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This house along County Road Q in Wittenberg lights up the neighborhood as Christmas inches closer.

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Wittenberg sports complex campaign suspended

Rogowski cites insufficient funds as reason for halt

By **LUKE REIMER**

Reporter

The proposed sports complex in Wittenberg has come to a halt.

The project, which was lead by Jerry Aanonsen, a former dean of students at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School, was recently suspended.

“At this point we just have insufficient funding for the complex,” said Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District Superintendent Garrett Rogowski. “Jerry sent us a message, thanking everyone for their help and support trying to make this come to fruition.”

Rogowski, who assisted Aanonsen in finding pledges for the complex said that they didn’t find a major pledge contributor.

“We were hoping for some major contributors,” said Rogowski. “It’s not going to work if everyone only pledges \$100 across the board.”

The sports complex was originally a part of a referendum, but was voted down. Due to an influx of student athletes and limited space, Aanonsen had originally envisioned the complex to be used to host practices for Wittenberg-Birnamwood students.

“The taxpayers have already committed to the projects that were on the referendum,” said Rogowski.

The total project was estimated to



Jerry Aanonsen, a former coach, teacher, athletic director and dean of students at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School speaks to an audience, giving them updates on the proposed sports complex in Wittenberg at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School on June 22.

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cost between \$2.5 million and \$3 million.

In late June, Aanonsen had collected just short of \$150,000 in pledges.

“I want to give Jerry a lot of credit for heading this project,” said Rogowski. “We just have to move forward. Nothing really came to be.”

Rogowski said that the operational costs to the Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School are a priority.

“At this point, the project is not

feasible,” said Rogowski.

He added that sports practices will continue with the process that is already in place, including coaches working together to find times when their teams can use the gymnasium.

“We have to utilize our small facility space,” said Rogowski. “It is unfortunate for kids who are getting home from practice at a late hour.”

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Christmas spirit alive in Tigerton

Festival of Lights will not feature voting on trees due to COVID-19

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Christmas spirit is in the air in Tigerton.

The annual festival of lights, that is sponsored by Tigerton Main Street, kicked off on Dec. 3 with the tree lighting in the village hall and a visit from the Grinch. The trees will be on display through Christmas.

"We had about 81 kids come through to meet the Grinch," said Tigerton Main Street manager Andrea Graham.

Twenty-three trees that were decorated and designed by various businesses and organizations are on display in the village hall.

"We are down about eight trees than normal years," said Graham. "This may be due to COVID-19 last year and people still having that in their mind."

In recent years, Tigerton residents were given the opportunity to visit the village hall and vote on what tree that they liked the most.



Trees are displayed in the Tigerton Village Hall for the festival of lights that began on Dec. 3 in Tigerton.

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This was not held last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. That trend

continues this year, as officials with the Tigerton Main Street have seen

COVID-19 going around.

Graham said that the village hall has been booked with many different parties. She added that allowing these businesses and organizations decorate trees helps to get into Christmas spirit.

"This is really the start up of the holiday season here," said Graham. "This is another event that can bring people in the community together. It has been warmly received."

She added that visitors do have the opportunity to see the trees this year.

"Visitors can come and see the trees per request," said Graham.

As people continue to receive vaccinations, Graham said that normal COVID-19 recommendations will be in place when visitors come and see the trees.

"It will just be basic things, like keeping a safe distance and coming in if you feel comfortable," said Graham. "Masks will be provided, if wanted as well."

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Best Goods:

- ☐ Flower Shop _____
- ☐ Grocery Store _____
- ☐ Hardware Store _____
- ☐ Tile/Flooring _____

Best Services:

- ☐ A/C & Heating _____
- ☐ Bank _____
- ☐ Child Care _____
- ☐ Chiropractor _____
- ☐ Credit Union _____
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BALLOT #2

Best Thing To Do:

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Snowplows need room to operate on roads

The Shawano County Highway Department is reminding motorists to be extra cautious when driving near snowplows and to consider staying off roadways when winter storms make travel treacherous.

Most collisions between snowplows and other vehicles occur when the snowplow is rear-ended, usually by a driver traveling too fast for conditions. Snowplow operators may need to slow down or stop as part of their operations. Visibility is poor during major winter storms and is another reason to simply stay off roadways until conditions improve, according to highway commissioner Grant Bystol.

State law requires drivers to stay at least 200 feet behind a snowplow engaged in snow/ice removal upon any highway with a posted speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour, Bystol said.

Bystol also noted that plowing snow from private driveways onto the roadway is illegal per state statutes. It causes many concerns for public safety as well as damage to vehicles and plowing equipment when piles of snow are left on the roadway or shoulders.



A pair of snowplows hit Green Bay Street in Shawano on Dec. 6 to clear the road for motorists after more than 7 inches fell from that snowstorm. When the plows are on the road, motorists need to give them at least 200 feet of space to work in order to avoid collisions.

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OBITUARIES

Colette Marie Kenney (nee Contney), of Mukwonago, was called home by her Lord and Savior to join her husband, Patrick, on Dec. 12, 2021, at the age of 82.

She is the loving mother of Bridget (Jay) Christiansen, of Mukwonago, Colleen Kenney, of Milwaukee, and Shannon (Edward) GaNun, of Savannah, Georgia. Proud grandmother of Katlyn Christiansen, Alexander Christiansen, Andrew Christiansen, Natalie GaNun, Jacqueline GaNun and James GaNun. She is further



and sister-in-law John and Dawn Contney.

Colette was a stay-at-home mom for her children during their forma-

survived by other relatives and many friends.

Colette was preceded in death by her husband, Patrick; parents, Francis and Rose Contney; and brother

tive years and then went back to college to earn her teaching degree. The majority of her teaching years were spent at St. John the Baptist in Plymouth until her retirement in 2001. In her retirement years, Colette loved cheering on her grandchildren and their friends at sporting events and spending time with family and friends. She was a special grandma to many and a friend to all who met her.

Visitation will be held Monday, Dec. 20, 2021, at St. James Catholic

Church, 830 E. Veteran's Way, Mukwonago, from 1 p.m. until the time of the funeral Mass at 3 p.m. Burial will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 21 at noon at Calvary Cemetery in Fond du Lac.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Colette's memory to St. James Catholic Church or Linden Ridge Mukwonago.

Schmidt and Bartelt Funeral in Mukwonago is assisting the family with the funeral arrangements. www.schmidtandbartelt.com

Cheri Pleshek

Cheri A. Pleshek, 74, passed away in her home on Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021, in Shawano. She was born on July 22, 1947, to the late Wilbert and Ethel (Ziemer) Mouille in Shawano. She attended Shawano High School. Cheri was united in marriage with Roger J. Pleshek until his death on May 3, 1991. She was a homemaker until his passing and then used her cooking skills at the Menominee



ies with her twin sister.

Casino Resort in Keshena. Cheri enjoyed cooking and caring for her home as well as going to rummage sales. She most enjoyed making delicious Christmas cook-

She is survived by her children, Robin (Barrington) Neil, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and John Pleshek, of Shawano; grandchildren, Cassandra Heling-Pleshek and Logan Pleshek, twin sister, Sandra Montonati, of Two Rivers; and nieces, Kristy (Len) Armstrong and Julie Krogh, of Two Rivers. She is further survived by her beloved pug, Chase.

Cheri is preceded in death by her husband, Roger; parents; an infant brother, Wilbert; and brother-in-law, James Montonati.

A funeral service for Cheri was held Monday, Dec. 13, 2021, at St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano with the Rev. Mark Drengher officiating. Burial was at Lake Drive Cemetery in Wescott.

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Shelby Jean Bahr

Shelby Jean Bahr, 81, passed away on Dec. 9, 2021. She was born March 5, 1940, to the late Alfred and Alta (Rasmussen) Gunderson in New London. On June 11, 1960, she was united in marriage to her high school sweetheart, Dennis Bahr, for 49 years until he passed away on Aug. 9, 2009.

Shelby worked in the offices of the University of Maryland, Shawano County, Shawano Hospital and Wallrich Insurance. She enjoyed babysitting for numerous grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends. She was a housekeeper at Best Western and Country Inn and Suites/Settle Inn and Suites until retirement.

Shelby enjoyed trips to the Wisconsin State Fair, Brewers games and spending time with her family at the Fischer Family Farm during



Washington Inn, drinking brandy and waters. She even was given the permission to do the early "kitchen door sneak in" at 3:45 p.m. and control the television remotes. This left her becoming more than just Shelby but "Ma," "Mom" and "Grandma" to so many. In 2012, she became special friends with Jerry Temple, in her many visits to the Washington Inn. They then enjoyed their time together camping at Portfield and Hodag country festivals, in addition

deer hunting season. She truly enjoyed her trips with Dennis to Branson, Missouri.

She loved to socialize with her many friends and family at the Washington Inn, drinking brandy and waters. She even was given the permission to do the early "kitchen door sneak in" at 3:45 p.m. and control the television remotes. This left her becoming more than just Shelby but "Ma," "Mom" and "Grandma" to so many. In 2012, she became special friends with Jerry Temple, in her many visits to the Washington Inn. They then enjoyed their time together camping at Portfield and Hodag country festivals, in addition

to their time spent at the Washington Inn.

Shelby was a beloved mom, grandma, great-grandma, sister, auntie and friend to so many. She always greeted you with open arms and a loving smile.

She is survived by a sister, Mary Ellen (nee Gunderson) (Roy) Fischer; daughter-in-law, Sally Bahr (fiancee Kevin Schneidewend); grandchildren, Jesse (Amber) Bahr and Katie Bahr; great-niece, "granddaughter," Desi (Cody) Owen; great-grandchildren, Jady and Jackson Bahr; sisters-in-law, Verna Brusewitz and Diana Bahr; many nieces and nephews; Jerry's sons, Todd and Troy Temple; and beloved pets, Maggie, Cinder, Pepe, Jack and her favorite, Bella.

Shelby was preceded in death by her husband, Dennis; son, Jeff;

special friend, Jerry Temple; father and mother, Alfred and Alta Gunderson; brother, James Gunderson; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Paul and Edna Bahr; brothers-in-law and sister-in-law, Roger Bahr, Danny Brusewitz and Dave and Erna Bahr.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 13, 2021, at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bonduel, with the Rev. Timothy Shoup officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery at a later date.

The Swedberg-Wendt Funeral Home in Bonduel is assisting the family with arrangements.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Aurora Hospice, and a huge thank you to Sally and Kevin for their wonderful care.

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Frederick A. Turriffin

Frederick A. Turriffin, 82, of Cecil, found peace on Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2021, following a brief illness. He was born June 17, 1939, in Milwaukee to the late Lloyd and Margaret (Priebe) Turriffin. Fred was a 1957 graduate of Custer High School in Milwaukee. He married Judith Glime on April 20, 1968, in Milwaukee.

Fred was a service technician for Canteen Vending for his whole working career, retiring in 2002. He was a member of the Teamsters Union and Ducks Unlimited. Fred enjoyed hunting, especially deer hunting, or anything that gave him a reason to be in the woods. He and Judy spent many days volunteering at the Red River Rider Equestrian



Therapy Center in Shawano, assisting with the care of the horses and therapy rides. They also enjoyed adventures searching for just the right antique or valuable piece that they could claim and resell at some of the annual flea markets they attended. He was also a longtime, active member of Faith United Lutheran Church in Gillett. Over the last number of years Fred spent time with Judy every day, sitting with her, eating with her and staying at her side.

Fred is survived by his wife Judy,

Bonduel; daughters, Dawn (Larry) Fleuchaus, Franklin, and Claudine (Matt Horswill) Turriffin, West Allis; granddaughter, Brooklyn Fleuchaus; sisters-in-law, Dorothy Turriffin, Menominee Falls, Darlene Brunette, Green Bay, and Carol (Tim) Limberg, Wausaukee; nieces and nephews, Susan (Earl); Robert; Debbie (Al); Bonnie; Doug and Cheri (Tim).

He was preceded in death by two brothers, James Turriffin and Gordon Turriffin; and a nephew, Mark Turriffin.

A memorial service was held at Faith United Lutheran Church, 11465 Old U Road, Gillett, on Saturday, Dec. 11, with the Rev. John Laatsch officiating. Online

condolences may be sent to Fred's family at www.prokowall.com. In lieu of floral expressions, a memorial fund has been established in his name. To view the memorial service online, please go to the Faith United Lutheran Church Facebook Page at <https://m.facebook.com/Faith-United-Lutheran-Church-120504014628786>

Fred's family would like to extend their sincere gratitude to the nurses and staff at Aurora Baycare's ICU, as well as the staff at Meadowview in Bonduel where Judy resides, Pastor Laatsch, his church community and the many friends and neighbors who helped and looked after Fred and Judy over the years. Your kindness will always be remembered.

Evelyn A. Werth

Evelyn A. Werth passed away peacefully Dec. 5, 2021, in Wausau. She was born in March 1922 in New London, the daughter of Henry and Hattie (Lasch) Jannusch.

In addition to her parents, Evelyn was preceded in death by her husband, Wilmer Werth, and her brother, Dr. Rev. Merton Jannusch.

Survivors include her daughter, Linda (John) Nesseth, Colorado; son, Greg (Ann) Werth, Wausau; four grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, many step-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Ruth Jannusch; several nieces and nephew; other loving relatives and friends.

Evelyn attended St. Paul's Luther-

an Parochial School in Wittenberg, graduated from Wittenberg High School and attended Wausau Business Institute. She married Willmer "Will" Werth on April 18, 1944, during World War II. Following the war, they lived in Loves Park, Illinois, where their two children were born. After 25 years, they separated.

She married Vern Thompson, of Rothschild, and Will married another as well. Upon the deaths of their spouses, Evelyn and Will saw the Lord mightily work in their lives to bring them back together again, and they remarried Sept. 21, 1996. (Their son and daughter were their attendants.)

Evelyn was a very accomplished lady having worked at Employers Mutual Insurance Co. in Wausau; became district manager for Avon Products (received national awards and numerous other awards); worked at Lincoln Hills School in Irma; and later became the welcome wagon representative in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas.

Evelyn's whole life's passion and talent was music (piano/organ and singing for many years in the Zion Lutheran Church Choir, Wausau). She also enjoyed playing cards, reading, traveling and golf, which she played well into her 80s (her last one with her son). Her favorite

memories were the many years the whole family enjoyed going "up north" to Minocqua every weekend during summer and then later years, the "family honeymoons" in Florida. She was a great conversationalist and treasured time together with family and friends.

Private family services are planned for a later date, so the family requests that any memorial gifts be given to Zion Lutheran Church, Wausau, or Homme Home Foundation, Wittenberg, to support the Wausau Campus.

To share condolences and memories with the family, please visit www.brainardfuneral.com.

Shawano changing city hall hours in 2022

Building will open half-hour earlier, will close Friday afternoons

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Shawano City Hall will be changing its hours in 2022 in the hopes of having sufficient staff available to help when people come in to pay bills, pay taxes or have other business with the city government.

Beginning in January, city hall will open at 7 a.m. weekdays instead of 7:30 a.m. The building will close at 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday as it has previously. On Fridays, the building will close at 11 a.m.

City Clerk Lesley Nemetz told the Shawano Common Council as it was considering the schedule change Dec. 8 that doing this will

do away with the necessity of having employees take one hour for a lunch break, which reduces the number of staff available to help customers at noon, a time many utilize to come in and take care of business while on a lunch break from their jobs.

"We've been having lots of conversations regarding our current hours at city hall," Nemetz said. "We are typically down to one staff member up front (during lunch breaks), which is when a large majority of our customers are coming in. We struggle during heavy times like tax time and election time and those types of things."

The change allows the employees to take half-hour lunch breaks instead, something many employees prefer. Nemetz said there are usually so many things going on for a given day that many employees feel like being off for an hour is wasting time.

"Everybody hates the hour lunch," Nemetz said. "None of the

staff really leaves, so many of them are hanging out in the break room for an hour."

Nemetz noted that city hall has very little community traffic on Friday afternoons, so that is why it was recommended to only be open a half-day. She noted many cities have adopted this stance, while others have closed on Fridays altogether.

"We have spoken with a lot of area contractors, and a lot of times, when they want to start on a project that day, they would like to do it a little bit earlier, so opening at 7 instead of 7:30 would be an improvement for them," Nemetz said. "As you know, Shawano is an early-rise, early-home typically community. So having the ability to start a little earlier for our residents would be very helpful."

Nemetz noted the earlier time would be beneficial for when the city holds early morning meetings, as it would allow for employees to be around to open up the facility

without requiring them to work overtime.

Another benefit for closing on Friday afternoons, according to Nemetz, is that it would allow salaried staff to work at that time with fewer interruptions, allowing for more work to get done.

"They can get caught up on the really great projects we have going on in the city," she said.

Nemetz presented the option of having Friday hours of 8 a.m. to noon but told the council that having the 7-11 a.m. in place that day would provide consistency and let people know the city is open for business every weekday at 7 a.m.

"Right now, in the winter, thinking about getting off at 11 on Friday is here or there unless you're out snowmobiling or doing other things," Nemetz said. "In the summertime, obviously, that's a great perk to have to get off a little bit earlier."

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Youth to audition for Beauty and the Beast Jr.

Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. will bring a Disney musical to life with its junior performance of "Beauty and the Beast."

"Beauty and the Beast" is the story of an arrogant prince cursed to become a terrifying beast unless he finds true love. The production is directed by Elizabeth Jolly, and show dates are March 3-6 and March 10-13.

The musical calls for a variety of roles, both male and female, 18 years old (must be in high school) and under. Auditions are scheduled 6-8

p.m. Dec. 28-29 at the Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St., Abrams.

Those wishing to audition should prepare to sing 16-32 bars of a song from a musical (not "Beauty and the Beast"). They may sing a cappella or play a karaoke track on their phone. Individuals will also do a short, unrehearsed reading and learn and perform a short dance. Kids who audition are encouraged to wear comfortable clothes and shoes that they can dance in.

No previous experience is required, and no commitments are made by auditioning. Masking is optional, and social distancing will be in effect. Youth who are busy or not feeling well on the audition nights are encouraged to email theater.aspi@gmail.com for instructions on how to submit a video audition.

Children who feel a little shy about performing are invited to help behind the scenes. Email volunteers.aspi@gmail.com for information.

Rehearsals are tentatively

planned for 5-8 p.m. Sundays and 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays starting the first week of January. Not everyone will be required to be at every rehearsal. However, all cast is required to participate in all performances and attend rehearsals the weeks of Feb. 20 and Feb. 27.

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Wine lounge coming to downtown Shawano

City offers loan, grant to Stock Market for expansion plans

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Stock Market is accelerating its 10-year plan to expand its business footprint with plans to purchase the building currently occupied by Warren Nett and start up Shawano's first wine lounge.

Chelsea Gilling, one of the owners, announced the plans at the Dec. 8 Shawano Common Council meeting as she was seeking approval of a development agreement that would allow the purchase of the building, which houses both the Stock Market and Warren Nett currently. The agreement would allow the city to offer an \$80,000 grant and a \$200,000 low-interest loan through one of its tax-increment finance districts.

"The wine lounge is something that's totally foreign to us in the sense that we haven't done anything like that before," Gilling said. "It really does coincide, hand in hand, with all the things we're already doing at the Stock Market."

City Administrator Eddie Sheppard told the council that the city has been working with Gilling and Abby Wallrich, the other owner, for months on the Stock Market development agreement. The agreement was recommended by the city's Redevelopment Authority, but it also has been discussed by the finance committee and the industrial and commercial development committee, according to Sheppard.

"They've taken on quite the project," he said. "They're very detailed in the presentation to city staff."

Sheppard noted that the building is currently worth about \$190,000, according to an assessment from this year, but the renovation work could put the building's value between \$480,000 and \$600,000. Gilling and Wallrich are putting almost \$865,000 of work into the project, he said.

"This is one of those projects similar to Cornerstone Chiropractic, where a financial institution is only going to be able to finance so much,



Chelsea Gilling, co-owner for the Stock Market, tells the Shawano Common Council on Dec. 8 about plans for a new wine lounge in the facility current occupied by Warren Nett.

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because they're going to look at that ratio of value to what they're actually getting," Sheppard said. "To complete that project, there needed to be an additional finance source."

Alderswoman Sandy Steinke, who has patronized the Stock Market, said the expansion is sorely needed.

"You need more room," Steinke said.

Gilling noted that the expansion will allow customers to enter from the rear of the building, where the city's parking lot is located, instead of requiring those who can't find a spot on the streets to walk around the building to patronize the business.

In response to a council question, Gilling noted there would not be tastings like one would experience at a winery. The lounge will be self-serve, where patrons can use an electronic key card to receive the wine they want, and then the tab is paid for after, according to Gilling.

"We toured all the ones in Wisconsin and also Chicago," she said. "We will have 20 wines on tap. You select a taste, a half-pour or a full-pour. You put your wine glass under the spigot, and it dispenses via a card you get when you come in."

There will also be eight liquors on tap for patrons, ranging from bourbon to gin and other items.

"Lots of furniture and dark walls — basically, it's going to be a loungey vibe," Gilling said. "It's very different from what the Stock Market currently looks like. It'll be modern and sleek and dark."

Mayor Bruce Milavitz expressed enthusiasm for the new venture.

"This is going to be something Shawano has never seen before," Milavitz said.

The Stock Market owners plan to close on the building by Jan. 3, and renovation work is expected to start that same week. Work on the Stock

Market itself will be completed in mid-March, while the wine lounge should be finished in mid-April, according to Gilling. A grand opening is planned for around Memorial Day, as she is expecting that it will take some time to get everything organized for a proper opening.

"Right now, we're dotting all of our I's and crossing all of our T's, and it's amidst our busiest season, so it's a little crazy right now," Gilling said. "It's going to happen fast."

Gilling, a Shawano native, expressed her gratitude to the city for working with her to make a 10-year plan possible in four years.

"We are so appreciative to be in such a wonderful community. You know how much I love Shawano," Gilling said. "This really did start as a hobby that really became a lot more than that in many wonderful ways."

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"It's very different from what the Stock Market currently looks like. It'll be modern and sleek and dark."

CHELSEA GILLING, co-owner for the Stock Market

Waking Women joins fight against MMIW



Kristin Welch, Waking Women Health Institute executive director, speaks at the Bridge Lighting and National Day of Awareness ceremony in Oshkosh on May 5.

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Institute looking out for women, children, two-spirits, along with families and sexual assault survivors

By **LYNN ZAFFRANN**
Correspondent

The issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) is a community-wide problem, not just focused on the reservations in the Shawano area.

“More than 70% of Indigenous people live in cities rather than on reservations,” said Kristin Welch, executive director of Waking Women Health Institute in Gresham.

Welch has been involved in working with Indigenous survivors of sexual violence for more than eight years. A survivor herself, she founded the institute one year ago. The institute serves missing Indigenous women, girls and two-spirits (LGBTQ-identified persons), along with families

of missing and murdered Indigenous women and survivors of sexual violence.

The institute partners locally with Shawano-area programs to increase awareness of the Indigenous identity and cultural tools for healing.

“It’s all over Shawano County. Women have gone missing here, which makes it everyone’s issue to get involved in,” Welch said. “For example, we reached out to SAM25 in Shawano because there is a huge Indigenous population at that homeless shelter. We were able to provide training on MMIW for them. We work with non-Indigenous agencies to provide training, for example what to do if someone goes missing, or how to best work with Indigenous survivors. We do a lot of public action events to cre-

ate education and awareness throughout the Great Lakes regions.”

In June, the institute partnered on the Billboard Event in Appleton to raise awareness of MMIW with Empowerment Solidarity Truth Hope Equity Reform, an interfaith social-justice organization in the Fox Valley.

“With that, we held a press conference and a gathering, and engaged local leaders in that community to do something (about MMIW), as well,” Welch said.

The billboard campaign seeks to raise awareness of the high numbers of MMIW and the lack of attention to missing women of color.

Before she founded Waking Women, Welch worked in prevention, healing and wraparound work with women and children, hearing their

stories of surviving violence and realized their stories were her stories. She founded the institute to be a survivor-led organization to create a place of learning and healing through kinships with Indigenous women, using their culture and traditional ways.

The term “Waking Women” comes from Welch’s own experience. She explained that she came from a place of trauma and domestic violence, then arrived at a place of healing, and when she found her voice, it was like waking up.

“Watching other women on that same path and seeing them wake up,” Welch said. “Using your own story for change can be really powerful to help other survivors” she added.

Referrals to the institute come from partner agencies, and many survivors

vors involved with the institute refer others through word of mouth. Online forums on social networking sites, such as Twitter, also advertise the services provided by the institute. The institute website, www.waking-womenhealing.org, was created by Welch to provide information about its services and goals.

Welch said a big piece in founding the institute was to ensure that it would be culturally connected to Indigenous traditions, to help survivors heal and cope in the Indigenous ways.

"All of our programs are founded on our culture, on our teachings and try to connect with the land again and have a healthy relationship with her, and that is guided by our grandmothers," Welch said.

The institute has a Grandmothers Council, following traditional structures.

"We've got experienced grandmothers that we look to in making sure that we're not creating something that will re-traumatize the survivors or their families," Welch said. "They help us facilitate a lot of the work."

Survivors are able to work with experienced staff and volunteers of the institute virtually in Talking Circle sessions on Zoom. Other online forums include family members discussing their experiences, education on how to prevent MMIW and discussions about issues that have led up to the MMIW epidemic. An ongoing survivor group offered by the institute is "We Are Brave" for women of all ages who identify as survivors and for MMIW family members.

The healing and prevention team with the institute helps families seek justice for their lost or murdered relatives. Another team is the care and response team consisting of commu-

nity organizers, legal experts, traditional Indigenous knowledge holders, trauma workers and survivors. The team provides free help to navigate the justice system, financial assistance and fundraising help.

The institute has major goals for the next year.

"One is to get a physical space with land for our program," Welch said. "We are looking for something central, like Gresham, because we serve Menominee and Oneida. We're hoping to find something private, by the water. That would be the dream. It would be multi-purpose, with office space and housing available."

Welch also serves as a member of the Wisconsin Department of Justice Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force. The task force is creating methods to trace the abduction, homicide, violence and trafficking of Indigenous women in Wisconsin, with goals of uncovering the causes.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology awarded Welch and the institute a 2021 Indigenous Communities Fellowship for focusing healing and justice for Missing, Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit. They will partner with MIT through May 2022 to combine technology and culture to prevent MMIW.

The mother of three girls and one son, Welch said: "I work for them so that our younger girls don't have to go through what we went through, that they don't have to experience violent relationships and the injustices that happen with that. I think that's the ultimate goal, to have them grow up in a space where they don't know about MMIW. So that they don't know someone who was missing or murdered, so that they don't have to experience that violence themselves."



Renee Gralewicz, MMIW helper with Waking Women Health Institute, holds a sign to draw attention to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women epidemic during the Bridge Lighting and National Day of Awareness ceremony in Oshkosh on May 5.

KRISTIN WELCH

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Bridge the Gap holds holiday celebration



ABOVE: Visitors to Shawano Lake County Park's pavilion peruse numerous raffle items Dec. 12 during the Bridge the Gap holiday fundraiser. The event helps the organization to work with people living on the autism spectrum.

LEFT: Jacob Van Dornick, 10, of Oconto Falls, tells Santa Claus what he wants for Christmas on Dec. 12 at Shawano Lake County Park during the Bridge the Gap holiday fundraiser.

BELOW: The musical group Back When performs holiday songs for those in attendance Dec. 12 at the Bridge the Gap holiday fundraiser held at Shawano Lake County Park.



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Lena resident changes life from reading Bible

Alex Popovich helping to spread Jehovah's Witnesses message of hope to community members

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

One Oconto County resident has turned his life around after looking to the Bible for help.

Lena resident Alex Popovich grew up in Illinois, where he was introduced to drugs in his youth.

"At a young age, I started to get involved with drugs," said Popovich. "At the age of 10, I started sniffing glue and from there, it escalated to everything that I could get my hands on to get high."

Popovich called his involvement with drugs and getting in trouble with the law part of his life when he was young.

During the time, Popovich said that he wasn't very religious. He added that when problems appeared in his life he would look to drugs to cope.

"I had no purpose in life," said Popovich. "I was consumed with drugs; my goal was to get high."

Life changed for Popovich after a childhood friend of his came to his house and talked to him about the Bible as a Jehovah's Witness.

"He asked if I would study the Bible with him," said Popovich. "I initially laughed at him, because I grew up with him. I said, 'You are a friend of mine, so I will study with you.' After his persistence, something clicked and I could see the things that were going on in the world were fulfilling Bible prophecies, so I made changes."

Popovich said that as he continued to study the Bible and became a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses, he found a new way to cope with problems that would arise in his life.

"Now, I pray to the creator for his strength," said Popovich. "I read his Bible, meditate and try to apply what I read to my problems."

Popovich now feels that he has a purpose in life.

"I have hope; I have a relationship with my creator," said Popovich. "If problems come up, I have a plan to cope with them."

When Popovich was introduced to the Bible, he said that his life changed.

"I stopped associating with my friends, who were druggies," said Popovich. "I would set goals for myself — things like stop taking heroin, stop taking acid, and eventually with



Jennifer, left, and Alex Popovich read the Bible together as they work on writing letters and making phones calls to help spread the word of God.

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God's help, I was able to succeed."

Popovich offered up advice for people who may be dealing with a similar situation that he was in.

"In God's word, the Bible can truly help an individual," said Popovich. "Everyone has problems in life, but there are answers in God's word. The things that we see going on today can be troubling, but we can look to God's word for help."

He added that he is still dealing with problems that stemmed from his early life.

"It is a continuous struggle," said Popovich. "You have to keep focused. It is a constant battle in the world. You just need to apply the basics — prayers, reading God's word, meditation and following the word."

Popovich's story is just one example of the Jehovah's Witnesses theme of "a better world is near" in November. Popovich said that he and his wife have been taking part in that campaign by writing letters and making phone calls to communicate with those in the community.

"I enjoy helping others and talking to people about our creator," said Popovich.

U.S. Jehovah's Witnesses spokesman Robert Hendriks III said that the theme of a better world is near is to give hope to those who are struggling with problems today.

"Only 32% of people in country think that tomorrow will be a better day for the children," said Hendriks. "About 50% of people don't want to bring children into the world."

Hendriks said that these current problems can stem into other problems, including crime and dissension among people and communities.

"When we are talking about a better world ahead, we are talking about something bigger than political movements or organizational movements," said Hendriks.

He added that problems like war, losing trust in the government and COVID-19 have worked to heighten that sense of hopelessness in the country.

"A majority of people in this

country have not lived a year without war," said Hendriks. "People cannot define what the American dream means anymore."

Hendriks said that the meaning of a better world is near is the end of a system that is in place in the world.

"When you think about what is going on today, the problem is not our Earth. The problem is the tenet of that Earth," said Hendriks. "Those who are righteous will walk from one system to the next."

He said that this campaign has a positive effect on the Jehovah's Witnesses community.

"It keeps us busy, doing work that is good," said Hendriks. "To bring a message of comfort and hope to people, it brings us happiness and joy."

Hendriks said that has been proved with Popovich as he has made his life better by helping to spread that message of hope.

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County Road HHH in Shawano over the Shawano creek was closed for utility work on Nov. 29, and re-opened Dec. 13. Utility companies are moving their facilities that will be impacted by the bridge replacement in July.

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Sacred Heart takes its pulse



Sacred Heart Catholic School student Sydney Mitchell, left, checks vitals on her classmate, Robin Walby. For five weeks, Sacred Heart's middle school students were given basic first aid instruction in their elective class. They learned CPR, how to treat for shock, how to use a tourniquet, how to assess a patient and emergency situation awareness. They ended the class with a tour of the Shawano Ambulance Service. Sacred Heart school officials felt it was important that each middle school student learn these life-saving skills.

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Mailbox for Santa letters donated



Sharon Wussow, of Bonduel, stands with the Letters to Santa mailbox that she recently donated to Bonduel Elementary School. There are only a few days left until Christmas arrives, so children are encouraged to get their letters out soon.

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Church gives love, blankets to parade victims



Sacred Heart Catholic School had almost two dozen students and staff members participate in its Jerseys for Jackson Movement on Dec. 3. Participants wore baseball-themed jerseys or polo shirts to honor Jackson Sparks, an 8-year-old boy who was killed Nov. 21 when a sport utility vehicle crashed into the crowd at Waukesha's annual Christmas parade.

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Sacred Heart Catholic School students, from left, Jacoby Grignon, Logan Frechette and Lane Bruncker work Dec. 13 to piece together tie blankets to be sent to children still recovering from the Waukesha parade crash that killed six people and injured more than 60 others.

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Paula Kunder, a second grade teacher at Sacred Heart Catholic School, helps students Mechalea Jaros, Cora Pieper, Emily Ciboski and Anahkosaeh Grignon assemble a tie blanket on Dec. 13. The second and fifth grade classes at Sacred Heart worked together to make tie blankets for the children still in the hospital as a result of the Waukesha parade incident. The blankets were created with love, prayer and well-wishes for a full recovery and will be delivered to the families by Lori Mathwich, Sacred Heart's student services coordinator, who has helped organize the school's efforts for these families.

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Tavern league reschedules Coats for Kids distribution

Coats for Kids was due to distribute warm clothing to those in need last week, the same as the program

does each year, but a winter storm that dumped 10 inches in the area forced a change in those plans.

The Shawano County Tavern League, which sponsors the Coats for Kids program, will instead be distrib-

uting coats from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 17 at Peace United Church of Christ, 208 E. Maurer St., Shawano.

COURT NEWS

• Foster D. Raddant, 22, Shawano, was charged Dec. 6 with one count of bail jumping. Judge Katherine Sloma set a signature bond of \$1,500 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for Dec. 29.

• Kelly P. Grzybowski, 27, Oconto, was charged Dec. 6 with two counts of battery or threat to judge, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer, 12 counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma set a cash bond of \$5,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Dec. 13.

• Charges against Aaron C. Miller, 33, Antigo, were dismissed Dec. 6 on prosecutor's motion. Those charges included one count of bail jumping and two misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. In another case, charges against Miller, including 15 counts of bail jumping, one count of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), one misdemeanor count of battery and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct were dismissed on prosecutor's motion.

In another case, charges against Miller were dismissed on prosecutor's motion. Those charges include six counts of bail jumping, six misdemeanor counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of knowingly violating a domestic abuse order and one misdemeanor count of criminal damage to property.

In another case, charges against Miller were dismissed on prosecutor's motion. Those charges include three counts of bail jumping, six misdemeanor counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. In another case, charges against Miller were dismissed on prosecutor's motion. Those charges include two counts of bail jumping, ten misdemeanor counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of knowingly violating a domestic abuse order.

In another case, charges against Miller were dismissed on prosecutor's motion.

Those charges include using or attempting to use force to intimidate a victim, one count of intimidating a victim/damaging property, one count of intimidating a victim/domestic abuse crime, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct, one misdemeanor count of criminal damage to property, one misdemeanor count of theft of movable property, less than or equal to \$2,500, one misdemeanor count of knowingly violating a domestic abuse order and 17 misdemeanor counts of bail jumping.

• Laci J. Walkush, 31, Rhinelander, pleaded no contest Dec. 6 to one count of driving/operating without consent, one count of possession of methamphetamine, one count of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Three counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia was dismissed, but read into the record.

In another case, Walkush pleaded no contest to one misdemeanor count of retail theft, intentionally taking less than or equal to \$500. One count of bail jumping was dismissed, but read into the record.

In another case, Walkush pleaded no contest to one count of driving or operating a vehicle without consent. One count of bail jumping was dismissed, but read into the record.

In another case, Walkush pleaded no contest to one count of driving or operating a vehicle without consent. One misdemeanor count of operating while revoked was dismissed, but read into the record. Judge William Kussel Jr. sentenced Walkush to two years in state prison, three years of extended supervision and three years of probation.

• Kylee M. Tourtillott, 29, Keshena, pleaded no contest Dec. 6 to one count of battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer, two counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor

count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Two counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer were dismissed, but read into the record.

In another case, Tourtillott pleaded no contest to one count of possession of methamphetamine, one count of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), two counts of bail jumping, one count of resisting or obstructing an officer and one misdemeanor count of bail jumping. One count of possession of narcotic drugs, four counts of bail jumping and four misdemeanor counts of bail jumping were dismissed, but read into the record.

In another case, Tourtillott pleaded no contest to one count of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. One count of bail jumping was dismissed, but read into the record. Kussel sentenced Tourtillott to six months in jail and three years of probation.

• Brian D. Storzer, 50, Green Bay, pleaded no contest Dec. 6 to one count of bail jumping. Another count of bail jumping was dismissed, but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Storzer to one year in jail.

• Elmer J. Kakwitsch, 38, Shawano, was charged Dec. 7 with 11 counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of battery, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct and three counts misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$5,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Dec. 20.

• Justin R. Krysheski, 39, Shawano, pleaded no contest Dec. 7 to one count of threats to injure/accuse a crime, two misdemeanor counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. One misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia was dismissed, but read into the record. Kussel sentenced Krysheski to three years in state prison,

three years of extended supervision and three years of probation.

• Heather M. Bullock, 39, Cecil, was charged Dec. 9 with two counts of battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct and one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma set a cash bond of \$1,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Dec. 14.

• Shauna R. Tokarczyk, 29, Shawano, was charged Dec. 9 with two counts of maintaining a drug trafficking place, two counts of possession of methamphetamine, one count of possession of narcotic drugs, one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia, one misdemeanor count of possession of THC and two misdemeanor counts of neglecting a child. Sloma set a cash bond for \$1,500 and scheduled a bail/bond hearing for Dec. 21.

• Hunter S. Kleist, 27, Bonduel, pleaded no contest Dec. 9 to one count of possession of methamphetamine. He also pleaded guilty to one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. One count of possession of narcotic drugs was dismissed, but read into the record. Judge Leon Stenz sentenced Kleist to 12 months in prison and two years of extended supervision.

• Jeffery A. Komanekin, 29, Shawano, was charged Dec. 10 with four counts of battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a cash bond of \$1,000 and a signature bond of \$1,500. She also scheduled a resumed initial appearance for Jan. 5.

• Lily A. Miller, 24, Oconto, pleaded guilty Dec. 10 to one count of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of possession of THC. Judge James Habeck sentenced Miller to one year of probation.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Dec. 13

Deputies responded to 44 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Seneca; a disturbance on Richards Street in Gresham; five crashes, one involving deer.

Dec. 12

Deputies responded to 35 calls, including a disturbance on Spruce Road in the Town of Wittenberg; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Richmond; eight crashes, one involving a bird.

Dec. 11

Deputies responded to 52 calls, including harassment on Flint Avenue in Mattoon; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland; bail jumping on state Highway 156 in the Town of Maple

Grove; property theft on County Road Y in the Town of Belle Plaine; a domestic disturbance on Country Lane in the Town of Washington; 21 crashes.

Dec. 10

Deputies responded to 40 calls, including trespassing on Derby Lane in the Town of Washington; a drug problem on Hemlock Road in the Town of Wittenberg; a burglary on West Chic-A-Watha Circle in the Town of Wescott; trespassing on Derby Lane in the Town of Washington; 12 crashes, one involving deer.

Dec. 9

Deputies responded to 39 calls, including a domestic disturbance on South Warrington Avenue in Cecil; a domestic disturbance on East Green Bay Street in Bonduel; a disturbance on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Birnamwood; disorderly conduct on West Green Bay Street in Bonduel; reckless driving on state Highway

47 in the Town of Lessor; an assault on Hemlock Road in the Town of Wittenberg; disorderly conduct on North Main Street in Shawano; seven crashes.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dec. 13

Officers responded to 21 calls, including a hit and run at Family Dollar, 413 S. Main St.; property theft at American Marine, 1100 E. Green Bay St.; property damage at Hillcrest Primary School, 1410 Waukechon St.; property theft on South Andrews Street; car property damage at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.

Dec. 12

Officers responded to 26 calls, including a domestic disturbance on East Center Street; an assault on West Green Bay Street; trespassing on East Center Street; a disturbance on East Fifth Street;

harassment on South Main Street; car property damage on County Road B; property damage on South Union Street; a disturbance on Aspen Court.

Dec. 11

Officers responded to 28 calls, including property damage on East Lieg Avenue; a disturbance on West Division Street; car property damage on East Randall Street.

Dec. 10

Officers responded to 18 calls, including operating while intoxicated on North Main Street; property theft at Dollar Tree, 172 Woodlawn Drive; reckless driving on South Lafayette Street.

Dec. 9

Officers responded to 20 calls, including a domestic disturbance on South Warrington Avenue; a disturbance on South Union Street; operating while intoxicated on North Main Street.

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Dear Wittenberg-Birnamwood district residents,

As another holiday season fast approaches, I would like to extend a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you!

This is that time of year where classroom visits bring countless stories of Christmas wish lists and anticipated holiday vacation plans. It's that time of year where we can rest a moment and celebrate family, children, health and happiness.

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Garrett Rogowski is superintendent for the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District.

Matche Center lighting changes considered

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The Birnamwood Village Board deliberated about potentially changing the light bulbs in the Matsche Community Center during their Dec. 13 meeting.

"We talked about replacing the lighting in here (Matsche Center)," said board president Mike Sprague. "We got a proposal from North Branch Electric for 120 four-foot LED bulbs."

Sprague said that the bulbs are \$8 each for a total of \$960, with another \$300 in labor costs, totaling \$1,260.

He also said that after the completion of the light installation, the village would qualify for a Focus on Energy rebate of \$1.50 per bulb, totaling \$180.

"This would cost us a total of \$1,140," said Sprague.

Trustee Ed Resch said each bulb has a warranty of five years.

Village Clerk Lauri Klumpyen asked how much money it would save the village by changing the light bulbs to LED.

"How much does it really save us?" she asked. "The building isn't really that old. This building does not really get used that much. Sometimes it does not get used at all during the week."

"We do have lights that are burned out now," said Resch. "We could probably wait until there is more burned

out before we do it."

Resch added that if the village bypasses the rebate, they can just replace the bulbs one by one. He said that he can talk with a representative at North Branch Electric to see if they can do it that way.

"Should we set a limit?" asked Resch. "When there are two burned out by each other, should we put LEDs in?"

Sprague said that if they go this route, the amount of money that it will take for people to continuously come and fix lights will pile up. He added that the color of the LED bulbs may be different colors than the lights that are already in the building.

"Normally those LEDs are much brighter," said Sprague. "I don't think that it is going to look very good to have some as LEDs and some not."

Resch suggested that they could just change the lights in the gathering area of the building, rather than the offices.

He also suggested that he could ask a representative from North Branch Electric to stop by the next village board meeting.

"It would be worth while having someone here and checking to see if we can turn the brightness down and connect the lights to a switch or something like that," said Sprague.

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SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Panthers tame Tigers in conference battle

Stevens provides spark off bench for Bowler

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Bowler High School girls basketball team ground out a 33-23 Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division win over Tigerton on Dec. 9 in Bowler.

It was a tough start to the contest for Bowler, scoring just two points in the first six-plus minutes of the game. The Panthers got the momentum in their favor and pulled away in the second half.

"I kinda just told them 'to have fun with the game, act like it's a practice and don't worry about the score and don't worry about what people are saying in the crowd,'" said Bowler junior Brandi Spencer on what she said to her teammates that helped them overcome the slow start to the game.

Senior Taylyn Paiser hit a shot on Bowler's first possession of the game before the team went cold from the floor. Over the next several minutes, Tigerton got two field goals from senior Elizabeth Robbins and another from junior Abby Swartz to go ahead 6-2.

Bowler got a spark from sophomore Isabella Stevens, who came off the bench and scored a couple of buckets to tie the game up.

Tigerton looked to have regained control after Robbins hit another shot and senior Bethany Jobe converted an and-one, but Bowler ended the first half on an 8-0 run.

Stevens hit a shot to start the run before freshman Paige Treptow knocked in a 3-pointer. Stevens then converted another shot before tacking on a free throw to end the half.

"I think part of it (the slow start) was fear. It usually takes us a while to warm up, but we really like to get aggressive, especially on defense," said Stevens, who said drinking a Mountain Dew before the game helped her provide a spark for the team.



Bowler's Isabella Stevens, left, takes a shot over Tigerton's Angel Welch during a CWC-North contest on Dec. 9 in Bowler..

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"So I think once we start losing, we sort of realize that, hey maybe we should keep it up and try a little harder."

Freshman Angel Welch hit a shot to open the second half for Tigerton, but it was Bowler that scored 15 of the next 16 points to open up a comfortable lead.

Spencer, Paiser, Stevens, junior Jasmine Welch, and senior Sabrina

Nava all scored for the Panthers on the big run.

Robbins converted a couple free throws to get Tigerton back to within 13, 29-16, but two buckets from Jasmine Welch bumped the lead up to 17 with about a minute to play.

"I don't know. I feel like we weren't connecting, we weren't seeing each other on the floor," said Robbins. "We just got frustrated out there and because of the shots not going in, we got more frustrated."

After scoring just five points over the last 21-plus minutes of game action, Tigerton scored seven points in

the final minute.

The Tigers left several other points on the court after missing some free throws. For the game, Tigerton made just seven of its 24 free-throw attempts.

Tigerton	11	12	— 23
Bowler	14	19	— 33

Bowler (33): Paige Treptow 0-0 3, Taylyn Paiser 2-2 6, Brandi Spencer 1-2 3, Jasmine Welch 0-0 6, Sabrina Nava 0-0 2, Isabella Stevens 1-2 13.

Tigerton (23): Angel Welch 2-2 4, Jade Selle 0-6 0, Abby Swartz 2-4 6, Elizabeth Robbins 2-9 10, Bethany Jobe 1-3 3.

ATHLETE PROFILE: ZEKE GRIEPENTROG

Senior leading way for Tigers

Despite an 0-3 start to the season, senior Zeke Griepentrog is off to a strong start for the Tigerton High School boys basketball team.

He tallied a team-leading nine points in a loss to Almond-Bancroft on Nov. 23. Griepentrog also grabbed four rebounds and had two steals in the contest.

The senior erupted for 27 points in a loss to Tri-County on Dec. 2. He made 13 free throws and a pair of 3-pointers in the contest, while also posting five steals and three rebounds.

Griepentrog scored a team-leading eight points in the team's setback to Manawa on Dec. 7. He also was credited with four rebounds, two steals and a block.

Q: When did your interest in basketball begin?

A: My interest in basketball began at a very early age. My grandpa (Tim) would play with me while teaching me fundamentals.

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

A: My favorite part of the basketball season has to be being able to play with the team I played with most of my life. It is nice to know where they are going to be on the court because we played so long together we got the chemistry and just know what they are good at and know when to get them the ball.

Q: Being a senior on a pretty young team, how do you help lead the rest of the team?

A: Just knowing the plays and being able to help the younger ones learn them. It helps when you know that they will listen to you cause you are one of the older ones on

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Zeke Griepentrog

SPORT: Basketball

POSITIONS: Guard, forward

SCHOOL: Tigerton High School

YEAR: Senior

the team and you can bring situations that you saw up to the coach and he will take that and put it into practice.

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

A: I am hoping to be able to reach 500 points throughout the season. I am hoping to at least average a double-double this season. I also set a goal to shoot 100% free throw in one game this year. I'm working on the team goal more right now.

Q: What are some of the team's goals this winter, and what needs to happen in order to achieve the goals?

A: The goals we set this year were to get better as a team and try to improve on last year's goals.

Q: You already have a 27-point game to your name this winter. What is it going to take to put forth more showings like that the rest of the season?

A: It's going to make putting in the extra work at practice and just being able to get in the work on weekends and during the week. Just hard work is what it will take.

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

A: I don't really have a ritual for before games.

Q: What's your favorite



Tigerton's Zeke Griepentrog dribbles up the court during the team's nonconference game against Northeast Wisconsin Christian Homeschoolers Athletic Association on Dec. 13 in Tigerton.

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memory of competing on the Tigerton boys basketball team?

A: The coaches from middle school through high school helped me get better as a player and a teammate.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show and music artist?

A: TV show — "The Last Dance" with Michael Jordan. Movie — "Coach Carter." Music artist — Morgan Wallen.

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

A: I am often seen as the "underdog" in certain situations.

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

A: The greatest piece of advice was just to keep swimming I got told that by my mom (Rachel).

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

A: I hope to accomplish getting higher education in mechanics. I hope to accomplish starting a snowmobile repair shop.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Eagles' Waukau headed to Bryant & Stratton

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Menominee Indian High School senior Wendell Waukau Jr. signed a National Intent of Intent to play baseball at Bryant & Stratton College on Nov. 18.

"Signing on Nov. 18 was by far the biggest accomplishment I've ever received," said Waukau. "Not only did I have the honor to sign, but I had all my friends and family behind me, supporting me and my big decision."

"Most athletes hard work goes unrecognized — the countless hours spent working on your craft or even the failures that you've learned from. I believe that if you keep your focus on what you want, and outwork who

you were yesterday, anything can be achieved."

Waukau has been a reliable player for the high school team over his high school career. He landed on the all-conference honorable mention team in the Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division as a freshman, and then made the second team in his junior season.

Having now confirmed his future baseball plans, Waukau is hoping to make his senior season his best one yet.

"Signing before my senior baseball season brings a lot of new expectations for myself," said Waukau. "I believe that there is always room for improvement, and that no matter how hard you work, there is always

someone working twice as hard."

"With this being my final season as a Menominee (Indian) Eagle, I plan to push my team and myself to our best abilities. I have a lot left to prove. I can't wait to get back out on the diamond and compete like I've never done before."

Along with his play on the high school varsity team, Waukau has been part of the Legion team over the summer, while also playing on a travel team through Impact Sports Academy, based out of De Pere.

Through his countless months on the field, Waukau has drawn interest from several colleges. He added that he reached out to several schools to let them know he had interest in playing at the next level.

Waukau said that Bryant & Stratton coach Alex Tomter reached out to him, and after talking several times, Waukau and his father took a visit.

"Throughout the process of the visit, I felt like it was a great fit, seeing the program that they had to offer for my intended major (physical therapy) was amazing," said Waukau.

"As for the baseball program, I believe that in these next few years we can make a big impact. Knowing that I have a lot of different teammates I've played with throughout my travel ball career made the fit feel a lot more comfortable. I can't wait to see what the future holds at BSC."

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COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

Minnesota Crookston

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School graduate Abi Fraaza continued to produce during her time on the floor for the Minnesota Crookston women's basketball team last week.

In a tight loss to Bemidji State on Dec. 7, Fraaza tallied seven points, two rebounds, two blocks and two steals in 20 minutes off the bench.

The freshman posted 11 points, four rebounds and two blocks in 20 minutes against Northern State on Dec. 10.

Fraaza led her team with 18 points in a loss to MSU-Moorhead on Dec. 13. She made six of her nine shot attempts and added two rebounds across 23 minutes.

Marian

Oconto Falls grad McKayla Goebel

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played big minutes and started one game last week for the Marian University women's basketball team.

In a loss to St. Norbert on Dec. 7, Goebel played 19 minutes off the bench. She recorded four points, four rebounds, an assist and two steals.

Goebel started and played 26 minutes in a loss to Concordia Chicago on Dec. 11. She scored six points, grabbed four rebounds, dished out an assist and had two steals.

Saginaw Valley State

Shawano grad Tori DePerry put together a strong game to help lead the Saginaw Valley State women's basketball team to a win over Northwood on Dec. 9.

DePerry connected on six of her 11 shot attempts to score 12 points across 28 minutes. She also grabbed eight rebounds, blocked a shot and dished out three assists.

UW-Stevens Point

Shawano graduate Keith Tourtillott wrestled in three matches for the UW-Stevens Point wrestling team last week, going 2-1 in the 197 weight class.

He won 7-4 and 10-4 decisions and was defeated by major decision.

Concordia

Bonduel grads Kalleigh Schroeder and Derrick Folkman each competed for the Concordia University track and field team during the UW-Oshkosh Early Bird Invite on Dec. 11.

Schroeder was a part of the fifth-place finishing 4x400-meter relay team that had a time of 4 minutes,

34.87 seconds. Individually, she placed sixth in the triple jump with a top leap of 9.19 meters.

Folkman placed seventh in the men's 1-mile run with a time of 5:30.48.

Grand Canyon

Witt-Birn graduate Wyatt Dickman continued to get acclimated to his freshman season with the Grand Canyon University men's swim team while competing in a pair of meets over since the start of the month.

In a dual meet on Dec. 11, Dickman placed first in the 1,000-yard freestyle with a time of 9:51.88 and third in the 200 breaststroke (2:06.12).

At the Miami Invite that ran Dec. 2-4, Dickman placed fifth in the 200 breaststroke (2:04.49) and was on the seventh-place finishing 400 freestyle relay (3:07.44).



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Parents should be wary during holiday season

Before parents go and purchase new toys on their children's holiday lists, it's important to take a few extra steps of caution to prevent choking or injuries.

When purchasing a new toy, it's first and foremost important to double check to make sure the toy is appropriate for the age of the child. Some toys can come with small attachments that can be a choking hazard for children.

"Almost all toys have an age recommendation on the front or the back of the packaging," said Dr. Sneha Subbarayan, a pediatrician at Theda-Care Physicians Pediatrics-Neenah. "It can be easy to sometimes overlook those age recommendations, but for example, an infant should not play with a toy that has tiny pieces because they could easily put them in their mouth and cause harm or worse."

Parents should always read the labels and directions when putting together a toy and ensure the batteries cannot be easily removed. Button batteries also pose a choking risk to young children. If a child has ingested a button battery, call 911. A helpful tip for parents is to remember if the object is small enough to fit through a



SNEHA SUBBARAYAN

toilet paper tube, it can obstruct the airway of a child. It's also important to consider your child's temperament, habits and behavior whenever they receive a new toy.

"Some children may get easily frustrated with certain types of toys or activities," said Subbarayan. "If you think that might be a possibility for your child, offer other toys, or provide ways for them to engage in different types of healthy play."

Toys with smaller, removable parts should only be purchased for children aged 3 years and older. Toys that have loose strings, straps or cords longer than 7 inches should also be avoided for younger children.

"If you notice that a child is at risk while playing with a certain toy, remove it from them until they are older and can play safely," said Subbarayan. "It might be difficult in the moment when the child really wants the toy, but their safety is most important."

FYI

Dr. Sneha Subbarayan recommends keeping these additional safety tips in mind when it comes to decorating and preparing for the holidays with kids:

- If you have a real tree, make sure the tree stand is always filled with water so it does not dry out and create an increased risk of fire hazards.
- If you buy an artificial tree, be sure it's labeled "fire-retardant."
- Make sure the tree stand is flat on the ground and possibly anchored to a wall. The tree should be decorated to distribute the weight evenly.
- Keep breakable or hazardous decorations out of reach of children and secured to the wall.
- Do not leave children alone in a room with lighted candles, matches, lighters, fireplaces or any other sources of flame or heat.
- Use power strips with built-in circuit breakers and avoid putting too many plugs into one electrical outlet.
- Keep kids away from the oven while you bake or cook.
- Keep alcohol out of reach of children and be sure to clean leftover drinks right away.

Subbarayan also points out that if Santa brings your child a bike, scooter, skateboard or roller skates, don't forget a helmet and other protective gear.

There are several ways to deck the halls of the home to celebrate the joy of the season. Families should remember there are some decorations that should be hung with extra care, keeping little ones in mind.

"Children love to get involved and, as parents, we love seeing them engage in these fun family traditions," said Subbarayan. "It's important to only let kids decorate within their

reach with non-breakable items."

Some holiday decorations can also be poisonous for children and pets. Watch for plants like mistletoe, holly, poinsettias and amaryllis, which are all toxic if eaten. Keep them out of reach of young children. Caregivers can also check <https://www.poisn.org/articles/plant> for more information, or call Poison Control at 800-222-1222.

"The holidays are a great time to be with friends and family," Subbarayan said. "If we keep a close eye on our little ones, it will help us all enjoy the season."

NEW Media seeks participants for new food feature in 2022

NEW Media is planning to kick off a new feature in 2022 called "Inside the Kitchens of Northeast Wisconsin," which will feature local recipes and the cooks who craft them.

What makes this feature different from food features in other publications is that there is a detailed story where the focus is on the food itself and why it is enjoyed so much.

NEW Media is looking for those

who have an old family recipe that has been passed down from generation to generation that either still holds as true today as it did decades ago or has been tweaked to work with modern staples. Other potential stories include plans for a delicious meal, including several interesting dishes that others might enjoy putting together for their families, or someone who knows a variety of

ways to make something delicious (i.e., different ways to make grilled cheese sandwiches or different kinds of pie).

If there's an interesting story behind the food, NEW Media wants to know about it and share some joyous news with readers in Shawano, Menominee and Oconto counties. The recipes and cooks featured will appear in all three newspapers — Sha-

wano Leader, Wittenberg Enterprise and Birnamwood News, and Oconto County Times Herald, as well as online at www.newmedia-wi.com.

Anyone who wants to participate or has ideas on someone else who might make an interesting feature can contact City Editor Lee Pulaski at 715-526-2121, ext. 7021, or lpulaski@newmedia-wi.com with "Inside the Kitchens" as the subject header.



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CLUB NOTES

Shawano Area Writers

Shawano Area Writers met Nov. 19, in the Veslak room at Shawano Public Library at 10 a.m. There were nine members present: Lee Pulaski, Trudy Bosman, Tom Thorstenson, Twilla Beyer, John Mutter Jr., Irma Brunner, Wendy Goerl, Nick Wudtke and Barb King, along with one guest, Jill Brazgel.

King read the minutes from the October meeting. They were approved.

Mutter read the treasurer's report for November.

The first order of business was to find a new delegate to the chamber of commerce because Terry Misfeldt no longer could do it. Beyer volunteered and will be the new delegate.

Dennis Bohm will be the master of ceremonies at the children's writing program for 2022. Mutter wants to get an advertisement on the back of the bulletin.

The club voted to pay for the website that member Terra Fletcher had been paying for.

Brazgel started the readings by reading a poem named "Hope." She has a poetry blog entitled Poetic Journey.

Brunner recited the story of "His Grandpa's Violin" and at the end played the violin.

Goerl read "A Dream for the Novitiate." She would want the land to be preserved by building a historic

amusement park with vintage rides. It would be divided into sections: White City, Johnny's Homeland, Rocket Town, Digital Domain and the Mansion, which would be an event venue. Trudy Bosman's son owns the land and has other plans, but Bosman thought Goerl's idea was interesting.

Wudtke read the end of the first battle from the book "Parabolic, Magnetic Key."

Pulaski showed his latest two books published, "White Christmas in the Desert" and "Rural Roots and American Rainbows." He read a passage from "White Christmas in the Desert." Meldrick and his son, Evan, follow a hot air balloon and are offered a ride.

King read a chapter from the book "The Children in the Garden." Jillian signs the papers for ownership of the hoarder's house and meets the eccentric owner.

Bosman read the poem she read at her son's wedding Nov. 6.

Thorstenson read a short story about the town of Battlefield, Minnesota, where people disappear and the insides of the bodies are eaten and all that is left is skin, fat and bones.

The meeting was adjourned.

Club Notes are a service provided by NEW Media to keep the community informed on what local organizations are doing. Organizations interested in sending news about what they're doing can contact NEW Media at news@newmedia-wi.com.

COLLEGE NOTES

UW-La Crosse

Hunter VanDerLinden, of Bondel, completed degree requirements at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in August.

VanDerLinden earned a Bachelor of Science in exercise and sport science.

Palmer College of Chiropractic

Issabella Stueck, of Clintonville, and Claire Tomashek, of Sobieski, have been named to the summer 2021 trimester dean's list at Palmer College of Chiropractic's main campus in Davenport, Iowa.

UW-Milwaukee

The following individuals are among more than 1,900 prospective candidates for degrees attending the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee virtual commencement exercises on Dec. 19 in Milwaukee.

• Shawano: Connor Angeli, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Arts; Michelle Koehler, School of Education, Master of Science.

Carthage College

Claire Guenther, of Shawano, participated in Carthage College's annual Christmas festival.

Yearly, Carthage College invites the community to celebrate the joy of the holiday season at the annual Carthage Christmas Festival, three performances of readings and music in the A. F. Siebert Chapel. These annual concerts are the college's Christmas gift to the community.

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OPINION

Rape kit legislation shouldn't be spin doctored

Senate Bill 71, now known as Wisconsin Act 116, is officially signed into law and will hopefully prevent any future backlog of rape kits in the state justice system. It also allows survivors of sexual assault to keep track of where those kits are in the process instead of waiting for years with no word about whether justice will ever come.

A Marion man was found guilty in 2019 for the sexual assault of a teenager in 2012, and the reason justice came seven years later was because Wisconsin had a backlog of rape kits totaling 6,800, and the rape kit for this case wasn't tested until 2017. Once the backlog became public knowledge, the issue became a political football that eventually was resolved with all the kits being processed. However, there was nothing in place to keep such a backlog from occurring again until Senate Bill 71 came along.

The Wisconsin Democratic Party jumped on the news about the bill being signed into law, crediting Gov. Tony Evers and Attorney General Josh Kaul for making this happen. The press release sent out to media highlighted quotes from both men from Up North News praising the legislation.

However, the press release fails to



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recognize that the bill was authored by Republican legislators, including our own Sen. Robert Cowles. In fact, SB 71 had 10 Republican sponsors in the Assembly and four in the Senate, while co-sponsorship from the Democratic side of the aisle was four members of the Assembly and only one in the Senate.

It's quite distasteful that the Democratic Party handlers are continuing to spin-doctor government acts to make it look like only their side is taking action. It continues to perpetuate the great divide affecting this state and the nation as a whole that one party is the saving grace that will deliver us from the darkness and the other party will bring about the end times and destroy humanity as a whole.

The press release also failed to note a quote from Democratic Sen. Melissa Agard from Madison that pointed out SB 71 was being moved forward from both sides of the aisle: "While it sometimes feels in this body and in this building that we're destined to continue operating solely

within our own parties, I am hopeful by what I see here today. We're showing our colleagues and other committees and in other bodies how it is we can do better."

Granted, we're approaching an election year, and since there are Republican majorities in both chambers, it behooves the Democratic Party to do what it can to get more of its own into legislative seats. However, taking full credit for something like this is exactly the kind of partisan idiocy that the regular folks of the state and country are tired of seeing. The main point of this legislation is that it will fast-lane efforts to pursue justice for those impacted by rape and sexual assault, and posturing should not be acceptable in the case of something like this.

In all fairness, the Republicans are not saints when it comes to moving the legislation forward. Similar legislation made it unanimously through the Senate and had 56 bipartisan sponsors in the Assembly before that chamber's GOP leaders decided to pad the bill with immigration and school choice legislation, which has nothing to do with testing rape kits. Thankfully, Republicans didn't try to pull such an asinine maneuver this time, and we now have a law on the books.

SB 71 should be an indication to both sides of the aisle that meaningful improvements to the state and how it's run can happen, and it all comes down to recognizing that there's a problem. Letting rape kits languish is something that should never have happened in Wisconsin, as it discourages victims from coming forward and telling what happened to law enforcement officials and allows perpetrators to continue committing crimes. Both Republicans and Democrats should be praised for putting safeguards into place to keep justice from being delayed.

Perhaps the Democratic Party — and the Republican Party, while it's at it — should retire their spin doctoring publicity juggernauts, because they're not doing anything to improve the state, and they're certainly not bringing people together. Further press releases like the one released this week only serve to divide and alienate, and we've had quite enough of that. Instead of pointing to the heroes, point to the good itself that's being done. At the end of the day, it doesn't matter who did it; it just matters that it got done.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Better to be cautious than allow tragedy

To the editor:

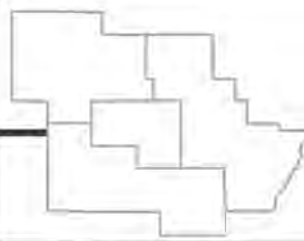
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Demons, murder, magical candy canes make for mountains of mayhem

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Trixie Looney’s back story is rather sparse. We do know that she grew up in Austin, Texas, in a family of witches. Apparently, all went well until she and her great Aunt Griselda updated Griselda’s book “All Things Magical and Bumpy Things in the Night.”

Trixie’s newly discovered gift of being a demon hunter caused major friction in her family. Trixie rejected the demon hunting part of her special gifts and take a job as a barista at Magic Beans Coffee House in Boise, Idaho. Sadly, the move didn’t solve the problem of what she referred to as “Furry Fairies.” The little creatures look a lot like cute, innocent squirrels with malicious behavior problems.

One morning in December, Trixie wakes to find the large tree in her front yard festooned with candy canes. This won’t help her maintain a low profile with her non-witch neighbors. Her boss, Bastian and most of the employees at Magic Beans are witches, so they empathize.

Trixie is stunned when the amaz-

ingly suave and handsome Sylvester walks in the door. They had met when he agreed to be interviewed for the book update. Even though she knows that he is a daimon (demon) who can move easily between worlds, Trixie can’t help the flutter of romantic attraction she feels. What was he doing here?

It turns out that Bastian has hired him to be part of the International Criminal Witch Police for the greater Boise area. That event has coincided with the murder of someone within the witch community. It is the ICWP’s job to solve the case without undue attention from the non-witch community. Impulsively, Trixie volunteers to assist Sylvester in the investigation.

To her surprise, he agrees to her offer. When they discover dozens of candy canes on Trixie’s car, Sylvester suggests that the furry fairies are trying to send her a message. This can’t be a coincidence.

The victim, Devon Simms, was stabbed in the chest with an enchanted candy cane. He managed marketing at Silver Stripe Candy Canes, a company owned by his father and uncle. The small company was doing amazingly well considering that they only sell candy canes. After a visit to the factory, Sylvester senses that someone has been using magic there.

When they return and find tiny bits of glitter, they are certain the furry fairies are involved. Using his

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experience with fairies, Sylvester sets a meeting with them. The fairies refuse to speak about some things, but Sylvester uses what they don’t say.

Somehow the fairies have been tricked into a pact with Silver Stripe. The amazingly fast creatures work the night shift in exchange for food and other things they can’t buy themselves. Their phantom labor speeds production and boosts profits, but the magic in the building makes them sick. They used the candy canes to get Trixie’s attention, but their blood oath prevents them from harming anyone.

Using this information, Sylvester and Trixie follow the clues to Tiffany Ann Baum, a witch with special affinity for fairies. She’d discovered how Silver Stripe had used them to save the business and wanted Devon to set them free. When he



refused, she used her magic to create a killer candy cane and stabbed him with it.

Tiffany was turned over to the ICWP. They would decide how to free the furry fairies. Trixie decides to mend fences with her family and she Sylvester can try to navigate a witch/demon relationship while waiting for the next case to occur.

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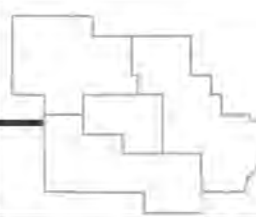
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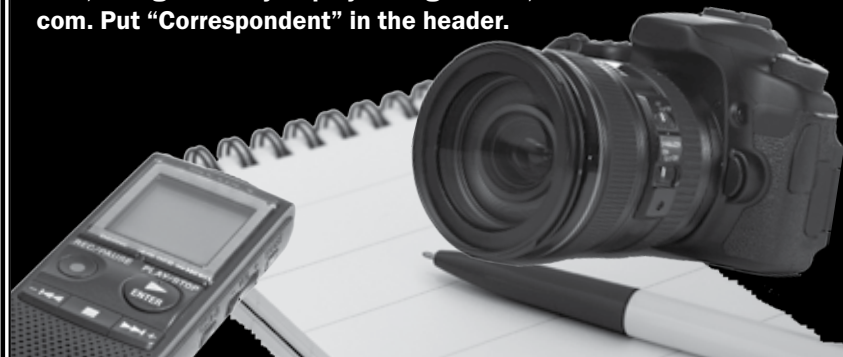
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Green Bay Packers cornerback Rasul Douglas, left, celebrates as Chicago Bears quarterback Justin Fields looks on during the team's contest on Dec. 12 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

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Special teams mistakes could cost team game

Special teams has been a weakness for the Green Bay Packers all season, with an abysmal showing against the Chicago Bears providing the most recent examples of poor play.



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In the first half of the game alone, the Packers allowed a punt return of 34 yards and then a 97-yard punt return for a score, allowed kickoff returns of 40 and 42 yards, muffed a kickoff heading out of bounds

that led to the offense starting at its own 5-yard line and then booted the ball out of bounds on a kickoff.

Those mistakes helped the four-win Bears take a six-point lead into halftime and left little room for error in the second half.

The second half wasn't nearly as bad, but wasn't without special teams mistakes.

Punter Corey Bojorquez had a rare shank on a punt attempt, with the ball going just 22 yards. Rookie returner Amari Rodgers had a punt bounce off his facemask that the Bears recovered — the Packers were bailed out by a Bears' penalty on the play. Finally, receiver Marquez Valdes-Scantling wasn't able to handle an onside kick attempt, extending the time the Packers' defense had to be on the field.

"Certainly, special teams wasn't good enough," said coach Matt LaFleur.

Through all the miscues, Green Bay was still able to find a way to win. That can be attributed to a couple things.

For one, Green Bay's offense and defense made plays when they needed to. Really, the real reason Green Bay was still able to come out with a win is because of the opponent on the other sideline.

These kind of mistakes are what could keep the team from winning the Super Bowl this season. It's unlikely a team like the Arizona Cardinals or Tampa Bay Buccaneers turn the ball over three times like the Bears did, so it's time for the special teams unit to get its act cleaned up.

With its constant struggles this year, LaFleur was asked if a change



Green Bay Packers receiver Amari Rodgers carries the ball on a return during the team's win over the Chicago Bears on Dec. 12 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. The Packers' special teams struggled mightily in the contest and have been an issue all season.

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of special teams coordinator was the answer.

"Absolutely not," said LaFleur. "We got to continue to work. We got to look at the tape, we got to get things corrected. I'll be the first to tell you that yeah, is there some things that we have to clean up as coaches? No doubt about it, but we have to execute better as well."

Maurice Drayton is the team's special team coordinator. It is Drayton's first year as the coordinator after serving as an assistant special teams coach the past three seasons.

A change at any coaching position this late in the season is something you rarely see with a contending team, so any switches might not

take place until after the season.

Regardless of which coach is leading the unit, the play across all facets of special teams needs drastic improvement in the final four weeks.

Kicker Mason Crosby has struggled with field goal and extra point attempts this season, but knocked through all seven of his kicks on Sunday. He's struggled to produce touchbacks on kickoffs, which offers the opportunities for opponents to get some of those long returns.

The Packers have put several different players back to return punts and kicks, and each has struggled and failed to create big plays for the team. There's been multiple fumbles

on returns, but the Packers have avoided turnovers in most cases.

Green Bay's kickoff and punt coverage had been solid for most of the season before Sunday's debacle. The punt return for a touchdown was the first in the NFL this season.

What's alarming is for how little special teams are on the field during the course of a game, there's numerous examples of mistakes and miscues from every game.

At some point, those mistakes are going to cost the Packers a game, or end the team's season, so you can bet special teams will be a focal point at practice from this point forward.

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KEYS TO THE GAME

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

The Green Bay Packers (10-3) will travel to face the Baltimore Ravens (8-5) at 3:25 p.m. Sunday at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore. FOX will televise the game.

History

The Packers lead the series 4-2, though the Ravens have outscored them 135-108. The teams last met in 2017 at Lambeau Field. With Aaron Rodgers out with a broken collarbone and Brett Hundley throwing three interceptions, the Ravens won 23-0.

Green Bay won its last trip to Baltimore, 19-17 in 2013. Rodgers threw a 64-yard touchdown pass to Jordy Nelson in the third quarter and Mason Crosby made four field goals.

Coaches

Green Bay – Matt LaFleur, 36-9, third season. Baltimore — John Harbaugh, 137-84, 14th season.

When the Packers have the ball

With Aaron Rodgers throwing 10 touchdown passes over the last three weeks, the Packers' offense is on a roll. However, it could be tough sledding against a Ravens defense that has given up 89 points the last five weeks.

The Ravens are ninth with 21.9 points allowed per game. They are dominant against the run, ranking first in rushing yards allowed per game (85.5) and fourth in rushing yards allowed per attempt (3.94).

With premier cornerback tandem Marcus Peters and Marlon Humphrey having suffered season-ending injuries, the Ravens are 31st in passing yards per game (266.1), 30th in passing yards per attempt (7.44) and 28th in interception percentage (1.29). The saving grace has been a stout red-zone defense that has allowed a touchdown rate of 48.4 percent, third-best in the league.

Coordinator Don "Wink" Martindale operates out of a 3-4 defense.

The front of Calais Campbell, Brandon Williams and Justin Madubuike is no joke. At age 35, the six-time Pro Bowler Campbell remains a high-quality player. While he's not the guy who had 26 sacks with Jacksonville in 2017 and 2018, he's the unit's best player. He has only 1½ sacks but is fourth on the team with 11 quarterback hits.

Justin Houston and Tyus Bowser are the starting outside linebackers. Houston, who was a star at Kansas City when Green Bay's Mike Smith

was his position coach, has four sacks and a team-high 16 quarterback hits. Bowser has a team-high 5½ sacks.

First-round pick Odafe Oweh, who didn't have any sacks last year at Penn State but is a superb physical talent, has five sacks, 13 quarterback hits and three forced fumbles off the bench. On passing downs, the Ravens go with a front of Houston, Bowser, Campbell and Oweh.

Former first-round pick Patrick Queen and Josh Byrnes are the inside linebackers. Queen is an attack-mode player, not only leading the Ravens with 70 tackles but with nine tackles for losses.

If Green Bay can protect Rodgers, there are plays to be made against a secondary with three starters – Humphrey, Peters and safety DeShon Elliott – on injured reserve.

Anthony Averett and Jimmy Smith start at corner and Tavon Young mans the slot. Averett has a team-high three interceptions and trails only Humphrey with 11 passes defended, but he's also given up the fourth-most receiving yards in the league, according to Pro Football Focus.

Brandon Stephens and Chuck Clark are the safeties. Clark is a thumper at the line of scrimmage and has eight passes defended.

When the Ravens have the ball

It will be Ankle Watch all week with Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson, the 2019 NFL MVP, missing most of last week's loss with a sprained ankle.

"The plans are right now for Lamar to be out there," Harbaugh said on Monday.

Will Jackson play? And if so, how effective will he be? The 2019 NFL MVP is the only quarterback in league history with multiple 1,000-yard rushing seasons. He's 37-12 as the starter.

If Jackson is out, Tyler Huntley will make his second career start. He's completed 67.8 percent of his passes and averaged 5.9 yards per carry in two games with extensive action but lost two fumbles against Cleveland.

With running backs J.K. Dobbs, Gus Edwards and Justice Hill on injured reserve – they combined for almost 1,600 rushing yards last season – the Ravens have leaned on retreads Devonta Freeman and Latavius Murray. Freeman leads that group with 440 yards (4.3 average) and four touchdowns. He's been a reliable threat the last six games.

Whoever is slinging the football, there are a lot of weapons on the perimeter. Tight end Mark Andrews is an elite player. He's leads the team with 75 receptions, 926 yards and six touchdowns. Even without Jackson for almost the entire game last week, he caught all 11 targets for 115 yards.

There's no shortage of speed with receivers Marquise Brown (70 receptions, 866 yards, six touchdowns), first-round rookie Rashod Bateman (32 receptions, 404 yards) and Devin Duvernay (28 receptions, 240 yards, two touchdowns). Veteran Sammy Watkins (27 receptions, 394 yards, one touchdown) rounds out the group. He is the turtle of the group with a still-fast 4.43-second clocking in the 40.

As is the case with Green Bay, Baltimore is without its stud left tackle with Ronnie Stanley out for the season with an ankle injury. So, the line is made up of veteran Alejandro Villanueva at left tackle, Ben Powers at left guard, Bradley Bozeman at center, Kevin Zeitler at right guard and Tyre Phillips at right tackle.

Zeitler, the former Wisconsin standout, is the best of the bunch. Villanueva, once a bedrock in Pittsburgh,

is past his prime and the weak link.

Special teams

Harbaugh cut his teeth as a special teams coordinator. Thus, the Ravens' units are typically superb – bad news for a Packers special teams that gave up a season's worth of big plays in one game against Chicago.

Justin Tucker might be the best kicker in NFL history. When he misses, it's news. This season, he's 28-of-30 on field goals, which puts him second in the league at 93.3 percent. That includes a perfect 6-of-6 from 50-plus yards.

Sam Koch ranks 16th with his 40.7-yard net average. He's put 20 punts inside the 20-yard line.

Duvernay gives the Ravens a big-play returner. He's averaging a dazzling 14.4 yards per punt return and 24.2 yards per kickoff return. He'd be No. 1 in the league in punt returns if not for Chicago's Jakeem Grant running circles around Green Bay last week.

Their coverage units are spectacular, ranking fourth on kickoffs (19.2 average) and fifth on punts (6.3 average). Former Packers safety Anthony Levine leads them with five tackles.

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13	Allen Lazard	WR	6-5	227	25	3	Iowa State
17	Davante Adams	WR	6-1	215	28	8	Fresno State
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
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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
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62	Lucas Patrick	G	6-3	313	28	5	Duke
64	Ben Braden	G	6-6	329	27	2	Michigan
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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

18	Randall Cobb	WR	5-10	195	31	11	Kentucky
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

10	Jordan Love	QB	6-4	219	23	2	Utah State
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Active

#	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	AGE	EXP.	COLLEGE
2	Tyler Huntley	QB	6-1	196	23	2	Utah
4	Sam Koch	P	6-1	222	39	16	Nebraska
5	Marquise Brown	WR	5-9	180	24	3	Oklahoma
6	Patrick Queen	LB	6-0	232	22	2	LSU
8	Lamar Jackson	QB	6-2	212	24	4	Louisville
9	Justin Tucker	K	6-1	183	32	10	Texas
11	James Proche II	WR	5-11	193	25	2	Southern Methodist
12	Rashod Bateman	WR	6-1	193	22	R	Minnesota
13	Devin Duvernay	WR	5-11	210	24	2	Texas
14	Sammy Watkins	WR	6-1	211	28	8	Clemson
16	Tylan Wallace	WR	5-11	195	22	R	Oklahoma State
21	Brandon Stephens	DB	6-1	215	23	R	SMU
22	Jimmy Smith	CB	6-2	210	33	11	Colorado
23	Anthony Averett	CB	5-11	178	27	4	Alabama
25	Tavon Young	CB	5-9	185	27	6	Temple
26	Geno Stone	S	5-10	209	22	2	Iowa
28	Lataavius Murray	RB	6-3	230	31	9	UCF
30	Chris Westry	CB	6-4	199	24	2	Kentucky
33	Devonta Freeman	RB	5-8	206	29	8	Florida State
34	Ty'Son Williams	RB	6-0	220	25	1	Brigham Young
36	Chuck Clark	S	6-0	205	26	5	Virginia Tech
38	Kevon Seymour	CB	6-0	185	28	4	USC
40	Malik Harrison	LB	6-3	247	23	2	Ohio State
41	Anthony Levine Sr.	DB/LB	5-11	207	34	10	Tennessee State
42	Patrick Ricard	FB/DL	6-3	300	27	5	Maine
45	Jaylon Ferguson	OLB	6-5	275	26	3	Louisiana Tech
46	Nick Moore	LS	6-2	248	29	1	Georgia
49	Chris Board	LB	6-2	229	26	4	North Dakota State
50	Justin Houston	OLB	6-3	270	32	11	Georgia
54	Tyus Bowser	OLB	6-3	242	26	5	Houston
56	Josh Bynes	LB	6-1	240	32	10	Auburn
57	Kristian Welch	ILB	6-3	240	23	2	Iowa
63	Trystan Colon	C	6-3	313	23	2	Missouri
65	Patrick Mekari	G/C	6-4	308	24	3	Cal-Berkeley
66	Ben Cleveland	G	6-6	357	23	R	Georgia
70	Kevin Zeitler	G	6-4	315	31	10	Wisconsin
71	Justin Ellis	DT	6-2	350	30	8	Louisiana Tech
72	Ben Powers	G	6-4	310	25	3	Oklahoma
74	Tyre Phillips	G	6-5	344	24	2	Mississippi State
77	Bradley Bozeman	C	6-5	325	27	4	Alabama
78	Alejandro Villanueva	OT	6-9	277	33	7	Army
80	Miles Boykin	WR	6-4	220	25	3	Notre Dame
84	Josh Oliver	TE	6-5	249	24	3	San Jose State
85	Eric Tomlinson	TE	6-6	263	29	6	Texas-El Paso
86	Nick Boyle	TE	6-4	270	28	7	Delaware
89	Mark Andrews	TE	6-5	256	26	4	Oklahoma
92	Justin Madubuike	DT	6-3	293	24	2	Texas A&M
93	Calais Campbell	DT	6-8	300	35	14	Miami (Fl.)
96	Broderick Washington	DT	6-3	304	25	2	Texas Tech
98	Brandon Williams	DT	6-1	336	32	9	Missouri Southern State
99	Odafu Oweh	OLB	6-5	251	23	R	Penn State
Reserve/Injured							
3	L.J. Fort	LB	6-0	232	31	7	Northern Iowa
24	Marcus Peters	CB	6-0	195	28	7	Washington
27	J.K. Dobbins	RB	5-10	212	22	2	Ohio State
29	Ar'Darius Washington	S	5-8	176	22	R	TCU
31	Khalil Dorsey	CB	5-9	181	23	2	Northern Arizona
32	DeShon Elliott	S	6-1	210	24	4	Texas
35	Gus Edwards	RB	6-1	238	26	4	Rutgers
37	Iman Marshall	CB	6-1	210	24	3	USC
43	Justice Hill	RB	5-10	200	24	3	Oklahoma State
44	Marlon Humphrey	CB	6-0	197	25	5	Alabama
51	Otaro Alaka	ILB	6-3	239	25	3	Texas A&M
59	Daelin Hayes	LB	6-3	253	23	R	Notre Dame
79	Ronnie Stanley	T	6-6	315	27	6	Notre Dame
90	Pernell McPhee	LB	6-3	265	32	11	Mississippi State
91	Xavier Kelly	DT	6-6	306	24	R	Arkansas
95	Derek Wolfe	DE	6-5	285	31	10	Cincinnati
97	Aaron Crawford	DT	6-1	315	24	1	North Carolina
Reserve/Non-Football Injury							
76	Ja'Wuan James	OT	6-6	315	29	7	Tennessee
Practice Squad							
7	Chris Streveler	QB	6-1	216	26	2	South Dakota
10	Jaylon Moore	WR	5-11	191	24	1	Tennessee-Martin
17	Robert Jackson	CB	6-1	202	28	3	UNLV
18	Kevin Toliver	CB	6-2	192	26	4	LSU
37	Blake Countess	S	5-9	184	28	5	Auburn
39	Mazzi Wilkins	DB	6-0	191	26	2	University of South Florida
47	Nate McCrary	RB	6-0	213	22	R	Saginaw Valley State
48	Jordan Richards	S	5-11	210	28	7	Stanford
53	Adam Redmond	C	6-6	290	28	3	Harvard
58	Joe Thomas	LB	6-1	227	30	7	South Carolina State
61	Jaryd Jones-Smith	OT	6-7	320	26	1	Pittsburgh
62	David Sharpe	OT	6-6	343	26	5	Florida
81	Binjimen Victor	WR	6-4	199	24	1	Ohio State
83	Tony Poljan	TE	6-7	251	24	R	Virginia
94	Isaiah Mack	NT	6-1	299	25	3	Tennessee-Chattanooga
Practice Squad/Injured							
15	Jake Verity	K	6-2	197	23	R	East Carolina

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Packers vs. Ravens
All-time, regular season: 4-2
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All-time, at Ravens: 1-1
Streaks: The Green Bay Packers have won two of the previous three meetings against the Baltimore Ravens.
Last meeting, regular season: Nov. 19, 2017, Ravens won 23-0 at Lambeau Field. The Packers starting quarterback that day was Brett Hundley, and he was sacked six times and threw three interceptions. Receiver Davante Adams had eight catches for 126 yards.

SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	TV
Sept. 12	at New Orleans	Loss 38-3	
Sept. 20	vs. Detroit	Win 35-17	
Sept. 26	at San Francisco	Win 30-28	
Oct. 3	vs. Pittsburgh	Win 27-17	
Oct. 10	at Cincinnati	Win 25-22	
Oct. 17	at Chicago	Win 24-14	
Oct. 24	vs. Washington	Win 24-10	
Oct. 28	at Arizona	Win 24-21	
Nov. 7	at Kansas City	Loss 13-7	
Nov. 14	vs. Seattle	Win 17-0	
Nov. 21	at Minnesota	Loss 34-31	
Nov. 28	vs. L.A. Rams	Won 36-28	
BYE WEEK			
Dec. 12	vs. Chicago	Won 45-30	
Dec. 19	at Baltimore	3:25 p.m. FOX	
Dec. 25	vs. Cleveland	3:30 p.m. FOX	
Jan. 2	vs. Minnesota	7:20 p.m. NBC	
Jan. 9	at Detroit	noon FOX	

OFFENSE

RB
Aaron Jones
A.J. Dillon



QB
Aaron Rodgers
Jordan Love



WR
Davante Adams
Equanimeous St. Brown



TE
Josiah Deguara
Tyler Davis



RT
Billy Turner
Dennis Kelly



RG
Royce Newman
Lucas Patrick



C
Lucas Patrick
Jake Hanson



LG
Jon Runyan
Lucas Patrick



LT
Yosh Nijman
Dennis Kelly



TE
Marcedes Lewis
Dominique Dafney



WR
Marquez Valdes-Scantling
Allen Lazard



DEFENSE

CB
Eric Stokes
Kevin King



DE
Dean Lowry
Tyler Lancaster



NT
Kenny Clark
T.J. Slaton



DE
Kingsley Keke
Jack Heflin



CB
Rasul Douglas
Chandon Sullivan



OLB
Preston Smith
Tipa Galeai



ILB
Krys Barnes
Oren Burks



ILB
De'Vondre Campbell
Ty Summers



OLB
Rashan Gary
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Ben Cleveland

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Tyre Phillips

RB

Devonta Freeman
Latavius Murray

QB

Lamar Jackson
Tyler Huntley

FB

Patrick Ricard

WR

Marquise Brown
Devin Duvernay

SCHEDULE

Saturday's Games

Las Vegas at Cleveland, 3:30 p.m.
New England at Indianapolis, 7:15 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Dallas at N.Y. Giants, noon
Houston at Jacksonville, noon
Tennessee at Pittsburgh, noon
N.Y. Jets at Miami, noon
Washington at Philadelphia, noon
Arizona at Detroit, noon
Carolina at Buffalo, noon
Cincinnati at Denver, 3:05 p.m.
Atlanta at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Rams, 3:25 p.m.
Green Bay at Baltimore, 3:25 p.m.
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 7:20 p.m.

Monday's Game

Minnesota at Chicago, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday's Game

San Francisco at Tennessee, 7:20 p.m.

DEFENSE

CB

Anthony Averett
Jimmy Smith

DT

Calais Campbell
Broderick Washington

NT

Brandon Williams
Justin Ellis

DE

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Chris Westry
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WLB

Patrick Queen
Kristian Welch

OLB

Tyus Bowser
Jaylon Ferguson

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Chuck Clark
Anthony Levine Sr.

S

Brandon Stephens
Geno Stone

STANDINGS

NFC East				AFC East			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Dallas	9	4	0	New England	9	4	0
Washington	6	7	0	Buffalo	7	6	0
Philadelphia	6	7	0	Miami	6	7	0
N.Y. Giants	4	9	0	N.Y. Jets	3	10	0
North				North			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Green Bay	10	3	0	Baltimore	8	5	0
Minnesota	6	7	0	Cleveland	7	6	0
Chicago	4	9	0	Cincinnati	7	6	0
Detroit	1	11	1	Pittsburgh	6	6	1
South				South			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Tampa Bay	10	3	0	Tennessee	9	4	0
Atlanta	6	7	0	Indianapolis	7	6	0
New Orleans	6	7	0	Houston	2	11	0
Carolina	5	8	0	Jacksonville	2	11	0
West				West			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Arizona	10	3	0	Kansas City	9	4	0
L.A. Rams	9	4	0	L.A. Chargers	8	5	0
San Francisco	7	6	0	Denver	7	6	0
Seattle	5	8	0	Las Vegas	6	7	0

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Sat. Dec. 18/Sun. Dec. 19

No teams on bye

Kansas City @ LA Chargers Thurs., Dec. 16
 Carolina @ Buffalo
 Las Vegas @ Cleveland
 New England @ Indianapolis
 NY Jets @ Miami
 Green Bay @ Baltimore
 Arizona @ Detroit
 Houston @ Jacksonville
 Dallas @ NY Giants
 Tennessee @ Pittsburgh
 Cincinnati @ Denver
 Atlanta @ San Francisco
 Seattle @ LA Rams
 New Orleans @ Tampa Bay
 Minnesota @ Chicago Mon., Dec. 20

Tie Breaker Game: Washington @ Philadelphia

Weekly Standings

Weekly Record

Overall Record

God's Purpose Apparel.....	10-4.....	139-68-1
Shawano Seasons Restaurant.....	10-4.....	131-76-1
Tim Murphy.....	10-4.....	131-76-1
22 Shell.....	10-4.....	129-78-1
Dennis Brei.....	9-5.....	129-78-1
Shawano Place Assisted Living.....	12-2.....	129-78-1
Tower Clock eye Center.....	10-4.....	129-78-1
Smokey Joes.....	11-3.....	128-79-1
Buss Automotive.....	8-6.....	127-80-1

Weekly Standings

Weekly Record

Overall Record

Hawkeye Hearth & Home.....	10-4.....	127-80-1
Idell Johnston, State Farm Ins.Agent.....	11-3.....	127-80-1
Morgan Rode.....	10-4.....	126-81-1
B & C Auto Recycling.....	10-4.....	125-82-1
Gehm's Club 117.....	11-3.....	123-84-1
P & D Sales & Service.....	9-5.....	121-86-1
Cirinnity/Wittenberg Telephone.....	10-4.....	114-93-1
Iversnon's Piggly Wiggly.....	11-3.....	114-93-1
Senn Insurance.....	10-4.....	109-98-1



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This Week's Picks:

Kansas City	Arizona	LA Rams
Buffalo	Houston	Tampa Bay
Cleveland	Dallas	Minnesota
Indianapolis	Tennessee	
Miami	Cincinnati	
Baltimore	San Francisco	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score : Washington 27 @ Philadelphia 31



Tim Murphy
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Leader

This Week's Picks:

Kansas City	Arizona	LA Rams
Buffalo	Jacksonville	Tampa Bay
Cleveland	Dallas	Minnesota
New England	Tennessee	
Miami	Cincinnati	
Green Bay	San Francisco	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Washington 20 @ Philadelphia 30



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This Week's Picks:

Kansas City	Arizona	LA Rams
Buffalo	Houston	Tampa Bay
Cleveland	Dallas	Minnesota
New England	Tennessee	
Miami	Denver	
Green Bay	San Francisco	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Washington 28 @ Philadelphia 24

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This Week's Picks:

Kansas City	Arizona	LA Rams
Buffalo	Jacksonville	Tampa Bay
Cleveland	Dallas	Minnesota
Indianapolis	Tennessee	
Miami	Denver	
Green Bay	San Francisco	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Washington 27 @ Philadelphia 24



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This Week's Picks:

LA Chargers	Detroit	LA Rams
Carolina	Houston	Tampa Bay
Las Vegas	Dallas	Minnesota
New England	Tennessee	
Miami	Cincinnati	
Green Bay	Atlanta	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Washington 24 @ Philadelphia 17



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This Week's Picks:

New Orleans	New England	Kansas City
Baltimore	Minnesota	LA Rams
Buffalo	NY Giants	LA Chargers
Cleveland	Dallas	
Tennessee	Tampa Bay	
Indianapolis	Arizona	

Tie Breaker Game:

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NOTEBOOK

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

Injury watch

Baltimore Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson was the NFL's MVP in 2019. Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers won MVP honors in 2020.

Two of the league's dominant forces – Jackson, with his unparalleled combination of arm strength and athletic ability, and Rodgers, with his sublime combination of arm strength, accuracy and experience – will be limping into Sunday's showdown in Baltimore.

After some bye-week healing allowed Rodgers to practice on Friday last week, he aggravated his broken pinky toe against Chicago. While he might not practice this week, at least he'll play. The same might not be true for Jackson, who suffered an ankle injury during the first quarter of last week's loss at Cleveland. While Ravens coach John Harbaugh said "the plans right now" are for Jackson to start, there's no guarantee he'll play or play effectively.

Jackson is not a great quarterback in the traditional sense, but his running ability puts incredible stress on a defense. The Packers couldn't contain Bears quarterback Justin Fields on Sunday night; Jackson is an even better runner and a much better passer with much better weapons. Against Indianapolis in week five, for instance, Jackson completed 37-of-43 passes for 442 yards and four touchdowns and added 62 rushing yards for a ridiculous 504 total yards.

From a passing perspective, that game was a bit of an outlier. For the season, Jackson is 22nd in the league in passer rating and 23rd in completion percentage. He has 16 touchdowns vs. 13 interceptions – one of the worst ratios in the NFL. But he

is 10th in the NFL with 767 rushing yards and second with a 5.8-yard average. With 1,206 rushing yards in 2019 and 1,005 rushing yards in 2020, he's the only quarterback in NFL history with multiple 1,000-yard rushing seasons. Can he be that player with a wounded ankle?

Rodgers, meanwhile, has gotten on one of those Rodgers-style rolls. Even while barely practicing due to the toe injury suffered during his COVID isolation, he's the hottest quarterback in the league. From week 11 through week 14, Rodgers is No. 1 in passer rating (126.5), yards per game (344.3), touchdown passes per game (3.3), yards per attempt (8.98) and touchdown-to-interception ratio (10-0).

"This guy is special," coach Matt LaFleur said.

Dominating Douglas

Want to know why the Packers are in contention to win the Super Bowl and the Las Vegas Raiders and Houston Texans are going nowhere fast?

Rasul Douglas spent most of training camp with the Raiders but was released before the preseason finale. Douglas landed with the Texans for the final week of camp before he was released again. The Raiders are 6-7 and 31st in the league in points allowed. The Texans are 2-11 and 30th in the league in points allowed.

Douglas apparently wasn't good enough to help those teams, but he's been one of the most valuable players on the Packers since being grabbed off Arizona's practice squad in October. In eight games, he's got a team-high three interceptions and is second with 10 passes defended. Douglas had pick-sixes in each of his last two games, making him the first Packers defender with two interception-return touchdowns in a season



Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers, right, talks with Chicago Bears linebacker Bruce Irvin during a game on Dec. 12 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. Rodgers aggravated the toe injury he's been battling in the contest.

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since Julius Peppers in 2014.

According to Pro Football Focus and its best guess at coverage responsibilities, Douglas has allowed a 50% catch rate. Among corners with at least 300 coverage snaps, he ranks second with a passer rating allowed of just 54.5. In his last two games, he's allowed 3-of-12 passing with two interceptions and six passes defended.

How did a journeyman defender — this is his sixth team since entering the NFL in 2017 — become such an X-factor? Douglas has continually praised defensive backs coach Jerry Gray's role in film study.

"It's like you see it and you see it and you see it and you see it. Then when you see it, do you believe it?" Douglas said. "I know when I first came here, I was talking to (Gray) and I was just like, 'I've seen it, but I ain't trust it.' He was like, 'Let me tell you something. If you see something and you don't believe it, the next time you're going to psych yourself out of believing it again. So, this person, when you see that he runs a curl, and you don't jump the first curl which you should have, the next time you're going to think he's going to run a curl-and-go.'

"He's like, 'So, you've messed yourself out of both plays and you don't know what you're going to do.' He was like, 'You've just got to believe it. If your eyes are right and he

runs something else, then you're still good.' I just try to take that mindset with everything so when they show me stuff, all my chips, I just push it to the table and I'm all-in. If it's not that, then, hopefully, my feet and my eyes are good so I can do what else I've got to do."

An interesting decision could be coming for Green Bay. All-Pro cornerback Jaire Alexander is practicing for a second consecutive week. If Alexander is able to return to the lineup, who will the Packers go with at corner? Alexander is an elite player, Douglas has been excellent, first-round rookie Eric Stokes has had more good games than bad and Chandon Sullivan has played well in the slot. Plus, Kevin King is back from his latest injury.

The best three would be Alexander, Douglas and Stokes. Alexander has the skill-set to play in the slot but that position requires physicality because of its proximity to the ball, and the coaches might want to keep Alexander out of harm's way as much as possible.

"I don't want to get too far ahead of ourselves," LaFleur said, "but, absolutely, Rasul has been a huge part of this defense. He makes key plays all the time. I love how aggressive he plays. He just is a guy, that he's fearless, he's resilient."

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Packers earn comeback victory over Bears

By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

The Green Bay Packers overcame a slow start and a multitude of special teams' mistakes in a 45-30 win over the Chicago Bears on Dec. 12 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

Quarterback Aaron Rodgers threw for 341 yards and four scores, while top wideout Davante Adams had 10 receptions for 121 yards and two touchdowns. Receiver Allen Lazard and running back Aaron Jones also caught a touchdown pass each, while Jones had the team's lone rushing score.

While Green Bay's defense allowed a couple big plays, the unit also had three takeaways, one of which was a pick-six by cornerback Rasul Douglas. A strip sack by outside linebacker Preston Smith led to another touchdown that ignited the team in the second half before an interception by Chandon Sullivan sealed up the wild win.

"I was proud of our guys. There was no panic at halftime," said coach Matt LaFleur. "I thought we kind of got back to who we were in the sec-

ond half, and I think that was pretty evident."

After a fairly quiet first quarter, the teams erupted for 45 second-quarter points.

Chicago had a 3-0 lead before a 46-yard passing touchdown moved the visitor's lead to 10-0.

Green Bay finally got its offense moving and marched 75 yards in 11 plays, capping the drive with a 2-yard touchdown pass from Rodgers to Lazard on fourth-and-goal.

Chicago's offense got great field position after a long kickoff return, but Douglas jumped a pass from Chicago rookie quarterback Justin Fields and took it 55 yards the other way to put the Packers ahead.

Douglas joined Herb Adderley (1965) as the only Packers in team history to return interceptions for touchdowns in back-to-back games.

"I think he ran an out route. I just put my foot in the ground, and I looked back and I seen the ball — caught it, tried to run as fast as I can and score," said Douglas, who later added that this has already been his best season in his career.

Chicago grabbed the lead right

back after a 54-yard touchdown pass and then tacked on seven more points on a 97-yard punt return on the ensuing drive.

Green Bay looked to have the last laugh in the wild quarter after Rodgers found Adams for a 38-yard touchdown, but another long kickoff return helped the Bears add a field goal before halftime.

The final half was dominated by the Pack, with the defense surrendering just three points on a late field goal.

Green Bay's offense put together a nine-play, 75-yard drive to open the third quarter, leaning on running back A.J. Dillon before Jones scored on a 3-yard run.

The defense then forced its second turnover, with Smith sacking Fields and outside linebacker Rashan Gary falling on the loose ball. On the next offensive play, Rodgers hit Jones

out of the backfield for a 23-yard score to give the Pack a 35-27 lead.

After the Packers' defense forced a punt and got great field position for the offense, a 20-yard field goal from kicker Mason Crosby made it a two-score game at 38-27.

After the teams traded several punts, Green Bay's offense put the finishing touches on the comeback win.

The offense went 71 yards in 13 plays, taking nearly nine minutes off the fourth quarter clock before Rodgers and Adams connected again. This time, Adams burned his defender by faking the fade route before cutting inside for a wide-open slant pass.

Chicago added a field goal and recovered an onside kick, but Sullivan picked off a Fields' pass to seal up the win.

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Green Bay Packers cornerback Rasul Douglas reacts after scoring a touchdown on an interception return against the Chicago Bears on Dec. 12 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA

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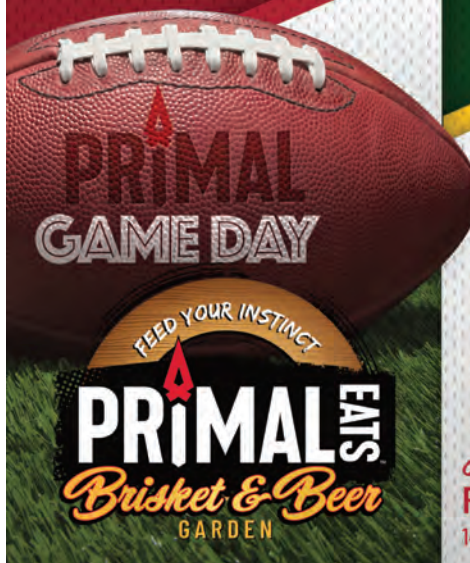
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High school senior learns welding via apprenticeship

Aidan Patza, a senior at Gillett High School, applied for a youth apprenticeship this year and is employed at L&N Metal Works in Gillett as an apprentice welder.

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As a youth apprentice with the

New North Youth Apprenticeship Consortium, Patza has a checklist of welding and employability skills that he is working to perfect over the course of the year. To round out his youth apprenticeship training, he has also taken related classes in Northeast Wisconsin Technical College welding, general metals, metal fabrication, manufacturing (Tiger Enterprise), cabinetshop and building trades.

"Aidan has been a leader in class and is willing to take on challenging

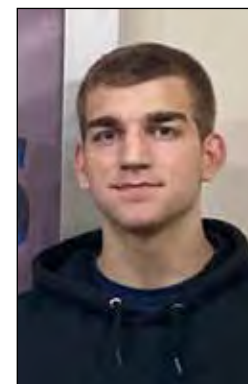
projects," said Preston Zimmerman, Gillett YA adviser/technical education teacher and events coordinator for the New North Youth Apprenticeship Consortium. "Aidan is currently the CEO of our Tiger Enterprise class, which involves managing numerous tasks and classmates. Aidan is also a member of the GHS Skills USA chapter."

Jenny West, office manager at L&N, also noted that Patza has been a great addition.

"Whatever needs to be done, he is quick to step up and help in any way that he can," West said. "He is a very responsible and respectable young man."

L&N agreed to be a part of the Youth Apprenticeship program because they say it is a great way to collaborate with the school and provide students with additional educational opportunities.

"We see it as a chance for students to see what actual employers look for and expect from their employees," West said. "Students get on-the-job training, allowing them to apply and expand on the knowledge they are getting in school.



AIDAN PATZA

There seem to be fewer and fewer students interested in working in the trades. It gives us the chance to mentor a student who is truly interested in learning more about our industry

and the career opportunities that are available."

Patza recently enlisted into the U.S. Marine Corps and will be going to basic training upon graduation. Patza's hobbies are working out and reading literature on personal growth.

"His good work ethic and passion to learn new skills will give Aidan a huge advantage as he graduates and moves on in life," West said.

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Pig Stop Fuel Center & Crystal Clean Car Wash

Prices Valid 12/13 thru 12/26/2021

OPEN MON. THRU SAT. 7AM-9PM, SUN. 7AM-7PM

OPEN CHRISTMAS EVE 8AM-5PM, CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

SPIRITS

**Fleischmann's
Vodka**
1.75 L

\$7.49 ea

FINAL COST after \$18 MIR when you
buy 6 approved Fleischmann's 1.75 L
Liquor Products (\$10.49 Reg. Sale Price)



**Fleischmann's
LTD Whiskey**
1.75 L

\$6.49

FINAL COST after \$5 MIR when you
buy 1 Bottle (\$11.49 Reg. Sale Price)



**Captain Morgan
Spiced Rum**
1.75 L

\$18.99 ea

FINAL COST after \$12 MIR when you
buy 2 Bottles (\$24.99 Reg. Sale Price)



**Admiral Nelson
Spiced Rums**
1.75 L

\$7.98

FINAL COST after \$5 MIR when you
buy 1 Bottle (\$12.98 Reg. Sale Price)



**MT. Royal
Light**
1.75 L

\$19.99



**Kessler's
Whiskey**
1.75 L

\$13.25 ea

FINAL COST after \$4 MIR when you
buy 2 Bottles (\$15.25 Reg. Sale Price)



**Ryan's Irish
Crème**
750 ml

\$7.49



**Bailey's Original
Irish Crème**
750 ml

\$17.98

FINAL COST after \$5 MIR when you
buy 1 Bottle (\$22.98 Reg. Sale Price)



**Korbel
Brandy**
1.75 L

\$17.99

FINAL COST after \$2 MIR when you
buy 1 Bottle (\$19.99 Reg. Sale Price)



**Christian Brothers
Brandy VS**
1.75 L

\$13.48 ea

FINAL COST after \$5 MIR when you
buy 2 Bottles (\$15.98 Reg. Sale Price)



**Arrow Peppermint
Schnapps or
Triple Sec**
1 LT Bottle

\$5.99



**Arrow Crème
de Cacao**
1 LT Bottle
(Light or Dark), Peach
Schnapps, or Butterscotch
Schnapps

\$6.99



WINE

**Franzia Boxed
Wines**
5L

(Sunset Blush, Crisp
White, or Chilled Red)

\$12.49



Sutter Home
1.5 Liter Bottles
(All Varieties)

\$8.98



**Barefoot
Fruitscato**
750ML
(All Varieties)

\$4.98



BEER

**Busch &
Busch Light**
30 Packs

\$18.49

(Lowest Legal Retail)



**Bud &
Bud Light**
24 Packs

\$18.98

(Lowest Legal Retail)



**Miller Lite &
Coors Light**
24 Packs

\$18.98

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**White Claw &
Vizzy Seltzers**
12 Packs

\$16.19

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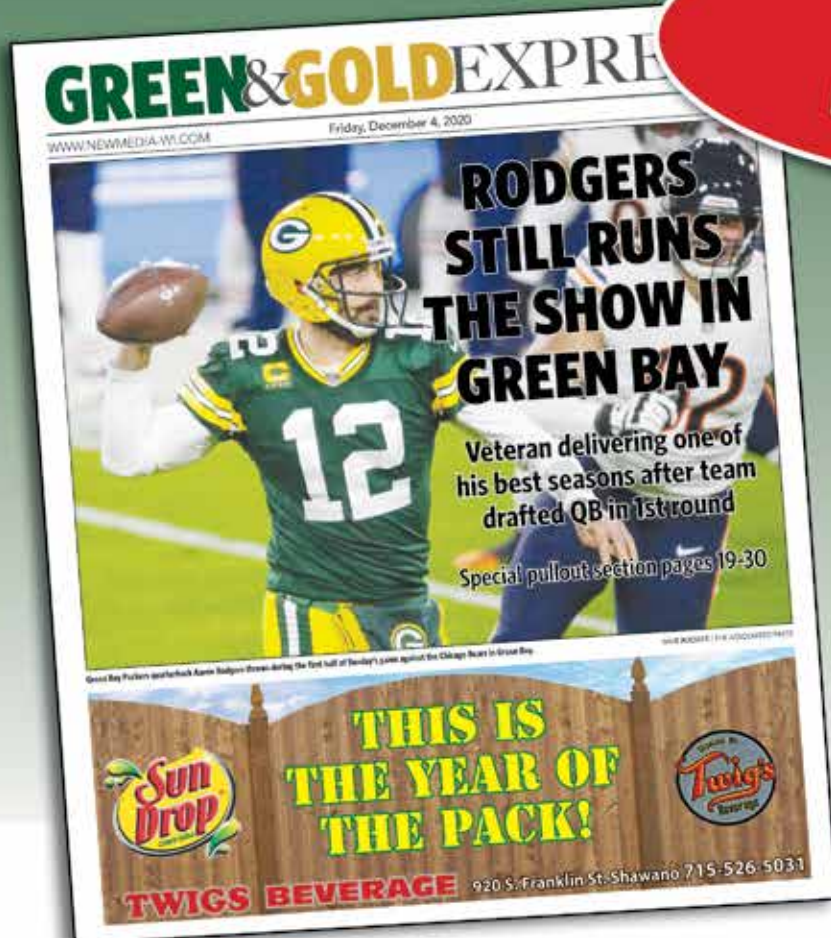


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SEPTEMBER - REGULAR SEASON			
Sunday, September 12	3:25 pm	@ New Orleans Saints	FOX
Monday, September 20	7:15 pm	DETROIT LIONS	ESPN
Sunday, September 26	2:20 pm	@ San Francisco 49ers	NBC
OCTOBER			
Sunday, October 18	3:25 pm	Pittsburgh Steelers (SOLD)	CBS
Sunday, October 30	NOON*	@ Cincinnati Bengals	FOX
Sunday, October 27	NOON*	@ Chicago Bears	FOX
Sunday, October 31	NOON*	WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM	FOX
Thursday, October 28	8:20 pm	@ Arizona Cardinals	FOX
NOVEMBER			
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	3:25 pm*	LOS ANGELES RAMS (SOLD)	FOX
DECEMBER			
BYE WEEK			
Sunday, December 12	2:26 pm*	INDIANAPOLIS COLTS	NBC
Sunday, December 19	NOON*	@ Baltimore Ravens	FOX
Saturday, December 25	3:30 pm	CLEVELAND BROWNS	FOX
JANUARY			
Sunday, January 02	2:20 pm*	MINNESOTA VIKINGS	NBC
Sunday, January 09	NOON*	@ Detroit Lions	FOX

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