



Shawano schools will reopen in mid-January

After hearing from parents, the Shawano School Board decided to offer in-person classes five days a week for all schools in mid-January.

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Bell ringers ask for donations to save Christmas

The Salvation Army volunteers are asking for donations, but in fewer locations than before. The charity has added new ways to fill its iconic red buckets.

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Packers hope to sprint to playoffs

As the Green Bay Packers face the Lions, the home stretch can mean a top seed and bye week — but they're not there yet.

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Vaughn Bohm comforts her daughters Evony Bohm, center, and Idayia Bohm as they encounter the Grinch at Christmas in Bonduel at the Bonduel Village Park on Dec. 5. The event included food, hot chocolate, a meat raffle and soup competition. Proceeds will support Bonduel-area charities. **FOR MORE PHOTOS, SEE PAGE 33.**

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Shawano School Board plans full reopening in January

Board members feel change should take place with new semester

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Shawano School Board voted on Dec. 7 to bring all of its schools back into session five days a week in mid-January, giving the school district over a month to put safety measures in place to prevent the risk of spreading coronavirus.

Hillcrest Primary School and Olga Brenner Intermediate School are already going back to class two days a week starting this week, Superintendent Randi Anderson announced last week. Once school resumes on Jan. 4 after the holiday break, those schools and Shawano Community Middle School will be in school for five days a week, while Shawano Community High School would have the hybrid model of two days in school and three virtual until the semester ends Jan. 15.

Families that made the request to remain all-virtual would be allowed to continue to do so. All students have been in an all-virtual environment since the end of September, frustrating many families.

The board made the decision after an hour of hearing comments from parents who decried the virtual learning system as useless and demoralizing. The current state of affairs also caused strife among some of the board members.

Board member Bruce Milavitz, who made the motion originally to have five days a week in January, said that making plans to reopen fully in a month would give the district the opportunity to set up Plexiglas barriers in classrooms and more so that the potential for closing again if coronavirus cases spike is lessened.

"We really only have 148 active cases," Milavitz said, quoting what Shawano County emergency management coordinator Jim Davel said during the community comments. "That doesn't mean it's a teacher. That doesn't mean it's a student. That just means it's within the boundary levels of the district."

Milavitz said he felt the board

should focus on properly educating the community's children and leave the health issues to those who are qualified.

"Our job in this room — which is a virtual room, is the fact that we are in charge of education," Milavitz said. "We need to take care of the things that we're actually in charge of, not the things we're not in charge of."

Board member Mart Grams pointed out that the district exists to provide education, and the virtual system, as it stands, is not getting the job done.

"Virtual is not working. It's terrible at best," Grams said. "My son dropped out of school. That's how terrible it was."

Grams noted that there are also cases of high school students contemplating suicide, so the virtual environment is more of a health hazard than the school buildings themselves. He pointed out that Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, has also recommended that schools go back into session for five days a week.

"I am 100% in favor of five days a week right now," Grams said.

Board member Michael Sleeper, who was the lone vote against the motion, said he supported the school reopening plan but felt the middle school should also be in a hybrid environment for the two weeks following the holiday break.

"Trying to implement a different format for the last two weeks of that semester, pragmatically, seems to be quite disruptive," Sleeper said.

Board member Chuck Dallas noted that the board heard from 22 community members about the state of the schools, and 21 of them wanted the schools to be open five days a week.

Board member Chris Gull said it would not be possible to open the schools full time right away, but he felt that with an extra month, that would give the district an opportunity to get the quick tests for COVID-19 to immediately determine if

there is an outbreak in a classroom or school.

"If we don't make a goal, we're never going to achieve the goal," Gull said.

Gull added that, even if the district's goal of five-day schooling is achieved, the community, students and staff will still need to work hard to make sure the schools don't close again. He noted that the hand washing, social distancing and other safety measures would need to be strongly enforced.

Board member Mike Musolff supported the plan but said he wanted to make sure the district is concerned about its staff, noting adults are more vulnerable to contracting the coronavirus than children. He said it was ridiculous that bars were open and in full swing, but the schools were not.

"Our community, which I love dearly, has had this little plague of 'I don't have to wear a mask to be a good citizen,'" Musolff said. "I agree with our rights as citizens of this great country, but it does not take too much to be a better citizen and wear a mask."

Anderson told the board that, if the current coronavirus levels, which have dropped from their peaks in October and November, stay where they are or go down even further, it would be possible to keep the schools open.

Anderson said that the quarantine period being reduced from 14 days to seven to 10 will help to keep schools open and noted that the district is working on a possible partnership with local health providers to put more safety measures in place.

"The next two weeks are critical for us to be able to test and refine our internal mitigation system and strategies to allow us on Jan. 4 to come back in a blended environment," Anderson said.

Anderson suggested revisiting the issue Jan. 4 to make sure the district's gating criteria can support having students in school five days a week.

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Parents express displeasure over virtual learning

Families feel their concerns going unheard by district administration, school board

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Parents lashed out at Shawano School District officials during Monday's school board meeting, many of them wanting their students back in school buildings instead of spending hours per day on computers for their learning.

Almost two dozen parents took to Zoom and spent an hour telling board members that they're not being listened to by the board and district administrators. They applauded teachers for doing the best they could in a bad situation but ripped management for keeping the district in an all-virtual environment and causing students to fail academically and fall into depression.

Some parents reported they had difficulty getting on to Zoom to speak their piece and sent messages to others to read to the board. A petition was circulated on change.org that received more than 500 signatures as of the time of the board meeting. Most of the parents who commented want the schools all back in session for five days a week. The current situation has the elementary schools going back to classroom learning for two days, with the other three virtual, while the middle and high schools remain in all virtual learning.

Jeana Winslow, who has four students attending schools in the district, noted that the district is losing students at an "alarming rate" as some parents are going to Sacred Heart Catholic School and St. James Lutheran School, which have brought their students back already, as well as neighboring school districts.

"Failing grades, truancy, connection issues with Chromebooks and iPads that don't work, getting kicked off Google Meets and the hours being spent staring at a screen are too much for the virtual learning to go on anymore," Winslow said.

Chelsea Gilling echoed Winslow's sentiment that the current educational climate is bad, and the place where students need to be right now is in a classroom.

"We really do have phenomenal teachers, administrators and support staff who love and care about each of their students, past and present," Gilling said. "I cannot put into words how these same teachers who helped and guided me now love and guide



Olga Brener Intermediate School was quieter early this week before the Shawano School District opened it and Hillcrest Primary School for two days a week beginning Dec. 10. The elementary schools will be open five days a week on Jan. 4, and the middle and high schools will follow suit two weeks later.

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my own children. I want everyone to love Shawano the way I do, and I never want to paint Shawano in a bad light, but the current climate we are in truly hurts my heart."

Paige Dreier commented that her children were having great difficulty with the virtual learning, even though their grades were good. She said she was disappointed with the "we can't" attitude from the Shawano district and couldn't fathom why other districts were fighting to have their students in school but Shawano was not.

"Our district seems to be fighting to stay closed," Dreier said. "It is frustrating. We have not even tried being open for full-time, face-to-face learning. We barely tried for any face-to-face learning."

Nicole Steinhoff, who has one child who has left the district and another planning to drop out of school, said she sent an e-mail to Superintendent Randi Anderson, School Board President Tyler Schmidt and high school administrators about her frustrations with virtual learning, but "I got a comical response from

the superintendent that she is passing the buck to the high school with situations that need to be resolved on her level."

Penny Kuhn, who helped initiate the petition, questioned whether the school board and district administration was really interested in what parents had to say.

"You don't want to be responsible for anybody, and I'm not sure if that's the way we really should be running things here," Kuhn said. "If Walmart is open and stocked and staffed and working — a lot of us are working — the school district can be open, and the teachers can be at work."

Ginger Swedberg Huntington suggested that maybe a new school board was needed, noting she has been emailing members since August about the district's education plans and heard very little response.

"My concern is, when are you going to listen — when we have a death by suicide of a student?" Huntington said.

Dave Passehl said he does not believe the district is achieving excellence in its current state, and he has

communicated that multiple people in the district. He acknowledged that educators are doing the best they can in these "unprecedented times," but that "this year has been incredibly devastating for hundreds and hundreds of our children, the ones you are entrusted to serve."

One parent spoke out against having schools in session full time. Catherine Dove, who has been in contact with incident command officials dealing with the pandemic, told board members that she feels it is not safe for the students to be in the classroom for five days.

"I think what a lot of people don't realize is, they see hope when there's a vaccine," Dove said. "What they don't know is there's no vaccine for children. None of these pharmaceutical companies are even thinking about making a vaccine for children until late spring (or) early summer."

Dove also questioned the validity of some of the petition signatures, claiming one person signed as "Sheriff Bieber sucks."

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Dec. 7

Deputies responded to 29 calls, including reckless driving complaints on Spruce Road in the Town of Belle Plaine, state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman and state Highway 29 in the Town of Waukechon; a shoplifting complaint on South Warrington Avenue in Cecil; a weapon offense complaint on Old 47 Road in the Town of Lessor; a criminal damage complaint on Knollwood Court in the Town of Wescott; and two accidents, both involving deer.

Dec. 6

Deputies responded to 28 calls, including a reckless driving complaint on state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; a weapon offense on East Green Bay Street in Bonduel; a trespassing complaint on Emma Street in Aniwa; and seven accidents, with two being hit-and-run cases and the other five involving deer.

Dec. 5

Deputies responded to 28 calls, including reckless driving complaints on state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg and state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; a theft complaint on County Road Q in the Town of Almon; found property on state Highway 160 in the Town of Maple Grove; a death investigation on Elm Grove Road in the Town of Maple Grove; a bail jumping call on County Road Y in the Town of Belle Plaine; two criminal damage complaints on Old Lake Road in the

Town of Wescott; and six accidents, four involving deer.

Dec. 4

Deputies responded to 40 calls, including a reckless driving complaint on state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg; a criminal damage complaint on state Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; a vicious animal complaint on Hillcrest Lane in the Town of Wescott; an ATV problem on County Road S in the Town of Lessor; and four accidents, two involving deer.

Dec. 3

Deputies responded to 49 calls, including reckless driving complaints on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman, state Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland, County Road D in the Town of Almon, state Highway 29 in the Town of Morris and Old Lake Road in the Town of Wescott; a property theft complaint on Robin Lane in the Town of Aniwa; a threatening complaint on Loon Lake Circle in the Town of Wescott; an operating while intoxicated call on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Birnamwood; and eight accidents, two involving deer.

Dec. 2

Deputies responded to 38 calls, including found property calls on Red Oak Lane in the Town of Wittenberg and at John's One Stop, N5847 State Highway 47-55, Town of Wescott; reckless driving complaints on state Highway 29 in the Town of Morris and state Highway 160 in the Town of Angelica; fraud complaints on Wolf River Road in the Town of Richmond and Robin Road in the Town

of Wittenberg; a drug complaint at Taco John's, 412 N. Genesee St., Wittenberg; a juvenile runaway from Hemlock Road in the Town of Wittenberg; and five accidents, two involving deer.

Dec. 1

No report was furnished to NEW Media before press time.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dec. 7

Officers responded to 25 calls, including a noise complaint in the 300 block of Madison Way; a harassment complaint in the 1100 block of South Lafayette Street; a fraud complaint in the 600 block of South Franklin Street; a controlled substance problem in an undisclosed location; a car vs. deer crash in the 1200 block of County Road B.

Dec. 6

Officers responded to 13 calls, including a found ATM card at Associated Bank's ATM on East Green Bay Street; a warrant arrest at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.

Dec. 5

Officers responded to nine calls, including a burglary under investigation at an undisclosed location; a disabled vehicle at Prairie and Franklin streets.

Dec. 4

Officers responded to 11 calls, including a threatening complaint in the 500 block of South Main Street; a missing wallet at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St., Shawano; a two-vehicle injury accident in the 700 block of Waukechon Street.

Dec. 3

Officers responded to 27 calls, including threatening complaints at the Super 8 motel, 211 Waukechon St., and at Cellcom, 511 N. Main St.; a stolen wedding ring in the 200 block of East Center Street; a noise complaint involving gunshots in the 500 block of South Union Street; a harassment complaint in the 900 block of East Elizabeth Street; an accident at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; a hit-and-run accident in the 1300 block of East Lieg Avenue.

Dec. 2

Officers responded to 17 calls, including a trespassing complaint in the 500 block of East Seward Street; a property theft complaint involving a snowplow at Positive Electrics, 618 E. Green Bay St., and another property theft in the 700 block of South Lincoln Street; a found bicycle at St. James Lutheran School, 324 S. Andrews St.; a property damage complaint in the 800 block of South Franklin St.; missing person complaints in the 500 block of East Elizabeth Street and the 200 block of Highview Avenue.

Dec. 1

Officers responded to 26 calls, including stray animal complaints at Fifth and Smalley streets, at Park and Elizabeth streets and at Lieg Avenue and Evergreen Street; reckless driving complaints in the 900 block of Olson Street and at Kentucky Fried Chicken, 102 N. Airport Drive; a complaint of juveniles stealing decorations off trees at Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St.

COURT NEWS

Recent proceedings in Shawano-Menominee County District Court include:

Joel L. Lehoullier, 37, Gresham, was charged Dec. 1 with two misdemeanor battery charges, both with repeater modifiers; possession of THC, second offense with a repeater modifier; possession of methamphetamine with a repeater modifier and a party to a crime modifier; possession of drug paraphernalia with a repeater modifier and a party to a crime modifier and two counts of felony bail jumping. A cash bond of \$60,000 was set and an adjourned initial appearance was set for Dec. 21.

Rochae R. Johnson, 31, Greenleaf,

was charged Dec. 2 with operating while revoked, resisting or obstructing an officer with a repeater modifier and three counts of felony bail jumping. A cash bond of \$1,500 was set. A preliminary hearing was set for Dec. 9.

Brandon J. Turney, 20, Shawano, was charged Dec. 3 with one count of disorderly conduct, one count of resisting or obstructing an officer and two counts of battery or threat to judge, prosecutor or law enforcement officer. A cash bond of \$10,000 was set. An initial appearance will resume Dec. 14.

Britney M. Gavitt, 29, Wittenberg, was charged Dec. 3 with operating

without a valid license, second offense within three years and three counts of felony bail jumping, all with repeater modifiers. A cash bond of \$750 was signed. An initial appearance will resume Dec. 14.

Charges were filed Dec. 3 against Mason A. Boogren, 23, Shawano, for one count of strangulation/suffocation with a domestic abuse modifier, one count of battery with a domestic abuse modifier, one count of disorderly conduct with a domestic abuse modifier and one count of disorderly conduct. An initial appearance was set for Dec. 28.

Dale K. Matz, 52, Eland, was charged Dec. 4 with a fourth offense

of operating while intoxicated; one count of operating while revoked and one count of possession of THC, second offense. A cash bond of \$1,000 was signed. An initial appearance will resume Dec. 14.

Theresa A. Gunderson, 41, Birnamwood, was charged Dec. 7 with one count of burglary of a building with a repeater modifier; one count of resisting or obstructing an officer with a repeater modifier; one count of escape from a criminal arrest with a repeater modifier and three counts of felony bail jumping, all with repeater modifiers. A cash bond of \$4,000 was set. An initial appearance will resume Dec. 28.

River Valley Church announces its Christmas Eve services

River Valley Church's Christmas Eve services will be at 3 p.m. and 5

p.m. Dec. 24.

The church is located at 131 N.

Franklin St. in Shawano. Face masks are required for all in-person services.

The church also has online services at <https://www.rvcshawano.com>.

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OBITUARIES

Thomas E. DeLeeuw Sr., 82, of Clintonville, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020, at ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano.

Thomas Edward DeLeeuw Sr. was born April 16, 1938, in Milwaukee, son to the late Christian N. and Frieda H. (Neils) DeLeeuw Sr. He attended school in Milwaukee and later started work for American Motors Corp., for eight years. Tom was united in marriage to Bernice E. Noffke on Sept. 21, 1957, also in Milwaukee.

He was then hired by the German-town School District in the maintenance department, a position he held for over 10 years; later purchasing and operating DeLeeuw's Bar in Green Valley for 15 years. He attempted to retire, but found that it didn't suit



Tom was one of the most social men you could ever meet, but the time that he was able to spend with his beloved Bernice was what he cherished most. He enjoyed purchasing and flipping properties to later sell, a venture he and Bernice did together. He also enjoyed road trips, fishing, woodworking, bowling or anything outdoors really.

In addition to Bernice, Tom loved

him because he was bored, so he found jobs he could have fun working for the next 20 years. He was a member of St. Rose Catholic Church, Clintonville.

his family dearly and loved the time he got to spend with his children and grandchildren. In the final three years of his life, Tom put everything on hold to care for his beloved Bernice. His battle with COVID-19 might have gotten the best of him, but he also yearned to be reunited with Bernice, and since her death earlier this year, his will to keep on going faded.

Thomas was survived by his children, Sue (Norm) Schoenborn, Oconto Falls, Thomas (Cheryl) DeLeeuw Jr., Gresham, Barb (Nate) DeLeeuw, Mountain, Teri DeLeeuw, Neenah, and John (Sharon) DeLeeuw, Suring; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sister, Bernice Quammen, California; and brother, LeRoy DeLeeuw, Washington.

He was preceded in death by his

parents; his beloved wife, Bernice; a granddaughter, Jennifer; stepmother, Helen DeLeeuw; sisters, Jeanette Stenzel and Elaine Stippich; brothers, Harold DeLeeuw (in infancy), Donald DeLeeuw and Christian DeLeeuw Jr.

A memorial graveside with inurnment will take place at Assumption BVM Cemetery in Pulaski at a later date, with the Rev. Timothy Shillcox, O. Praem, officiating.

The family wishes to thank the staff at ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano for the care and compassion shown to Tom during his stay.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory in Clintonville is assisting the DeLeeuw family. An online guestbook is available at eberhardtstevenson.com.

Thomas E. DeLeeuw Sr.

Joann M. Streblow-Kuehl

Joann Marilyn Streblow-Kuehl, 86, Pulaski, passed peacefully in her sleep on Dec. 4, 2020. She was born June 6, 1934, in Oconto Falls to the late Sylvester and Norma (Hanson) Streblow. She grew up in Morgan and Green Valley where her parents opened a cheese factory.

Joann graduated from Gillett High School in 1952 and then married James Kuehl. They raised their five children in Gillett while operating the Kuehl Furniture Store. Joann was very involved with her children's nightly sporting events. During her valuable spare time, she enjoyed her involve-

ment with the Gillett Woman's Club. In addition, she relished ladies nights of bridge club and bowling. Other hobbies included baking, sewing and crafts. Moving to Green Bay in 1984, Joann worked at Sears for several years and then Employers Health Insurance for over 10 years where she retired.

She is survived by her five children, Tom (Michelle) Kuehl, Green Bay, Steven Kuehl, Lena, Gary (Calla) Kuehl, Fond du Lac, Laura Kuehl, Suamico, Kevin Kuehl, Green Bay; her brother Curt (Irene) Streblow, Kelley Lake; her sister Sue Norris, Normal, Illinois;

special daughters-in-law, Sonja Kuehl and Winette Werner; 12 grandchildren, Jessica, Stefanie, Christie, Douglas, Jordan, Allyssa, Tanner, Elayna, Cameron, Kyrstin, Tessa and Nora; 11 great-grandchildren, Rylee, Caylee, Adylee, Gracie, Grant, Graeden, Jaxxon, Tyson, Amelia, Blake and Isla.

She is preceded in death by her beloved parents, brother William Streblow, and brother-in-law Frank Norris.

Joann's true love was her family. She was very close with her two brothers and especially her little sister Susie and enjoyed spending time with them at Kelly Lake in the summers.

She was the most unselfish woman, with a sense of humor like no other. Known for her homemade chocolate birthday cake, banana bread, monkey bread and exceptional Christmas cookies, her recipes will be passed on for generations to come. Joann always said, "Having kids is one of the best gifts in life, but having grandchildren is priceless." Her legacy lives on in each and every one of them.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020, at Kuehl Funeral Home, 108 E. Main St., Gillett; please check our website/Facebook page for service times.

Ronald Palok

Ronald Palok, of Antigo, died Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital. He was 85 years old. He was born July 4, 1935, in Milwaukee, a son of Chester and Marie (Schmidling) Palok. He married Judith Kurczewski on Jan. 25, 1958, at St. Veronica Catholic Church in Milwaukee. She survives.

He served in the United States Army from 1958 to 1960, having been stationed stateside.

He worked as a Glazier for Lurie Glass Company, putting windows in commercial buildings in Milwaukee for 35 years. He retired in 1994 and moved to Shawano, then to Antigo in 2014.

He was a self-taught woodworker making a variety of furniture.

Ronald loved spending time with his family, traveling and lived his life to the fullest.

Survivors, including his wife, are two daughters, Joan (Jim) Deacy, of



Antigo, and Jennie (Rick) Alvarez, of Shawano; son, Michael (Mary) Palok, of Franklin; 10 grandchildren, Stephanie (Barry) Brownnett, Jacob Schwarzenbacher, Joshua Schwarzenbacher, Zachary, Luke and Emily Alvarez, Katelyn Palok, Carly (Steven) Menges, Jesse and Shannon Palok; four great-grandchildren, Madison, Ace, Tesla and Noah; a brother, Larry Palok, of Shawano; and his beloved dog, Abbie.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Terri Bushy, and Shirley Krahn; and two brothers, Gerald and Gene Palok.

No services will be held.

Bradley Funeral Home is assisting the family. Online condolences at www.bradleyfh.com.

Antigo, and Jennie (Rick) Alvarez, of Shawano; son, Michael (Mary) Palok, of Franklin; 10 grandchildren, Stephanie (Barry) Brownnett, Jacob Schwarzenbacher,

Carla Kay Gast, 89, of Appleton, joined her Lord on Nov. 25, 2020, at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center in Neenah.

Carla was born Nov. 13, 1931, at her home in the Town of Hutchins, near Mattoon.

Carla attended elementary and high school in Mattoon, graduating in 1950. She was a faithful member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Mattoon and later Faith Lutheran in Appleton. Carla was always active in education and service ministries at these congregations. In her later years, she especially loved the senior ministry at Faith Lutheran.

Carla worked 25 years at AAL (Thrivent) and retired as a pension analyst.

Carla and her husband, Harmon, were avid polka dancers who traveled the upper Midwest to many polka festivals. They celebrated 60 years of marriage in service to their Lord.

Carla is survived by her son, Randal (Linda); grandchildren, Tim



(Holly), Katie (Joe), Joel (Andrea) and Sara (Stephen); and four great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brothers, Lyle (Dawn) and Bob (Barb).

Carla is preceded in death by her husband, Harmon; her parents; her in-laws; and several brothers and sisters in-law.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, private funeral services for Carla will be held at Faith Lutheran Church in Appleton. The funeral services can be viewed via livestream through Carla's obituary at wichmannfuneralhomes.com. Private interment at Woodlawn Cemetery in Mattoon.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to Faith Lutheran Church in Carla's name are appreciated.

Carla K. Gast

OBITUARIES

Clayton LaRon "Butch" Buettner, 83, of Shawano, passed away peacefully on Dec. 1, 2020, with his wife and children by his side. He was born Aug. 5, 1937, in Red River to the late Wallace and Hazel (Bopp) Buettner.

Clayton joined the Navy at the age of 17 during the drawdown of the Korean War. He was a gunner's mate. He was a proud sailor, serving mostly on destroyer type ships to include the USS Helena (CA-75), the USS Turner Joy (DD-951), the USS Hull (DD-945), the USS Harry E. Yarnell (DLG-17), the USS Sampson (DDG-10), and the USS Manley (DD-940). Notably, he was a plankowner of the USS Turner Joy, being a member of the first crew to serve on the ship upon its commissioning.

He completed several tours in Vietnam, including a plankowner tour as a gunner with Riverine Squadron



Great Lakes, Illinois. He retired as a chief petty officer after over 20 years of active duty service and an additional 10 years of service in the inactive ready reserve.

Following retirement from the Navy, Clayton moved back to his hometown area. Over the years, he was employed as a truck driver with Catencamp Transfer, a driver with Sperberg Construction, a bus driver for the Shawano and Menominee school districts and for Cedar Lane Tours, and a taxi driver with Shawano Cab.

Clayton enjoyed many hobbies.

15, a "brown water" patrol squadron. Shore tours included duty at Treasure Island, California, armed security enforcement at El Centro, California, and instructor duty at

He was a talented woodworker, great cook, enthusiastic gardener, world traveler and wonderful teller of "sea stories." He and his wife, Lois, were avid square dancers as a young couple and enjoyed participating in square dance camping outings across Wisconsin as a family. Additionally, he was a servant leader in his community. He taught Sunday School at Zion Lutheran Church and served as a driver for those unable to drive themselves to Sunday services. He was also a volunteer bus driver for those with special needs.

Although his health declined substantially in recent years, he faithfully remained a member of several local and national military organizations, Vietnam Veterans of America, Disabled American Veterans, the Fleet Reserve Association, The Enlisted Association and Mobile Riverine Force Association.

Clayton is survived by his wife of 43 years, Lois; his daughter, Lena

(Christian) Kaman; his son, LaRon; and his twin 1-year-old grandsons, his namesake Theodore Clay and Jean-Paul Luc Kaman. He is survived by his sister, Itola "Babe" Stewart; his brothers, Wallace "Sonny" Buettner and Otto "Bing" Buettner; his first wife, Patricia Buettner; step-children Jamie Johnsen, Michael Buettner and Bobbi Griesemer; and numerous other family members.

His father and mother preceded him in death, as did his brother Raymond "Huns" Buettner.

The family would like to thank the dedicated and caring staff at Shawano Health Services for providing excellent care and comfort to Clayton over the last five years.

Funeral services were held at Swedberg Funeral Home on Friday, Dec. 4, 2020, with full military honors.

Clayton leaves a legacy of devotion to duty, kindness and selflessness.

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Alice P. Stautz

Alice P. Stautz (nee Backhaus), 89, of Shawano, formerly of West Bend, passed away peacefully into the arms of Jesus on Monday, Nov. 23, 2020. She is now dancing with the love of her life, Jerry.

Alice was born April 27, 1931, to the late Harvey and Margaret (nee McElhatton) Backhaus in Kewaskum. On April 29, 1950, she was united in marriage to Jerome Stautz at Peace United Church of Christ in Kewaskum, where they met as children and became high school sweethearts. Alice always made life special for her husband, four children and her grandchildren. She was employed as a school crossing guard and school secretary at Barton and Jackson elementary schools.

Alice loved to read throughout her lifetime and loved reading and playing board games with her grand-



children. Alice and Jerry enjoyed their retirement years at Cloverleaf Lakes where they made many friends. In the last few years, she enjoyed playing cards with

her friend and dinner pal, Dolly, at Memory Care. They truly enjoyed each other's company. Alice will be dearly missed by all who knew her. Those Alice leaves behind to cherish her memory include her four children, Karen (Gary) Moll, of Weston, Rick (Lori Fellenz) Stautz, of Marshfield, Laurie Cummings, of Suring, and Lisa (Scott) Abel, of Green Bay; seven grandchildren, John Moll, Theran (Linda Pergola) Stautz, Meg (Matt) Hilscher, Ian

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(Julie) Stautz, Nathan (Lisa) Fechter, Jeremiah Abel and Hannah Abel; two great-grandchildren, Niko Moll and Sidney Swanson with baby Fechter on the way; two sisters, Rita (Ron) Wagner, of Rhinelander and Annabelle (Dick) Loomans, of Fond du Lac; a brother, Nic (Joyce) Backhaus, of Fond du Lac; a brother-in-law, Floyd (Ellen) Stautz; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Jerome "Jerry" Stautz; a brother, Floyd Backhaus; a daughter-in-law, Kim Stautz; a son-in-law, Irv Cummings; her brother-in-law, Clayton; and sister-in-law Aletta Stautz.

A private family celebration of Alice's life will be held, recorded and posted to the funeral home website afterward.

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Joyce Marie Richter

Joyce Marie Richter, 76, of Shawano, began her journey to the spirit world on Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020, at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center in Appleton. Joyce was born Dec. 12, 1943, to the late Raphael and Josephine (Crawford) Tucker in Keshena. Joyce was united in marriage to Michael Richter on Dec. 2, 1972, at St. Michael Catholic Church in Keshena.

Joyce worked in accounting for the Menominee Indian Tribe of



Wisconsin and the Menominee Casino for many years. She enjoyed traveling and spending time at the casino. Joyce loved her family dearly, especially spending time with her grandchildren. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Joyce is survived by her husband of 48 years, Michael; a daughter, Jolynn Richter; a son, Eric Richter; grandchildren, Jordan, Jarred, Tanisha, Mia, Zoe and Nicole; great-grandchildren, Winona, Jasmine, Arsenio, Angel and Arelli; a sister, Yvonne Genett; and sisters-in-law, Barbara Thomas and Pat Ebert. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by a foster child, Kenneth Munson;

her parents; her siblings, Virginia Pamonicutt, Robert Tucker, Frances Pyawasay, Elizabeth Oshkeshequoam, Luella Pamonicutt and Margaret Boivin; and a sister-in-law, Kathleen.

A funeral mass was held for Joyce at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 7, 2020, at St. Michael Catholic Church in Keshena with the Rev. David Barrett and Deacon Todd Raether officiating. Inurnment was in Sacred Heart Mausoleum.

www.swedbergfuneralhome.com

Roger J. Mac Murray

Roger J. Mac Murray, 89, of Shawano, passed away peacefully Friday morning, Nov. 27, 2020, in Shawano.

Roger was born June 11, 1931, in Shawano, a son of the late Elmira Mac Murray. He attended the Riverside Country School and later Shawano High School, graduating with the Class of 1950. Following high school, he worked at Hotz Manufacturing, Weber Plywood and Veneer, and FWD in Clintonville. On March 8, 1952, he was united in marriage to the former LoAnne Laack at St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano. Roger and LoAnne made their home in Shawano.

Roger served in the Wisconsin National Guard for 30 years. During the Berlin Crisis, Roger was put on active duty and served 10 months in Ft. Lewis, Washington. Roger then went to work for the U.S. Postal Service as a residential postal carrier in the city of Shawano for 25 years, before retiring in 1991.

Roger was a member of St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano. He was also a member of the Shawano American Legion Post 117. His hobbies included playing softball, baseball, hunting and fishing. He was very active in the lives of his granddaughters.

Survivors include his sons, David Mac Murray, of Shawano, and Brian (Lauri) Mac Murray, of Lunds; four



granddaughters, Melanie (Andy Nelson), Michelle, and Myra Mac Murray and Nicole (Adam) Clark; two great-grandchildren, Joseph and Ava; his brother, Russ (Rose) Wockenfus; his sister, Lynn (Ed) Mueller; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, LoAnne, on Sept. 8, 2020, and his son, Michael Mac Murray.

Funeral services for Roger were held Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020, at 11 a.m. at St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano. Pastor Mark Drengler officiated. Full military honors were conducted by Shawano AmVets Post 10. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers and plants, the family requests memorials to St. James Lutheran Church radio broadcast in Roger's name.

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



Richard Cheslock

Richard (Dick) Cheslock, 72, of Shawano, passed away peacefully Nov. 23 with family by his side. Dick was born to the late Alvin and Betty (Laubenstein) Cheslock. He graduated from Bonduel High School in 1966.

In 1969, Dick began serving the city of Green Bay as a firefighter, promoted to captain in 1995. In 2001, Dick retired after 32 years of service.

During retirement, he and Norma built a beautiful log home on 80 acres in Suring where they enjoyed their horses together — creating memories with family and friends.

Dick was especially great at telling stories and inherited his storytelling skills from his grandpa, Mike Cheslock, as they were both good at perhaps stretching the details to make it more interesting.

Dick is survived by his wife and best friend, Norma; his children, Jennifer (John) Springborn, Jason (Lana) Cheslock, Alan (Ruth) Lloyd,



Lori Lewis and Melissa Beers; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; siblings, Keith (Jolene) Cheslock, Kathy (Joe) Olszewski, Lynn Cheslock and Terri (Scott)

Stutzman; nieces, nephews and other family and friends.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin and Betty Cheslock.

A visitation will be held at Newcomer-Green Bay Chapel, 340 S. Monroe Ave., Green Bay, on Dec. 12 from 2-4 p.m. A sharing of memories will follow at 4 p.m.

The family would like to thank Dr. Jaslowski of Green Bay Oncology and his staff for their great care and compassion for Dick.

In lieu of flowers, the family will be purchasing a memorial plaque in honor of Dick Cheslock.

Marvin Kaquatosh

Marvin Kaquatosh, 82, of the up-town area of Chicago, and formerly of the Menominee Reservation in Keshena, passed away on Nov. 25, 2020.

Beloved son of the late Mitchell Kaquatosh and Pauline K. Peters. Dear brother of the late Cal, Hank, Marga-

ret, Louise, Doris and Rose. Cherished uncle and friend to many. Retired taxi driver.

A memorial service will be held in the spring, and family will be notified.

Arrangements entrusted to Chicago and Cremation Options of Schiller Park, Illinois.

Court clerk may take over register in probate

Public safety committee concerned about combining elected, appointed posts

By LEE PULASKI

City Editor

Should the clerk of circuit courts be managing the register in probate office at the Shawano County Courthouse?

That was the question that the county's public safety committee bandied about at its Dec. 2 meeting, as Circuit Court Clerk Ethan Schmidt pointed out some issues with staffing in the register in probate office. Darlene Hoffman, the current head of the office, is set to retire, according to Schmidt, and there are only two employees in the office at any given time.

"We were approached by the district court administrator for the ninth district, and what a lot of counties are doing to save money is they're combining the register in probate position with the clerk of courts, and the judges thought that was a great idea right now to move forward in

that direction," Schmidt said.

The courthouse would still have two positions in the new process, he noted, with one handling adult probate cases and one processing juvenile cases, but he would supervise the office, handle the budget and other administrative offices. The process would require having consultant Carlson Dettman, which handles job classifications for the county, to write the new position into the county, and he estimated that would come to the committee in January or February.

"What this will do is, when we have vacations or we have people out, we can cross-train between the two offices so we'd always have coverage," Schmidt said, noting that there have been times the office had to close to the public when one employee was on vacation and the other was out sick. "Going forward, by combining them, you can cross-train

staff to fill in, if necessary."

Schmidt added that the change would have to get recommendations from the public safety and executive committees and approval from the county board before the merger could occur. He said the changes could save the county about \$8,000 annually.

Public safety committee members found the idea hard to grasp, as the clerk of courts is an elected position and the register in probate is appointed. Supervisor Mark Bolin expressed concern that, if someone else takes Schmidt's place as clerk following the next election, that person might not want to be the register in probate head, as well.

"I'm not very comfortable with this," Bolin said. "This is one elected (position) and one appointed. I'm not sure how this works."

He expressed concern that if the next court clerk didn't want to manage

register in probate, the county would have to reverse the process and lay off an employee in the process.

"That doesn't save us any money, because now we're paying for that unemployment," Bolin said.

Supervisor Theresa Serrano also claimed there was no way to combine elected and appointed jobs.

"That's an ethics issue," Serrano said. "I think we need to shelve it until we get answers."

Supervisor Jerry Erdmann pointed out that a lot of counties are tightening their belts and combining departments to create cost savings.

"More departments are looking at combining and downsizing," Erdmann said. "I think that's where this is coming from. If this is going to be the trend, we should at least look at a job description of what this entails."

"Trends don't always save money," Bolin said in reply.

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Evers encourages supporting local businesses

DHS secretary says only go out for essentials

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Gov. Tony Evers was encouraging Wisconsin residents to frequent local small businesses as much as possible during the pandemic during a media briefing Dec. 8, even as his head of the Department of Health Services was reiterating staying home except for getting the essentials.

However, where Evers and Andrea Palm, DHS secretary-designee, do agree is that they will take the vaccine when it is made available to them. Both noted that they will wait until there is enough vaccine for the general public, as initial waves are earmarked for frontline health care employees and everyone involved with long-term care facilities, where the coronavirus has particularly impacted people.

Evers said that Wisconsin businesses have been negatively im-



TONY EVERS

In grants with a third wave of grants announced this week to help out 2,000 businesses, the majority being restaurants.

"We know, despite all their triumphs this year, our Wisconsin businesses are struggling to make ends meet, especially with the winter months coming upon us," Evers said. "We know our businesses are the heart of Main Street Wisconsin."

Evers said he was heartened to see that businesses have adapted to keep their doors open, from curbside pickup measures to establishing pay-it-forward gift cards for essential workers to thinking outside the box and allowing reduced numbers of customers into their buildings.

"Since the beginning of this pan-

pacted by the pandemic, but in a touch of good news, he announced that 95% of restaurants will be receiving Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation's We're All

demic, our Main Street businesses have been showing their resilience, ingenuity and commitment to our communities, our workers and our customers," Evers said. "Our businesses, time and time again, have risen to the occasion."

The governor pointed out that the state can only do so much, however, and that two things will be needed. The first is "meaningful, comprehensive support" from the federal government, he said, while the second is in the hands of local residents.

"You can do that by shopping locally, for example, by frequenting local bakeries and coffee shops, buying from local businesses virtually, or by tipping a little extra when you can, but by staying home when you can, wearing a mask and practicing social distancing," Evers said.

Palm had a different message from the governor, reiterating the common message from government officials advising to stay home unless essential items are needed.

"We must continue practicing preventive measures," Palm said. "The most effective way to stop the spread is to stay home, to avoid

interacting with anyone you do not live with, and to limit your trips to the essentials, like groceries and the pharmacy."

Evers immediately said he and his wife, first lady Kathy Evers, would be taking the vaccine when it was available. Currently, the first wave from Pfizer is expected to be only 49,725 doses, the first of two needed to be vaccinated, so Evers would likely have access to the vaccine in the spring, once health care and high-risk cases get their vaccinations.

"Sure, absolutely I will," Evers said in response to a reporter's question on the matter. "I'll wait my turn, but when my turn comes up, both my wife and I will get the vaccine."

Palm, along with Tracy DeSalvo, acting director for the Wisconsin Bureau of Communicable Diseases, also claimed they would get their shots when enough vaccine was available for the state.

"When it's my turn, I will gladly take the COVID-19 vaccine," Palm said.

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CoVantage foundation pledges \$150,000 in matching funds

CoVantage Cares Foundation has announced the kickoff of its annual two-week fundraising campaign and plans to match up to \$150,000 in contributions.

The event began Dec. 1, which has become known nationally as Giving Tuesday, and will end Dec. 15. Local nonprofit organizations to receive funding from this year's campaign were selected by CoVantage staff and are located throughout the communities served by CoVantage Credit Union.

CoVantage Cares Foundation was established as a way to provide financial support to organizations that serve individuals, especially those experiencing significant financial challenges, and organizations that work to enhance the quality of life in communities served by CoVantage Credit Union.

"I'm grateful to be able to say our credit union has a history of supporting local nonprofit organizations and living our mission of helping those in need," said

Charlie Zanayed, CoVantage CEO. "Because our members, staff and community members have made our Giving Tuesday campaigns such a huge success the past four years, it is our hope that they come together again in 2020 to raise money for the 11 charities that will benefit from the fundraising campaign."

To give to the campaign, donors can make an online donation through MyCoVantage (if they are members); mail a check made payable to CoVantage Cares Foundation, P.O. Box 107, Antigo, WI 54409; or drop off a check or cash at any CoVantage drive-up location.

Charities selected to receive funding from the fifth annual Giving Tuesday initiative and their sponsoring CoVantage branches include the Safe Haven Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Support Center in Shawano.

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St. Clare ER nurse keeps serving during COVID-19

Faith and family guides Stephanie Kurek

By **DAVID WILHELMS**
Correspondent

Stephanie Kurek's faith and her family are her foundation as she faces the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic as a registered nurse at St. Clare Memorial Hospital.

The Oconto Falls facility is part of the Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS). Staff at St. Clare, like other rural hospitals, are also responding to recent surges in COVID-19 patients.

"We want to make clear how hard rural communities are being hit and how the hospitals are responding," said Angela Deja, HSHS public relations manager.

The life of an emergency room nurse is unpredictable in the best of times, said Kurek, a St. Clare employee for 13 years.

"Then you throw in a pandemic and now what? Stress is high, anyway, but when a COVID patient comes in, there's more of a 'workup.' You have to spend more time with a COVID patient and do the best you can for them," Kurek said.

The concept of 'doing their best' extends to all patients, such as the expected heart attack, stroke or accident victims, Kurek said.

Kurek typically works 12-hour shifts. However, if the ER is really busy, it's not unusual for that shift to stretch to 2 a.m. She explained that a small hospital like St. Clare has a limited staff and "it's only fitting that I would stay to help out my co-workers."

"I can tell you, what's nice about here is that you have a sense of family among my team. We're all here, jumping in, helping out, making sure patients get the best," Kurek said. "When you work with these patients, you get this little small window of time to be with them. You can see fear. You can see they're scared. A practice I follow is good communication, something as simply as holding their hands and even, if it's appropriate, cracking a joke."

There's the special stress of treating a COVID-19 patient and their family often can't be with them or even see them from a distance.

Kurek then becomes a messenger from the ER to the family.

"There are times when even I get teary-eyed," she said.



Stephanie Kurek draws medication in a syringe for one of her patients in the emergency room of HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital in Oconto Falls. "I just don't want people to be scared to come and see us. We're waiting here to take care of them. We also want everyone to do their part and help to stop the spread of the virus. Help us help you," said Kurek, who has been on the ER staff for five years. CONTRIBUTED

It can be especially hard because she is an Oconto Falls native and "I see people from my community coming in. They see my face. Just seeing a familiar face puts them at ease," she said.

"It's hard, it's stressful. I don't get to follow up with them. I don't know how they do," she added.

Maybe the next time she sees that name is in an obituary "and you feel bad," she said.

"Any time a life is taken, it's hard. They can come in with a stroke or a

heart attack. I only can hope what I did helped them along the way. It's still a human life that I was part of," she said.

Those stresses inspire frequent visits to the hospital chapel, Kurek said, where she can express one part of her Catholic faith.

"Depending on my evening or my shift, I punch out and I pray. I pray for my patients, I pray for my co-workers, I pray for their families," she added.

"The biggest struggle with what we see in the ER and COVID is that COVID is something that could have been

prevented. And that's the frustrating part. You (meaning the community) have the tools to prevent this," said Kurek, who has been an ER nurse for five years.

"I can't stress enough wearing a mask and avoiding large crowds," Kurek said.

"Hand washing isn't just running your hands under water. It's using soap," she said, agreeing that directive makes her sound more like she's talking to her three children than as a nurse.

After at least 12 hours of treating conditions that range from an ankle sprain to a COVID-19 patient needing life-saving measures, she goes home, the second part of her foundation.

"I'm pretty blessed to have my family," Kurek said of her husband and three children.

Her children don't ask a lot of questions and "I don't really share with them too much on what I do. They see me change clothes right away. They know they can't come up to me and give me a hug when I come in," she said.

They are concerned for her safety. "They never want me to go to work. I tell them I have a job to do. There are people who need me," Kurek said.

"They see when I'm out in public. They see me with a mask," she said of modeling good behavior.

She credited them with pitching in on laundry and dishes.

An unexpected but welcome part of the pandemic for her family has been the opportunity to explore state parks.

"Just getting out in nature and spending quality time with the family. We're doing more of that," she said.

Living on Oconto Falls means they're close to many natural attractions, she said. Part of that additional opportunity comes from the shrinking of school sports, Kurek said.

"We spend that time outside, now that they don't have the hustle and bustle of getting to practice, getting to games," she said.

She's kept a journal of what they've seen and done during the spring and summer.

The member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church was inspired to keep the journal was inspired at least in part by her participation in an online Bible study.

"It's something I could do to get closer to God," Kurek said, adding the timing with the pandemic was coincidental but was part of her journey to get closer to her faith.

THE RIPPLE EFFECT

Bell ringer sees a local impact in every donation

By **CAROL RYCZEK**
Editor-in-chief

Peter Schmidt likes making ripples. As he stands outside of Charlie's County Market in Shawano, ringing a bell next to a Salvation Army kettle, he watches large and small donations go into the red pot. Large or small, it doesn't matter, he said. The important thing is putting a donation in.

"It takes just one drop to make a ripple," he said.

Ripples are especially important this year, he said. The annual Salvation Army campaign is coping with a shortage of bell ringers and, with fewer shoppers in retail stores, fewer donors to put coins or bills into the kettles.

"Ringing now — there's such a shortage, the campaign is pretty much out of the public eye; many volunteers are elderly, retired, now with COVID risk, they are not as likely to want to be out in the public. So I started last week," Schmidt said. "It's a good experience. You get to meet the locals. For people, it reminds them what the spirit of Christmas is. We as a community all go through hard times, and we need to work together, every little bit adds up."

The Salvation Army asks volunteers for one- or two-hour shifts, depending on the location.

"Being out there, you see people smile, have a down-to-earth discussion about what they're feeling with COVID-19. They're staying home and not interacting, so this is a good opportunity to get out of the house and enjoy the fresh air—get back to some basics. The two hours go by fast," Schmidt said.

Although the familiar red kettles are still in place, the annual campaign has had to make adjustments due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Bell ringers are required to wear a mask, sanitize the red kettle and try to stay six feet apart. They don't touch the money.

Last year, bell ringers started taking donation with Google Pay and Apple



Peter Schmidt rings bells for two hours during his fundraising shift. The dairy farmer said he doesn't mind ringing the bells or hearing the sound, and he says, "Merry Christmas" to everyone, whether or not they add to the pail.

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Pay. Schmidt said that a recent trend away from carrying cash laid the groundwork for cashless donations during the pandemic.

"With your smart phones, you can just wave it and donate it that way. There is also the red kettle app — you can do a donation that way, too," he said.

Even with alternate ways to contribute, he said he understands that not everyone will be able to put money into the kettle. That is why he is willing to volunteer.

"Right now, a lot of people have lost their jobs or are laid off. There is such a great need for a food bank, for food assistance. Heat assistance. A lot of people lost their jobs and unemployment is backed up how many months," Schmidt said. "People kind of

lost hope, and that's not good. When people lose hope, it gets very dark really fast."

He acknowledged that not everyone is fond of the sound of the bells ringing.

"That's OK. When you hear that bell, it is a reminder. It's easy to get self-absorbed, get in our own cell phones and forget that always someone near needs help," he said. Even if someone doesn't choose to donate, he said, the presence of the red kettles keeps the issues the need for assistance out in front of the public.

Schmidt makes time to ring the red kettle bells in between his work as a dairy farmer on his farm south of Bonduel, and the second job he had to take after the agricultural economy was disrupted in March.

FYI

In 1891, Salvation Army Captain Joseph McFee was distraught because so many poor individuals in San Francisco were going hungry. During the holiday season, he resolved to provide a free Christmas dinner for the destitute and poverty-stricken. He only had one major hurdle to overcome — funding the project.

Where would the money come from, he wondered. He lay awake nights, worrying, thinking, praying about how he could find the funds to fulfill his commitment of feeding 1,000 of the city's poorest individuals on Christmas Day. As he pondered the issue, his thoughts drifted back to his sailor days in Liverpool, England. He remembered how at Stage Landing, where the boats came in, there was a large, iron kettle called "Simpson's Pot" into which passers-by tossed a coin or two to help the poor.

The next day Captain McFee placed a similar pot at the Oakland Ferry Landing at the foot of Market Street. Beside the pot, he placed a sign that read, "Keep the Pot Boiling." He soon had the money to see that the needy people were properly fed at Christmas.

Six years later, the kettle idea spread from the west coast to the Boston area. That year, the combined effort nationwide resulted in 150,000 Christmas dinners for the needy. In 1901, kettle contributions in New York City provided funds for the first mammoth sit-down dinner in Madison Square Garden, a custom that continued for many years. Today in the U.S., The Salvation Army assists more than four-and-a-half million people during the Thanksgiving and Christmas time periods.

— Sue Dionne

"It's a very interesting year. It's a struggle," he said. The lessons he has learned in farming help him see the value in volunteering. It also helps remove the excuse that there is "no time" to be a volunteer. Like the Salvation Army, farmers are long-term investors, he said.

"Everyone has 24 hours in a day. The reality is there is time; it comes down to how you perceive time. In dairy farming, time is critical. It's how you take care of things 24/7, 365 days a year. You still got to keep moving forward," Schmidt said. People tell me, 'volunteering — you must have a lot of free time.' How do you do it? You make sacrifices when things are tough. You can inspire that, 'Hey I'm going through a tough time, too.' But if we all pitch in we can make things better."

"Imagine how many people you impact being a bell ringer," he said.

As he stood ringing the bell, the sound rippled out.

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"Ringing now — there's such a shortage, the campaign is pretty much out of the public eye; many volunteers are elderly, retired, now with COVID risk, they are not as likely to want to be out in the public. So I started last week,"

PETER SCHMIDT, volunteer bell ringer for The Salvation Army

Salvation Army sets out to 'Rescue Christmas'

Donations sought due to immense impact of COVID-19

By **CAROL RYCZEK**
Editor-in-chief

The Salvation Army is asking potential donors to help "Rescue Christmas."

The rescue they have in mind comes through donations to their annual Red Kettle Campaign. The funds raised through the organization's iconic red kettles are at risk this year due to COVID-19 while requests for services are at an all-time high, according to Sue Dionne, Shawano County red kettle coordinator and a member of the Shawano County Salvation Army Service Unit. The service unit serves as the local board of directors.

Based on the increase in services already provided in response to the pandemic, the organization could serve up to 155 percent more people in 2020 with Christmas assistance, including putting food on the table, paying bills, providing shelter and helping place gifts under the tree — assuming the resources are available, Dionne said.

Last year in Shawano County the Red Kettle Campaign raised just over \$22,000. All of the money raised in the kettle campaign remains in Shawano County.

"In Shawano County, we served 297 people last year. If we see the same level of increased requests for service, that would mean 750 people who need our help this holiday season," Dionne said.

In addition to individuals, The Salvation Army provided 489 backpacks for school-aged students this year.

"The money we raise this kettle season will need to last Shawano County for the entire 2021 year for all those in need," she said.

At the same time, due to the closing of retail stores, consumers carrying less cash and coins, and the decline in foot traffic, The Salvation Army could see up to a 50% decrease in funds raised nationally through the red kettles, which would limit their capability to provide services for the most vulnerable.

Shawano County bell ringers will be at Charlie's County Market,



Bell ringers Michelle Welnetz, left, and Peter Schmidt thank donors to The Salvation Army red kettle outside of Charlie's County Market in Shawano on Dec. 4. Welnetz was finishing a shift and Schmidt was just starting his two-hour watch over the donation kettle.

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The Salvation Army bell ringers wear masks and gloves and are not allowed to touch any donations. To make sure a coin or bill goes all the way into the kettle, Peter Schmidt uses a ruler to push it into place.

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Qualheim's True Value and the Shawano Walmart store again this year. Shifts will run from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in two-hour increments (Walmart

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SUE DIONNE, Shawano County red kettle coordinator for The Salvation Army

shifts will be only one hour in length) every Friday and Saturday until Christmas Eve. To help ensure the safety of bell ringers, donors and partners, The Salvation Army has adopted nationally mandated safety protocols.

Volunteers are still being sought to ring the bells for the Red Kettle Campaign. Schedule shifts by visiting RegisterToRing.com, then going to Shawano County. Anyone who cannot sign up online can call Dionne at 715-853-9340.

The Salvation Army also invites donors to use Apple Pay or Google Pay at a kettle or text KETTLES to 91999; or use Amazon Alexa to donate by saying, "Alexa, donate to The Salvation Army."

To donate to individuals, donors

may participate in the The Salvation Army's Angel Tree program. This program is taking place right now at Walmart in Shawano.

More information is available at RescueChristmas.org.

Individuals or families who needs services from The Salvation Army may call 715-526-5105. They will be put in touch with a voucher writer who works out of SAFFARC (Shawano's food pantry). The voucher writer will help identify needs and determine whether they qualify for a voucher from The Salvation Army.

The vouchers will pay a portion of some bills, including rent, utilities, transportation or medical bills, Dionne said.

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Celebrating Menominee Restoration Day: A discussion with Sylvia Wilber

This Dec. 22, we each should take time to commemorate Menominee perseverance. On that day in 1973, thanks to the efforts of Menominee leaders Ada Deer, Sylvia Wilber, and countless others, U.S. President Richard Nixon signed into law the Menominee Restoration Act, which returned the federal trust status guaranteed to the tribe through its treaties with the United States.



RYAN WINN

The Menominee went from being the first tribe to succumb to the failed federal Indian termination policy to the trailblazers who overturned it. This was a Herculean undertaking, but ever since, Native Americans look to the Menominee as fighters who used diplomacy to win back their sovereignty. Non-Natives should celebrate Menominee Restoration Day, too, because in winning their victory in Washington, they proved American politics can work for all of its citizens.

In 1954, the Menominee were targeted for termination because they were one of the most successful tribes in America. Through the negotiation and implementation of 10 treaties, the Menominee were able to maintain their ancestral homelands, stave off allotment, run a prosperous lumber mill, and win a lawsuit against the federal government for mismanagement of the harvest of their forest products.

They paid the salaries of their federal Indian agents, had their own doctors, dentists, and hospital, as well as both a utility and telephone company. They also funded their government, schools, and churches by using the treaties in the ways in which those documents were intended.

America has a fickle relationship with Indian treaties. The United States Constitution decrees that treaties are enacted on a nation-to-nation basis, which makes Native American nations equal to the U.S. in terms of the law. Native peoples' sovereignty was recognized by France and England prior to the formation of the United States. In fact, after winning the Revolutionary War, one of the first acts George



Sylvia Wilber, DRUMS leader, pictured during Menominee Restoration process in the 1970s. S. Verna Fowler Academic Library

Washington did was sign a treaty with the Delaware Lenape tribe. In effect, Washington used Native Americans' nationhood to assert that the United States was a nation, too.

Implemented in 1961, Menominee Termination nullified the tribe's treaties and subjected them to new federal regulations. In my conversation with Wilber, she noted that the Menominee people had to develop a tax base to cover the expenses that the United States had agreed to provide when they reduced the tribe's pre-contact land base of "nearly 10 million acres to 234,000."

Faced with this financial burden, the tribe's

leaders started selling land around what is now Legend Lake. Wilber stated that was when the group Determination of Rights and Unity of Menominee Shareholders (DRUMS) rose up to protect the tribe's assets. According to Wilber, DRUMS had "over 3,000 members."

In 1973, Wilber and Deer were the first Menominee leaders to testify before the United States' Congress as advocates for Menominee Restoration. Looking back, Wilber described herself as "a girl from South Branch," but when she delivered her passionate testimony in Washington, D.C., she was serving as the chairwoman of Menominee Enterprises.

While her speech was a skilled indictment of the destruction termination brought upon her people, Wilber stated, "I didn't want all of the attention, but it was something I had to do or we were doomed." She was the tribe's leader and recognized, "It was my job to help our people, and I believe in doing my job."

When I asked Wilber to reflect upon her congressional statement and the questions that followed it, she again chose humility over bravado. She stated, "I did it because of the support of the people." She added, "When I see families today, I think of the generations of Menominee who fought alongside us." Wilber's message that political solutions "have to work for the whole of the people" is in stark contrast from the words of modern politicians.

If anyone questions if American politics can work, or if the promises of the United States Constitution can be upheld, the story of how the Menominee tribe came together and made Washington reverse course should offer solace.

In 1971, Wilber told her people, "If Menominee Restoration is important to us, we will make it important to Congress." Two years later, they did just that. On Dec. 22, we each should take time to honor their tenacity.

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There is still plenty to be decided in the NFC playoff race, as all 16 teams in the conference are still alive.

The Green Bay Packers are locked in a tightly contested battle for the No. 1 seed, which under the new playoff format are the only seeds that receive a bye week.

Through the 13th week of the regular season, it's the New Orleans Saints that hold the top seed with a 10-2 record. Green Bay is a game behind at 9-3, but they hold the head-to-head tiebreaker against New Orleans should the teams finish the regular season with the same record.

The Los Angeles Rams overtook the Seattle Seahawks for the top spot in the NFC West. The Rams are currently the No. 3 seed and the Seahawks No. 5.

The New York Giants lead the NFC East and are the No. 4 seed.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Minnesota Vikings hold down the final two playoff seeds.

Many people like to try and figure out their favorite team's easiest path through the postseason, but right now, many would say the only team that can beat the Packers among the NFC teams is actually themselves, and I'd agree.

Anything can happen on any given week. (Yes, I'm thinking about the winless New York Jets nearly knocking off the Las Vegas Raiders, who are among the top teams in the AFC.) But the Packers are more than capable of defeating any of the other current NFC playoff teams, especially if you give the Packers a homefield advantage at Lambeau Field.

The problem is, it also isn't crazy to think the Packers could lose to any of those current playoff teams, depending on which Packers' team shows up.



Green Bay Packers running back Jamaal Williams, left, flies through the air after being hit by Philadelphia Eagles defensive back Jalen Mills during the Dec. 6 game in Green Bay. Williams and the Packers' offense have been hard to slow down for most of the season, but they have also turned in some surprisingly lackluster showings.

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The Packers' offense has been hard to slow down almost all season, with quarterback Aaron Rodgers leading the charge amid an MVP chase.

Receiver Davante Adams is arguably the best at his position. Aaron Jones and Jamaal Williams give the team a strong combo out of the backfield, and tight end Robert Tonyan has become a big-time weapon in the team's offense. Add in an offensive line that has been one of the best in the league and timely catches from receivers Marquez Valdes-Scantling and Allen Lazard, and you have an offense that's really hard to slow down.

Yet, the unit has put together a couple of duds this season, like in the loss to the Vikings on Nov. 1 and close win over the Jacksonville Jaguars on Nov. 15. The offense also sputtered in the second half of a loss to the Colts on Nov. 22.

"The only thing stopping us for the most part has been ourselves and not converting third downs," said Rodgers after the Colts game.

Coach Matt LaFleur has said the team's energy level hasn't been where it should be during a couple games, and that's led to some lackluster finishes. Even having limited fans at Lambeau the last couple home

games has seemed to help the Packers in that regard though.

The Packers' defense has taken a step back this season, not creating as much pressure or turnovers as a season ago when the unit really carried the team to the NFC Championship Game.

There've been glimmers of hope over the last couple of weeks against the weak offenses of the Chicago Bears and Philadelphia Eagles, although Green Bay's defense couldn't put the Eagles away when it had the chance, and it allowed the Bears to get within two scores after being up 31.

LaFleur was not pleased with giving up a touchdown to the Eagles on a fourth-and-18 play, but he was otherwise happy with the unit's performance.

"Obviously it never looks good when you give up a fourth-and-18 touchdown pass like that. That can't happen. Those are things that in order to be a great team, you can't give up plays like that. I think our guys recognize that, and we'll get that corrected," said LaFleur. "But I thought the effort, the energy, the focus, the execution was there for the majority of the game and our guys really battled. You could feel the pass rush

getting after the quarterback."

Its seven sacks against Philly was a season high and the team's most since early in the 2018 season.

While the defense is certainly a bigger issue than the few lapses shown by the offense, it's the special teams roster that hasn't shown much promise at all so far this season.

The unit has surrendered a pair of punt returns and had a punt blocked. The team's kickoff coverage has also been shaky of late, allowing several long returns.

LaFleur admitted the unit needs to start playing better and get things corrected before it costs the team a win.

The Packers have four regular season games left to try and resolve some of the little issues that have held the team back from being great.

Green Bay will face some quality opponents during that time, including two division opponents (Detroit Lions on Dec. 13; Bears on Jan. 3) on the road, an interconference matchup with the up-and-down Carolina Panthers on Dec. 19 and cross-conference showdown with the Tennessee Titans on Dec. 27.

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PACKERS

#	NAME	POS.	EXP.
2	Mason Crosby	K	14
6	JK Scott	P	3
8	Tim Boyle	QB	3
10	Jordan Love	QB	R
12	Aaron Rodgers	QB	16
13	Allen Lazard	WR	2
16	Tavon Austin	WR	8
17	Davante Adams	WR	7
19	Equanimeous St. Brown	WR	3
20	Kevin King	CB	4
23	Jaire Alexander	CB	3
24	Raven Greene	S	3
25	Will Redmond	S	5
26	Darnell Savage	S	2
29	Ka'dar Hollman	CB	2
30	Jamaal Williams	RB	4
31	Adrian Amos	S	6
32	Tyler Ervin	RB	5
33	Aaron Jones	RB	4
36	Vernon Scott	S	R
37	Josh Jackson	CB	3
39	Chandon Sullivan	CB	3
42	Oren Burks	LB	3
43	Hunter Bradley	LS	3
44	Ty Summers	LB	2
51	Krys Barnes	LB	R
52	Rashan Gary	LB	2
53	Jonathan Garvin	LB	R
54	Kamal Martin	LB	R
55	Za'Darius Smith	LB	6
56	Randy Ramsey	LB	1
58	Christian Kirksey	LB	7
62	Lucas Patrick	G	4
69	David Bakhtiari	T	8
71	Rick Wagner	T	8
73	Yosh Nijman	T	1
74	Elgton Jenkins	G	2
76	Jon Runyan	G	R
77	Billy Turner	G/T	7
79	Anthony Rush	DT	2
83	Marquez Valdes-Scantling	WR	3
85	Robert Tonyan	TE	3
86	Malik Taylor	WR	1
87	Jace Sternberger	TE	2
89	Mercedes Lewis	TE	15
91	Preston Smith	LB	6
93	Billy Winn	DL	7
94	Dean Lowry	DL	5
95	Tyler Lancaster	DL	3
96	Kingsley Keke	DL	2
97	Kenny Clark	DL	5
Reserve/Injured			
35	Parry Nickerson	CB	3
45	John Lovett	TE	2
48	Kabion Ento	CB	1
57	James Burgess	LB	4
63	Corey Linsley	C	7
65	Lane Taylor	G	8
81	Josiah Deguara	TE	R
90	Montravius Adams	DL	4
Reserve/Non-Football Injury			
27	Patrick Taylor	RB	R
72	Simon Stepaniak	G	R
Practice Squad			
11	Seth Roberts	WR	6
34	KeiVarae Russell	CB	4
38	Mike Weber	RB	1
41	Henry Black	S	R
46	Stanford Samuels	CB	R
49	Dominique Dafney	TE	R
50	Tipa Galeai	LB	R
59	DeJon Harris	LB	R
64	Ben Braden	G	2
68	Zack Johnson	G	R
78	Ryan Pope	T	1
80	Dax Raymond	TE	1
84	Reggie Begelton	WR	1
88	Juwann Winfree	WR	2
98	Delontae Scott	DL	R
99	Willington Previlon	DL	R
Practice Squad/Injured			
22	Dexter Williams	RB	2
67	Jake Hanson	C	R
Reserve/COVID-19			
28	AJ Dillon	RB	R
Reserve/Opt-Out			
11	Devin Funchess	WR	6

LIONS

#	NAME	POS.	EXP.
3	Jack Fox	P	1
4	Chase Daniel	QB	12
5	Matt Prater	K	14
9	Matthew Stafford	QB	12
10	David Blough	QB	2
11	Marvin Jones Jr.	WR	9
12	Mohamed Sanu	WR	9
19	Kenny Golladay	WR	4
21	Tracy Walker	DB	3
24	Amani Oluwariye	CB	2
25	Will Harris	S	2
26	Duron Harmon	S	8
27	Justin Coleman	CB	6
28	Adrian Peterson	RB	13
29	Darryl Roberts	CB	6
30	Jeff Okudah	CB	R
32	D'Andre Swift	RB	R
33	Kerryon Johnson	RB	3
35	Miles Killebrew	S	5
38	Mike Ford	CB	3
39	Jamal Agnew	RB/WR	4
40	Jarrad Davis	LB	4
41	Jonathan Williams	RB	5
42	Jayron Kearse	S	5
44	Jalen Reeves-Maybin	LB	4
45	Jason Cabinda	LB/FB	2
48	Don Muhlbach	LS	17
49	C.J. Moore	S	2
51	Jahlani Tavai	LB	2
52	Christian Jones	LB	7
58	Jamie Collins Sr.	LB	8
59	Reggie Ragland	LB	5
61	Logan Stenberg	OL	R
65	Tyrell Crosby	OL	3
66	Joe Dahl	G	5
67	Matt Nelson	T	1
68	Taylor Decker	T	5
73	Jonah Jackson	OL	R
75	Frank Herron	DL	1
76	Oday Aboushi	OL	8
77	Frank Ragnow	OL	3
80	Danny Amendola	WR	12
83	Jesse James	TE	6
86	Hunter Bryant	TE	R
87	Quintez Cephus	WR	R
88	T.J. Hockenson	TE	2
91	John Penisini	DL	R
92	Kevin Strong	DT	2
93	Da'Shawn Hand	DL	3
94	Austin Bryant	DE	2
95	Romeo Okwara	DE	5
97	Nick Williams	DT	6
98	Everson Griffen	DE	11
Reserve/Injured			
23	Desmond Trufant	CB	8
34	Tony McRae	CB	4
46	Nick Bawden	FB	3
71	Danny Shelton	DT	6
72	Halapoulivaati Vaitai	T	5
90	Trey Flowers	DE	6
96	Jashon Cornell	DT	R
99	Julian Okwara	DE	R
Practice Squad			
	Evan Brown	C	2
2	Arryn Siposs	P	R
16	Victor Bolden	WR	3
18	Dalyn Dawkins	RB	2
36	Dee Virgin	CB	3
43	Alex Myres	CB	1
46	Jalen Elliott	S	R
47	Bobby Price	S	R
54	Steven Wirtel	LS	R
57	Anthony Pittman	LB	1
60	Marcus Martin	OL	6
64	Albert Huggins	DT	1
69	Kareem Martin	DE	7
70	Dan Skipper	T	2
85	Tom Kennedy	WR	1
Practice Squad/Injured			
14	Kerrith Whyte	WR/RB	2

Packers top Eagles for ninth win

Rodgers makes NFL history in second half

Quarterback Aaron Rodgers made NFL history in helping the Green Bay Packers out to a big lead over the Philadelphia Eagles, but it wasn't until a late touchdown from running back Aaron Jones that the Pack sealed a 30-16 win at Lambeau Field on Dec. 6.

Rodgers continued his MVP campaign by passing for 295 yards and three touchdowns. He completed 25 of his 34 attempts and finished with a quarterback rating of 128.9.

His third touchdown pass of the game was a 9-yarder to receiver Davante Adams. The score marked the 400th career passing touchdown for Rodgers in his 193rd game, which broke an NFL record held by Drew Brees, who reached 400 passing touchdowns in 205 games.

"It was a cool moment to throw it to (Adams)," said Rodgers. "He did all the work."

"I'm proud of the number. I've thrown to a lot of guys over the years who've been a part of that 400 number."

The record-setting touchdown gave the Packers a 20-3 advantage, and the hosts eventually added a Mason Crosby field goal early in the fourth quarter to go up 23-3.

Just when it looked like the game was over, the Eagles came roaring back, scoring twice in an 82-second span. Backup rookie quarterback Jalen Hurts threw a 32-yard touchdown pass on fourth down before rookie Jalen Reagor returned a punt 73 yards for another score.

The Packers' offense then fizzled out for a second consecutive drive, giving the Eagles the ball back with under five minutes to play and having a chance to tie the game or go ahead with a touchdown and two-point conversion.

Green Bay's defense forced a punt before the host's offense delivered the dagger.

With the Packers trying to run out the clock, Jones did much more, breaking free for a sensational 77-yard touchdown run, breaking

several tackles along the way and getting help way downfield from several teammates.

"On that run, I have to give credit to my teammates. Without them, I wouldn't have been able to finish that run, with (Allen) Lazard, MVS (Marquez Valdes-Scantling) and Bobby (Tonyan) finishing downfield" said Jones. "As soon as I turned around in the end zone, all my teammates were there so I know they were all hustling, getting blocks and things like that. Without them it wouldn't have been possible."

Green Bay safety Darnell Savage then intercepted his third pass in the last two games to seal up the win for the Packers, who are now 9-3.

After a discombobulated first drive, the Packers' offense bounced back with touchdowns on its only other first half drives. Rodgers threw a 1-yard touchdown pass to Adams on fourth down before finding tight end Robert Tonyan wide open for a 25-yard touchdown pass.

Green Bay's defense harassed Philadelphia starting quarterback Carson Wentz all night, sacking him four times and surrendering just three points on his five possessions.

The Packers finished the night with seven sacks. Defensive lineman Kingsley Keke led the charge with two sacks, while outside linebackers Rashan Gary and Za'Darius Smith each had 1.5 sacks. D-lineman Dean Lowry had a sack, and safety Raven Greene was credited with a half sack.

Green Bay finished with 11 quarterback hits on the night.

Jones ended the night with 130 rushing yards on 15 carries. It was his first time over 100 rushing yards since the Sept. 20 game against the Detroit Lions.

Adams caught 10 passes for 121 yards. During the contest, Adams passed the 1,000-yard mark for the season.

Along with his 400th touchdown pass, Rodgers also became the first QB in NFL history to have five seasons of at least 35 passing touchdowns. Tom Brady, Peyton Manning and Brees have four each.

GAME VITALS PACKERS DEPTH CHART

GREEN BAY PACKERS (9-3) at DETROIT LIONS (5-7)
WHEN: 3:25 p.m., Sunday
WHERE: Ford Field
TV: FOX
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THE SERIES

Packers vs. Lions
All-time, regular season: 101-72-7
All-time, postseason: 2-0
All-time, at Lions: 42-45-3
Streaks: The Green Bay Packers have won the last three matchups against the Detroit Lions. Detroit had won the four meetings before that. Green Bay is 3-4 at Detroit since 2013.
Last meeting, regular season: Sept. 20, 2020; Packers won 42-21 at Lambeau Field.

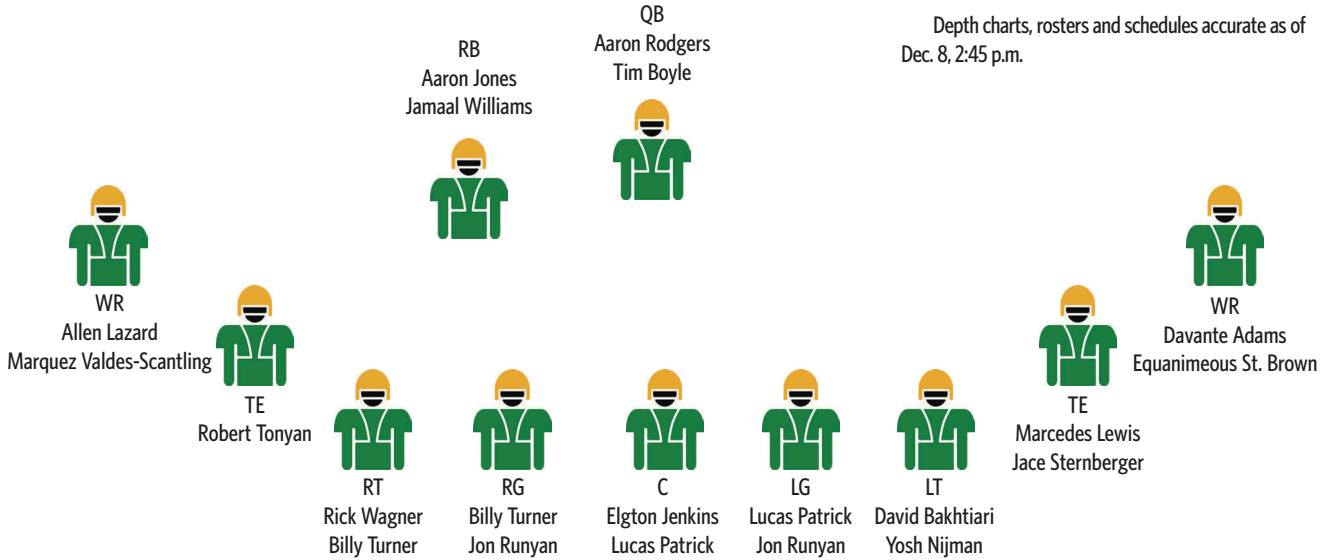
SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	TV
Sept. 13	at Minnesota	Win 43-34	
Sept. 20	vs. Detroit	Win 42-21	
Sept. 27	at New Orleans	Win 37-30	
Oct. 5	vs. Atlanta	Win 30-16	
Oct. 11	BYE WEEK		
Oct. 18	at Tampa Bay	Loss 38-10	
Oct. 25	at Houston	Win 35-20	
Nov. 1	vs. Minnesota	Loss 28-22	
Nov. 5	at San Francisco	Win 34-17	
Nov. 15	vs. Jacksonville	Win 24-20	
Nov. 22	at Indianapolis	Loss 34-31 (OT)	
Nov. 29	vs. Chicago	Win 41-25	
Dec. 6	vs. Philadelphia	Win 30-16	
Dec. 13	at Detroit	3:25 p.m.	FOX
Dec. 19	vs. Carolina	7:15 p.m.	NFL Net.
Dec. 27	vs. Tennessee	7:20 p.m.	NBC
Jan. 3	at Chicago	noon	FOX

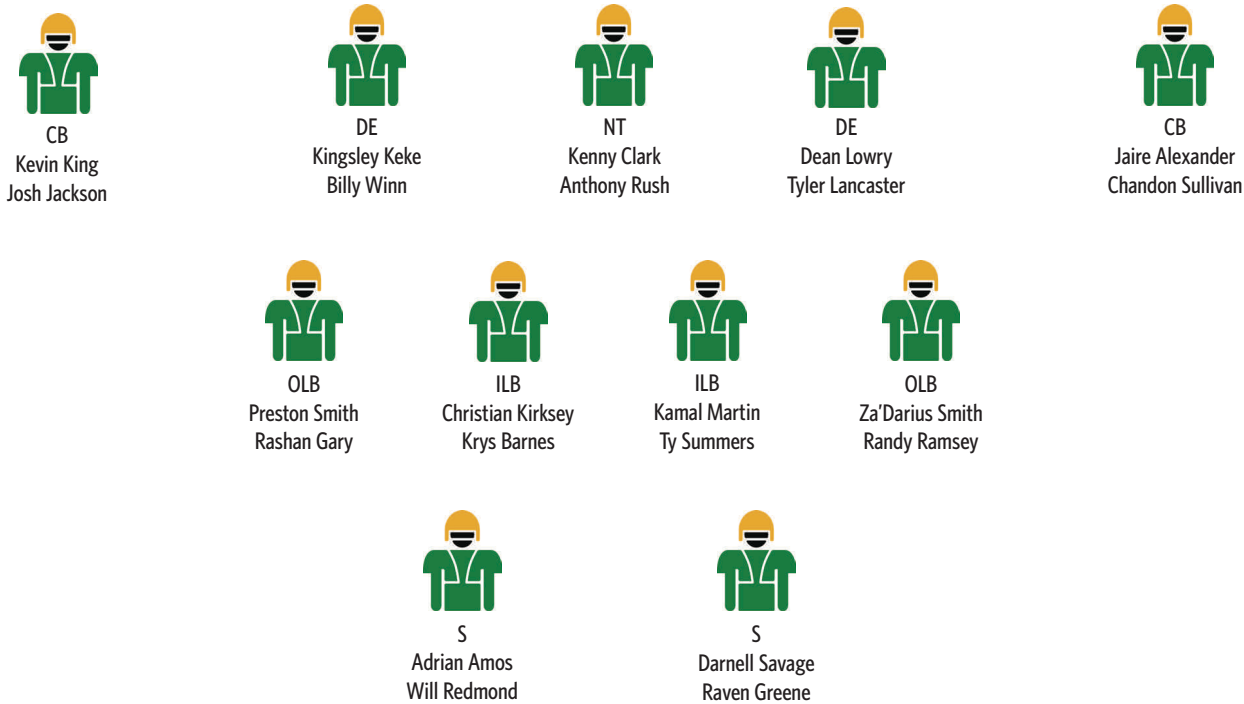
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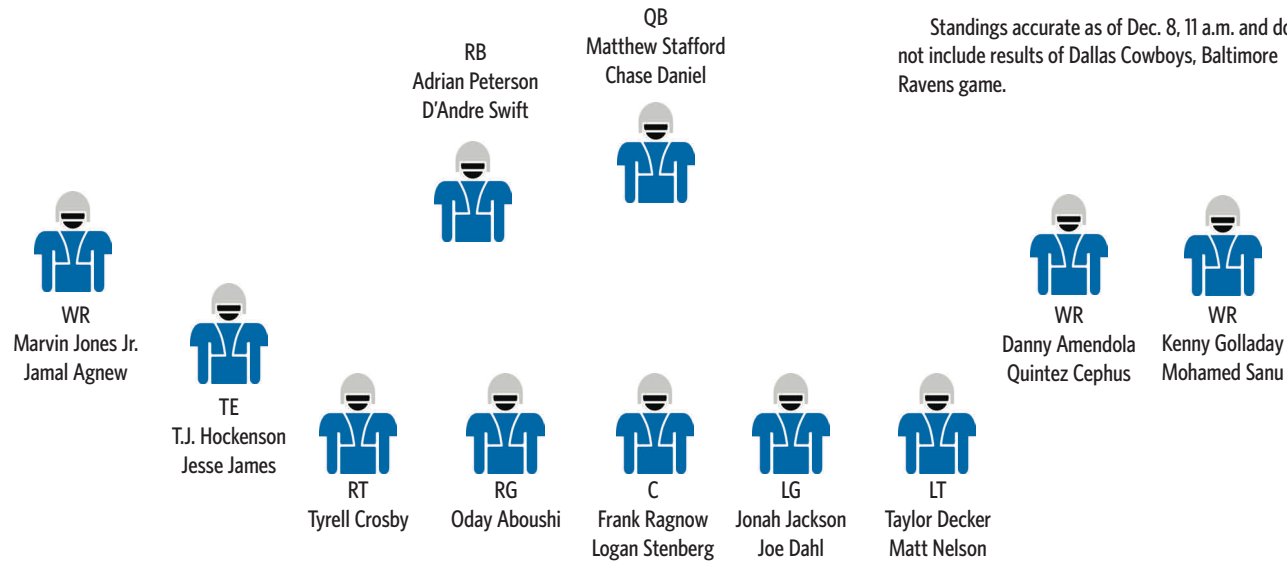
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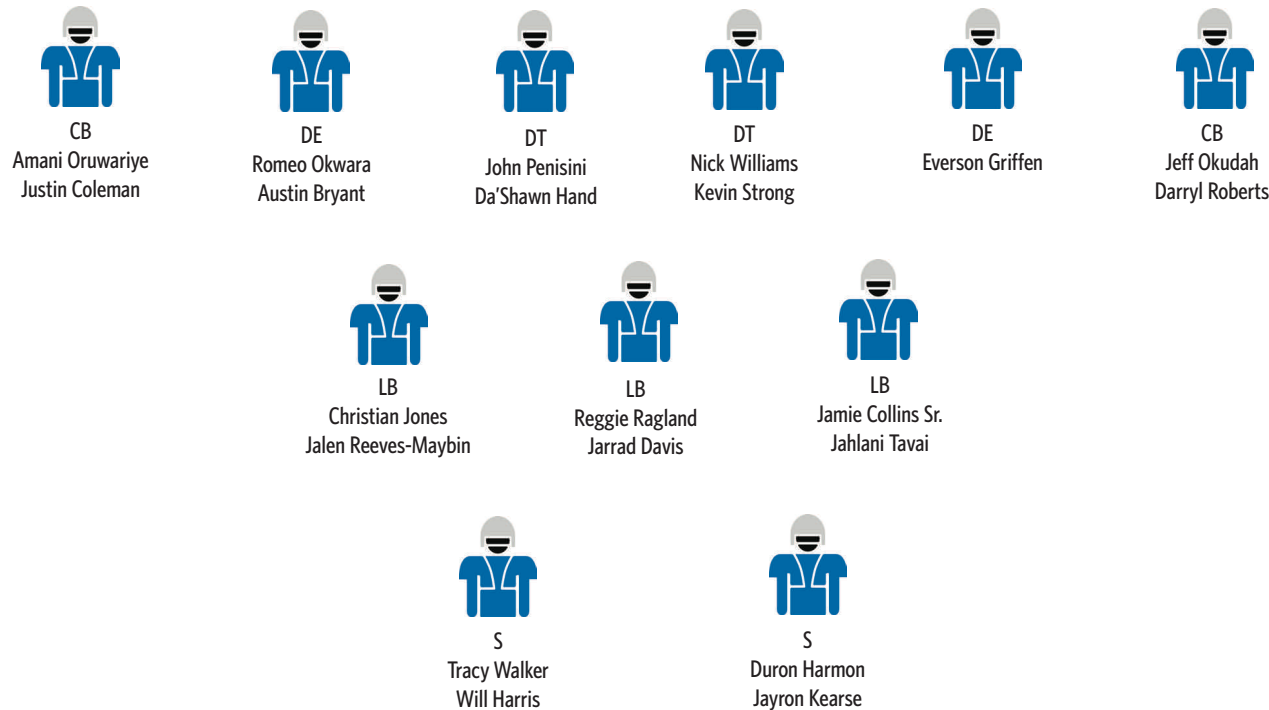
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LIONS DEPTH CHART

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2020 NFL STANDINGS

AFC East				NFC East			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Buffalo	9	3	0	N.Y. Giants	5	7	0
Miami	8	4	0	Washington	5	7	0
New England	6	6	0	Philadelphia	3	8	1
N.Y. Jets	0	12	0	Dallas	3	8	0
North				North			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Pittsburgh	11	1	0	Green Bay	9	3	0
Cleveland	9	3	0	Minnesota	6	6	0
Baltimore	6	5	0	Chicago	5	7	0
Cincinnati	2	9	1	Detroit	5	7	0
South				South			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Tennessee	8	4	0	(x) New Orleans	10	2	0
Indianapolis	8	4	0	Tampa Bay	7	5	0
Houston	4	8	0	Atlanta	4	8	0
Jacksonville	1	11	0	Carolina	4	8	0
West				West			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
(x) Kansas City	11	1	0	L.A. Rams	8	4	0
Las Vegas	7	5	0	Seattle	8	4	0
Denver	4	8	0	Arizona	6	6	0
L.A. Chargers	3	9	0	San Francisco	5	7	0

x - clinched playoff spot

SCHEDULE

Sunday's Games

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

Monday's Game

Baltimore at Cleveland, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday's Game

L.A. Chargers at Las Vegas, 7:20 p.m.

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Week 14 Games: Sunday, Dec. 13

No teams on bye.

New England @ LA Rams Thurs., Dec. 10
Denver @ Carolina
Houston @ Chicago
Dallas @ Cincinnati
Green Bay @ Detroit
Tennessee @ Jacksonville
Kansas City @ Miami
Arizona @ NY Giants
Indianapolis @ Las Vegas Raiders
NY Jets @ Seattle
Atlanta @ LA Chargers
New Orleans @ Philadelphia
Washington @ San Francisco
Pittsburgh @ Buffalo
Baltimore @ Cleveland Mon., Dec. 14

Tie Breaker Game: Minnesota @ Tampa Bay

Weekly Standings

	Weekly Record	Overall Record
Robertson Ryan	8-7	126-63-1
Shawano Four Seasons	9-6	126-63-1
Twig's Beverage	11-4	126-63-1
American Marine	11-4	124-65-1
Aspen	10-5	123-66-1
Buss Automotive	11-4	123-66-1
Tower Clock Eye Center	12-3	123-66-1
22 Shell	9-6	122-67-1
Generations	9-6	121-68-1
Senn Insurance	9-6	121-68-1

Weekly Standings

	Weekly Record	Overall Record
Morgan Rode	8-7	120-69-1
State Farm Insurance-Idell Johnston	10-5	120-69-1
Dennis Brii	10-5	119-70-1
Tim Murphy	10-5	119-70-1
Hawkeye	8-7	117-72-1
Shawano Health Service	9-6	117-72-1
Warren Nett	10-5	116-73-1
Smokey Joes	10-5	115-74-1
Gene's Floor Coverings	11-4	114-75-1
The Cottages	11-4	109-80-1



Morgan Rode
Shawano
Leader

This Week's Picks:

LA Rams
Carolina
Chicago
Cincinnati
Green Bay
Tennessee

Kansas City
Arizona
Las Vegas
Seattle
LA Chargers
New Orleans

San Francisco
Buffalo
Baltimore

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 24 @ Tampa Bay 27



Dennis Brii
Shawano
Leader

This Week's Picks:

LA Rams
Carolina
Houston
Cincinnati
Green Bay
Tennessee

Kansas City
NY Giants
Indianapolis
Seattle
Atlanta
New Orleans

San Francisco
Pittsburgh
Cleveland

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 21 @ Tampa Bay 17



Aspen
Shawano
Leader

This Week's Picks:

LA Rams
Denver
Chicago
Dallas
Green Bay
Tennessee

Kansas City
NY Giants
Indianapolis
Seattle
Atlanta
New Orleans

Washington
Buffalo
Cleveland

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 33 @ Tampa Bay 31



Tim Murphy
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Times Herald

This Week's Picks:

LA Rams
Carolina
Chicago
Dallas
Green Bay
Tennessee

Kansas City
Arizona
Las Vegas
Seattle
Atlanta
New Orleans

San Francisco
Buffalo
Baltimore

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 17 @ Tampa Bay 27

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This Week's Winner:

Tower Clock Eye Center

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This Week's Picks:

LA Rams	Miami	Washington
Denver	Arizona	Buffalo
Chicago	Indianapolis	Cleveland
Columbus	Seattle	
Green Bay	Atlanta	
Tennessee	New Orleans	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 24 @ Tampa Bay 34

Jimmy
American Marine
& Motor Sports



This Week's Picks:

LA Rams	Kansas City	Washington
Carolina	Arizona	Buffalo
Chicago	Indianapolis	Cleveland
Cincinnati	Seattle	
Green Bay	LA Chargers	
Tennessee	New Orleans	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 21 @ Tampa Bay 28

In Memory of
Patty Lashier
Sharon Brubaker



This Week's Picks:

LA Rams	Kansas City	San Francisco
Denver	NY Giants	Pittsburgh
Houston	Indianapolis	Baltimore
Cincinnati	Seattle	
Green Bay	LA Chargers	
Jacksonville	New Orleans	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 14 @ Tampa Bay 21

Staff
The Cottages



This Week's Picks:

New England	Kansas City	Washington
Carolina	NY Giants	Buffalo
Houston	Indianapolis	Baltimore
Dallas	Seattle	
Green Bay	Atlanta	
Tennessee	New Orleans	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 24 @ Tampa Bay 28

Robert Buss
Buss
Automotive



This Week's Picks:

LA Rams	Kansas City	San Francisco
Carolina	NY Giants	Buffalo
Houston	Indianapolis	Cleveland
Cincinnati	Seattle	
Green Bay	LA Chargers	
Tennessee	New Orleans	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 28 @ Tampa Bay 37

Shane Senn
Senn
Insurance



This Week's Picks:

LA Rams	Kansas City	San Francisco
Carolina	Arizona	Pittsburgh
Houston	Indianapolis	Cleveland
Dallas	Seattle	
Green Bay	Atlanta	
Tennessee	New Orleans	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 14 @ Tampa Bay 27

Jim Wingard
Tower-Cock
Eye Center



This Week's Picks:

LA Rams	Kansas City	San Francisco
Carolina	NY Giants	Pittsburgh
Houston	Indianapolis	Cleveland
Cincinnati	Seattle	
Green Bay	Atlanta	
Tennessee	New Orleans	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 28 @ Tampa Bay 28

Emma
Generation



This Week's Picks:

LA Rams	Kansas City	San Francisco
Carolina	Arizona	Pittsburgh
Chicago	Las Vegas	Cleveland
Dallas	Seattle	
Green Bay	LA Chargers	
Tennessee	New Orleans	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 17 @ Tampa Bay 24

Miranda
Shaw
Health Services



This Week's Picks:

LA Rams	Kansas City	San Francisco
Carolina	NY Giants	Buffalo
Houston	Indianapolis	Cleveland
Cincinnati	Seattle	
Green Bay	Atlanta	
Tennessee	New Orleans	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 21 @ Tampa Bay 27

Sundrop Maggie
Tulsi
Beverage



This Week's Picks:

New England	Kansas City	San Francisco
Carolina	Arizona	Pittsburgh
Chicago	Indianapolis	Cleveland
Cincinnati	Seattle	
Green Bay	Atlanta	
Tennessee	New Orleans	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 21 @ Tampa Bay 28

Gene Ruan
Ruan's
Floor Coverings



This Week's Picks:

LA Rams	Kansas City	San Francisco
Carolina	Arizona	Buffalo
Chicago	Las Vegas	Cleveland
Dallas	Seattle	
Green Bay	Atlanta	
Tennessee	New Orleans	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 13 @ Tampa Bay 28

Brenda
21 Shell



This Week's Picks:

LA Rams	Kansas City	San Francisco
Carolina	Arizona	Pittsburgh
Houston	Las Vegas	Cleveland
Columbus	Seattle	
Green Bay	Atlanta	
Tennessee	New Orleans	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 26 @ Tampa Bay 31

Carline Sorensen
Waller, Netti
& Associates



This Week's Picks:

LA Rams	Kansas City	San Francisco
Carolina	Arizona	Pittsburgh
Chicago	Las Vegas	Cleveland
Cincinnati	Seattle	
Green Bay	LA Chargers	
Tennessee	New Orleans	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 23 @ Tampa Bay 32

Dale
Hunkley
North & Home



This Week's Picks:

LA Rams	Kansas City	Washington
Carolina	Arizona	Pittsburgh
Chicago	Indianapolis	Cleveland
Cincinnati	Seattle	
Green Bay	Atlanta	
Tennessee	New Orleans	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 20 @ Tampa Bay 23

Amber
Smiley Joels



This Week's Picks:

LA Rams	Kansas City	San Francisco
Carolina	NY Giants	Pittsburgh
Houston	Indianapolis	Cleveland
Dallas	Seattle	
Green Bay	Atlanta	
Tennessee	New Orleans	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 23 @ Tampa Bay 30

Aaron
Roberts Ryan
Insurance



This Week's Picks:

LA Rams	Kansas City	San Francisco
Carolina	Arizona	Buffalo
Chicago	Indianapolis	Cleveland
Dallas	Seattle	
Green Bay	LA Chargers	
Tennessee	New Orleans	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Minnesota 17 @ Tampa Bay 27

Caroline
McIntosh, Agent

2020 PACKERS SCHEDULE

Week	Date	Opponent	Location	Result
1	9/10	at Minnesota	A	20-17
2	9/17	at Cleveland	A	24-17
3	9/24	at Pittsburgh	A	24-17
4	10/1	at Baltimore	A	24-17
5	10/8	at Cincinnati	A	24-17
6	10/15	at Kansas City	A	24-17
7	10/22	at Denver	A	24-17
8	10/29	at Houston	A	24-17
9	11/5	at Tampa Bay	A	24-17
10	11/12	at New Orleans	A	24-17
11	11/19	at Atlanta	A	24-17
12	11/26	at Seattle	A	24-17
13	12/3	at Los Angeles	A	24-17
14	12/10	at San Francisco	A	24-17
15	12/17	at Dallas	A	24-17
16	12/24	at New England	A	24-17
17	12/31	at Buffalo	A	24-17
18	1/7	at Miami	A	24-17
19	1/14	at Jacksonville	A	24-17
20	1/21	at Tampa Bay	A	24-17
21	1/28	at New Orleans	A	24-17
22	2/4	at Atlanta	A	24-17
23	2/11	at Seattle	A	24-17
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NOTEBOOK

By **BILL HUBER**

Correspondent

Jones' breakout run

When the Green Bay Packers slammed the Detroit Lions in week two, Aaron Jones stole the show. His 168 rushing yards and two touchdowns included a 75-yard scoring dash.

Jones, however, went relatively quiet after that. Over the next 10 weeks, Jones had only one run of longer than 20 yards. He was held to less than 4 yards per carry in three games and missed two others with an injured calf. Sunday's game against Philadelphia wasn't going any better.

With the Packers clinging to a 23-16 lead with about three minutes remaining, Jones had only 13 carries for 50 yards. Then, like an in-his-prime Mike Tyson, Jones delivered a startling knockout. Jones broke at least five tackles on a game-clinching 77-yard touchdown run. Receiver Marquez Valdes-Scantling and, impressively, left tackle David Bakhtiari led the convoy all the way to the end zone.

It was the capper for an encouraging day for Green Bay's running attack.

"I thought there were a lot of good runs in the game that are very, very close to being explosive runs," coach Matt LaFleur said. "That's a really good run defense. Just how physical they are, they're very sound. They're not overly complicated but they play hard and they've got good players. So, that always makes it a challenge to go against."

"It was so fun to see that last play, just the effort on that run. Starting off with Aaron Jones, but David, you can see him out front, MVS, you saw Davante (Adams) rolling down there, you saw our quarterback rolling down there, Elgton Jenkins. Guys were straining on that play. And that typically is what happens when you get those big touchdown runs is. It's all about that extra effort, making sure that your man doesn't make tackle."

With quarterback Aaron Rodgers operating at peak efficiency, the return of the running game could make the NFL's highest-scoring offense even more dangerous.

"(If) we take care of business each game, one game at a time, hopefully we're sitting right where we want to be at," Jones said.

Nothing special

Green Bay's special teams are a hot mess. In the last seven games, it's allowed a blocked punt against Houston, a punt-return touchdown against Jacksonville, a killer fumble on



Green Bay Packers running back Aaron Jones runs the ball during the game against the Philadelphia Eagles on Dec. 6 in Green Bay. After delivering the knockout blow to the Eagles, Jones will look to keep things rolling against the Detroit Lions this weekend.

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a kickoff return against Indianapolis and another punt-return touchdown against Philadelphia.

The Packers are 29th in punt-return average, 31st in kickoff-return average, 32nd in opponent punt-return average and 19th in opponent kickoff-return average. Tyler Ervin, who jump-started the return units last year, is sidelined for the third time this season by an injury and didn't have much success when he was healthy. Newly signed receiver Tavon Austin figures to take Ervin's place on punt returns, at least.

Green Bay's big problem isn't creating big plays. It's preventing them. Against the Eagles, Jalen Reagor had a 73-yard touchdown on a punt return and Boston Scott had a 46-yard return on a kickoff return.

"We can't have that happen," LaFleur said. "I don't think that was JK's (Scott) best punt by any stretch. I know, and he knows, we've got to be more consistent in that regard. But also, just the coverage. You can't have that happen. Reagor is a talented returner. I know he's a rookie, but he's a guy that we definitely had a high regard for throughout the evaluation process when we were going through it in the draft prep. But you just can't have that happen."

New hope in Detroit

When the Lions fired coach Matt Patricia after the Thanksgiving debacle against Houston, it wasn't so much a white flag of surrender as a hope of salvaging the season.

In interim coach Darrell Bevell's

debut at Chicago, the Lions overcame a 30-20 fourth-quarter deficit to score a 34-30 victory. The Lions scored two touchdowns in the final 2:18. With that, they improved to 5-7 and moved a game behind Minnesota and Arizona for the final playoff spot.

"You've got to give Detroit a ton of credit," LaFleur said. "They were pretty much written off in that game and they battled for four quarters and were able to get the victory at the end, so we very much know what's in front of us. People have pride and nobody's going to roll over for you, as was evident last night in our game."

"Shoot, it's 23-3 to start the fourth quarter and Philly just kept battling, so we're going to have to have a great week of prep and that needs to carry over to Sunday."

Stafford posted his seventh career 400-yard passing game and his 31st come-from-behind victory. The first drive of the comeback went 96 yards.

"That was vintage Matthew Stafford right there," Bevell said. "We kind of let him play today and he just responded in a big way."

Speaking of Bevell

Bevell will live forever in Wisconsin lore. As the quarterback at the University of Wisconsin, Bevell led the Badgers to their first Rose Bowl appearance since 1963. On Jan. 1, 1994, Bevell ran 21 yards for the game-winning touchdown against UCLA.

In 2000, he joined the Packers as an assistant coach under Mike Sherman. In 2003, he was promoted to quarter-

backs coach. Then, in 2006, he joined Vikings coach Brad Childress as offensive coordinator. In 2011, he became Pete Carroll's offensive coordinator with the Seahawks. Bevell was fired after the 2017 season, sat out the 2018 season and was hired as Detroit's offensive coordinator in 2019.

"I've been around some great coaches," Bevell told reporters in Detroit on Monday. "I can go all the way back to coach (Barry) Alvarez at the University of Wisconsin. All the way along the way, just the great coaches that I've had around me and the things that I've enjoyed about him and just make sure that I try to take notes."

"If I was ever in that position, 'What would I do? Would I handle that situation that way? Would I change that kind of thing?' Obviously, Pete had a huge influence on me. Obviously, we had a lot of success while we were there, so definitely some of that's in there. I was with Mike Sherman, with a lot of different guys, Brad Childress, and all those guys had an impact on me. I think it shows up in different ways."

State of the NFC

The New Orleans Saints dodged a big bullet last week at Atlanta to win their eighth consecutive game and improve to 10-2. Even with veteran quarterback Drew Brees on injured reserve with multiple broken ribs, the Saints have maintained their lead in the race for homefield advantage and the only first-round bye in the NFC playoffs.

The Packers are 9-3 and alone in second place following the Seattle Seahawks' shocking home loss to the New York Giants. That was a big outcome for Green Bay, since Seattle owns the head-to-head tiebreaker of best record against common opponents.

The two games that could decide the No. 1 seed: In week 15, New Orleans – with Brees perhaps back in the lineup – will host the Kansas City Chiefs (11-1). In week 16, the Packers will host the Tennessee Titans (8-4).

"I think we're in a good position as a team," Rodgers said. "The first goal is always the North and we're up three with four to play, so the magic number is two for us. So, we're in a good position in the division."

"I think if you look at the opponents we've had the last few weeks, the defenses especially, we've played some really good defenses. This was a really stout defense, lot of veteran guys on that side, lot of big, tough dudes on that side. It was a chippy game, but I like how we stuck to it."

KEYS TO THE GAME

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

The Green Bay Packers (9-3) visit the Detroit Lions (5-7) at 3:25 p.m. Sunday at Ford Field in Detroit. FOX televises the game.

Coaches

Green Bay — Matt LaFleur, second season (22-6). Detroit — Darrell Bevell, interim coach (1-0).

History

Packers lead series 103-72-7. Green Bay rolled 42-21 in week two behind 168 rushing yards and two touchdowns by Aaron Jones, two touchdown passes by Aaron Rodgers and a pick-six by Chandon Sullivan. In last year's finale at Ford Field, Mason Crosby kicked a 33-yard field goal on the final play for a 23-20 victory. The win clinched a first-round bye and broke a two-game losing streak in Detroit.

When the Packers have the ball

On paper, this is a colossal mismatch. The Packers are No. 1 in the NFL in scoring, having scored more points in 12 games this season than all of last season. The Lions are No. 31 in scoring defense with 29.8 points allowed per game.

The Lions won Bevell's coaching debut 34-30 at Chicago. The defense, however, was as porous as usual, allowing 30-plus points for the sixth time this season. Chicago quarterback Mitchell Trubisky threw for 267 yards.

Detroit's defense is bad in almost every way, ranking 28th in total defense, 25th on third down (44.6%) and 29th in the red zone (68.8% touchdowns). They don't take the ball away (25th with 12 turnovers) and don't pressure the quarterback (27th in sack percentage). The run defense, at least, is decent, checking in at No. 18 with 4.45 yards allowed per carry, though opponents have 20 rushing touchdowns.

Operating out of a 4-3 base defense, the line has been thrown for a loss with perhaps its two best players, defensive end Trey Flowers and run-stuffing defensive tackle Danny Shelton, on injured reserve. Flowers could return this week.

At defensive end, Green Bay will see a familiar nemesis in Everson Griffen. Acquired in a trade from Dallas on Oct. 30, the former Vikings standout has 2.5 sacks in his last four games. The other starting

end is Romeo Okwara, who leads the team with seven sacks and 15 quarterback hits. Nick Williams and John Penisini are the tackles. Penisini replaced Shelton, who went on injured reserve last week.

Former Patriots standout Jamie Collins anchors the linebacker corps. He's joined by Christian Jones and Reggie Ragland. Collins is having an excellent season with 92 tackles, five tackles for losses, five passes defended and three forced fumbles. The other familiar name in the group is Jarrad Davis, but he played only 17 snaps against Chicago.

With top draft pick Jeff Okudah battling a shoulder injury and veteran standout Desmond Trufant placed on injured reserve last week, the Lions went with Amani Oruwariye and Darryl Roberts as the corners and Justin Coleman in the slot.

Okudah, touted as one of the best cornerback prospects in years, has had a miserable season filled with bumps, bruises and disappointing play. According to Pro Football Focus, his 2.31 yards per coverage snap is the worst in the league among corners with at least 250 snaps. Oruwariye leads the team with six passes defended.

Jayron Kearsse and Duron Harmon are the starting safeties, and Tracy Walker sees plenty of action off the bench. Harmon has two of the seven interceptions.

When the Lions have the ball

The injury report will be worth monitoring this week, with the Lions hoping to get receiver Kenny Golladay and running back D'Andre Swift. Golladay, who led the NFL in touchdown catches last season, has missed the last five games with an injured hip. Swift, an excellent rookie, has missed the last two games with a concussion.

The leader of the attack is quarterback Matthew Stafford, who is ninth in the NFL with 3,278 passing yards but only 18th with a 94.3 passer rating. He is playing through a partially torn ligament in his thumb. In 19 career games against the Packers, he's averaged 286 yards and almost two touchdowns.

When Golladay is active, Stafford has an elite group of pass catchers. Against Chicago, Marvin Jones caught eight passes for 116 yards and tight end T.J. Hockenson added seven receptions for 84 yards. Hockenson leads the

team with 52 receptions, which he's turned into 614 yards and five touchdowns. Jones has 51 receptions and team-leading figures of 619 yards and six touchdowns.

Plus, the Lions recently added veteran Mohamed Sanu. Former Badgers standout Quintez Cephus has chipped in 14 grabs.

Swift has been exactly as advertised as a runner and receiver, averaging 4.7 yards per carry, adding 31 receptions and scoring six total touchdowns. Without him against Chicago, veteran Adrian Peterson rushed for 57 yards and two touchdowns. Peterson leads Detroit with 501 rushing yards (3.7 average) and six touchdowns.

The offensive line has three excellent starters with Taylor Decker at left tackle, Tyrell Crosby at right tackle and Frank Ragnow at center. Rookie guard Jonah Jackson has been the weak link. Only four guards have allowed more than his 26 pressures, according to Pro Football Focus.

Special teams

Green Bay's embattled special teams will be thrown into the fryer

again with Lions returner Jamal Agnew. While he hasn't scored this year, the fourth-year pro has three career touchdowns on punt returns and one on a kickoff return.

"We've got to make sure we've got the right people in there to go down and make a play because that can't happen," LaFleur said, after the Packers' punt-coverage unit allowed its second touchdown of the year against the Eagles. "That can get you beat."

Lions kicker Matt Prater is in field-goal range the moment he arrives at Ford Field. For the year, he's a disappointing 18-of-27 on field goals — 9-of-9 from inside of 40 yards but 4-of-8 from 50-plus. Packer kicker Mason Crosby is one of two who are perfect on field goals this season, though he's missed three extra points.

If it's a battle of punters, Green Bay is in deep trouble. Detroit's Jack Fox leads the NFL with a 45.6-yard net average. That's just off the NFL record set by the Rams' Johnny Hekker in 2016. Having given up the two touchdowns, Green Bay punter JK Scott is next-to-last in net average.



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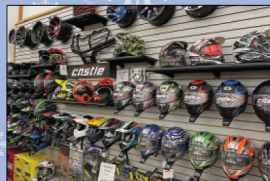
ABOVE: Mindy Melendy, helped by daughter Addison Melendy, serves a bowl of soup to Lori Luepke. The soup contest featured everything from seafood chowder to Luepke's favorite, sauerkraut soup (a mix of kraut, potatoes and ham).

RIGHT: Jace Boland, Green Bay, likes what he sees in a cup of hot chocolate at Christmas in Bonduel on Dec. 5. He and his brothers, Hudson and Parker, each enjoyed a cup.

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SPORTS

Gun deer harvest numbers up 15%

Shawano, Oconto counties see increase in harvest totals

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Preliminary numbers from the nine-day 2020 gun deer season showed a 15.8% increase in harvest registrations from 2019.

A total of 188,712 deer were registered during the season, which ran from Nov. 21-29. Of that number, 85,340 were antlered deer and 103,372 antlerless.

Last year, 162,956 deer were harvested, with 76,078 being antlered and 86,878 antlerless.

"While opening weekend saw mild temperatures throughout the state with some snow in the northwest, DNR staff across the state reported excellent hunting conditions and weather throughout the season except for a day or two of rain and wind midweek," read a press release from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Nearly every county saw an in-



Preliminary deer harvest numbers from the nine-day gun deer season are up nearly 16% in Wisconsin.

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crease in its harvest total numbers this year.

Shawano County, which is a Central Farmland deer management zone, saw an 8.3% increase in harvests, taking 5,904 deer compared to 5,451 in 2019. Of that total, 2,329 were antlered. Antlerless totals (3,575) were up 10.5% from last year.

Oconto County is split into two management zones.

In the Central Farmland portion of the county, 3,739 deer were

registered, up from 3,380 in 2019. Antlered deer numbers were up 5.4%, while there was a 15.4% jump in antlerless totals (2,028, up from 1,757).

In the Northern Forest management zone, Oconto County saw a slight bump in harvest totals (455, up from 444) but a decline in antlerless deer taken (63, down from 121).

In media posts created by the NEW Media Inc. sports department, area residents reported mixed re-

sults on the gun season.

Some were able to tag the biggest bucks of their lives; others said they saw plenty of deer. However, others barely saw any deer despite putting in long hours throughout the nine days.

The Wisconsin DNR reported that preliminary license sales totals show that more deer hunters were in the woods this fall.

Of the 820,299 deer licenses that were sold as of midnight Nov. 29, 569,203 were for the gun season.

The total number of licenses was up 3.5% from the same time in 2019.

At the time of the DNR's news release, nine hunting incidents had been reported. Those incidents, plus other deer hunting information can be found at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/newsroom/release/39386>.

For the hunters who were unable to harvest deer during the nine-day season or at any other point this fall, there is still some time left to get some hunting in. Visit <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/> dates for those options.

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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

4 Gresham players named to CWC-North teams

Marion has 2 players honored

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Despite the Gresham Community High School girls volleyball team having its fall season cut short, the team had four players honored by

the Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division.

Marion was able to finish out its season and also had players recognized.

Three of the four Gresham athletes landed on the first team.

Senior Makayla Belongia and juniors Valarie Cerveney and Kalayla Tucker were first-team selections, while junior Hannah Cerveney made the second team. Valarie Cerveney

was a unanimous selection to the first team.

Gresham got in three matches before having its season shut down. The Wildcats plan to take part in the alternate fall season.

Valarie Cerveney accumulated 26 attack kills and two serving aces during the team's matches. Belongia finished with 20 attack kills and 20 digs.

Tucker posted a team-leading 34

digs, along with five serving aces. Hannah Cerveney tallied a team-high 48 assists to go along with 12 digs and two serving aces.

Marion had two players honored. Junior Eden Brennan and sophomore Emma Rasmussen both landed on the honorable mention team. Coach Taylor Schoen called both players "standout servers."

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3 Gresham/Bowler boys make all-conference soccer team despite limited season

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

The Gresham/Bowler boys soccer co-op only got one match in this fall,

but still had three players named to a Central Wisconsin Conference team.

Seniors Adin Brei and Jake Hoffman and junior Diego Martinez were

all named to the CWC honorable mention team.

The team's lone match came on Sept. 21, a 5-1 loss to Pacelli. Brei as-

sisted on the co-op's goal.

Gresham/Bowler plans to participate in the alternate fall season this coming spring.

ATHLETE PROFILE: CARSON ROBAIDEK

Bonduel senior hoping to lead team to strong season

Every high school team needs players who help lead the team into action. Senior Carson Robaidek is hoping to be one of those players for the Bonduel High School boys basketball team this winter.

Robaidek made the Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division second team as a junior and has even higher goals this season. He averaged over 10 points a game.

Q: When did your interest in basketball begin?

A: My interest in basketball started in second grade when my parents (Karen and Rocky) signed me up for Saturday morning basketball clinics held at the school. Ever since then, my love for the game has grown by watching my older brothers (Dalton, Brandon and Preston) play on the varsity basketball team, which made me want to play for varsity and be better than them.

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

A: I would say for me personally, my favorite part has been just being able to play again with my friends for one last year. This season has led us to learn about adversity and how to overcome it, but also has helped us grow as a team bettering ourselves for the upcoming stretch of games against other top-ranked teams in the conference.

Q: What has basketball taught you over the years?

A: Basketball has taught me many things over the years, but most importantly it has taught me how to not be selfish. For example, if I have a bad game and am not able to score, to just pass the ball more and let my other teammates score because at the end of the day all that matters is that we come out of that game with a win.

Also, basketball has taught me about leadership and how to lead by example in practice. The leadership that the game has taught me

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Carson Robaidek
SPORT: Boys basketball
POSITIONS: Point guard/small forward
SCHOOL: Bonduel High School
YEAR: Senior

proves true when younger kids in the program look up to me and my fellow seniors. Hopefully, when they see us working hard, they will want to follow us to be better and improve their game.

Q: How did you prepare for the basketball season?

A: Well, it was tough this year especially to prepare because usually after football we have a few weeks to rest and get back in the gym to shoot and be ready for the season, but this year with football being pushed back and taking longer to finish we had to go from playing a football game Friday night to basketball practice starting Monday.

This was tough for us football players that also play basketball, but luckily we had a few contact days during the last week of football to get back in the gym. This really helped us get a head start on the season. Also, just getting into the gym in the morning during football season helped me get ready to play basketball again.

Q: Do you have any individual goals set for yourself this winter?

A: I have many goals for myself this season including conference player of the year, and also just helping my teammates improve their game so as a team we can compete for a conference championship. It does not end there though as we are trying to get better to make a run in the playoffs.

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

A: Before each game I listen to music while watching the JV game and then go down to the locker room before anyone else on the team and I



Bonduel's Carson Robaidek drives to the rim during a CWC-East matchup against Menominee Indian on Feb. 20 in Keshena. FILE | NEW MEDIA

foam roll out my legs to get warmed up, then I dance before anyone else gets down there. I would say my biggest ritual though would have to be when I get announced for starting lineups, I go through the tunnel of my teammates and after that I point up to my grandpa (David Schommer) in the sky watching down on me playing the game that I love.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Bonduel boys basketball team?

A: Playing basketball has given me many memories, but the most memorable of them all would have to be last year's first round playoff game against Menominee Indian — when senior Justin Bahr made a layup to take the lead with about five seconds left.

After the end of the timeout, Menominee was forced to chuck up a half-court shot which from where I was guarding the person it looked like it was going to go in. It ended up being too short and left, and a sigh of relief came out of my body. After that all my teammates were jumping around and cheering, and I went up to senior Cole Letter and gave him a hug. Then he said, "Great game,

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buddy. We live to see another day, so let's have a great next week of practice."

Q: What are you going to miss most about high school basketball?

A: I am going to miss everything about playing basketball at Bonduel, but most importantly I am going to miss the practices with my friends and just hanging out on gameday getting ready to play. The friendships I have made through playing basketball will last a lifetime, leaving me with people that I know I can call anytime to have my back.

Q: Favorite TV show, movie and musical artist?

A: TV show — "Friends." Movie — "The Do-Over." Musical artist — The Kid Laroi.

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

A: Not many people know this, but I actually can't swim. I failed the second level of swimming lessons three times. After I finally passed it, I quit, which left me not knowing how to swim in the deep end.

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

A: I would say the greatest piece of advice I have received was during a speech at the end of a football and basketball practice given by last year's senior Cole Letter. He said, "If you fail to prepare, you are preparing to fail."

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

A: After graduating high school, I am hoping to attend college to play basketball. I want to compete at the college level for any school. Also, I want to graduate college in a field relating to athletics.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

10 Hawks pick up all-conference honors

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

After completing a strong 6-3 season, the Shawano Community High School football team had 10 players named to an all-conference team.

Shawano finished 3-1 in the Bay Conference before going on to win its first two playoff matchups in school history.

Seniors Gage Timm (quarterback and defensive back) and Kaleb Lowney (running back) and juniors Elliott Lowney (wide receiver) and Jackson Smits (offensive lineman) secured first-team spots. Timm was named the conference's Offensive Back of the Year, while Elliott Lowney was the Receiver of the Year.

Senior Sam Fritz (offensive lineman), junior Andrew Popp (inside linebacker) and sophomore Jacob Landon (defensive end) made the second team, while senior Rory Johnson (outside linebacker) and sophomores Ashton Henning (wide receiver) and Brandon Reed (tight end) were honorable mentions.

On offense, Timm threw for 1,567 yards and 14 touchdowns while also rushing for 479 yards and 12 more scores.

"Being named Offensive Back of the Year was really special," said Timm. "Being recognized by all of the coaches in the conference as the best back means a lot."

Elliott Lowney finished the season with 54 receptions for 1,017 yards and 10 touchdowns. He also returned two kickoffs for scores.

"Earning Receiver of the Year means a lot to me, especially after last year where I think I was snubbed for first team all-conference," said Lowney. "Also, playing in such a tough conference that the Bay is, I feel confident that I could go into any conference in the state and do the same thing. This is just setting the bar high for me and this should be the standard next year."

Kaleb Lowney was the team's leading rusher, gaining 726 yards for the season. He scored nine rushing touchdowns.

The senior also caught eight passes for 137 yards and another touchdown.

"It means the absolute most," said Lowney of the honor. "Since COVID hit, I was not sure if there would have been a season. But I still continued to work on things to help myself and the team better prepare for the season. And being able to be first-team running back in a tough conference like the Bay, it is very exciting."

Smits and Fritz helped pave the way for Shawano's potent offense. The Hawks scored 27 or more points in each of their wins, and tallied over 40 points a game in each of their final five wins.

Along with providing more strong blocking, Reed and Henning each caught a touchdown pass. Henning finished the season with 29 receptions for 388 yards.

Timm, Landon, Popp and Johnson helped Shawano's defense finish the season strong, allowing a combined 20 points in its two playoff games.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Shawano's te Plate earns all-conference first team honor

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Three Shawano Community High School boys soccer players earned all-conference honors from the Bay Conference.

Senior Lucas te Plate (defender) made the first team. Junior Ethan Schwitzer (defender) was on the second team and sophomore Chad Norton (defender) on the honorable mention list.

Along with providing strong defense and leadership, te Plate also scored two goals this fall.

"In my senior season, it means a lot going out on a good note especially since I haven't been selected to any other conference teams," said te Plate

on the all-conference honor. "I think with a shortened season and not playing as many games as normal that it was nice to get this recognition."

Coach Andrew Brooks noted that Schwitzer missed some time this fall, and he likely would have made the first team if he had played the entire season. "Ethan gives you every thing he has on the field and is a natural leader," added Brooks.

Brooks said Norton "anchored our defense in the middle" in what was the sophomore's first year on varsity. "The sky is the limit for Chad. If he has a strong offseason, I have no doubt he will be an outstanding defender," said Brooks.

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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Shawano's Reed makes Bay's top team

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Shawano Community High School volleyball team had four players receive all-conference honors from the Bay Conference this fall.

Senior Rachel Reed was a unanimous pick to the first team, while senior Freya Dickson landed on the second team. Juniors Margo Gull and Alix Heath were honorable mentions.

Reed, an outside hitter, finished the season with 91 attack kills, 42 digs, 24 service aces and 16 block kills.

"It means so much to me," said Reed of the all-conference honor. "This summer and over the years, I have put so much time into volleyball through open gyms, club and lessons.

It feels great that everything paid off and I got unanimous first team all-conference!"

Dickson landed on the second team after accumulating 42 attack kills, 40 digs and 16 service aces.

"I have dedicated my life to volleyball, and I've always wanted to make my father (James) proud since he passed away before the start of my seventh grade games. And to me, winning the second team all-conference makes me believe that I have made him proud."

Gull ended the season with 51 digs, 10 assists and five service aces.

Heath tallied 112 assists, 15 digs and 10 service aces.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

9 Bears earn conference honors

Sell named Co-Defensive Lineman of Year

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Following a strong 8-1 season on the field, the Bonduel High School football team had nine of its players recognized by the Packerland Conference.

Bonduel won the conference after posting a perfect record. The Bears won their final eight games, which included two playoff games.

Seniors Max Sokolski (running back), Carson Robaidek (offensive end), Trevor Kraning and Marcus Westrich (offensive linemen), Cole Anderson (defensive back) and Logan Majewski and Max Marohl (linebackers) and junior Jon Sell (offensive and defensive lineman) all earned spots on the first team.

Anderson and Robaidek were unanimous selections at their positions. Along with his first-team honors, Sell was tabbed the Co-Defensive Lineman of the Year, sharing the honor with Southern Door's Brodie Overbeck.

Anderson intercepted three passes and had 20 total tackles during the regular season.

"I feel honored to receive such an award, but I couldn't have achieved any of it without all the members of our team working together to accomplish all that we did," said Anderson. "Being able to play through these times and with this team made my

senior year more memorable."

Robaidek was Bonduel's go-to receiver, finishing the entire season with 30 receptions for 768 yards and 12 touchdowns.

Robaidek also made the second team as a defensive back. He had four interceptions during the regular season.

Along with helping pave the way for Bonduel's running game and giving the team's quarterbacks time to pass on offense, Sell was a force on defense. The junior recorded five sacks and 23 total tackles during the regular season.

Sokolski led the team's rushing attack, racking up 914 yards and 11 touchdowns across the season.

The senior also made the honorable mention team for his play as a linebacker, where he tied for the team lead in total tackles (51), forced a fumble and recovered two fumbles.

"Earning all-conferences on both sides of the ball for my senior year is something I'll never forget," said Sokolski. "It means a lot knowing all the hard work paid off in the end."

Westrich and Kraning joined Sell and the rest of the Bonduel offensive line in helping the team rush for 1,984 yards and 25 touchdowns and throw for another 790 yards and 14 scores on the season.

Like Sell, Kraning also was recognized for his play on the defensive



From left, Bonduel's Max Sokolski, Noah Weier and Max Marohl get ready for an offensive snap during a Packerland Conference game against Northland Pines on Oct. 30 in Bonduel. All three players made an all-conference team this fall.

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line, making the second team. During the regular season, Kraning had 25 total tackles, a sack and a forced fumble.

"It really means a lot to me because I hardly got playing time last season. The awards not only show my improvement to others, but proves to myself that the work I did in the offseason was worth it. Especially to earn the awards after such a successful final season while playing with my best friends, it's a special feeling," said Kraning.

Marohl had 51 total tackles, a sack, a forced fumble and an interception during the seven-game regular season.

Marohl made the second team as a running back and was second on the team in rushing, recording 591 yards

and eight touchdowns across the season. He also caught a touchdown pass.

"It's the feeling of satisfaction," said Marohl. "Knowing all the hard work paid off. All them 5 a.m. mornings in the weight room for two years straight. It's something nobody sees until you're on that field. Seeing it all come together for my senior year was indescribable."

Majewski ended the regular season with 27 total tackles and an interception to earn his spot on the first team.

Freshman quarterback Noah Weier made the second team. He passed for 530 yards and 10 touchdowns and added two rushing scores.

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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Shawano looking to three-peat in Bay

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Shawano Community High School wrestling team made history during the 2018-19 season when it won its first-ever Bay Conference title. The Hawks also won the title last season, and the team believes it has the wrestlers to claim the crown again this winter.

Shawano, which is coached by Mike Homan, graduated a couple of standout wrestlers from last year's team, but still has plenty of experienced and talented wrestlers back on

the mat this season.

A group of seven seniors — Nick Kohn (285), Gage Timm (160), Colten Herm (145), Carter Schmidt (145), Reef Anthony (132), Trace Yeager (195) and Wyatt Brandt (126) — will lead the way.

"To get three straight conference titles, we are going to have to be focused every day at practice, because now we got the target on our back and other teams will be doing everything they can to stop us from doing so," said Timm, who hopes to end his year at state, if there is a state

tournament. "So we just need to keep working and not overlook anyone."

Also back with varsity experience are juniors Andrew Popp (170), Noah Jones (138) and Brady Stomberg (106) and sophomores Connor Majeski (120) and Hayden Stange (132).

Herm, Timm and Popp all finished with perfect dual records in Bay matches last season to make the all-conference first team. Jones and Kohn landed on the second team.

Homan also likes the group of freshmen that will be getting their first taste of high school wrestling and

believes they will help the team as the season progresses.

"The challenges we will face this season are way different than ever before," said Homan. "We will be competing less and wearing more protective gear than ever in an effort to stay healthy. We need to stay sharp and continue working hard as the season progresses towards the end."

Homan knows the conference will test the Hawks each and every night, with each team bringing their own unique challenge.

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OPINION

Electoral College fights for the American voice

Do you know why the founding fathers of this country instituted the Electoral College? The founders did not want a direct popular vote; a concern was that the most populated states would control the vote. Another concern was that individual voters might not have sufficient information to elect a president, so electors are what we are actually voting for on Election Day.

Some suggested that Congress should select the president, but the concern was that might compromise checks and balances. Other ideas discussed were that each state would cast a single vote, but the more populated states opposed that. In 1787, the Connecticut compromise was adopted.

The most populated states like Virginia wanted to count everyone to include slaves, but the less populated states were opposed to that, so part of the Connecticut Compromise was to agree to count slaves as three-fifths of a person. In several states free slaves could vote, and in some states only landowners could vote. Counting a slave had nothing to do with evil; it was simply a compromise to give fewer votes to slave states, which had more people than less-populated free states. The founders were very concerned with preserving states' rights.

The founding fathers were always concerned with larger states or populated areas having greater voice than less populated areas. This is why each state has two senators — giving equal voice to low population Wyoming and high population California. Another concern was that direct popular



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vote might see a president elected that is more devoted to California and New York than Wisconsin, Iowa or Nebraska.

The Electoral College gives you voice. Many in America are leading the charge to eliminate the Electoral College. How the Electoral College is put together and how it works is described in the U.S. Constitution Article II, Section 1 and in the 12th and 25th amendments.

The founding fathers did not want a parliament, and they did not want a democracy. A concern of the founding fathers regarding a popular vote (democracy) was that emotion and passion could rule the day, resulting in mob rule. The founders wanted reason and law to rule the day.

The founders did not want a parliament because the leader and parliament are equal. They wanted the leader to be separate but equal to the elected representatives, providing a check and balance.

The founders wanted a representative republic, and the Electoral College is a critical part of this. In the Electoral College system, the voters vote for electors. The Electoral College assures a reasonable outcome and not oppression by the mob.

How many electors does each state get? Total electors for each state are equal to its two senators and the number of congressional representatives. This system was designed to

force presidents to pay equal attention to the least populated state. The founders also believed in the concept of federalism. They believed that the Electoral College would enforce the sharing of power between states and a national government preserving states' rights.

Today many want to eliminate the Electoral College and your voice. Their argument against the Electoral College is based on emotion which stimulates passion. They say the popular vote is the only fair way. The argument today's liberals make sounds much like the concerns expressed by the Founding Fathers regarding a straight popular vote or a democracy.

Remember what President Barack Obama said, "We want to fundamentally change America." Liberals dislike the U.S. Constitution because it constricts what they want to do. Their justification is that it is outdated and does not represent today's thinking.

Today most states (not all) grant 100% of the electors to the party that wins that state's popular vote. That was not always true. According to an article by Sarah Pruitt, until the mid-1800s, it was common for many state legislatures to simply appoint electors. U.S. Constitution Article II, Section 1 gives the states the power to select the electors to the Electoral College: "Each state shall appoint, in such manner as the legislature thereof may direct, a number of electors, equal to the whole number of senators and representatives to which the state may be entitled in

the Congress etc."

What happens if there is a problem? What if the election is determined to be corrupt either by investigation or declared so by a court? We can look to the Pennsylvania Assembly in 2020. State Sen. Doug Mastriano indicated that Pennsylvania Republicans are considering taking back the power to select electors based on mounting evidence of voting irregularities and fraud. Mastriano stated, "If this is the case, under Article II, Section 1.2 of the U.S. Constitution, the state legislature has the sole authority to direct the manner of selecting delegates to the Electoral College."

The 2020 presidential election is a contested election. If the ongoing lawsuits provide proof and courts decide that specific state elections cannot be certified by popular vote count, Pennsylvania and other state assemblies may take back the power to choose the electors per the U.S. Constitution.

Thomas Jefferson understood that the purpose of law was to protect the individual, as it was the smallest of minorities: "All, too, will bear in mind this sacred principle, that though the will of the majority is in all cases to prevail, that will to be rightful must be reasonable; that the minority possess their equal rights, which equal law must protect, and to violate would be oppression."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tax levy strengthens local protection

To the editor:

The city of Shawano's tax levy of \$14.3 million will not only strengthen the protection within the schools and community, but also be a tremendous developmental change with the heavily awaited plaza project and public works upgrades waiting to take place.

The public safety budget increase as stated in the news article is, "a good tradeoff" due to the city only paying for 30% of the expenses for

the new school resource officer, while the school is covering the other 70%. Agreeing with this proposal, I feel the schools will have better communication and awareness of the problems happening within. Communication with the new officer in place will lead to solutions to keep the schools running more efficiently and, most importantly, safely.

On the topic of community improvements and changes, the plaza project as well as the gradual city improvements will make the city cleaner, run smoother and keep its all-around well-being strong. In the article, Eddie Sheppard states, "as

soon as we hit year 10 or 11, we really start to see the maintenance issues flare up."

Taking the gradual steps in fixing what needs to be accomplished now, rather than dramatically increasing costs at one time, will benefit the people of the Shawano community. The public works staff will be accommodated to the new garbage trucks, as well as a recreation maintenance shop at Memorial Park to operate more effectively in the future.

Some questions that might arise based on the new budget is people asking, why they are paying more

than last year or are these changes necessary? Although this might be the case, the changes being made in the community are well needed to keep the city running smoothly. I know with the people leading, the choices they are making are for the betterment of the people.

There are still things that need to be changes within the community, but this budget sets the people of Shawano in the right path to make this great city prosper. This budget is worthy of our support, time and effort to make the city of Shawano in 2021 the best we can.

Austin Kohl, Oshkosh

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#1649
December 11, 18 & 24, 2020
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 20PR71
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Lloyd E. Fye, Jr.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, the date of birth October 17, 1954 and date of death October 17, 2020, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W5112 Pioneer Court, Shawano, WI 54166.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is March 25, 2021.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202.
Attorney Julie M. Maslowski
P.O. Box 917
Oshkosh, WI 54903
(920) 651-1820
Bar No. 1033984
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#1648
December 11, 2020
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
NOTICE IN REPLEVIN
Case Code 31003
Case No. 20-SC-539
To: JOHN PASCUZZI
You are hereby notified that a summons and complaint has been issued to recover possession of the following described goods and chattels, to wit: 2019 CHEVROLET CORVETTE STINGRAY — VIN: 1G1YA2D7XK5103220 of which I, the plaintiff am entitled to the possession, and which you have unjustly taken and unlawfully detain from me.
NOW THEREFORE, unless you shall appear in the Circuit Court of Shawano County, located in the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street in the City of Shawano, State of Wisconsin, on December 21, 2020 at 1:00 P.M. before the calendar judge or any other judge of said court to whom the said action may be assigned for trial, judgment will be rendered against you for the delivery of said property to the plaintiff and for damages for the detention thereof and for costs.
Dated at Milwaukee, WI this 2nd day of December, 2020.
ALLY BANK
Plaintiff
By: Zachary L. Enstrom, Attorney
State Bar# 1102478
839 N. Jefferson St., #200
Milwaukee, WI 53202
Tele: 414-271-9556
PO No.: 10074.04
WNAXLP

#1650
December 11, 2020
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Case No. 20SC553
Small Claims Publication Summons and Notice
Plaintiff(s):
Capital Credit Union
825 Morris Avenue
Green Bay, WI 54304
-vs-
Defendant(s):
Kathleen Barnes
1320 E. Lieg Avenue, #1
Shawano, WI 54166
Publication Summons and Notice of Filing
TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S):
You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above.
The lawsuit will be heard in the following small claims court: Shawano County Courthouse
Telephone Number of clerk of court: 715-526-9347
Address: 311 North Main Street
Shawano, WI 54166
Date: December 28, 2020 at 1:00 P.M.
If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court **before** the court date. You must send a copy of

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your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county.
/s/ John R. Petitjean
12-2-2020
125 S. Jefferson St., Ste. 101
Green Bay, WI 54301
(920) 432-7716
Bar No. 1010125
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#1651
November 20, 2020
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Case No. 20SC469
Small Claims Publication Summons and Notice
Plaintiff(s):
Wright Weber Management, LLC
W229 N1433 Westwood Drive, Ste 204
Waukesha, WI 54186
-vs-
Defendant(s):
Kimberlee Oshkeshequoam
1350 E. Lieg Ave. #3
Shawano, WI 54166
Publication Summons and Notice of Filing
TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S):
You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above.
The lawsuit will be heard in the following small claims court: Shawano County Courthouse
Telephone Number of clerk of court: 715-526-9347
Courtroom/Room Number: Branch 1
Address: 311 North Main Street
Shawano, WI 54166
Date: December 21, 2020 at 1:00 P.M.
If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court before the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county.
/s/ J. Edison Woods, Jr
December 1, 2020
Aschenbrener, Woods, Lamia, Schmid, Chereskin & Sloma. S.C.
208 W. Green Bay St.
Shawano, WI 54166
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#1652
December 11, 18 & 24, 2020
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
Case No. 20PR73
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Nicholas Robert Frank
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, the date of birth August 23, 1981 and date of death October 15, 2020, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 611 S. Lafayette St., Shawano, WI 54166.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 5, 2021.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202.
Joseph R. Frank
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#1647
December 4, 11 & 18, 2020
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 20PR68
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Jeanette L. Wagner
Deceased
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
1. An application for informal administration was

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filed.
2. The decedent, the date of birth August 17, 1931 and date of death October 26, 2020, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 604 South Webb Street, Wittenberg, WI 54499.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is March 24, 2021.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202.
Mark A. Sauer, Mallery & Zimmerman, S.C.
500 Third Street, Suite 800
Wausau, WI 54403
715-845-8234
Bar No. 1027949
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#1619
December 4, 11, 18, 24, 31, 2020 & January 8, 2021
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Case No. 20-CV-123
Notice of Foreclosure
COVANTAGE CREDIT UNION
Plaintiff
Vs.
ESTATE OF KEITH R. HARRINGTON
C/O SPECIAL ADMININSTRATOR NELSON J. EWINGS
Defendant
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on September 17, 2020 in the amount of \$129,290.62 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:
TIME: January 13, 2021 at 9:00 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: Shawano County Courthouse, main lobby
311 N. Main Street in Shawano, WI 54166 in Shawano County
DESCRIPTION: Lot One (1), Vol. 1 Certified Survey Maps, Page 297, as Doc. No. 345860,
Map No. 278; and part of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4 of NE 1/4), Section Seventeen (17), Township Twenty-seven (27) North, Range Fifteen (15) East, in the Town of Richmond, Shawano County, Wisconsin, described as follows:
Beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot 1, Certified Survey Map No. 278; thence North 00 deg. 15 min. 12 sec. West, 550.11 feet; thence North 89 deg. 20 min. 00 sec. West, 399.80 feet; thence South 00 deg. 15 min. 12 sec. East, 324.64 feet; thence South 88 deg. 13 min. 00 sec. East, 200.00 feet; thence South 00 deg. 15 min. 12 sec. East 217.93 feet; thence South 88 deg. 12 min. 00 sec. East, 200.00 feet to the place of beginning.
AND;
The East 33 feet of the South 550.11 feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4 of NE 1/4), Section Seventeen (17), Township Twenty-seven (27) North, Range Fifteen (15) East, in the Town of Richmond, Shawano County, Wisconsin.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: W8906 Cty A Road, Shawano, WI 54166
DATED: November 3, 2020
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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November 25, December 4 & 11, 2020
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
Case No. 20PR66
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Wayne R. Engel
DOD October 21, 2020
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, the date of birth January 26, 1946 and date of death October 21, 2020, was domiciled in

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Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N6990 Basswood Road, Shawano, WI 54166.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is March 19, 2021.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202.
James E. Aschenbrener
P.O. Box 146,
Shawano, WI 54166
715-524-6258
Bar No. 1008896
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#1633
November 25 & December 4, 11, 2020
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
Case No. 20-PR-60
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Alice A. Sederstrom AKA Alice Ann Sederstrom
DOD September 18, 2020
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, the date of birth August 8, 1936 and date of death September 18, 2020, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W4823 Chrissie Circle, Shawano, WI 54166.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is March 15, 2021.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202.
J. Edison Woods, Jr.
208 W. Green Bay St.
Shawano, WI 54166
715-526-3191
Bar No. 1013125
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#1638
November 25 & December 4, 11, 2020
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
Case No. 20-PR-65
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Irvin Henry Schmidt Sr.
DOD October 19, 2020
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, the date of birth July 4, 1943 and date of death October 19, 2020, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W15050 CTY HWY M, Tigerton, WI 54486.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is March 19, 2021.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202.
Stephanie A Herro
N2220 County Road K
Waupaca, WI 54981
715-572-6245
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#1641
December 11, 18 & 24, 2020
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
SHAWANO COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
Case No. 20-PR-67
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Andrew V. Lagatta
DOD July 26, 2020
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, the date of birth June 10, 1941 and date of death July 26, 2020, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W8503 Cloverleaf Lake Rd, Clintonville, WI 54929.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is March 19, 2021.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202.
Sharon Greene-Gretzinger
503 S. Main St
Shawano, WI 54166
715-526-2401
Bar No. 1000837
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OFFICIAL NOTICE TO BIDDERS
SEALED BIDS FOR FURNISHING:
2021 CITY OF SHAWANO
PRIVATE-SIDE LEAD WATER SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

ESTIMATE OF QUANTITIES

6000 LF of Private Lead Water Service Replacements
200 EACH of Water Service Connections at House
200 EACH Reground Electrical Service at House with New Grounding Rods
200 EACH Preconstruction Scheduling and Coordination w/ Homeowner

Will be received by the City of Shawano at the Department of Public Works office 2905 E. Richmond St., Shawano, Wisconsin, until 10:00 AM Local Time on December 18, 2020, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Complete sets of Bidding Documents may be obtained in PDF electronic format by download from the City of Shawano website. Please contact the City of Shawano DPW at 715-526-3512 for assistance in downloading and working with this digital project information. All bidders shall bid in accordance with and shall bid upon the Proposal Forms provided in the Contract Documents.

All Proposals shall be addressed to the City of Shawano, Department of Public Works, 2905 E. Richmond St., Shawano, Wisconsin 54166, and shall be placed in a sealed opaque envelope with the name and address of the Bidder and the **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT FOR WHICH THE BID IS BEING SUBMITTED** clearly marked on the outside of the envelope.

Owner requires Bidders to be pre-qualified for this project in accordance with the Wisconsin Statutes 66.29(2). Qualifications shall be delivered to the DPW office, not less than 5 days prior to the bid deadline. The Owner's decision as to the qualifications shall be final.

A certified check or Bid Bond payable to the City of Shawano in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid shall accompany each bid as a guarantee, that if the bid is accepted, the Bidder will execute and file the Contract, Performance and Payment Bond, and the Insurance Certificate(s) within ten (10) days after the receipt of the Notice of Award by the City. If the Bidder fails to file such a Contract and Bond within the time set forth above, the Certified Check or Bid Bond shall be forfeited to the City as liquidated damages.

This project is being financed in whole or in part by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources through the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP), which involves Private Lead Water Service Line Replacements. Neither the State of Wisconsin nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees is or will be party to this invitation for bids or any resulting contract.

FEDERAL DAVIS-BACON ACT/FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT REQUIREMENT

Federal Davis-Bacon Act wages are applicable to this project per Federal Labor Provisions. Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to the condition of employment to be observed and minimum wage and fringe rates to be paid under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246. The successful bidder will be required to conform to the wage requirements prescribed by the Federal Davis-Bacon and Related Acts which requires that all operators, laborers and mechanics employed by the contractors and subcontractors performing on contracts funded in whole or in part with the federal funds in excess of \$2,000 pay their operators, laborers and mechanics not less than the prevailing wage rates and fringe benefits, as determined by the U.S. Secretary of Labor for corresponding classes of operators, laborers and mechanics employed on similar projects in the area.

AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL REQUIREMENT

The Contractor acknowledges to and for the benefit of the City of Shawano ("Purchaser") and the State of Wisconsin (the "State") that it understands the goods and services under this Agreement are being funded with monies made available by the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and/or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund that have statutory requirements commonly known as "American Iron and Steel," that requires all of the iron and steel products used in the project to be produced in the United States ("American Iron and Steel Requirement") including iron and steel products provided by the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement. The City of Shawano Common Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informatics in bidding, or to accept the bid or bids which best serves the interest of the City.

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (DBE) REQUIREMENT

The City of Shawano encourages DBEs, including Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) and Women Business Enterprises (WBEs) to submit a bid proposal as a prime contractor, if pre-qualified as stated previously.

This requirement is subject to the City of Shawano's (grantor's) policy regarding the increased use of minority and women's businesses. The grantor's policy requires all bidders to undertake specified affirmative efforts. At least 15 days prior to bid opening, the bidder needs to contact five MBEs and five WBEs to solicit bids. To comply with the requirements, the grantee requires documentation of all contacts on the contact forms included within the bid documents. The contact forms need to be submitted with the bid.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after the scheduled opening of bids without the consent of the City.

Published by the authority of the City of Shawano, Wisconsin.

BY: Rhonda Stroebel, Mayor
Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk
Scott Kroening, Director of Public Works

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Epidural injections could have serious side effects

Back pain and neck pain are among the most common physical conditions requiring professional health care and affecting an individual's ability to work and manage the daily activities of life. Annually, more than 60 million patients visit a physician with a complaint of back or neck pain.

Because of the enormity of these problems, there are numerous methods that attempt to reduce the symptoms of these patients. One method that has become popular is epidural steroid injections. About 9 million Americans receive these procedures yearly.

This procedure involves injecting a medication into the epidural space, where irritated nerve roots are located. This injection includes both a steroid and a local anesthetic. Theoretically, the steroid reduces the inflammation and irritation, and the anesthetic works to interrupt the pain-spasm cycle.

However, the research from numerous studies published in major medical journals such as "The Annals of Internal Medicine" conclude that there is no good evidence to support the use of injections for the treatment of low back pain and sciatica. In fact, epidural corticosteroid injections are not better than injections with placebo solutions long-term.

According to a new Cochrane research review, some studies have shown a small short-term pain reduction, but this effect faded with time. Injections for neck pain are likewise not supported by current evidence,



BRIAN GRIEVES

nor are they FDA approved.

Injections for severe neck pain with arm pain can yield short-term symptomatic improvement, but no long-term effects.

Numerous potential adverse reactions have been associated with epidural steroid injections.

Although the vast majority are minor and transient in nature, serious complications — including early osteoporosis, nerve damage, permanent pain, paralysis, strokes and death — may also result. The 2012 outbreak of fungal meningitis that killed 36 people and sickened 510 highlighted the additional risk of infection from spinal injections.

Mayo Clinic warns patients that repeated steroid injections can weaken spinal bones and nearby muscles and upset natural hormone balance, leading to potentially serious medical conditions.

As might be expected, risks of side effects or serious adverse events increase with a greater frequency of steroid injections.

Overall, epidural steroid injections are not better than placebo long-term, and they carry a strong risk of serious side effects. Is the possibility of short-term pain relief worth the risk?

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.

Red Cross urges blood donations

The American Red Cross is urging those who are feeling well to give the gift of life by donating blood or platelets this holiday season.

Appointments to give blood, platelets or plasma can be made by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

Those who come to donate blood, platelets or plasma with the Red Cross from Dec. 18 through Jan. 4 will receive a long-sleeved Red

Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities include the following:

- Bonduel: Dec. 14, 12:15-5:15 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church, 240 E. Green Bay St.
- Bowler: Dec. 30, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Bowler High School, 500 S. Almon St.
- Pulaski: Dec. 23, 8:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., New Life Community Church, New Life Community Church, 6258 Crest Drive.
- Shawano: Dec. 18, 1-6 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 910 E. Zingler Ave.

HONOR ROLLS

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL

First quarter HIGH HONOR ROLL

Sixth grade: Alivia Acker, Grady Bartz, Taylor Beversdorf, Parker Hendricks, Sofia Koenig, Fernanda Moz Cruz, Gabriella Passehl, Gage Westphal, Cambren Zeuske

Seventh grade: Kylie Bort, Natalie Bystol, Joe Kleinschmidt, James Lange, Josh Lange, Brody Madison, Jenna Moede, Macey Nelson, Aaron Olson

Eighth grade: Adalyn Barkley, Gracie Buss, Amelia Klement, Shayla Kronke, Eli Passehl, Izzy Perez, Trevor Schwartz

HONOR ROLL

Sixth grade: Mallory Braun
Seventh grade: Charlie Gajewski, Lauren Harkey, Bella Hintz, Pierceon Krueger, Anabelle Schroeder, Brandon Wright
Eighth grade: Elijah Kaiser, Della Vue

TIGERTON HIGH SCHOOL

First quarter

HIGHEST HONOR ROLL

Seniors: Adrienne Brady
Sophomores: Abby Swartz

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Seniors: Ann Eckardt
Juniors: Bethany Jobe, Mary Kreklow, Elizabeth Robbins
Sophomores: Skyler Hauser, Mckenzie Miller

Freshmen: Elizabeth Steuck, Edythe Swanke
Eighth grade: Kyle Brady, James Schulz
Seventh grade: Miley Moreno
Sixth grade: Danika Tiller

HONOR ROLL

Seniors: Savannah Swartz
Juniors: Autumn Fredenberg, Leandra Kalwitz

Sophomores: Michaela Gleason
Freshmen: Maycee Carlson, Isabella Dahlstrom, Carley Owen
Seventh grade: Logan Drews
Sixth grade: Hailey Erdmann

B HONOR ROLL

Seniors: Ladia Block, George Brunk IV, Makenzie Menge, Isaac Schoen, Mitchell

Zimdars
Juniors: Dawson Block, Ezekiel Griepentrog, Jaycee Hoppe-Schmidt, Hunter Jensen
Sophomores: Draven Harruff, Omarion Ramsey, Colby Wanta
Freshmen: Mckenzie Hoffman
Eighth grade: Sienna Breaker, Jessica Burayi, Keela Deering, Gavin Laatsch, Maverick Maas, Rae Ann Strehlow, Angel Welch, Isabell Zychowicz
Seventh grade: Samuel Anheuser, Lily Bloecher, Caleb Dahlstrom, Gavin Kielblock, Grace Laatsch, Margaret Schulz, Aaiden Volk
Sixth grade: Christian Laatsch, Emily Rich, Presley Stewart-Rolfs

Condensed Minutes

Shawano County Board of Supervisors Meeting

Wednesday, November 18, 2020 @ 3:00 PM

Shawano County Courthouse, County Board Room

Members Present: John Ainsworth, Mark Bolin, Ken Capelle, Kevin Conradt, Jerry Erdmann, Richard Ferdecki, Rick Giese, Steve Gueths, Gene Hoppe, Thomas Kautza, Marvin Klosterman, Dennis Knaak, Kimberly Lefell, Kathy Luebke, Milton Marquardt, Jr. Joe Miller, Deb Nofke, Theresa Semano, Sandy Steinke, Terry Tipton, Arlyn Tober, Mike Winer, and Randy Young
Members Absent: Aaron Damrau, Devin Krizan, Dick Olson, and William Switalla

1. Call meeting to order.

Chairman Kautza called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with 23 members present and 4 absent (Damrau, Krizan, Olson (excused) and Switalla). Supervisor Steinke appeared virtually.

2. Silent meditation and Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of minutes from October 28, 2020 meeting.

Misc to approve the October 28, 2020 County Board minutes.

4. Public comment. - None

5. Motion to deviate from the order of the agenda, if necessary.

Misc to deviate if necessary.

6. Chairman's report.

Chairman Kautza updated the Board on the replacement process for the Administrative Coordinator and noted that the Executive Committee would be meeting on December 3rd to interview applicants. Kautza indicated that Jessica Van Buren is currently the interim Zoning Administrator and that the Board of Health interviewed candidates for the vacant Health Director position. Kautza also announced that the Technology Services Director, Steve Hansen, is retiring as of December 4, 2020 and the Executive Committee will be meeting on December 9th to go over the job description for that position.

7. Reading of petitions, memorials, communications and claims against the Board.

None.

8. Resolution No. 46-20 thanking Dr. Kevin Culhane for his almost 10 years of service to the residents of Shawano County.

Misc adopt Resolution No. 46-20. Dr. Culhane was unable to attend the meeting today. A certificate of appreciation will be mailed to Dr. Culhane. Supervisor Young spoke on behalf of the Board of Health and thanked Dr. Culhane for his years' of service.

9. Resolution No. 47-20 to adopt a revision to the Invasive Species Strategic Management Plan for Shawano County.

Misc to adopt Resolution No. 47-20. Land Conservationist, Scott Frank, came forward. Frank indicated that since 2018, his department has partnered with Menominee County and the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance (FWWA) to rebuild the aquatic invasive species program outreach through grant funding provided by the WI DNR. One of the grant deliverables is for FWWA to work with Shawano County to update the Shawano County Invasive Species Strategic Management Plan. No discussion.

10. Resolution No. 48-20 to approve combining the Inmate Welfare Fund and the Inmate Programming Fund accounts.

Misc to adopt Resolution No. 48-20.

11. Resolution No. 49-20 to authorize Shawano County to make application to the State of Wisconsin Department of Justice for law enforcement assistance to the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Misc to adopt Resolution No. 49-20. No discussion.

12. Resolution No. 50-20 to authorize the application to the State Department of Justice for law enforcement aids for the Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation.

Misc to adopt Resolution No. 50-20. Chairman Kautza briefed the Board on the agreement.

13. Resolution No. 51-20 to approve a 3-year labor agreement between Shawano County and the Shawano County Deputy Sheriff's Association.

Misc to adopt Resolution No. 51-20. Question was raised as to how the wages in the Sheriff's Department compare to other counties' Sheriff's Departments. Staff from the Sheriff's Department came forward along with Rachel Tuma, Human Resources Manager to take questions. Tuma indicated that with having a union that guarantees those employees a cost of living allowance so they keep in line with other counties.

14. Annual reports.

The annual reports for the Human Services Department, Planning & Development Department and the Register in Probate Office were sent to Board members for review. The reports are on file in the County Clerk's office and are available for review upon request.

15. Report by Finance Committee on General Accounts and claims.

Misc to approve the General Accounts in the amount of \$741,187.95.

16. Acceptance of committee minutes.

Misc to accept the committee minutes and place on file.

17. Board member comments or new business to be considered at a future meeting.

No comments.

18. Claim report of County Board Supervisors mileage/per diem for today's County Board meeting.

Misc to approve the County Board per diem and mileage for today's meeting in the amount of \$2,089.56.

19. Next meeting - December 16, 2020 @ 3:00 p.m.

20. Adjournment.

Misc to adjourn at 3:30 p.m.
Recorded by: Pamela Schmidt, County Clerk

HONOR ROLLS

BONDUEL HIGH SCHOOL

First quarter HIGH HONORS

Seniors: Cole Anderson, Jared Anker, Isaac Banker, Drew Cairns, Gracelyn Giese, Brooke Kelly, Madison Kurey, Maxwell Marohl, Jordan Moede, Alexandar Owen, Aubrey Rausch, Joseph Renner, Breanna Schnell, Kalleigh Schroeder, Sam Strzelecki, Erin Timler, Jayson Toellner, Kara Troxel, Josephine Wudtke, Logan Zinkel

Juniors: Alonzo Boudreaux, Kaitlin Brooks, Bennett Engel, Jessica Ewing, Brenna Hertzfeldt, Aaliyah Jensen, Nicole Koeller, Julia Lorbiecki, Ava Pleshek, Kylie Quandt, Allaina Robaidek, William Schauder, Brady Schmidt, Anika Schneider, Alex Stoltenow, Reece Stoltenow, Hayley Wolf, Meghan Wondra, Graciali Zuleger

Sophomores: Sarah Garside, Nakiyah Henning, Dameon Huben, Joseph Krings, Macy Niles, Kerry O'Harrow, Sara Rohm, Thea Tauchen, Kendra Troxel, Madison Vandenbush, Jerald Wetzell

Freshmen: Carli Anderson, Melissa Daskam, Colette DeVeau, Kylie Hoefts, Emma Inman, Ashlyn Kurey, Tyanna Liesner, Benjamin O'Brien, Alicia Oviedo, Lila Pleshek, Phoenix Seubert, Daniel Strzelecki, Hailey Zernicke

HONOR ROLL

Seniors: Makayla Bonnetti, Garrett Engel, Bradey Giese, Alex Jasch, Jack Johnson, Trevor Kraning, Sydney Luepke, Brett Margelofsky, Carson Robaidek, Leah Schroeder, Marquette Seubert, Blake Sortino, Marcus Westrich.

Juniors: Mason Bohm, Alyssa Diemel, Kayla Fischer, Claire Gehm, Caleb

Guenterberg, Jacob Moser, Luke Schmidt, Cooper Uelmen, Jackson Ullmer, Gracie Waukechon

Sophomores: Karmen Bellomy, Willis Bloedorn, Tyson Bogacz, Isabella Delzer, Judah Griesbach, Josie Hoffman, Emily Hudson, Caleb Hyzer, Kayla Klosterman, Brock Martin, Alison Moede, Parker Perry, Dorca Santana Lagunes, Karter Schroeder, Lanie Smith, Hayden Stocks, Abigail Stoltenow, Donovan Vigue, Joshua Zak, Karlee Ziemer

Freshmen: Keaton Bahr, Gabriella Basten, Anna Beaumier, Joselyn Bohm, Dylan Brooks, Nataly Dominguez, Heidi Dreyer, Landon Duffeck, Macelyn Engel, London Faulkender, Makayla Gray, Broden Hartmann, Ella Hischke, Colin Margelofsky, Haley Ruehle, Rose Sievert, Own Springborn, Karson Stoss, Charles Tauchen, Hailee Thompson, Noah Weier, Samuel Wolf

HONORABLE MENTION

Seniors: Kaden Bergsbaken, Kylene Berkhahn, Jakob Froemming, Eli Inman, Emma Schneider, Max Sokolski, Halea Sporisky, Ian Tubutis

Juniors: Adam Beilfuss, Kylie Hoffman, Gideon Hyzer, Nicholas Jensen, Priscila Lagunes de la Cruz, Victoria Pahlke, Ayden Wege

Sophomores: Abigail Ard, Conner Balcomb, Hunter Balcomb, Ayden Dunst, Trevor Pingel, Bryce Schmetzman, Gaven Vance

Freshmen: Olivia Giese, Cody Koeller, Austin Prochaska, Easton Reinke, Emma Riehl, Eduin Romero Lagos, Kailea Vander-Linden, Kendall Wilcox, Zackary Zuleger

For Rent: Agriculture Fields

The Stockbridge-Munsee Community is seeking bids to rent out several farm fields located (primarily) in the Township of Red Springs, with a few smaller tracks in Bartelme and Herman, Shawano County. These fields range in size from 2.5 acres to 70 acres each and total approximately 502 acres. The fields will be leased to the highest bidder starting in the spring of 2021 and ending December 31, 2023. Please contact Kellie Zahn, Agriculture Agent, and 715-793-3031 for a bid packet. Bids are due to the Tribal Office by 4:30pm on Friday, January 15, 2021.

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For Sale Hangar Building – Shawano City/County Airport

For sale is a 74x42 foot masonry construction airplane hangar (#20) on the Shawano City/County Airport (building only). The hangar has a 50x16 foot bi-fold door, multiple service entry doors, and a 12x12 foot conventional garage door. This hangar needs refurbishing and any offer to buy will be subject to an approved renovation plan. This building is located on Airport property and will be subject to a land lease upon purchase. Offers to buy should be submitted by December 15, 2020. For pictures, see the Airport website at ShawanoAirport.com, and contact Doug Engel, Secretary of the Airport Commission, 312-925-2337, or by email at engelda@msn.com.

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Advertisement for Proposals

Sealed proposals will be received by the Shawano County Highway Commission at 3035 E Richmond St, Shawano, WI 54166 up to 8:00 AM on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 for the following equipment:

ONE (1) LOADER

Proposals shall be submitted on forms provided by the Shawano County Highway Commission. Copies of the form, along with specifications, may be obtained at the Shawano County Highway Office at 3035 East Richmond Street, Shawano, WI 54166. Any proposal submitted after the date and time specified will be rejected.

SHAWANO COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION
Grant Bystol, Highway Commissioner

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