



MORGAN SOLAR CONTROVERSY CONTINUES

Morgan Town Chairman Fran Wranosky tells a resident the state statute takes precedence over town government on the matter of a proposed solar energy array within town limits, during the town board meeting Oct. 14. **SEE STORY ON PAGE 5**

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Mountain, Riverview broadband access grant approved

Only one of two PSC applications approved for northern Oconto County internet users

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

Internet access in the towns of Mountain and Riverview should get a boost from a \$1.595 million grant to the Oconto County Economic Development Corp., announced Oct. 14.

Matched by \$250,000 from Bertram Communications and another \$250,000 in county dollars, the project is expected to reach about nine businesses and 375 residential locations upon completion.

The application was one of two approved by the Oconto County Board in July. A second grant serv-

ing Lakewood and Townsend was not among the latest round of PSC approvals.

The state Public Service Commission announced the recipients of Broadband Access Grants through funding made available in May. The commission awarded \$99,932,502 for 83 projects that will expand fiber broadband internet to more than 28,426 residential and 1,490 business locations currently unserved and underserved.

The grants are funded through the American Rescue Plan Act. Applications were made available on

June 1 and were due July 27. The PSC received 242 applications requesting more than \$440 million for projects that must be completed by Dec. 31, 2024.

Internet service providers, telecommunications utilities, co-operatives, local governments and for- and nonprofit organizations were eligible to apply. The commission evaluated broadband projects based on applicant capacity, capability, performance, project budget, proposed matching funds and the proposed service area's existing broadband service needs.

Finalists interviewed for county administrator

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

The Oconto County Board's Executive Committee was scheduled Oct. 20 to interview two candidates for the county administrator position.

Kevin Hamann, who has served as the appointed head of county government for the past 25 years, is scheduled to retire Jan. 7. The

administrator reports to the county board, prepares the annual budget and supervises the county's department heads.

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

The executive committee may or may not make a decision during the Oct. 20 meeting. The panel was also planning to discuss an ordinance change streamlining the number of standing committees from its current 14 down to six or seven, effective after the next county board is elected in April.

The full county board was planning to meet on Oct. 21.

CORRECTIONS

Accuracy is important to the Oconto County Times Herald, and it wants to correct mistakes promptly. Call errors to our attention by phone at 920-848-3427.

St. Clare workers to get minimum \$15 an hour

Wage increase is part of a systemwide HSHS initiative

Hospital Sisters Health System (HSHS) is increasing the minimum wage to \$15 an hour for its colleagues in Wisconsin and Illinois, including workers at HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital in Oconto Falls.

The system said the change will provide a rate increase to approximately 3,000 HSHS colleagues across Wisconsin and Illinois and represents a multi-million-dollar annual investment from HSHS. Only about half of those colleagues are currently earning a rate below \$15 an hour. The other half of these colleagues are already earning above that wage.

HSHS is headquartered in Springfield, Illinois, and comprised of nine hospitals in Illinois, six hospitals in Wisconsin, plus 183 clinics in Illinois through Prairie Heart

Institute and HSHS Medical Group. In total across the system, HSHS employs approximately 13,000 individuals — 8,600 in Illinois and 4,400 in Wisconsin.

For several years, the HSHS minimum wage rates in Illinois and Wisconsin have remained higher than the respective state minimum wage rates. The state minimum wage in Wisconsin now is \$7.25 per hour, while in Illinois it is currently \$11 per hour.

“We feel it’s important to raise the HSHS minimum wage rate even a step higher right now so that we can better retain and attract the most engaged, committed and talented people to fulfill our healing mission,” said HSHS President and CEO Damond Boatwright. “HSHS is committed to investing in our colleagues by providing a total compensation and benefits package that recognizes each individual for their personal contribution to the exceptional service our patients expect.”

The new HSHS minimum will apply to a number of entry-level positions.

“We truly hope this rate increase helps reinforce how much we respect and care about the important work these colleagues are doing around the clock,” said Boatwright. “Some of these colleagues are the ones helping keep patient rooms clean. Some help nourish our patients and their loved ones by preparing and serving food in our ministries. They help get our

patients registered and checked in when they arrive for care. And others help with important clinical work that truly makes our organization able to provide the great care that we do. We need more caring people in these roles at HSHS.”

The increase is effective Oct. 31. Salary increases for nearly all 13,000 HSHS employees are planned around this same time.

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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of Oct. 15

Daniel W. Cornelius, 42, Crivitz, pleaded no contest to possession of drug paraphernalia to manufacture methamphetamine and a misdemeanor count of operating a motor vehicle while revoked, in connection with an incident that occurred Jan. 13. Judge Jay N. Conley scheduled sentencing for Dec. 20 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Proceedings of Oct. 14

Bond was set at \$500,000 cash for Cody John Krueger, 24, Algoma, after he was charged with two counts of second-degree recklessly endangering safety, fleeing an officer and misdemeanor driving while license was revoked, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 10. He was already facing attempted first-degree intentional homicide, armed robbery and first-degree reckless endangerment charges in connection with a shooting on an Oconto street Sept. 3. The new charges are related to his arrest a week later. His initial appearance on the new charges was adjourned until Nov. 11.

A bench warrant was issued for Daryl L. Upton, 42, Cecil, after he failed to appear for a court hearing on charges of possession of amphetamine with intent to deliver, maintaining a drug trafficking

place and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 4. Upton is also awaiting trial on charges of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 20, 2020.

An arrest warrant was authorized for Brenda Sue Miller, 30, Oconto, after she failed to appear for her initial appearance on charges of substantial battery and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 30.

A Feb. 8-9 jury trial was scheduled for Gary Lamont Montgomery, 38, Amberg, who is charged with second-degree sexual assault of an unconscious victim, false imprisonment and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer, battery, theft and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 12. A final pre-trial conference was scheduled for Jan. 28.

A March 1 jury trial was scheduled for Stephanie J. Termaat, 38, Oconto, on two counts of harboring or aiding a felon, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 20. A final pre-trial conference was scheduled for Feb. 7.

A Feb. 16 jury trial was scheduled

for Allan C. Evans, 34, Abrams, on charges of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense) and misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked, resisting or obstructing an officer, possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 31. A final pre-trial conference was scheduled for Jan. 28.

A Feb. 22-23 jury trial was scheduled for Steven L. Anderson, 61, Suring, on charges of fleeing an officer in a vehicle and a misdemeanor count of operating while revoked, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Feb. 26. A status conference was scheduled for Jan. 13 and a final pre-trial conference on Feb. 14.

Richard J. Beauprey, 19, Shawano, pleaded not guilty to taking and driving a vehicle without the owner's consent and a misdemeanor charge of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (first offense), in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 23. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Nov. 11.

Regina Lynn Schueneman, 56, Racine, pleaded not guilty to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fifth or sixth offense) and a misdemeanor count of operating without a valid driver's license for the second time in less than three years, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 14. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Dec. 16.

Proceedings of Oct. 13

The retrial of Tyler J. Readman, 46, Pound, was scheduled for April 19-22 on a charge of repeated sexual assault of the same child in connection with

incidents that allegedly occurred in 2016 and 2017. Judge Michael T. Judge vacated a previous verdict in November after ruling the prosecutor failed to ensure the defense was informed about a report of witness coaching. Judge ruled that any motions are due Feb. 1 and scheduled a final pre-trial conference for April 4. Hearings on any motions will be scheduled after they are submitted.

A March 8 jury trial was scheduled for Roxanne S. Readman, 42, Pound, on a charge of misstating facts in a food stamp application (worth up to \$5,000), in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 1, 2017. A final pre-trial conference was scheduled for Feb. 21.

Cody R. Ludwig, 28, Marinette, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of bail jumping and possession of THC, in connection with an incident that occurred Feb. 26; and felony bail jumping in connection with an incident that occurred April 4. The February charges were amended from felonies in a plea agreement. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for Nov. 29 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Rafael Elroy Garay, 36, Pound, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to felony bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 27. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Dec. 16.

Proceedings of Oct. 12

A charge against Laurel J. Carr, 62, Oconto Falls, for allegedly maintaining a drug trafficking place was dismissed after she successfully completed the terms of a deferred judgment agreement approved Sept. 17, 2019.

CLUB NOTES

Lena Lions

The Lena Lions Club honored Megan Shallow, daughter of Kari and Jason Shallow, as the Student of the Month Award for September. Megan was presented the award by Lion Ben Pytleski, district administrator and elementary principal of Lena Public Schools.

Megan is a senior at Lena High School where she is a member of the cross-country team, FFA, Student Council, band, forensics, and National Honor Society. Megan has also participated in Honors Band. Her friends describe her as smart, kind, confident, open-minded determined, helpful, and persistent.



MEGAN SHALLOW

Her hobbies include propagating and growing plants, cooking and baking. Her community activities include Adopt-A-Family, Toss for Charity, highway cleanup, Red Cross Blood

Drives, Dairyfest, Spookapalooza, and serving at church.

Megan has worked for the Army National Guard and does babysitting.

She plans to earn a degree in plant science.

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Morgan residents challenge solar farm

'There's nothing we can do,' town chairman says

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

The Morgan Town Board told irate residents Oct. 14 that there's nothing they can do about a large solar-energy project proposed on local farmland, but a state representative pledged to help give them a voice with the company and state Public Service Commission.

A company called NextEra Energy plans to seek regulatory approval to build a 150-megawatt solar array that would tie into an existing substation along CCC Road near County C in Morgan.

Residents hoping to hear the board's discussion of a planning and land use commission recommendation instead heard Town Chairman Fran Wranosky read a prepared statement that the matter is essentially out of the town's control.

The commission recommended Sept. 7 that the town board contact the county and state to deny a conditional-use permit for the solar farm and to take legal action to deny installation of the complex within the town.

"After seeking legal counsel through the Wisconsin Towns Association, the board has come to this decision," Wranosky read. "Because the solar farm issue involves a private contractor, with private landowners and NextEra, a private company, (it) is not a town issue. This is a completed legal contract between private landowners and NextEra. It will no longer be discussed at town board meetings unless it directly involves the town and the town board. Furthermore, Wisconsin state statutes take precedence over any and all county and town ordinances."

Residents who asked for a copy of the chairman's statement were handed the first page of a memo from the Wisconsin Towns Association saying that in matters involving solar energy, "the role of town government is fairly limited" and citing the relevant state statutes.

The agenda for the Oct. 14 meeting did not allow open discussion, but the approximately three dozen residents in attendance spent the next three or four minutes asking the board to address their concerns.



Town of Morgan residents look on as state Rep. Elijah Behnke addresses them after the town board meeting Oct. 14.

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Town Supervisor Leonard Wahl, left, listens Oct. 14 as Morgan Town Chairman Fran Wranosky reads a letter prepared by the Wisconsin Towns Association regarding the local government's role in regulating a proposed solar energy array within its limits.

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"We just gave you an answer on it. We're moving on," Wranosky said.

"There would be discussion if you would listen," John Greenwood said. "It says here that your role is 'fairly limited.' So if you would open up and work with us as opposed to not so much with us, and try to

shut the lights on this right away ... I would like to see you guys be positive and be on our side."

"There's nothing we can do about any of this," Wranosky repeated. "Read the statutes."

The board continued through its monthly agenda and adjourned after about a half-hour, but then state

Rep. Elijah Behnke, R-Oconto, stood up in front of the crowd and said he and his office would work to get residents' issues to NextEra if the town board would not.

"I don't know what they're talking about, but NextEra just yesterday said we would love to work with the people of Morgan, to hear their needs to move this forward," Behnke said. "So of course they still want the project done, but they at least want to hear from you. So your board is incompetent, but I think you guys need to get together and we're going to get you some planning options so you can put a list of some desires and needs on the table."

During a conversation with several residents in the parking lot afterward, Behnke said he would explore possible changes in state law to give local residents and town governments more input in the process.

Because of the size of the project, under the statutes the state Public Service Commission has the ultimate authority to approve and regulate the facility.

Tom Ashenbrenner

Tom Ashenbrenner passed away on Oct. 11 at the age of 69. While fully vaccinated, he died of COVID-19. His family was well known for its work managing the Shawano Lake County Park Pavilion.

Tom started both his radio career at WTCH and playing in bands at the age of 15. He continued working in radio and playing music for the next 50 years. Tom had a magnetic personality and made friends easily. He had a strong interest in local history, loved sharing his home with a variety of dogs and passionately supported his Milwaukee Brewers and Green Bay Packers. Tom will be deeply missed by everyone who knew him.

Tom is survived by his wife, Susan Anderson, and sister, Sharon Ashenbrenner Charles. He is also survived by his brothers-in-law, Gary



Ashenbrenner.

The family would like to say a special thanks to the nurses and doctors in the ICU at Finley Hospital in Dubuque.

In remembrance of Tom's life, the family asks that any charitable donations be made to your local humane society or historical society. To honor Tom's memory, please get vaccinated and remember to abide by the CDC's mask guidelines.

Charles and Peter Anderson (Sara Minkoff), along with three nieces, a nephew and great-nephew.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Glenn and Vilese

Gary F. Ehman

Gary Frank Ehman, 84, died at his home in Mint Hill, North Carolina, after a short battle with cancer. He was born in Milwaukee on June 19, 1937, the son of William Ehman Sr. and Louise Margaret (Gross) and moved with his family to the Town of Belle Plaine when he was 6 years old.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Janice Schultz (Lewis); and brother, William Jr. He is survived by his wife, Linda (they had no children); nephews,



Todd Ehman and Robert Schultz; and numerous great-nephews and great-nieces, along with spiritual brothers and sisters spanning the world.

Online condolences may be offered at www.mccwenminthillchapel.com.

Shawano County plans drug takeback events

On Oct. 23, law enforcement agencies in Shawano County will participate in the Wisconsin Department of Justice's Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative.

Prescription drug take-back locations include the Bonduel Police Department, 207 S. First St., Bonduel; and the Stockbridge-Munsee Public Safety Building, W13455 Camp 14 Road, Bowler.

Prescription Drug Take-Back Day occurs on the last Saturday of April and October every year. However, prescription and over-the-counter medications can be dropped off year-round at the Shawano County Sheriff's Office, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; or ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano, 100 County Road B, Shawano.

Participants may dispose of solid, non-liquid medications by removing the medication from its container and disposing of it directly into a disposal box or into a clear sealable

plastic bag. Plastic pill containers should not be collected. Blister packages are acceptable without the medications being removed.

Liquids will be accepted during this initiative. However, the liquids, creams and sprays must be in their original packaging and evenly distributed within the boxes of collected solid prescription medications. Liquids without the original packaging will not be accepted.

Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine are not a part of this initiative and should not be placed in collection containers.

All waste pharmaceuticals must be generated by a household. Businesses and institutions interested in information about disposing of drugs should visit the DNR website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/healthwaste/businesspharm.html>.

Ribs bring visitors to Charlie's



Charlie Harvey, owner of Charlie's County Market, sports a cowboy hat for Charlie's World's Best Rib Fest. The two times a year event sold more than 2,000 racks Oct. 15, marking a record sales day for the event.

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Expenditures						
General Government	\$147,718	\$186,026	\$176,765	\$173,388	\$174,796	-1.11%
Public Safety	\$244,874	\$215,920	\$262,023	\$253,938	\$267,986	2.28%
Public Works	\$223,864	\$211,980	\$252,645	\$254,953	\$248,736	-1.55%
Health and Sanitation	\$176,806	\$202,093	\$195,146	\$191,185	\$201,879	3.45%
Culture and Recreation	\$65,865	\$65,989	\$54,954	\$68,737	\$60,001	9.18%
Conservation & Development	\$5,519	\$1,784	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Operating Transfer Out						
Total Expenditures	\$864,646	\$883,792	\$941,533	\$942,201	\$953,398	1.26%
Revenues						
Property Tax Levy	\$263,839	\$324,509	\$313,174	\$313,174	\$288,447	-7.90%
Other Revenues	\$581,971	\$604,480	\$628,359	\$703,075	\$664,951	5.82%
Operating Transfer In	\$43,681	\$40,090	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Total Revenues & Funding	\$889,491	\$969,079	\$941,533	\$1,016,249	\$953,398	1.26%
Excess of Revenues & Other Funding Over Expenditures	\$24,845	\$85,287	\$-	\$74,048	\$-	
Property Tax Levy	\$263,839	\$324,509	\$313,174	\$313,174	\$298,834	-4.58%
Assessed Full Valuation	\$72,758,800	\$73,253,900	\$73,466,900	\$73,466,900	\$83,416,100	13.54%
Village Tax Rate w/o TID	\$3.63	\$4.43	\$4.26	\$4.26	\$3.58	-15.96%
Fund Balance January 1	\$431,507	\$456,352		\$541,639		
Net Change	\$24,845	\$85,287		\$74,048		
Fund Balance December 31	\$456,352	\$541,639		\$615,687		

Village of Bonduel Capital Equipment Fund

	2019 Audited Budget	2020 Audited Budget	2021 Budget	2021 Projected Budget	2022 Proposed Budget	%Change 2021 Proposed versus 2020 Budget
Expenditures						
Capital Equipment	\$214,996	\$680,679	\$50,475	\$50,174	\$31,450	-37.69%
Capital Reserve	\$49,159	\$21,377	\$10,928	\$10,928	\$-	
Debt Service/Lease	\$45,367	\$82,260	\$62,616	\$62,616	\$62,616	0.00%
Total Expenditures	\$309,522	\$784,316	\$124,019	\$123,718	\$94,066	-24.15%
Revenues						
Property Tax Levy	\$85,470	\$75,470	\$61,739	\$61,739	\$26,988	-56.29%
Other Revenues	\$354,785	\$168,397	\$62,280	\$68,010	\$67,078	7.70%
Proceeds of Debt	\$15,430	\$510,139	\$-	\$-	\$-	
Funds on Hand						
Total Revenues	\$455,685	\$754,006	\$124,019	\$129,749	\$94,066	-24.15%
Excess of Revenues & Other Funding Over Expenditures	\$146,163	\$(30,310)	\$-	\$6,031	\$-	
Property Tax Levy	\$85,470	\$85,470	\$61,739	\$61,739	\$26,988	-56.29%
Assessed Valuation	\$72,758,800	\$72,758,800	\$73,466,900	\$73,466,900	\$83,416,100	13.54%
Village Tax Rate w/o TID	\$1.17	\$1.17	\$0.84	\$0.84	\$0.32	-61.50%
Fund Balance January 1	\$257,787	\$403,950		\$373,640		
Net Change	\$146,163	\$(30,310)		\$6,031		
Fund Balance December 31	\$403,950	\$373,640		\$379,671		

Village of Bonduel Capital Project Fund

	2019 Audited Budget	2020 Audited Budget	2021 Budget	2021 Projected Budget	2022 Proposed Budget	%Change 2022 Proposed versus 2021 Budget
Expenditures						
Capital Expense	\$7,252	\$35,853	\$287,260	\$370,984	\$384,550	
Culture and Recreation			\$-	\$-	\$-	
Debt Service	\$388,088	\$412,590	\$293,858	\$293,859	\$335,816	12.49%
Total Expenditures	\$395,340	\$448,443	\$581,118	\$664,843	\$720,366	23.96%
Revenues						
Property Tax Levy	\$248,911	\$241,361	\$259,995	\$259,995	\$329,291	26.65%
Other Revenues/Assessments	\$33,975	\$63,012	\$38,863	\$48,680	\$11,075	-71.50%
Proceeds of Debt/Funds on Hand		\$733,094	\$282,260	\$355,625	\$380,000	
Total Revenues & Funding	\$282,886	\$1,037,467	\$581,118	\$664,300	\$720,366	23.96%
Excess of Revenues & Other Funding Over Expenditures	\$(112,454)	\$589,024	\$-	\$(543)	\$-	
Property Tax Levy	\$248,911	\$241,361	\$259,995	\$259,995	\$329,291	26.65%
Assessed Valuation	\$72,758,800	\$73,466,900	\$73,466,900	\$73,466,900	\$83,416,100	13.54%
Village Tax Rate w/o TID	\$3.42	\$3.29	\$3.54	\$3.54	\$3.95	11.55%
Fund Balance January 1	\$122,829	\$10,375		\$599,399		
Net Change	\$(112,454)	\$589,024		\$(543)		
Fund Balance December 31	\$10,375	\$599,399		\$598,856		

Village of Bonduel 2021 Proposed Budget Summary

	2019 Audited Budget	2020 Audited Budget	2021 Budget	2021 Projected Budget	2022 Proposed Budget	%Change 2022 Proposed versus 2021 Budget
Village Property Tax Levy	\$263,839	\$324,509	\$313,174	\$313,174	\$298,834	-4.58%
Capital Equipment	\$85,470	\$85,470	\$61,739	\$61,739	\$26,988	-56.29%
Capital Street Tax Levy	\$248,911	\$241,361	\$259,995	\$259,995	\$329,291	26.65%
Total Proposed Levy	\$598,220	\$651,340	\$634,908	\$634,908	\$655,113	3.18%
Village Tax Rate w/o TID	\$8.22	\$8.89	\$8.64	\$8.64	\$7.85	-9.12%

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Winning the battle after the battle

Wounded officer doing better 2 months after incident, but there's more work in recovery efforts

By **NICOLE FISCHER**
Correspondent

Oconto Falls Police Officer Nicole Blaskowski has found a way to cheat death, not by one bullet, but by two.

At around 10 a.m. Aug. 8, Blaskowski was shot twice — once in the head and another time in the back. A third bullet was fired at Blaskowski but never hit her.

Alisha Kocken, 29, was charged with nine counts including attempted first-degree intentional homicide. Her next scheduled court date is Nov. 19.

Two months after, Blaskowski is improving, but the incident has changed her as a person not only physically, but mentally.

"My physical balance was terrible at first," she said.

Blaskowski's gunshot wound to the head has caused her to suffer some sensory issues.

"I couldn't shower alone without someone in the room. Noises, Sounds. They irritate me. During speech therapy I had to listen to loud noises and it was terrible. I had to have her make it stop," Blaskowski said.

"I just couldn't handle it at the beginning, but I'm getting better. They even have introduced sirens, and radio traffic. I'm adapting well. I'm analytical and pay attention to detail. So writing thank yous was a challenge to focus. Something that simple we take for granted. That was very difficult."

Blaskowski said a lot has changed since being shot.

"I am more intentional with my time. Instead of saying to those friends you haven't seen forever, 'We should hang out' but never do, I now do," she said. "I literally stopped to smell the flowers the other day, buried my face in a hydrangea bush. My husband asked what I was doing, I explained I don't think I've stopped to smell flowers in a long time. They're beautiful."

Blaskowski said her circle not only is small, but strong amazing humans.

Blaskowski is up every morning with her kids. She used to sleep in when her husband was home but now wants all the moments with them. She explained that her phone sits on the charger in her bedroom when her kids are home.

Blaskowski wants to return to work again.



Nicole Blaskowski, an officer with the Oconto Falls Police Department, shows the part of her head where a bullet struck her during an altercation where a woman accused a neighbor of kidnapping her son. The suspect, Alisha Kocken, is being charged with first-degree intentional homicide and other charges for the shooting.

NICOLE FISCHER

"I have no other purpose," she said. "There was a time I wasn't a cop and you know what? I was miserable. I was meant to be a cop. I know I have changed lives. I'm a helper. I will continue. People keep telling me I could retire and get disability, but why? Then what? I need to work. I already asked my doctor if I could go back to light duty. I was denied yet, but I will. This is not the end. This is just a setback. I'm coming back."

Blaskowski explained she has more fear of going back than the actual shooting, only for the reason, "Can I cheat death again? How many chances does God give us? I don't want my luck to run out. But I truly feel, that's where I'm meant to be."

While looking online and seeing all the different news articles about the shooting, she wanted to explain. She never handed her gun over. She never ran away. She fought until

she was blacking out and couldn't anymore.

"I fought until I couldn't, and there was one blip when I thought I was going to die. Just one," Blaskowski said. "I was held from the back of my hair, and I could see the muddy bottom steps of the building. I thought, no way is my kids' mom going to die at the bottom of these muddy stairs. I will not die here. Not today. So I continued to fight."

Blaskowski expressed gratitude for all the love and support she and her family has received. Everything from calls, texts, cards, food, and her law enforcement family meeting her outside of the hospital when she was released.

"I was totally surprised," Blaskowski said about the greeting she received as she left for home. "I walked down the stairs, I saw Gillett's squad with its lights on, then I saw all of the squads with the red and blues on. The blue family is truly like no other. I cried. I'm not emotional, but seeing the line of officers, some from throughout my career, most I've never seen before. A long blue line of cops standing there. For me. How lucky I am to have a family like this."

Blaskowski said her children are handling it better than expected, but still, this has impacted their little lives greatly. Simple things like not wanting to leave the house without Blaskowski, refusing sleepovers away from home, checking in with her a lot.

The Blaskowski family has been working with the Wellness Co-Op, based in Oconto Falls, since six days after the shooting. The co-op is for first responders and military families who need counseling after a life-changing event.

"We are so blessed to have something like the Wellness Co-Op in our community," she said.

The Wellness Co-Op is nonprofit and is run by donations. Blaskowski said she is so happy they had the co-op and Dr. Abby Baumgart Huntley as a resource because she wasn't able to get in to see a psychiatrist until seven weeks after the shooting.

"It's sad," Blaskowski said. "I have my people that I know I can call and they can talk to me. Not everyone is so lucky. Not everyone knows how to reach out when they need to talk. Mental health is serious."

Menominee legislator tells her story to help women

Fernandez encourages women at summit to stand up to those who mean them harm, even among own people

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Rachel Fernandez, a Menominee tribal legislator, spoke her truth Oct. 16 at the Menominee Casino Resort in the hopes of empowering other women and breaking a code of silence dating back several generations.

Fernandez was one of the keynote speakers at the Women's Empowerment Summit and Training. She told those in attendance about the abuse she endured in her early years, which contributed to a cycle of alcohol and drug abuse that almost made her a statistic in the tragedy of missing and murdered indigenous women that has slowly been gaining attention across the United States.

"Speak up, because you're not alone," Fernandez said. "I know I'm not alone."

Fernandez spoke of the love she felt from her grandmothers, but even that wasn't enough to deal with the childhood trauma she endured. It caused Fernandez, who was raised in Neopit, to become bulimic in her teenage years and eventually to turn to drugs and alcohol. By her mid-20s, she already had four children and was still haunted by her past, and the drugs and alcohol helped to numb the pain.

Fernandez eventually had her mother care for her children and went to Green Bay, noting that "I'd pretty much given up on life," and she met a man who wanted to go on a road trip with her.

"I was drunk and high on drugs, so I said OK," Fernandez said. "They probably just thought, 'Oh, Rachel's off drinking and doing her own thing.' Nobody ever checked up on me like we do now for our sisters and our relatives out there."

Before Fernandez knew it, she woke up in North Carolina, she said, and she didn't have any idea where she was. She said she felt unsafe for the first time and needed to go home.

"I realized I could have been dead, and nobody knew where I was," Fernandez said.

However, it wasn't that easy to get back home. The man Fernandez had gone on the road trip with drugged and raped her, and she believes other men on the property had violated her, as well. Fernandez was terrified and had no access to a phone. She eventually found herself in Indiana and begged to be returned to Green Bay, saying she'd



Menominee Tribal Legislator Rachel Fernandez tells a group of women gathered Oct. 16 in the Five Clans Ballroom of the Menominee Casino Resort for the Women's Empowerment Summit and Training about how she survived childhood trauma, drug and alcohol addiction and sexual assault to become a mother of eight children and grandmother to 20 grandchildren.

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be quiet and wanted to go back to her kids.

"He took me back to Green Bay, and he left me on Main Street," Fernandez said. "I took off, and I ran. I never told that story for a long, long time."

Past traumas have damaged both Native American women and men alike, and Fernandez said that allowing tribal members to hurt one another should not be tolerated.

Fernandez pointed out the boarding school era, where indigenous people were not allowed to practice their traditions or speak their native language. Not being permitted to speak about and process the bad things that happened in life has caused the phenomenon of missing and murdered women to become so prevalent. The United States government's past actions of "assimilation and genocide," she said, have damaged the tribal culture and way of life.

"It's unacceptable to me that we have our people hurting our own people," Fernandez said. "We can look back at that and ask why. We need to be seeking justice, and we need to seek

responsibility and accountability. But why is this happening? Why are our people hurting our own people?"

The tribes had their ways of dealing with members who had done wrong in the past, but once the boarding school era occurred, more and more Native Americans lost their way, according to Fernandez.

"We were taught, 'Don't talk about that. Don't say anything,'" she said, noting that she had heard her great-grandfather speak in the traditional Menominee language and asked him to teach her, only to be rebuffed and told to do so was too dangerous.

She added that, for women, the key to healing is to form sisterhoods among other women — sisters, mothers, aunts and grandmothers.

"When we talk about empowerment as women, we have to look back and acknowledge everything that happened before us and honor those ancestors that endured and went through the pain and struggle for us to get here — for us to have our land, for us to have our language, for us to have our ceremonies," Fernandez said.

To honor those ancestors, it's im-

portant for women to speak up about the wrongs being committed and standing up for others who are hurting, Fernandez said. She added that women need to be "calling out those who are doing the trauma to us, who are out there, walking amongst us in our community."

"There's murderers out there," Fernandez said. "We need to stand together and call these people out, because it's not only for our families — our families have endured so much already — but for our community, so we can walk out there in safety. So we can be together safely. We need to stand up, and we need to keep standing up."

Women need to stand up to violence and toxic masculinity, she added. To do so will provide a better future for tribal descendants.

"I see it on the legislature," Fernandez said. "It's unacceptable to me. We don't need you to take our space. We need to gather in liberation so that we can look forward to our next seven generations and provide a health foundation for our kids, our grandkids and so forth."

Holsey urges women to support other women

Stockbridge-Munsee president talks about leadership involving support of the people served

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Anyone who asks Shannon Holsey, president of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians, who her hero is, and she'll immediately reply that it is Ada Deer of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin.

Holsey proudly held up the Menominee advocate, scholar and civil servant as a shining example of leadership Oct. 16 as she spoke at the Women's Empowerment Summit and Training at the Menominee Casino Resort. She also brought up how it's possible for any woman to be a leader, but it's just as important for women to support other women and stop comparing themselves to one another.

"Every woman's success should be an inspiration to another," Holsey said. "We're the strongest when we work together. One woman makes a difference, but together, we can rock the world."

Holsey, who is entering her fourth term as the Stockbridge-Munsee president, also expressed pride at hearing the "wonderful wisdom" of Verna Fowler, the founding president of the College of Menominee Nation, in a presentation earlier in the day about starting the tribal college.

"It's evidence the significant role women play in this community and through our communities throughout," Holsey said. "She said that leadership is not entitlement-based, and it's not gender-based. Work is work. Leadership is something that's in all of us."

Holsey noted that everybody is imperfect, but those imperfections should not be seen as inadequacies.

"Ladies, stop comparing yourselves to one another. We're not in a competition," she said. "I am not your competition, and you are not mine. There is enough opportunity in this world."

Holsey encouraged those in attendance to live big, but do so with boundaries, integrity and generosity. She noted courage should come over comfort when it comes to being a leader.

"In my opinion, shame is the most corrosive thing in work culture, as it changes the belief of who are and can be, and what we can do better," Holsey said. "Those are moments when you see somebody you're working with — whether it be a colleague or another tribal member or a legislator or whom-ever — it's that opportunity you all can



Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal President Shannon Holsey speaks about being a leader during the Women's Empowerment Summit and Training held Oct. 16 at Menominee Casino Resort. Holsey encouraged audience members to choose courage over comfort to be an effective leader. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA



Verna Fowler, left, the founder for the College of Menominee Nation, speaks with a pair of attendees Oct. 16 during her session about the lessons she learned starting the tribal college as part of the Women's Empowerment Summit and Training at Menominee Casino Resort. Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal President Shannon Holsey held Fowler up as an example of someone who has been a true leader in Native American circles. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

take and grow somebody. Mentoring somebody is critically important, and there is a capability in all of you to do that."

For Holsey, a great leader is someone who sees and hears the people that she or he serves. She admitted she doesn't have all the answers when she speaks with her people, but her willingness to listen and to find those

answers she doesn't possess is key for any leader.

"You have the capability of writing an ending for yourself," Holsey said.

Any leader must have self-awareness and self-love, she continued, and they should also have the capacity to understand they will stumble along the way, as nobody is perfect.

"It's about service to others, not

ourselves, and that's why you should always choose courage," Holsey said. "You can only rise by lifting others. It is not singular; it's pluralistic."

The values Holsey talked about are nothing new, she said, but they're things that are not always talked about among women. It's important to shed the silence, she added, to rise up and be true leaders to the community.

"It's OK to have those conversations because it doesn't make you weak. It makes you even more daring," Holsey said. "Learn how to face risk with those tough conversations. Live into your values."

Women, especially those who are mothers, are already true leaders, because they have shown the capability of managing a household and children, Holsey said. She noted they're juggling multiple things at once and have to be multi-faceted to achieve success.

"Now, that's a true leader," Holsey said. "She is the foundation for the first interaction that many of these young people will have in their lives. She's showing them it's possible to manage her household, to manage the care of her children, to do the things necessary to set a strong foundation for their future."

Johnson gets awards from state, Safe Haven

Retired police officer honored for her tireless work with domestic abuse victims

By LYNN ZAFFRANN
Correspondent

Jody Johnson, of Shawano, retired from the Shawano Police Department last month, completing a successful career as a law enforcement officer that began in 1995.

This month, she is the recipient of two awards that honor her law enforcement experience as a school resource officer and her many accomplishments as a volunteer working with domestic abuse victims at Safe Haven Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault of Shawano.

Johnson is one of three people honored this year by the Governor's Council on Domestic Abuse. She is also the recipient of Safe Haven's Behind the Badge Award, a special honor given to first responders.

The Justice Award from the Council on Domestic Abuse honors Johnson for her outstanding accomplishments in promoting safety, empowerment and justice for victims of domestic abuse and their children.

She received the Justice Award during a ceremony at City Hall on Oct. 13. Family members, Safe Haven staff and former police department colleagues joined Johnson at the ceremony, presented virtually by the council as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month — a statewide observance to raise awareness about the effects of domestic abuse.

Safe Haven staff nominated Johnson for the prestigious Justice Award in honor of her many years of advocacy on behalf of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault crimes. Johnson is a strong advocate for victims of crimes and provides many hours of compassionate assistance within the Safe Haven program. In her role as a school resource officer with Shawano School District, she worked as a liaison and helped countless domestic violence survivors while bringing abusers to justice.

Jennifer Laude Bisterfeldt, executive director of Safe Haven, said that Johnson is a tireless advocate who embodies the mission of Safe Haven, which is to encourage a safe community free of physical and sexual violence and emotional abuse through shelter, caring, advocacy and education. She noted that



Jody Johnson, right, stands with Jennifer Laude Bisterfeldt, executive director for Safe Haven, outside of Safe Haven's shelter. Johnson received the Justice Award from the state's Council on Domestic Abuse on Oct. 13, and she will receive the Behind the Badge Award on Oct. 22. LYNN ZAFFRANN

Johnson works closely with first responders and is a caring liaison with Safe Haven.

Johnson will receive her second award this month, the Behind the Badge award. Staff and board members of Safe Haven chose Johnson for this special award to honor her tireless volunteer efforts on behalf of domestic abuse survivors. The award is scheduled for presentation to Johnson at the Ball of the Badges on Oct. 22 at Shawano Lake County Park.

The ball, a Safe Haven annual event, honors all Shawano County first responders. Although tickets for the event are sold out, Safe Haven is still seeking donations and raffle items to enhance the event. All proceeds benefit Safe Haven, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

As a member of the Safe Haven Board of Directors for 20 years, Johnson helped the agency grow from its inception, worked to raise funds and oversaw multiple expansions as one of the agency's strongest allies.

Johnson says that, as a recent retiree, she misses the daily interaction with the school children and her liaison work with families and police officers.

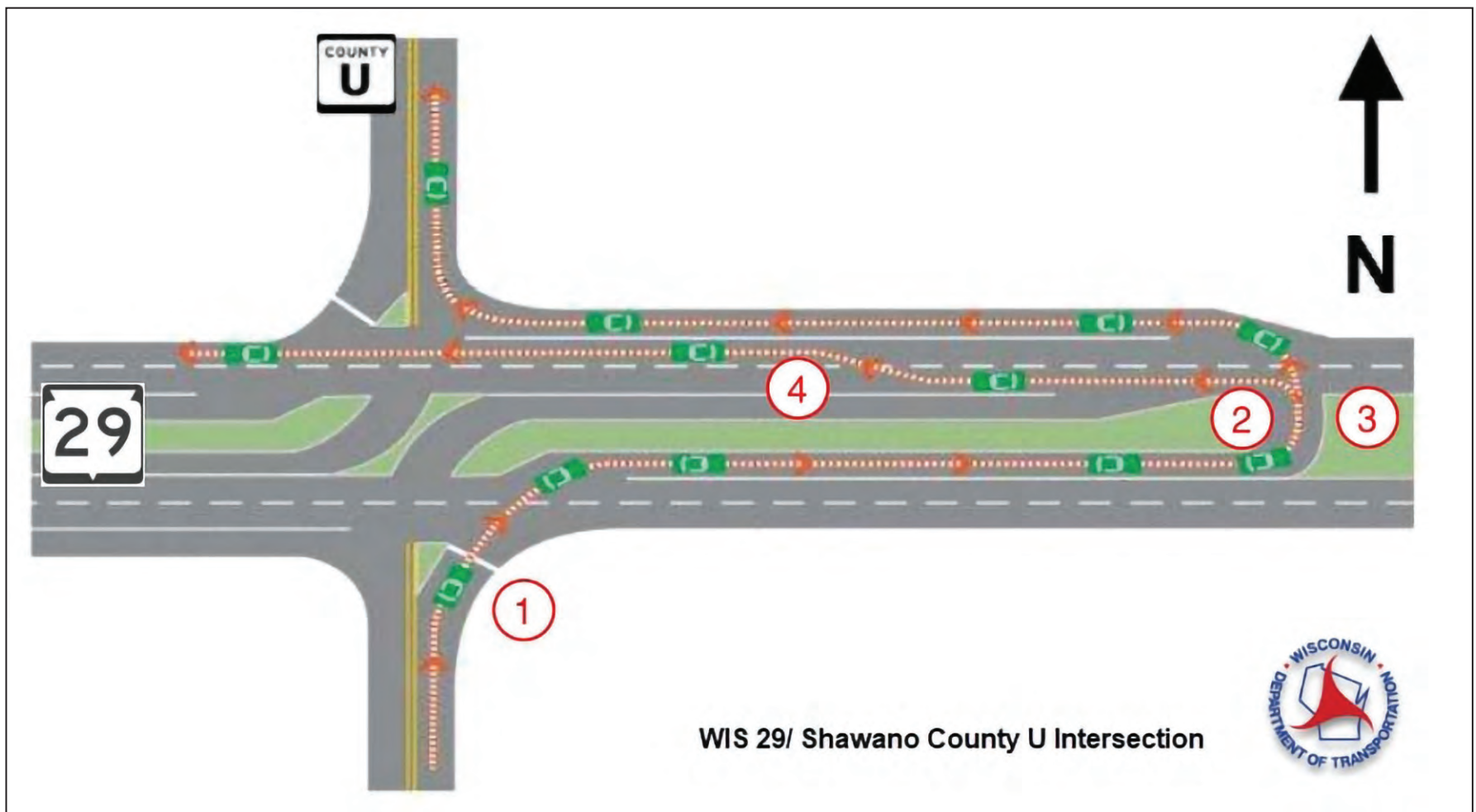
Safe Haven was created in 1989. Bisterfeldt noted that Johnson has volunteered for the organization for many years and worked countless hours in her volunteer capacity. She said that whenever help is needed, Johnson can be relied on to step in and give her time.

The other Governor's Council on Domestic Abuse award recipi-

ents are Cheryl Davis, of Wisconsin Rapids, and Sharon Lewandowski, of Madison. Davis is the Courage Award recipient and Lewandowski received the Patricia J. Waschbisch Lifetime Achievement Award.

Statistics provided by the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) show that, on a single day in Wisconsin, about 2,500 victims seek assistance from a domestic abuse program. Through strong partnerships between DCF and nonprofit, county and tribal partners, individuals receive specialized trauma-informed care that allows them to heal and become independent.

DCF continues to work to prevent domestic abuse and educates a range of audiences about the impact abuse can have on families.



The map of state Highway 29 and County Road U gives a visual look at what drivers should do when they approach the J-turn.

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Wisconsin DOT completes J-turn lane

J-turn at intersection of state Highway 29, County Road U

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The Wisconsin DOT has just completed a new J-turn on state Highway 29 near Gresham.

The J-turn will be located at the intersection of state Highway 29 and County Road U in the Town of Herman.

“The intersection of state Highway 29 at County Road U was identified as having a right-angle crash trend and has been the site of

multiple severe and fatal crashes,” said Tegan Griffith, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Region Communications Manager.

According to the project overview from the Wisconsin DOT, the purpose of the new J-turn is to reduce and/or eliminate the severe crashes that the intersection has been known for.

The intersection also has a sight problem as visible distance is limited, due to a hill located east of County Road U.

The project overview gave directions for drivers on how to maneuver the J-turn, saying from the stop line at County Road U — turn right across state Highway 29 into the J-turn crossover lane. When drivers reach the J-turn crossover, they

should yield. After doing so, perform the U-turn to the left lane of state Highway 29 while increasing speed.

She said that this J-turn helps to reduce crash potential.

“There are 42 conflict points with a standard intersection,” said Griffith. “With a J-turn, there are only 24 conflict points.”

She added that drivers are only required to look at one direction of traffic at a time and that this provides additional space for longer vehicles to store in the median.

Griffith said that J-turns are becoming more popular, due to the fact they help to mitigate accidents.

“There are several intersections similar to this across Wisconsin,” said Griffith. “When intersection safety concerns are identified, the

Wisconsin DOT evaluates the most appropriate solution to reduce crashes while also considering construction costs, property impacts and environmental impacts.”

The project overview also states that there are seven J-turn intersections throughout Wisconsin. There is a 21% reduction in the number of crashes and an 89% reduction in the number of crashes that cause injuries and fatalities.

The overview states that the J-turn that was constructed on the intersection of state Highway 29 and County Road VV in Brown County has seen a 66% reduction in the number of crashes that result in injury or death.

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Sacred Heart students, staff to spook Shawano with downtown stroll

Sacred Heart Catholic School students and staff in 4-year-old kindergarten through fifth grades are

conducting their own Halloween spirit parade starting at 12:45 p.m. Oct. 27.

Students will be changing into their costumes after lunch and leaving their school campus. They will

head to downtown Shawano on Main Street making a swoop from one side of the street to the other.

OBITUARIES

Karen Ann Zoeller, 77, Howard, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2021, after a brief illness. She was born April 13, 1944, in Suring to Ed and Irma (Zaddack) Bubolz.

Karen was a 1962 graduate of Suring High School. She met Ron Zoeller at the Gillett Fair, and they married in 1964. Together they shared 57 incredible years. Karen was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. In addition to being a loving wife and homemaker, she also took special pride as a self-employed food demonstrator handing out food samples in our local grocery stores.

She loved to play cards and bingo. Karen was known for her delicious potato salad and her sweets/baking,



trips to Branson and Florida with Ron.

Karen also liked dancing and going to see live music. Halloween was a fun holiday for Karen and Ron, as for over 30 years they appeared at costume contests as an "elderly couple" and had taken first place in many events.

She is survived by her loving husband, Ronald; four children,

which included puffy cookies, apple and banana cream pies. Time spent camping in the Crandon area with Ron and family was special to Karen. She also enjoyed frequent

Tammie (Doug) La Count, Debbie (Frank) Pope, Sandi (Dave) Kappus, Rick (Tammy) Zoeller; 10 grandchildren, Nathan (special friend, Debbie Bigelow) La Count, Steven (Savanna) La Count, Barrett La Count, Danielle (fiancé, Josh Niemela) La Count, Ashley Mistoler, Eric Mistoler, Alexander (special friend, Hailey) Kappus, Sydney Kappus, Emily Kappus, Cole Keuter; one great-grandchild, Emerica; her sister, Gladys Pichette; sister-in-law, Kathy (Steve) Bahr; brother-in-law, Dick (Peggy) Zoeller; and special aunt, Mae Adams; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents, Ed and Irma Bubolz; sisters, Sylvia (Don) Lambrecht and

Ardella Bubolz; brother, Gary Bubolz; brother-in-law, Norbert Pichette; niece, Dawn Bubolz; and nephew Gary Bubolz.

Visitation and the service for Karen were held Saturday, Oct. 16, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Howard. To send online condolences, please go to www.BlaneyFuneral-Home.com.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established in Karen's name.

A special thank you is extended to the staff of the seventh and fourth floors at St. Vincent Hospital, especially Dr. Agu and her team of Sarah, Molly and Danielle for their exceptional care and compassion given to Karen.

Harold W. Delzer

Harold W. Delzer, 93, Morgan, died Saturday afternoon, Oct. 16, 2021, at a Green Bay hospital. He was born March 30, 1928, to Hugo and Ella (Retzlaff) Delzer Sr. Harold grew up in the Town of Morgan and graduated from Oconto Falls High School.

On Jan. 27, 1951, he married Beryl Calba in Oconto. The couple farmed

their entire married lives in the Town of Morgan with the help of family members and good friends. Harold was well known for making firewood and always had plenty on hand, years in advance. He was a lifelong member of St. John Lutheran Church in Morgan and once served on church council. Harold also served on the

Morgan Co-op Board for many years, as well as the ASCS Board for Oconto County. In his later years, Harold enjoyed his job at the Town of Morgan Recycling Center where he loved meeting and helping people.

Survivors are his wife of 70 years, Beryl Delzer; their two sons, Robert (Linda) and Dennis (Kaye) Delzer; two granddaughters, Carmen (Shaun) Knight and Janel (Shawn) Van Ooyen; two great-granddaughters, Marissa Rum and Kyra Van Ooyen; two sisters, Dorothy Petka and Anita Hansen; one sister-in-law, Joan Delzer, Morgan; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, Alfred (Lois), Hugo (Betty) Jr., George and Otto (Delores) Delzer and brothers-in-law



and sisters-in-law, Ervin Hansen and Ben Petka; Jeanette (Richard) Gnabaskik, Lloyd (Dorothy) Stephen, Marvin (Bernadette) Calba and June (Don) Suttley.

Visitation will be held after 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 22, 2021, at St. John Lutheran Church in the Town of Morgan until the time of service. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at the church with Pastor Fred Mai officiating. Burial will follow in the Town of Morgan Cemetery. Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls is serving the Delzer family.

Barbara A. Monfort

Barbara Ann (Siebert) Monfort died on Oct. 12, 2021, of pancreatic cancer.

She was born Feb. 27, 1936, in rural Marion to Henry and Clara (Culver) Siebert, the youngest of 13 children. In 1941, she moved with her family to the Gillett area.

Barbara met and married the love of her life, Freeman (Bud) Monfort, in 1952. Together they raised four children while residing in Green Bay, Two Rivers and Howard. She was a devoted wife, mother and homemaker.

In 1995, "Bobbie" and Bud retired and moved to Half Moon Lake near Crivitz, where they enjoyed living in the north woods for 21 years. In 2017, they moved to be nearer to family as Bud's health declined.

Barbara is survived by one son, Jeffrey (YooKyeong); three daughters, Connie (James) Baumgart, Vicki (Charles) Petersen and Kristi Moore;

10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She is further survived by sisters-in-law Nancy Campbell, Bonnie Monfort; brother-in-law Carl (Frances) Monfort, and many nieces and nephews and their families.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Bud; her parents; 12 siblings and their spouses, several nieces and nephews, and a grandson-in-law.

In honoring her wishes, she has chosen cremation and no funeral service. Her remains will be joined with her husband's and interred at Wanderer's Rest Cemetery in Gillett. Condolences may be sent in care of Simply Cremation to 243 N. Broadway, Green Bay, WI 54303.

The family wishes to thank Unity Hospice for their help and kindness during this difficult time.

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Oct. 14

Deputies responded to 69 incidents, including drugs at an address in the Town of Gillett, suspicious activity on Steelhead Run in the Town of Oconto, burglary on South Richmond Avenue in Gillett, trespassing on North Brown County Line Road in the Town of Chase, suspicious activity near state Highway 22 and Military Road in the Town of Stiles, criminal damage on Patzer Court in Gillett, squad damage on County Road EE in the Town of Abrams, seven traffic stops, three traffic hazards, two traffic offenses, two citizen assists, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, five welfare checks; seven open 911 lines; one ambulance call; four crashes, two involving deer.

Oct. 13

Deputies responded to 51 incidents, including suspicious activity on Superior Avenue in Oconto, fraud on West Fourth Street in Gillett, theft on County Road NN in the Town of Oconto, harassment on County Road K in the Town of Spruce, suspicious activity on Vandermeulen Lane in the Town of Morgan, disorderly conduct on Main Street in the Town of Abrams, drugs at an address in the Town of Breed, theft on West Frontage Road in the Town of Abrams, suspicious activity near Sunshine Road and County Road A in the Town of Lena, a wanted person on Sandy Corners Road in the Town of Oconto Falls, a wanted person on County Road F in the Town of Lakewood, three traffic stops, one traffic hazard, one traffic offense, two citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident; seven 911 hangups and four open lines; two ambulance calls; two crashes, one involving deer.

Oct. 12

Deputies responded to 43 incidents, including a disturbance on Pine Woods Road in the Town of Brazeau, a fire control burn on Gillett Town Hall Road in the Town of Gillett, property damage on Main Street in the Town of Abrams, theft on West Frontier Road in the Town of Little Suamico, suspicious activity on Vandermeulen Lane in the Town of Morgan, suspicious activity on Ridge Road in Oconto Falls, a weapons offense on Hawk Lane in the Town of Lakewood, suspicious activity at the Boulder Lake Campground in the Town of Doty, two traffic stops, two traffic hazards, three traffic offenses, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; four 911 hangups and two open lines; one crash.

Oct. 11

Deputies responded to 50 incidents, including a wanted person on Call Avenue in Oconto, suspicious activity on Cardinal Road in the Town of Underhill, a noise disturbance on North River Road in the Town of Oconto, a fire control burn on Major Lane in the Town of Chase, a disturbance on Lakeside Drive in the Town of Mountain, burglary on County Road Z in the Town of Brazeau, harassment on South Rosera Street in Lena, five traffic stops, one

traffic hazard, six traffic offenses, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, two welfare checks; two open lines to 911; one ambulance call; two crashes, one involving deer.

Oct. 10

Deputies responded to 38 incidents, including a disturbance on East Rost Lake Road in the Town of Brazeau, suspicious activity near state Highways 22 and 32 in the Town of Oconto Falls, a disturbance on County Road I in the Town of Stiles, fire near Pipeline Road and CFR 303 in the Town of Bagley, fire on West Archibald Parkway in the Town of Townsend, theft on Pearl Street in the Town of Riverview, trespassing on Schaut Lane in the Town of Mountain, suspicious activity on state Highway 22 in the Town of Gillett, four traffic stops, four traffic hazards, four traffic offenses, two citizen assists, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; six 911 hangups and six open lines.

Oct. 9

Deputies responded to 206 incidents, including a noise disturbance on Madeline Lane in the Town of Little Suamico, property damage on Marissa Circle in the Town of Little Suamico, suspicious activity on Whiffen Lane in the Town of Mountain, suspicious

activity near Goatsville and Midway roads in the Town of Lena, suspicious activity on state Highway 22-32 in the Town of Gillett, suspicious activity at South Bass Lake Boat Landing in the Town of Doty, suspicious activity on state Highway 32 in the Town of Lakewood, fraud on Snapdragon Circle in the Town of Little Suamico, threatening on Front Street in the Town of Townsend, threatening on Morgan Marsh Road in the Town of Morgan, approximately 161 incidents labeled "COVID," five traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two traffic offenses, assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare checks; six 911 hangups and eight open lines; one ambulance call; one crash.

Oct. 8

Deputies responded to 46 incidents, including child neglect at an address in the Town of Brazeau, fire near U.S. Highway 41-141 and East Brown Road in the Town of Little Suamico, a wanted person on South Green Bay Avenue in Gillett, six traffic stops, one traffic hazard, four traffic offenses, one citizen assist, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, six welfare checks; two 911 hangups and one open line; one ambulance call; four crashes, one fatal, three involving deer.

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SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Lena finishes 1-1 at home triangular

Gillett drops both its matches

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Lena High School volleyball team posted a 1-1 record at a Marinette & Oconto Conference triangular Oct. 14 in Lena, topping Gillett but losing to Niagara.

In Gillett's other match, the Tigers were swept by Niagara.

Lena

Lena opened the night against Niagara — which claimed the conference title with its two wins on the night — and ended up losing by scores of 25-11, 25-17, 25-12.

The theme of the match was Lena getting stuck in a rotation and Niagara pulling away with big runs.

In set one, Niagara broke open a tight battle with 7-0 and 7-1 runs. Set two saw Lena leading for most of the way, but an 8-0 run sparked a 11-1 finish for the visiting Badgers. The Wildcats also led in the early going of set three before a 13-1 run from Niagara broke open the set. Lena continued to battle until the last point, but the Badgers wouldn't be denied.

Senior Melanie Cops led Lena with four attack kills in the loss, while junior Natalie McNurlen added three attack kills.

Junior setter Makynna Herald posted eight assists and three digs for the Wildcats.

"They really play as a team, and they know how to get the ball up and they're really good at getting it," said Cops of Niagara. "They have a really good setter and some pretty good hits."

Lena bounced back in its second match of the night, taking down Gillett by scores of 25-10, 25-14, 25-13.

Lena seized control of the match early in set one, opening on a 5-0 run. Later in the set, McNurlen was serving when the Wildcats went on a 9-0 run to pull away. Junior Claire Brooks scored multiple points for the hosts on the big run.

The Wildcats dropped the first



Lena's Claire Brooks (5), leaps up to spike the ball as teammates Breanna Koslowsky (11) and Aspen Magee (21) and Gillett's Halle Fisher (10) look on during an Oct. 14 conference match in Lena.

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point of the second set, but Cops scored four times to help the team out to a 6-2 lead.

McNurlen was serving again when the team went on a 6-0 run. Along with a couple aces from McNurlen, Herald and Brooks also scored on the run. Brooks capped the set with a tip kill.

It was a back-and-forth third set in the early going. Leading 8-7, Lena got a block kill from Brooks before two aces and an attack kill from McNurlen to go up by five.

Later on in the set, sophomore Alabama Lambert provided some strong serving to help the Wildcats go on a 7-0 run and seal up the win.

"Definitely confidence and lots of energy — from the crowd it helped, from the people we had," said McNurlen on how the team bounced back against Gillett. "And definitely placement of the ball. Our passes were good and we were talking and communicating on the court, and it was just a lot of fun."

McNurlen and Cops both noted that the team worked well together against Gillett. McNurlen

said the team needs to learn how to move on after mistakes, while Cops said some of the little things, "like talking in the back row" are things the team can still improve on.

Cops finished with eight total kills against Gillett, while Herald had 25 assists.

McNurlen tallied seven attack kills and four aces. Lambert served three aces and had eight attack kills, while Brooks had five total kills.

Gillett

Gillett opened its night with a 25-10, 25-10, 25-11 loss to Niagara.

The Tigers fell behind early in each set and were never able to flip the momentum in their favor. The Badgers opened set one on a 8-2 run before starting set two on a 14-2 run.

Gillett fell behind 7-0 in set three but eventually cut it down to a four-point deficit, 12-8, before Niagara used another 7-0 run to pull away.

Senior libero Naomi Anker was diving all over the court from her back row spot and finished with 19

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digs in the loss. Gillett couldn't get much going offensively, only being credited with four attack kills.

The Tigers had seven attack kills against Lena, with senior Katilynn Dodge tallying three of them. Junior Bella Matczak had three blocks, while Anker had 12 more digs. Dodge posted seven digs, while senior Joslyn Sexton had five digs.

"I think it was really our receiving that was the problem (against Lena)," said Matczak, who added the team never gave up on the night. "We weren't really ready for, like, the corners and other spots that we're not used to receiving at."

"A lot of our girls are playing in different positions than we normally play, and I think we've adjusted very, very well to the positions she's (coach Jill Halla) put us in," said junior Christina Ciancio.

ATHLETE PROFILE: GRACE ONINSKI

Senior ending career on high note

Seniors always hope to be performing their best in their final high school seasons. Grace Oninski saved her best for last as she's been a leader for the Oconto Falls volleyball team over the last several weeks.

In the team's North Eastern Conference win over Clintonville on Oct. 14, Oninski posted 11 attack kills.

She led the team with seven attack kills in a match against Green Bay NEW Lutheran during the Oconto Falls Invite on Oct. 9. She also had six attack kills in a win over Kewaunee that day.

The senior tallied 15 attack kills and four block kills in a five-set win over Wrightstown on Oct. 7. She had a team-leading nine attack kills and three total blocks against Fox Valley Lutheran on Oct. 5.

Back on Sept. 30, Oninski totaled nine attack kills in a win over Waupaca. She had nine attack kills and three total blocks in a win over Little Chute on Sept. 28.

Oninski recorded seven attack kills against Sheboygan Falls during the West De Pere Invite on Sept. 25. She added six attack kills against Green Bay Southwest that that. The senior had five attack kills against West De Pere.

Q: When did your interest in volleyball begin?

A: I struck an interest in volleyball in seventh grade when I was able to play for the middle school team.

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

A: My favorite part about the volleyball season is becoming closer and closer with my teammates. The bus rides after a game are especially fun.

Q: What about a volleyball match appeals to you?

A: I find it especially interesting when the match is close and someone gets a huge kill or an ace.

Q: What has volleyball taught



Oconto Falls' Grace Oninski leaps up to spike the ball during the team's North Eastern Conference match against Freedom on Aug. 31 in Oconto Falls.

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you over the years?

A: Volleyball has taught me how to mentally overcome something. Volleyball is a mental game, and you cannot let yourself get inside your own head.

Q: As the season winds down, what's the key to your team being able to make a deep postseason run?

A: The key to our team making a postseason run is everyone commu-

nicating and keeping on playing how we have been playing these last few games.

Q: You've really been a big part of the team's success over the past few weeks. To what would you attribute your strong play?

A: I would attribute my strong playing to my teammates for always cheering me on and keeping me motivated and to my coaches for helping me get to where I am right now.

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Grace Oninski

SPORT: Volleyball

POSITIONS: Middle hitter, right side

SCHOOL: Oconto Falls High School

YEAR: Senior

Q: Do you have any rituals you go through before a volleyball match begins?

A: Before every game, we have a team dance circle where we just get excited to play and sing the school song, which really gets us ready to play.

Q: As the season and your high school career winds down, what has been your favorite memory from playing for the Oconto Falls volleyball team?

A: My favorite memory from playing would have to be coach (Rochell) Otto's dance moves in the weight room or hitting the ball at the 10-foot line in Waupaca.

Q: As a senior, how have you helped lead the team this fall?

A: As a senior, I have helped the team to become closer than we have ever been before. The key to a good volleyball team is everyone getting along, and I feel that I have helped us to become a very close team.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show and musical artist?

A: Movie — "Grown Ups." TV show — "Stranger Things." Musical artist — Luke Combs.

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

A: Not many people know that I enjoy watching the news.

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

A: After high school, I hope to earn my doctorate degree in physical therapy.

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HIGH SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY

Suring's Noack wins M&O girls title

Gillett girls 1st, boys 2nd

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Suring High School's Olivia Noack continued her strong junior season by taking first at the Marinette & Oconto Conference Meet on Oct. 14 in Crandon.

Her top finish in 20 minutes, 52.1 seconds helped the Suring girls team place second behind Gillett. The Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy girls took fourth.

On the boys' side, Gillett took second as a team behind Alex Peterson (17:19) and Evan Peterson (17:58.5), good enough for first and second place individually. Gillett finished behind Coleman, while Lena/STAA placed fourth.

Following Noack to the finish line for Suring was Georgia Gerndt, who placed fourth in 22:42.9.

Chantelle VanDenElzen (25:02.5) placed 15th, while Hailey Thomson (25:15.3) was 16th. Samantha Seibert (28:49.3) took 25th to round out the team.

The Gillett girls were led by Car-

leigh Kaczmarek (21:22.9) and Angela Mosconi (21:34.1), who placed second and third, respectively.

Kasey Hansen (23:46.3), Laney DeBauch (23:48.1) and Cheyenne Krueger (23:56.4) capped the team score and its first-place finish by placing ninth, 10th and 11th, respectively.

Della Kostreva (25:50.4) led the Lena/STAA girls with a 17th-place finish.

Megan Shallow (27:19.6) claimed 21st, Chaela Rabas (28:19.1) took 22nd and Haley VanArk (28:33.3) was 23rd for the co-op. Samara VanArk (31:59.6) rounded out the team with a 27th-place finish.

Filling out the Gillett boys team behind the Peterson boys was Scott Heroux (22:11.7), Zander Davis (23:10.8) and Virgil Herzog (24:44), who placed 17th, 18th and 23rd, respectively.

Max Beyer paced the Lena/STAA boys, taking 10th in 20:31.7. Reed Hosking (20:56.1) placed 12th, while Mason Belongia (20:58) was 13th.

Drake Dionne (23:57.2) and Norman Aguilar (23:59.2) filled out the boys co-op, finishing 21st and 22nd, respectively.

Full results from the conference meet can be found at wi.milesplit.com.

Adams duo leads Oconto

Falls boys at conference meet

Joe Adams and Ben Adams posted top-10 finishes to lead the Oconto Falls boys cross-country team at the North Eastern Conference Meet on Oct. 15 in Luxemburg.

Joe Adams led the team with a fourth-place finish in 16:58.95. Ben Adams came in ninth in 17:46.09.

The boys team placed fourth with a total score of 88. Little Chute was first with a mark of 32.

The Oconto Falls girls team placed fifth with a score of 132. Freedom was first with a score of 23.

Grant Yuma (18:42.97) placed 22nd for the boys team. Griffin Kopke (19:10.73) took 27th, while Brant Laluzerne (19:22.23) was 32nd.

Hannah Ludemann paced the girls team with a 16th-place finish in 21:00.27.

Brooke Hodkiewicz (21:07.75) came in 19th, while Hailey Delzer (21:19.49) was 21st. Maddy Przybyski (23:16.9) claimed 40th, while

Sydney Bell (24:04.8) was 41st to round out the team score.

Full results from the conference meet can be found at athletic.net.

Pulaski teams 6th at conference

The Pulaski boys and girls cross-country teams each placed sixth at the Fox River Classic Conference Meet on Oct. 14 in Green Bay.

The boys team posted a score of 165 and were led by T.J. Shaw's fifth-place individual finish in 17:02.3.

Connor Heezen (17:51.4) placed 23rd for the Red Raiders, while Nick Symons (18:49.8) was 41st and Connor Nooyen (18:54.3) took 42nd. Dayne Nowak (19:30.2) rounded out the team score with a 59th-place finish.

Olivia Stedl paced the Pulaski girls with a 21st-place finish in 20:56.2. Angela Opolka (21:04.8) claimed 23rd.

Trennedy Roffers (21:52.9), Grace Goodness (22:04.3) and Rachael Allen (22:06.5) capped the team score by placing 36th, 38th and 40th, respectively.

Full results from the conference meet can be found at pttiming.com.

Ski Sharks members headed to Florida to break records

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Members of the Shawano Ski Sharks are headed to central Florida this week to try and help break some world and national records.

The event is titled Chain of Records and will run Oct. 20-24 on Little Lake Eloise in Winter Haven, Florida.

Over the five days, a total of 16 national and 12 world record attempts

will be made. A schedule of Chain of Records can be found at <https://www.chainofrecords.com/schedule/chain-of-records-2021-2>.

The Ski Shark members are one of 47 ski teams across 14 states that will

be participating.

Information can be found at <https://www.chainofrecords.com> or on the Chain of Records Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/chainofrecord>.



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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

6 area teams make postseason field

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Six area high school football teams were part of the postseason brackets the WIAA released early Saturday morning.

Pulaski, Shawano, Oconto Falls, Wittenberg-Birnamwood and Bonduel made the 11-player field, while Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy made the 8-player field.

Division 2

Pulaski picked up a No. 3 seed in its Division 2 pod.

The Red Raiders will host No. 6 West De Pere at 7 p.m. on Oct. 22.

Pulaski finished the regular season with a 7-2 record and 5-2 mark in the Fox River Classic Confer-

ence-North Division.

Pulaski defeated West De Pere 21-7 on Oct. 1 in De Pere.

Division 3

Shawano made the postseason as a No. 7 seed in Division 3.

The Hawks will travel to face second-seeded Menasha at 7 p.m. on Oct. 22.

Shawano went 4-5 this season, including a 3-4 mark in the Bay Conference.

Division 4

Oconto Falls is a No. 3 seed in Division 4. The Panthers will host sixth-seeded Little Chute at 7 p.m. on Oct. 22.

Oconto Falls posted an 8-2 re-

cord in the regular season, including a 6-1 mark in the Northwoods Conference.

Division 5

Wittenberg-Birnamwood received a No. 2 seed in Division 5 and will open the postseason hosting seventh-seeded Tomahawk at 7 p.m. on Oct. 22.

Witt-Birn finished 8-2 on the season and tied for second place in the Central Wisconsin Conference-Large Division with a 6-1 mark.

Division 6

Bonduel is a No. 7 seed in Division 6. The Bears will travel to face second-seeded Markesan at 7 p.m. on Oct. 22.

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Full playoff brackets can be found at <https://www.wiaawi.org/Sports/Fall/Football/Tournament>.

Bonduel had a 5-5 regular season record and was 5-2 in the Packerland Conference.

8-player

Lena/STAA is one of 16 teams in the 8-player postseason bracket.

Lena/STAA is a No. 1 seed in its four-team pod and will host fourth-seeded Florence at 7 p.m. on Oct. 22. Lena/STAA topped Florence 27-8 back on Sept. 2.

Lena/STAA finished 8-0 this fall and won the MONLPC-East title with a 5-0 mark.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Viterbo

Gillett Secondary School graduate Lauren Herzog turned in a 144th-place finish while running for the Viterbo women's cross-country team at the Jim Drews/Tori Neubauer Invitational on Oct. 15 in LaCrosse.

Herzog completed the 3.73-mile course in 25 minutes, 2.5 seconds.

Concordia-St. Paul

Pulaski grad Andrew Egnarski led the Concordia University-St. Paul football team with nine total tackles in the team's loss to Minnesota-Duluth on Oct. 16.

Egnarski was credited with five assisted tackles and four solo tackles. He also returned a kickoff 18 yards.

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More college highlights can be found at www.newmedia-wi.com.

Minnesota Duluth

Pulaski grad Logan Kobus bootied a 37-yard punt in the University of Minnesota Duluth football team's win over Concordia-St. Paul on Oct. 16.

For the season, Kobus is averaging 37.1 yards per punt. He's pinned opponents inside their own 20-yard line nine times.

Rockhurst

Shawano graduate Averil Vomastic helped the Rockhurst University volleyball team to a 2-1 record at the Midwest Region Crossover on Oct. 15-16.

In a win over Walsh on Oct. 15,

Vomastic tallied nine attack kills, five digs, three block assists and a solo block.

In a loss to Wayne State on Oct. 16, Vomastic posted seven digs and six attack kills. That same day, the Shawano grad had eight attack kills, eight digs and three service aces in a win over Ashland.

UW-Eau Claire

Bonduel graduate Isaac Garside caught three passes and returned a couple of kickoffs in the UW-Eau Claire football team's loss to UW-River Falls on Oct. 16.

Garside had a long reception of 23 yards and finished with 39 receiving yards in the contest. He returned two kickoffs for 36 yards.

UW-Whitewater

Shawano graduate Baylie Hansen

helped the UW-Whitewater volleyball team to two more wins last week.

In a victory over Dubuque on Oct. 13, Hansen was credited with two digs, two block assists and an attack kill. She had two digs, two block assists and an attack kill against UW-Stevens Point on Oct. 16.

Marian

Tehya Pyawasay, a Menominee Indian grad, put together a pair of strong matches in the Marian University volleyball team's 0-2 week on the court last week.

Pyawasay had six attack kills and two block assists in a loss to Illinois Tech on Oct. 15. She then tallied five attack kills and two block assists in a loss to Concordia on Oct. 16.



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A lot to reflect on as gardening season closes

With the gardening season beginning to wind down, it's time to take a look back and reflect on the successes, failures, trials and rewards of the growing season in 2021.

It was a year of weather challenges, from heat to cold, from excessive moisture to excessive drought. We saw it all over the past year. How did the gardening season go for you?



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Were you brave enough to try anything new this season? Whether it is a new edible crop, new perennial variety, shrub, colorful annuals, or, creating a brand new bed or growing area, it is always rewarding to try something different and new to keep the gardening hobby fresh and exciting and rewarding.

Trying new varieties of plants is always an exciting part of gardening for me. Each year, plant breeders introduce more and more varieties of annuals, perennials, shrubs and edible plants to the market and selecting fun, new varieties to try at home is always a joy.

Growing plants in new ways is also exciting. Trying out new plant combinations and experimenting in the garden is a great way to keep the garden hobby alive and growing.

As we reflect back on the gardening season, what plants worked best in your garden this year? What varieties of tomatoes or peppers or other edible plants did the best in your garden? What ornamental annuals, perennials or shrubs thrived this year? Those



The gardening season isn't over yet. There's still plenty of time for gardening fun. Planting garlic, as well as spring blooming bulbs, such as tulips, daffodils, allium and more, are all perfect gardening activities leading into late October.

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that did are probably worth trying again because if they can survive the type of weather we had this past growing season, they probably will survive just about anything.

Another question to ask yourself is, what still looks good in the garden? Thanks to a warm September and October, thus far, many annuals and perennials are still thriving, blooming away and providing a source of pollen and nectar or late flying bees and butterflies.

What's still blooming in your garden? Chances are, this is something you should grow again next year, as late season color is sometimes hard to come by.

Did you keep a garden journal this year? A garden journal is a great way to chronicle the growing season and keep track of the types of plants and seeds you grow, as well as treatments for disease, photos of your favorite garden plants, recipes and so much more. It's never too late to start a garden journal. If you have photographs from your garden this past year, begin to arrange them into a journal and fill in the blanks with your observations and memories of this past growing season.

Because we've had a warm last few weeks, it's not too late to enjoy what's left of the gardening season. Many perennials, in fact,

can be seeded now, in late fall, even in winter, to provide a burst of color during spring. Perennials, such as oriental poppies, columbine, lupine, delphiniums, purple coneflower, prairie coneflower and others can be planted now.

Of course, October and November are a great time to plant spring blooming bulbs in the garden. Create masses of color by planting an assortment of tulips, daffodils, allium, hyacinths and more.

Take time to answer these questions as you reflect back on an amazing growing season.

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Chamber looking for tourism manager

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\$8 million in state and local tax revenue. Most of our small businesses rely on tourism spending to survive."

She added that tourism is a big reason why people return to

Shawano.

"The Shawano Country tourism manager promotes our area to potential and returning visitors and keeps them coming and spending their dollars here," said Smith. "Tourism is a great way to get people to take notice of our area, visit and maybe move here someday, which helps with our workforce shortage."

Smith said that the pay for the position is dependant on qualifications and experience, ranging from \$45,000 to \$50,000.

Smith said that Peterson did a lot for the chamber, including creating the visitor guide.

"Patti is skilled in many areas of sales and marketing," said Smith. "She put her heart and soul into the tourism manager position. She is very dedicated and a hard worker. She loves Shawano Country, and it showed in her work. She was responsible for the official Shawano Country Visitor Guide — selling all of the ads, creating most of the ads, creating the layout and the overall design. That is our largest marketing piece to sell our area."

She added that the chamber is searching for a similar candidate to fill Peterson's role.

"We have had applicants," said Smith. "We are promoting the job in a variety of places including professional job sites, social media and by word of mouth. We all know that it is a challenge to find workers, but I am hoping we find someone who will find this as a fun and rewarding opportunity. This is a dream job for someone who loves marketing, meeting people and telling the world about what a great place Shawano Country is."

A full description of the job is available upon request by emailing chamber@shawanocountry.com.

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The Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce is still looking for someone to fill the role of tourism manager.

Nancy Smith, the chamber's executive director, said the ideal candidate would be passionate about Shawano and the surrounding communities.

"We are looking for someone who is passionate about promoting all of what our area has to offer," said Smith. "We are looking for someone who enjoys working in a positive team environment, likes being creative and preferably has sales and marketing experience — specifically with graphic design and social media/digital marketing."

Smith said that Patti Peterson, who is leaving the position of tourism manager in November, was a major contributor to the advancement of the chamber of commerce. She added that Peterson has promoted tourism for 14 years.

"The position has evolved as technology and the tourism industry have changed, and Patti has grown to meet those changes," said Smith. "Patti has created new ways to promote our area — including creating unique bus tours highlighting our barn quilts and the Amish community. I appreciate her hard work, creativity and commitment."

According to Smith, the position of tourism manager requires wearing many different hats, including marketing, sales and service to bring visitors to both Shawano and Menominee counties. The manager promotes area hotels, restaurants, shopping, recreation, attractions and activities to potential visitors.

Smith said that this is an important position to Shawano County.

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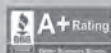
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Motorsports author's book tour stops locally

Motorsports author and Green Bay native Joe Verdegan has announced a book tour in December to promote his seventh book, "5-10-32 - McBride, Parker and Anvelink," which will feature the trio of Northeast Wisconsin dirt late model icons.

Those icons featured in the book are M.J. McBride from Shawano, Pete Parker from Kaukauna and Terry Anvelink from Navarino.

"5-10-32 - McBride, Parker and Anvelink" will be the fourth book Verdegan has penned with Pedal Down Promotions of Manitowoc.

On Dec. 7, the tour stops at the Lighthouse Bar and Grill in Shawano from 6-8 p.m.

On Dec. 9, the tour swings into Anvelink's hometown of Navarino for a stop at Peppermint Josie's from 6-8 p.m. Peppermint Josie's is formerly Walt's Bar, which was a longtime sponsor of Anvelink's.

The tour will also stop at Club 117 in Bonduel on Dec. 16 from 6-8 p.m. Club 117 is a supporter of local racing including both Shawano Speedway and second-generation racer Nick Anvelink.

All three drivers earned extremely popular fan followings beginning with McBride. The speedster's career began in 1965 at Shawano Speedway. McBride would go on to battle in USAC stock car competition in the early 1970s and eventually would wind up dominating at his hometown half-mile, bagging five straight track titles in the 1980s and still winning frequently into the 1990s and into the 2000s era. McBride, who would wind up winning

13 track championships in all, was ushered into Shawano Speedway's Hall of Fame in 2007.

Parker began his career in drag racing after a stint in the military. It didn't take long for the Eagle River native to explode onto the dirt late model scene. Parker began winning features and track titles frequently in the late 1970s and for the next few decades. Parker spread his wings in the 1980s chasing big-money specials, including the long-defunct National Dirt Racing Association circuit. After an estimated 450 feature wins at both the local and regional level and a pair of WISSOTA late model national crowns, Parker was inducted into the National Dirt Late Model Hall of Fame in 2006.

Anvelink won his first late model feature in 1977 and wasted little time becoming a consistent front-runner and fan favorite in the years ahead at Shawano Speedway, as well as nearby Seymour Speedway. The Navarino Nightmare, as he's affectionately known has scored multiple feature wins and 13 track championships. Anvelink has also won some big races along the way, including the \$5,000-to-win Legendary 100 at Cedar Lake Speedway in western Wisconsin and the \$4,000-to-win Mid-Summer Classic at Shawano. Anvelink was a 2009 inductee into the Shawano Speedway Hall of Fame.

For more details on "5-10-32 - McBride, Parker and Anvelink," email Verdegan at jverdegan2@gmail.com or follow his website, joeverdegan.com.

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GUEST COLUMN

Would naturalized president be better for US?

A naturalized president of the United States — yes, at first glance it does come across as a much wilder and far more distant dream than any chimeric dream, but if you stay with me during our short exploratory journey and also remember that this is the United States of America, which is quite unlike any other country in the world, then the dream will become less of a chimeric dream.

Let us during our short exploratory journey set aside the issue of the Iroquois origin of the United States Constitution and go directly to Article II, Chapter 5, which states: “No Person except a natural born Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States.”

The perpetual fountain of life of the Constitution is in Article V, which provides the mechanism for amending the Constitution to help it keep abreast of changing times and is a testament to the insight and wisdom of the Founders and as time marches on, the Constitution will accordingly meet the needs of a great citizenry who can tackle any change of any seismic proportion.

The digital age has been upon us for some time now, and much of what we have been witnessing and experiencing today was not even



JEFFREY CUNNINGHAM

There are several million American citizens who were born outside the United States to their non-American parents. Among them there must be a few with great leadership capabilities. Unfortunately, the constitutional barrier has kept them on the sidelines and the highest they can reach is to serve as a cabinet secretary to a native-born president.

Let us review the cases of two American top diplomats: Henry Kissinger, the 56th Secretary of State under President Richard Nixon, born in Bavaria, Germany, to his non-American parents, and Madeleine Albright, the 64th Secretary of State under President Bill Clinton, born in Prague, Czech Republic, to her non-American parents.

What was the United States’ experience under the native-born presidents Nixon and Clinton? It had to spend extensive amount of valuable time and resources to deal with the unnecessary and uncalled-for nuisance of their short-sighted, irresponsible and unethical “presidential actions” of

conceivable when the Constitution was being crafted in the 18th century. Because of the digital age, the nations of the world are now having highly incestuous relations with one another.

the Watergate and Monica Lewinsky scandals.

We can rightfully call this constitutional barrier in Article II, Chapter 5 the United States’ self-imposed opportunity loss.

First, this leaves the door open for a very legitimate argument that one or more of those who were foreign-born citizens “at the time of the adoption of this Constitution” and could legally run for president would have done so if they had been intensely preoccupied and consumed by the malicious intention of becoming the president to switch sides and betray the United States, but it never happened.

Second, we can also bring a native-born president’s foreign-born spouse into the picture and, considering the influence that spouses have on each other, legitimately argue that since the ancient times rulers’ foreign-born spouses have tremendously influenced the rulers’ vital national decisions and conclude that when it comes to the dealings with the country of origin of the native-born president’s spouse, the native-born president will not always choose what is in the best interest of the United States.

One of the significant and pivotal figures among the Founding Fathers is Alexander Hamilton, a foreign-born American. Since George Washington to date, there have been nine four-star generals and one admiral who were born outside the United States to their non-American parents and at all times were ready to make the ulti-

mate sacrifice for the United States, and also, including Kissinger and Albright, there have been 19 cabinet secretaries, who were born outside the United States to their non-American parents and advised the president of their time.

Among millions of naturalized Americans, for the few of them with great leadership qualities and capabilities, the cultural and social transformation they have undergone is an added advantage in seeing the bigger picture in its totality and developing a worldview to lead the United States responsibly and sure-footedly.

All of this makes a compelling case in favor of ending the United States’ self-imposed opportunity loss and allowing a naturalized American citizen to run for president or be tapped for vice president if he/she has satisfied all other requirements.

The removal of the constitutional barrier with an amendment will not result in having a naturalized president any time soon, but it will heal the injured and hurt relations between the two immigrant and native-born groups and will have a calming and settling effect on the nation’s nerves, which will be felt within one generation after school children at a tender age learn that any American citizen regardless of where they were born can become the president and head of state of the United States of America.

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A 'shining star' at The Bay at Suring

State association recognizes health and rehab center administrator

A sign hangs on Kristina Wright's office wall at The Bay at Suring Health and Rehabilitation Center: "Always believe something wonderful is about to happen."

For Wright, administrator of the Oconto County nursing home, that is how she leads the northeastern Wisconsin facility, which is located just a short drive from where she was born and raised.

"Older adults are very near and dear to my heart," said Wright, whose grandparents helped raise her. "I have never done any type of work other than nursing home work. I wouldn't be where I am without them."

Wright's entire life has been involved in the mission of caring for older adults. For the last 13 years, she has worked in area nursing homes. She started as a CNA, then worked as an activity director, CNA coordinator, unit clerk and finally served as a facility's HR director, before studying to become the Licensed Nursing Home Administrator at Suring.



Kristina Wright, administrator of The Bay at Suring Health and Rehabilitation Center, was recently recognized for her leadership in the long-term care profession by the Wisconsin Health Care Association, with its 2021 Shining Star Administrator Award.

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Through all of these experiences, Wright has had an apprenticeship in every department within a nursing home.

Wright's philosophy of leadership calls her to work alongside members of her team, who say she is not afraid of doing whatever work is required to get the job done.

It was precisely this type of hard work, dedication and leadership that the Wisconsin Health Care Association recognized recently when it awarded Wright with the association's highest honor for a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator — the 2021 Shining Star Administrator Award.

An example of her leadership style happened earlier this summer when, late one night, Wright received a call from a night-shift nurse telling her that the facility's power was down as a result of a severe thunderstorm. While a back-up generator provided emergency power to the facility, for

the next three days while waiting for the power to be restored, Wright worked around the clock to help her team protect the health and safety of the facility's residents.

"I try to get the staff to understand that it's going to be OK. We will all pitch in to get things done," she said.

A team member in the laundry department said that when she had 18 loads of laundry during the power outage, Wright told her, "I'll take half and you'll take half," loaded up the laundry in the facility van and took it down to the laundromat in Gillett.

It is her demeanor that makes Wright a strong administrator, facility team members said.

"Kristina really has an open-door policy for staff and for residents. She fills in with many roles. She works in the kitchen, the activities department and works the floor. She is always there for the residents, holding the hand of a resident while getting a haircut," said Beth Marineau, assistant director of nursing at The Bay at Suring. "One resident who has a lot of developmental disabilities has been through a bunch of different facilities. Now when that resident's family comes to see her, they can't believe how much better she looks. Kristina has really made a connection with her."

"She's a good administrator. She's a good person to everybody in here. She's a very nice lady," said Cindy Baker, a resident at the facility. "Whenever I'm depressed, she cheers me up. We have turned into best friends. We talk about personal things and joke around with each other. She's a very good leader."

Wright said she doesn't ask people to do anything that she isn't willing

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"If people see that I am willing to do it, then other people are willing to follow suit," she said.

Staff and residents at The Bay at Suring say that Wright talks to them like they are her family. She is very open with them, and as a result they are very open with her.

"I have heard Kristina say many times, 'I don't want to be looked at as 'The Boss.' I want to be seen as a member of the team,'" said Corina Krueger, regional director of operations for Champion Care, the company that operates The Bay at Suring. "Champion Care and The Bay at Suring residents and team members are lucky to have Kristina's leadership."

Wright is quick to point to her team as a source of her strength as a leader. "I am very fortunate to have such a great team," she said.

Whether at home in the middle of the night or waiting in line at Six Flags with her kids — Noah, 7, and Kinslee, 6 — Wright will always answer a call or a text message from someone at the facility.

"Don't you ever get a day off, Kristina?" her family often asks.

Caring for older adults happens at home for Wright as well. She and her husband, Shay, help care for her

mother- and father-in-law, who live nearby.

Up until COVID-19, Wright would even bring her kids into the facility on a Saturday afternoon while their mom had to get some work done.

"A lot of the residents know my kids now," she said.

Wright also volunteers at her church and participates in the church's adopt-a-family program. She is involved in highway clean-up projects, donates school supplies to the local school and even has purchased groceries for staff members having trouble making ends meet.

As the leader of the facility, Wright works with the local fire department to do an emergency training exercise every year; the facility participates in Veterans Day and Memorial Day programs for local armed service members.

"Kristina recognizes the ideas of staff and the contributions that they make," Martineau said. "She is a very easy person to talk to. She is pretty much always available. She's regularly here at night and on weekends when she needs to be. She always has people waiting outside her door — not to complain, but because they are comforted by talking to her. She regularly checks in on residents, and many just light up when talking to her."

Notice of Adopted Ordinances Town of Oconto Falls Ordinance 30-2021 Redistricting Ordinance 3-2021 Creation of Wards

As published in the Minutes of the October 11, 2021 regular Town Board Meeting, Ordinance 30, Redistricting, and Ordinance 3, Creation of Wards, have been amended to adopt the Oconto County Supervisory District Boundaries as approved by the Oconto County Board of Supervisors on September 17, 2021. The ordinances and corresponding map, may be viewed on the town website townofocountfalls.org/resources/ordinances. A printed copy can be obtained by contacting the clerk at townofocountfallsclerk@gmail.com

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Town of Oconto Falls, clerk

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The Oconto County Commission on Aging, Inc., a private non-profit agency, has an immediate opening for a Full-time Finance and Nutrition Program Supervisor for the monitoring, management, and administration of the day-to-day functions of the Oconto County Senior Dining Program as well as the management of the day to day financial duties required for the organization.

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>Notice of Special Town Meeting of the Electors of the Town of Oconto Falls, Oconto County<

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, November 8, 2021- immediately following completion of the public hearing on the proposed 2022 year budget (which begins at 5:30 P.M.)-at the Town Hall of Oconto Falls, a special town meeting of the electors is called by the Town Board, pursuant to section 60.12 of Wisconsin Statutes, for the following purpose:

1. To approve the 2021 town tax levy to be paid in 2022 pursuant to Section 60.10(1) (a) of Wisconsin Statutes.

>Notice of Special Town Board Meeting<

A special Town Board meeting will be held immediately following the Special Town Meeting of the Electors for the purpose of adopting the 2022 Town of Oconto Falls budget.

>NOTICE<

The November Town Board meeting will be called to order IMMEDIATELY following the Public Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting on Monday, November 8, 2021, at the Oconto Falls Town Hall.

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Rodgers proclamation draws mixed feelings



Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers walks off Soldier Field after leading the team to a win over the Chicago Bears on Oct. 17 in Chicago. Rodgers' celebration and choice words for Bears' fans following a touchdown run in the fourth quarter was a hot topic in the NFL this weekend. GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA

The Green Bay Packers improved to 5-1 on the season after a 24-14 victory over the NFC North rival Chicago Bears on Sunday.

After the Bears scored to make it a three-point game in the fourth quarter, quarterback Aaron Rodgers led the Packers on a seven-play, 75-yard touchdown drive to seal a win for Green Bay. The final play of the drive was a 6-yard touchdown run by Rodgers, who then delivered



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one of the weekend's best moments — and what will probably go down as one of Rodgers' most iconic moments.

After being knocked down on the touchdown run, the first thing Rodgers did was his 'championship belt' celebration, something Bears linebacker Robert Quinn did after sacking Rodgers earlier in the game. It's a celebration the whole NFL world knows of but something Rodgers rarely does nowadays.

Rodgers was then caught on live TV yelling a few choice words at Bears fans. As his teammates celebrated around him, Rodgers continued to chirp at the Chicago crowd, ending with an emphatic, "I still own you! I still own you!"

"Sometimes you blackout on the field — in a good way," said Rodgers with a big grin on his face in his post-game press conference. "I've definitely blacked out from a concussion, which isn't a good way."

"I looked up in the stands and in the front row, all I saw was a woman giving me the double bird. I'm not exactly sure what came out of my mouth next."

The loud proclamation by Rodgers was a hot topic on sports talk shows after the game, with many questioning if it crossed a line or was disrespectful.

For starters, let's begin by addressing what Rodgers yelled at Bears' fans.

With Sunday's win, Rodgers improved to 22-5 all-time against the Bears, which included a 21-14 win in the NFC Championship Game in 2011.

Rodgers has the second-most touchdown passes against the Bears all-time with 57, only behind Brett Favre's 60 despite playing in 10 less games against the Bears than Favre.

So Rodgers does in fact own Chicago, and I think many Bears fans would

also grudgingly agree on the matter.

Now, did Rodgers' words cross a line, especially since it was directed at fans?

You can form your own opinion on the matter, but if fans are allowed to berate, swear at and throw up obscene gestures to players all game, I'm perfectly OK with players having the option to talk a little trash back.

You obviously don't want those kind of interactions to lead to any physical altercations, but the back and forth between fans and players only adds to the game, in my opinion, especially in a great rivalry like the Packers and Bears have.

"I love this rivalry, it's been a lot of fun over the years," said Rodgers. "That's what I told Justin on the field. I said, 'Enjoy this. A special rivalry. Unlike any other in our game.'"

Many joke that NFL stands for the "No Fun League" with all the different ways the league has tried to take emotion out of games. First, it was flagging celebrations. This year, taunting penalties have been a focus of the league.

I'm OK with flagging players when they are egregiously disrespectful to opponents — spitting in their faces and things of that nature. The trash talk between players between plays is something that made the NFL what it's become today, and it's a shame the league is trying to stop it.

These are grown adults playing a game meant to entertain the world. Let them participate in some harmless trash talk and express some emotion on the field.

I digressed a bit, but what Rodgers did after his touchdown run only adds to the Packers-Bears rivalry. I'm sure Chicago will use that play and ensuing actions as "bulletin board material" when the teams meet again later in the year, which ultimately should result in another fun and entertaining football game — hopefully full of lots of trash talk and back-and-forth interactions between players.

You know Chicago fans won't forget it, and will be mocking the Packers and their fans the second the Bears earn a win in the matchup. If fans fall under this category, they should have no problem with what Rodgers said and instead be more upset that their team again fell short against the Packers with Rodgers leading the way.

For a matchup that began back in 1921, these are the kind of things that keep the rivalry alive, and I'm all for it.

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Rodgers accounts for 3 TDs in win over Bears



Green Bay Packers wide receiver Allen Lazard, left, catches a pass in front of Chicago Bears defensive back Kindel Vildor during the team's matchup on Oct. 17 at Soldier Field in Chicago.

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Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers, center, celebrates with receiver Davante Adams, left, and Aaron Jones during the team's game against the Chicago Bears on Oct. 17 at Soldier Field in Chicago.

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By **ANDREW SELIGMAN**

The Associated Press

Aaron Rodgers didn't need to say it. He couldn't resist.

Rodgers turned toward the crowd after running for a touchdown to help secure yet another win for Green Bay over Chicago. Then, he yelled, "I still own you! I still own you!"

Who would argue?

Rodgers threw for two touchdowns and ran for another, leading the Packers to a 24-14 victory over the Bears on Oct. 16.

"I love playing in Soldier Field," Rodgers said. "I said this week I have a lot of respect for the fans. I'm sure there's a little bit of respect coming back my way, not a lot of love I'm sure. Had a lot of great moments on this field, a lot of great battles."

The Packers (5-1) beat the Bears (3-3) for the 20th time in 23 games counting the playoffs and improved to 22-5 with Rodgers as the starter against Chicago. They also prevented their rivals from tying them for the NFC North lead.

Rodgers shook off a sluggish start, throwing a 1-yard touchdown to Allen Lazard in the second quarter and a 12-yarder to Aaron Jones in the third, making it 17-7.

Rodgers put away the Bears after Justin Fields threw a 5-yard touchdown to Darnell Mooney, cutting the lead to three with 8:44 left. He scrambled in from the 6 to cap a 75-yard drive, bumping the lead back up to 10. He then turned toward the crowd and yelled, "I still own you! I still own you!"

Rodgers joked about blacking out and said: "I looked up in the stands, and in the front row, all I

saw was a woman giving me the double bird. I'm not sure what came out of my mouth next."

Rodgers finished 17 of 23 for 195 yards and a 128 passer rating.

Davante Adams caught four passes for 89 yards, including a 41-yarder that helped set up Rodgers' TD scramble. Jones ran for 76 yards and caught four passes for 34, helping the Packers remain unbeaten since a season-opening 38-3 loss to New Orleans in Jacksonville.

Crosby's kicks

Green Bay's Mason Crosby made his lone field goal and all three extra points coming off a shaky outing.

A week earlier against Cincinnati, he missed three field goals and an extra point before booting the winning 49-yarder in overtime.

Picked off

The Bears thought they had a free play late in the first quarter, when Fields had a heave toward the end zone intercepted by Darnell Savage. It looked like the Packers might have jumped offside, but no flag was thrown.

"I looked up in the air, interception, I wasn't worried about it," Mooney said. "And then I looked back and there wasn't a flag. I was like, 'Whoa. We didn't snap the ball for no reason.'"

Injuries

Packers center Josh Myers (knee) had to be helped off the field following a running play on the opening possession and did not return.

Savage left with a concussion after the first play from scrimmage in the second half.

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2	Mason Crosby	K	6-1	207	37	15	Colorado
7	Corey Bojorquez	P	6-0	217	25	4	New Mexico
8	Amari Rodgers	WR	5-9	212	22	R	Clemson
9	Jaylon Smith	LB	6-2	235	26	5	Notre Dame
10	Jordan Love	QB	6-4	219	22	2	Utah State
12	Aaron Rodgers	QB	6-2	225	37	17	California
13	Allen Lazard	WR	6-5	227	25	3	Iowa State
17	Davante Adams	WR	6-1	215	28	8	Fresno State
18	Randall Cobb	WR	5-10	195	31	11	Kentucky
19	Equanimeous St. Brown	WR	6-5	214	25	4	Notre Dame
20	Kevin King	CB	6-3	200	26	5	Washington
21	Eric Stokes	CB	6-0	194	22	R	Georgia
22	Shemar Jean-Charles	CB	5-10	184	23	R	Appalachian State
24	Isaac Yiadom	CB	6-1	190	25	4	Boston College
26	Darnell Savage	S	5-11	198	24	3	Maryland
28	AJ Dillon	RB	6-0	247	23	2	Boston College
29	Rasul Douglas	CB	6-2	209	26	5	West Virginia
31	Adrian Amos	S	6-0	214	28	7	Penn State
32	Kylin Hill	RB	5-10	214	23	R	Mississippi State
33	Aaron Jones	RB	5-9	208	26	5	Texas-El Paso
36	Vernon Scott	S	6-2	202	24	2	TCU
39	Chandon Sullivan	CB	5-11	189	25	4	Georgia State
41	Henry Black	S	6-0	204	24	2	Baylor
42	Oren Burks	LB	6-3	233	26	4	Vanderbilt
43	Hunter Bradley	LS	6-3	241	27	4	Mississippi State
44	Ty Summers	LB	6-1	241	25	3	TCU
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	30	8	North Dakota State

79	Dennis Kelly	T	6-8	321	31	10	Purdue
81	Josiah Deguara	TE	6-2	238	24	2	Cincinnati
84	Tyler Davis	TE	6-4	252	24	2	Georgia Tech
85	Robert Tonyan	TE	6-5	237	27	4	Indiana State
89	Mercedes Lewis	TE	6-6	267	37	16	UCLA
90	Jack Heflin	DL	6-3	304	23	R	Iowa
91	Preston Smith	LB	6-5	265	28	7	Mississippi State
93	T.J. Slaton	DL	6-4	330	24	R	Florida
94	Dean Lowry	DL	6-6	296	27	6	Northwestern
95	Tyler Lancaster	DL	6-3	313	26	4	Northwestern
96	Kingsley Keke	DL	6-3	288	25	3	Texas A&M
97	Kenny Clark	DL	6-3	314	26	6	UCLA
Reserve/Injured							
23	Jaire Alexander	CB	5-10	196	24	4	Louisville
25	Will Redmond	S	5-11	186	27	6	Mississippi State
47	Chauncey Rivers	LB	6-2	259	24	1	Mississippi State
49	Dominique Dafney	TE	6-2	243	24	1	Indiana State
55	Za'Darius Smith	LB	6-4	272	29	7	Kentucky
56	Randy Ramsey	LB	6-3	238	26	2	Arkansas
83	Marquez Valdes-Scantling	WR	6-4	206	27	4	South Florida
Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform							
69	David Bakhtiari	T	6-4	310	30	9	Colorado
Practice Squad							
6	Kurt Benkert	QB	6-3	218	26	2	Virginia
11	J.J. Molson	K	5-11	180	24	1	UCLA
16	Chris Blair	WR	6-2	198	24	R	Alcorn State
27	Patrick Taylor	RB	6-2	217	23	1	Memphis
30	Shawn Davis	S	5-11	202	23	R	Florida
34	Quinton Dunbar	CB	6-2	201	29	6	Florida
38	Innis Gaines	S	6-1	202	23	R	TCU
45	Bronson Kaufusi	TE	6-6	270	30	3	Brigham Young
46	Steven Wirtel	LS	6-4	228	24	1	Iowa State
48	Kabion Ento	CB	6-1	187	25	2	Colorado
50	Tipa Galeai	LB	6-5	229	24	1	Utah State
57	Ray Wilborn	LB	6-3	230	24	1	Ball State
64	Ben Braden	G	6-6	329	27	2	Michigan
78	Cole Van Lanen	T/G	6-4	305	23	R	Wisconsin
88	Juwann Winfree	WR	6-1	210	25	2	Colorado
99	R.J. McIntosh	DL	6-5	286	25	4	Miami
Reserve/COVID-19 list							
86	Malik Taylor	WR	6-1	220	25	2	Ferris State



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2	Dyami Brown	WR	6-0	195	21	R	North Carolina
3	Dustin Hopkins	K	6-2	205	31	8	Florida State
4	Taylor Heinicke	QB	6-1	210	28	4	Old Dominion
5	Tress Way	P	6-1	220	31	8	Oklahoma
8	Kyle Allen	QB	6-3	210	25	3	Houston
10	Curtis Samuel	WR	5-11	195	25	5	Ohio State
11	Cam Sims	WR	6-5	220	25	4	Alabama
13	Adam Humphries	WR	5-11	195	28	7	Clemson
15	Dax Milne	WR	6-0	190	22	R	BYU
17	Terry McLaurin	WR	6-0	210	26	3	Ohio State
18	Antonio Gandy-Golden	WR	6-4	223	23	2	Liberty
20	Bobby McCain	CB	5-9	196	28	7	Memphis
22	Deshazor Everett	S	6-0	203	29	7	Texas A&M
23	William Jackson III	CB	6-0	189	28	6	Houston
24	Antonio Gibson	RB	6-2	220	23	2	Memphis
25	Benjamin St-Juste	DB	6-3	200	24	R	Minnesota
26	Landon Collins	S	6-0	218	27	7	Alabama
29	Kendall Fuller	CB	5-11	198	26	6	Virginia Tech
30	Troy Apke	S	6-1	205	26	4	Penn State
31	Kamren Curl	S	6-2	198	22	2	Arkansas
32	Jaret Patterson	RB	5-8	195	21	R	Buffalo
36	Danny Johnson	CB	5-9	190	25	4	Southern University
37	Corn Elder	CB	5-10	185	27	5	Miami
41	J.D. McKissic	RB	5-10	195	28	5	Arkansas State
47	Khaleke Hudson	LB	6-0	220	23	2	Michigan
51	David Mayo	LB	6-2	240	28	7	Texas State-San Marcos
52	Jamin Davis	LB	6-3	234	22	R	Kentucky
54	Camaron Cheeseman	LS	6-4	237	23	R	Michigan
55	Cole Holcomb	LB	6-1	240	25	3	North Carolina
58	Shaka Toney	DE	6-2	238	23	R	Penn State
59	Jordan Kunaszyk	LB	6-3	235	25	3	California
64	David Bada	DL	6-4	293	26	1	No college
66	David Steinmetz	T	6-8	321	26	3	Purdue
69	Tyler Larsen	C	6-4	335	30	6	Utah State
71	Wes Schweitzer	G	6-4	300	28	6	San Jose State
72	Charles Leno Jr.	OT	6-3	302	30	8	Boise State
73	Chase Roullier	C	6-4	312	28	5	Wyoming
75	Brandon Scherff	G	6-5	315	29	7	Iowa

76	Sam Cosmi	OL	6-6	309	22	R	Texas
77	Saahdiq Charles	T	6-4	322	22	2	LSU
78	Cornelius Lucas	T	6-8	327	30	7	Kansas State
79	Ereck Flowers	OT	6-6	330	27	7	Miami (Fla.)
80	Sammis Reyes	TE	6-5	260	26	R	Loyola University
83	Ricky Seals-Jones	TE	6-5	243	26	5	Texas A&M
87	John Bates	TE	6-6	259	23	R	Boise State
88	Jace Sternberger	TE	6-4	251	25	3	Texas A&M
90	Montez Sweat	DE	6-6	262	25	3	Mississippi State
93	Jonathan Allen	DT	6-3	300	26	5	Alabama
94	Daron Payne	DT	6-3	320	24	4	Alabama
95	Casey Toohill	DE	6-5	254	25	2	Stanford
96	James Smith-Williams	DE	6-4	265	24	2	North Carolina State
97	Tim Settle	DT	6-3	308	24	4	Virginia Tech
98	Matt Ioannidis	DT	6-3	310	27	6	Temple
99	Chase Young	DE	6-5	264	22	2	Ohio State

Reserve/Injured

14	Ryan Fitzpatrick	QB	6-2	221	38	17	Harvard
34	Darryl Roberts	CB	6-0	190	30	7	Marshall
35	Torry McTyer	CB	5-11	188	26	4	Nevada-Las Vegas
48	Darrick Forrest	S	5-11	200	22	R	Cincinnati
50	Jared Norris	LB	6-1	238	28	5	Utah
53	Jon Bostic	LB	6-1	245	30	9	Florida
57	Jalen Jelks	DE	6-5	256	25	2	Oregon
82	Logan Thomas	TE	6-6	250	30	7	Virginia Tech
45W	Dylan Cantrell	TE	6-3	226	27	2	Texas Tech

Practice Squad

6	Kyle Shurmur	QB	6-4	225	24	1	Vanderbilt
12	Damion Willis	WR	6-3	204	24	2	Troy
19	Marken Michel	WR	5-11	191	28	1	UMass Amherst
38	Jonathan Williams	RB	6-0	217	27	6	Arkansas
39	Jeremy Reaves	DB	5-11	200	25	3	South Alabama
46	Cole Luke	CB	5-11	200	26	4	Notre Dame
56	Will Bradley-King	DE	6-3	254	23	R	Baylor
57	Bunmi Rotimi	DE	6-3	273	26	1	Old Dominion
60	Keith Ismael	C	6-3	310	23	2	San Diego State
62	T.Y. McGill	DT	6-0	299	28	7	N.C. State
74	Nolan Laufenberg	G	6-3	312	22	R	Air Force
84	Kelvin Harmon	WR	6-2	215	24	3	N.C. State
92	Daniel Wise	DT	6-3	285	25	1	Kansas
63W	Beau Benzschawel	G	6-6	300	26	2	Wisconsin

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Streaks: The Green Bay Packers have dropped two of the last three matchups against Washington. Green Bay has won its last five home games against Washington.

Last meeting, regular season: Dec. 8, 2019, Packers won 20-15 at Lambeau Field. Aaron Jones rushed for 134 yards and a touchdown to lead Green Bay to victory. Aaron Rodgers threw a touchdown to Robert Tonyan, and Mason Crosby kicked two field goals.

SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	TV
Sept. 12	at New Orleans	Loss 38-3	
Sept. 20	vs. Detroit	Win 35-17	
Sept. 26	at San Francisco	Win 30-28	
Oct. 3	vs. Pittsburgh	Win 27-17	
Oct. 10	at Cincinnati	Win 25-22	
Oct. 17	at Chicago	Win 24-14	
Oct. 24	vs. Washington	noon	FOX
Oct. 28	at Arizona	7:20	FOX
Nov. 7	at Kansas City	3:25 p.m.	FOX
Nov. 14	vs. Seattle	3:25 p.m.	CBS
Nov. 21	at Minnesota	noon	FOX
Nov. 28	vs. L.A. Rams	3:25 p.m.	FOX
BYE WEEK			
Dec. 12	vs. Chicago	7:20 p.m.	NBC
Dec. 19	at Baltimore	noon	FOX
Dec. 25	vs. Cleveland	3:30 p.m.	FOX
Jan. 2	vs. Minnesota	7:20 p.m.	NBC
Jan. 9	at Detroit	noon	FOX

OFFENSE

RB
Aaron Jones
A.J. Dillon



QB
Aaron Rodgers
Jordan Love



WR
Davante Adams
Malik Taylor



TE
Robert Tonyan
Tyler Davis



RT
Billy Turner
Dennis Kelly



RG
Royce Newman
Lucas Patrick



C
Josh Myers
Jake Hanson



LG
Jon Runyan
Lucas Patrick



LT
Elgton Jenkins
Yosh Nijman



TE
Marcedes Lewis
Josiah Deguara



WR
Allen Lazard
Randall Cobb



DEFENSE

CB
Kevin King
Chandon Sullivan



DE
Dean Lowry
Tyler Lancaster



NT
Kenny Clark
T.J. Slaton



DE
Kingsley Keke
Jack Heflin



CB
Eric Stokes
Isaac Yiadom



OLB
Preston Smith
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Ereck Flowers
Wes Schweitzer


LT
Charles Leno Jr.
Cornelius Lucas


TE
Logan Thomas
John Bates


QB
Antonio Gibson
J.D. McKissic


QB
Ryan Fitzpatrick
Taylor Heinicke


WR
Curtis Samuel
Cam Sims

DEFENSE


CB
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DE
Chase Young
James Smith-Williams


DT
Daron Payne
Tim Settle


DT
Jonathan Allen
Matt Ioannidis


DE
Montez Sweat
Casey Toohill


CB
William Jackson III
Torry McTyer


OLB
Cole Holcomb
David Mayo


MLB
Jamin Davis
Khaleke Hudson


OLB
Jon Bostic
David Mayo


S
Landon Collins
Deshazor Everett


S
Kamren Curl
Bobby McCain

SCHEDULE

Sunday's Games
Carolina at N.Y. Giants, noon
N.Y. Jets at New England, noon
Kansas City at Tennessee, noon
Washington at Green Bay, noon
Atlanta at Miami, noon
Cincinnati at Baltimore, noon
Detroit at L.A. Rams, 3:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Las Vegas, 3:05 p.m.
Houston at Arizona, 3:25 p.m.
Chicago at Tampa Bay, 3:25 p.m.
Indianapolis at San Francisco, 7:20 p.m.

Monday's Game
New Orleans at Seattle, 7:15 p.m.

Teams on bye: Buffalo, Dallas, Jacksonville, L.A. Chargers, Minnesota, Pittsburgh

Thursday's Game
Green Bay at Arizona, 7:20 p.m.

STANDINGS

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

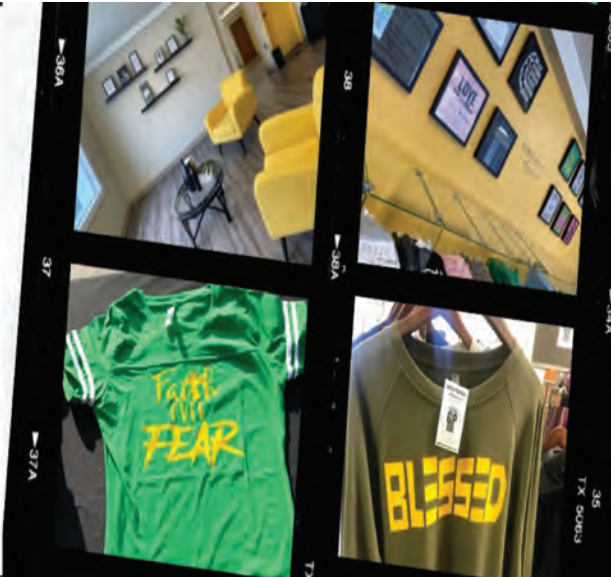

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KEYS TO THE GAME

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

The Green Bay Packers (5-1) host the Washington Football Team (2-4) at noon Oct. 24 at Lambeau Field. FOX will televise the game.

History

The Packers lead 19-15-1. Green Bay broke a two-game losing streak in the series with a 20-15 win on Dec. 8, 2019. Aaron Jones had a 4-yard touchdown run and Robert Tonyan added a 12-yard touchdown catch as Green Bay bolted to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter.

Coaches

Green Bay – Matt LaFleur, 31-7, third season. Washington — Ron Rivera, 85-76-1, 11th season; 9-13 in second season with Washington.

When the Packers have the ball

Before the season, this liked it would be a huge challenge for the Aaron Rodgers-led Packers offense. Washington won the NFC East last season despite its 7-9 record. In winning five of its final seven regular-season games, it allowed an average of just 16.1 points per game. That stellar defense has vanished, though.

Through week six, Washington has allowed a league-worst 31 points per game. It's 31st in total defense (423 yards), 32nd in passing defense (309.5 yards per game) and 32nd on third down (57.8%). It does play good run defense (ninth with 4.03 yards allowed per carry) and is strong in goal-to-go situations (fifth with a 57.1% touchdown rate).

Jack Del Rio's 4-2-5 defense is strong up front. Montez Sweat (first round, 2019) and Chase Young (first round, 2020) are the ends and Daron Payne (first round, 2018) and Jonathan Allen (first round, 2017) are the tackles. They will present the latest in a series of big challenges for Green Bay's front.

Young, the No. 2 overall pick last year, is the reigning Defensive Rookie of the Year following a season of 7½ sacks and four forced fumbles. He's got only two sacks and a forced fumble this year. He'll line up almost exclusively against right tackle Billy Turner, who is coming off a strong performance vs. Khalil Mack.

Allen is the real stud of the group, though. He's got three sacks and ranks third in the league with 14 quarterback hits. He lines up mostly at right tackle, which means an individual matchup against left guard Jon Runyan.

Cole Holcomb is the every-down linebacker and rookie first-round pick



Green Bay Packers running back Aaron Jones, right, runs away from Chicago Bears cornerback Kindle Vildor during the team's matchup on Oct. 17 at Soldier Field in Chicago.

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Jamin Davis is his frequent sidekick.

Holcomb leads the team with 58 tackles and has one of the four interceptions. Davis, an athletic and rangy prospect, had a career-high 11 tackles in last week's loss to Kansas City.

"I think he is showing signs of what we believe he can be," Rivera said on Monday. "And that's a downhill guy that could run."

If the Packers can protect Rodgers, big plays should await against a porous secondary that allowed six completions of 20-plus yards in Sunday's 31-13 loss vs. Kansas City.

Kendall Fuller, Bobby McCain and William Jackson are the cornerbacks, with Fuller getting most of the work in the slot.

Landon Collins and Kamren Curl are the safeties. Cornerback Benjamin St-Juste, a 6-foot-3 rookie, gets a lot of playing time, as well. Fuller, McCain and Jackson have interceptions.

Fuller has allowed a league-high 32 completions and Jackson has been flagged a league-worst six times and given up three touchdowns.

Collins is the big name of the group as a three-time Pro Bowler. He is a physical presence but a major liability in coverage.

When Washington has the ball

Washington is 21st with 22.7 points per game. When it scores, it wins. It scored 30 and 34 in victories over the Giants and Falcons, respectively. In losses to the Chargers, Bills, Saints and Chiefs, they averaged only 18 points.

What does it do well? Protect the quarterback (league-best 2.9% sack rate). What doesn't it do well? Throw the ball (21st in yards per play) or move the chains (27th with a 34.3% conversion rate on third down).

"We've got the talent," running back Antonio Gibson said. "We've got the skill. We can do it. We just have to show it. Just got to be more consistent."

With veteran quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick on injured reserve (hip), Taylor Heinicke has been the starter. He is 23rd with an 86.9 passer rating and has nine touchdowns vs. six interceptions. Heinicke is a dink-and-dunker, with his average completion going just 5.36 yards downfield. According to Pro Football Focus, he's thrown 38 passes behind the line of scrimmage and only 29 passes 20-plus yards downfield. However, he is a threat with his legs with 127 yards and a 5.1-yard average.

"There's no panic. It's a long season. There's still a lot of football left," Heinicke said after failing to lead Washington to a single red-zone drive on Sunday. "There's a lot of guys pissed off, rightfully so. But again, hopefully, we can just use that fuel for this week and get ready for Green Bay. It's going to be another tough game. But the guys aren't getting down. We're pissed off and we want to come back next week and get it going."

The backfield is strong with Gibson and J.D. McKissic. Gibson has 357 rushing yards and a 79-yard touchdown among his dozen receptions. McKissic has 21 receptions and 315 yards from scrimmage.

Terry McLaurin, one of the game's more underrated players, highlights the receiver corps. "Scary Terry" has 33 receptions for 428 yards and three touchdowns.

Rookie Dyami Brown has eight catches for 81 yards and veteran Adam Humphries has 15 receptions for 149 yards from the slot. With Logan Thomas on injured reserve, Ricky Seals-Jones leads the tight ends with 12 receptions for 137 yards and two scores. Thomas played quarterback in college; Seal-Jones played receiver.

Left tackle Charles Leno, left guard Ereck Flowers, center Chase Roullier, right guard Brandon Scherff and rookie right tackle Sam Cosmi form a solid offensive line.

A four-time Pro Bowler, Scherff has missed the last two games with a knee injury. If he's out again, Wes Schweitzer will get another start. Even without Scherff, it's a group without an obvious weak link.

Of the six sacks allowed, PFF charged only two to the offensive line. This will be a much bigger test than what Green Bay faced against Chicago's overmatched quintet.

Special teams

Green Bay, which bounced back from a horrible performance at Cincinnati, will be tested by Washington's high-quality unit.

Kicker Dustin Hopkins is 12-of-14 on field goals. In his seventh season, he's got 84% career accuracy on field goals. His kickoffs typically wind up in the end zone.

Tress Way is in his eighth season as the punter. He's got a huge leg, having led the NFL in average twice and boasting a gaudy 49.7-yard average this year. Of his 21 punts, 13 have been returned, so there will be opportunities for Amari Rodgers. Way's net average of 42.6 ranks ninth.



Green Bay Packers defensive lineman Dean Lowry, right, tries to disrupt the throwing motion of Chicago Bears quarterback Justin Fields during the team's matchup on Oct. 17 at Soldier Field in Chicago.

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DeAndre Carter returns kickoffs and punts, with averages of 25.8 yards

and 9.5 yards, respectively. On kickoffs, he's got a 101-yard touchdown on his

resume. Green Bay's kickoff coverage has not been a strength.

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Week 7 Games: Sunday, Oct. 24

Teams on bye: Buffalo, Dallas, Jacksonville,
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Denver @ Cleveland..... Thurs., Oct. 21
Washington @ Green Bay
Atlanta @ Miami
NY Jets @ New England
Indianapolis @ San Francisco
Detroit @ LA Rams
Carolina @ New York Giants
Chicago @ Tampa Bay
Kansas City @ Tennessee
Houston @ Arizona
Philadelphia @ Las Vegas Raiders
New Orleans @ Seattle..... Mon., Oct. 25

Tie Breaker Game:
Cincinnati @ Baltimore

Weekly Standings	Weekly Record	Overall Record
God's Purpose Apparel	9-5	65-29
Tower Clock Eye Center	12-2	64-30
Buss Automotive.....	10-4	63-31
Dennis Brei.....	11-3	62-32
Hawkeye Hearth & Home	12-2	62-32
Shawano Place Assisted Living.....	11-3	62-32
Shawano Seasons Restaurant.....	10-4	62-32
Tim Murphy	10-4	62-32
22 Shell.....	10-4	61-33

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Morgan Rode	9-5	61-33
B & C Auto Recycling.....	9-5	59-35
Smokey Joe's	11-3	58-36
Idell Johnston State Farm Ins. Agent.....	9-5	58-36
P & D Sales & Service	9-5	57-37
Iverson's Piggy Wiggly	8-6	53-41
Cirrinity/Wittenberg Telephone	9-5	52-42
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Senn Insurance.....	8-6	51-43



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LA Rams

Carolina
Tampa Bay
Kansas City
Arizona
Las Vegas
New Orleans

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score : Cincinnati 28 @ Baltimore 31



Tim Murphy
Shawano
Leader

This Week's Picks:

Cleveland
Green Bay
Atlanta
New England
San Francisco
LA Rams

Carolina
Tampa Bay
Kansas City
Arizona
Las Vegas
New Orleans

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 33 @ Baltimore 40



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Final Score: Cincinnati 31 @ Baltimore 34

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Las Vegas
Seattle

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 28 @ Baltimore 34



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Houston
Philadelphia
New Orleans

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 24 @ Baltimore 14



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This Week's Picks:

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NY Giants
Tampa Bay
Tennessee
Arizona
Las Vegas
Seattle

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 20 @ Baltimore 24



Robert Buss
Buss
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This Week's Picks:

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Green Bay
Atlanta
New England
San Francisco
LA Rams

Carolina
Tampa Bay
Kansas City
Arizona
Las Vegas
New Orleans

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 28 @ Baltimore 34



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This Week's Picks:

Cleveland
Green Bay
Atlanta
New England
San Francisco
LA Rams

Carolina
Tampa Bay
Kansas City
Arizona
Las Vegas
New Orleans

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 20 @ Baltimore 31



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Green Bay
Miami
New England
San Francisco
LA Rams

Carolina
Tampa Bay
Kansas City
Arizona
Las Vegas
New Orleans

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 19 @ Baltimore 27



Scott Nyman
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Green Bay
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LA Rams

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Final Score: Cincinnati 21 @ Baltimore 28



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Carolina
Tampa Bay
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Arizona
Philadelphia

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 20 @ Baltimore 35



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Tower Clock
Eye Center

This Week's Picks:

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Atlanta
New England
San Francisco
LA Rams

Carolina
Tampa Bay
Kansas City
Arizona
Las Vegas
New Orleans

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 24 @ Baltimore 27



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This Week's Picks:

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Green Bay
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New England
Indianapolis
LA Rams

Carolina
Tampa Bay
Kansas City
Arizona
Philadelphia
Seattle

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 24 @ Baltimore 17



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This Week's Picks:

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Green Bay
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San Francisco
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Tennessee
Arizona
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New Orleans

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 27 @ Baltimore 34



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New England
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LA Rams

Carolina
Tampa Bay
Kansas City
Arizona
Las Vegas
New Orleans

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 20 @ Baltimore 24



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This Week's Picks:

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Green Bay
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New England
Indianapolis
LA Rams

Carolina
Tampa Bay
Kansas City
Arizona
Las Vegas
New Orleans

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 24 @ Baltimore 27



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This Week's Picks:

Cleveland
Green Bay
Atlanta
New England
San Francisco
LA Rams

Carolina
Tampa Bay
Kansas City
Arizona
Philadelphia
New Orleans

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 21 @ Baltimore 33



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Hawkeye
Hearth & Home

This Week's Picks:

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Green Bay
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NY Giants
Tampa Bay
Kansas City
Arizona
Las Vegas
Seattle

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 7 @ Baltimore 21

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Sunday, October 10	NOON*	@ Cleveland Browns	FOX	
Sunday, October 17	NOON*	@ Chicago Bears	FOX	
Sunday, October 24	NOON*	WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM	FOX	
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Sunday, November 14	3:25 pm*	SEATTLE SEAHAWKS	CBS	
Sunday, November 21	NOON*	@ Minnesota Vikings	FOX	
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NOTEBOOK

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

Daunting road ahead

The Green Bay Packers are 5-1 and winners of five straight. So, it might be odd to say this, but Sunday's game against the Washington Football Team might be a must-win matchup.

Since losing to New Orleans in the opener, Green Bay has fattened its resume by beating Detroit, San Francisco, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Chicago in succession. The Bengals (4-2) are the only team with a winning record.

"I'm really proud of the guys," quarterback Aaron Rodgers said after a 24-14 win at Chicago on Sunday. "Like I've said before, felt like the first week was an anomaly. We've backed it up the last five weeks. But the way that we've done it, with the guys that we've done it with, with the kind of injuries that we've had (is impressive). You look at our roster now, there's a lot of guys that weren't with us at the start of the season that are playing big minutes. These are character wins. These are wins that are really, really important. We've got to get healthy. But I really like where we're at, two up in the division after six and playing winning football."

Washington is 2-4. Its offense is feeble and its defense has been surprisingly porous considering its line is filled with four first-round draft picks. After that, to use major-college football as a metaphor, the nonconference schedule is over and league play begins.

Coming up is as tough a five-game stretch as any team in the NFL will face this season. First, on a short week, it's a trip to Arizona (6-0) to face MVP front-runner Kyler Murray and the Cardinals. Then, it's a trek to Kansas City (3-3 after back-to-back Super Bowl appearances) to face perhaps the best player in football, quarterback Patrick Mahomes.

Green Bay will return home to face Seattle (2-4), which may or may not have Russell Wilson (finger) back in the lineup. Then it's the border battle at Minnesota (3-3), which has one of the best home-field advantages in the NFL. Finally, in the last game before the bye, it's a home game against the powerhouse Los Angeles Rams (5-1).

Green Bay's last five opponents have won 12 games. After Washing-



Green Bay Packers running back A.J. Dillon, left, covers the ball as Chicago Bears safety Eddie Jackson, center, and Packers receiver Davante Adams run alongside him during a game on Oct. 17 at Soldier Field in Chicago. After rattling off five straight wins, Green Bay faces several tough opponents over the next several weeks.

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ton, its next five opponents have won 19 games.

It's not just the schedule. It's the circumstances. With All-Pro cornerback Jaire Alexander and Pro Bowl pass rusher Za'Darius Smith out indefinitely, the Packers' pass defense will face a gauntlet of excellent quarterbacks.

Murray is third in passer rating (116.3) and has accounted for 17 touchdowns. Mahomes is 11th in passer rating (103.1), third in yards (1,887) and first in touchdowns (18). Minnesota's Kirk Cousins is eighth in passer rating (105.8). Wilson is first in passer rating (125.3) and yards per attempt (9.57). Stafford, the longtime Lions quarterback, is

second in passer rating (116.2), second in average gain (9.19) and third in touchdowns (16).

Moreover, Green Bay has exactly zero red-zone stops, with opponents scoring 15 touchdowns in 15 treks inside the 20-yard line. In the red zone, Seattle is fourth, Kansas City sixth, Arizona eighth, Minnesota 10th and Los Angeles 13th.

While the Packers' offense hasn't quite hit peak efficiency, red-zone defense is where the Packers must immediately find some answers to weather the upcoming storm.

"The (second) touchdown pass that Chicago scored on, we had a busted coverage, and those are self-inflicted wounds," coach Matt

LaFleur said on Monday. "You've got to make sure that you don't beat yourself first. There's a lot of room growth there. The positive is we haven't done very well in that department but we've still been able to win games, so hopefully that will start to even out a little bit, you'd think, at some point. But we've got to continue to grind and work at it and maybe look at what we're doing and try to switch some things up."

From Mahomes to Rodgers

Talk about going from the frying pan to the fire. Last week, Washington lost 31-13 to Kansas City as Mahomes threw for 397 yards. Washington led 13-10 at halftime and was

kicking itself for not putting away the Chiefs.

Now, it's a matchup against Rodgers, the reigning MVP.

"This is the time we got to be men," Washington defensive end Chase Young said. "Got to look in the mirror. Gut-check time."

Of Washington's four losses, three have come against premier quarterbacks: Justin Herbert and the Chargers, Josh Allen and the Bills and the Mahomes-led Chiefs.

"We did lose to four good teams, but we could have also beat a couple of them," coach Ron Rivera said. "That's the hard thing to swallow, if you're going to be honest with it. You are what your record says you are. The only way we can get better is to practice, work at it and then go out and play better. And that's pretty much what we have left."

Help on the way

The Packers have been hit hard by injuries. ManGamesLost.com, a subscription site that tracks NFL injuries, had Green Bay as the third-most impacted team in terms of games missed by quality players before last week's games.

For a change, LaFleur had good injury news on Monday.

First and foremost, All-Pro left tackle David Bakhtiari will practice this week. He's been out since tearing his left ACL on New Year's Eve before the Chicago game. He probably will need more than three practices to get ready for a game but getting arguably the best offensive lineman in football back in the lineup at some point soon should provide a big boost not just for the pass protection but for LaFleur's ability to get creative schematically.

"When you're coming off a pretty significant injury, you don't want to just throw somebody out there," LaFleur said. "We want to make sure that, No. 1, physically his knee is in great shape and he's not at further risk of doing more damage to it. And also I think there's a confidence factor that you develop by playing football, so there is a ramp-up period."

Meanwhile, LaFleur said it's looking more likely that Alexander will avoid potentially season-ending surgery on his shoulder. "We feel like it's progressing nicely," LaFleur said. Fellow cornerback Kevin King is "day to day" with his shoulder injury. The Packers obviously need as many good cornerbacks as possible to survive the list of great quarterbacks coming up on

the schedule.

However, center Josh Myers is expected to at least miss this week's game with a knee injury. Veteran Lucas Patrick replaced Myers and was the highest-graded player on the line vs. Chicago, LaFleur said. And big-play receiver Marquez Valdes-Scantling (hamstring) might not be activated from injured reserve this week.

New faces on defense

A couple weeks ago, the Packers grabbed cornerback Rasul Douglas off Arizona's practice squad and signed former Pro Bowl linebacker Jaylon Smith.

Douglas didn't start against Chicago but played most of the game after Isaac Yiadom was benched. A former third-round pick, he had a terrific debut. According to Pro Football Focus, he allowed 3-of-6 passing for just 32 yards. He might wind up starting against Washington.

"I thought he did an outstanding job, especially since he hasn't been here for a very long amount of time," LaFleur said. "I thought he went in there and he's a veteran guy that's played a lot of ball. It was good to see him perform to the level that we thought he could do."

Oren Burks (19 snaps), Smith (17)

and Krys Barnes (13) all got playing time alongside standout starter De'Vondre Campbell (all 61 snaps) at Chicago. Barnes (one) and Burks (one) contributed the only tackles among the trio.

"I thought Jaylon did a nice job in his first time out there," LaFleur said. "You can definitely tell he's played a lot of football. He's very instinctive. But we also have confidence in those other guys in that room. I thought O.B. continues to do a really nice job and K.B. We'll just kind of play it out each and every week in terms of who's out there playing."

Packers Hall of Fame Class of 2022

The Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame announced on Tuesday that Tim Harris and Greg Jennings will form the Class of 2022.

Harris had 55 sacks in five seasons, including a franchise-record 19½ sacks in 1989. He was a Pro Bowler in 1988 and 1989.

Jennings caught 425 passes for 6,537 yards and 53 touchdowns in seven seasons with the Packers. A two-time Pro Bowler, he ranks ninth in receptions, eighth in receiving yards and sixth in receiving touchdowns in franchise history.

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Green Bay Packers running back A.J. Dillon, second from left, powers through several Chicago Bears defenders during the team's matchup on Oct. 17 at Soldier Field in Chicago.



Green Bay Packers receiver Davante Adams, left, hangs on to the ball as a Chicago Bears defender drags him down during the team's matchup on Oct. 17 at Soldier Field in Chicago.



Green Bay Packers players celebrate a touchdown by running back Aaron Jones during the team's win over the Chicago Bears on Oct. 17 at Soldier Field in Chicago.

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