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Green Bay Packers quarterback Jordan Love passes the ball against the Detroit Lions on Nov. 3 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. The Lions won the game, 24-14. TORK MASON/USA TODAY NETWORK-WISCONSIN

Grand Chute to seek new town admin.

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The Town of Grand Chute is once again seeking a new administrator. Richard Downey resigned effective Aug. 31 in what Grand Chute Town Chair Beth English told The Post-Crescent was a "mutually agreed upon separation." The town "wishes him much success in his future endeavors," she said Sept. 3.



Downey was appointed to the town administrator role in December 2022 and started on Jan. 8, 2023. He succeeded interim administrator Jeff O'Dell, who was placed in the role in June 2022 following the firing of the previous administrator, Jim March, on May 2, 2022. Downey previously served a short stint in 2022 as assistant city administrator in Altoona, a community of 8,800 people located just east of Eau Claire, and was also village administrator for Kronenwetter, a community of 8,500 located south of Wausau, from 2012 to 2022. The process to appoint an interim administrator was started at the Sept. 2 town board meeting, English said, and the town is hiring a firm to help fill the vacant administrator position. English did not share details as to why Downey left the position. Duke Behnke contributed to this report. Contact Kelli Arseneau at (920) 213-3721 or karseneau@gannett.com. Follow her on Twitter at @ArseneauKelli.

Here's what you need to know for Packers vs. Lions

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This will be the first time the Green Bay Packers open a season at home since 2018, and only the third time in 13 years. The Packers won their home opener in each of the last 12 seasons, which could help balance the fact they are 1-6 against the Lions in the last seven games. Expect a lot of Detroit fans in attendance. They seem to like coming to Lambeau Field (they are not alone), and since the Lions won the NFC North the last two years, they've been particularly enthusiastic. This also will be alumni weekend, with a focus on players from Super Bowl XLV in 2011. More details on that will be updated when they are available. Here is what you need to know about the home-opener weekend.

Black Crowes concert to kick off kickoff weekend
Bluesy rock band The Black Crowes will hold a free concert at 5 p.m. Sept. 6 in the Lambeau Field parking lot. As a result, South Ridge Road will be closed to traffic between the entrance to Titledown near Lombardi Avenue and Mike Aubinger Way. The stage will be near the Bellin Health gate. Lambeau Field's west parking lot and Titledown will be blocked off for fans attending the concert. Fans can enter from the far west end of Titledown, from South Ridge Road and from near the Bellin gate. People can bring blankets and chairs to the Kickoff Weekend concert, but carry-ins such as coolers, outside food and drink, umbrellas and tents are not permitted. Food and beverages will be available for purchase in the Lambeau Field parking lot and at Titledown.

Sunday will provide great weather for Lions game
Sunday afternoon, Sept. 7, will be perfect for football, according to the National Weather Service Green Bay. The forecast is for mostly sunny skies with a high of 64. Titledown hosts Gameday at Titledown with band, alumni
Titledown Gameday Live, from 11:35 a.m.-3:25 p.m., will include the rock band Boogie and the Yo Yoz on the gameday stage and Packers Hall of Famers Lynn Dickey and Paul Coffman meeting fans. Lambeau Field ranked No. 1
USA TODAY and Sports Illustrated ranked Lambeau Field No. 1 among the See PACKERS, Page 2A

Mr. Frogs on the Ave surrenders alcohol license

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Mr. Frogs on the Ave surrendered its alcoholic beverage license on the afternoon of Sept. 3, just before Appleton's Common Council was set to meet and proceed with the revocation of the license. During the meeting later that night, Mayor Jake Woodford made it clear for the record that due to the agent of the business surrendering the license, no action was needed from the board. He emphasized the licenses would now be available for any new applicant taking

over the property at 425 W. College Ave. Had the Common Council revoked the license, no new license could have been issued for the property for a minimum of six months. Appleton's Safety and Licensing Committee recommended the city revoke the licenses of Rivera Restaurants LLC, doing business as Mr. Frogs, during its meeting on Aug. 27. The owner and agent of Mr. Frogs is Vanessa Alvarado, who was represented by attorney John Miller Carroll during the meeting. Carroll initially asked the committee to consider a lesser penalty than revocation.

How did Mr. Frogs land in trouble?
Businesses that accumulate 200 or more demerit points within a three-year period can have their licenses revoked. According to a 24-page complaint against Mr. Frogs signed and submitted by police Lt. Meghan Cash, four incidents resulted in nine convictions in Outagamie County Circuit Court, leading to 265 demerit points. Sept. 14, 2024: Police responded to a disturbance at Mr. Frogs that spilled into the alley behind the bar. The investigation resulted in convictions for underage drinking, resisting or obstructing an officer and possession of mari-

juana. 45 demerit points for failing to maintain order Nov. 8, 2024: Police witnessed a 20-year-old woman enter Mr. Frogs after being denied entry to two other bars on College Avenue. Alvarado was convicted of allowing an underage person to enter or remain on the premises. 80 demerit points March 3, 2025: Police investigated a fight outside Mr. Frogs, determining the altercation started inside the bar after 2 a.m. Three men were convicted of disorderly conduct, and Alvarado was convicted of operating after hours. 95 See ALCOHOL, Page 2A

