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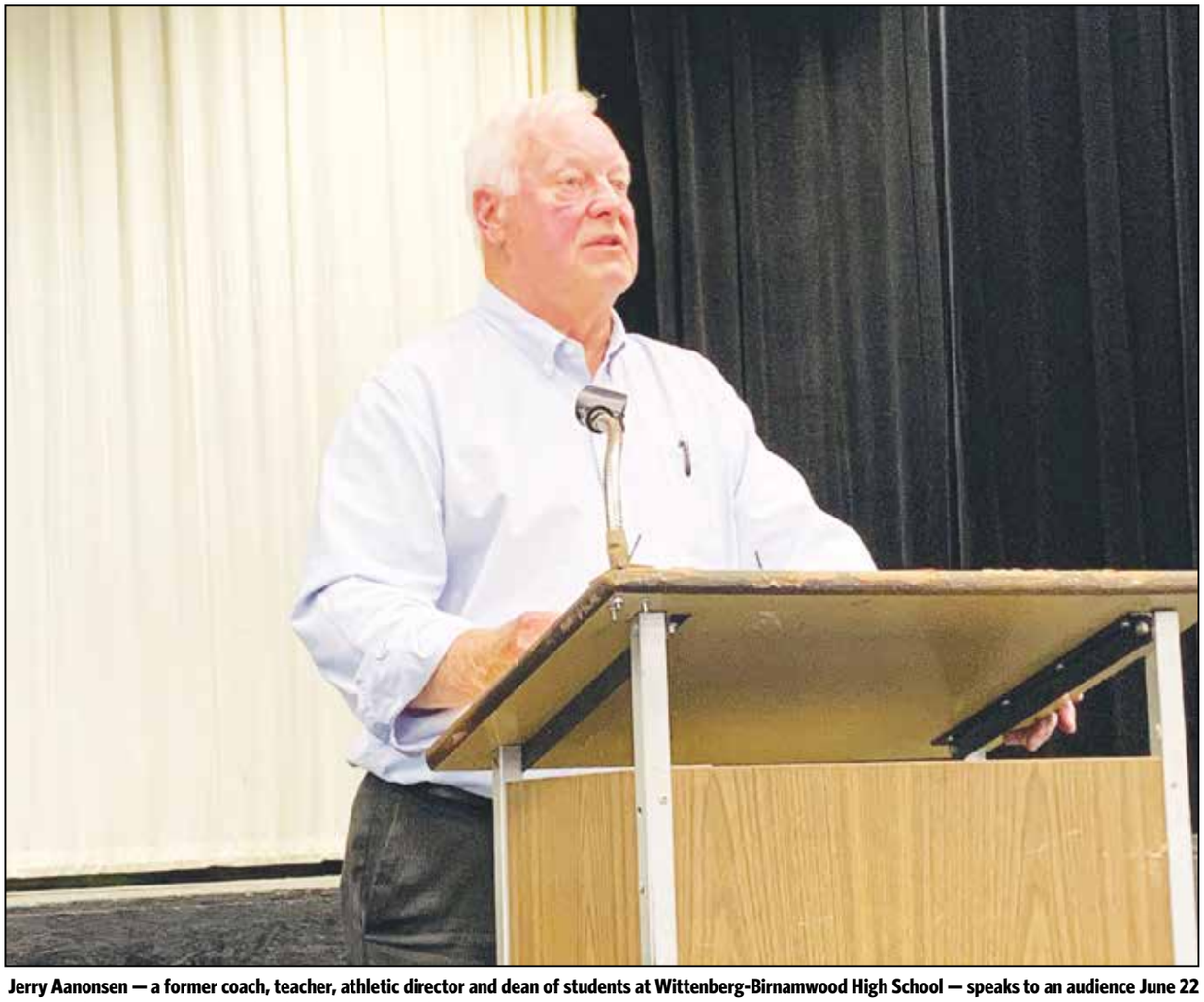

Jerry Aanonsen — a former coach, teacher, athletic director and dean of students at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School — speaks to an audience June 22 at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School and gives updates on a proposed sports complex in Wittenberg. Aanonsen's unsuccessful campaign was the NEW Media staff's pick for the top local news of the year. SEE STORY, PAGES 2-4 FILE | NEW MEDIA

Nels Steffen, a special education teacher at Bowler Elementary School, was honored by the Wisconsin Council of Administrators of Special Services at a ceremony Oct. 29 at the CESA 8 office in Gillett. CONTRIBUTED

Aaron Damrau pauses in his restoration work at the Swanke mansion in Tigerton. He's standing near some of the oak woodwork in the entryway that's being refinished. Herman Swanke used generously the wood and millwork produced in his Tigerton Lumber Company in building the home in 1920. FILE | NEW MEDIA

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Sports complex campaign is No. 1 story of 2021

Dog attack, new Bowler superintendent, Wittenberg Telephone make the list

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

On any given year, there is usually a wide range of news stories happening in Shawano County, ranging from the celebratory to the tragic. This year, the talk of the town in the Wittenberg area was the campaign by former Wittenberg-Birnamwood Dean of Students Jerry Aanonsen to collect pledges to build a new sports complex.

NEW Media staff voted the story of Aanonsen's efforts to give students and community members an area to exercise and practice as the No. 1 story for the Wittenberg Enterprise and Birnamwood News for 2021.

The Wittenberg Enterprise and Birnamwood News also saw other memorable stories, including that of a local woman who died after saving her son from a dog attack. A Bowler special education teacher was recognized with an award for his work as an educator. Wittenberg Telephone celebrated its 100th year of existence.

As the new school year began, Glenda Butterfield-Boldig started her new position as the superintendent at Bowler, where has ties. Two local brothers were recognized for their efforts in trying to preserve their tree farm. Stories revolving around a new beekeeping business in Wittenberg and a new OHM route being established near Tigerton also made the top 10 list.

Here is a look at the top 10 stories from the Wittenberg Enterprise and Birnamwood News in 2021:

1. Wittenberg sports complex seeking pledges, Wittenberg sports complex comes to a halt

The sports complex was a major news story in the western part of Shawano County in 2021. After the sports complex had been voted down in a recent referendum, Aanonsen started collecting pledges in hopes of getting the facility built. His initial plan for the sports complex was to provide high school teams a place to practice, as the Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School gymnasium has become packed with all of the teams and athletes trying to use it. The sports complex was forecasted to be 160 feet by 200 feet and expected to cost between $2.5 million and $3 million. Aanonsen and other community members reached out to businesses and organizations about pledging money to this project.

The project later came to a halt after Aanonsen and others were having trouble finding pledges. Wittenberg-Birnamwood superintendent Garrett Rogowski said that they were hoping for some major donors, but none presented themselves. In late September, Rogowski announced that they had close to $450,000 in pledges. In December, however, Rogowski said the project is not currently feasible. Student athletes will continue practicing at the facilities that WBHS has.

2. Woman dies from injuries in dog attack

A 35-year-old Bowler woman died from injuries sustained in trying to keep the family dog from attacking her young son. Heather Pingel stepped in to stop the dog Dec. 8 after it started to attack her son. The reports were that the dog then turned to Pingel and started attacking her. When police arrived on the scene, Pingel's arms were severely cut and injured. The boy's leg was also bleeding with muscle tissue exposed. Reports were that there was blood smeared on the walls and floor in the family's bathroom. A witness reportedly saw the dog attacking Pingel, took it outside and shot it. Pingel was hospitalized but died Dec. 16.

3. Bowler special ed teacher wins award

Nels Steffen, who teaches special education for grades kindergarten through fourth grade at Bowler Elementary School, was honored by the Wisconsin Council of Administrators of Special Services at an Oct. 29 ceremony at the CESA 8 office in Gillett. The award recognizes excellence in serving and supporting special education students and programs.

"Mr. Steffen is a very dynamic and excellent teacher at our school," said Wade Turner, Bowler Elementary principal. "He develops a great rapport with his students and really has a knack to tap into their potential. Bowler is lucky to have a teacher as passionate as Mr. Steffen working with our students. He is a very worthy recipient of this award."

Steffen was grateful for the award but was quick to point out the team effort from his colleagues.

"I am humbled and honored to receive this award," said Steffen, who has been at Bowler for the past seven years. "I couldn't have done it without the caring and supportive staff at Bowler. I consider this a team award for the great staff and students here at Bowler."

4. Wittenberg Telephone celebrating 100 years

Wittenberg Telephone celebrated its centennial in 2021.

Incorporated in 1921 by Ray Peterson, the company today offers telephone, broadband internet and television services to the community. Wittenberg Telephone serves roughly 3,600 people, as their footprint extends from Galloway all the way up to Pickerel. In 2010, it purchased a fiber network in Antigo, commencing its business within the city. After purchasing an office and expanding to Antigo in 2012, Witten-

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berg Telephone took on the moniker "Cirrinity."

The company has been family owned for all 100 years of its existence. There is a sense of camaraderie among the employees.

"Working in a family business creates a great culture here," said Scott Nyman, CEO for Wittenberg Telephone. "It is not like I do one thing, you do one thing. It's everyone does everything."

5. New Bowler superintendent begins job

Glenda Butterfield-Boldig began her first year as the superintendent for the Bowler School District in 2021. Butterfield-Boldig's first teaching job was in Bowler. She said that she felt like this was a homecoming, as she has worked with the Bowler, Wittenberg-Birnamwood and White Lake school districts in the past.

"I met my husband at Bowler, and he followed me on my travels," said Butterfield-Boldig. "We had talked about coming back to Bowler, and it feels like I am at home."

She said that using her experience from working in other rural school districts, she knows what the school needs and how to help meet those needs. Butterfield-Boldig said that as superintendent, she would focus on working collaboratively with the staff and students to make the district inviting for everyone.

"I have a hand in everything," said Butterfield-Boldig. "I am about being collaborative and a team player. I want everyone to buy in and work together towards a team goal. I like walking out in the hall and knowing kids' names. I do this for them."

6. OHM route established near Tigerton

The Shawano County Board of Supervisors agreed to designate a portion of County Road M near Tigerton as an off-highway motorcycle route. Due to other motorcycle routes being blocked off because of a river, riders would need to drive on County Road M to connect.

Steve Reinert, a member of the Tigerton Village Board, said the OHM route would make it easier for visitors and their motorcycles to obtain provisions once they've set up camp in the park.

"The big thing we have is, being a campground, these vehicles are coming in big-toy haulers," Reinert said. "If they need to get to another segment, right now they have to load up and get them back through the park again."

7. Tigerton mansion gets face lift

Tigerton Clinic is the owner of the Swanke Mansion and has underwritten the costs of restoring the historic building.

The restoration began as an electrical upgrade, spearheaded by Aaron Damrau, clinic manager and a director for Tigerton Clinic, Inc.

The building has seen many uses over the years. It went from being a home to a bar (including a rumored house of ill repute) to a hospital to its current use as the ThedaCare Physicians-Tigerton clinic.

Damrau said the work of many volunteers, including ThedaCare clinic employees, was awesome. There has also been a steady stream of donations from the historical society Facebook page, including a recent one from a Swanke descendant.

8. Hanson tree farmers recognized

One local farm has recently been recognized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for efforts in preserving the land and trees.

John and Jim Hanson, who live in Stoughton and Green Bay, respectively, have a tree farm in the Town of Morris and were recognized by the USDA for the way they have maintained the farm.

After they had noticed that maple trees were not growing well, the brothers applied for funding through the USDA, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

The USDA recognized them for their work in an experimental program through the NRCS.

"They recommended that they come in and take a lot of the maple trees out of the farm," said John Hanson. "They left the best ones to grow and then in five years' time, they would come in and take the others out."

9. Local beekeeping business is buzzing

Lowdown Bee Supply has become the beekeeping hub in central Wisconsin.

Lance and Katrina Low, who have been beekeeping for around seven years, have expanded their business to include a store where visitors can buy equipment and honey. The store is located at 602 E. Grand Ave. in Wittenberg.

Lowdown Bee Supply will be used as a "one-stop shop," according to Katrina Low. They will provide interested parties any equipment that they need, including the bees.

Antigo graduate Glenda Butterfield-Boldig was hired July 1 as superintendent for the Bowler School District. LUKE REIMER | NEW MEDIA

A big cartoon bear, wearing a yellow and black shirt, acts like the mascot of the company as it stands outside of the Lowdown Bee Supply store, 602 E. Grand Ave. in Wittenberg. LUKE REIMER | NEW MEDIA

"It is doing very well," said Katrina Low. "We have seen a lot of local people that we did not know were interested in bees and did not have access to equipment. I have been pleasantly surprised."

10. WBHS's 51st graduating class ready for new lives

Confetti flew and grins were big as 77 graduates accepted their diplomas May 28 during Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School's 51st commencement exercises.

Emma Herb, class president, took note of the fact that many of her cousins attend schools with larger student populations, but she was grateful to be able to attend a smaller school like WBHS. She noted that she has friends in every class, as it helped to have other people to talk to at times.

Herb called the Class of 2021 "well-rounded" and consisting of athletes, musicians, shop enthusiasts, theater performers, nerds and "all-around friendly people."

The graduates also took a moment to remember a classmate who didn't reach the podium. Two graduates held up the football jerseys of Samuel Egging, who died almost two years earlier when a vehicle hit him in the Town of Birnamwood.

"Sam is missed greatly every day, since he was one of the most caring, comical and nicest people to have come to this school," Herb said.

Confetti is quickly spread by a gentle breeze over the graduates during the 51st annual graduation commencement May 28 at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School. Seventy-seven graduates received their diplomas. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

Grades are up at Witt-Birn High School

Hass attributes the switch to trimesters as an avenue for success

By LUKE REIMER
Reporter

Grades at the Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School have risen during the 2021-22 school year.

According to WBHS Principal Bill Hass, out of all the freshman classes, 97% were passed, out of sophomores 95% were passed, out of juniors 98% were passed and out of seniors 96% were passed. This compares to last years results of sophomores (who were freshman last year) had 92% passed, juniors (who were sophomores last year) 96% passed and seniors (who were juniors last year) 93% passed.

The high school recently changed their school schedule to trimesters from semesters that they have used in years past. Hass attributed the academic success to the switch.

"Part of it is that students have five classes now instead of the potential for eight," said Hass. "Students end up taking one more class in total with trimesters, but this way they have more time to work in class with teachers."

Hass said that giving students more time with their teachers for each class helps them to continue keeping their grades up.

He said that the high school had been tossing around the idea of trimesters for a couple of years.

"The rest of the school district has trimesters," said Hass. "I think it is good for teachers — if you have eight classes that you are teaching, you have eight classes that you have to prep for. It just takes some off of the teachers' plates, so that they can be better prepared."

Hass added through his experiences as a student and an educator, trimesters have seemed to work for the students and staff.

"I have had a lot of experience with trimesters, and I like it this way," said Hass.

He added that the WBHS students have the opportunity to build upon that success as the school year moves along.

"Success breeds success," said Hass. "With trimesters, there is an opportunity that someone who fails a class can take it again later in the school year."

Under the trimester system, students have to take two parts of their core classes. With the school year split into three sections, students have that opportunity to take those two-part classes in three sections of the year.

"If students are failing a class, we make sure that we give them extra effort so that they can hopefully get them on track and pass the class," said Hass.

With the success, Hass said that students with positive attitudes will continue to perform well and will help others perform well.

"If you have children and you are positive about school, it is a good possibility that they will have a positive attitude and same thing on the flip side," said Hass.

Hass said that students seem to like trimesters.

"Students have told me that they are thankful for this," said Hass. "I think we see that kids are a little more happy to be in school."

As a result of the trimesters, WBHS also included 10-minute passing times between classes. Hass said that he has seen a positive effect from this addition.

"Kids get a chance to relax between classes," said Hass. "We have a lot of kids walking through the halls during that passing time, where they can get a little exercise, burn off some energy or whatever it may be."

He said that having trimesters and lightening the load for students has also helped them perform in extracurricular activities as well.

"Athletics has been doing well, along with our plays and other events," said Hass. "I would think that having less classes during the day helps them out."

Hass added that it is great for the area to see the students performing well in school.

"I think it is a plus for the area," said Hass. "Teachers work very hard and throughout the last couple of years, they kept working to make sure that the students learn what they need to learn and make sure that students have a positive experience."

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PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Dec. 27

Deputies responded to 32 calls, including a domestic disturbance on Elm Grove Road in the Town of Pella; reckless driving on state Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; operating while intoxicated on South Warrington Avenue in Cecil; trespassing on South Warrington Avenue in Cecil; eight crashes.

Dec. 26

Deputies responded to 33 calls, including operating while intoxicated on state Highway 29 in the Town of Richmond; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Maple Grove; four crashes, one involving deer.

Dec. 25

Deputies responded to 31 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 55 in the Town of Maple Grove; an assault on Norrie Road in the Town of Birnamwood; a disturbance on East Main Street in Bowler; reckless driving on state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; an automobile theft on County Road K in the Town of Waukechon; a disturbance on East Green Bay Street in Shawano; seven crashes, one involving deer.

Dec. 24

Deputies responded to 31 calls, including property theft on Main Laney Drive in the Town of Maple Grove; a domestic disturbance on Maple Avenue in the Town of Richmond; 10 crashes, one involving deer.

Dec. 23

Deputies responded to 34 calls, including criminal damage on East Richmond Street in Shawano; a drug problem on Hemlock Street in Eland; a threat on West Green Bay Street in Bonduel; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Richmond; six crashes.

Dec. 22

Deputies responded to 24 calls, including disorderly conduct on Maple Avenue in the Town of Wescott; a domestic disturbance on County Road F in the Town of Angelica; an assault on North Main Street in Shawano; one crash.

Dec. 21

Deputies responded to 37 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Richmond; 10 crashes.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dec. 27

Officers responded to 16 calls, including a burglary attempt on Sunrise Lane; a restraining order violation on Oak Court; a restraining order violation on West Picnic Street; a controlled substance problem on Estates Lane; disorderly conduct on East Richmond Street.

Dec. 26

Officers responded to 12 calls, including property theft on Alpine Drive; a theft attempt at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; trespassing at Hensel's Shawano Inn, 134 S. Washington St.

Dec. 25

Officers responded to 11 calls, including a domestic disturbance on South Andrews Street; reckless driving on state Highway 29.

Dec. 24

Officers responded to 20 calls, including a disturbance on South Weed Street; trespassing on East Center Street; a disturbance on South Prospect Street.

Dec. 23

Officers responded to 15 calls, including a disturbance on Acorn Street; a domestic disturbance on South Lafayette Street; property theft at Amerivu Inn and Suites, 211 Waukechon Street; a restraining order violation on Mountain Bay Trail Drive; property theft at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.; car property damage at Aldis, 1253 E. Green Bay St.

Dec. 22

Officers responded to 21 calls, including an automobile theft on South Franklin Street; a disturbance on Mountain Bay Trail Drive; a threat on Willow Road.

Dec. 21

Officers responded to 20 calls, including a disturbance at the Wisconsin House, 216 E. Green Bay St.

COURT NEWS

• Arianna K. Factor, 22, Shawano, was charged Dec. 20 with one count of possession of methamphetamine, one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia and one misdemeanor count of possession of THC. Judge William F. Kussel Jr. set a signature bond of $1,000 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for Jan. 19.

• Jett F. Killer, 21, Shawano, was charged Dec. 20 with one count of possession of amphetamine (less than or equal to three grams) with intent, one count of possession of methamphetamine, two counts of maintaining a drug trafficking place, one misdemeanor count of possession of THC and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a cash bond of $750 and a signature bond of $2,500. He also scheduled a resumed initial appearance for Jan. 18.

• John J. Waubanascum, 48, Keshena, was charged Dec. 20 with one count of burglary to a dwelling/boat with a person present, one misdemeanor count of theft of movable property less than or equal to $2,500, three misdemeanor counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a cash bond of $1,500 and scheduled an arraignment for Jan. 4.

• Robert L. McDermid, 44, Oconto Falls, was charged Dec. 21 with two counts of burglary to a dwelling/boat with a person present, two counts of theft of movable property greater than $5,000-$10,000, one count of possession of burglarious tools, 21 counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of criminal damage to property. Kussel set a cash bond of $75,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Dec. 30.

• Jerry L. Waukau, 40, Shawano, pleaded no contest to one count of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Two counts of bail jumping were dismissed but read into the record. In another case, Waukau pleaded no contest to one count of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. One misdemeanor count of bail jumping was dismissed but read into the record. In a third case, Waukau pleaded no contest to one count of suffocation and strangulation, one misdemeanor count of battery and one misdemeanor count of bail jumping. One count of suffocation and strangulation, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct and three misdemeanor counts of bail jumping were dismissed but read into the record. Judge Katherine Sloma sentenced Waukau to 120 days in jail and three years of probation.

• Lee M. Block, 43, Bonduel, was charged Dec. 22 with one count of battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor or law enforcement officer, three misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer, one misdemeanor count of lewd or lascivious behavior and two misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct. Kussel set a signature bond of $2,500 and set a preliminary hearing for Jan. 10.

• Antonio J. Kakwitch, 20, Cecil, was charged Dec. 22 with two counts of possession of narcotic drugs, one misdemeanor count of possession of amphetamine/LSD/psilocin and one misdemeanor count of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a signature bond of $2,500 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for Jan. 12.

• Shalia R. Waupoose, 24, Shawano, was charged Dec. 22 with one count of possession of methamphetamine, one count of possession of narcotic drugs, one count of maintaining a drug trafficking place, one misdemeanor count of possessing/illegally obtaining a prescription, one misdemeanor count of possession of THC and three misdemeanor counts of possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a signature bond of $15,000 and scheduled a status conference for Jan. 12.

• Michael L. Pamanet, 40, Shawano, was charged Dec. 22 with three counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of possession of THC. Kussel set a cash bond of $500 and scheduled a status conference for Jan. 4.

• Keith A. Eades, 39, Shawano, pleaded no contest Dec. 22 to one count of battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor or law enforcement officer, four counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer and one misdemeanor count of operating while intoxicated. One count of battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor or law enforcement officer, six counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer were dismissed but read into the record. In another case, Eades pleaded no contest to one count of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense). Two counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia were dismissed but read into the record. In another case, Eades pleaded no contest to one count of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of battery, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct and one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Two counts of bail jumping were dismissed but read into the record. Kussel sentenced Eades to 180 days in jail and five years of probation.

• Charges against Kaeyapon Komanekin, 42, Neopit, were dropped Dec. 22 on the prosecutor's motion. Those charges included one count of possession of methamphetamine.

• Craig A. Miller, 38, Neopit, pleaded no contest Dec. 22 to one count of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. In another case, Miller pleaded no contest to one count of possession of narcotic drugs and one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. One misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia was dismissed but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Miller to 60 days in jail.

• Latisha M. Peters, 40, Green Bay, pleaded no contest Dec. 22 to one count of possession of amphetamine with intent (greater than 3-10 grams) and one count of possession of amphetamine/LSD/psilocin (second or subsequent offense). One misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia was dismissed but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Peters to five years in jail, five years of extended supervision and five years of probation.

OBITUARIES

Daniel J. Eckenrod

Daniel James Eckenrod died at home surrounded by the love of his family, on Dec. 21, 2021, after a long, brave fight with cancer. Whether you called him Dan, Dad, Grandpa, Grumpa, Uncle Dan, Uncle-Grandpa, Ecky, Cochise or something else, you could see the twinkle in his eyes and knew he was one of a kind. Two things most important to him were his family and the truth...and having a good time in life.

Dan owned and operated Eckenrod Tile for more than 30 years, and he had many "helpers" during that time — none better than his own daughter Laura, to whom he proudly taught the trade over five years of daily hard work and nightly hashing out of the meaning of life. The trusted bond that developed during those "Happy Tile" years brought deep comfort and a lifetime of countless stories, inside jokes and shared knowing looks to them both.

Dan's dedication to excellence earned him extremely loyal and grateful customers, and he treasured each of the many thank you cards he received over the years.

"Dan Dan the Tile Man" transformed into "Dan Dan the Bagel Man" in his later years as he discovered a new enjoyment of baking bread, making sourdough and cooking Thai food.

Dan had a large presence and a generous heart and was always willing to help others in any way he could. Whether that be on the back of a hay wagon, using his red van to help his kids move, fixing whatever was broken or inventing something new — he enjoyed it all.

One of his great pleasures in life was taking trips all over the world with his son, Peter. His other great pleasure was telling everyone all about it, repeatedly.

When he told his daughter Anne that she "knew everything and was always right" at the age of 9, he gave her the gift to follow her instincts with confidence, and perhaps not surprisingly, she doesn't hesitate much to share this declaration with others.

He cherished his time spent in the UP with family, fishing in the lake and playing cards in the cabin. He enjoyed playing horseshoes and croquet, and loved to win — something he passed down to each of his children. Except Rachel, she took more to heart his teaching of "Neither a Leader nor Follower Be."

Dan grew up in Whitefish Bay with his three siblings. He was proud of his days as a gifted high school wrestler and went on to study electrical engineering at UWM before serving in the Army Reserves during the Vietnam War. He settled in Abrams in 1976 where he learned the art of homesteading, thanks to the generous support and contributions of many great friends and neighbors.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents William J. and Bernice E. (Schlenter) Eckenrod, brother David Eckenrod and grandson Samuel C. Eckenrod, all of whom he loved very dearly. He is survived by his children Laura (Marty), Rachel, Peter (Laziza) and Anne (Dave); his grandson Reese; brother Bill (Mary) and sister Sue (Gerry), and many nieces and nephews. He will be missed by many more.

In lieu of flowers, please share a drink with someone you love and hug tightly those closest to you.

A memorial visitation was held at Newcomer Green Bay Chapel (340 S. Monroe Ave., Green Bay, WI 54301) on Thursday, Dec. 30.

To leave an online condolence, please visit www.NewcomerGreenBay.com.

Sharon Marie Reinert

Sharon Marie Reinert, age 71, of Tigerton, passed away peacefully at her home on Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021. Sharon was born in Shawano on March 15, 1950, to the late John and Joyce (Schmidt) Reminger Sr. Sharon grew up in Leopolis and graduated from Marion High School. On Nov. 26, 1976, she was united in marriage to Michael G. Reinert at St. Mary Catholic Church.

Sharon loved her family more than life itself. She cared for everyone else first and always herself last. She was the true meaning of love! You could guarantee she was watching one of her beloved Wisconsin sports teams when she wasn't enjoying a day of craft fairs or shopping with her girls. Nothing in the world meant more to her than her two sweeties, "her girls" as she would say, her two granddaughters were the light of her eyes. Sharon worked for Paul D. Dibley D.D.S. for 45 years of her life where her coworkers and her patients were family. Sharon was a faithful member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Tigerton.

Sharon is survived by: her husband of 45 years, Mike; her children, Michelle (Nick) Kielblock, Steve Reinert and Staci (Ricky) Nettles; her two sweeties, Hartley Hope and Lennox Marie Nettles; and her beloved grand pups, Jingle Belle, Jubilee June and Poppy Mae. She is further survived by: her mother-in-law, Helen "Patsy" Reinert; siblings, Sandy Nemetz, Sally (Dick) Hesse, John (Kay) Reminger Jr., Sue (Jerry) Leatherberry, Carol (Tim) Mehlberg; as well as many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews whom she loved like her own children.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her father-in-law, Wilbert "Peanuts" Reinert, a brother-in-law, Gary Nemetz, her angel granddaughter Harper Marie Nettles, and three grand pups, Daisy Mae, Ellie Mae and Sadie Mae.

A funeral Mass for Sharon was held at St. Mary Catholic Church in Leopolis at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021, with Fr. Nonito Barra officiating. Burial will be in Union Cemetery in Tigerton. Visitation was held at the Swedberg Funeral Home in Shawano on Monday, Dec. 27, 2021, from 4-8 p.m. and again at the church on Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the Mass.

If there is one thing to take from Sharon's life, it is to be kind, to love and to be selfless as that is how she lived her life. Sharon's family would like to extend a special thank you to Froedert Hospital and staff and to Compassus Hospice for the loving and compassionate care.

www.swedbergfuneralhome.com

Gina J. McMaster

Gina Joan McMaster, 61, of Granite Canon, Wyoming, passed away Dec. 19, 2021, to be with her Lord and Savior.

Gina was born April 14, 1960, in Shawano to Robert and Leatrice (Askdal) Patterson. She married James Michael McMaster on July 29, 2013, in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Gina received a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Wisconsin. She worked for many years at Clure Brothers Furniture.

Gina was a wonderful wife and stepmother. She was an accomplished musician who sang and played many instruments. Gina spoke fluent French and loved animals. Her faith was very strong, and she attended the Episcopal Church.

Gina is survived by her husband, James Michael McMaster; children, Michael Lee McMaster and Jennifer Michelle McMaster, both of Mesa, Arizona, and Stephanie Lynn (Russell) Shaw, of La Vernia, Texas; sisters, Pamela (Tim) Anhalt, and Ericka (Brian) Kowalkowski, both of Shawano; grandchildren, Landon McMaster, Jamon Sigmon, Wyatt Shaw and Raegan Shaw; nieces and nephews, Braedyn and Brinley Kowalkowski, Claire (Michael) Spandoni, and Mark (Britney) Anhalt; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

Gina was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Leatrice Patterson.

A memorial service will be held Monday, Jan. 3, at 10 a.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Services are under the care of Schrader, Aragon and Jacoby Funeral Home, and condolences may be offered at schradercares.com.

Moses J. Parrott

Moses J. Parrott, age 18, of Tigerton, passed away Sunday, Dec. 19, 2021, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home & Crematory, Marion, is assisting the Parrott family.

Kenneth A. Wolf

Kenneth "Ken" August Wolf, 82, of Shawano, passed away Dec. 19, 2021, at ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory in Clintonville is assisting his family.

SENIOR LIVING

AARP calls for increased boosters in nursing homes

Fewer than 30% of nursing home residents and just over one in 10 nursing home staff in Wisconsin had received a COVID-19 booster as of mid-November, according to the latest data from AARP Nursing Home COVID-19 Dashboard.

With holiday gatherings on the horizon, these numbers are a cause for concern, AARP says, as more than a year and a half into the pandemic, rates of COVID-19 cases in nursing homes are rising again nationally, along with increased community spread.

The good news is that vaccination rates among nursing home staff and residents in Wisconsin increased as of Nov. 21, according to latest data, with 72.4% of staff and 89% of residents vaccinated — up from 69.2% and 88.3% respectively over the previous four-week period.

The bad news is that the latest dashboard shows that only 29.4% of Wisconsin nursing home residents and 11.3% of staff had received their booster shot by mid-November.

In Wisconsin, resident COVID cases increased slightly from a rate of 1.4 per 100 residents in mid-October to 1.8 per 100 in mid-November. During the same time period, however, staff cases decreased from 3.48 per 100 residents to 3.3.

Nursing home resident deaths from coronavirus decreased slightly from a rate of 0.19 per 100 residents in mid-October to 0.14 in mid-November.

"COVID-19 continues to infiltrate America's nursing homes with more than 1,500 new nursing home resident deaths nationally for the third consecutive month," said AARP Wisconsin interim state director Christina FitzPatrick. "Increasing vaccination rates – including boosters – among nursing home residents and staff is key to protecting our loved ones and getting the pandemic under control.

The number of facilities in Wisconsin reporting a shortage of nurses or aides increased from 52.8% in mid-October to 54.4% in the four weeks ending Nov. 21. During the same time period, the percentage of nursing homes that have an urgent need for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) increased from 3.0% to 4.2%.

The AARP Nursing Home COVID-19 Dashboard analyzes federally reported data in four-week periods going back to June 1, 2020. Using this data, the AARP Public Policy Institute, in collaboration with the Scripps Gerontology Center at Miami University in Ohio, created the dashboard to provide snapshots of the virus' infiltration into nursing homes and impact on nursing home residents and staff, with the goal of identifying specific areas of concern at the national and state levels in a timely manner.

The full Nursing Home COVID-19 Dashboard is available at www.aarp.org/nursinghomedashboard. For information on how coronavirus is impacting nursing homes and AARP's advocacy on this issue, visit www.aarp.org/nursinghomes. Medicare.gov's Care Compare website now offers information about vaccination rates within nursing homes and how they compare to state and national averages.

Norman J. Gebert

Norman J. Gebert, 71, of Clintonville, passed away Sunday, Dec. 19, 2021, at Care Partners Assisted Living in Clintonville.

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Pulaski student developing COVID-19/flu test

Project at Milwaukee School of Engineering expected to lead to over-the-counter test

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

A cough coming from someone's mouth these days have many fearing that person could have the coronavirus and could be spreading it to others.

However, at this time of year, influenza and colds are also spreading throughout communities and making people sick. So how do you tell the difference?

Benjamin Bruckert, of Pulaski, is working on something with a team of students at the Milwaukee School of Engineering that they hope will be able to inform people whether they have COVID-19 or the flu. The over-the-counter test is still in the experimental phase, but it could provide results for those who don't want to wait for an appointment with a doctor or other health care provider.

"The idea stems from our senior design classes," said Bruckert, a senior pursuing a degree in biomolecular engineering. "We're given a problem or a project idea, and then we kind of get to take that and run with it. The project idea that was given to us was the point-of-care tests, which are at-home tests, but we got to decide what virus or bacteria to do with that one, so we chose COVID-19 and influenza just because of the similarities between the symptoms."

There were a variety of other illnesses and diseases that Bruckert and his team, dubbed Team Argus, could have pursued, but with the coronavirus pandemic about to go into its third year, it made sense for the team to look at it and the flu because they both greatly affect public health.

"We thought we could have the greatest impact with those two viruses," Bruckert said.

Common symptoms between the two viruses are fever, sore throat and coughing. Wisconsin typically experiences heavy bouts of the flu virus spreading between November and April, so with the flu season hitting as COVID-19 continues to spread — now with the omicron variant dominating — it can be difficult to determine which virus has invaded.

"Our hope is to help people realize whether they have the flu or COVID-19 so they can get in contact with their doctor and come up with a plan to know what to do in terms of isolation and treatment options," Bruckert said.

Benjamin Bruckert, shown working in a lab at the Milwaukee School of Engineering, is part of a team developing an over-the-counter test that will help people determine if the illness they're experiencing is COVID-19, which has spread like wildfire over two years, or influenza — as both are currently prevalent as the winter season proceeds. CONTRIBUTED

The laboratory testing is in the preliminary phase, according to Bruckert. The last three months have been spent on research into the proteins and receptors for the two viruses, and that is helping Team Argus to come up with a design for the test that would be very similar to at-home pregnancy tests. The COVID-19/influenza test is saliva-based, so users would spit into a vial, which would then be transferred to test strips.

"When we enter the lab this (next) quarter, we're going to have to do a lot of testing to make sure there's no cross-reactivity between the two diseases — no positives for COVID-19 if influenza is present and vice versa," Bruckert said. "Also, if there's a third disease, that needs to not produce any positive results (on the test)."

Bruckert and the team will be testing on lab-grade viruses and will not be in contact with people who are experiencing either COVID-19 or the flu. Creating viral solutions will be the best method for now, he said, to determine the test's effectiveness.

Bruckert anticipates testing with people eventually but noted: "We're not at that stage yet."

Team Argus hopes to have a working prototype by the end of the school year in May, but the test could require an additional year, and a new team from the school's junior class, to become a reality.

"Our hope is to start this project out and then the juniors — there's a group of them — would take over the project," Bruckert said.

Because testing and experiments can be costly, Team Argus set up a crowdfunding page through the school at https://together.msoe.edu/project/29125 and is hoping to raise about $2,500. Bruckert said that the team has raised over $1,000 in the two weeks since the page went live.

"I think it's amazing, and it shows the backing of the public behind this idea," Bruckert said. "I'm really excited to see that interest."

Bruckert is excited about the impact that the over-the-counter test could have in the continuing pandemic.

"It feels like I have the ability to make a difference," he said. "There's no more prevalent issue going on right now in the world than COVID-19 and influenza. It feels really awesome to research this kind of stuff, and even if we aren't able to fully market this product this year, we're still able to get the ball rolling and pass it on to next year. It just feels nice to be able to start that process."

Bruckert started his career path in biomedical engineering before COVID-19 even existed, so finding himself in a position to make a difference with something so big is something he didn't expect.

"When I went into the biomolecular engineering program, my intentions were more toward the biotechnology side of things, so kind of getting into lab and running DNA experiments," Bruckert said. "I totally did not see us taking a direction in terms of immunology and virus protection. It was kind of a surprise to me."

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OPINION

Manchin not cause for Build Back Better collapse

This year, the roles of Ebenezer Scrooge, the Grinch, Jack Frost and Professor Hinkle will all be played by Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia.

That's what many Democrats are claiming after Manchin announced on Fox News Sunday he would not vote for President Joe Biden's "Build Back Better" plan. In the last couple of days, the media is claiming, through claims from the White House and Congressional Democrats, that Manchin's swing vote could destroy the environment, woefully curtail LGBTQ rights, keep a temporary child tax credit from becoming permanent and more.

LEE PULASKI

Build Back Better included a staggering $555 billion in spending to subsidize transitioning the country to electric vehicles and various clean sources of energy. Without approving the plan, experts said in a Yahoo News story, it means the United States won't be able to cut global emissions of greenhouse gases in half in the next nine years or reach net zero emissions by 2050.

The mammoth bill also had provisions that would allow same-sex couples who were married in 2004 and after in places where same-sex marriage was legalized to amend their tax returns so that they could receive the same tax benefits that heterosexual couples receive when they file their returns. Because Manchin said he would not support Build Back Better, activists are claiming he has demolished LGBTQ civil rights.

Then, of course, there's the temporary child tax credit that pays $300 per child under 6 and $250 per child under 18, which was started in July and would have been continued under Build Back Better. Besides his vote putting the measure in jeopardy, Manchin has apparently claimed that parents were just going to use the money to buy drugs, sending proponents of the tax credit into a tizzy.

Perhaps, instead of declaring one man to be a reincarnation of the devil, folks in Washington, especially the Democrats, should take a look at reality.

First of all, the fact that these three unrelated measures and many more like them are lumped into a bill that's expected to cost the American people anywhere from $1.6 trillion to $2.4 trillion, reduced from the original estimate of $3.5 trillion. The fact that the word "trillion" is in this conversation at all is enough to cause hard-working people who will never even see the word "million" in their bank accounts to have shortness of breath and heart palpitations.

How do you solve that problem? Easy. Vote on issues one by one instead of lumping them into one package. Take the environmental plan and see if it will stand on its own. Offer up the marriage tax benefits alone and see if they can get enough votes. Progress will only be made if these items are considered individually, allowing them to win or lose on their own merits.

Washington doesn't want to do that, though. It's easier to scapegoat than it is for the politicians to come up with real solutions. For example, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez called Manchin's announcement to not support Build Back Better "an egregious breach of the trust of the president" and is recommending that Biden take executive action.

That would be unwise. Congress is the part of government that is supposed to pass laws. Just because the hundreds of politicians can't get their act together, they shouldn't be asking Biden to do what they can't. They should stop fitting a hippo into a pair of pantyhose and realize that smaller is better if they want to end the gridlock and get something — anything — moving forward.

You don't see this kind of bloated legislation at the municipal and county levels, but folks in Congress assume that the only way to move forward is to lump everything together. They've got it in their heads that if they throw everything into a cauldron, stir it all into an inseparable brew, and force the drink down people's throats, it'll change people's minds and hearts and they'll accept Build Back Better as a friendly giant.

When you take things on one at a time, you get to see them in all their naked glory — their good points and their flaws. When you lump multiple items together, it's easier for things to get hidden behind other more noticeable items. They could be minor inconveniences, but they could also be something more sinister that doesn't emerge until after they're signed into law, and who suffers as a result? We, the people, of course.

If the Democrats really want to build back better, they should do it one block at a time, step by step, putting everything out for people to see. If something fails, it will fail because it sucked and not just because one Democrat stepped forward and said no.

Don't pin the blame on Joe Manchin. Pin it on the architects for Build Back Better who thought something costing trillions of dollars could be put down America's throat without cutting off the flow of oxygen. Better yet, skip the blame game and come up with a plan to get the work done. Otherwise, it'll be a very interesting 2022 election.

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GUEST COLUMN

Climate measures safeguard America's future

The American Society of Civil Engineers heralded President Biden's Nov. 15 signing of the $1.2 trillion infrastructure bill as "a historic bipartisan achievement that represents the largest investment in our nation's critical infrastructure in a generation or more."

The organization's praise for the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) is not surprising, as it estimated the U.S. infrastructure investment deficit to be $2.59 trillion over 10 years. According to the ASCE: "Poor roads and airports mean travel times increase. An aging electric grid and inadequate water distribution make utilities unreliable. Problems like these translate into higher costs for businesses to manufacture and distribute goods and provide services. These higher costs, in turn, get passed along to workers and families."

The IIJA's designation of $47 billion for climate resilience, including flood control, is crucial. To quote Sen. Bill Cassidy, R-La., coauthor of the bill's climate adaptation provisions: "There's people living in Livingston Parish, for example, flooded in 2016, whose lives — everything in their life was destroyed. The pictures of their children, the wedding dress in which they married, the home in which they lived, which had never flooded before — the fact that we are helping our fellow Americans avoid that gives me an incredible sense of satisfaction."

TERRY HANSEN

Although $47 billion for adaptation has been called transformational, it's a fraction of the sum needed. An October report by First Street Foundation, a flood research group, concludes that a quarter of our nation's critical infrastructure, such as airports, hospitals and power stations, is at risk of becoming inoperable due toflooding made worse by climate change. Oconto and Rhinelander top the Wisconsin risk list, with my hometown of Sparta being seventh.

Regarding the value of preparing for climate-related risks, the Fourth National Climate Assessment asserts: "Nationally, estimates of adaptation costs range from tens to hundreds of billions of dollars per year, but are expected to save several times that over the long run."

For example, using sandbags to protect homes in South Florida can have a benefit-cost ratio of 20 to 1, while levees and seawalls along the Gulf Coast can have a benefit-cost ratio as high as 2.3 to 1 for refineries and petrochemical plants.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change views funding for climate resilience as an investment in avoided costs. According to Brian O'Callaghan, coauthor of the United Nations Adaptation Gap report: "Investing in climate adaptation is a bit like getting insurance for a known event. We pay $1 today to save ourselves $10 tomorrow."

While the bipartisan infrastructure law provides protection for our communities, ports and roads from climate hazards, the Build Back Better Act, which is in peril in the Senate, would spend over $500 billion on clean energy projects and incentives to curtail greenhouse gas emissions and avoid worst-case climate scenarios.

Carbon dioxide stays in the atmosphere for hundreds of years, and the more we emit, the greater the impacts will become. The 2019 report, "A Climate Security Plan for America: A Presidential Plan for Combating the Security Risks of Climate Change," warns: "It cannot be assumed that the U.S. will naturally adapt to the security risks of climate change in the future. The president has a responsibility to protect our national security from future climate threats by ensuring they never come to pass."

The foresight demonstrated by the climate provisions of the Build Back Better agenda is refreshing in a time often characterized by a short-termism that is penny wise, but pound foolish. Implementing these policies would signify U.S. leadership and be a critical step in the climate fight.

Terry Hansen is a retired educator who lives in Hales Corners and writes frequently on climate change.

YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

School investigation records should be public

Two years ago, a Madison East High School teacher chaperoning a Minneapolis field trip crept into students' rooms using copies of their room keys and planted hidden cameras in their bathrooms.

On Nov. 22, a few weeks after the teacher, David Kruchten, was sentenced to 12 years in prison, the Madison School Board finally updated its field trip policies to prohibit chaperones from holding on to student room keys.

Why did it take the school board longer to make field trips safer for students than it took the courts to bring the creepy teacher to justice?

One reason is the school district's decision to withhold from the public investigative records related to the incident. A report prepared by an outside attorney at a cost to taxpayers of $8,000 was completed in June 2020. But the district kept the report from parents, reporters and even the Madison School Board until it was accidentally released to the newspaper Isthmus in August 2021.

MATTHEW DEFOUR

The report includes recommendations for new field trip policies and revelations — including the outrageous claim that no "reportable abuse" occurred — that might have spurred the school board to take action before this school year started. But the district didn't forward new field trip policy recommendations to the board until after the accidental release of the report.

"I'msurprised it's taken this long to get it, and it's unfortunate board members have to see it in the news," former Madison School Board president Gloria Reyes told the Wisconsin State Journal. "We need to be transparent about these issues even if we don't have all the answers."

Releasing the report also would have reassured families the district was addressing their concerns transparently and expeditiously. Now the students are suing the district and Kruchten for the psychological damage his actions caused.

Even though the district accidentally released the full report, it continues to deny requests for the same record, as well as a $30,000 third-party review of another hidden camera incident in an East High locker room. The locker room cameras were supposedly put in place to catch a custodian napping on the job, but they were in a location where special needs students changed clothes.

The district says it won't release either report because they are protected from public disclosure by attorney-client privilege.

A 1996 Wisconsin Supreme Court decision in Wisconsin Newspress, Inc. v. School Dist. of Sheboygan Falls affirmed that a letter between an outside attorney and a school board did not have to be disclosed under the state public records law. But the law does not prohibit releasing such records.

That's what should have happened here, in both cases, because of the undeniable public interest in this matter. Now, in addition to the lawsuit over the hotel cameras, the district faces a lawsuit from East High families over its failure to release the report into the locker room cameras.

Perhaps both lawsuits could have been avoided if the district had followed through on Superintendent Carlton Jenkins' pledge when he started in August 2020 "to be transparent."

Your Right to Know is a monthly column distributed by the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council (wisfoic.org), a group dedicated to open government. Council member Matthew DeFour is state politics editor of the Wisconsin State Journal.

GUEST COLUMN

Biden must unlock new access for U.S. dairy

In early October, we finally got a glimpse into the Biden administration's approach to trade when Ambassador Katherine Tai outlined a "New Approach to the U.S.-China Trade Relationship." Tai made clear the intention to maintain several policies from the previous administration, including keeping hold of tariffs and zeroing in on enforcement. The stated difference in the new approach is to simultaneously build out more collaborative efforts with our allies.

This all sounded fine, but when pressed on whether the U.S. will move toward engaging in comprehensive trade negotiations, whether through a China Phase 2 agreement or with other partners, disappointingly there was no firm commitment. This has been reiterated time and again through the administration's actions with trading partners over the past several months.

Most recently, the administration has been engaging with partners throughout the Indo-Pacific region, structuring what has been touted as an "economic framework." While

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that might appear to be an approach to re-engage with our former Trans-Pacific Partnership partners, it has been made clear that the end goal is not a trade deal.

This is disheartening, to say the least, for the U.S. dairy industry and farmers like me who are hoping for sustainable farm businesses that survive and thrive long-term for our families. Engagement in the global market has long been recognized as key for the health and vitality of our industry and rural communities. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, each dollar of exports stimulates another $1.14 in economic activity. In 2020, Wisconsin alone exported more than $490 million worth of dairy products, contributing another $560 million in economic activity across the U.S.

This isn't just about dollars and cents. Good, comprehensive trade deals make markets fairer and more competitive. For U.S. dairy, this means ensuring that our partners don't put in place restrictive barriers that reduce competition and aren't based on science.

Tai has also said that part of the administration's new approach to trade would not be in the traditional sense, that is, not necessarily focused on market access. In the dairy industry, we understand fully the importance of taking new approaches; our product innovation has been a success story, particularly in the global marketplace. At the same time, the U.S. should not overlook what is currently working and consider how we can maintain momentum.

Greater market access for dairy exports means more to the industry now than ever. Exports are essential for balance of the U.S. milk supply and demand, growth of the industry and, at the end of the day, dairy farmers' milk checks. The expanding global demand for dairy products, notably across Asia, makes an exports push even more opportune.

While we understand the administration's focus remains on the domestic industry as we emerge from the pandemic — stating that the key to our global competitiveness begins at home — we must also recognize that new trade agreements can support those efforts. When done right, such agreements not only help open new markets for U.S. products, but they also create a business-friendly environment that attracts greater investment, fosters innovation and stimulates economic growth.

So as the Biden administration continues to engage in economic dialogue with our partners, it is the hope of our dairy farmers and processors — for the sake of the industry and rural America — that the administration embraces the value of expanding market access and finally begins real, good-faith negotiations.

Brody Stapel is a dairy farmer in Wisconsin and president of Edge Dairy Farmer Cooperative, which represents farmers throughout the Upper Midwest on federal dairy policy and is one of the top dairy co-ops in the country based on milk volume.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mask policies are not about the science

To the editor:

Why is anyplace still requiring masks?

Studies that show facemasks are effective have one or more of four flaws:

• They only look at N95 or better, not surgical or cloth.

• They look at clinical, not community settings.

• They don't look at wearing them for hours at a time.

• They're so badly designed any data accumulated by them is suspect.

Studies that are free of these flaws consistently come to one of two conclusions: Facemasks make no statistical difference, and facemasks increase infections.

Dr. Jeremey Henrichs, a physician for the University of Illinois Athletic Department, is not the only physician in America to oppose mask mandates enacted by (not medically licensed) state governors, but he is one of the few to also be a "public official" due to being an elected member of the Mahomet-Seymour school board.

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation took issue with his stance, demanding in an Aug. 11 letter that he provide a "detailed statement on your opinion about masks, and whether you support and will enforce a mask mandate based on your elected position as a school board member," warning that his actions fell under the unprofessional-conduct part of the Medical Practice Act.

"I have considered authoritative medical evidence that questions the necessity of mandatory masking in our schools. As a result, the IDPFR has threatened my medical licensure unless I expressly support and enforce a mask mandate for all students. The IDPFR had commanded me to 'toe the line' or suffer personal and professional consequences," Henrichs said in a statement.

The IDPFR backed down after Henrichs' lawyer pointed out that threatening his medical license could be considered as an attempt to "coerce or intimidate a public official in the performance of his public duties," which is a violation of Illinois State Law.

Get this straight: he was able to express his educated, professional opinion about facemask usage not because he was a licensed medical doctor, but because he was an elected official.

Doctors without the protection of a political hat to wear along with their cadeuceus are under the thumb of their professional boards, some of whom threated with the vaguely-defined "misinformation" (like Federation of State Medical Boards) and others (like Canada's College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario) prohibit comments that counter the official narrative, specifically including "anti-masking" statements.

Does this sound like "settled science," or science silenced?

Wendy Goerl, Shawano

OPINION PAGE POLICY

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Input sought on pollution control application

The Birnamwood Renewable Energy LLC submitted a permit application to the Department of Natural Resources.

The application details plans to construct two anaerobic digesters, flare C10, pressure swing absorption plant with iron-oxide pre-treatment vessels, natural gas-fired emergency reciprocating internal combustion engine and two natural gas-fired boilers and initially operate a biomethane recovery facility.

According to a press release from Randy Matty, air management program supervisor, the DNR has prepared an analysis and made a preliminary determination that the application meets state and federal air pollution control requirements and that the permit may be approved.

For information regarding the permit application, the DNR's analysis, preliminary determination and draft permit and other materials considered by the department, the public can use the air Permit Search Tool located at http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/AirPermits/Search.html. The public can also contact Megan Corrado at 608-405-0327 or by e-mail at Megan.Corrado@wisconsin.gov.

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SPORTS

Witt-Birn enjoys incredible year of athletics

Deep postseason runs across the board for Chargers

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Editor's note: The following is a list of the top sports stories for 2021.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Ben Wesolowski, second from right, carries the ball as teammate Jack Fraaza tries to pull him forward during a playoff win over Amherst on Nov. 5 in Amherst. Witt-Birn's football team made it to the state semifinals this fall. FILE | NEW MEDIA

Witt-Birn football team reaches state semifinals

It was an incredible year for Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School teams, with the football team's run to the state semifinals highlighting the monster year of athletics.

The Chargers earned a 8-2 record during the regular season — including a 6-1 mark for second place in the Central Wisconsin Conference-Large Division — and received a No. 2 seed in Division 5 for the postseason.

Witt-Birn eased to a 54-12 win over No. 7 Tomahawk in its first postseason game before a hard-fought 27-18 win over No. 3 Brillion in level two action.

The Chargers then went on the road and upset top-seeded Amherst 29-28. Amherst handed Witt-Birn its lone conference loss of the season.

Witt-Birn's magical run came to a close after a state semifinal loss to Aquinas.

"When I think about these boys, I think about their perseverance over anything — their fight and their drive," said Witt-Birn coach Bernard Holsey after the season-ending loss. "They accepted the coaching and accepted to come to work and put in the work in the film room and on the football field every day. We've never been this far, so to keep engaged for this long is commendable.

"You know, some teams have been here year in and year out, and they know what it takes. Our boys are just learning how to be in that moment and be in a fight every game. It's commendable of them that they kept fighting and clawing up until the end."

Ben Wesolowski was named the conference's Offensive Player of the Year and was joined on an all-conference team by eight teammates — Ben Flak, Jack Fraaza, Johnny Stewart, Kaden Schmidt, David Gauderman, Max Fraaza, Charlie Nowinsky and Jordan Landowski.

Rogowski leads Chargers at state track

Reese Rogowski made it to the Division 2 WIAA State Track and Field Championships in four events, earning three podium (top six) finishes and qualifying for the finals in each event.

Her top finish came in the 400-meter dash, placing third. She was fifth in the 200, sixth in the 100 and 10th in the long jump.

"I feel like I competed pretty well," said Rogowski. "I didn't do as well as I hoped to place, but I got on the podium, which I'm happy with. It was a long day, so my legs are definitely tired after all that and all the runthroughs and prelims, so I'm happy with how I placed after doing four events."

Teammates Simon Schairer and Jalynn Horacek competed at state in the triple jump.

Schairer placed 11th in the boys competition, while Horacek didn't place on the girls side.

Bowler's Kietlinski also makes podium at state

Emmitt Kietlinski represented the Gresham/Bowler track and field co-op at state.

He made the podium with a fourth-place finish in the triple jump and claimed 14th in the high jump.

"I was a little disappointed in my struggles with the high jump at state, but was thrilled to have placed fourth in triple jump, make the podium, and finish the season as the top sophomore triple jumper in Division 3," said Kietlinski.

Witt-Birn wrestler Gauderman takes 4th at state

David Gauderman enjoyed a strong sophomore season on the wrestling mat for the Chargers, ending the season by taking fourth in the 220-pound weight class at the Division 3 WIAA State Individual Wrestling Tournament on Feb. 13 in Wausau.

At state, Gauderman won an 8-3 decision before losing by pin. He responded with a 9-5 decision win to earn a spot in the third-place match.

He was pinned in that match, and finished the year with an 18-3 record.

Witt-Birn boys basketball team wins regional title

The Witt-Birn boys basketball team earned a Division 3 regional title and made a sectional appearance to cap a strong 2020-21 winter season.

The Chargers toppled Menominee Indian and Northland Pines to earn their first regional title in 30 years.

Witt-Birn was eliminated from the postseason in a sectional semifinal

loss to Wrightstown. For the year, the Chargers went 16-11 overall and 8-4 in the Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division.

Chargers' softball team wins conference, regional title

The Witt-Birn softball team won conference and regional titles during the 2021 spring season.

The Chargers opened the year losing a conference game to Shiocton, but then won its next 14 regular season games to finish atop the CWC-East standings.

Witt-Birn earned a No. 1 seed for the postseason and edged No. 9 Nekoosa 5-4 and No. 5 Westfield 6-5 to win a D3 regional title. The Chargers then rallied several times to take down No. 3 Amherst 3-2 in 11 innings in a sectional semifinal clash.

The Chargers' season ended after a sectional final loss to Peshtigo.

Abi Fraaza was the conference's Player of the Year, while Charity Fraaza picked up the Coach of the Year honor. Emma Herb, Jasmin Duranceau, McKenna Foster, McKenna Metropulos, Amara Schoepke and Kaylee Schram were other all-conference selections for the Chargers.

ONLINE

This week's high school and college highlights, wrestling tournament results and recreation scoreboard can all be found online at www.newmedia-wi.com.

Chargers' volleyball team wins CWC-East, regional titles

The Witt-Birn volleyball team continued its dominance in the CWC-East with another title this fall, and then it went on to win a regional title.

The Chargers finished with a perfect record in conference play to claim a third-straight conference crown.

Witt-Birn earned a No. 3 seed in Division 3 for the postseason and swept No. 14 Menominee Indian and No. 6 Amherst before taking down No. 2 Peshtigo in four sets to win a regional title.

The Chargers' season came to a close after a sectional semifinal loss to Oconto.

Reese Rogowski was the Player of the Year in the CWC-East, while Becky Rew was named the Coach of the Year. London Metropulos, Payton Foster, Lilly Betry, Jadalynn Davids and Kiara Deruchowski were other all-conference selections.

Witt-Birn boys golf win 1st conference title, make sectionals

The Witt-Birn boys golf team won a CWC title before qualifying for sectionals during the spring season.

The Chargers' conference title was their first in school history.

"I am very proud of this team," said Witt-Birn coach Chris Bartletti. "They set this as a goal and have worked hard — not only this season, but throughout their entire high school career."

Ian Resch was the Player of the Year, while Calvin Scheurer, Maverick Beran, Brian Nelson and Nolan Fraaza filled out the team.

After its conference title, the Chargers placed fourth at regionals to qualify for sectionals.

Bucks win NBA title

The Milwaukee Bucks NBA title was the highlight of a big year for Wisconsin-based sports teams.

Milwaukee won its first title in 50 years after taking down the Phoenix Suns in six games.

The Bucks topped the Miami Heat, Brooklyn Nets and then Atlanta Hawks to win the Eastern Conference title.

Badgers' championships lead other state sports

The Wisconsin Badgers won a pair of championships in 2021, as the volleyball and women's hockey teams were the last teams standing.

The Badgers' volleyball team topped Nebraska in a five-set thriller just a couple weeks ago. The Wisconsin women's hockey team also won in thrilling fashion, with a 2-1 overtime win over Northeastern back in late March.

The Green Bay Packers and Milwaukee Brewers also made postseason appearances during the year, and the Packers have already qualified for the upcoming postseason. Quarterback Aaron Rodgers was named the NFL's MVP for the 2020-21 season and is in contention for the award again this season.

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The Wittenberg-Birnamwood softball team celebrates a Division 3 sectional semifinal win over Amherst on June 21 in Wittenberg. The Chargers won a conference and regional title during the spring season.

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ATHLETE PROFILE: JACK FRAAZA

Senior helps out all over court for Chargers

With a senior-heavy roster, the Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School boys basketball team is hoping to contend for the Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division title this winter. Jack Fraaza is among the seniors helping to lead the team.

Fraaza helps the Chargers on both ends of the court. Through Dec. 26 and the team's first eight games, Fraaza is averaging 7.2 points, 4.6 rebounds, 1.8 assists and 2.2 steals.

He can score from behind the 3-point arc and has the strength to fight through contact in the paint. Fourteen of his 37 total rebounds have come on the offensive glass.

In the team's previous three contests, Fraaza has scored 10, 12 and 11 points while averaging five boards.

Fraaza made the CWC-East honorable mention team as a junior, when the Chargers went 8-4 and placed fourth in the conference.

As a junior, he averaged 10.1 points, 4.8 rebounds, 2.7 steals and 2.4 assists per conference game.

Q: When did your interest in basketball begin?

A: Very young. I always played with my brothers and cousins.

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

A: I like being able to play a game almost every other day.

Q: What has the game of basketball taught you over the years?

A: You're not always gonna have good nights, but you have to keep going because it'll always come back around.

Q: You were a part of the football team that made it to the state semifinals this fall. How did the football season prepare you for the basketball season?

A: It helped us condition and gave us a winning mentality.

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

A: We want to be conference champs. To do that, we have to play our best and continue to get better.

Q: Do you have any individual goals you hope to reach this season?

A: Just to play my best every game and do anything I need to do to make my team better.

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

A: Not really.

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

A: I try to help others (who are) frustrated and use my experience to help my team in tough situations.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Witt-Birn boys basketball team?

A: When we won regionals last year.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show and musical artist?

A: Movie — "Fury." TV show — "Game of Thrones." Musical artist – Morgan Wallen.

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

A: I love woodworking.

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

A: I hope to own my own excavating business someday.

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Jack Fraaza
SPORT: Basketball
POSITIONS: Guard
SCHOOL: Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School
YEAR: Senior

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Jack Fraaza leaps to catch a pass during the team's CWC-East win over Menominee Indian on Dec. 17 in Wittenberg. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

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SHAWANO LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT NO. 1

THE SHAWANO LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT NUMBER ONE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DO HEREBY REPEAL THE EXISTING SEWER USE ORDINANCE OF THE SHAWANO LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT NUMBER ONE DATED NOVEMBER 11, 1977; REVISION I DATED DECEMBER 3, 1979; REVISION II DATED DECEMBER 10, 1981; REVISION III DATED DECEMBER 2, 1982; REVISION IV DATED DECEMBER 22, 1987; REVISION V DATED NOVEMBER 26, 1991; REVISION VI DATED DECEMBER 21, 2000; REVISION VII DATED JANUARY 25, 2011; AND THEREFORE, APPROVE THE USER CHARGE SYSTEM DATED AUGUST 31, 2021.

ARTICLE IV
AMOUNT OF USER CHARGES

SEC. 401- FIXED CHARGE. The purpose of the fixed charge is to recover the debt services incurred by the Sanitary District in the construction of the wastewater collection system and any subsequent modification. Depreciation expenses are also included in the fixed charge.

The base charge for all users shall be based on the size of their water meter(s) in accordance with the schedule below. Unmetered residential users shall be considered to be equivalent to a 5/8" meter. Other unmetered users will be evaluated on a case by case basis by the Approving Authority.

Meter Size	Base Quarterly Fixed Charge
5/8"	$30.00
3/4"	$45.00
1"	$60.00
1 1/4"	$75.00
1 1/2"	$105.00
2"	$150.00
3"	$240.00
4"	$330.00
6"	$510.00

SEC. 402 - VARIABLE CHARGE (VOLUME CHARGE)

a. Normal Domestic Wastewater
Volume charge (Metered User) - $ 7.86 per 1,000 gallons

b. Wastewater of Greater than Normal Strength

Charges to users discharging wastewater of greater than normal strength shall be computed in accordance with the formula presented below:

$$C = F + (\$ 7.86 * V) + 0.00834 * V * [(\$ 0.854 * B) + (\$ 0.648 * S) + (\$ 14.512 * P)]$$

Where:

C=Charge to sewer user for operation, maintenance and replacement costs for treatment works.

F=Base Quarterly Fixed Charge.

V=Wastewater volume per 1000 gallons.

B=Concentration of BOD from a user above the normal strength of 278 mg/l.

S=Concentration of suspended solids from a user above the normal strength of 371 mg/l.

P=Concentration of phosphorus from a user above the normal strength of 12 mg/l.

0.00834 = Conversion Factor (mg/l to lbs.)

SEC. 403- No septic tank or holding tank wastes shall be discharged to the collection system operated by the Sanitary District. The Sanitary District does not have facilities to provide wastewater treatment or facilities to accept such wastes. Such wastes typically have pollutant levels far in excess of domestic strength as defined in this Ordinance. Because of its high strength and lack of receiving or treatment facilities, such wastes shall not be accepted by the Shawano Lake Sanitary District No.1. The Wolf Wastewater Treatment Plant has receiving facilities for septic tank and holding tank disposal.

ARTICLE VII
ENACTING CLAUSE

SEC. 701 - DATE OF EFFECT. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after it's passage, approval, recording and publication, as provided by law.

SEC. 701 - DATE OF ENACTMENT (APPROVAL). Passed and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Shawano Lake Sanitary District No. 1, in the County of Shawano, and the State of Wisconsin, on the 31st day of August 2021.

SHAWANO LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT NO.1
RESOLUTION 2021-08

WHERAS, in reviewing the Shawano Lake Sanitary District Number One's User Charge System; it was determined that a sewer rate increase was needed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Shawano Lake Sanitary District Number One, having had a Public Hearing on August 31, 2021; does hereby repeal the existing User Charge System dated January 25, 2011 and all revisions thereof, and hereby approves the User Charge System dated August 31, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the August 31,2021 affected documents of the User Charge System be published in the Shawano Leader, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the August 31,2021 User Charge System will become effective October 1, 2021.

MOTION FOR ADOPTION was made and passed at the August 31, 2021 Shawano Lake Sanitary District Number One Commission Meeting.

Edward J. Zeitler, President
Shawano Lake Sanitary District Number One Commission

Terry E Moede, Secretary
Shawano Lake Sanitary District Number One Commission

Dated this 31st day of August, 2021

II. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

The Shawano Lake Sanitary District No.1 owns and operates a wastewater collection and interceptor system that transports its wastewater to the Wolf Wastewater Treatment Plant for treatment. The projected annual flow and waste loadings for the coming year of operation (2022) are as follows:

Flow	87,200,000 gallons
BOD	257,000 pounds
SS	346,920 pounds
P	7,620 pounds

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III. FIXED CHARGES

The fixed charges are designed to recover all capital costs incurred by the Shawano Lake Sanitary District No.1 arising from the wastewater system.

The total projected capital costs, including deprecation, for 2021 are $334,588

Sewer users have been found to comprise meter equivalents based on water meter sizes, as shown in Schedules 1 and 2. The typical residence consists of one meter equivalent and will be charged $120.00 per year or $30.00 per quarter. Calculation of the charges for various meters and a summary of charges for all meters are presented in Schedule 3.

IV. VOLUME CHARGE

The cost to operate and maintain the treatment works must be paid by the users of the system in approximate proportion to their usage. Where metered water usage data is available, this can be used as a basis for equitable sewer charges. However, when information on actual usage is not available, user charges must be based on estimated wastewater contribution, using similar land and building uses in other communities as a guide.

Operating and maintenance costs are defined, per the requirements of the Wisconsin Fund loan program, to include replacement costs. That is, a separate fund must be established in which monies will be accumulated to pay the cost for "obtaining and installing equipment, accessories, or appurtenances which are necessary to maintain the capacity and performance (of the wastewater works) during (its) service life".

The cost of operating and maintaining the treatment works will vary from year to year. The projected total cost for the next year of operation is $766,455 as shown in Schedule 7. This breaks down into flow and waste components as: $211,583 for flow; $219,402 for biochemical oxygen demand (BOD_5); $224,888 for suspended solids (SS); and $110,582 for Phosphorus (P).

Unit treatment costs are also shown and are based on the projected flows and waste loads for the year of operation. The anticipated unit costs are:

Volume	$	2.426	per 1,000 gallons
BOD	$	0.854	per pound
SS	$	0.648	per pound
P	$	14.512	per pound

Discharges of normal strength wastewater, defined as not exceeding 278 mg/l concentration of BOD_5, 371 mg/l 5 concentration of SS, and 12 mg/l P as determined from monitoring records, will pay on a unit basis of per 1000 gallons.

Customers discharging wastewaters of greater than normal strength must pay a surcharge on the additional loadings. The charge for each customer would be determined from the formula presented below:

$$C = F + (\$7.86 * V) + 0.00834 * V * [(\$0.854 * B) + (\$0.648 * S) + (\$14.512 * P)]$$

Where:

C=Charge to sewer user for operation, maintenance and replacement costs for treatment works.

F=Base Quarterly Fixed Charge.

V=Wastewater volume per 1000 gallons.

B=Concentration of BOD from a user above the normal strength of 278 mg/l.

S=Concentration of suspended solids from a user above the normal strength of 371 mg/l.

P=Concentration of phosphorus from a user above the normal strength of 12 mg/l.

0.00834 = Conversion Factor (mg/l to lbs.)

Unmetered users must pay a flat rate charge based on average water usage. The flat rate charge for unmetered users is $98.25 as determined in Schedule 8. The total charge equals the volume charge plus the fixed charge for an unmetered user.

V. TOTAL SEWERAGE SERVICE CHARGES

To illustrate the cost to the various classes of customers, assume the following water volumes are used by the typical customers shown below.

User Class	Meter Size	Volume of Water Used (Gallons)	Volume Charge	Fixed Charge	Total Quarterly Billing
Residential	5/8"	10,000	$78.60	$30.00	$108.60
Residential	5/8"	20,000	$157.20	$30.00	$187.20
Commercial	3/4"	40,000	$314.40	$45.00	$359.40
Commercial	1"	40,000	$314.40	$60.00	$374.40
Public	2"	50,000	$393.00	$150.00	$543.00

SCHEDULE 1
PROJECTED METER SUMMARY

Meter Size	Number of Users	User Charge Factor	Total Equivalents
5/8"	2360	1.0	2360.0
3/4"	13	1.5	19.5
1"	34	2.0	68.0
1 1/2"	26	3.5	91.0
2"	33	5.0	165.0
3"	5	8.0	40.0
4"	1	11.0	11.0
6"	3	17.0	51.0
TOTAL	2475		2805.5

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Meter Size	Residential	Commercial	Public	Industrial	Multi	Total
5/8"	2243	101	8	0	8	2360
3/4"	2	9	2	0	0	13
1"	4	26	1	0	3	34
1 1/2	0	13	3	0	10	26
2"	0	9	3	2	19	33
3"	0	5	0	0	0	5
4"	1	0	0	0	0	1
6"	0	0	0	0	3	3
TOTAL	2250	163	17	2	43	2475

SCHEDULE 2
CUSTOMER EQUIVALENTS BY USER CLASS

RESIDENTIAL

Meter Size	Number of Users	User Charge Factor	Total Equivalents
5/8"	2243	1.0	2243.0
3/4"	2	1.5	3.0
1"	4	2.0	8.0
1 1/2"	0	3.5	0.0
2"	0	5.0	0.0
3"	0	8.0	0.0
4"	1	11.0	11.0
6"	0	17.0	0.0
TOTAL	2250		2265.0

COMMERCIAL

Meter Size	Number of Users	User Charge Factor	Total Equivalents
5/8"	101	1.0	101.0
3/4"	9	1.5	13.5
1"	26	2.0	52.0
1 1/2"	13	3.5	45.5
2"	9	5.0	45.0
3"	5	8.0	40.0
4"	0	11.0	0.0
6"	0	17.0	0.0
TOTAL	163		297.0

PUBLIC

Meter Size	Number of Users	User Charge Factor	Total Equivalents
5/8"	8	1.0	8.0
3/4"	2	1.5	3.0
1"	1	2.0	2.0
1 1/2"	3	3.5	10.5
2"	3	5.0	15.0
3"	0	8.0	0.0
4"	0	11.0	0.0
6"	0	17.0	0.0
TOTAL	17		38.5

INDUSTRIAL

Meter Size	Number of Users	User Charge Factor	Total Equivalents
5/8"	0	1.0	0.0
3/4"	0	1.5	0.0
1"	0	2.0	0.0
1 1/2"	0	3.5	0.0
2"	2	5.0	10.0
3"	0	8.0	0.0
4"	0	11.0	0.0
6"	0	17.0	0.0
TOTAL	2		10.0

MULTI

Meter Size	Number of Users	User Charge Factor	Total Equivalents
5/8"	8	1.0	8.0
3/4"	0	1.5	0.0
1"	3	2.0	6.0
1 1/2"	10	3.5	35.0
2"	19	5.0	95.0
3"	0	8.0	0.0
4"	0	11.0	0.0
6"	3	17.0	51.0
TOTAL	43		195.0

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SCHEDULE 3
CALCULATION OF QUARTERLY FIXED CHARGE

1. Annual Fixed Costs:

Depreciation	$96,188
Administrative Wages	$44,400
Employee Benefits	$57,000
Outside Services	$15,000
Insurance	$12,000
Maintenance	$40,000
Capital Improvement Fund	$40,000
Contingency	$30,000
	$334,588

2. Fixed Chargers per Meter Equivalency

Fixed Charge $334,588 / 2,805.50

$119.26 per year

$29.82 per quarter

Use: $30.00 per quarter per meter equivalent

Meter Size	User Charge Factor	Quarterly Charge	Yearly Charge
5/8"	1.0	$ 30.00	$ 120.00
3/4"	1.5	$ 45.00	$ 180.00
1"	2.0	$ 60.00	$ 240.00
1 1/4"	2.5	$ 75.00	$ 300.00
1 1/2"	3.5	$ 105.00	$ 420.00
2"	5.0	$ 150.00	$ 600.00
3"	8.0	$ 240.00	$ 960.00
4"	11.0	$ 330.00	$ 1,320.00
6"	17.0	$ 510.00	$ 2,040.00

SCHEDULE 4
FIXED CHARGE REVENUES

Meter Size	Number of Users	Quarterly Charge	Yearly Charge	Annual Revenue
5/8"	2360	$ 30.00	$ 120.00	$ 283,200
3/4"	13	$ 45.00	$ 180.00	$ 2,340
1"	34	$ 60.00	$ 240.00	$ 8,160
1 1/2"	26	$ 105.00	$ 420.00	$ 10,920
2"	33	$ 150.00	$ 600.00	$ 19,800
3"	5	$ 240.00	$ 960.00	$ 4,800
4"	1	$ 330.00	$ 1,320.00	$ 1,320
6"	3	$ 510.00	$ 2,040.00	$ 6,120
TOTAL	2475			$ 336,660

SCHEDULE 5
ANNUAL FLOW AND WASTE LOAD SUMMARY

			Pollutant Loadings		
User Class	Number of Users	Volume of Water Used (Gallons)	BOD (lbs)	SS (lbs)	PHOS (lbs)
Residential	2250	52,393,000	156,770	211,970	4,655
Commercial	163	22,870,000	65,935	89,125	1,955
Public	17	1,240,000	3,855	4,855	108
Industrial	2	317,000	514	520	14
Multi	43	10,380,000	29,926	40,450	888
TOTAL	2475	87,200,000	257,000	346,920	7,620

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SCHEDULE 7
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BUDGET

Category	Annual	FLOW		BOD		SS		PHOS	
	Cost	%	Cost	%	Cost	%	Cost	%	Cost
Salary Labor	$ 92,000	20%	$ 18,400	40%	$ 36,800	35%	$ 32,200	5%	$ 4,600
Replacement Fund		100%		0%		0%		0%	
Lift Station Power	75,000	100%	75,000	0%		0%		0%	
Supplies	7,500	30%	2,250	30%	2,250	35%	2,625	5%	375
Transportation	7,500	10%	750	60%	4,500	30%	2,250	0%	
Treatment	587,565	20%	117,513	30%	176,269	32%	188,021	18%	105,762
Maintenance Fund		0%		0%		0%		0%	
Billing/Meter	3,800	25%	950	30%	1,140	40%	1,520	5%	190
Office Expense	5,400	35%	1,890	35%	1,890	25%	1,350	5%	270
SUBTOTAL (allocated)	$ 778,765		$ 216,753		$ 222,849		$ 227,966		$ 111,197
Diggers Locates	1,000	42%	420	28%	280	25%	250	5%	50
Reg Comm Expense	1,000	42%	420	28%	280	25%	250	5%	50
Misc Expenses	5,000	42%	2,100	28%	1,400	25%	1,250	5%	250
Rent	2,400	42%	1,008	28%	672	25%	600	5%	120
SUBTOTAL (allocated)	$ 9,400		$ 3,948		$ 2,632		$ 2,350		$ 470
Sewage Maint	(19,000)	42%	(7,980)	28%	(5,320)	25%	(4,750)	5%	(950)
Interest Income	(2,710)	42%	(1,138)	28%	(759)	25%	(678)	5%	(135)
SUBTOTAL	$ (21,710)		$ (9,118)		$ (6,079)		$ (5,428)		$ (1,085)
TOTAL	$ 766,455		$211,583		$ 219,402		$ 224,888		$ 110,582

SCHEDULE 8
UNIT TREATMENT COSTS

UNIT TREATMENT COSTS

FLOW	$ 2.426	per 1,000 gallons
BOD	$ 0.854	per pound
SS	$ 0.648	per pound
PHOS	$ 14.512	per pound

UNIT RATE FOR NORMAL STRENGTH WASTEWATER

FLOW	$ 2.456					=	$ 2.456
BOD	$ 0.854	*	278	*	0.00834	=	$ 1.980
SS	$ 0.648	*	371	*	0.00834	=	$ 2.005
PHOS	$14.512	*	12	*	0.00834	=	$ 1.452

TOTAL $ 7.863 per 1,000 gallons
Use: $ 7.86 per 1,000 gallons

SEWER RATE FOR UNMETERED RESIDENTIAL USERS:

AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL USAGE: Analysis shows an average of 12,500 gallons per quarter

FLATRATE	$ 98.25 per quarter
FIXED RATE	$ 30.00 per quarter
TOTAL CHARGES	$ 128.25 per quarter

SCHEDULE 9
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE CHARGES BY USER CLASS

User Class	Volume of Water Used (Gallons)	Volume Charge
Residential	52,393,000	$ 411,809
Commercial	22,870,000	$ 179,758
Public	1,240,000	$ 9,746
Industrial	317,000	$ 2,492
Multi	10,380,000	$ 81,587
TOTAL	87,200,000	$ 685,392

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Milwaukee School of Engineering

Milwaukee School of Engineering has named the following students to the fall 2021 dean's list.

• Michael Teeter, from Shawano, was named to the list with high honors. Teeter is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in architectural engineering and a Master of Science in architectural engineering.

• Benjamin Bruckert, from Pulaski, was named to the list. Bruckert is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in biomolecular engineering.

• Grey Tubutis, from Bonduel, was named to the list. Tubutis is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in biomedical engineering.

• Ira Rudesill, from Tigerton, was named to the list. Rudesill is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering.

Undergraduate students who have earned at least 30 credits and have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher (out of 4.0) are on the Dean's List. Students who have maintained a 3.7 or higher receive high honors.

University of Maryland

Douglas Marquette, of Shawano, was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at University of Maryland Global Campus.

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Hughes' 'Blazing Sky' is sprawling saga

Amanda Hughes has said that writing "Beneath A Blazing Sky" was especially challenging because history doesn't include much about how women helped bring about many important events.

The book opens with 27-year-old Piper Albright, who has come to Boston in search of her Aunt Tilly. She had been there to speak in favor of women's suffrage but had disappeared when the bolts of a massive tank of molasses let go flooding the area in several feet of the sticky syrup. Many people and animals died in the deluge.

Piper goes to the morgue where she finds a woman she identifies as her aunt because of the satchel she is wearing. Suddenly Piper's world is turned upside-down.

We are then taken back to Piper's childhood where we learn about what brought her to this point. Lots of immigrants work and live at the very popular Coney Island Amusement Park. It is the only life 11-year-old Piper Albright has ever known. She is tiny for her age, but a total tomboy and tough to win the many fights she gets into.

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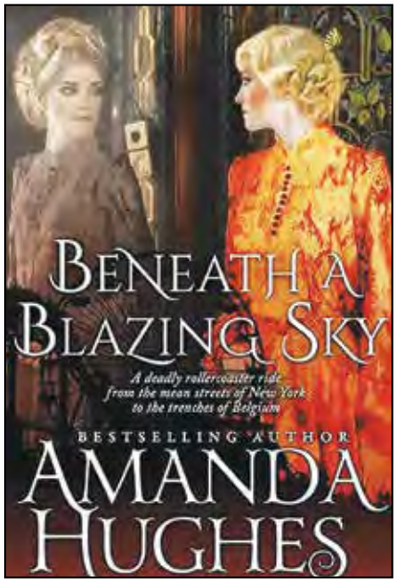
After wounding a man attacking her mother, she is sent to live with her Aunt Tilly and Uncle Saul in New York city. Piper is awed by the new experience. It doesn't take her long to realize that Aunt Tilly really cares about her — something Piper's mother never had time for. Eventually she learns to read, write, dress and how to behave in polite society.

Piper also learns about her aunt's determined work to obtain the vote for women. Although it isn't her passion, she does whatever needed to further the cause. When Piper discovers her real passion is fashion design, her uncle encourages her to design hats for his company.

To their delight, the hats are a big success. Piper has a keen eye for what women want and lands a job as assistant buyer for a big department store. Her boss is handsome and charming. Their brief affair leaves Piper shaken, but more certain that she will never give up her freedom for marriage.

With help from Saul, Piper opens her own business, Albright Hats, which is an instant success. Suddenly the dirty waif from Coney Island is thrust into the world of high fashion. That leads to expansion into Europe where Piper finds extended family, inspiration and new friends in Britain, France and Belgium.



Piper is able to form business relationships with many of the women who work creating intricate laces and other specialty items. Many of

those women will go on to become fashion icons themselves. When the Germans declare war on Belgium, Piper begins working with the CRB relief organization. There she meets the attractive, but secretive Bret Collier. Their affair is almost inevitable.

During her time in Europe, Piper is involved in many harrowing events, both on her own or with Bret. As the war grinds on Piper's family put themselves in great danger as they work to help the people of Belgium. Piper is hurt and angry when Bret misses a rendezvous and never contacts her, so she hardens her heart and throws herself into the war effort.

Later she discovers that her "friend" had intercepted Bret's telegrams which changes everything. When the war finally ends and those who survived are reunited, Piper goes to tell Uncle Saul about Tilly's death. She is stunned to see her aunt alive and well. Tilly had given her satchel to someone else and was gone when the molasses vast exploded.

She and Bret agree that what they have is perfect as neither of them wants marriage. Suddenly Piper's world was right again, and she is ready for the next adventure.

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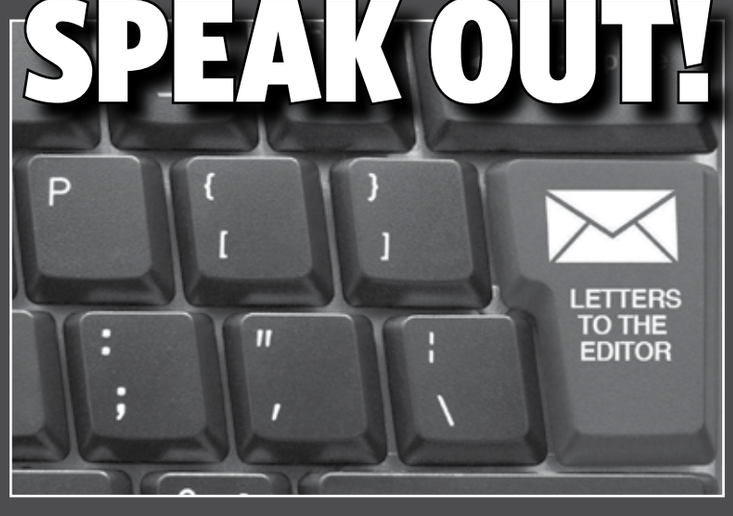

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Rodgers now team's leader in passing TDs

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Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers, top, is lifted up by offensive linemen after throwing his 443rd career passing touchdown in a game against the Cleveland Browns on Dec. 25 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

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Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers (12) throws a pass in a game against the Cleveland Browns on Dec. 25 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. Rodgers continues to play at a high level and is soaking up all the memories along the way.

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Packers quarterback continues to impress

Despite recently turning 38, Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers shows no signs of slowing down.

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The 10-time Pro Bowler and three-time All-Pro and MVP became the franchise's all-time leader in passing touchdowns after throwing three in the team's win over the Cleveland Browns on Christmas Day.

Rodgers now has 445 passing touchdowns in his 17-year career in Green Bay, surpassing Brett Favre's mark of 442.

After being picked up by his offensive lineman, congratulated by teammates, serenaded with MVP chants from the Lambeau Field crowd and honored with a tribute video of some of his highlights and a congratulatory message from Favre, Rodgers got emotional.

"To throw 443 on a double-stick, one of the first concepts I learned as a rookie in this offense, it's pretty cool," said Rodgers. "It's been a long career and to break the record like that on a simple play like that, a staple of the West Coast offense, pretty cool."

"The tribute afterwards, that was really cool to see from the first touchdown to Greg (Jennings) on down the line, some of the memorable ones over the years — and to get a message from Favre definitely got me a little teary-eyed over on the bench. So it's a moment I'll never forget for sure and I'm thankful for Favre's message, for the response of the guys and the crowd obviously was really special."

It's been a wild ride to stardom in Green Bay for Rodgers, who didn't receive the warmest welcome from fans after being drafted in the first round of the 2005 NFL Draft.

Fans weren't ready to move on from Favre, but 17 years later, Rodgers has proved it was the right decision by the organization.

Rodgers didn't start until his fourth year in the league but has been one of the league's best since then.

It took Rodgers 45 less games and 1,730 fewer attempts than Favre to reach 442 touchdowns.

The biggest difference between the two QBs comes in the interception department, where Rodgers threw 193 fewer picks before reaching 442 touchdowns.

Rodgers' ability to take care of the ball so well was highlighted in the win over the Browns, where Cleveland quarterback Baker Mayfield threw four picks.

"He does an unbelievable job, and he's been doing it that way his whole career," said coach Matt LaFleur on Rodgers' ability to avoid mistakes. "Certainly, the trust that we have in him, it's hard not to throw the ball every snap."

"We're fortunate to have a guy like him that is able to make not only the decisions, but throw with such accuracy. It's unbelievable."

With his three-TD, zero-INT performance against the Browns, it marked the fifth-straight game he's thrown for multiple touchdowns and not thrown a pick. That ties his own franchise best mark he set in 2014.

"The opportunity to play here for so long and to have my path crossed by so many incredible, influential people along the way — from coaches and players, teammates to front-office individuals, weight-room folks, training-room folks and everybody on the third floor that I've gotten to know over the years — this is a special place, and to be a part of history like this is not lost on me at all," said Rodgers.

Rodgers will go down as one of the all-time greatest QBs in the history of the game, but he isn't satisfied yet.

In his message to Rodgers, Favre requested something of Rodgers: "Go get us another Super Bowl."

Should Rodgers accomplish that feat, his legacy as one of the game's all-time best players will take a significant leap up.

With the future outlook of Rodgers' time in Green Bay in question, fans need to savor every moment No. 12 lines up behind center and realize they might never get to watch and cheer for a quarterback of that caliber again.

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Douglas keeps on shining for Packers

Packers are the CB's 4th team of year

By BILL HUBER
Correspondent

On Oct. 6, the New England Patriots let it be known that they were parting ways with former All-Pro cornerback Stephon Gilmore.

The Green Bay Packers, who had just lost their All-Pro cornerback Jaire Alexander to a shoulder injury, emerged as a potential suitor. Instead, the Carolina Panthers traded for Gilmore. Shortly thereafter, the Packers announced they had signed Rasul Douglas off the Arizona Cardinals' practice squad. Moments later, Douglas participated in his first practice.

A former third-round pick by the Philadelphia Eagles, Douglas this year spent most of training camp with the Las Vegas Raiders, the final week of camp with the Houston Texans and the first month of the season with the Cardinals. His career was going nowhere fast.

In the course of less than three months, Douglas' career trajectory has shot up like a Space X rocket. Last week, he was named a Pro Bowl alternate on Wednesday and saved the victory over Cleveland on Saturday with his second interception of the game and fifth interception of the season.

Douglas has been one of the great stories of the season, even if it's a story he'd rather not contemplate.

"I don't really think about it. I just focus on what's here right now in front of me, who we play next. I try to keep my head down like that," Douglas said after the Cleveland game.

If Douglas doesn't want to talk about himself, everyone else is happy to rave about the man who has saved the season.

"He's a star," quarterback Aaron Rodgers said.

"When you see what he's about now, I think it's pretty safe to say he's a superstar at the cornerback position," receiver Davante Adams said. "He's a great dude more than anything, man. Humble. I can't say enough about that dude. He's a joy to be around and, obviously, a hell of a player, too."

Superstar?

"I don't think I'm a superstar yet," Douglas said. "I think we have two superstars on our team: 12 and 17.

Green Bay Packers cornerback Rasul Douglas, left, talks with an official during the team's win over the Cleveland Browns on Dec. 25 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. Douglas has five interceptions since joining the Packers back in week six.
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But, yeah, it means a lot. I'm just trying to keep working, just keep trying to mean something to the team."

Mean something? How about mean everything.

A week-and-a-half after he was signed, he was thrust into the lineup against Chicago and hasn't looked back. A couple weeks after his debut, he returned to Arizona and saved a week eight upset victory with an end-zone interception in the final moments.

Against the Rams in week 12, his pick-six against Matthew Stafford gave the Packers an insurmountable lead. Against the Bears in week 14, another pick-six put the Packers in front in the second quarter.

And on Christmas against the Browns in Week 16, he recorded two interceptions. The first provided a big swing, stopping a Cleveland drive and setting up the Packers for a late touchdown and a 21-12 lead. His second interception, coming with the Browns at midfield with 50 seconds remaining, clinched a critical victory.

The NFC's Pro Bowl cornerbacks are rookie interception machine Trevon Diggs of Dallas and perennial all-stars Jalen Ramsey of the Rams, Darius Slay of Philadelphia and Marshon Lattimore of New Orleans. Douglas, despite not making his Packers debut until week six, was voted an alternate.

How is any of this possible?

"That's a hell of a question," coach Matt LaFleur said after the Cleveland game. "Not only does he do it on defense, but did you guys see that first kickoff? He's running down there and making a play. That speaks to the competitor that 'Sul is. He's a guy that we can consistently count on to go out there, give great effort, compete to the highest of levels and do his job. We are very, very fortunate to find a guy like that because I've never seen anything like this in my time in the National Football League, where somebody that comes in midseason has had such a tremendous impact on your football team.

"I love what he's all about. I love how he competes. There might not be anybody on our team that watches more tape than him. He's just constantly grinding, working at it, and I think it's paying off for him. I think it's a great lesson for every player in this league. If you put the time in, it's going to pay big dividends. And it has for him and it has for us. We are very fortunate to have 'Sul, and I can't say enough great things about him."

Receiver Allen Lazard and Douglas go way back to an Iowa State-West Virginia game in 2014. And their careers have followed similar career arcs, with Lazard joining the Packers off Jacksonville's practice squad late in the 2018 season. Both players have become indispensable parts of the team.

"It's an incredible journey," Lazard said after catching Rodgers' record-setting 443rd touchdown pass. "I think that for him to be able to do what he's doing now, wow. It's hard for me to describe just because it's a small, rare opportunity for someone to be able to get that chance, to get that opportunity, to get the minutes that he's getting given his situation. He's bounced around on multiple teams and came off a practice squad, and now he's one of our best corners. I told him after the game, 'Man, what's known doesn't need to be said.'"

Douglas won't boast about it, but he is fourth in the NFL with five interceptions. It's impossible to overstate his impact on the team given the team's veteran cornerbacks, Jaire Alexander and Kevin King, have played less than 30% of the defensive snaps due to injuries.

There's no doubt the outlook on the season would be radically different had Douglas not made those game-saving interceptions against the Cardinals and the Browns. Because of those wins, the Packers have the inside track to homefield advantage with two games to go in the season.

"We always want it to be on us as a defense," Douglas said. "That's what we pride ourselves on, getting that stop or that key turnover to change the game or end the game, however it needs to be. We pride ourselves on that. As soon as we saw the punt unit go out, everybody looked at each other and said, 'This is what we play football for. These moments are what we play football for. Let's get a stop. Win the game. Get off the field. Let's get up out of here.' That's the mindset we have on the defensive side."

PACKERS ROSTER

#	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	AGE	EXP.	COLLEGE
Active							
2	Mason Crosby	K	6-1	207	37	15	Colorado
7	Corey Bojorquez	P	6-0	217	25	4	New Mexico
8	Amari Rodgers	WR	5-9	212	22	R	Clemson
10	Jordan Love	QB	6-4	219	23	2	Utah State
12	Aaron Rodgers	QB	6-2	225	38	17	California
13	Allen Lazard	WR	6-5	227	26	3	Iowa State
17	Davante Adams	WR	6-1	215	29	8	Fresno State
19	Equanimeous St. Brown	WR	6-5	214	25	4	Notre Dame
21	Eric Stokes	CB	6-0	194	22	R	Georgia
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
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
84	Tyler Davis	TE	6-4	252	24	2	Georgia Tech
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
97	Kenny Clark	DL	6-3	314	26	6	UCLA
Reserve/Injured							
18	Randall Cobb	WR	5-10	195	31	11	Kentucky
23	Jaire Alexander	CB	5-10	196	24	4	Louisville
32	Kylin Hill	RB	5-10	214	23	R	Mississippi State
44	Ty Summers	LB	6-1	241	25	3	TCU
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	26	3	Mississippi State
85	Robert Tonyan	TE	6-5	237	27	4	Indiana State
86	Malik Taylor	WR	6-1	220	26	2	Ferris 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
43	Peter Kalambayi	LB	6-3	252	26	R	Stanford
45	Bronson Kaufusi	TE	6-6	270	30	3	Brigham Young
48	Kabion Ento	CB	6-1	187	25	2	Colorado
57	Ray Wilborn	LB	6-3	230	24	1	Ball State
61	Jon Dietzen	G/T	6-5	312	24	R	Wisconsin
65	Michal 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
Practice Squad Reserve/COVID-19							
54	La'Darius Hamilton	LB	6-2	261	23	1	North Texas
Reserve/COVID-19							
20	Kevin King	CB	6-3	200	26	5	Washington
22	Shemar Jean-Charles	CB	5-10	184	23	R	Appalachian State
47	Chauncey Rivers	LB	6-2	259	24	1	Mississippi State
83	Marquez Valdes-Scantling	WR	6-4	206	27	4	South Florida

VIKINGS ROSTER

#	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	AGE	EXP.	COLLEGE
Active							
1	Greg Joseph	K	6-0	206	27	4	Florida Atlantic
3	Jordan Berry	P	6-5	195	30	7	Eastern Kentucky
7	Patrick Peterson	CB	6-1	198	31	11	LSU
8	Kirk Cousins	QB	6-3	205	33	10	Michigan State
11	Kellen Mond	QB	6-3	212	22	R	Texas A&M
12	Dede Westbrook	WR	6-0	178	28	5	Oklahoma
15	Ihmir Smith-Marsette	WR	6-1	185	22	R	Iowa
17	K.J. Osborn	WR	5-11	203	24	2	Miami (Fla.)
18	Justin Jefferson	WR	6-1	195	22	2	LSU
19	Adam Thielen	WR	6-2	200	31	8	Minnesota State
20	Harrison Hand	CB	5-11	185	23	2	Temple
22	Harrison Smith	S	6-2	211	32	10	Notre Dame
23	Xavier Woods	S	5-11	204	26	5	Louisiana Tech
24	Mackensie Alexander	CB	5-10	192	28	6	Clemson
25	Alexander Mattison	RB	5-11	215	23	3	Boise State
26	Kene Nwangwu	RB	6-1	210	23	R	Iowa State
27	Cameron Dantzler	CB	6-2	190	23	2	Mississippi State
29	Kris Boyd	CB	5-11	195	25	3	Texas
30	C.J. Ham	FB	5-11	250	28	6	Augustana (S.D.)
31	Wayne Gallman	RB	6-0	210	27	5	Clemson
35	Luke Stocker	TE	6-5	253	33	11	Tennessee
41	Chazz Surratt	LB	6-2	233	24	R	North Carolina
42	Andrew DePaola	LS	6-1	229	34	7	Rutgers
43	Camryn Bynum	S	6-0	200	23	R	California
44	Josh Metellus	S	5-11	207	23	2	Michigan
45	Troy Dye	LB	6-3	225	25	2	Oregon
48	Blake Lynch	LB	6-3	233	24	2	Baylor
51	Wyatt Davis	G	6-4	315	22	R	Ohio State
54	Eric Kendricks	LB	6-0	232	29	7	UCLA
55	Anthony Barr	LB	6-5	257	29	8	UCLA
56	Garrett Bradbury	C	6-3	300	26	3	North Carolina State
58	Michael Pierce	DT	6-0	340	29	6	Samford
59	Nick Vigil	LB	6-2	230	28	6	Utah State
64	Blake Brandel	T	6-7	315	24	1	Oregon State
69	Rashod Hill	T	6-6	310	29	6	Southern Mississippi
71	Christian Darrisaw	T	6-5	315	22	R	Virginia Tech
72	Ezra Cleveland	G	6-6	312	23	2	Boise State
73	Tashawn Bower	DE	6-4	250	26	4	LSU
74	Olisaemeka Udoh	G	6-6	320	24	3	Elon
75	Brian O'Neill	T	6-7	310	26	4	Pittsburgh
78	Dakota Dozier	G	6-4	305	30	8	Furman
83	Tyler Conklin	TE	6-3	248	26	4	Central Michigan
85	Dan Chisena	WR	6-3	203	24	2	Penn State
89	Chris Herndon	TE	6-4	253	25	4	Miami
90	Sheldon Richardson	DT	6-3	290	31	9	Missouri
92	James Lynch	DT	6-4	295	22	2	Baylor
93	Patrick Jones II	DE	6-4	264	23	R	Pittsburgh
94	Dalvin Tomlinson	DT	6-3	325	27	5	Alabama
96	Armon Watts	DT	6-5	307	25	3	Arkansas
98	D.J. Wonnum	DE	6-5	258	24	2	South Carolina
Reserve/Injured							
12	Chad Beebe	WR	5-10	187	27	4	Northern Illinois
13	Blake Proehl	WR	6-1	190	22	R	East Carolina
14	Nate Stanley	QB	6-4	233	24	1	Iowa
52	Mason Cole	C	6-5	298	25	4	Michigan
57	Ryan Connelly	LB	6-2	234	26	3	Wisconsin
66	Jordon Scott	DT	6-1	326	23	R	Oregon
81	Bisi Johnson	WR	6-0	210	24	3	Colorado State
82	Ben Ellefson	TE	6-3	250	25	2	North Dakota State
84	Irv Smith Jr.	TE	6-2	240	23	3	Alabama
95	Janarius Robinson	DE	6-5	258	22	R	Florida State
99	Danielle Hunter	DE	6-5	263	27	7	LSU
Reserve/Non-Football Illness							
97	Everson Griffen	DE	6-3	273	34	12	USC
Reserve/Non-Football Injury							
76	Jaylen Twyman	DT	6-2	285	22	R	Pittsburgh
Practice Squad							
9	Trishton Jackson	WR	6-1	191	23	2	Syracuse
16	Damion Ratley	WR	6-2	200	26	4	Texas A&M
34	Jake Bargas	FB	6-2	245	25	1	North Carolina
36	A.J. Rose Jr.	RB	6-1	211	24	R	Kentucky
39	Parry Nickerson	CB	5-10	179	27	4	Tulane
40	Zach Davidson	TE	6-7	251	23	R	Central Missouri
46	Myles Dorn	S	6-2	210	23	2	North Carolina
47	Tuf Borland	LB	6-1	233	23	R	Ohio State
50	T.J. Smith	DT	6-3	303	24	1	Arkansas
61	Timon Parris	T	6-6	330	26	1	Stony Brook
66	Eddie Yarbrough	DE	6-3	259	28	4	Wyoming
68	Kyle Hinton	G	6-2	315	23	1	Washburn
79	Kenny Willekes	DE	6-3	264	24	2	Michigan State
86	Brandon Dillon	TE	6-5	250	24	1	Marian
87	Myron Mitchell	WR	6-1	185	23	R	UAB
91	T.Y. McGill	DT	6-0	294	29	7	N.C. State
Practice Squad/COVID-19							
5	Tye Smith	CB	6-0	190	28	6	Towson State
Reserve/COVID-19							
14	Sean Mannion	QB	6-6	230	29	7	Oregon State
33	Dalvin Cook	RB	5-10	210	26	5	Florida State

GAME VITALS

GREEN BAY PACKERS (12-3)
VS. MINNESOTA VIKINGS (7-8)

WHEN: 7:20 p.m., Sunday
WHERE: Lambeau Field
TV: NBC
RADIO: 620 AM (WTMJ), Sirius Satellite Radio (WTMJ feed)

THE SERIES

Packers vs. Vikings
All-time, regular season: 62-55-3
All-time, postseason: 1-1
All-time, at Packers: 33-26-3
Streaks: The Green Bay Packers have lost the last two matchups against the Minnesota Vikings. Green Bay is 3-3-2 at home against Minnesota since 2013.
Last meeting, regular season: Nov. 21, 2021, Vikings won 34-31 at U.S. Bank Stadium. Green Bay lost on a last-second field goal. Aaron Rodgers threw for 385 yards and four touchdowns, with Marquez Valdes-Scantling and Davante Adams each over 100 receiving yards.

SCHEDULE

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

PACKERS DEPTH CHART

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

ILB
De'Vondre Campbell
Isaiah McDuffie

OLB
Rashan Gary
Jonathan Garvin

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Adrian Amos
Vernon Scott

S
Darnell Savage
Henry Black

FYI

Rosters and depth charts are accurate as of Dec. 26, 8 p.m.

VIKINGS DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

RB
Alexander Mattison
Kene Nwangwu

QB
Kirk Cousins
Kellen Mond

FB
C.J. Ham

WR
Justin Jefferson
K.J. Osborn

TE
Tyler Conklin
Chris Herndon

RT
Brian O'Neill
Blake Brandel

RG
Olisaemeka Udoh
Wyatt Davis

C
Garrett Bradbury

LG
Ezra Cleveland
Dakota Dozier

LT
Christian Darrisaw

WR
Adam Thielen
Dede Westbrook

DEFENSE

CB
Patrick Peterson
Cameron Dantzler

DE
D.J. Wonnum
Patrick Jones II

DT
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Sheldon Richardson

NT
Michael Pierce
Armon Watts

DE
Tashawn Bower

CB
Kris Boyd
Harrison Hand

WLB
Nick Vigil
Chazz Surratt

MLB
Eric Kendricks
Troy Dye

SLB
Anthony Barr
Blake Lynch

S
Harrison Smith
Josh Metellus

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Xavier Woods
Camryn Bynum

FYI

The top seed in each conference gets a bye in the playoffs. The top seven teams in each conference make the playoffs.

WEEK 17 SCHEDULE

Sunday's Games
Philadelphia at Washington, noon
Carolina at New Orleans, noon
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Jets, noon
Miami at Tennessee, noon
Jacksonville at New England, noon
Las Vegas at Indianapolis, noon
Kansas City at Cincinnati, noon
N.Y. Giants at Chicago, noon
Atlanta at Buffalo, noon
Houston at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Chargers, 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Baltimore, 3:25 p.m.
Detroit at Seattle, 3:25 p.m.
Arizona at Dallas, 3:25 p.m.
Minnesota at Green Bay, 7:20 p.m.
Monday's Game
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 7:15 p.m.

PLAYOFF PICTURE

NFC Seed	Team	Record	AFC Seed	Team	Record
1.	Green Bay	12-3 (xz)	1.	Kansas City	11-4 (xz)
2.	Dallas	11-4 (xz)	2.	Tennessee	10-5
3.	L.A. Rams	11-4 (x)	3.	Cincinnati	9-6
4.	Tampa Bay	11-4 (xz)	4.	Buffalo	9-6
5.	Arizona	10-5 (x)	5.	Indianapolis	9-6
6.	San Francisco	8-7	6.	New England	9-6
7.	Philadelphia	8-7	7.	Miami	8-7
8.	Minnesota	7-8	8.	L.A. Chargers	8-7
9.	Atlanta	7-8	9.	Las Vegas	8-7
10.	New Orleans	7-8	10.	Baltimore	8-7
11.	Washington	6-9	11.	Pittsburgh	7-7-1
12.	Carolina	5-10 (e)	12.	Cleveland	7-8
13.	Chicago	5-10 (e)	13.	Denver	7-8
14.	Seattle	5-10 (e)	14.	N.Y. Jets	4-11 (e)
15.	N.Y. Giants	4-11 (e)	15.	Houston	4-11 (e)
16.	Detroit	2-12-1 (e)	16.	Jacksonville	2-13 (e)

x - clinched playoff spot
z - clinched division
e - eliminated

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Jack Daniel's Winter Jack Tennessee Cider $15.99 750 ml.

Leroy Butler Leap Vodka $19.99 1.75 ltr.

7x Distilled Platinum Vodka After $5.00 rebate $6.99 1.75 ltr.

10x Filtered Smirnoff Vodka 2 FOR $23.98 1.75 ltr. After $12.00 rebate on 2

Canadian Mist Whiskey $13.99 1.75 ltr.

Original, Fire, Honey or Apple Jack Daniel's Whiskey $34.99 1.75 ltr.

Skyy Premium Vodka $19.99 1.75 ltr.

Captain Morgan Spiced Rum 2 FOR $37.98 1.75 ltr. After $12.00 rebate on 2

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Week 17 Games: Sunday, January 2

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Atlanta @ Buffalo
NY Giants @ Chicago
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Jacksonville @ New England
Carolina @ New Orleans
Tampa Bay @ NY Jets
Philadelphia @ Washington
Denver @ LA Chargers
Dallas @ NY Giants
Houston @ San Francisco
LA Rams @ Baltimore
Detroit @ Seattle
Minnesota @ Green Bay
Cleveland @ Pittsburgh ..... Mon., Jan. 3

Tie Breaker Game: Miami @ Tennessee

Weekly Standings	Weekly Record	Overall Record	Weekly Standings	Weekly Record	Overall Record
God's Purpose Apparel				9-5	136-85-1
Shawano Seasons Restaurant				9-5	135-86-1
Tim Murphy				7-7	135-86-1
22 Shell				8-6	133-88-1
Tower Clock Eye Center				9-5	132-89-1
Dennis Brei				8-6	129-92-1
Buss Automotive				8-6	122-99-1
Hawkeye Hearth & Home				8-6	122-99-1
Shawano Place Assisted Living	7-7	136-85-1	Senn Insurance	7-7	116-105-1

Due to technical difficulties the standings and this week's winner are not available at this time. Both will be updated in next week's issue of Green and Gold. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

TOUCHDOWN

This Week's Winner: to be announced

Morgan Rode
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This Week's Picks:

Buffalo, Chicago, Kansas City, Dallas, Indianapolis, New England, New Orleans, Tampa Bay, Philadelphia, La Chargers, San Francisco, La Rams, Seattle, Green Bay, Pittsburgh

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score : Miami 24 @ Tennessee 27

Tim Murphy
Shawano Leader

This Week's Picks:

Buffalo, Chicago, Kansas City, Arizona, Indianapolis, New England, New Orleans, Tampa Bay, Philadelphia, LA Chargers, San Francisco, Baltimore, Seattle, Green Bay, Pittsburgh

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Miami 13 @ Tennessee 24

Dennis Brei
Oconto County Times Herald

This Week's Picks:

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Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Miami 13 @ Tennessee 24

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This Week's Picks:

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Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Miami 24 @ Tennessee 35

Iverson's Staff
Iverson's Piggly Wiggly

This Week's Picks:

Buffalo, Chicago, Kansas City, Arizona, Indianapolis, New England, New Orleans, Tampa Bay, Philadelphia, LA Chargers, San Francisco, LA Rams, Seattle, Green Bay, Pittsburgh

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Miami 14 @ Tennessee 31

Amber
Smokey Joe's & JDoggs

This Week's Picks:

Buffalo, Chicago, Kansas City, Dallas, Indianapolis, New England, New Orleans, Tampa Bay, Philadelphia, LA Chargers, San Francisco, LA Rams, Seattle, Green Bay, Cleveland

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Miami 21 @ Tennessee 27

Robert Buss
Buss Automotive

This Week's Picks:

Buffalo, Chicago, Kansas City, Dallas, Indianapolis, New England, New Orleans, Tampa Bay, Philadelphia, LA Chargers, San Francisco, LA Rams, Detroit, Green Bay, Cleveland

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Miami 21 @ Tennessee 28

Dena
P&D Sales & Service

This Week's Picks:

Buffalo, Chicago, Kansas City, Arizona, Indianapolis, New England, New Orleans, Tampa Bay, Philadelphia, LA Chargers, San Francisco, LA Rams, Seattle, Green Bay, Pittsburgh

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Miami 10 @ Tennessee 20

Sophie
Idell Johnston State Farm Agent

This Week's Picks:

Buffalo, Chicago, Kansas City, Arizona, Indianapolis, New England, New Orleans, Tampa Bay, Philadelphia, LA Chargers, San Francisco, LA Rams, Seattle, Green Bay, Cleveland

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Miami 18 @ Tennessee 33

Scott Nyman
Cirrinity

This Week's Picks:

Buffalo, Chicago, Cincinnati, Dallas, Indianapolis, New England, Carolina, Tampa Bay, Philadelphia, LA Chargers, San Francisco, LA Rams, Seattle, Green Bay, Cleveland

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Miami 17 @ Tennessee 14

In Memory of Patty Lasher
Shawano Seasons Restaurant

This Week's Picks:

Buffalo, NY Giants, Cincinnati, Arizona, Indianapolis, New England, Carolina, Tampa Bay, Philadelphia, LA Chargers, San Francisco, Baltimore, Detroit, Green Bay, Cleveland

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Miami 28 @ Tennessee 21

Jim Wiegand
Tower Clock
Eye Center

This Week's Picks:

Buffalo, Chicago, Kansas City, Dallas, Indianapolis, New England, New Orleans, Tampa Bay, Philadelphia, LA Chargers, San Francisco, LA Rams, Seattle, Green Bay, Pittsburgh

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Miami 17 @ Tennessee 24

Russ
Gehm's Club 117

This Week's Picks:

Buffalo, NY Giants, Kansas City, Arizona, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Carolina, Tampa Bay, Philadelphia, LA Chargers, San Francisco, LA Rams, Seattle, Green Bay, Cleveland

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Miami 17 @ Tennessee 21

Shane Senn
Senn Insurance

This Week's Picks:

Buffalo, Chicago, Cincinnati, Arizona, Indianapolis, New England, New Orleans, Tampa Bay, Washington, LA Chargers, San Francisco, Baltimore, Seattle, Green Bay, Cleveland

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Miami 20 @ Tennessee 31

Brenda
22 Shell

This Week's Picks:

Buffalo, Chicago, Kansas City, Dallas, Indianapolis, New England, New Orleans, Tampa Bay, Philadelphia, La Chargers, San Francisco, La Rams, Seattle, Green Bay, Pittsburgh

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Miami 17 @ Tennessee 24

Chris
God's Purpose Apparel

This Week's Picks:

Buffalo, Chicago, Kansas City, Arizona, Indianapolis, New England, New Orleans, Tampa Bay, Washington, LA Chargers, San Francisco, LA Rams, Seattle, Green Bay, Cleveland

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Miami 23 @ Tennessee 27

Aaron
Shawano Place

This Week's Picks:

Buffalo, Chicago, Kansas City, Arizona, Indianapolis, New England, New Orleans, Tampa Bay, Philadelphia, LA Chargers, San Francisco, LA Rams, Seattle, Minnesota, Cleveland

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Miami 17 @ Tennessee 27

Dale
Hawkeye Hearth & Home

This Week's Picks:

Buffalo, Chicago, Kansas City, Dallas, Indianapolis, New England, New Orleans, Tampa Bay, Washington, LA Chargers, San Francisco, Baltimore, Seattle, Green Bay, Cleveland

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Miami 31 @ Tennessee 21

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KEYS TO THE GAME

By BILL HUBER
Correspondent

The Green Bay Packers (12-3) will host the Minnesota Vikings (7-8) at 7:20 p.m. Sunday at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. NBC will televise the game.

History

This will be the 121st regular-season meeting between these division rivals. The Packers lead 62-55-3.

Coaches

Green Bay – Matt LaFleur, 38-9, third season. Minnesota — Mike Zimmer, 71-55-1, eighth season.

When the Packers have the ball

The Packers rank 13th in the NFL in scoring with 25.5 points per game. The offense found its stride in the 34-31 loss at Minnesota in week 11. Starting with that game, they have averaged 33.4 points per game over their last five outings.

The Vikings' defense has been mostly terrible. Even with some high-profile players such as safety Harrison Smith and linebackers Eric Kendricks and Anthony Barr, Minnesota is 23rd with 24.8 points allowed per game. It ranks 29th in total defense (379), 28th in rushing per attempt (4.68) and 25th in passing per attempt (6.95).

However, the Vikings are fourth in sack percentage (8.21) and third down (35.5%). Starting with round one against Green Bay, the Vikings have had games of 31, 34, 29, 28 and 30 points allowed.

Defensive tackles Michael Pierce and Dalvin Tomlinson lead a depleted line. The mammoth Pierce, the Vikings' high-priced addition last offseason, missed the first game against Green Bay with an elbow injury. However, they're thin on the edge without defensive ends Everson Griffen (personal reasons) and Danielle Hunter (pectoral).

Among the active players, D.J. Wonnum (six sacks), Armon Watts (five sacks) and Sheldon Richardson (team-high 11 quarterback hits) are the top pass rushers.

Kendricks is an elite player with 134 tackles, five sacks, eight tackles for losses and two interceptions. He's flanked at linebacker by Barr (53 tackles in nine games) and Nick Vigil (76 tackles).

The secondary is the problem, despite the presence of the perennial Pro Bowler Smith, who has 100 tackles, three sacks and seven passes defensed. Veteran Patrick Peterson is joined at cornerback by Cameron Dantzler. Mackensie Alexander mans the slot.

Dantzler has been by far the best of the bunch with a 52.8% completion rate and just 9.9 yards per reception, according to Pro Football Focus.

Xavier Woods, who is tied with Barr for the team lead with three interceptions and has the outright lead with 10 passes defensed, joins Smith at safety.

Green Bay Packers running back Aaron Jones carries the ball in the win over the Cleveland Browns on Dec. 25 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. Jones and the Packers' rushing attack could be in for a big game against Minnesota, one of the worst run defenses in the league. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

When the Vikings have the ball

The Vikings are just ahead of Green Bay, ranking 12th with 25.6 points per game. The relatively mediocre ranking notwithstanding, this is an outstanding group when at full strength – which could be the case on Sunday.

Cousins can be maddening. He's fourth in the league with a 101.3 passer rating and has 30 touchdowns vs. seven interceptions. He destroyed the Packers in the first matchup, going 24-of-35 for 341 yards and three touchdowns. On Sunday against the Rams, though, while he threw for 315 yards, he failed to take advantage of the three interceptions provided by the defense.

As the Packers learned first-hand in week 11, when he recorded eight receptions for 169 yards and two touchdowns, Jefferson is one of the game's elite receivers. He ranks in the top six in the league with 97 receptions, 1,451 yards and nine touchdowns.

The Pro Bowler ranks second in the league with 14 receptions on passes thrown 20-plus yards.

Thielen, who had eight catches for 82 yards and one score in the first meeting, barely played against the Rams because of an ankle injury. He's caught 67 passes for 726 yards and 10 touchdowns in 13 games.

Tight end Tyler Conklin has been a breakout performer with 54 receptions for 540 yards, and No. 3 receiver K.J. Osborn has added 48 receptions for 584 yards.

Running backs Dalvin Cook and Alexander Mattison perform a superb one-two punch. Cook missed the Rams game with COVID but should be back. The Pro Bowler is fourth in the league with 1,067 rushing yards and fifth with 45 forced missed tackles, according to PFF.

Rookie left tackle Christian Darrisaw is joined up front by left guard Ezra Cleveland, center Garrett Bradbury, right guard Oli Udoh and right tackle Brian O'Neill. Darrisaw, who has played well the past few weeks, and the underrated O'Neill have the makings of bookend tackles. The Packers must take advantage of Minnesota's soft interior.

Special teams

Green Bay's special teams finally delivered a strong performance against Cleveland. It will face a big challenge on Sunday night.

Punter Jordan Berry is only 14th in net average (40.9 yards) but has 23 punts inside the 20 vs. only three touchbacks. Kicker Greg Joseph is 31-of-36 on field goals (86.1%) and has a huge leg (6-of-8 from 50-plus yards).

The real trouble is with Minnesota's returners. On kickoffs, Kene Nwangwu leads the league with a pair of touchdowns. On what will be a bitterly cold night, Packers kicker Mason Crosby will be challenged to reach the end zone with his kickoffs, so the coverage has to be strong. Dede Westbrook has an 8.3-yard average on punts.

Crosby has made all 16 kicks over three games since the bye. None have been challenging, but it's built some momentum for the troubled unit.

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Packers take down Browns on Christmas

By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

The Green Bay Packers earned a 24-22 Christmas Day win over the Cleveland Browns at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, breaking several offensive records and doing just enough on defense to come out on top.

Quarterback Aaron Rodgers threw three first-half touchdowns passes to move past Brett Favre as the franchise's all-time leader in career passing TDs. He broke Favre's mark of 442 on an 11-yard TD pass to receiver Allen Lazard to give the Packers a 7-6 lead in the first quarter.

Rodgers' second touchdown pass was a 9-yarder to receiver Davante Adams. It was the 66th career time those two have connected for a score, breaking another Packers' record — Rodgers and receiver Jordy Nelson had the previous top mark of 65.

Rodgers and Adams connected on a 1-yard score with 12 seconds remaining in the half to give the Pack a 21-12 lead.

Green Bay tacked on a field goal on its first possession of the second half before going stagnant on offense.

Cleveland crept back into the game and got within two points after a touchdown with 4:36 to play.

The Packers' offense had a chance to put the game away, but Adams dropped a deep pass from Rodgers, giving the Browns one final chance.

Like it did for most of the contest, Cleveland used the running game to work the ball down the field. Oddly, the Browns decided to pass three straight times once it got to midfield, and the third pass was picked off by cornerback Rasul Douglas.

Green Bay's offense picked up one first down to seal up the win and improve to 12-3.

"It was a hard fought, four-quarter battle and like I told our team, I'll never apologize for winning in this league," said Packers coach Matt LaFleur. "I know it wasn't the prettiest of victories but ultimately, we did enough as a team to win."

Green Bay was outgained 408-311 in the contest, with Cleveland rushing for 219 yards on an 8.8-yard average.

The game ultimately was decided by big plays, with Green Bay creating four takeaways and five sacks. The Packers didn't turn the ball over or allow a sack.

Green Bay intercepted Browns quarterback Baker Mayfield four times, the first coming midway through the first quarter to set up Rodgers' record-breaking TD. Safety Darnell Savage got the interception on a deep ball down the middle of the field.

The second interception was by cornerback Chandon Sullivan late in the first quarter, which set up Adams' first touchdown of the day.

Douglas had the last two picks, with the first coming late in the first half to set up the second Adams' touchdown.

Two plays before the Sullivan INT, outside linebacker Rashan Gary sacked Mayfield, eventually leading to a third-and-19 play and interception.

Outside linebacker Tipa Galeai sacked Mayfield two plays before the first Douglas pick. Gary got his second sack in the third quarter, forcing a Cleveland field goal.

Outside linebacker Preston Smith and defensive lineman Dean Lowry then had sacks on back-to-back plays in the fourth quarter to force a punt after Cleveland had worked its way to the Green Bay 28-yard line.

Along with all the offensive records, the win was the 38th regular season win for LaFleur, tying George Seifert for the most wins by a head coach in his first three years in the NFL.

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