under age 12, four counts of causing a child younger than 13 to view or listen to a sex act, four counts of exposing oneself to a child, two counts of repeated sexual assault of a child, child enticement for sexual contact, witness intimidation, second-degree sexual assault of a child and three counts of bail jumping, for incidents alleged to have occurred between 2016 and 2020, and two counts of bail jumping, one involving an incident alleged to have occurred Jan. 17, 2020, and the other on Aug. 24, 2020.

Child drowns in Townsend

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

A 3-year-old boy apparently drowned Oct. 21 when he fell into a waterway in the Town of Townsend.

The Oconto County Sheriff's Department said its dispatch center received a 911 call that the boy may have fallen into the McCauslin Brook off County Road T near East Burnt Dam Road and Cassler Drive.

Sheriff's deputies and Lakewood/Townsend Ambulance Service responded and were able to locate and remove the child from the water. Life-saving measures were started immediately but were unsuccessful.

This incident remains under investigation by the Oconto County Sheriff's Office and the Brown County Medical Examiner's Office.

Summer reading program takes off

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

Kids in the Oconto Falls School District had a lot of fun reading this summer, the district's library media specialist told the school board Oct. 18.

Penny Stuibier, who reminded board members she's been with the district "27 years and it keeps getting better — I'm not kidding," said the staff was looking for a new program that would allow students to take books

home to keep them reading during the summer break.

"Our goal was to stop that summer slide, you know. Kids were having lower reading scores due to the COVID (and) being out of school, so we wanted to help those kids," Stuibier said. "We also knew that due to COVID, a lot of kids weren't getting to the public library like they normally would."

Armed with a \$9,000 budget, they sought out proposals, and Scholastic Book Clubs came back with a plan

to provide each participant five to 10 books with think sheets, colored pencils and postcards they could send back to tell the staff how they were doing.

Not only were they able to get buy-in from parents and collaboration with the Oconto Falls Community Library, the program attracted 224 students from all of the district's four schools.

The evidence indicated the program met its goal of getting kids excited about reading.

"They drew pictures; they did math. They didn't just hand stuff back," Stuibier said. "It was just tremendous — my heart was just filled with pride that our kids were doing this because they wanted to. ... It was really exciting."

The library and reading staff hope to build on this summer's success and continue the program next year, she said.

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OFHS stages Rodgers and Hammerstein's 'Cinderella'

Oconto Falls High School students are preparing to present the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Cinderella" from Nov. 4-7.

In their unique way, the legendary team of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II tells the story of how beautiful young Cinderella finds her life of drudgery at the hands of her stepmother and two wicked stepsisters changed forever in one evening, thanks to a fairy godmother and a handsome prince. The story is based upon the familiar fairy tale, particularly the French version "Cendrillon, ou la Petite Pantoufle de Verre" by Charles Perrault, and was originally presented on CBS Television on March 31, 1957. Musical performances include favorites "In My Own Little Corner," "Stepsister's Lament," "Do I Love You (Because You're Beautiful)" and "Impossible."

This year's musical production features McKenzie Jackson (Cinder-

ella), Timothy Cornette (Prince), Alexandra Brown (Queen), Jessie Pumplun (King), Kleo Van Dornick (Stepmother), Kate Pytleski (Stepsister Joy), Paityn Keller (Stepsister Portia), Faith Shamburek (Godmother), Grace Shamburek (Herald), Gunar Lade (Chef), Matt Ogan (Steward), Ethan Rennie (Footman), Abigail Budz, Alexis Gilbert, Gwendolyn Maggio, Ireland Payette, Leah Vorpahl and Jessica Wolford (Townsperson/Chorus), and Landon Budz and Cole Gilbert (Time Keepers at the Ball).

Pit band members include Ashlynn Vanderheyden, Brianna Brzezinski and Grace Aprill (flute), Ana Feliz (clarinet), Pauline Cameron (oboe/bassoon), Ryan Johnson (trumpet), Orion Posusta (trombone), Gabe Cameron (euphonium), Kaelyn Rakowski (percussion), Max Baade (percussion), Jocelin Martinez (percussion) and Erin Jahnke (pit band

assistant), with guest musicians Greg Schliep (trumpet), Kelly Haselhuhn (French horn), Danny Smith (euphonium), Laurie Karnopp (piano/strings) and Grant Colburn (piano).

The technical crew and set construction team includes John Wolford, Allison Grzelak, Lillian Holley, Isaac Raddatz and Justin Spaulding, with stage manager Emily Riebe, assistant stage manager Allissa Stanek and faculty member Gayle Gander assisting.

This year's musical production team includes Amy Thiel and Susan Seidl, musical directors; Lauren Seidl, pit band director; Laura Kostreva, choreographer; and David Heisel, set construction.

Performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. Nov. 4-6 and 1 p.m. Nov. 7 at the Falls Area Performing Arts Center inside Oconto Falls High School, 210 N. Farm Road, Oconto Falls.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and

\$8 for students (grades 4K-12) and children and may be purchased in the OFHS main office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. school days or at the door one hour prior to the performance. All seats are general admission. The PAC doors will open 30 minutes prior to each performance.

Special performance events include a 50/50 raffle and bucket raffles, with proceeds going toward musical expenses and a portion of the proceeds donated to the American Legion Eick-Sankey Post 302.

On Nov. 5, children attending the performance are asked to dress as their favorite Cinderella character. A special "meet and greet" with the cast and chorus will be held after the performance in the Commons Area.

On Nov. 6, community members who were part of the 2008 musical production will be recognized, and a reception will be held after the performance.

Red Arrow club enters hall of fame

The Red Arrow Snowmobile ATV Club, of Townsend, was recently inducted into the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame in Eagle River. The two-day event was held the weekend of Sept. 17-18 at the Eagle Waters Resort.

Events included a pirate boat ride on the Eagle Chain Lakes, tours of the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame, a museum in Sayner that holds the first ever made to be a snowmobile built by Carl Eliason in 1924 and a Snowmobile Museum in St.

Germaine dedicated to the sport of snowmobile racing.

On the evening of Sept. 18, guests and inductees were welcomed to an awards banquet at the Waters Edge Resort banquet hall. The new entrants into the hall were from every aspect of the sport, from journalists writing for snowmobile magazines, museum founders and people in leadership in the many organizations that showcase the sport and adventurers who did cross-country or cross-continent rides in the past to promote

the sport.

Red Arrow was honored as the 2021 International Snowmobile Club of the Year.

Accepting the award for Red Arrow was Gary Wagner, immediate past president of Red Arrow, who said the award was a result of the hard work of every member, officer and volunteer who ever belonged to or worked in any way for Red Arrow.

Red Arrow was formed in 1968 by people who saw a need for trails to ride the emerging new snowmobiles.

They started with the bare minimum of equipment, most of it handmade, to do the job of building the trails. Through the years and decades, the officers and members worked hard to build a trail system, support the sport, promote snowmobiling in a positive way and keep the club going both financially and socially.

Visit the club website at www.re-darrowtownsend.com for a complete history from the humble beginnings to this award as the top club in the world.



Shawano resident Rita Trinko shows off a gift that she was given by community members after her accident. CONTRIBUTED

Trinko recovering from her injuries

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Shawano resident Rita Trinko is back on her feet after an accident left her in the hospital.

Trinko suffered major injuries after being struck by a vehicle on Main Street as she was crossing the street on June 23.

"I am fine," said Trinko. "I have no pain, other than a little numbness in some fingers on my right hand."

Trinko said that metal rods were put into both of her legs and into her right arm. With the rods, she said that there are some sore spots on her body.

"It could have been much worse," said Trinko. "I am pretty thankful that things aren't worse."

Trinko said seeing all of the support that she got was very eye opening.

"It feels fabulous to see all of the support," said Trinko. "It amazes me. I did not know that people knew who I was. It feels like God is with me."

With all of the support, Trinko realized how close of a community Shawano is.

"This shows how many friends that I have," said Trinko. "I can't say thank you enough."

She said that when she was in the hospital, numerous people reached out, visited her and sent cards.

As she recovers, Trinko said that she will rehab at home, doing various exercises to regain her strength.

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City pay hikes concern for council members

Police officers getting 3% hike in pay, remaining employees only getting 1%

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Pay raises became a topic of concern for the Shawano Common Council during a discussion of the proposed 2022 city budget on Oct. 20.

The concern came up that most city employees would be getting a 1% raise in the next year, while police officers would be seeing their paychecks go up by 3% as a result of union negotiations.

Alderman Rhonda Strebel said she was not comfortable with such a small increase for those outside the police department, given that the cost of living has gone up in the last year.

"I always have a hard time, no disrespect to our police officers, but when our police officers get 3% and the city gets 1%, that doesn't ever sit well with me," Strebel said. "If we can afford to, I would like to see the city employees get the same as PD (police department) at 3%."

She added that such an increase would be necessary to be competitive with other municipalities.

Leveling out the pay increases for 2022 would likely impact the tax rate, which is already expected to jump up from the current year. The proposed budget includes a tax rate of \$9.88 per \$1,000 of equalized valuation, which means the owner of a property worth \$100,000 would be charged \$988 in taxes for the city alone. The 2021 tax rate is \$9.52.

City Administrator Eddie Sheppard said that the pay raises for city employees and the police department have leveled out in recent years. In 2019, city employees received a 2% increase, while 2020 saw a 2.5% increase and 2021 another 2%. For the police department, there were 2% increases in

2019 and 2020, with 2021 seeing a 3% increase.

"In the end, it ended up being a half-percent increase for PD over the city in three years," Sheppard said.

Alderman Sandy Steinke echoed Strebel's concerns and reiterated how the cost of living has jumped up. She said that city employees are dedicated, but if pocketbooks get too tight, it might force some to find better-paying jobs.

"I think we really need to keep our workers," Steinke said. "We've got good ones."

Mayor Bruce Milavitz wasn't convinced that pay would be a lone factor to prompt city employees to find other jobs.

"Anybody can pay more," Milavitz said. "We want to make sure that our overall package is better — our health insurance, our retirement."

Retirements were a concern for Strebel, who questioned if the city could bring in new workers after the current ones retire. She noted it's a trend nationwide, and many people are looking to retire early in light of the pandemic and other issues.

"We've had a number of baby boomers retire," she said. "We've been seeing this coming for 20 years, and we've been talking about it for at least 10 that we're not going to have enough people in the workforce, and we're seeing it happen."

Alderman Kevin Barkow noted that a planned 3.2% increase in health insurance rates is being implemented across the board, so it makes sense to do the same with the pay.

"If we're equal with insurance, we should be equal with pay," Barkow said.

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Bench warrant issued for Retzlaff

Campground owner skips court hearing on charges of fleeing officers, reckless endangering safety

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

A bench warrant has been issued for the arrest of Annie's Campground owner Ann Retzlaff on Oct. 26 after she was again a no-show in court.

Her hearing was scheduled for 1:30 p.m., but due to other hearings, her case did not come up until almost 3 p.m., and she was still not present. Judge William Kussel Jr. said the defendant, who is facing charges from both Shawano and Menominee counties related to a high-speed chase, had sent emails to the Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court.

In Shawano County, Retzlaff is being charged with felony fleeing and eluding officers and two counts of second-degree recklessly endangering the safety of those officers, along with a misdemeanor count of resisting and obstructing an officer. In Menominee County, she is being charged with a misdemeanor count of resisting and failing to stop.

The first email was sent to the court at 12:51 p.m. informing the judge that Retzlaff had asked the Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty (WILL), based in Milwaukee, to defend her, but the organization did not have anyone available to take her case.

"They said even though my case had merit, they cannot take on any more cases at this time," Retzlaff wrote. "I'm able to self-represent. Under the Sixth Amendment, it grants me the right for me to appear as myself on



ANN RETZLAFF

my own behalf. I am a human being protected under the Constitution."

WILL states on its website that it takes on cases involving free speech, workers' freedom, open government, good government and other individual rights, claiming it has prevailed in over 75% of its cases.

A second email came at 1:04 p.m. where she proclaimed herself as "a sovereign being of light" — something she had called herself at an earlier court hearing in August — and said she sent an email to Clerk of Courts Ethan Schmidt and Shawano-Menominee County District Attorney Greg Parker saying she would not present her case until "we are back under common law, laws of nature, God's law."

Retzlaff also said in the second email that she doesn't feel safe entering the courthouse, "nor do I safe leaving my property at this time."

Kussel said Retzlaff sent a third email that included a lot of Bible verses and was too lengthy to read into the record.

"The fact of the matter is, she's not here," Kussel said, noting her absence had not been excused by the court.

Assistant District Attorney Laura Nelson told the judge she wasn't convinced that Retzlaff would be present without court action.

"My conclusion is that Ann Retzlaff has no intention of presenting herself to the court," Nelson said. "In light of that, the state would ask that a warrant for Ms. Retzlaff be issued in each of these cases in the amount of the bonds that have been set."

Nelson also asked for forfeitures on the bonds that had already been posted, which Kussel granted.

Kussel went a little beyond Nelson's request, issuing a bench warrant with a \$3,000 bond in the felony cases, double the \$1,500 that had been posted previously. He also stipulated there would be a \$500 bond for the misdemeanor cases, the same amount Retzlaff had posted.

Retzlaff was also facing traffic citations in Menominee County for failing to obey a traffic officer or signal, which had a bond of \$175.30, and Shawano County for failing to stop at a stop sign, which had the same bond amount. Kussel declared her guilty by default on the traffic citations.

This is the second time Retzlaff was not at a scheduled court hearing. On Oct. 5, Retzlaff did not attend and informed the court she was ill. Kussel granted an adjournment to Oct. 26 but stipulated Retzlaff must attend in person.

On May 15, a Shawano County deputy heard on Menominee County radio traffic about a high-speed chase involving a vehicle registered to Retzlaff for failing to stop at a traffic light, according to the criminal complaint. The chase, starting in Keshena

on state Highway 47-55, continued through the towns of Wescott and Richmond, where deputies twice laid out spike strips, and ended on state Highway 29 just west of County Road MMM.

Deputies with Shawano and Menominee counties initiated a "high-risk stop," according to the complaint, and shut down traffic on the highway's westbound lanes. A lieutenant advised Retzlaff to get out of the vehicle, but she allegedly said she was a "sovereign citizen" and would not exit. A deputy used a slim jim to open the passenger door, which is when Retzlaff allegedly tried to drive off, nearly hitting two Shawano County officials.

Eventually, the vehicle was stopped again, and deputies pulled Retzlaff out of her vehicle. According to the complaint, as she was being handcuffed and searched, she claimed the deputies were involved with covering up sex trafficking and said she was rescuing one of her employees from a sex trafficking house on "Crow Territory" in Menominee County.

Retzlaff has had other cases in Shawano County. In April, she had restraining orders against her for harassing Shawano County Supervisor Joe Miller and his wife, Jackie Miller. In November 2020, a guilty verdict due to a no contest plea was entered against Retzlaff for a case where she made a phone call and claimed she was a sheriff's deputy.

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Shawano school tax levy, budget approved

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Shawano School Board signed off Oct. 25 on its 2021-22 budget, which will see taxes go down slightly overall for property owners.

The tax rate has hovered at \$9.58 per \$1,000 of equalized valuation for several years, but that will drop to \$9.56 for 2022. That means the owner of a property valued at \$100,000 would pay \$956 in taxes specifically for the school district.

The total levy will be just shy of \$14.7 million for the district in 2022, according to Finance Director Josh

Swanson. He noted that the district's general fund saw an increase of \$608,000, a result of an increase in anticipated taxes and state school aid, which he said was a good news-bad news kind of scenario for the public schools.

"We had a higher decline in enrollment than we'd originally anticipated," Swanson said. "The good news is that it increases our revenue short-term, but it does not help us in future years."

Swanson noted that there was an increase in expenses of \$180,000, which he attributed to the increase in vouchers. He estimated an additional 20-22 students were going to private

schools and utilizing public school funds using the voucher program.

Equalized value for property is often a factor in the tax rate, and Swanson said the current valuations show property within the district went up 5% overall, which is why the levy jumped up from last year's \$14 million. While the equalized value can result in a wider swing either direction of the tax rate, the district has been trying to keep it consistent to try and avoid sticker shock for taxpayers if there is a sharp drop in property values.

"Right now, it's on a steep up," board member Mart Grams noted.

The tax levy received preliminary approval from the community at the Shawano School District's annual meeting on Sept. 27, but still requires the board to give final approval once all the key information — including student enrollment numbers and 2021 equalized property values — is received. Enrollment numbers are not available until schools conduct their third Friday count, which takes place in September, and property values are furnished to school districts in mid-October.

The total expenditure budget is \$32.3 million, a decrease of more than \$100,000.

Safe Haven ball honors first responders

Behind the Badge award renamed for dedicated supporter

First responders packed the pavilion at Shawano Lake County Park on Oct. 22, but there was no fire or emergency to speak of. Rather, the gathering was an opportunity for Safe Haven to honor police officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel and their supporters at the Ball of the Badges.

Safe Haven announced that its big award, the Behind the Badge honor, would hereafter be named for retired Shawano police officer Jody Johnson, who has been a part of the organization in some form since the current shelter was built 20 years ago. Stacy Cicero, who recently stepped down as executive director, said Johnson exemplifies all of the qualifications of the award, which includes providing support and aid to victims of domestic violence.

"One of her many passions includes helping victims of domestic violence, especially the children," Cicero said. "Jody always stops off at Safe Haven, just to see if we need anything. She routinely referred victims to Safe Haven and was always available to answer questions. She quickly became our go-to person."

In accepting the award, Johnson noted that first responders are part of a bigger family, beyond the one created at home. She noted that, even though she's no longer an active police officer, she's not ready to step back from helping people find a way out of violent homes.

"No one can quite understand the sacrifices and commitment that it takes to answer that fire call, get on that ambulance, put on your uniform and go to work every day," Johnson said. "It is such an honor to be able to do that, and I miss it greatly."

Johnson added that there were plenty of people in the audience who are equally deserving of such an award.

"I don't sit much. I just go, go, go," Johnson said, noting that her

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Stephanie Hintz is all smiles as she says a few words while accepting the 2021 Telecommunicator of the Year award on Oct. 22 at the Ball of the Badges at Shawano Lake County Park.





Jody Johnson, left, recipient of the Behind the Badge award for 2021, stands quietly as Safe Haven Executive Director Jennifer Laude Bisterfeldt applauds on Oct. 22 at the Ball of the Badges at Shawano Lake County Park.

husband, Mike Wizner, retired from law enforcement two years earlier and had some peace and quiet before “Hurricane Jody” came home to roost.

Supporters like Johnson are needed, not only in Shawano County, but everywhere. Jennifer Laude Bisterfeldt, the new Safe Haven executive director, noted that it was important to have events like the Ball of the Badges to show gratitude for those people who often save lives at the expense of family time, holidays, weekends and, oftentimes, their own health.

“Domestic violence and sexual abuse remain a hidden problem in our society,” Bisterfeldt said. “Every nine seconds, a person is beaten by their intimate partner. Last year in Wisconsin, 68 people were killed as a result of domestic violence incidents; 11 of these were children. We hear these difficult stories in the news, through friends, and many of us know someone who is a survivor.”

Locally, law enforcement completed 185 domestic violence assessments, and 55% of them were deemed high danger, according to Bisterfeldt, which means a potential homicide risk.

“Safe Haven sees firsthand the impact first responders have and the vital role they play in being the first to arrive and help people with domestic violence,” she said. “Your jobs are far from easy, as you rush toward danger while everyone else is running away. You do so for complete strangers but never question it.”

George Lenzner, chief deputy for the Shawano County Sheriff’s Department, said the county is a good place

AT A GLANCE

The awards for the 2021 Ball of the Badges:

- **JODY JOHNSON:** Behind the Badge
- **DANA RITCHIE:** Support Staff of the Year
- **JANE GEHM:** Volunteer Firefighters’ Wife of the Year
- **RODNEY HOPPE:** EMS Person of the Year
- **ANGELICA TOURTILLOTT:** Correctional Officer of the Year
- **STEPHANIE HINTZ:** Telecommunicator of the Year
- **ERIC CHERNETSKI:** Deputy of the Year

for first responders. There are not many who want to do the job of law enforcement or emergency services, he said, so it was important to recognize those who answered the call of duty.

“We get so much support from the community, compared to other places around the state,” Lenzner said. “We’re all one big team of first responders, and we need each other to make it work.”

However, it’s not just the first responders who deserve kudos, according to Cal Kanowitz, who was presenting awards for EMS and fire departments. As he presented an award to Jane Gehm, wife of the late Shawano Assistant Fire Chief Larry Gehm, Kanowitz said spouses and other family members are waiting at home, not completely certain whether their loved ones will be coming through the door again.

“When the call comes in the middle of the night, the wives are often sitting up, not being able to get back to sleep because they’re thinking of their loved



Jane Gehm, the widow of Larry Gehm, who served on the Shawano and Bonduel fire departments for 30 years, says a few words as she accepts the 2021 Volunteer Firefighters’ Wife of the Year award Oct. 22 at the Ball of the Badges at Shawano Lake County Park.



Cal Kanowitz, right, representing Marion Body Works, talks about why Rodney Hoppe with the Bonduel EMS is receiving the 2021 EMS Person of the Year on Oct. 22 at the Ball of the Badges at Shawano Lake County Park.

ones,” Gehm said. “One of their most important jobs is being a sounding board for their loved one because the death and devastation that you experi-

ence and encounter every day can often be emotional.”

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ThedaCare physician offers Halloween tips

The family-fun tradition of Halloween festivities will soon have little goblins, ghouls and witches going door-to-door for sweets.

"It is wonderful to see some traditional activities returning as several communities in the area will have specific times for children, dressed in their Halloween best, to go trick-or-treating," said Dr. Jorge Darwich, a pediatrician with ThedaCare Physicians Pediatrics-Neenah. "As families are taking part, it's important to have a plan for the big night to help ensure safety for all."

To begin with, trick-or-treat times often begin before sunset, and continue into the evening after dark.

"It's vital to put an emphasis on pedestrian safety because children may want to run to the next home or to the decorated home across the street," Darwich said. "Let's help remind them to stay by mom and dad and look both ways before crossing a street."

Planning and preparing what streets to take while trick-or-treating with your children can be a fun way to get your children more involved in the night, and set expectations for everyone.

"The extra benefit of planning out your route can also help set the intentions for your children," Darwich said. "They'll know that once you arrive at a certain street or once it's a certain time, that it's time to head back home. Also, be sure to discuss rules for the night for children so they know what's expected of them."

"It's typically fine to let your child indulge their sweet tooth occasionally, however, you need to make sure they do not eat too much at one time and that the things they do eat are safe. Be sure to check everything over and just toss anything that might look skeptical."

Drivers should also be aware of an increase in pedestrians during the month of October when several Halloween festivities are planned. Darwich said to be sure to slow down in residential areas and watch for children who may dart out from the street or from parked cars.

For those plan on handing out candy, it's also a good idea to make sure your yard is safe and ready for

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Other tricks and tips for Halloween safety include:

- Remind children to walk, not run.
- Hold hands with an adult and look both ways when crossing the street.
- Use bright colors in costumes or reflective tape.
- Make sure costumes fit properly. Be sure to hem pants or skirts to avoid tripping.
- Use flashlights.
- Pin a tag with your child's name and contact information to their costume in case you get separated.
- Reinforce to children that they do not get into a car with someone they do not know or go inside a home.
- Don't accept homemade treats from strangers.
- Parents should check over every piece of candy for tears or tampering.
- Throw away anything that looks suspicious.

children by removing any obstacles from your yard, porch or steps to avoid tripping or falling and make sure your front porch is well-lit for trick-or-treating hours.

Another safety precaution that has been top of mind for many parents for nearly two years is COVID-19. The CDC has released some guidelines for trick-or-treaters, as well as for neighbors handing out candy. Families should travel in small groups and avoid crowding at one doorstep. Everyone should wash their hands before leaving the house to trick-or-treat and when they return home.

"It helps that Halloween is generally an outdoor-focused holiday and children can easily incorporate a fun mask with their costumes," said Darwich.

People handing out candy should avoid direct contact with trick-or-treaters. Give treats outdoors if possible, and wash hands before handing out candy. If you have not been vaccinated for COVID-19, or have an autoimmune disease, it's recommended to leave candy out in a dish for trick-or-treaters to help themselves.

"If you have symptoms of COVID-19 or were exposed to someone who has tested positive, we would ask that you do not participate in in-person Halloween festivities," said Darwich. "While we all look forward to getting back to traditional celebrations and events, it's still important to continue practicing precautions so that we can do our best to stay healthy."

Social Security announces 5.9% benefit increase

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for approximately 70 million Americans will increase 5.9% in 2022, the Social Security Administration announced today.

The 5.9% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits payable to more than 64 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2022. Increased payments to approximately 8 million SSI beneficiaries will begin Dec. 30. The Social Security Act ties the annual COLA to the increase in the Consumer Price Index as determined by the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Some other adjustments that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$147,000 from \$142,800.

Social Security and SSI beneficiaries are normally notified by

mail starting in early December about their new benefit amount. Most people who receive Social Security payments will be able to view their COLA notice online through their personal my Social Security account. People may create or access their my Social Security account online at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

Information about Medicare changes for 2022, when announced, will be available at www.medicare.gov. For Social Security beneficiaries receiving Medicare, Social Security will not be able to compute their new benefit amount until after the Medicare premium amounts for 2022 are announced. Final 2022 benefit amounts will be communicated to beneficiaries in December through the mailed COLA notice and my Social Security's Message Center.

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Caring for an aging parent or other loved one over a period of time can be very challenging both physically and mentally. Fortunately, there are a number of tips and services you can turn to that can help lighten the load. Here are several to consider.

- **Assemble a care team:** A good first step is to put together a network of people including family, friends and even neighbors that you can call on to help out when you can't be there or need a break.

- **Tap local services:** Many communities offer a range of free or subsidized services that help seniors and caregivers by providing things like home-delivered meals, transportation, senior companion services and more. Call 211 to find out what's available in your community, or call AARP's caregiving resource center at 877-333-5885,



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which provides referrals to local resources.

• **Use respite:** Respite services can provide short-term care to your mom so you can take some time off. To locate services in your area, try the ARCH National Respite Network and Resource Center at ARCHrespite.org.

- **Hire in-home help:** You may want to consider hiring a part-time home-care aide that can help with things like preparing meals, housekeeping or personal care. Costs can run anywhere from \$12 to \$30 an hour depending on where you live and the qualification of the aide. To find help through an agency, use Medicare's search tool Medicare.gov/care-compare. To find someone on your own, which is a more affordable way to go, try websites like Care.com or CareLinx.com.

- **Use financial tools:** If you're handling your mom's finances, you can

make things easier by arranging direct deposit for her income sources and set up automatic payments for her utilities and other routine bills. Also, consider setting up your mom's online banking service at her bank so you can pay her other bills and monitor her account anytime. If you want or need help, there are professional daily money managers (see AADMM.com to locate someone) that can do it for you. They charge between \$60 and \$150 per hour.

Also, if your mom is lower-income use BenefitsCheckup.org, a free, confidential website that will help you locate financial assistance programs that can help pay for her medications, utilities, health care and other needs.

- **Get insurance help:** If you have questions about what Medicare or Medicaid covers, or about long-term care, your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) provides free counseling on all these issues. Call 877-839-2675 or visit ShiptaCenter.org to locate a nearby counselor.

You can also get help at Medicare.gov or by calling 800-633-4227, and through the Medicare Rights Center,

which staffs a helpline at 800-333-4114.

- **Tap other resources:** There are a number of other organizations you can draw on for additional information like the Family Care Alliance (Caregiver.org/family-care-navigator), which provides a state-by-state listing of caregiving programs and services; Caring.com, which offers caregiving advice, senior housing information and online support groups; the Alzheimer's Association (ALZ.org/care), which provides information unique to the challenges of dementia caregivers; and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (www.caregiver.va.gov), which offers services to veterans and spouses.

If you're sharing care responsibilities with others, sites like LotsaHelpingHands.com and CaringBridge.org can help you coordinate together.

- **Take care of yourself:** Make your own health a priority. Being a caregiver is a big job that can cause emotional and physical stress and lead to illness and depression. The only way you can provide the care your mother needs is to make sure you stay healthy.

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Carol J. Blazek

Carol J. Blazek, 68, Kelly Lake, died peacefully Thursday evening, Oct. 21, 2021, with her loving family by her side in Oconto Falls following complications from a 16-year courageous battle with Parkinson's disease. She was born March 13, 1953, in Oconto Falls to Emanuel "Chick" and Fern Umentum. Carol grew up in Oconto Falls where she attended public schools, made lifelong friends and would meet her one and only Jim Blazek, graduating from Oconto Falls High School with the Class of 1971. Following graduation, Carol attended the Wisconsin School of Cosmetology in Green Bay.

On Dec. 30, 1972, she married Jim at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Klondike, and the couple had two children together, Jason and Carrie. The couple lived at Kelly Lake for all their married lives where they



enjoyed fishing, golfing, laughing and joking with family and friends and making everyone feel welcome. Her German potato salad was often requested for family gatherings.

She also enjoyed growing beautiful flowers. Carol was employed for many years at Laurel Kay's Hair Salon in Oconto Falls where she had many loyal clients. When her grandchildren came along, Carol's world was enriched with love and devotion that only a grandmother could give. Carol also enjoyed working at Meadowlands Assisted Living in Oconto Falls for many years where she took care of residents like they were family. Family meant every-

thing to Carol, and she always was there for her large family and many friends.

Survivors are her husband Jim Blazek, Kelly Lake; their two children, Jason Blazek, Carrie (Leon) Panske, all of Oconto Falls; two grandchildren, Odin and Alec Halvorsen; her six siblings, Connie Anderson, Rhinelander; Terry (Bev) Umentum, Oconto Falls; Faye (Duane) Janik, Lena; Robert Umentum, California; Wendy (Gerry) Hickey, Abrams; Mark Umentum, Lena; one sister-in-law, Janet Blazek, Green Bay; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, infant sister Alice, her in-laws Earl and Ila Blazek, two brothers-in-law, Duane Anderson and Donald Blazek and nephew Patrick Umentum.

Visitation will be held 3-8 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2021, at Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls. Visitation will continue after 9 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021, at the funeral home until the time of service. A prayer service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Deacon Peter Gard officiating. Burial will follow in Pine Hill Cemetery in Spruce.

It wasn't unusual to see snowmen in Carol's house year-round, and the next time you see a full moon, think of her.

The Blazek family would like to thank The Cottages at Meadowlands and Heartland Hospice for the care and consideration shown Carol during their time together.

In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, memorials may be made to Home Respite Care in Oconto Falls where Carol volunteered for many years.

Veronica L. Fischer

Veronica "Bonnie" Lucille Fischer passed away peacefully in her home the morning of Oct. 19, 2021, at the age of 90. Bonnie spent the last chapter of her life enjoying the "Lake Life" in the house her husband and family helped build many years ago. She loved to garden and to have her flower gardens always looking beautiful. Faithfully saying her rosary daily, Bonnie would find time and be seen by the locals driving her golf cart up and down the driveways, something that always bought a smile to her face. When family would come up, they



would be ready for a game of 500 Rummy as she was always ready to ask, "Play a game of cards?" Nothing filled her heart more than seeing her family, and knowing they were safe

and taken care of. She was proud of everything they all did and loved them all deeply.

Veronica joins in heaven her son Michael and her husband, Glen. Her

family lives on with her daughter Arla Fischer, her sons Eugene Simon and Michael Simon, with wife Nikki Beyer-Simon and daughter, Kaylee. Veronica's daughter Kathy Stein with husband Larry Stein, their daughter Kristine Stein with husband Michael Kjasprzak, and their son Adam Stein with wife Amy Stein, and their daughters Brianna, Shayna and Claudia. Veronica's daughter Patty Weglarz with her husband David Weglarz. Veronica's son Rodney Fischer with wife Jeannie Fischer, their sons Danny Fischer and Jimmy Fischer

with wife Drea Fischer and daughter Millie, and Rodney and Jeanne's daughters, Nicole Fischer and son Anthony, Lindsey Fischer and daughter Aaliyah, and Katie Fischer with daughter Anabel.

Visitation will be held Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021, from 9-11 a.m. with a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at St John's Catholic Church (127 S. Garden Ave., Gillett, WI 54124) with Father Frances Dias officiating. Kuehl Funeral Home of Gillett is honored to assist the family.

Irene J. Mayernik

Irene J. Mayernik, 96, of Spruce, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021, at St. Mary's Hospital in Green Bay. Irene was born in Mount Olive, Illinois, on Feb. 16, 1925, to the late George and Mary (Gavrun) Bobik. Irene married Albert Mayernik on Oct. 25, 1947, and they lived their whole married life on their farm in Spruce. She made lots of apple pies and enjoyed canning and baking. Irene loved spending time with her grandkids and her relatives that came to visit each summer. She is a member



of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Oconto Falls.

Irene is survived by her daughter, Irene (Steven) Drake of Gillett; a son, Albert G. Mayernik of Lena; five grandchildren,

Andrew (Jen) Drake, Bri Drake, Cameron Drake, Paul (Mellissa) Mayernik and Dave (Siv) Mayernik; five great-

grandchildren, Ellie, Ada, Ashton, Kayahna, Landon and one on the way; a sister, Utibela Bednarik of Suring; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Mayernik of Appleton. She is further survived by many nieces and nephews other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert, two brothers, Albert and John.

Visitation was held on Friday, Oct. 22, 2021, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Oconto Falls from 8:30 a.m. until the Mass of Christian Burial at

10:30 a.m. with Father Bob Karuhn officiating. Irene will be interred in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Spruce next to her husband. Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring is assisting the family. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com.

A special thank you to Unity Hospice, the nurses on the fifth floor at St Mary's Hospital and The Bay Nursing Home in Suring for their care and compassion shown to Irene during her time of need.

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County to get environmental health professional

New position equivalent of licensed sanitarian

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

The Oconto County Health and Human Services Department is gaining a licensed environmental health professional after a vote by the Oconto County Board of Supervisors on Oct. 21.

The new position eliminates a community health educator; the difference in compensation adds \$9,107 to the department's budget.

Mike Reimer, director of health and human services, told the board the new position would involve the work of a state-licensed sanitarian serving the county and local town governments.

"We currently have nobody in the county who is an expert at this, and

we currently have an opportunity to do this through the health department as a service to the county and the townships," Reimer said.

The person can be used to provide education, consultation and even some remediation of situations that can occur, he said, covering issues such as groundwater, manure, "rats, bats, cats, all this kind of thing," including advising towns dealing with dilapidated homes and other issues.

Supervisor Gregory Sekela asked if the environmental health professional would have the authority to fine or close restaurants and other businesses for unhealthy practices, but Reimer said that would be beyond the scope of the department which is a Level II local health department.

The state handles restaurant

inspections for a Level II county, Reimer said, while a Level III department such as Brown County gets more directly involved.

"That's not good business for us. We've looked at it many times, and it's just not anything we'd recommend," he said. "We're good with Oconto County as a Level II ... We can still have a sanitarian on staff and doing all these kinds of services for the towns, for the EMS, for the law enforcement, trainings, ideas for cleanup, ambulance care, jail care, things like this."

The county has had an environmental health ordinance in place for some time, Reimer added.

Should someone not be cleaning up their property, the county wanted some tools to be able to make something happen, so that's already on the books," he said.

Debra Konitzer, the public health

division manager, said the county has issued three or four citations over the years but has found working cooperatively with property owners is a better approach.

"We've been able to work with people and make progress and just keep going, because if we make progress, I don't want to put a citation on that, they're moving ahead," she said. "We'd rather be able to work with them than to put a punitive situation on them."

The new position was approved on a 27-1 vote, with Supervisor Tracy Ondik casting the lone dissent. During discussion, Ondik expressed concern about possible duplication of services with the Emergency Management Office. Reimer said the two departments have worked well together on various issues.

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Work wrapping up on 2022 county budget

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

The Oconto County Board of Supervisors on Oct. 28 was scheduled to review a \$50.3 million budget plan for 2022 that the county administrator said will maintain the status quo for another year.

Administrator Kevin Hamann cautioned that a number of factors will place a burden on the 2023 county budget and beyond.

"\$1 million of our 'savings account' needed to be used to keep the status quo," Hamann said in his introduction to the 2022 budget book. "Thankfully, due to past fiscal management, we have adequate savings to do so."

The county was able to incorporate \$3.684 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding, the federal plan to help communities recover from COVID pandemic measures, he noted. "This, however, is funding to be used over the next few years and certainly cannot be expected to continue beyond that time frame."

County expenses are also up significantly, mainly for wages and fringes as well as capital expenses, Hamann said.

The proposed tax rate was \$4.969 per \$1,000 of equalized value, a decrease of 21.6 cents or 4.4% from a year ago. The property tax levy needed to support the budget was \$21.26 million, an increase of \$457,786 or 2.2% from 2021.



The Oconto County Board meets in the county Law Enforcement Center for its September meeting.

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HIGH SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY

Oconto Falls' Joe Adams earns spot at state

Boys, girls teams
each place 6th

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Oconto Falls High School senior cross-country runner Joe Adams qualified for state after a fourth-place individual finish at the Division 2 Oconto Falls Sectional on Oct. 23 at The Patriot Golf Club in Abrams.

Adams completed the course in 16 minutes, 58.5 seconds to earn his first-ever trip to state.

"It means so much, I can't even tell you how much," said Adams. "All four years of work just finally seemed to pay off. It feels really good."

Adams was among the lead group of runners the entire race. He finished only 10 seconds behind the first-place finisher.

"For me, knowing if I don't do good here, I'm done. I didn't wanna be done yet; I wanted to keep going," said Adams. "I wanted to see that work pay off and I had to give it my all. It's all mental at the point. I knew I could physically do it, I just had to tell myself I could do it today."

Adams and the rest of the state qualifiers in the Division 2 boys field will open the state championships at noon Oct. 30 at The Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids.

"Just to keep giving it my all," said Adams of his goals at state. "I can always be proud of myself if I know I gave 100% — that's what coach always tells me. I just hope to have a good race there too."

The boys team placed sixth behind Adams, posting a score of 146. Shawano (44) and Rhinelander (58) advanced to state as teams.

The Oconto Falls girls also claimed sixth, doing so with a score of 155. Freedom (29) and Shawano (102) were the girls team state qualifiers.

Crossing the finish line second on the Oconto Falls boys team was Ben Adams. He placed 14th with a time of 17:58.7.



Oconto Falls' Joe Adams nears the finish line while competing in the Division 2 Oconto Falls Sectional on Oct. 23 in Abrams.

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Full results from the sectional can be found at <https://www.wiaawi.org/Sports/Fall/Boys-Cross-Country/Tournament#54441550-sectional-results..>

Grant Yuma (19:00) claimed 35th for the Panthers, while Griffin Kopke (19:38.2) was 53rd. Brant

Laluzerne (19:52.4) filled out the team score with a 57th-place finish.

Emerson Rice (21:55.3) also ran for the boys team.

Hannah Ludemann (21:14.5) led the Oconto Falls girls team with an 18th-place finish. Brooke Hodkiewicz (21:15.8) was 20th.

Hailey Delzer (21:51.3) took 27th, Maddy Przybylski (22:52.9) was 44th and Sydney Bell (23:41) took 60th to cap the girls team score.

Ava Hodkiewicz (25:04.2) and Brooke Senn (27:47.1) also ran for the girls team.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Oconto Falls ousted in regional title

Suring picks up postseason win

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Oconto Falls High School volleyball team made a run to the regional title match before being eliminated from postseason play last week.

Oconto Falls was a No. 6 seed in Division 2 and opened the postseason hosting No. 11 Antigo on Oct. 19. The Panthers swept Antigo by scores of 25-16, 25-20, 25-12.

Emmie Magnin led Oconto Falls with 10 attack kills, while Morgan Kluth, Brailyn St. Louis and Grace Oninski had eight attack kills each. Hailey Peitersen tallied 30 assists, 10 digs and five attack kills.

Hannah Krejcarek served half of the Panthers' six aces. Quinn Eisch led the team with 19 digs, while Karlie Kowalczyk had 10 and Krejcarek six.

The win advanced Oconto Falls into a regional semifinal matchup against No. 3 Merrill on Oct. 21 in Merrill. The Panthers pulled the upset, winning by scores of 25-18, 25-14, 25-21.

Magnin tallied 13 attack kills to lead



Oconto Falls' Hailey Peitersen serves the ball during the team's regional title match against Winneconne on Oct. 23 in Winneconne.

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Oconto Falls. Oninski added nine attack kills, while St. Louis and Peitersen had five each.

Oninski was credited with seven to-

tal blocks, while Tess Maggio had four. Peitersen led the Panthers with 26 assists, and Madison Uelmen totaled a team-leading 14 digs. Eisch had 11 digs,

while Peitersen chipped in eight digs.

The Panthers then traveled to No. 2 Winneconne for the regional title match on Oct. 23. Oconto Falls was swept by scores of 25-17, 25-19, 25-23.

Magnin led the team with 12 attack kills, while Oninski had seven. Uelmen served four aces.

Peitersen finished the match with 19 assists and three total blocks. Eisch tallied 13 digs, while Krejcarek had 10 and Uelmen seven.

In other area regional volleyball action, Suring was able to pick up a win.

The Eagles, a No. 7 seed in Division 4, swept Bowler on Oct. 19 in Suring. The Eagles won by scores of 25-10, 26-24, 25-18.

Suring then traveled to No. 2 Wabeno/Laona for a regional semifinal match on Oct. 21. The Eagles were swept by scores of 25-6, 25-17, 25-7.

Lena and Gillett were both defeated in their lone playoff matches.

Lena was a No. 9 seeded in Division 4, and was swept by scores of 25-18, 25-9, 26-24 against No. 8 Oneida Nation on Oct. 19 in Oneida.

Gillett, a No. 15 seed in Division 3, got swept by No. 2 Peshtigo on Oct. 19 in Peshtigo. The hosts won by scores of 25-11, 25-8, 25-11.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Lena/STAA, Pulaski advance in postseason

Oconto Falls eliminated after loss

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy co-op and Pulaski football teams each won games in the first level of postseason action last week.

Top-seeded Lena/STAA earned a 44-14 victory over fourth-seeded Florence in an 8-player matchup on Oct. 22 in Lena.

The co-op erupted for 32 points in the second quarter to take control before coasting to the win.

Mason Sobeck recovered a blocked punt in the end zone for the co-op's first touchdown of the contest. Logan Shallow then scored

on a 2-yard run to make it 16-0.

A 9-yard touchdown run from Sam Marquardt made it 24-0 before Florence scored for the first time. Lena/STAA came right back with another touchdown, this one coming on a 90-yard kickoff return from Marquardt to make it 32-8 going into halftime.

Shallow had a 3-yard touchdown run in the third quarter to make it 38-8. Josh Kristof then blocked a punt, recovered the loose ball and returned it 14 yards for a touchdown that made it 44-8.

Florence added a touchdown early in the fourth quarter for the game's final score.

Marquardt finished the contest with 116 rushing yards, while Shallow had 74 and Lane Whiting added 47. Shallow caught two passes from Marquardt, totaling 44 yards.

The co-op will host No. 2 Wabeno/Laona in the next level of postseason play at 7 p.m. Oct. 29.

Pulaski topped West De Pere 23-14 in a Division 2 playoff contest on Oct. 22 in Pulaski to keep its season alive.

The third-seeded Red Raiders rallied from a 14-7 halftime deficit against No. 6 West De Pere.

Maverick Cole rushed for 130 yards and two touchdowns to power Pulaski offensively. Aaron Maroszek added 53 rushing yards and the team's other touchdown.

Will Steeno kicked a 28-yard field goal for the team's final three points.

Jake Adams led the Red Raiders' defense with eight total tackles, a sack and a forced fumble, while Max Burdette had six total tackles and a forced fumble.

Mason Wells intercepted a pass and had eight total tackles, while Riley Lorn also picked off a pass and had seven total tackles. Aaron Hawpetoss tallied seven total tackles.

Pulaski will host No. 7 Slinger on Oct. 29 in the next round of postseason play. Slinger upset No. 2 Cedarburg 24-3 in the first round.

Oconto Falls was also part of the postseason. The third-seeded Panthers were upset 27-6 by sixth-seeded Little Chute in a Division 4 playoff contest on Oct. 22 in Oconto Falls.

Dylan Thomson rushed for Oconto Falls' only touchdown on the night. He had 143 rushing yards in the contest.

Carter Hill passed for 66 yards, with four different receivers hauling in passes.

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY

2 Gillett boys, girls advance to state

Suring's Noack, Pulaski's Shaw also advance

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Individual runners from Gillett and Suring are headed to state after competing in the Division 3 Athens Sectional on Oct. 23 in Athens.

Gillett's Alex Peterson and Evan Peterson are state bound after first- and third-place finishes, respectively, in the boys race.

Gillett's Carleigh Kaczmarek and Angela Mosconi advanced as individuals after second- and fifth-place finishes, respectively, in the girls race.

Suring's Olivia Noack also qualified for state after a sixth-place finish in the girls race.

Kaczmarek earned her individual state spot after posting a time of 20 minutes, 22.3 seconds.

"It means so much that I get to race one more time against the best people in the state," said Kaczmarek. "My goals for the state meet are to run my hardest and leave it all out on the course, no matter what happens."

Mosconi had a time of 20:32.1 to advance.

"Finishing fifth at sectionals today is something I am proud of," said Mosconi. "Getting there was not easy, and I was running in seventh place for the majority of the race. It wasn't until the last stretch that I passed two other runners."

"During the race, I knew that I needed to stay with the front girls so my team had the best possible chance to return to state. From talking with coach (Bill) DeJung, I knew that if I ran well I had a good chance of making it to state. It surely was a mental

battle just as much as it was a physical battle for me to stick up there and stay strong throughout the whole race."

Noack completed the course in 20:39.5 to earn her first trip to state.

"Today was one of the days I have been dreaming of since the start of my cross-country career in seventh grade," said Noack. "Placing sixth at sectionals to qualify myself for state as an individual is one of my biggest accomplishments; I am so proud of the runner and person I've become. Making it to state for the first time was one thing I thought I'd never be able to do after collapsing and having a seizure last year during my race, leaving me hopeless and scared for my future in running."

"My goals for state are to go out there and try my hardest to make my supporters proud."

Alex Peterson won the boys race in 16:35.1, 42 seconds quicker than the next runner.

"I felt really amazing running today," Alex Peterson said. "The weather was perfect, and the course was primed for success. Before the race, my coach told me to get out fast and get a good lead. I was through the mile and two mile way faster than normal and finished close to my PR (personal record)."

"This proves to me that I can go faster and still have enough for the last mile or so. It is super encouraging! I will most definitely use that strength and motivation for state next weekend."

Evan Peterson posted a time of 17:30.3 to advance to state alongside

his brother.

"To make it to state my first three years in high school is a blessing," said Evan Peterson. "I am so excited to make another appearance at state, and this time with my brother beside me."

Alex Peterson hopes to medal at state, while Evan Peterson hopes to leave everything he has on the course and place higher than he did at state last year, which was 41st.

The area qualifiers will now prepare for the state championships, which are set for Oct. 30 at The Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids. The Division 3 boys race is set for 1:10 p.m., while the D3 girls race will be at 3:05 p.m.

The Gillett girls placed fifth at the sectional with a score of 99, while Suring was sixth at 185 points. An individual runner from Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy also competed.

The Gillett boys placed fourth with a score of 136. Individual runners from Lena/STAA and Marion also competed.

Rounding out the Gillett girls team behind Kaczmarek and Mosconi was: Cheyenne Krueger (22:40.5), Kasey Hansen (23:03.5), Laney DeBauch (23:05), Alaina Herzog (23:44.2) and Lily Hansen (24:54.8).

Suring's five-runner team was capped by: Georgia Gerndt (22:16.7), Hailey Thomson (24:03.3), Chantelle VanDenElzen (24:31.3) and Samantha Seibert (27:48.5).

Chaela Rabas was the lone Lena/STAA girls in action, completing the course in 27:32.8.

Behind the Petersons, four other Gillett boys competed. Conner Hanson (18:59.8), Scott Herroux (20:49.8), Zander Davis (22:21.3) and Virgil Herzog

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(23:18.6) represented the Tigers.

Max Beyer (19:43.1) led a trio of Lena/STAA boys in action. Reed Hosking (20:53.8) and Norman Aguilar (23:47) were the other two runners.

Pulaski

Pulaski's T.J. Shaw qualified for state after placing eighth individually at the Division 1 Manitowoc Lincoln Sectional on Oct. 23 in Milwaukee.

Shaw completed the course in 17:02.7 to earn the last individual state spot.

Shaw will now prepare for the state championships, with the Division 1 boys race beginning at 12:35 p.m. at The Ridges Golf Course.

The Pulaski boys finished sixth behind Shaw, posting a team score of 168.

Connor Heezen was the second Pulaski boys runner across the finish line, taking 22nd in 18:05.7. Nick Symons (18:36.6) placed 32nd. Connor Nooyen (19:10.8) and Dayne Nowak (19:15.3) capped the team score, placing 52nd and 54th, respectively. Griffin Nowak (19:42.9) and Madden Skenadore (20:50.7) also ran for the boys team.

The Pulaski girls placed seventh with a score of 176.

Angela Opolka (21:06.3) led the girls team with a 22nd-place finish. Olivia Stedl (21:19.5) claimed 24th. Rachael Allen (21:53.7) took 40th. Trennedey Roffers (21:54.6) was 42nd and Grace Goodness (22:32) was 51st to cap the girls team score. McKenna Lowery (23:15.5) and Kendra Brockman (23:32.1) also competed for the Pulaski girls.



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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Pulaski wins regional title in thrilling fashion

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Pulaski High School boys soccer team won a Division 2 regional title after two shutout wins last week.

The top-seeded Red Raiders first postseason match came Oct. 19 against No. 8 Merrill. Pulaski left little doubt in a 10-0 victory.

The Red Raiders built a 7-0 lead by halftime, scoring four goals in the final four minutes of the first half to take control.

Austin Decker, Joe Wacholz and

Jack Ryan had two goals each for Pulaski, while Chase Ambrosius, Ben Uelmen, Dylan Carley and Ryan Drafz scored one goal each.

Oscar Aronsen was credited with three assists on the night. Trentin Dauk, Aidan Dauk and Alex Kouzov had one assist each.

Goalies Mason Baker and Gaven Haldemann combined to post the shutout for the Red Raiders.

Pulaski's second postseason match was a much tighter one, with the Red Raiders coming away with a 1-0 win

over No. 4 Wausau East in overtime on Oct. 23 in Pulaski.

Will Steeno was the hero for Pulaski, scoring the game-winning goal in the first period of overtime.

Baker made two saves to post the shutout. Pulaski outshot Wausau East 10-2 on the night.

Pulaski advances on to sectional play next and will host No. 3 Green Bay Southwest at 7 p.m. Oct. 28.

In their Fox River Classic Conference match this fall, Pulaski topped Green Bay Southwest 3-0.

FYI

This week's sectional match recaps can be found online at www.newmedia-wi.com.

In other area postseason action, Shawano and Gresham/Bowler were topped in their lone matches.

Shawano, a No. 6 seed, lost 2-1 to No. 3 Mosinee in a Division 3 regional semifinal match on Oct. 21 in Mosinee.

No. 17 Gresham/Bowler lost 1-0 to No. 16 Lourdes Academy/Valley Christian in a D4 matchup on Oct. 19 in Oshkosh.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Rockhurst

Shawano Community High School graduate Averil Vomastic helped the Rockhurst University volleyball team to a 2-0 mark last week.

Vomastic posted nine attack kills, five digs and a block assist in the team's sweep of Truman on Oct. 21.

She recorded 18 attack kills, 13 digs, two aces and two block assists in the team's sweep of Quincy on Oct. 23.

UW-Eau Claire

Bonduel grad Isaac Garside caught a touchdown pass and led the UW-Eau Claire football team in receiving yards in the team's loss to UW-Oshkosh on Oct. 23.

Garside had a 15-yard touchdown reception in the fourth quarter. He caught seven passes for 88 yards in the contest, with a long reception of 35 yards.

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UW-Whitewater

Shawano grad Baylie Hansen helped the UW-Whitewater volleyball team to three more wins last week. The team is 23-1 on the season.

In a sweep of UW-Platteville on Oct. 20, Hansen totaled four attack kills. She had three attack kills and three block assists in a sweep of Cornell College on Oct. 22.

In the team's sweep of Wheaton on Oct. 23, Hansen finished with one dig and one attack kill.

UW-Green Bay

Wittenberg-Birnamwood graduate McKenna Metropulos opened her college career for the UW-Green Bay women's swim team Oct. 23 in a dual loss to the University of St. Thomas.

As an individual, Metropulos claimed second in the 100-yard

freestyle with a time of 55.06 seconds. She was fourth in the 50 freestyle (25.52).

Metropulos was also on the second-place finishing 200 medley relay that posted a time of 1:51.47. She also swam on the second-place finishing 400 freestyle relay team, which earned a mark of 3:39.41.

North Iowa Area

Oconto Falls graduate Samantha Coron recorded 16 assists, eight digs, a solo block, a block assist and three attack kills in the North Iowa Area Community College volleyball team's loss to Iowa Lakes Community College on Oct. 20.

For the season, Coron has accumulated 715 assists, 446 digs, 164 attack kills, 51 aces and 28 total blocks across 38 matches.

Winona State

Gillett grad and current Winona State women's cross-country runner Sylvia Hansen placed 81st at the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Championships on Oct. 23.

Hansen completed the 6K course in 25:14.59, which helped the team to a fifth-place finish.

UW-Oshkosh

Oconto Falls graduate Mac Winkler rushed for a touchdown and also was credited with three total tackles in the UW-Oshkosh football team's win over UW-Eau Claire on Oct. 23.

Winkler's touchdown was a 1-yarder in the fourth quarter. He finished with seven carries for 31 yards.

Two of his three tackles were solo ones. He also got credit for forcing a fumble.

MSU-Moorhead

Gillett grad Derek Hanson, who runs for the Minnesota State University-Moorhead men's cross-country team, took 90th at the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Championships on Oct. 23.

Hanson posted a time of 28:38.87 on the 8K course. His team finished eighth.

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A different kind of fairytale



Sacred Heart Catholic School fifth-grade students, from left, Ivan Kary, Logan Frechette and Addyson Fowler perform an adaptation of "Little Red Riding Hood." The class has been comparing fairytales to their adaptations. Students were tasked with coming up with adaptations of some of their childhood favorites. Others adaptations were of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" and "The Frog and the Seven Flies." After students wrote scripts and made props, they performed for the class.

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Skyler Eugene Adamski and Morgan Marie Becker, both of the Town of Angelica, Oct. 2, 2021.

Douglas Christian Allen and Colette Louise Laakso, both of the Town of Washington, Sept. 25, 2021.

Adam James Bartz, of the Town of Belle Plaine, and Sara Elizabeth Hokenstad, of the Town of Wescott, Oct. 2, 2021.

Dutch Anthony Bloecher and Abigail Ann Knaup, both of Tigerton, Oct. 2, 2021.

Kevin Russell Brimmer and Sabrina Louise Jackson, both of Shawano, Sept. 21, 2021.

Myles Timothy Brooks and Meghan Marie Hoffman, both of Shawano, Oct. 9, 2021.

Jeffrey Lee Buettner and Annalise Louise Sharpless, both of Shawano, Oct. 2, 2021.

Justin Ray Buntrock and Tamra Jean Hobart, both of the Town of Richmond, Sept. 18, 2021.

Bryce Steven Clements, of Suring, and Daphne Nicole Ruley, of Bonduel, Sept. 25, 2021.

Kevin Richard Compton and Alicia Marie Orozco Jolitz, both of Chantilly, Oct. 9, 2021.

Tye Lane Gauthier and Cassandra Virginia Tousey, both of Shawano, Oct. 1, 2021.

Lucas James Goodletson and Cassi Lynn Edwards, both of Pulaski, Sept. 25, 2021.

Taylor Lee Burr, and Morgan Rene Weckler, both of Ramsey, Sept. 18, 2021.

William Charles Grunewald and Iris Irene Lohff, both of the Town of Grant, Sept. 18, 2021.

Tommy James Hangartner and Kaitlyn Grace Cerveney, both of the Town of Herman, Oct. 9, 2021.

Bronson Elliott Huntington and Dartania Josephine Heinz, both of the Town of Richmond, Oct. 2, 2021.

Justus Levi Kaat, of Bruce Crossing, and Ashley Hope Schmude, of Tigerton, Sept. 13, 2021.

Benjamin Ryan Kary and Dawn Nichole Alamedia, both of Shawano, Sept. 18, 2021.

Kevin Eric Kernin and Angel Mavis Dillenburg, both of Shawano, Oct. 2, 2021.

Ronald James Kielar, of the Town of Angelica, and Layla Hannah Baldwin, of Little Chute, Sept. 28, 2021.

Scott William Koeller and Stormie Jean Braatz, both of the Town of Wescott, Sept. 18, 2021.

Andrew John Krause, of the Town of Belle Plaine, and Heidi Gladiann Wanta, of Green Bay, Sept. 25, 2021.

Christian John Martini and Mariah Emma Ruehle, both of Cecil, Sept. 18, 2021.

Andrew Michael Meisner and Emily Rose Stepanek, both of the Town of Richmond, Sept. 17, 2021.

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Jacob Edward Zeitler, of the Town of Washington, and Samantha Rae Bohm, of the Town of Waukechon, Oct. 16, 2021.

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COLLEGE NOTES

University of Iowa

This fall's incoming undergraduate class at the University of Iowa — a group that includes Neely Goerlinger, of Clintonville — has yet again topped previous records in achievement with a higher average high school grade-point average, at 3.81, than any previous class. The average high school GPA for the classes of 2024 and 2023 were 3.78 and 3.76, respectively.

Goerlinger is majoring in university honors.

Southern New Hampshire University

Ashley Stelloh, of Shawano, has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's summer 2021 dean's list. Eligibility for the dean's list requires that a student accumulate an academic grade-point average of 3.5 and earn 12 credits for the term.

Ripon College

Logan Zeinert, class of 2022, participated in Ripon College's Theatre production of "After the Blast" by Zoe Kazan. The show took place Oct. 14-17, at the Benstead Theatre in the C.J. Rodman Center for the Arts at Ripon College. Zeinert is from Wittenberg, and his parents are Kurt and Susan Zeinert, of Wittenberg.

At Ripon, Zeinert majors in psychology and theater.

The futuristic drama was about Anna and her husband, Oliver, as they wait to be approved for "fertility" by a government agency so they may have a child. Anna struggles with her mental health, so Oliver brings home the latest technology for domestic aid: a talkative and caring robot to be a companion for Anna.

St. Norbert College

Omicron Delta Kappa welcomed 105 students from colleges and universities during September, including St. Norbert College students Kaitlyn Martin, of Pulaski, and Kori Halstead, of Shawano.

Students initiated into the society must be sophomores, juniors, seniors, or graduate/professional students in the top 35% of their class, demonstrate leadership experience in at least one of the five pillars, and embrace the ODK ideals. Fewer than 5% of students on a campus are invited to join each year.

Bemidji State University

Taylor Nier, from Hatley, graduated with a bachelor of science in exercise science from Bemidji State University in Bemidji, Minnesota, during the 2020-21 school year.

Drake University

Hailey Gutowski, Sobieski, graduated from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, with a Bachelor of Music in vocal performance after the spring 2021 semester.

University of Iowa

Jacob Kokko-Ludemann, Lena, was one of 88 University of Iowa Doctor of Pharmacy students who recited the Oath of the Pharmacist and were officially welcomed into the profession and college during the College of Pharmacy's annual White Coat Ceremony.

UW-Eau Claire

Casey Fischer, an Abrams graduate of Oconto Falls High School, has been awarded a Freshman Honors Scholarship and Ralph E. Duxbury Biological Sciences New Student Scholarship from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

UW-La Crosse

The following area students completed degree requirements at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in May:

- Mikayla Pagel, Abrams, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in psychology.

- Brian Draheim, Lena, earned a Bachelor of Science in computer science, with an emphasis on embedded systems.

- Scout Gerndt, Mountain, received a Bachelor of Science in exercise and sport science with an emphasis in sport management.

- Jacob Gille, Sobieski, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in exercise and sport science on a pre-professional track.

- Sydney Ripley, Little Suamico, earned a Bachelor of Science in exercise and sport science on a pre-professional track.

- Corrina Romandine, Lena, received a Bachelor of Science in psychology, graduating with honors.

- Kathryn Witt, Lena, earned a Master of Science in education with a focus on student affairs administration in higher education.

Life Line Screening coming in November

Residents living in and around the Shawano area can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening.

Boarders Inn and Suites, W7393 River Bend Road, Shawano, will host this community event on Nov. 30.

Screenings can check for the level of plaque buildup in arteries, related to risk for cardiovascular disease,

stroke and overall vascular health; HDL and LDL cholesterol levels; diabetes risk; bone density as a risk for possible osteoporosis; kidney and thyroid function, and more.

Special package pricing starts at \$149, but consultants will work with visitors to create a package that is right for them based on age and risk factors. Call 877-237-1287 or go to www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

Immunizations become victim of own success

There is a dangerous trend across the nation. Increasing numbers of Americans are rejecting vaccines. These "refusers" claim that vaccinations lead to serious adverse events. Specifically, some of these "refusers" say that Guillain-Barré syndrome is caused by vaccines. However, scientific research disputes this assertion.

A study published in Clinical Infectious Diseases examined patients who had a diagnosis of Guillain-Barré syndrome and the likelihood that the syndrome was associated to any vaccination. Data from the entire Kaiser Permanente Northern California population was studied. Medical researchers assessed all vaccinated individuals and Guillain-Barré syndrome diagnoses over an 11-year period. They compared the odds of vaccination to onset of Guillain-Barré syndrome with the odds of vaccination during the same time intervals in all vaccinated individuals in the entire Kaiser Permanente Northern California population.

This research team found no evidence of an increased risk of Guillain-Barré syndrome following vaccinations of any kind, including influenza vaccination. These results are consistent with several previous research studies.

According to the Mayo Clinic, Guillain-Barré syndrome is a disorder in which your body's immune system attacks your nerves. Weakness and tingling in your extremities are usually the first symptoms. These sensations can quickly spread,



BRIAN GRIEVES

eventually paralyzing your whole body. In its most severe form, Guillain-Barré syndrome is a medical emergency requiring hospitalization. The exact cause of Guillain-Barré

syndrome is unknown, but it is often preceded by an infectious illness such as a respiratory infection or the stomach flu.

There's no known cure for Guillain-Barré syndrome, but several treatments can ease symptoms and reduce the duration of the illness. Most people recover from Guillain-Barré syndrome, though some may experience lingering effects from it, such as weakness, numbness or fatigue.

Research dispels one of the commonly held beliefs among vaccine-refusing people that vaccines cause more harm than good. Immunization has been credited with the eradication or control of smallpox, polio, diphtheria, measles, mumps and rubella. Now patients are no longer worried about the diseases themselves. They're more worried about vaccine safety. Immunizations have become a victim of their own success.

Dr. Brian Grieves is a doctor of chiropractic with a master's in public health and a member of the Shawano Community Health Action Team. Call 715-524-8722 for more information.

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LOCATION:
505 W. Green Bay St., (Co Rd BE) Bonduel, WI 54107

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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN

Active citizenship what we need in Wisconsin

An understanding of civics — of the rights and duties of citizens — is essential to a well-functioning democracy. That means the effective teaching of civics is also essential. We want our children to grow up to be engaged citizens, to be critical consumers of information, to be actively involved in the civil discourse of this state and nation, to understand and participate in the processes of government and to vote.

Let's strengthen our commitment to civics education in Wisconsin by honoring the process of democracy and the independent and nonpartisan nature of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. We do this by creating the Wisconsin Civics Advisory Council.

The Wisconsin Civics Advisory Council will harness the collective knowledge of DPI, thought leaders,



JILL UNDERLY

legislators, parents and — most importantly of all — the educators in the classroom who teach these lessons and reach our students every single day.

Tasked with developing high-quality instructional materials and professional development, as well as making recommendations to DPI and the legislature on any policy changes that would strengthen students' learning of civics, this council will be able to tap into the riches Wisconsin has to offer: the state, local and tribal histories found within our borders; the historical sites and museums that call Wisconsin home; and the movements that began

in halls of power and around dining room tables across our state.

This work stands strongly within our charge at DPI to advance public education and libraries in our state, and I look forward to being a part of leading this work and implementing the Wisconsin Civics Advisory Council's recommendations.

What could be more central than civics education in a state that holds the birthplace of the Republican Party, passed the first workers' compensation law to be upheld by the Constitution and was the first state in the nation to ratify the 19th Amendment affirming the right to vote for women? What could be more dedicated to the Wisconsin Idea than a strong, well-considered, bipartisan work group on civics?

What could be more important than

securing that the future leaders of our state and our country receive a civics education that is as rigorous, inclusive and as thorough as possible? We accomplish this through the Wisconsin Civics Advisory Council.

After all, it was Wisconsin's own Robert La Follette who, during his 1924 presidential campaign, said, "America is not made. It's in the making. ... Mere passive citizenship is not enough." We know our children understand this. They are engaged. They are hungry to learn more about civics. It is up to this agency to lead and to work with our school boards to ensure our children grow up to be well-informed and active citizens. That is how we move Wisconsin forward.

Jill Underly is the superintendent for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mask mandate necessary despite objections

To the editor:

Recently, I read the Shawano Leader's coverage of a school meeting held at the end of September. At this meeting, several parents voiced strong opposition to the mandated use of masks through the end of October. One of the parents actually claimed that he had talked with our sheriff and mayor and claimed that both indicated that he had the right to contest this mandate legally.

Now, if the officials merely indicated that the right to sue exists, so be it. If they encouraged him to do so, shame on them.

The facts are that, due to spikes in COVID-19 cases, the board's decision was made for the overall health of the community. We constantly hear from whining parents that their freedom is being taken away. My point, is that you are not free to jeopardize my health because of your ignorance. Also, folks that voice these specious objections to mandates are also the folks that are led around like docile sheep by the toxic statements and actions of our former president and his minions.

People who want to jeopardize the health of others in the name of freedom, do exercise the following

freedom: Keep your children home.

Ken Kroenke, Shawano

Broken democracy leads to authoritarianism

To the editor:

When voters are asked what political party they vote for, they should ask themselves what kind of government do they really want? Do they want a government that protects the rights of individuals and cares about people, or one that puts money in the hands of corporations and the super wealthy?

At this juncture, our democratic government is being pushed from the right to make it more difficult for citizens to vote. This can only lead to an authoritarian form of government where voters' influence is minimal.

Some have lost faith in our democracy. Some think our government hasn't done anything to help them. Some spread the idea that Democrats are socialists, Marxists and even Communists.

The United States has a mixed economy that is based on capitalism. It has embraced necessary social programs and also provided private ownership of businesses. Would anyone want to do away with social security, Medicare/aid, public schools, public police, common defense or public roads?

With Marxism, there are social programs, but it can also lead to tyranny. Here, the capitalists are the ruling class; they live off the work of all the workers. They own the government, the army and the courts. Marxism's real goal is to overturn capitalism in favor of communism.

Communism is based on the idea of common ownership and the absence of any social classes. All property is shared, and all may benefit from everybody's work. In a Communist government, there is only one political party and there is control over worker production.

However, our government can have free education, free health care and state-run utilities without being Marxist or Communist. We can have the human infrastructure outlined in President Joe Biden's plan. Social programs like preschool for all children, fast universal internet and free post-secondary education are possible while still maintaining our freedoms.

If we want to continue to have a democracy, we need to trust that our elections are fair. Everyone should have an equal opportunity to vote, and the results should be protected from outside interests.

A broken democracy can only lead to an authoritarian type of government in which there is bound to be corruption by the few in power. Each

of us can influence the future of our country by thinking about the things that are important to them, to their families and to other citizens, and using their knowledge to vote wisely.

Jan Koch, Shawano

Support real heroes, not sports figures

To the editor:

What's wrong with our country? People pay high prices for sport events, for boats, motorcycles, campers, help pay the outrageous wages for our favorite sports team, when our police, firemen, EMTs, military men and women, doctors and nurses will never make that one-year salary their sports teams get in their entire lifetimes. We buy sports-team outfits without a thought, but we can't fly our flag proudly in our yards.

These men and women risk their lives daily and don't get the support they should from us. (I am so glad my son or daughter isn't in harm's way.)

There might be a time we won't have our volunteers to keep us safe, and then the draft will be back. Will those men and women we raise be up to that task? I don't think so! Show your pride in our country and the memory of the heroes who died to keep us safe.

Support the real heroes.

Virginia Bublitz, Oconto Falls

Swine experts speak out in November

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension and the Wisconsin Pork Association will host the 2021 Badger Swine Symposium via Zoom in November.

Speakers will present current topics on swine production beginning Nov. 3. Each session begins at 7 p.m. with a presentation followed by a question-and-answer session until 8:30 p.m.

Sessions are:

- Nov. 3: Dr. Neil DeBuse, Minnesota Swine Reproduction Center — Working together to keep the Wisconsin herd healthy.

- Nov. 10: Dr. Jay Johnson, USDA Agricultural Research Service — In utero heat stress, knowns, unknowns, and implications for the swine industry.

- Nov. 17: Dr. Laura Greiner, Iowa State University Swine Outreach and Extension and CALS — Managing production costs with feed costs.

There is no charge to participate, but pre-registration is required to allow access.

Registration can be made at <https://tinyurl.com/BadgeSwine2021> or by calling 608-723-2125 or 608-509-8436.

Legals WNAXLP

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October 29 & November 5, 12, 19, 26 & December 3, 2021

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT

OCOONTO COUNTY

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Case No. 21-CV-53

Plaintiff:
COVANTAGE CREDIT UNION

-Vs.-

Defendant:

DOUGLAS KEMPKE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on June 8, 2021 in the amount of \$37,851.88 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:

TIME: December 7, 2021 at 10:00 am

TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the Oconto County Clerk of Courts. (Personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation for the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and encumbrances.

PLACE: Oconto County Courthouse, 2nd Floor, Lobby of the Treasurer's office, 301 Washington Street, in the City of Oconto and Oconto County

DESCRIPTION: Real property in the Town of Abrams, County of Oconto, State of Wisconsin, and is described as follows: Part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast (SE 1/4 of SE 1/4), Section Twenty-seven (27), Township Twenty-seven (27) North, Range Twenty (20) East, in the Town of Abrams, Oconto County, Wisconsin, described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 27; thence South 00 deg. 00' 00" West along the East line of said Section 27, 1330.68 feet to the NW corner of said SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 27 and being the point of beginning; thence continuing South 00 deg. 00' 00" West, 214.50 feet; thence South 87 deg. 38' 50" West, 202.95 feet; thence North 0 deg. 00' 00" East, 214.50 feet; thence North 87 deg. 38' 50" East, 202.95 feet to the point of beginning. EXCEPT THEREFROM any parts used for road/highway purposes.

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PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2991 County Road EE Abrams, WI 54101

DATED: October 21, 2021

Galanis, Pollack, Jacobs & Johnson, S.C.

Attorneys for Plaintiff

839 N. Jefferson Street, Suite 200

Milwaukee, WI 53202

414-271-5400

Galanis, Pollack, Jacobs & Johnson, S.C. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a Chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.

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October 29 & November 5 & 12, 2021

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT

OCOONTO COUNTY

Notice to Creditors

(Informal Administration)

Case No. 2021IN000063

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

David E. Matravels

DOD 4/11/2021

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 12/16/1935 and date of death 4/11/2021, was domiciled in Oconto County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 5314 County Road J, Oconto, WI 54153.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate 1/26/2022
5. A claim may be filed at the Oconto County Courthouse: Robert C. Kupfer 1111 55th Street Suite 2 Kenosha, WI 53140 262-654-5030 Bar No. 1003868 WNAXLP



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THE OCONTO FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS FACILITY TASK FORCE INVITES YOU!

The OFPS Facility Task Force Committee has collaborated to create a proposal that the Board of Education will consider for an April 2022 facilities referendum.

The proposal will include District Wide Facility Improvements to address secure entrances and deferred maintenance at all buildings, safety upgrades, parent pick-up and traffic patterns, 21st century learning environments and a new middle school.

Everyone is invited to participate in **The World Cafe**. This activity provides an opportunity to listen to the needs and hear the potential modifications that would be included at each building and then ask questions and provide feedback. It will also include an important session on the fiscal impact for taxpayers related to this potential referendum.

**November 3, 2021
5:30 pm to 7:00 pm**

**Washington Middle School,
102 S Washington Street, OF**

light refreshments and snacks will be provided

FACILITY TASK FORCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Adam Adler
- Kurt Wolf
- Emilie Trudell
- Allie McDonald
- Sarah Schindel
- Gail Yatso
- Greg Kuhn
- Michelle Klimpke
- Ginny O'Harrow
- Building Principals/District Administration

Oconto County Public Health COVID-19 Booster Dose Vaccination Clinics

By appointment only.

*Call 920-834-6846
to schedule your appointment.*

Please note:

** Appointment scheduling opens up on Monday 11/1/2021 at 9:00 a.m. Appointments will not be accepted before this date and time.

** Appointment scheduling is available from Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. until appointment slots are full.

** Appointments are not accepted by voicemail. If you do not reach our scheduling staff, please try again.

** These clinics are for Pfizer booster doses only.



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OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Oct. 21

Deputies responded to 49 incidents, including suspicious activity on Nelson Road in the Town of Gillett, fire near Wescott Lake and Marl Lake roads in the Town of Bagley, theft on state Highway 32 in the Town of Townsend, harassment on Binder Lake Road in the Town of Lakewood, theft near County Roads C and CC in the Town of Oconto Falls, a noise disturbance on North Brown County Line Road in the Town of Chase, four traffic stops, five traffic offenses, three citizen assists, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; four 911 hangups and one open line; one ambulance call; five crashes, all involving deer.

Oct. 20

Deputies responded to 50 incidents, including theft on East Frontage Road in the Town of Little Suamico, property damage on County Road N in the Town of Oconto, a disturbance on Main Street in Oconto, fire on County Road HH in the Town of Underhill, automobile theft on Pine Avenue in Oconto, an animal bite on River Road in the Town of How, a disturbance on Posey Lane in the Town of Lakewood, a missing person on West Shay Lake Lane in the Town of Brazeau, five traffic stops, four traffic offenses, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; three 911 hangups and three open lines; five crashes, four involving deer.

Oct. 19

Deputies responded to 36 incidents, including a wanted person on Elm Road in the Town of How, property damage

on Ranch Lake Drive in the Town of Brazeau, harassment on East Armstrong Street in Gillett, an unwanted party on Second Street in Oconto, fire near Goatsville and Charolais roads in the Town of Spruce, suspicious activity at Boot Lake Campground in the Town of Doty, three traffic stops, one traffic hazard, three traffic offenses, one citizen assist, two miscellaneous traffic incidents; one 911 hangup and four open lines; two ambulance calls; four crashes, one involving deer.

Oct. 18

Deputies responded to 59 incidents, including an animal bite on North Oakland Avenue in Oconto Falls, theft on Pine Tree Road in the Town of Townsend, an unwanted party on Parkway Road in the Town of Brazeau, suspicious activity on County Road A in the Town of Little River, a wanted person on Alder Lane in the Town of How, criminal damage on Schwartz Road in the Town of Chase, theft on Ziereis Lane in the Town of Mountain, an unwanted party on Alder Lane in the Town of How, five traffic stops, two traffic hazards, three traffic offenses, two citizen assists, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; five 911 hangups and five open lines; one ambulance call; four crashes, three involving deer.

Oct. 17

Deputies responded to 45 incidents, including squad damage near state Highway 32 and Claywood Road in the Town of Maple Valley, a disturbance on Old County Road U Road in the Town of

Gillett, a disturbance on Doran Street in the Town of Oconto, fire on Degantown Road in the Town of Morgan, a disturbance on Bitters Avenue in Oconto, suspicious activity on Cross Road in the Town of Little Suamico, six traffic stops, one traffic hazard, four traffic offenses, three citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident; four 911 hangups and three open lines; one ambulance call; four crashes, one involving deer.

Oct. 16

Deputies responded to 59 incidents, including suspicious activity near U.S. Highway 141 and Timberline Road in the Town of Abrams, an animal bite on state Highway 22 in the Town of Oconto, a disturbance on Elm Avenue in Oconto Falls, squad damage near state Highway 32 and Claywood Road in the Town of Maple Valley, 11 traffic stops, three traffic hazards, two traffic

offenses, two citizen assists, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; six 911 hangups and seven open lines; two ambulance calls; one deer-related crash.

Oct. 15

Deputies responded to 53 incidents, including suspicious activity on County Road I in the Town of Stiles, an unwanted party on Heisler Lane in the Town of Mountain, a burglary on Brookside Road in the Town of Pensaukee, suspicious activity on Archibald Lake Road in the Town of Townsend, a disturbance on Alder Lane in the Town of How, suspicious activity on Geano Beach Road in the Town of Abrams, 14 traffic stops, two traffic hazards, three traffic offenses, two citizen assists, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, four 911 hangups and five open lines; four crashes, three involving deer.

Material Bid Request

The Weatherization Program of NEWCAP, Inc., 1201 Main St., Oconto, WI 54153 is inviting vendors to submit bids to provide weatherization materials, i.e. caulk, fiberglass, lumber, electrical supplies, etc. for NEWCAP's warehouse in Oconto. This contract will run from November 29, 2021, through November 28, 2022. Contact Lori Noonan for bid packets and specifications at (920) 834-4621 ext. 1126. All bids are due by November 3, 2021.

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GOVERNMENT PROJECT

Factory Manufactured Communications Equipment Shelters and generators Bid Package

Project Description: This is an Oconto County, WI project to purchase Factory Manufactured Communications Equipment Shelters and Generators

Bid Due Date: November 30, 2021 at 12:30pm

Submit Bids to: Kim Pytleski, County Clerk
Office of the County Clerk
301 Washington St.
Oconto, WI 54153

Sealed Bids for the project designated above will be received on behalf of Oconto County at the location listed above, on or before the above-mentioned time and date, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids shall be securely sealed and endorsed upon the outside wrapper "Bid for Oconto County Factory Manufactured Communications Equipment Shelters and Generators."

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available November 1, 2021 and may be obtained by contacting:

Steve Pott
PSC Alliance Inc.
Phone: (651) 770-9328
E-Mail: steve.pott@psc Alliance.com

Bidders are encouraged to attend a Pre-Bid Teleconference Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 9:00 AM (Central Time). Instructions for participation in the pre-bid teleconference will be sent to parties registering for the project before Monday, November 8 at 4:00 PM.

Oconto County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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SANDY

Meet Sandy. She is a 1 year old Pit mix with all the young puppy energy. She loves doing zoomies and playing with the staff. She absolutely loves her toys and would love a home that will spoil her!



HOLLY

Meet Holly. She is a 5 year old Plott Hound. Holly loves spending her days outdoors taking in all the fresh air! She has a friendly and calm personality. She would be perfect for a rural or barn lifestyle.



NELL

Meet Nell. She has been at the shelter for 4 months now and is in search of a calm household. She has a typical Tortie personality and likes to have her independence. She loves breakfast time and will always greet the staff in the morning.



LEBOWSKI

Meet Lebowski. He is a 2 year old kind boy looking for a home. He loves spending his days snuggled up in a cat bed. He would enjoy a calmer household and lots of time for attention.



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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN ADOPTED BUDGET GILLETT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of Wisconsin Statute 65.90(5)(a), that the Gillett School District, on October 21, 2021, adopted the following changes to previously approved budgeted 2021-22 amounts.

GENERAL FUND			
LINE ITEM	PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AMOUNT \$	AMENDED APPROVED AMOUNT \$	CHANGE \$
Anticipated Revenue:			
Transfers-In (Source 100)	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Local Sources (Source 200)	2,266,983.00	2,291,551.00	24,568.00
Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)	474,130.00	434,752.00	(39,378.00)
Intermediate Sources (Source 500)	5,525.00	5,525.00	0.00
State Sources (Source 600)	5,002,786.00	4,954,433.00	(48,353.00)
Federal Sources (Source 700)	598,298.00	621,021.00	22,723.00
All Other Sources: (Source 800 + 900)	46,000.00	46,000.00	0.00
Total Anticipated Revenue	8,395,722.00	8,355,282.00	(40,440.00)
Expenditure Appropriations:			
Instruction (Function 100 000)	3,190,464.00	3,249,893.00	59,429.00
Support Services (Function 200 000)	3,342,169.00	3,262,456.00	(79,713.00)
Non-Program Transactions (Function 400 000)	1,863,089.00	1,842,933.00	(20,156.00)
Total Expenditure Appropriations	8,395,722.00	8,355,282.00	(40,440.00)
Beginning Fund Balance	1,533,335.62	1,533,335.62	0.00
Projected Ending Fund Balance	1,533,335.62	1,533,335.62	0.00

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND			
	PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AMOUNT \$	AMENDED APPROVED AMOUNT \$	CHANGE \$
Beginning Fund Balance	549,820.10	549,820.10	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	549,820.10	549,820.10	0.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	1,617,703.00	1,664,469.00	46,766.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	1,617,703.00	1,664,469.00	46,766.00

DEBT SERVICE FUND			
	PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AMOUNT \$	AMENDED APPROVED AMOUNT \$	CHANGE \$
Beginning Fund Balance	122,283.87	122,283.87	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	128,671.87	122,061.87	(6,610.00)
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	732,426.00	732,106.00	(320.00)
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	726,038.00	732,328.00	6,290.00

FOOD SERVICE FUND			
	PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AMOUNT \$	AMENDED APPROVED AMOUNT \$	CHANGE \$
Beginning Fund Balance	56,326.33	56,326.33	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	91,326.33	91,771.33	445.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	294,245.00	294,245.00	0.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	259,245.00	258,800.00	(445.00)

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Senior Center Rock Mulch Bed
City of Oconto Falls

BID DEADLINE: November 12, 2021
10:00 a.m., Local Time

NOTICE

Sealed bids for the above project will be received by the City of Oconto Falls until the Bid Deadline. Immediately thereafter, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, online through electronic means. Bids shall be submitted in electronic format through Quest vBid.

The bid opening for this project will be conducted using Microsoft Teams. Bidders and other interested parties may call the teleconference number: (715) 318-5006, conference ID: 460277379#, on the day of the bids to hear bids results announced. The teleconference line will be open 15 minutes before bids are due. Bids will be opened after the bid deadline. No in-person attendance will be possible.

In general, the project consists of demolition and associated earthwork restoration for two locations in the City of Oconto Falls

1. The removal of approximately 205 square yards of sidewalk and associated lawn restoration on Park Avenue between Sheridan Street and Green Bay Avenue.
2. The removal of existing vegetation, site grading and rock mulch bed installation at the Oconto Falls Senior and Community Center.

A formal pre-bid meeting to examine the site will not be held. The site may be viewed at the contractor's convenience.

A single prime bid will be received for the work.

BID SECURITY

Bids must be accompanied by bid security in the amount of 5% of the maximum bid amount. Bid and bid security may not be withdrawn for a period of 45 days after the Bid Deadline. Bid security will be retained if the Bidder is awarded the Work and fails to execute the Agreement and furnish 100% Performance and Payment Bonds.

PROJECT FUNDING

This project is funded in part by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development - Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). The attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facilities, Section 109, and Executive Order 11246. The contract is subject to Federal Davis-Bacon wage rates.

QUALIFICATIONS

Bidders shall submit a Statement of Bidder's Qualifications with their bid.

RIGHTS RESERVED

Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities in any bid.

BIDDING DOCUMENTS

Bidding documents may be obtained in PDF electronic format by download from the Quest Construction Data Network website, accessible via www.AyresAssociates.com by clicking on the "Bidding" link, for a non-refundable fee of \$45.00.

Bidding documents will be available October 28, 2021.

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Historical Society plans bake sale

Suring Area Historical Society plans to host a bake sale Nov. 7 in conjunction with the craft sale at Suring High School, 411 Algoma St., Suring.

The sale is scheduled to run 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the school gymnasium. The SAHS is asking for bakery donations, which can be brought in anytime after 8 a.m.

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The Town of Bagley will hold the 2022 BUDGET HEARING at 5:30 PM on Monday November 8, 2021 at the Bagley Town hall 9812 County Hwy Z, Pound, WI. 54161

The tentative 2022 BUDGET will be reviewed at this PUBLIC HEARING in detail. The proposed budget is available by contacting the Municipal Clerk at 920-590-0198.

Pursuant to Section 60.10(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes the called meeting of the electors shall adopt the 2021 tax levy to be paid in 2022.

The Town of Bagley's regular November meeting will be called to order at the adjournment of the budget hearing.

Alan Sleeter, Clerk
Town of Bagley

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CHAMBER NEWS

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November Calendar of Events

Friday, November 5

Eventide Design Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting

When Fri, November 5, 8:30am – 8:45am

Where 211 N Main St, Oconto Falls, WI 54154, US

Description The Oconto Falls Area Chamber would like to welcome Eventide Design to Oconto Falls Main Street and as our newest Chamber member!

Eventide Design Grand Opening

When Fri, November 5, 10am – 5pm

Where 211 N Main St, Oconto Falls, WI 54154, US

Description Join us for our Grand Opening!
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Saturday, November 6

Eventide Design Grand Opening

When Sat, November 6, 10am – 2pm

Where 211 N Main St, Oconto Falls, WI 54154, US

Description Join us for our Grand Opening!
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Monday, November 8

Oconto Falls School Board Meeting

When Mon, November 8, 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Where Oconto Falls High School, 210 N Farm Rd, Oconto Falls, WI 54154, USA

Description Meeting in the Falls Area Performing Arts Center

Tuesday, November 9

Oconto Falls City Council Meeting

When Tue, November 9, 7pm – 8pm

Where City of Oconto Falls Administration,
500 N Chestnut Ave #1111, Oconto Falls, WI 54154, USA

Thursday, November 18

Oconto Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Membership Meeting

When Thu, November 18, 12:00pm – 1:30pm

Where Oconto Falls Area Senior Center,
512 Caldwell Ave, Oconto Falls, WI 54154, USA

Saturday, November 27

The Avenue of Lights - Presented by the Oconto Falls Lioness Club

When Sat, Nov. 27, 6:00 pm; Lighting Ceremony 6:30 pm

Where Oconto Falls East Side Beach,
631 N Main St, Oconto Falls, WI 54154, USA

Description The Lighting of The Avenue of Lights!!
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APPEASING NO. 12

Have the Packers shifted their ways to keep Rodgers around?

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Green Bay Packers coach Matt LaFleur, center, talks with quarterbacks Aaron Rodgers, right, and Jordan Love during a timeout in a game against the Washington Football Team on Oct. 24 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

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Pack's roster moves a change from the norm

The big story surrounding the Green Bay Packers coming into the season was how quarterback Aaron Rodgers felt neglected by the organization.



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When Rodgers returned to Green Bay for the team's training camp in late July, Rodgers spoke about wanting to be part of the conversation regarding potential free agent signings and felt he could be used as a recruiter.

"I think we can all understand, you know, Green Bay isn't a huge

vacation destination, people are coming here to play with me, to play with our team and knowing that they can win a championship here," said Rodgers at the time.

The quarterback went on to say that he thought he'd earned that right after playing with the organization for 16 years.

While there's been rumblings from time to time on potential landing spots for Rodgers should he leave Green Bay, most of the conversation has subsided, for now.

Winning can definitely cure any issues, but Rodgers also mentioned back in that July press conference that he was locked in and ready to help the team chase its big goals this season.

So is everyone inside the organi-

zation putting on a happy face for now, and then will show their true emotions once the season is over?

Only time will tell, but one thing you can say for certain right now is that Rodgers has been happy with how the team has constructed its roster to this point in the season.

Green Bay, like many teams around the NFL, was dealing with salary cap issues after last season ended, so not many names on the roster changed going into this year.

In the past, Green Bay has primarily built through the draft, while also priding itself on turning undrafted guys into key contributors to teams. I've seen a switch in their approach, with more veteran players and well-known names being brought in.

That could be a product of the possible impending departure of Rodgers and other key players and the organization wanting to go all in for this season before rebuilding after it. It could be that several key players — cornerback Jaire Alexander and outside linebacker Za'Darius Smith to name a couple — got injured, but in most cases in the past, those kind of impact players had been replaced by draft picks or players still trying to make a name for themselves.

Lastly, I think it could be a product of the organization trying to appease Rodgers, just like when it traded for wide receiver Randall Cobb. "Obviously without Aaron, I don't think we would probably be pursuing that, but he's still a really



Green Bay Packers outside linebacker Whitney Mercilus, right, sprints to catch Washington Football Team receiver DeAndre Carter during the team's matchup on Oct. 24 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. Mercilus was the team's latest veteran free agent addition, something Rodgers was pleased with and something the organization hasn't done often in the past.

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good player,” said Packers General Manager Brian Gutekunst after making the trade.

Whatever the case might be, Rodgers has gone out of his way several times to talk about some of the newest additions to the team.

The Packers brought in middle linebacker De’Vondre Campbell during free agency. It wasn’t a splashy move, but it was an unusual one in that Campbell was an established veteran and had a proven track record in the NFL prior to being signed.

According to nfl.com, before the Packers signed him, Campbell had played in 75 games in his five-year career, including all 16 the previous four seasons. He’d racked up at least 88 total tackles in his 16-game seasons, with a high mark of 122 with the Atlanta Falcons in 2019.

He’s been a blessing for the Packers’ defense this season, and he led the team with 68 total tackles after seven weeks.

“You’ve got to look at De’Vondre and the production he’s had is just incredible,” said Rodgers after the win over Washington. “For a guy to not get a big deal, to not be a priority free agent and to step in and start and be the play caller on defense, and be so productive for us, it’s fantastic.”

After Alexander went on injured reserve a couple weeks ago, the Packers signed a couple of veteran cornerbacks instead of turning things over to some late-round draft picks or undrafted guys of their own.

Rasul Douglas was one of the pickups. The 26-year old is in his fifth NFL season and had 172 total tackles and five interceptions to his name before signing in Green Bay.

In his first two games, Douglas had nine total tackles, a pass breakup and a forced fumble.

“I thought Rasul did a nice job today, came back from getting banged up, and I thought he covered well,” said Rodgers after the Washington game.

With Za’Darius Smith out indefinitely, and fellow outside linebacker Preston Smith banged up too, Green Bay signed veteran OLB Whitney Mercilus.

The 31-year old Mercilus is playing in his 10th NFL season this year. In his career, he’s amassed 57 sacks and 335 total tackles.

“I’m a big fan of the Mercilus signing for a number of different reasons, but the way that Preston has played this year and his leadership and, obviously, the way that Rashan (Gary) has played, and then



Green Bay Packers linebacker De’Vondre Campbell, right, tackles Washington Football Team running back J.D. McKissic during the team’s matchup on Oct. 24 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. Campbell was a veteran free agent pickup last offseason, and the move has sparked the Packers’ defense and caught the attention of quarterback Aaron Rodgers.

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bringing in a stud like Whitney, who’s motivated and can still play, I love him. I really like that signing,” said Rodgers.

What makes Rodgers comments on the team’s recent transactions even more meaningful is that he wasn’t asked about any of those guys, instead going on tangents to bring them up.

If the organization was making those moves to appease Rodgers, they best keep it up if they want him to be in Green Bay past this season. If the moves weren’t made in efforts to keep Rodgers in town, it appears the franchise has taken a different approach to constructing its roster.

In either case, the Packers are a better team because of the moves that have been made. It’s kept the pressure off many young players and put veteran players in the spotlight instead, and so far they’ve delivered.

At a recent press conference,

Rodgers mentioned how this season has reminded him of the team’s Super Bowl season in 2010. The 2010 season was marred with injuries, but the Packers brought in several key pieces and were somehow able to win the Super Bowl.

Obviously, Rodgers hates seeing his teammate go down with inju-

ries, but he won’t make excuses because of it. His expectation is still to win this year’s Super Bowl.

Like his future in Green Bay, only time will tell what happens next.

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#	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	AGE	EXP.	COLLEGE
2	Mason Crosby	K	6-1	207	37	15	Colorado
7	Corey Bojorquez	P	6-0	217	25	4	New Mexico
8	Amari Rodgers	WR	5-9	212	22	R	Clemson
9	Jaylon Smith	LB	6-2	235	26	5	Notre Dame
10	Jordan Love	QB	6-4	219	22	2	Utah State
12	Aaron Rodgers	QB	6-2	225	37	17	California
13	Allen Lazard	WR	6-5	227	25	3	Iowa State
18	Randall Cobb	WR	5-10	195	31	11	Kentucky
19	Equanimeous St. Brown	WR	6-5	214	25	4	Notre Dame
20	Kevin King	CB	6-3	200	26	5	Washington
21	Eric Stokes	CB	6-0	194	22	R	Georgia
22	Shemar Jean-Charles	CB	5-10	184	23	R	Appalachian State
24	Isaac Yiadom	CB	6-1	190	25	4	Boston College
26	Darnell Savage	S	5-11	198	24	3	Maryland
28	AJ Dillon	RB	6-0	247	23	2	Boston College
29	Rasul Douglas	CB	6-2	209	26	5	West Virginia
31	Adrian Amos	S	6-0	214	28	7	Penn State
32	Kylin Hill	RB	5-10	214	23	R	Mississippi State
33	Aaron Jones	RB	5-9	208	26	5	Texas-El Paso
36	Vernon Scott	S	6-2	202	24	2	TCU
39	Chandon Sullivan	CB	5-11	189	25	4	Georgia State
41	Henry Black	S	6-0	204	24	2	Baylor
42	Oren Burks	LB	6-3	233	26	4	Vanderbilt
43	Hunter Bradley	LS	6-3	241	27	4	Mississippi State
44	Ty Summers	LB	6-1	241	25	3	TCU
50	Whitney Mercilus	LB	6-4	261	31	10	Illinois
51	Krys Barnes	LB	6-2	229	23	2	UCLA
52	Rashan Gary	LB	6-5	277	23	3	Michigan
53	Jonathan Garvin	LB	6-4	257	22	2	Miami
54	La'Darius Hamilton	LB	6-2	261	23	1	North Texas
58	Isaiah McDuffie	LB	6-1	227	22	R	Boston College
59	De'Vondre Campbell	LB	6-3	232	28	6	Minnesota
62	Lucas Patrick	G	6-3	313	28	5	Duke
67	Jake Hanson	C	6-4	296	24	1	Oregon
70	Royce Newman	T/G	6-5	310	24	R	Mississippi
73	Yosh Nijman	T	6-7	314	25	2	Virginia Tech
74	Elgton Jenkins	G	6-5	311	25	3	Mississippi State
76	Jon Runyan	G	6-4	307	24	2	Michigan
77	Billy Turner	G/T	6-5	310	30	8	North Dakota State
79	Dennis Kelly	T	6-8	321	31	10	Purdue

81	Josiah Deguara	TE	6-2	238	24	2	Cincinnati
84	Tyler Davis	TE	6-4	252	24	2	Georgia Tech
85	Robert Tonyan	TE	6-5	237	27	4	Indiana State
89	Mercedes Lewis	TE	6-6	267	37	16	UCLA
90	Jack Heflin	DL	6-3	304	23	R	Iowa
91	Preston Smith	LB	6-5	265	28	7	Mississippi State
93	T.J. Slaton	DL	6-4	330	24	R	Florida
94	Dean Lowry	DL	6-6	296	27	6	Northwestern
95	Tyler Lancaster	DL	6-3	313	26	4	Northwestern
96	Kingsley Keke	DL	6-3	288	25	3	Texas A&M
97	Kenny Clark	DL	6-3	314	26	6	UCLA
Reserve/Injured							
23	Jaire Alexander	CB	5-10	196	24	4	Louisville
25	Will Redmond	S	5-11	186	27	6	Mississippi State
47	Chauncey Rivers	LB	6-2	259	24	1	Mississippi State
49	Dominique Dafney	TE	6-2	243	24	1	Indiana State
55	Za'Darius Smith	LB	6-4	272	29	7	Kentucky
56	Randy Ramsey	LB	6-3	238	26	2	Arkansas
71	Josh Myers	C/G	6-5	310	23	R	Ohio State
83	Marquez Valdes-Scantling	WR	6-4	206	27	4	South Florida
Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform							
69	David Bakhtiari	T	6-4	310	30	9	Colorado
Practice Squad							
6	Kurt Benkert	QB	6-3	218	26	2	Virginia
11	J.J. Molson	K	5-11	180	24	1	UCLA
16	Chris Blair	WR	6-2	198	24	R	Alcorn State
27	Patrick Taylor	RB	6-2	217	23	1	Memphis
30	Shawn Davis	S	5-11	202	23	R	Florida
38	Innis Gaines	S	6-1	202	23	R	TCU
40	Tipa Galeai	LB	6-5	229	24	1	Utah State
45	Bronson Kaufusi	TE	6-6	270	30	3	Brigham Young
46	Steven Wirtel	LS	6-4	228	24	1	Iowa State
48	Kabion Ento	CB	6-1	187	25	2	Colorado
57	Ray Wilborn	LB	6-3	230	24	1	Ball State
64	Ben Braden	G	6-6	329	27	2	Michigan
78	Cole Van Lanen	T/G	6-4	305	23	R	Wisconsin
88	Juwann Winfree	WR	6-1	210	25	2	Colorado
98	Aaron Adeoye	LB	6-6	260	28	1	Southeast Missouri State
99	R.J. McIntosh	DL	6-5	286	25	4	Miami
Reserve/COVID-19 list							
17	Davante Adams	WR	6-1	215	28	8	Fresno State
86	Malik Taylor	WR	6-1	220	25	2	Ferris State

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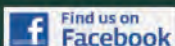
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Lucas Patrick

LT
Elgton Jenkins
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Aaron Rodgers
Jordan Love

WR
Allen Lazard
Randall Cobb

FYI
Rosters and depth charts are accurate as of Oct. 25, 7 p.m.

SCHEDULE

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

Monday's Game
N.Y. Giants at Kansas City, 7:15 p.m.

Teams on bye: Baltimore, Las Vegas.

Thursday's Game
N.Y. Jets at Indianapolis, 7:20 p.m.

DEFENSE

CB
Kevin King
Chandon Sullivan

DE
Dean Lowry
Tyler Lancaster

NT
Kenny Clark
T.J. Slaton

DE
Kingsley Keke
Jack Heflin

OLB
Preston Smith
La'Darius Hamilton

ILB
Krys Barnes
Oren Burks

ILB
De'Vondre Campbell
Jaylon Smith

OLB
Rashan Gary
Jonathan Garvin

S
Adrian Amos
Vernon Scott

S
Darnell Savage
Henry Black

CB
Eric Stokes
Rasul Douglas

STANDINGS

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

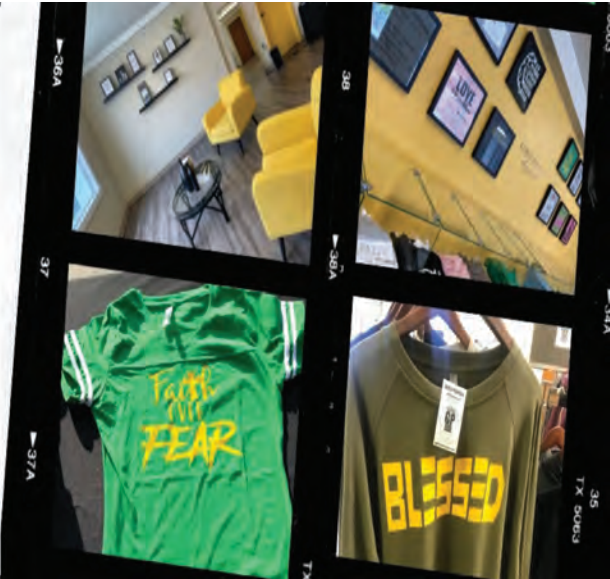
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REPORT CARD: OFFENSE

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

That the Green Bay Packers are off to a strong start shouldn't be a surprise. After all, during the first two seasons under coach Matt LaFleur, they went 26-6 in the regular season and advanced to two NFC Championship Games.

Nonetheless, to be in such a strong position following a lopsided loss to the New Orleans Saints in week one has been incredibly impressive.

All-Pro left tackle David Bakhtiari, All-Pro cornerback Jaire Alexander, Pro Bowl pass rusher Za'Darius Smith and Pro Bowl guard Elton Jenkins have been sidelined for significant periods of the season, as were big-play receiver Marquez Valdes-Scantling, rookie center Josh Myers and veteran cornerback Kevin King. Even outside linebacker Preston Smith's 102-game ironman streak came to an end.

"I feel good about where we're at," quarterback Aaron Rodgers said. "Not many people would have expected this, maybe looking at our schedule starting the season – definitely not after week one. So, I'm proud of our guys, the way we're playing, getting contributions from a lot of different guys who weren't necessarily on the roster maybe to start the season or were add-ons this year."

With that as a backdrop, here is our midterm report card for the Packers offense.

Quarterbacks

After a tumultuous offseason, it's been standard operating procedure for the three-time MVP. Rodgers



Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers, left, looks for an open receiver as offensive lineman Lucas Patrick (62) blocks for him during the team's win over the Washington Football Team on Oct. 24 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. The Packers' offense hasn't hit its stride yet, but has done enough to rack up wins.

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has performed with his typical efficiency.

If you were wondering whether he was invested in the team, you got your answer in week three at San Francisco with an emphatic fist pump after connecting with Davante Adams to set up the game-winning field goal.

If you still weren't convinced, there was a similar reaction after Rodgers connected with Adams to set up another game-winning field-goal attempt at Cincinnati. Or, there was the iconic "I still own you!" celebration after clinching yet

another win at Chicago.

If anything, given his still-uncertain future, Rodgers is more invested in winning this season.

Rodgers hasn't been as dominating as he was last season. In 2020, he led the NFL in completion%age, touchdown%age, interception%age and passer rating.

This year, he's merely in the top 10 in each of those categories. With a revolving door of offensive linemen, he hasn't been as sensational but he's still the winning factor in most games.

There are two trouble spots that

must improve if this team is finally going to get back to the Super Bowl. First, his long-ball accuracy is hovering toward the bottom third of the league. The return of his offensive linemen and Valdes-Scantling should help. Second, when pressured, only rookies Trey Lance and Zach Wilson have been less accurate, according to Pro Football Focus.

Grade: A-

Running Backs

The tandem of Aaron Jones and A.J. Dillon have been as advertised. They're on pace to rush for more than 1,500 yards and top 2,200 yards from scrimmage.

In a surprise, the Packers were able to retain Jones in free agency. He's just so elusive. He ranks 13th in carries but seventh in missed tackles.

Maybe Jones will fall short of a third consecutive 1,000-yard rushing season but he's an elite receiving threat. He started the season catching 26-of-28 targets with four touchdowns in the first seven games.

Dillon is just so big and strong that he's getting yards even when it looks like he's been stalled. Rarely asked to catch the ball at Boston College or as a rookie, he caught four passes for 45 yards and one touchdown at Cincinnati.

Of the top 45 in carries, Dillon is 12th in average yards after contact on rushes and 11th in yards per pass route. Jones is 19th in yards after contact and 16th in yards per pass route. Both have fumbled twice. That problem has to be resolved ASAP.

Grade: B-



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Receivers

It's been The Davante Adams Show. The All-Pro receiver continues to dominate. Before being put on the COVID-19 list after the week seven victory over Washington, Adams had 52 of the 92 receptions (56.5%), 72 of the 133 targets (54.1%), 744 of the 1,230 yards (60.5%) and three of the eight touchdowns (37.5%).

Adams is unstoppable. Throw it short, he'll make the first defender miss. Throw it deep, he'll track it down. Throw it anywhere in the vicinity, he'll catch it.

Through week seven, he was tied for second in receptions and third in yards. He had only one drop; of the 10 players with 40-plus catches, he was the only player with less than two drops.

There hasn't been a consistent No. 2 receiver, much to the chagrin of fantasy football players, but there's generally been someone to step up alongside Adams.

Allen Lazard, LaFleur's "goon," relishes doing the dirty work. More than just a blocker, he caught five passes for 60 yards and one touchdown on one series against Washington.

Randall Cobb caught five passes for 69 yards and two touchdowns

against Pittsburgh.

Valdes-Scantling missed a big chunk of time with an injured hamstring after catching three passes for 59 yards and one touchdown vs. San Francisco.

Through seven games, the entire group had dropped only two passes (Adams and Cobb).

Grade: B+

Tight Ends

There were enormous expectations on Robert Tonyan following last year's breakout season.

In 2020, he caught 52 passes, scored 11 touchdowns, failed to catch only seven passes and had zero drops. In the first six games of this season, he caught 11 passes, scored one touchdown, failed to catch nine passes and had one drop.

Perhaps a 25-yard touchdown vs. Washington will get him going. A healthy offensive line would help, too, so he wouldn't have to help so much as a blocker.

Ageless Mercedes Lewis continues to block in the run game and run through defenders as a receiver. Amazingly, of the 47 tight ends with at least nine catches, Lewis is fourth in yards after the catch per catch. Defenders bounce off the 37-year-old like he's a 27-year-old.

More than the production, he is a wildly popular and respected team leader who is a model for everyone on the roster on how to do things the right way.

Josiah Deguara, a third-round pick last year, and Dominique Dafney, a former bouncer, need to stay healthy for this offense to hit its peak.

Grade: C+

Offensive Line

The best offensive lines are the ones that practice together and play together. That hasn't been the case with his unit. In the first seven games, Green Bay lined up with five starting quintets.

At times, it was the double whammy of little continuity and little experience. For week three against San Francisco, this was the line: left tackle Yosh Nijman (zero starts), left guard Jon Runyan Jr. (one start), rookie center Josh Myers (two starts), rookie right guard Royce Newman (two starts) and veteran right tackle Billy Turner.

Bakhtiari is one of the great offensive linemen in the NFL. Rodgers has called him a future Hall of Famer. And yet the Packers have won with Jenkins and even Nijman at left tackle.

FYI

A report card on the packers' defense, special teams and coaching staff can be found on pages 8-9.

Patrick won the starting job at left guard, only to suffer a concussion in the opener and be replaced by Runyan.

When Meyers went down, Patrick moved in at center. At least the right side of the line played together, though it's been a school-of-hard-knocks rookie year for Newman.

Generally, the group has been up to the task. Washington's defensive line, with four first-round picks, dominated the first half before Green Bay's blockers seized control.

Offensive line coach Adam Stenavich had big shoes to fill when he replaced James Campen and he's done it. The good news is Bakhtiari will be back at left tackle and Jenkins will return at left guard. That will solidify that side of the line and, in turn, should mean more opportunities in the passing game.

Grade: C+

First-Half MVP on Offense:

Rodgers

First-Half Surprise: Nijman

Second-Half Key on Offense:

Bakhtiari



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REPORT CARD: DEFENSE, SPECIALISTS, COACHING

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

Here is our midterm report card for the Packers defense, special teams and coaching staff.

Defensive Line

After dominating the 2019 season, Kenny Clark suffered a groin injury in the 2020 opener at Minnesota. It took him three months to round into form. Healthy in 2021, he's returned to elite status.

Of the 70 interior defensive linemen with at least 100 pass-rushing snaps, he was eighth in ProFootball-Focus.com's pass-rushing productivity, which measures sacks, hits and hurries per pass-rushing snap. Of the 47 interior defensive linemen with at least 100 run-defending snaps, Clark was sixth in PFF's run-stop percentage, a metric that essentially measures impact tackles.

Only Clark, Pittsburgh's Cameron Heyward and Tennessee's Jeffery Simmons were in the top 10 in both metrics.

Dean Lowry, who many fans wanted to dump during the offseason to save some money against the cap, has had a quality season.

The key for the second half of the year will be third-year player Kingsley Keke, who had done almost nothing to start the season but had 1½ sacks against Washington. He's the player who has the largest potential for growth.

It will be interesting to see if fifth-round rookie TJ Slaton will eventually take run-defending snaps from veteran Tyler Lancaster.

Grade: C+

Outside Linebackers

The Smith Bros. – Za'Darius Smith and Preston Smith – were the driving forces behind the Packers' surprise run to the 2019 NFC Championship Game. The Packers returned to the title game in 2020, even though Za'Darius Smith wasn't quite as dominant and Preston Smith fell off the face of a cliff.

All offseason, the speculation was the Packers would release Preston Smith in a cost-cutting move. Good thing they didn't. Za'Darius Smith practiced only once in training camp and played only a little in week one before going on injured reserve and having back surgery. His season might be over.

While the stats might not show it, Preston Smith has had a strong bounce-back season. He's so good against the run.

The key, however, has been Rashan



Green Bay Packers punter Corey Bojorquez prepares to kick the ball during the team's win over the Washington Football Team on Oct. 24 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. Bojorquez has improved the team's special team's unit, but it's still made far too many errors so far this season.

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Gary. The 2019 first-round pick has become an every-down force. Of the 73 edge defenders with at least 100 pass-rushing snaps, Gary was sixth in PFF's pass-rushing productivity and pressures.

The Packers were in trouble against lowly Washington before his sack/strip to start the second half. He's powerful and relentless, and he's not just focused on sacks.

With Za'Darius Smith, Chauncey Rivers and Randy Ramsey on injured reserve, Jonathan Garvin has emerged as a key role player after barely playing as a seventh-round rookie last year. Position coach Mike Smith raves about his intelligence and toughness.

Obviously, this unit would be better if Za'Darius Smith returns but the recent addition of 31-year-old Whitney Mercilus will provide some critical insurance.

Grade: B-

Inside Linebackers

Through seven games, De'Vondre Campbell and Colts All-Pro Darius

Leonard were the only players in the NFL with three-plus passes defended, two-plus interceptions and two-plus forced fumbles. He had that stat line along with ranking fifth in the league with 67 tackles (15 more than Leonard).

To think he was unemployed until deep into June is amazing. He's been the Packers' best defensive player this season and the best inside linebacker in a decade.

Campbell is a big, physical tackler. It might go unnoticed but when Campbell hits the man with the ball, he generally drops him on the spot rather than allowing him to fall forward for another yard or two. Those hidden yards add up.

In coverage, he might not be the most fleet of foot but he's got excellent instincts and length.

It's been a revolving door of mediocrity next to him with Krys Barnes, Oren Burks and veteran addition Jaylon Smith. To get around it, the Packers often line up with three defensive linemen, two outside linebackers, one inside linebacker and five defensive

backs.

Grade: B

Cornerbacks

An elite cover man, Jaire Alexander is one of the more irreplaceable players on the roster. When he suffered a shoulder injury on his fourth-down stick of 230-pound Steelers running back Najee Harris in week four, the entire season took a turn.

A string of top quarterbacks began on Thursday against Arizona and will continue with Kansas City's Patrick Mahomes, Seattle's Russell Wilson (depending on his injured finger), Minnesota's Kirk Cousins and the Rams' Matthew Stafford before the bye, then Baltimore's Lamar Jackson, Cleveland's Baker Mayfield and Cousins again during the final quarter of the season.

Can Green Bay's defense survive without one of the top defenders in the NFL?

Kevin King missed time with a shoulder injury, too, though that's hardly news. Injuries have been the theme of his career. The good news is first-round pick Eric Stokes was forced into a sink-or-swim role as the primary defender against the opponents' top receiver and hasn't sunk. There's been more good than bad.

If Alexander returns and Stokes continues to grow, this defense could be dangerous in January.

Chandon Sullivan got off to a slow start in the slot but has picked up the pace. Veteran Rasul Douglas, who was grabbed off Arizona's practice squad, has been a helpful addition.

Grade: C-

Safeties

One of the driving forces behind last year's run to the NFC Championship Game was the play of Adrian Amos and Darnell Savage during the second half of the season. They were superb down the stretch, eliminating big plays while creating big plays of their own. By season's end, they had combined for six interceptions and 21 passes defended.

In the first seven games of this season, they had one interception and six passes defended. If they can kick their play into high gear again, it would be a huge development.

At this point, Savage – a first-round pick in 2019 – remains an enigma. There are enough splash plays that he looks like a potential star. But there is so much mediocre in his play. Maybe that's just who he is – a decent starter but a disappointment in terms of draft status.

While Savage and No. 3 safety

Henry Black have missed too many tackles, Amos is Mr. Reliable in that regard. He's just so steady.

Grade: C

Specialists

At the end of training camp, general manager Brian Gutekunst acquired punter Corey Bojorquez and released JK Scott. From a punting standard, this was a home run of a transaction. Aside from one bad game against Cincinnati, Bojorquez has been tremendous.

One week, he had an 81-yard punt at Chicago. The next week, he deftly landed a pooch punt just inches from the goal line so it could be downed at the 3 against Washington. At risk of hyperbole, he's probably the best punter in franchise history.

On the other hand, the field-goal unit has been in a bit of disarray. While Scott wasn't a great punter, he was a tremendous holder. The change in the operation, along with some early protection issues, is a reason why Mason Crosby missed four field goals to start this season after missing just two the past two seasons combined.

On the block against Washington, the protection wasn't great but Crosby's kick barely got off the ground. The season could depend on getting the snap-hold-kick combination squared away.

Rookie Amari Rodgers already has two punt returns longer than Green Bay's best from last year. Fellow rookie Kylin Hill had a 41-yard kickoff return vs. Detroit but otherwise hasn't found any room.

Fourth-year long snapper Hunter Bradley was lucky to survive training camp but has been OK to start the season.

Grade: C

Coaching and Personnel

By the end of the Bears game in week six, the Packers had eight starters out with injuries. And yet they won that game, like they won almost every game during the first half of the season. So, while victories over Chicago and Washington lacked style points, the fact they won those games with so much firepower on the bench shouldn't be swept aside simply because of the mediocre competition.

Credit for that belongs to LaFleur and his coaching staff – specifically position coaches Stenavich, Mike Smith and Jerry Gray (defensive backs), whose groups have been hit hardest.

Meanwhile, general manager Brian Gutekunst has continued to supplement the roster with veterans. Against Washington, Douglas, Mercilus and Jaylon Smith combined to play 99 snaps on defense. They weren't even



Green Bay Packers defensive lineman Kingsley Keke, center, sacks Washington Football Team quarterback Taylor Heinicke during the team's matchup on Oct. 24 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. Keke could help the Packers' defense take another step forward in the second half of the season. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

on the team at the start of October. The acquisitions of those three and Cobb are moves this team simply hasn't made over the years.

If you want to know what "all in" means, this season is the definition. Entering the offseason, the Packers were more than \$25 million over the salary cap. Gutekunst mostly kept the gang together for one more run by restructuring the contract of literally every veteran on the roster. Win or lose this year, they'll pay the piper for

that aggressive approach next year, when they're a projected \$46 million over the cap.

Grade: A

First-Half MVP on Defense:

Campbell

First-Half Disappointment:

Za'Darius Smith

Second-Half Key on Defense:

Keke

Rookie of the Half-Year: Stokes

Coach of the Half-Year:

Stenavich



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Week 8 Games: Sunday, Oct. 31

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 Carolina @ Atlanta
 Miami @ Buffalo
 San Francisco @ Chicago
 Pittsburgh @ Cleveland
 Philadelphia @ Detroit
 LA Rams @ Houston
 Tennessee @ Indianapolis
 Cincinnati @ NY Jets
 Jacksonville @ Seattle
 Washington @ Denver
 Tampa Bay @ New Orleans
 Dallas @ Minnesota
 NY Giants @ Kansas City Mon., Nov. 1

Tie Breaker Game: New England @ LA Chargers

Weekly Standings

Weekly Record Overall Record

God's Purpose Apparel	10-3.....	75-32
Tower Clock Eye Center	9-4	73-34
Buss Automotive.....	9-4	72-35
Shawano Seasons Restaurant	10-3.....	72-35
Dennis Brei.....	9-4	71-36
Hawkeye Hearth & Home	9-4	71-36
Tim Murphy	9-4	71-36
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Weekly Standings

Weekly Record Overall Record

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Cleveland	Denver	
Detroit	New Orleans	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score : New England 20 @ LA Chargers 31



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Arizona	LA Rams	Dallas
Atlanta	Tennessee	Kansas City
Buffalo	Cincinnati	
San Francisco	Seattle	
Cleveland	Denver	
Philadelphia	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: New England 17 @ LA Chargers 27



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This Week's Picks:

Green Bay	LA Rams	Dallas
Atlanta	Tennessee	Kansas City
Buffalo	Cincinnati	
Chicago	Seattle	
Cleveland	Washington	
Philadelphia	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

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Chicago	Seattle	
Pittsburgh	Denver	
Detroit	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: New England 24 @ LA Chargers 31



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Iverson's
Piggly Wiggly

This Week's Picks:

Green Bay	Houston	Minnesota
Carolina	Tennessee	NY Giants
Miami	Cincinnati	
San Francisco	Seattle	
Cleveland	Washington	
Detroit	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: New England 24 @ LA Chargers 14



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This Week's Picks:

Arizona	LA Rams	Dallas
Atlanta	Tennessee	Kansas City
Buffalo	Cincinnati	
San Francisco	Seattle	
Pittsburgh	Denver	
Philadelphia	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: New England 17 @ LA Chargers 23



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This Week's Picks:

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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: New England 21 @ LA Chargers 38



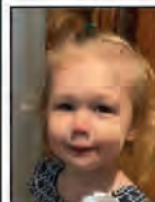
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Cleveland	Denver	
Philadelphia	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: New England 17 @ LA Chargers 30



Caroline
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This Week's Picks:

Arizona	LA Rams	Dallas
Carolina	Tennessee	Kansas City
Buffalo	Cincinnati	
San Francisco	Seattle	
Cleveland	Denver	
Philadelphia	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: New England 17 @ LA Chargers 35



Scott Nyman
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This Week's Picks:

Arizona	LA Rams	Minnesota
Atlanta	Indianapolis	NY Giants
Buffalo	Cincinnati	
San Francisco	Seattle	
Cleveland	Denver	
Detroit	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: New England 28 @ LA Chargers 14



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This Week's Picks:

Green Bay	LA Rams	Dallas
Carolina	Tennessee	Kansas City
Buffalo	Cincinnati	
Chicago	Seattle	
Pittsburgh	Denver	
Detroit	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: New England 17 @ LA Chargers 31



Jim Wiegand
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This Week's Picks:

Arizona	LA Rams	Dallas
Atlanta	Tennessee	Kansas City
Buffalo	Cincinnati	
San Francisco	Seattle	
Pittsburgh	Denver	
Detroit	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: New England @ 13 LA Chargers 24



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This Week's Picks:

Green Bay	Houston	Dallas
Atlanta	Indianapolis	Kansas City
Buffalo	NY Jets	
San Francisco	Seattle	
Pittsburgh	Washington	
Philadelphia	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: New England 28 @ LA Chargers 21



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This Week's Picks:

Arizona	LA Rams	Minnesota
Atlanta	Indianapolis	Kansas City
Buffalo	Cincinnati	
Chicago	Seattle	
Cleveland	Denver	
Philadelphia	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: New England 17 @ LA Chargers 28



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This Week's Picks:

Green Bay	LA Rams	Dallas
Carolina	Tennessee	Kansas City
Buffalo	Cincinnati	
San Francisco	Seattle	
Cleveland	Washington	
Detroit	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: New England 27 @ LA Chargers 31



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This Week's Picks:

Green Bay	LA Rams	Dallas
Carolina	Tennessee	Kansas City
Buffalo	Cincinnati	
San Francisco	Seattle	
Cleveland	Washington	
Philadelphia	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: New England 20 @ LA Chargers 31



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This Week's Picks:

Green Bay	LA Rams	Minnesota
Carolina	Tennessee	Kansas City
Buffalo	Cincinnati	
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Sunday, October 24	NOON*	WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM	FOX
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Packers win 6th game in a row

Defense stout in red zone

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Green Bay Packers bumped their win streak to six after a 24-10 win over the Washington Football Team on Oct. 24 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

It wasn't the prettiest of wins for the Pack, but all three phases made key plays in the victory.

With the Packers' running game struggling on the day, quarterback Aaron Rodgers completed 27 of his 35 attempts for 274 yards and three touchdowns. Receivers Davante Adams and Allen Lazard and tight end Robert Tonyan caught the touchdown passes.

Kicker Mason Crosby knocked in a 39-yard field goal in the fourth quarter after having a kick blocked earlier in the contest. Corey Bojorquez averaged 46.3 yards per punt, including one that pinned Washington inside its own 5-yard line. Green Bay also blocked a field goal attempt.

The visitors racked up 430 total yards of offense, but the Packers' defense held Washington out of the end zone in four red zone trips to help the team to victory.

Coach Matt LaFleur called it "another good team win" and added "there's still a lot for us to improve upon moving forward, but it sure does feel good to be 6-1."

Green Bay opened the contest on offense and marched 75 yards in 13 plays to grab the early advantage.

The 37-year-old Rodgers showed off his athleticism on the first drive, converting a third-and-11 with a 15-yard run up the middle of the field. He then avoided pressure and scrambled out of the pocket on a fourth-and-3 play before throwing back across his body to Adams, who made his way into the end zone for a 17-yard score.

Rodgers said he briefly thought about trying to pick up the first down by running, but realized he'd probably be short, so his attention turned back to Adams, who he'd wanted to go to the entire play. "I saw Davante kind of slide back inside and threw a good ball."

Washington answered with a quick touchdown drive, beating rookie cornerback Eric Stokes for a

40-yard touchdown to end the drive.

After forcing a three-and-out, Washington again was able to drive down the field. This time, the Packers defense was able to get off the field, setting up a 42-yard field goal attempt.

Rookie defensive lineman T.J. Slaton was able to block a low kick attempt, flipping the momentum back to the Packers.

"I thought that Slaton did a heck of a job getting the block on the field goal. That was a big play in the game," said LaFleur.

Washington was able to return the favor a few minutes later after the Packers got the ball to the opposing 16-yard line, as Crosby's 34-yard attempt was blocked.

The Football Team kept the momentum going when quarterback Taylor Heinicke ripped off a 38-yard run on the first play of the ensuing drive. The visitors gained seven yards on the next two plays, but back-to-back incompletions ended the drive.

The Packers regained control of the disjointed contest with a nine-play, 72-yard touchdown drive before the first half clock expired. The drive was all about Lazard, who made all five of his receptions across

those nine plays.

Lazard had an 11-yard reception to get the drive going before 7- and 13-yard receptions on back-to-back plays to help the team move the chains. He later hauled in a 19-yard pass to get the ball down to the 15-yard line. Lazard capped the drive with a 10-yard touchdown grab.

"Opportunities presented themselves and I was able to capitalize, so just thankful for those moments," said Lazard of the drive.

Green Bay's defense kept the momentum on the team's side when pass rusher Rashan Gary sacked and stripped Heinicke on the second play of the third quarter. Defensive lineman Dean Lowry fell on the loose ball to set the Packers' offense up at the Washington 27.

Three plays later, Rodgers hit Tonyan for a 20-yard touchdown pass to make it 21-7.

Tonyan expected Washington's safety to provide help to the linebacker across from him, but it never came.

"I saw the linebacker attached to me inside and I was like, 'This is the perfect look.' So I was hoping the ball was going to be there when I turned and it was," said Tonyan. "Good throw."



Green Bay Packers receiver Allen Lazard, second from right, carries the ball as tight end Robert Tonyan, second from left, blocks for him during a game on Oct. 24 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

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The next few possessions of the game were about as wacky as you might see in the NFL.

Washington had a strong drive going and appeared to have scored on a 3-yard run from Heinicke, who dove into the end zone despite not really needing to. After a replay review, it was determined that Heinicke gave himself up, and when quarterbacks do that, they don't need to be touched down and the ball is instead marked down when a knee hits the ground.

So instead of a touchdown and one-score game, Washington's offense had to come back on the field and attempt to punch the ball into the end zone from inside the 1-yard line. The Packers' defense was up to the task, stopping Heinicke on a quarterback sneak play — it was the first red zone stop of the season for the Green Bay defense.

Middle linebacker De'Vondre Campbell was credited with a forced fumble of Heinicke on the play, and Gary recovered the ball.

After a 53-boot from Bojorquez, Washington's offense moved the ball inside the Green Bay 10. Again, the Green Bay defense was able to make a stop, forcing an incomplete pass on fourth down.



Green Bay Packers outside linebacker Rashan Gary, middle, tries to get in the passing lane of Washington Football Team quarterback Taylor Heinicke, right, as offensive lineman Cornelius Lucas blocks him during a game on Oct. 24 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

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The Packers' offense then put together its final scoring drive, working 75 yards in nine plays before

Crosby's 39-yard field goal.

The big play of the drive was a 26-yard pass up the left sideline to

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Adams, who reached up at the last second to pull in the throw from Rodgers.

Washington had two more drives reach the red zone, and in each case, Green Bay kept the visitors out of the end zone.

Cornerback Chandon Sullivan intercepted a Heinicke pass on third down on one drive before the Packers' defense got sacks from Gary and defensive lineman Kingsley Keke to force a 45-yard field goal on the other possession.

"Just locked in, concentrated. Understanding things they like to do in the red zone and just trying to take it away from them," said Gary on the team's red zone defense.

"Series by series, we got better throughout the whole game."

Gary finished the contest with two sacks, four quarterback hits, the forced fumble and seven combined tackles.

Campbell led the defense with 13 combined tackles and forced two fumbles.

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Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers runs with the ball during the first quarter of the team's win over the Washington Football Team on Oct. 24 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

Aaron Rodgers showed off his athleticism during the team's 24-10 win over the Washington Football Team. The 37-year-old quarterback rushed for 17 yards in the game, including this 15-yard run on the team's first drive, which ended in a touchdown pass to Davante Adams after Rodgers scrambled on fourth down.

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Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers slides to the ground after picking up a first down on his first quarter run against the Washington Football Team on Oct. 24 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.



Green Bay Packers receiver Davante Adams, center, beats a pair of Washington Football Team defenders to the end zone for a touchdown in a game on Oct. 24 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

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Schools, bus companies need drivers

Companies and school districts offer incentives to raise employment

By **LUKE REIMER**

Reporter

School districts in Shawano County and Oconto County are looking for school bus drivers.

"We have very low employment," said Peggy Gordon, who is a terminal manager at Lamers Bus Lines and contracts with the Gillett School District.

Due to the low numbers of available drivers, school staff has been forced to drive students to both school and to athletic events.

Oconto Falls athletic director Jerry Moynihan is one of the staff members who is stepping up to make sure that students get to their games on time. He went through the process of obtaining a school bus driver's license last year.

"It is not the easiest thing to drive a school bus," said Moynihan.

He said the process to get a license to drive a school bus is rigorous.

"It is a challenge to driving these buses," said Moynihan. "You have to go through three weeks of training. There are tests that you have to take through the DMV, and I had to practice for two weeks."

He said there is an upside to driving the buses.

"The kids are excited to see me drive the bus," said Moynihan. "I will see the students in school and see the smiles on their faces when we get on the bus."

Other than sports games, Moynihan said that Oconto Falls has had problem with their morning and afternoon routes in bringing students to and from school.

"We have had to condense our routes," said Moynihan.

Gordon also mentioned that she has had to condense routes for the Gillett School District.

"We have gone down from eight to seven," said Gordon.

With the lack of drivers, Gordon said that she and Lamers has been accepting and reviewing applications.

"We are looking for people who have had their license for three years, have a good driving background and don't have a criminal background," said Gordon. "We have two interviews coming shortly for drivers."



Students climb aboard a Kobussen bus on Oct. 25 to be taken to school.

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Gordon said that in terms of getting student athletes to games on time and driving students home from school, drivers have had to drop students off at games early and go back to school to get everyone else home.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood superintendent Garrett Rogowski said the school district is also getting creative in how to get students to games on time.

"We have had to start games a little bit later," said Rogowski.

He added that as the school district has been looking for drivers, they are offering incentives.

"We are offering a competitive hourly rate," said Rogowski. "We are paying for training."

Gordon also mentioned that Lamers is offering positions for \$10/hour.

Ed Short, who is a terminal manager with Kobussen and contracts with Shawano and Bonduel, said that Kobussen has offered a \$1,500 sign-on bonus in the summer.

"We continue to offer our existing drivers a \$500 referral bonus," said

Short. "Coming up on Veterans Day, we are having an open house where the company will be offering up to a \$2,000 sign-on bonus. The Kobussens also enlisted a pay increase for the drivers."

Short said that if someone is interested in driving, more information can be found at www.kobussen.com.

"This is a great opportunity for moms, retired, or those with mornings or afternoons open and want to pick up some extra money," said Short. "Many think that a bus is too big to drive, but people are surprised to see others change their mind when they get in a bus."

Short added that he cannot pinpoint one reason why there is such a shortage for drivers.

"I don't think that you can point to one reason," said Short. "It has just been a perfect storm. There are so many factors that play into keeping someone from applying. Obviously, we continue to have COVID-19 concerns. There were also extra payments for unemployment. Some

people that we talked to said that, life is too short and they are going to fully retire."

Rogowski added that another reason that employment could be down is due to the limited scheduled.

"Maybe it is due to only driving for two hours in the morning and two hours in the evening," said Rogowski. "This job is attractive to those that have time."

Like Short, Moynihan believes that the issue comes from a number of factors.

"We had an employment decrease prior to the pandemic," said Moynihan. "COVID-19 was the tipping point."

Although the outlook looks bleak, some are saying that it will get better.

"We are getting creative and those who are driving are doing the best that they can," said Gordon.

"We are hopeful for more drivers," said Rogowski. "Our group now does a great job, but we are confident that we will get back to higher employment."

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Where are the workers?

Cutoff of jobless aid spurs no influx

By **CHRISTOPHER RUGABER, CASEY SMITH AND LARRY FENN**

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Earlier this year, an insistent cry arose from business leaders and Republican governors: Cut off a \$300-a-week federal supplement for unemployed Americans. Many people, they argued, would then come off the sidelines and take the millions of jobs that employers were desperate to fill.

Yet three months after half the states began ending that federal payment, there's been no significant influx of job seekers.

In states that cut off the \$300 check, the workforce — the number of people who either have a job or are looking for one — has risen no more than it has in the states that maintained the payment. That federal aid, along with two jobless

aid programs that served gig workers and the long-term unemployed, ended nationally Sept. 6. Yet America's overall workforce actually shrank that month.

"Policymakers were pinning too many hopes on ending unemployment insurance as a labor market boost," said Fiona Greig, managing director of the JPMorgan Chase Institute, which used JPMorgan bank account data to study the issue. "The work disincentive effects were clearly small."

Labor shortages have persisted longer than many economists expected, deepening a mystery at the heart of the job market. Companies are eager to add workers and have posted a near-record number of available jobs. Unemployment remains elevated. The economy still has 5 million fewer jobs than it did before the pandemic. Yet job growth slowed in August and September.

An analysis of state-by-state data by The Associated Press found that workforces in the 25 states that maintained the \$300 payment actually grew slightly more from May

through September, according to data released Friday, than they did in the 25 states that cut off the payment early, most of them in June. The \$300-a-week federal check, on top of regular state jobless aid, meant that many of the unemployed received more in benefits than they earned at their old jobs.

An earlier study by Arindrajit Dube, an economist at University of Massachusetts, Amherst and several colleagues found that the states that cut off the \$300 federal payment saw a small increase in the number of unemployed taking jobs. But it also found that it didn't draw more people off the sidelines to look for work.

Economists point to a range of factors that are likely keeping millions of former recipients of federal jobless aid from returning to the workforce. Many Americans in public-facing jobs still fear contracting COVID-19, for example. Some families lack child care.

Other people, like Rachel Montgomery of Anderson, Indiana, have grown to cherish the opportunity to spend more time with their families

and feel they can get by financially, at least for now. Montgomery, a 37-year-old mother, said she has become much "pickier" about where she's willing to work after having lost a catering job last year. Losing the \$300-a-week federal payment hasn't changed her mind. She'll receive her regular state jobless aid for a few more weeks.

"Once you've stayed home with your kids and family like this, who wants to physically have to go back to work?" she said. "As I'm looking and looking, I've told myself that I'm not going to sacrifice pay or flexibility working remotely when I know I'm qualified to do certain things. But what that also means is that it's taking longer to find those kinds of jobs."

Indeed, the pandemic appears to have caused a re-evaluation of priorities, with some people deciding to spend more time with family and others insistent on working remotely or gaining more flexible hours.

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planned. With Americans' overall home values and stock portfolios having surged since the pandemic struck, Fed officials estimate that up to 2 million more people have retired since then than otherwise would have.

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MADISON — Wisconsin's unemployment rate for September remained unchanged at 3.9% for the sixth month in a row, the state Department of Workforce Development reported Oct. 21.

The report is the first since enhanced federal unemployment benefits expired on Sept. 6.

Republicans had argued that the benefit motivated people not to work, only worsening the state's worker shortage problem. But Democrats and labor force experts said the shortage, which has been a problem for years, was driven by a variety of factors.

Gov. Tony Evers, a Democrat, vetoed a Republican-authored bill that would have ended the benefits this summer. An attempt to override that veto failed in July.

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On the national level, The number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits fell last week to a

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Unemployment claims dropped 6,000 to 290,000 last week, the third straight drop, the Labor Department said Oct. 21. That's the fewest people to apply for benefits since March 14, 2020, when the pandemic intensified. Applications for jobless aid, which generally track the pace of layoffs, have fallen steadily from about 900,000 in January.



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Monday-Friday/6:00 am – 2:30 pm

Candidates should possess a high school diploma or equivalent, strong attention to detail, an ability to learn quickly, motivation to contribute in a team-like atmosphere, and sufficient physical mobility to accommodate bending, reaching, lifting and gripping up to 50 lbs.

If you are interested in learning more about this employment opportunity, please feel welcome to visit our careers page at www.mirrocraft.com/careers

Applications can be picked up at 39 N. Harding Ave, Gillett, or on the website at www.mirrocraft.com

Northport Marine, LLC is an Equal Opportunity Employer
~All qualified individuals are encouraged to apply~

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