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Retzlaff skips court; new bench warrant issued

Campground owner files letters claiming concern about COVID-19, claims court has no jurisdiction

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Ann Retzlaff, the campground owner who faces multiple charges stemming from a police chase in May, was once again a no-show in court on Nov. 23, prompting Shawano-Menominee Circuit Court Judge William Kussel Jr. to issue a new bench warrant compelling her to appear.

The new one was submitted as body-only, which means Retzlaff will not be able to post bail this time and will remain in jail until she makes her next appearance before the judge. Kussel had previously issued a bench warrant for Retzlaff when she did not appear for a court date in October, but the warrant had \$3,500 in bonds that Retzlaff immediately paid.

Retzlaff had sent three letters the night before and the day of the court hearing stating that she would not appear. In one of the letters, Retzlaff claimed she felt she wasn't safe in the courtroom, due to COVID-19, which drew comments from both Kussel and Assistant District Attorney Joseph Kaupie, with the latter noting that COVID-19 had been an issue all over for more than 18 months.

"There was no reason to wait until 5:30 the evening before and then requesting a special accommodation if there was some underlying medical issue that was justified," Kaupie said.

Kussel noted that the court was adhering to all the COVID-19 protocols laid out by the state, and he added that anyone entering the courtroom has the option to wear a mask if they are concerned about contracting coronavirus.

"She has provided no justification that she has any kind of special need," Kussel said.

Retzlaff has gained notoriety for being a fierce opponent of business closures and masking during the pandemic, telling the Leader and other

media outlets in 2020 that she would call law enforcement if anyone entered her camp wearing a mask.

Kussel noted that in one of the letters, Retzlaff claimed the circuit court could not compel her to appear. The letter also said the previous bench warrant was invalid because it lacked a signature, and that only Sheriff Adam Bieber can review and authorize warrants.

"I will not make a special appearance because there is no jurisdiction over me," Retzlaff wrote.

Kussel asked Kaupie what he would like to do to compel Retzlaff's appearance, and the attorney said that none of the letters were filed through proper channels and court procedures so he requested denial of all requests from Retzlaff and the bench warrant.

"I think these documents are further illustrative in that they show quite clearly ... the defendant does not wish to accept or recognize the authority of Wisconsin courts, despite the fact that all of the arguments she has raised have been repeatedly addressed by the Wisconsin courts and Wisconsin Supreme Court and were rejected," Kaupie said. "The state has absolutely no confidence that this defendant will appear in court voluntarily regardless of the amount of money imposed on the warrant."

This is the third time Retzlaff was not at a scheduled court hearing. On Oct. 5, Retzlaff did not attend and informed the court she was ill. Kussel granted an adjournment to Oct. 26 but stipulated Retzlaff must attend in person. Retzlaff was not present on Oct. 26, prompting the judge to issue his first bench warrant.

Retzlaff is facing felony charges in Shawano County for fleeing and eluding officers and two counts of second-degree recklessly endangering safety, as well as a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing

an officer. She also faces charges through Menominee County for resisting and failing to stop.

On May 15, a Shawano County deputy heard on Menominee County radio traffic about a high-speed chase involving a vehicle registered to Retzlaff for failing to stop at a traffic light, according to the criminal complaint. The chase, starting in Keshena on state Highway 47-55, continued through the towns of Wescott and Richmond, where deputies twice laid out spike strips, and ended on state Highway 29 just west of County Road MMM.

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

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

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

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CORRECTIONS

The Asleep at the Wheel concert scheduled for Dec. 5 at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School will premiere at 4 p.m., not 7 p.m. Incorrect information was printed in the Nov. 24 edition of the Wittenberg Enterprise & Birnamwood News. We apologize for the error.

Families flock to Franklin Park for holiday fun



Visitors are greeted by 65 trees from various businesses and nonprofits around the county at the holiday stroll and tree lighting event, held Nov. 27 in Shawano's Franklin Park. LUKE REIMER | NEW MEDIA



All 65 trees that were on display during the holiday stroll in Franklin Park were lit up as soon as the sun set Nov. 27. LUKE REIMER | NEW MEDIA



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SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Nov. 29

Deputies responded to 60 calls, including a weapons offense on Knoke Street in Gresham; reckless driving on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Wittenberg; a disturbance on state Highway 55 in the Town of Maple Grove; a domestic disturbance on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; property theft on Oriole Road in the Town of Birnamwood; property damage on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; 33 crashes.

Nov. 28

Deputies responded to 32 calls, including a domestic disturbance on Netzel Street in the Town of Grant; reckless driving on state Highway 55 in the Town of Maple Grove; operating while intoxicated on County Road A in the Town of Red Springs; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Maple Grove; a weapons offense on County Road S in the Town of Lessor; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Richmond; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Seneca; two crashes, one involving deer.

Nov. 27

Deputies responded to 32 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland; criminal damage on state Highway 22 in Cecil; a drug problem on Berg Road in the Town of Morris; trespassing on Lone Maple Road in the Town of Fairbanks; reckless driving on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Aniwa; a drug problem on Cherry Road in the Town of Herman; reckless driving on East Slab City Road in the Town of Hartland; four crashes, two involving deer.

Nov. 26

Deputies responded to 25 calls, including multiple reckless driving calls on state Highway 29 in the Town of

Maple Grove; reckless driving on North Cecil Street in Bonduel; trespassing on Cloverleaf Lake in the Town of Belle Plaine; a DNR violation on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Wittenberg; a disturbance on Oriole Road in the Town of Birnamwood.

Nov. 25

Deputies responded to 27 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 52 in the Town of Aniwa; reckless driving on Plum Lane in the Town of Richmond; reckless driving on state Highway 55 in the Town of Maple Grove; property damage on Plum Lane in the Town of Richmond; six crashes, one involving deer.

Nov. 24

Deputies responded to 30 calls, including property theft on Old 47 Road in the Town of Lessor; reckless driving on South Airport Drive in Shawano; a drug problem on County Road A in the Town of Red Springs; reckless driving on Frailing Road in the Town of Wescott; operating while intoxicated on state Highway 29 in the Town of Waukechon; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Morris; five crashes, three involving deer.

Nov. 23

Deputies responded to 29 calls, including shoplifting on West Express Way in Bonduel; reckless driving on East Center Street in Shawano; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland; operating while intoxicated on Hunting Road in the Town of Belle Plaine; a theft attempt on East Green Bay in Shawano; trespassing on Lieg Avenue in Shawano; a domestic disturbance on Quad Park Lane in Tigerton; two deer-related crashes.

Nov. 22

Deputies responded to 28 calls, including property damage on South Beech Street in Tigerton; a disturbance on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott;

reckless driving on state Highway 47 in the Town of Hartland; property theft on Elm Road in the Town of Angelica; shoplifting on East Railroad Street in Bowler; property theft on Oriole Road in the Town of Birnamwood; a domestic disturbance on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Waukechon; reckless driving on North Genesee Street in Wittenberg.

Nov. 21

Deputies responded to 31 calls, including criminal damage on East Green Bay Street in Bonduel; reckless driving on North Main Street in Shawano; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Belle Plaine; a threat on South Mission Street in Wittenberg; a disturbance on First Avenue in Birnamwood; five crashes, one involving deer.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Nov. 29

Officers responded to 19 calls, including a disturbance on South Washington Street; car property damage on East Fifth Street; car property damage at Walgreens, 401 E. Green Bay St.; car property damage on County Road B; property damage on County Road B; car personal damage injury at Dominos, 704 E. Green Bay St.; car property damage on East Green Bay Street.

Nov. 28

Officers responded to 11 calls, including a restraining order violation on South Lafayette Street; a weapons offense on Bay Lakes Road; trespassing on East Center Street; a disturbance on Pearl Avenue.

Nov. 27

Officers responded to 11 calls, including operating while intoxicated on South Main Street.

Nov. 26

Officers responded to 15 calls,

including identity theft on South Lafayette Street.

Nov. 25

Officers responded to 10 calls, including reckless driving on Plum Lane; a fleeing/pursuit on East Center Street;

Nov. 24

Officers responded to 16 calls, including a drug offense on Waukechon Street; a domestic disturbance on South Hamlin Street; a drug offense on South Sawyer Street; a restraining order violation at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; an assault on South Humphrey Circle; reckless driving on South Airport Drive; property theft on South Andrews Street;

Nov. 23

Officers responded to 18 calls, including an assault at ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B; reckless driving on East Center Street; a disturbance at Goodwill Industries, 300 Lakeland Road; a theft attempt at The Store, 404 E. Green Bay St.; a burglary attempt on East Lieg Avenue; car property damage on Hunting Road; trespassing on East Lieg Avenue; a disturbance on West Pine Street.

Nov. 22

Officers responded to 22 calls, including a disturbance on East Richmond Street; property theft on South Lincoln Street; disorderly conduct on Waukechon Street; property theft at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; a domestic disturbance on Lake Drive; criminal damage at Kuckuk Park, 700 Oak Drive; property theft on South Main Street; property theft at Memorial Park, 901 S. Lincoln St.

Nov. 21

Officers responded to 16 calls, including reckless driving on North Main Street; a domestic disturbance on West Picnic Street; disorderly conduct at Oak Haven, 132 Oak Court; a disturbance on Waukechon Street.

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- Desean A. Mahkimetas, 26, Gresham, was charged Nov. 22 with one count of battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor or law enforcement officer, one count of attempted battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct, one misdemeanor count of criminal damage to property and four counts of bail jumping. Judge William F. Kussel Jr. set a cash bond of \$7,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Nov. 29.

- Malorey C. Borrough, 34, Shawano, was charged Nov. 22 with three counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of

operating while intoxicated (first offense with a passenger less than 16 years old) and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Kussel set a cash bond of \$500 and set a preliminary hearing for Dec. 7.

- Naseem N. Pyatskowitz, 20, Green Bay, pleaded no contest Nov. 23 to one count of possession of methamphetamine, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer and one misdemeanor count of possession of THC. Kussel sentenced Pyatskowitz to 18 months of probation.

- Chaise D. Cook, 23, Shawano, was charged Nov. 24 with one count of possession of methamphetamine, one count of possession of narcotic drugs, four counts of bail jumping, one

misdemeanor count of possession THC, one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia and one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Kussel set a cash bond of \$1,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Dec. 2.

- Brandon M. Havens, 29, Green Bay, was charged Nov. 24 with one count of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Kussel set a cash bond of \$1,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Nov. 30.

- William C. Robinson, 31, Keshena, was charged Nov. 24 with one count of driving or operating a vehicle without consent. Kussel set a cash bond of \$200 and a signature bond of \$1,000. This case will resume at a later date.

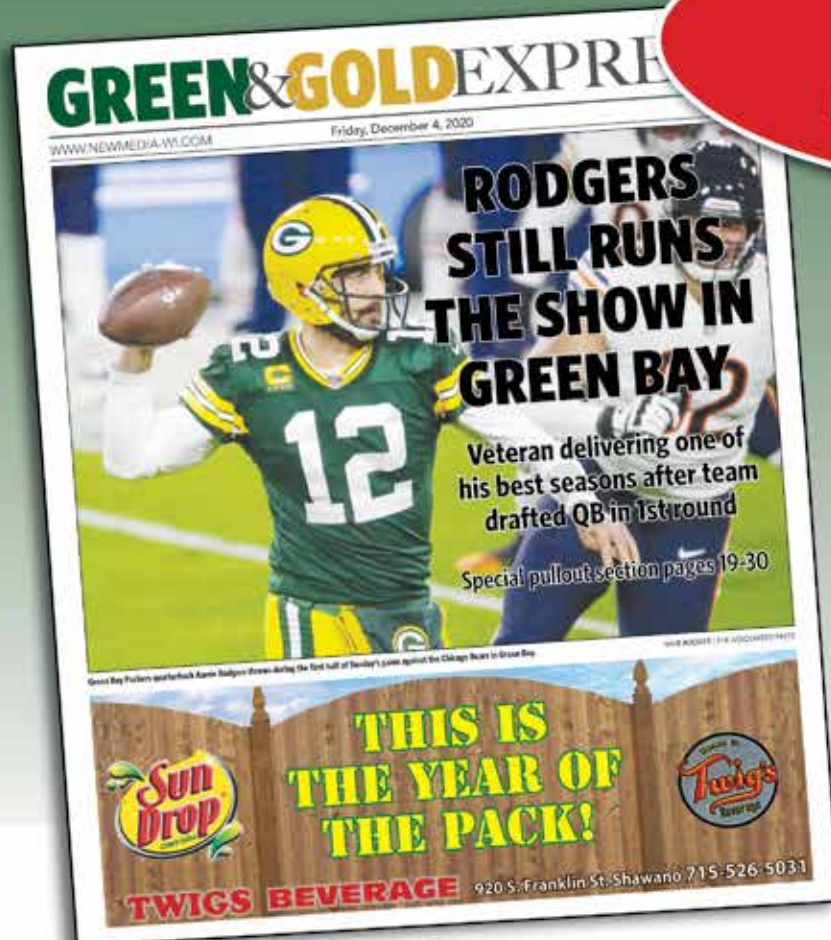
- Charges against Randy C. Waubanasum, 33, Black River Falls, were dismissed Nov. 24 on defendant's motion. Those charges include one count of escaping a criminal arrest and one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer.

- Jeremy J. Winter, 36, Gillett, pleaded no contest Nov. 24 to one count of possession of methamphetamine, one count of possession of THC and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. One count of second degree recklessly endangering safety and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia were dismissed but read into the record. Judge Katherine Sloma sentenced Winter to one year in jail.

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Sunday, October 18	3:25 pm	Pittsburgh Steelers (GOLD)	CBS
Sunday, October 24	NOON*	@ Cincinnati Bengals	FOX
Sunday, October 27	NOON*	@ Chicago Bears	FOX
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Sunday, November 07	3:25 pm*	@ Kansas City Chiefs	FOX
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OBITUARIES

Lois M. Stratton

Lois Mae Stratton (Schultz), 89, of Appleton, passed away at her home on the lake, with her daughters by her side on Nov. 19, 2021. They take great comfort in knowing that she is now pain-free and in heaven with her Savior.

Lois was born Nov. 4, 1932, to the late Marvin and Frieda (Marohl) Schultz in Shawano. She was baptized, confirmed and married at St James Lutheran Church, Shawano.

Mom shared many fond memories of her days in Shawano, working at the movie theater, eating Dehns Ice Cream at the soda fountain with friends and summer days spent at Shawano Lake.

Lois attended UW-Oshkosh and spent her early years working at Kimberly Clark as a corporate secretary. Soon after, she met Dale, who at that time considered himself a confirmed bachelor. All that



changed after meeting Mom, and they were married on April 28, 1956.

They spent several years living on Lake Winnebago and purchased property in hopes of some day building their dream retirement home. They made their home in Appleton, where they raised their three children. Mom greatly enjoyed sharing her home-cooked meals with others, as well as her baked goods during the holidays. Additionally, she enjoyed sewing, quilting, knitting, gardening, watching the Milwaukee Brewers and tennis. Lois was a talented pianist and loved playing for the children's Sunday School program at Faith.

She also had a lifelong love of cats, most recently her beloved Izzy, who passed away shortly before her.

Mom and Dad enjoyed spending time at the family cabin "Up North," summers at their place on the river at Gala Resort, where they spent their days fishing, along with many visits from family. They then built their much-anticipated retirement home on the lake, where they shared many happy years.

They also enjoyed traveling with a close group of friends. Their travels included trips to Mexico, Canada and destinations "out west," to name a few. Many trips revolved around the men hunting and fishing, while the women enjoyed shopping and exploring the local areas. We were so blessed by our close mother/daughter relationships. Endless days were spent rummaging, thrifting and taking trips to TJ Maxx, as well as

traveling to sunny beach locations.

Survivors include: her children, Sherry (Chuck) Tysver, Sarah (Steve) Pfile, and Bradley Stratton; grandchildren: Andy Tysver, Josh (Rachel) Tysver, Zach, Carter and Dasha Pfile; and great-grandchildren: Chase and Elle Tysver. She was preceded in death by her parents: Marvin and Frieda (Marohl) Schultz; her in-laws: Glenn and Flossie Stratton; and her brother and sister-in-law: Marv and Pat Schultz.

Her funeral service will be held Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 10 a.m. with visitation starting at 9 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 601 E. Glendale Ave., Appleton. Interment will take place at Riverside Cemetery, Appleton.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the ASPCA or your local animal shelter, Salvation Army or your favorite charity.

Beryl C. Delzer

Beryl C. Delzer, 90, Morgan, died early Wednesday morning, Nov. 24, 2021, at a Green Bay hospital. The middle of five children was born May 8, 1931, to Ernest and Edna (Braatz) Calba. Beryl grew up in rural Morgan where she attended Central Morgan Elementary School.

On Jan. 27, 1951, she married Harold Delzer in Oconto. The couple farmed their entire married lives in the Town of Morgan with the help of family members and good friends. Beryl was a longtime and active member of St. John Lutheran Church in the Town of Morgan. She was an



avid reader and continued using a wringer washer her entire life. Beryl will be lovingly remembered as a devoted wife, mother and grandmother who always worked hard to make certain things ran smoothly.

Survivors are her two sons, Robert (Linda) and Dennis (Kaye) Delzer; two granddaughters, Carmen (Shaun) Knight and Janel (Shawn) Van Ooyen;

two great-granddaughters, Marissa Rum and Kyra Van Ooyen; three sisters-in-law, Dorothy Petka, Anita Hansen and Joan Delzer, all of Morgan; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Harold, on Oct. 16, 2021, one brother Marvin (Bernadette) Calba, three sisters, Dorothy (Lloyd) Stephien, Jeanette (Richard) Gnabsik and June (Don) Suttley, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Alfred (Lois), Hugo (Betty) Jr., George and Otto (Delores) Delzer, Ervin Hansen and Ben Petka.

Visitation was held after 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021, at St. John Lutheran Church in the Town of Morgan until the time of service. Funeral services were held noon Tuesday at the church with Pastor Roald Harswick officiating. Burial was to follow in the Town of Morgan Cemetery. Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls is serving the Delzer family.

The Delzer family would like to thank the nurses and staffs of Alpha Senior Concepts in Suamico, St. Mary's Hospital in Green Bay and Unity Hospice for the care and concern shown Beryl during their time together.

John C. Papendorf

John C. Papendorf, 79, of Marion, passed away in Neenah on Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021. John was born in Caroline, Shawano County, on April 17, 1942, to the late Charles and Alvina (Pankow) Papendorf. John grew up on the family's dairy farm and attended Marion school. After high school, he moved to Kenosha where he worked as a machinist at Eaton Dynamatic for over 30 years. On Sept. 8, 1962, he was united in marriage to Marjorie Ramme in White-



fish Bay. After retiring, John and Marjorie returned to Caroline. In his free time, John enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and spending time outdoors in nature. He also liked sports and was a Packers and Brewers fan, never missing a game. John was a great

husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend, and he will be dearly missed.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; children, Jay (Carolyn) Papendorf, Lee (Nancy) Papendorf, and Scott (Kimberley) Papendorf; and four grandchildren: Kassi (Logan) Heil, Jamie (fiancé Robert Foltz) Papendorf, Reice Papendorf and Quinten (Mariah) Papendorf. He is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and

friends.

John is preceded in death by his parents and his sisters, May Regenauer and Mary Reisenberg.

A memorial service for John was held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021, at Swedberg Funeral Home in Shawano. Inurnment was in St. John's Cemetery in Leopolis. Visitation was held at the funeral home on Wednesday from noon until the time of the service.

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Samuel A. Wayne

Samuel Alexander Wayne, born Feb. 7, 1988, died Nov. 18, 2021, from respiratory failure at Theda Clark Medical Center — Neenah. As a special-needs adult, Sam struggled

with disabilities and served as an inspiration to all who knew him.

The son of Kenneth A. Wayne Sr. and Sarabeth Wayne, Samuel was cared for by his parents at home in

Suring.

Samuel is survived by his parents, his brother Kenneth A. Wayne Jr., sister-in-law Deanna J. Wayne, his sister Penelope A. Wayne, several uncles,

aunts, cousins, nieces and nephew.

The family wants to send a special thanks to Samuel's caregivers for the superb care they gave Sam over the years.

Edgar W. Rakow

Edgar Walter Rakow, 86, of Suring, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 28, 2021, at home surrounded by his family. Edgar was born Dec. 29, 1934, to the late Albert and Lillie (Pahlow) Rakow on the family farm. In 1955, Edgar bought the family farm, becoming the third-generation owner of the Rakow Farm. He loved farming and was proud to pass the farm on to the fourth generation. On July 14, 1956, Edgar married Mary Colson at St. John Lutheran Church in Hayes. Faith and family were very important to Edgar. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, son, brother and friend. Edgar also enjoyed hunting and fishing with his family. He was a very involved member of St. John Lutheran Church in Hayes. Throughout the years, Edgar held various offices, including elder and president. He was also very active in dartball and



the Lutheran Laymen's League.

Edgar is survived by his wife, Mary; seven children, Walter (Laura) Rakow, Steve (Donna) Rakow, Linda Rakow-Schenkowske, Beth (Ghyass)

Rizk, Naomi (Jeff) Bergner, Douglas (Elizabeth) Rakow and Susan (Craig) Strehlow; daughter-in-law, Danielle Rakow; 22 grandchildren, Aaron (Nicole), Katie (Bryan), Nathan (Katie), Jacob (Katie), Daniel (Misty), Justin, Ashley (Carl), Todd (Erin), Kelly, Jesse (Dani), Josey (Kelly), Andrea (Danny), Brian (Amanda), Jennifer, Brittany, Tiffany, William, Jacob, Douglas Jr., Joseph, Max and Mikayla; 21 great-grandchildren; eight siblings, Margaret Elfe, Irene

Cudworth, Ruby (Rev. Paul) Bruns, Althea (Alger) Scheuttpelz, Alice (Rev. Stan) Bahn, Ruben (Cathy) Rakow, Helen (Ray) Heimerl and Hilbert (Delores) Rakow; brother-in-law, Daniel Carow. He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; father- and mother-in-law, Vernon and Cleo Colson; son, Edward Rakow; great-grandson, Eliot Rakow; brothers, Roland (Betty) Rakow and Arnold (Norma) Rakow; sister, Frieda Carow; brothers-in-law, Eliot "Fritz" Elfe and Jerry Cudworth.

Visitation will be held Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021, at St. John Lutheran Church in Hayes from 9 a.m. until the funeral service at 11 a.m. with Pastor Nick Buchholz officiating. Edgar will be interred at St. John Lutheran Church Cemetery. 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 the staff of Unity Hospice for the wonderful care and compassion offered to Edgar and his family during their time of need.

In lieu of flowers, Edgar and his family would appreciate donations to St. John Lutheran Church and School.



Alvina C. Buss

Alvina C. Buss, 85, of Eland, died on Monday, Nov. 22, 2021, at Marshfield Medical Center Weston. Alvina was born Feb. 13, 1936, in Cudahy, the daughter of Leo Hoppe Sr. and Rose (Trzebiatowski) Hoppe Konkol. On June 28, 1958, Alvina was united in marriage to Robert Buss Sr. at St. William's Catholic Church in Eland.

Alvina was devoted to education, earning her degree as a teacher and spending many years teaching at Eland Elementary. Alvina served on the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School Board for many years. She also volunteered her time with CESA 8 and was involved with Marathon County Handicapped Children's Education Board.

Alvina's faith was very important to her. She was a faithful member of Holy Family St. William Catholic Church in Wittenberg and the Christian Mother's Group and taught CCD classes. She had a love of music and played the organ for St. William Catholic Church in Eland for over 50 years. She was also very proud of her Polish heritage, enjoying a good polka and the Polish hop.

Alvina was known for her baked goods and donated many of her baking talents for the Salvation Army. She was very proud of her children and grandchildren, attending their events, providing them with many, many wonderful meals and desserts over the years.

Alvina is survived by her husband, Robert Sr.; five children, Rob-



ert (Ellen) Buss Jr., of Green Bay, Peter (Elizabeth) Buss, of Madison, Mary (Leslie) Sullivan, of Wisconsin Rapids, Elizabeth Buss, of Eland, and Christopher (Kari)

Buss of Evansville; eight grandchildren, Andrew, Steven (Megan), Eric, Katie, Mike, Erin, Trevor and Gabriel; step-siblings, Dennis and David Konkol; stepsister-in-law, Jeanette Konkol; sister-in-law, Verna Hoppe and several other relatives and friends.

Alvina was preceded in death by her parents; siblings, Marilyn Szutkowski and Leo Jr.; and step-siblings, Bob Konkol and Pat Swanke.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 26, 2021, at Holy Family St. William Catholic Church in Wittenberg. The Rev. Matthew Settle will preside. Burial will be in Holy Family Catholic Cemetery in Wittenberg. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until the time of Mass at the church.

Schmidt and Schulta Funeral Home in Wittenberg is assisting the family with funeral arrangements. Memories and messages of support may be shared at schmidtschulta.com.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to all their family, friends and neighbors for their support over the last few months.

Richard H. Wamboldt Sr.

Richard H. Wamboldt Sr., 66, of the Town of Hutchins, passed away unexpectedly early Friday morning, Nov. 19, 2021, in Clintonville.

Richard Henry Wamboldt Sr. was born May 15, 1955, in Milwaukee, son to the late Alexander and Anna (Hanson) Wamboldt Jr. He attended Bowler High School and later started working for Atlas Structures. He worked at various places over the years but found his fit at Arrowcast Inc. foundry in Shawano, and later Iroquois Foundry Co. in Browntown, where he was a core room manager.

Rick was an avid fisherman all his life, sharing his passion with his children. Any spare time was spent fishing on any lake or river he could find, including Lake Michigan with his father while growing up. He traveled all over the state with his sons and son-in-law looking for the next "hot bite." They mostly enjoyed walleye and bass fishing, but recently got the opportunity to go out on a salmon charter, which he loved.

Rick also enjoyed the time he was able to spend in St. Clair Township, Michigan, just northeast of Detroit, and was proud to attend



a Detroit Tigers game wearing his Milwaukee Brewers gear. He loved his children and adored his grandchildren, and was so grateful for the time he was able to spend with them.

Richard is survived by his significant other, Vickie Spencer; daughter, Brandia (Jamie) Kutchek, Neenah; sons, Richard (Rachele) Wamboldt Jr., Eland, and Anthony (Amanda) Wamboldt, Wausau; grandchildren, Lorelei, Katia, Corryn, Cabela, Ellie, Archer and Hunter; and sister-in-law, Elizabeth "Betty" Wamboldt.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers, James Wamboldt and Robert Behling.

As per Richard's wishes, no formal services will be held, but the Wamboldt family will host a celebration of life at a later date.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory in Clintonville is assisting the Wamboldt family with the arrangements.

An online guestbook is available at eberhardtstevenson.com.

Richard H. Wamboldt Sr.

Larry L. Genskow, 81, of Clintonville, passed away on Wednesday evening, Nov. 24, 2021, at his home surrounded by his family.

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COVID-19 cases rise in Shawano County

Public health officer urges residents to be mindful during holiday season

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

There has been a recent rise in COVID-19 cases in Shawano County.

As of Monday, Nov. 22, according to the Department of Health Services, over the last week, Shawano County was averaging more than 25 new coronavirus cases per day and Menominee County has averaged three cases per day, according to a press release from the Shawano-Menominee Counties Health Department.

Shawano and Menominee Counties Health Director/Officer Terri Harmala said the recent increase in COVID cases is not out of the ordinary.

"Even though the peak was higher last year, there were up ticks, two to three weeks after each holiday," Harmala said. "We are still less than last year, but it is still up ticking after holidays."

Harmala said that there could be more cases coming after Thanksgiving celebrations.

"It is hard, because we are all so sick of this," said Harmala. "We cannot deny that it still exists."

She added that with a surge in COVID-19 cases, hospitals in the area are doing the best that they can to accommodate everyone.

"As it says in the press release, their beds are filled," said Harmala. "There are other conditions to consider as well that are at risk of not being able to taken care of."

Along with the influx of people using the facilities, Harmala said that staff in the hospitals are exhausted.

"They have doing this for almost two years now," said Harmala.

Harmala recommends that people continue to follow guidelines set in place to help mitigate COVID-19 cases in the area: masking, hand-washing and social distancing.

"It is pretty much the same as last year," said Harmala. "The rules have not changed of the virus, it is what it is ... We have to be diligent with the stuff that works. I know that there is controversy with masking, but a barrier is a barrier."

She noted that if people go to the DHS website, there are stats detailing how much more likely someone is to get the virus if they are vaccinated compared to being unvaccinated.

"People are still getting the virus, both vaccinated and unvaccinated," said Harmala. "They have the math on the website. If you are not vaccinated, that greater majority of threat does simply exist."

Harmala said that vaccinations are helpful in trying to mitigate COVID-19 cases, but she does not feel that they should be mandated.

"I do not feel that a mandate is a fair way to approach this," said Harmala. "You and your health care

provider should be the ones to make the determination. I think that you need to ask yourself, what is my motivation?"

She added that the health care providers in the area have been doing a great job talking with patients and helping them to decide to get the vaccine or not.

Harmala hopes that the amount of cases that are coming out is a peak and cases will start to decrease.

"The uptick in cases after holidays — I hope that is all this is," said Harmala. "Hindsight will tell us if that is so or not."

As Thanksgiving celebrations come to a close and Christmas celebrations start up, Harmala knows that families will be moving forward with holiday gatherings.

"I really do not see people not getting together," said Harmala. "People should be respectful of where others are at compared to the last two years."

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Tree farms ready for holiday season

Owners tout the value of real trees compared to artificial trees

By **LUKE REIMER**

Reporter

With the Thanksgiving turkey and all the trimmings a happy memory, many families turn next to bringing home this year's Christmas tree, and cut-your-own-tree farms are as popular as ever.

Whispering Pines Tree Farm in Oconto, Hanauer's Tree Farm in Shawano and Korbisch's Tree Farm in Wittenberg all report they are expecting many visitors this year.

Carolann Yeska, co-owner of Whispering Pines said that the tree farm also serves as a gift shop, featuring a gift shop with Christmas themed ornaments.

"After Thanksgiving, this is a place for families to come and pick out their tree and ride out on wagons pulled by tractors that are decorated like trains," Yeska said. "It is crazy how much time people can spend picking the perfect tree."

Whispering Pines also has a nice selection of pre-cut trees and wreaths, she added.

"A lot of people don't need all of the hoopla, they just want to come and get a tree," Yeska said.

Whispering Springs is not the only tree farm that offers a family friendly experience.

"Visitors come here, where we have 140 acres," said Hanauer's owner Dan Hanauer. "People just have the farm at their disposal, where they can wander around and just have some fun."

Hanauer also mentioned that tractors are available at the farm, just like Whispering Pines.

"We have tractor rides circulating with hay rides and assistance in bringing trees back to their cars," Hanauer said. "Some people just like to ride the wagon just for fun."

Hanauer has made it a point to make the tree farm a fun time for families.

"This is more about the experience than it is about the tree," said Hanauer. "People want the tree, but if you watch the kids and pets, it is just a wonderful experience. We have had people come and cut their tree and ask if they can just ride the wagon around."

Hanauer said seeing families have fun is the most enjoyable part for him and his family.

"People are here because they want



Korbisch's Tree Farm in Wittenberg has pre-cut trees if visitors do not want to cut their own.

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to be here, not because they have to be," he said.

He added that Christmas tree sales usually pick up right after Thanksgiving, but in the recent years, he has noticed more business across the board.

"I think recently, there has been an increased emphasis on buying locally," said Hanauer.

Sally Korbisch, who co-owns Korbisch's Tree Farm in Wittenberg, has a unique way that families can spend time together at the farm.

"We don't have any hay rides or anything like that," said Korbisch. "We just send people out in our over-the-river-and-through-the-woods walk."

This walk allows visitors to explore through Korbisch's property on a bridge over the Embarrass River, where they get a picturesque look of the river.

"This is just kind of a meeting spot for families to hangout," said Korbisch. "Everyone gets to hear all of the family news in the area."

She added that as the season ap-

proached, visitors stopped by to get their Christmas trees early.

"We have had more than we have expected," said Korbisch. "I am sure a big uptick will come pretty shortly after Thanksgiving."

Korbisch also features an area where visitors can feed donkeys, sheep and an alpaca.

All three of the business owners mentioned the importance of selling natural trees, compared to artificial trees.

"Trees take carbon out of the atmosphere," said Hanauer. "These trees are planted as a crop. There are more trees on our planet because of the industry, not in spite of it. Artificial trees go into a landfill, while ours get mulched and returned to the natural cycle."

Korbisch said natural trees are popular due their "realness."

"The needles are falling and it such a great smell," said Korbisch. "They have that nostalgia feeling."

Yeska noticed that more people are

coming in this year to buy real trees.

"I know we had one lady who has had an artificial tree for 30 years and made the switch to real," said Yeska. "Real trees provide oxygen for us, and they help the environment."

Unlike many businesses, the tree farm owners said they saw an increase in business in 2020, due to people wanting to get outside during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Business was way up last year due to people wanting to get outside," Korbisch said. "We don't know if people will come back this year, but last year was giant."

Yeska said Whispering Pines saw a lot of early business last year due to COVID-19.

"I think last year with COVID, people were nervous and wanted to come early," said Yeska. "I think that trend has continued this year."

Korbisch said getting a Christmas tree was something for families could do together during COVID.



LEFT: A family looking for the perfect Christmas tree has plenty of choices Nov. 27 at Whispering Pines Tree Farm in the Town of Oconto.

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BELOW: Not just a tree farm, Whispering Pines features a gift shop with holiday themed ornaments and decorations for visitors.

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ABOVE: Korbisch's Tree Farm Owner Sally Korbisch stops to feed donkeys, alpaca and sheep that are featured at the tree farm in Wittenberg.

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RIGHT: A father and daughter roam the available trees Nov. 27 at Whispering Pines Tree Farm.

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OPINION

Waukesha tragedy did not have to happen

Parades should be fun, especially at this time of the year. You grab the children or grandchildren, bundle up in coats and go watch floats, marching bands and organizations — essentially your friends and neighbors. Candy is thrown; fire engines blare their horns.

I have so many happy memories of parades that it's hard to imagine that tragedy could strike such a down home event. Unfortunately, the folks in Waukesha won't be remembering their Christmas parade this year with fondness after a red SUV drove through barricades and into the crowd, killing five people and injuring close to 50 others, including at least 18 children.

Apparently, among some of the injured and dead were members of a group called the Milwaukee Dancing Grannies, so now we've got young people and old people being harmed or killed at a Christmas parade, which is just wrong. Parades are supposed to bring communities together as melting pots for peace and goodwill, not as lambs to the slaughter.

The police arrested Darrell Brooks Jr., the driver of the SUV, and he's being charged with six counts of first-degree intentional homicide and likely



LEE PULASKI

Is anyone else bothered by the fact that the guy was only required to pay \$1,000 on a domestic abuse case? If a stiffer bail had been assessed, perhaps he wouldn't have been free to drive his SUV into a crowd of happy parade-goers, turning the most wonderful time of the year into a tragedy that might make folks hesitant to attend public events like this.

It's also the kind of publicity that we, in Wisconsin, do not need. We're already getting flak from the conclusion of the Kyle Rittenhouse case last week. The last thing we need is to show off our crazy people like we're in a competition for the craziest state in the union.

The incident also resulted in

other charges. Brooks had been released from jail two weeks earlier on \$1,000 bail for a domestic abuse case, and it was reported that he was involved in a different domestic disturbance prior to the crash.

schools in Waukesha to be closed the Monday after the parade. While this was necessary to deal with the trauma of what happened, it adds to the time that students are not in school. Considering how much school students around the state and country have already missed due to the pandemic, it's sad that this has to happen.

It's also not just Waukesha being affected. Other communities now planning their holiday parades, and many organizers are wondering if their safety measures, such as blocking off streets and having police officers patrolling the routes, will be enough in case some careless and clueless individual decides to hit the gas pedal instead of the brake.

It's been determined that the incident was not an act of domestic terrorism. I'm not sure if that makes me feel better or worse. It's one thing to know that some bizarre group or foreign enemy is targeting you, but it's quite another to realize it was just someone on their own. The city's police chief confirmed it was intentional, not accidental, with no police chase preceding the crash.

It has reached the point where

people can't be safe anywhere. While school shootings and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks have made that plain in the past, folks expect a certain level of safety and comfort at events like parades. You don't want to be naive and feel like you're protected in certain places, but you also don't want to feel paranoid and never leave your home.

While there are certainly a lot of emotions that need to be sorted out in the coming weeks, there is one thing that's abundantly clear. The man behind the wheel needs to be kept locked up, where he can't be a menace to anyone else. If found guilty, he needs to be punished. This kind of tragedy should not be acceptable in our world, and the justice system should not just sweep this under the rug.

In the meantime, the community of Waukesha is going to need time and space to heal. Above all, though, the parade should not fade into history. At their heart, parades provide entertainment and fun for communities, and the last thing that we should do is let a bad guy win.

Lee Pulaski is the city editor for NEW Media. Readers can contact him at lpulaski@newmedia-wi.com.

GUEST COLUMN

False choice between agriculture, clean water

In a state as abundant in water as Wisconsin, it's easy to take for granted the rich groundwater resources running below our feet. Our Great Lakes contain 20% of the world's fresh surface water, and there is more than enough water available for drinking, recreation, wildlife and business. However, growing concerns over the public health and ecological impacts of agricultural and industrial pollutants in our water mean we must reevaluate how we manage water resources in Wisconsin.

Unfortunately, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recently announced it is abandoning efforts to develop regulations that would reduce nitrate pollution in drinking water, claiming "the statutory process and associated firm timelines established by the legislature for rule-making do not allow adequate time for the department to complete this proposed rule."

In 2020, Wisconsin Farmers Union



NICK LEVENDOFSKY

Although certainly not the sole factor, we must acknowledge that agricultural runoff is a contributor to water pollution in this state. Many farmers are aware of this fact and are actively working to address it through improved conservation practices and collaborative educational efforts, such as farmer-led watershed councils.

WFU recognizes a need to safeguard our resources against bad actors. Wisconsin has over 1,500 impaired waterways, and many private wells in Wisconsin do not meet

(WFU) participated in a series of NR-151 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings to address the issue in a way that took agricultural, environmental and public health concerns into consideration.

safe drinking water standards due to excess bacteria or nitrates. Excess nutrients in surface water cause toxic algae blooms, which threaten humans and wildlife and destroy the tourism and recreation industries.

Seymour farmer and WFU Vice President Rick Adamski served on the NR-151 advisory committee and responded to the DNR's abandonment of the rule with the following statement: "If we continue to do what we have always done and expect different results, we are doomed to fail. We must realize the place where we are today is due to actions of the past. Nitrogen fertilizers reduce the organic matter content in the soil, which in turn increases the need for more fertilizer."

"The rising price for these fertilizers is inevitable, and the concentration of ownership of these fertilizer manufacturers allows no limit to the price increases. The best possible future for farmers rests with strategies

to reduce this dependency."

WFU's members support efforts to preserve the quality of all waters in Wisconsin. For too long, we have been presented with a false choice between agriculture and clean water. WFU believes it is possible to have clean water, thriving family farms and vibrant rural economies, and that farmers can be champions in this effort for ourselves, our environment and future generations. We challenge the Wisconsin Legislature, Gov. Tony Evers' administration and all who care about water quality in this state to follow the recommendations set forth by the advisory committee and to recommit to protecting water for the future.

Nick Levendofsky is the government relations director for Wisconsin Farmers Union, a grassroots membership organization that is committed to enhancing the quality of life for family farmers, rural communities and all people through education, cooperation and civic engagement. Learn more at www.wisconsinfarmersunion.com.

Aarrowcast changes hands

Charter Manufacturing of Mequon is Shawano firm's new owner

Charter Manufacturing announced Nov. 23 that it has acquired Aarrowcast Inc., the Shawano-based privately held company that is considered a leading manufacturer of high-quality gray and ductile iron castings.

"As a growth company, we continually evaluate opportunities to enhance our business," said John W. Mellowes, CEO of Charter Manufacturing. "This acquisition expands our metals manufacturing offerings and will increase diversification of both our customer base and end markets."

Aarrowcast is North America's premier green sand foundry, offer-

ing a broad range of complex iron casting solutions to leading original equipment manufacturers and Tier 1 supplier customers across a broad set of industries, including agricultural equipment, compressors/hydraulics, defense contractors, construction and mining, heavy-duty off-road vehicles and more.

The company, with about 290 employees at its Shawano facility, produces an estimated 85 million pounds of castings annually to more than 100 customers in various industrial sectors.

"Becoming part of Charter Manu-

facturing is a good strategic and cultural fit for Aarrowcast," said Randy Brull, president and CEO of Aarrowcast. "Both companies are passionate about metals manufacturing and are committed to customer service, product innovation and growth. We are excited about working together and what the next chapter will bring."

Aarrowcast will operate as Charter Aarrowcast, joining Charter's existing family of metals manufacturing businesses – Charter Automotive, Charter Dura-Bar, Charter Steel and Charter Wire. Mellowes said Brull

will continue to lead the Aarrowcast business and report to Bob Venable, president and chief operating officer of Charter Manufacturing.

"We are committed to a long-term investment in Aarrowcast's capacity and capabilities, and driving positive outcomes for its stakeholders – employees, customers and the greater Shawano community," Mellowes said. "We're excited about what lies ahead."

This transaction was supported by Citizens Capital Markets Inc., which served as the exclusive financial adviser to Aarrowcast.

Ideas for the gardener on your Christmas list

It's time to start thinking about gift ideas for gardeners and nature lovers on your shopping list this year.



ROB ZIMMER

Anyone who loves gardening will enjoy a thoughtful, carefully chosen garden or nature themed token of your friendship, love and appreciation. Gardeners take their hobbies

seriously and are often passionate, as well, about birds, wildlife, weather and many other related themes.

Need some ideas for the gardener on your Christmas list? Here are some of my suggestions for fun, thoughtful and enjoyable gardening gifts.

Since many who enjoy gardening do so to attract butterflies, hummingbirds and songbirds to their backyard and landscape, gift suggestions that fit those themes are always wonderful surprises. A gardener can never have too many bird feeders, bird houses, binoculars, bird and butterfly identification guides, bird feeding supplies, hummingbird feeders, as well as any garden art that features wildlife and wildflowers.

During the winter season, gardeners are often seeking projects and crafts that keep the hobby alive, even during the off-season. Thankfully, there really is no off-season if you're a gardener. One of my favorite gift



Colorful orchids and other indoor blooming beauties are great garden gifts.

ROB ZIMMER

ideas is the gift of house plants, tropical foliage, indoor succulents, cacti and other plants that thrive indoors, even when the snow and cold arrive with winter.

Indoor gardening is an exciting hobby and there are many great ways you can share the joys of growing indoors with the gardener on your list. Many greenhouses and florists offer an assortment of house plants, as well

as beautiful containers and pottery.

House plants are especially popular now among young adults and men, bringing a whole new popularity to classic house plant varieties, as well as new, colorful, exciting hybrids that continue to tempt and tantalize plant lovers.

Orchids are a great gift suggestion and, contrary to what many people think, are actually quite simple to

grow, depending on the variety.

Even the gift of a book all about houseplants and indoor foliage plants is a great way to instill a love of indoor gardening to those on your list.

Many gardeners appreciate the gift of quality garden tools, gardening gloves, outdoor pottery, potting soil and everything else needed to create a beautiful garden. Create a gardening gift basket by assembling an assortment of tools, books, seeds, soils and other items into a decorative planter, wheelbarrow or bushel basket for a fun and enjoyable gardening gift.

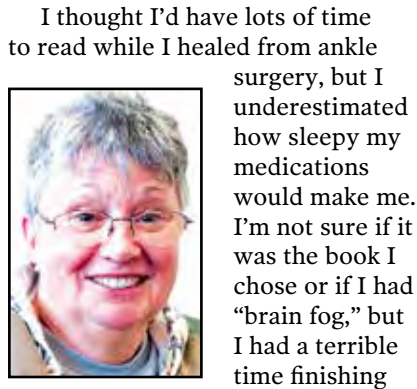
For gardeners who grow edible plants, collect recipes from friends and family for unique and fun ways to use backyard produce, fruits and vegetables that go beyond the bland and boring. There are many great books out there that instruct gardeners how to prepare, can and preserve their precious crops.

Another great gift idea for gardeners is a mushroom growing kit. These kits are often available at stores and garden centers during the Christmas season and are a unique and wonderful gift for gardeners who can grow mushrooms right inside their home in a cool basement or closet. These are fun, especially for kids, as well as adults who enjoy tasty, healthy and delicious mushrooms.

I'll have even more great garden gift ideas next time!

BOOKS AND STUFF

Blain's 'magical romantic comedy' is hard to swallow



JAN JONES

Romantic Comedy (With a Body Count)" by R.J. Blain.

Most books begin with an event or action that sets the tone. Many establish a back story creating an interest in the main characters. But this one just drops the reader into a very bizarre premise. The story doesn't include more than a few actual humans. Even those who are human have some level of occult attributes.

Sunset, South Carolina, is a stereotypical, very small Southern town. Young Anwen is considered a loser because she dropped out of high school and now works at a low-end funeral home. In truth, Anwen is bright and ambitious. She didn't want to leave school, but she had to support herself after her parents stole her college savings.

Only the funeral home would hire

her. The pay is so low that she can't afford much beyond her monthly rent. Yet her parents return often to try to squeeze more money out of her. She detests them. In order to eat, she must keep the deceased in their coffins and quiet. Did I mention that this book's very weird? Yes, sometimes the dead will get out of their caskets and cause a fuss. If no one attending a visitation or funeral screams, Anwen receives a bonus for groceries.

The action begins one evening when funeral director Hammel locks Anwen in the basement with noisy Old Mr. McGregor. While she's making a bargain with him to stay quiet, something goes off script.

Suddenly Anwen is accosted by an amazingly handsome man. She knows that the director has a vampire here on ice, but this man is something else. Eventually we find that he has been "slumbering" in the funeral home basement for many years. After a lot of conversation and confusing bargaining, we learn he is Eoghan Olin, and he needs Anwen as a "personal assistant."

Those overseeing all the odd, magical, demonic, angelic and otherworldly creatures are known as the CDC. I couldn't figure out why, but Anwen agrees to allow Gordon (the vampire) to feed on her and be restored to life. Again, I'm not sure

AT A GLANCE

BOOK: "Grave Humor: A Magical Romantic Comedy (with a body count)"

AUTHOR: R.J. Blain

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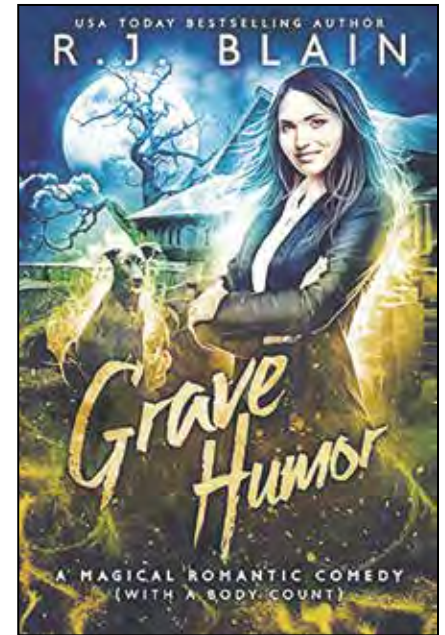
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why, but they discover a dead body stuffed in a 55-gallon barrel of formaldehyde.

In the next scene, Anwen is in the hospital having her severely gnawed arm repaired. Eoghan, Gordon and a CDC official are there explaining what had happened. The bare essentials say that Anwen will be Eoghan's caretaker as he wants to learn all can out of this era. He is wealthy enough to hire or buy just about anything he might want or need. Since Gordon has no plans, Eoghan has invited him to stay with him.

Before long, we have a bunch of other characters to contend with. Angels, Lucifer, various demons and archangels arrive with various missions to complete. CDC operatives pop up to offer information or suggestions for Anwen and Eoghan. The only clear action is finding and neutralizing director Hammel and restoring some sort of "natural order."

When I reached the last page, I wondered what I had just read. I will say it kept me interested though



confused. The comedy was cleverly inserted, and the romance definitely understated. The supernatural was evident, but it lacked a discernible linear plot.

Sometimes we find a book that follows a clear path. Sometimes we get one that uses a winding trail. Once in a while we find a book that takes deep into a reading rabbit hole. I know that your public library can offer every imaginable journey. Just stop in soon and get your travels started. After all, it is your library. Go check it out.

Birnamwood village board approves 2022 budget

Budget increases about \$29,000 from last year

By LUKE REIMER
Reporter

The Village of Birnamwood presented and approved the 2022 village budget and property tax levy to the public Nov. 22.

The budget totaled \$307, 443, with

the tax levy for village purposes at \$139,829.

Village Clerk Lauri Klumpyan said the tax levy increased from last year.

"There has been a village increase of 77 cents," said Klumpyan, to a total increase of \$6.21 per tax payer.

Klumpyan said that the village tax rate is \$4.38. That means the owner of a property valued at \$100,000 would pay \$438 in village taxes next year.

She added that the village board has budgeted for various capital projects in 2022.

"We have budgeted for sidewalks, increased ambulance fees and

additional village employees," said Klumpyan.

Village president Mike Sprague said if the village gets a new employee, the health insurance costs will change.

Klumpyan mentioned that the village had budgeted for health insurance benefits for Birnamwood Director of Public Works Chris Jensen.

"We had budgeted for Chris' and his went down," said Klumpyan.

Sprague suggested to leave the health insurance where it is and make an adjustment next year, if needed.

In terms of sidewalk repairs,

Sprague recommended to budget higher for sidewalk repairs.

"Maybe we can start a program, where we go around and do a matching funds or a partial funds for repairing and replacing sidewalks around the village," Sprague said. "We were looking for a way to do something like this, and with the money that we are getting from the TID dumped into the general fund, we are coming up with a little extra."

The board agreed to budget \$12,000 for sidewalk repairs and replacements, as well as \$6,500 for ambulance fees.

Mehlberg's retirement a puzzling one

Gresham resident makes puzzles out of wood for his wife to sell, also has published two books

By **LYNN ZAFFRANN**
Correspondent

Tom Mehlberg, of Gresham, isn't your typical retiree.

He keeps busy with a variety of projects and is always on the lookout for something new and different to try. These days, Mehlberg is creating wooden puzzles, and he wrote two books detailing what he says is the crazy life he's lived.

Mehlberg and his wife, Diane, used to breed and sell quarter horses and registered Texas long-horn cattle for more than 25 years, but they have cut back. Currently, they keep busy creating and selling intricate wooden puzzles. His wife recently sold the puzzles at the FRESH Project Winter Farmers Market, under a sign saying "Husband's Crafts, Wife's Cash."

Using a scroll saw, Mehlberg cuts the puzzle patterns he traced on pieces of wood. He is self-taught and started creating puzzles about nine years ago. He took some time off from the hobby, but has recently dived back into it. The complex puzzles are typically animal or bird themed.

Mehlberg branched out to adding fish puzzles recently. He also has plans to complete puzzles with various dog breeds, anticipating they will be very popular with dog owners. His wife is often the inspiration for new puzzle themes.

Cody Mehlberg, their 13-year-old grandson, just completed his first puzzle, working with Mehlberg to learn the process. He is enthused about the hobby and plans to continue working with his grandfather to learn how to make more difficult puzzles.

"He can still count," Mehlberg said, laughingly noting that Cody didn't lose any fingers using the scroll saw.

Every puzzle Mehlberg creates is able to stand on its own and can be easily held without breaking apart. He chooses patterns of designs he likes, such as an eagle holding a fish it just caught, then cuts each piece according to the pattern. He also makes changes to the pattern, based on how he feels the puzzle will look best. The puzzles can be simple,



Tom Mehlberg, of Gresham, holds an intricately crafted puzzle of an eagle catching a fish, which took him 1 1/2 hours to cut with his scroll saw. Mehlberg creates wooden puzzles out of his home, which his wife has started selling at craft fairs under the banner "Husband's Crafts, Wife's Cash."

LYNN ZAFFRANN

easy for a child to put together, or more elaborate for a trickier completion.

According to the Mehlbergs, the puzzles are perfect for gift giving. He makes a wide variety of puzzles and it should be easy to find one that can match the interests of the recipient. Puzzles can be found of bears, deer, elk, moose, cats, dolphins and horses, for example.

Diane Mehlberg will have a booth to sell them at the next farmers market Dec. 4 from 9 a.m. to noon at First Presbyterian Church, 100 Presbyterian St., Shawano. She will also start selling the puzzles in their home before Christmas. Dates and hours will soon be posted on Facebook, at Tom Mehlberg's page,

for many years," he said.

In the mid-2000s, Mehlberg wrote a weekly column for the Shawano Leader. Some of the columns are included in his books, "A Small Town Country Boy," published a year ago, and "Horse, Cattle and Crazy Friends," which was published recently.

"Work is fun," he said, "when you do it with somebody else."

Mehlberg has a long work history of being involved in multiple eclectic jobs, endeavors and hobbies, ranging from egg salesman to horse and cattle insemination work, to buying burros from the Bureau of Land Management and even side-lined as an animal healer, stepping in when a veterinarian wasn't available.

Another current hobby is building toy barns, with fenced-in corrals. Mehlberg recently taught himself how to create small animal figures from wood, such as sheep, horses and pigs. He said: "I'm trying to get the ears for a cow just right" before he includes them in the barnscapes. He donated a portion of the proceeds from a recent sale of a large and elaborate display to 4-H.

His wheels are spinning to come up with something new to keep busy during the winter months. With his varied background, there's no telling what that may be.

"I'm so lucky to have had so many great people in my life," Mehlberg said.

"Tom Mehlberg."

"I'm involved with the Lions Club and was a 4-H project leader

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Holiday craft fair brings shoppers to Wittenberg



The gymnasium at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School is packed with booths during the Hunter's Honey Holiday Shopping Craft and Vendor show at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School on Nov. 27.

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Various floral decorations are on sale at the Hunter's Honey Holiday Shopping Craft and Vendor show.

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ABOVE: Green Bay resident Maggie Schmelzer sorts through various types of clothes during the seventh annual Hunter's Honey Holiday Shopping Craft and Vendor show at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School on Nov. 27.

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RIGHT: Various types of jewelry are on sale Nov. 27 at the Hunter's Honey Holiday Shopping Craft and Vendor show at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School.

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Shoppers at the Hunter's Honey Holiday Shopping Craft and Vendor show have a variety of scented wax melts to choose from at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School.

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The cafeteria is packed with booths during the Hunter's Honey Holiday Shopping Craft and Vendor show, which also featured a food drive, prizes and 50/50 raffles.

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SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Chargers' Wesolowski named to all-state team

Schmidt, Wesolowski
make all-region team

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School senior Ben Wesolowski was named to the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association honorable mention all-state team.

Wesolowski made the list for his play at quarterback this fall.

Wesolowski passed for 1,967 yards and 29 touchdowns across the team's 13 games this season.

He also rushed for 1,847 yards and 20 more scores.

"It's one of the top honors I could receive this year, so it means a lot to have all my hard work pay off and be recognized with an honor like this," said Wesolowski.

The senior was joined by senior Kaden Schmidt on a WFCAs all-region team.

Schmidt was Wesolowski's favorite target in the passing game, hauling in 41 passes for 784 yards and 16 touchdowns.

He also rushed for 347 yards and two scores.

Wesolowski and Schmidt broke state records back in the team's 79-8 win over Nekoosa in mid-October.

Wesolowski set a new state record



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Ben Wesolowski runs with the football during the team's playoff win over Amherst on Nov. 5 in Amherst. Wesolowski was named to the WFCAs honorable mention all-state team in his senior season.

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with nine touchdown passes, with Schmidt hauling in a new state mark of seven receiving scores.

Wesolowski had 522 pass yards in the game, while also rushing for 78 yards and four scores. Schmidt fin-

ished with 301 receiving yards.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Wisconsin falters on road against Minnesota

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

The Wisconsin Badgers football team suffered a 23-13 loss to Big Ten Conference rival Minnesota on Nov. 27 in Minneapolis.

The setback not only gave the hosting Gophers Paul Bunyan's Axe for winning the rivalry game, but it also cost the Badgers a spot in the Big Ten Championship Game.

Wisconsin led 10-3 after safety Scott Nelson intercepted a tipped pass and returned it 25 yards for a touchdown early in the second quarter.

It was the last touchdown the Badgers scored, as the offense struggled for most of the contest and the Gophers pulled away in the second half.

Wisconsin quarterback Graham Mertz completed 21 of his 38 attempts for 171 yards. He threw a costly interception in the third quarter that led to a Minnesota score.

Star freshman running back Braelon Allen battled through injuries and managed just 47 yards on 17 attempts.

The Badgers had just 62 total rushing yards in the loss.

Receiver Danny Davis III hauled in five receptions for 60 yards, while receiver Kendrick Pryor had 33 yards on five grabs.

Linebacker Leo Chenal racked up 14 total tackles in the game for the Badgers. He and linebacker Jack Sanborn — who had seven total tackles — shared a sack.

Linebacker Nick Herbig tallied eight total tackles, while defensive lineman Keanu Benton had six. Benton had two sacks.

The only points the Badgers' offense were able to muster on the day came on a pair of field goals from kicker Collin Larsh. He also missed a field goal in the fourth quarter.

With the loss, Wisconsin dropped to 8-4 overall and 6-3 in Big Ten play. Iowa finished atop the West Division with a 7-2 mark.

Iowa will take on Michigan — which defeated Ohio State for the East Division title on Nov. 27 — in the Big Ten Championship Game at 7 p.m. Dec. 4 in Indianapolis.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

3 athletes earn all-state recognition

Bruss, Peitersen, Cervený all are honorable mentions

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Gresham's Valarie Cervený, Oconto Falls' Hailey Peitersen and Pulaski's Emily Bruss all received all-state honors from the Wisconsin Volleyball Coaches Association.

Bruss, a sophomore, landed on the Division 1 honorable mention team.

Peitersen made the honorable mention team in Division 2 to cap her senior season. Cervený capped her senior season with a spot on the honorable mention team in Division 4.

Bruss finished with 634 assists on the season and 161 digs on the season.

The sophomore also chipped in 87 attack kills, 32 total blocks, 159 service points and 59 aces.

"I am so appreciative of having a all-state honorable mention honor," said Bruss. "At first I didn't think much of it but after I realized how big of an accomplishment it was as a sopho-

more, I was very happy with myself.

"I am so thankful for all the coaches and teammates I have had to push and push me to work hard and strive for this success. I am so appreciative for it!"

Peitersen capped the year with 738 assists and 306 digs.

She also had 165 attack kills, 50 blocks, 213 service points and 20 aces.

"It is very meaningful to not only make first team all-conference, but now to be awarded an all-state honor," said Peitersen. "This was such a great way to top off my senior season!"

Cervený had 260 attack kills on the season, nearly averaging four kills a set. She also had 27 blocks.

She also racked up 159 service points and 39 aces this season. The senior also had 84 digs.

"For one, it's an honor to even be nominated for all-state, let alone being selected. Receiving an all-state honor is really special to me and I wouldn't have been able to receive this without my teammates and my coaches. They pushed me each day in practice to make me a better player," said Cervený.

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Gresham's Valarie Cervený spikes the ball during the team's conference win over White Lake on Oct. 12 in Gresham. Cervený earned an all-state honor in her senior season. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

RECREATION SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

Chet & Emil's Monday Women's League

Team	W	L
Cady Home	26 1/2	13 1/2
Banner Banks	22 1/2	17 1/2
Star Campsite	20	20
Chet & Emil's	11	29

High team handicap games: Star Campsite 754, Cady Home 749, Banner Banks 743.

High individual handicap games: Tracy Anderson 218, Sandy Meverden 210, Courtney Tryba 205, Shelia Humblet 203, Julie Stewart 203, Kim Zeller 203.

High team handicap series: Star Campsite 2,054, Banner Banks 2,052, Cady Home 2,026.

High individual handicap series: Tracy Anderson 570, Christy Clark 544, Kim Zeller 534, Courtney Tryba 532, Barbara Praslowicz 528, Julie Stewart 525.

Chet & Emil's Tuesday Commercial

Team	W	L
Schmidt Schulta	22	11
Kautza Excavating	21	12
White Insurance	20	13

Clark Construction	17	16
Chet & Emil's	15	18

High team scratch games: Kautza Excavating 1,026, Clark Construction 1,021, Chet & Emil's 970.

High individual scratch games: Ken Strassburg 289, Dan Rew 267, Jeremy Praslowicz 242.

High team scratch series: Kautza Excavating 2,955, Clark Construction 2,892, Chet & Emil's 2,683.

High individual scratch series: Dan Rew 737, Brian Rew 658, Jeremy Praslowicz 617.

Chet & Emil's Wednesday Business

Team	W	L
CWAA	21	12
Melody Mill	20	13
S&M Tool	18	15
Rew Motors Inc.	18	15
TLC Auto Body	16	17
Kessen Auto Body	16	17
Chet & Emil's	12	21
Kropf's Meat Pro	11	22

High team scratch games: Melody Mill 1,006, Chet & Emil's 987, S&M Tool 958.

High individual scratch games: Reid Praslowicz

256, Perry Meverden 223, Dave Schultz 223.

High team scratch series: Melody Mill 2,865, Chet & Emil's 2,796, S&M Tool 2,790.

High individual scratch series: Paul Hanke 731, Jeremy Praslowicz 597, Steve Preuss 594.

Resch Lanes — Monday Ladies Handicap

Team	W	L
Lisa's Lakeside	6	3
Tavern Front	6	3
Resch Lanes	4	5
Fantastic Sams	4	5
Strike-a-pose	4	5
Fandrey Construction	3	6

High team handicap games: Lisa's Lakeside 893, Fandrey Construction 855, Tavern Front 841.

High individual handicap games (top 7): Jaime Resch 242, Rhonda Guerink 240, Jordyn Krueger 237, Cassie Wierzb 235, Jenny Schrank 233, Mary Krause 232, Elaine Knab 229.

High team handicap series: Lisa's Lakeside 2,539, Tavern Front 2,454, Fantastic Sams 2,354.

High individual handicap series (top 7): Mary Krause 681, Jaime Resch 668, Elaine Knab 647, Heather Giddings 643, Cheryl Zeinert 625, Jenny

Schrank 625, Kristine Beran 619.

Resch Lanes — Wednesday Night Handicap

Team	W	L
Resch Lanes	52	32
Mama's Place	48	36
Liberty Potatoes	48	36
Slammers	48	36
Tavern Front	40	44
Rachel's Roadside	40	44
Kemmer Electronics	37	47
Hanke's Sentry Foods	23	61

High team handicap games (top 3): Mama's Place 1,322, Slammers 1,227, Hanke's Sentry Foods 1,220.

High individual handicap games (top 7): Taylor Arndt 319, Randall Skaggs 311, Jason Harris 297, Dave Falstad 283, Brian Mattmiller 279, Paul Dahms 279, Jeff Arndt 279.

High team handicap series (top 3): Mama's Place 2,584, Hanke's Sentry Foods 3,568, Liberty Potatoes 3,500.

High individual handicap series (top 7): Taylor Arndt 857, Jeff Arndt 802, Randall Skaggs 797, Brian Mattmiller 782, Dave Falstad 768, Will Kubeny 737, Steve Burkhart 718.

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HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Local individuals earn academic all-state honors

Individual golfers from Shawano, Oconto Falls and Pulaski received honors from the Golf Coaches Association of Wisconsin.

Golfers who are sophomores, juniors or seniors with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.25 or higher,

and who competed in at least 75% of the varsity matches in the current season, are eligible to receive this honor.

Shawano's Alli Johnson, Braylyn Babino and Riley Dreier all made the high honors list, while Teghan Kristof was on the honors list.

Oconto Falls had five golfers recognized.

Kate Pytleski, Kenadee Seidl and Kloeigh Seidl were all on the high honors list, while Alexis Euclide and Danielle Darby were part of the honors list.

Pulaski also had five golfers recognized.

Summer Jaeger, Vivien Ninham and Ella Ficarri were high honors athletes, while Danika Holewinski and Katelyn Schuettpelez were on the honors list.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Saginaw Valley State

Shawano Community High School graduate Tori DePerry started in both of the Saginaw Valley State women's basketball team's games last week.

DePerry played 30 minutes in the team's loss to Drury on Nov. 23. She totaled eight points, nine rebounds, one assist and one block in her time on the floor.

DePerry played 21 minutes in the team's win over Truman on Nov. 23. She tallied five rebounds, two assists and a steal, and she scored two points.

Wisconsin Lutheran

Bonduel grad Carson Robaidek scored his first collegiate points in the

Wisconsin Lutheran College men's basketball team's win over Martin Luther on Nov. 23.

He made two shots to tally four points in three minutes of action. He also had a steal.

Pulaski grad Trevor Stiede also tallied four points in the win. He also had three rebounds and an assist across 15 minutes of play.

Stiede tallied 10 points, a rebound and an assist in the team's win over Beloit on Nov. 15. He totaled six points, two rebounds and an assist in the team's win over North Central (Minnesota) on Nov. 6.

Minnesota Crookston

Wittenberg-Birnamwood graduate Abi Fraaza had two big games for the Minnesota Crookston women's

basketball team last week.

In a win over Chaminade on Nov. 24, Fraaza tallied 14 points, eight rebounds and a block in 23 minutes off the bench. She made all six of her field goal attempts and both of her free throws.

Fraaza posted 11 points, three rebounds and two blocks in the team's setback to Lubbock Christian on Nov. 25. She played 29 minutes in the contest and got the the free-throw line nine times.

Marian

Oconto Falls grad McKayla Goebel played in all three of the Marian women's basketball team's games last week.

In a win over Northland on Nov. 27, Goebel made a free throw and

had two steals. She hit a 3-pointer in two minutes of play in a loss to UW-Platteville.

Oakland City

Bowler graduate Reanne Kietlinski scored three points during the Oakland City women's basketball team's overtime loss to Evangel on Nov. 26.

Kietlinski played seven minutes.

Cardinal Stritch

Gillett grad Aubrey DeBauch scored 11 points in 37 minutes of action during the Cardinal Stritch University women's basketball team's loss to Trinity International on Nov. 23.

DeBauch made three shots from the floor and knocked down all five of her free throws. She also grabbed nine rebounds and dished out two assists.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Gillett 57

Wausau East 56

Carleigh Kaczmarek hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to lift Gillett to a nonconference win over Wausau East on Nov. 23 in Wausau.

Naomi Anker rebounded a missed free throw with eight seconds left before throwing a pass to Macy Franti. Kaczmarek was set up at the right wing and knocked in the triple after a pass from Franti.

Kaczmarek and Alaina Herzog each scored 16 points. Franti added 12 points.

Lena 64

Bowler 16

Lena cruised to a nonconference win over Bowler on Nov. 23 in Lena.

Chaela Rabas scored 19 points to lead Lena offensively. Natalie McNurlen and Whitney Potter chipped in 13 points each.

Isabella Stevens led Bowler with seven points.

Witt-Birn 49

Antigo 28

Witt-Birn outscored Antigo 32-13 in the second half to claim a nonconference win on Nov. 23 in Antigo.

Reese Rogowski powered Witt-Birn with 24 points. Faith Resch added 14 points.

Kaylee Schram grabbed eight rebounds, while Jami Wendler had six. Rogowski was credited with six steals and three assists. Resch had three steals.

Oconto Falls 65

Clintonville 39

Oconto Falls eased to a North Eastern Conference win over Clintonville on Nov. 23 in Clintonville.

Alexis Euclide scored 21 points to lead Oconto Falls. Hailey Peitersen chipped in 11 points, while Ashlyn Allen, Kyndra Staidl and Kati Raddatz tallied nine points each.

Almond-Bancroft 65

Tigerton 20

Tigerton was topped by Almond-Bancroft in a Central Wisconsin Conference crossover matchup Nov. 23 in Almond.

Elizabeth Robbins scored half of Tigerton's points and also had three steals. Abby Swartz grabbed seven rebounds, while Bethany Jobe had six.

Suring 50

Rosholt 26

Suring picked up a CWC crossover win over Rosholt on Nov. 23 in Suring.

Christine Sleeter scored 21 points to lead Suring offensively. Hailey Thomson chipped in seven points for the Eagles.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Witt-Birn 61

Lakeland Union 40

Wittenberg-Birnamwood cruised to a tournament win over Lakeland Union on Nov. 27 in Mosinee.

Simon Schairer tallied 21 points to power Witt-Birn. Ben Wesolowski and Max Fraaza tallied 12 points each. Jack Fraaza chipped in eight points.

Racine Lutheran 62

Bonduel 56

Bonduel couldn't hold on to a five-point halftime lead in a nonconference loss to Racine Lutheran on Nov. 27 in West Allis.

Reece Stoltenow knocked down five 3-pointers and led Bonduel with 26 points. Collin Margelofsky hit three triples and scored 12 points.

Menominee Indian 70

Oconto Falls 60

Menominee Indian knocked off Oconto Falls in a nonconference clash Nov. 23 in Oconto Falls.

Lloyd Reevis led Menominee Indian with 17 points, while Isaiah Moss had 16. Joshua Besaw tallied 12 points for the Eagles.

Oconto Falls' Noah Hirst led all scorers with 24 points. Isaac Raddatz added 17 points, while Carter Hill grabbed 13 rebounds.

Appleton North 66

Shawano 49

Shawano dropped a nonconference matchup to Appleton North on Nov. 23 in Appleton.

Jacob Landon led Shawano with 10 points, while Elliott Lowney and Michael Metcalf-Grassman added nine points each. Landon and Ethan Schwitzer grabbed eight rebounds each. Lowney and Metcalf-Grassman tallied three assists each.

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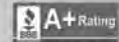
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Dear Savvy Senior,

When is it safe, or not safe, to split pills? I have a cousin who cuts almost all her pills in half in order to save money, but I'm wondering if she's going overboard. What can you tell me about this?

— Curious Cousin

Dear Curious,

Pill splitting — literally cutting them in half — has long been a popular way to save on medication costs. But your cousin, if she hasn't already done so, needs to talk to her doctor or pharmacist because not all pills should be split.

The reason pill splitting is such a money saver is because of the way drugs are manufactured and priced. A pill that's twice as strong as another may not be twice the price. In fact, it's usually about the same price. Buying a double-

strength dose and cutting it in half may allow you to get two months' worth of medicine for the price of one. But is it safe? As long as your doctor agrees that splitting your pills is OK for you, you learn how to do it properly and you split only pills that can be split, there's really no danger.

If you're interested in splitting your pills, talk to your doctor or pharmacist to find out if any of the medicines you use can be safely split. It's also important to find out whether splitting them will save you enough money to justify the hassle.

The pills that are easiest to split are those with a score down the middle. However, not every pill that's scored is meant to be split. Pills that are most commonly split are cholesterol-lowering drugs, antidepressants and high blood pressure medicines.

Having the right equipment is very important too. Don't use a

knife or scissors to cut your pills in half. This can cause you to split them unevenly resulting in two pieces with very different dosages, which can be dangerous. Purchase a proper pill cutter that has a cover and a V-shaped pill grip that holds the pill securely in place. You can find them at most pharmacies for \$5-\$10.

For convenience, you might be tempted to split the whole bottle of pills at once, but it's best to do the splitting on the day you take the first half, and then take the other half on the second day or whenever you are scheduled to take your next dose. That will help keep the drugs from deteriorating due to exposure to heat, moisture or air. It will also help ensure that any deviation in the size of one dose is compensated in the next. It's also important to know that pills are only safely split in half, and never into smaller portions such as into thirds or quarters.

Some pills should never be split. Drugs that are time-released or long-lasting and tablets that contain a combination of drugs probably shouldn't be split, because it's difficult to ensure a proper amount of active ingredient in each half. Pills with a coating to protect your stomach, and pills that crumble easily or irritate your mouth shouldn't be split either, along with chemotherapy drugs, anti-seizure medicines, birth control pills and capsules containing powders or gels.

Again, your doctor or pharmacist will know which drugs can and cannot be split. If you're taking a medicine that can be split, you'll need to get a prescription from your doctor for twice the dosage you need. Then you can start splitting — and saving — safely.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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5 tips to prevent common holiday foot problems

(StatePoint) The holiday season is one of the most joyful times of year, but it can also lead to aching feet. One source of seasonal foot pain is gout, a type of arthritis exacerbated by consuming too much of certain holiday foods and beverages.

As you celebrate, prevent gout flare-ups and other painful afflictions with these five tips for healthy holiday feet from the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS).

1. Don't overindulge in holiday cheer. Your feet can sometimes feel the effects of too much holiday cheer. Foods and beverages high in purines, such as shellfish, red meat, red wine and beer, can trigger extremely painful gout attacks, a condition when uric acid builds up and crystallizes in and around your joints. According to foot and ankle surgeon and Associate Member of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, Josh Sebag, DPM, AACFAS, "Often, it's the big toe that's affected first since it's the coolest part of the body and uric acid is sensitive to temperature changes, but this may also occur in other parts of the foot and ankle."

If you do experience pain in your big toe or other parts of your foot or ankle, drink appropriate fluids, elevate your foot and immobilize it. Frequently, non-aspirin equivalents



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of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications are used to treat gout. In severe cases, contact your foot and ankle surgeon.

2. If the shoe fits, wear it. When hitting the dance floor or shopping malls, don't compromise comfort and safety when picking shoes. Narrow or overly high-heeled shoes or shoes that aren't worn often, such as dress shoes, can irritate feet, leading to blisters, calluses, swelling and even severe ankle injuries. "Choose low-heeled shoes that fit your foot in length, width and depth while you're standing," says Dr. Sebag.

3. Be pedicure-safety con-

scious. Heading out for your holiday pedicure? Nail salons can be a breeding ground for bacteria, including MRSA, a type of staph infection that causes fever and painful red bumps, and can be life-threatening if left untreated. Reduce your risk of infection. Choose a salon that follows proper sanitation practices and is licensed by the state. You may also want to consider bringing your own pedicure instruments for safety.

4. Watch for ice and snow.

Though winter wonderlands are beautiful, they can also be dangerous. Use caution outdoors, watching for ice or snow patches. The ankle

joint can be more vulnerable to serious injury from falling on ice. "Ice accelerates the fall and often causes more severe trauma because the foot can move in any direction after slipping," Dr. Sebag explains. If you fall, take a break from activities until you can be seen by a foot and ankle surgeon. Use RICE therapy (Rest, Ice, Compression, and Elevation) to reduce pain and control swelling around the injury.

5. Listen to your feet. Don't let foot pain ruin holiday fun; inspect your feet regularly for evidence of injury, ingrown toenails, bruising, swelling, blisters, dry skin or calluses. "If you experience foot pain (while at rest or with activity), swelling or notice signs of problems, make an appointment with your foot and ankle surgeon," Dr. Sebag says. "Often, especially for people living with diabetes, and those with altered foot sensation, what may seem like a simple issue can turn into a larger problem if medical care is delayed."

For more resources or to find a foot and ankle surgeon near you, visit FootHealthFacts.org, the patient education website of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons.

Treat your feet right. Being proactive, protective and preventive can mean a healthier holiday season for your feet — and your whole body.

Holt and Balcom concludes successful season

The Holt and Balcom Logging Camp Museum in Lakewood has concluded a successful 2021 season after going dark last year due to the coronavirus pandemic.

There was only one school tour, as 17 Suring fourth graders and their teacher enjoyed living like lumberjacks May 17.

The museum recorded regular numbers, hosting well over 100 Saturday visitors from all over Wisconsin and 10 other states.

"Lucy Loved Lakewood," featur-

ing Lakewood historian Tom Thielke and Camp Director Kathleen Marsh portraying Lucy Holt, drew the biggest crowd of the year on July 17 with 75 guests. Holt's black-and-white moving pictures of early 20th century logging operations were the highlight of the afternoon.

Marsh and Camp Curator Bob Brown hosted several special tours by appointment. Seventeen area homemakers and their guests toured the camp on July 13, as did 23 Oconto Memory Cafe folks on July 21. A final

tour of eight guests, Oconto County Leadership, occurred Oct. 7.

There were also several small group tours taken by families and friends who were unable to visit during the regular Saturday hours. As always, the museum will close for the winter.

The museum had an unexpected expense this year due to bats home-staying in the bunkhouse again. Casey Glander of Northeast Wildlife Removal relocated the bats, who help with mosquito control but make a huge

mess as they are not potty-trained.

In other news, Camp Manager Dave Zuleger has confirmed that the outside of the building will need a total re-coating. Two windows in the kitchen area are badly deteriorated and will soon let too much of the outside inside. The project is on schedule for summer 2022.

Donations of any size to help cover the cost can be sent Holt and Balcom Logging Camp Museum, care of Kathleen Marsh, 16965 Nicolet Road, Townsend, WI 54175.

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RHI expands to envelop four more counties

Pair of grants totaling \$5.5M will allow more farms to get house calls for checkups

The ThedaCare Rural Health Initiative (RHI) will have the opportunity to expand its program to reach hundreds of farms across additional counties in Wisconsin with the support of two grants.

The two grants, which total nearly \$5.5 million directed toward health care and preventive services for farm workers and rural residents, were received after the Wisconsin Office of Rural Health at UW-Madison applied on behalf of the program.

"We are honored to receive these grants to help our teams continue the work that is critical to support the health and well-being of farm families," said Rhonda Strebel, RHI manager. "The recognition is a testament to the innovative outreach that is being done to address the social determinants of health, and improve the lives of those who call rural Wisconsin home."

RHI began after a need was recognized in the rural communities. According to Strebel, who has been leading the program since its inception, explained often, farmers only access medical facilities for critical care. In 2003, ThedaCare's Community Health Action Team model hosted a plunge on the health of farm families, recognizing the stress and limited access to care for those families.

The solution was to take health care to the farm, meeting people where they live and work. Further discussions determined that several health tests could be done outside clinics and hospitals, and RHI's "Kitchen Wellness" program was born.

While the number of farms in Wisconsin has dropped from nearly 16,000 in 2004 to 7,000 in 2021, the number of cows has remained the same – meaning farms are much bigger, and making easy access to health care that much more important for farms and farm workers.

Rural populations face a variety of demographic, economic, social and environmental factors, that can put them at greater risk for common health problems. As most farmers are self-employed, the cost of health insurance can sometimes also create a barrier to affordable health care. Strebel also noted many farmers don't regularly visit their providers for other reasons.

"It's a very unique program," Strebel said. "We sit down with people right there in their home, and talk about their health concerns. We check their blood pressure, do blood sugar



RHONDA STREBEL

and cholesterol testing and do a body mass index rating. We also discuss their diet, exercise and general lifestyle."

The screenings discover one or more of these issues 52% of the time, catching

them before the patient requires a visit to the emergency room, she said.

The program expanded to Outagamie and Waupaca counties in 2012, and became an official program of ThedaCare as of Jan. 1, 2021. It is available to anyone working in agriculture and/or living in a rural area. This can include family farms, single residents/former farmers, Amish farms and large-scale farms with a diverse population of workers.

As of June 1, the ThedaCare RHI received a \$985,000 Health Equity Grant through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The grant, which continues through May 31, 2023, allows the expansion of the ThedaCare RHI from the initial three counties to another four, adding Green Lake, Marquette, Waushara and Winnebago.

The funding also allows the program to hire six new community health workers to conduct health screenings, provide coaching, prevention and referrals for rural residents. Staff may include those with a nursing or dietary/nutrition background. Additionally, it is highly recommended that new team members have a rural background, understanding health disparities between rural and urban populations, Strebel said.

"Knowing the cultural perspective of farming communities will help our health care workers understand the specific needs of families," said Strebel. "We hope they consider a farmer's lifestyle, work ethic and responsibilities. All of these aspects play a role in a farmer's health."

In addition to a farmer's physical health, RHI also provides a check-in on mental and emotional well-being.

"We discuss topics that are sometimes difficult to talk about – stress and depression, other things that may be going on with family or finances – factors that can contribute to a person's mental wellness," Strebel said. "Our community health care workers will

be familiar with resources within the community that can help farm families achieve a better quality of health."

The ThedaCare RHI also received a \$4.5 million CDC Vaccination Supplement Grant as a part of the American Rescue Plan Act, which started July 1 and continues through June 2024.

This grant allows an increase of coordinated care services throughout all seven counties covered by the program, expanding health care access and preventive services where it's needed most, Strebel said.

"Through this grant, the RHI will

have the opportunity to add a physician, a pharmacist, a dietitian and a mental health counselor," said Strebel. "Those caregivers will either come to the home with our team, or visit with families through a virtual option."

That helps remove the barrier to virtual health visits as the community health care worker will be there to facilitate.

For information about the ThedaCare Rural Health Initiative, call 715.524.1488 or visit thedacare.org/about-us/community-health/rural-health-initiative/.

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ACS grant to help transport cancer patients

The American Cancer Society (ACS) recently awarded a transportation grant to the ThedaCare Family of Foundations, supporting the transportation needs of patients who are undergoing treatment for cancer. It was one of five grants awarded to health systems throughout the state of Wisconsin.

"This grant will allow us to assist cancer patients who might be facing challenges with reliable transportation to clinics for their treatments," said Leigh McNamara, regional cancer center practice administrator, hematology and oncology services. "It will be a great benefit for our patients and for our cancer care teams, who are often searching for solutions to help their patients."

Transportation has been identified as one of the top three barriers to patients receiving their needed cancer treatments, according to the American Cancer Society.

"We understand that transportation problems rank right behind financial resources and access to health care as barriers to patients

getting cancer care," said Kim Kinner, American Cancer Society senior director. "Those barriers can contribute to disparities in cancer outcomes."

Kinner noted that patients receiving radiation treatments often need to visit their treatment center five days a week for several weeks. She also added that organizing travel, especially for someone who may be suffering from fatigue, pain or other side effects from treatment, can be challenging.

McNamara said the grant will allow the ThedaCare Cancer Care teams to identify patients who are having difficulty getting to their treatments and tailor assistance to each person.

"ThedaCare serves very diverse populations throughout northeast and central Wisconsin," said McNamara. "What may be a transportation solution for someone in the Fox Valley simply may not be available to someone living in our more rural communities. This grant will empower our care teams to find the best solution for each individual person. For some,

that may be a gas card to cover fuel expenses, while for another patient, it may be covering the cost of using a local ride service."

Kinner added the direct connection with patients, understanding each person's needs, is why ACS grants funding to health care systems directly — because they know their communities.

Community funds assist patients and families in countless ways. Through its generosity to the ThedaCare Family of Foundations, the American Cancer Society's transportation grant will allow health care providers to support patients, so patients can focus on their health, said Courtney Weiland, vice president

of philanthropy with the ThedaCare Family of Foundations.

"Donations to the ThedaCare Cancer Care program improve the health and well-being of our community each day," said Weiland. "In addition to the generous gift from the American Cancer Society to keep transportation from becoming a barrier to patients, community donors provide critical support through survivorship programming, advanced technology and training and wellness 'extras,' such as services through our High Hopes Salon with their gifts. We're grateful for their tremendous generosity and are honored to see their donations impact the individuals we serve."

Big Brothers Big Sisters has new executive director

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Wisconsin has announced Monica McClure as the new executive director.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Wisconsin is a one-to-one mentoring program that has been igniting the potential of youth in Brown, Door and Shawano counties since 1972. Volunteers, staff and board members are dedicated to empowering the community through relationship-focused growth.

McClure has extensive experience in fundraising, development and leadership. She served as the senior director of annual giving for St. Norbert College, the director of development for the YWCA Greater Green Bay and the resource development director for the Greater Green Bay Habitat for Humanity. McClure has a Bachelor of Science in public administration/environmental policy from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

McClure has also been a Big Sister for four years, so she comes to the agency with a strong understanding of the culture of Big Brothers Big Sisters.

"I am honored to have been selected as the next executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Wisconsin and very much look forward to helping the organization build upon its past successes," McClure said. "I'm looking forward to



Monica McClure, the new executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Wisconsin, has experience with St. Norbert College, YWCA and the Greater Green Bay Habitat for Humanity.

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working with community partners, individuals and companies to make a transformational impact on the lives of our children and our community."

The search committee interviewed 20 applicants.

"Monica is a positive and energetic leader. Her collegial style, practical approach to problem solving and passion to help children and the non-profits who serve them have earned her the confidence of our board that she'll guide BBBSNEW to thrive in the years to come," said BBBSNEW Board President Wendy Koehler.



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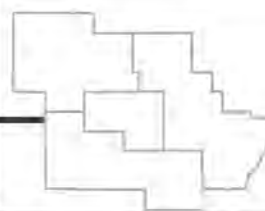
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Green Bay Packers receiver Davante Adams, top, falls forward after being tripped up during the team's game against the Los Angeles Rams on Nov. 28 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

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The Green Bay Packers bye week didn't arrive until this week, but the team is happy to have reached it.

"I think we're at a point where everybody is pretty exhausted, but it definitely feels

good going into the bye week on a win," said coach Matt LaFleur after the win over the Los Angeles Rams on Sunday.

Of course, with their bye week coming this late in the season, Green Bay has a pretty good idea of what kind of team it is and what lies ahead.

The Packers have dealt with several injuries to key players this year, yet the team still owns a 9-3 record through 12 weeks.

Green Bay's nine wins are tied with the Arizona Cardinals for the most in the NFL, but the Packers do have another loss on their resume. The green and gold knocked off the Cardinals earlier this season, so Green Bay would win a tiebreaker should the teams own identical marks at the end of the year.

"It's been a lot of adversity for sure, so I'm proud of the guys," said quarterback Aaron Rodgers of the team's injury woes.

Speaking of injuries and Rodgers, the bye week will also allow players to rest and heal up before the final stretch run.

Rodgers has been dealing with a broken pinkie toe. It was reported on Monday that Rodgers planned to forgo surgery on the toe and instead use the off week to heal up and get closer to 100%.

"I'm going to get treatment every single day," said Rodgers after the Rams' game.

He added that he will be doing some reading this week, but that "the most important thing is healing and taking care of myself."

Rodgers isn't the only Packer who needs some rest to heal up an injury.

Offensive tackle David Bakhtiari is still working his way back from a torn ACL he suffered late last season. He had surgery to clean up his knee recently and is expected to



Green Bay Packers running back A.J. Dillon, left, catches a touchdown pass during the team's game against the Los Angeles Rams on Nov. 28 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. After another big win, the Packers will enjoy their bye week boasting a 9-3 record to this point of the season. GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA

return to the field at some point in December.

Then there's cornerback Jaire Alexander, who hasn't played since early October after sustaining a shoulder injury. He's expected back before the end of the regular season.

Outside linebacker Za'Darius Smith is also expected back before the end of the regular season. He hasn't played since week one because of a back injury.

There are some additional players who recently returned to the field that also will enjoy a week of healing. Running back Aaron Jones and outside linebacker Rashan Gary both returned to the field against Los Angeles after missing the previous game.

With the addition of some of its currently injured players and nudg-

ing its roster closer to 100%, there's reason for optimism as the season winds down and playoffs near.

Green Bay has a commanding 3½-game lead in the NFC North at the bye week, so it's possible the Packers could lock up the division well before the final week of the regular season.

"There is still a lot to figure out in the conference, but I like where we are at and I like our football team," said Rodgers.

The team has its second round of division play remaining during the final five weeks, plus games against the Baltimore Ravens and Cleveland Browns.

Another thing working in the team's favor is where those games will be played. Green Bay has just two remaining road games — and

one is against the winless Lions.

Even with one of the NFL's best records, there's still more out there for the Packers.

"There's room for improvement in all three phases, which is always exciting, and we know there's a lot of challenges left in front of us," said LaFleur.

"When we're back in this building, we need to attack it on a daily basis, which I think our guys embrace and they take that to heart. We never look too far in front of us. We always try to focus on and stay as present as possible and our guys have that mentality, and I think that's the mentality that it takes to win games in this league."

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Packers take down Rams in NFC showdown

Rodgers accounts for 3 TDs

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Green Bay Packers earned their ninth victory of the season in a 36-28 win over the Los Angeles Rams in a battle of NFC contenders on Nov. 28 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

Quarterback Aaron Rodgers accounted for all three of the Packers' offensive touchdowns. He connected with receiver Randall Cobb and running back A.J. Dillon on passing scores and ran for another score.

Green Bay also got some timely plays from its defense and special teams. The Packers had three take-aways, with cornerback Rasul Douglas intercepting a pass and returning it for a score for the team's other touchdown.

Green Bay dominated the time of possession (39:40-20:20) and forced Los Angeles to be one-dimensional for most of the game after shutting down the visitor's run attack.

"Really proud of our guys tonight, just staying focused with what we know we have in front of us with the bye," said coach Matt LaFleur of the team's win. "It's been a long year to go this far without a bye week, but our guys did exactly what we asked them to do."

Green Bay scored the game's first 10 points, with the defense setting up the offense on both scores.

Outside linebacker Rashaan Gary sacked and stripped Rams quarterback Matthew Stafford, and fellow outside linebacker Preston Smith was able to scoop up the loose ball and set the Packers' offense up at the Los Angeles 6 yard-line.

Three plays later, Rodgers — nursing a broken pinky toe — beat All-Pro cornerback Jalen Ramsey to the pylon for a 1-yard rushing score.

"That was not the play at all. The play was hand the ball off or throw it, probably to Cobby on the left side," said Rodgers.

"Thankfully, he went for the pump fake, and I was able to get around the edge."

The offense got the ball back a couple minutes later after safety Adrian Amos made a tackle for no gain on a fourth-and-1 run by the Rams. The Packers settled for a 45-yard field goal from kicker Mason Crosby to go up 10-0.



Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers reaches the ball out during a touchdown run against the Los Angeles Rams on Nov. 28 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

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After Los Angeles got on the scoreboard with a 79-yard touchdown pass, Green Bay's offense put together another scoring drive that was capped by a Crosby field goal, this time from 28 yards. Rodgers connected with Cobb on a 54-yard pass on a third-down play to jump-start the drive.

Cobb was at the center of several more critical plays in the first half before leaving with an injury.

The veteran wide receiver muffed a punt, allowing Los Angeles to kick a field goal and make it a three-point game.

Cobb then caught a 27-yard pass on the first play of a touchdown drive. Rodgers also connected with receiver Davante Adams on a 43-yard pass before finding Cobb for a 7-yard touchdown.

"Randall is a special talent, and it definitely hurt us losing him at half-time," said LaFleur. "I thought he did a hell of a job in that first half when he was playing and made a lot of key plays that helped us get that lead going into the half."

The Rams had the final points in the wild back-and-forth first half, which left the Packers with a 20-17 lead.

Green Bay created some separation by scoring the first 17 points in the second half.

On the first drive, the Pack leaned on Dillon on a 13-play, 75-yard drive. Rodgers found Dillon on a 5-yard pass to cap the drive.

The teams then traded punts, but Green Bay tight end Dominique Dafney forced a fumble on the Rams' punt return, and linebacker Krys Barnes grabbed the loose ball to set the team's offense up at the Los Angeles 27-yard line. Six plays later, Crosby connected on a 29-yard field goal.

On the third play of the ensuing drive, Douglas jumped a Stafford pass, intercepted the ball and returned it 33 yards to make it 36-17 with under two minutes to play in the third quarter.

Green Bay's offense had several chances to put the game away — including a missed field goal by Crosby — but the defense made enough stops to hold on to the lead.

Rodgers finished with 307 passing yards and completed 28 of his 45 attempts.

Dillon led the Pack with 69 rushing yards on 20 attempts as the team limited the touches for the banged-up Aaron Jones.

Adams hauled in eight passes for 104 yards, while Cobb went for 95 yards on four catches in the first half. Receiver Marquez Valdes-Scantling had four grabs for 50 yards.

Barnes led the defense with nine total tackles, while defensive lineman Kenny Clark had six, including a sack. Douglas had five tackles and four pass breakups to go along with his pick-six.

"Like how was this guy on the practice squad (of the Arizona Cardinals)? I mean the dude has made so many plays for us," said Rodgers of Douglas.

The win moved the Packers to 9-0 in games following a loss under LaFleur. Green Bay finished 4-0 against NFC West teams for the first time since 2009.

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Active

#	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	AGE	EXP.	COLLEGE
2	Mason Crosby	K	6-1	207	37	15	Colorado
7	Corey Bojorquez	P	6-0	217	25	4	New Mexico
8	Amari Rodgers	WR	5-9	212	22	R	Clemson
10	Jordan Love	QB	6-4	219	23	2	Utah State
12	Aaron Rodgers	QB	6-2	225	37	17	California
13	Allen Lazard	WR	6-5	227	25	3	Iowa State
17	Davante Adams	WR	6-1	215	28	8	Fresno State
18	Randall Cobb	WR	5-10	195	31	11	Kentucky
19	Equanimeous St. Brown	WR	6-5	214	25	4	Notre Dame
20	Kevin King	CB	6-3	200	26	5	Washington
21	Eric Stokes	CB	6-0	194	22	R	Georgia
22	Shemar Jean-Charles	CB	5-10	184	23	R	Appalachian State
24	Isaac Yiadom	CB	6-1	190	25	4	Boston College
26	Darnell Savage	S	5-11	198	24	3	Maryland
27	Patrick Taylor	RB	6-2	217	23	1	Memphis
28	AJ Dillon	RB	6-0	247	23	2	Boston College
29	Rasul Douglas	CB	6-2	209	26	5	West Virginia
31	Adrian Amos	S	6-0	214	28	7	Penn State
33	Aaron Jones	RB	5-9	208	26	5	Texas-El Paso
36	Vernon Scott	S	6-2	202	24	2	TCU
39	Chandon Sullivan	CB	5-11	189	25	4	Georgia State
40	Tipa Galeai	LB	6-5	229	24	1	Utah State
41	Henry Black	S	6-0	204	24	2	Baylor
42	Oren Burks	LB	6-3	233	26	4	Vanderbilt
44	Ty Summers	LB	6-1	241	25	3	TCU
46	Steven Wirtel	LS	6-4	228	24	1	Iowa 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
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
64	Ben Braden	G	6-6	329	27	2	Michigan
67	Jake Hanson	C	6-4	296	24	1	Oregon
69	David Bakhtiari	T	6-4	310	30	9	Colorado
70	Royce Newman	T/G	6-5	310	24	R	Mississippi
73	Yosh Nijman	T	6-7	314	25	2	Virginia Tech
76	Jon Runyan	G	6-4	307	24	2	Michigan
77	Billy Turner	G/T	6-5	310	30	8	North Dakota State
79	Dennis Kelly	T	6-8	321	31	10	Purdue
81	Josiah Deguara	TE	6-2	238	24	2	Cincinnati
83	Marquez Valdes-Scantling	WR	6-4	206	27	4	South Florida
84	Tyler Davis	TE	6-4	252	24	2	Georgia Tech
86	Malik Taylor	WR	6-1	220	25	2	Ferris State
89	Marcedes 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	29	7	Mississippi State
93	T.J. Slaton	DL	6-4	330	24	R	Florida
94	Dean Lowry	DL	6-6	296	27	6	Northwestern
95	Tyler Lancaster	DL	6-3	313	27	4	Northwestern
96	Kingsley Keke	DL	6-3	288	25	3	Texas A&M
97	Kenny Clark	DL	6-3	314	26	6	UCLA

Reserve/Injured

23	Jaire Alexander	CB	5-10	196	24	4	Louisville
32	Kylin Hill	RB	5-10	214	23	R	Mississippi State
47	Chauncey Rivers	LB	6-2	259	24	1	Mississippi State
50	Whitney Mercilus	LB	6-4	261	31	10	Illinois
55	Za'Darius Smith	LB	6-4	272	29	7	Kentucky
56	Randy Ramsey	LB	6-3	238	26	2	Arkansas
71	Josh Myers	C/G	6-5	310	23	R	Ohio State
74	Elgton Jenkins	G	6-5	311	25	3	Mississippi State
85	Robert Tonyan	TE	6-5	237	27	4	Indiana State

Practice Squad

6	Kurt Benkert	QB	6-3	218	26	2	Virginia
11	J.J. Molson	K	5-11	180	24	1	UCLA
16	Chris Blair	WR	6-2	198	24	R	Alcorn State
30	Shawn Davis	S	5-11	202	23	R	Florida
35	Ryquell Armstead	RB	5-11	220	25	3	Temple
38	Innis Gaines	S	6-1	202	23	R	TCU
43	Nate Orchard	OLB	6-3	255	28	6	Utah
45	Bronson Kaufusi	TE	6-6	270	30	3	Brigham Young
48	Kabion Ento	CB	6-1	187	25	2	Colorado
54	La'Darius Hamilton	LB	6-2	261	23	1	North Texas
57	Ray Wilborn	LB	6-3	230	24	1	Ball State
61	Jon Dietzen	G/T	6-5	312	24	R	Wisconsin
78	Cole Van Lanen	T/G	6-4	305	23	R	Wisconsin
88	Juwann Winfree	WR	6-1	210	25	2	Colorado
98	Abdullah Anderson	DL	6-3	303	25	2	Bucknell
99	R.J. McIntosh	DL	6-5	286	25	4	Miami

Reserve/COVID-19

53	Jonathan Garvin	LB	6-4	257	22	2	Miami
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PACKERS DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

WR



Davante Adams
Randall Cobb

TE



Josiah Deguara
Tyler Davis

RT



Billy Turner
Dennis Kelly

RG



Royce Newman
Ben Braden

C



Lucas Patrick
Jake Hanson

LG



Jon Runyan
Ben Braden

LT



Yosh Nijman
Dennis Kelly

TE



Marcedes Lewis
Dominique Dafney

WR



Marquez Valdes-Scantling
Allen Lazard

RB



Aaron Jones
A.J. Dillon

QB



Aaron Rodgers
Jordan Love

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Rosters and depth charts are accurate as of Nov. 29, 1:15 p.m.

SCHEDULE

Sunday's Games
N.Y. Giants at Miami, noon
Indianapolis at Houston, noon
Minnesota at Detroit, noon
Philadelphia at N.Y. Jets, noon
Arizona at Chicago, noon
L.A. Chargers at Cincinnati, noon
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, noon
Jacksonville at L.A. Rams, 3:05 p.m.
Washington at Las Vegas, 3:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 3:25 p.m.
San Francisco at Seattle, 3:25 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 7:20 p.m.

Monday's Game
New England at Buffalo, 7:15 p.m.

Teams on bye: Carolina, Cleveland, Green Bay, Tennessee

Thursday's Game
Pittsburgh at Minnesota, 7:20 p.m.

DEFENSE

CB



Kevin King
Chandon Sullivan

DE



Dean Lowry
Tyler Lancaster

NT



Kenny Clark
T.J. Slaton

DE



Kingsley Keke
Jack Heflin

CB



Eric Stokes
Rasul Douglas

OLB



Preston Smith
Tipa Galeai

ILB



Krys Barnes
Oren Burks

ILB



De'Vondre Campbell
Ty Summers

OLB



Rashan Gary
Jonathan Garvin

S



Adrian Amos
Vernon Scott

S



Darnell Savage
Henry Black

STANDINGS

NFC East				AFC East			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Dallas	7	4	0	New England	8	4	0
Washington	5	6	0	Buffalo	7	4	0
Philadelphia	5	7	0	Miami	5	7	0
N.Y. Giants	4	7	0	N.Y. Jets	3	8	0
North				North			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Green Bay	9	3	0	Baltimore	8	3	0
Minnesota	5	6	0	Cincinnati	7	4	0
Chicago	4	7	0	Cleveland	6	6	0
Detroit	0	10	1	Pittsburgh	5	5	1
South				South			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Tampa Bay	8	3	0	Tennessee	8	4	0
Atlanta	5	6	0	Indianapolis	6	6	0
New Orleans	5	6	0	Houston	2	9	0
Carolina	5	7	0	Jacksonville	2	9	0
West				West			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Arizona	9	2	0	Kansas City	7	4	0
L.A. Rams	7	4	0	L.A. Chargers	6	5	0
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PACKERS OUTLOOK: OFFENSE

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

The Green Bay Packers survived a 12-game gauntlet of games and injuries with a 9-3 record. They're just a half-game behind the Arizona Cardinals for the No. 1 seed in the NFC. What's gone right? What's gone wrong? And what are the keys for a drive to the Super Bowl? Here's a unit-by-unit look at the Packers.

Quarterbacks

What went right: Rather quietly, Aaron Rodgers is second in the NFL in passer rating. He's thrown 23 touchdowns vs. four interceptions – and that's after tossing two picks in a 38-3 loss in the opener. He returned to his MVP form of last season during the second-half comeback at Minnesota and the victory over Los Angeles.

What went wrong: Rodgers tested positive for COVID-19, which kept him out of a winnable game at Kansas City. Adding injury to insult, he suffered a broken pinkie toe at some point during his 10-day isolation. He practiced only on Friday before facing the Vikings and didn't practice at all before beating the Rams. The hope is the bye-week rest will get him on the road to recovery.

Key to rest of season: Rodgers has to be great. This is a diverse team, with its ability to run the football on offense and keep teams out of the end zone on defense, but it's also a team with a lot of injuries. As always, as Rodgers goes, so go the Packers. His last six quarters before the bye were encouraging. He picked apart the Rams with patience and precision.



Green Bay Packers receiver Davante Adams reaches out to catch a pass during the team's win over the Los Angeles Rams on Nov. 28 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. Adams has been the team's only consistent weapon in the passing game to this point in the season.

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Running backs

What went right: AJ Dillon showed he could catch the football. Dillon wasn't asked to do that during his collegiate career at Boston College, and he was thrown the ball only twice during his rookie season.

The coaches swore Dillon had good hands, and they were right. He's caught 27-of-29 passes for 261 yards and two touchdowns. His

93.1% catch rate is third in the NFL. In the last four games, he caught all 17 passes for 171 yards and one score.

What went wrong: The Packers, having navigated their salary-cap problems, surprisingly re-signed Aaron Jones in free agency. He entered the season with a career average of 5.16 yards per carry. That was fifth-best in NFL history among running backs. This year, he's aver-

aging only 4.24 yards per carry.

Key to rest of season: Jones has averaged less than 4 yards per carry in four of his last five games. Moreover, his 5.1 yards per touch lags well behind last year's 5.9. As one of the team's few game-breaking threats, the Packers have to get him going — whether it's runs, screens or true receiver routes.

Receivers

What went right: Davante Adams is doing typical Davante Adams things. He's caught 80 passes for 1,083 yards and five touchdowns. He's caught at least six passes in five consecutive games and entered the bye by catching 15-of-17 targets for 219 yards and two touchdowns vs. the Vikings and Rams.

Rodgers was right to convince general manager Brian Gutekunst to acquire Randall Cobb at the start of training camp. He's been a reliable complementary piece, and 20 of his 28 receptions have been for first downs.

Back from a hamstring injury, Marquez Valdes-Scantling had a 41-yard catch vs. Seattle, four catches for 123 yards and one touchdown vs. Minnesota and four catches for 50 yards vs. the Rams.

What went wrong: After a strong training camp, Valdes-Scantling and Allen Lazard appeared ready to be reliable options alongside Adams. That hasn't happened, though.

The injury kept Valdes-Scantling out for five games. Lazard has handled the dirty work with his usual aplomb but has as many incomplete targets this year (19 catches out of 32 targets) as last year (33 catches out of 46 targets). That includes 3-of-10 the past two games with two drops.



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Key to rest of season: Defenses are going to continue to gang up on Adams. Somebody must step to the forefront. It doesn't have to be one player being that reliable No. 2 option. It could be Valdes-Scantling one game, Lazard the next and Cobb after that. As offensive coordinator Nathaniel Hackett said on Monday, "When your number's called, you've got to do the right thing."

Tight ends

What went right: Marcedes Lewis continues to block at a high level at the point of attack, Josiah Deguara caught a touchdown pass on a scramble drill at Minnesota and Dominique Dafney has blocked well and stripped the ball on punt coverage vs. the Rams. Otherwise, not much has gone right.

What went wrong: Robert Tonyan was one of the NFL's breakout standouts last season, when he led all NFL tight ends in touchdowns, catch percentage and drop percentage. Asked to contribute more as a blocker to start this season due to injuries on the offensive line, he wasn't nearly as impactful as a receiver. But he caught four passes for 63 yards vs. Washington in week seven and had a 33-yard catch at

Arizona in week eight.

Right when it looked like Tonyan was ready to reprise his role as big-play receiver, he suffered a torn ACL at the end of that play. The injury was a huge blow to the offense. Moreover, Tonyan will be an unrestricted free agent at the end of the season. He might be ready at some point in training camp, but there's no doubt the injury will impact his next contract.

Key to rest of season: Tonyan was irreplaceable. No tight end on the roster could match his combination of height, athleticism, catching ability and connection with the quarterback. At 6-foot-2, Deguara is more a jack-of-all-trades player than a true tight end. Still, he's the one player with some dynamic receiving ability. He's not going to catch 25 passes and score five touchdowns during the final five games of the regular season but anything he could produce would be a bonus.

Offensive line

What went right: With David Bakhtiari returning from last year's torn ACL, Elgton Jenkins showed he was much more than one of the best guards in the NFL. By moving to left tackle, he showed he was

one of the best linemen in the NFL, period. With Jenkins sidelined by injuries, Yosh Nijman showed he could play winning football at left tackle, too. A lot of teams don't have one left tackle. The Packers have three.

What went wrong: Injuries, injuries and more injuries. Just when it looked like Bakhtiari was ready to return to starting the lineup, his comeback hit a snag and he had clean-up procedure on his reconstructed left knee. Maybe he'll return to practice after the bye. Jenkins missed three early-season games with a sprained ankle, then suffered a torn ACL.

Rookie center Josh Myers also is out with a knee injury that required surgery, though he might return for the stretch run. So, instead of a starting wall of Bakhtiari at left tackle, Jenkins at left guard, Myers at center, rookie Royce Newman at right guard and veteran Billy Turner at right tackle, the Packers lined up vs. the Rams with Nijman at left tackle, Jon Runyan at left guard, Lucas Patrick at center, Newman at right guard and Turner at right tackle.

Key to rest of season: Bakhtiari's return might be the biggest key for any team at any position. With

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An outlook on the defense and special teams can be found on pages 12-13.

a healthy Bakhtiari, the Packers probably would have gone to last year's Super Bowl. After all, with Bakhtiari at left tackle and Turner at right tackle instead of Turner at left tackle and Rick Wagner at right tackle, it's almost impossible to believe the Buccaneers would have recorded five sacks.

If Bakhtiari can return to his All-Pro form for the playoffs, it would allow coach Matt LaFleur to open up the offense.

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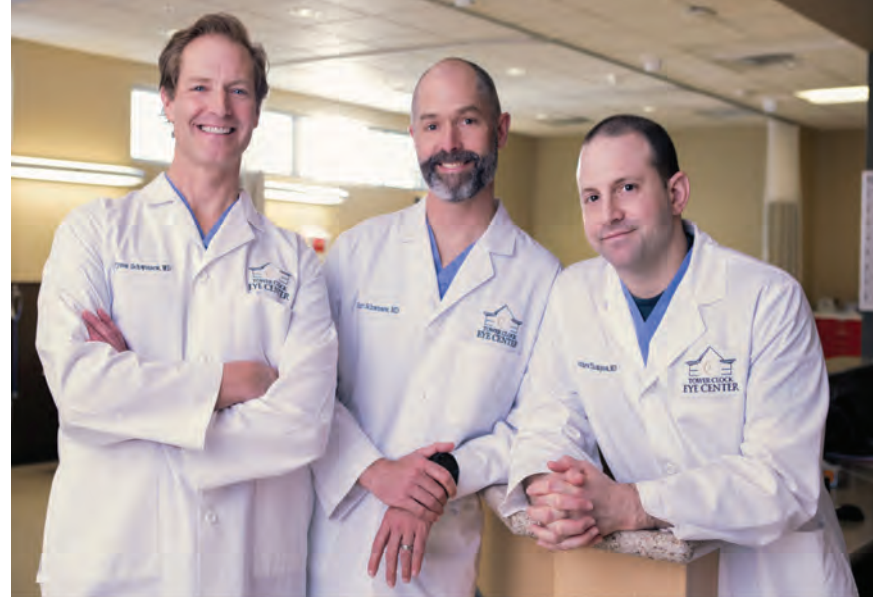
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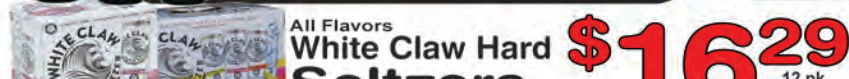


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Minnesota @ Detroit
Indianapolis @ Houston
Denver @ Kansas City
NY Giants @ Miami
Philadelphia @ NY Jets
Washington @ Las Vegas
Jacksonville @ LA Rams
Baltimore @ Pittsburgh
San Francisco @ Seattle
New England @ Buffalo Mon., Dec. 6

Tie Breaker Game:
Dallas @ New Orleans....Thursday, December 2

Weekly Standings	Weekly Record	Overall Record	Weekly Standings	Weekly Record	Overall Record
God's Purpose	7-8.....	119-60-1	Shawan Place Assisted Living	8-7	108-71-1
Tim Murphy	10-5.....	113-66-1	Smokey Joes.....	10-5.....	108-71-1
Buss Automotive.....	10-5.....	111-68-1	State Farm-Idell Johnston	8-7	108-71-1
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Minnesota LA Rams
Indianapolis Pittsburgh
Kansas City San Francisco

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score : Dallas 31 @ New Orleans 28



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This Week's Picks:

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Cincinnati Las Vegas
Minnesota LA Rams
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Tie Breaker Game:

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Kansas City	San Francisco	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Dallas 36 @ New Orleans 24



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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Dallas 31 @ New Orleans 13



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This Week's Picks:

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Cincinnati	Las Vegas	
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Dallas 21 @ New Orleans 17



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This Week's Picks:

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Arizona	Philadelphia	
Cincinnati	Las Vegas	
Minnesota	LA Rams	
Indianapolis	Baltimore	
Kansas City	San Francisco	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Dallas 31 @ New Orleans 23



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P&D Sales
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This Week's Picks:

Tampa Bay	Miami	New England
Arizona	Philadelphia	
Cincinnati	Las Vegas	
Minnesota	LA Rams	
Indianapolis	Baltimore	
Kansas City	San Francisco	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Dallas 31 @ New Orleans 17



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Tampa Bay	NY Giants	Buffalo
Arizona	Philadelphia	
Cincinnati	Las Vegas	
Minnesota	LA Rams	
Indianapolis	Baltimore	
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Dallas 31 @ New Orleans 17



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This Week's Picks:

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Arizona	NY Jets	
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Final Score: Dallas 28 @ New Orleans 14



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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Dallas 28 @ New Orleans 17



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This Week's Picks:

Tampa Bay	Miami	New England
Arizona	Philadelphia	
Cincinnati	Las Vegas	
Minnesota	LA Rams	
Indianapolis	Baltimore	
Kansas City	San Francisco	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Dallas 35 @ New Orleans 13



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This Week's Picks:

Tampa Bay	NY Giants	New England
Arizona	Philadelphia	
LA Chargers	Las Vegas	
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Dallas 27 @ New Orleans 20



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Arizona	Philadelphia	
Cincinnati	Las Vegas	
Minnesota	LA Rams	
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Dallas 27 @ New Orleans 24



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Tie Breaker Game:

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This Week's Picks:

Tampa Bay	Miami	Buffalo
Arizona	Philadelphia	
LA Chargers	Las Vegas	
Minnesota	LA Rams	
Indianapolis	Baltimore	
Kansas City	Seattle	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Dallas 27 @ New Orleans 21



Aaron
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This Week's Picks:

Tampa Bay	Miami	Buffalo
Arizona	Philadelphia	
LA Chargers	Las Vegas	
Minnesota	LA Rams	
Indianapolis	Baltimore	
Kansas City	San Francisco	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Dallas 37 @ New Orleans 27



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This Week's Picks:

Tampa Bay	Miami	Buffalo
Arizona	NY Jets	
Cincinnati	Las Vegas	
Minnesota	LA Rams	
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Tie Breaker Game:

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PACKERS OUTLOOK: DEFENSE AND SPECIAL TEAMS

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

The Green Bay Packers survived a 12-game gauntlet of games and injuries with a 9-3 record. They're just a half-game behind the Arizona Cardinals for the No. 1 seed in the NFC. What's gone right? What's gone wrong? And what are the keys for a drive to the Super Bowl? Here's a unit-by-unit look at the Packers.

Defensive line

What went right: A healthy Kenny Clark is a dominant Kenny Clark. In 2019, he was the only defensive tackle in the NFL to finish in the top 10 of Pro Football Focus' top pass-rushing and run-stopping metrics. Last year's groin injury took the explosion out of Clark's game, and the rest of the defense suffered. He's been healthy this season and returned to form.

He is second among all interior defenders with 47 pressures. The Packers could have released Dean Lowry to save money against the cap. Instead, he returned on a restructured deal and is having his best season.

What went wrong: As a whole, this group needs to be stronger against the run. Tyler Lancaster dominated against Minnesota, and rookie TJ Slaton flashed vs. Kansas City. The Packers need more of that.

Key to rest of season: Along with a healthy Clark, Kingsley Keke was the great hope for an improved defensive line. In his first eight games, he recorded only nine pressures. Then, he missed two games with a concussion. However, he returned for the final two games before the bye and recorded seven pressures. If that's a sign of things to come, look out.

Outside linebackers

What went right: With 6½ sacks in 12 games, Rashan Gary isn't even among the top 20 in the NFL in sacks. Sacks mean accolades, so chances are Gary will be ignored for the Pro Bowl. That's too bad, because Gary has been tremendous.

According to Pro Football Focus, he's seventh among edge defenders with 50 pressures. More than just a pass rusher, his brute force and relentless style make him an asset vs. the run. He is a dominating player, which is why he was taken with the 12th pick in 2019. Preston



Green Bay Packers receiver Amari Rodgers, center, returns a punt during the team's game against the Los Angeles Rams on Nov. 28 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. The Packers will need to clean up several aspects of special teams in the final stretch of the season.

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Smith, back on a revamped contract after a dismal 2020 season, already has more pressures this season (36) than last season (29). He's terrific against the run, too.

What went wrong: Za'Darius Smith had 26 sacks in his first two seasons with the Packers. He led the NFL in pressures in 2019 and had a career-high four forced fumbles in 2020. He's been a non-factor this season, though, due to a back injury that limited him to one practice in training camp and 18 snaps in the opener.

Smith, veteran addition Whitney Mercilus, Chauncey Rivers and special-teams ace Randy Ramsey are on injured reserve. Against the Rams, the backups were Tipa Galeai (promoted from the practice squad) and La'Darius Hamilton (game day elevation from the practice squad).

Key to rest of season: The Packers are hoping Za'Darius Smith will return, but they're not counting on it. At this point, a positive scenario would be Gary and Preston Smith staying off the injury report.

Inside linebackers

What went right: Nobody signed

veteran starter De'Vondre Campbell through the first few waves of free agency. So, the Packers snatched him up in mid-June. He's been a savior.

Campbell is the best inside linebacker the Packers have had since Desmond Bishop a decade ago. He is eighth in the NFL with 98 tackles. Of the top 10 in tackles, Campbell is the only player with at least one sack, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery and one interception. He is smart, physical and a sure-tackler. In the passing game, his length is a major factor.

What went wrong: It took far too long to settle on Krys Barnes as the other starter. In early October, the Packers signed Jaylon Smith. Against Chicago, Smith played 17 snaps in his debut and Barnes was relegated to scraps. The Smith recitation project didn't pan out and Barnes has been the beneficiary. The past five games, he's averaged about 35 snaps and recorded 32 tackles.

Key to rest of season: The Packers have their duo. Campbell has been consistently excellent. If Barnes can play like he did against the Rams, when he had nine tackles,

one pass breakup and one quarterback pressure, this will be a difference-making tandem. That's something that hasn't been said about a set of Packers inside linebackers in years.

Cornerbacks

What went right: Gutekunst made two critically important moves. First, he used his No. 1 draft pick on Eric Stokes – a combination of size, speed and untapped potential. Second, he signed Rasul Douglas off Arizona's practice squad. Those two have been mostly excellent.

Stokes got torched at Minnesota in week 11 but pitched a shutout vs. Seattle in week 10 and gave up only three trivial completions in week 12 against the Rams. He's frequently been matched against the opponents' top receiver and lived to tell the tale. Douglas, on his fourth team this season, saved the victory over Arizona with his end-zone interception and had a pick-six against the Rams.

What went wrong: All-Pro cornerback Jaire Alexander delivered a wicked shot to bruising Steelers running back Najee Harris in week

four. Alexander made the play but suffered a shoulder injury that's kept him out the past eight games. With Kevin King in and out of the lineup with his usual assortment of injuries, Green Bay's starting duo has combined to play in 10 games while missing 14.

Key to rest of season: If Alexander can return, the Packers' Super Bowl hopes will get a huge shot in the arm. Stokes has been battle-tested against the likes of Cincinnati's Ja'Marr Chase, Seattle's D.K. Metcalf and Tyler Lockett and Minnesota's Justin Jefferson. Stokes hasn't won every rep but he's won enough of them.

Now, imagine the potential of a cornerback group of Alexander, Stokes, Douglas, King and Chandon Sullivan. In a quarterback-driven league, the Packers will have the horses in the secondary to match up with anyone.

Safeties

What went right: Injuries have plagued the team but the starting tandem of Adrian Amos and Darnell Savage have stayed healthy. They are the glue to the defense. Amos is having a tremendous season. He's made big plays vs. the pass (one interception and three

passes defended vs. Seattle) and the run (fourth-and-inches stop of Rams running back Darrell Henderson). He's one of the best tacklers in the NFL.

What went wrong: Savage has one interception but has dropped three, second-most in the league, according to Sports Info Solutions. One of those could have won the game at Minnesota.

Key to rest of season: Amos and Savage are generally in the right place at the right time. They just need to make the plays when they've got the chance. That's not just the flashy things like interceptions but tackling. Amos has missed only three all season, and Savage is on a five-game streak without a miss.

Special teams

What went right: The Packers acquired Corey Bojorquez from the Rams at the end of training camp. JK Scott, a fifth-round pick in 2018, had net averages of 38.8 yards as a rookie (26th), 39.9 yards in 2019 (24th) and 37 yards in 2020 (28th). Bojorquez is second in the league with a 43-yard net.

He pinned the Rams inside the 15 three times last week, including one that was downed at the 1. He has

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An outlook on the offense can be found on pages 6-7.

only two touchbacks; one of those was his league-high 81-yard punt at Chicago.

What went wrong: Just about everything else. Green Bay is 31st in punt-return average (5.9), 30th in kickoff-return average (18.2) and 27th in kickoff-coverage average (25.9). Simply fielding the ball has been an adventure for rookie returner Amari Rodgers. So, the Packers put Cobb back deep vs. the Rams, and he promptly dropped the ball.

Of course, the Packers could deal with the lousy returns so long as Mason Crosby was kicking the ball between the uprights. He missed only two field-goal attempts in 2019 and zero in 2020. This year, he's missed a league-high nine and made a league-worst 66.7%. He has a miss in four consecutive games, the second-longest streak of his career, and has drilled an upright the past two weeks. Bad holds by Bojorquez, bad snaps by Steven Wirtel and bad protection have had a role, but Crosby's not without blame.

Key to rest of season: On kicks,

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the protection, snaps and holds have improved. It's time to start making kicks. The Packers are 9-3 and legitimate Super Bowl contenders, but they're not so dominant that they can afford to leave points on the field every week. Maybe the one-week break will clear Crosby's head.

So long as Crosby rounds into form, punts are caught and returners are tackled, any other positive contributions will be a bonus.



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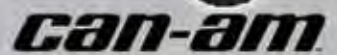


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Governor declares 'Shop Small Wisconsin'

Wisconsinites encouraged to shop local this holiday season

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers has proclaimed Nov. 27 through Dec. 31 “Shop Small Wisconsin” across the state, an initiative to encourage Wisconsinites to shop local and support Wisconsin’s Main Streets and small businesses during the holiday season.

The governor, together with cabinet members, shared a video message celebrating “Shop Small Wisconsin” and encouraging Wisconsinites to shop at local small businesses during the holidays.

Small businesses are the hearts of many Main Streets and communities in every corner of the state. Shopping at local small businesses and Main Streets is an investment in local jobs, supports strong communities, and helps contribute to Wisconsin’s continued economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic.

“Our small businesses have been incredibly hit hard during this pandemic, but they’ve also been so resilient,” Evers says in the video message. “We’ve been working hard to get economic relief out the door to help tens of thousands of Wisconsin’s small businesses throughout this pandemic.”

He notes that more than 1,000 businesses have opened new shops and offices with help from Main Street Bounceback grants.



Gov. Tony Evers and several cabinet members appear in a video message encouraging Wisconsinites to patronize their local businesses during the Christmas shopping season.

“You can help us keep up this good work by shopping at your local businesses and main streets this season,” added Kathy Blumenfeld, secretary of the Department of Financial Institutions.

With several cabinet members reading a phrase, the video message continues, “When we support our small businesses and our main streets, we’re supporting our farmers and their families...we are supporting

our veterans...we’re supporting our tourism industry...we’re supporting our communities, and we’re helping make sure they recover and bounce back from this pandemic even better than before.”

Text of Evers' 'Shop Small' proclamation

WHEREAS; small businesses are in every corner of Wisconsin, from our biggest cities to our smallest towns, and our Main Streets are the hearts of our communities, acting as catalysts for our local economies and supporting the livelihoods of so many Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; small businesses are powerful drivers for local economies, as they are more likely to utilize other local businesses such as banks, service providers, and farms, and research suggests that for every dollar spent at a local business, 67 cents will stay in the community; and

WHEREAS; in the face of the coronavirus pandemic, small businesses across Wisconsin have shown remarkable resilience, ingenuity, and creativity to keep their businesses afloat, developing new and innovative ways to help customers shop safely by complying with public health ordinances and by offering online shopping, curbside pickup, delivery, and other services; and

WHEREAS; as our state continues to recover from the coronavirus pandemic, supporting Wisconsin’s small businesses has never been more important, and shopping local is an investment in local jobs, supports strong communities, and contributes to our state’s overall economic recovery and success; and

WHEREAS; in partnership with the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) and the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR), the state of Wisconsin has worked tirelessly to get economic relief out the door to help tens of thousands of local small businesses throughout the pandemic; and

WHEREAS; utilizing our funding from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, we invested nearly \$240 million in our We’re All In small business grant program that provided assistance to nearly 55,000 small businesses across our state; and

WHEREAS; through our federal American Rescue Plan Act funds, we allocated \$600 million toward our small businesses, which included committing as much as \$420 million through the Wisconsin Tomorrow Small Business Recovery grant program to help as many as 84,000 Wisconsin small businesses; and

WHEREAS; we also utilized American Rescue Plan Act funding to support small businesses moving into vacant storefronts through the Main Street Bounceback grant program, along with programs that increase equity and eliminate disparities for small business owners in our state; and

WHEREAS; this holiday season, the state of Wisconsin joins WEDC, DOR, community leaders, local small businesses, and other partners across the public and private sectors in encouraging all Wisconsinites to celebrate local small businesses and the many contributions they make to our communities each and every day, and to show their support by shopping local and safely patronizing their favorite small businesses and Main Streets;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim November 27 through December 31, 2021, as

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Sunday, October 11	3:25 pm	Pittsburgh Steelers (SOL)	CBS
Sunday, October 17	NOON*	@ Cincinnati Bengals	FOX
Sunday, October 24	NOON*	@ Chicago Bears	FOX
Thursday, October 28	8:20 pm	WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM	FOX
		@ Arizona Cardinals	FOX
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Sunday, November 07	3:25 pm*	@ Kansas City Chiefs	FOX
Sunday, November 14	3:25 pm*	SEATTLE SEAHAWKS	CBS
Sunday, November 21	NOON*	@ Minnesota Vikings	FOX
Sunday, November 28	5:25 pm*	LOS ANGELES RAMS (SOL)	FOX
DECEMBER			
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Sunday, December 12	2:28 pm*	INDIANAPOLIS COLTS	NBC
Sunday, December 19	NOON*	@ Baltimore Ravens	FOX
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