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Shawano's Holiday Stroll leads into annual tree lighting

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A group stays warm as they gather around a fire and toast marshmallows during the Holiday Stroll and Tree Lighting at Franklin Park in Shawano on Nov. 26.

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A suspect who evaded capture for five years pleads not guilty to sexual assault.

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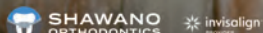
Four Shawano volleyball players were named to the 2022 all-conference team.

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Noriega-Avila pleads not guilty to sex assault



Pedro Noriega-Avila, left, is escorted Nov. 21 into Branch II of the Shawano County Courthouse for his arraignment after requesting to be in attendance in person.

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Pre-trial conference is scheduled for after new year

By **LEE PULASKI**

City Editor

A six-year-old case involving a man accused of continuous child sexual assault and incest moved closer to a trial as Pedro Noriega-Avila issued pleas of not guilty on all counts.

Noriega-Avila faces one count of first-degree child sexual assault of a child under age 13, two counts of sexual assault with someone under age 16 and two counts of incest with a child by a stepparent. Noriega-Avila faces a maximum of 40 years in prison and \$100,000 fine for each of the incest and the latter two sexual assault counts. For the child sexual assault in 2010, he faces up to 60 years in prison.

The criminal complaint states that

Noriega-Avila allegedly went into his stepdaughter's room between September 2009 and June 2010 and assaulted her. It goes on to say that additional incidents occurred in 2014 and 2015. Noriega-Avila married the victim's mother on July 9, 2010.

Noriega-Avila was initially charged in 2016. An arrest warrant was initially issued on June 10 of that year when the criminal complaint was filed. He was later taken into custody and posted a \$5,000 cash bond.

Then Noriega-Avila fled the state and could not be located until he was arrested March 12, 2021, in Pima County, Arizona. He fought the extradition to Wisconsin and lost. No additional charges were filed in relation to his failure to appear in court in 2016.

Progress on the case had been

slowed down by the difficulty in finding an attorney to represent Noriega-Avila. It was close to a year before Sara Stertz was appointed as his attorney.

Noriega-Avila's pleas came on Nov. 21 after a brief delay when he requested being in the courtroom in person. He had previously appeared via Zoom from the Shawano County Jail, but because the hearing was an arraignment, Judge William Kussel Jr. pointed out that the defendant had a right to be in the courtroom.

A pre-trial conference is scheduled for 4 p.m. Jan. 4 in Branch II at the Shawano County Courthouse, with a final pre-trial set for 8:30 a.m. Feb. 16. Noriega-Avila is still in jail being held on a \$500,000 bond.

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CORRECTIONS

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Renel declared incompetent, institutionalized

Court to review status in three months, see if he's able to aid in his own defense

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

A Cecil man facing charges related to a chase on state Highway 29 in a military vehicle has been declared not competent to aid in his own defense.

Aaron Renel, 40, has been examined for a second time and the report found he's not able to assist in his defense at his time, but the potential of rehabilitation could bring him back to competency, at which time he'd be able to face felony counts of fleeing and eluding an officer in a vehicle and second-degree recklessly endangering safety, along with a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Defense attorney Gary Dodge presented the report during a status conference Nov. 23 in Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court.

"There's a chance he could regain



AARON RENEL

competency if he's committed to a facility," Dodge said.

Judge William Kussel Jr. ordered Renel to be committed to a state institution for treatment and scheduled another hearing for 10 a.m. Feb. 24, 2023, when Renel's competency could be reviewed.

A previous competency exam had been conducted on Renel in early June showing he was not competent at that point to stand trial, but with rehabilitation, he could be restored to health to face the charges. Renel, who did not have counsel at the time, disputed the claims.

Even without consulting his client, Dodge made the recommendation in August to get a second

opinion in order to get the matter cleared up.

This time, Renel accepted the competency report as he appeared via Zoom at the Shawano County Jail.

"We think he can regain competency with certain education," Kussel said after Renel's acceptance.

Renel was arrested after the Shawano County Sheriff's Department responded on the evening of May 8 to reports of a heavy truck-type military vehicle on Highway 29 in western Shawano County travelling down the road with a flat tire, thus causing a traffic hazard.

Renel allegedly led deputies on a short chase, coming to a stop in about a half-mile on the eastbound lane median of the highway near County Road G in the Town of Seneca. The eastbound highway was shut down due to the incident.

Renel, 39, allegedly would not cooperate or exit the vehicle. Because

of comments allegedly made by Renel and the conditions of this incident, the Shawano County Special Response Team responded to this scene. Deputies, including trained negotiators, communicated with Renel for about four hours.

About 9:30 p.m., Renel allegedly tried to flee, heading eastbound on Highway 29. Deputies tried to stop the suspect vehicle, using the snowplows from the Shawano County Highway Department in an attempt to perform a moving roadblock. The vehicle then crossed the median and began heading eastbound in the westbound lanes of the highway.

Renel allegedly came back to the eastbound lanes but then again crossed the median and was driving the wrong way down the highway before being stopped by a deputy driving a snowplow.

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SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Nov. 28

Officers responded to 31 calls, including criminal damage at Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St.; shoplifting at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; property theft on East Green Bay Street; a drug offense on South Main Street.

Nov. 27

Officer responded to 12 calls, including operating while intoxicated on North Franklin Street.

Nov. 26

Officers responded to 20 calls, including property theft on South Lafayette Street; a disturbance at Arby's, N4543 state Highway 22; property theft on Channel Trace; car property damage on East Green Bay Street; a vehicle fire on Kleeman Court; disorderly conduct on South Lincoln Street; trespassing on East Center Street.

Nov. 25

Officers responded to 19 calls, including trespassing at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.

Nov. 24

Officers responded to 13 calls, including a disturbance on East Richmond Street.

Nov. 23

Officers responded to 27 calls, including reckless driving at Shawano Estates Office, 1500 Estates Lane; property theft on South Park Street; car property damage on North Main Street; a disturbance on South Hamlin Street; bail jumping at Quality Inn and Suites, 104 N. Airport Dr.; harassment on South River Street.

Nov. 22

Officers responded to 16 calls, including property theft at Amerivu Inn and Suites, 211 Waukechon Street;

property theft at Brickstone Inn, 622 E. Green Bay St.; reckless driving on Fairview Way.

Nov. 21

Officers responded to 18 calls, including disorderly conduct on South Hamlin Street; car property damage at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.; shoplifting at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; car property damage at Walgreens, 401 E. Green Bay St.; property theft at the Shawano Post Office, 235 S. Main St.; property theft on South Lafayette Street.

Nov. 20

Officers responded to 12 calls, including a snowmobile problem on South Andrews Street; criminal damage on South Smalley Street; trespassing at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Nov. 28

Deputies responded to 24 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Seneca; harassment on North Main Street in Shawano; a domestic disturbance on Sarah Street in Birnamwood; trespassing on Cardinal Lane in the Town of Wittenberg; one crash, involving deer.

Nov. 27

Deputies responded to 31 calls, including a fleeing/pursuit on Lake Drive in Cecil; an overdose on West Sandy Drive in the Town of Washington; property theft on Cattau Beach Drive in the Town of Wescott; a disturbance on Hiawatha Court in the Town of Wescott; a weapons offense on Woods Road in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in Bonduel; operating while intoxicated on state Highway 29 in the Town of Maple Grove; a disturbance on Stone Avenue in Mattoon; three crashes, two involving deer.

Nov. 26

Deputies responded to 34 calls, including operating while intoxicated on state Highway 29 in Bonduel; a disturbance on state Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland; a disturbance on West Reed Street in Wittenberg; harassment on Highview Street in Pulaski; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in Bonduel; a probation violation on County Road N in Birnamwood; a drug problem on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; trespassing on Hillview Road in the Town of Hutchins; three crashes, two involving deer.

Nov. 25

Deputies responded to 27 calls, including a fire/arson on Old 22 Road in the Town of Washington; a threat on Old Lake Road in the Town of Wescott; a disturbance on Main Street in Gresham; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg; trespassing on McDivitt Road in the Town of Germania; operating while intoxicated on state Highway 29 in Bonduel; a DNR violation on Paiser Lane in the Town of Herman; a drug problem on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; harassment on County Road BB in the Town of Green Valley; reckless driving on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; three crashes.

Nov. 24

Deputies responded to 25 calls, including disorderly conduct on Lark Road in the Town of Waukechon; a threat on Curt Black Road in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; trespassing on Spiegel Road in the Town of Fairbanks; two crashes.

Nov. 23

Deputies responded to 26 calls, including a DNR Violation on Town Line

Road in the Town of Hartland; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; a threat on North Beach Boulevard in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Maple Grove; three crashes, one including deer.

Nov. 22

Deputies responded to 35 calls, including a disturbance on Elm Street in Birnamwood; a disturbance on Lyons Road in Birnamwood; reckless driving on state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; three crashes, two involving deer.

Nov. 21

Deputies responded to 37 calls, including reckless driving on County Road C in the Town of Green Valley; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg; a drug problem on Mills Street in Shawano; trespassing on Kopitzke Road in the Town of Grant; property theft on Brooke Court in Bonduel; trespassing on Quad Park Lane in Tigerton; a disturbance on Red Oak Lane in the Town of Wittenberg; a drug problem on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; an automobile theft on County Road J in the Town of Morris; reckless driving on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Aniwa; three crashes, all involving deer.

Nov. 20

Deputies responded to 28 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; a disturbance on Glenwood Court in the Town of Wescott; identity theft on Old Lake Road in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on Green Valley Road in the Town of Angelica; property theft on Cole Road in the Town of Navarino; reckless driving on Main Street in Gresham; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Seneca; six crashes, three involving deer.

COURT NEWS

• Michael T. Lawson, 60, Shawano, was charged Nov. 21 with one count of bail jumping. Shawano-Menominee Circuit Court Judge William Kussel Jr. set a signature bond of \$2,500 and scheduled a status conference for Dec. 5.

• John W. Thoma, 60, Tigerton, was charged Nov. 21 with one count of bail jumping. Kussel set a cash bond of \$250 and scheduled a status conference for Jan. 25.

• Patrick M. Samson, 55, Clintonville, was charged Nov. 21 with one count of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a signature bond of \$2,500 and scheduled a status conference for Jan. 26.

• Victor J. Bukolt, 68, Antigo, pleaded no contest Nov. 21 to one count of operating while intoxicated (fourth

offense). One count of operating with prohibited alcohol content (fourth offense) was dismissed on a prosecutor's motion. Sloma sentenced Bukolt to nine months in jail.

• David G. Reynolds, 32, Plymouth, pleaded no contest Nov. 21 to four counts of burglary to a building or dwelling, one count of possession of burglarious tools, two counts of taking and driving a vehicle without consent, one count of theft of movable property (greater than \$5,000-\$10,000), 13 counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of theft of movable property (less than or equal to \$2,500) and three misdemeanor counts of criminal damage to property. One count of burglary with a dangerous weapon, one count of attempted burglary of a motor/trailer home, one count of theft of movable property (greater than \$50,000-\$10,000), one count of burglary to a building or dwelling, one count of theft

of movable property (special facts), one count of taking a driving a vehicle without consent, 28 counts of bail jumping, four misdemeanor counts of criminal damage to property, one count of theft, using false representation (less than or equal to \$2,500) and one count of theft of movable property (less than or equal to \$2,500) were dismissed but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Reynolds to five years and six months in prison and five years of extended supervision.

• Patrick A. White, 24, De Pere, was charged Nov. 22 with six counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of possession of THC and two misdemeanor counts of possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a cash bond of \$500 and scheduled a status conference for Jan. 25.

• Cody A. Miller, 35, Bowler, pleaded no contest Nov. 22 to one count of possession of narcotic drugs, one count

of bail jumping, two misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and one misdemeanor count of bail jumping. Two counts of bail jumping and two misdemeanor counts of bail jumping were dismissed but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Miller to 18 months in prison and two years of extended supervision.

• One count of driving or operating a vehicle without consent against William C. Robinson, 32, Keshena, was dropped Nov. 22 on a prosecutor's motion.

• Scott J. Behnke, 56, Shawano, pleaded no contest Nov. 23 to one count of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and one misdemeanor count of violating or harassing a restraining order. One misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct was dismissed but read into the record. Kussel sentenced Behnke to four months in jail and three years of probation.

OBITUARIES

Lisa Marie Peters

Lisa Marie Peters, 57, of Keshena, passed away on Friday, Nov. 18, 2022, in Shawano. She was born April 24, 1965, to Wayne and Glenda (Corn) Pecore in Shawano. When she first started working at the Menominee Tribal Clinic, she met the love of her life, Michael "Flea." Lisa continued to work at the Menominee Tribal Clinic for over 30 years. Lisa and Michael were married on June 30, 1984, and celebrated over 26 years of marriage prior to his passing in 2011.

Lisa was a very active woman who loved walking and participating in many sports. She was a devout member and strong in her faith, helping others and participating in church activities whenever she could. Her longtime involvement in the church included being a religious ed teacher, conducting readings during services and coordinating church events. Friends and family knew Lisa as a problem solver and a planner. She loved road trips and camping with her family and friends and was a skilled packer of supplies and snacks.

Lisa also loved the Green Bay Packers and enjoyed including everyone in her Packers parties. Her family was very important, and she loved taking care of her dad, grandbabies and other family members. She was a dedicated daughter, wife, mother, stepmother and grandmother and will be missed dearly.

She is survived by her father, Wayne; her children, Randi (sig-



nificant other Ron Fox) Peters, Waylon (significant other Heaven Ault) Peters and Raenell Peters; stepchildren, Kerry Nacotee, Kim Nacotee, Kelly Nacotee, Michael Peters Jr.

and Kacey Nacotee; grandchildren, Ebony Ann Marie and Aiden Michael; brothers and sisters, Cheryl (Chris) Fish, Todd (Twilia) Pecore, Brett Pecore, Marie Beth "Muck" Pecore, Jay "Buckin" (Tamami) Pecore and Tina (Bill) Larsen.

She is further survived by many friends from childhood to adulthood: Brenda Besaw, Laura Corn, Kathy Tucker, Carrie Peters, Marcene Barnes, Charlotte Penass; her lifelong compadres, Lorraine "Clowney" Summers and Dennis (Judy) Jensen.

Lisa was preceded in death by her husband, Michael "Flea" Peters, mother, Glenda; brother, Wayne "Petey" Pecore and sister, Linda Warrington.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2022, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with the Rev. Hanz Christian officiating. Visitation started at 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21, 2022, at St. Michael's Parish Hall and will continue until the funeral mass at the church on Wednesday. www.swedbergfuneralhome.com

John A. Welch

John Anthony "Big John" Welch, of Antigo, formerly of Shawano, died Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022, at Eastview Medical and Rehabilitation Center. He was 66 years old. He was born July 3, 1956, in Antigo, a son of the late Floyd and Theresa (Koepfel) Welch.

John was a graduate of Antigo High School. He lived in Shawano for many years. He loved bowling and was a sports enthusiast. John enjoyed being social and will be remembered for his kindness and generosity.

Survivors include three sisters, Mary (Eugene "Blue") Rogatzki, of Deerbrook, Susan (Larry) Waldvogel, of Antigo, and Carolyn (Joseph) Metko, of Antigo; three brothers, Lawrence (Shirlee) Welch, of Antigo, Edward (Ruth) Welch, of Merrill, and Andrew (Michelle) Welch, of Bowler; many nieces and nephews; and a special



friend, Mary Beth Pecore, of Shawano.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Daniel, Thomas and Walter.

A funeral Mass will be held Friday, Nov. 25, 2022, at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Holy Family Catholic Church in Phlox with the Rev. Charles Hoffmann officiating. Burial will take place in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be Thursday, Nov. 24, from 4-7 p.m. at the Bradley Funeral Home in Antigo and on Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church. A parish wake service will be held Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Online condolences at www.bradleyfh.com.

Marva Mae Wege

Marva Mae Wege, 84, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022, in Shawano. Marva was born in Shawano on May 14, 1938, to the late Marvin and Mabel (Zeuske) Knope. In 1956, Marva graduated from Shawano High School. On July 1, 1978, she was united in marriage to Curtis Berglin who preceded her in death in 1990. Marva worked for the Shawano County government for 26 years, with her last 10 years serving as a Registrar of Deeds until her retirement in 2005.

On Jan. 21, 2006, she was united in marriage to Donald K. Wege at St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano, where she was a member. Marva enjoyed singing in the church choir and formerly served as treasurer for the church. Marva and Don spent several years as snowbirds wintering in Green Valley, Arizona.

She was a strong-willed and caring woman who believed in giving back to her community. As such, she served in several different offices throughout the years with the Shawano Lions Club. Marva loved her family with all her heart and cherished the memories of the many family trips to Wisconsin Dells. She and Don also enjoyed coffee clutching at the Farm Inn



on Main with friends for many years.

Marva is survived by her husband, Don; two daughters, Nancy (Richard) Charron and Vicky Brennan; numerous

grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; and her brother, Wallace (Joan) Knope. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Marva was preceded in death by a husband, Curtis; her parents; children, Kathy Bartelt and Mike "Battles" Bartelt; and a grandson, Hunter Brennan.

A funeral service will be held at noon Monday, Nov. 28, 2022, at St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano with Pastor Andrew Zobel officiating. Visitation will be held at Swedberg Funeral Home in Shawano on Sunday from 4-7 p.m. and again at the church on Monday from 10:30 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery following the service.

www.swedbergfuneralhome.com

Lucille R. Elandt

Lucille R. Elandt, 98, formerly of Clintonville, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2022, in Neenah.

Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville.

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SHAWANO LEADER TIMES HERALD ENTERPRISE

Shawano jumps in Christmas season



Trees light up the entrance of Franklin Park during the first day of the Holiday tree lighting and stroll in Shawano on Nov. 26. Visitors were treated to over 100 light up trees from local businesses and organizations, as well as treats and other holiday activities.

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Visitors look on as the giant tree in the center of Franklin Park is brightly lit up to usher in the holiday season on Nov. 26. The giant tree was joined by 100 lighted trees spread out through Franklin Park as Shawano gets into the holiday spirit.

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Shawano residents Jasper and Taligha Poppe sit and talk to Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus to give them ideas for Christmas gifts during the Holiday Stroll and Tree Lighting at Franklin Park in Shawano on Nov. 26.

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Annual run precedes Thanksgiving dinner

**PHOTOS BY
LEE PULASKI • CITY EDITOR**

Runners hurry out to the front of the pack on Thanksgiving morning for the annual Total Fitness Turkey Trot, where participants run or walk 5 kilometers, or 3.1 miles. The run was just for fun, but the money raised by the participants' entry fees will benefit Shawano Area Matthew 25.



Ben O'Brien, left, of Bonduel, and Ethan Onesti, of Shawano, made a run for the finish line together in the parking lot of Total Fitness for the annual turkey trot on Thanksgiving morning.



While a number of runners took part in the Total Fitness Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning, there were plenty of folks willing to just walk the course. About 190 people signed up for the event, about half of them from outside Shawano, which marks a record year since Total Fitness moved to Main Street from its previous site off of Green Bay Street.

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These little known relief programs help seniors save on their property tax bills

Dear Savvy Senior,

I recently learned about a property-tax relief program for seniors in the county where I live. Apparently, there are hundreds of these programs across the country that many retirees, like me, are eligible for but don't know about. What can you tell me about this?

Overtaxed Eddie



JIM MILLER

Dear Eddie,

Great question. Residential property-tax refund and credit programs exist in nearly every state, but unfortunately few people know about them. These programs can help retirees and many other Americans by reducing their property taxes. Here's what you should know.

Property taxes are a major source of income for local governments, but while they help fund key public services, they can be a financial drain for many homeowners,

especially retirees, many of whom live on fixed incomes. According to Attom Data Solutions, a property-data provider, the average American household paid \$3,785 in property taxes in 2021, but this amount varies widely depending on your state's tax rate and your home's estimated value. For example, New Jersey residents paid \$9,476 per year on average in 2021, while West Virginia residents paid \$901.

To help ease this tax burden, most states offer a number of property-tax relief programs. States aren't always proactive in letting people know. It's up to you, the

homeowner, to find out what's available in your county or city that you may be eligible for, and to apply.

Property tax relief programs, sometimes called exemptions, release eligible homeowners from paying some or all of their property tax obligation. How long the exemption lasts can vary depending on where you live, and the reason you're applying for the exemption.

The tax-relief process varies by county, city or state. In general, you'll have to meet certain eligibility requirements, submit an application and provide documents that support your request. Most programs will either reduce, waive or freeze property taxes for seniors, veterans, surviving spouses, disabled and low-income residents.

There are some counties that also offer basic homestead exemptions to homeowners regardless of

age or income, and others that may provide exemptions to homeowners that have recently made energy-efficient improvements to their home.

The best way to learn about local property-tax relief programs and their eligibility requirements is to visit your county, city or state website that collects your property tax. Most of these sites also provide applications and instructions, and will allow you to apply either online, by mail or at your local tax office.

Another good resource for locating programs in your area is the Lincoln Institute, which has a property-tax database that lets you to browse programs across the country. To access it, go to ResidentialPropertyTaxReliefPrograms.org.

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About a quarter of deaths worldwide are caused by infectious organisms, with reports from the World Health Organization (WHO) of new infectious diseases continuing to emerge in new locations around the globe.

Infectious diseases are illnesses caused by pathogens, commonly known as germs, such as bacteria, viruses, and fungi, that enter the body, multiply, and can cause an infection.

“Understanding how certain infectious diseases spread is a key factor in preventing disease, and it varies for different bacteria, viruses, and other pathogens,” said Jen Matuszewski, Aspirus infection preventionist and registered nurse. “Some diseases require direct contact such as hand holding, kissing, skin-to-skin, etc. In other cases, spreading can take place through airborne transmission, such as breathing in dust particles or small respiratory droplets from an infected person.”

Infections can compromise patients’ health and the efforts of health care workers to have a detrimental impact on public health. Every year, secondary infections cause thousands of health concerns in health care facilities.

“Most patients coming into health care facilities due to an illness or surgical procedure might require the use of medical devices or treatment that could potentially put them at risk for a health care-associated infection,” Matuszewski said. “By requiring specific infection prevention policies in our health care facilities, we prevent the transmission of potentially life-threatening infections.”

Health care facilities continue to implement ways to keep patients safe and limit exposure to outside pathogens. These interventions have remained crucial throughout the pandemic and are especially important with the upcoming influenza and RSV (respiratory syncytial virus).



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SATURDAY										MORNING / AFTERNOON										DEC. 3								
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ABC	Good Morning America (N) 		 Good Morning America (N)   Action 2 News: This Morning (N)		 Wildlife   Morn-ing	 oh baby!  (EI) 	 Hearts of   Wildlife	 Saving Pets   oh baby!	College Football Big 12 Championship: TBA vs TCU. (N)  (Live) 						College Football Scoreboard		College Football American Conference Championship: Teams TBA. (N)  (Live) 											
CBS	 Mission   CBS Sat	 Hope in the Wild (N)  (EI)	 CBS Sat   Lucky Dog		 In-novation Nation	 Mission Unstop-pable (N)	 Hope in the Wild (N)  (EI)	All In With Laila Ali  (EI)	Did I Men-tion Inven-tion?	 Outdoors   Ideal Prostate	College Basketball Teams TBA. (N)  (Live) 				College Foot-ball: Drive to Atlanta		College Football Today (N)		College Football SEC Championship: LSU vs Georgia. (N)  (Live) 									
FOX	 Xplor. Planet   News	 Xploration Space	World Cup Live 2022 (N)  		FIFA World Cup 2022 Round of 16: Teams TBA. (N)  (Live) 				FIFA World Cup 2022 Today (N)  						FIFA World Cup 2022 Round of 16: Teams TBA. (N)  (Live) 						College Football Mountain West Championship: Fresno State at Boise State. (N)  (Live) 							
NBC	 Today   (6:00) Today	 906 Outdoors	 Today's Home-owner	 	Earth Od-yssey With Dylan		Wild Child "Urban Wild"	Harlem Globe-trotters	One Team-Sports	 Blade   The Voyager	 Paid Program   TBA	 Nu-triseal BOGO! 	 Paid Program 	PGA Tour Special (N) 				PGA Tour Golf Hero World Challenge, Third Round. (N)  (Live) 				FIS Alpine Skiing Xfin-ity Birds of Prey. From Beaver Creek, Colo. 				 Nu-triseal   Emeril	NBC Nightly News	
PBS					Hero El-ementary  (EI)   (DVS)		Alma's Way  (EI)   (DVS)	Curious George (EI)	Daniel Tiger's Neigh-borhood   (DVS)				Suze Orman's Ultimate Retirement Guide Planning for retirement. 				Eat Your Medicine: The Pegan Diet With Mark Hyman, MD How to use food as medicine. 				Mary Berry's Simple Comforts "Paris"		(:38) Mary Berry's Simple Comforts "River Thames" Mixed bean and butternut squash wraps.  		Magic Moments -- The Best of '50s Pop (My Music) Revisiting the 1950s. 			
 WACY	Hearts	oh baby!	Paid	Mak	Paid		Out	MidWest	Bensin				World's	World's	SOS: Survive		Sporting	Raised	Offshore	Spanish	Heartland 		Mod	Mod	Gold	Gold		
 WTPX	MacGyver 		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU							
CW	 Outdoor   Pop-star!	 	Jack Han-na's Into the Wild	Jack Han-na's Into the Wild	Jack Han-na's Into the Wild	Jack Han-na's Into the Wild	Pet Vet Dream Team 	Tails of Valor  (EI) 	 Science   Live Life-Win	 Med Plan?   Paid Pro-gram	 Relief   Res-cue	 Cook Like   Theft	 Boundless The Sup 11 Cities tour.	 Celeste and Jesse Forever	WOW - Women Of Wrestling Tormenta;		Wrecking Ball; Leia Makoa.		 Sports   High-way	 Greatest Sports	 	 Relief from inflam-mation	 Last Man   Burgers	 Last Man   Burgers				

SATURDAY						EVENING						DEC. 3	
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC	College Football	College Football Scoreboard (N)  (Live) 	College Football ACC Championship: Clemson vs North Carolina. (N)  (Live) 						 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)  Action 2 News at 10 (N)		 (:05) Weird Earth   (:05) Investi-gate TV	 (:35) The Song "Gary Allan" 	
 WAOW  WBAY													
CBS	(3:00) College Football SEC Championship: LSU vs Georgia.	 Discover Wisconsin   Inside Edition Week-end (N) 	Robbie the Reindeer: Hooves of Fire & Legend of the Lost Tribe Animated. Robbie versus Blitzen.  		The Story of Santa Claus Animated. Jolly couple's history.  		(:01) 48 Hours  		 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)  NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)		 (:35) HS Sports Xtra (N)  (:35) Beat the Odds	 (:05) Discover Wisconsin   (:05) The Song "Gary Allan" 	 (:35) Friends    (:35) Opry (N Same-day Tape)
 WFRV  WSAW													
FOX	College Football: Mountain West Championship	Big Ten Championship Pregame (N)  (Live) 	College Football Big Ten Championship: Teams TBA. (N)  (Live) 						 Modern Family   Fox 11 News at Nine (N)		 S.W.A.T. "Next of Kin"   Jeopardy! 	 Small Town Big Deal "Hidden Christmas Gems"  	
 WZAW  WLUK													
NBC	 NBC26 News at 6pm (N)   Inside the Huddle	 Paid Program   Wheel of Fortune 	Password "Yvette Nicole Brown, Joel McHale, Chrissy Metz & Jimmy Fallon" Celebrities play a word game.  		Dateline NBC 		Saturday Night Live "Billie Eilish" From Dec. 11, 2021: Billie Eilish. (N)  		 News   Newswatch 12 Saturday		(:29) Saturday Night Live (N)  (Live) 		
 WGBA  WJFW													
PBS	(5:00) Jerry Apps: Food & Memories 	Chris Botti & The Dallas Symphony Orchestra Trumpeter Chris Botti performs.  		Joe Bonamassa: Beacon Theatre -- Live From New York Guitarist Joe Bonamassa performs.  		Roy Orbison Forever The life and career of Roy Orbison.  		Quincy Jones: A Musical Celebration in Paris Celebrating the career of Quincy Jones.  					
 WHRM  WLEF  WPNE													
 WACY	Family Feud 	Two/Half Men	Chicago Fire "Where I Want to Be"		Chicago P.D. "Descent" 		Am Housewife	Am Housewife	The Simpsons	Family Guy 	Family Guy 	S.W.A.T. 	
 WTPX	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		
CW	 The Big Bang Theory 	 The Big Bang Theory Wolowitz can't get a toy drone to fly. 	Whose Line Is It Anyway? Guest comic Brad Sherwood. (N)  		Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Jeff Davis 16" Guest comic Jeff Davis.		World's Funniest Animals Special guest: Brec Bassinger. (N)  	World's Funniest Animals Pilfering pooches; shaking shepherds. 	 Fox 11 News at Nine on CW	 Moviefone TV  *** An Officer and a Gentleman 	 The National Desk (N) (Live)		
 WCWF  WYOW	 The Good Doctor 										 TMZ (N)  		

SUNDAY				EVENING								DEC. 4		
6 PM		6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30		
ABC		America's Funniest Home Videos		Celebrity Wheel of Fortune "RuPaul, Gayle King and Julie Bowen" RuPaul; Gayle King; Julie Bowen. (N)  		The Rookie "The Collar" An explosive rampage must be stopped. (N)  		The Rookie "Take Back" An unexpected death is investigated. (N)  		9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)  	9 (:35) Entertainment Tonight (N)  	9 (:05) Entertainment Tonight (N) 	9 (:35) Weather Gone Viral "When Weather Attacks"	
CBS		(3:25) NFL Football Kansas City Chiefs at Cincinnati Bengals. (N)		60 Minutes (N)  		Fit for Christmas (2022, Romance) Amanda Kloots, Paul Greene. Premiere. Sparks fly between a fitness instructor and a businessman.  		East New York "Snapped" The team must defuse a family conflict.  		9 (:35) Local 5 News at 10:00  	9 (:05) Sports Xtra  	9 (:35) Joel Osteen Ministries  		
FOX		The Simpsons Animated. Homer humiliates himself. 	Bob's Burgers Animated. The Belchers help put on a play. 	The Simpsons Animated. Marge and Maggie discover paradise.	(:31) HouseBroken Animated. Honey's holiday wish comes true. (N) 	Family Guy Animated. Brian starts to date a carry. (N) 	93 Seinfeld "The Maid"  	93 Seinfeld "Pilot" A woman's impending visit excites Jerry. 	93 The Goldbergs  	93 Goldbergs  	93 American Housewife  	93 American Housewife Katie tries to get a venue approved.		
NBC		Football Night in America (N)  		(:15) NFL Football Indianapolis Colts at Dallas Cowboys. The Cowboys start a string of three straight against the AFC South by hosting the Colts. (N)  						25 News  	25 The Race  	25 Graham Bensinger  		
PBS		(5:00) Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons: A Life on Stage The Jersey Boys perform.  		Old Fashioned: The Story of the Wisconsin Supper Club Dining experience of supper clubs.  		Suze Orman's Ultimate Retirement Guide Planning for retirement.  		Wisconsin From the Air Winter Fly over some of Wisconsin's most beloved landmarks, ski down snow-covered hills and snowmobile along icy lakes.  				The Great Age Reboot Strategies for the future.  		
WACY		Family Feud 	Two/Half Men	** Celeste and Jesse Forever (2012) Rashida Jones.		Mom 	Mom 	The Simpsons	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	S.W.A.T. 			
WTPX		Christmas Diamond		The Search for Secret Santa (2022) Skye Coyne, Alex Trumble.  		A Christmas Witness (2021) Arielle Kebbel, Colin Egglesfield.  				The Search for Secret Santa (2022)				
CW		13 The Big Bang Theory  	13 The Big Bang Theory Sheldon is faced with changes.  	Family Law "Blame It on the Mother" Daniel debates leaving for a rival firm. (N) 	Coroner "Our Home on Native Land" Shading light on a housing problem. (N) 	13 WOW - Women  	93 Chicago P.D. "Descent" Antonio crosses a line. 	14 Truth of God	93 WOW - Women Of Wrestling (N) 	14 Extra (N)  	14 Moviefone TV 			
WCWF		13 The Good Doctor  												
WYOW														

WEEKDAYS				MORNING / AFTERNOON																		DEC. 5	
	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	
ABC	Good Morning America				9 Live	2 25 Words or Less	The View		9 News 9	9 Drew Barrymore	9 GMA3: What	2 Paid Program	General Hospital		9 Tamron Hall		Dr. Phil		9 News at 4PM	2 Action 2 News at 4:30	9 News 9	ABC World News	
9 WAOW					2 News				2 Inside	2 Pawn	2 News				2 GMA3: What You Need to Know						2 News		
2 WBAY																							
CBS	CBS Mornings				5 Local 5 7 25 Words	7 Paid Program	The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless		9 News 9 NewsChannel 7	Bold and the Beautiful	The Talk		Let's Make a Deal		5 Friends 7 Clark-son	5 Friends	5 Local 5 News 7 Jdg Judy	5 Local 5 News 7 Jdg Judy	9 News 9 NewsChannel 7	CBS Evening News	
5 WFRV																							
7 WSAW																							
FOX	55 Business First	55 Ag- Day	World Cup Live 2022		FIFA World Cup 2022		Varied Programs		55 Family Feud	55 Family Feud 11 Jdg Judy	55 Blast 11 World Cup	55 Blast 11 Varied	55 Judge Mathis 11 FIFA World Cup 2022		55 Hot Bench 11 Varied	55 Hot Bench	55 Judge 11 Peo. Court	55 Judge Judy	55 News 11 Jdg Judy	55 Fam- Feud 11 Jdg Judy	55 Shel- don 11 News	55 Shel- don 11 Varied	
55 WZAW	11 News																						
11 WLUK																							
NBC	Today				Today 3rd Hour		Today With Hoda & Jenna		25 12	25 List 12 Neighbor- hood	NBC News Daily		25 Date- line 12 You Bet	12 Pic- tionary	25 Tamron Hall 12 Pictionary	12 Funny You Ask	25 12	12 TMZ	25 Fam- Feud 12 Up North	25 Aft. Focus 12 Jeopardy	25 News 12 News	NBC Nightly News	
25 WGBA																							
12 WJFW																							
PBS	Hero Element- ary	Alma's Way	Curious George	Daniel Tiger's Neighbor- hood	Rosie's Rules	Donkey Hodie	Sesame Street	Pinkali- cious & Peterrific	Dinosaur Train	Elinor Wonders Why	Sesame Street	Rosie's Rules	Ask This Old House	Ameri- ca's Test Kitchen From Cook	Downton Abbey on Master- piece			Rick Steves' Europe		Odd Squad	Arthur	Molly of Denali	BBC World News America
20 WHRM																							
35 WLEF																							
38 WPNE																							
42 WACY	Judge	Relative	Divorce	Divorce	Wom	Grill'n	iCRIME	iCRIME	The First 48		Dateline		Chicago Fire		Sherri		TMZ Live		Mod	Mod	Gold	Gold	
45 WTPX	Varied Programs																						
CW	14 National	30 Caught in Provi- dence	14 Weather 34 M'ry	14 Paid Program	14 Court 34 S. Wilkos	14 Couples Court	14 Hot Bench 34 Karamo	14 Hot Bench	14 Pater- nity 34 M'ry	14 Pater- nity Court	14 Law & Order: SVU 34 XTRA	14 Access Hol- lywood	14 Judge Jerry 34 Sherri		14 Judge Mathis 34 Judge Jerry		14 Piction- ary 34 Karamo	14 You Bet Your Life	14 Jeopardy 34 Steve Wilkos	14 Funny You Ask	14 You Bet 34 Judge	14 Shel- don 34 Judge	
14 WCWF	34 Divor.																						
34 WYOW																							

MONDAY						EVENING						DEC. 5	
6 PM		6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC	9 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N) 1 2	The Great Christmas Light Fight (N) 1 2 (DVS)				The Good Doctor "Sorry, Not Sorry" Dr. Park must face her past. (N) 1 2 (DVS)		9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! 1 2	11 PM	(:37) Nightline (N) 2	
9 WAOW	9 Action 2 News at Six (N)								9 Action 2 News at 10 (N)				
2 WBAY													
CBS	9 Local 5 News at 6:00	9 Local 5 News at 6:30	The Neighborhood	Bob Hearts Abishola	NCIS "Higher Education" A college student is killed. (N) 1 2 (DVS)	NCIS: Hawaii "Desperate Measures" Cmdr. Chase is abducted. (N) 1 2 (DVS)	9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)		(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N) 1 2	9 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden (N) 1 2		
5 WFRV	7 (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6	7 Inside Edition (N) 1 2	Calvin considers a life change. (N) 1	Abishola visits the sock factory. (N)									
7 WSAW													
FOX	59 The Big Bang Theory 1 2	59 The Big Bang Theory 2	TMZ's Merry Elf(n) Christmas The biggest stories of 2022. (N) 1 2 (DVS)			The Cleaning Lady "Trust" Thorny questions her alliances. (N) 1 2		59 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N)	59 Seinfeld Jerry finds ending a friendship is hard. 1 2	59 Seinfeld "The Bizarro Jerry" 1	59 Last Man Standing 2	59 Last Man Standing 2	59 The Goldbergs
55 WZAW	11 Jeopardy! (N) 1 2	11 Wheel of Fortune (N) 2						11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)		11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N)	11 (:07) The King of Queens 2	11 (:35) The Neighborhood	
11 WLUK													
NBC	26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 2	26 Family Feud	The Voice "Live Semi-Final Top 8 Performances" The top eight artists perform. (N) 1 (Live) 2				That's My Jam Celebrities play festive musical games. (N) 1 2 (DVS)		26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N)	26 (:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N) 1 2	(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers 1 2		
26 WGBA	12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N) 2	12 Wheel of Fortune							12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	12 (:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon 1 2			
12 WJFW		"Disney Secret Santa" (N)											
PBS	PBS NewsHour (N) 1 2		The Carpenters: Close to You & Christmas Memories (My Music Presents) The career of the Carpenters. 1 2			The Carpenters: Christmas Memories (My Music Presents) Christmas favorites. 1 2		Wisconsin Home Town Stories "Door County" Historians, citizens and experts tell stories of tourism. 1 2		Old Fashioned: The Story of the Wisconsin Supper Club Dining experience of supper clubs. 1 2			
20 WHRM													
36 WLEF													
38 WPNE													
32 WACY	Family Feud 1	Two/Half Men	Dateline "The Capture" 1 2		Chicago P.D. "If We Were Normal" 1		My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	Mom 1 2	
46 WTPX	Criminal Minds "Final Shot" 1		Criminal Minds "To Bear Witness"		Criminal Minds "Route 66" 1		Criminal Minds "In the Blood" 1		Criminal Minds "Gatekeeper" 1		Criminal Minds "The Return" 1		
CW	10 The Big Bang Theory 1 2	11 The Big Bang Theory 1 2	The Waltons' Homecoming (2021, Drama) Logan Shroyer, Marcelle LeBlanc, Christian Finlayson. John Boy searches for his father on Christmas Eve. 1				10 Last Man Standing	11 Seinfeld 1 2	11 The National Desk (N) (Live)	10 The National Desk (N)	11 Last Man Standing 2	11 Young Sheldon 1	
14 WCWF							11 The Liquidator	11 Chicago P.D. 1 2		11 black-ish "Richard Youngsta" 1	11 black-ish 2 (DVS)	11 Family Guy 1	
34 WYOW	10 Divorce Court (N) 1 2	11 Divorce Court 1 2											

TUESDAY						EVENING						DEC. 6	
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC	9 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	9 News 9 Pack Attack	Celebrity Wheel of Fortune "Sasheer Zamata, Jack Black and Kal Penn" Jack Black, Kal Penn and Sasheer Zamata. (N) (DVS)		Press Your Luck "Press Your Luck's Holiday Extravaganza" Three new contestants compete. (N) (DVS)		The \$100,000 Pyramid "Jason Alexander vs. Bobby Moynihan and Rosie O'Donnell vs. Pete Holmes" Jason Alexander; Bobby Moynihan.		9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N) (DVS)		(:37) Nightline (N) (DVS)	
WAOW	Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N) (DVS)							Action 2 News at 10 (N)				
WBAY													
CBS	9 Local 5 News at 6:00	9 Locker Room	FBI "One Night Stand" A young couple is found murdered. (N) (DVS)		FBI: International "Shouldn't Have Left Her" Raines' sister goes missing. (N) (DVS)		FBI: Most Wanted "Covenant" Investigating a series of homicides. (N) (DVS)		9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N) (DVS)		(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden (N) (DVS)	
WFRW	(5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6	7 Locker Room							9 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)				
WSAW													
FOX	65 The Big Bang Theory (N) (DVS)	65 The Big Bang Theory (N) (DVS)	The Resident "Family Day" Nic's dad comes into Chastain. (N) (DVS)		(:02) Monarch "The Last Dance" (Season Finale) An arrest is made in the murder. (N) (DVS)		65 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N)	65 Seinfeld "The Stakeout" Jerry woos an ex-girlfriend's friend.	65 Seinfeld "The Little Kicks" (N) (Live)	65 Last Man Standing (N) (DVS)	65 Last Man Standing (N) (DVS)	65 The Goldbergs (N) (DVS)	
WZAW	11 Jeopardy! (N) (DVS)	11 Wheel of Fortune (N) (DVS)					11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)		11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	11 (:07) The King of Queens (N) (DVS)	11 (:35) Seinfeld (N) (DVS)	11 (:35) The Neighborhood (N) (DVS)	
WLUK													
NBC	12 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) (DVS)	12 Packers Live	The Voice "Live Semi-Final Top 8 Eliminations" America votes four artists through. (N) (Live)		People's Choice Awards Honoring fan favorites in pop culture. (N) (Live)				12 NBC26 News at 10pm (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N) (DVS)		(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers (N) (DVS)	
WGBA	12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N) (DVS)	12 Wheel of Fortune	"Disney Secret Santa"						12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)				
WJFW													
PBS	PBS NewsHour (N) (DVS)		John Sebastian's Folk Rewind (My Music Presents) Artists of the 1950s and '60s. (N) (DVS)				Chicago River Tour with Geoffrey Baer Stories of the river's history.			Suze Orman's Ultimate Retirement Guide Planning for retirement. (N) (DVS)			
WHRM													
WLEF													
WPNE													
WACY	62 Family Feud (N) (DVS)	NBA G League Basketball Wisconsin Herd at Sioux Falls Skyforce. (N) (DVS)			Two/Half Men		My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	Mom (N) (DVS)	
WTPX	46 Chicago Fire (N) (DVS)	Chicago Fire (N) (DVS)			Chicago Fire (N) (DVS)		Chicago Fire (N) (DVS)		Chicago Fire "A Heavy Weight" (N) (DVS)	Chicago Fire "A Dark Day" (N) (DVS)			
CW	14 The Big Bang Theory (N) (DVS)	14 The Big Bang Theory (N) (DVS)	The Winchesters "Reflections" Millie helps decipher notes left behind. (N) (DVS)		Professionals "The Alamo" Peter and Vincent battle to survive. (N) (DVS)		14 Last Man Standing (N) (DVS)	14 Seinfeld "The Little Kicks" (N) (DVS)	14 The National Desk (N) (Live)	14 The National Desk (N) (Live)	14 Last Man Standing (N) (DVS)	14 Young Sheldon (N) (DVS)	
WCWF	34 Divorce Court (N) (DVS)	34 Divorce Court (N) (DVS)					34 The Liquidator (N) (DVS)	34 Chicago P.D. "In a Duffel Bag" (N) (DVS)		34 black-ish "Sister, Sister" (N) (DVS)	34 black-ish (N) (DVS)	34 Family Guy (N) (DVS)	
WYOW													

WEDNESDAY						EVENING				DEC. 7		
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
ABC	News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	Packers Live	The Conners Dan meets his in-laws. (N)	The Goldbergs The JTP host their first holiday party. (N)	Abbott Elementary	(:31) Home Economics Someone faces financial troubles. (N)	Big Sky "A Thin Layer of Rock" A groom disappears from a wedding. (N)		News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)		(:37) Nightline (N)
WAOW	Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)							Action 2 News at 10 (N)			
WBAY												
CBS	Local 5 News at 6:00 (N)	Green Bay Nation (N)	Survivor (N)			The Amazing Race "The Only Leg That Matters" (N)		East New York "Going Commando" The team tracks an escaped convict. (N)		(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N)		(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden (N)
WFRV	(5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6	Inside Edition (N)										
WSAW								Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)				
								NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)				
FOX	The Big Bang Theory A famous female physicist. (N)	The Big Bang Theory (N)	The Masked Singer "Masked Singer Seasonal Sing-A-Long Spectacular!" Christmas singalong. (N)			(:02) LEGO Masters "Start Your Engines" Building a fashionable race car. (N)		NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N)	Seinfeld "The Robbery" Jerry's move sets off a chain of events.	Seinfeld "The Package" (N)	Last Man Standing (N)	Last Man Standing (N)
WZAW	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)						Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)		Fox 11 News at 10 (N)	Last Man Standing (N)	The Goldbergs (N)
WLUK										(:35) Seinfeld (N)	(:07) The King of Queens (N)	(:35) The Neighborhood (N)
NBC	NBC26 News at 6pm (N)	Total Packers-Matt LaFleur	Chicago Med "This Could Be the Start of Something New" Halstead relies on Marcel. (N)			Chicago Fire "Nemesis" Severide struggles with helping Pryma. (N)		Chicago P.D. "Proof of Burden" The team closes in on Sean O'Neal. (N)		NBC26 News at 10pm (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N)	
WGBA	Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	Wheel of Fortune								Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)		
WJFW												
PBS	PBS NewsHour (N)		Rick Steves European Christmas Holiday customs and practices in Europe. (N)					Alone in the Wilderness Living in nature. (N)		The Great Age Reboot Strategies for the future. (N)		
WHRM												
WLEF												
WPNE												
WACY	Family Feud (N)	Two/Half Men	Dateline (N)			Chicago P.D. "She's Got Us" (N)		My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife
WTPX	NCIS "Keep Your Enemies Closer"		NCIS "Handle With Care" (N)			NCIS "One Man's Trash" (N)		NCIS "Death From Above" (N)	NCIS "The Numerical Limit" (N)	NCIS "Sight Unseen" (N)		
CW	The Big Bang Theory (N)	The Big Bang Theory (N)	DC's Stargirl "Frenemies -- Chapter Thirteen: The Reckoning" (Series Finale) The JSA are in the fight of their lives. (N)			Greatest Holiday Commercials Countdown 2022 The world's best holiday commercials. (N)		Last Man Standing (N)	Seinfeld "The Package" (N)	The National Desk (N) (Live)	The National Desk (N) (Live)	Last Man Standing (N)
WCWF	Divorce Court (N)	Divorce Court (N)						The Liquidator (N)	Chicago P.D. "She's Got Us"	black-ish "Liberal Arts" (N)	black-ish (N)	Young Sheldon (N)
WYOW												Family Guy (N)

THURSDAY				EVENING						DEC. 8			
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC	News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	Entertainment To-night (N) (DVS)	Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town Animated. The voice of Fred Astaire. Animated. (N) (DVS)		CMA Country Christmas A holiday celebration. (N) (DVS) (DVS)		To Be Announced		News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N) (DVS)		(:37) Nightline (N) (DVS)	
WAOW	Action 2 News at Six (N)								Action 2 News at 10 (N)				
WBAY													
CBS	Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6	Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) (DVS) Inside Edition (N) (DVS)	Young Sheldon Sheldon's invention causes trouble. (N) (DVS)	(:31) Ghosts Trevor devises a ghost fraternity. (N) (DVS)	(:01) So Help Me Todd "Big Bang Theories" Lyle's niece is accused of a crime. (N) (DVS)		CSI: Vegas "Grace Note" A suspect is found murdered. (N) (DVS)		Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N) (DVS)		(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden (N) (DVS)	
WFRV													
WSAW													
FOX	The Big Bang Theory (N) (DVS)	The Big Bang Theory (N) (DVS)	Hell's Kitchen "Putting the Carne in Carnival" Competing in games for an advantage. (N) (DVS) (DVS)		(:02) Welcome to Flatch Kelly and Shrub host a toy drive. (N) (DVS)		NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	Seinfeld George gives Jerry a bad stock-tip. (N) (DVS)	Seinfeld "The Fatigues" (N) Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	Last Man Standing (N) (:07) The King of Queens (N)	Last Man Standing (N) (:35) Seinfeld (N) (DVS)	The Goldbergs (N) (:35) The King of Queens (N) (DVS)	
WZAW													
WLUK													
NBC	NBC26 News at 6pm (N) (DVS)	Family Feud Wheel of Fortune	Law & Order "The System" A murder suspect escapes. (N) (DVS) (DVS)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "And a Trauma in a Pear Tree" Benson makes Noah's Christmas wish come. (N) (DVS) (DVS)		Law & Order: Organized Crime "Last Christmas" The fate of the task force is at stake. (N) (DVS) (DVS)		NBC26 News at 10pm (N) Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N) (DVS)		(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers (N) (DVS)	
WGBA	Newswatch 12 at 6 (N) (DVS)	"Disney Secret Santa" (N)											
WJFW													
PBS	PBS NewsHour (N) (DVS)		Jerry Apps: Food & Memories (N) (DVS)			Our Birds: An In Wisconsin Special (N) (DVS)			Eat Your Medicine: The Pegan Diet With Mark Hyman, MD How to use food as medicine. (N) (DVS)				
WHRM													
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WACY	Family Feud (N) (DVS)	Two/Half Men	Dateline (N) (DVS)		Chicago P.D. "Start Digging" (N) (DVS)		My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	Mom (N) (DVS)	
WTPX	Chicago P.D. "Fighting Ghosts" (N) (DVS)		Chicago P.D. "White Knuckle" (N) (DVS)		Chicago P.D. "Tender Age" (N) (DVS)		Chicago P.D. A cop is murdered.		Chicago P.D. "In Your Care" (N) (DVS)		Chicago P.D. "Equal Justice" (N) (DVS)		
CW	The Big Bang Theory (N) (DVS)	The Big Bang Theory (N) (DVS)	Silent Night: A Song for the World The creation of the Christmas carol. (N) (DVS)				Last Man Standing (N) (DVS)	Seinfeld "The Fatigues" (N) Chicago P.D. "Start Digging"	The National Desk (N) (Live)	The National Desk (N) (Live)	Last Man Standing (N) (DVS)	Young Sheldon (N) (DVS)	
WCWF	Divorce Court (N) (DVS)	Divorce Court (N) (DVS)					The Liquidator (N) (DVS)			black-ish "Juneteenth" (N) (DVS)	black-ish (N) (DVS)	Family Guy (N) (DVS)	
WYOW													

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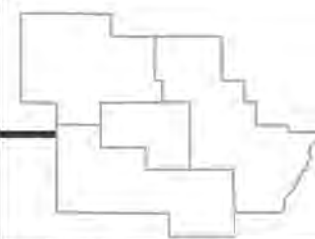
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Remote work causes jump in hip ailments

An unexpected consequence of working from home is an increase in hip-related ailments, according to an official with ThedaCare.

"There are a number of reasons why our hips can get painful when we are sitting a lot," said Justin Guzman, a certified physician assistant at ThedaCare Orthopedic Care. "Our bodies were not made to remain in a repetitive position; they were made to move and change positions. When we don't move, our muscles and joints get tight and sore, and bursitis and pain from arthritis can result."

Guzman said certain things can cause hip issues.

"Sitting in a hip-flexed position for long periods of time causes our hip flexors, which run along the top part of our thigh into the pelvic region, to get short and tight," he said. "Then the muscles on our backside — our gluteus muscles — get long and weak because we are not really using them. The result is we end up feeling super tight in the front and a little weak in the back."

Arthritis can be another source of hip pain. Guzman noted arthritis causes deep groin pain and tends to make people feel stiff after sitting for long periods of time. Then, if

they try to do a lot of activity, the pain can increase significantly.

For most cases of hip pain, movement is medicine, especially for arthritis issues and for tight muscles.

"Moving helps get blood flowing to the muscles and increases joint fluid," said Guzman. "When we're moving, our synovial capsules release fluid into our joints, which lubricates them and acts as a shock absorber. That makes it important for people who sit at a desk to get up and move often. Take a break every 20 minutes or so and move around. When you're on a phone call, stand up and move around, or drink a lot of water so you have to go to the bathroom."

Guzman said it's also important that people who work from home have a good, ergonomic chair.

"A good desk chair is key because positioning is important," he said. "Your chair should provide good lumbar support to keep your spine and pelvis in a neutral position. Your hips should be flexed at a 90-degree angle so that your thighs are parallel with the floor, and your feet should be flat on the floor. Your shoulders should be relaxed and in a neutral position."

Guzman said sit-to-stand desks

or standing desks are good options from a hip, back and core strength standpoint.

"The ergonomics of your entire desk space, including the position of your screen, keyboard and mouse, is important so you are not creating pressure from the neck down through the spine and not forcing your core or gluteus muscles into awkward holding positions that put pressure on the hip joint," he said.

Exercising regularly also will help prevent arthritis and muscle pain. Guzman said stretching where tightness occurs and strengthening where weak can help. He recommended hip flexor stretches, including standing lunge stretches, knee lunges and bridge lifts, as good ways to loosen tight muscles. To strengthen the gluteal muscles, Guzman suggested a clamshell exercise.

"Put a therapy band around your knees and spread your knees apart and then bring them together slowly, using the resistance of the band," he said. "Do 20 reps to fatigue. Three sets of 20 reps to fatigue every other day would be a good amount of strengthening. The beauty of this exercise is it's something that you can do right at your desk."

He added that bridge lifts, planks and side planks are more advanced exercises for core and gluteus muscle strengthening.

"What's important is to start slow and stack days of success in a row, and then try to do more from a strength and stamina point today than you did yesterday, interspersed with a day of rest," he said. "That's how you want to build up from a strength and stamina standpoint."

Guzman also recommended a number of low-impact aerobic activities as other exercise options. Walking on an elliptical machine, biking and swimming are good for joints from an arthritis or tendinitis standpoint. A person will get exercise, but not add violent impact forces through joints.

Paying attention to hip and joint pain is important, Guzman said.

"Prevention and treatment go hand-in-hand," he said. "Not treating hip pain can result in progressively weakened hips that move into tendinitis and bursitis. The longer things are inflamed, the harder they are to heal. It takes six to eight weeks to strengthen muscles, and it's hard to strengthen them once they are inflamed and painful."

OPINION: YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

Don't pay too much for that photocopy

How much does it cost to copy one piece of paper? If you ask records custodians in Wisconsin, many will tell you 25 cents. At least that's what they charge.

Is that number accurate? Commercial printers charge half that for small jobs, and bulk printing jobs can get as low as 2 cents per page. One would assume that they are making a profit, even at this low rate. So why do some public officials charge so much?

Most custodians haven't actually calculated their per-page costs. Instead, they use 25 cents because they look around and see other government agencies charging that much. That price likely goes back to the Attorney General's Compliance Guide, which until 2018 said that "anything in excess of \$0.25 cents may be suspect." Custodians saw that as permission to charge up to 25 cents, so many did.



TOM KAMENICK

State law says custodians can only charge the "actual, necessary and direct cost of reproduction."

What does that mean? It means they can't make a profit. It means they should

be looking at what they actually pay for supplies, using receipts. It means the costs they charge must bear a direct relationship with those they incur.

As an attorney who specializes in open government legislation, I deal with this issue all the time. Last month, in a case I litigated against the Town of Worcester, in Price County, a judge ruled that the town had com-

mitted several violations, including charging too much for copies.

The town was charging 50 cents per page. The judge determined that the town arrived at this figure by including costs like maintenance, insurance and other computer equipment that were not "necessarily direct and actual." Using evidence of the town's actual expenses for paper and toner, we showed that its cost per page was about 1.8 cents.

That low number might surprise you, but it's in the ballpark of what the Wisconsin Department of Justice in 2018 calculated its per-page cost to be: 1.3 cents. The agency released guidance stating that "copying fees should be based on the actual costs of the copy machine or contract, and the actual cost of paper."

Sometimes, I hear custodians say that 25 cents includes the cost of

labor. No court has ever ruled labor can be included in a copying charge. Commercial printers — including labor, supplies, overhead and a profit — charge half that. If it really costs governments 25 cents to print every piece of paper, they should contract those services out and save taxpayers huge amounts of money.

So if you request paper records (remember, you are entitled to electronic copies of electronic records if you ask), and a government custodian tries to charge you 25 cents per page, push back. Show them the attorney general guidance and ask to see their actual receipts for paper and ink or toner.

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 Tom Kamenick is the president and founder of the Wisconsin Transparency Project.

Oconto Falls School Board OK's high school ice fishing team

Interscholastic state championship is scheduled on Shawano Lake in February

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

The new Oconto Falls High School ice fishing team has the approval of the school board.

The board OK'd the team, along with \$1,200 in startup funds, during its Nov. 14 meeting, after hearing recommendations from team advisers and Superintendent Dean Hess.

Adviser Jason Ingram told the board that 25 students turned out for a Nov. 1 meeting at the high school to gauge interest in a team that would compete under the auspices of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Fishing Association (WIFA). A Department of Natural Resources conservation warden is expected to attend the next meeting in December to discuss safety and ice fishing regulations with the students.

Ingram has been talking with coaches from the Three Lakes and Bonduel ice fishing teams to get a feel for what is required. After the next meeting, the team will develop season dates when they'll hit the ice for training and tournaments, with competitions expected each week-end starting in January.

"This year, Shawano Lake is the state tournament, so it's more local ice for us," he said.

The WIFA website, studentfishing.com, lists weekly state qualifying tournaments around the state on Saturdays starting Jan. 7, leading

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JASON INGRAM, Oconto Falls High School ice fishing team adviser

up to the state championship Feb. 17-18 on Shawano Lake.

"With 25 students we can have an inside-school tournament, if you will, our own students competing against each other," Ingram said. The competitions are catch-and-release fishing on inland lakes — no bay activity, he added.

Much of the discussion revolved around the extent to which participating students are allowed to use motorized vehicles, mainly to get to and from their fishing holes. The school board approved a plan similar to Bonduel High School's policy that students may use snowmobiles, ATVs or UTVs to access the ice, but not full-sized vehicles; further, "recreational" riding is prohibited.

Hess admitted that the issue of motorized vehicles was a subject of much discussion, for safety reasons.

"I'm torn on this one. From a logistical standpoint, it makes sense, because if you're going to have 25 students it might be challenging to support them all with only the advisers and chaperones being able to operate the sleds or ATVs," Hess said. "On the flip side, I will tell you that it causes me anxiety to think about young people on

motorized vehicles."

The superintendent said the district wants to set up the team advisers for success, but he knows young people have the potential to put them in challenging situations.

"I think that most of our young people will make good choices regularly, but there will be I would anticipate some situations where you would then have to step in, and I'm concerned about the safety piece," Hess said, acknowledging that he and the advisers did not reach a consensus on the issue.

Board president Clint Gardebrecht said he appreciates the safety concern but is unaware of any incidents involving Oconto Falls students misbehaving on ATVs or snowmobiles.

"The risk is there, and I totally understand that," Gardebrecht said, reviewing the proposed team rules. "The logistics of getting everything out there, if you guys have the right precautions in place — I notice in your sportsmanship section you have (rules against) 'flagrant disregard for ice fishing safety.' Maybe one recommendation would be put something in that safety section specifically around vehicles or just

safety in general, because it says 'A rule violation can cause a member to be removed from the team.'"

Gardebrecht added that he has "zero tolerance" on misbehaving on an ATV — neglecting ice safety, driving too fast or "doing doughnuts" on the ice — "That's the sort of thing that advisers can police."

Ingram said the advisers emphasize safety on the ice as a top priority.

"We stress to them right away, this is a privilege," he said. "You know, one screw-up, it's done."

Bryan Baumler, the board vice president, made the motion to approve the team and said he expects the students to be sensible.

"I'm going to venture to say those that are going to be showing up with those UTVs are going to be probably from backgrounds that have good knowledge about how to use them from their parents to begin with," Baumler said. "So they're going to have a good sense of being smart with them."

Hess said if the first year goes well, administrators would bring the ice fishing team next year as with a full-fledged paid coaching stipend.

"I was going to ask about fillets, but it sounds like the fish go back in the hole," Gardebrecht joked after the vote.

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DATCP accepting export expansion grant applications

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is accepting applications for export expansion grants.

Applications may be submitted through Nov. 16. These grants are funded through the Wisconsin Initiative for Agricultural Exports, a program proposed in Gov. Tony Evers' budget to promote the export of Wisconsin's agricultural products. Funds for the program were recently released by the Joint

Finance Committee.

This grant aims to accelerate the growth of Wisconsin dairy, meat, and crop product exports. Applicants must be a not-for-profit organization, located in Wisconsin, and currently serving or have the ability to serve Wisconsin agribusinesses. Wisconsin agribusiness associations, technical colleges, universities, and economic development organizations are encouraged to apply.

Projects can receive grant funds for

up to two years in duration with an option to request an additional year. Grants will be awarded up to \$50,000 for meat and crop-focused projects, and \$100,000 for dairy-focused projects. Matching funds are required at 20% of the grant award and can be cash or in-kind. Eligible project expenses include, but are not limited to, travel associated with trade promotion activities, event promotion, marketing materials, advertising, subscriptions, contractor fees, and translation ser-

vices, purchased market information, and data reporting services.

DATCP will use a competitive review process to select the most qualified projects. Selected projects will begin work in January. Grant information and application materials are available at https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Growing_WI/WisconsinInitiativeForAgriculturalExports.aspx. For more information, contact DATCP Grants Specialist Ryan Dunn at ryand.dunn@wisconsin.gov or 608-590-7239.

Mental health something that shouldn't be ignored

Mental health is a growing concern and an even bigger priority.

According to recent studies, one in five American adults experience a mental health issue. However, mental health issues don't just affect adults, but people of all ages including children and adolescents.

Mental health includes psychological, emotional, and social well-being. Although mental health tends to follow significant stigmas, it's essential to acknowledge the importance of good mental health efforts and to address ways to prioritize mental health.

"Mental health affects how we think, feel, act, make choices, and relate to others," said Heidi Pritzl, licensed clinical social worker with Aspirus Health. "It is so important to address our mental health needs, otherwise we may experience implications mentally, physically, or situationally if not treated."



HEIDI PRITZL

Here are ways to help priorities mental health, according to the National Institute of Mental Health:

- Get regular exercise. Walking every day can help improve mood and health. Even small amounts of exercise add up.
- Eat healthy, regular meals and stay hydrated. A balanced diet and plenty of water can improve energy and focus throughout the day. Also, limit caffeinated beverages such as soft drinks or coffee.
- Make sleep a priority. Stick to a schedule and get enough sleep. Limit screen time and light exposure from a phone or computer before bedtime.

- Try a relaxing activity. Explore relaxation or wellness programs or apps, which may incorporate meditation, muscle relaxation, breathing exercises or even journaling.

- Set goals and priorities. Learn to manage time and listen to one's body. Try to be mindful of what was accomplished at the end of the day, not what should have been or was unable to be done.

- Practice gratitude. Remember things to be grateful for daily. Be specific. Write them down at night or mentally remind oneself.

- Focus on positivity. Identify and challenge negative and unhelpful thoughts.

- Stay connected. Reach out to friends or family members who can provide emotional support and

practical help.

- Talk about concerns with a primary care provider, who can refer to a mental health specialist, if needed. For immediate attention, call the 24/7 Suicide and Crisis Hotline at 988.

"Many people experience mental health issues, and they might not always show it on the outside," said Pritzl. "Even though someone may look like they have it all together, it does not mean they do. Most people suffer in silence for fear of stigma. It is so important to stay connected and check in with loved ones and friends. Next time you see someone struggling with mental health, I encourage you to look at them, listen, tell they are not alone, and offer hope in any form."

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Will be received by the City of Shawano at **City Hall, 127 S. Sawyer St.**, Shawano, Wisconsin, until 10:00 AM Local Time on December 21, 2022, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Complete sets of Bidding Documents may be obtained in PDF electronic format by download from the Quest Construction Data Network (Quest CDN) website. Please contact the City of Shawano DPW at 715-526-3512 for assistance in working with the Quest CDN website for downloading the documents. All bidders shall bid in accordance with and shall bid upon the Proposal Forms provided in the Contract Documents.

All Proposals shall be addressed to the City of Shawano, Department of Public Works, 2905 E. Richmond St., Shawano, Wisconsin 54166, and shall be placed in a sealed opaque envelope with the name and address of the Bidder and the DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTRACT(S) FOR WHICH THE BID IS BEING SUBMITTED clearly marked on the outside of the envelope.

Owner requires Bidders to be pre-qualified for these projects in accordance with the Wisconsin Statutes 66.29(2). Qualifications shall be delivered to the DPW office, not less than 5 days prior to the bid deadline. The Owner's decision as to the qualifications shall be final. A certified check or Bid Bond payable to the City of Shawano in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid shall accompany each bid as a guarantee, that if the bid is accepted, the Bidder will execute and file the Contract, Performance and Payment Bond, and the Insurance Certificate(s) within ten (10) days after the receipt of the Notice of Award by the City. If the Bidder fails to file such a Contract and Bond within the time set forth above, the Certified Check or Bid Bond shall be forfeited to the City as liquidated damages.

The City of Shawano Common Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informalities in bidding, or to accept the bid or bids which best serves the interest of the City. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after the scheduled opening of bids without the consent of the City.

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BY: Bruce Milavitz, Mayor
Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk
Scott Kroening, Director of Public Works

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held by the Cecil Planning & Zoning Committee Tuesday, December 20th, 2022 at 6:00PM at the Village Hall at 111 E Hofman St, Cecil, Wisconsin to hear the following request for zoning change:

DGI-Cecil, LLC request a zoning change from A-G Agriculture to C-C Community Commercial District for a portion of parcel number 111 16230 0000 for the proposed project of a Dollar General retail store.

Part of the southwest ¼ of the northwest ¼ of section 16, Township 27 North, Range 17 East, Village of Cecil, Shawano County, Wisconsin.

In addition, DGI-Cecil, LLC requests allowance of 35 off-street parking stalls with dimensions of 9'x20' which is a reduction from the zoning ordinance that requires 10'x20' stalls.

Any interested party may address the Village Planning & Zoning committee by letter or appear in person or by agent and be heard at the Public Hearing.

Cecil Planning & Zoning Committee

Teri Westerfeld, Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Cecil

Date Posted: November 23rd, 2022

Date Published: November 25th and December 2nd, 2022

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NOTICE OF HOSPITAL PRICE INCREASE FOR THEDACARE MEDICAL CENTER-SHAWANO

ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano, located at 100 County Road B, Shawano, WI 54166 will increase charges for the fiscal year January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Selected hospital charges will change effective January 1, 2023 as follows.

The overall increase for ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano to total gross revenue from services to patients is anticipated to result in an average increase of 8%. The last revision was on January 1, 2022 and reflected an average increase of 5%.

	2023	2022	Dollar Change	% Variance
Emergency Room				
Medical Visit Level III	\$918	\$866	\$52	6%
Birth Center				
Labor Level 3/Hour	\$112	\$102	\$10	10%
Delivery Level I	\$3,877	\$3,525	\$352	10%
Circumcision	\$239	\$199	\$40	20%
Room & Board				
Private	\$1,792	\$1,493	\$299	20%
Nursery Level I	\$822	\$783	\$39	5%
Step Down Unit	\$2,969	\$2,474	\$495	20%
Swing Bed Semi-Private	\$265	\$252	\$13	5%
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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BONDUEL

BONDUEL, WISCONSIN 54107

Regular Board Meeting

7:00 PM Bonduel High School/Middle School Library Media Center

December 5, 2022

Agenda

Call to Order— (Posting Notice: **December 1, 2022** the agenda for the meeting was sent to the Shawano Leader, WTCH radio, and the clerks of the municipalities within the District's boundaries. Copies were also posted on the bulletin boards in the District Office, Bonduel High School office, Bonduel Elementary School, the Bonduel State Bank, and the Village of Bonduel Office). Please visit our District website on the Fridays before Board meetings at www.bonduel.k12.wi.us for the most up to date agenda.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Appearances:

Approval to Deviate from the Order of the Items on the Agenda.

Approval of Minutes.

Approval to Pay Bills.

New Business—Action Items

Discussion.

Reports.

Meetings to Attend.

Adjourn to Closed Session.

Reconvene to Open Session.

Adjourn

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BONDUEL

BONDUEL, WISCONSIN 54107

Regular Board Meeting

7:00 PM Bonduel High School/Middle School Library Media Center

November 7th, 2022

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Board President Dennis Bergsbaken at 7:00 p.m. All Board members were in attendance, with the exception of Nina Rouse, who arrived at 7:02, and Dave Bohm.

The following motions were made, seconded, and carried to approve:

- For approval of Minutes of the October 17th, 2022, Regular Meeting.
- For Voucher approval of checks numbered 109417 through 109505 and ACH payment 22230114-22230116 for the period of 10/15/22 through 11/4/22 in the amount of \$2,452,792.09.
- For Co-Curricular Voucher approval of check number 32121 through 32121 for the period of 10/14/22 through 11/4/22 in the amount of \$163.14.
- To approve the new hires and resignations as presented.
- For the Esports Purchase Approval.
- For approval of the NEOLA Policy First Reading, 31-1 and to waive the NEOLA Policy Second Reading, 31-1.
- To adjourn to closed session as authorized under Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c)(e) for the purposes of considering or discussing issues pertaining to compensation of certified, noncertified and administrative staff.
- To adjourn to Open Session.
- To accept the resignation as presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Board Clerk, Greg Borowski

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December 2, 9 & 16, 2022

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT

SHAWANO COUNTY

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Case No. 19-CV-000103

Plaintiff:

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC

-Vs-

Defendants:

Leah E. Miller, Bradley J. Miller,

State of Wisconsin, Department of Children and Families

and State of Wisconsin, Department of Children and Families

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on November 11, 2019 in the amount of \$162,908.51 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:

TIME: January 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the clerk of courts (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and encumbrances.

PLACE: In the front lobby of the Shawano County Courthouse, City and County of Shawano

DESCRIPTION: That part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 10, Township 26 North, Range 14 East, Town of Pella, Shawano County, Wisconsin, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the said Section 10; thence North 86; 38' 38" West along the Section line 357.59 feet to the place of beginning; thence continue on the same line 243.70 feet; thence North 00; 50' 25" West 484.55 feet; thence South 86; 38' 38" East 243.70 feet; thence South 00; 50' 25" East 484.55 feet to the place of beginning.

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DATED: October 20, 2022

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Attorneys for Plaintiff

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Please go to www.gray-law.com to obtain the bid for this sale.

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November 18, 25 & December 2, 2022

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT

SHAWANO COUNTY

Notice and Order for

Name Change Hearing

Case No. 22CV188

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF:

Collon Dewayne Griffin

By (Petitioner): Collon Dewayne Griffin

Notice is Given:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: Collon Dewayne Griffin

To: Collon Harvey Elsnser

Birth Certificate: Collon Dewayne Griffin

It is ordered:

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County, State of Wisconsin:

Judge's Name: William F Kussel Jr.

Place: Shawano County Courthouse

Shawano, WI 54166

Date: 12/21/2022

Time: 8:00 AM

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November 18, 23 & December 2, 2022

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT

SHAWANO COUNTY

BRANCH 2

SUMMONS

CASE NO. 2022CV000154

CASE TYPE: Money Judgment: 30301

PLAINTIFF:

BAYCARE CLINIC LLP

PO BOX 28900

GREEN BAY, WI 54324

-Vs-

DEFENDANT:

TONYA J OTTO

W1730 HOLY HILL RD

CECIL, WI 54111

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

To each person named above as a Defendant:

You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above, Baycare Clinic LLP, filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within 20 days of receiving this Summons, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is: Clerk of Circuit Court, 311 N Main St, Shawano, WI 54166, and to the plaintiff's attorney, Michael C. Koehn, PO Box 92, Eau Claire, WI 54702. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not provide a proper answer within 20 days, the Court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Dated this 21st day of September, 2022.

Electronically signed:

Michael C. Koehn

Michael C. Koehn, S.C.

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November 23, & December 2 & 9, 2022

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT

SHAWANO COUNTY

Notice and Order for

Name Change Hearing

Case No. 22CV178

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF:

Collin Elliott Bravatto

By (Petitioner): Collin Elliott Bravatto

Notice is Given:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: Collin Elliott Bravatto

To: Collin James Hill

Birth Certificate: Collin Elliott Bravatto

It is ordered:

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County, State of Wisconsin:

Judge's Name: William F. Kussel, Jr.

Place: Shawano County Courthouse Branch II

311 N. Main St.

Shawano, WI 54166

Date: 12/22/2022

Time: 8:00 AM

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December 2, 2022

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November 23 & December 2, 2022

Agenda

Board of Adjustment - Public Hearing Notice Meeting

Thursday, December 15, 2022

@ 9:00 AM

Shawano County Courthouse,

Rooms A & B

311 N Main St., Shawano, WI

Members: Alan Beyer, Bill Bowers,

John Stezenski, Thomas Tauferner, Gary Thomack

Alternates: 1st Robert Krause,

2nd David Korth

V-14-22: Roger and Diane Thario requests variance to construct a 12' x 14' single family dwelling addition to be 68.5 feet from the ordinary high water mark of the Oconto River where a 75 foot setback is required pursuant to the Shawano County Shoreland - Wetland Zoning Ordinance No. 6-16, Section 6.2. Property is located and described as that part of Government Lot 3 commencing at the intersection of the West line of said Government Lot 3 with the North line of Highway 22 and thence Northeasterly along the North boundary of said highway 130 feet, and there shall be the place of beginning; thence Southwesterly along North boundary of said highway, 130 feet to the West boundary of said Government Lot; thence North along the West boundary of said Government Lot 260 feet; thence East to a point intersected by a line drawn North from the place of beginning and parallel with the West boundary of said Government Lot 3; and thence South to place of beginning AND part of Government Lot 3 commencing on the West line of Government Lot 3 of Section 12, T27N R17E at a point where the said West line of Government Lot 3 intersects with the North line of Highway 22; thence North along the West line of said Government Lot 3, 260 feet and there shall be the place of beginning; thence East 222 feet, thence North, parallel with the West line of said Government Lot 3, to the Southwest Bank of the Oconto River, thence continuing North along the Southwest Bank and the West Bank of the Oconto River, as direction may be in accordance with change in direction of River, to the North line of said Government Lot 3 to the Northwest corner of said Government Lot 3, thence South along the West line of said Government Lot 3 to the place of beginning. All located in Section 12, T27N R17E. Tax parcel #044-12120-0030. Town of Washington. Property address: W2694 State 22 Highway

V-15-22: Jerry Orlando, Church Trustee and Agent for Evangelical Lutheran Emanuel's Congregation of the Town of Washington, owner, requests variance for the creation of a sub-standard size lot, .51 acres where 1.5 acres is the minimum lot size in the OAR, Open Lands, Agriculture and Residential Zoning District for the purpose of splitting off the church parsonage from the property pursuant to the Shawano County Zoning Ordinance No. 7.14, Table X.2.03A. Property is located and described as that part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 14, T27N R17E bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 14; thence N88;47'53"W along the section line 330.83 feet; thence N02;51'39"W 33.08 feet to a found 1" iron pipe on the north line of White Clay Lake Drive and the place of beginning; thence N02;51'39"W continuing on the same line 166.92 feet

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to a set 1" iron pipe; thence S88;47'53"E 132.19 feet to a set 1" iron pipe; thence S02;51'39"E 166.92 feet to a set mag nail on the North line of said White Clay Lake Drive; thence N88;47'53"W along the North line of said White Clay Lake Drive 132.19 feet to the place of beginning being part of tax parcel #044-14340-0020. Town of Washington. Property address: W3122 White Clay Lake Drive (Parsonage)

Any interested person may address the Board of Adjustment by letter or appear in person or by agent and be heard at the public hearing. Written correspondence must bear a legible signature of the author a well as the primary address of the signer.

The Board of Adjustment will be meeting after the public hearing to deliberate and take possible action on the following items:

1. Public hearing decisions

V-14-22: Roger and Diane Thario

V-15-22: Jerry Orlando, Church Trustee and Agent, for Evangelical Lutheran Emanuel's Congregation of the Town of Washington, owner

2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting.

October 13, 2022 Public Hearing and Meeting Minutes

3. Board member comments or new business to be considered at a future meeting.

4. Correspondence.

5. Set next public hearing date.

6. Adjournment.

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Meeting notice emailed/posted: Shawano County Courthouse, Department of Human Services, Shawano County Library, Shawano Leader, WTCH Radio, Shawano County Civic website @ coshawanowi.civicweb.net

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December 2, 9 & 16, 2022

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SHAWANO COUNTY

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Name Change Hearing

Case No. 22CV195

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF:

Emerson Mae Peterson

By (Petitioner): Emerson Mae Peterson

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LENA GIRLS EARN ROAD WIN

Wildcats tame Panthers

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Lena's Natalie McNurlen absorbs contact as she goes in for a layup during a matchup against Bowler Nov. 22 in Bowler.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Lena girls best Bowler to open season

McNurlen leads way for Wildcats with 15 points

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The Lena High School girls basketball team opened its season on a positive note, taking down Bowler 60-21 on Nov. 22 in Bowler.

Senior Natalie McNurlen led the visiting Wildcats with 15 points, highlighted by a 3-point make. Sophomore Eva Brooks, senior Claire Brooks and senior Chaela Rabas were in double figures as well, scoring 12, 11 and 11, respectively.

While shots were falling for Lena, that wasn't the case for Bowler, as sophomore Paige Treptow was the leading scorer for the Panthers with six points.

Defense was the name of the game, as Lena opened the contest on a 23-0 run, with a full-court press and a strong man-to-man defense. Lena head coach Tim Goldschmidt said that he wanted to see his team bring intensity on defense early to prepare for the rest of the season.

"That is what we have to be, yes," said Goldschmidt on if defense was the emphasis on the night, noting Lena's strong communication. "This group is very good at communicating — I have been coaching girls and boys for years and I have never been a man-to-man coach that believed in the switch, but this group does a great job and convinced me to do it."

During Lena's run to open the game, McNurlen scored 13 of her 15 points, making a 3-point shot and converting a free throw after a foul on a made layup.

Bowler got on the board with a free throw from junior Isabella Stevens. Treptow scored back-to-back layups on two straight Bowler possession to cut Lena's lead down to 26-5.

The Wildcats closed the first half with four points; a 3-pointer from Rabas and a free throw from sophomore Whitney Potter to go up 30-5 at halftime.

"We have been trying to work and become a back-door team," said Goldschmidt. "We stride on moving the basketball and getting as many



Lena's Haley VanArk stops to find an open teammate cutting to the basket during a matchup against Bowler on Nov. 22 in Bowler.

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passes in as we can to get the high percentage shot."

The second half opened similar to the first half, as Lena added to its lead, going on a 9-0 run. McNurlen scored her final two points of the game on a fast break layup, with Rabas hitting another 3-pointer and Eva Brooks scoring four points on layups.

Bowler followed that up by going on its own run, scoring six straight points, by way of two free throws from Stevens and sophomore Ava Paiser and a layup from sophomore Natalie Rickert. Paiser added another two points on a put-back after a rebound.

A 15-foot jumpshot make from Bowler senior Brandi Spencer brought the score to 45-17 in the middle of the second half.

Lena then pushed that lead to 55-17, going on a 10-point run, with another 3-point make from Ra-

bas. Spencer made another 15-foot jumpshot, before a converted free throw from a foul on a made layup from Claire Brooks pushed the lead to 58-19.

A fastbreak layup from Lena sophomore Kali Fischer and a fastbreak layup from Treptow ended the game with Lena winning 60-21.

"We looked good at times — we have a good group and have been working hard," said Goldschmidt. "They strive in wanting to play as a team and they know that one girl isn't going to carry us if we want to get where we want to be. We showed signs of being a very good team tonight, but we still have a lot to work on."

In terms of Bowler, Stevens said that this loss gives the team a starting point and gives the team an idea of what to work on for the rest of the season.

"We just weren't moving," said Stevens. "There wasn't any movement — we do much better with movement in practice, but in the games I think that we may just get nervous and jittery."

Stevens added that before Bowler's next game, the team will need to put in work to fix some mistakes.

"You have to want to get better," said Stevens, on where the team goes from here. "We will put the work in at practice and try to do as well as we can."

Lena 30 30 — 60

Bowler 5 16 — 21

Lena (60): Natalie McNurlen 1-3, 15, Eva Brooks 3-8 12, Claire Books 2-5 11, Kali Fischer 0-0 4, Whitney Potter 3-4 7, Chaela Rabas 2-2 11.

Bowler (21): Paige Treptow 0-0 6, Brandi Spencer 0-0 4, Isabella Stevens 2-6 4, Ava Paiser 1-2 3, Natalie Rickert 0-0 4.

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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

4 Hawks named to all-conference lists

Bystol, Nordin make 1st team

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Four Shawano Community High School volleyball players earned spots on Bay Conference teams after strong fall seasons.

Junior Abby Bystol and freshman Leah Nordin each landed on the first team for the Hawks. Senior Alix Heath and junior Sam Richter were both honorable mentions.

Bystol was a first teamer for her play as a middle hitter.

She led the team with 45 kills in conference play. Bystol also recorded 15 aces, 18 digs and three blocks.

“Obviously it would be my goal to play my best volleyball senior year and get first team for the third year in a row to top off my individual season, but I hope this motivates not just me but my team,” said Bystol of how the honor will motivate her for next season. “We have a stacked team with both of the first team middles on our team and an honorable mention libero.

“This should give the whole team motivation and confidence to know what great things we can do next year. Ultimately, this is my main focus, for me to continue to work hard and benefit my team but also to work as a team in general. We know our potential, and we have to show it in order to surpass last year and take this team to a regional championship and beyond.”

Nordin quickly became a star in her first high school season. Even while missing some matches, the middle hitter finished with 42 kills, 12 blocks and 10 digs in Bay action.

“Receiving first team all-conference was a great way to end my freshman volleyball season,” Nordin said. “It felt great to know that the time and hard work I put in behind the scenes is paying off. There are many girls who have never received this award, so obtaining it as a freshman goes to show what I’m all about.

“I will use this award to motivate me even more to getting better and one day hopefully being able to bring home a state championship with the help of my team.”

Heath was honored for her work as a setter.



Shawano's Abby Bystol serves the ball during a win over Seymour on Oct. 6 in Shawano. Bystol made the all-conference first team as a junior.

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In Bay matches, she tallied 117 assists, 47 digs and served 15 aces.

“It’s a honor to be a part of all-conference. It really shows the dedication, passion, and willingness to not only improve but to put all your work into both practice and games to make all-conference,” said Heath. “As a team we definitely improved throughout the season and fought to make it

have a amazing ending season.”

Richter made the honorable mention list as a libero.

The junior finished the conference portion of the schedule with 67 digs and 12 aces.

“I went into this season as a first time varsity player, and it was kind of nerve-racking for me,” said Richter.

“I did my best throughout the season,



Shawano's Leah Nordin, left, leaps up to try and block the ball as teammate Sam Richter looks on during the Shawano Invitational on Sept. 10 in Shawano. Nordin was a first-team selection this fall, while Richter was an honorable mention.

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and I’m glad my hard work paid off.

“I think that making an all-conference team motivates me to really push myself next season and learn from the mistakes I made. I’m hoping I can improve and be an even better player next year.”

Shawano tied for second in the conference standings after going 5-2. The Hawks made it to a regional title game before being eliminated in the postseason.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Luke Fickell named new Wisconsin coach

Leonhard passed over for job

By **RALPH D. RUSSO**
The Associated Press

Wisconsin is bringing Cincinnati's Luke Fickell back to the Big Ten.

Athletic director Chris McIntosh announced Nov. 27 that the Badgers had hired Fickell to take over their football program after his successful run with the Bearcats.

Fickell posted a 57-18 record in six seasons at Cincy and helped the Bearcats earn a College Football Playoff berth last year. The former Ohio State defensive lineman and longtime assistant went 6-7 as the Buckeyes' interim coach in 2011 after Jim Tressel's resignation.

"This is a destination job at a program that I have admired from afar for years," Fickell said in a statement released by the university. "I am in total alignment with Chris McIntosh's vision for this program. There is a tremendous foundation here that I can't wait to build upon."

Fickell informed the Bearcats players earlier Sunday that he was leaving the school. Cincinnati named veteran assistant Kerry Coombs interim coach.

Fickell, 49, takes over for interim coach and former Badgers defensive back Jim Leonhard, who replaced Paul Chryst on Oct. 2.

Chryst went 67-26 in 7½ seasons. He was fired one day after the Badgers lost 34-10 at home to an Illinois team led by former Badgers coach Bret Bielema.

"Luke is one of the top football coaches in the country. He is a proven winner, recruiter and developer of players," McIntosh said in a statement. "Equally as important, he shares our values. Coach Fickell is focused on giving our student-athletes the best opportunities possible and is attuned to the changing landscape of college athletics."

"I have every confidence that he will respect and honor the foundation that has been set for our football program over the years while embracing the exciting opportunities ahead."

Wisconsin (6-6, 4-5 Big Ten) is awaiting its bowl assignment. A loss in the bowl game would cause the Badgers to finish below .500 for the first time since 2001.

Leonhard was promoted from defensive coordinator after Chryst's firing and led Wisconsin to a 4-3 record over the final seven games of the regular season. Leonhard said Saturday after the Badgers' 23-16 home loss to Minnesota that he had interviewed with McIntosh.

"We were able to sit down earlier this week and had a great conversation," Leonhard said. "I think that's between us, what was said, but hopefully there's decisions that are made soon in the best interests of this university."

Many Wisconsin players publicly called for Leonhard to get the job.

"I think whoever hires coaches is going to be an idiot if they don't hire coach Leonhard," safety John Torchio said after the Minnesota game. "I don't know if I should say that, but I'll say it."

The Badgers instead opted for Fickell, who led Cincinnati to the first CFP berth for any Group of Five school. Fickell won several national coach of the year awards last season for helping Cincinnati go 13-0 before losing to Alabama in a Cotton Bowl semifinal.

That 2021 Cincinnati team produced nine draft picks for the third-highest total of any school, behind only Georgia's 15 and LSU's 10. Five Cincinnati players were selected among the top 100 overall picks.

After replacing all that NFL talent, Cincinnati has gone 9-3 this season. The Bearcats didn't qualify for the American Athletic Conference championship game.

Fickell has been sought after for the last few years, most notably an offer from Michigan State after the 2019 season. But the Ohio native has been picky, knowing he had a good thing at Cincinnati.

"This was always going to be a family decision, and he felt this was the right time for this decision to be made," Cincinnati athletic director John Cunningham said.

AP Sports Writer Steve Megargee contributed to this report.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Pulaski girls can't overcome slow start

Red Raiders' press in 2nd half a positive

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Pulaski High School girls basketball team was unable to overcome a slow start offensively and eventually fell 48-37 to New London in a nonconference matchup on Nov. 21 in Pulaski.

It took Pulaski nearly eight minutes to score its first points, at which time the hosts trailed 10-0. Ellie Mangold knocked down a 3-pointer for the first Red Raider points.

The triple didn't jumpstart the team's offense though, as it took another four minutes to score again. By that point, Pulaski trailed 18-3.

"I feel like, as a team on offense, we all played kind of selfish to start because you know everybody wants to get their points and everybody wants to have their fair share and contribute to the team," said Pulaski's Ella Wiese on the slow start. "But in reality, you all need to play team offense and team defense in order to make those things happen."

Madeline Christenson echoed that thought: "We were having a really difficult time running our offense like we normally do — just passing the ball around and getting good looks. We feel as though we were playing selfish offense, more so than as a team."

Morgan Vertz was the one to score Pulaski's fourth and fifth points. She also hit the team's next shot before Taylor Olson had a steal and basket. Just like that, the Red Raiders were up to nine points and only down nine.

As quickly as the hosts got back into things, New London answered back. The visitors scored the next nine points and ended the half up 27-10.

Pulaski ended the first half making just three of its nine free-throw attempts, and more misses at the line in the second half came back to bite as the Red Raiders rallied. The hosts ended up making half of their 22 attempts for the game.

The halftime break helped the Red Raiders regroup, and the team displayed some great energy in the opening minutes.

Putting on a full-court trapping defense, Pulaski quickly got back into



Pulaski's Maggie Lardinois, right, takes a free throw as teammate Taylor Olson, left, fights for positioning during a nonconference game against New London on Nov. 21 in Pulaski.

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the game. Vertz hit a free throw to get the scoring started before she had a steal leading to an Olson bucket and New London timeout.

Christenson and Wiese then hit shots, with Wiese's being a triple, to get within nine, 27-18, with still over 15 minutes to play.

New London came back with the next five points before Wiese hit another triple and Christenson scored again to make it 32-23 with over 12 to play.

"I think we need to keep that same energy throughout the game," Christenson said. "It shows that our team is not only coming back, that we have more to show for the rest of our season."

Wiese added that the team's press helps the team move faster, especially after getting a steal — essentially, the team's defensive play helped jumpstart the team's offense.

New London scored the game's next four points to go back up 13, but another Wiese 3-pointer kept the team's spirits alive. Wiese also scored the next basket to make it an eight-point game with just over

eight minutes to go.

The visitors knocked in a 3-pointer — their eighth and final one of the contest — before Maggie Lardinois got in the scoring column for Pulaski. Another New London bucket was answered by three free throws from Olson over the next couple minutes, and a free throw from Christenson made it 41-34 with 4:59 to play.

Pulaski continued to battle down the stretch, including Ashley Servais providing a big spark on defense with several jump ball tie-ups, but the Red Raiders failed to hit a shot the rest of the way. The hosts made a couple free throws, but New London was able to seal the game by hitting more free throws.

New London 27 21 — 48

Pulaski 10 27 — 37

New London (48): Caitlin Stroesenreuther 0-0 11, Kenna Mix 3-4 9, Shelby Glodowski 4-4 10, Lizzie Steingraber 2-4 5, Jensen Mix 3-4 13.

Pulaski (37): Maggie Lardinois 0-1 2, Madeline Christenson 3-4 7, Ellie Mangold 0-2 3, Morgan Vertz 3-5 5, Taylor Olson 3-4 10, Danika Holewinski 1-2 1, Ella Hasser 0-2 0, Ella Wiese 0-0 8, Ashley Servais 1-2 1.



Pulaski's Danika Holewinski, top, follows through on a free throw as teammate Taylor Olson looks on during a nonconference game against New London on Nov. 21 in Pulaski.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

4 Shawano players earn all-conference nods

Perez, Norton
both 1st teamers

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Four Shawano Community High School boys soccer players earned all-conference honors this fall season.

Seniors Julian Perez and Chad Norton each earned spots on the first team for Shawano. Junior Drake Herm landed on the second team for the Hawks, while senior Brandon Reed was an honorable mention.

Perez made the first team as a midfielder. His biggest match this fall came against Xavier, when he scored four goals and added an assist in a 5-1 win. He scored three goals and had two assists in a win over Green Bay West.

"It means a lot," said Perez of the first-team honor. "I've put in a lot of work over this last year, and being named first team all-conference was a big goal of mine. So it felt good to succeed and reach that. I couldn't have done it without my teammates and my coaches pushing me every day. It's a huge honor to get to play with those guys, and I love to see other fellow teammates getting conference awards as well."

Norton landed on the first team as an at-large selection.

He mostly helped on defense but did score a couple of goals in Bay matches.

"It means a lot to me to win an all-conference award for me and for my team," said Norton. "Over these four years of playing soccer, I've tried my best to do the best that I can, and I can happily say that I have done that in my high school years. This year was even more special because it's my final year with the Shawano Hawks, and I've loved playing with everyone on that team and loved playing for my coaches."

Herm scored in several Bay matches for the Hawks. He scored twice in a tight loss to Menasha and also had a couple games where he scored and was credited with an assist.

"Making second team will push me to work harder in the offsea-



Shawano's Julian Perez, right, streaks up the field with the ball during the team's victory over Xavier on Sept. 20 in Shawano.

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son," said Herm. "My goal was to become first team, but I fell short of that this year — I plan on playing even better next year and becoming first team all-conference."

Reed was Shawano's goalie this fall, racking up more than 100 saves on the season.

"Making the all-conference team shows the level of respect that the other teams and coach had after playing against you," said Reed. "They could see the amazing amount of time and sweat that I was putting in before each game every week."

The Hawks placed sixth in the conference standings with a 3-6-1 record. Shawano earned a No. 3 seed for the postseason but was upset by No. 6 Green Bay Southwest in its first match.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Shawano 59

Clintonville 38

Shawano picked up a nonconference win over Clintonville on Nov. 26 in Shawano.

Leah Nordin powered Shawano with 24 points. Trinity Popelka chipped in 10 points.

Suring 47

Rosholt 32

Suring picked up a nonconference win over Rosholt on Nov. 22 in Rosholt.

Christine Sleeter scored 25 points and also tallied 14 rebounds, five blocks and four steals for Suring.

Bunny Cramer chipped in 14 points and five steals for the Eagles. MacKenzie Bailey had 10 boards, five assists and three steals.

Witt-Birn 55

Antigo 30

Wittenberg-Birnamwood cruised to a nonconference win over Antigo on Nov. 21 in Wittenberg.

Reese Rogowski powered Witt-Birn with 18 points, five rebounds, three steals and three assists. Rory Salvesen added 13 points, six rebounds and three steals, while Melaina Granquist had 10 points and 11 boards.

Morgan Milanowski pulled down five rebounds for Witt-Birn, which led 29-10 at halftime.

Suring 54

Gresham 43

Suring topped Gresham in a nonconference battle on Nov. 18 in Gresham.

Christine Sleeter tallied 17 points, nine rebounds, five blocks and four steals to lead Suring. Bunny Cramer posted 15 points, while MacKenzie Bailey had eight points, 11 rebounds and eight assists.

Birdee Cramer pulled down nine boards for Suring, while Hailey VanRens had eight. VanRens also had three assists.

Josie Cerveny led Gresham with 13 points. Maddie Haffner added 11 points, while Jessa Jensen and Rylie Kakwitsch chipped in eight and seven points, respectively.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Pulaski 70

Antigo 44

Pulaski eased past Antigo in a nonconference clash on Nov. 26 in



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Rory Salvesen takes a layup during the team's nonconference win over Antigo on Nov. 21 in Wittenberg.

TINA BACON

Pulaski. The Red Raiders led 45-17 at halftime.

Derek Shaw and Colin Schultz led a balanced Pulaski offensive attack with 14 points each. Each player knocked in two 3-pointers.

Gatlin Robaidek added 12 points for the Red Raiders. Brock Steinbrecher and Brady Wotruba chipped in seven points each.

Shawano 63

Clintonville 36

Shawano rolled to a nonconference victory over Clintonville on Nov. 26 in Shawano.

Michael Metcalf-Grassman tallied 21 points, eight rebounds and four assists for Shawano. Brandon Reed added 14 points, while Jacob Landon had 11 points, eight rebounds and

five assists.

Logan Sipple provided eight points for the Hawks. Luke Guenther totaled six rebounds and five assists.

Menominee Indian 86

Oconto Falls 78

Menominee Indian knocked off Oconto Falls in a high-scoring nonconference battle on Nov. 22 in Keshena.

Lloyd Reeves scored 26 points to lead Menominee Indian. Isaiah Moss added 22 points.

Alex Haines led Oconto Falls with 20 points. Caden Birr tallied 17 points.

Shawano 73

Lakeland Union 52

Shawano rolled to a nonconference win over Lakeland Union on Nov. 22

in Shawano.

Michael Metcalf-Grassman powered Shawano with 31 points. He made 13 field goals in the contest.

Jacob Landon chipped in 12 points for the Hawks. Ryan Shanty added 11 points.

Pulaski 67

Witt-Birn 59

Pulaski took down Wittenberg-Birnamwood in a nonconference clash on Nov. 22 in Wittenberg.

Brady Wotruba guided Pulaski with 23 points, while Derek Shaw added 19.

Dylan Dorn chipped in 10 points for the Red Raiders. Colin Schultz tallied nine points.

Mason Meverden scored 20 points to lead Witt-Birn offensively. Michael Miller recorded 14 points.

Bonduel 74

Sevastopol 28

Bonduel routed Sevastopol in a nonconference game on Nov. 22 in Sturgeon Bay.

Colin Margelofsky hit nine field goals and scored 24 points to lead Bonduel.

Noah Weier chipped in 14 points for the Bears, while Cade Johnson and Willis Bloedorn each had seven points.

BOYS HOCKEY

Antigo finishes 0-2 at tournament

Antigo lost 1-0 to Somerset and 4-2 to Reedsburg/Wisconsin Dells/Mauston during the Somerset Tournament on Nov. 25-26 in Somerset.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Owen Dickman, who plays for Antigo, was credited with an assist in the game against Reedsburg/Wisconsin Dells/Mauston.

Antigo 4

Shawano co-op 1

Antigo knocked off the Shawano co-op in a nonconference clash on Nov. 22 in Shawano.

Witt-Birn's Owen Dickman scored a goal for the visitors.

Karson Stoss scored the co-op's lone goal in the third period. Goalie Dylan Prochaska stopped 30 shots in the contest.

Antigo 6

Medford 4

Antigo, which includes Wittenberg-Birnamwood players, toppled Medford in a Great Northern Conference matchup on Nov. 18 in Antigo.

Witt-Birn's Owen Dickman was credited with an assist on one of Antigo's goals.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF



MAGGIE HERNANDEZ

UW-La Crosse

Pulaski High School graduate Maggie Hernandez assisted on a goal during the UW-La Crosse women's soccer team's season-ending loss to Virginia Wesleyan on Nov. 19.

The UWL goal came in the 60th minute, but the team didn't score again and lost 2-1 in the third round of the NCAA Division III Championship.

Bemidji State University

Shawano grad Brooke Theis continued to start at the start of her freshman season for the Bemidji State women's basketball team. The team went 1-2 in games between Nov. 22-26.

Theis played 14 minutes in a loss to Minnesota-Crookston, finishing with four rebounds, three assists and a block.

Theis had four points, five rebounds and one steal in 24 minutes and win over St. Martin's on Nov. 25. She played 16 minutes during the team's loss to Western Washington on Nov. 26.



CLAYTON WHITING

Missouri University

Oconto Falls graduate Clayton Whiting placed first while wrestling for Missouri at the Lindenwood Open on Nov. 19.

Whiting won the 184-pound weight class with a 4-0 record.

He opened his day with a pin in 1 minute, 21 seconds before a 4-1 decision win in the quarterfinals. In the semifinals, Whiting won by injury default. Whiting won in sudden victory (3-1) in the first-place match.

Northern Michigan University

Wittenberg-Birnamwood grad Abi Fraaza played in four games for the Northern Michigan women's

basketball team between Nov. 19-26.

In a loss to Southwest Minnesota State on Nov. 19, Fraaza recorded 22 points, six rebounds, two blocks, one steal and one assist across 21 minutes. She had 14 points, seven rebounds and a steal across 20 minutes in a win over Finlandia on Nov. 22.

Fraaza totaled four points, five rebounds and an assist across 18 minutes in a loss to Minnesota-Duluth on Nov. 25. The Witt-Birn grad had eight points, six boards and two assists across 21 minutes in its loss to St. Cloud State on Nov. 26.

Liberty University

Shawano graduate Ethan Chelberg has competed in a couple events for the Liberty wrestling team so far this winter season.

Chelberg finished 1-2 at the Messiah Invitational on Nov. 5. He win came by pin in 2:29.

Chelberg went 1-2 during the Lindenwood Open on Nov. 19. His win came by a 5-4 decision.

Wisconsin Lutheran College

Bonduel grad Kara Troxel started during the Wisconsin Lutheran women's basketball team's loss to No. 1 Hope on Nov. 22.

Troxel played 16 minutes, tallying four points, one rebound and one assist.

Pulaski graduate Trevor Stiede played in three games for the WLC men's basketball team between Nov. 18-22.

Stiede provided seven points, two rebounds and a steal in 14 minutes and a win over Anderson on Nov. 18.

In a loss to Illinois College on Nov. 19, Stiede tallied four points, one steal and one rebound across seven minutes. He grabbed a rebound in eight minutes and a loss to UW-Stevens Point on Nov. 22.

Ripon College

Witt-Birn grad Lauren Bahr competed in four events for the Ripon women's swim team during the Beloit Quad on Nov. 19.

Individually, she placed second in the 50 backstroke (30.65), third in the 100 backstroke (1:07.84) and fourth in the 50 freestyle (27.2).

Bahr was also on the top-finish 200 freestyle relay (1:49.84).



MCKENNA METROPULOS

UW-Green Bay

Witt-Birn graduate McKenna Metropulos had a busy couple days of action for the UW-Green Bay women's swim team during the House of Champions Invitational on Nov. 17-19.

Metropulos was on the seventh-place finishing 200 freestyle relay (1:39.21) and eighth-place finishing 400 medley relay (3:54.42). She and the 200 medley relay team placed sixth in 1:46.12.

Individually, she placed 19th in the 50 freestyle (24.17), 14th in the 100 butterfly (57.9) and 11th in the 100 freestyle (52.21).

UW-Stevens Point

Pulaski grads T.J. Shaw and Gracie Mihalski each swam for the UW-Stevens Point teams during a dual against UW-Whitewater on Nov. 19.

Shaw placed second in the 1,000 freestyle (10:38.01) and 500 freestyle (5:03.62) and was 15th in the 100 freestyle (53.69). He was on the sixth-place finishing 200 freestyle relay (1:37.1).

Mihalski placed seventh in the 100 freestyle (59.71) and eighth in the 50 freestyle (27.42). She was also on the third-place finishing 200 medley relay (1:57.18) and fifth-place finishing 200 freestyle relay (1:50.32) teams.

UW-Parkside

Pulaski graduate Sheridan Flauger turned in three strong games for the UW-Parkside women's basketball team between Nov. 19-26.

In a loss to Concordia-St. Paul on Nov. 19, Flauger started and tallied 15 points, three rebounds, two assists and a steal across 28 minutes.

She started and played 25 minutes during a win over Illinois Springfield on Nov. 22, posting seven points, two rebounds, one steal and five assists. Flauger recorded 10 points, four rebounds, four assists and a steal across 34 minutes in a start and loss to Minnesota State on Nov. 26.

UW-River Falls

Shawano grads Crede and Gage Timm each played for the UW-River Falls football team in its win over Washington University in St. Louis on Nov. 19.

Crede Timm punted six times for a combined 220 yards, with a long punt of 48 yards. He pinned the opponent inside its 20-yard line on two of those punts.

Gage Timm was credited with a solo tackle in the contest.

Augsburg University

Bonduel graduate Max Sokolski wrestled in two different events for Augsburg between Nov. 19-23.

Sokolski finished 0-2 at the Augie Invite on Nov. 19. He lost by major decision (17-3) and decision (10-6).

Sokolski wrestled in an extra match when the team faced off with UW-Eau Claire on Nov. 23. He won by technical fall (17-1) at 165 pounds.

St. Cloud State University

Pulaski grad Jasmine Litt played in all three of the St. Cloud State women's basketball team's games between Nov. 22-26.

Litt played 14 minutes during a loss to Minnesota-Duluth on Nov. 22, tallying eight points, one steal and one rebound.

In a loss to Michigan Tech on Nov. 25, Litt recorded one point and a rebound across 15 minutes. She played two minutes in a win over Northern Michigan on Nov. 26.

Saginaw Valley State University

Shawano graduate Tori DePerry continued the strong start to her senior season and helped the Saginaw Valley State women's basketball team to three wins between Nov. 19-23.

In a win over Ohio Dominican on Nov. 19, DePerry totaled 16 points, four rebounds, three assists and a steal across 26 minutes. She then tallied 17 points, six boards, one assist, one steal and one block in 29 minutes and a win over Walsh on Nov. 22.

DePerry provided nine points, grabbed 10 rebounds and also had an assist across 19 minutes and a win over Carson-Newman on Nov. 23.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Wisconsin falls to Minnesota in regular season finale

Badgers give up late score, can't answer

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Wisconsin Badgers football team was outscored 10-0 in the fourth quarter and lost 23-16 to Minnesota on Nov. 26 in Madison.

The Badgers capped the regular season with a 6-6 overall record and disappointing 4-5 mark in Big Ten Conference play.

Wisconsin grabbed a 16-13 lead late in the third quarter after receiver

Chimere Dike scored on a 9-yard run. Minnesota tied it with a 27-yard field goal with 7:58 to play and then won it on a 45-yard passing touchdown with 3:40 to go.

Wisconsin had a chance to win it in the final seconds. The Badgers worked the ball to the Minnesota 5-yard line, but back-to-back penalties pushed the hosts back to the 20. Two false start penalties eventually pushed Wisconsin back to the 30.

Quarterback Chase Wolf, playing for an injured Graham Mertz, only completed one pass for 5 yards in five attempts once the team got to the 5-yard line. His final incompletion

came on fourth down as time expired.

Wolf completed two passes on the drive for 21 yards. Mertz was 16-of-27 passing in the contest, for 170 yards, no touchdowns and an interception.

Wisconsin played the whole game without star running back Braelon Allen. Chez Mellusi led the team with 75 rushing yards on 19 attempts, while Isaac Guerendo had 40 yards on seven attempts.

Dike led the team's receivers with 52 yards on five grabs. Dean Engram had 41 receiving yards on three catches.

Kicker Nate Van Zelst accounted for nine points for Wisconsin, making

attempts from 40, 43 and 36 yards.

Linebacker Maema Njongmeta recorded a team-leading 12 tackles for the Badgers, with 2½ going for losses and also having ½ a sack. Safety Kamo'i Latu finished with seven total tackles. Defensive lineman Keanu Benton shared the sack with Njongmeta, while linebacker Darryl Peterson and defensive lineman James Thompson Jr. also had a sack each.

Wisconsin was outgained 416-334 in the contest. Minnesota redshirt freshman quarterback Athan Kaliakmanis threw for 319 yards and two scores.

Donald Driver Charity Softball Game scheduled for June 4

There will be softball under the lights on June 4, 2023. Donald Driver, Jordy Nelson, Green Bay Super Bowl Champions, and current stars will come together for the Donald Driver Charity Softball Game at Neuroscience Group Field at Fox Cities Stadium at 7:05 p.m. on that date.

The event will raise money for the Donald Driver Foundation and additional local and player charities.

Fans may purchase a package that includes one ticket to the Donald Driver Charity Softball Game and three vouchers for a 2023 Timber

Rattlers home game. Packages are \$71 for reserved, \$101 for box, and \$126 for premium box.

Single-game tickets for the Donald Driver Charity Softball Game will be available for purchase starting Nov. 22 at 11 a.m.

Tickets for the softball game are \$75 for a premium box seat (first two rows), \$50 for a standard box seat, \$29 for a reserved bleacher seat, and \$15 for a general admission grass seat. There are also a limited number of patio tables — which seat four — available at \$287. The patio tables will include

a softball autographed by Driver and Nelson.

There are 117 all-you-can-eat seats available for this game for \$90 per seat. There are 69 all-you-can-eat seats down the first base line. The new Home Plate Club that is part of the current renovations at Neuroscience Group Field will have 48 all-you-can-eat seats. This ticket includes admission to the game, an all-you-can-eat picnic for 90 minutes, and two beverages (beer, soda, or water).

Additionally, all 87 seats in section 100 are \$87 and tickets include a

Nelson autographed softball.

"I am excited to see Jordy Nelson's return, and to feature Super Bowl Champions and current stars competing," said Driver. "Please buy tickets early and you can win a meet and greet with Jordy and me! Go Pack Go!"

Fans who purchase tickets before Nov. 29 will be entered in a drawing with the winners being able to meet Donald Driver and Jordy Nelson before the softball game.

"I am looking forward to returning to Wisconsin as we keep the softball game tradition going," said Nelson.

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Chet and Emil's Wednesday Business

Team	W	L
Karcz Lending	22	11
CWAA	21	12
S and M Tool	20	13
Rew Motors	18	15
Chet and Emil's	14	19
Kropf's Meat	13	20
TLC Auto Body	12	21
Kessen Auto Body	12	21

High team scratch games: S and M Tool 1,140, Karcz Lending 1,003, Kropf's Meat 1,003.

High individual scratch games: Rhett Matz 255, Paul Hanke 255, Shawn Walkush 245.

High team scratch series: S and M Tool 3,329, Kropf's Meat 2,856, Karcz Lending 2,830.

High individual scratch series: Doug Kunst 764, Tyler Krull 675, Adam Karcz 652.

Him & Hers Couples — Lakeshore Lanes

Team	W	L
Brothers Pub	40	2
Gingerly Salon	28	14
Brothers Pub Too	27	15
Bust N' Balls	26	16

Keglers	22	20
Buss Automotive	22	20
Pin Heads	21	21
MW Auto Body	16	26
Lunds Corner Bar	16	26
CDH	14	28
Just 4 Fun	13	29
The Farmers	7	35

High individual scratch games: Steve Rouse 258, Kevin Zuleger 257, Brad Weisnicht 248, Bob Reiter Sr. 243, D.J. Rindt 243, Darcie O'Kimosh 242, Mary Metoxen 242, Daniel Poels 234, Jenni Rindt 204, Natalie Poels 201, Diane Durkee 194, Sharon Buss 191.

High individual scratch series: Steve Rouse 706, Kevin Zuleger 699, Mary Metoxen 687, Bob Reiter Sr. 669, Brad Weisnicht 657, Darcie O'Kimosh 648, Bobby Reiter Jr. 646, Bill Grosskreutz 640, Sharon Buss 536, Diane Durkee 533, Jessie VanDerLinden 510, Natalie Poels 502.

Chet and Emil's Monday Women's League

Team	W	L
Star Campsite	24	16
Cady Home	19 1/2	20 1/2
Chet and Emil's	18	22
Banner Banks	17 1/2	22 1/2

High team handicap games: Cady Home 757, Banner

Banks 754, Star Campsite 733.

High individual scratch games: Kim Zeller 218, Tracy Anderson 198, Barbara Praslowicz 193, Christy Clark 182, Courtney Tryba 182, Tanya Rekow 173.

High team handicap series: Cady Home 2,229, Chet and Emil's 2,153, Banner Banks 2,131.

High individual scratch series: Kim Zeller 607, Tracy Anderson 543, Courtney Tryba 497, Christy Clark 490, Barbara Praslowicz 483, Tanya Rekow 460.

Lakeshore Masters — Lakeshore Lanes

Team	W	L
Dearco Distributors	16	0
Northern Advantage	13	3
Golfside	10	6
Lakeshore Lanes	10	6
Brother's	9	7
Rosie's Railway	9	7
Bamboo	7	9
Full Service Tents	7	9
Launching Pad	6	10
Farmall Fanatics	6	10
Pin Pricks	3	13
Shawano Auto Sales	0	16

High team scratch games: Lakeshore Lanes 806, Dearco Distributors 707, Golfside 691.

High individual scratch games (top 7): Blake Schuebel 289, Carson Malueg 280, Todd Schertz 277, Kyle Ready 270, Mark Schachtschneide 256, Dan Poels 256, Tony Wyrobeck 255.

High team scratch series: Dearco Distributors 2,037, Lakeshore Lanes 2,028, Launching Pad 1,977.

High individual scratch series (top 7): Tony Wyrobeck 716, Dave Druckrey 710, Blake Schuebel 703, Todd Schertz 699, Mark Schachtschneide 684, Kyle Ready 680, Brian Goodreau 669.

Chet and Emil's Tuesday Commercial

Team	W	L
Chet and Emil's	24	9
Kautza Excavating	21	12
Clark Construction	20	13
White Insurance	15	18
Schmidt Schulta	14	19

High team scratch games: Chet and Emil's 1,070, Kautza Excavating 1,041, Clark Construction 1,039.

High individual scratch games: Jeremy Praslowicz 279, Tim Lemke 257, Jared Szews 246.

High team scratch series: Chet and Emil's 3,070, Clark Construction 3,015, Kautza Excavating 2,896.

High individual scratch series: Jeremy Praslowicz 716, Tim Lemke 675, Jared Szews 669.

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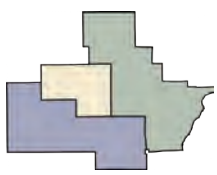
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Los Magueyes opens its 5th
restaurant, 1st in Oconto

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Co-owner Julio Herrera, right, greets his staff at the grand opening of Los Magueyes Mexican restaurant's new location, in the former Riverside Bar.

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Oconto welcomes Los Magueyes restaurant

Herrera brothers open fifth location serving authentic Mexican food

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

As has been his custom since taking office, Oconto Mayor John Panetti rang an old school bell as a small crowd of well-wishers stood in front of the newly opened Los Magueyes with the traditional yellow ribbon and two large pairs of scissors.

"Here ye, here ye, it's the beginning of a new era in Oconto," he intoned. "We welcome Los Magueyes to our city, the first flagship north of the border for authentic Mexican cuisine."

Over the past 16 years, brothers Julio and Polo Herrera have grown their restaurant business slowly and deliberately, opening first one and eventually three Los Magueyes locations around the city of Green Bay, then expanding to Pulaski. Oconto is the next step in a northerly direction for the eateries that emphasize south-of-the-border cuisine.

Magueyes are a form of the agave plant from which tequila is made, and the restaurant's logo features a worker harvesting the sweet sap from the plant's pineapple-like base, which will be fermented and distilled.

"This restaurant will be community friendly," business manager Orlando Puc said, and that intention is reflected by the sign on the wall substituting the magueys harvester for the courthouse in the official "Oconto County Wisconsin" logo.



With Oconto Area Chamber of Commerce president Ron Hayes, left, and Mayor John Panetti, right, looking on, the ceremonial ribbon is cut Nov. 18 during the grand opening of the new Los Magueyes Mexican restaurant location in Oconto. Wielding the giant scissors are co-owner Julio Herrera and Gail Yatso, president of the Oconto Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, who stands next to Herrera's brother and co-owner Polo Herrera. WARREN BLUHM | NEW MEDIA

consin" logo. The canopy over the bar is also dotted with Oconto Blue Devil symbols.

"It's very impressive what they've done here," said Ron Hayes, the president of the Oconto Area Chamber of Commerce, looking around at what for many years was the Riverside Bar at the intersection of Smith and McDonald streets along the Oconto River.

Although it wasn't open for the grand opening with temperatures hovering around 20 degrees, the outdoor seating area on the river remains.

The interior is decorated with a colorful variety of murals and furniture decorated with Mexican art, which was custom made by craftsmen in Tonalá, Jalisco, Julio Herrera said. Tonalá is a city known for its handi-

crafts in the state of Jalisco, the same region as the city of Tequila.

Los Magueyes is open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily at 106 Smith St., Oconto, the same hours as its other locations at 203 S. St. Augustine St., Pulaski; and 129 S. Webster Ave., 1053 Velp Ave., and 2648 S. Packerland Drive in Green Bay.

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A bench outside Los Magueyes greets visitors to the Mexican restaurant's new location in Oconto. WARREN BLUHM | NEW MEDIA



The Los Magueyes logo is substituted for the courthouse in the official Oconto County logo.

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Barn quilt patterned after family quilt

Shawano County's barn quilt project recently reached another historic milestone with the addition of the 400th. The quilt is on a barn owned by Steven Krueger and Mark Hebert at N5701 Lakeview Road, Bonduel. More than 100 people witnessed the unveiling of the milestone quilt, which was put on display by LeRoy and Keenan Raddant, who work for Raddant Electric in Shawano.

The design for the quilt was patterned after a quilt Steven's grandmother, Isabell Krueger, had sewn for him many years ago, so the quilt has been named Isabell's Quilt in her honor.

The quilt was sponsored by Charlie and Debbie Harvey and their family, owners of Charlie's County Market in Shawano.

"It's an honor to support this wonderful barn quilt project by sponsoring this beautiful quilt," said Kelly Sufak, Charlie and Debbie's daughter. "Dad has supported the Shawano community in many ways for many years and has appreciated the support the area has given to our family. He is always looking for ways to support the community."

The 400th barn quilt is the third one the Harvey family has sponsored for the project.

Steven and Mark purchased their six-acre farm in 2014 and since then have made major improvements to both the barn and the house. A new steel roof and new steel doors were put on the barn and the barn loft has been transformed into space where gatherings can be held. From 2015 to 2018, the interior of the more than 100-year-old farmhouse was completely redone as well. The original hardwood flooring was removed by hand, piece by piece, to repurpose the beautiful wood for new use. The dining room table and master bedroom vanity feature the reclaimed wood.

"We plan to build additional furnishings/accessories with this wood to continue to preserve the history of this beautiful home," Steven said. "While there is what feels like an endless amount of work to be done, it has been an incredible journey. Over the past eight years, countless neighbors and folks unknown to us have stopped by simply to say they love and appreciate the work they've seen transpire since then.



Mark Hebert, left, and Steven Krueger are shown with Shawano County's 400th barn quilt on their farm at N5701 Lakeview Road, Bonduel.

JIM LEUENBERGER

This has instilled a deep sense of pride in the work we have done and reminds us that our farm is viewed and appreciated by many more people than ourselves.

"Mark and I think the barn quilt is gorgeous. We are so happy to be part of Shawano County's amazing barn quilt project and thank the Harvey family for sponsoring it for us."

The original property was first deeded from the state of Wisconsin

to George Gibbs in 1871. It came under the first generation of Berg ownership in 1880 with the sale of 145 acres to Martin and Helena Berg for \$645. In 1884, they sold some of the land to the St. Paul Eastern Grand Trunk Railroad Company, which is now state Highway 22. In 1905, the house was added on to, which doubled its size.

Later, the farm was sold to their sons, Robert and John. Some years later, Robert and his wife, Mayme,

took over the farm, which was bordered on the north by Shawano Lake. They took sand from their farm to develop lots along the lake, which were sold to support the farm. The farm was then owned by their son, Martin (nicknamed Beeler), who sold it to a non-family member in 1976. Along with Martin, Robert and Mayme's other two sons, Raymond and Norbert, grew up on the farm.

Raymond was in the Army during World War II and was at Pearl Harbor when it was bombed. His brother, Norbert, was in the Air Force during the war, and later attended the University of Wisconsin. After college, he became a vice president at Wausau Papers. Meanwhile, Martin, who was described as a big guy, drew interest from the Green Bay Packers, but his dad said he needed to help on the farm.

The farm was a dairy farm during the 96 years it was owned by the Berg family. Many local people recall going to the farm to buy milk, and Raymond's two daughters recall being at the farm while growing up. Chris, who lives in Elkhorn, said her grandma, Mayme, always had a big garden and canned everything except potatoes, which were put in the sand floor cellar. Her grandpa, Robert, was a founding member of Morning Glory Dairy in Shawano.

Kathy, Raymond's other daughter, said they always had a good time jumping on the hay bales and helping milk the cows. Both girls also recalled all the other buildings on the farm, like the corn crib, outdoor toilet, and shed where, on special occasions, the men would play cards and drink beer while the women cooked.

After 1978, ownership transferred from Larry and Janalee Wetzel, R. David Petty, Teresa Doherty and John Doherty and finally to Steven in 2014.

Shawano County's barn quilt trail is the largest trail in the nation. The goals of the project are to encourage the preservation of the historic dairy barns in the county and to promote tourism in the area.

For more information, contact the Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce at 715-524-2139 or go to the Chamber website at www.shawanocountry.com and click on the barn quilt link.



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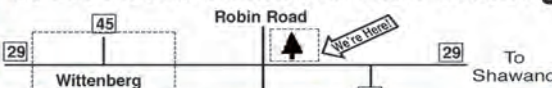
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Songbirds nesting in winter gardens

With temperatures finally dropping, the songbirds of winter begin to move into our area, frequenting backyard and garden feeders, as well as plants left standing for the winter season. If you've never enjoyed the hobby of bird feeding during the winter season, this is the time to start.



ROB ZIMMER

There are many fun and colorful species of songbirds that are right at home in our area during the winter season. In fact, many of these birds migrate here to spend the winter. Rather than fly south to tropical locations,

many birds from the Arctic and the boreal forests of Canada travel here to spend the winter. Unbothered by cold and snow, these songbirds are a joy throughout the season.

Probably the favorite bird of many, the northern cardinal is a perfect example. These beautiful, exotic looking birds are right at home here in the snowy northwoods, bringing cheer and warmth to even the coldest and snowiest days. Cardinals love large seeds such as striped sunflower, black oil sunflower and safflower. Feeding these types of food, either in a hopper feeder or platform feeder, as well as scattered along the ground, will entice cardinals to your yard and garden.

A close relative of the cardinal, the evening grosbeak, has been pushing south in larger than normal numbers this fall, so far. Evening grosbeaks are colored a stunning blend of yellow and gold, black and white. These chunky birds travel in flocks and roam the forests of Wisconsin, seeking out sources of food. They have been spotted this fall so far as far south as Grant County and Milwaukee. Keep an eye out for these beautiful birds as they often don't stay long on their traveling journeys.

The pine siskin is another beautiful bird colored in shades of gold and olive green. A relative of the goldfinch, pine siskins nest far to our north, moving south into our area for the winter. They are fond of the same foods as American goldfinches, such as Nyjer seed and other small seeds. As their name implies, these birds use their sharp, pointed beaks to pry pine seeds and spruce seeds out of conifer trees.

Juncoes, chickadees, nuthatches,



One of the most beloved winter songbirds is the northern cardinal.

ROB ZIMMER



The mighty pileated woodpecker can be enticed to feeders with suet, as well as peanuts and cracked corn.

ROB ZIMMER

even the occasional tufted titmouse are all common and enjoyable birds of winter that flock to feeders of different styles, as well as gardens, as they roam the winter wonderland.

All of our native woodpeckers are fun to enjoy during the winter season. Feed suet, peanuts, cracked corn and

other sources of food for these striking birds. Downy woodpecker, hairy woodpecker, pileated woodpecker and red-bellied woodpeckers are all expected and quite common in our area. Suet is one of their favorite sources of food, and you can purchase suet cakes in many different varieties or flavors.

There is even one that is called a woodpecker blend. This one is packed with nuts and other morsels of food.

The plants in your garden can provide a good source of food for winter in birds, as well. Many varieties of birds will feed upon the seed heads of purple coneflower, black eyed Susan, sunflower, zinnia, cosmos, cup plants, prairie coneflower, aster and others. Milkweed seeds are another source of food. Additionally, fruit trees such as crab apples, orchard trees, highbush cranberry, as well as fruiting vines such as wild grape make excellent sources of food for wild songbirds during the winter season.

If you are new to birdwatching, pick up a bird field guide featuring the common birds of our area and enjoy identifying them throughout the winter season as they drop in to your feeder and garden. By offering a wide variety of food and food sources, you'll attract the greatest variety of birds. Include a suet feeder, hopper style feeder, platform feeder or flat board, as well as a tube or sock feeder filled with Nyjer seed. You're sure to see a variety of beautiful birds.

Rob Zimmer is a nature and garden author, public speaker and radio show host on WHBY. Readers can find him on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RobZimmerOutdoors.

FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Finding the lost treasure of the cellphone

I knew I had used my cellphone just a bit ago that day. Rehashing recent steps in my head as I busied about the house, I couldn't really remember when I last had my cell in hand. I didn't panic. (That came later.)

OK, so OK, where was I? I was all over the place. Outside raking leaves that afternoon, shoving heifer feed in with the skidster, gathering garbage. I even looked through the trash. I had washed clothes, so I pushed the dry clothes around in the laundry basket. Went back to my office and paid bills, so I tore into the pile of papers on the top of my desk. Remembering I had checked emails, I pulled out the tray that held my computer's keyboard. Nope.

I always host Thanksgiving for my family. A couple of years ago when everyone began gathering their things to head home, my daughter started looking intently under stuff and in corners.

"Honey, what're you looking for?"

"My cellphone."

The relatives started carting things out to their car. My son had a "Find My Phone" app. Presently he piped up, "It's moving."

We found out that my 3-year-old grandniece had taken my daughter's phone and slipped it inside her backpack, and Daddy was hauling same backpack to the car. The phone was indeed moving. Right out to the car.

In this case, my son wasn't home and I couldn't ask him to apply his "Find My Phone" app. Oh, how convenient that would have been. My husband was out hunting that late afternoon, which happened to be Halloween.

I read a book once where the protagonist had early-onset dementia. It was such a sad, frightening book. I had misplaced my car keys one day and looked in the microwave, afraid I would potentially find them there. Not funny, truly, as so many older folks cannot remember their loved ones.

As my parents aged, while their physical bodies were weakening, they still recognized all of us, right up to the day the angels came to escort them home to Jesus. One afternoon, I walked into the nursing home where I found Dad resting quietly on his bed, eyes closed.

Softly entering his room I whispered close to his ear, "Hi, Dad."

Without opening his eyes he whispered back, "Hi, Kay."

"How'd you know it was me, Dad?"

"I could tell it was you by your voice." He

opened his eyes and justified his statement with his beloved crooked grin.

Recalling all of this, I remember I didn't bother looking in the microwave for my phone but I thought of the book and my dad, nonetheless. Thoughts didn't help find my phone. I called myself with the land line. Nothing.

I started thinking of all the things I had in there: Contacts, banking information, texts from my kids I cannot erase, my Facebook account, personal messages and our sisters' chat group. My note. Book ideas, a Fleet Farm list. My pictures. All my special apps, my Venmo, Cash App, the Gideon Bible app. Rehashing this I realized I could live really. I wouldn't stop breathing, but what a hassle.

I began to sort of hyperventilate, my heart started to race. I discovered my stomach was in knots. I drew myself up short. Stop. This. Nonsense. It's just a phone. I can replace a phone. Then I got sad. I love my phone. I am in love with my phone. Crazyiness.

Just as the sun was going to sleep, my husband came home from hunting. I took a flashlight and went through the four wheeler; in between the seats, on the floor, on and under the dash, every nook and cranny. Nothing.

"Hey, call my phone with yours," I told him in a tense, crisp tone. I didn't recall if I had it on silent or not. Listening intently, I heard a cow moo. I might have heard an owl. I didn't hear my phone.

"I'm going to check where I was raking leaves. Call my cell on yours when I get out there." Never one to bark orders, I found I was barking quite handily.

Going back where I was raking in the front lawn, I swept the flashlight slowly back and forth. I started giggling. I was outside in the dark on Halloween night. I don't particularly like Halloween, it's not my favorite holiday, and to be outside with a flashlight on this night seemed funny to me even in the midst of my anxiety. I think I was going a bit batty.

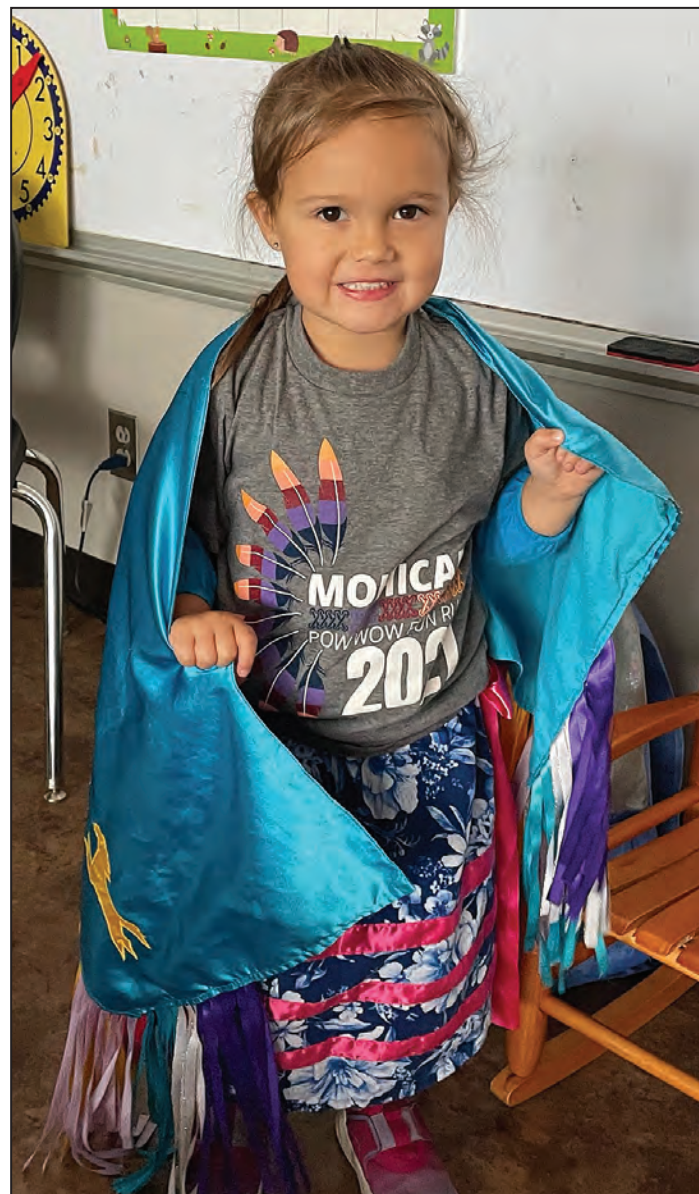
Husband was still calling me and starting to walk back toward the house, I stopped. Cocked my head ever so slightly; do I hear? Walking toward the sound, I realized with profound joy I had found it. It was on the deck railing. It dawned on me then. I had eaten a Popsicle on the deck late that afternoon.

I could have kissed the phone. I didn't, but I could have.

("A person finds joy in giving an apt reply, and how good is a timely word!" Proverbs 15:23)

Kay Reminger was born and raised on a dairy farm, and she married her high school sweetheart, who happened to farm for a living in Leopold. Writing for quite a few years, she remains focused on the blessings of living the ups and downs of rural life from a farm wife's perspective.

Preschooler shares heritage



On Nov. 18, in honor of Native American Heritage Month, Everleigh Bartz, 3, a preschool student at Sacred Heart Catholic School, brought in her beautiful ribbon skirt, shawl and hair clip to share with her class. She was kind enough to let other friends try on the shawl. It was an opportunity for other students to learn more about Native American heritage, while giving this preschool student a chance to celebrate her heritage.

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CLUB NOTES

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 239

On Nov. 21, the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 239 of Tigerton presented Marlene Blumreich with a certificate and lap quilt. Cake and Ice cream were served at the Homme Home in Wittenberg where she now resides. Marlene joined the Auxiliary in 1958 and has been very active until moving to Homme.

Virginia Kauffman, auxiliary president, commented on how wonderful it was to be able to present her with these items. Also attending the get-together at Homme were Carol Knaup, Kathy Thiel, Betty Anderson, Diane Marty and Ruth Much.

It has been an honor to have Marlene in the unit. Others that received mention and certificates were Ruth Much, Nancy Michaelis, and Sharon Dedolph for their 35 years as members; Betty Anderson with 15 years; and Vicki Knaup with five years.

Suring Area Historical Society

The Suring Area Historical Society held its Nov. 15 meeting at the Suring Village Hall meeting room. The meeting was called to order by president Adelaide Boettcher. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the 12 members and guests present. The secretary and treasurer reports were approved as read. Balance in the account is \$84,764.47.

Our bake sale at the SAHS Craft Sale went well, profit being \$373.39. Rick Zill is working on the train room at the museum, which is coming along quite well.

The new binders of the past calendars are put together and are being sold for \$25 each. The SAHS Spring Breakfast is set for April 23 at St. John Lutheran Church in Hayes with the St. John Ladies serving along with assistance of the Northern Riders youth. Letters will go out in early March or the end of February.

Duane Wardecke and Rick Zill are in charge of putting the Christmas display up at the Riverside Park in Suring. Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. is the date and time set to put up the Christmas display at the museum.

The village informed us that they will be asking for a \$20 fee for the use of the meeting room for our SAHS



Standing with longtime American Legion Auxiliary Unit 239 member Marlene Blumreich, seated at an event at Homme Home of Wittenberg honoring her many years of service are, Kathy Thiel, Ruth Much, Virginia Kauffman, Betty Anderson and Diane Marty.

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meetings, a discounted price if we setup a yearly schedule and pay for the year. We will not have a December meeting due to the busy holidays. Our April, June, August, September and October board meetings will be held at the museum.

A reminder that the 2023 membership dues are due now, \$10 per person or \$25 for family. We are looking for speakers for February and April with a suggestion to get a speaker to give us information on making honey or maple syrup.

Bob and Pat Broetzman are working at putting a railroad mural on the east side of the museum. We thank them for their efforts. It would be a great addition to our museum.

We ask our members to give some thought on picking dates when you can help out at the museum and fundraisers throughout the year.

Election of officers was held with Adelaide Boettcher being named president, Shannon Stoner as interim computer tech, Jay Merline as vice president, Ruben Rakow as treasurer, Helen Heimerl as secretary and Duane Wardecke as historian. Elected to the board are Candie Lehto, Cris Miller and Ethel Firgens. Diane Schuettpelz is our website person; website is suringmuseumandhistory.com.

Our speaker for the evening was Larry McGray from Larry McGray Antique Auto in Lena. Larry was very interested in doing Models at the young age of 8. At age 12, he learned to drive tractor, and then he got the keys to a Model A Coupe and learned to drive in the 10-acre field. He built a cabin on White Lake in 1969 and then came to Suring for buying all his toys.

Union Hardware had the sup-

plies he needed. Gehling Standard Gas Station and Suring Coop were just a few places that he supported in Suring during his early memories. Larry rebuilt his grandfather's 1922 Ford Model T. He was always looking for a job at a young age, and finally a neighbor in Sheboygan offered him a job. He enjoyed working in the blacksmith shop. He learned by experience because his boss would not tell him how he did things.

Larry has fixed Suring's old fire truck, which has been in the Suring Parade. Some of Larry's pride cars were a 1941 Pontiac, 1929 Nash, 1940 Mercury and 1951 Plymouth. It took Larry two years to restore a totally rusty 1960 Pontiac.

Larry says, "If you can't afford it, Don't ask for price."

The next meeting is Jan. 17, 2023.

— Helen Heimerl

Village of Lena invites residents to decorate for holidays

Lena is full of Christmas spirit and inviting residents to dig out Christmas decorations and get decorating for a chance to win in the Village Christmas Outdoor Decorating Contest.

There are four categories:

- Spirit of Christmas — Best overall light display that captures the spirit of Christmas.
- Griswold — Excessive use of

lights and decorations.

- Daytime Visual — Looks as good during the daytime as nighttime.
- Christmas Themed — Carries a theme. Examples are nativity, Disney,

etc.

Judging will be done on the weekend of Dec. 16, and winners will be announced Dec. 19. For information, contact Linda Hinds at 920-604-2810.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Auction to benefit Abrams theater program

An online auction will benefit Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc.

More than 60 items are up for grabs, including sailing cruises, golf packages, hotel stays, homemade candy, cookies and dinners. The auction also features theater-related prizes like season tickets, a cameo appearance in an ASPI musical, and in-person performances by characters from "Beauty and the Beast" and "White Christmas."

The ASPI Spotlight Auction opens at noon Dec. 8, and ends at 8 p.m. Dec. 11. Prize pick-up is scheduled from noon to 6 p.m. Dec. 12, at the Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. Abrams. Merchandise is sorted by category for easy viewing and bidding online. To view prizes and place a bid, visit www.biddingowl.com/ASPI.

ASPI is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that presents musicals, comedies, and dramas at the theater. ASPI currently is running two capital campaigns to raise funds for a new sound system and roof.

For information, visit www.AbramsTheater.com.

Reindeer run, more part of Lena holiday festivities

The Village of Lights preparation is underway in Lena and will kick off Dec. 3.

New this year will be the Reindeer Dash 5K Run, starting at 3:30 p.m. and will be held at Lena High School, 304 E. Main St., Lena, and is sponsored by the school's baseball program. McGuire's Sports Bar and Restaurant, 211 S. Rosera St., Lena, will be selling one-topping nine-inch pizzas for \$5 from 3-5 p.m. Another exciting addition will be a village tree lighting ceremony at 4:45 p.m. at the Lena Village Hall, 117 E. Main St., Lena. At 5 p.m., Santa arrives at the hall by fire truck so the reindeer can rest up for Christmas.

From 5-7 p.m., local businesses will be sponsoring specials, providing treats and inviting folks to join in on a game of Blizzard Bingo, where visits to all the participating businesses and getting cards punched will earn a chance to win a gift card. Sending Christmas cards to veterans, cookie decorating, writing letters to Santa, horse-drawn wagon rides to see all the beautiful light displays in Lena, Christmas tree, wreath, and poinsettia sales and much more will help to make this event extra special.

Linda Hinds is heading the festive



Brigitte Finger, a volunteer with Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc., shows prize baskets included in the ASPI Spotlight Auction on Dec. 8-11. CONTRIBUTED

event as promotions committee chairwoman.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to join in on creating a great family tradition," Hinds said.

For information, call the Village Hall at 920-829-5226.

CMN presents at New Mexico land conference

The 18th annual First Americans Land Grant Consortium Conference was held Oct. 21-25 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and the College of Menominee Nation had a handful of staff and students attend the conference.

Sessions from the conference covered 1994 land-grant teaching, extension programs and research that benefits Native communities. CMN President Chris Caldwell gave the keynote address on Oct. 22.

Also in attendance were 20 students from the Sustainability Leadership Cohort and Wildcrafting group. They were able to visit the Institute of American Indian Arts and Southwestern Polytechnic Institute. The students and Bonnie McKiernan gifted medicinal tea to American Indian Higher Education Consortium President Carrie Billy.

The consortium was created to support 1994 land-grant institutions helping to establish connections and assists on a peer-to-peer level with administrators.

2 more options for family care at Prevea Shawano

Prevea Health has two more employees to add to its family of care at the Prevea Shawano Health Center, 1300 E. Green Bay St., Shawano.

Stephanie Magnin, a nurse practitioner specializing in family medicine and primary care, provides routine care for children and adults, preventative medicine and health maintenance, medication management, management of acute and chronic illness, mental health services and patient education.

"As a family nurse practitioner, I strive to provide high quality care that is equivalent to the care I would expect my family and myself to receive," said Magnin. "I enjoy working with patients of all ages and treating

the whole patient, not just the medical condition."

Dr. Yu-Chin Fang, a fellowship trained integrative medicine physician, is coming back to Shawano to provide family medicine services with a holistic approach; adrenal and stress management; chronic disease support for diabetes mellitus, hypertension and mental health;



YU-CHIN FANG

functional GI evaluation; hormonal evaluation and management; nicotine cessation; oncology support; management of weight and metabolism; thyroid and menopausal care; and wellness and nutritional consultation.

"My practice is patient-focused, with the goal to remove roadblocks to health and to achieve healing and wellness," said Fang. "I listen to my patients so I can learn about their life story, which dramatically impacts their health care, because I can then try to meet my patients where they are and help them improve their health one step at a time."

Appointments can be made at 715-201-0870 or www.prevea.com.



STEPHANIE MAGNIN

Reiter teaches Menominee heritage to Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart Catholic School Students in grades 2-8 had the opportunity Nov. 21 to hear traditional Native American stories and learn more about Native American heritage from Guy Reiter, a traditional Menominee who resides on the Menominee Reservation.

Reiter shared the importance of the Five Clans, the story of the Sweat Lodge, the significance of the bald eagle and an eagle feather, and also taught the children several words from the Menominee Language.

Reiter, aka Anahkwet, is the executive director of Menikanaehkem Inc. He's also a community organizer, activist, author, amateur archaeologist and lecturer, as well as a member of the Menominee Constitutional Task Force. Reiter has organized a lot of events that have uplifted the human condition and demonstrated how enriching the Menominee culture is. Anahkwet has lectured at universities on the connection the Menominee tribe has to the Menominee River. He's also written articles for Environmental Health News and others.



Guy Reiter, Menikanaehkem executive director, hands a marten pelt to student Adilynn Erickson during his Nov. 21 visit to Sacred Heart Catholic School.

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Teen Challenge Choir coming to Hillside

The Teen Challenge Choir from Milwaukee will present a program of gospel music and testimony at 10 a.m. on Dec. 4 at Hillside Assembly, 5890 State Highway 22, Gillett.

Teen Challenge is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is to help youth, adults and families with life-controlling problems to become established in society through faith-based mentoring, education and job training. All programs and services are dependent upon the generous support of friends, corporations and families. Teen Challenge does not receive any government support.

Their faith-based approach has proven effective in alleviating drug and alcohol abuse. However, much needs to be done. It is estimated there are over 30,000 active drug abusers in the Milwaukee metro area. The cost to themselves, their families and community is great.

The choir is composed of women from all over Wisconsin and other parts of the United States. Each member comes with her own story that testifies to the power of God's redeeming love.

For information, call the church at 920-855-2962.

Golf tournament nets \$10,000 for Lakewood

The 2022 Don and Ora Lea Bartels Charity Tournament was held at McCauslin Brook Golf and Country Club in Lakewood on Sept. 12 and raised over \$10,000.

The annual event was a great success even though golfers and volunteers had to brave windy, rainy and cold weather out on the course.

Tournament organizer Mickey Schipferling expressed the gratitude of the Bartels family and employees: "We want to thank everyone for participating — the golfers who played despite very challenging conditions, the businesses and individuals that took out sponsorships and donated prizes, and our hardy volunteers who worked the entire day."

Half of the proceeds will go to the Lakes Country Public Library Building Fund, with the remainder donated to local charities and to fund scholarships.

Elf starts grand holiday tour of Lena businesses

The Elf on the Shelf is ready to begin his holiday journey around Lena businesses as of Dec. 3. The

elf will move around the village to a different location every day. Visitors can record all businesses correctly on the official contest sheet and return the sheet to the Lena Village Hall, 117 E. Main St., Lena, with their name and phone number for a chance to win a prize.

The Elf on the Shelf runs through Dec. 18. Completed sheets must be turned in no later than 9 a.m. Dec. 20, with a drawing for prizes following.

Library offering naming rights for large donations

Lakes Country Public Library's capital campaign to renovate and expand Lakewood Library has reached a very important new phase as the board of trustees approved a proposal to offer naming rights to individuals, families and businesses who wish to leave a lasting legacy in northern Oconto County by sponsoring a room at the Library.

"This idea came up at the request of a potential donor who inquired about naming rights," said Fundraising Chairwoman Kathleen Marsh. "We really weren't expecting that, but in response, our committee compiled a list of rooms suitable for naming. Donations range from

\$5,000 to \$100,000, depending on the size and purpose of the area."

For information, call the library at 715-276-9020 or send an email to kathiemarsh@yahoo.com. Other donations of any size will also be accepted. Drop off a contribution at the library, donate online at www.lakescountrylibrary.org or send a check to LCPL Building Fund, 15235 State Highway 32, Lakewood, WI 54138.

Post 44 holding annual Christmas social Dec. 5

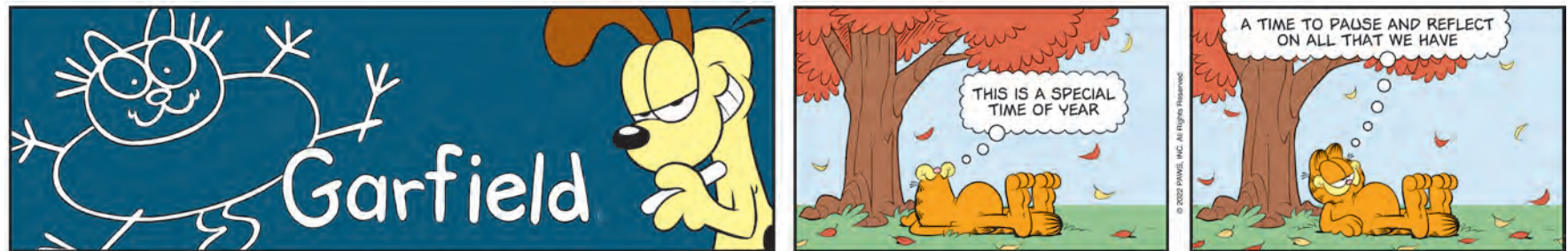
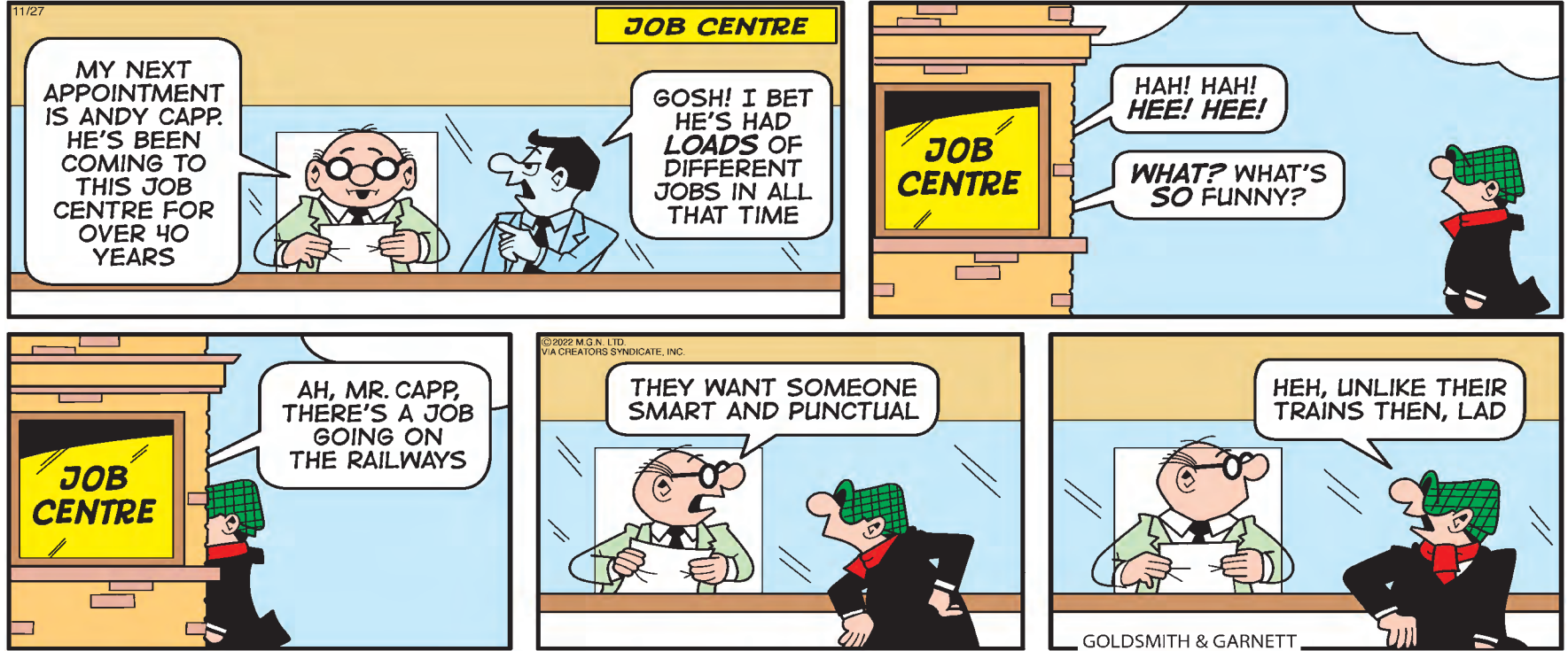
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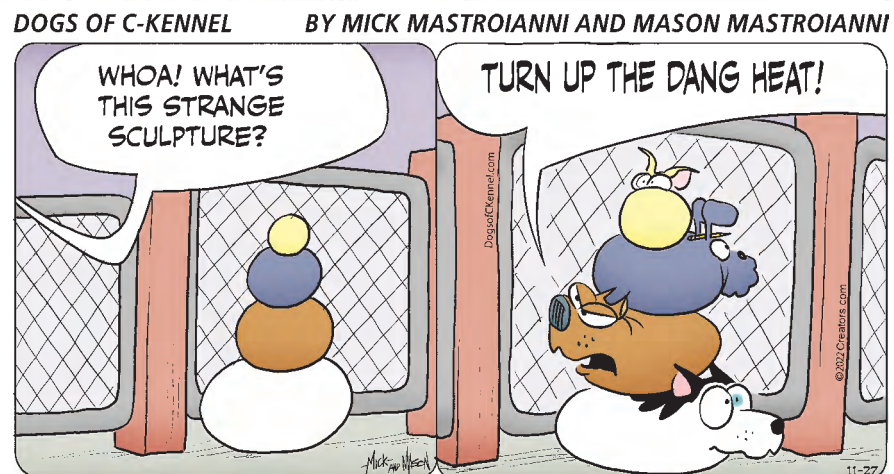
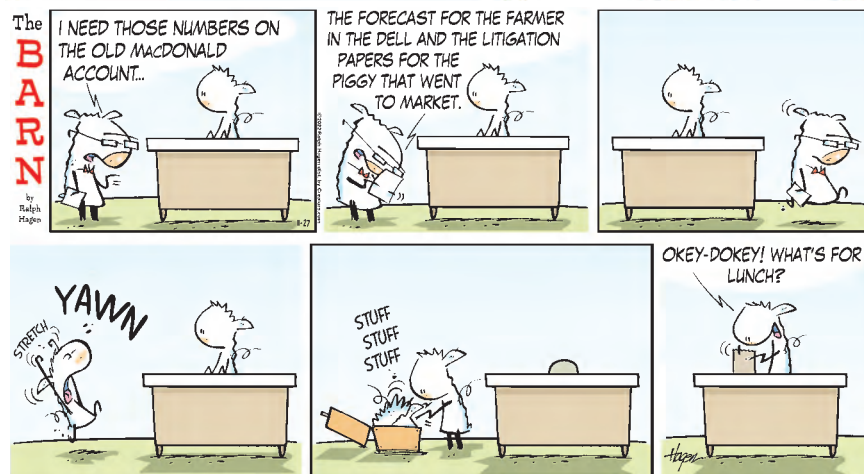
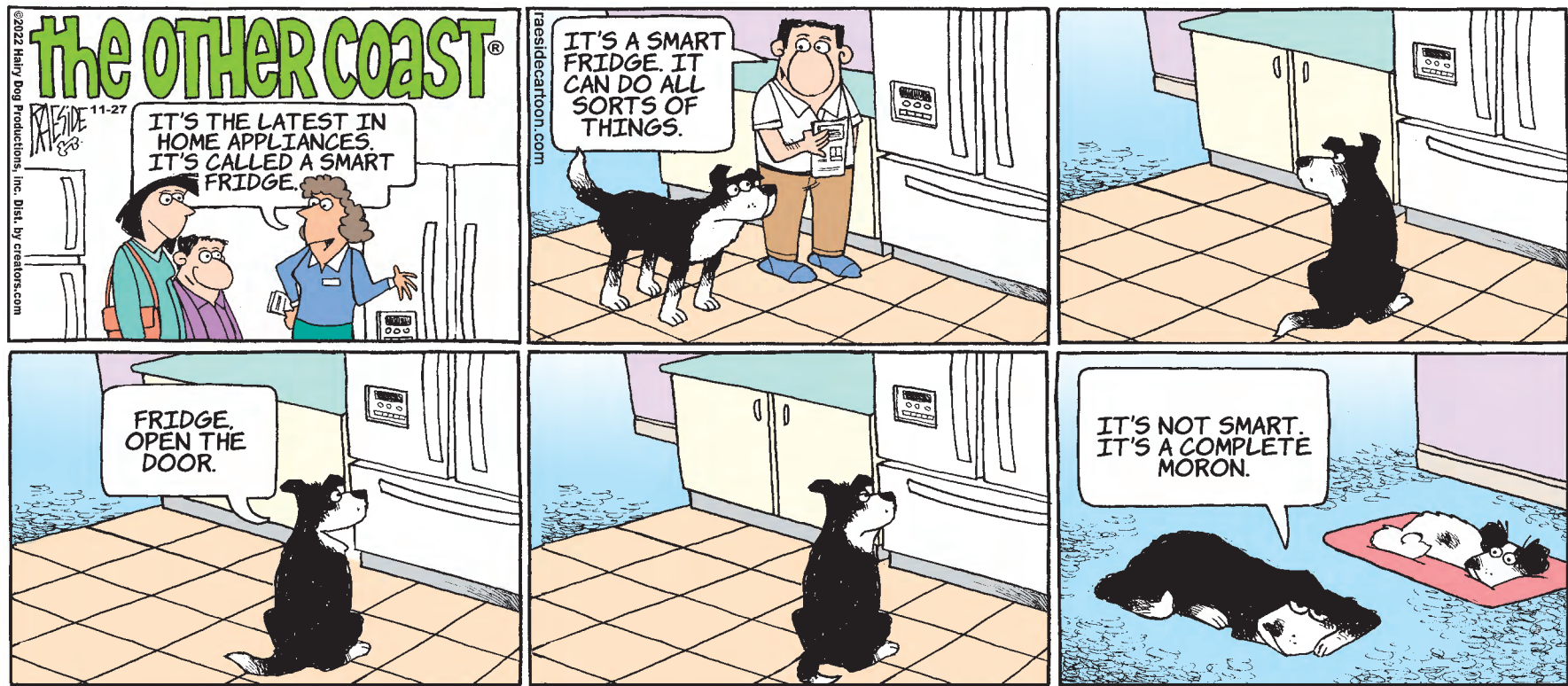
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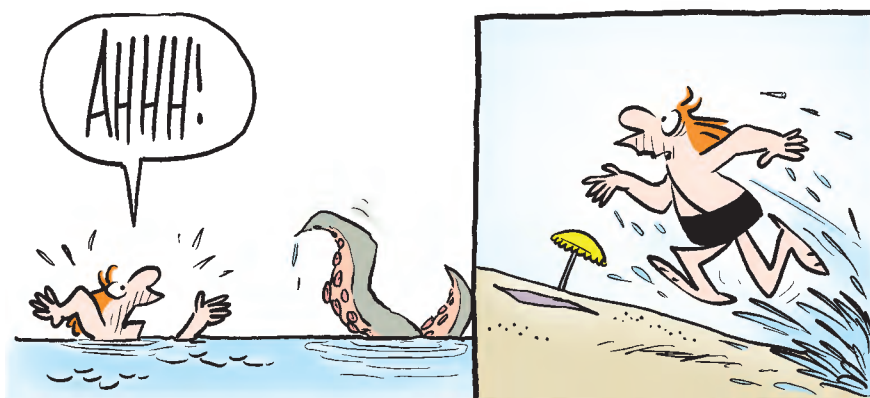
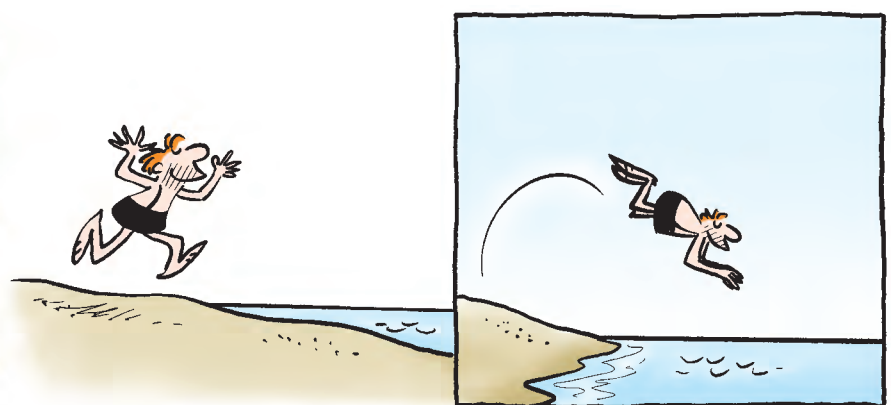
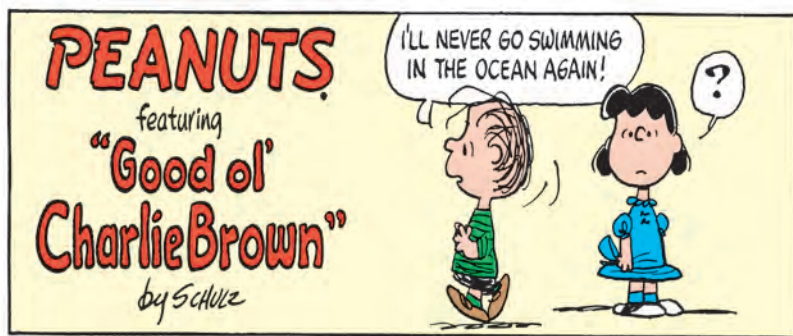


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by Gary M. Larson

ACROSS

- 1 Manuscript copyist
7 African expeditions
14 Hungers (for)
19 Changed gears
20 Stradivari's hometown
21 Mexican chile pepper
22 Going cold turkey, perhaps
24 "Get lost!"
25 Tax-deferred plan
26 Cook, as clams
27 Intensify, with "up"
29 After curfew
30 Prescriptions, for short
32 Inept one
36 Genesis city
38 Latin American jazz
41 Grown up
44 Hodgepodge
47 Basically out of gas
52 Canyon rim
53 Baby food
56 Sailor's asset
57 Has regrets about
58 ___ colada
59 Important time
60 Influences toward a decision
61 *Home Alone* crook portrayal
62 Barbecue pests
63 Plaster of Paris
65 Pampering place for Persians
68 Doctor's prescription
70 Fuel dispenser
72 John Paul II, since 2014
74 Campaign poster word
77 Infinitesimal amount
78 Sushi condiment
80 Doctor-show device
81 Connection
83 Stuffed shirts

- 87 ___ Troopa (Super Mario footsoldier)
89 Test for a college sr.
90 Strongly suggest
91 Translucent mineral
92 Engorged oneself
94 Hog hangout
95 Land parcel
96 Dealing with difficulties
99 Detach, as a trailer
101 New Age keyboardist
102 Insubstantial stuff
105 Board, as a bus
107 Lounging robe
111 Romance writer
113 Place for an earring
115 Crowd's sound
118 Pungent bulb
121 Barbecue add-on
122 Occupied, as a conference room
124 In the way on the road
129 National hero of Spain
130 Giving the slip to
131 Spicy stews
132 Stand-up comic Wanda
133 Rock guitarist Carlos
134 Twins seen on *Full House*

DOWN

- 1 Counties of England
2 Noisy insect
3 Erstwhile DC stadium
4 Medical suffix
5 Propensity
6 Nosed (out)
7 Dolt
8 Consist of
9 "I hate this!"
10 Internists' org.
11 Holds up
12 "What's ___ for me?"
13 Fills to excess
14 Part of UNLV
15 Clear, as a drain
16 Preparing breakfast, perhaps
17 Finger pointer's pronoun
18 A smattering of
19 Peruse quickly
23 Confucian principle
28 Left at sea
31 Camera type, for short
33 Verne hero
34 Ships carrying ETs
35 ___ Clemente, CA
37 Journal page
39 Solve, in British slang
40 All over again
42 *Chicago* star
43 Outback birds
45 "It ___ over till . . ."
46 Transcript stats
48 Civil rights org.
49 Russian version of "Elijah"
50 Crows' homes
51 Chest muscle
53 Simon of the *Star Trek* reboot
54 Land expanse
55 Shifting blame
58 Abdul of pop
61 Bad reviews
64 Piped up
66 Lumber cutters
67 ___ mater (brain covering)
69 Spruce up, as a den
71 Cartographer
73 George of the original *Star Trek*
74 Laughfests
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79 Squeezing snakes

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96 Little kid
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98 Renewable energy source
100 Baby's outfit
103 On a lark
104 Eggplants and avocados
106 Court costumes
108 South Pacific kingdom
109 Director Lee
110 Part of TNT
112 Basics
113 Is deceitful
114 Nothing more than

- 116 Menlo Park middle name
117 Speckle-coated horse
119 Spoken
120 Keeps annoying
123 Workers for weeklies: Abbr.
125 St. Louis summer setting
126 Car from South Korea
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Green Bay Packers defenders chase Philadelphia Eagles running back Miles Sanders during a game on Nov. 27 in Philadelphia.

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Latest loss reveals most concerning issue for Pack

Green Bay opponents rushing for average of 154.8 yards a game this season

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The Green Bay Packers have dealt with a lot of problems holding the team back from its full potential this year, but none may be more damaging than the run defense.

Philadelphia quarterback Jalen Hurts just set the single-game rushing record in Eagles history from a quarterback, with 157 rushing yards, while running back Miles Sanders added another 143 on the ground, in route to a 363-yard rushing game from the Eagles.

That should not seem out of the ordinary though, as Green Bay now ranks 31st in the NFL in rushing yards allowed per game, giving up 154.8 rushing yards per game. Only the Houston Texans have a worse rushing defense at 168.6 yards.

Over just the last three games, Green Bay is giving up 203.3 yards per game on the ground, which is 32nd in the league and 14 more yards than the Atlanta Falcons.

“To come up short is really disappointing but bottom line is, you can’t allow someone to run for (363) yards against you,” said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur. “I think we were in some situations where we were capable of making some tackles that we didn’t make.”

LaFleur is right. Although it may not seem likely, the Packers are still in the playoff picture. If the team wants to reach the postseason, it can not give up 363 rushing yards.

This was a winnable game for the Packers, but missed tackles may just be the reason that they lost. LaFleur noted that Green Bay missed 15 tackles on Sunday, a number that Pro Football Focus bumped up to 16. Rookie linebacker Quay Walker, who has taken over the play-calling duties on defense, missed four alone. Two other linebackers Isaiah McDuffie and Krys Barnes added another two each, to bring a total of eight missed tackles from the linebacker position.

Reading that, it makes sense why Philadelphia rushed for 363 yards.

“It’s tough to stop anything if you have 15 missed tackles,” said LaFleur. “We have to be better. We have to have a better plan. We have to go out there and execute better. We have to tackle better, because that can’t happen in this league.”

LaFleur’s answer to his impression of the rush defense against Philadel-



Green Bay Packers linebacker Quay Walker, right, runs with the ball as cornerback Jaire Alexander looks to throw a block during a game against the Philadelphia Eagles on Nov. 27 in Philadelphia.

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phia makes sense, but should be concerning for Packers fans. Whether it has been the rushing defense, the poor play of the receivers to start the year, or the usage of running back Aaron Jones, LaFleur has answered criticism by saying that the team has to do better. That has not necessarily been the case, as the high point of the season came early, when the team started 3-1.

When the Packers win, it is much easier to mask those deficiencies, but after winning just one out of the team’s past eight games, there shouldn’t be any more “we have to be better.” Whether it be the defensive gameplan, the players, or the coaches, the Packers have not been better this year — the team gave up just 106 yards on the ground per game last year — it has become glaringly obvious that a below-average offense cannot succeed if the defense is giving up 363 rushing yards in a game.

Playing devil’s advocate, the Pack-

ers have played a lot of good runners this years: Dalvin Cook (Minnesota), Leonard Fournette (Tampa Bay), Saquon Barkley (New York Giants), Breece Hall (New York Jets), Jamaal Williams (Detroit), Derrick Henry (Tennessee) and the potent rushing attacks of Chicago and Philadelphia. That’s no excuse though, as every team in the NFL plays Pro Bowl running backs on a weekly basis and each team comes up with a different gameplan to stop them.

The gameplan for Green Bay has succeeded in some instances, like against Fournette, but has totally failed in other instances, like against Hall. With Cook, Williams and Chicago still yet to play their second game against Green Bay, there is not much time for LaFleur’s thought of “we have to be better.” It is now time to be better.

It sounds like De’Vondre Campbell is very close to returning, which will undoubtedly improve the rushing de-

fense, but depending on when and how much he plays, it might be too late.

Green Bay has dug itself a major hole, which tends to happen when a team loses five games in a row in the middle of the season. Yes, Rodgers has been playing hurt this year and rookies have had to step up into unfamiliar roles all around the team, but as the old cliché goes, a football game is won in the trenches.

If Green Bay has any last-ditch effort to continue playing after the regular season, the run defense needs to be the strength of this team. Cleaning up missed tackles and Campbell returning will provide positive results and should take pressure off of Walker. It is not too late for the Packers to run the table and sneak into the playoffs with a 9-8 record, but that has to start up front by stopping the run.

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6	Dallin Leavitt	S	5-10	195	28	4	Utah State
7	Quay Walker	LB	6-4	241	22	R	Georgia
9	Christian Watson	WR	6-5	208	23	R	North Dakota State
10	Jordan Love	QB	6-4	219	24	3	Utah State
11	Sammy Watkins	WR	6-1	211	29	9	Clemson
12	Aaron Rodgers	QB	6-2	225	38	18	California
13	Allen Lazard	WR	6-5	227	26	4	Iowa State
16	Pat O'Donnell	P	6-4	220	31	9	Miami
18	Randall Cobb	WR	5-10	195	32	12	Kentucky
20	Rudy Ford	S	6-0	200	28	6	Auburn
22	Shemar Jean-Charles	CB	5-10	184	24	2	Appalachian State
23	Jaire Alexander	CB	5-10	196	25	5	Louisville
24	Tariq Carpenter	S	6-3	230	23	R	Georgia Tech
25	Keisean Nixon	CB	5-10	200	25	4	South Carolina
26	Darnell Savage	S	5-11	198	25	4	Maryland
28	AJ Dillon	RB	6-0	247	24	3	Boston College
29	Rasul Douglas	CB	6-2	209	27	6	West Virginia
31	Adrian Amos	S	6-0	214	29	8	Penn State
33	Aaron Jones	RB	5-9	208	27	6	Texas-El Paso
35	Corey Ballentine	CB	5-11	196	26	4	Washburn
44	Johnathan Abram	S	5-11	205	26	4	Mississippi State
45	Eric Wilson	LB	6-1	230	28	6	Cincinnati
47	Justin Hollins	LB	6-5	248	26	4	Oregon
50	Zach Tom	OL	6-4	304	23	R	Wake Forest
51	Krys Barnes	LB	6-2	229	24	3	UCLA
53	Jonathan Garvin	LB	6-4	257	23	3	Miami
55	Kingsley Enagbare	LB	6-4	258	22	R	South Carolina
56	Jack Coco	LS	6-2	248	24	R	Georgia Tech
58	Isaiah McDuffie	LB	6-1	227	23	2	Boston College
59	De'Vondre Campbell	LB	6-3	232	29	7	Minnesota
63	Rasheed Walker	T	6-6	324	22	R	Penn State
69	David Bakhtiari	T	6-4	310	31	10	Colorado
70	Royce Newman	T/G	6-5	310	25	2	Mississippi
71	Josh Myers	C/G	6-5	310	24	2	Ohio State
73	Yosh Nijman	T	6-7	314	26	3	Virginia Tech
74	Elgton Jenkins	G	6-5	311	26	4	Mississippi State
76	Jon Runyan	G	6-4	307	25	3	Michigan

78	Luke Tenuta	T	6-8	314	23	R	Virginia Tech
81	Josiah Deguara	TE	6-2	238	25	3	Cincinnati
83	Samori Toure	WR	6-1	191	24	R	Nebraska
84	Tyler Davis	TE	6-4	252	25	3	Georgia Tech
85	Robert Tonyan	TE	6-5	240	28	5	Indiana State
87	Romeo Doubs	WR	6-2	204	22	R	Nevada
89	Marcedes Lewis	TE	6-6	267	38	17	UCLA
90	Jarran Reed	DL	6-3	307	29	7	Alabama
91	Preston Smith	LB	6-5	265	30	8	Mississippi State
93	T.J. Slaton	DL	6-4	330	25	2	Florida
94	Dean Lowry	DL	6-6	296	28	7	Northwestern
95	Devonte Wyatt	DL	6-3	304	24	R	Georgia
97	Kenny Clark	DL	6-3	314	27	7	UCLA
99	Jonathan Ford	DL	6-5	338	24	R	Miami
Reserve/Injured							
21	Eric Stokes	CB	6-0	194	23	2	Georgia
40	Tipa Galeai	LB	6-5	229	25	2	Utah State
52	Rashan Gary	LB	6-5	277	24	4	Michigan
67	Jake Hanson	C	6-4	296	25	2	Oregon
Reserve/Non-Football Illness							
72	Caleb Jones	T	6-9	370	23	R	Indiana
Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner							
75	Sean Ryan	T/G	6-5	321	22	R	UCLA
Practice Squad							
17	Ramiz Ahmed	K	5-11	193	27	1	Nevada
19	Danny Etling	QB	6-3	222	28	1	LSU
27	Patrick Taylor	RB	6-2	217	24	2	Memphis
34	Micah Abernathy	S	6-0	195	25	1	Tennessee
38	Innis Gaines	S	6-1	202	24	1	TCU
39	Tyler Goodson	RB	5-9	197	22	R	Iowa
43	Kiondre Thomas	CB	6-0	186	24	1	Kansas State
48	DQ Thomas	LB	6-2	216	23	R	Middle Tennessee State
54	La'Darius Hamilton	LB	6-2	261	24	2	North Texas
57	Tim Ward	LB	6-6	255	25	3	Old Dominion
80	Dede Westbrook	WR	6-0	178	29	6	Oklahoma
82	Jeff Cotton	WR	6-2	206	25	1	Idaho
86	Travis Fulgham	WR	6-2	211	27	3	Old Dominion
88	Juwann Winfree	WR	6-1	210	26	3	Colorado
96	Jack Heflin	DL	6-3	304	24	2	Iowa
98	Chris Slayton	DL	6-4	307	26	1	Syracuse

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2	Cairo Santos	K	5-8	175	31	8	Tulane
4	Eddie Jackson	DB	6-0	206	28	6	Alabama
6	Kyler Gordon	DB	6-0	200	22	R	Washington
8	N'Keal Harry	WR	6-4	225	24	4	Arizona State
9	Jaquan Brisker	DB	6-1	200	23	R	Penn State
10	Chase Claypool	WR	6-4	238	24	3	Notre Dame
11	Darnell Mooney	WR	5-11	173	25	3	Tulane
12	Velus Jones Jr.	WR	6-0	200	25	R	Tennessee
13	Byron Pringle	WR	6-1	203	29	5	Kansas State
15	Trevor Siemian	QB	6-3	220	30	7	Northwestern
16	Trenton Gill	P	6-4	219	23	R	N.C. State
18	Dante Pettis	WR	6-1	195	27	5	Washington
19	Equanimeous St. Brown	WR	6-5	214	26	5	Notre Dame
21	Darrynton Evans	RB	5-10	203	24	3	Appalachian State
22	Kindle Vildor	DB	5-11	189	24	3	Georgia Southern
25	Trestan Ebner	RB	5-11	206	23	R	Baylor
26	Justin Layne	DB	6-2	192	24	4	Michigan State
29	Dane Cruikshank	DB	6-1	209	27	5	Arizona
31	Jaylon Jones	DB	5-11	190	25	R	Mississippi
32	David Montgomery	RB	5-11	224	25	4	Iowa State
33	Jaylon Johnson	DB	6-0	196	23	3	Utah
35	Khari Blasingame	FB	6-0	233	26	4	Vanderbilt
36	DeAndre Houston-Carson	DB	6-0	202	29	7	William & Mary
37	Elijah Hicks	DB	5-11	200	23	R	California
39	Josh Blackwell	DB	5-11	180	23	R	Duke
44	Matt Adams	LB	6-0	230	26	5	Houston
45	Joe Thomas	LB	6-1	227	31	8	South Carolina State
48	Patrick Scales	LS	6-3	226	34	7	Utah State
50	Sterling Weatherford	LB	6-4	224	23	R	Miami (Ohio)
53	Nicholas Morrow	LB	6-0	216	27	5	Greenville
55	Al-Quadin Muhammad	DL	6-3	250	27	6	Miami
57	Jack Sanborn	LB	6-2	234	22	R	Wisconsin
60	Dieter Eiselen	OL	6-4	320	26	1	Yale
64	Mike Pennel Jr.	DL	6-4	332	31	9	Colorado State (Pueblo)
65	Cody Whitehair	OL	6-3	316	30	7	Kansas State
67	Sam Mustipher	OL	6-2	332	26	3	Notre Dame
69	Ja'Tyre Carter	OL	6-3	311	23	R	Southern

70	Braxton Jones	OL	6-5	310	23	R	Southern Utah State
71	Riley Reiff	OL	6-6	313	33	11	Iowa
72	Alex Leatherwood	OL	6-5	312	23	2	Alabama
75	Larry Borom	OL	6-5	333	23	2	Missouri
76	Teven Jenkins	OL	6-6	321	24	2	Oklahoma State
79	Michael Schofield III	OL	6-6	303	32	9	Michigan
84	Ryan Griffin	TE	6-6	255	32	10	Connecticut
85	Cole Kmet	TE	6-6	260	23	3	Notre Dame
88	Trevon Wesco	TE	6-3	267	27	4	West Virginia
90	Angelo Blackson	DL	6-4	315	30	8	Auburn
91	Dominique Robinson	DL	6-5	253	24	R	Miami (Ohio)
93	Justin Jones	DL	6-3	309	26	5	North Carolina State
96	Armon Watts	DT	6-5	295	26	4	Arkansas
97	Taco Charlton	DL	6-5	270	28	6	Michigan
99	Trevis Gipson	DL	6-4	263	25	3	Tulsa

Reserve/Injured

24	Khalil Herbert	RB	5-9	212	24	2	Virginia Tech
62	Lucas Patrick	OL	6-3	313	29	6	Duke
68	Doug Kramer	OL	6-2	300	24	R	Illinois
78	Dakota Dozier	OL	6-4	312	31	9	Furman
88	Tajae Sharpe	WR	6-2	194	27	7	Massachusetts

Practice Squad

14	Nathan Peterman	QB	6-2	225	28	6	Pittsburgh
17	Nsimba Webster	WR	5-10	180	26	4	Eastern Washington
20	Breon Borders	DB	6-0	189	27	4	Duke
30	Harrison Hand	DB	5-11	197	24	3	Temple
38	A.J. Thomas	DB	6-2	214	23	R	Western Michigan
43	DeMarquis Gates	LB	6-2	221	26	1	Mississippi
47	Chase Allen	TE	6-6	251	25	R	Iowa State
63	Michael Niese	OL	6-5	295	24	R	Temple
78	Kellen Diesch	OL	6-7	300	25	R	Arizona State
80	Sammis Reyes	TE	6-5	260	27	2	Loyola University
81	Jake Tonges	TE	6-4	240	23	R	California
82	Daurice Fountain	WR	6-1	210	26	4	Northern Iowa
92	Trevon Coley	DL	6-1	307	28	6	Florida Atlantic
95	Jalyn Holmes	DL	6-5	283	26	5	Ohio State
98	Gerri Green	DL	6-4	250	27	1	Mississippi State

Practice Squad/Injured

46	Andre Anthony	DL	6-4	251	26	R	LSU
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GAME VITALS

GREEN BAY PACKERS (4-8)
AT CHICAGO BEARS (3-9)
WHEN: noon, Sunday
WHERE: Soldier Field
TV: FOX
RADIO: 620 AM (WTMJ), Sirius
Satellite Radio (WTMJ feed)

THE SERIES

Packers vs. Bears
All-time, regular season: 103-94-6
All-time, postseason: 1-1
All-time, at Bears: 52-53-2
Streaks: The Green Bay Packers have dominated the Chicago Bears of late, winning each of the last seven matchups. The Packers have lost just once in Chicago since 2011.
Last meeting, regular season: Sept. 18, 2022, Packers won 31-10 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. Green Bay scored 21 points in the second quarter, with Aaron Rodgers throwing two touchdowns and Aaron Jones scoring twice.

SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	TV
Sept. 11	at Minnesota	Loss 23-7	
Sept. 18	vs. Chicago	Win 27-10	
Sept. 25	at Tampa Bay	Win 14-12	
Oct. 2	vs. New England	Win 27-24 (OT)	
Oct. 9	vs. N.Y. Giants (London)	Loss 27-22	
Oct. 16	vs. N.Y. Jets	Loss 27-10	
Oct. 23	at Washington	Loss 23-21	
Oct. 30	at Buffalo	Loss 27-17	
Nov. 6	at Detroit	Loss 15-9	
Nov. 13	vs. Dallas	Win 31-28	
Nov. 17	vs. Tennessee	Loss 27-17	
Nov. 27	at Philadelphia	Loss 40-33	
Dec. 4	at Chicago	noon	FOX
Bye week			
Dec. 19	vs. L.A. Rams	7:15 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 25	at Miami	noon	FOX
Jan. 1	vs. Minnesota	3:25 p.m.	CBS
Jan. 7/8	vs. Detroit	TBD	TBD

PACKERS DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

WR

Christian Watson
Sammy Watkins

RB

Aaron Jones
A.J. Dillon

QB

Aaron Rodgers
Jordan Love

WR

Randall Cobb
Samori Toure

WR

Allen Lazard
Romeo Doubs

TE

Marcedes Lewis
Robert Tonyan

RT

Yosh Nijman
Rasheed Walker

RG

Jon Runyan
Royce Newman

C

Josh Myers
Zach Tom

LG

Elgton Jenkins

LT

David Bakhtiari
Zach Tom

DEFENSE

DE

Dean Lowry
Devonte Wyatt

NT

Kenny Clark
T.J. Slaton

DE

Jarran Reed
Devonte Wyatt

CB

Rasul Douglas
Shemar Jean-Charles

CB

Jaire Alexander
Keisean Nixon

OLB

Preston Smith
Jonathan Garvin

ILB

De'Vondre Campbell
Isaiah McDuffie

ILB

Quay Walker
Krys Barnes

OLB

Kingsley Enagbare
Jonathan Garvin

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Adrian Amos
Dallin Leavitt

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Darnell Savage
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BEARS DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

WR

Darnell Mooney
Chase Claypool

RB

David Montgomery
Trestan Ebner

QB

Justin Fields
Trevor Siemian

FB

Khari Blasingame

WR

Equanimeous St. Brown
Byron Pringle

TE

Cole Kmet
Ryan Griffin

RT

Larry Borom
Riley Reiff

RG

Teven Jenkins
Ja'Tyre Carter

C

Sam Mustipher
Dieter Eiselen

LG

Cody Whitehair
Michael Schofield III

LT

Braxton Jones
Alex Leatherwood

DEFENSE

DE

Trevis Gipson
Dominique Robinson

DT

Justin Jones
Angelo Blackson

DT

Armon Watts
Mike Pennel Jr.

DE

Al-Quadin Muhammad
Taco Charlton

CB

Jaylon Johnson
Josh Blackwell

LB

Nicholas Morrow
Sterling Weatherford

LB

Jack Sanborn
Matt Adams

LB

Joe Thomas

S

Eddie Jackson
DeAndre Houston-Carson

S

Jaquan Brisker
Dane Cruikshank

CB

Kyler Gordon
Kindle Vildor

SCHEDULE

Thursday's Games
Buffalo at New England, 7:15 p.m.

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

Monday's Games
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 7:15 p.m.

Teams on byes: Arizona, Carolina

Next Thursday's Games
Las Vegas at L.A. Rams

STANDINGS

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

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KEYS TO THE GAME

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

The Green Bay Packers will travel to face the Chicago Bears at noon on Sunday at Soldier Field in Chicago. FOX will televise the game.

History

In a series that dates to 1921, the Packers lead 104-95-6. That includes a split of two playoff games. They've won seven in a row, 12 of the last 13, 16 of the last 18 and 22 of the last 25.

When the Bears beat the Packers 30-10 on Oct. 25, 1992, Chicago had extended its series lead to 80-57-6. Since then, Green Bay is a resounding 46-14.

Coaches

Green Bay — Matt LaFleur, 43-18, fourth season. Chicago — Matt Eberflus, 3-9, first season.

When the Packers have the ball

Will it be Aaron Rodgers starting and trying to retain his ownership over Chicago? Or will Jordan Love be getting his first shot in the century-old rivalry? Whoever it is will be facing a vulnerable defense.

The Bears enter week 13 ranked 28th with 25.4 points allowed per game. Eberflus was hired because of his defensive acumen but it hasn't shown up. On a per-play basis, the Bears are 29th overall (5.92), 24th against the run (4.68) and 31st against the pass (7.61).

They're also 31st on third down (48.9% conversions) and 27th in the red zone (65.9% touchdowns). The one trouble spot is takeaways, where the Bears are 10th with 15.

Chicago operates out of a 4-3 alignment. Having traded away two of their stars, linebacker Roquan Smith and pass rusher Robert Quinn, it is a unit that will enter the offseason seeking an infusion of talent.

Up front, Trevis Gipson and Al-Quadin Muhammad are the ends and Justin Jones and Armon Watts are the tackles. Jones and Gipson lead that group with two sacks apiece. Gipson has a team-high eight quarterback hits and Jones has been active with five quarterback hits, eight tackles for losses and four passes defended.

Former Wisconsin player Jack Sanborn, former Packers player Joe Thomas and Nicholas Morrow are the linebackers, with Sanborn and Morrow being the every-down players.



Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers throws a pass during a game against the Philadelphia Eagles on Nov. 27 in Philadelphia. GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA

Morrow has 78 tackles, including a team-high nine for losses. The last three weeks, Sanborn, an undrafted rookie, has games of 12 tackles and two sacks and 14 tackles.

The secondary is where there is talent. Jaylon Johnson and rookie Kyler Gordon have a chance to be a quality cornerback tandem and Eddie Jackson and rookie Jaquan Brisker already have emerged as a top pair at safety. When the Bears go with five defensive backs, it's Johnson and Kindle Vildor as the corners and Gordon in the slot.

Johnson is an excellent player, so opponents have attacked Gordon. The second-round pick has taken his lumps. According to Pro Football Focus, he's allowed an 82% catch rate and 615 yards, the second-worst and worst, respectively, in the NFL.

Brisker, also a second-round pick, is fourth on the team with 73 tackles. He leads the team with three sacks and has added one interception. His presence has helped

Jackson return to prominence. He was an All-Pro in 2018 (six interceptions, two for touchdowns) and a Pro Bowler in 2019 (two interceptions) but didn't have any interceptions in 2020 and 2021. This year, he's got four interceptions, two forced fumbles and 80 tackles.

With Gordon and Brisker in the concussion protocol last week, Jets backup quarterback Mike White threw for 315 yards, three touchdowns and a 149.3 passer rating.

When the Bears have the ball

The injury report will be a big deal this week, and not just because of Aaron Rodgers. Bears quarterback Justin Fields was inactive last week with an injured left shoulder. Last year's first-round pick hasn't been great as a passer — 59.6%, 13 touchdowns vs. eight interceptions and an 86.2 rating — but he is an electric runner with team-leading figures of 834 yards, 6.8 average and seven touchdowns. That 6.8 average ranks second in the NFL.

David Montgomery has had to carry the load with Khalil Herbert on injured reserve. Montgomery, who had 1,070 yards in 2020 and 849 yards in 13 games in 2021, has 580 yards (4-yard average) and three touchdowns. The Bears miss the explosive Herbert, who has 653 yards on the strength of a fourth-ranked 6-yard average.

No doubt the Bears will want to run the ball early and often against a Green Bay defense that allowed 363 rushing yards vs. Philadelphia, the third-worst night in franchise history. The Packers couldn't handle Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts; Fields is even more explosive as a runner.

Receivers Darnell Mooney and Chase Claypool and tight end Cole Kmet give Fields (or backup Trevor Siemian) some firepower in the passing game. Mooney leads the team with 40 receptions for 493 yards. Kmet has contributed 29 receptions for 336 yards and a team-high five touchdowns.

Acquired at the trade deadline, Claypool has only seven catches for 83 yards in four games.

Up front, rookie Braxton Jones is the left tackle, Cody Whitehair is the left guard, Sam Mustipher is the center, Teven Jenkins is the right guard and Riley Reiff is the right tackle.

Former Packers lineman Lucas Patrick, who had been starting at center, is on injured reserve (toe). Jones, a fifth-round pick, has really struggled with five sacks and 32 total pressures allowed. The Packers have struggled to mount a pass rush without Rashan Gary, though.

Special teams

In Football Outsiders' rankings, Chicago is 19th and Green Bay is 29th.

Cairo Santos has solved the Bears' longtime kicking issues. He is as reliable as they come, having converted 16-of-17 field-goal attempts. He is 4-of-5 from 50-plus yards.

Rookie punter Trenton Gill is 17th in average (47.1) and 23rd in net (40). He has only 11 inside-the-20 punts and has had one kick blocked.

The man he replaced, Green Bay's Pat O'Donnell, is 26th in average (45), 25th in net (39.9) but sixth with 22 inside-the-20s.

Receiver Dante Pettis is averag-



Green Bay Packers defensive lineman T.J. Slaton (93) reacts during a game against the Philadelphia Eagles on Nov. 27 in Philadelphia.

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ing 8.4 yards per punt return and running back Trestan Ebner is averaging 22 yards per kickoff return.

Coming off a big game against Philadelphia, Packers kickoff returner Keisean Nixon will face a Bears coverage unit that is allowing 26.4 yards per return, including a 103-yard touchdown.



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Week 13 Games: Sunday, December 4

Teams on bye: Carolina & Arizona

Buffalo @ New England Thurs., Dec. 1
Pittsburgh @ Atlanta
Denver @ Baltimore
Jacksonville @ Detroit
Cleveland @ Houston
NY Jets @ Minnesota
Washington @ NY Giants
Tennessee @ Philadelphia

Seattle @ LA Rams
Miami @ San Francisco
Kansas City @ Cincinnati
LA Chargers @ Las Vegas
Indianapolis @ Dallas
New Orleans @ Tampa Bay Mon., Dec. 5

Tie Breaker Game:
Green Bay @ Chicago



Morgan Rode
New Media

This Week's Picks:

Buffalo	NY Giants	Dallas
Atlanta	Philadelphia	Tampa Bay
Baltimore	LA Rams	
Detroit	San Francisco	
Cleveland	Cincinnati	
Minnesota	LA Chargers	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score : Green Bay 27 @ Chicago 24



Tim Murphy
New Media

This Week's Picks:

Buffalo	NY Giants	Dallas
Atlanta	Philadelphia	Tampa Bay
Baltimore	Seattle	
Detroit	San Francisco	
Cleveland	Kansas City	
Minnesota	LA Chargers	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 17 @ Chicago 20



Luke Reimer
New Media

This Week's Picks:

Buffalo	Washington	Dallas
Atlanta	Philadelphia	Tampa Bay
Baltimore	Seattle	
Jacksonville	San Francisco	
Houston	Kansas City	
Minnesota	LA Chargers	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ Chicago 13

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REGULAR SEASON

1	Sunday, September 11	at Minnesota Vikings	12:25 p.m.	FOX
2	Sunday, September 18	CHICAGO BEARS	7:25 p.m.	FOX
3	Sunday, September 25	at Tampa Bay Buccaneers	12:25 p.m.	FOX
4	Monday, October 2	NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	3:30 p.m.	ESPN
5	Sunday, October 9	at New York Giants (London)	8:30 a.m.	ESPN
6	Sunday, October 16	NEW YORK JETS	12:10 p.m.	FOX
7	Sunday, October 23	at Washington Commanders	12:10 p.m.	FOX
8	Sunday, October 30	at Buffalo Bills	7:10 a.m.	FOX
9	Sunday, November 6	at Detroit Lions	12:10 p.m.	FOX
10	Sunday, November 13	DALLAS COWBOYS	12:25 p.m.	FOX
11	Monday, November 17	TENNESSEE TITANS	7:15 p.m.	ESPN
12	Sunday, November 27	at Philadelphia Eagles	1:00 p.m.	FOX
13	Sunday, December 4	at Chicago Bears	12:10 p.m.	FOX
14		BYE WEEK		
15	Monday, December 19	LOS ANGELES RAMS	7:15 p.m.	ESPN
16	Sunday, December 25	at Miami Dolphins	12:10 p.m.	FOX
17	Sunday, January 1	MINNESOTA VIKINGS	12:25 p.m.	ESPN
18	January 7 or 8	DETROIT LIONS		ESPN

RECAP: 2022 SEASON

Week 11 Winner:
Buss Automotive

Week 12 Winner:
22 Shell

Weekly Standings

Weekly Standings	Weekly Record	Overall Record	Weekly Standings	Weekly Record	Overall Record
Tower Clock Eye Center	11-5	112-68	Shawano Seasons Restaurant.....	10-6	107-73
22 Shell	12-4	111-69	Bill Huber.....	11-5	106-74
Buss Automotive.....	11-5	111-69	Iverson's Piggly Wiggly	10-6	104-76
Tim Murphy	11-5	109-71	Gene's Floor Coverings.....	10-6	102-78
Charter Aarrowcast	8-8	107-73	Morgan Rode	8-8	102-78
Luke Reimer	12-4	107-73	Senn Insurance	11-5	89-82



Robert Buss
Buss Automotive

This Week's Picks:

Buffalo	NY Giants	Dallas
Pittsburgh	Philadelphia	Tampa Bay
Baltimore	LA Rams	
Detroit	San Francisco	
Cleveland	Kansas City	
Minnesota	LA Chargers	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 28 @ Chicago 17



Shane Senn
Senn Insurance

This Week's Picks:

New England	NY Giants	Dallas
Atlanta	Philadelphia	Tampa Bay
Baltimore	Seattle	
Detroit	San Francisco	
Cleveland	Cincinnati	
Minnesota	LA Chargers	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 28 @ Chicago 31



Charter
Aarrowcast
Shawano

This Week's Picks:

Buffalo	NY Giants	Dallas
Atlanta	Philadelphia	Tampa Bay
Baltimore	Seattle	
Detroit	Miami	
Cleveland	Kansas City	
Minnesota	LA Chargers	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 31 @ Chicago 27



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Iverson's
Piggly Wiggly

This Week's Picks:

Buffalo	NY Giants	Dallas
Pittsburgh	Philadelphia	Tampa Bay
Baltimore	Seattle	
Detroit	Miami	
Houston	Kansas City	
Minnesota	LA Chargers	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 14 @ Chicago 28



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This Week's Picks:

Buffalo	NY Giants	Dallas
Atlanta	Tennessee	Tampa Bay
Baltimore	LA Rams	
Detroit	San Francisco	
Cleveland	Cincinnati	
Minnesota	Las Vegas	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 31 @ Chicago 28



Gene Maas
Gene's Floor
Coverings

This Week's Picks:

Buffalo	Washington	Dallas
Atlanta	Philadelphia	Tampa Bay
Denver	LA Rams	
Detroit	San Francisco	
Cleveland	Kansas City	
Minnesota	Las Vegas	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 33 @ Chicago 12



Bill Huber
New
Media

This Week's Picks:

Buffalo	Washington	Dallas
Atlanta	Philadelphia	Tampa Bay
Baltimore	Seattle	
Detroit	San Francisco	
Cleveland	Cincinnati	
Minnesota	Las Vegas	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Packers 30 @ Chicago 20



Brenda
22 Shell

This Week's Picks:

Buffalo	Washington	Dallas
Atlanta	Tennessee	Tampa Bay
Baltimore	Seattle	
Detroit	San Francisco	
Cleveland	Cincinnati	
Minnesota	LA Chargers	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 38 @ Chicago 31



Jim Wiegand
Tower Clock
Eye Center

This Week's Picks:

Buffalo	NY Giants	Dallas
Atlanta	Philadelphia	Tampa Bay
Baltimore	Seattle	
Detroit	San Francisco	
Cleveland	Kansas City	
Minnesota	Las Vegas	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ Chicago 13

NOTEBOOK

By **BILL HUBER**

Correspondent

Repeat performance incoming?

For the Green Bay Packers, it could be a case of jumping from the frying pan and into the deep frier.

In Sunday night's loss at Philadelphia, Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts rushed for 157 yards. He had 102 yards after the first quarter and 126 yards in the first half before finishing with 157 yards. Had Eagles coach Nick Sirianni been inclined, Hurts might have set the single-game rushing record for a quarterback.

The record was set on Nov. 6 by Chicago Bears quarterback Justin Fields, who rushed for 178 yards against Miami.

The Packers are set to play at Chicago on Sunday. Fields sat out last week's loss to the Jets with an injured left shoulder. Watching the Green Bay defense's feeble performance against Hurts probably has Fields' shoulder feeling as good as new.

"That quarterback-run game is a monster, and they did a really good job with it scheming some stuff open," coach Matt LaFleur said of the Eagles. "There were times when we weren't in the best position for our guys.

We've got to look at everything just in terms of the different structures we're presenting to an offense and make it a little more challenging on an offense.

"We had a long discussion about that today, because, shoot, we're going against Chicago and last time I checked they've got a pretty darned good run game and they've got a quarterback that's capable of doing the same type of things. So, it's going to be another great challenge for us, for our defense and we'll see the type of improvement we make this week."

Improvement is needed everywhere after giving up 363 rushing yards — third-most in franchise history. Too often against the Eagles, Green Bay's defensive line was blown off the ball. And when there were chances to make a play, the play wasn't made.

By the staff's count, the Packers missed more than 20 tackles. It was the worst performance in LaFleur's three-plus seasons on the job. The tone was set early, when Hurts broke three tackles and gained 24 yards on the opening third-and-10.

The Packers were one of the top tackling teams in the NFL in 2021. Now, they're one of the worst. Why?

"That's a hell of a question. That's a hell of a question," LaFleur said. "I don't know. That was by far our worst tackling performance that I've seen here."



Green Bay Packers defensive players celebrate during a game against the Philadelphia Eagles on Nov. 27 in Philadelphia.

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Explosive Nixon

The Packers hadn't had a kickoff return of 50-plus yards since Jeff Janis took one 70 yards in 2015. That streak seemed destined to continue on Sunday night. On his first opportunity, Keisean Nixon dropped the ball, picked it up in the end zone and slipped and fell at the 9-yard line.

For Green Bay's perennially downtrodden special teams, it looked like a case of the same old, same old.

Instead, Nixon emerged as one of the stars of the night. He returned the next kickoff 38 yards to the 41. He was only getting started. Nixon fielded the opening kick of the second half from 5 yards deep in the end zone and took it 52 yards. Finally, late in the game with the Packers trailing 40-30, Nixon took the kickoff from 6 yards deep and returned it 53 yards.

Just like that, Nixon became the only returner in the NFL this season with a pair of 50-yarders in one game.

"I love the guys on kickoff return," Nixon said. "They put me in position to win and I'm not scared to hit it. I'm going to hit it for them. If they hit a good block, I'm going to reward them with a return."

Nixon runs with more speed than the man he replaced, the since-released Amari Rodgers. Plus, his full-

throttle style has him running through would-be tacklers.

"I like that he's really fast, really physical," special teams coordinator Rich Bisaccia said recently. "He's just got something about him. He's got some dirt on the back of his neck and just makes him have a little bit of love for football and for everything we're asking him to do."

Playoff and draft picture

According to ESPN, the Packers have a 2% chance to make the playoffs. Doing so almost certainly would require sweeping the next five games to finish the season 9-8. The Eagles qualified for the postseason last year with a 9-8 record.

The Packers are in 11th place in the NFC with their 4-8 record. The Washington Commanders hold the seventh and final spot with their 7-5 record. That's a three-game lead. Plus, they own the tiebreaker.

"When you lose games, you're putting yourself farther out there," Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers said. "We have a five-game stretch. We've got to win all five and probably need a little bit of help."

The Packers have no margin for error in the playoff race and they have no margin for error as far as draft positioning. According to Tankathon, the Packers currently own the eighth

pick in the 2023 draft. But the situation could hardly be more fluid as they are one of 10 teams with four wins.

Sticking with Barry

Entering training camp, Green Bay's defense looked like one of the best in the NFL. It dominated the playoff matchup against San Francisco, retained All-Pro linebacker De'Vondre Campbell and playmaking cornerback Rasul Douglas in free agency, added Jarran Reed and Nixon in free agency, and used first-round picks on linebacker Quay Walker and defensive tackle Devonte Wyatt.

Instead, the Packers are 23rd in points allowed and 31st against the run. LaFleur, however, is sticking with defensive coordinator Joe Barry.

"We're not going to go down that road," LaFleur said. "If I thought there was an issue there, then we'd make the change. But we work as a staff and, collectively, we're all in this sucker together and it's never just one person. It's never one person."

It starts with myself and then it goes to our assistant coaches and then our players. And we're all in this together. It's not just one person. If I felt confident it was one person, then I would pinpoint it and let you guys know that. But it's collectively and it starts with myself. I've got to be better for everybody here."

Q&A WITH JUSTIN HOLLINS

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

The Packers claimed Justin Hollins off waivers from the Los Angeles Rams last Wednesday, and he arrived in Green Bay in time for practice on Thanksgiving. A few days later, he had one sack and two tackles for losses in his Green Bay debut at Philadelphia.

Hollins was a fifth-round draft pick by the Denver Broncos in 2019. After one year in Denver, he had a career-high three sacks for the Rams in 2020.

Q: What is it like getting to Green Bay on Thanksgiving?

A: It was great today. Airport wasn't congested. It was way calmer. It's nice, man. And it's green out here, too.

Q: Don't get used to it being so warm.

A: That's what I was told. I was told this was a hot week. 30-something outside? 40?

Q: You played in a playoff game here in 2020.

A: That was cold. I was Vasolined up. I had the Vaseline all on my arms.

Note: It was 35 at kickoff when the Packers beat the Rams 32-18 on Jan. 16, 2021.

Q: How similar is this defense

to the one you played in with the Rams?

A: Joe B (Packers defensive coordinator Joe Barry) was over there in L.A. a couple years ago (with then-Rams defensive coordinator Brandon Staley when I first got there. So, I built a relationship with him. Looking over it, scheming over it, there's a lot of carryover. Different terminology here and there.

Of course, he's going to put his own spin on things. So, I just got to adapt to that and have a good handle on that. It shouldn't be hard.

Q: What was it like playing for Barry?

A: It was great. I didn't get to get coached by him specifically because I also came in late, first-game-of-the-season-type thing. I didn't have that big experience with him. I was in the OLB room. He was in the ILB room. But I spent some time in there, rotating between ILB and OLB.

So, I did get a little relationship with him and I did get to get some of his greatness to rub off.

Q: You went from starting to this season to being released. What happened?

A: Man, you can't get your feelings

involved, you know? It's a business, at the end of the day. So, you come in with a fresh slate, just ready to put in work and whatever happens, happens. You can only control what you can control, and you move forward with the best attitude and put your best foot forward.

Q: What have these last 24 hours been like?

A: Shoot, you get cut, get released, and then you call your agent, have a conversation with your agent and stuff. We were just talking about possibilities, different teams that reached out,

certain ballclubs, and he got good feedback.

It's just a waiting game to see what happens. You never know. You're not in on any of the calls.

Q: Did you have any sense that you'd land here?

A: Actually, I was a little surprised. I was a little surprised. But I also didn't know about Rashan (Gary)'s traumatic injury. I didn't know about that. So, my condolences to him on that. Hopefully he's in good spirits and stuff. But we didn't talk about (Green Bay). But I'm here now, so I'm happy to be here.

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Rodgers injures ribs in loss to Eagles

Veteran quarterback wants to keep playing as long as team is mathematically alive



Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers, back, absorbs a hit during a game against the Philadelphia Eagles on Nov. 27 in Philadelphia.

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By **DAN GELSTON**

The Associated Press

Aaron Rodgers kept bending, wincing — the Green Bay star and reigning NFL MVP openly in pain.

Rodgers was forced out by injuries in a loss to the Eagles.

He's not ready to wave the white flag on the season.

"As long as we are mathematically alive, I'd like to be out there," Rodgers said.

Rodgers sustained rib injuries late in the third quarter to go with a broken right thumb suffered weeks ago. He was forced to leave early in another Packers' loss that all but eliminated them from playoff contention.

Rodgers was 11-of-16 passing for 140 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions in a 40-33 loss at Philadelphia on Nov. 27.

Now, the question is will Rodgers miss much — if any — time?

Green Bay coach Matt LaFleur said it was too early to determine if Rodgers will be healthy enough to play Sunday against Chicago.

"We've got to have more conversation before we ever get into that," LaFleur said. "As long as he's able to go, I expect him to be out there."

Rodgers, who turns 39 this week, said he was worried about a punctured lung as well. That scare turned out fine, but Rodgers said he'll need more tests Monday to find out the severity of the rib injuries.

"The pain was tough," he said. "I couldn't really breathe or rotate my upper body."

But he expected to play.

The Packers (4-8) have little to play for and could shut down Rodgers to take a closer look at backup Jordan Love, their 2020 first-round pick.

Love connected with Christian Watson on a 63-yard, catch-and-run touchdown that cut Philly's lead to 37-30 in the fourth. He was 6-of-9 passing for 113 yards.

"I'm not shocked, to be honest with you, that he went out there and played well and showed great poise," LaFleur said. "We see it on a daily basis in practice. People might not necessarily agree with that, but I see it every day."

The 2020 first-round pick from Utah State, Love has drawn much scrutiny ever since the Packers drafted him. He was only 6-of-9 for 73

yards and no touchdowns or interceptions in limited time this season.

Love made his first career start at Kansas City last year after Rodgers' positive COVID-19 test and went 19 of 34 for 190 yards with a touchdown and an interception as the Packers lost 13-7.

"In my mind, it is just go and make the most of it," Love said. "Opportunities do not come around too often. You have to go make the most of it."

Rodgers already played the last several weeks with a broken right thumb and appeared in pain during a drive in the third that led to a Packers field goal. Rodgers attempted only a few short throws and grimaced after he released the ball.

LaFleur said he was about to call a pass play in the third when it became obvious Rodgers could not really throw.

"So we kept going run after run after run," he said.

Rodgers hurt his thumb Oct. 9 during a foiled Hail Mary attempt on the final play of the Packers' 27-22 loss to the New York Giants in London. Although the Packers have listed Rodgers with a thumb injury ever since, the four-time MVP hadn't said publicly until this week that it was broken.

Rodgers said his thumb "felt pretty good this week" and he has not yet discussed potential surgery.

The Packers were 4-6 in 2016 when Rodgers predicted the team would "run the table." Sure enough, a victory at Philadelphia started an eight-game winning streak that sent the Packers to the NFC Championship Game, where they lost to Atlanta.

Not this week in Philly, not against Jalen Hurts and his 157 yards rushing — an Eagles record for a quarterback.

Rodgers said he's still waiting until the offseason to make a decision on his future.

Rodgers hasn't missed any games, but the injury has limited his practice time and he hasn't approached the level he reached while earning MVP honors each of the last two seasons. That loss to the Giants started a 1-7 tailspin that has put the three-time defending NFC North champions' playoff hopes in jeopardy.

"We have a five-game stretch; we need to win all five," Rodgers said. "And we probably need some help."

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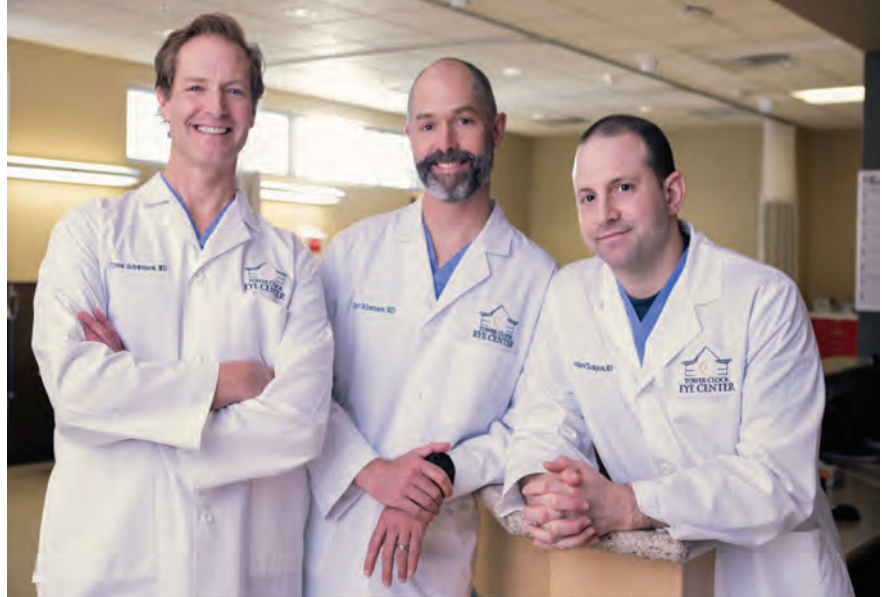
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The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is reminding consumers to check for invasive pests before purchasing live, out-of-state Christmas trees and holiday décor.

In previous years, plant health inspectors have intercepted cut trees and décor infested with invasive pests coming into Wisconsin from other states. The non-native, invasive pest known as the elongate hemlock scale (EHS) has been found multiple times on fir wreaths, Christmas trees, baskets and boughs sourced from eastern states. EHS is a threat to Wisconsin's Christmas trees, native hemlock and balsam fir forests, and a quarantine rule has been proposed to prevent this pest from establishing in Wisconsin. Inspectors have also occasionally detected boxwood blight fungus and invasive bittersweet on wreaths, spongy moth egg masses on cut conifer trees and dead spotted lanternflies on nursery stock.

"Since pests like EHS are not established in Wisconsin, the best way to prevent the establishment of these invasive pests is to make sure your tree or wreath was grown in a state without the pest," said DATCP Bureau of Plant Industry Director Brian Kuhn. "To help protect Wisconsin's natural resources and Christmas tree industry, check trees and wreaths for pests. To identify EHS, look for discolored needles and small brown, scale insects under oblong coverings on the underside of the needles. If



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