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Gift baskets and more were attracting attention from visitors to the fire station during the Wittenberg Fire Department's open house Oct. 2. All of the proceeds go to purchasing equipment for the fire department to use, according to assistant fire chief Mark Karp, which helps defray the cost to taxpayers. A live band was part of the fun for the first time, and the pig for the pork roast was donated by Pond Hill Processing. Karp said the fundraiser brings in an average of \$7,000 each year, but he expected it to be higher this year based on the large crowd that had already gathered in the first hour of the event. **FOR MORE PHOTOS, SEE PAGE 5.**

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Crossroads reopens with madcap mystery

Crossroads Community Theatre is up and running and ready to perform the madcap murder mystery "Eat, Drink and be Murdered: An Irish Family Feud" starting Oct. 8.

Doors open at 7 p.m. each night, and performances will take place Fridays and Saturdays through Oct. 16. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at Hanke's Sentry Foods. All performances take place at WOW-SPACE, 208 W. Vinal St., Wittenberg. Masks are encouraged, but not required, and will be available at the door.

The setting is Rose McFadden's

80th birthday party, and everyone there wants her secret to the family whiskey recipe, especially her despicable son, Connor.

Whether audience members will be an O'Reilly or a McFadden will be determined by which side of the theater they sit in. The opportunity to cheer for family members and then vote on who is the murderer is part of the interactive fun of this show.

Since Crossroads, the performing arts arm of Walls of Wittenberg, has formed, it has been performing full plays in the fall, which can have licensing rights in the \$400-600 range

for four performances.

Audience members are encouraged to come early to pick out their seat on the O'Reilly or McFadden side and enjoy the cash bar. At the end of the show, as the votes are being tallied to determine the murderer, there will be free cupcakes to celebrate dear Aunt Rose's birthday. Prizes are given away to those who guess the correct murderer.

Profits made by CCT go to fund future productions and also fund the Summer Music Concerts in the Park series.

For information, call 715-253-3525.

Village board sets trick or treat hours

By **LUKE REIMER**

Reporter

Trick or treating hours will remain the same in the village of Wittenberg for the 2021 holiday.

The Wittenberg Village Board discussed the trick-or-treating hours at their Oct. 4 village board meeting.

"A couple years back, you guys approved that trick or treat hours would be on Halloween from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.," said Wittenberg Village Clerk Traci Matsche. Oct. 31 falls on a Sunday this year.

The board had originally set a time of 4-7 p.m. It was changed due to it getting dark outside around 6

p.m.

Trustee David Timm said the board also cut back because of limited sidewalks and kids walking on the street.

"There are chances of a kid getting hit when it is dark like that and not being able to walk on the sidewalk, that's why we cut it back from 7 p.m.," Timm said.

Timm added that in the time frame from 6-7 p.m., there is usually a decline in trick-or-treating participants.

"It seemed like in that third hour, you didn't get anyone anyways," said Timm.

With the earlier ending time,

board members want to stay consistent if Halloween landed on a weekday or a weekend.

"If we change it for the weekend, we are going to have to change it whenever Halloween lands on the weekend," said board trustee Barb Buchholz. "The reason that we did it from 4 to 6 is so we can have it constant."

Board president Bill Switalla said through his experience, a two-hour time frame works.

"I think that 4 to 6 is good," said Switalla. "My kids were always done in an hour."

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NWTC offers professional communication certificate

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College is offering a professional communication certificate, which consists of three courses that will be taught over a span of 16 weeks.

This in-person certificate is offered at the NWTC Regional Center in Crivitz and will also be available at other regional locations throughout the district. Certificate completers will develop their writing and research skills for professional,

technical and business environments. They will create well-designed documents with well-researched, properly documented and effectively designed content in alignment with their audience and organizational needs.

In just 16 weeks, completers may obtain employment as an information developer or a technical communicator. The first class, English composition, will be held from 5:30-8:20 p.m. from Oct. 25 to Dec. 13, meeting on

Mondays. The remaining classes will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from January through mid-March.

Many job opportunities are offered for remote employees, as well as for those seeking in-person environments.

For information or to register, contact NWTC at 715-854-3338 or visit www.nwtc.edu/Local.

CORRECTIONS

The wrong "At A Glance" breakout was listed with the Athlete Profile story on Olyvia Stark in the Sept. 24 edition of the Wittenberg Enterprise & Birnamwood News. Stark is a member of the girls swim team at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School and is in her senior season.

Witt-Birn takes home first at CWIMA competition

John Hoffman, Keagan Nousen represent school at NTC in Wausau

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Two Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School juniors took home first place at the Central Wisconsin Manufacturing Alliance welding competition.

Keagan Nousen and John Hoffman participated in the event in May at Northcentral Technical College in Wausau, representing the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District.

This was the first competition in which the students participated.

According to Hoffman, the competition was a measure of a contestant's ability to work with a flat plate.

"Basically, it was just a flat plate test," said Hoffman. "There (were) two plates with a bevel on them, and we had to weld them together. We had to put wire and a pattern in and cut it into strips and see how it comes out for strength."

Nousen said that contest officials had two plates set up side by side with a plate on the bottom.

"You had a half-inch spacing between the two plates," said Nousen. "You had to lay beads in there, so that when it gets cut and bent, it doesn't break."

He then walked through the process of what he and Hoffman did to win the competition.

"The first thing was to get one deep, really good pass down the center so that bottom face looks really nice," said Nousen. "We did two beads side by side on the next level. At the end, you want one big bead going across the top."

Nousen added that they were judged on the presentation of the weld, as well as what was found after doing an ultrasound on the weld.

"You want to make sure that your welds are in there to look good and that they are strong enough," said Nousen.

Hoffman and Nousen both said that they enjoy welding, due to living on farms and working with their hands.

"We use welding almost every



Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School juniors John Hoffman, left, and Keagan Nousen demonstrated what they had to do during the CWIMA welding competition to pieces on which they practiced their techniques at school.

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day," said Nousen. "It is just part of our lives."

Rather than a job, Hoffman and Nousen are happy that this is a hobby for them.

"It is nice to know that if we need the skill, we can use it in the future," said Hoffman.

When the two students arrived at the competition, they noticed that it was going to be different than what they had planned for.

"When we walked into their metal shop, we were preparing for them to give us a little bit of assistance," said Nousen. "When we got there, they did not give us any. The judge told us that we were on our own and to do it however we

wanted to do it."

Due to the fact that Hoffman and Nousen didn't have that added instruction, they were forced to rely on communication between each other, rather than what they practiced for.

"We were able to do some test trials to set up our plates and welds how we wanted to," said Nousen. "These are welders that we have never touched before."

According to the students, working together without guidance helped to strengthen their relationship.

"We really had to work together, because neither one of us really knew what we had to do," said Nousen.

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"We were bouncing ideas off of each other, and if one person had something that was working, then we figured out how we could both get that," added Hoffman.

Both Hoffman and Nousen said that they enjoyed taking part in the competition and will be practicing in case they get the invite again next year.

"There are some things that we can work on," said Hoffman. "We have to get better welding settings next year."

"I think that we both could have done a lot better than we did," said Nousen. "I know next year, we can definitely do better."

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Sunday, September 26	1:25 pm	@ San Francisco 49ers	ABC
OCTOBER			
Sunday, October 10	1:25 pm	Pittsburgh Steelers (AFC)	FOX
Sunday, October 17	NOON	@ Cleveland Browns	FOX
Sunday, October 24	NOON	@ Chicago Bears	FOX
Sunday, October 31	NOON	WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM	FOX
Monday, November 1	1:25 pm	@ Arizona Cardinals	FOX
NOVEMBER			
Sunday, November 7	1:25 pm	@ Kansas City Chiefs	FOX
Sunday, November 14	1:25 pm	INDIANAPOLIS COLTS	FOX
Sunday, November 21	NOON	@ Minnesota Vikings	FOX
Sunday, November 28	1:25 pm	ATLANTA FAHAWKS	FOX
DECEMBER			
PTV WEEK			
Sunday, December 12	7:20 pm	INDIANAPOLIS COLTS	ABC
Sunday, December 19	NOON	@ Baltimore Ravens	FOX
Saturday, December 25	1:00 pm	CLEVELAND BROWNS	FOX
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Sunday, January 17	NOON	@ Detroit Lions	FOX

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Bowler special education teacher wins award



Nels Steffen, a teacher at Bowler Elementary School the past seven years, will be honored by a state council Oct. 29 for excellence in serving and supporting special education students and programs.

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A special education teacher from the Bowler School District will be honored by a state special services council.

Nels Steffen, who teaches special education for grades kindergarten through fourth grade at Bowler Elementary School, was one of a handful of special services teachers in the region scheduled to receive a prestigious award in late October.

Steffen will receive the honor from the Wisconsin Council of Administrators of Special Services at a special ceremony on Oct. 29 at the CESA 8 office in Gillett. The award recognizes excellence in serving and supporting special education students and programs.

"Mr. Steffen is a very dynamic and

excellent teacher at our school," said Wade Turner, Bowler Elementary principal. "He develops a great rapport with his students and really has a knack to tap into their potential. Bowler is lucky to have a teacher as passionate as Mr. Steffen working with our students. He is a very worthy recipient of this award."

Steffen was grateful for the award but was quick to point out the team effort from his colleagues.

"I am humbled and honored to receive this award," said Steffen, who has been at Bowler for the past seven years. "I couldn't have done it without the caring and supportive staff at Bowler. I consider this a team award for the great staff and students here at Bowler."

Fire department open house fills station



Erica Beilke, of Wittenberg, gets a hand from her son, Brantley Beilke, 5, with gathering up a string of raffle tickets to be used to vie for gift baskets like the one next to Erica Beilke.

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Quarry Road performs for the crowd Oct. 2 during the Wittenberg Fire Department open house. According to assistant fire chief Mark Karp, this was the first year the fire department fundraiser included a live band.

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Among the donations to be raffled off Oct. 2 at the Wittenberg Fire Department was this wooden sculpture meshing the American flag with a fire department emblem. The sculpture was part of the card raffle, where \$10 produced a chance to win it.

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Firefighter Mike Welchko pours ketchup on some shredded pork for a visitor to the fire station Oct. 2 as part of the Wittenberg Fire Department's open house.

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Public gives input on redistricting

Committee makes one change on proposal involving Town of Angelica

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The Shawano County Redistricting Committee has made a change on its proposed redistricting map and rejected two other recommendations.

The change will affect the Town of Angelica.

The law states that counties need to update their district maps every 10 years. In the updates, the district's populations need to be similar within 10%.

Angelica supervisors James and Connie Przybylski proposed a change to the redistricting proposal surrounding the Town of Angelica at the Shawano County redistricting public hearing on Sept. 30.

"We would like some consideration on the maps that we sorted through," said James Przybylski. "The total population works out pretty fine. We have quite a few wards and we would like to keep it at a minimum of at least three."

Connie Przybylski said that the Town of Angelica has talked to

Shawano County GIS coordinator David Poffinbarger about the proposed redistricting map.

"Right now, we have four ballots that we deal with," said Connie Przybylski. "If we condensed to this, we would only have three ballots."

James Przybylski added that a lot of questions come up around election time, with residents asking, "Why should I vote for this person if they are not in my district?"

"When we explained it, there was always a little bit of confusion," he said.

Poffinbarger said that in the Przybylskis' proposal, the population is almost identical, with a -1.55 deviation to a -1.56 deviation. A deviation is how far away a district is compared to the ideal population. The ideal population is taking the total number of people in the county and dividing it by the amount of districts. The proposal must have every district within 5% of the ideal population.

"Statistically, this proposal makes no difference," said Poffinbarger.

Belle Plaine Chair Alvin Bartz spoke on his disappointment in seeing the proposed map.

"For county board elections, we will need to have three ballots," said Bartz. "For the likelihood of us having a person on the county board, with district 16 having 65% of population that is our best chance. In district 17 we have about

30%, so it's very likely we won't have a candidate from there."

He said that as a representative of Belle Plaine, the town wants someone on the county board who will vote in the interest of the town.

Shawano County Supervisor Marvin Klosterman said that he was not very happy with how Bonduel is proposed to being split.

"I think that you took some part of Hartland away just to split of Bonduel to make nice straight lines," said Klosterman.

After the public hearing, the committee reviewed comments made by the public in the public hearing meeting.

Poffinbarger said that he had previously talked with Bartz, who had said that if Belle Plaine has to be split into three districts, then he would prefer going with the committee's proposal.

"You shouldn't look at existing supervisors, but when the seat opened up for Belle Plaine, I had a hard time finding a supervisors from Belle Plaine willing to take the job," County Board Chairman Tom Kautza said.

Poffinbarger said that when he was making the maps, he wanted to kept the Cloverleaf Lake communities in Belle Plaine together.

The committee then turned to the proposed change in Angelica.

"It is almost equal in every statistical category," said Poffinbarger. "There are no sanitary districts to

think of and there are no lakes for common areas."

Poffinbarger said that when he originally made the map, he was trying to try to come as straight across as possible.

He added that James Przybylski noted in a previous meeting that he wanted to preserve the Town of Angelica.

When discussing Klosterman's question of why Bonduel had to be split, Poffinbarger said that, through the previous two censuses, the population has worked out where Bonduel can be its own district.

"However, with the new numbers, if we tried to do that, it would put the deviation at -6.34% — well outside the plus or minus 5%," said Poffinbarger. "Bonduel needs to split up one way or another."

He added that to split it in half would preserve the wards rather than the supervisory districts.

Poffinbarger noted that Klosterman did not propose a change, but rather stated his displeasure.

Due to the limited change in statistics and deviation, the committee passed the change to Angelica. The committee also voted to keep Belle Plaine and Bonduel the same as they have in the proposal.

The committee will make a recommendation to the county board in November with its redistricting proposal.

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OBITUARIES

Iris Duffy

Iris Duffy, 101, Green Bay, formerly of Abrams, died Thursday morning, Sept. 30, 2021, at Marla Vista in Green Bay. She was born Aug. 3, 1920, in Manitowoc to Robert E. and Inez (Robertson) Nicholson. Iris grew up in Manitowoc where she graduated from Lincoln High School. As a young lady, she worked at Aluminum Specialty in Manitowoc.

On Aug. 9, 1941, she married Edward "Ted" Duffy in Manitowoc. The couple owned and operated a family



farm in the Town of Morgan for 46 years where they raised their five sons. Iris was also employed at Elliot Glove in Oconto for 20 years. In 1983, the couple moved to

Abrams where Iris worked at Pine Acres Golf Course for many years. Iris loved crocheting, reading, playing cards and golf.

Survivors are five sons and four daughters-in-law, Eugene and Barb Duffy, Green Bay; James and Karen Duffy, Brooksville, Florida; Dennis and Marilyn Duffy, Alamo, Texas; Frank and Theresa Duffy, Manitowoc; Robert Duffy, Abrams; seven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Ted, in 1999, four brothers and three sisters-in-law, two sisters and brothers-in-law, one

grandson along with other family members.

Mass of Christian Burial will take place 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021, at the church with the Rev. Francis Nusi officiating. Burial followed in St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery, Oconto Falls.

Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls is serving the Duffy family.

In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, memorials may be made to the organization of the donor's choice.

Duwayne C. Radies

Duwayne Carl Radies, 80, of the Town of Grant, passed away Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021, at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center in Neenah.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory in Marion is assisting his family.

Janet J. Krueger

Janet J. Krueger, 78, of the Town of Larrabee, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2021, at Greentree Health and Rehabilitation Center in Clintonville.

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

Newcap closes deal on Lakeland Center

Agency tells city about plans for shelter, health clinic, job programs

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Newcap Inc. has purchased the Lakeland Center, taking it off the Shawano County government's hands.

Once the headquarters for the county's community service programs, which are now housed at the new human services complex in the Town of Wescott, Newcap plans to provide short-term housing, mental health counseling, a health clinic and more from the facility, located at 504 Lakeland Road. The deal closed Sept. 30, according to James Davel, the county's administrative coordinator.

Cheryl Dietrich, chief executive officer for Newcap, laid out the plans for the facility on Sept. 29 during a public hearing for the Shawano Plan Commission, which gave its recommendation for a conditional use permit. That permit must still gain final approval from the Shawano Common Council when it meets Oct. 13.

"Community action embodies the spirit of hope, improves the community and makes America a better place to live," Dietrich said. "We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other."

She added that has been the promise that Newcap has upheld since its founding 55 years ago. The goal is to help people move out of poverty into a position of economic security.

The short-term housing will be a year-round program, Dietrich said, and there are a number of people who need help any given day of the week. She said the facility will be able to help six families at a time, up to 24 people total in the building.

"What we know is that, for people who are homeless and have children, is that we must get them housed first," Dietrich said. "If we weren't housing first, we can't move people out of poverty if they're living on the street. All they're thinking about is, 'Where am I and my children going to sleep tonight?'"

Once the external needs are taken care of, Newcap then shifts its at-



Cheryl Dietrich, Newcap chief executive officer, testifies before the Shawano Plan Commission on Sept. 29 during a public hearing for a conditional use permit. Dietrich said her agency plans to use the former Lakeland Center for a short-term shelter, health clinic and other needs within Shawano County.

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tention to other needs. Many of the people the agency helps have mental health issues — the most common of them being anxiety, depression and trauma, according to Dietrich.

"We have a mental health counselor who can work with them, and we can provide psychiatric medication, if necessary," she said. "Then we work with them on alcohol and drug addictions, if that is an issue with that family, to help get their internal environment taken care of."

Newcap works with families to gain permanent housing, and then helps in other areas — such as finding employment, helping with

transportation and job skills training, Dietrich said.

"We have a business development program where we work with people who are low- or moderate-income and help them to start a business," she said. "I ran a chamber of commerce for 15 years, and what I know is, if you want to change the trajectory of a family, you need two things: help to buy a house and help to start a business."

Dietrich said that Newcap has a financial coach to help people learn to budget, to maintain their credit and to fix their credit if their rating is in bad shape.

The community health clinic Newcap plans to operate will help folks with everything from reproductive health services to basic care. Dietrich said many of the clients helped are either uninsured or underinsured, which she defined as people who have a high deductible, usually in the \$15,000 range.

"If they get sick, and they're looking at about a \$1,000 bill by the time you go to a doctor and get lab work done and get your medications, that is out of reach for most families," Dietrich said. "We also provide chronic care management, and we are open from Monday through Thursday during daytime hours."

Dietrich estimated that the Shawano facility would have 15 employees to start, but noted Newcap can adapt to grow its program.

There was concern that Newcap would be duplicating services already provided in the community by Shawano Area Matthew 25, which operates a homeless shelter from November through April. However Muffy Culhane, one of SAM25's founders, told the commission that would not be the case at all. She noted that SAM25's shelter is an emergency shelter and is not open year-round.

"We want to make sure that everybody in our community has a meal and a safe place to sleep every night," Culhane said, noting that SAM25 has been partnering with Newcap since opening its shelter. "We want to make sure people in our area have medical care that they can afford."

The program is also not expected to conflict with Safe Haven, which provides emergency housing for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and has a facility on the same road as the new Newcap facility.

Shawano County Supervisor Gene Hoppe expressed his support for Newcap, also serving on the agency's board of directors. He served as the bridge between the county and the agency in bringing the deal to the county board.

"I've been trying for the last few years to get Newcap into Shawano," Hoppe said. "Newcap works great all over. There's a home weatherization program that's just fantastic. For those who can't get to their job, we take care of that by supplying a car. We work for the people."



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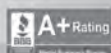
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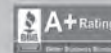
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Horses, humans converge for Colorama



Rain ponchos and hoodies were necessary attire for riders participating in Colorama on Oct. 3, as the morning presented a light drizzle that pelted horses and humans alike.



Jaime Lee with Shawanonews.com prepares to let a handful of candy fly Oct. 3 as she rides along the parade route in downtown Caroline.



Emily Kittel, 10, of Manitowoc, climbs on a horse with the help of family members on a rainy morning Oct. 3 at one of the makeshift horse corrals in Caroline for the annual Colorama trail ride.

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Colors of October still spectacular

Gardening in October doesn't have to be dull and, provided we don't get any unexpected hard freezes, many annuals, perennials and even bulbs continue to look spectacular, even up until Halloween.

In addition to the color explosion that many late season blooms provide, these blossoms also serve an important purpose. Late flying bees, butterflies and other pollinators rely on October blooms for nectar and pollen.



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Marigolds are one of my favorite late season annuals, providing a glorious show up until the first hard freeze. Marigolds come in a variety of colors ranging from orange and red to lemon yellow and even white. They also come in different sizes, ranging from 4- to 6-inch dwarf varieties to spectacular, pom-pom forms that may reach 3 feet in height.

Dahlias are wonderful for the fall season, showy and flamboyant in the garden. These will also last through a few light freezes before succumbing to the cold temperatures. Dahlias range in color from white and red to pink, yellow, orange and many other colors. There are even dinner plate dahlias that may reach 8 to 10 inches across.

Traditional fall plants often used in containers and beds for the season are perfect for the October garden. Purple fountain grass, which is fascinating with its deep, richly colored foliage is ideal and holds its color well even after a few freezes. Vertigo grass is a rich, chocolate brown and may reach 6 feet in height and width.

Ornamental kale is another traditional fall plant that provides beauty and texture in the garden. Also known as flowering cabbages, these colorful, textured foliage plants come in shades of purple, pink, white and blue. They are extremely cold tolerant and often still look beautiful in the dead of winter.

Of course, it wouldn't be autumn without spectacular, showpiece mums in the garden bed, and in borders and containers. In all colors of the rainbow, mums provide long lasting color, even after several frosts. They may still look wonderful at Thanksgiving if temperatures



October gleams with late blooming marigolds and other colorful garden blossoms.

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Colorful zinnias last until the first hard freeze, providing a rich source of pollen and nectar for bees and butterflies.

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remain warm enough through November.

Zinnias are another excellent choice for fall color, lasting, again, until the first hard freeze.

The many different varieties of sedum are also excellent fall plants. In shades of red, pink and sedum look good well after the first freeze and are an important source of pollen

and nectar for bumblebees, honeybees and many species of butterflies.

Great masses of purple New England asters line our roadsides and gardens this time of year as these incredible native plants burst into fireworks bloom. Asters are also available in white, blue and pink. All are perfect for fall gardens.

Other late blooming perennials are purple coneflowers, black eyed Susans, goldenrod, hostas, turtleheads, monkshood, Japanese anemone, as well as many varieties of roses.

Annuals such as colorful sweet potato vines, coleus, begonias, ageratum, pansies, violas, as well as some salvias are also long lasting, blooming well into October, or at least the first hard frost.

There are many great choices to include in your garden for fall displays. By utilizing many of the best choices, your garden will still look beautiful and colorful well until November.

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Scarecrows, shoppers fill downtown

ABOVE: Lisa Stock, left, and Abby Wallrich with The Stock Market, one of the numerous businesses that make up downtown Shawano, talk with some customers about what they were offering during the Octoberfest celebration on Oct. 2.

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LEFT: Levi Wendorff digs deep into the guts of a pumpkin he's carving Oct. 2 in downtown Shawano as part of the annual Octoberfest.

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BELOW: Two performers from different polka groups — Cheri Wogsland with Polka Euphonics and Lester Bondowski with Melody Notes — kept Octoberfest in rhythm Oct. 2.

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COURT NEWS

• Danielle J. Julius, 32, Neopit, was charged Sept. 27 with one count of bail jumping. Judge William Kussel Jr. set a signature bond of \$750 and scheduled a status conference for Nov. 16.

• Jared J. Lane, 27, Shawano, was charged Sept. 27 with one count of substantial battery, three counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct, one misdemeanor count of criminal trespassing to dwelling and four misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. Kussel set a cash bond of \$3,500 and scheduled a review hearing for Oct. 11.

• Reanna L. Sackcheck, 35, Clintonville, pleaded no contest Sept. 27, to one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked, one misdemeanor count of ignition interlock device tampering and one misdemeanor count of operating with prohibited alcohol content with a passenger less than 16 years old (third offense). One count of operating while intoxicated with a passenger less than 16 years old (third offense) was dismissed on prosecutor's motion. Judge Katherine Sloma sentenced Sackcheck to six months in jail and and three years of probation.

• Taylor J. Junk, 23, Shawano, pleaded no contest Sept. 27 to two counts of first degree recklessly endangering safety, one count of intimidating a victim and one misdemeanor count of endangering safety by using a dangerous weapon. Two misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and one misdemeanor count of battery were dismissed but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Junk to 180 days in jail and three years of probation.

• Vernon C. Bessette, 59, Tigerton, pleaded no contest Sept. 27 to one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct and one misdemeanor count of battery.

One count of strangulation and suffocation and one misdemeanor count of bail jumping were dismissed but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Bessette to six months in jail and two years of probation.

• Katey S. Schmirler, 24, Manitowoc, was charged Sept. 28 with one count of possession of amphetamine with intent (greater than 10-50 grams), four counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of possession of THC, one misdemeanor count of possession of a controlled substance and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a cash bond of \$5,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 14.

• Latasha J. Linders, 40, address unknown, pleaded no contest Sept. 28 to one count of failure to report to county jail (10-plus days). Kussel sentenced Linders to six months in local jail.

• Jordan A. Smith, 31, Neopit, pleaded no contest Sept. 28 to one count of possession of narcotic drugs and one misdemeanor count of bail jumping. One misdemeanor count of possession of THC was dismissed on prosecutor's motion. Sloma sentenced Smith to two years of probation.

• Bomorris D. Reopelle, 28, Gresham, pleaded no contest Sept. 28 to one count of bail jumping. Sloma sentenced Reopelle to 12 months of probation.

• Charges against Jennifer L. Schoeppe, 34, Marion, were dismissed Sept. 28 on defendant's motion. These charges include one count of possession of methamphetamine and two misdemeanor counts of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Manuel Hernandez Sanchez, 34, Birnamwood, was charged Sept. 29 with two counts of bail jumping and one

misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Kussel set a cash bond of \$5,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 1.

• Mashaquit Waupekenay, 32, Keshena, was charged Sept. 29 with four counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a cash bond of \$1,500 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for Nov. 2.

• Arnold M. Kosbab Jr., 42, Bowler, was charged Sept. 29 with one count of fleeing/eluding and officer in a vehicle. Kussel set a cash bond of \$500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 15.

• Samuel J. Watzka, 34, Shawano, was charged Sept. 29 with one count of possession of amphetamine with intent (greater than 10-50 grams), one count of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), four counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of possession of a controlled substance, one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer and one misdemeanor count of possessing/illegally obtaining a prescription. Sloma set a cash bond of \$7,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 14.

• Theresa S. Boddy, 54, Scandinavia, pleaded no contest Sept. 29 to one count of possession of methamphetamine and one misdemeanor count of possession of THC. One misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia was dismissed but read into the record. One misdemeanor count of possession of amphetamine/LSD/psilocin was dismissed on prosecutor's motion. Sloma sentenced Boddy to 30 days in jail and two years of probation.

• Daniel J. Lamczyk, 35, Shawano, was

charged Sept. 30 with three counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Kussel set a cash bond of \$750 and scheduled a status conference for Oct. 12.

• Riley T. Bosman, 19, Bonduel pleaded no contest Sept. 30 to one count of possession of methamphetamine and two counts of possession of narcotic drugs. Charges including one misdemeanor count of possession of a controlled substance and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia were dismissed but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Bosman to nine months in jail and three years of probation.

• Anthony L. Duxtator, 44, Bowler, was charged Oct. 1 with two counts of strangulation and suffocation, one count of possession of methamphetamine, seven counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a cash bond of \$2,500 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for Oct. 12.

• Christine A. Hensel, 33, Shawano, was charged Oct. 1 with 20 counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer and one misdemeanor count of duty to aid/report crime. Kussel set a cash bond of \$25,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 6.

• Marin S. Louie, 35, Shawano, was charged Oct. 1 with one count of second degree recklessly endangering safety, one count of aggravated battery, seven counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct and four misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. Kussel set a cash bond of \$5,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 11.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Oct. 4

Deputies responded to 26 calls, including an assault on Primrose Lane in Tigerton; a threat on West Green Bay Street in Bonduel; a probation violation on East Green Bay Street in Shawano; an automobile theft on North Main Street in Shawano.

Oct. 3

Deputies responded to 46 calls, including a fight in progress on West North Street in Bonduel; reckless driving on County Road D in the Town of Hutchins; a drug problem on North Main Street in Shawano; trespassing on Rosenow Lane in the Town of Morris; one crash.

Oct. 2

Deputies responded to 54 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 29 in Bonduel; a disturbance on South Warrington Avenue in Cecil; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg; a drug

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problem on Lake Drive in the Town of Washington; bail jumping on Country Lane in the Town of Washington; reckless driving on County Road E in the Town of Washington; reckless driving on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; a threat on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; trespassing on Oak Avenue in the Town of Richmond; trespassing on South Mission Street in Wittenberg; one deer-related crash.

Oct. 1

Deputies responded to 52 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; property theft on Main Street in Birnamwood; a disturbance on Hiawatha Court in the Town of Wescott; property damage on Main Street in Birnamwood; property theft on Church Drive in the Town of Angelica; a threat on Loon Lake Drive

in the Town of Wescott; property theft on Church Drive in the Town of Angelica; reckless driving on state Highway 117 in the Town of Washington; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Waukechon; three crashes, one involving deer.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Oct. 4

Officers responded to 24 calls, including a car personal injury on River Heights; property theft at AmeriVu Inn and Suites, 211 Waukechon St.; gas drive off at The Store, 404 E. Green Bay St.

Oct. 3

Officers responded to 15 calls, including a disturbance at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.; car personal injury at Perkins, 1398 E. Green Bay St.; harassment on South Smalley Street; a disturbance on South Lincoln Street; disorderly conduct on South Union Street; a disturbance on West Picnic Street; operating while intoxicated on East Green Bay Street.

Oct. 2

Officers responded to 21 calls, including a fight in progress on South Main Street; a domestic disturbance on Aspen Court; a restraining order violation on South Maiden Lane; a disturbance at Sharona's Bar, 111 S. Washington St.; a restraining order violation on South Franklin Street; reckless driving on County Road E; disorderly conduct on North Airport Drive; trespassing on West Third Street; trespassing on West Lieg Avenue; reckless driving at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.; reckless driving on East Lieg Avenue.

Oct. 1

Officers responded to 34 calls, including a domestic disturbance on Mountain Bay Trail Drive; property damage on East Green Bay Street; a restraining order violation on East Center Street; a controlled substance problem at ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B; trespassing on East Fifth Street; trespassing on East Zingler Avenue; reckless driving on Waukechon Street.

SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Witt-Birn playoff bound after blowout win

Chargers dismantle Shiocton for 6th win

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School football team locked up a spot in the postseason with a convincing 51-19 homecoming victory over Shiocton in a Central Wisconsin Conference-Large Division matchup on Oct. 1 in Wittenberg.

Witt-Birn scored on all six of its offensive possessions in the first half to build a 42-0 lead at halftime. The Chargers were then content to run clock in the final half before pulling most of the starters from the contest.

The win bumped Witt-Birn's record to 6-2 on the season and 4-1 in the CWC-Large. That record includes a forfeit conference win over Manawa.

The Chargers will be participating in the postseason for the 21st time in school history.

"It means a lot to all of us," said senior Ben Wesolowski on the team qualifying for the playoffs. "We came out here knowing that was on the line and so we all gave it our best and we came out on top."

Wesolowski, the team's starting quarterback, had a huge game to power the Chargers' offense. He threw three touchdowns, ran for another score and also caught a touchdown pass.

On the team's second offensive play of the game, Wesolowski evaded a sack and found junior David Gauderman for a 53-yard passing score to put the hosts up less than three minutes into the game.

Gauderman rushed for a 35-yard score on Witt-Birn's second possession.

It was then senior Kaden Schmidt's turn to score. The receiver made a highlight reel catch in the back of the end zone for a 28-yard touchdown reception. On the first play of the next possession, Schmidt hauled in a screen pass, made a few defenders miss and sprinted for a 68-yard score.

Senior Jack Fraaza got in on the fun the next drive. The running



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Ben Flak carries the ball during the team's homecoming win over Shiocton on Oct. 1 in Wittenberg.

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back busted free for a 71-yard rushing score.

Wesolowski capped the dominant first half with another highlight reel play, breaking away from several defenders, including a couple inside the 10-yard line, for a 68-yard score as the second quarter clock expired.

"It was a lot of teamwork and a lot of watching film," said Schmidt. "We knew what their defense was and we just set up a good game-plan to be able to attack them and score when we wanted and do what we wanted. That's what helped us score every time we had the ball."

With a running clock to start the third quarter, Witt-Birn chewed up the entire third quarter clock with one possession. Sophomore Nathan Waupekenay knocked in a 21-yard field goal at the start of the fourth

quarter to make it 45-0.

Witt-Birn recovered a loose ball on the ensuing kickoff, so the offense got the ball right back. The Chargers determined it was a perfect time to have injured senior Luke Muscha take the field for a few snaps.

Muscha tore his ACL and meniscus against Amherst earlier this season, but pleaded to get a few more snaps for the team.

After getting the OK from his parents, coach Bernard Holsey just had to find the right time to put in Muscha.

With as much offensive line help as possible, Muscha set up as the quarterback in shotgun. His first pass fell incomplete before he hit Wesolowski in stride for a 30-yard passing score, putting an exclamation point on the win.

"It helped that we came in with confidence that we we're gonna play good and do good," said Fraaza. "Everyone had their energy and everyone did their jobs."

Witt-Birn's defense continued its impressive season with a dominant first three quarters.

Senior Ben Flak, Schmidt and Gauderman were among the Chargers racking up tackles for losses in the early going.

Senior Jordan Landowski made an acrobatic leaping interception to end Shiocton's best scoring threat in the first half. Flak recovered a fumbled snap on the next defensive possession.

"We just kind of pulled together as a unit," said Gauderman of the team's defense. "Do what we do best, just play as a team."

After clinching a postseason spot in week seven, the Chargers now have two conference games remaining before they learn their postseason fate.

Witt-Birn is scheduled to visit Weyauwega-Fremont on Oct. 8 before hosting Nekoosa in the final game of the regular season on Oct. 15.

The Chargers also still have a chance at a conference title, but would need Amherst (5-0) to lose once over the next two weeks. Stratford (4-1) and Amherst meet in the final week of the season.

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Witt-Birn 13 29 0 9 — 51

First quarter

WB: David Gauderman 53-yard pass from Ben Wesolowski (Nathan Waupekenay kick), 9:24

WB: Gauderman 35-yard run (kick failed), 0:20

Second quarter

WB: Schmidt 28-yard pass from Wesolowski (pass failed), 5:53

WB: Schmidt 68-yard pass from Wesolowski (Jordan Landowski pass from Wesolowski), 3:35

WB: Jack Fraaza 71-yard run (Gauderman run), 2:14

WB: Wesolowski 68-yard run (Waupekenay kick), 0:00

Fourth quarter

WB: Waupekenay 21-yard field goal, 11:55

WB: Wesolowski 30-yard pass from Luke Muscha (kick blocked), 8:55

S: Cade Stingle 68-yard run (Dylan Larsen kick), 7:08

S: Stingle 84-yard run (kick failed), 3:03

S: Stingle 7-yard run (kick blocked), 0:02

ATHLETE PROFILE: RUBY NOWINSKY

Witt-Birn senior leads girls cross-country team

Wittenberg-Birnwood High School senior Ruby Nowinsky has served as the top runner for the girls cross-country team this fall.

She most recently led the team with a 14th-place individual finish at the Rosholt Invite on Sept. 30 in Rosholt with a time of 23 minutes, 3.24 seconds. She took ninth at the Eagle Invite on Sept. 21 in Keshena after completing the course in 23:51.1.

Back on Aug. 26, she placed 10th in 24:29.5 at the Pittsville Invite.

She's also landed on an all-conference team in the Central Wisconsin Conference in each of her first three high school seasons.

Q: When did your interest in cross-country begin?

A: My interest in cross-country first began after running a 1K race in St. Germain over Fourth of July, which I ended up winning. From there, my family told me about cross country, and I joined in sixth grade.

Q: What is your favorite part about the cross-country season?

A: My favorite part of the cross-country season is playing ultimate Frisbee after our runs during the first weeks of practice, getting Popsicles after hard workouts and hearing coach (Cathy) Easker make fun of the team to our parents at the banquet. I also love how close everyone on the team gets throughout the season and the bond we all have.

Q: What has cross-country taught you over the years?

A: Over the years, I've learned that hard work pays off. No matter how difficult it is, as long as you put in the effort and give your all, you will see results.

Q: How did you train for cross-country seasons?

A: Honestly, I don't train much at all in the offseason. However, once the first day of practice comes around, I practice hard every day and give it my all both on runs and in the

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Ruby Nowinsky

SPORT: Cross-country

SCHOOL: Wittenberg-Birnwood High School

YEAR: Senior

weight room.

Q: Being a senior, how have you tried to help lead the team and its younger runners?

A: I lead in the stretching and mechanics before a race — also by making sure everyone is ready to go on time for a warmup at a meet.

Q: Do you have any individual goals you hope to accomplish by the end of the season?

A: My goal for the season is to be an all-conference runner. Accomplishing this would make me a four-time cross-country all-conference athlete.

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

A: I don't truly have any rituals that I go through before a race; it changes from race to race depending on how I feel. However, as a team, before we start a race we always say a prayer that we run fast and have a good race with no one ending up in the ambulance.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Wittenberg-Birnwood cross-country team?

A: It would be hard to choose one singular favorite memory. However, I think that watching Wyatt Dickman run at state (in 2019) would rank toward the top. Not only was it an experience in itself that we could watch him run, but cheering him on while it was snowing, with our guys team that was shirtless so they could paint and spell out "Go Wyatt!" on themselves was one of the best times we've had.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show and music artist?



Wittenberg-Birnwood's Ruby Nowinsky competes during the Marathon Invite on Sept. 2 in Wausau.

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A: TV show — "Yellowstone." Movie — "Dirty Dancing." Music artist — Taylor Swift.

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

A: I am a very good shot with a rifle. One of my best shots is hitting a mule deer on the top of the heart in one shot at 380 yards.

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

A: Everything will work out for the best in the end.

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

A: After graduation, I hope to go to Indiana University-Bloomington for accounting. Long-term, my goal is to be a private CPA (certified public accountant) for a large corporation.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Wisconsin routed at home by Michigan

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Wisconsin Badgers football team was outscored 25-7 in the second half of a 38-17 Big Ten Conference loss to the Michigan Wolverines on Oct. 2 in Madison. Wisconsin is now 1-3 overall and 0-2 in conference play. The Badgers were outgained 365-210 in the contest and turned

the ball over three times. Wisconsin only rushed for 43 yards on 32 attempts. Wisconsin struggled again on third downs, converting just three of 14 attempts. Michigan converted seven third-down chances and three fourth-down opportunities. Quarterback Graham Mertz completed eight of 15 attempts for 115 yards and a touchdown before leav-

ing with an injury. Backup Chase Wolf was just 3-of-8 passing for 52 yards. Wolf was intercepted once and lost a fumble before throwing a late touchdown pass to tight end Clay Cundiff. Mertz threw his touchdown to wide receiver Chimere Dike late in the first half. Wisconsin trailed 13-10 at halftime. Mertz left in the third quarter af-

ter getting sacked for the third time. Linebackers Jack Sanborn and Leo Chenal led the Badgers' defense with 13 and 12 total tackles, respectively. Alexander Smith intercepted a pass late in the fourth quarter. Wisconsin will look to snap a two-game losing streak next week when the team travels to take on Illinois. The Oct. 9 game is slated for a 2:30 p.m. start.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Field at Camp Randall Stadium to be named for Barry Alvarez

Beginning with the 2022 season, the field at Camp Randall Stadium will be named for legendary former Wisconsin football coach and director of athletics Barry Alvarez, UW-Madison Chancellor Rebecca Blank announced at a ceremony held Oct. 1 at Camp Randall. "Barry Alvarez has had an immeasurable impact on the UW-Madison campus, beyond in the state and in college sports," Blank said during the ceremony. "And that type of career deserves recognition at the very highest level. "I am proud to announce that in conjunction with a major fundraising campaign that has raised over \$13 million from some of our university's best friends, beginning in the 2022 season this football field where we are

currently standing will be known as 'Barry Alvarez Field' at Camp Randall Stadium." After 32 years at the University of Wisconsin, including the final 18 as the director of athletics, Alvarez officially retired on June 30 ending a legendary career in Madison. Wisconsin athletics has been transformed since Alvarez's arrival as the head football coach in January 1990. What was once a department that was in debt and struggling for fan support and to compete in the Big Ten is now a nationally-recognized brand with broad-based success and a legendary following. At the heart of that revival has been the football program. During Alvarez's tenure in Madison, the UW football team has played in 26 bowl games

(including a Big Ten-best 19 straight) and won six Big Ten titles. One of just 16 football coaches in Big Ten history to win at least 100 games at one school, Alvarez retired from coaching after the 2005 season as Wisconsin's all-time winningest coach with a record of 119-74-4. He led the Badgers to three Big Ten titles and three Rose Bowl victories. Alvarez was voted into the state of Wisconsin Athletic Hall of Fame and the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame in 2009, the College Football Hall of Fame and UW Athletics Hall of Fame in 2010, and the Orange Bowl Hall of Fame in 2016. Alvarez retired as head football coach following the 2005 season and spent 18 seasons as UW's director of athletics. Alvarez presided over one

of the nation's most prosperous and respected athletic departments. Wisconsin enjoyed remarkable success during Alvarez's tenure, winning a combined 16 team national titles and 74 conference regular-season or tournament crowns. "That was quite a surprise. I'm touched. I'm honored," Alvarez said. "That means so much to me to have my name on this field. Thank you for this. For my name on the field, that is very touching and very meaningful to me. "I've said this all along, I got into this because so many coaches touched my life. I love my players. To have the opportunity to see so many players come back, to me, that's what I got into this for. It wasn't about making money or having my name on the field."

RECREATION SCOREBOARD

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Chet & Emil's Monday Women's League

Team	W	L
Cady Home	7	1
Star Campsite	3	5
Chet & Emil's	3	5
Banner Banks	3	5

High team handicap games: Cady Home 761, Chet & Emil's 737, Star Campsite 726.
High individual handicap games: Courtney Tryba 229, Tanya Rekow 226, Alicia Schinzel 220, Barbara Praslowicz 212, Sheila Humblet 211, Jonelle Resch 210.
High team handicap series: Cady Home 2,222, Chet & Emil's 2,123, Star Campsite 2,102.
High individual handicap series: Courtney Tryba 602, Alicia Schinzel 590, Sheila Humblet 570, Jan Jones 558, Julie Stewart 541, Tanya Rekow 538.

Resch Lanes — Thursday Men's League

Team	W	L
Melody Mill	19	9
Golden Eagle Res.	19	9
Legacy Seed Pro	17	11
RJ Auto Repair	15	13

Gutt er Done	13	15
Resch Lanes	11	17
Legacy Seed	9	19
Cherek Transport	9	19

High team scratch games (top 3): Legacy Seed Pro 1,113, Golden Eagle Res. 1,005, Resch Lanes 996.
High individual scratch games (top 6): Jeff Arndt 279, Jason Resch 259, Joe Onesti 234, Pat Provoast 231, Chris Wendt 227, Jeremy Falkowski 226.
High team scratch series (top 3): Legacy Seed Pro 3,039, Resch Lanes 2,867, Golden Eagle Res. 2,687.
High individual scratch series (top 6): Jason Resch 735, Jeff Arndt 700, Jeremy Falkowski 644, Joe Onesti 614, Tim Lemke 605, Carson Malueg 604.

Chet & Emil's Tuesday Commercial

Team	W	L
Schmidt Schulta	6	3
Kautza Excavating	5	4
White Insurance	5	4
Chet & Emil's	4	5
Clark Construction	4	5

High team scratch games: Chet & Emil's 1,076, Kautza Excavating 1,062, White Insurance 870.

High individual scratch games: Doug Kunst 279, Tim Lemke 276, Jared Szews 262.
High team scratch series: Chet & Emil's 3,086, Kautza Excavating 2,869, Clark Construction 2,552.
High individual scratch series: Tim Lemke 744, Jared Szews 679, Doug Kunst 675.

Chet & Emil's Wednesday Business

Team	W	L
CWAA	8	1
Kessen Auto Body	7	2
TLC Auto Body	5	4
Rew Motors Inc.	4	5
S&M Tool	4	5
Melody Mill	4	5
Kropf's Meat Pro	2	7
Chet & Emil's	2	7

High team scratch games: S&M Tool 1,052, CWAA 981, Melody Mill 921.
High individual scratch games: Jeremy Praslowicz 256, Brandon Trzebiatowski 235, Lane King 228.
High team scratch series: S&M Tool 3,100, CWAA 2,686, Melody Mill 2,665.
High individual scratch series: Tim Lemke 639,

Stephan Miller 636, Shawn Walkush 609.

Resch Lanes — Wednesday Night Handicap

Team	W	L
Resch Lanes	22	6
Mama's Place	20	8
Liberty Potatoes	19	9
Slammers	19	9
Kemmer Electronics	11	17
Rachel's Roadside	10	18
Hanke's Sentry Foods	8	20
Tavern Front	3	25

High team handicap games (top 3): Resch Lanes 1,242, Rachel's Roadside 1,210, Mama's Place 1,179.
High individual handicap games (top 7): Jason Harris 299, Taylor Arndt 286, Paul Dahms 285, Paul Bahr 282, Heather Giddings 279, Greg Rosenow 272, Jim Borchardt 267.
High team handicap series (top 3): Resch Lanes 3,573, Mama's Place 3,400, Tavern Front 3,334.
High individual handicap series (top 7): Greg Rosenow 779, Paul Dahms 770, Paul Bahr 766, Taylor Arndt 743, Jim Borchardt 740, Jason Harris 729, Heather Giddings 717.

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Pulaski qualifies for sectional as team

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Pulaski High School girls golf team posted a score of 381 to place fourth at the Division 1 Green Bay Preble Regional on Sept. 29 at Royal Scot Golf Course in New Franken.

The Red Raiders' fourth-place finish also qualified the team for the Wausau East Sectional.

At the same regional, Shawano's Sophia Eggert and Teghan Kristof earned individual sectional spots after placing among the top-four individuals not on one of the four qualifying teams.

Bonduel and Oconto Falls each had golfers advance after competing in

the Division 2 Luxemburg-Casco Regional on Sept. 29 at Northbrook Golf Course in Luxemburg. Sarah Garside and Ava Pleshek advanced for Bonduel, while Kate Pytleski moved on after golfing for Oconto Falls.

Vivien Ninham was the top golfer for Pulaski, carding an 18-hole round of 91. Teammate Summer Jaeger was just two shots back at 93.

Olivia Follese fired a 97, while Ella Ficarra shot a 100 for Pulaski. Danika Holewinski rounded out the team with a round of 105.

Eggert was the top-finishing individual sectional qualifier with a round of 90. She placed 11th among all individuals.

Kristof earned her sectional spot

with a round of 95, which tied for 18th among all golfers.

Oconto Falls' Pytleski posted a round of 104 to advance past regionals. She claimed 10th place overall.

Garside and Pleshek put up matching rounds of 106 for the Bears, which was good enough for a tie for 13th and the final two individual sectional spots.

Shawano just missed qualifying for sectionals as a team after tallying a score of 386.

Riley Dreier (100), Braylyn Babino (101) and Alli Johnson (115) capped the five-golfer team for 90th Hawks.

Oconto Falls placed fifth at its regional with a score of 437. Oconto was

ONLINE

Full results from regionals and sectionals can be found at <https://www.wiaawi.org/sports/fall/girls-golf/tournament>. A story on sectionals will appear in next week's paper and can be found online at www.newmedia-wi.com.

the last team to qualify with a 435.

Kenadee Seidl (108), Alexis Euclide (112), Kloeigh Seidl (113) and Danielle Darby (121) capped the Panthers' team.

Bonduel placed seventh as a team with a score of 450.

Thea Tauchen (116), Kerry O'Harrow (122) and Meghan Wondra (127) filled out the team for the Bears.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

BOYS SOCCER

Pulaski 3

Green Bay Southwest 0

Pulaski blanked Green Bay Southwest in a Fox River Classic Conference match Sept. 30 in Green Bay.

Mason Baker stopped two shots to post the shutout for Pulaski. The Red Raiders had 16 shots on goal.

Austin Decker scored twice for Pulaski, while Oscar Aronsen had the other goal. Hayden Burkel and Chase Ambrosius were credited with an assist each.

VOLLEYBALL

Gresham 3

Bowler 1

Gresham claimed the final three sets to down Bowler in a Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division match on Oct. 1 in Bowler. Gresham won by scores of 18-25, 25-8, 25-11, 25-15.

Josie Cerveney finished the match with 17 digs and 17 service points for Gresham, while Valarie Cerveney had 13 kills and 13 service points.

Hannah Cerveney tallied 15 assists for Gresham and Chloe Bohl added six kills.

Brandi Spencer posted six digs, five assists, five attack kills and three aces to lead Bowler. Ava Paiser led the team with 12 assists, while Tia Kroening had a team-leading 12 digs and five aces. Bertina Dodge and Morgan Paiser chipped in nine digs each.

Oconto Falls 3

Waupaca 1

Oconto Falls picked up a North Eastern Conference victory over Waupaca on Sept. 30 in Waupaca, winning by scores of 25-22, 25-19, 23-25, 26-24.

Emmie Magnin led Oconto Falls with 11 attack kills, while Brailyn St. Louis and Grace Oninski had nine each. Hailey Peitersen chipped in eight attack kills.

Peitersen also led the team with 29 assists. Quinn Eisch finished the match with a team-leading 19 digs, while Madison Uelmen had 12 and Peitersen added 10.

Bonduel 3

Shiocton 0

Bonduel eased past Shiocton in CWC-East action, winning by scores of 25-11, 25-18, 25-16 on Sept. 28 in Bonduel.

Allaina Robaidek finished the match with 12 attack kills, nine assists and seven digs for Bonduel. Hailee Thompson chipped in with 17 assists and six digs, while Brenna Hertzfelt totaled seven digs and five kills.

Macy Niles led the Bears with 16 digs. Nakiyah Henning was credited with seven digs and three kills, while Kylie Hoffman also had three kills.

Tigerton 3

Northland Lutheran 2

Tigerton earned its first CWC-North victory after taking down Northland Lutheran by scores of 25-19, 18-25, 26-24, 22-25, 17-15 on Sept. 28 in Tigerton.

Skyler Hauser finished with 23 attack kills, 23 digs, 11 service points, three blocks and three aces to lead Tigerton. Bethany Jobe added 11 kills and nine digs, while Abby Swartz had nine kills, 22 digs and 10 service points.

Tigerton's Elizabeth Robbins had 34 assists, 11 service points, seven digs and four aces. Samantha Suehring tallied 14 digs, 12 service points and seven attack kills, while Jaycee Hoppe-Schmidt had a team-leading 40 digs.

Suring 3

Oneida Nation 0

Suring rolled to a 25-19, 25-11, 25-10 Marinette & Oconto Conference victory over Oneida Nation on Sept. 28 in Suring.

Bailey Stuart tallied nine aces and six attack kills for Suring in the win, while Christine Sleeter had seven total kills and three assists. Macie Reed served five aces, while MacKenzie Bailey had three.

Kate Mahoney led the Eagles with 12 assists.

Menominee Indian 3

Oneida Nation 1

Menominee Indian picked up a nonconference victory over Oneida Nation on Sept. 27 in Keshena, winning by scores of 25-20, 22-25, 25-11, 25-18.

Alezaha King recorded 24 kills, 23 digs and four aces for Menominee Indian, while Mariah Fish added 11 kills, 14 digs and three assists.

Ashlee Corn contributed 24 assists

and seven digs for the Eagles, while Danica Sanapaw had 16 digs and three aces.

GIRLS SWIM

Pulaski 87

Manitowoc Lincoln 83

Pulaski edged Manitowoc Lincoln in a FRCC dual on Sept. 28 in Manitowoc.

The Pulaski 200-yard medley relay of Gracie Mihalski, Olivia Krueger, Grace Duffrin and Taya Schmidt opened the night with a first-place finish in 2 minutes, 8.26 seconds.

Duffrin also was the top-finishing individual in the 200 IM (2:31.74) and 100 butterfly (1:07.98). Mihalski won the 100 backstroke in 1:12.75, while Schmidt won the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:16.91.

Meghan Molthen had Pulaski's other first-place finish, winning the 500 freestyle in 5:58.29.

FOOTBALL

Lena/STAA 36

Algoma 14

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy improved to 6-0 after taking down Algoma in a MONLPC-East 8-player contest Sept. 30 in Lena.

Sam Marquardt and Lane Whiting each rushed for two touchdowns, tallying 95 and 81 rushing yards, respectively. Josh Kristof had the other rushing score, and Logan Shallow racked up 105 rushing yards.

Ethan Braley intercepted a pass for the co-op, which held Algoma to 221 total yards of offense.

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Andrea Quinney, left, with Flo'ing with Kindness Food Pantry, and Karen Simpson, AbbyBank branch manager in Gresham, stand with packages of pork products donated to the pantry by the bank.

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USDA updates pandemic assistance program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is updating the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 (CFAP 2) for contract producers of eligible livestock and poultry and producers of specialty crops and other sales-based commodities.

CFAP 2, which assists producers who faced market disruptions in 2020 due to COVID-19, is part of USDA's broader Pandemic Assistance for Producers initiative. USDA's Farm Service Agency has set an Oct. 12 deadline for all eligible producers to apply for or modify applications for CFAP 2.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act 2021 provides up to \$1 billion for payments to contract producers of eligible livestock and poultry for revenue losses from Jan. 1, 2020, through Dec. 27, 2020. Contract producers of broilers, pullets, layers, chicken eggs, turkeys, hogs and pigs, ducks, geese, pheasants and quail may be eligible for assistance. This update includes breeding stock and eggs of all eligible poultry types produced under contract.

Payments for contract producers were to be based on a comparison of eligible revenue for the periods of Jan. 1, 2019, through Dec. 27, 2019, and Jan. 1, 2020, through Dec. 27, 2020. Today's changes mean contract producers can now elect to use eligible revenue from the period of Jan. 1, 2018, through Dec. 27, 2018, instead of that date range in 2019 if it is more representative.

This change is intended to provide flexibility and make things more equitable for contract producers who had reduced revenue in 2019 compared to a normal year. The difference in revenue is then multiplied by 80% to determine a final payment. Payments to contract producers may be factored if total

calculated payments exceed the available funding and will be made after the application period closes.

Additional flexibilities have been added to account for increases to operation size in 2020 and situations where a contract producer did not have a full period of revenue from Jan. 1 to Dec. 27 for either 2018 or 2019. Assistance is also available to new contract producers who began their farming operation in 2020.

USDA is amending the CFAP 2 payment calculation for sales-based commodities, which are primarily comprised of by specialty crops, to allow producers to substitute 2018 sales for 2019 sales. Previously, payments for producers of sales-based commodities were based only on 2019 sales, with 2019 used as an approximation of the amount the producer would have expected to market in 2020.

Giving producers the option to substitute 2018 sales for this approximation, including 2018 crop insurance indemnities and 2018 crop year Non-insured Disaster Assistance Program and Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program Plus payments, provides additional flexibility to producers of sales-based commodities who had reduced sales in 2019.

Sign-up for CFAP 2 was reopened in March and remains open to address inadequate initial outreach efforts to reach underserved producers and particularly those who produce sales commodities. Newly eligible producers who need to submit a CFAP 2 application or producers who need to modify an existing one can do so by contacting their local FSA office. Producers can also obtain one-on-one support with applications by calling 877-508-8364.



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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN

Point Beach courts disaster, sirens turned off

A change has been made to the “emergency response” protocol at the old Point Beach nuclear reactors on Lake Michigan, south of Green Bay. The operator, NextEra Energy Point Beach, has replaced the site’s disaster warning sirens.

No more will the familiar wail warn of potentially catastrophic radiation releases or spills from the two reactors, which are 51 and 49 years old, respectively, well past their originally licensed maximum of 40 years.

The siren system has been replaced with an Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS). NextEra says on its website that emergency alerts will be broadcast on public radio and through cell phone alerts, but not sirens. They assure us: “If you have functional needs or do not own a cell phone, contact your emergency management agency to be registered for notification and assistance.”

That is, the system will send disaster warnings only to radios and cell phones. Are yours always on all night? The lack of sirens to wake



JOHN LAFORGE

in 1979 started at 4 a.m.; the 1979 Churchrock, New Mexico, uranium mine waste spill broke at 5:30 a.m.; and the 1986 Chernobyl explosions and meltdown began at 1:23 a.m.

“I sure hope everyone has their TV, radio, computer or cell phone on in the middle of the night when the [IPAWS] alarm is sounded,” Michael Keegan of Don’t Waste Michigan, a watchdog of Point Beach and the 28 other operating reactors on the Great Lakes, wrote in an email.

Paul Gunter, at Beyond Nuclear in Takoma Park Maryland, specializes in reactor hazards and operations. He wrote in an email, “Removing the audible stationary sirens from within the emergency planning zone will

sleeping nearby populations assumes that nuclear accidents only happen in daytime.

In fact, the Three Mile Island, Pennsylvania, partial meltdown

significantly diminish the reactors’ early warning notification system and the radiological defense-in-depth strategy.”

Gunter points to the “bathtub curve” depicting failure rates in every technology from toasters to nuclear reactors.

“At startup, high rates of failures result from design flaws, mis-assembly and defects. A period of stable operations ensues, but over time, the aging of systems, structures and components leads to material degradation and a steeper rate of failures,” Gunter wrote.

In 2005, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission granted NextEra’s request to give Point Beach reactors 20-year license extensions, letting it produce radioactive waste for 60 years. Adding more risk to the reactors’ “golden years,” NRC in 2011 approved a 17% increase in power output from both units. The approval seems like dear old gramps gunning the engine of his jalopy, racing down main street and running red lights with the whole family involuntarily along for the ride.

Germany’s recent deadly flooding event, which killed at least 210 people, provides a tragic example of how retiring the sirens can be catastrophic. As the Los Angeles Times reported on July 24, “Residents of flood-stricken German towns say they got inadequate warning of deluge,” sirens in some towns failed when the electricity grid crashed. Elsewhere, there were no sirens at all. The Associated Press reported July 25 that Germans said warning systems failed and “At least 132 people were killed in the Ahr Valley alone.”

After nuclear waste, emergency and disaster response have always been the bane of nuclear reactors — our only industrial machines required to have evacuation plans before start-up. Taking down warning siren systems only increases the likelihood of catastrophe. It amounts to reckless endangerment.

John LaForge is co-director of Nukewatch, a peace and environmental justice group in Wisconsin, edits its newsletter, and is co-editor with Arianne Peterson of “Nuclear Heartland, Revised: A Guide to the 450 Land-Based Missiles of the United States.”

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Elected officials duck out on constituents

To the editor:

We reside in Sen. Robert Cowles’ district. As part of Fair Maps Coalition Legislative Lobby Day, we hoped to virtually meet with Cowles and our three Assembly representatives — Gary Tauchen, David Steffen and Jim Steineke. Our mission, tell personal stories of how gerrymandering has affected us and ask them to pass nonpartisan redistricting, consider the People’s Map Commission’s voting maps and reject a legislative joint resolution filed on Sept. 24 that would perpetuate the existing, highly gerrymandered voting maps.

Our legislators were invited three weeks ago. All but Steineke responded they’d attend. Although Cowles did not attend, he sent a new,

but pleasant, staff person who took notes and listened to our concerns. Unfortunately, he had never discussed with Cowles the senator’s positions on fair, nonpartisan voting districts, and so he was unable to tell us the senator’s positions. Not one of our three Assembly representatives attended or sent a staff person.

We were disappointed by the lack of response. We are their constituents, and we would have liked them to hear how gerrymandering has affected us in the last 10 years:

- How districts are chiseled up to the point that one house on a block is in a different district, and neighbors have to go to multiple polling places.
- How people’s votes don’t count, and they don’t trust government or elected officials.
- How we are more polarized than ever.
- How schools don’t get needed

funding, and young people avoid becoming teachers.

- How the Oneida, Menominee and Stockbridge-Munsee tribes’ districts are divided so their votes are diluted, and they lack voting power to advocate for their needs, such as easy access to higher education, high-speed internet and clean water.

We would have liked to hear our legislators’ positions on a fair and transparent procedure for drawing nonpartisan voting maps (Senate Bill 389 and Assembly Bill 395), on the People’s Fair Maps Commission maps and on rejecting the joint resolution that calls for using the same old, gerrymandered maps as the basis for new maps reflecting 2020 census data. How sad that voters’ concerns are not valued, not heard and not addressed. Unfortunately, gerrymandering has given these representatives safe seats. They focus on the party and

the financial contributors, not their constituents.

**Deanna Bisley, Gresham
Jan Koch, Shawano**

It could be time to film ‘Death of a Nation’

To the editor:

D.W. Griffith, in 1915, produced the movie “Birth of a Nation.” The time seems right for a sequel, “Death of a Nation.”

The cast of characters would include all those who, for whatever selfish reason, allowed the federal government to expand against the warnings of the founding fathers.

We’re almost all guilty of the killing, some by action, others by inaction, but the verdict will still be the same, willful homicide, killing with recklessness manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life.

Harold Wilkes, Shawano

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BOOKS AND STUFF

Anne Rice chronicles journey from darkness to light

I've been a fan of Anne Rice for a long time, though I've found some of



JAN JONES

her later works hard to read. Her beautifully descriptive style now strikes me as disjointed and rambling. But that didn't dissuade me from reading "Angel Time," the first book in a series called

"The Songs of the Seraphim," from the public library e-book listings.

The story opens with Lucky the Fox dreading his most recent assignment. Lucky is a stone-cold assassin working for a shadowy agency loosely connected to the FBI. For the last 10 years, he has traveled the world killing people his boss has labeled as evil. But today's assignment is especially troubling because it is in the very place where Lucky goes to get away from who he has become.

Truth be told, killing has begun

to wear on Lucky. He's no longer comfortable with who has become and finds himself praying to and condemning a God he no longer believes in. Ever the professional, Lucky does as he's been told, but this time he notices that a man is watching his every move.

To his surprise, Lucky isn't worried about being caught. He's toyed with suicide as a way of ending the pain he feels, so this might be his way out. Instead, the strange man gently offers Lucky a chance for a new life. He tells Lucky that God has heard his prayers and has forgiven him. Now he wants Lucky to work to save lives instead of taking them.

At that point the angel takes Lucky back to New Orleans where he was Toby O'Dare, a gifted young man with passions he doesn't understand and pain he can't escape. On the outside, Toby is a good student hoping to become a Dominican priest. On the inside he struggles to provide for his drunken mother and sweet brother and sister by playing his lute on the street.

His life takes a drastic turn when

he comes home to find that his mother has drowned his brother and sister then killed herself. Toby packs his best clothes, all the money he has saved and his lute and takes a plane to New York.

Tall, good-looking and talented, he has no trouble making money busking on the street, but life takes a positive turn when Alfonso hires him to work and perform at his restaurant.

Things go well until the Russian mob moves in and takes over Alfonso's businesses. For the first time, Toby allows his anger to surface. He takes Alfonso's guns, goes to the house and kills everyone there. Then he kills the corrupt lawyer and banker working with the Russians.

When Alfonso finds out, he turns Toby over to a group he calls the "good guys." From then on Toby uses his ability to blend in to kill whoever "the Boss" wants dead. No one knows his real name or where he lives. Between assassinations he lives a comfortable, secluded life. But over time he begins to hate what he does and yearns for what could have been.

Toby often repeats a simple prayer asking for his guardian angel to guide him, but he's uncertain when an angel appears. As soon as Toby agrees to help the angel save people, he is transported to Great Britain in the 1200s. Suddenly he must use his wits and his education to save a Jewish community from destruction.

A family has been accused of killing their daughter because she visited a Catholic church on Christmas Eve. Sadly, the little girl succumbed to appendicitis just days after Christmas, but the parents know that the crowd would never believe the truth.

There is a long, involved back story about the family, their relationship with a priest and the many secrets they all keep, but I won't try to relate here. Suffice to say that Toby succeeds and returns to the present day ready for his next angelic assignment.

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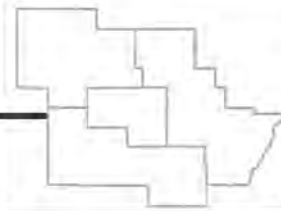
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Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers, left, runs for a touchdown while being chased by Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker T.J. Watt, center, and defensive lineman Isiah Loe during the Oct. 3 game at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

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New weapons emerging for Green Bay's offense

Cobb, Dillon latest to step up

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The players making up the Green Bay Packers offense looks pretty similar to last year's group, with the exception of a player or two. The big names of quarterback Aaron Rodgers, wide receiver Davante Adams and running back Aaron Jones steal most of the headlines, but there are several others who have also had an impact on the field after a month of games.

The offense was pretty lifeless in the team's season-opening 38-3 loss to the New Orleans Saints, managing just 229 total yards and turning the ball over three times.

Since then, the unit has looked more like the Packers' offense everyone is accustomed to seeing with Rodgers running the show.

While coach Matt LaFleur is the one calling the plays, he praised the players on offense for how things actually look on the field.

"It doesn't matter what you call. It's how those guys go out there and execute," said LaFleur.

"Certainly, you're never going to be perfect as a play caller. You just hope that when you're not, those guys just make you look good. Fortunately for

us, we've got a lot of great players that can get that done."

In the 35-17 victory over the Detroit Lions in week two, the offense had 323 total yards and no turnovers.

Jones racked up 115 of those yards and scored four times, with Adams adding 121 receiving yards. Tight end Robert Tonyan was the other big offensive weapon that night, grabbing three passes for 52 yards and a 22-yard touchdown.

The Packers had 353 total yards and no turnovers in the 30-28 last-second win over the San Francisco 49ers in week three.

Adams and Jones again led the way, with Jones rushing for 82 yards and a score and Adams hauling in 12 receptions for 132 yards and a touchdown. Receivers Allen Lazard and Marquez Valdes-Scantling made key grabs in the passing game, finishing with 42 and 59 receiving yards, respectively. Valdes-Scantling also caught a touchdown pass.

Despite an up-and-down performance against the Pittsburgh Steelers in a week four win, it was the team's most balanced performance to date. The Pack rushed for 131 yards and had 236 passing yards while turning the ball over just once.

Second-year running back A.J. Dillon and Jones split 30 carries, with Dillon finishing with 81 yards on the ground and Jones 48. Dillon also had a 16-yard reception, while Jones had

three grabs for 51 yards.

Adams led the team with six receptions, but it was veteran wideout Randall Cobb with a team-high 69 yards and a pair of scores. Cobb, Adams, Jones and Lazard each had a 20-plus yard reception in the game.

The team was playing without Valdes-Scantling, who was put on injured reserve before the game. Much like when Adams or any other key skill players on offense had to miss time during the LaFleur era, the unit still found ways to be productive.

After the win over the Steelers, Rodgers talked about how they tried to take Adams out of the game — something many opposing defenses will try the rest of the season. Adams still got plenty of looks, but when the team can also get the likes of Cobb, Lazard, Tonyan and MVS involved, the chances of having down games on offense decreases greatly.

"Davante's an All Pro, inside or outside receiver," said Rodgers, who then shifted his focus to talk about Cobb. "To have another guy in there who can get open like that and just have the feel that he does, just gives us a lot of flexibility in the offense for sure."

With an expanded role as the new No. 2 running back, the big game from Dillon gives the offense yet another weapon to utilize.

Rodgers called Dillon a "bowling ball" because of his 6-foot, 247-pound build and downhill running style.

"He's just a different type of back," said Rodgers. "He's that cold weather, Green Bay back that we've had over the years. But it's good to see him get some carries in September and October before it gets cold."

Dillon and Jones' running styles compliment each other well, and utilizing both backs throughout the season can help keep them fresh as the season progresses. Add in that both can make an impact in the passing game, and the Packers' offense continues to get tougher and tougher to slow down.

LaFleur said he had confidence in both backs in whatever situation comes up.

"As the game progresses, sometimes you might have to call for a certain guy, but it is a pretty good luxury that regardless of the playcall that you feel confident with either one of those guys in the game."

Another key to the offensive success so far is the offensive line, but that's a story for another day. The group should only improve when left tackle David Bakhtiari and the versatile Elgton Jenkins return from injury.

It's been a promising start to the season for the Pack's offense, which has taken on several strong defenses already and has left yards and points on the field. As the season moves on and the group continues to gel, the play should only continue to improve.

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Green Bay Packers receiver Randall Cobb does a Lambeau Leap after scoring a touchdown against the Pittsburgh Steelers on Oct. 3 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. Cobb is one of many offensive players to produce for the team already this season.

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Green Bay Packers defensive lineman Kenny Clark, right, and linebacker De'Vondre Campbell tackles Pittsburgh Steelers running back Najee Harris during a game on Oct. 3 at Lambeau Field at Green Bay.

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Cobb shines as Packers top Steelers

WR scores twice in team's 3rd win

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Randall Cobb scored a pair of touchdowns to help lead the Green Bay Packers to a 27-17 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers on Oct. 3 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

The beloved veteran receiver took the field to a big ovation when announced as a starter and made the most of his opportunities in the absence of fellow receiver Marquez Valdes-Scantling — who was placed on injured reserve earlier in the week.

Cobb finished the night with five catches for 69 yards and the two scores. Four of his catches came on third-down plays.

"I pride myself in being a third-down guy," said Cobb after the team's third-straight win.

Pittsburgh scored on its first possession of the game before Cobb had two third-down receptions on the Packers' first scoring drive. Quarterback Aaron

Rodgers capped off the 13-play, 64-yard drive with a 4-yard touchdown run to tie the game at seven.

The Packers' defense kept the momentum on its side when defensive lineman Kingsley Keke sacked and forced a fumble of Pittsburgh quarterback Ben Roethlisberger. Defensive lineman Kenny Clark came away with the loose ball to set the Packers' offense up at the Pittsburgh 23-yard line.

Four plays later, on a third-and-10, Rodgers hit Cobb for a 23-yard touchdown.

"It's been awhile; it's been awhile," said Cobb of being able to do a Lambeau Leap after the score. "It was a lot of fun just to be out there with the fans again. The atmosphere was unbelievable tonight."

"He's still a really good player," said Rodgers, who requested the team trade for Cobb before the season started.

The teams traded field goals to end the first half, and Green Bay added another field goal on its first drive of the second half to make it 20-10.

After another defensive stop, a short punt from the Steelers allowed the Packers' offense to take over at

the Pittsburgh 40-yard line. Again, the Packers took advantage.

Running back A.J. Dillon broke off a 25-yard run to get Green Bay down to the 1-yard line, and on the next play, Rodgers found Cobb again for a score after rolling out of the pocket.

The Packers' offense had several chances to seal the win, but weren't able to get the job done. Green Bay's defense allowed a score with just over four minutes to play in the fourth quarter, but made a couple key stops and then had rookie cornerback Eric Stokes intercept a pass to lock up the win.

"I was really proud of our defense," said Packers coach Matt LaFleur. "A team (Pittsburgh) has the ball 11 times, and they scored on three possessions. That is a pretty good night."

Rodgers finished the night with 248 passing yards after completing 20 of his 36 attempts.

The Packers rushed for a season-high 131 yards on 33 carries. Dillon led the charge with 81 yards on 15 attempts. Aaron Jones had 48 yards on 15 attempts but also had a costly fumble in the third quarter.

Jones also had 51 receiving yards

on three catches. Receiver Davante Adams led the team with six grabs for 64 yards. Adams, Cobb, Jones and Allen Lazard all had 20-plus yard receptions in the victory.

A week after kicking the game-winning field goal, Mason Crosby converted field goals of 26 and 29 yards. He's up to 24 straight made field goals, which breaks his own team record he established in 2010-11.

Crosby had a 31-yard attempt blocked and returned for a touchdown, but the play was negated by an offside call on the Steelers.

Linebacker De'Vondre Campbell again led the Packers' defense with nine combined tackles, with Stokes tallying eight.

Across the Steelers' 11 drives, the Packers' defense only surrendered 282 yards, 140 of which came on the two touchdown drives.

One of the lone low spots for the defense was an injury to star cornerback Jaire Alexander. He left the game after attempting a tackle late in the third quarter.

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Active

#	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	AGE	EXP.	COLLEGE
2	Mason Crosby	K	6-1	207	37	15	Colorado
7	Corey Bojorquez	P	6-0	217	25	4	New Mexico
8	Amari Rodgers	WR	5-9	212	22	R	Clemson
10	Jordan Love	QB	6-4	219	22	2	Utah State
12	Aaron Rodgers	QB	6-2	225	37	17	California
13	Allen Lazard	WR	6-5	227	25	3	Iowa State
17	Davante Adams	WR	6-1	215	28	8	Fresno State
18	Randall Cobb	WR	5-10	195	31	11	Kentucky
20	Kevin King	CB	6-3	200	26	5	Washington
21	Eric Stokes	CB	6-0	194	22	R	Georgia
22	Shemar Jean-Charles	CB	5-10	184	23	R	Appalachian State
23	Jaire Alexander	CB	5-10	196	24	4	Louisville
24	Isaac Yiadom	CB	6-1	190	25	4	Boston College
26	Darnell Savage	S	5-11	198	24	3	Maryland
28	AJ Dillon	RB	6-0	247	23	2	Boston College
31	Adrian Amos	S	6-0	214	28	7	Penn State
32	Kylin Hill	RB	5-10	214	23	R	Mississippi State
33	Aaron Jones	RB	5-9	208	26	5	Texas-El Paso
36	Vernon Scott	S	6-2	202	24	2	TCU
39	Chandon Sullivan	CB	5-11	189	25	4	Georgia State
41	Henry Black	S	6-0	204	24	2	Baylor
42	Oren Burks	LB	6-3	233	26	4	Vanderbilt
43	Hunter Bradley	LS	6-3	241	27	4	Mississippi State
44	Ty Summers	LB	6-1	241	25	3	TCU
47	Chauncey Rivers	LB	6-2	259	24	1	Mississippi State
51	Krys Barnes	LB	6-2	229	23	2	UCLA
52	Rashan Gary	LB	6-5	277	23	3	Michigan
53	Jonathan Garvin	LB	6-4	257	22	2	Miami
54	La'Darius Hamilton	LB	6-2	261	23	1	North Texas
58	Isaiah McDuffie	LB	6-1	227	22	R	Boston College
59	De'Vondre Campbell	LB	6-3	232	28	6	Minnesota
62	Lucas Patrick	G	6-3	313	28	5	Duke
67	Jake Hanson	C	6-4	296	24	1	Oregon
70	Royce Newman	T/G	6-5	310	24	R	Mississippi
71	Josh Myers	C/G	6-5	310	23	R	Ohio State
73	Yosh Nijman	T	6-7	314	25	2	Virginia Tech
74	Elgton Jenkins	G	6-5	311	25	3	Mississippi State
76	Jon Runyan	G	6-4	307	24	2	Michigan

77	Billy Turner	G/T	6-5	310	29	8	North Dakota State
79	Dennis Kelly	T	6-8	321	31	10	Purdue
81	Josiah Deguara	TE	6-2	238	24	2	Cincinnati
84	Tyler Davis	TE	6-4	252	24	2	Georgia Tech
85	Robert Tonyan	TE	6-5	237	27	4	Indiana State
86	Malik Taylor	WR	6-1	220	25	2	Ferris State
89	Mercedes Lewis	TE	6-6	267	37	16	UCLA
90	Jack Heflin	DL	6-3	304	23	R	Iowa
91	Preston Smith	LB	6-5	265	28	7	Mississippi State
93	T.J. Slaton	DL	6-4	330	23	R	Florida
94	Dean Lowry	DL	6-6	296	27	6	Northwestern
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97	Kenny Clark	DL	6-3	314	25	6	UCLA
Reserve/Injured							
25	Will Redmond	S	5-11	186	27	6	Mississippi State
49	Dominique Dafney	TE	6-2	243	24	1	Indiana State
55	Za'Darius Smith	LB	6-4	272	29	7	Kentucky
56	Randy Ramsey	LB	6-3	238	26	2	Arkansas
83	Marquez Valdes-Scantling	WR	6-4	206	26	4	South Florida
Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform							
69	David Bakhtiari	T	6-4	310	30	9	Colorado
Practice Squad							
6	Kurt Benkert	QB	6-3	218	26	2	Virginia
9	J.J. Molson	K	5-11	180	24	1	UCLA
16	Chris Blair	WR	6-2	198	23	R	Alcorn State
19	Equanimeous St. Brown	WR	6-5	214	25	4	Notre Dame
27	Patrick Taylor	RB	6-2	217	23	1	Memphis
30	Shawn Davis	S	5-11	202	23	R	Florida
38	Innis Gaines	S	6-1	202	23	R	TCU
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57	Ray Wilborn	LB	6-3	230	24	1	Ball State
64	Ben Braden	G	6-6	329	27	2	Michigan
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9	Joe Burrow	QB	6-4	221	24	2	LSU
10	Kevin Huber	P	6-1	210	36	13	Cincinnati
16	Trenton Irwin	WR	6-2	207	25	1	Stanford
17	Stanley Morgan	WR	6-0	205	25	3	Nebraska
19	Auden Tate	WR	6-5	228	24	4	Florida State
20	Eli Apple	CB	6-1	199	26	6	Ohio State
21	Mike Hilton	CB	5-9	184	27	5	Mississippi
22	Chidobe Awuzie	CB	6-0	202	26	5	Colorado
23	Darius Phillips	CB	5-10	190	26	4	Western Michigan
24	Vonn Bell	S	5-11	205	26	6	Ohio State
25	Chris Evans	HB	5-11	211	23	R	Michigan
26	Trae Waynes	CB	6-0	190	29	7	Michigan State
28	Joe Mixon	HB	6-1	220	25	5	Oklahoma
29	Nick McCloud	CB	6-1	190	23	R	Notre Dame
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35	Jalen Davis	CB	5-10	185	25	2	Utah State
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94	Sam Hubbard	DE	6-5	265	26	4	Ohio State
96	Cam Sample	EDGE	6-3	274	22	R	Tulane
98	D.J. Reader	DT	6-3	347	27	6	Clemson
99	Tyler Shelvin	DT	6-3	346	23	R	LSU

Reserve/Injured

37	Ricardo Allen	S	5-9	186	29	7	Purdue
58	Joseph Ossai	DE	6-4	256	21	R	Texas
90	Khalid Kareem	DE	6-4	268	23	2	Notre Dame

Reserve/Non-Football Injury

56	Wyatt Hubert	DE	6-3	258	23	R	Kansas State
77	Hakeem Adeniji	OT	6-4	302	23	2	Kansas

Practice Squad

6	Jake Browning	QB	6-2	209	25	1	Washington
11	Trent Taylor	WR	5-8	181	27	5	Louisiana Tech
12	Pooka Williams Jr.	WR	5-9	175	21	R	Kansas
27	Tony Brown	CB	6-0	198	26	4	Alabama
32	Trayveon Williams	HB	5-8	206	23	3	Texas A&M
33	Sean Davis	S	6-1	202	27	6	Maryland
41	Trayvon Henderson	S	6-0	205	26	2	Hawaii
47	Keandre Jones	LB	6-3	220	24	1	Maryland
49	Joe Bachie	LB	6-2	235	23	1	Michigan State
52	Noah Spence	DE	6-2	251	27	5	Eastern Kentucky
61	Lamont Gaillard	C	6-3	305	25	3	Georgia
64	Keaton Sutherland	G	6-5	315	24	3	Texas A&M
76	Mike Daniels	DT	6-0	310	32	10	Iowa
86	Mason Schreck	TE	6-5	252	27	4	Buffalo
95	Renell Wren	DT	6-5	318	25	3	Arizona State

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

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Allen Lazard



TE

Robert Tonyan
Tyler Davis



RT

Billy Turner
Dennis Kelly



RG

Royce Newman
Jon Runyan



C

Josh Myers
Jake Hanson



LG

Jon Runyan
Lucas Patrick



LT

Elgton Jenkins
Yosh Nijman



TE

Mercedes Lewis
Josiah Deguara



WR

Randall Cobb
Amari Rodgers



DEFENSE

CB

Jaire Alexander
Chandon Sullivan



DE

Dean Lowry
Jack Heflin



NT

Kenny Clark
T.J. Slaton



DE

Kingsley Keke
Jack Heflin



CB

Kevin King
Eric Stokes



OLB

Preston Smith
Chauncey Rivers



ILB

Krys Barnes
Oren Burks



ILB

De'Vondre Campbell
Ty Summers



OLB

Rashan Gary
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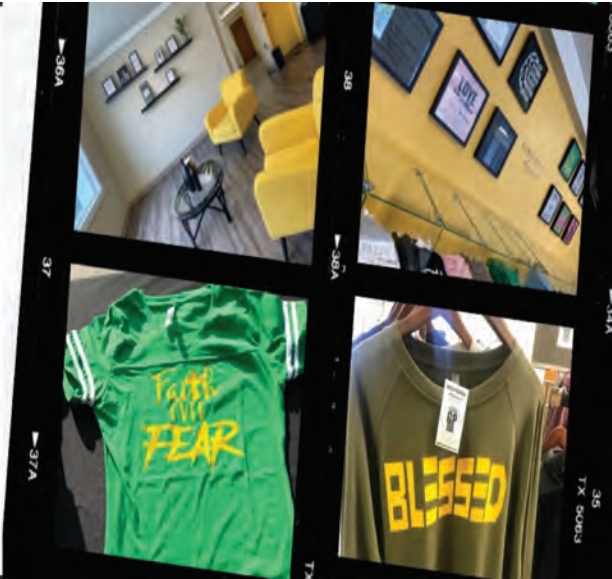
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WR

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RB

Joe Mixon
Samaje Perine

QB

Joe Burrow
Brandon Allen

RT

Riley Reiff
Fred Johnson

RG

Xavier Su'a-Filo
Jackson Carman

C

Trey Hopkins
Trey Hill

LG

Quinton Spain
D'Ante Smith

LT

Jonah Williams
Isaiah Prince

TE

C.J. Uzomah
Drew Sample

WR

Tyler Boyd
Stanley Morgan

DEFENSE

CB

Chidobe Awuzie
Darius Phillips

CB

Mike Hilton
Jalen Davis

DE

Sam Hubbard
Cam Sample

NT

D.J. Reader
Josh Tupou

DT

Larry Ogunjobi
B.J. Hill

DE

Trey Hendrickson
Darius Hodge

CB

Trae Waynes
Eli Apple

LB

Logan Wilson
Akeem Davis-Gaither

LB

Germaine Pratt
Jordan Evans

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Vonn Bell
Brandon Wilson

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Jessie Bates III
Brandon Wilson

SCHEDULE

Sunday's Games
N.Y. Jets vs. Atlanta (in London), 8:30 a.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, noon
New Orleans at Washington, noon
New England at Houston, noon
Miami at Tampa Bay, noon
Green Bay at Cincinnati, noon
Denver at Pittsburgh, noon
Philadelphia at Carolina, noon
Tennessee at Jacksonville, noon
Cleveland at L.A. Chargers, 3:05 p.m.
Chicago at Las Vegas, 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Arizona, 3:25 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 3:25 p.m.
Buffalo at Kansas City, 7:20 p.m.

Monday's Game
Indianapolis at Baltimore, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday's Game
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 7:20 p.m.

STANDINGS

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

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KEYS TO THE GAME

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

The Green Bay Packers (3-1) travel to take on the Cincinnati Bengals (3-1) at noon Oct. 10 at Paul Brown Stadium. FOX will televise the game.

History

The Bengals lead 7-6. Green Bay won the last matchup, 27-24 in overtime, on Sept. 24, 2017, to break a three-game losing streak. William Jackson's pick-six of Aaron Rodgers gave the Bengals a 21-7 lead in the second quarter, but Rodgers threw two touchdown passes to Jordy Nelson, including one with 17 seconds remaining in regulation that tied the game. In overtime, Rodgers' 72-yard completion to Geronimo Allison set up Mason Crosby's winning field goal.

Coaches

Green Bay – Matt LaFleur, 29-7, third season. Cincinnati — Zac Taylor, 9-26, third season.

When the Packers have the ball

This will be strength vs. strength. After a week one dud, the Packers have averaged 30.7 points the last three games, including 30 points against San Francisco and 27 against Pittsburgh — two high-quality defenses. Rodgers and Co. will be tested for a third consecutive week.

Cincinnati is eighth in points allowed (18.8), fifth in yards allowed per play (4.82), fifth in passing yards allowed per play (5.88) and eighth in rushing yards allowed per play (3.70).

"I think we're legit, but we have to go out there and prove that every day. We have to go out there every single practice every day and prove that," defensive tackle D.J. Reader said. "All those things sound good. But we still have to take it one week at a time and prove it. We've got to go out there this week, right now, get it done and get ready for a contest on Sunday to prove that we are contenders."

Cincinnati operates a 4-3 defense under third-year coordinator Lou Anarumo. It's a unit without a household name but with quality players throughout the lineup.

Up front, the ends are Trey Hendrickson and Sam Hubbard and the tackles are Reader and Larry Ogunjobi. Hendrickson and Ogunjobi were key additions in free agency. Hendrickson has 2½ sacks after recording 13½ sacks last year for New Orleans. He rushes exclusively from the right side, which means a matchup against Yosh Nijman or, if healthy, Elgton Jenkins. Ogunjobi has four tackles for losses



Green Bay Packers running back Aaron Jones runs with the ball during the team's victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers on Oct. 3 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. Jones and the Packers' offense will face a stout Bengals' defense this coming weekend.

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after having only five last year for Cleveland. Reader is a superb run defender. Tackle B.J. Hill has three sacks off the bench.

Logan Wilson, Germaine Pratt and Austin Davis-Gaither are the linebackers. Wilson and Pratt are the every-down defenders. Wilson is one of the league's underrated standouts. Not only does he lead the team with 40 tackles, but he's tied for second in the league with three interceptions. Wilson has all three of the team's interceptions.

The cornerbacks are Chidobe Awuzie and Trae Waynes, with Mike Hilton manning the slot. All three were acquired in free agency this offseason, with Waynes — a native of Kenosha — spending his first five seasons with the Vikings. They are key reasons why the Bengals are fifth in opponent passer rating. Jessie Bates and Vonn Bell are the

safeties. Like Wilson, Bates is a hidden gem. A fourth-year player, he had three interceptions and 100-plus tackles in each of his first three seasons. Last year, he added 15 passes defended. Bell is a hitter; he had 114 tackles and three forced fumbles last year. Bates (neck) and Awuzie (knee) missed last week's game but are expected back this week.

When the Bengals have the ball

The Bengals are only 20th in the NFL in scoring with 23 points per game, but this will be a step up in competition for a Packers defense that is without Pro Bowl pass rusher Za'Darius Smith and could be without All-Pro cornerback Jaire Alexander.

Last year's No. 1 overall pick, quarterback Joe Burrow has taken enormous strides forward. In 10 games as a rookie, he completed 65.3% of his passes with 13 touchdowns. In four

games this year, he's completed 72.9% with nine touchdown passes. He's third in completion percentage and yards per attempt (9.23).

If Alexander is out, the Packers will face a huge challenge in dealing with Bengals receivers Ja'Marr Chase, Tyler Boyd and Tee Higgins.

The game-breaker is Chase, the fifth overall pick in this year's draft. He has 17 receptions for 297 yards (17.5 average) and four touchdowns. He's got a catch of at least 34 yards in each of his four games. Chase leads all rookie receivers in yards; no other rookie receiver has more than one touchdown.

"I'm just trying to be myself. I'm not in competition with anybody," Chase said of the Rookie of the Year race. "If anything, I feel people are in competition with me."

The go-to player is Boyd, who has a team-high 23 receptions after posting seasons of 76, 90 and 79 catches the

previous three years. The wild card is Higgins, who missed the last two games due to injury but could return this week. He caught 10 passes for 118 yards and two touchdowns in the first two games.

Tight end C.J. Uzomah caught five passes for 95 yards and two scores last week vs. Jacksonville.

Running back Joe Mixon suffered an ankle injury against the Jaguars. Taylor called him "day to day."

He is one of the top all-around backs in the NFL. In 2018 and 2019, he rushed for 2,305 yards, caught 78 passes and scored 17 touchdowns. He missed most of last season with a foot injury.

In four games this season, he's rushed for 353 yards (4.3 average) and caught seven passes. If Mixon can't play, the next man up is Samaje Perine. He rushed for 603 yards and caught 22 passes as a rookie with Washington in 2017 and had 301 yards and 11 receptions for Cincinnati last year.

The offensive line is better than what Pittsburgh fielded last week but perhaps not by much. Jonah Williams is the left tackle, Quinton Spain the left guard, Trey Hopkins the center, Jackson Carman the right guard and Riley Reiff the right tackle.

Carman, a second-round pick this

year, has struggled in place of veteran starter Xavier Su'a-Filo (groin). Easily the best player is Williams, a first-round pick in 2019 who sat out his rookie season with a shoulder injury. He has allowed one sack and two pressures in four games.

Special teams

Rookie Evan McPherson is 5-of-6 on field goals, including 2-for-2 on attempts from 53 yards. He's got a strong leg; 14 of his 18 kickoffs have resulted in touchbacks. Touchbacks would be good news for the Packers, whose kickoff return unit has done little beyond Kylin Hill's 41-yard return against Detroit in week two.

On the opposite end of the experience spectrum are punter Kevin Huber and long snapper Clark Harris. This is Huber's 13th year as the Bengals' punter. Of his 17 punts, only two have been returned. He is ninth in the league with a net average of 42.6 yards, just behind Green Bay's Corey Bojorquez, who is eighth at 42.9.

This is Harris' 12th year as the snapper. He was drafted as a tight end by the Packers in the seventh round in 2007.

Darius Phillips handles both phases of returns, with averages of 8.6 yards on punt returns and 21.5 yards on kickoff returns.



Green Bay Packers receiver Davante Adams, right, makes a move with the ball as fellow wideout Randall Cobb looks on during the team's victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers on Oct. 3 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. The Packers' passing game will face a Bengals' secondary that has the fifth-best opponent passer rating in the league.

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Week 5 Games: Sunday, Oct. 10

NY Jets @ Atlanta (London)
Philadelphia @ Carolina
Green Bay @ Cincinnati
New England @ Houston
Tennessee @ Jacksonville
Detroit @ Minnesota
Denver @ Pittsburgh
Miami @ Tampa Bay
New Orleans @ Washington
Cleveland @ LA Chargers
Chicago @ Las Vegas
San Francisco @ Arizona
NY Giants @ Dallas
Buffalo @ Kansas City
Indianapolis @ Baltimore Mon., Oct. 11

Tie Breaker Game:
LA Rams @ Seattle Thurs., Oct. 7

Weekly Standings

	Weekly Record	Overall Record
God's Purpose Apparel	13-3	45-19
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Morgan Rode	13-3	40-24
Shawano Seasons Restaurant	11-5	40-24
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Weekly Standings

	Weekly Record	Overall Record
P & D Sales & Service	9-7	39-25
Tim Murphy	9-7	39-25
B & C Auto Recycling	8-8	38-26
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Atlanta	Pittsburgh	Dallas
Carolina	Tampa Bay	Kansas City
Green Bay	Washington	Baltimore
New England	LA Chargers	
Tennessee	Las Vegas	
Minnesota	Arizona	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score : LA Rams 34 @ Seattle 28



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Leader

This Week's Picks:

Atlanta	Pittsburgh	Dallas
Carolina	Tampa Bay	Kansas City
Green Bay	New Orleans	Baltimore
New England	LA Chargers	
Tennessee	Las Vegas	
Minnesota	Arizona	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score : LA Rams 31 @ Seattle 17



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This Week's Picks:

NY Jets	Denver	Dallas
Carolina	Tampa Bay	Buffalo
Green Bay	New Orleans	Baltimore
New England	Cleveland	
Tennessee	Las Vegas	
Detroit	Arizona	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Rams 28 @ Seattle 24

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This Week's Picks:

Atlanta	Pittsburgh	Dallas
Carolina	Tampa Bay	Kansas City
Green Bay	New Orleans	Baltimore
Houston	LA Chargers	
Tennessee	Las Vegas	
Minnesota	Arizona	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Rams 33 @ Seattle 28



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This Week's Picks:

NY Jets	Denver	Dallas
Carolina	Tampa Bay	Kansas City
Green Bay	Washington	Baltimore
Houston	LA Chargers	
Jacksonville	Las Vegas	
Minnesota	Arizona	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Rams 14 @ Seattle 28



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This Week's Picks:

Atlanta	Denver	Dallas
Carolina	Tampa Bay	Buffalo
Green Bay	New Orleans	Baltimore
New England	LA Chargers	
Tennessee	Las Vegas	
Minnesota	Arizona	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Rams 23 @ Seattle 28



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This Week's Picks:

NY Jets	Pittsburgh	Dallas
Carolina	Tampa Bay	Buffalo
Green Bay	New Orleans	Baltimore
New England	LA Chargers	
Tennessee	Las Vegas	
Minnesota	Arizona	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Rams 21 @ Seattle 28



Dena
P&D Sales
& Service

This Week's Picks:

Atlanta	Denver	Dallas
Carolina	Tampa Bay	Kansas City
Green Bay	Washington	Baltimore
New England	Cleveland	
Tennessee	Las Vegas	
Minnesota	Arizona	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Rams 27 @ Seattle 20



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State Farm Agent

This Week's Picks:

Atlanta	Denver	Dallas
Carolina	Tampa Bay	Kansas City
Green Bay	New Orleans	Baltimore
New England	Cleveland	
Tennessee	Las Vegas	
Minnesota	Arizona	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Rams 30 @ Seattle 24



Scott Nyman
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This Week's Picks:

NY Jets	Denver	Dallas
Carolina	Tampa Bay	Kansas City
Green Bay	Washington	Baltimore
New England	LA Chargers	
Tennessee	Las Vegas	
Minnesota	Arizona	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Rams 35 @ Seattle 21



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This Week's Picks:

Atlanta	Pittsburgh	Dallas
Carolina	Tampa Bay	Kansas City
Green Bay	New Orleans	Baltimore
New England	Cleveland	
Tennessee	Las Vegas	
Minnesota	Arizona	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Rams 28 @ Seattle 21



Jim Wiegand
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This Week's Picks:

Atlanta	Denver	Dallas
Carolina	Tampa Bay	Kansas City
Green Bay	New Orleans	Baltimore
New England	Cleveland	
Tennessee	Las Vegas	
Minnesota	Arizona	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Rams 27 @ Seattle 21



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This Week's Picks:

Atlanta	Denver	Dallas
Carolina	Tampa Bay	Kansas City
Green Bay	New Orleans	Baltimore
New England	LA Chargers	
Jacksonville	Chicago	
Detroit	San Francisco	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Rams 31 @ Seattle 21



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This Week's Picks:

Atlanta	Pittsburgh	Dallas
Carolina	Tampa Bay	Kansas City
Green Bay	New Orleans	Baltimore
Houston	LA Chargers	
Tennessee	Las Vegas	
Minnesota	Arizona	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Rams 23 @ Seattle 24



Brenda
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This Week's Picks:

NY Jets	Denver	Dallas
Carolina	Tampa Bay	Kansas City
Green Bay	New Orleans	Baltimore
New England	LA Chargers	
Tennessee	Las Vegas	
Minnesota	San Francisco	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Rams 27 @ Seattle 17



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This Week's Picks:

Atlanta	Denver	Dallas
Carolina	Tampa Bay	Buffalo
Green Bay	Washington	Indianapolis
New England	LA Chargers	
Tennessee	Las Vegas	
Minnesota	Arizona	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Rams 24 @ Seattle 21



Aaron
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This Week's Picks:

Atlanta	Pittsburgh	Dallas
Carolina	Tampa Bay	Kansas City
Green Bay	Washington	Baltimore
Houston	Cleveland	
Tennessee	Las Vegas	
Minnesota	Arizona	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Rams 27 @ Seattle 17



Dale
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Hearth & Home

This Week's Picks:

Atlanta	Denver	Dallas
Philadelphia	Tampa Bay	Kansas City
Green Bay	New Orleans	Baltimore
New England	Cleveland	
Jacksonville	Las Vegas	
Minnesota	Arizona	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Rams 27 @ Seattle 14

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Monday, September 20	7:15 pm	(DETROIT) @	ESPN	
Sunday, September 26	7:20 pm	@ San Francisco 49ers	NBC	
OCTOBER				
Sunday, October 03	3:25 pm	Pittsburgh Steelers (GOLD)	CBS	
Sunday, October 10	NOON*	@ Cincinnati Bengals	FOX	
Sunday, October 17	NOON*	@ Chicago Bears	FOX	
Sunday, October 24	NOON*	WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM	FOX	
Thursday, October 28	7:30 pm	@ Arizona Cardinals	FOX	
NOVEMBER				
Sunday, November 07	1:25 pm*	@ Kansas City Chiefs	FOX	
Sunday, November 14	3:25 pm*	SEATTLE SEAHAWKS	CBS	
Sunday, November 21	NOON*	@ Minnesota Vikings	FOX	
Sunday, November 28	5:25 pm*	LOS ANGELES DOLPHINS (GOLD)	FOX	
DECEMBER				
BYE WEEK				
Sunday, December 12	7:20 pm*	CHICAGO BEARS	NBC	
Sunday, December 19	NOON*	@ Baltimore Ravens	FOX	
Saturday, December 25	3:30 pm	CLEVELAND BROWNS	FOX	
JANUARY				
Sunday, January 02	7:20 pm*	MINNESOTA VIKINGS	NBC	
Sunday, January 09	NOON*	@ Detroit Lions	FOX	

NOTEBOOK

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

Packers bitten by injury bug

No matter how many cotton balls are wrapped around the cardboard carton, at least a few eggs are going to break if dropped from the top of a 10-story building.

It's the same in professional football. No matter how cautious a coach is during training camp, the preseason and the regular season workweek, players are going to get injured on Sundays.

In any preseason list of the Green Bay Packers' most valuable players, left tackle David Bakhtiari, guard Elgton Jenkins, cornerback Jaire Alexander and outside linebacker Za'Darius Smith would rank among the top six or eight. They were four of the team's seven Pro Bowlers last year.

By the end of Sunday's victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers, all four were out of commission. Bakhtiari is on the physically unable to perform list with the ACL tear sustained during a New Year's eve practice last season.

Jenkins, who moved from guard to tackle to replace Bakhtiari for the start of this season, has missed the last two games with an ankle injury.

Smith, who missed all but one practice during training camp because of a back injury, played 18 snaps off the bench in week one, was placed on injured reserve and had back surgery; there's no guarantee he will return this season.

And Alexander suffered a shoulder injury on a key fourth-down stop on Sunday. The team spent Monday gathering opinions from specialists. "Being smart" was how one source put it. The good news is he didn't suffer a broken collarbone.

"He's a Pro Bowler. He's a captain," coach Matt LaFleur said Monday. "You can never have enough great players out there. Right now, we've got a few of our stud players on the bench due to injury."

From 2009 through 2018, the Packers were one of the most-injured teams in the NFL fairly regularly, according to ManGames-Lost, a website that tracks injury data for the major professional sports leagues. In terms of number of games missed, Green Bay ranked eighth during that span under former coach Mike McCarthy.

The arrival of LaFleur changed that dynamic. In 2019, the Pack-



Green Bay Packers kicker Mason Crosby, right, knocks in a field goal from the hold of punter Corey Bojorquez during the win over the Pittsburgh Steelers on Oct. 3 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. Crosby has now converted 24-straight field goal attempts, but the team's blocking hasn't been the greatest the last couple weeks.

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ers had the eighth-fewest injuries en route to a surprise trip to the NFC Championship Game. In 2020, the Packers had the 10th-most injuries but, really, none were of dire long-term consequence until Bakhtiari was injured late in the season. Green Bay got back to the NFC Championship Game and might have won it with a healthy Bakhtiari.

From an injury perspective, this season could hardly have started worse. But the Packers have persevered, going 2-0 in the games without both Bakhtiari and Jenkins and 3-0 without Za'Darius Smith.

"If you would've told me early in the season we'd be without arguably two of our best linemen for a couple of games and play those two fronts (San Francisco and Pittsburgh), I would've been ecstatic with two wins and here we are at 3-1," quarterback Aaron Rodgers said after accounting for three touchdowns vs. Pittsburgh.

How much more can one team take, though? Can the Packers con-

tinue to protect Rodgers at a high level with such a young offensive line? Can they possibly stop a team like Cincinnati – with an ascending young quarterback in Joe Burrow and three excellent receivers – without their top pass rusher and top cover man?

"Just next man up, next man up," outside linebacker Rashan Gary said of his mindset after Alexander went down. "It sucks at the moment, but we're in the middle of the game and we can't harp on that. Now everybody, at the end of the game, we're checking on him and making sure his spirits are up and see what's happening. It's just that next-man-up mentality and trying to get this win for Ja' because if he was out there then he'd be wanting the same."

No missing Mason

Against San Francisco, Mason Crosby tied his franchise record by making his 22nd consecutive field-goal attempt. The kick that did it, the 51-yard game-winner as time

expired, was almost blocked.

The kick that established a new record, a 26-yarder in the final seconds of the first half against Pittsburgh, came after his 31-yarder was blocked by Minkah Fitzpatrick and returned for what would have been a game-changing touchdown. However, Pittsburgh's Joe Haden was called offside and Crosby hit a 26-yarder after the penalty.

So, while the Packers officially haven't had a kick blocked, they have a huge problem to solve before they face Cincinnati. Any show of weakness is sure to be tested by upcoming opponents. It's also bound to get inside the head of Crosby, who added another chip-shot field goal without incident in the third quarter to extend his streak to 24.

"There's a lot to clean up there," LaFleur said. "They got a really good jump, jumping off the hand of our holder, so we have to do a better job of varying our snap counts. But also we can clean up some stuff in terms of just our alignments up

front and how we go about that. We'll have a plan for that this week."

On the block, Haden went around tight end Robert Tonyan and Fitzpatrick went inside of Tonyan before Tonyan and the rest of the protection unit even moved. If Haden was offside, it wasn't by much.

"They timed it up pretty well," LaFleur said.

Rodgers moving up the charts

Rodgers' second touchdown pass against Pittsburgh gave him 420 for his career. That tied Hall of Famer Dan Marino for No. 6 on the NFL's all-time list. If he throws one at Cincinnati, he'd tie Philip Rivers for No. 5.

At quarterback, there's aging. And then there's aging gracefully. With Rodgers, who will turn 38 on Dec. 2, the Packers are one of the NFL's elite teams.

With Ben Roethlisberger, who will turn 40 on March 2, the Steelers appear to be going nowhere fast.

"The way that we train gets me ready for the season, for sure. But then when you pair that with the diet and the regimen and the habits, that's really important," Rodgers

said. "Mike (McCarthy) used to always say this, and I've said it many times, but once the legs go, the rest goes. I started squatting after the '18 season, and that's been the biggest change for me.

"Now, I'm not running around like I used to. Obviously, that's changed. I'm not playing the way I played in '11 from a physical standpoint. But I'm smarter, and I want to keep being able to run bootlegs and extend plays when I can."

Better against the run

With defensive tackle Kenny Clark returning to his 2019 form and linebacker De'Vondre Campbell making an enormous impact in his first year with the team, the Packers are a lot stronger against the run than they have been.

Green Bay has yielded 4.29 yards per carry this season compared to 4.55 in 2020 and 4.67 in 2019. That's still only 17th in the league, but it's put Green Bay in better third-down situations.

On Sunday, the Steelers moved the chains on only four of their 11 third-down opportunities.

"Across the board, our team is playing with really good effort, really good urgency," LaFleur said.

"We're playing tough and physical and, quite frankly, I think sometimes that allows you to cover up some areas where you may have made a mistake if you got everybody hustling.

"Our guys have taken that to heart, and I still think there's room for improvement there as well. So by no means are we a finished product."

Campbell turned in his third consecutive excellent performance.

After 13 tackles against Detroit in week two and 11 tackles against San Francisco in week three, he recorded nine tackles, one quarterback hit (to help thwart a third-and-5) and one pass breakup (to stop a third-and-5) vs. Pittsburgh.

One play after defending a pass to receiver JuJu Smith-Schuster, Campbell gave up a catch to Smith-Schuster but stopped him well short of the first down.

After a Pro Bowl season in 2019, Clark — who turned 26 on Monday — never really got rolling after an early-season groin injury. He's been dominant to start this season, though. With 17 tackles, he's almost halfway to last year's total of 42. His 15 quarterback pressures, according to Pro Football Focus, are

also almost half of last year's total of 32.

"Kenny's Kenny. Kenny is a problem back there. He's a disruptive force," said Kingsley Keke, who had his first sack of the season against Pittsburgh. "When he comes out of his hips playing the run and being active into the passer, Kenny is a Pro Bowl-type talent, type player. He's earned everything that he's gotten so far, and he works tremendously hard. He's definitely helped me improve as a player — mentally, physically, everything. It's helping me watching him, yeah, for sure."



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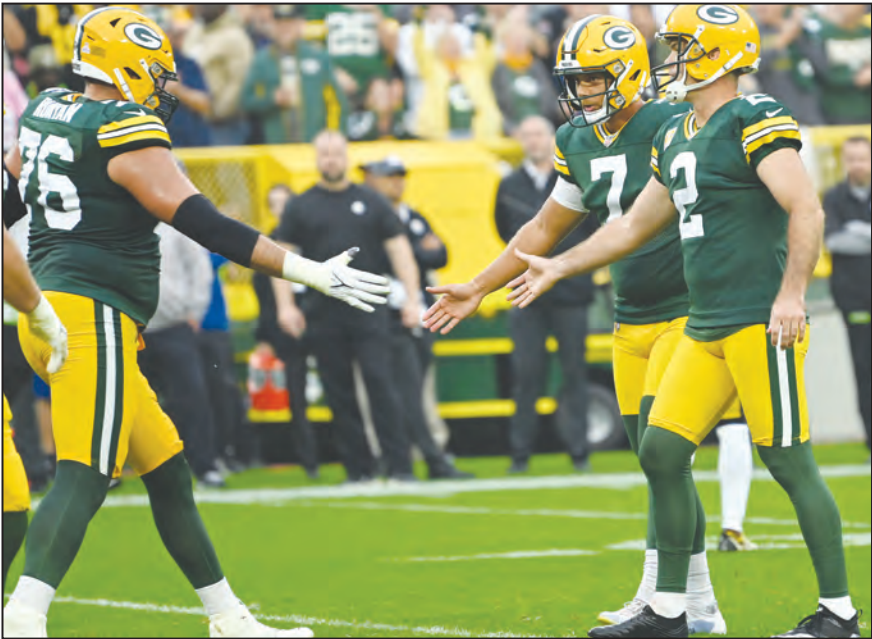
Green Bay Packers kicker Mason Crosby (2) has a kick blocked by Pittsburgh Steelers defenders during the team's Oct. 3 matchup at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

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Green Bay Packers kicker Mason Crosby, left, talks with offensive lineman Lucas Patrick after a flag negated a touchdown for Pittsburgh on Oct. 3. The Steelers defense blocked Crosby's 31-yard kick but received an offside penalty during the game at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

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Green Bay Packers kicker Mason Crosby (2) and punter Corey Bojorquez (7) celebrate with offensive lineman Jon Runyan after Crosby hit a 26-yard field goal during the team's matchup against the Pittsburgh Steelers on Oct. 3 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

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