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GALA TO KICK OFF FALL SHOW AT WOWSPACE

Artist Miles Amorelli's 2010 work "Recycled Rising Sun" has been a familiar site in downtown Wittenberg for years now. The rescheduled Walls of Wittenberg Wine, Beer and Cheese Gala on Sept. 17 kicks off the "Artfully Autumn" fall art show at WOWSPACE. SEE STORY, PAGE 2.

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Postponed gala opens fall show at WOWSPACE

“Artfully Autumn” show runs Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 3

Walls of Wittenberg’s annual Wine, Beer and Cheese Gala, which usually happens each spring at the WOWSPACE in Wittenberg, was postponed because of the pandemic – until now. The fundraiser, from 7-10 p.m. Sept. 17 at WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St., Wittenberg, will help kick-off the fall show “Artfully Autumn” featuring five artists.

“The gala has always been a popular fundraiser,” said Elaine Diffor, event coordinator. “Generally, Walls of Wittenberg hosts this event the night before the spring art show, which is a juried event and open to artist entries in a variety of mediums.”

Diffor noted that it has always been a fun event that everyone looks forward to attending, which made it a difficult decision to cancel last spring.

Craft beers by Fabio Brothers and Wines from Wagner Shell are available for sampling. Food is provided by Lisa’s Sweet Shoppe Bakery and Catering and by Nueske’s

Applewood Smoked Meat. Local vocalist Brianna Schmidt will be performing live music.

“Fundraising is essential to our nonprofit organization,” said WOW President Elaine Knab, noting that the pandemic changed the regular opportunities for the group. “It’s great that we were able to reschedule the Gala, and in October we will have our Crossroad Community Theatre performing a show.”

This fall the show includes work by local artists Alan Clough, Blaine Koch, and Michael Koepfel.

Clough, a retired art teacher from the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District, will have paintings. Koch creates wood puzzles. Both have participated in past art shows.

Newcomer Koepfel will have chainsaw art, a medium that has never been displayed in the WOWSPACE. His sister, Beth Koepfel, did the mural “Stars and Stripes Forever” in 2009 on the post office just a block away.

Carmen Duran and Jean Sredl

AT A GLANCE

WHAT: Wine Beer and Cheese Gala

WHEN: Friday, Sept. 17, from 7-10 p.m.

WHERE: WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St., Wittenberg

TICKETS: \$25 call 715-253-3525 or \$30 at the door

FYI: Must be 21 or older to attend

have also participated in past art shows and are always well received. Duran will have paintings this year with new themes and color palettes. Sredl brings her popular textile art.

The fall art show is part of the Miles of Art event which is held the first weekend of October. As part of the Shawano County Art Tour, many of the artists will be on site to talk with visitors and share their processes and inspirations. Ho-Chunk Gaming - Wittenberg is sponsoring the show at the WOWSPACE.

“Artfully Autumn” runs Saturdays and Sundays, Sept. 18-26 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with extended hours on Miles of Art Weekend Oct. 2-3 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. www.shawanocountry.com

Wittenberg Village Board changes meeting days

By **LUKE REIMER**

Reporter

The day of the week has changed for Wittenberg Village Board meetings.

Board meetings are currently held on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. Starting in October, the meetings will take place the Monday of those weeks.

The meetings are being changed in order to meet board members’ schedules.

“We are changing the meetings

because Theresa (Gatz) can’t make them,” said board trustee Barb Buchholz.

“I can’t make Tuesdays either,” said board trustee Marlene Wepner. “I am struggling to make them now.”

Changing the meeting days to Mondays also gives the board an opportunity for a quorum, if a majority of the board members are present.

Depending on how the meetings match up with schedules of board members, there is a possibility for a change in the future.

“We switched it many times,” said

board trustee Paul Yaeger. “If we don’t like it, we can switch it back.”

According to board trustee David Timm, changing the day that meetings are held would give everyone an opportunity to participate in them.

“We just thought that the two girls (Wepner and Gatz) would be able to attend more meetings,” said Timm.

Due to prior commitments for September, the board agreed to conduct the first Monday meeting on Oct. 4.

The decision was unanimously approved with Gatz absent.

CORRECTIONS

Accuracy is important to the Enterprise & News, and it wants to correct mistakes promptly. Call errors to our attention by phone at 715-526-2121, ext. 7018.

Boarding schools described as 'genocide'



Verna Fowler, left, talks about the history of Bethany Indian Mission and School during a Sept. 12 presentation at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School. Fellow panelists include, from left, Paul Rykken, Heather Bruegl, Susan Sihler and Richard Gonzales.

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Panel discusses Wittenberg mission's role in era of assimilating Native Americans

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

The old Bethany Indian Mission in Wittenberg thrived during an era when the goal was to eradicate tribal traditions and assimilate Native Americans into white society.

On the footprint of what once was the mission's property, about 100 people gathered at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School on Sept. 12 to learn about and try to come to grips with that dark time in U.S. history.

The program sponsored by the Wittenberg Area Historical Society included a panel of people whose parents and grandparents had direct ties to Bethany and similar boarding schools.

Betty Berglund, a University of Wisconsin-River Falls professor who has studied the boarding school movement and the Wittenberg experience specifically, said the period of "allotment and assimilation" began around 1887 and followed about 50 years during which Native Americans had been forcibly removed from their homelands and relocated.

Bethany Indian Mission primarily served displaced Ho-Chunk and Oneida and a number of other tribes to a lesser degree. Founded by Even Johnson Homme and eventually part of the Norwegian Lutheran Church Synod, the boarding school aimed to "Christianize" native children as well as tending to their physical needs.

A 1928 report submitted to the U.S. Department of the Interior that concluded that the allotment and as-

similation policy was "a disaster" led to the closing of the boarding schools, Berglund said.

"It was dispossessing the native people from the land, destroying traditions, their heritage, their language, and so it was awful for the Indigenous populations and had to be abandoned," she said.

One of the panelists, Heather Bruegl, director of cultural affairs for the Stockbridge-Munsee community, framed the mission more bluntly.

"The goal of the boarding schools was genocide," Bruegl said. "The motto of Richard Henry Pratt, who started (Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Pennsylvania), was to 'Kill the Indian, save the man.' That's genocide. Even though the person is still walking around, that loss of tradition, culture, language, that's genocide. It's tough to hear, it's tough to talk about, it's also tough to live."

An Oneida tribal member, Bruegl said her mother didn't talk about being Indian when she was growing up, because her grandparents had been taught not to talk about being Indian.

"It was something you were taught almost to be ashamed of, right?" she said.

Bruegl said she doesn't talk in blunt terms to make people feel bad about themselves – "I want you to learn. It's important to tell the truth when we are talking about history."

Richard Gonzales, whose mother attended the Red Springs Indian Mission just outside Gresham, described a similar reticence on her part.

"She could not ever share with

me the beauty of her self through the definition of a culture that she was supposed to embrace, but that embrace was broken by the boarding schools," said Gonzales, consultant on cultural trauma who has worked with Green Bay schools.

Paul Rykken, grandson of the Rev. T.M. Rykken who served as superintendent of the mission for many years, said he would have a lot of questions for his grandfather and grandmother.

"As one who's spent my adult life teaching history, it's abundantly clear to me that the era of boarding schools brought tremendous damage, family disruption, and cultural destruction to the world of Native America," Rykken said. "It's painful to me as a historian to realize that my grandparents were part of the settler-colonial enterprise and they were working within the assimilations paradigm of that era. I have grappled with that knowledge for my entire adult life."

Susan Sihler, daughter of the Rev. E.W. Sihler, mission superintendent for 20 years in the middle of the Great Depression, said her father was tasked with following 800 Indian alumni after the school closed and seeing to their physical and spiritual needs as much as possible. Bethany maintained social service and summer school programs through 1955.

"Coming to grips with this, for myself, in terms of what we did in the name of doing good, has been very difficult for me to come to terms with," she said. "It's been an evolution for me to change in my attitudes,

I went through a period where I was very angry with my parents and wondered if they had done more harm than good."

Sihler went so far as to write a letter of apology to a number of the Ho-Chunk people she knew.

Gonzales said the Oneida have a value to "have a good mind" and speak well of one another, but he acknowledged, "I'm having a hard time doing that with this topic."

His grandmother had gone to the Carlisle school, where Pratt's charge to "kill the Indian, save the man" was written on the wall.

"They were killing my grandmother, they were killing my grandfather, and they attempted to kill my mother," he said. "Where can I have a good mind with that? ... You in this audience did not do that. I am not blaming you, nor am I angry at you, but you have to understand the continued emotional upheaval."

Gonzales has worked with Green Bay schools and said that district, which has a diverse population, has developed a good relationship with surrounding tribes.

He said education is the key to long-term healing and reconciliation, "through educators who are dedicated now to the real mission that these children do not have to read a motto on the wall that says we're here to kill you. No – we're here to embrace you, we're here to love you, we're here to laugh and smile and send you home with good success."

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COURT NEWS

• Jennifer L. Chevalier, 28, Green Bay, was charged Sept. 7 with two counts of possession of narcotic drugs, six counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Judge William F. Kussel Jr. set a cash bond of \$400 and a signature bond of \$1,500. He also scheduled a resumed initial appearance for Sept. 13.

• Lyle L. Grosskopf, 27, Wausau, was charged Sept. 7 with one count of exposing genitals, pubic area or intimate parts to a child and one misdemeanor count of lewd and lascivious behavior. Kussel set a signature bond of \$2,500 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for Oct. 5.

• Scott J. Behnke, 55, Shawano, was charged Sept. 7 with one count of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), one misdemeanor count of violating a restraining order and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Kussel set a signature bond of \$2,500 and scheduled a status conference for Oct. 5.

• Jody K. Schoeppe, 29, Marion, was charged Sept. 7 with one count of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of possessing/illegally obtaining a prescription. Kussel set a signature bond of \$2,500 and scheduled a status conference for Sept. 22.

• Tyler J. Martinez, Green Bay, was charged Sept. 7 with five counts of burglary, five counts of bail jumping, one count of

theft of movable property greater than \$2,500-\$5,000, four misdemeanor counts of criminal damage to property and two misdemeanor counts of theft of movable property less than or equal to \$2,500. Kussel set a cash bond of \$5,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 14.

• Charges against Bridgette E. Wheeler, 38, Shawano, were dismissed Sept. 7 on prosecutor's motion. These charges included two counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of possession of cocaine and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Brady L. Bernarde, 24, Wittenberg, pleaded no contest Sept. 7 to one count of possession of methamphetamine, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct and one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Kussel sentenced Bernarde to 12 months in jail.

• Charges against Marcus T. Evans-Green, 17, Milwaukee, were dismissed Sept. 8 on defendant's motion. These charges included one count of taking and driving a vehicle without consent.

• Stephen M. Nemat, 38, Eland, was charged Sept. 9 with one count of possession of methamphetamine, one count of possession of amphetamine (second or subsequent offense), six counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer and

three misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. Kussel set a cash bond of \$2,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 13.

• Donelle C. Gilbert, 37, Neenah, was charged Sept. 9 with two counts of bail jumping and one count of operating while intoxicated (second offense). Kussel set a signature bond of \$10,000 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for Oct. 14.

• Phillip J. Albers, 26, Tigerton, was charged Sept. 10 with two counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct, one misdemeanor count of battery and two misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. Kussel set a cash bond of \$300 and a signature bond of \$1,000. He also scheduled a resumed initial appearance for Sept. 28.

• Isreal A. Medina, 27, Shawano, was charged Sept. 10 with one count of battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer and four counts of bail jumping. Kussel set a cash bond of \$2,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Sept. 20.

• Joseph E. Boyd, 32, Gillett, pleaded no contest Sept. 10 to four counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer and one misdemeanor count of carrying a concealed knife. Five counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer were

dismissed, but read into the record.

In another case, Boyd pleaded no contest to one count of operating a vehicle to flee/elude an officer, two counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked and one misdemeanor count of bail jumping. One count of second degree recklessly endangering safety, four counts of bail jumping and two misdemeanor counts of bail jumping were dismissed, but read into the record.

In another case, Boyd pleaded no contest to one count of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. One misdemeanor count of bail jumping was dismissed, but read into the record. In another case, Boyd pleaded no contest to one count of forgery. One misdemeanor count of false representation less than or equal to \$2,500 was dismissed but read into the record. Kussel sentenced Boyd to nine months in jail and three years of probation.

• Christopher A. Roehm, 43, Appleton, pleaded guilty Sept. 10 to one count of operating while intoxicated (fifth offense) and one misdemeanor count of resisting/failure to stop. One count of operating with prohibited alcohol content (fifth offense) was dismissed on prosecutor's motion. Kussel sentenced Roehm to 18 months in prison and three years of extended supervision.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sept. 13

Officers responded to 34 calls, including shoplifting at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; property theft on South Main Street; a threat on County Road B; a threat on Jaycee Court; a weapon offense on East Lieg Avenue; reckless driving on state Highway 22; a disturbance on East Green Bay Street.

Sept. 12

Officers responded to 20 calls, including disorderly conduct at Perkins, 1398 E. Green Bay St.; car property damage on West Fifth Street; reckless driving on Waukechon Road; a disturbance at Shawano Auto Sales, 939 E. Green Bay St.; a drug problem at Kuckuk Park, 700 Oak Drive; property theft on West Eagle Street.

Sept. 11

Officers responded to 20 calls, including car property damage on North Airport Road; car property damage on East Green Bay Street; harassment on South Cleveland Street; reckless driving on East Green Bay Street; reckless driving on East Green Bay Street;

Sept. 10

Officers responded to 23 calls, including property theft on East Richmond Street; car property damage on South Prospect Street; a domestic disturbance on East Richmond Street.

Sept. 9

Officers responded to 32 calls, including harassment on East Richmond Street; harassment on West Wescott Avenue; car property damage on East Green Bay Street; bail jumping on South Franklin Street; shoplifting at Generations, 137 S. Main St.; car personal injury on East Green Bay Street; a burglary on Waukechon Street; property theft on South Lafayette Street; criminal damage on South Kadletz Street; car property damage on Anderson Avenue.

Sept. 8

Officers responded to 18 calls, including reckless driving on South Franklin Street; property damage at Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St.; a fight-in-progress at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; a disturbance on South Lafayette Street; a disturbance on South Andrews Street; property theft on South Cleveland Street; an automobile theft on West Picnic Street; a disturbance on East Green Bay Street.

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sept. 13

Deputies responded to 36 calls, including bail jumping on Chippewa Drive in the Town of Wescott; criminal damage on Rosenow Lane in the Town of Morris; bail jumping on Cedar Street in

Tigerton; harassment on Sunset Drive in the Town of Herman.

Sept. 12

Deputies responded to 37 calls, including reckless driving on West Express Way in Bonduel; trespassing on Cedar Street in Tigerton; failure to report to jail on North Main Street in Shawano; four crashes, one involving deer.

Sept. 11

Deputies responded to 49 calls, including a disturbance on South Warrington Avenue in Cecil; property damage on Oak Avenue in the Town of Richmond; a drug problem on Spruce Road in the Town of Angelica; property theft on East Green Bay Street in Shawano; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; property theft on Main Street in the Town of Angelica; reckless driving on state Highway 47 in the Town of Hartland; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Morris; trespassing on Weasel Dam Road in the Town of Grant; three crashes, one involving deer.

Sept. 10

Deputies responded to 42 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 22 in the Town of Green Valley; reckless driving on state Highway 22 in the Town of Washington; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland; a disturbance on South Jefferson Street in Bonduel; reckless driving on state Highway

29 in the Town of Seneca; trespassing on North Adams Street in Bonduel; a disturbance on State Street in Bonduel; reckless driving on U.S. Highway 45 in Marion; a domestic disturbance on Marcus Street in Birnamwood; three crashes.

Sept. 9

Deputies responded to 32 calls, including trespassing on County Road A in the Town of Richmond; reckless driving on state Highway 22 in Cecil; a domestic disturbance on Primrose Lane in Tigerton; reckless driving on Bartlet Street in Gresham; reckless driving on state Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; four crashes, two involving deer.

Sept. 8

Deputies responded to 42 calls, including harassment on state Highway 156 on the Town of Maple Grove; criminal damage on Oak Road in the Town of Wittenberg; trespassing on County Road B in the Town of Waukechon; a disturbance on Highland Drive in the Town of Washington; property theft on Primrose Lane in Tigerton; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Maple Grove; reckless driving on County Road VV in the Town of Red Springs; reckless driving on County Road Q in the Town of Wittenberg; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Maple Grove; reckless driving on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; one crash.

OBITUARIES

Jerome Schultz

If Jerry Schultz was there, a party was underway. The 84-year-old is certainly in the midst of a celebration now. If you knew his friends and family who went before him, especially those who were part of the “Soup Gang,” you understand why we believe this is true.

Our family’s steadfast leader, Jerry passed away unexpectedly at ThedaCare Medical Center in Appleton on Friday, Sept. 3, 2021.

Jerry was born at home on a farm near Tilleda on Oct. 10, 1936, to Marvin and Ethel (Engel) Schultz.

The family eventually purchased and moved to a farm outside of Leopolis. It would become Schultz’s Hilltop Dairy for three generations with Jerry stepping in to run the operation during his senior year of high school after his father passed away. Jerry graduated from Marion High School but believed his future was already set on the farm. He remained active with many of his favorite pastimes, including playing with the Leopolis Badger Amateur Baseball Association team and attending dances throughout the area, especially when a polka band was the featured entertainment.

It was at a wedding dance (He and some friends may have crashed? There are conflicting stories to this day) where he met Marlene J. Wenzel from Shawano. They danced their dating days away and married on April 29, 1962, at St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano. Jerry continued to work on the farm, but added professional carpentry and electrical positions to his resume while Marlene worked both in and out of the home until they had children.

Marty J. Carpenter, 54, Bonduel, died unexpectedly Saturday, Sept. 4, 2021, at ThedaCare Medical Center in Waupaca, following injuries from a motor vehicle accident. He was born July 4, 1967, to Hollis and Lucy (Oskey) Carpenter.

Marty was a 1985 graduate of Seymour High School, and he continued his education at UW-Oshkosh, where he earned his bachelor’s degree in business administration in 1989. He was united in marriage to Rochelle Toellner on Oct. 3, 1992, and the couple had one

Harrison Russ, son of Spencer and Wally Russ, was born into his eternal life on Sept. 5, 2021. He will forever be loved and remembered by his parents and family.



Jerry believed it was important to be involved in the community and was active as a Leopolis Fish and Game Club member and snowmobile trail supporter with meetings typically held at Pederson’s Bar in Leopolis. The bar was also home to the “Soup Gang,” a group of hunting friends who became family over the years. Their escapades also became legendary, even carrying over to wedding and anniversary celebrations during the next few generations. You just never knew if or when the group would show up.

Meantime, everyone from lawmakers to children were treated to various lunch and learn gatherings held on the farm, as he continued to grow the dairy operation. Jerry was selected multiple times to grow Dairyland Seed variants and elected to the Wisconsin Production Credit Association board and the board of the Farm Bureau Federation where he advocated for changes in agriculture policy on the state and national levels. He recently earned a 50th anniversary award for his farm bureau involvement, and is currently the longest serving secretary/treasurer for the Southwest Shawano Equity Cooperative.

Yet, Jerry always wanted to do more, and decided to run for a seat on the Marion School Board. He won, and over several years, earned the board president role, with hopes of making a difference for all children while his own were still in school.



son. Marty began working in the banking industry immediately after graduating from college, and he worked at various banks in the area over the years. He was employed as the executive vice president of Bonduel State Bank.

Marty enjoyed hunting and riding his motorcycle and 4-wheeler. He

As a lifelong member of St. John’s Lutheran Church-Hermansfort, Jerry served on the leadership committee, finance committee, and as chairman of the committee as a whole. He was part of a group who decided to save and move the church built in 1876, rather than start anew, when Highway 29 was being expanded through Shawano County.

Meantime, the dairy operation continued to grow. He may not have been dancing as much, but was enjoying couples and team bowling at Marion Rec along with supporting and getting involved with his children’s activities which ranged from music to sports. He and Marlene made traveling an important time as both a family and couple. Their favorite adventures include several trips to Hawaii, a polka band tour of Germany for Oktoberfest, and cruises to the Caribbean and Mexico.

Jerry also shared his love for the Milwaukee Brewers, first with his family during regular trips to County Stadium; then, organizing several yearly bus trips to Miller Park with friends from throughout Shawano and Waupaca Counties.

Jerry owned and operated what had now grown from a small family farm to a large farming business for close to 65 years. He retired in 2019 (the rest of his family saying, “Finally. You deserve it.”) and found more time for some of his additional favorite things like golfing, researching family history, cooking, gardening, and for the first time, animal watching, not animal care-taking. Unless you’re a hummingbird. He had a wonderful soft spot for hummingbirds and they reciprocated.

He also remained involved in

Marty J. Carpenter

especially enjoyed spending time with his family.

He is survived by his son, Ben Carpenter; his special friend, Rae Johnson; his father, Hollis Carpenter; four siblings, Cindy (Steve) Diemel, Connie (Rick) Furman, Mark (Faye) Carpenter and Mike Carpenter; nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Marty was preceded in death by his mother, Lucy Carpenter.

Visitation will take place Friday, Sept. 10, 2021, from 3 p.m. until the time of services at 5:30 p.m. at Muehl-

Harrison Russ

Harrison is survived by his two older brothers, August and Nigel, as well as his loving grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

We would like to thank the staff at

Leopolis Baseball and was named to the team’s Hall of Fame in 2007. He continued to be both the Bulldog’s long-time announcer and the Leopolis Fourth of July Triathlon celebration parade host. Jerry and Marlene served as official parade marshalls a few years ago.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Marlene; daughter, Teri Barr (Brian Mesmer), of Madison; and sons, Randy Schultz, of Leopolis, and Brian Schultz (Lisa Hanson), of Shawano. We know he will continue to keep a watchful eye on his grandchildren, Lucky Charms, our nomad entrepreneur, Stephanie Schultz Borth (husband Mike) from the Eland area, and Logan Schultz of Shawano. Jerry is also survived by cousins, nieces, nephews, and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Lyle Engel, and other dear relatives and friends.

An official celebration of Jerry’s life was held on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021, at St. John’s Lutheran Church-Hermansfort with friend and Pastor Steve Conradt leading the service.

We believe Jerry would choose, in lieu of flowers, to make donations in his name to Leopolis BABA, St. John’s Lutheran Church-Hermansfort, or a different organization of the Schultz family’s choice.

We would like to thank Tigerton and Shawano Ambulance Services, and ThedaCare Medical in Shawano and Appleton for the emergency care of Jerry. We also give special thanks to Megan Marotz for her exceptional attention in Shawano.

Written for Jerry, by his family, with our never-ending love.

We already miss you.

Boettcher Funeral Home, Pastor Moira Finley officiating.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established.

The family extends a special thanks to the first responders and emergency medical technicians who cared for Marty at the time of his accident, as well as the staffs of ThedaCare regional medical centers of Appleton and Waupaca for all their care and concern.

Online condolences may be expressed to Marty’s family at www.muehlboettcher.com

heaven. We also ask for prayers for those who share in our sadness.

A baby was expected and instead we now have an angel looking down upon us.

OBITUARIES

Kathleen A. Coleman

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

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

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



prom dress. She knitted sweaters, hats, and mittens. Our mom was an amazing cook and baker. During this time she was also helping out at the family grocery store, Coleman's Store in Mountain, which they owned and operated until 1974. After the store sold, Kathy worked many jobs including as a tour guide for Quick Tours in Mountain.

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

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

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

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

grandchild, Grace Marie.

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

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

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

A memorial fund has been established for dementia research.



James E. Betzner

James E. Betzner, 71, of Bonduel, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021, at ThedaCare Medical Center-Appleton following a brief battle with cancer.

Jim was born May 21, 1950, in Shawano, a son of the late Ewald and Eva (Schwartz) Betzner. He was baptized and confirmed at St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano. He attended St. James grade school then transferred to the Bonduel schools, graduating from Bonduel High School with the Class of 1968. Jim farmed with his family and worked at numerous area feed mills, driving feed trucks. On July 5, 2003, he was united in marriage to Marcelene



Boettcher at St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano.

Jim is a lifelong member of St. James Lutheran Church. He was a certified WIAA official who refereed basketball with his twin brother, Tom, for 53 years. Jim also umpired baseball. He loved sports; if there was a ball involved, Jim was all about it.

Survivors include his wife, Marcelene, of Bonduel; his children, Christopher Betzner, of Kaukauna, Matt

(Jackie) Betzner, of DePere, Jeremy (Kathryn Renard) Hacker, of Shawano, Sara (Ricky) Lobato of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Laura (Joe) DuChesne, of Shawano; his grandchildren, Haylee Huth, Paxton Betzner, Ethan and Elise Lobato, and Amelia, Liam, Draven, and Kasmira DuChesne; his twin brother, Thomas (Becky) Betzner, of Shawano; and several nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his son, Scott Betzner; and his brother and sister-in-law, John and Debbie Betzner.

Funeral services for Jim will be held on Friday, Sept. 17, 2021, at 11 a.m. at St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano. Pastor Mark Drengler will officiate. Interment will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery in Shawano. Visitation will begin at the church on Friday at 9 a.m. and continue until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers and plants, the family prefers memorials to St. James Lutheran School.

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



James Mervale Barshaw

James Mervale Barshaw, 85, of Fox Point, passed away in the early morning of Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021, at the Aurora Zilber Hospice facility in Wauwatosa. He was born on Nov. 17, 1935, in Neenah to Walter and Marcella (Gitter) Barshaw. He served in the U.S. Army from 1955-1956 at Ft. Leonard Wood in Missouri. His working career was centered within the printing



industry. James (Jim) raised a family of four children with his wife, Shirley (Cotner). Years later, he married his wife of 31 years, Gale (Bresser) Curtis on Jan. 13, 1990, and joined Gale in raising two young sons.

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Jim loved his family more than anything else in the world. He was a man of God and had a servant's heart. If he was your friend, it's likely he was one of your best friends.

He is survived by his children, Blain (Kathy), Brant (Katherine), Blaise (Laurie Ann), and Belinda (Ty) Simmons; his stepsons, Matt (Sarah) Curtis and Andrew (Lauren) Curtis; eight grandchildren, six step-grandchildren and six great-grandchildren with one more to

be born in October.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18 at Hope Community Church, 302 Tristan Drive, Shawano. Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. followed by a service at 4 p.m. with Pastor John Anderson presiding. A graveside gathering will be at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon at a time not yet determined.

Donations can be made in his name to St. Jude's Children Hospital.

Ricky Lee Berton

Born on a hot and dry day on Aug. 6, 1952, Ricky Lee Berton was the 11th of 12 children born to George K. and Lucille M. (Rusch) Berton.

Ricky grew up in Shawano, where he would spend his youth with his mother after his father died in 1962 when he was just 10 years old. After his mother married for a second time, they moved to Cloverleaf Lakes, and Ricky attended school



in Clintonville. He eventually made his way to Milwaukee where he worked for the Ambrosia Chocolate Factory for decades, retiring when he was 66.

Ricky had an extreme work ethic and never

said a bad word about anyone. He was passionate about spring tulips and worked for years on a vision of opening a bed and breakfast full of antiques but this dream was never fully realized. He attended the Ridge Community Church and was born again. Ricky died on Aug. 24, 2021, of a heart attack.

Ricky is survived by his brothers and sisters, George Berton, of Neenah,

Wayne (Linda) Berton, of Neenah, Diane (Robert) Bohm, of Green Bay, Marsha (George) Davis, of Sherwood, Patty (Tony) Boulanger, of Green Bay, and Peter Berton, of Hawaii.

Preceding him in death were his parents; brothers, Larry, Tom, Jeffery and Randall Berton; and a sister, Joan Oberle.

A private memorial service will be held for Ricky in the future.

Jean I. Long

Jean I. Long, 88, of Clintonville, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021, at Greentree Health and Rehabilitation Center, Clintonville.

Jean Ida Long was born July 6, 1933, in the Town of Herman, daughter to the late Herman and Ella (Moesch) Dey. Jean graduated from Bowler High School with the Class of 1952 and later started working at Wisconsin Tissue Mills in 1956. She was united in marriage to Verne Long on May 2, 1970, in Neenah.

Jean was a faithful member of Zion Lutheran Church in Embarrass,

where she served with the ladies aid, altar guild and friendly aides. She would also help out during funerals and soup dinners.

Jean retired in 1993 after over 37 years of employment and moved to the Cloverleaf Lakes area. Verne preceded her in death on Dec. 1, 2008. She enjoyed fishing and hunting as well as watching the wild turkey, squirrels, chipmunks, rabbits, deer and bear on their one acre lot. She frequently enjoyed dog-sitting for others and really loved their own dog, Boots, whom they had for many

years. Jean also really enjoyed time spent with friends and family over the years.

Jean is survived by her twin sister, Janet Carlson, Neenah; sisters, Carol Geiger, Antigo, and Sharon (Eugene) Boelter, Neenah; special friends, Norm and Shirley Block, Jerry and Diane Wetzal and Cheryl Klapste; special canine companion, Angelo; and many other friends and family.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Verne; brothers, Donald and Darwin Dey; a niece, Linda Carlson, a nephew, Dale Dey;

and good friend, Ethel Koeller.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, 2021, at Zion Lutheran Church in Embarrass, with the Rev. Todd Jerabek officiating. Interment will take place at Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Embarrass. Visitation will take place Thursday at the church from 9 a.m. until the time of service.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville, is assisting Jean's family.

An online guestbook is available at eberhardtstevenson.com.

Dorajean Denke

Dorajean Denke passed away on Sept. 6, 2021, at the age of 78 at Evergreen Health Services in Shawano under the care of ThedaCare At Home.

Dorajean was born April 6, 1943, in Belle Fourche, South Dakota, to the late Robert and Mildred (Cutter) Pritzkau.

She graduated from Rapid City High School in 1962 and went on to attend Black Hills State College in Spearfish, South Dakota, to pursue her teaching career. Dorajean taught all 12



grades throughout the Wall, South Dakota, area.

On Aug. 18, 1965, she was united in marriage to Herman Denke at First Lutheran Church in Wall.

He preceded her in death on Aug. 10, 2006.

Dorajean was an avid Brewers and Packers fan. She also enjoyed read-

ing, but most of all taking care of her children.

Dorajean is survived by daughter, Tanya (Michael) Martin, of Shawano; sons, Jamie Denke, of Bryant, and Clay (Kathi) Denke, of Tomah; grandchildren, Nicole Denke and Karl Denke; and several step-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, Dorajean was preceded in death by sister, Alice Voyles; brothers, Dean Pritzkau and Robert "Bud" Pritzkau; and daughter-in-law, Shari Denke.

A funeral service for Dorajean took place Monday, Sept. 13, 2021, at Strasser-Roller Funeral Home. Burial followed the service at Woodlawn Cemetery in Shawano.

The family would like extend a special thank you to Evergreen Health Service for their loving care for Dorajean.

Strasser-Roller Funeral Home is assisting the family. Friends may visit online at strasserrollerfuneralhome.com.

Horse tests positive for equine encephalitis

The Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Department reported Sept. 9 that a horse in Shawano County has tested positive for eastern equine encephalitis (EEE).

This is the first confirmed case of EEE in a horse in Shawano County this year, and the fifth case in horses in the state this year. No EEE cases in humans have been reported in Wisconsin thus far in 2021, but there were two human cases in 2020.

EEE virus is spread to humans, horses and other animals through the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes acquire EEE virus by

feeding on infected birds. The virus is not spread person to person or directly between animals or between animals and humans. Documentation of a EEE positive horse, however, confirms that there are mosquitoes in the area infected with the EEE virus that can spread the virus to people and other animals.

Many people infected with EEE virus do not get sick. Those who do become ill may develop fever, headache, chills and vomiting. The illness may become severe resulting in encephalitis (inflammation of the brain), disorientation, seizures,

coma or death. There is no specific vaccine or treatment for EEE illness available for people.

Signs of EEE infection in horses include depression, loss of appetite, drooping eyelids and lower lip, blindness, paralysis and death. Horse owners can vaccinate their horses against EEE virus to protect them from becoming ill.

Since EEE virus is known to be circulating in Shawano County, residents and visitors should be vigilant in preventing mosquito bites. Follow these tips to protect yourself and your family against

mosquito bites:

- Apply an insect repellent with DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535 to exposed skin and clothing.
- Prior to heading outdoors, treat clothing with permethrin; do not apply permethrin directly to skin.
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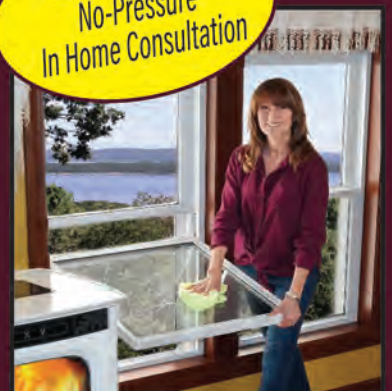
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School board reinstates mask policy

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

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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School resource officer retires after 37 years

Johnson thanks community for support during career

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stange said people who are just



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kleefisch announces bid for governor's seat

Former lieutenant governor visits Shawano prior to announcing her candidacy

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

any opposition will underestimate her, to their own detriment.

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

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

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

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

"You couldn't talk to Scott Walker.

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

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

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

Enrollment up at 3 parochial schools

Administrators believe variety of issues bring families to Christian education

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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social media and our website.”

Beschta said marketing helps St. Anthony to grow.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

an education with Christ at the center.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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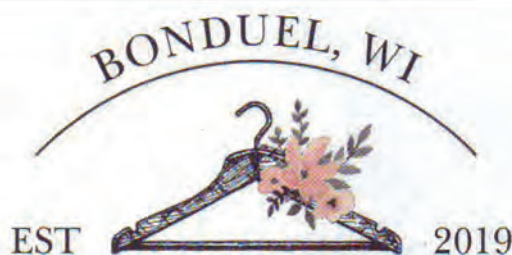
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Wittenberg Village Board OKs sidewalk construction

One sidewalk anticipated to be constructed on Genesee Street in 2022

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Construction of sidewalks took another step forward in Wittenberg at the Sept. 7 Wittenberg Village Board meeting.

The board voted to move forward with constructing sidewalks on Genesee Street but to hold off on five other streets in order to apply for a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

"We are about 90% done with the designs on Genesee and Grand Avenue," said Abby Maslanka, a representative of Martenson & Eisele Inc. "We are about 40-50% done through the remaining four."

The construction of Genesee

Street will begin in 2022.

"My only feedback is dealing with those telephone poles," said board president Bill Switalla.

Maslanka said that Martenson and Eisele has yet to get into communication with Cirrinity/Wittenberg Telephone Company about when they would be able to move the poles.

"We are anticipating an answer on that this year," said Maslanka. "If we do not get that answer this year, we might have to wait until 2023."

Board trustee David Timm said that he will talk to Scott Nyman of Cirrinity at the next Wittenberg Area Development Committee meeting.

Switalla offered up the idea of pouring the cement around the telephone poles in order to get the

project done.

"I would hate to move the whole sidewalk for two poles," said Switalla.

Maslanka said that she doesn't not recommend this idea.

"I wouldn't recommend doing that before the telephone company comes in, because they are going to tear up your brand new sidewalk with their equipment," said Maslanka.

In order to get sidewalks done on Genesee Street, the money would have to come from the village, due to the board waiting on a state Transportation Alternatives Program grant for the other five streets. Genesee Street is a concern due to safety issues.

"We have the money saved," said

village clerk Traci Matsche.

If the village does qualify for the TAP grant, construction of the other five streets would begin in 2024.

Maslanka said that if the board was able to complete construction on Genesee Street, it would show initiative for the grant.

The board unanimously agreed to start construction on Genesee Street in the summer of 2022.

In a separate motion, the board unanimously agreed for Martenson and Eisele to finish designs for all six sections of the sidewalks.

"We have to pay for the design right now," said Timm. "The design will still be good until 2024."

"You can then decide to bid it whenever," said Maslanka.

Village of Birnamwood to repave roads

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Two roads are anticipated to be repaved in the Village of Birnamwood.

A discussion arose at the Birnamwood Village Board meeting on Sept. 13 surrounding filling in low spots on roads in the village with blacktop.

"I got one estimate," said Chris Jensen, public works director. "Up on Rew Lane, it would be a wedding (filling in low spots) that would be 10 feet wide by 150 feet long. On Corazalla Drive, it would be 11 feet

wide by 450 feet long. It was \$10,125 for both."

Due to the limited amount of travel on Rew Lane, village clerk Lauri Klumphy asked how much traffic does the road get to make it wear out.

"Garbage trucks," said board trustee Ron Resch.

Jensen said that he filled out IP forms from the last two years in order to see how much money is available.

"We should have \$14,987.50 coming," said Jensen.

Board president Mike Sprague said that he feels it is necessary to

to fill in the low spots.

"With the conditions that the roads are in, we need to make them last longer," said Sprague.

Jensen said that he asked a representative from American Asphalt how many years they could get out of the roads.

"He said, with the roads as deteriorated as they are, you never know," said Jensen. "He said five to 10 years."

Sprague said that if they raise the roads, it would keep water from puddling on the blacktop.

"It would run off to the side of the road," said Sprague.

Board trustee Jody Dombrowski shared her experience with puddling on a road by her house.

"Mine never used to puddle," said Dombrowski. "It just started puddling. It puddles right across the street from mailbox."

Sprague asked how late in the year can they fill the low spots.

"I couldn't tell you for sure," said Jensen. "I know if I call him, he will just say, 'I will put it on the list.'"

The board unanimously agreed to approve repaving Rew Lane and Corazalla Drive at a price of \$10,125 from American Asphalt.

Flower Show and Luncheon to feature Old Glory Honor Flights

The Tri-Valley Gardeners invites everyone to share in a day celebrating nature's bounty and recognizing veterans at their 113th Flower Show and Luncheon.

The event is scheduled for Sept. 21 at Memory Lanes, 250 County Road I, Clintonville. The day begins with registration at 10 a.m., a business meeting at 11 a.m., luncheon at 11:45,

and program at 1 p.m. followed by Flower Show critique and awarding of the Best of Show Ribbon.

The program on the Old Glory Honor Flights will be presented by Tony VanKampen. These flights honor aging veterans by taking them back to locations where they may have served during World War II or later. VanKampen will share the

history, dynamics, and organizational work behind each Honor Flight.

The flower show theme is 'Bountiful Blooms'. Members of the Scandinavia and Town and Country Garden Clubs will compete for ribbons in over 20 arranging categories. The show will be judged by nationally accredited flower judge Julie Schoenike.

The show will also feature a large raffle and sale tables filled with garden related items and fresh baked goods. The Tri-Valley Gardeners supports local libraries as well as the Children's Gardens in Iola and New London. The cost for the event is \$15 per person. To sign up or get information, call Jan Jones at 715-253-3112 or email at weplant1959@gmail.com.

SPORTS

ATHLETE PROFILE: JOHNNY STEWART

Senior lineman putting together another big season for Chargers

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School football team got its season off to a 3-0 start before a tight loss to Amherst on Sept. 10. Senior Johnny Stewart has helped anchor the Chargers' offensive and defensive lines.

Stewart is coming off a 2020 season in which he made the Central Wisconsin Conference-Large Division honorable mention team for his play as an offensive lineman. This year, he's helped the offense rack up 159 points across four games.

Heading into the game against Amherst, Stewart had accumulated 15 total tackles, eight of which resulted in losses. He also had been credited with one sack.

According to wissports.net, Stewart was also among the top marks in the state for his eight tackles for losses.

Along with his play as a lineman, Stewart also serves as the Chargers' kicker.

Q: When did your interest in football begin?

A: When I first started playing pee-wee in third grade.

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

A: Chow time every Thursday with the team.

Q: Your team is off to a strong start this year. What's the key to achieving even more success as the season continues on?

A: Working and playing together as one unit and not making the little mistakes that the opponent can



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Johnny Stewart, right, chases an Iola-Scandinavia ball carrier during an Aug. 28 matchup in Iola.

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Q: What makes this year's team special and successful?

A: As a team, we all work together great and push each other to be great. Our coaches really believe in our potential, and that makes us as a team strive for it.

Q: Do you have any individual goals you hope to accomplish

this season?

A: An interception so coach Borgy (Ryan Borgemoen) can buy me a Gatorade. Moving from four in the state for TFLs (tackles for losses) to one.

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

A: Trying to set an example for the younger kids to know what it

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Johnny Stewart

SPORT: Football

POSITIONS: Defensive tackle, right guard, kicker

SCHOOL: Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

YEAR: Senior

takes to be a successful team.

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

A: I've worn the same shirt for every game since freshman year.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Wittenberg-Birnamwood

A: Sophomore year when my brother (Simon) flopped to draw a penalty, and it worked. So we started celebrating in the middle of the field because they scored a touchdown, but it was called back.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show and musical artist?

A: TV show — "Big Timber." Movie — "Tommy Boy." Musical artist — Tech N9ne.

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

A: I love to cook.

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

A: "Trouble is easy to get into but hard to get out" — Coach (Bernard) Holsey.

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

A: Become a traveling electrician.

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HIGH SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY

Witt-Birn boys 7th, girls 10th at home cross-country invitational

Chargers' volleyball, girls swim teams earn multiple wins

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School cross-country team hosted the Charger Invitational on Sept. 7, with the boys placing seventh and the girls 10th.

The boys team posted a score of 187, while the girls had a mark of 233.

The boys team was led by Simon Schairer, who took 11th with a time of 18 minutes, 36.7 seconds. Craig Wendel (19:42.7) finished 27th, while Mason Meverden (19:56.2) was 30th.

Owen Schultz (22:27.1) placed 68th and Hayden Miller (22:28.5) 70th to cap the team's top five.

Ruby Nowinsky posted a time of 24:32.8 to place 27th and pace the Witt-Birn girls.

Annika Resch (28:32.2), Ava Hegewald (29:04.9), Ava Wepner (30:51.6) and Amelia Bessert (33:55.4) rounded out the team, placing 53rd, 60th, 72nd and 79th, respectively.

Full results from the invitational can be found at pttiming.com.

Witt-Birn girls swim team wins 2 duals

The Witt-Birn girls swim team won eight of 11 events to ease past Marinette 106-63 in a Bay Conference dual on Sept. 9 in Wittenberg.

Witt-Birn's Olyvia Stark, Isabella Hegewald, Faith Resch and Annika Resch opened the night with a first-place finish in the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 2:03.83. Stark, Faith Resch and Annika Resch joined Olivia Bessette on the top-finishing 400 freestyle relay (4:14.04) to end the night.

In the 200 freestyle relay, Bessette, Ava Hegewald, Isabella Hegewald and Jessica Storlie grabbed first in 2:00.48.

Individually, Faith Resch claimed first in the 100 butterfly (1:07.08) and 100 backstroke (1:05.8), while Annika Resch was first in the 50 freestyle (27.82) and



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Ruby Nowinsky competes during the Charger Invitational on Sept. 7 in Wittenberg.

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100 freestyle (1:03.36). Stark won the 200 freestyle (2:05.61) and Isabella Hegewald took first in the 100 breaststroke (1:19.49).

Witt-Birn earned six first-place finishes on its way to a 93-62 Bay Conference victory over Clintonville on Sept. 7 in Wittenberg.

Stark led the Chargers to the win with first-place finishes in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:25.35 and 100 backstroke in 1:12.47.

Stark was also on the 200 medley relay that was first in 2:14.31 and 200 freestyle relay that took first in 1:57.86. Isabella Hegewald, Bessette and Claire Timm filled out the 200 medley relay, while Bessette, Hegewald and Storlie were the other three 200 freestyle relay swimmers.

Storlie also took first individually in the 500 freestyle (6:37.15). Jalynn Horacek claimed first in the 100 butterfly (1:22.67).

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Full results from the cross-country invitational can be found at pttiming.com. More high school highlights can be found at www.newmedia-wi.com.

Witt-Birn volleyball team finishes week with 3-2 record

The Witt-Birn volleyball team earned wins over the Merrill JV team (25-9, 25-14) and Medford (25-18, 25-22) but lost to Stanley-Boyd (25-12, 25-20) and Athens (15-25, 25-17, 15-10) on Sept. 11 at an invite in Merrill.

In the win over Merrill, Reese Rogowski tallied nine digs, while London Metropulos had 11 attack kills and Lilly Betry added 10 assists.

Metropulos posted nine attack kills and five digs against Stanley-Boyd, with Rogowski added seven attack kills. Payton Foster recorded six assists and five digs, while Betry had four assists.

Against Medford, Rogowski totaled 11 attack kills and five digs, while Metropulos had 11 total kills. Foster and Betry contributed nine and seven assists, respectively, with Kiara Deruchowski posting four digs.

Metropulos had 14 total kills and nine digs in the loss to Athens. Foster was credited with nine assists, while Layla Huffman had four block kills. Rogowski and Deruchowski tallied nine and seven digs, respectively.

The Chargers swept Shiocton by scores of 27-25, 25-23, 25-20 in a Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division clash on Sept. 7 in Shiocton.

Rogowski posted 13 attack kills and 10 digs for Witt-Birn, while Deruchowski tallied 12 digs and three aces.

Huffman had five block kills for the Chargers. Foster led the team with 15 assists, while Betry finished with 12 digs.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Mellusi powers Wisconsin past Eastern Michigan

Badgers' defense dominates again

By TAMIRA MADSEN
The Associated Press

Chez Mellusi ran for 144 yards and a touchdown, leading No. 18 Wisconsin to a 37-7 victory over Eastern Michigan on Sept. 11 in Madison. Wisconsin (1-1, 0-1 Big Ten) piled up 352 rushing yards and also dominated on defense against Eastern Michigan (0-2), which had 92 total yards on offense. The Eagles had three first downs. Mellusi, a Clemson transfer, became the first Wisconsin running back to record consecutive 100-yard rushing games in his first two contests since Corey Clement in 2013. The Badgers, typically known for their explosive running, also had

breakout performances from Isaac Guerendo and Jalen Berger. Berger, who missed the opener, had 15 carries for 62 yards and one TD. Guerendo got to the edge and ran 82 yards for his first career touchdown that increased Wisconsin's lead to 24-0 with 4:40 left in the first half. Guerendo, a junior, posted the eighth-longest TD run in program history. The Badgers excelled on defense, even though two veteran starters didn't play. Safety John Torchio made his second career start in place of senior Collin Wilder, who was out. Alexander Smith was inserted at cornerback due to the absence of fifth-year senior Faion Hicks. But mistakes, like the ones in its 16-10 loss to Penn State last week, were still frustrating for Wisconsin. The Badgers failed to score inside

the Eagles' 10-yard line on their first series. Mellusi tripped on a handoff from Graham Mertz on first down and then the Badgers didn't score on three runs following that miscue. A holding penalty down field by Wisconsin wide receiver Danny Davis negated a 36-yard TD pass by tight end Clay Cundiff in the first quarter. The lone highlight for Eastern Michigan was a 98-yard interception return for a TD in the fourth quarter by freshman defensive back David Carter, who picked off Badgers reserve quarterback Chase Wolf. The score was a career first for Carter. Mertz returned in the fourth after Wolf's interception.

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

Quarterback Graham Mertz completed 14 of 17 passes for 142 yards and no interceptions in three-plus quarters. **Some Berger for Badgers**
Berger received his first snaps of the season Saturday. Berger, a redshirt freshman didn't play in Wisconsin's season-opening loss to Penn State. Berger, a preseason Doak Walker candidate, rushed for a team-high 301 yards in four games last season.

Poll implications
Wisconsin will hold steady or move up a couple spots just outside the top 15. **Up next**
Wisconsin is off next week before a marquee matchup against No. 8 Notre Dame on Sept. 25 at Soldier Field in Chicago.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wisconsin men's team announces 2021-22 schedule

With Wednesday's announcement of the Big Ten Conference slate, the Wisconsin men's basketball program unveiled its complete 2021-22 schedule — which includes 17 regular season home games at the Kohl Center. Fans will have the opportunity to get their first look at this season's team at the annual red-white scrimmage, which is set for Oct. 17 at the Kohl Center. Time will be announced at a later date. Wisconsin is scheduled to host

UW-Whitewater for an exhibition on Oct. 29. The Badgers officially tip off the regular season Nov. 9 at home against St. Francis Brooklyn. As part of the Big Ten vs. Big East Gavitt Tipoff Games, Wisconsin hosts Providence in Madison on Nov. 15. The Badgers and Friars will meet for the first time since 1996. During Thanksgiving week, Wisconsin will play in the Maui Jim Maui Invitational, Nov. 22-24. The Badgers open up tourna-

ment play against Texas A&M on Nov. 22 at 1 p.m. on ESPN2. On Nov. 23, UW will face either Butler or Houston. For this year's Big Ten/ACC Challenge, the Badgers will travel to Atlanta for a game against Georgia Tech on Dec. 1. Wisconsin also visited the Yellow Jackets in 2001 as part of the third-annual Big Ten/ACC Challenge. Wisconsin returns home to host Marquette on Dec. 4 before opening Big Ten play with a two-game

conference stint in December. The Badgers welcome Indiana to the Kohl Center on Dec. 8 and then travel to play at Ohio State on Dec. 11. League play resumes in full for the Badgers on Jan. 3 with a road trip to Purdue. Men's basketball student season tickets go on sale to all degree-seeking undergraduate, graduate and professional students beginning Sept. 23 at 7:30 a.m. Tickets will be sold online at UWBadgers.com.

RECREATION SCOREBOARD

BOWLING
Resch Lanes — Lakeshore Masters

Team	W	L
Golfside	28	4
Dearco Distributors	28	4
Bamboo	22	10
Launching Pad	17	15
Farfall Fanatics	17	15
Lakeshore Lanes	15 1/2	16 1/2
Shawano Auto Sales	15	17
Full Service Tents	14	18
Humana	12	20
Rosie's Railway	9 1/2	22 1/2
Brother's	7	25

Pin Pricks	7	25
High team scratch games (top 3): Humana 698, Golfside 690, Brother's 681,		
High individual scratch games (top 7): Mark Cornish 279, Dan Poels 268, Dave Druckrey 256, Brad Weisnicht 253, Zack Ruehle 243, Blake Schuebel 243, Scott Nelson 237.		
High team scratch series (top 3): Golfside 1,971, Brother's 1,827, Bamboo 1,824.		
High individual scratch series (top 7): Mark Cornish 791, Steve Hoffman 672, Sean Johnson 665, Bill Grosskreutz 636, Brad Weisnicht 632, Ed Brusky 627, Carson Malueg 616.		
Resch Lanes — Wednesday Night Handicap		

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Team	W	L
Mama's Place	7	0
Resch Lanes	5	2
Rachel's Roadside	5	2
Kemmer Electronics	5	2
Liberty Potatoes	3	4
Hankes Sentry Foods	2	5
Slammers	2	5
Tavern Front	0	7

High team handicap games (top 3): Mama's Place 1,210, Liberty Potatoes 1,187, Resch Lanes 1,177.

High individual handicap games (top 7): Jeff Arndt 290, Hugh McAloon 281, Jason Resch 278, Jordan Wanta 273, Will Kubeny 268, Brian Mattmiller 263, Bill Timm 261.

High team handicap series (top 3): Mama's Place 3,533, Resch Lanes 3,388, Rachel's Roadside 3,325.

High individual handicap series (top 7): Jordan Wanta 786, Hugh McAloon 763, Jenny Schrank 723, Jamie Deruchowski 712, Jeff Arndt 710, Paul Dahms 708, Bill Timm 706.

Skiers fail to break Guinness record



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

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National record under review

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

BOYS SOCCER

Pulaski 8

Xavier 1

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

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

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

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

VOLLEYBALL

Tigerton ties for 3rd at tournament

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

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

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

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

Suring earns 2 wins

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

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

nine attack kills, seven digs and four aces.

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

Gillett 3

Green Bay West 0

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

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

Bowler 3

Marion 0

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

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

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

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

Gresham 3

Northland Lutheran 0

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

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

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

Nectar-producing plants feast for hummingbirds

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

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



ROB ZIMMER

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

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

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

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

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



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

ROB ZIMMER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

purple, red, pink, as well as bicolors.

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

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

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

County park hosts car show



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

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Menominee program harvests healthy knowledge

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

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



RYAN WINN

ing to what they do and then passing it onto the next generations.”

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

Gauthier noted, “Everyone in the community has a piece of knowledge, and this is a representation of what happens when we all pull together and share what we know.”

Working alongside state support staff, Gauthier’s team includes Dawn Doperalski, who plans curricula activities; Daniel Grignon, who designs their artwork and helps with their application of Menominee language; and Annette Tourtillott, who weaves the pieces together through community coordination.

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

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

Gauthier sees the project as a



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

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“We want to value and recognize our Menominee knowledge systems as valid and important. There are teachings within them.”

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

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

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

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

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

Gauthier recounted, “We shared

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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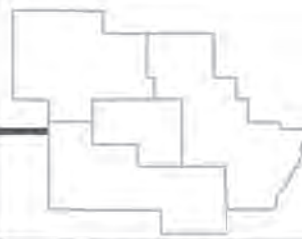
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CLUB NOTES

Wittenberg-Birnamwood Cub Scouts

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood Pack 447 is wrapping up a year packed with learning and adventures.

Lions are the youngest group starting in kindergarten. They work with an adult partner to come up with innovative ideas including figuring out how to build an obstacle course, designing their own constructions, and inventing their own games. Earning their Lion badges are Zach West and Antonio Martinez-May.

The Tigers and Wolves worked together this year learning knot, gardening, doing service projects, including (with the Lions) collecting eight bags of garbage around the Wittenberg Elementary and on the Wiouwash Trail, as well as having fun.

Earning his Tiger badge was Oliver Clark. Earning their Wolf badges were Henry Knitter and Carter Rew.

The Bears were adventurous, constructing a spider that could climb walls, building and flying a rocket, and cooking meals over a fire as well as completing service projects.

Earning their Bear Badges were Wesley Unverzagt, Dominic Knitter,

Nathan Martinez-May and Michael West.

The Webelos hiked, gardened, completed their religious badges, did a strenuous physical fitness program, and completed their Webelos badges. Braeden Rasmussen, Izzi Schmalfus-Clark, Will Merrick, Jacob Hoover, Charles West, and Phoenix Horacek received their badges. They will be receiving their Arrow of Light Badges in September at their Cross-over Ceremony.

As a pack, the boys and girl participated in the Pinewood Derby, where they designed, made, and raced their own wooden derby cars. They participated in a Winter Outdoor Game day, had a combined awards ceremony and picnic, sold popcorn, did skits, hikes, campouts, and marched in the Community Days parade.

Any boys or girls (grades K-5) interested in joining Scouts for the coming school year can contact Cubmaster James Clark at 608-316-0454 or Sasha Clark at 920-246-9930. The first pack meeting of the year will be held at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 13, at the Wittenberg Elementary-Middle School Cafeteria.



Scouts in Wittenberg-Birnamwood Pack 447 listen attentively as American Legion member Gary Clark explains the importance of volunteering at a pack meeting. CONTRIBUTED

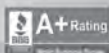
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K-9 passing brings support in words, money

Shawano police won't be able to replace Caryk until spring

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The good news is that it shouldn't cost the city of Shawano an arm and a leg to replace Caryk, one of the police department's K-9s who passed away Aug. 28, according to Chief Brad Rabideau.

The bad news is that the police department won't be able to go through training with a new dog until next spring due to a lack of available slots for K-9 training, Rabideau told the Shawano Common Council on Sept. 8.

"This was a huge loss for the department," Rabideau said in his report. "We are looking at replacing Caryk, but due to scheduling this fall, we're not going to be able get into a class. So we're looking at next spring."

Rabideau noted that the Facebook post the department had about Caryk's passing had more than 40,000 views.

"The outpouring of support from



K-9 Caryk plays with a ball during the 2021 National Night Out on Aug. 3.

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local and national folks was amazing," Rabideau said. "It was actually comforting to experience."

Caryk suddenly became ill in late August and was taken to PAW Health Network in Kronenwetter, where it was discovered that a tumor was growing inside him and causing him to bleed internally. As a result, Caryk had to be euthanized.

Caryk had been partnered with Of-

ficer Heidi Thaves for the last seven years, according to a police press release. During that time, Caryk helped to locate missing people, track down suspects and discover illegal drugs that resulted in numerous arrests.

The city has one other K-9, Thor, who works with Officer Jacob Korth and became part of the police department in 2020.

Community support is going to

make the city's financial commitment to a new K-9 very minimal, according to Rabideau.

"We have got a decent amount of donations, and I suspect by next spring, we'll have the \$11,500 needed to replace Caryk and send the officer to training," he said. "We live and work in a special area. It's been very heartwarming."

Rabideau said the department is planning a memorial service for Caryk, but a time and date have not been set. It has also not yet been determined whether the ceremony will be open to the public or just limited to department officials.

Anyone who wants to donate to help fund a replacement for Caryk can contact Rabideau at the Shawano Police Department, 715-524-4545, or bring donations in person to the police station, 125 S. Sawyer St., Shawano.

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OPINION

Please pay for the news; we like to eat

Back in olden times when the internet was still fresh and new, the average newspaper put up a website and shared all its stories online for free. The thinking, I think, was that the web was a promotional tool — another incentive for people to go out and buy a paper, where you didn't have to do all that clicking and scrolling to read all the stories.

In those halcyon days once upon a time, businesses bought ads and people bought classifieds in the paper to advertise everything from houses to rummage sales. They also bought newspapers at the store or, better yet, they bought subscriptions so the paper arrived at their door more or less automatically. So newspaper owners figured they didn't need to make money on their websites.

Then Craigslist came, and you didn't have to buy a classified ad to sell Mom's old china or advertise your rummage sale. Big businesses started selling their stuff on websites, and then Facebook and the like made it easier for smaller businesses to get into that act. People bought fewer newspapers because they figured the news was all free online anyway.

As newspaper ad revenues and



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sales dropped, they had fewer dollars to pay the help with, and the phrase "doing more with less" started creeping into their vocabulary.

As the staff reductions started cutting into bone, newspapers started thinking, heck, why did we put this stuff online for free when we were asking 50-75 cents or \$1 to buy the same stuff on newsprint? So the digital subscription was invented, so the papers could pay the overworked and underpaid reporters who were still hanging on and telling their towns' stories.

That, in a nutshell, is the story of why NEW Media (stalwart publisher of the Shawano Leader, Oconto County Times Herald and Wittenberg Enterprise and Birnamwood News) changed its website a couple of years ago to make it available to paid subscribers only. We still need to pay the bills, and we still need to eat — and so do the staff members who are doing the job that twice as

many people did a decade or two ago.

Not all readers are happy about this. I can't blame them. When something has been free for a long time and suddenly it isn't, resistance is understandable. It's like when people were downloading songs off Napster for free and suddenly the music industry came along and said, "Musicians need to eat, too. Please give us 99 cents a song instead of nothing."

So we've seen a handful of people, and in some cases more than a handful, work their way around the price of entry to newmedia-wi.com — said price being as little as (coincidentally enough) 99 cents a day.

Folks have shared their user name and password with dozens of friends. Others have copied our stories and pasted them on social media.

I can't blame you. Heck, it annoys me when I click on a story and discover I have to pay something if I really want to read it. If someone offered up the same article for free, I'd probably sneak a peek, too, if I wanted to read it badly enough.

When one of our stories is shared for free, it's gratifying to see dozens of friends saying "thanks for shar-

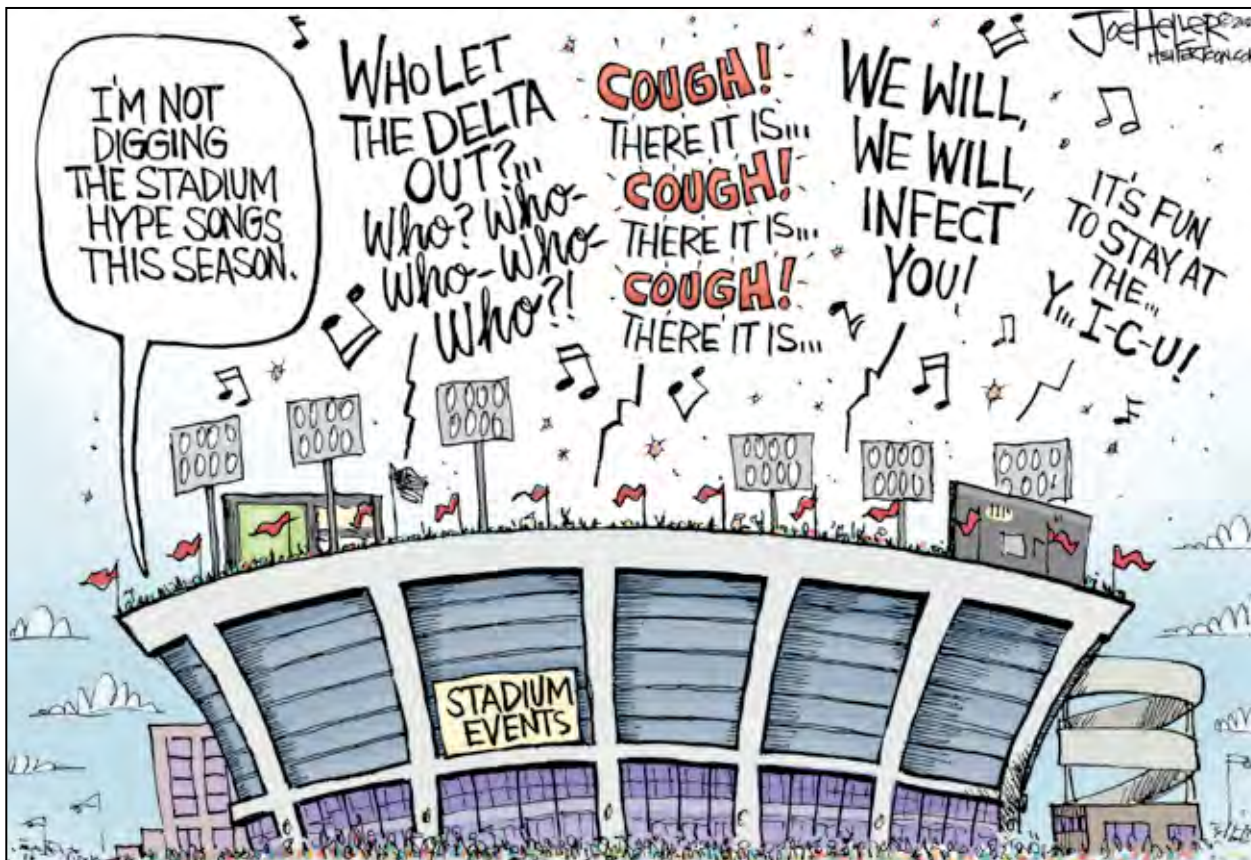
ing!" and congratulating the story subject and the like. It's proof that we had a good idea when we decided to cover and share those local news and sports stories.

I just want you to realize that we charge for those articles for a reason: We need the money to survive as a business. It's not exactly like shoplifting, but it's a first cousin of it: You tucked something into your pocket that was meant to be for sale; something that the store owner was hoping would help pay the rent and meet payroll.

If enough folks do that, eventually the store owner can't pay the rent or the help, and she has to close up shop. We're nowhere near that point, but we'd like to stay that way.

Please, just pay the 99 cents — or a little more to buy a subscription — rather than read it for free courtesy of your friend. We'd like to keep bringing those stories to you while making a modest living that pays the bills and feeds our families. In the end, that's all the digital subscription is about.

Warren Bluhm is the editor-in-chief for NEW Media. Readers can contact him at wbluhm@newmedia-wi.com.



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BOOKS AND STUFF

Homecoming witch solves mystery with her kitten

After an especially busy week, I was ready for some far-fetched reading. So I selected "Black Magic Kitten," book one of Sara Bourgeois' "Familiar Kitten Mysteries."

Kinsley Skeenbauer grew up in the lovely northeastern village of



JAN JONES

Coventry. Having parents and several aunts who just happened to be witches seemed natural to her. Regular high school didn't work out for Kinsley, so she was transferred to a school suited to her "witchy skills." Kinsley chafed at the prospect that she would one day become the area's most powerful witch, so at age 17 she ran away, married a high-powered attorney and lived a society life until she discovered him with her best friend.

By the time the divorce was final, Kinsley's now ex-husband had ruined her reputation and left her absolutely broke. With no other options, she has taken the few dollars she'd squirreled away, purchased a junker car and returned to Coventry to face her family.

Her family home, Hangman's House, is enchanted and gives or withholds whatever Kinsley wants or needs. She's hoping it has forgiven her for running away all those years ago.

She finds the house empty and wonders where her parents are. To her surprise, she is greeted by Thorn, the new sheriff, and a large black cat named Meri, who has long



been her mother's "familiar." He assures Kinsley that her parents have just moved to her dad's family home and will be thrilled that she is back.

After a warm reunion and meal at a nearby diner, Kinsley realizes she left her purse there. She sees it waiting on the counter and wants to thank the waitress, but she's not in sight. So Kinsley goes out back to find her. Instead, she stumbles upon the body of Merrill Killian.

Naturally, Kinsley is the prime suspect. She needs to clear her name fast as she wants to open a shop and cash in on Coventry's ghost-themed tourist trade. Thorn warns her to stay out of the investigation, but Kinsley ignores his pleas.

Soon she and Meri are tracking down a long list of people who might have wanted Merrill Killian

AT A GLANCE

BOOK: "Black Magic Kitten"

AUTHOR: Sara Bourgeois

PUBLISHER: Sara Bourgeois

PUBLISHED: 2020

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dead. It is obvious that the man was a controlling con artist with absolutely no moral compass.

As Kinsley works her way through the list, she meets a powerful vampire, Merrill's ex-wife, his young girlfriend, several defrauded businesspeople and his banker. She also meets some very helpful people along the way.

After renting a haunted building and setting up her inventory, Kinsley is confronted by Killian's ghost demanding that she find his killer. She can't open her shop until he's satisfied and gone. Realizing how valuable Meri is, Kinsley decides to offer him a wish.

When the ritual is over, Meri has been transformed into an adorable, tiny black kitten. He'd wanted

a fresh start but got more than he expected. Meri may not want to admit it, but his new size is a bonus in their investigation.

As much as Kinsley wants to focus on starting over, she can't help the fact that she is strongly attracted to Thorn, and he makes sure she knows he feels the same way.

A chance encounter and a brief vision offers her a solid clue to the killer's identity, but she can't quite find the name. When one of her newfound friends misses work, Kinsley realizes who it is. She and Thorn rush to save her friend, but it takes a little bit of Kinsley's magic to get the job done.

After the dust settles, Kinsley knows she is ready to claim her place in her large family of witches and the village of Coventry. She's also ready to see where her relationship with Thorn might go.

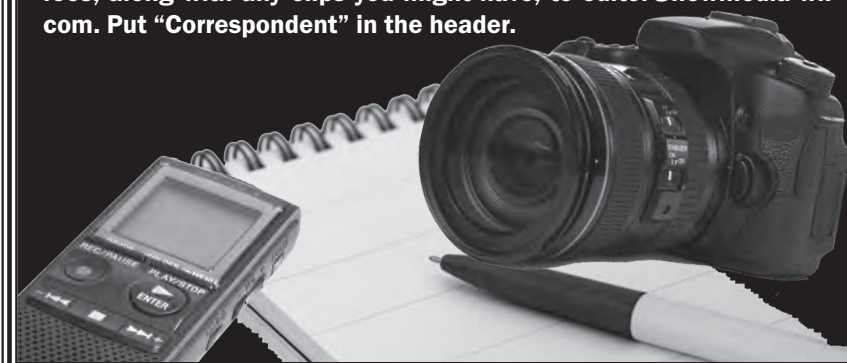
Sometimes the hardest thing has to do with accepting ourselves for who we are. Once we do, we are free to explore all our possibilities.

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WWI veterans honored at Woodlawn Cemetery

Letters from veterans read in an effort to keep memories alive

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The Woodlawn Cemetery came alive on Sept. 11 as visitors were told personal stories from five World War I veterans.

Around 70 people were in attendance at Woodlawn Cemetery, as Shawano County Historical Society officials led a tour and gave short biographies at each of the five grave sites. The five men who were honored at the event all had ties to Shawano. These men included Oscar Drukrey, William Wallrich, Arthur Cantwell, Alfred Davids and Edwin Elefson.

The stories that were told included letters from the veterans detailing life in World War I.

"We held the event because we wanted to honor the men," said Tom Aumann, Shawano County Historical Society vice president. "We thought that we needed to do something to honor our past veterans. Shawano has got so many wonderful stories."

Aumann said that even though there are still Shawano veterans from more recent wars, memories of different wars need to be preserved.

"We have a lot of us walking around from the Vietnam era and



Members of the American Legion shoot their guns Sept. 11 in Woodlawn Cemetery in memory of five World War I veterans who had ties to Shawano.

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the Iraq war, but as time marches on, memories slowly fade," said Aumann. "We have to make sure that those memories stay alive, and that the people buried in this cemetery are remembered."

Aumann said that when veterans came back to Shawano from the Civil War and World War I, they played a large part in the city.

"When they came back from the Civil War, they were the city fathers," said Aumann. "When veterans came back from World War I, they were the doctors. They were the merchants. They were all a part of the community."

Aumann said that Civil War stories were told in 2020 at the

cemetery, World War I stories were told this year, World War II stories will be told in 2022 and Korean War stories will be told in 2023.

According to Aumann, the turnout for the event was good given the circumstances.

"Last year, we had over 70 people; this year we had about the same," said Aumann. "I think it is important that people come to this. I would have liked to see a little bit better turnout, but when you have a beautiful day and people are out on the lake, there may be other things going on today."

He said that this event was able to bring families together to learn about World War I, as well as some fam-

ily members of the fallen veterans, learning a little bit more.

"We brought some people together, and we brought some people out whose family members were a part of the war," said Aumann. "It brings everyone closer. We become our own family and community for one night."

Aumann said that holding an event like this has an impact on the Shawano community as a whole.

"The impact is pride," said Aumann. "I think that is the real thing. Think about this community — if you have been here on Memorial Day or during Memorial Day weekend, you get a big turnout. If you don't know your past, you don't know where you are going. You need to know your past to take the community forward."

As people stopped at each station on their tour, an official read a letter that the veteran had written. Aumann said the letters came from the historical society.

"Today we happened to have some family members who gave us these documents," said Aumann.

Aumann hopes that an event like this will give people the thought to go to the historical society in order to learn more about Shawano involvement in worldwide events.

"There is a lot to see," said Aumann. "People will find out a lot about this community. They will quite surprised by what we have."

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SNOW REMOVAL BIDS FOR 2021-2022

Wittenberg-Biramwood School District

The Wittenberg-Biramwood School District will accept bids for Snow Removal for the 2021-2022 school year. Bids will be opened at the Board of Education Transportation Committee Meeting on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 5:15 p.m.

To make bids uniform, please pick up a "bid form" from the District Office or call Joy at 715-253-2213 and have one sent to you.

Please submit your bids to Joy Hartleben, School Board Secretary, at the District Office located in the High School by noon on Friday, September 24, 2021. Snow removal will be needed at all three District Schools.

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NOTICE OF NEWLY ENACTED ORDINANCE

Please take notice that the Village of Wittenberg, County of Shawano enacted Ordinance No. 2021-01, to amend Chapter 2, Village Board, Section 2.01(1) Meetings, on Tuesday, September 7 2021.

The ordinance was to make a change to the day that Village Board meetings are held. Board meetings will be held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 PM beginning on Monday, October 4, 2021. No other changes were made to the above referenced chapter.

Any questions regarding this new ordinance can be directed to the Village Clerk's office, 208 W. Vinal Street, Wittenberg, WI 54499. Clerk's phone number 715-253-6063.

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FUEL BIDS FOR 2021-2022

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EARLY WAKE-UP CALL

Poor opening-week showing
puts Packers on notice

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

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Green Bay needs to improve in all facets

Packers hoping to correct several issues as Lions come to town

By **MORGAN RODE**

Sports Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

out by next week," said Rodgers.

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

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

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

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

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

some pressure and tackle attempts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rodgers, Packers struggle in loss to Saints

QB picked off twice

By **MARK LONG**

The Associated Press

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rodgers called it the "play of the game."

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

Nothing changed after the break.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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PACKERS ROSTER

Active

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

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

Reserve/Injured

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

Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform

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

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

6	Kurt Benkert	QB	6-3	218	26	2	Virginia
16	Chris Blair	WR	6-2	198	23	R	Alcorn State
19	Equanimeous St. Brown	WR	6-5	214	24	4	Notre Dame
27	Patrick Taylor	RB	6-2	217	23	1	Memphis
35	J.J. Molson	K	5-11	180	24	1	UCLA
38	Innis Gaines	S	6-1	202	23	R	TCU
45	Bronson Kaufusi	TE	6-6	270	30	3	Brigham Young
46	Steven Wirtel	LS	6-4	228	23	1	Iowa State
48	Kabion Ento	CB	6-1	187	25	2	Colorado
50	Tipa Galeai	LB	6-5	229	24	1	Utah State
57	Ray Wilborn	LB	6-3	230	24	1	Ball State
60	Jacob Capra	G/T	6-5	300	22	R	San Diego State
64	Ben Braden	G	6-6	329	27	2	Michigan
72	Abdullah Anderson	DL	6-3	303	25	2	Bucknell
78	Cole Van Lanen	T/G	6-4	305	23	R	Wisconsin
88	Juwann Winfree	WR	6-1	210	24	2	Colorado



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2	Austin Bryant	OLB	6-5	260	24	3	Clemson
3	Jack Fox	P	6-2	215	25	2	Rice
4	Austin Seibert	K	5-9	211	24	3	Oklahoma
6	Tyrell Williams	WR	6-4	210	29	7	Western Oregon
8	Jamie Collins Sr.	LB	6-3	255	31	9	Southern Mississippi
10	David Blough	QB	6-1	205	26	3	Purdue
11	Kalif Raymond	WR	5-8	182	27	5	Holy Cross
14	Amon-Ra St. Brown	WR	6-0	197	21	R	USC
16	Jared Goff	QB	6-4	217	26	6	California
17	Trinity Benson	WR	6-0	180	24	1	East Central
18	KhaDarel Hodge	WR	5-11	183	26	4	Prairie View A&M
21	Tracy Walker III	S	6-1	206	26	4	Louisiana-Lafayette
23	Jeff Okudah	CB	6-1	202	22	2	Ohio State
24	Amani Oruwariye	CB	6-2	205	25	3	Penn State
25	Will Harris	S	6-1	206	25	3	Boston College
26	Ifeatu Melifonwu	CB	6-3	210	22	R	Syracuse
27	Bobby Price	S	6-3	208	23	2	Norfolk State
28	Jermar Jefferson	RB	5-10	212	21	R	Oregon State
30	Jamaal Williams	RB	6-0	224	26	5	BYU
31	Dean Marlowe	S	6-1	203	29	6	James Madison
32	D'Andre Swift	RB	5-9	211	22	2	Georgia
34	Alex Anzalone	LB	6-3	237	26	5	Florida
35	Godwin Igwebuike	RB	6-0	212	27	2	Northwestern
38	C.J. Moore	S	5-11	197	25	3	Ole Miss
39	Jerry Jacobs	CB	5-11	203	23	R	Arkansas
41	AJ Parker	CB	5-11	178	23	R	Kansas State
44	Jalen Reeves-Maybin	LB	6-1	230	26	5	Tennessee
45	Jason Cabinda	FB	6-1	240	25	4	Penn State
47	Scott Daly	LS	6-1	245	27	1	Notre Dame
53	Charles Harris	OLB	6-3	252	26	5	Missouri
54	Alim McNeill	NT	6-2	330	21	R	N.C. State
55	Derrick Barnes	LB	6-0	238	22	R	Purdue
57	Anthony Pittman	LB	6-3	240	24	1	Wayne St.
58	Penei Sewell	T	6-5	331	20	R	Oregon
63	Evan Brown	C	6-3	320	24	3	Southern Methodist
67	Matt Nelson	T	6-7	316	25	2	Iowa
71	Logan Stenberg	G	6-6	315	24	2	Kentucky
72	Halapoulivaati Vaitai	G	6-6	325	28	6	Texas Christian
73	Jonah Jackson	G	6-4	308	24	2	Ohio State
75	Levi Onwuzurike	DE	6-3	295	23	R	Washington

77	Frank Ragnow	C	6-5	311	25	4	Arkansas
78	Tommy Kraemer	G	6-6	319	23	R	Notre Dame
80	Darren Fells	TE	6-7	270	35	8	UC Irvine
85	Tom Kennedy	WR	5-10	195	25	1	Bryant
87	Quintez Cephus	WR	6-1	208	23	2	Wisconsin
88	T.J. Hockenson	TE	6-5	248	24	3	Iowa
90	Trey Flowers	OLB	6-2	265	28	7	Arkansas
91	Michael Brockers	DE	6-5	297	30	10	LSU
92	Kevin Strong	DE	6-4	295	25	3	UTSA
95	Romeo Okwara	OLB	6-4	255	26	6	Notre Dame
97	Nick Williams	DE	6-4	310	31	7	Samford
98	John Penisini	NT	6-2	335	24	2	Utah
99	Julian Okwara	OLB	6-4	245	23	2	Notre Dame
Reserve/Injured							
12	Tim Boyle	QB	6-4	227	26	4	Eastern Kentucky
50	Shaun Dion Hamilton	LB	6-0	235	26	4	Alabama
68	Taylor Decker	T	6-7	324	28	6	Ohio State
79	Joel Heath	DE	6-6	302	28	5	Michigan State
93	Da'Shawn Hand	DE	6-3	300	25	4	Alabama
Reserve/Non-Football Injury							
43	Charlie Taumoepeau	TE	6-3	240	23	1	Portland State
86	Hunter Bryant	TE	6-2	245	23	2	Washington
Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner							
96	Jashon Cornell	DE	6-3	297	24	2	Ohio State
Practice Squad							
1	Nickell Robey-Coleman	CB	5-8	180	29	9	USC
5	Zane Gonzalez	K	6-0	202	26	5	Arizona State
15	Sage Surratt	WR	6-3	212	23	R	Wake Forest
19	Steven Montez	QB	6-5	235	24	1	Colorado
29	Parnell Motley	CB	6-0	180	23	2	Oklahoma
42	Jalen Elliott	S	6-0	206	23	1	Notre Dame
46	Craig Reynolds	RB	5-11	225	25	1	Kutztown
52	Jessie Lemonier	DE	6-2	240	24	2	Liberty
59	Tavante Beckett	LB	5-11	220	23	R	Marshall
66	Darrin Paulo	T	6-3	320	24	1	Utah
69	Will Holden	OT	6-7	312	27	3	Vanderbilt
76	Bruce Hector	DE	6-2	296	26	2	University of South Florida
82	Jared Pinkney	TE	6-4	257	24	1	Vanderbilt
83	Javon McKinley	WR	6-2	216	23	R	Notre Dame
84	Shane Zylstra	TE	6-4	230	24	R	Minnesota State
89	Brock Wright	TE	6-5	259	22	R	Notre Dame



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THE SERIES

Packers vs. Lions
All-time, regular season: 102-72-7
All-time, postseason: 2-0
All-time, at Packers: 61-27-4
Streaks: The Packers have won the last four games against the Lions, but the teams have split the past eight matchups. In games the Packers hosted, the Lions have only won three games dating back to 1992.
Last meeting, regular season: Dec. 13, 2020, Packers won 31-24 at Ford Field

SCHEDULE

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

OFFENSE

RB
Aaron Jones
A.J. Dillon



QB
Aaron Rodgers
Jordan Love



WR
Davante Adams
Allen Lazard



TE
Robert Tonyan
Dominique Dafney



RT
Billy Turner
Dennis Kelly



RG
Royce Newman
Jon Runyan



C
Josh Myers
Jake Hanson



LG
Lucas Patrick
Jon Runyan



LT
Elgton Jenkins
Yosh Nijman



TE
Mercedes Lewis
Josiah Deguara



WR
Marquez Valdes-Scantling
Randall Cobb



DEFENSE

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Jaire Alexander
Chandon Sullivan



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Dean Lowry
Tyler Lancaster



NT
Kenny Clark
T.J. Slaton



DE
Kingsley Keke
Jack Heflin



CB
Kevin King
Eric Stokes



OLB
Preston Smith
Rashan Gary



ILB
Krys Barnes
Oren Burks



ILB
De'Vondre Campbell
Ty Summers



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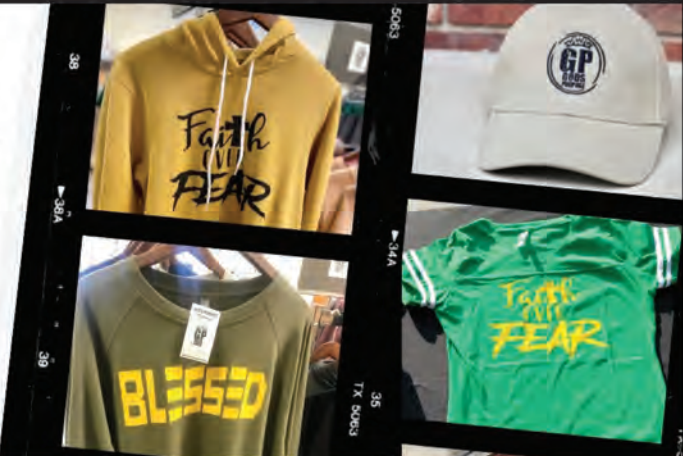
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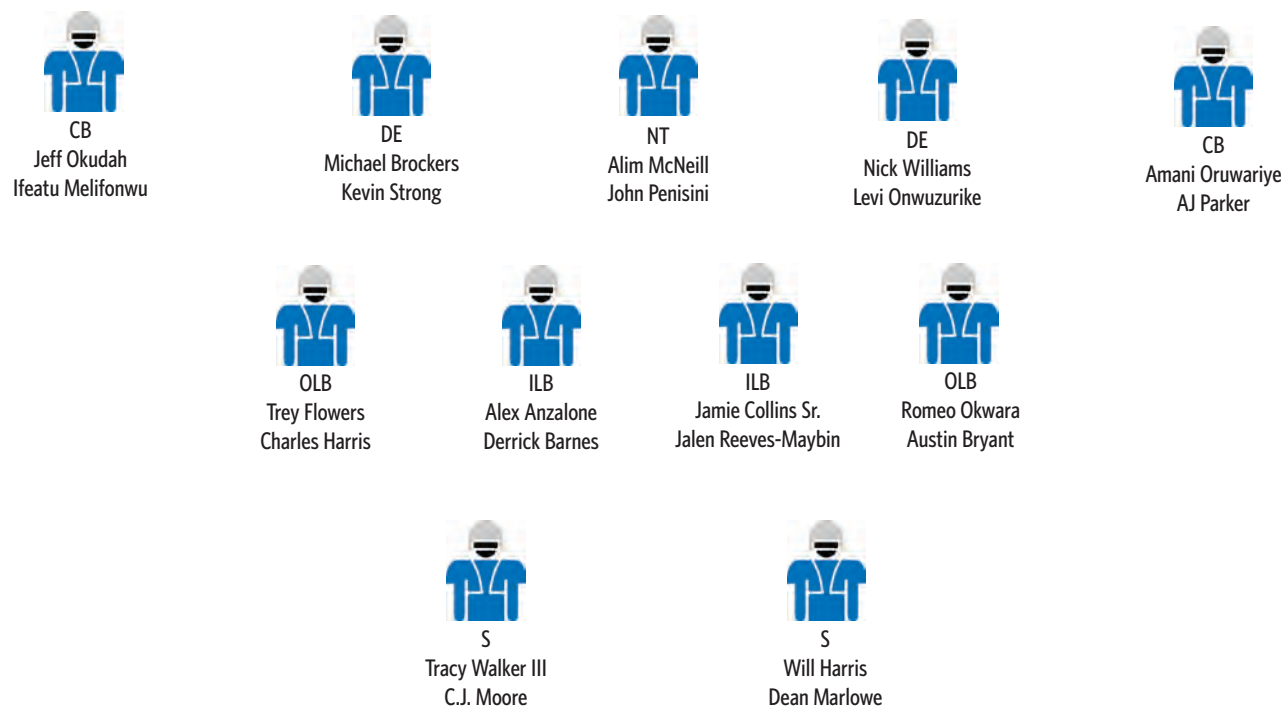


LIONS DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE



DEFENSE



SCHEDULE

Sunday's Games

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

Monday's Games

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

Thursday's Games

Carolina at Houston, 7:20 p.m.

STANDINGS

NFC

East

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

North

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

South

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

West

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

AFC

East

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

North

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

South

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

West

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

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NOTEBOOK

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

Assessing week 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Big challenge for defense

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

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

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

More wanted from Za'Darius Smith

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

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

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

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

Wanted: Explosive plays

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

They both need more big plays on offense.

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

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

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

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

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 Denver @ Jacksonville
 Buffalo @ Miami
 New England @ NY Jets
 San Francisco @ Philadelphia
 Las Vegas @ Pittsburgh
 Minnesota @ Arizona
 Atlanta @ Tampa Bay
 Dallas @ LA Chargers
 Tennessee @ Seattle
 Kansas City @ Baltimore

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

Weekly Standings

Weekly
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Record

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Indianapolis	Arizona	
Jacksonville	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score : Detroit 17 @ Green Bay 31



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

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 21 @ Green Bay 24



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This Week's Picks:

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Chicago	San Francisco	Baltimore
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 20 @ Green Bay 31



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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 21 @ Green Bay 24



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Chicago	San Francisco	Kansas City
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LA Rams	Arizona	
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 17 @ Green Bay 37



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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 28 @ Green Bay 34



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This Week's Picks:

Washington	Buffalo	LA Chargers
New Orleans	New England	Seattle
Cincinnati	San Francisco	Kansas City
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 20 @ Green Bay 34



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Final Score: Detroit 38 @ Green Bay 28



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Tie Breaker Game:

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Final Score: Detroit 17 @ Green Bay 35



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

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 20 @ Green Bay 31



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This Week's Picks:

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

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 17 @ Green Bay 34



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

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 10 @ Green Bay 38



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This Week's Picks:

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

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 17 @ Green Bay 21



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

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 17 @ Green Bay 34



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

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 21 @ Green Bay 31



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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 20 @ Green Bay 28

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Monday, September 20	7:15 pm	(DETROIT 100)	ESPN
Sunday, September 26	7:20 pm	@ San Francisco 49ers	NBC

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Thursday, October 10	NOON*	@ Cincinnati Bengals	FOX
Sunday, October 17	NOON*	@ Chicago Bears	FOX
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Thursday, October 28	7:00 pm	@ Arizona Cardinals	FOX

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Sunday, January 09	NOON*	@ Detroit Lions	FOX

KEYS TO GAME

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

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

History

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

Coaches

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

When the Packers have the ball

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

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

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

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

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

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

Okwara had a career-high 10 sacks last year.

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

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

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



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

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

When the Lions have the ball

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

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

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

field on 11 of 14 possessions.

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

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

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

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

Tyrell Williams, a 6-4 undrafted

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

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

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

Special teams

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

Acquired from the Rams on Aug.

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

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

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

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

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

BY THE NUMBERS

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

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

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

4

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

73

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

5

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

237

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

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

8

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

36.8

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

25:24

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

3

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

442

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

33

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

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

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KICKOFF WEEKEND NOTES

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

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

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

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

at least 1950.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Other notable performances

from Sunday include:

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

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

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

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

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Workshop aims to help 'win the war for talent'

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Human Search Engine ap-



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

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

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

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

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

thousands of job seekers.

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

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

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ThedaCare names new VP, chief quality officer

ThedaCare has announced Mbonu Ikezuagu will be the new vice president and chief quality officer.

In this role, Ikezuagu will provide quality leadership across the health system in ThedaCare's Accountable Care Organization, employed physician group, acute care, post-acute care and other aspects of the continuum of care. He will lead the continued work of patient and team member safety. Ikezuagu will also partner with ThedaCare leaders to develop and implement solutions to ensure outstanding quality of care and cost-effective services to provide best outcomes for patients and families.

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

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

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

Ikezuagu is board-certified in in-

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

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



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Printco adds senior accountant to team



TINA BERGNER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

according to Bergner.

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

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Federal relief expands NWTC's certificate offerings

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

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

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

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

16 weeks."

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

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

each program.

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

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Jobless claims reach a pandemic low as economy recovers

By **CHRISTOPHER RUGABER**
AP Economics Writer

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

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

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

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

The pace of hiring, though, has

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



GREG MELLIS

Producer prices jump unprecedented 8.3% in August

By **PAUL WISEMAN**
AP Economics Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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