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Oconto Falls and Gillett school boards hear from the community about their plans for April 5 ballot questions.

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Community shows support for middle school project

\$49.9 million referendum question expected in April

By **WARREN BLUHM**

Editor-in-chief

The consultant who conducted a survey of Oconto Falls School District residents says the community seems to support a proposal to build a new middle school and a number of smaller projects at other district buildings.

Bill Foster, of School Perceptions LLC, told the Oconto Falls School Board on Dec. 16 that the \$49.9 million proposal gained 86% support from the parents who responded to the survey, which was conducted in late November and early December.

Foster said his firm has conducted about 36 similar surveys around the country this semester.

"I think this is the strongest parents support I've seen from any project I'm working on this semester, so this is

really, really strong," Foster said.

Most significantly, the plan was supported by 60% of the largest group of residents, those who have no children in district schools and are not staff members. Another 10% was undecided, and just 30% were opposed, Foster said.

The board is expected to decide in January about going ahead with an April 5 referendum, which would ask residents to approve a replacement for aging Washington Middle School, as well as remodeling and upgrades at the high school and Abrams and Oconto Falls elementary schools.

Superintendent Dean Hess said the survey results are encouraging.

"Most people that have been in Oconto Falls and Abrams and the other eight municipalities that we serve have seen Washington Middle

School," Hess told the board. "They recognize that you have part of that school that's over 100 years old. They recognize that there's been challenges with the roof and structure for some time."

Hess added that, coincidentally, the heat recently went out in part of Washington Middle School after Kewaunee boilers built in the 1950s failed. Industrial-strength fans were brought in to circulate heat to the affected areas, he said.

"Most people realize the information we're sharing is real; it's not fictitious," Hess said. "If they have any doubts, they can come and see those things."

The board's next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Jan. 10.

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Survey indicates support for Gillett referendum

Non-recurring operational funding question was the basis of the survey

By **LUKE REIMER**

Reporter

A representative who conducted a survey for the Gillett School District told the school board Dec. 16 that the community responded favorably to the idea of a non-recurring referendum.

Rob deMeuse, a project manager at School Perceptions LLC, said the survey spelled out the "meat and potatoes" of what the district is proposing for a potential April 5 ballot question.

"This is really what the survey taker's eyes go to," said deMeuse. "The questions that they ask are, 'What are you going to do with my money?' and 'How much will it cost?'"

He said that the survey was formatted so that the district's plans were transparent and made sense to those taking the survey.

He added that a key is what the non-parents and what the non-staff

said.

"In any given community, about 75% of people are non-parents and non-staff," deMeuse said. "We want to know how people are approaching these things by nature of their identity."

The survey relates back to an operational referendum that voters approved three years ago. That funding expires at the end of this school year.

The operational funding has helped the school district by building their budget, adding more resources to their tech ed department and allowing the school district to partner with NWTC to allow students to gain college credits, deMeuse said.

The district proposed two options on the survey, one renewing the funding at \$600,000 a year and one renewing the funding at \$450,000 a year. An overall majority of those who answered the survey said that they would be in support of the \$600,000

a year option. Thirty-four percent of non-parent residents said they would support it, 56% of parent residents said that they would support it and 75% of staff residents said that they would support it.

The survey also asked where would the community be comfortable making cuts in the district, should neither of the options pass. There were seven options — course offerings, curriculum, transportation, athletic/co-curricular offerings, technology and facilities.

"There were 'nos' for all of these options," said deMeuse. "I see this in every community. I have never seen a community where 'no' doesn't dominate them all."

The board is expected to discuss moving ahead with the non-recurring referendum for April in their coming school board meetings.

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Feedback sought on spending \$1.3M in ESSER funds

Oconto Falls must use money to address effects of pandemic lockdowns

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

Oconto Falls school administrators are preparing a plan to spend nearly \$1.3 million from the federal Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund III.

Part of the American Rescue Plan Act, ESSER III is — as the title suggests — the third and largest infusion of funds designed to address the effects of lockdowns imposed in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the Dec. 13 Oconto Falls School Board meeting, Superintendent Dean Hess presented the tentative plan. The district is now seeking public feedback to create a final proposal that will be submitted in January to the state Department of Public Instruction.

“The intent is to recognize that some of our students were disproportionately affected by the pandemic, so it’s not a one-size-fits-all. We have to

come up with different ways of trying to meet the needs of our students,” Hess said.

The Oconto Falls district has been allocated \$1,281,644 that must be used through Sept. 30, 2024.

A minimum of 20% of the dollars have to be used “to implement evidence-based interventions to address learning loss,” Hess said. The plan actually uses about 46%, or \$594,000, for that purpose, he added.

“With one-time dollars, we are kind of in a balancing act,” he said. “We have children within the Oconto Falls public schools that we know have been affected disproportionately, and we need to try to address that.”

The learning-loss part of the proposal includes one “math interventionist” position each at Abrams and Oconto Falls elementary schools, after-school tutoring, student academic support at the middle and high schools and professional development efforts.

The first question was: “What’s a math interventionist?” Hess explained that students have been struggling with mathematics, and the district recently purchased a new curriculum for elementary math in an effort to ad-

dress that need.

“Feedback from our staff members is it’s a really sound, solid resource, but it causes us to have to significantly re-tool the way we instruct kids,” he said. “So not only do our kids have a need, but our staff members have a professional development need.”

The interventionist will be a math teacher willing to take a lead role in learning the new methods and coaching colleagues on instruction techniques.

Other proposed uses of the ESSER

III funds include purchase of technology equipment, mobile Wi-Fi hot spots for students without internet, window replacement and improved HVAC units to address ventilation needs in district schools.

A link to information about the ESSER III proposal has been posted on the district website, ofpanthers.com. From the “District” drop-down menu, click on “Board of Education” and then the ESSER III link on the board page.

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Suring man to be sentenced in March on child sex assault charges

Court documents say Fredenburgh, girl had relationship since she was 12

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

A Suring man arrested earlier this year for having a sexual relationship with a teenage girl is scheduled to be sentenced in U.S. District Court on March 14.

John E. Fredenburgh, 37, pleaded guilty Dec. 3 to charges of traveling interstate with the intent to engage in a sexual act with a minor and using a computer to attempt to persuade, induce or entice a minor to engage in unlawful sexual activity.

In a news release, Acting U.S. At-



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Fredenburgh was originally charged in Oconto County Circuit

torney Richard G. Frohling of the Eastern District of Wisconsin said Fredenburgh faces a sentence of 10 to 30 years' imprisonment when he is sentenced before Senior U.S. District Judge

Court after the girl's mother reported Feb. 28 that the girl, now 17, had told her about a secret sexual relationship with Fredenburgh; in a series of interviews, the girl told police they had been having sex since the spring of 2016, when she was 12 years old.

He later was charged in connection with second-degree child sex assault involving another girl, who was 14 years old when the incident occurred in 2008.

The county court proceedings were suspended in August after the

FBI began investigating because some of the sexual behavior occurred in Upper Michigan, which involved crossing state lines.

Frohling said the case was investigated by the Oconto County Sheriff's Office, the Oconto County District Attorney's Office, the Marinette County Sheriff's Office, the Menominee County (Michigan) Sheriff's Office and the Menominee (Michigan) Police Department, as well as the FBI. Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel R. Humble is prosecuting the case.

OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of Dec. 17

Fred Benjamin Larsen, 31, Marion, was ordered to pay a total of \$5,246.86 in restitution for theft in a business setting, in connection with an incident that occurred Sept. 30, 2019. Judge Jay N. Conley placed Larsen on three years of probation after imposing and then staying a prison sentence. The probationary term begins with 90 days in the county jail starting Jan. 3.

Jared Ronald Barber, 28, Lena, was placed on three years of probation after a prison sentence was imposed and stayed for strangulation-suffocation in connection with an incident that occurred Jan. 24. Several other charges were dismissed in a plea agreement. Judge Jay N. Conley ruled that, among other probation conditions, Barber may not possess or consume alcohol or illegal drugs, and he must complete all assessments, counseling and treatment deemed necessary by his corrections agent.

Brianna Rose Balfantz, 20, was placed on two years of probation after a prison sentence was withheld for felony bail jumping, in connection with an incident that occurred May 26, and misdemeanor theft from a Feb. 17 incident. Judge Jay N. Conley ordered Balfantz to complete all assessments, counseling and treatment deemed necessary by her corrections agent, and to obtain and maintain either full-time employment or school for 40 hours a week.

Proceedings of Dec. 16

Mark A. Martin, 54, Gillett, pleaded not guilty to homicide by intoxicated use of a motor vehicle and misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked and obstructing an officer, in connection with the Oct. 3 crash that claimed the life of Christopher Wayne Matchopatow, 54, of Keshena. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for March 17.

David J. SanRoman, 46, Oconto, pleaded not guilty to four counts of first-degree child sexual assault and one count of second-degree child sexual assault, all counts charged as a persistent repeater, in connection with incidents that allegedly occurred from 2016 to 2020. A jury trial was scheduled for April 19-21, with a final pre-trial conference set for April 4.

After a preliminary hearing, Jason T. Lipp, 34, Oconto, pleaded not guilty to charges of possession with intent to deliver heroin and maintaining a drug trafficking place, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 19. Meanwhile, an Aug. 2-5 jury trial was scheduled on charges of first-degree reckless homicide, in connection with the drug-related death of an Oconto Falls man Aug. 2, 2020. A bail/bond hearing was scheduled for Jan. 5.

Grace R.N. Grell, 40, Green Bay, waived her right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor counts of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of

a controlled substance, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 29. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Jan. 13.

Stuart Lee Long, 35, Cecil, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to burglary and misdemeanor theft of movable property, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 12, 2020. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Jan. 25.

Jessica Leah Haumschild, 37, Oconto, pleaded not guilty to charges of possession with intent to deliver amphetamine, manufacture and delivery of amphetamine, second-degree recklessly endangering safety and maintaining a drug trafficking place, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 24. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Jan. 13.

Andre Nathaniel Jackson, 32, Oconto, pleaded not guilty to first-degree recklessly endangering safety, possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a felony, and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 6.

Bond was set at \$5,000 cash for Timothy J. Pearson, 37, Oconto, after he was charged with possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 9. His initial appearance was adjourned until Jan. 13.

Proceedings of Dec. 14

Anthony P. Pack, 32, Neenah, pleaded no contest to charges of victim intimidation and misdemeanor battery and disorderly conduct in connection with an incident that occurred in Gillett on Oct. 18, 2018. Judge Michael T. Judge approved a deferred judgment agreement on the felony charge and placed Pack on two years of probation, during which time he must obtain an HSED or other equivalency of high school diploma, and complete all assessments, counseling and treatment deemed necessary by his corrections agent.

Proceedings of Dec. 13

Bond was set at \$10,000 cash for Austin J. Fidler, 24, Suring, after he was charged with first-degree sexual assault (sexual contact with a person under age 13) and second-degree sexual assault of a child, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 6. His initial appearance was adjourned until Dec. 16.

After a preliminary hearing, Larry Charles Forbush Jr., 53, Menasha, was bound over for trial on charges of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense) with a passenger younger than 16 and operating a motor vehicle with a prohibited alcohol content (fourth offense) with a passenger younger than 16, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 25. Arraignment was scheduled for Jan. 13.

A changing of the guard

Hamann praised at last county board meeting; new administrator introduces self

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

Oconto County Administrator Kevin Hamann received a send-off, and his successor introduced himself Dec. 16 during Hamann's final county board meeting.

Hamann retires Jan. 7 after 24 years with the county, first as administrative coordinator and for the past year as county administrator. Erik Pritzl, now director of health and human services for Brown County, arrives Jan. 3 and will work with the outgoing administrator for a week of transition.

County Board Chairman Paul Bednarik presented Hamann with a certificate of appreciation for his years of service, and with County Clerk Kim Pytleski gave him a number of parting gifts.

Bednarik said he has been on the board for 13 years.

"It took me about two meetings to realize that Kevin was a very, very devoted person. I mean, he put his life into this county and never wavered from that," Bednarik said.



ERIK PRITZL

"I just would like to thank Kevin for more than just being administrator for Oconto County, but being a good friend."

"It has been a complete privilege to work

with you, and you've let me work with you, and that means a lot," Pytleski added.

"Kevin is probably one of the most intelligent people I've ever met," said Supervisor Alan Sleeter, one of several board members who spoke. "He's always aware of what's going on around him, and if he didn't have an answer, you would have it within three or four days."

For his part, Hamann made his public parting short and sweet.

"As my staff said last night, I'm a man of few words — thanks," he said.

Earlier, Pritzl spent a few minutes describing his philosophy 27



Oconto County Board Chairman Paul Bednarik, left, congratulates County Administrator Kevin Hamann on his upcoming retirement as County Clerk Kim Pytleski looks on during the board's Dec. 16 meeting.

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years into his own career, most of it in county service and specifically in health and human services.

Pritzl said he has tremendous respect for Hamann and the systems the county already has in place.

"In short, I don't want to mess it up, which is one of my guiding principles," he said.

He referred to five other principles by which he hopes to serve as the county's new administrator:

- "Leave things better than when you started, which is going to be very difficult from what I've seen so

far, but I will try."

- Be a good steward of the financial resources of the public, and everything should fall into place after that.

- The biggest asset of the organization is not the books necessarily, but the people who work there.

- Take credit for the things you do and not the things you don't.

- If nothing else, be kind.

"I will be my own worst critic, so you don't have to do much in that area because I will take care of it for you," Pritzl concluded.

Applications being accepted for open school board seat

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

The person who fills a vacancy on the Oconto Falls School Board will only hold the seat until April, unless he or she chooses to run in the April 5 election.

Sharon Stodola-Eslien resigned Dec. 13 with just four months left in her three-year term.

Superintendent Dean Hess told the board Dec. 16 that state statutes expect them to fill any vacancy within 60 days, which means the new

person should be named by Feb. 11.

After discussion, board members agreed that any public notice seeking applicants should include a reference that the chosen candidate would need to run in April if they wish to serve more than a couple of months.

Candidates for local office, including school boards, are currently circulating nomination papers that must be submitted by 5 p.m. Jan. 4. Candidacy packets may be obtained from administrative assistant Debbie Woods at the school district office.

The board plans to accept applications for appointment to the vacated seat through the end of December and then set a date and time to interview applicants.

Each applicant must be a resident of Oconto Falls School District, not a felon restricted from voting, and at least 18 years old.

Interested candidates must submit an application to: Oconto Falls Board of Education, Attn: Clint Gardebrecht, 200 N. Farm Road, Oconto Falls, WI 54154. The applications must be received at the

district office by 5 p.m. Dec. 31 or postmarked by Dec. 31. There is a dropbox in the entrance to the district office that is available 24/7.

The application must include a written letter of interest and a list of three references with contact information. A resume is recommended but not required.

For information, contact Woods at 920-848-4471 or debra.woods@of-ps.org or Gardebrecht, the board clerk, at clint.gardebrecht@of-ps.org.

OBITUARIES

Veronica Kopatz

Veronica “Ronnie” Kopatz (Angus, McDermid), 65, Oconto Falls, loving daughter, sister, mother, wife, aunt, grandmother and friend lost her courageous 17-month battle with ovarian cancer on Friday, Dec. 17, 2021, at home surrounded by family. Ronnie was born Aug. 21, 1956, in Green Bay to Violet and the late Neil McDermid.

Ronnie attended St. Anthony’s School, Oconto Falls Junior High and graduated with the Oconto Falls High School Class of 1974. After graduation, she went to live with her sister, Pat, in Michigan to attend Mt. Clemens Pivot Point School of Cosmetology. Back in Wisconsin, she was a wife, mother and even a farmer for some time, but always helped her family at their taverns.

Ronnie and her husband then purchased the West Side Tavern which became the “Wild Wild West,” there are too many memories there to mention. After selling the bar, Ronnie worked at McDermid Trucking for 26 years until her retirement in 2018. She enjoyed her time working with family and the daily memories she made working with her mom, Vi. On New Year’s Eve in 1996, Ronnie married the love of her life, Craig Kopatz.



Ronnie lived life to the fullest with a big open heart that put others before herself. Many people have been touched by her God-given talents. She was always giving free haircuts to family

and friends. She was a seamstress, making wedding dresses, countless blankets and legendary costumes. She was an artist and created art that she loved sharing with loved ones.

She built a wonderful home that was always open to everyone. She loved hosting pool parties and hanging out outside with family and friends. She lived for her time with her grandchildren, putting weeks of planning into week-long adventures. She had a library of thousands of photos from family gatherings and events of all kinds.

Ronnie was a member of River Island Golf Course for many years; she and Craig would attend every event they possibly could. Ronnie was on the Ladies Golf League and was so proud when she finally received a

birdie at the Ladies’ Annual Banquet. Ronnie was an excellent bowler and over the years participated in tournaments and won many accolades. She was previously the Oconto Falls Sportman’s Club secretary-treasurer and ran events out of her car trunk when the club houses burnt down. She also was a very good trap shot.

Ronnie leaves behind her loving mother, Violet McDermid; father-in-law, Fred Kopatz; daughters, Jessica (Shaba) Angus, Dr. Rebecca Angus, Erica (Dwayne) Beaumier, Ashley Bahrke; son, Richard Angus; grandchildren, Aidan and Liam Andrich, Peyton and Nolan Beaumier, John and Adalee Bahrke. She is further survived by sisters, Pat Wranosky, Geri (Rick) Kruse, Susie (Donnie) McDermid; brother Dan (Debbie) McDermid; sisters-in-law, Mary McDermid, Carmen McDermid, Christine Peterman and Carmen (Roger) Behringer.

Ronnie was preceded in death by her husband, Craig Kopatz; father, Neil McDermid; brothers, Michael McDermid and Robert McDermid; brother-in-law, Dennis Meunier; grandnephew, Buck Kozlovsky; mother-in-law, Bettie Kopatz;

stepmother-in-law, Marylou Kopatz; her grandparents, many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitation will take place after 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021, at Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls until about 7 p.m., at which time favorite memories will be shared. Visitation will continue after 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2021, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Oconto Falls until the time of service. Mass of Christian burial will be held 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church with the Rev. Greg Parent officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Ronnie’s family would like to thank the Bellin Cancer Team, all the caring nurses, especially Donna, and the Unity Hospice Care Team. The family also wishes to thank all of the friends that have stopped by to help, brought food, called, sent cards and sent prayers – your generosity will never be forgotten. Mom also had four special angels that have been with her through every step of her battle with cancer: her good friend, Shelby Neta; her lifelong best friend, Linda Jarvey-Pond; her sister, Pat Wranosky; and her daughter, Rebecca Angus.

William W. Meyet

William Wilbert Meyet, 98, formerly of Gillett, passed away Dec. 8, 2021, surrounded by family.

Bill was born in Gillett in 1923, the youngest of five. His parents immigrated from Germany and Poland, which was why they only spoke German. At the age of 15, Bill joined the Civilian Conservation Corps, then went on to the Army where he was a translator for a major speaking German.

Bill was married, had two children and was employed by Con Edison electric. After retirement, Bill took up cycling, riding all over Europe and becoming a competitive racer. He competed in races both abroad and in the U.S., often placing in the top of his



age bracket. He had a prized possession — his racing bike with Golden Spokes that was stolen one night as he slept — but cherished by Bill most of all was his longtime companion, Vada Gibson,

together from 1974 until her death in 2012.

Another biking story — at 75, Bill rode his bike from San Diego across the United States to Florida. He was able to dip his rear tire in the Pacific Ocean and the front in the Atlantic Ocean, quite an



amazing feat. Then he did it again. Unfortunately, Vada was attacked by a German shepherd in Texas while on their journey. After some recovery at a local hospital, they continued their way.

Bill has lived with his son in Idaho for the last six years, cutting up bottles to place on trees, volunteering at the food bank and helping people, but he has always desired to return to Gillett — missing his friends, the VFW, American Legion Post 300 and especially his

sister, Edna Ladwig.

William is survived by his son, Bill (Lois); daughter, Kathryn (Gary); 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and sister, Edna Ladwig.

Bill was preceded in death by his mother, Augusta (Becker); father, Julius Meyet; stepfather, August Stelzer; sister, Lydia; and brothers Yekel, Evrin and Reiny.

Visitation will be at Kuehl Funeral Home on Friday, Dec. 17, 2021, from 9-11:15 a.m. At that time there will be sharing of the memories, a prayer service officiated by Pastor James Athey, then full military honors. Bill will be laid to rest privately at St. John’s Riverside Lutheran, Gillett.

Roberta Jo Nelson



In loving memory of Roberta Jo Nelson (Bobbi Jo), born May 7, 1974; she was taken from those who loved her way too soon, at the age of 47.

She was called home by her son, mother, mother-in-law and father-in-law on Dec. 10, 2021. She was taken from her loving husband of 28 years, along with KimberLee, AshLee, Jaysen and Rhyon. Also missing her greatly are her grandchildren Kayden, AmberLee and Trenton. There are many more

friends and loved ones who have also been touched by Roberta before she left this world, including her father, John, her four sisters, two brothers, nieces and nephews.

She had a heart of pure gold and the voice of an angel.

There will be a memorial service Monday, Dec. 20, 2021, from 4-6:45

p.m., with a sharing of the memories at 6:45 p.m. at Kuehl Funeral Home.

There are donation jars in the Gillett area to help the family, or if you are out of the area and wish to donate to Bobbi Jo’s funeral fund, checks can be mailed in her honor to Kuehl Funeral Home, P.O. Box 317, Gillett, WI 54124.

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Library board repeals 1985 ordinance

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

An ordinance from 1985 was repealed during the Shawano County Library Board's meeting on Dec. 17.

The ordinance stated that individuals who damaged their books or took books out of the library without checking them out would face a fine between \$20 and \$500 and could be jailed until the money was paid up.

"This is still a current ordinance," said Shawano County Library Director Kristie Hauer to the board.

Shawano County Administrative Coordinator James Davel said that the county is in the process of codifying ordinances within Shawano County.

"We are going through and identifying ordinances that are not relevant anymore," said Davel. "Some of these things are coming up that may or may not be relevant. In this case, it sounds like the ordinance is relevant but may need to be changed."

"Even so, if we aren't following or enforcing this, is this relevant?" asked library board member Trish Hoffman.

Hauer responded saying that there is policy in place where someone has up to three more checkouts on an item if nobody else is waiting for it.

"If it does not get returned, it gets billed to the patron," said Hauer. "In 2016 or '17, the library board started using a collection agency for items that have not been returned. At a minimum one billed item on a patron's account of \$50 or more, it then goes through a collection agency to get it returned or get the money for it."

Davel suggested that the library board should update the ordinance to reflect the current policy, or that they should stick with the policy and get rid of the ordinance all together.

Board member Gina Shatters said that in her eyes, the board should just repeal the ordinance.

"We have a policy. We don't need to reinvent the wheel here," said Shatters.

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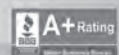
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Powless-Brown gets 10 years in shooting

Defendant intentionally shot former friend, accidentally struck mother over dispute

By **KEVIN MURPHY**
Correspondent

A Keshena man who intentionally shot a former friend and accidentally shot his mother last March was sentenced Monday in federal court to 10 years in prison and three years' supervised release.

According to documents filed with the court, Menom Powless-Brown, 19, had been a close and long-term friend of Ray Fish, 20, before Fish took a sexual interest in the 12-year-old cousin of another friend. That led to a dispute with Powless-Brown taking sides against Fish. In the days before the March 13 shooting, Fish was reportedly looking for Powless-Brown to settle the dispute.

The men traveled in separate cars on March 13 to attend a birthday party on Hickory Street in Middle Village. Arriving simultaneously, witnesses said that Powless-Brown struck or attempted to strike Fish with a 9 mm semiautomatic handgun.

While Powless-Brown later said he thought he saw Fish pull a handgun, no one corroborated that statement.

Fish fled back to his car and Powless-Brown fired three times,



**MENOM
POWLESS-BROWN**

once hitting Fish above the hip and one bullet piercing his left cheek of his mother, Mary L. Powless, leaving her with a permanent scar.

The bullet that struck Fish remains lodged

so close to his fifth lumbar vertebrae that neurosurgeons won't remove it due to its proximity to his spinal cord.

Fish drove away toward Gresham and was struggling with consciousness when he drove off the road. He drove back onto the road where he was discovered and taken to medical treatment.

Powless had told authorities that she was shot from a gun pointing out of Fish's vehicle. She stuck by that false story long enough to be charged with several offenses before pleading guilty to interfering with an investigation that involved a shooting. In October, she was sentenced to time served and placed on one year's supervised release.

Powless-Brown surrendered on March 16, was subsequently indicted on several offenses and pleaded

guilty to assault with the intent to murder. He faced penalties of seven to 15 years in prison.

On Monday, his attorney, Eric Maciolek, argued for an eight-year sentence saying his client had no prior criminal convictions and was attending technical college.

"The court has received 18 heartfelt letters of support for Menom ... and he has been a positive influence on family and friends," Maciolek said.

Powless-Brown said there was no excuse for what he had done and apologized to the court and "all the residents of the reservation."

"This is not the life I want to live ... I'm sorry for the pain I've caused," he told District Judge William Griesbach.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew Meier asked for a 15-year sentence, saying Powless-Brown's assault was unprovoked.

"This is an attempted murder that involved firearms," Meier said. "Ray Fish was shot fleeing to his car with Powless-Brown taking aim and taking his time ... He acted with a clear mind and an intent to kill Ray Fish."

The shooting also departs from the culture of the reservation where disputes are settled with words

or fists, said Meier. Fish got out of his car ready to confront Powless-Brown, who brought a gun to a fistfight, Meier said.

Ryan Fish, the victim's father, told Griesbach that the shooting has been a life-changing event for the family. Ray Fish remains fearful for his safety; he has anxiety around people and worries that the bullet near his spine may someday travel and injure him further.

"(Powless-Brown) tried to kill my son ... and to give someone eight years seems ridiculous to me," he said.

Griesbach said the case didn't call for the maximum penalty due to the defendant's youthfulness and lack of prior convictions, but it is a serious offense.

"Firing a gun three times at a person is as serious as it gets short of taking another human life," he said.

The victim will live with the physical effects of the shooting for a long time and the psychological effects may be forever, Griesbach said. The judge hoped that a 10-year sentence will have a deterrent effect on those in the Menomonee community and discourage the further use of firearms to settle disputes.

Election season opens in Shawano County

Only 1 competitive race for county supervisors so far, none for city of Shawano or school board

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

The 2022 election season is currently underway as paperwork is being circulated for candidates vying for municipal, county and school board positions, and there is at least one competitive race anticipated.

All 27 seats on the Shawano County Board of Supervisors are up for grabs, and currently, according to County Clerk Pam Schmidt, two candidates have turned in papers for the District 11 seat. Incumbent Richard Ferfecki will be facing off against James Przybylski, although other candidates could emerge by the Jan. 4 deadline to turn in paperwork. If that happens, there will be a primary election on Feb. 15

to reduce the number of candidates to two.

Also turning in paperwork are Kathy Luebke, who is the supervisor for District 12; Dick Olson, in District 17; Arlyn Tober, in District 19; Joe Miller, in District 21; Jerry Erdmann, in District 22; and Theresa Serrano, in District 27. So far, no one is challenging those incumbents, Schmidt said Dec. 20.

Four incumbents have filed non-candidacy paperwork, which leaves their seats wide open for new candidates. Mark Bolin from District 2, Marvin Klosterman from District 15, John Ainsworth from District 16 and Aaron Damrau from District 23 will not be running for new terms.

Only one incumbent — Rick Giese in District 20 — has not taken

out paperwork but has not indicated he does not plan to run, according to Schmidt.

All other incumbents have taken out their paperwork but have not turned in their signatures, according to Schmidt. Candidates must have a minimum of 20 signatures in order to be put on the ballot, and they must be received at the county clerk's office by 5 p.m. Jan. 4.

In the city of Shawano, the mayor's seat and three council positions are up for grabs. City Clerk Lesley Nemetz said that two council incumbents, Lisa Hoffman for District 4 and John Hoeffs for District 6, have already turned in their paperwork to run for new terms. Rhonda Strebel, the alderwoman for District 2, has filed a notice of non-candida-

cy, but there is another person who has taken out paperwork for that district, Jim Hauer.

Mayor Bruce Milavitz has turned in paperwork to run for a full term after serving one year following the resignation of Ed Whealon but has not turned it in yet, according to Nemetz. So far, there are no competitive races for the city.

Three seats are up for grabs in the Shawano School District. Administrative assistant Lori Sherman said that incumbents Mart Grams, Diane Hoffman and Chris Gull have taken out paperwork but only Grams had returned the required signatures as of Dec. 20, and there are currently no challengers for the seats, which are all in the city of Shawano.

Sacred Heart volunteers warm the spirit

Volunteers put together blankets for those impacted by Waukesha parade incident

By **LEE PULASKI**

City Editor

Snipping blankets with scissors and tying the loose ends together might not sound like the most exciting thing to do on a winter's afternoon. But for the women and children who are part of Sacred Heart Parish, the task was one they did joyfully, as the blankets were going to a good cause.

Sacred Heart received a request earlier in the month from one of the Catholic churches in Waukesha — a community that was turned upside-down after the driver of a sport-utility vehicle plowed into the middle of a Christmas parade, killing six people and injuring more than 60 others, including several children. That request asked for 45 tie blankets for those children in the hopes of brightening their spirits for the holiday season.

The issue hit particularly close to home for Mary Kroenke, who sat with her sister, Angie King, on Dec. 16 in the basement at the parish center in Shawano working on one of the blankets.

"We have family down in Waukesha," Kroenke said, as beautiful Christmas music filled the room. "One of our uncles knew somebody who was killed, one of the ladies that was killed."

"There was a good chance that some of them could have been there," King added.

Both ladies received a request via email, and they both jumped on the opportunity. Others joined the workforce, too, as more than two dozen people packed the basement to put the blankets together. Although the school had done its part earlier in the week, more blankets were needed.

Kate Ruth, who spearheaded the project for the parish, noted that there were a number of requests for needed items, but the blankets seemed like a perfect fit for Sacred Heart.

"This is bringing everyone together so we can pray for them (in Waukesha) while we make the blankets," Ruth said. "We didn't realize there was that much of a need until a couple of days ago, so this was really a quick turnaround."

Ruth noted that some of the cheerleaders for the school popped in during their practice to lend a hand.

"There has been so much trauma and comfort, so (the Waukesha church) wanted something that would



Kiara Johnson, left, 13, and Isabella Martens, 12, work to put together tie blankets with beautiful patterns and inspirational statements Dec. 16 in the basement of Sacred Heart Parish.

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Ryan Kroenke, 9, uses a guide to help him determine where to cut one of the tie blankets that were put together Dec. 16 in the basement of Sacred Heart Parish.

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bring people comfort," Ruth said. "Some of the blankets may be going to students who were just at the parade. Some might be going to a family member of somebody in the hospital, and

others might be going to people in the hospital."

While the Shawano church started out with prayers for the people in Waukesha, it was decided that actions

would do more than words.

"We wanted to connect with our spirituality, especially since it's through the Catholic schools in Waukesha," Ruth said.

Lori Mathwich, student services coordinator for Sacred Heart Catholic School and the owner of Valhalla Hillside Inn near Tilleda, is also donating some of the proceeds from her annual Santa house to help people impacted by the Waukesha parade tragedy, according to Ruth.

"As a wider community, we always talk about sharing the love of Jesus," Ruth said. "This is a way that we can share Jesus' love, even though we're not going to be physically with them."

For Kroenke and King, giving this year is definitely better than receiving in terms of the fact that there are those in need in the state.

"I just hope it brings a little bit of happiness," Kroenke said. "It warms your heart if you really think about it."

While there are myriad ways to help during a crisis, the act of putting together blankets is a good one.

"At least you can do something," King said. "It's like with the Toys for Tots program — you can just imagine how the kid looks on Christmas Day."

Pooches, projects and plenty of goodies



TOP: Terri Watters wanders around the bake sale tables, looking for some goodies to take home Dec. 18 at Pella Town Hall. The food was prepared by Pella Eagles 4-H members and their families.

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ABOVE: A rabies clinic sponsored by the Pella 4-H on Dec. 18 brought plenty of dogs out to Pella Town Hall as, from left, Angie Jung, Evie Grunewald, Liz Petri and Caroline Bartz all chat while their dogs sniff each other out. The dogs are part of a dog training project in the organization.

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LEFT: Shari Bartz helps her children, Benjamin, 6, and Victoria, 8, to make Christmas ornaments that double as holiday cards on Dec. 18 at Pella Town Hall. Families pieced together the ornament cards to be taken to area shut-ins to boost their holiday spirits.

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Gillett stabbing suspect apprehended

Two men injured, motive unclear

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Bond has been set at \$100,000 for a Gillett man accused of stabbing two men in an incident at his home Dec. 16.

Michael C. Noffke, 29, was arrested at a home on East Richmond Street, several blocks from a First Street home, about two hours after the incident.

According to the criminal complaint filed Dec. 17 in Oconto County Circuit Court, Noffke faces two charges of first-degree recklessly endangering safety, two counts of aggravated battery, one count of burglary while armed with a dangerous weapon, and two misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct.



MICHAEL C. NOFFKE

He appeared via video conferencing from the county jail. Judge Jay N. Conley set the bond and adjourned his initial appearance until Jan. 13.

The two men were watching television at about 5:40 a.m. when Noffke forced entry through the dead-bolted front door and "sprinted" toward them, the complaint said. Noffke stabbed one in the side of his face and the other in the back of the neck by Noffke with an unknown weapon.

Noffke left the residence but came back a short time later, screaming to be let back in and saying he was sorry, the complaint said, but one of the men held the door shut while calling 911.

At first it was believed Noffke had gone into the home's basement, but he wasn't found after the house was secured. Police combed the neighborhood for about three hours, until a South Richmond Street resident let them know Noffke was at his home.

Noffke was taken into custody without incident and did not appear to be injured, the complaint said. He made several statements to police without being questioned such as he "didn't mean to do it" and that he had been "attacked."

The men told police they didn't know why Noffke would have assaulted them, although it was possible he was upset because they wouldn't let him live at the First Street residence. He occasionally arrived at the home at all hours and acted "like he is possessed, possibly as a result of drug use," the complaint said.

As a safety precaution, students at the Gillett secondary and primary

schools were put into a secure hold on the morning of Dec. 16.

Gillett School District Superintendent Todd Hencsik said that the district was made aware of the stabbing that had happened earlier in the morning.

"In coordination with the police department, we made the decision to put the school on a secure hold," said Hencsik.

A Facebook post on the Gillett School District's page was sent out around 8 a.m. saying that the school buildings are the safest place for the students for the time being.

"The rule of thumb is to keep the kids safe," said Hencsik. "The kids were able to move about in the school and those who were entering were guided to where they needed to go."

The Gillett School District put out a Facebook post around 10 a.m. saying that the secure hold was lifted and the school day would go on as planned.

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SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Beyer, Shallow lead Lena past Gillett

Duo combines for 45 points

By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

The Lena High School boys basketball team got big games from seniors Max Beyer and Logan Shallow and withstood several late surges by Gillett to win 55-48 in a Marinette & Oconto Conference matchup on Dec. 16 in Gillett.

Beyer knocked down three 3-pointers and made 12 free throws on his way to a 29-point night. Shallow converted seven free throws to tally 16 points.

“Gives us confidence, just knowing we can play with teams and keep getting better as we play more games and get more experience,” said Beyer of what the conference road win can provide the team.

“It’s a lot of confidence going into Christmas break, where we don’t have any games this year,” said Shallow.

It was a back-and-forth battle between the teams in the first half.

Lena jumped out to an 8-0 lead in the first two minutes, with Beyer hitting two triples before adding a field goal on a fastbreak chance.

Gillett scored the game’s next nine points. Senior Thayne Bjelland, junior Austin Vande Corput and sophomores Aydin Franti, Ben Matczak and Brandon DeBauch all scored on the run.

A free throw from Beyer tied the game up before Franti hit a shot and freshman Jesse DeBauch knocked in a 3-pointer to put the hosts up five.

Shallow became the second Wildcat to score in the game after a steal and layup. He scored on another fastbreak chance and then added another basket to give Lena a 15-14 advantage.

Bjelland hit a 3-pointer to give Gillett its last lead of the half and the contest. Beyer knocked in a pair of free throws 10 seconds later to tie the game before knocking down a 3-pointer on the next possession.

Brandon DeBauch converted a free throw before the Tigers went



Lena’s Lane Whiting, right, goes up for a shot as Gillett’s Bradin Bjelland, left, and Jesse DeBauch defend him during a Marinette & Oconto Conference game on Dec. 16 in Gillett.

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scoreless the final two-and-a-half minutes of the opening half.

Senior Bladyn Anderson was the third Lena player to score in the game after a steal and bucket before Beyer knocked in two more free throws to give the visitors a 24-18 lead at halftime.

Lena tried to pull away in the second half, but Gillett always had an answer.

Beyer and Shallow scored on a 3-0 spurt to start the half before a bucket from Matczak. Beyer hit a pair of free throws but was answered by a triple on the other end by Vande Corput.

Anderson scored on a fastbreak chance before Jesse DeBauch hit another 3-pointer. After a Shallow triple, buckets from sophomore Bradin Bjelland and Jesse DeBauch made it a four-point game, 34-30.

Lena then went on a 10-4 run to create a 10-point cushion with under four minutes to play, but Gillett stayed alive after 3-pointers from Vande Corput and Franti.

“I think that just tells we’re not

done right here. We play everyone (in the conference) twice for a reason,” said Thayne Bjelland on the team continuing to fight.

“The biggest part of conference basketball is that you play everyone twice, you’re going to see them again. Us fighting the whole game, it just shows them that we’re not going to just sit down and let them beat us because that’s not the kind of team we are. We’re better than that.”

The Wildcats appeared to pull away for good after several free throws from Shallow and Beyer made it a 11-point game with under 30 seconds to play, but Gillett continued to hit big shots.

Franti knocked in another 3-pointer before Jesse DeBauch connected on a triple to make it a five-point contest with 12.9 seconds to play.

Shallow tacked on two free throws before Jesse DeBauch scored again. Lena junior Bryce Kittredge hit a pair of free throws to up the lead to seven, and the final buzzer sounded shortly after.

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“We believe in eachother and we don’t give up until the final whistle, said Shallow on how Lena prevailed. “We scrapped and clawed our way back (in the first half) and then took a 10-point lead. They hit some nice shots toward the end to make it a battle and we hit our free throws and that was the name of the game.”

Lena attempted 30 free throws in the contest, making 23. Twenty-four of the attempts came in the second half.

Lena	24	31	— 55
Gillett	18	30	— 48
Lena (55): Max Beyer 12-15 29, Logan Shallow 7-8 16, Bladyn Anderson 0-0 4, Reed Hosking 1-2 1, Lane Whiting 1-2 1, Bryce Kittredge 2-3 2, Sidney Sylvestor 0-0 2.			
Gillett (48): Ben Matczak 0-0 4, Aydin Franti 1-2 9, Bradin Bjelland 0-0 2, Thayne Bjelland 0-0 5, Brandon DeBauch 1-3 3, Austin Vande Corput 0-0 10, Jesse DeBauch 0-0 15.			

ATHLETE PROFILE: CLAYTON WHITING

Senior eyeing 4th high school state title

Oconto Falls High School wrestler Clayton Whiting has already put together an incredible career at the high school level and is hoping to cap the year with his fourth state title.

Whiting is off to a 7-1 start in his senior season through Dec. 19. He most recently claimed second place in the 182-pound weight class at the Minnesota Christmas Tournament on Dec. 17-18 in Rochester.

Whiting had a 113-4 record through his first three years of high school.

Q: When did your interest in wrestling begin?

A: I got introduced to it when I was 4, and I fell in love with it more and more over the years of traveling and competing. The more I watched it on TV and met a lot of people, (I) just had that spark that told me this is my sport and my life. My dad (Shane) helped me a lot in wrestling and focused on it a lot one-on-one with me and just made it so much more exciting when I learned new moves every day.

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

A: I would say the duals are my favorite part of the season just because you're with the team, and it's always exciting beating teams in our conference.

It's also exciting to watch your teammates grow over the duals and tournaments, watching them improve and learn as well. Also hanging out with the team going through our gameplans is just really exciting and fun to do.

Q: What has wrestling taught you over the years?

A: That there is always room for improvement and that it takes time and patience. It also takes a lot of sacrifices and a lot of blood, sweat and tears. That wrestling is also a



Oconto Falls senior Clayton Whiting, top, pins his opponent from Denmark during a triangular dual match Dec. 9 in Oconto Falls.

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very mental sport, and you gotta just get through it and be strong.

Q: Along with winning a fourth state title, what other individual goals do you have for this season?

A: I set my goals to get as many pins as possible at duals and in tournaments. Also trying to get the matches finished as fast as possible to conserve my energy. And lastly being the most dominant wrestler on my feet.

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

A: Bonus points are gonna be the big key to success this season. The more pins, the better; the less stress we have to put on ourselves and the team.

The other big part is not giving up bonus points and not giving up the pins, and just keep fighting through it and never giving up.

Q: You train year-round for wrestling. What does your typical day of training consist of?

A: I wake up at 5:45 and do my cardio and speed training for about an hour or more in the mornings. Then I would go to one to two wrestling practices a day. One would be in the early afternoon, and the other would be more to-

ward the evening.

After that, I would go work out about for an hour to an hour-and-a-half and just lift heavy weights. Between all these workouts, I'm constantly eating and drinking because the amount of beating I take on my body is just insane. So I try to get in about five meals a day so it keeps my body working and feeling great.

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

A: Fast feet every time; foot drills get me ready before every match. I also do shadow wrestling picturing myself in the match, working my setups and movement.

Q: As a senior, how do you try and help lead the team?

A: I'm always being positive in the room with the guys, telling them the more time we spend in here and grinding and focusing on our mistakes, the easier our matches will come and are hard work is paying off. I'm always pushing the guys in practice — when I see someone who is looking tired, I tell them: "How bad do you want it?" and "Imagine how much harder you are working than your opponents" to motivate them to keeping working and pushing the pace.

Q: What's your favorite mem-

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Clayton Whiting

SPORT: Wrestling

WEIGHT CLASS: 182

SCHOOL: Oconto Falls High School

YEAR: Senior

ory of competing on the Oconto Falls wrestling team?

A: I gotta say it was this year against Wrightstown. My freshman year through my junior year, we always had a rough outcome when we wrestled them. With our team starting off the dual with three forfeits, we knew it would take a lot of work to win. In the end, we pulled off our first win against them in awhile, and it was so crazy and exciting seeing the team jumping around and happy knowing our hard work is paying off.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show and musical artist?

A: Movie — "Venom." TV show — "Loki." Musical artist — Juice Wrld.

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

A: I love to hang out with my family as much as possible and do as much as possible with them, helping my parents as well as training my little sister (Taylor) to become a future Olympic champ.

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

A: I hope to become a multiple-time Big 12 champ in college as well as become a NCAA champ in a black and gold singlet repping Missouri. I also hope to make the freestyle world team for wrestling, as well as win worlds. And lastly I hope to make it to the Olympics and represent my country and win gold in Freestyle wrestling.

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COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Blocking Nebraska, Rettke carries Badgers to national title

Wisconsin tallies record 24 blocks

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

There's a reason Wisconsin's Dana Rettke was named the college women's volleyball National Player of the Year on Dec. 17.

On Dec. 18, the five-time, first-team All-American's 11th and final kill gave Wisconsin a 22-25, 31-29, 25-23, 23-25, 15-12 victory over Nebraska and the Badgers' first national championship.

Rettke also finished with a career-high 13 blocks in her collegiate finale.

"Oh, my God. I cannot believe it," Rettke said in the immediate moments after the win. "I'm just so proud of this team and how we battled and how we fought."

The 6-foot-8 middle blocker showed her value in the decisive second set when she generated three-straight points with a kill and

consecutive blocks.

Wisconsin (31-3) set a championship game record with 24 blocks.

"That's something that we worked so hard on all year. ... just getting those blocks," she said. "Twenty-four blocks — that's insane. That's absolutely insane."

Despite falling behind 2-1, Nebraska fought back to knot it in a spirited fourth set. Wisconsin emerged for the fifth to take a 7-0 lead before the Cornhuskers went on a 7-3 run to get back in it. They closed to 14-12 after a review showed a deflection at the net off a Wisconsin defender went out of bounds. The call merely set the stage for Rettke's heroics.

A 9-3 Wisconsin run in the marathon second set brought the Badgers to within 17-16 and they went on to a 31-29 set win to even it one apiece.

Nebraska bolted to a quick 5-1 start in the first set and maintained control in taking it 25-22 despite the Badgers forcing three set-point saves.

In front a championship-record crowd of 18,755 at Nationwide Are-

na, Wisconsin played in its fourth NCAA final in program history and the second time in the past three years. The Badgers lost championship matches in 2000, 2013 and 2019.

"This was such a hard match to score," Wisconsin coach Kelly Sheffield said. "They just stayed with it."

Wisconsin completed the season sweep of its Big Ten Conference foe, having beaten the Cornhuskers in

their regular-season matches; 3-0 on Oct. 27 and 3-1 on Nov. 26.

Nebraska was in search of its sixth NCAA title. The 10th-seeded Cornhuskers (26-8) sought to be only the second double-digit seed to win the national title. Stanford accomplished the feat in 2004.

It was the first championship match since 2016 that didn't feature a top-three seed.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

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WRESTLING

Marquardt leads Lena at tournament

Lena placed 18th as a team at the Shawano Holiday Classic on Dec. 18 in Shawano.

Sam Marquardt was the top finisher for Lena, placing second in the 138-pound weight class. He finished 3-1 on the day, with his wins coming by pin, major decision and a decision win by a point.

Dylan Comins secured third place at 113 pounds after posting a 2-1 record. He won by decision and by pin.

Luke Misco took fifth at the 126 class after going 2-1. His day started with a loss, but he bounced back with wins by technical fall and a pin.

VanDenElzen leads co-op at invitational

Trent VanDenElzen placed second in the 160 weight class to lead Suring/Gillett at the Kewaunee Invitational on Dec. 18 in Kewaunee. He finished 2-1 on the day.

Mason Micolety (152) and Carter Whisman (170) also picked up a win on the day.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Oconto Falls 56

Little Chute 21

Oconto Falls cruised to a North Eastern Conference win over Little Chute on Dec. 16 in Little Chute.

Alexis Euclide and Hailey Peitersen scored 17 points each to lead Oconto Falls, while Kati Raddatz added 14 points.

Raddatz also tallied nine rebounds and five steals. Peitersen recorded eight boards, while Jaden Reed had seven rebounds.

Euclide and Kyndra Staidl each dished out three assists. Pytleski had three steals and three blocks.

Suring 49

Oneida Nation 40

Suring outscored Oneida Nation 30-19 in the second half to claim a Marinette and Oconto Conference clash on Dec. 14 in Oneida.

Christine Sleeter tallied 17 points, seven rebounds and three blocks to power Suring. Kate Mahoney knocked down three 3-pointers, scored 12 points and dished out three assists.

Bunny Cramer added 10 points and six rebounds for the Eagles. MacKenzie Bailey totaled eight rebounds and five assists; Macyn Garrigan had six boards and three blocks, and Macie Reed was credited with four assists.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Lena 57

Suring 48

Lena topped Suring in a M&O clash on Dec. 13 in Lena.

Max Beyer hit four 3-pointers and led Lena with 22 points. Logan Shallow added 10 points, while Jake Belongia had nine.

Taron Haak and Max Yancy tallied 12 points each for Suring. Ashtyn Edwards chipped in 10 points, while Gavin Fredenburgh had eight.

Gillett 62

STAA 34

Gillett cruised to a M&O win over St. Thomas Aquinas Academy on Dec. 13 in Marinette.

Ben Matczak connected on five 3-pointers and scored 21 points for Gillett. Jesse DeBauch added 11 points, while Aydin Franti and Brandon DeBauch scored 10 points each.

Austin Vande Corput, Thayne Bjel-land and Franti dished out three assists each for the Tigers.

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Carolers, Claus cover Christmas in Gresham



A group of carolers stops Dec. 18 outside the Gresham Legion Post to sing some uplifting Christmas songs while families were inside, letting their children give their Christmas lists to Santa Claus. This is the first year that the carolers have come together to sing, and they traveled along several places on Main Street to brighten people's days.



Santa Claus struggles to get a smile out of Jamisen Krebs, 3, of Clintonville, during the family's visit Dec. 16 to the Gresham Legion Hall. Legion Post 390 sponsored Santa's visit and provided goodies for the children who came to talk about what they wanted for Christmas.



Daesah Awonohopay, 9, of Bowler, eagerly tells Santa Claus what he wants for Christmas on Dec. 16 at the Gresham Legion Hall.

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Darren and Marie each have a rich heritage and background in country and bluegrass music. He hails from a family of 12. Born to a mandolin-playing father and a guitar and piano playing mother, who played and sang and were known as "The Vagabonds". Darren taught himself guitar at a young age, along with some coaching from his mother. He and his nephew, Jeffrey Lee (Marie's brother), started playing in the honky tonks with Darren's mother, often acting as the agent. People would be amazed at these two young boys, 11 and 12 years old, playing on guitars that were almost bigger than they were, belting out the tunes of Hank Sr and Buck Owens.

Darren's keen ear for music started 56 1/2 years ago and his professionalism continues today with rites as a producer, in his own studio and several music accomplishments along the way including: an afternoon matinee appearance on the Grand Ole Opry; several CD of the Year Awards (in country music) in the U.K.; Lifetime Achievement Award in Country Music and he is a full-fledged member in the National Traditional Country Music Hall of Fame. He has played with some of the greats, including Charlie Louvin (of the Louvin Bros). One of Darren's favorite memories was opening for Conway Twitty. After Darren finished performing "Hello Darlin'", Conway walked up and said "I'm glad I had that out first or I'd not have had a number one hit with that." Marie is Darren's niece (his oldest sister's daughter). Like Darren, she grew up singing and at the age of nine, recorded an old Kitty Wells classic "How Far is Heaven" with her mother. Known as Lisa Lee & Sheila Marie, they were occasional guests on Darren's Show and also Danny Darren's show (another brother).

Marie's accolades include: performing with Faron Young; winning runner-up in the GMC Country Showdown and the CD of the Year Award, classic country genre, in 2018. She joined Darren's group (which was known as Bobby Darren and the Drifters) in 1985. 36 years of working the stage together has them knowing each other's moves like a fine-toothed comb. Their ambition is to take the crowd back in time to the 'good ole days' with excellent renditions of their favorite songs, a tribute to the Grand Ole Opry members and a lot of humor and camaraderie.

In 2019, Darren fulfilled a lifelong dream of owning and operating his own country music nightclub. He along with his significant other, Julie Stickney acquired the old Keri's Riverside Club in Shiocton. He wanted to recreate an era of when honky tonks and clubs were packed with folks listening, enjoying and dancing to live music. The walls of their venue are lined with Darren and Marie's favorite country and bluegrass legends. They pay homage to these folks at every show and never want the contributions, by these legends, to country music be forgotten.

Stickney brings to the nightclub a disciplined business sense. She and Darren both run the bar and cook and visit and joke around with the patrons. Stickney has been president of the Bobby Darren International Fan Club for the past 18 years (this fan club has been in operation over 48 years). She also helps with the artwork and designs on the CD covers and creates beautiful embroidery on all the show's apparel.



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Chamber hires new tourism manager

The Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce has hired Michelle Eron as its new tourism manager.

Eron will work with the Shawano Country Tourism Council, a division of the chamber, to promote Shawano and Menominee counties as a travel destination. She started Dec. 6.

Eron has over 25 years of experience in graphic design, marketing, prepress, print/digital/video media, direct mail, photography and web design elements. Her wealth of experience includes creating and editing graphic design layouts for national catalog campaigns, as well as building, managing and executing digital advertising campaigns.

She was previously employed by the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin as a senior graphic designer in the Oneida Casino Marketing Department. Her responsibilities in that position included designing and executing digital and promotional marketing campaigns including billboards, brochures, direct mail, directional signage,



MICHELLE ERON

newsletters, logos, website content and social media.

Eron has won several awards for her graphic design skills, including the Romero Award for Direct Mail and Best Graphic Design

for CD Award from the United States Polka Association.

"We are so excited to have Michelle joining our team as tourism manager," said Nancy Smith, chamber executive director. "We are very fortunate to have someone with so much talent and experience promoting Shawano Country. We welcome her enthusiasm and creativity and look forward to working with her."

Eron resides in Pulaski with her boyfriend, Todd, and her 17-year-old son. She enjoys crafting, quilting, fishing, snowmobiling and, of course, polka.

'Buckle Up' holiday campaign returns after pandemic hiatus

Each Christmas and New Year's holiday week, Grieves Chiropractic Clinic — in association with the Shawano Police Department, Shawano County Sheriff's Department, WTCB Radio and the Shawano Leader — presents the "Shawano Buckle Up for Bucks and Lives" campaign.

At select Shawano locations, volunteers will give away cash and T-shirts to drivers using their seat belts. This successful program is back after taking a break at the start of the pandemic. The goals of the campaign are to save the lives of residents who

would otherwise have been lost in traffic accidents, and lower the health care costs associated with deaths and injuries due to traffic accidents.

There was a spike in traffic fatalities last year that shocked the experts — 38,680 deaths on U.S. roadways, the most since 2007 even though pandemic precautions had dramatically reduced driving. The latest evidence suggests that after decades of safety gains, the pandemic has made U.S. drivers more reckless — more likely to speed, drink or use drugs and leave their seat belts unbuckled.

PEAK genetics joins American Angus Association

PEAK Genetics in Shawano is a new member of the American Angus Association, according to Mark McCully, CEO of the national breed organization in St. Joseph, Missouri.

The American Angus Association, with more than 25,000 adult and junior members, is the largest beef breed

association in the world. Its computerized records include information on more than 19 million registered Angus.

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Zahn keeps green thumb on tribal garden

Stockbridge-Munsee ag agent recognized by Wisconsin Farm Bureau for work with tribe, family farm

By LYNN ZAFFRANN
Correspondent

Although the thermometer says 13 degrees, and there is still some snow on the ground, Kellie Zahn, this year's winner of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Young Farmer and Agriculturist Excellence in Agriculture Award, is hard at work planning the 2022 garden for the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians.

Zahn, of Pella, was presented the award on Dec. 5 at the farm bureau's 102nd annual conference. According to the organization's website, the award is presented to a member between the ages of 18 and 35 who is actively engaged in agriculture, but derives the majority of their income from an off-farm agricultural career. The winner is selected based on personal knowledge of agriculture and leadership in the farm bureau and other civic organizations.

"Winning this award, I feel like I was a bit in shock," Zahn said. "I remember going to this conference when I was in my early 20s and seeing all this good work people were doing, and all the good things they were doing, and now, am I those people, am I doing good things? It's humbling to think that maybe other people can see what I'm doing and say that maybe they would want to do this."

Zahn has been a farm bureau member since 2012, served as the Shawano County Young Farmer and Agriculturalist chairwoman, and served five years on the board of directors.

She's managed the Stockbridge-Munsee community garden as the agricultural agent for the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans in Bowler since 2016.

"To grow food for people, I find that to be such a gift," Zahn said. "It feels like a life calling and I am so grateful for the opportunity to be able to do what I love — here at the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, but also at home on the family farm."



Kellie Zahn was selected as the winner of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Young Farmer and Agriculturist Excellence in Agriculture Award at the organization's 102nd annual meeting on Dec. 5. Zahn is shown receiving the award from farm bureau president Kevin Krentz.

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The farm's Mohican name is "Keek-oché," which translates to English as "From the Earth." About 30-35 different varieties of produce were grown in the community garden this past summer.

"We grow pretty typical garden things, such as sweet corn, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, watermelon. We also do some fun, unique things like bringing back some of the community's traditional crops," Zahn said. "We grow indigenous crops such as Lenape blue and white corn, Stockbridge beans, Munsee beans, and bring back traditional varieties of squash that the tribe once grew when they were back east."

She sources seed from Seed Savers Exchange in Iowa, which has a large collection of heirloom seeds. Some of the heirloom seeds Zahn has planted came without specific growing instructions, so she is working on documenting data, such as germina-

tion time, flowering time, days to maturity, etc.

"I really didn't know what I was getting into," Zahn said about starting her job.

She didn't anticipate growing heirloom varieties of produce, or even have the opportunity to cook with them. Zahn said that the farm is home base for educational events for the community. Her position now offers 15-20 classes for tribe members, such as weeding techniques, different planting techniques, how to use trellises, etc.

Josh Jensen, water resources technician for the tribe, is a beekeeping hobbyist who presents beekeeping classes, according to Zahn. This past fall, other tribe members taught a class on corn braiding.

"I can talk as long as people want me to," Zahn said with a laugh, "but it's nice to be able to share the knowledge of others."

During the winter, although they do save some seeds, Zahn works on the purchase of seeds for the coming season. She's planning vegetable crop rotations and getting ready for starting seeds in late January and early February. In 2021, they grew 1½ acres and fenced in 6 acres, after starting four growing seasons ago with just a half-acre.

Joe Pecore, the tribe's language manager, conducts traditional ceremonies for the farm early in the season. He prays over the land before planting and puts down an offering of tobacco to acknowledge the gift of being able to grow food. He also helps Zahn with using the correct Mohican or Munsee words/spelling for signs in the gardens, helping people learn that there are different language opportunities.

A long-term goal for Zahn and the tribe is to build food sovereignty, to help the community become more food sufficient. They also want to continue hands-on education and to provide tools and guidance for those members interested in growing their own gardens.

In addition to growing within her position, Zahn continues to be an integral part of her family's farm. A limited liability corporation was formed with her parents, Doug and Mary Behnke, and her husband, Ryan, to secure their family farm for the future. When her parents retire, Zahn and her husband will take ownership of the farm.

Ryan Zahn has worked full-time on the farm since 2015. They milk 330 cows and have corn, soybeans and alfalfa crops on about 1,000 acres. They employ four full-time and two part-time employees, and Zahn herself is very active in working on the farm in addition to her job with the Stockbridge-Munsee. Zahn said that while growing up and going off to college, she knew that she wanted to return to the family farm.

"Being involved in agriculture is something special," Zahn said. "I really appreciate that opportunity and feel so blessed."

"To grow food for people, I find that to be such a gift. It feels like a life calling and I am so grateful for the opportunity to be able to do what I love — here at the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, but also at home on the family farm."

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Ornamental grasses are one of my favorites for winter beauty. Their graceful flow and feathery seed heads dance with winter snow and look so elegant and graceful tufted in winter white.

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Leave hydrangeas standing throughout winter for a decorative wintry treat.

ROB ZIMMER

ters, Joe pye weed, ironweed, Culver's root and others are dressed like dancing stars throughout the winter season.

Many of our trees and shrubs look incredibly graceful once their leaves have fallen and their bare forms stand with elegance against the snowfall. White birch and river birch are elegant and graceful as snow tufts their papery bark. Our old, ancient oak hold their rustling leaves throughout the winter season, a reminder of autumn as the winter wind gently rattles their shiny treasure.

Of course, the conifers first look so perfectly placed among the winter garden and scenery,

tufted in a soft layer of winter white. Blue spruce, golden conifers, sky blue juniper, conifers in all of the shades of green, all adorned for the season perfectly with their wintry December dress.

Take a moment to stroll through your backyard garden and take a closer look at the textures and forms of even the smallest plants adorned with a blanket of soft, freshly fallen snow. Appreciate each new snowfall many times throughout the season and be blessed by the beauty and bounty.

Find Rob Zimmer on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RobZimmerOutdoors.



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Oconto to host walleye world championship

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

The Masters Walleye Circuit has decided to hold its World Walleye Championship tournament in Oconto from Sept. 29 to Oct. 1, 2022.

Jayne Sellen, Oconto County Economic Development Corp. executive director, announced the selection during her monthly report to the county board Dec. 16.

"That means we're going to have more eyeballs, more reporters, more people interested in coming to Oconto County to see all we have here. So we're going to get some great marketing exposure out of that," Sellen said.

Oconto County and the city of Oconto each included \$15,000 of seed money in their 2022 budgets for the effort to attract prestigious fishing tournaments to the area.

The Masters Walleye Circuit, sponsored by Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's, has been staging tournaments at walleye fisheries during peak fishing times since 1984, according to its website.

The description at masterswall-eyecircuit.com says the events are more than two- or three-day tournaments.

"Many teams arrive early for pre-fishing and experience a week or more of great walleye action while fine-tuning their patterns and exploring the wonderful host communities," the website says. "This is not just a circuit, it's a family. Even though the competition is intense and the stakes are high, our teams share a common bond in their passion for walleye fishing, and many of our anglers form friendships that last a lifetime."

Supporters of including the seed money in the budget cited a statistic that hosting a couple of fishing tournaments could bring as much as \$2.1 million in tourism and related spending to the county.

The Masters Walleye Circuit is also planning a two-day tournament on the bay of Green Bay near Marinette in early June.

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Gillett plans community blood drive

The community is invited to become a hometown hero and answer the call of patients in need by donating blood from noon to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 127 S. Garden St., Gillett.

To make an appointment or to learn more, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Completion of a RapidPass online health history questionnaire at redcrossblood.org/

rapidpass is encouraged to help speed up the donation process.

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF GILLETT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The City of Gillett Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a hearing on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 5:00 pm at City Hall, 150 N McKenzie Avenue, Gillett, Wisconsin. This hearing is open to the public.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider the request of Dollar General to rezone the properties located at 112 W. Pine St. Gillett, WI, 217 N. McKenzie Ave. Gillett, WI, and 209 N. McKenzie Ave. Gillett, WI from residential to commercial.

Chelsea Anderson
Clerk Treasurer
City of Gillett

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TOWN OF OCONTO FALLS DECEMBER TAX COLLECTION MAIL IN PAYMENTS PREFERRED TIME AND LOCATION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 29, 2021 **10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM**

LOCATION: **Oconto Falls Town Hall**

SUE KONITZER, Treasurer TOWN OF OCONTO FALLS

8542 County Road CC, OCONTO FALLS, WI 54154

920/848-3825 - Email: ocontofalls.treasurer@gmail.com

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December 24 & 31, 2021 & January 7, 2022
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
OCONTO COUNTY

Notice Setting Time to Hear Application
And Deadline for Filing Claims
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 21IN76

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Kenneth E. Skinkis
DOD 8/12/2021

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 1/4/1934 and date of death 8/12/2021, was domiciled in Oconto County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 7518 Hilbert Road, Sobieski, WI 54171.
3. The application will be heard at the Oconto County Courthouse, 301 Washington Street, Oconto, Wisconsin, before Peggy L. Miller, Probate Registrar, on 1/13/2022 at 9:00 AM (VIA ZOOM OR PHONE CONFERENCE-CONTACT PETITIONING ATTORNEY FOR MEETING INSTRUCTIONS.)
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate 3/21/2022.
5. A claim may be filed at the Oconto County Courthouse, 301 Washington Street, Oconto, Wisconsin.
6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names

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December 24, 2021

CITY OF GILLETT ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION
The following have applied for Alcohol License original application with the City of Gillett for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Said application will be presented in person to the City Council on January 6, 2022 for possible approval/denial.
Class B Fermented Malt Beverage & Class B Liquor
Spirits of Gillett LLC, Agent-Kristine Piskowski, 145 N McKenzie Ave, Gillett, WI 54124
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BALLOT #1

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- ☐ Grocery Store _____
- ☐ Hardware Store _____

Best Services:

- ☐ A/C & Heating _____
- ☐ Bank _____
- ☐ Child Care _____
- ☐ Chiropractor _____
- ☐ Credit Union _____
- ☐ Dentist _____
- ☐ Electrician _____
- ☐ Insurance Agency _____
- ☐ Gas Station/C-Store _____
- ☐ Hair Salon/Barber _____
- ☐ Pharmacy _____
- ☐ Physician _____
- ☐ Plumber _____
- ☐ Real Estate Company _____
- ☐ Retirement Community _____
- ☐ Tax Service _____
- ☐ Veterinarian _____

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County Board OKs opioid settlement

Oconto County's
share of the proceeds
is estimated at \$945K

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

The Oconto County Board has approved a settlement agreement with seven companies involved in the manufacture and distribution of opioids in a lawsuit related to the nationwide surge in opiate addiction.

Almost all Wisconsin counties were involved in suing the companies to retrieve some of the human services and law enforcement costs that have been incurred over the years.

The suit alleged "misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance" by McKesson Corp., Cardinal Health Inc., AmerisourceBergen Corp., Johnson and Johnson, Janssen Pharmaceuticals Inc., Ortho-McNeil-Janssen Pharmaceuticals Inc. and Janssen Pharmaceutica Inc.

"The various attorneys that have been involved in this and the Wisconsin Counties Association have finally gotten to a point where we



BETH ELLINGSON

are ready to sign settlement agreements and memorandums of understanding with the various distributors to basically start the payouts for the first part of the opioids settlements," Corporation Counsel Beth Ellingson told the board during its Dec. 16 meeting.

The over 70 municipalities agree to accept the settlements and release claims and to work with other counties and the state in allocating those funds, Ellingson said.

"If everyone in the state who has been participating signs on to the agreements, we are looking at \$945,758 of money we can use as abatement for all of the issues that have arisen through opioid addiction in our community," she said.

Sheriff Todd Skarban said the county dealt with 24 overdoses in 2019 and 30 in 2020, but that number nearly doubled to 53 overdoses this year.

Skarban commented while asking the board to approve a new investigator position in the sheriff's department to handle so-called Len Bias investigations, tracking down the sources of drugs involved in serious overdose cases. The name comes from the University of Maryland basketball player who death from a drug overdose in 1986 led to changes in federal drug law.

The sheriff thanked the board after it unanimously approved the new position.

"All of the pieces are in place now for us to be able to move forward in the coming years," he said.

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CITY OF OCONTO FALLS NOTICE - RESOLUTION APPROVAL

The following resolution has been passed by the Common Council for the City of Oconto Falls at a meeting held on December 14, 2021. A full text of said resolution may be obtained from the Oconto Falls clerk's office located at 500 N. Chestnut, Oconto Falls, WI 54154. Phone: 920-846-4505.

RESOLUTION 21-009; 2022 Salary Increases for Employees

Posted by City Administrator, Vicki A. Roberts

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Readers Poll

Deadline: January 24, 2022

BALLOT #2

Best Thing To Do:

- ☐ Bowling Alley _____
- ☐ Campground _____
- ☐ Cheese Factory _____
- ☐ Happy Hour _____
- ☐ Live Music o _____
- ☐ Meat Market _____
- ☐ Night Spot _____

Best Outdoor Activities:

- ☐ Bait/Tackle Shop s _____
- ☐ Golf Course _____
- ☐ Lawn/Garden _____

Best Vehicle Services:

- ☐ Auto Body Repair _____
- ☐ Auto Parts Supply Store _____
- ☐ Car Dealer _____
- ☐ Vehicle Service Centert _____
- ☐ Tire Store - _____

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BALLOT #3

Food/Dining:

- ☐ Bar _____
- ☐ Breakfast _____
- ☐ Burger _____
- ☐ Coffee House _____
- ☐ Dessert _____
- ☐ Dinner _____
- ☐ Family Restaurant _____
- ☐ Fish Fry _____
- ☐ Lunch _____
- ☐ Pizza _____
- ☐ Sandwich _____

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**OCONTO COUNTY
REHABILITATION / INCIDENT RESPONSE TRAILER
REQUEST FOR BIDS
County of Oconto, WI
12/15/2021**

GENERAL INFORMATION**PURPOSE**

The intent of this Request for Bids (RFB) is to contract with a qualified firm to design and build a multi-purpose trailer for firefighter rehab, incident response.

ISSUING OFFICE PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR

This RFB is issued by the Oconto County Emergency Management Committee, through its Emergency Management Director, who is the project administrator for this RFB.

All questions regarding this RFB shall be made through the Emergency Management Director at the following address:

Jon Spice
Emergency Management Director
Oconto County
301 Washington St
Oconto WI 54153-1699
(920) 834-6850
Jon.Spice@co.oconto.wi.us

Oconto County is not liable for any costs incurred by any firm submitting a Bid.

BID RECEIPT

To be considered, each firm must submit a response to this RFB and respond to the SELECTION CRITERIA identifying your understanding of the services requested. The Bid must be signed in ink by an official authorized to bind the firm.

Copies of the bids must be received at the following address:

Kim Pytleski, County Clerk
Office of the County Clerk
301 Washington St.
Oconto, WI 54153

Bids must be marked as "EM TRAILER" and must be received prior to 4:00 p.m. CST, January 15, 2022. The vendor is responsible for the timely receipt of their bid to the project administrator. Late or faxed bids will not be considered.

The Emergency Management Committee will consider the bids at the meeting on February 2, 2022, with the meeting starting at 10:00 a.m. in the LEC Conference Room in the Courthouse. It is anticipated that the County Board will act on this matter at the February 24th meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF BID CONTENT

The contents of this RFB, its attachments, the Bid and any mutual understandings resulting from oral presentations will become contractual obligations if a contract ensues. Failure of the successful firm to accept these obligations may result in cancellation of a proposed contract. Oconto County reserves the right to reject any and all Bids.

NONDISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES

The issuing office, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 D.S.C. 2000d-4, hereby notifies all Bids that it will affirmatively insure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be offered full opportunity to submit Bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, sex, or national origin for an award.

LIABILITY

The Oconto County Emergency Management Committee assumes no responsibility or liability for cost incurred by the firm prior to the signing of an agreement. Total liability of Oconto County is limited to the terms and conditions of any contract resulting from this RFB.

INDEMNIFICATION

The firm shall indemnify and hold harmless Oconto County and its agents and employees from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including attorney fees arising out of or resulting from the performance of the work, which includes all labor, material and equipment required to produce the service required by the contract, provided that any such claim, damage, loss or expense: 1) is injury to or destruction of tangible property (other than the work itself), including the loss of use resulting therefrom; and 2) is caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or omission of the firm, any sub firm, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, regardless of whether or not it is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder. The firm assumes full responsibility and liability for compliance with any and all local, state, federal laws and regulations applicable to the firm and its employees, including, but not limited to, compliance with the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

GENERAL BID REQUIREMENTS

The Bids shall include the following:

1. Firms name, contact person with phone number and email
2. References, especially government organizations, preferably counties in Wisconsin.
3. Description of your firm, personnel and services provided.
4. Reasons why you believe your firm should provide these goods and services.
5. Any other pertinent information.

All information in the bid is subject to disclosure.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Lowest responsible bid in compliance will be selected.

NEED OR SERVICES

Build and deliver a rehabilitation / incident response trailer manufactured to the attached specifications.

Options Requested

1. 1 22' to 27' Tandem 5200# Torsion Axles Bumper Pull Aluminum Trailer
2. Trailer must be towable with a 1/2 ton truck
3. L.E.D. Emergency and Clearance Lighting
4. L.E.D. Tail Lights
5. 7-way plug with breakaway kit
6. Electric Tongue Jack
7. E-Z Lube Torsion Axles
8. All Wheel Electric Brakes
9. TIRES & WHEELS
10. Radial Tires
11. Aluminum Wheels
12. Approximate 7' Interior Height
13. 3/4" Plywood Flooring with Moisture Barrier
14. Easy Clean Walls, Ceiling, and Flooring
15. Gear Storage Hooks
16. TPO Floor Covering
17. Command and Control Workstation
18. 16' retractable power awning
19. Side Door With Pull Out Step
20. Master Power Switch
21. (4) min. Interior 110 V Receptacles
22. (1) 110 V GFI Receptacle
23. 45 Amp Smart Charger
24. 3 Year Factory Warranty
25. Heavy Duty Skid Wheels
26. Power Rear Stabilizer Jack
27. Full Width Ramp Door With 36" Extension
28. Bathroom Option including Separate Toilet, & Sink
29. Exterior Decontamination Shower
30. Water Heater
31. 20+ Gallon Fresh Water Tank
32. 20+ Gallon Grey Water Tank
33. 20+ Gallon Black Water Tank All tanks must be inside heated area of trailer
34. Electronic Tank Monitoring System
35. 12 V LED Dome Light
36. 12 V Roof Vent
37. Towel Rack & Toilet Paper Holder
38. All Aluminum Walls
39. Generator Compartment
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42. 5200# Spare Aluminum Tire & Wheel
43. Rooftop mount Air Conditioner
44. Heating System
45. 110v Shoreline Connector
46. Exterior Water Line Hook Up
47. 2-Heavy Duty Gel Batteries
48. Dual fuel Generator
49. 25 Foot Power Cable
50. 5Hi Capacity charger/inverter/automatic transfer switch
51. Completion and Delivery date must be on or before June 1, 2022

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Contract will include a deadline for project completion with a penalty clause if not meeting that deadline. This will be negotiated with the vendor selected.
2. Firm shall not assign any part of the agreement to another party without written consent of Oconto County.

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each

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Dean's Country Fresh Cottage Cheese


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Brew Pub Lotzza Motzza Pizza


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Asst Variety
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The Oconto Falls Board of Education is currently seeking to fill a board member vacancy.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Applicants must be qualified electors and eligible to vote for the position
 - Must be a resident of Oconto Falls School District
 - Not a felon restricted from voting
 - Must be 18 years of age or older

TERM:

- The appointee shall serve through the April 2022 election at which time the successor will be elected

HOW TO APPLY:

- Interested candidates must submit an application to:
Oconto Falls Board of Education, Attn: Clint Gardebrecht, 200 N Farm Road, Oconto Falls, WI 54154. The applications must be received at the district office by 5:00 p.m. December 31, 2021 or postmarked by December 31, 2021. There is a dropbox at the District Office that is available 24/7 in the entrance.
- The application must include:
 - A written letter of interest sharing why you are interested and what makes you a good candidate. (Please include your phone number and email address)
 - A list of three names and phone numbers of references that may be contacted.
 - A resume is recommended but not required.

ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE:

- If you are applying for the vacancy please note that this appointment will conclude in April 2022. If you are interested in declaring your candidacy for a three year term, you will need to complete the Candidacy packet which can be obtained from Ms. Debbie Woods at the District Office. These packets are due back to her no later than January 4, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in order to be on the ballot.

PROCESS:

- Once the applications have been received the Board of Education will set a date and time to interview applicants.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Debbie Woods (920)848-4471 or debra.woods@of-ps.org or clint.gardebrecht@of-ps.org.

Revised: December 17, 2021

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DEFENDING THE THRONE

Packers' o-line a big reason behind team's 3rd straight North title

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Green Bay Packers offensive players head off the field during a game against the Baltimore Ravens on Dec. 19 in Baltimore.

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Injuries haven't slowed Packers' o-line

The Green Bay Packers wrapped up a third-straight NFC North title with a thrilling 31-30 win over the Baltimore Ravens on Dec. 19 in Baltimore.



MORGAN RODE

While star players like quarterback Aaron Rodgers, wide receiver Davante Adams and running back Aaron Jones often steal the headlines when it comes to the Packers' play on offense, it's the offensive

line that usually goes unnoticed and underappreciated. This season, the offensive line has had just as much to do with the team's division title than any of the aforementioned players.

The O-line came into the season with lots of question marks after losing center Corey Linsley in free agency and knowing that left tackle David Bakhtiari might miss some time as he worked his way back from a knee injury.

To offset those missing pieces, the Packers selected three linemen in the NFL Draft, and two of those rookies were starters in week one.

It wasn't an ideal start to the season, with the offensive line giving up two sacks and seven quarterback hits, but the group has steadily improved despite having to shuffle guys around due to more injuries.

Last week against the Ravens, the Packers started Yosh Nijman at left tackle, Jon Runyan at left guard, Lucas Patrick at center, rookie Royce Newman at right guard and Dennis Kelly at right tackle.

The list of offensive linemen not playing — Bakhtiari, Elgton Jenkins, rookie Josh Myers and Billy Turner — looks to be a far superior group despite not having a fifth guy to fill out the line.

Yet the group the Packers trotted out did the job against Baltimore.

Rodgers was sacked three times but was only hit a total of four times. He also threw for 268 yards and three scores, while the team's running game averaged nearly four yards a carry against one of the league's best run defenses.

"Those guys deserve a lot of



Green Bay Packers offensive tackle Yosh Nijman celebrates with quarterback Aaron Rodgers during the team's win over the Baltimore Ravens on Dec. 19 in Baltimore. Nijman has helped form a stout offensive line for the Packers this season.

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More coverage of the Packers, including this week's roster moves and more photos from the game against the Ravens, can be found at www.newmedia-wi.com.

credit for the way they've stepped up, given me time and opened up holes for the guys," said Rodgers after the win.

Rodgers went on to credit offensive line coach Adam Stenavich and assistant O-line coach Luke Butkus for how they've continued to put a quality product on the field every week.

"Those guys are very well-coached. They're super prepared, and the standard that he holds them to is very, very high," said Rodgers.

The quarterback added that the standard of play is the same

regardless of who is out there, and that those five starters have all improved and played consistently.

"I always let those guys know — and they know themselves — that it all starts with them up front," said Jones. "If they don't come out ready to play, we can't run the ball, we can't get a pass off. So it ultimately starts with them.

"I'm just so proud of each and every one of them. They never take a play off. One player goes down, the next person steps up and they gel like one."

The Packers won't get Jenkins back this season after he sustained a knee injury but should get Bakhtiari, Myers and Turner back in the near future.

With the division title already locked up and the way the back-

ups have played in their stead, the Packers are afforded the incredible luxury of not having to rush any of those linemen back until they are confident they are past the point of potentially reaggravating an injury.

If they do get one, or all three, of those guys back at some point, that should only make the Packers' offensive line that much better.

If could also add a different dimension to the offense, as the team has primarily used the quick passing game to alleviate some of the pass rush.

Rodgers could, however, take some more shots down the field with some of the veterans and starters back in the fold.

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Rodgers producing big season despite obstacles

QB in hunt for 4th MVP award

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

It's been quite a year for Aaron Rodgers.

There was the offseason feud with his employer since 2005, the Green Bay Packers, which culminated in late July with his return for a possible "last dance." There was his positive test for COVID-19 – and the fallout that ensued from misleading the public about his vaccination status and his stance on vaccinations, in general. And there was the broken toe sustained during his COVID isolation.

Through it all, Rodgers is on top of his game – and so are the Packers, who are 11-3 and leading the NFC playoff chase ahead of Saturday's game against the Cleveland Browns.

Rodgers is the hottest quarterback in the game. On Sunday afternoon, Rodgers threw three touchdown passes in Green Bay's 31-30 victory over Baltimore to continue his recent run of dominance. Over his last four games, Rodgers is No. 1 in the league with a 127.7 passer rating, 13 touchdown passes, a 13-0 touchdown-to-interception ratio, 1,301 passing yards and 8.91 yards per attempt, and the Packers are No. 1 in points.

With that, the Packers have the best record in the NFL and Rodgers has positioned himself for back-to-back MVPs after posting one of the best seasons in league history last year.

"Every year is so different, and it's hard to compare year to year. I feel like I'm playing better in many respects," Rodgers said, when asked Sunday if he's playing better than last season. "I feel like my movement in the pocket, my feel, my timing – tonight there were a couple of throws that I was proud of.

"There's not many games where you make a throw and you're really smiling on the inside because it makes you feel good, but I threw a ball to Marquez on the first play of the 2-minute and it was kind of hearkening back to a feeling I had years ago as far as my footwork and my timing and ball placement. Those are the fun ones, and those are the ones that you feel really, really good about."

Rodgers went out of his way to credit his makeshift offensive line – "those guys deserve a lot of credit for the way they've stepped up" – and the



Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers gestures to the sideline during the team's win over the Baltimore Ravens on Dec. 19 in Baltimore. Rodgers has put together another MVP-worthy season, despite running into several obstacles.

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play of Marquez Valdes-Scantling, whom he called a "special human being," for making some big plays against a Ravens defense that was bound and determined to limit Davante Adams. But Rodgers' dominance is why Green Bay has been able to overcome the prolonged absences of two All-Pro (David Bakhtiari and Jaire Alexander) and two Pro Bowlers (Elgton Jenkins and Za'Darius Smith) to lead the chase for homefield advantage in the NFC playoffs.

"He's had multiple games with multiple touchdowns and no picks," Valdes-Scantling said. "I don't really know too many guys that can do that consistently. He doesn't turn the ball over. He makes throw after throw, that you're just like, 'How did he get that ball in there?' Like the one he threw to me in 2-minute across the middle of the field. He's the best, and that's who he's going to be."

Valdes-Scantling caught Rodgers'

third and final touchdown of the day against the Ravens. It was the 442nd of his career, tying Hall of Famer Brett Favre's franchise record.

Breaking the record – perhaps on Christmas against Cleveland – will be especially meaningful for Rodgers. It's an award he's been chasing for years. Earlier in the week, Rodgers recalled sitting at his locker and paging through the program before games and looking at the team records.

At the time, Favre's record seemed impossibly out of reach. Heck, Rodgers didn't throw his 100th touchdown pass until 2011, his sixth year in the league.

"I remember looking at the number of touchdowns that Favre had and thinking, 'Oh, my God. I'm not even at 100 yet,'" Rodgers said. "How could I ever play long enough to be in this same category as that? But, obviously, I've been able to stay pretty healthy and have some sustained success.

"That's a special one just because of the history of the franchise and how long our franchise has been around and how many great players have come through here. The opportunity to be here 17 years and the longevity records, as Favre I remember used to talk about when he was here, to be a part of some of those is pretty cool."

Rodgers had a chance to break the record during the fourth quarter but threw the ball just out of Allen Lazard's reach. The rare mistake almost cost the Packers the game, as the Ravens staged a furious comeback over the final minutes, but it will allow Rodgers a chance to set the record in front of the home fans on Saturday.

"There is something special about being able to do it at home," Rodgers said after the game.

Records are great, but the elusive second Super Bowl is at the forefront of Rodgers' mind. The Packers haven't won a championship since 2010. Over the succeeding decade, Rodgers has put up a lot of incredible numbers and the team has won a lot of games, but four empty trips to NFC Championship Games are a stain on his glittering resume. Thus, getting the coveted first-round bye and home-field advantage is Rodgers' focus.

Nonetheless, there is some individual history suddenly within his grasp.

On Sunday night, Tom Brady and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers were blanked by the New Orleans Saints. On Monday morning, FanDuel Sportsbook's updated MVP odds showed Rodgers and Brady in a dead heat at +160 and far ahead of the rest of the field. Just days earlier, Brady was the runaway favorite at -150 and Rodgers a distant second at +500.

Peyton Manning won a record five MVP awards. Rodgers, Brady and Hall of Famers Favre, Jim Brown and Johnny Unitas won three each. So, a win by Rodgers or Brady would produce the only four-time winner of the award.

Since the week one debacle against New Orleans, Rodgers has thrown 28 touchdowns vs. two interceptions, despite leading one of the most-injured teams in the NFL. The Packers are 11-1 in those 12 games. Brady, meanwhile, leads the NFL in passing yards and passing touchdowns.

Winning a fourth MVP would be a tremendous notch on Rodgers' legacy. So, too, would be winning a second championship and interrupting Brady's legendary run of greatness.

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7	Corey Bojorquez	P	6-0	217	25	4	New Mexico
8	Amari Rodgers	WR	5-9	212	22	R	Clemson
10	Jordan Love	QB	6-4	219	23	2	Utah State
12	Aaron Rodgers	QB	6-2	225	38	17	California
13	Allen Lazard	WR	6-5	227	26	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
22	Shemar Jean-Charles	CB	5-10	184	23	R	Appalachian State
24	Isaac Yiadom	CB	6-1	190	25	4	Boston College
26	Darnell Savage	S	5-11	198	24	3	Maryland
27	Patrick Taylor	RB	6-2	217	23	1	Memphis
28	AJ Dillon	RB	6-0	247	23	2	Boston College
29	Rasul Douglas	CB	6-2	209	26	5	West Virginia
30	Shawn Davis	S	5-11	202	23	R	Florida
31	Adrian Amos	S	6-0	214	28	7	Penn State
33	Aaron Jones	RB	5-9	208	27	5	Texas-El Paso
36	Vernon Scott	S	6-2	202	24	2	TCU
39	Chandon Sullivan	CB	5-11	189	25	4	Georgia State
40	Tipa Galeai	LB	6-5	229	24	1	Utah State
41	Henry Black	S	6-0	204	24	2	Baylor
42	Oren Burks	LB	6-3	233	26	4	Vanderbilt
44	Ty Summers	LB	6-1	241	25	3	TCU
46	Steven Wirtel	LS	6-4	228	24	1	Iowa State
49	Dominique Dafney	TE	6-2	243	24	1	Indiana State
51	Krys Barnes	LB	6-2	229	23	2	UCLA
52	Rashan Gary	LB	6-5	277	24	3	Michigan
53	Jonathan Garvin	LB	6-4	257	22	2	Miami
58	Isaiah McDuffie	LB	6-1	227	22	R	Boston College
59	De'Vondre Campbell	LB	6-3	232	28	6	Minnesota
62	Lucas Patrick	G	6-3	313	28	5	Duke
64	Ben Braden	G	6-6	329	27	2	Michigan
67	Jake Hanson	C	6-4	296	24	1	Oregon
69	David Bakhtiari	T	6-4	310	30	9	Colorado
70	Royce Newman	T/G	6-5	310	24	R	Mississippi
73	Yosh Nijman	T	6-7	314	25	2	Virginia Tech
76	Jon Runyan	G	6-4	307	24	2	Michigan
77	Billy Turner	G/T	6-5	310	30	8	North Dakota State
79	Dennis Kelly	T	6-8	321	31	10	Purdue
81	Josiah Deguara	TE	6-2	238	24	2	Cincinnati
83	Marquez Valdes-Scantling	WR	6-4	206	27	4	South Florida
84	Tyler Davis	TE	6-4	252	24	2	Georgia Tech
86	Malik Taylor	WR	6-1	220	26	2	Ferris State
88	Juwann Winfree	WR	6-1	210	25	2	Colorado
89	Marcedes Lewis	TE	6-6	267	37	16	UCLA
90	Jack Heflin	DL	6-3	304	23	R	Iowa
91	Preston Smith	LB	6-5	265	29	7	Mississippi State
93	T.J. Slaton	DL	6-4	330	24	R	Florida
94	Dean Lowry	DL	6-6	296	27	6	Northwestern
95	Tyler Lancaster	DL	6-3	313	27	4	Northwestern
96	Kingsley Keke	DL	6-3	288	25	3	Texas A&M

Reserve/Injured

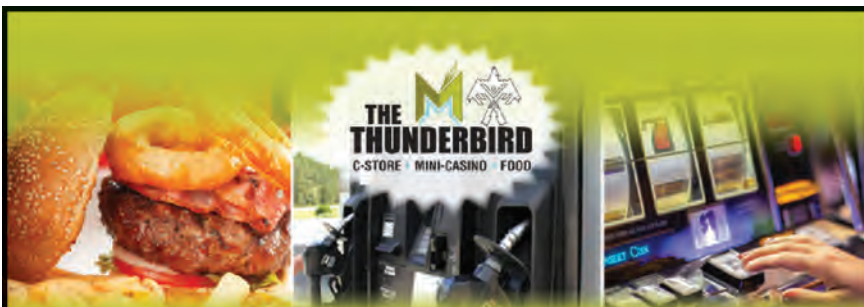
18	Randall Cobb	WR	5-10	195	31	11	Kentucky
23	Jaire Alexander	CB	5-10	196	24	4	Louisville
32	Kylin Hill	RB	5-10	214	23	R	Mississippi State
47	Chauncey Rivers	LB	6-2	259	24	1	Mississippi State
50	Whitney Mercilus	LB	6-4	261	31	10	Illinois
55	Za'Darius Smith	LB	6-4	272	29	7	Kentucky
56	Randy Ramsey	LB	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
35	Ryquell Armstead	RB	5-11	220	25	3	Temple
38	Innis Gaines	S	6-1	202	23	R	TCU
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
65	Michael Menet	C	6-4	301	24	R	Penn State
78	Cole Van Lanen	T/G	6-4	305	23	R	Wisconsin
80	Josh Malone	WR	6-3	208	25	3	Tennessee
98	Abdullah Anderson	DL	6-3	303	25	2	Bucknell
99	R.J. McIntosh	DL	6-5	286	25	4	Miami

Reserve/COVID-19

97	Kenny Clark	DL	6-3	314	26	6	UCLA
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	3	Chase McLaughlin	K	6-0	180	25	3	Illinois
	4	Anthony Walker	LB	6-1	235	26	5	Northwestern
	9	Nick Mullens	QB	6-1	210	26	4	Southern Mississippi
	10	Anthony Schwartz	WR	6-0	186	21	R	Auburn
	11	Donovan Peoples-Jones	WR	6-2	204	22	2	Michigan
	17	Kyle Lauetta	QB	6-3	222	26	2	Richmond
	20	Greg Newsome II	CB	6-0	192	21	R	Northwestern
	21	Denzel Ward	CB	5-11	190	24	4	Ohio State
	24	Nick Chubb	RB	5-11	227	25	4	Georgia
	25	Demetric Felton	RB	5-9	189	23	R	UCLA
	26	Greedy Williams	CB	6-2	185	24	3	LSU
	28	Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah	LB	6-2	221	22	R	Notre Dame
	29	Herb Miller	CB	6-1	201	24	1	Florida Atlantic
	30	D'Ernest Johnson	RB	5-10	208	25	3	South Florida
	31	Andy Janovich	FB	6-1	238	28	6	Nebraska
	34	Brian Allen	CB	6-3	200	28	3	Utah
	35	Jovante Moffatt	S	5-11	213	24	2	Middle Tennessee State
	36	M.J. Stewart Jr.	S	5-11	200	26	4	North Carolina
	37	Tedric Thompson	S	6-0	204	26	5	Colorado
	39	Richard LeCounte III	S	5-11	196	23	R	Georgia
	41	John Kelly	RB	5-10	208	25	2	Tennessee
	43	John Johnson III	S	6-0	209	26	5	Boston College
	44	Sione Takitaki	LB	6-1	238	26	3	BYU
	47	Charley Hughlett	LS	6-4	248	31	7	Central Florida
	52	Elijah Lee	LB	6-3	230	25	5	Kansas State
	53	Nick Harris	C	6-1	293	23	2	Washington
	54	Willie Harvey Jr.	LB	5-11	230	25	2	Iowa State
	55	Takkarist McKinley	DE	6-2	260	26	5	UCLA
	56	Malcolm Smith	LB	6-0	225	32	10	USC
	62	Blake Hance	G	6-6	310	25	1	Northwestern
	64	JC Tretter	C	6-4	307	30	9	Cornell
	65	Michael Dunn	G	6-5	315	27	2	Maryland
	70	Alex Taylor	T	6-8	301	24	1	South Carolina State
	72	Hjalte Froholdt	G	6-5	310	25	3	Arkansas
	75	Joel Bitonio	G	6-4	320	30	8	Nevada
	77	Wyatt Teller	G	6-4	314	27	4	Virginia Tech
	82	Rashard Higgins	WR	6-1	198	27	6	Colorado State
	83	Lawrence Cager	WR	6-5	220	24	2	Georgia
	84	Ja Marcus Bradley	WR	6-0	198	25	1	Louisiana-Lafayette
	85	David Njoku	TE	6-4	246	25	5	Miami (Fla.)
	86	Miller Forristall	TE	6-5	245	23	R	Alabama
	88	Harrison Bryant	TE	6-5	230	23	2	Florida Atlantic
	91	Joe Jackson	DE	6-4	278	25	3	Miami (Fla.)
	92	Sheldon Day	DT	6-1	293	27	6	Notre Dame
	93	Tommy Togiai	DT	6-2	296	22	R	Ohio State
	94	Porter Gustin	DE	6-5	257	24	3	USC
	95	Myles Garrett	DE	6-4	272	25	5	Texas A&M
	96	Jordan Elliott	DT	6-4	303	24	2	Missouri
	97	Malik Jackson	DT	6-5	285	31	10	Tennessee
	99	Josiah Bronson	DT	6-3	300	24	R	Washington
Reserve/Injured								
	15	Ryan Switzer	WR	5-9	183	27	4	North Carolina
	37	Tre Harbison	RB	5-11	218	23	R	Charlotte
	41	Montrel Meander	LB	6-2	215	27	1	Grambling State
	74	Chris Hubbard	T	6-4	295	30	8	Alabama-Birmingham
	78	Jack Conklin	T	6-6	308	27	6	Michigan State
	89	Stephen Carlson	TE	6-4	240	25	3	Princeton
Reserve/Retired								
	16	Derrick Willies	WR	6-4	207	27	2	Texas Tech
Practice Squad								
	8	Chris Naggar	K	5-11	193	24	R	SMU
	12	Alexander Hollins	WR	6-0	166	25	1	Eastern Illinois
	15	Adrian Colbert	S	6-2	205	28	5	Miami
	16	Bryan Mills	CB	6-1	184	22	R	North Carolina Central
	40	Johnny Stanton	FB	6-2	240	27	2	UNLV
	48	Nick Guggemos	TE	6-5	231	26	R	University of St. Thomas
	59	Curtis Weaver	DE	6-2	265	23	2	Boise State
	60	David Moore	G	6-2	320	23	R	Grambling State
	65	Elijah Nkansah	T	6-1	328	26	1	Toledo
Practice Squad/COVID-19								
	19	JoJo Natson	WR	5-7	153	27	5	Akron
	49	Nate Meadors	S	5-11	189	24	1	UCLA
	87	Ross Travis	TE	6-6	251	28	5	Penn State
Reserve/COVID-19								
	5	Case Keenum	QB	6-1	215	33	9	Houston
	6	Baker Mayfield	QB	6-1	215	26	4	Oklahoma
	7	Jamie Gillan	P	6-1	207	24	3	Arkansas Pine-Bluff
	22	Grant Delpit	S	6-3	208	23	2	LSU
	23	Troy Hill	CB	5-11	183	30	6	Oregon
	27	Kareem Hunt	RB	5-11	216	26	5	Toledo
	33	Ronnie Harrison Jr.	S	6-3	214	24	4	Alabama
	38	A.J. Green	CB	6-2	198	23	1	Oklahoma State
	42	Tony Fields II	LB	6-0	222	22	R	West Virginia
	50	Jacob Phillips	LB	6-3	228	22	2	LSU
	51	Mack Wilson	LB	6-1	233	23	3	Alabama
	57	Ifeadi Odenigbo	DE	6-3	258	27	4	Northwestern
	58	Malik McDowell	DT	6-6	295	25	1	Michigan State
	66	James Hudson III	T	6-5	313	22	R	Cincinnati
	71	Jedrick Wills Jr.	T	6-4	307	22	2	Alabama
	79	Drew Forbes	G	6-5	308	24	2	Southeast Missouri State
	80	Jarvis Landry	WR	5-11	196	29	8	LSU
	81	Austin Hooper	TE	6-4	255	27	6	Stanford
	90	Jadeveon Clowney	DE	6-5	255	28	8	South Carolina

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All-time, regular season: 12-7
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All-time, at Packers: 6-3
Streaks: The Green Bay Packers have won the last three matchups against the Cleveland Browns.
Last meeting, regular season: Dec. 10, 2017, Packers won 27-21 in overtime at Lambeau Field.

Davante Adams caught a 25-yard touchdown pass from Brett Hundley to win the game. Hundley threw for 265 yards and three touchdowns that day.

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	Win 36-28	
BYE WEEK			
Dec. 12	vs. Chicago	Win 45-30	
Dec. 19	at Baltimore	Win 31-30	
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
Ben Braden



C
Lucas Patrick
Jake Hanson



LG
Jon Runyan
Ben Braden



LT
Yosh Nijman
Dennis Kelly



TE
Marcedes Lewis
Dominique Dafney



WR
Marquez Valdes-Scantling
Allen Lazard



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



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				C JC Tretter Nick Harris		LG Joel Bitonio	
						LT Jedrick Wills Jr.	
							
						WR Donovan Peoples-Jones Rashard Higgins	

DEFENSE

											
CB Denzel Ward Troy Hill		DE Myles Garrett Takkarist McKinley		DT Malik Jackson Jordan Elliott		DT Malik McDowell Sheldon Day		DE Jadeveon Clowney Ifeadi Odenigbo		CB Greg Newsome II Greedy Williams	
											
		WILL Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah Mack Wilson		MIKE Anthony Walker Jacob Phillips		SAM Sione Takitaki Malcolm Smith					
											
		S Ronnie Harrison Jr. Grant Delpit		S John Johnson III Richard LeCounte III							

WEEK 16 SCHEDULE

Saturday's Games

Cleveland at Green Bay, 3:30 p.m.
Indianapolis at Arizona, 7:15 p.m.

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, noon
L.A. Rams at Minnesota, noon
Buffalo at New England, noon
Tampa Bay at Carolina, noon
Jacksonville at N.Y. Jets, noon
Detroit at Atlanta, noon
L.A. Chargers at Houston, noon
Baltimore at Cincinnati, noon
Chicago at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Kansas City, 3:25 p.m.
Denver at Las Vegas, 3:25 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 7:20 p.m.

Monday's Game

Miami at New Orleans, 7:15 p.m.

PLAYOFF PICTURE

NFC

Seed Team Record

- Green Bay 11-3 (xz)
- Dallas 10-4
- Tampa Bay 10-4
- Arizona 10-4
- L.A. Rams 9-4
- San Francisco 8-6
- Minnesota 7-7
- New Orleans 7-7
- Washington 6-7
- Philadelphia 6-7
- Atlanta 6-8
- Seattle 5-8
- Carolina 5-9
- N.Y. Giants 4-10
- Chicago 4-10 (e)
- Detroit 2-11-1 (e)

AFC

Seed Team Record

- Kansas City 10-4
- New England 9-5
- Tennessee 9-5
- Cincinnati 8-6
- Indianapolis 8-6
- L.A. Chargers 8-6
- Buffalo 8-6
- Baltimore 8-6
- Pittsburgh 7-6-1
- Las Vegas 7-7
- Miami 7-7
- Cleveland 7-7
- Denver 7-7
- N.Y. Jets 3-11 (e)
- Houston 3-11 (e)
- Jacksonville 2-12 (e)

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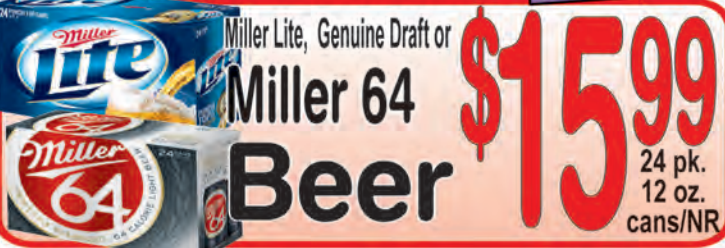
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NY Giants @ Philadelphia
Chicago @ Seattle
Pittsburgh @ Kansas City
Denver @ Las Vegas
Washington @ Dallas
Miami @ New Orleans..... Mon., Dec. 27

Tie Breaker Game: Cleveland @ Green Bay

Weekly Standings

	Weekly Record	Overall Record
God's Purpose Apparel.....	10-4.....	149-72-1
Shawano Seasons Restaurant.....	10-4.....	141-80-1
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Weekly Standings

	Weekly Record	Overall Record
Idell Johnston, State Farm Insurance Agent.....	9-5.....	136-85-1
Morgan Rode.....	9-5.....	135-86-1
Smokey Joe's.....	7-7.....	135-86-1
B & C Auto Recycling.....	8-6.....	133-88-1
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This Week's Picks:

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LA Chargers	Kansas City	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cleveland 28 @ Green Bay 31



Tim Murphy
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This Week's Picks:

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Arizona	Buffalo	Dallas
Atlanta	Jacksonville	New Orleans
Tampa Bay	Philadelphia	
Baltimore	Seattle	
LA Chargers	Kansas City	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cleveland 17 @ Green Bay 34



Dennis Brei
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This Week's Picks:

Tennessee	LA Rams	Denver
Indianapolis	New England	Dallas
Atlanta	NY Jets	New Orleans
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cleveland 20 @ Green Bay 31

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This Week's Picks:

Tennessee	LA Rams	Las Vegas
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LA Chargers	Kansas City	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cleveland 24 @ Green Bay 38



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This Week's Picks:

San Francisco	LA Rams	Denver
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This Week's Picks:

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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cleveland 27 @ Green Bay 37



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This Week's Picks:

Tennessee	LA Rams	Denver
Indianapolis	New England	Dallas
Atlanta	NY Jets	Miami
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cleveland 20 @ Green Bay 38



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This Week's Picks:

Tennessee	LA Rams	Las Vegas
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Atlanta	NY Jets	New Orleans
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LA Chargers	Kansas City	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cleveland 27 @ Green Bay 30



Caroline
Idell Johnston
State Farm Agent

This Week's Picks:

Tennessee	LA Rams	Las Vegas
Arizona	Buffalo	Dallas
Atlanta	NY Jets	New Orleans
Tampa Bay	Philadelphia	
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cleveland 21 @ Green Bay 34



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This Week's Picks:

San Francisco	LA Rams	Denver
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Cincinnati	Seattle	
LA Chargers	Kansas City	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cleveland 17 @ Green Bay 35



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Baltimore	Chicago	
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cleveland 20 @ Green Bay 35



Jim Wiegand
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This Week's Picks:

Tennessee	LA Rams	Las Vegas
Arizona	New England	Dallas
Atlanta	Jacksonville	New Orleans
Tampa Bay	Philadelphia	
Baltimore	Seattle	
LA Chargers	Kansas City	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cleveland 17 @ Green Bay 34



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This Week's Picks:

Tennessee	LA Rams	Las Vegas
Arizona	Buffalo	Dallas
Atlanta	Jacksonville	New Orleans
Tampa Bay	Philadelphia	
Baltimore	Seattle	
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cleveland 27 @ Green Bay 30



Shane Senn
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This Week's Picks:

San Francisco	Minnesota	Denver
Indianapolis	New England	Dallas
Atlanta	NY Jets	Miami
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cleveland 17 @ Green Bay 21



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This Week's Picks:

San Francisco	LA Rams	Denver
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cleveland 20 @ Green Bay 31



Chris
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This Week's Picks:

San Francisco	LA Rams	Denver
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This Week's Picks:

San Francisco	LA Rams	Las Vegas
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Tie Breaker Game:

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This Week's Picks:

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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cleveland 17 @ Green Bay 28

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Monday, September 20	7:15 pm	DETROIT LIONS	ESPN
Saturday, September 25	1:20 pm	@ San Francisco 49ers	NBC
OCTOBER			
Sunday, October 03	3:25 pm	Pittsburgh Steelers (GOLD)	CBS
Sunday, October 10	NOON*	@ Cincinnati Bengals	FOX
Sunday, October 17	NOON*	@ Chicago Bears	FOX
Sunday, October 24	NOON*	WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM	FOX
Thursday, October 28	7:30 pm	@ Arizona Cardinals	FOX
NOVEMBER			
Sunday, November 07	1:25 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 DOLPHINS (GOLD)	FOX
DECEMBER			
BYE WEEK			
Sunday, December 12	7:20 pm*	INDIANAPOLIS	NBC
Sunday, December 19	NOON*	@ Baltimore Ravens	FOX
Saturday, December 25	3:30 pm	CLEVELAND BROWNS	FOX
JANUARY			
Sunday, January 02	7:20 pm*	MINNESOTA VIKINGS	NBC
Sunday, January 09	NOON*	@ Detroit Lions	FOX

KEYS TO THE GAME

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

The Green Bay Packers (11-3) will host the Cleveland Browns (7-7) at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. FOX will televise the game.

History

The Packers lead the series 13-7, a mark that includes a 23-12 victory at Lambeau Field in the 1965 NFL Championship Game.

Coaches

Green Bay – Matt LaFleur, 37-9, third season. Cleveland — Kevin Stefanski, 18-12, second season.

When the Packers have the ball

This will be strength on strength. Green Bay has scored more than 30 points in four consecutive games, the longest streak in the NFL, and Rodgers is the hottest quarterback on the planet. Meanwhile, the Browns are 12th in points allowed (21.8), fifth in total defense (321.7 per game), ninth against the run (105.6 per game) and eighth against the pass (216.1 per game).

The weaknesses are in the key situations of third down (20th, 41.2% conversions) and red zone (26th, 67.4% touchdowns).

In defensive end Miles Garrett, the Browns might have the most-feared defender in the NFL. He's third in the league with 15 sacks and 28 quarterback hits. He is No. 1 among edge defenders in ProFootballFocus.com's pass-rush win rate. He's rushed about 82% from the defense's right side, meaning against the opponent's left tackle.

That puts the spotlight on the left tackle — perhaps the return of David Bakhtiari, but more likely Yosh Nijman, the Packers' third-string left tackle who has played surprisingly well in matchups this year against the likes of T.J. Watt and Nick Bosa. He allowed only one pressure vs. Baltimore.

Garrett is joined by tackles Malik Jackson and Malik McDowell and end Jadeveon Clowney. Clowney has five sacks and 15 quarterback hits and McDowell has three sacks. On passing downs, former first-round pick Takk McKinley has chipped in 2½ sacks.

At linebacker, rookie Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah is joined by Anthony Walker and Malcolm Smith. Walker leads the Browns with 89 tackles, but Owusu-Koramoah has been the best player with 59 tackles, four passes defended and two forced fumbles. He's the new-age, ultra-athletic linebacker.

Denzel Ward, Greedy Williams and rookie Greg Newsome are the corner-



Green Bay Packers wide receiver Allen Lazard stretches to try and catch a pass during the team's win over the Baltimore Ravens on Dec. 19 in Baltimore. The Packers' passing game will go up against a solid Cleveland Browns' passing defense on Dec. 25.

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backs, with Ronnie Harrison and John Johnson the safeties. Williams has two interceptions and a team-high nine interceptions, Ward has a team-high three interceptions and eight passes defended, and Newsome has seven pass breakups.

Ward generally plays in the slot, though Troy Hill has seen plenty of action in that role, too. There is not a weak link among them.

When the Browns have the ball

Green Bay is 10th in the NFL with 21.6 points allowed per game and eighth in total defense with 325.8 yards allowed per game. But it's a unit that has been trending the wrong way, with 34, 28, 30 and 30 points allowed the last four games.

It relied on game-changing plays in victories over the Rams and Bears. It didn't make any of those against Baltimore and almost lost to a backup quarterback.

Cleveland is 19th with 20.9 points scored per game. While quarterback Baker Mayfield will get a lot of air time during commercial breaks, the offense is led by an elite rushing attack that enters the week ranked fifth in yards per game (139.6) and third in yards per carry (4.9).

In terms of yards per carry, Nick Chubb is one of the best backs in NFL

history. This season, Chubb is fourth with 1,017 rushing yards, sixth with 5.35 yards per carry and 11th with seven touchdowns. He's a 227-pounder with the speed to take it the distance.

Regardless of the No. 2 back, the Browns will field a high-quality tandem. Kareem Hunt, the 2017 NFL rushing champion who has been dealing with an ankle injury, has 386 rushing yards, a 4.9 average, 22 receptions and five touchdowns, and D'Ernest Johnson has 340 rushing yards and a 5.2 average.

Mayfield has been a major disappointment. He's 20th with a 90.1 passer rating and 25th with a completion rate of 62.8%. He's thrown 13 touchdowns in 12 starts; Rodgers has 13 in his last four. The first pick of the 2018 draft, the Browns have a tough decision regarding their long-term quarterback future.

Receiver Jarvis Landry is one of 11 players with at least 16 receptions. He's caught 38 passes for 397 yards and one touchdown. Donovan Peoples-Jones has added 27 receptions for 478 yards (17.7 average) and three scores.

Tight ends Austin Hooper (33 receptions, 291 yards, three touchdowns), David Njoku (30 receptions, 436 yards, three touchdowns) and Harrison Bryant (18 receptions, 222 yards, one touchdown) have combined for 81

catches and seven scores.

The offensive line is strong with left tackle Jedrick Wills, left guard Joel Bitonio, center JC Tretter, right guard Wyatt Teller and right tackle James Hudson. They power a strong rushing attack and haven't allowed a sack in back-to-back games.

Special teams

This will be a battle between two of the worst special teams in the NFL.

For Cleveland, kicker Chase McLaughlin is 15-of-21 on field goals. Oddly, he's 4-of-10 from 40 to 49 yards but 4-of-4 from 50-plus.

Veteran punter Dustin Colquitt, who signed with Cleveland a couple weeks ago, had a strong performance on Monday vs. the Raiders. It has speedy rookie weapons at returner with Demetric Felton (punts) and Anthony Schwartz (kickoffs), but neither have done much.

If the Browns have been bad, the Packers have been horrendous. They are 29th on punt returns, 31st on kickoff returns, 27th on kickoff coverage, 32nd on punt coverage and 30th in field-goal accuracy. At least kicker Mason Crosby is 12-of-12 on kicks the past two games with 10 extra points and two short field goals. At this point on returns, simply fielding the ball is a victory.

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Packers clinch North after Ravens' 2-point try fails

Rodgers throws 3 TDs to tie Favre's mark

By **NOAH TRISTER**
The Associated Press

Aaron Rodgers threw three touchdown passes — tying Brett Favre on Green Bay's career list — and the Packers became the first team this season to clinch a division title, wrapping up the NFC

North with a 31-30 win over Baltimore on Dec. 18 in Baltimore.

The Ravens missed a big 2-point conversion in the final minute.

With Lamar Jackson out with a sprained ankle, quarterback Tyler Huntley nearly led Baltimore (8-6) all the way back from a 31-17 deficit. His 8-yard touchdown run with 42 seconds left pulled the Ravens within one, but Huntley's 2-point conversion pass was incomplete.

It was the third consecutive loss

for Baltimore, which also fell to Pittsburgh two weekends ago on a missed 2-point conversion in the final seconds. The Ravens fell into a first-place tie in the AFC North with Cincinnati.

Ravaged this season by injuries — especially in the secondary — Baltimore faced a difficult task trying to stop Rodgers and the Green Bay receivers. The Ravens mounted enough time-consuming drives of their own to keep the game close; the score was 14-14 at halftime. But the Packers received the kickoff to start the second half and took full advantage.

Baltimore appeared to have Green Bay (11-3) stopped on a third-down incompletion, but minimal contact by Kevon Seymour was enough for a pass interference flag. Rodgers found Aaron Jones for a 9-yard touchdown on the next play.

The Ravens drove into Green Bay territory before another devastating penalty. With Baltimore running the ball effectively and preparing to go on fourth-and-1 in the red zone, Ben Cleveland committed a false start. The Ravens settled for

a field goal, and Green Bay drove 88 yards, taking an 11-point lead on an 11-yard pass from Rodgers to Marquez Valdes-Scantling.

That was Rodgers' 442nd career touchdown pass, pulling him even with Favre. He went 23 of 31 for 268 yards. Rodgers has thrown for 13 touchdowns without an interception over his last four games and didn't appear the slightest bit limited by his toe injury.

Down 31-17, the Ravens began their comeback when Huntley ran for a 3-yard touchdown with 4:47 remaining. Then they got the ball back and scored again.

Huntley threw for 215 yards and two first-half touchdowns to Mark Andrews. The first, which gave Baltimore a 7-0 lead, was the first time in eight weeks the Ravens scored an opening-quarter TD.

A 9-yard pass to Andrews gave Baltimore a 14-7 lead in the second quarter, but Rodgers answered with a 3-yard scoring pass to Davante Adams.

Andrews had 10 catches for 136 yards and two TDs.

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Nothing is as touching or colorful as a child's thoughts at Christmas. Within these pages you will find the Christmas messages of many children in our community. Their poignant thoughts and heartfelt wishes have been reproduced as submitted (spelling errors included) to most accurately express the thoughts and personalities of the writers. Many will bring a chuckle, a tear or perhaps a long lost memory of you own to mind. Whichever it is, we rare certain you will enjoy the following pages.

*Merry
Christmas!*

Mrs. Austin's 3rd Grade Bowler Elementary

Dear Santa Claus,
Hello. My name is Eleanor Marie onesti. I am 8 years old. I am in 3rd grade. I go to Bowler Elementary School. I am interested in Hay Dudes,horses,and nerf guns. How are you doing? I hope you are doing well. How are the elves doing? I have an idea for you, get a toy machine. I wish for my mom to have a good Christmas off. What I would like for Christmas is a puppy and a nintendo switch. When you get to my house watch out for the coc. Merry christmas!
Eleanor Marie Onesti

Dear Santa,
Hello. My name is Charlie. I am eight and a half years old. I am in third grade. I go to Bowler School. I am interested in fidgets, hotwheel cars, and games. I think I have been good. Something special that has happened to me is I got to go to Wisconsin Dells! How are you doing? I hope you are doing great. How is Rudolph? You should get more reindeer to help you out. I wish for my dog to live until he is 12 years old. What I would like for Christmas is ninjago legos. When you get to my house, be careful I have a dog. Merry Christmas!
Your friend
Charlie Piotrowski

Dear Santa Claus
Hello my name is Jaiden. I am 8 years old. I am in third grade. I go to Bowler Elementary School. I am interested in race gear, four wheel-er number stickers, the number is 4 OK, and Hey Dudes. This year I taught my sister how to ride her bike. How are you doing? I hope you are doing well. Does Rudolph's nose actually work? You need to bake more cookies. I wish for my mom to get candles and dad to get tools. What I would like for Christmas is American Girl doll. When you get to my house there will be a treat waiting for you. Merry Christmas!
Jaiden Hartleben

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi. My name is Daesah. I am 9 years old.I go to Bowler school. I am in third grade. I am interested in video games, toys and books. This year I got a baby sister. How are you? I hope you are doing well. What does Mrs.Claus do?. You should get more elves to help you out. I wish my dad had a photo of me. What I would like for Christmas is The Shadow, the Hedgehog game. When you get to my house I am getting you a present. Merry Christmas!
Your Pal,
Daesah

Dear Santa Claus,
Hello. My name is Victoria or Tori. I am 8 years old. I am in third grade. I go to Bowler Elementary school. I am interested in comfy socks, nerf guns, and pops. THIS year I am in a new school. Santa, how are you doing? I hope you are doing great. Santa, I have a question for you. Are you doing well? I hope so. Santa, I have an idea for you: kids are being born everyday so how about making a box machine to make all the presents. :D I wish my brother had more socks. I would like for Christmas is kinetic sand. When you get to my house, please be quiet. My sister wakes up easily. Merry Christmas Santa!
Your friend,
Victoria.

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi my name is Melina. I am 9 years old. I am in third grade. I go to Bowler Elementary school. I am interested in art supplies, new shoes, and clothes. This year I went to a new school. How are you doing? I hope you are doing well. How are the elves? Do you need more elves to help you at The North Pole? I wish for my mom to have reindeer earrings.What I would like for Christmas is new earrings. When you get to my house use the door because I do not have a fireplace. Your friend,
Melina

Dear Santa Claus,
Hello my name is Carly. I am 8 years old. I am in 3rd grade. I go to Bowler Elementary school. I am interested in singing. This year my cousin is getting a new boy / girl. How are you doing? I hope you are doing good. How are the reindeer? Get a lot of reindeer to pull the sleigh faster. I wish for my brother to get a lot of ps4 games. What I would like for Christmas is a little pet shop and a slim. When you get to my house look for cookies. Merry Christmas!
From Carly

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi My name is Brent. I am 8 years old. I am in third grade. I go to Bowler Elementary school. I am interested in hobby grade, rc cars, beyblades, and nerf guns.This year I got a rustler 4x4. How are you doing? I hope you are doing well. How are the reindeer doing? To make your job easier, maybe get more elves. I wish for my dog to get a small bone. What I would like for Christmas is a rc brushless motor, up-graded rc shocks, and upgraded rc shasy. When you get to my house we do have a chimney but I would go through the door. Your Friend,
Brent

Dear Santa,
My name is Cole. I am 9 years old. I am in 3rd grade. I go to Bowler Elementary school. I am interested in dirt bikes, nerfgun, and deer calls. This year I went hunting. How are you doing? I hope you are doing well.How old is Comet? To make your job easier, get a lot of Rudolphs to light the way. I wish for my brother to get bow supplies. What I would like for Christmas is a dirtbike. When you get to my house there are barking dogs so I hope your reindeer do not get scared of them. I hope you have a good Christmas. Your friend
Cole

“Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus”

The most beloved editorial of the season

Francis Pharcellus Church was working the editorial desk of the New York Sun one day in September 1897 when a forlorn letter arrived from a little girl named Virginia O’Hanlon — not a letter to Santa Claus, but a letter just as important.

“Dear Editor, I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus,” she wrote. “Papa says, ‘If you see it in The Sun it’s so.’ Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?”

Church went right to work on a response, and the unsigned editorial has become one of the most beloved and often-reprinted newspaper editorials of all time:

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men’s or children’s, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished. Not believe in Santa Claus! You



Santa and Mrs. Claus are surrounded by children with their Christmas lists at the ready during the Oconto Falls Avenue of Lights celebration Nov. 27.

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might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that’s no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. You may tear apart the baby’s

rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.



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Kindergarten
thru Grade 2

Child's Name Addison. Fuller
Grade 2nd.
School Birnamwood.
Teacher Mrs. Sorano.

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Group 1
Kindergarten
thru Grade 2

Child's Name Ayla Frisch
Grade 2
School Birnamwood
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Child's Name Braydon Starr
Grade 1st Grade
School Wittenberg Elementary
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School Bowler Elementary
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Group 1
Kindergarten thru Grade 2

Child's Name Eve Mevenden
Grade Kindergarten
School Biramwood Elementary School
Teacher Mrs. Hansen

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Child's Name Felicia
Grade 4
School Wittenberg elementary
Teacher Ms. Slezak



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Grade Kindergarten
School Brimmwood Elem
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Group 2
Grades 3-4

Child's Name Julia Vanderzanden
Grade 3rd
School Bandvel Elementary
Teacher Mrs. Wudtke

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Dear Santa Claus,
Hi my name is Jaxon. I am 9 years old. I am in third grade. I go to Bowler Elementary school. I like to play video games in my spare time. Some of the games I play are Fortnite, Roblox, Minecraft, Gang beast, and Human Fall Flat. Something I got to do was go to a trampoline park in Appleton. Hi Santa I was wondering how you are doing? I hope you are doing awesome. How is Mrs. Claus doing? I have an idea you can make presents faster by having robot elves. I wish for my mom to get better. What I would like for Christmas is a xbox: series x, a new nerf gun, and a rc car. Merry Christmas!
Your Friend,
Jaxon

Dear santa,
Hi my name is Nicholas. I am nine years old. I am in third grade. I go to Bowler Elementary School. I am interested in Pokemon cards, Legos, and Nintendo games. This year I got 1st place two times and 3rd one time. How are you doing? I hope you are doing well. Can the reindeer talk? To help you could make Rudolph's nose glow brighter to help you see. I wish for my cat to get better. What I would like for Christmas is football cards, Pokemon cards and a Nintendo game. When you get to my house I will have a Pokemon card for you. MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!
Your friend,
Nicholas

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Jackson. I am 8 years old. I'm in third grade. I go to Bowler Elementary school. I am interested in playing outside and one-person games. This year my Dad shot a deer. How are you doing? I hope you're doing well. I think you should get Mrs. Claus a sleigh to help you deliver the presents faster. I wish for my brother to get well. I really want a RC car for Christmas. Please look for a bottle of Coca-Cola!
Merry Christmas
Jackson

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi, My name is Sasylia. I am 8 years old. I am in third grade and I go to bowler elementary school. Something special that happened to me is that I got a hoverboard for my birthday this year. Here are some things I like: unicorns, Paw Patrol, Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse and that's some things I like. How are you doing? I hope you are doing well. How are the reindeer doing? Does Rudolph still have his shiny nose? Can the reindeer talk? How old are you? I have an idea for you: You could maybe help the elves out with making toys with them?
Your friend,
Sasylia

Dear Santa,
Hello my name is Calvin I am eight years old. I am in third grade. I go to Bowler Elementary School. Some things that interest me are Sonic figures and legos. This year my dad is getting a new house. How are you? I hope you're well. How do you get to 7.4 BILLION people? I think you should give the elves a buffet. I wish for my family to visit. I would like sonic figures and legos. When you get to my house, use the door because I don't have a chimney. Merry Christmas!
Your Friend,
Calvin

**Teacher Debra Rades
Grade 4
Witt-birn Elementary**

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I'm doing great right now. Thank you for the book last year. It was a really good book. I should get a present this year because I was being good. For Christmas I would like sour Skittles and Diary of a Wimpy Kid Cabin Fever. Sincerely,
Jaxson

Dear Santa,
Did you have a vacation this year? This year I was in Montana and had fun! Thank you for all the toys, they are fun to play with. I have been doing a lot of fun stuff and I went swimming a lot. I deserve a present because I did hard work. I really want a go-cart because ever since I saw one at the store I really wanted one! Sincerely,
Flynn

Dear Santa,
Are the reindeer ready for Christmas Eve? I have been pretty good this year and I can't wait until Christmas. I love all the presents you gave me last Christmas and the other nine years. Thanks you! I just love Christmas, it's so fun. My year has been going good I'm so excited for Christmas Eve and I think I deserve a present because I have been working hard with my dad. I would really like a PS5 for Christmas and a Minecraft disc to go with it. Sincerely,
Cayden

Dear Santa,
What is your favorite cookie? Are the elves being good? I am doing really good. Thank you for my present I love my hover board and my skateboard. I think I should get a present this year because I been a really good kid. For this year I think I want and really good scooter and a Nintendo game. Sincerely,
Blakely

Dear Santa,
What is your favorite Reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus doing? I'm doing good. Thank you for the headset. I really liked it and I liked the clothes too. They fit so well. My year is going good so far and I hope it stays that way. I don't want to get in trouble. I would like to receive a dirt bike and dirt bike gear, but I do not need a helmet. Sincerely,
Michael

Dear Santa,
I want to know if Mrs. Claus is keeping track of all the elves. I'm doing great at home and school besides a little friend drama. I just want to thank you so much for the presents that I got last year. I loved the diary with the lock and pen. It was so cute. My year is going great besides the drama. I really have been loving dance and basketball. I think I deserve a present because I've been getting good grades, taking care of pets and helping my mom. I want to receive a loft bed and a baby Yoda lamp. Sincerely,
Emma
Dear Santa,
How old are you? I'm doing well. How about you? Thank you for all the gifts last year. I really liked

them. I deserve a Christmas present this year because I help my family. I want a lot of toy elk. Also, can you please fix my other elk's antler? Sincerely,
Dominick

Dear Santa,
Are the reindeer ready for Christmas Eve? I am good. How are you? Thanks for the gifts last year. I really like them. My year has been going good. I been helping my dad at home. I been doing going in school. I would like a new sweat-shirt and model supplies. Sincerely,
Ryan

Dear Santa,
I'm wondering how the elves are doing? I think I have been doing really well because I have been helping out. Thank you for the gifts I got last year. I had a lot of fun with them. I really want some new clothes like some more sweatshirts and long sleeve shirts and an electric scooter. Sincerely,
Tanner

Dear Santa,
I think that I have been really good at home because I have been taking care of the kids when Jordan and Mom are asleep and also I have been cleaning the house. Are your elves working really hard and are you and Mrs. Claus ready for Christmas? I am really excited! Thank you so much for the axe body wash-spray. I loved it and also for the drone it was the best Christmas gift ever. If I could hug you right now I would thank you Mrs. and Mr. Claus! I really want a hamster if you would give me that I would be so happy!
From
Zeke

Dear Santa
How old are you? I am doing good. How are you doing? Thank you for the hover board from last year and all the other stuff. My year is going good. I deserve a presents this year because I watch my brothers and I take out the garbage. This year I want a cord for my hover board. Sincerely,
Hayden

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Kindergarten
thru Grade 2**

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Child's Name Madeline Madisyn Anderson
Grade 1st
School Hillcrest
Teacher Miss Beuprey



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Child's Name Brynlee Bauch
Grade Kindergarten
School Biramwood Elementary School
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Child's Name Owen Ferguson
Grade 2nd
School Biramwood
Teacher Mrs. Sorano



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We would like to thank all of the children who entered our coloring contest and /or submitted letters and writings to fill these pages with Christmas cheer.

Nothing expresses the spirit of Christmas better than children's heartfelt wishes and observations.

*Coloring contest winners were chosen in a random drawing from two categories:

Group 1-Kindergarten thru Grade 2,
and Group 2-Grades 3 and 4.

Group 2
Grades 3-4

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Child's Name Daesah

Grade 3

School Bowler Elementary

Teacher Mrs. Austin



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Child's Name Flynn Bushman

Grade 4th

School Wittenberg

Teacher Mrs. Rades



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Child's Name Jacob Gory

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Dear Santa,
What is your favorite reindeer? My year has been good. Thank you for the presents last year. I loved them so much. I have been doing my chores so I deserve a present. I would like a roblox gift card box that is 1ft by 1ft and 1ft high.
Sincerely,
Paxton

Dear Santa,
How are the animals doing? Mine are great and I am great too, but sometimes I can be a little trouble. But I can also be very nice. Thanks for all the gifts. I love them all. My favorite one is the blanket I use it every night. Oh, and I LOVE the toy horses. I have a full bin now! So far my year is like a wave pool, just crazy! I think I should get some gifts because I have been doing my chores and homework, but sometimes I get mad and I start a fight. I have been my best at school and at home, so maybe I could get a couple things not much. I would just like some more clothes like socks, pants, shirts, just anything please. And I would like new shoes, just gym shoes not dress shoes. If I could get both that would be great!
Sincerely,
Lillian

Dear Santa,
How many reindeer do you have? I have been feeling good. I hope you have been feeling good! Thank you for the "not parent approved" game. I love it! I play it all the time! I am working hard in school. Sometimes it's not easy but I still do it. And I have been good! So, I think I deserve a gift! I would like art supplies, beads, and a hover board for Christmas.
Sincerely,
Kaylee

Dear Santa,
Do you know the name of my elf? Thank you for my launcher. Thank you for my hover board. I have fun with it. I deserve a Christmas present this year because I helped my sister. This year I would like Barbies, a camera, and a soccer ball.
Sincerely,
Lily

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am feeling excited about Christmas. Thank you for the Christmas party and basket. My year is going great! I should receive a present because I am happy. I want an iPad for Christmas.
Love
Gavin

Dear Santa,
Are the reindeer ready for Christmas Eve? I am having a good year already. Thank you for giving me a tablet last year. I am having a lot of fun playing it over the time. My year is going great. I'm having a lot of fun making new friends at school. I am doing a lot of work at school. I would like a football and a hover board this year. From
Nathaniel

Dear Santa,
What is your favorite reindeer? Are the elves excited to go to people's houses? What is your favorite type of cookie? Thank you for my football and football gloves and more from last year. I have been working very hard in school! I have been trying to get along with my sister, so I think I should get a present this year. This year I would like a chicken less harness and a Dicks sporting good gift card.
Sincerely,
Vivian

Dear Santa,
Are the reindeer ready for Christmas Eve? How are you because I am doing good. Thanks for the marble thing, the volcano last year, and the transformer. How is your year going? I hope it is going good because I am doing good. How is Mrs. Claus? I should get a present this year because I have been good this year. Hey Santa, I would like an Xbox and a skateboard for Christmas. Thanks. Sincerely,
Deattrick

Dear Santa,
Who's your favorite elf and what is its name? I am doing good, what about you? Thank you for my Christmas gifts last year. I love them all. The year has been going good. I think I should get presents because I have been really nice to my friends and family. This year I

want a hover board for Christmas because my friend had one and like it.
Sincerely,
Maiyah

Dear Santa,
Are you and the reindeer ready for Christmas Eve? I'm doing well in school and kind of at home. Thank you for my cat coloring pillow I got last year. I really love it. Santa, my year has been going good. I think I should receive a present because I've been good and very helpful. Santa, for Christmas this year I would like a giant pop it because everyone has one except for me. I also want a squishy of some sort. Please and thank you! Sincerely,
McKenzy

Dear Santa,
Who is your favorite elf and what's his or her name? I'm doing great this year. I've been helping my friends when they are feeling down and playing with them. I hope I'm on the nice list this year. Thank you Santa for the hover board last year. I really like it. It's fun playing on it. I don't like to share it with my sisters but I do anyway. My year has been doing great. My summer break was awesome. This year I want an iPad just like my grandma and in case if you can't get one I want a fidget pack please. Sincerely,
Oakley

Dear Santa,
Are the reindeer ready for Christmas Eve? How are you doing Santa? Thank you for the hover board. I love it so much. I get in to fights a lot, but I am trying not to. For Christmas, I would like a speaker and an iPhone. Sincerely, Noah

**Mrs. King's
1st Grade class
Wittenberg Elementary**

Dear Santa
I'm excited for Christmas Eve. I've been trying to be good this year I love when it is Christmas time.
Love
River Mattes

Dear Santa,
Hope you and the reindeer are happy and healthy. I have been a good boy. How have you been? How is Mrs. Claus? Do the reindeer like carrots? We will have cookies and milk waiting.
Love
Braydon Starr

**Mrs. Wudtke's
3rd Grade Class,
Bonduel Elementary**

Dear Santa,
I hope you are having fun making toys in the North Pole. Have you spoken to my elf, Woody? I'm guessing he's busy but I hope he's working hard. Also, how have you been? Have a good winter!
From,
Maklynn

Dear Santa,
I need jewelry and fun games to play. I would like LOL's, OMG dolls, and more colors.
I love you Santa!
Patsy

Dear Santa,
Can I please have all the different color Army guys, Army plans, Army helicopter, all colors of Indian vs Cowboys, and if you can make all color trucks that can hall airplanes, helicopters, and different color Army tank, and a truck that halls Army guys.
From,
Leland

Dear Santa,
First, I would like a Minecraft Bee Lego Set. Second, can I have my own bumper cars? Third, I want a big bookshelf in my room! Last, I want to get good grades!
From,
Gracie

Dear Santa,
I love your reindeer and your bell ring. You make me happy, give me joy, and you are kind, loving, and caring.
Can I get a phone?
Can you make me a snowman like last time?
Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love,
Julia

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Child's Name Kira Schider
Grade 1st Grade
School Wittenberg Elementary
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Child's Name Porter Long
Grade 1st Grade
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Child's Name Skylin Richter

Grade 2nd

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Child's Name Tavia
Grade 2
School Birnamwood Elementary
Teacher Mrs. Sorano

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Child's Name Willie
Grade Kindergarten
School Birnamwood Elementary
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Child's Name Morgan Gehrig
Grade 5 (Age)
School Biramwood Elementary
Teacher Mrs. Hansen

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Child's Name Carmyn Wanta
Grade 1st Grade
School Wittenberg Elementary
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By, Jacob

Dear Santa,
Can I get a Snoopy?
Can I get a Snoopy blanket?
From,
Chase

Dear Santa,
I want a chopper and a chopper head.

Dear Santa,
I want a hamster.
Haylee

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is sports, a piano, and a flute.
From,
Lyla

Dear Santa,
Here is my list this year:
1. A puppy
2. A puzzle
3. A laptop
4. A basketball
5. Video games
6. Two sided lipstick
7. A tv
8. A 3D puzzle
9. A bunch of packets of hot cocoa
10. Paper
11. A horse
12. Black pants
13. Black shirts
From,
Ava

Dear Santa,
I really want to see Joan Jett and the Blackhart's if my mom can find a concert.
Now a story. On the bus my friend said she does not believe you are real.
I hope I get presents and not the other way around. I want an electric guitar or a motorcycle that I can drive.
Love,
Amelia

Dear Santa,
I want a laptop because I help people.
I also want Orbes.
From,
Leighanna

**Mrs. Hertzfeldt's
Third Grade Class (3B)
Bonduel Elementary**

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my gifts last year. I really appreciate it. Santa how are your elves, are they sassy? How is Mrs. Clause? And how are the reindeer? Listen I hope this isn't too much- I would like a cat because my sister's cat is lonely, and I would like a LED light!
Merry Christmas!
Sophia P.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents last year. Thanks for the deer hunting game. Me and my dad play it all the time but sometimes I can't play. So, Santa how are you doing? I know it has been a little hard lately, because so many presents to deliver, and you and your elves need to make them. Santa I would like a bow and arrow. I would teach my brother and sister how to shoot it I like when they stick on the window.
Love,
Jamesen B.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my presents. Last year my family loved the candy in our stockings! We loved it! So, Santa how are you doing? Are the elves doing good? You are the best Santa and tell Mrs. Clause that she is the best Mrs. Clause. Santa, I would like a tablet my brother and sister want one too. I have been trying to be good. I would like all the dog man books please.
Merry Christmas!
Love,
Natalie B.

Dear Santa,
Thanks for the gifts you got me last year. I liked them a lot. I almost played with them all the time. They were the best toys ever. How are you, Santa? How is Mrs. Clause doing? How are the reindeer? How are

the elves? They're probably making toys right now. I hope the reindeer aren't playing tag in the sky. Santa, I would like a play station this year. I would like one because then I can play with my brother.
Love,
Jaxson R-K.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my presents last year. I really liked the tractor you gave me. I used them a lot.
So, Santa how are you? How is Rudolph doing? Are the elves busy? I would like a new tractor for my two brothers and I.
Love,
William K.

Dear Santa,
Thank you, for my presents last year. I really like the baby doll. Sometimes I still play with it. I bet the elves are busy with Christmas around the corner. I hope the elves are not up to no good. Santa, I would like a toy reborn baby doll twins and fidget toys and LED light. I have been doing good with my brother Boston sometimes Carson.
Love,
Madison K.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my presents last year. I really liked the train that you gave me.
So, Santa how are you and Mrs. Clause? Are the reindeer ready to fly? I bet the elves are ready to make presents! Santa, I would like a phone that has internet because my tablet does not have internet. I would also like Spiderman Vex by Venom.
Love,
Jeremiah H.

Dear Santa,
Thank you, Santa, for the presents. I'm going to tell you what I got for Christmas I got a big dinosaur and Owen and a raptor for Christmas. So, Santa, how are you? How are your elves doing? I love your reindeer. I would like a world of war ship game for my sister and my Xbox 1. Only one I'm going to tell you more on my Christmas wish list.
From,
Jayzon H.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents
Last year I had a camera and on Christmas Eve, I want a paint set and I want a new camera.
From,
Jaylynn T.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my presents last year. I really liked my piggybank. I have saved a lot of money. I am going to buy something I like. How are you doing? Santa, how is Mrs. Clause? I hope the elves are not playing elf games. Is Dasher a good reindeer? Santa, I would like a camera so I can take pictures of holidays and family members. That is all I want for Christmas from you.
From,
Cora H.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving me presents last year. I really like them! Thank you. How are you, Santa? I can tell you are busy with the Elves and Christmas. What I would like is a dog, crafts, and LED light. I would like them because they would help me concentrate.
Love,
Kiarah B.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents last year. I really liked the basketball you gave me. Basketball is my favorite sport. How are you doing this year? Is Mrs. Clause making you enough cookies? Hopefully Rudolph isn't giving you too much trouble. Santa, I would really like a TV for my bedroom if possible. I've been really good this year. I've helped with my brother and sister. Having a TV for my room would help my parents because then I would be able to play my video games in my room and not bother them. I hope you have an amazing Christmas!
Love,
Terrin V.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the Disney Dorables. I play with them. Thank you, Santa, for my presents I really like it Santa. Santa, Merry Christmas and Love you,
Polly S.

What Christmas Means to Me

Christmas means to get with your family, and it is not just about presents it is Jesus's birthday, but toys are a little fun too me. I'm just happy that I have a family, and clothes to wear to keep me warm.

Myles Z.

What Christmas Means To Me

What Christmas means to me is that I get my Christmas tree out and my ornaments on my tree. We spend time with my family. We get our milk and cookies out for Santa. On Christmas we open up our presents.

Kathleen L.-V.

What Christmas Means to Me

Christmas means family, joy, family, and get togethers. It means happiness. Sitting by the warm cozy fire waking up on Christmas morning, and seeing all of the presents. Jesus's birthday is on Christmas, that's also one of the reasons. It means going inside after playing in the snow and drinking hot cocoa. It means, hanging out with friends and family. Going out at night and seeing all of the lights and decorations glowing. That's what Christmas means to me. Merry Christmas Happy New Year!!

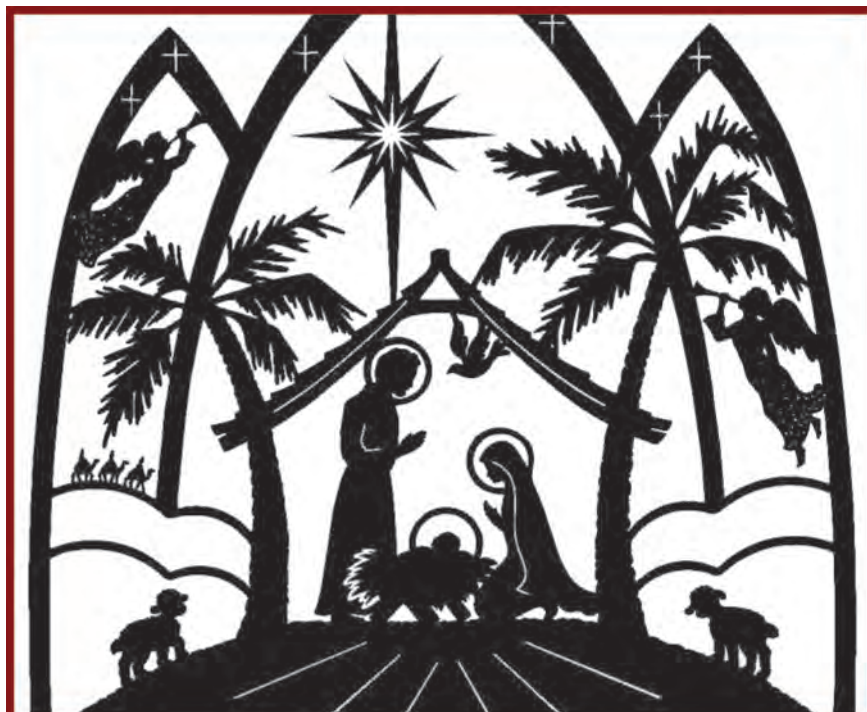
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What Christmas Means to Me.

Christmas is a fun holiday because we make cookies and we also open presents. It is important to share food, presents and kindness. Christmas means a lot to me because we get to see our family and friends.

Will M.

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