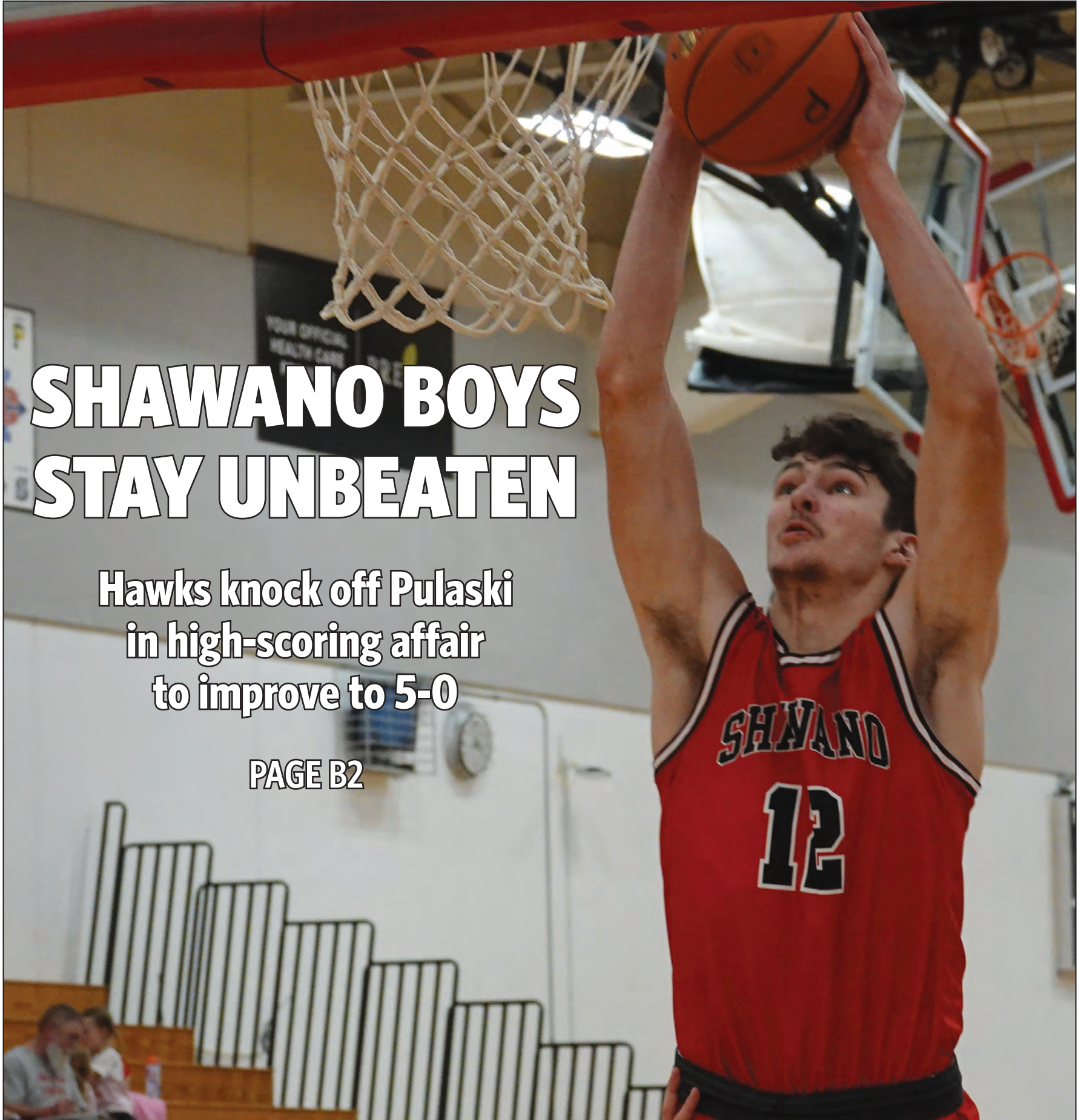


SHAWANO BOYS STAY UNBEATEN

Hawks knock off Pulaski
in high-scoring affair
to improve to 5-0

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Shawano's Brandon Reed goes up to dunk the ball off an inbound play during a nonconference game against Pulaski on Dec. 3 in Pulaski.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Shawano boys hold off Pulaski in thriller

Metcalf-Grassman, Landon combine for 55 points for Hawks

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Shawano Community High School boys basketball team kept its perfect season alive after holding off Pulaski late in a high-scoring nonconference battle on Dec. 3 in Pulaski. Shawano prevailed by a final score of 80-78.

Shawano built a double-digit lead by the end of the first half and led by a couple possessions for much of the second half before Pulaski clawed back into it. The visiting Hawks led by 12 points with two minutes to go, but the Red Raiders kept fighting and trimmed their deficit to just one.

After missing some free throws to allow Pulaski to hang around, Shawano knocked down its final four attempts to finally seal the contest.

"It's all trust, it comes down to knowing that you have your teammate's back and they have yours and no matter how hard it gets, you have to keep the same mindset and trust your teammates are going to make the right play," said Shawano's Jacob Landon on how the team held on late after giving up its lead.

It was Landon that knocked down four free throws over a minute-plus stretch to put Shawano up 73-61 with two minutes to play.

Pulaski's furious comeback began with a 3-pointer from Colin Schultz and was followed by a bucket from Derek Shaw. After free throws from Shawano's Michael Metcalf-Grassman, Shaw buried a 3-pointer.

Shawano missed three free throws over the next couple minutes, and two buckets from Schultz over that span brought the hosts within three with 17.8 seconds to play.

The Hawks traveled after inbounding the ball, giving Pulaski a chance to tie it with a 3-pointer. Shaw, who scored 36 points in the game, wasn't able to hit on a triple attempt, and then Metcalf-Grassman swatted away a follow-up



Pulaski's Colin Schultz, right, puts up a shot as Shawano's Jacob Landon, left, and Luke Guenther defend during a nonconference game on Dec. 3 in Pulaski.

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chance by Pulaski under the basket.

Shawano then decided to foul with 6.2 seconds remaining, with Schultz converting both attempts to make it 76-75.

A infraction was called on Pulaski before the ball was inbounded, giving Shawano two free throws and the ball. Landon made both free throws to reach 30 points for the contest, and then Metcalf-Grassman hit two more free throws to get to 25 points.

Shaw hit a triple as time expired, capping a game in which he buried eight 3-pointers. He kept Pulaski in striking distance all game before

Schultz heated up down the stretch.

"I like the fact that we battled back, which is good, that's what we want to do," said Shaw of the team's efforts.

"Our goal every game is to give ourselves a chance at the end, so at halftime we were down a little bit and wanted to make a run so we could get back in it and hopefully make it interesting."

It was a back-and-forth battle between the teams in the early going. Metcalf-Grassman gave the visitors a 9-7 lead before Schultz hit a 3-pointer and Shaw knocked down two triples to put the hosts up 16-9.

Shawano responded with a big 17-4 run, with Landon doing most of the scoring for the Hawks.

Later on, an 11-1 run by the Hawks — this time with Landon and Luke Guenther doing the majority of the scoring — created a 15-point cushion.

Pulaski didn't let things unravel though, ending the half on a 7-2 run, with Brady Wotruba and Shaw scoring the points.

The second half was a continuation of the first, with both offenses scoring at a torrid pace.

Deacon Carroll got into the scoring mix for Shawano, while Shaw hit a couple more shots for Pulaski. Brandon Reed then scored three straight buckets for the Hawks off inbound plays — including a thunderous jam off a lob play — but the Red Raiders continued to find ways to score on their end.

Shaw knocked two a couple 3-pointers and scored eight points for the hosts during a quick 10-2 run to make it a three-point game with still nearly nine minutes to play.

Metcalf-Grassman and Landon teamed up to answer for Shawano. In fact, that duo scored all 20 of the team's points over the next seven-plus minutes.

Pulaski wasn't able to score at the pace it had most of the contest, but the baskets it converted were crucial in hanging around. Schultz and Wotruba converted and-one opportunities and Wotruba also scored after a steal.

Metcalf-Grassman credited Pulaski for fighting back several times in the contest before the Hawks were finally able to put them away.

"We just had to box out and get rebounds on defense when they did miss and then it was just taking care of the ball at the end and knocking down free throws," said Metcalf-Grassman.

Shawano 42 38 — 80

Pulaski 32 46 — 78

Shawano (80): Logan Sipple 0-0 2, Luke Guenther 2-4 9, Julian Perez 0-2 0, Michael Metcalf-Grassman 5-6 25, Jacob Landon 7-8 30, Brandon Reed 0-0 10, Deacon Carroll 0-1 4.

Pulaski (78): Derek Shaw 4-5 36, Colin Schultz 3-3 17, Brady Wotruba 1-1 11, Gatlin Robaidek 2-2 4, Derek Block 0-0 2, Dylan Dorn 2-3 8.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Witt-Birn girls continue hot start to season

Chargers open conference play with lopsided win

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School girls basketball continued its impressive start to the season with a convincing 62-31 win over Shiocton in a Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division matchup on Dec. 2 in Wittenberg.

The Chargers shot 36% from the field — missing some good looks near the rim — and missed seven free throws, but the team made up for it by knocking down 11 3-pointers and turning Shiocton over early and often.

The win pushed Witt-Birn to 5-0 overall and 1-0 in conference play.

“I think we just have a great bond with each other, and we can really — without actually verbally communicating — we just kind of know where everyone is going to be on the floor,” said freshman Rory Salvesen, who led the team with 19 points on the night. “And that really helps us out, because we know where we got to be, and we know who is going to be where when. It’s really a benefit for our team.”

Salvesen was one of three Chargers to hit three 3-pointers in the contest. Senior Reese Rogowski and freshman Melaina Granquist each hit three triples and provided 16 points for the hosts. Senior Jami Wendler hit the team’s other two 3-pointers to score her six points.

It was a slow start offensively for Witt-Birn. The Chargers missed their first five shots and were only able to score seven points in the first seven minutes. Despite the cold shooting to start the game, the hosts were tied thanks to great defensive play.

“We stayed true to our defense and worked hard on the defensive end, and that led to a lot of steals and turnovers on their end,” said Rogowski. “We were able to push down the floor and get some easy baskets.”

After not hitting a triple in the early portion of the game, Witt-Birn caught fire from deep to bust the game wide open.

Wendler hit a 3-pointer to get things started before Salvesen, Rogowski and Granquist each made



Witt-Birn's Jami Wendler fires a jumpshot during a conference win over Shiocton on Dec. 2 in Wittenberg.

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one. Salvesen converted a 2-point make — the team’s first non-triple in nine minutes — before she hit another 3-pointer, making it 24-11.

After a Shiocton basket, Salvesen had a steal and bucket before Granquist buried another triple. Granquist converted another shot before Wendler hit her second 3-pointer to cap the scoring in the first half and give the Chargers a 34-13 halftime lead.

The 3-point barrage briefly carried over into the second half, with Rogowski hitting a triple, but after that the Chargers went scoreless for five-plus minutes. Despite the scoring drought, the lead was never truly threatened because the hosts only surrendered nine points in that span.

Granquist broke the drought with a free throw, sparking a 16-0 run which helped Witt-Birn close up the win.

Sophomore Faith Resch, Salvesen and Rogowski joined Granquist to provide the scoring on the big run.

Granquist and Salvesen hit their final 3-pointers during that stretch.

From there, Witt-Birn was able to coast to the victory, with Rogowski, Granquist and junior Katherine Stewart tallying the team’s final points.

Along with leading the team in points, Salvesen also was credited with nine steals, six rebounds and five assists. Rogowski had eight rebounds and three assists, while Granquist had six boards.

Senior Allison Linke contributed six rebounds and four steals for the Chargers in what turned out to be a balanced effort.

Despite the lopsided score and perfect start to the season for the Chargers, the team knows it can still get better. That gives the players some big aspirations.

“We have high expectations this season, so just being able to get this first win in the conference by this much and not have all of us playing

our best shows that once we do hit our peak that it will be good,” said Rogowski.

“You can always be better; never settle for anything,” said Salvesen. “At practices, we’re constantly pushing one another, which is great. I love the group of girls that I get to be with every day and the coaching through everything. The motto is to get better always, never settle, push to be the best you can be. That’s kind of the mindset we go into every day in practice.”

Shiocton 13 18 — 31

Witt-Birn 34 28 — 62

Witt-Birn (62): Reese Rogowski 5-6 16, Allison Linke 0-2 0, Rory Salvesen 2-2 19, Jami Wendler 0-2 6, Katherine Stewart 0-0 2, Faith Resch 2-4 2, Melaina Granquist 3-3 16.

Shiocton (31): Abigail Daniels 0-0 5, Kendal Stingle 2-5 7, Aliyah Reese 0-2 0, Alexis Garcia 0-0 7, Kiley Dorn 3-4 5, Autumn Taylor 1-2 1, Claire Collar 0-0 6.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Gillett takes down Gresham in nonconference clash



Gillett's Cilena Guns, left, converts a shot as teammate Cheyenne Krueger looks on during a nonconference win over Gresham on Nov. 29 in Gresham.

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3 Tigers combine for 45 points

By MORGAN RODE

Sports Editor

The Gillett Secondary School girls basketball team earned a non-conference road win over Gresham on Nov. 29 in Gresham after controlling the start of the second half.

The visiting Tigers went on a 16-4 run at the start of the second half to put away a pesky Wildcats group. Gillett went on to win 51-33.

Gillett scored on its first possession of the final half. Gresham answered with a couple free throws before the Tigers rattled off the next eight points. At that point, Gillett led 40-19 and cruised to victory from there.

"We definitely boxed out a lot more in the second half than the first half," said Gillett's Cheyenne Krueger on what the team did in the second half to pull away. "We made sure that even if we made a mistake, we kept our heads up and that really helped push us to a 20-point lead."

Cilena Guns led Gillett with 20 points in the contest — despite missing the last chunk of the game with an injury. She scored eight of the points on the Tigers' second-half spurt.

Guns also helped the visitors grab the lead in the opening half, scoring back-to-back buckets early on and then tallying eight of the team's final 13 points to give the team a 28-16 halftime advantage.

The Tigers pushed the ball every chance they could against Gresham's press, and it led to some quality looks.

"I feel like when we're on a fast-break, it was easy layups, so there really wasn't much to really compete with — I was wide open for the fastbreaks," said Guns.

Aside from Guns' 20-point performance, Krueger and Carleigh Kaczmarek also scored in double figures.

Kaczmarek heated up in the second half and tallied 14 points for Gillett. She scored the team's final seven points.

Krueger was aggressive all night and attempted all of the team's free throws on her way to an 11-point

showing for the Tigers.

"It's such a relief because if I'm having a bad night, I can always count on my teammates to pick it up where I'm lacking," said Krueger of the balanced scoring attack. "Even if they aren't having a good shooting night, they always make up for it in rebounds or steals."

Gresham's Jessa Jensen opened the scoring in the contest with a 3-pointer, but Gillett scored the next 11 points.

A three-point play from Jensen, basket from Josie Cerveny and another triple from Jensen made it a two-point game, 13-11.

Gillett scored the next two baskets before Maddie Haffner knocked down a 3-pointer for Gresham.

It took the Wildcats nearly three minutes to score again, and by then, Gillett had built an eight-point cushion.

The Tigers also ended the half on a 6-0 run to push that lead to double digits.

Haffner knocked down Gresham's free throws near the start of the second half, but it was another three minutes until the team scored again.

"I think we weren't talking enough," said Jensen on some of the team's struggles. "When we want to throw into the lane, we want to do a bounce pass and we were trying to lob it, or throwing it when we shouldn't have, and I think our passes got away from us. We weren't talking enough and our shots were just off."

The mini scoring droughts proved to be too much for the hosts to overcome in the end, despite a solid finish to the contest.

Janay Pecore-Kirkland, Chloe Bohl, Haffner and Jensen all scored late for the Wildcats, with many of the points coming off offensive rebounds.

Jensen led the team with 12 points, while Pecore-Kirkland had eight and Haffner seven.

Gillett 28 23 — 51

Gresham 16 17 — 33

Gillett (51): Lily Hansen 0-0 2, Halle Fisher 0-0 4, Cilena Guns 0-0 20, Carleigh Kaczmarek 0-0 14, Cheyenne Krueger 6-6 11.

Gresham (33): Lexi Baddmoccasin-Barnes 1-2 1, Jessa Jensen 1-1 12, Maddie Haffner 2-2 7, Josie Cerveny 0-0 2, Rylie Kakwitsch 0-2 0, Chloe Bohl 1-2 3, Janay Pecore-Kirkland 0-3 8.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Gillett bests Marion in nonconference clash

Tigers with well-rounded effort in opener

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Gillett Secondary School boys basketball team turned in a well-rounded effort in its 61-33 nonconference victory over Marion on Dec. 1 in Gillett.

The Tigers knocked down nine 3-pointers while also attacking the paint against Marion's zone defense. Gillett also locked the visiting Mustangs down on the defensive end, and pulled away for a lopsided win in its season-opening contest.

"It's good. Last year, we lost our first couple of games and we started out very low, but it's nice to get a win in our first game," said Jesse DeBauch, who led the Tigers with 20 points.

"It feels great, we got a lot of confidence now," said Austin VandeCorput, who added 15 points. "We just got to build on that and keep that momentum going."

Gillett looked like it might run away with the game early after jumping out to a 9-2 lead in the first three minutes. Ben Matczak hit a triple for the team's first points of the year, and then DeBauch knocked down a couple more triples.

Parker Miller kept Marion in the contest, scoring six straight points for his team to cut the deficit to two, but another DeBauch 3-pointer forced a Marion timeout.

"In zone, that's all you can really do is move the ball fast. We get it to our high post, and they look opposite and it's usually wide open," said DeBauch. "In zone, you can't really guard that."

With Marion making some tweaks to its defensive approach, Gillett countered to continue getting good offensive looks.

VandeCorput got into the heart of the Marion defense and was able to knock down a couple shots from around the free throw line. His play near the paint helped keep defenders off the 3-point line, and the hosts ended the opening half with six 3-point makes.

"I know when I'm in the middle of a zone there's a lot of people, so when I get it, I like to look for the dish, and if it's not there, I like to make my move and go up for a basket," said VandeCorput.

Miller kept the Mustangs within striking distance for much of the first half, but a 3-pointer from Aydin Franti



Gillett's Tyler Frank, left, goes up for a shot as Marion's Parker Miller, right, tries to block it and teammate Sam Gueths (20) looks on during a nonconference matchup on Dec. 1 in Gillett.

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and bucket from Tyler Frank right before the halftime buzzer gave the hosts a 32-15 halftime lead.

Marion's Jaden Stuhr hit a shot on the visitor's opening possession of the second half and a 3-pointer from Sam Gueths brought the Mustangs within 12. After that, Gillett went on a 6-0 run and ran away with the lead.

"Our offense we were running, we didn't really get open looks, we weren't going as hard as we normally do," said Miller. "Defensively, we weren't fast enough tonight."

"They pressured the ball really well and they played tight defense — there's not much you can do," said Stuhr of Gillett's play. "They knocked down some good 3s and continued hitting their shots throughout the game and made it tough to play good defense when they do that, and they'd also be quick inside."

Miller led Marion with 16 points in the contest. Stuhr, who picked up four first-half fouls, was second on the team in scoring with seven points.

The Mustangs were missing a



Gillett's Jesse DeBauch shoots a jumpshot during a nonconference game against Marion on Dec. 1 in Gillett.

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couple players and only had eight players suited for the contest.

Gillett had seven players score in the contest. Along with DeBauch and VandeCorput scoring in double figures, Matczak finished with 11 points.

Marion went on a 6-0 run in a two-plus minute span to make it a 52-33 game with just under six minutes to play.

After that, the Mustangs didn't score again, with DeBauch going on

a personal 6-0 run to help seal the contest.

Marion 15 18 — 33

Gillett 32 29 — 61

Gillett (61): Ben Matczak 1-2 11, Tyler Frank 1-2 3, Aydin Franti 1-2 6, Bradin Bjelland 3-4 3, Nathan Rowell 0-0 3, Austin VandeCorput 0-2 15, Jesse DeBauch 0-1 20.

Marion (33): Jack Van Kooy 3-6 3, Jaden Stuhr 1-2 7, Sam Gueths 0-0 3, Ryan Malueg 2-2 4, Parker Miller 1-4 16.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

New Badgers coach Fickell begins by reaching out to his new players

Wisconsin AD apologizes to team for tough season

By **STEVE MEGARGEE**
The Associated Press

Wisconsin football coach Luke Fickell spent much of his first day on the job speaking to his new players, knowing many of them had hoped this search would have a different outcome.

His message to them was sympathetic but direct.

"Change is inevitable," Fickell said Nov. 28 during a welcome event before his introductory news conference. "The growth is what's optional. I'm willing to grow."

Fickell posted a 57-18 record in six seasons at Cincinnati and helped the Bearcats earn a College Football Playoff berth last year. He has Big Ten experience as a former Ohio State defensive lineman and interim head coach.

Yet his immediate challenge will be winning over a roster featuring many players who weren't shy about saying they wanted this job to go to Jim Leonhard, the former Wisconsin defensive coordinator who went 4-3 as the Badgers' interim head coach after the Oct. 2 firing of Paul Chryst.

"We'll all be growing together through this change," Fickell said. "It's never easy. It's never easy, but the things that are easy aren't what last. The things that are easy aren't going to get us to where we want to go, to get us back to where we deserve and believe we need to be."

Athletic director Chris McIntosh said Fickell will get a seven-year contract averaging \$7.8 million per year.

Fickell, 49, takes over a Wisconsin program that hasn't won a Big Ten title since 2012 and must win its bowl game to avoid its first losing season since 2001.

Wisconsin hasn't indicated its staffing plans for the bowl game, though Fickell said he and Leonhard had started talking it over.

"I'll be coaching in some way, shape and form," Fickell said. "We'll figure out what that means."

The hiring of Fickell represents a second stunning move by McIntosh, who took over this job last year after the retirement of Barry Alvarez.

First McIntosh fired a coach who had won 72% of his games, though Chryst had gone just 15-10 since 2020 and was off to a 2-3 start this year. Then he passed up the opportunity to make Leonhard the permanent replacement and instead spent big to bring in Fickell, who has a much more proven track record.

Leonhard is a former Wisconsin walk-on who developed into an All-

American safety, played 10 years in the NFL and gained a reputation as one of college football's top defensive coordinators. McIntosh praised Leonhard's performance as interim head coach, called him "part of the DNA of this program" and said he gave him "very strong consideration" before deciding on Fickell.

"It became evident that Luke and his experience and his belief system and his approach and his process, which was proven and does align with what we believe here, was the way that I felt we should go and the way I felt best positioned our program for long-term success," McIntosh said.

Fickell can identify with Leonhard's circumstances, having gone 6-7 as the interim head coach at his alma mater in 2011 after the exit of Jim Tressel and before the arrival of Urban Meyer at Ohio State. Fickell said he's open to the possibility of including Leonhard on his staff if there's mutual interest.

But he noted that Leonhard figures to have plenty of options.

"Jim will know what's best for him," Fickell said. "Jim will know what's best for this program. Jim will know what's best for this team. And I respect that. We'll continue to talk about what the future looks like, but we don't know what that is right now."

McIntosh said he did apologize to Wisconsin's players this season for all they've endured. Dozens of them attended the public welcome for Fickell.

Many players expressed their disappointment over the firing of Chryst back in October before calling for Leonhard to get the job. They've also dealt with tragedy off the field, as former running backs coach Gary Brown died in April and former teammate Devin Chandler was one of three Virginia players killed in a shooting earlier this month.

"The experience that these kids on this team had this year isn't one that I would wish on anyone," McIntosh said. "It's been extremely difficult. That's why I said earlier how proud of the approach they took. When we met with them last night, I recognized it and I apologized for decisions I have made this season that have contributed to the challenges of this season. That just can't be overlooked. It's been the hardest part for me and it's clearly been hard on these players, on these student-athletes."

Wisconsin is counting on Fickell to help the program move forward and get back to competing for titles in a Big Ten that should get much more competitive with Southern California and UCLA arriving in 2024.

Fickell has referred to Wisconsin as a destination job. He appreciated Wisconsin's program while competing against it as a player and coach. He can't wait to lead it.

"I'm incredibly excited to get started," Fickell said. "We can't get this thing rolling fast enough."

Deer gun harvest numbers up across Wisconsin

The preliminary 2022 nine-day gun deer season harvest totals were up 14.4% across Wisconsin.

A total of 203,295 deer were harvested this year, compared to 177,667 a year ago. Of this year's total, 104,898 deer taken were antlerless, while 98,397 were antlered.

All four deer management zones showed harvest increases from 2021 for both antlered and antlerless harvests. The Central Forest Zone (30.6%) saw the most significant increase, with the Northern Forest Zone (19.3%) also seeing a considerable increase. The Central Farmland Zone was up 13.5%,

while the Southern Farmland Zone was up 10.2%.

The Central Farmland Zone in Adams County led the state with over 12 deer registered per square mile. Vernon County led the Southern Farmland Zone with almost seven deer registered per square mile. The Central Forest Zone in Eau Claire County registered 4.8 deer per square mile. Taylor County registered the most per square mile in the Northern Forest Zone at four.

Opening weekend saw cold temperatures and snow throughout the state, with ideal conditions except

for the strong winds on Nov. 19. DNR staff across the state reported good weather throughout the weekdays of the season. Warm weather later in the season melted snow, reducing deer and hunter activity.

More information regarding preliminary registration totals, including county-level numbers, is available at dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/WildlifeHabitat/harvest/deerharvest.html.

Since archery seasons opened on Sept. 17, hunters have registered 301,540 deer statewide.

As of 11:59 p.m. on Nov. 27, sales for gun, bow, crossbow, sports and patron

licenses reached 795,072. Of that total, 436,423 were for gun privileges only and 554,898 were for all gun privileges including gun, sports and patron licenses. The year-to-date sales for all deer licenses are down 1.6% from the same time last year.

This year, licenses were sold to hunters in all 50 states, Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico. Additionally, hunters came from 21 different countries to deer hunt in Wisconsin.

As of Nov. 29, the DNR reported eight firearm-involved injuries and one fatality for the entire 2022 gun deer season.

ATHLETE PROFILE: MICHAEL METCALF-GRASSMAN

Shawano senior eyes another big season



Shawano's Michael Metcalf-Grassman takes a free throw during the team's nonconference win over Pulaski on Dec. 3 in Pulaski.

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The Shawano Community High School boys basketball team is off to a perfect 5-0 start this winter season after a strong 2021-22 season. Michael Metcalf-Grassman, playing in his senior season, has been a big part of the team's success of late and is off to a hot start this season.

Metcalf-Grassman scored 31 points in a win over Lakeland Union on Nov. 22, and then scored 21 points while also contributing eight rebounds and four assists in a win over Clintonville on Nov. 26.

The senior scored 28 points in a home win over Appleton North on Nov. 29 before scoring 18 points in a victory over Wittenberg-Birnhamwood on Dec. 1. He scored 25 points in a tight win over Pulaski on Dec. 3.

Metcalf-Grassman is coming off a junior season in which he averaged just under 20 points a game and landed on the Bay Conference's second team.

Q: When did your interest in basketball begin?

A: When I was around 3 years old. My parents (Kari and Don Grassman; Brady Metcalf and Kris Rhode) bought me a mini hoop that I used to play on all the time.

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

A: Having fun and competing with your friends every day.

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

A: That it is important to be able to work as a team and that nothing is given, everything has to be earned.

Q: As a senior, how do you try to lead the rest of your team?

A: I try to lead by example. We set a standard for our team, and I try to make sure myself and everyone else reaches that standard every day.

Q: What is your favorite thing to do on the basketball court, and why?

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Michael Metcalf-Grassman

Sport: Boys basketball

Positions: Mainly shooting guard, small forward

School: Shawano Community High School

Year: Senior

A: My favorite thing to do on a basketball court would be dunking. It is something I always wanted to do, so now that I can, it is pretty fun.

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

A: If we accomplish our team goals first, my individual goals will all sort themselves out.

Q: In order for the team to have a successful season, what needs to happen?

A: We need to make sure we do the little things right every single game. We also need to hold each other accountable all season long.

Q: Before a game starts, do you or the team have any routines or rituals you go through?

A: One of our team routines is we all sit in the locker room listening to music to hype ourselves up.

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

A: My first dunk against Seymour at home in front of our student section is probably my favorite memory.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show and musical artist?

A: Movie — "The Hangover." TV show — "Peaky Blinders." Musical artist — 21 Savage.

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

A: My least favorite food is pickles.

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

A: I want to attend a four-year university. I also want to play basketball in college.



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ATHLETE PROFILE: CARLEIGH KACZMAREK

Tigers' senior hopes to lead team to success

The Gillett Secondary School girls basketball team has high hopes for the winter season. They are returning several key players from a team that placed second in the Marinette & Oconto Conference last winter. Senior Carleigh Kaczmarek is one of those players, and she's ready to lead the team this year.

Kaczmarek led the squad in scoring a season ago and made the all-conference first team for her all-around play. She averaged 12.2 points, 3.5 rebounds, 2.9 assists and 1.9 steals per game.

The senior also is a long-distance runner, competing for the cross-country and track and field teams for the Tigers.

Q: When did your interest in basketball begin?

A: From the minute I was born. My dad (Mike) has been a basketball coach since I can remember. The gym was practically my second home; I was always in it. I always begged to go to the gym and go to practices with him. I constantly had a basketball in my hand.

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

A: The fun and competitive practices and games, along with the fans/student sections at games. They bring so much energy. Overall, the whole season is just so much fun because I make so many more new memories to be thankful for.

Q: As a senior, how do you try to lead the rest of your team?

A: As a senior, I lead the rest of my team by giving them as many opportunities as possible to get into the gym. I give reminders on the court, celebrate teammate's wins/success with touches and words, team wins, communicate and give teammates confidence.

Q: As the season ramps up, what are you and the team most

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Carleigh Kaczmarek
Sport: Girls basketball
Position: Guard
School: Gillett Secondary School
Year: Senior

focused on?

A: The team is most focused on getting better every day and game. Along with getting better at boxing out and rebounding.

Q: What is your favorite thing to do on the basketball court and why?

A: Create — whether it's a pass, drive or shot. I love having good plays, high-fiving teammates, smiling and laughing with them.

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

A: To be a better player and leader than last year, while enjoying my last season in a Gillett Tigers uniform with my best friends next to me.

Q: In order for the team to have a successful season, what needs to happen?

A: We need to play to the best of our ability, work as a team, box out and have fun.

Q: Before a game starts, do you or the team have any routines or rituals you go through?

A: I do, or have someone braid my hair. Also I take a picture with the team or someone.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Gillett girls basketball team?

A: I have many memories and choosing a favorite is really hard, so my top two are my game-winning shot at Wausau East last year, or our regional semifinal against Florence last year.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show, and musical artist?

A: Movie — "Top Gun" and



Gillett's Carleigh Kaczmarek calls out instructions to her teammates during a nonconference game against Gresham on Nov. 29 in Gresham.

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"Christmas with a Prince." TV show — "All-American" or "Hawaii Five-O." Musical artist — Kane Brown and Dan and Shay. I don't really have favorites, but these are my top ones.

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

A: Every time I go to the gym

and after every practice, I have to make 50-100 free throws before leaving the gym.

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

A: To be successful in whatever I decide to do, along with staying close to my teammates and continue to come back and support them.

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COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

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St. Norbert College

Shawano graduate Nathan Krizan earned a spot on the All-Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference first team after his senior football season at St. Norbert.



NATHAN KRIZAN

Krizan helped St. Norbert average 155.8 yards rushing per game and was on an offensive line that allowed just 17 quarterback sacks.

Oconto Falls graduate Emily Gonnering and Lena graduate Kennedy Marquardt each competed in



KENNEDY MARQUARDT

two events for the women's track and field team during the Ripon Winter Open on Dec. 2-3.

Marquardt placed second in the 300 dash (43.8) and 10th in the 200 (27.8). Gonnering came in 17th in the weight throw (12.01 meters) and 22nd in the shot put (8.87 meters).

Bemidji State University

Shawano Community High School graduate Brooke Theis played a combined 44 minutes across a pair of Bemidji State women's basketball games last week.

In a loss to St. Cloud State on Dec. 1, Theis posted two points, two rebounds and a steal across 22 minutes. In a loss to Minnesota-Duluth on Dec. 3, Theis recorded two points, four rebounds and one assist across 20 minutes.

Northern Michigan University

Wittenberg-Birnamwood grad Abi Fraaza helped the Northern Michigan women's basketball team to two wins last week.

In a win over Purdue Northwest on Dec. 1, Fraaza tallied three points and one rebound across 15 minutes.

She played six minutes against UW-Parkside on Dec. 3, recording two points and a rebound.

Wisconsin Lutheran College

Bonduel graduate Kara Troxel played in both of the Wisconsin Lutheran women's basketball team's

games last week.

She started and played 15 minutes during a loss to Concordia on Nov. 30, tallying two points and one rebound. Troxel contributed four points, two assists and a steal across 18 minutes in a win over Edgewood on Dec. 3.

Pulaski graduate Trevor Stiede combined to play 43 minutes across two games for the WLC men's basketball team last week.

In a win over Concordia on Nov. 29, Stiede tallied 12 points, two rebounds, two assists and a steal across 28 minutes. He recorded three points and one assist in 15 minutes and a loss to Edgewood on Dec. 3.

Ripon College

Witt-Birn grad Lauren Bahr had a busy couple days of swimming for the Ripon women's swim team at the Pioneer Classic in Grinnell, Iowa, on Dec. 2-3.



LAUREN BAHR

Individually, Bahr took 14th in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1 minute, 5.96 seconds. She placed 16th in the 100 freestyle (57.83), 29th in the 50 freestyle (26.67) and 36th in the 100 IM (1:10.16).

Bahr was on several relay teams, helping the 200 freestyle team (1:45.67) take ninth, the 400 medley team (4:21.07) to 11th, the 200 medley team (1:59.62) to 13th and the 400 freestyle team (3:51.33) to seventh.

UW-Stevens Point

Pulaski grads T.J. Shaw and Gracie Mihalski each competed at the Wheaton Invitational Swim Meet on Dec. 2-3 while representing UW-Stevens Point.

Shaw placed fourth in the 1,650 freestyle with a time of 17:20.19. He was 12th in the 500 freestyle (4:54.98) and 20th in the 200 freestyle (1:50.16).

Mihalski took 26th in the 100 backstroke (1:11.08), tied for 29th in the 50 freestyle (27.23) and was 32nd in the 100 freestyle (59.9).

Oconto Falls graduate Graeson Pankratz wrestled in an extra match during the UW-Stevens Point wrestling team's dual with UW-Oshkosh on Dec. 1.

Pankratz won the 133-pound bout by major decision, 10-1.

UW-Parkside

Pulaski graduate Sheridan Flauger started and played 30-plus minutes in both of the UW-Parkside women's basketball team's games last week.



SHERIDAN FLAUGER

Flauger played 32 minutes in a win over Michigan Tech on Dec. 1, tallying 18 points, two rebounds, six assists and a steal. She had seven points, six rebounds, one steal and two assists across 34 minutes in a loss to Northern Michigan on Dec. 3.

St. Cloud State University

Pulaski graduate Jasmine Litt combined to play 17 minutes across two St. Cloud State women's basketball team's games last week.

In a win over Bemidji State on Dec. 1, Litt tallied three points and four rebounds across nine minutes. Litt grabbed two rebounds across eight minutes in a win over Minnesota-Crookston on Dec. 3.

Grand Canyon University

Witt-Birn grad Wyatt Dickman swam in several events for the Grand Canyon men's team during the Miami University Invite that took place Dec. 1-3.

Dickman came in eighth in the 500 freestyle (4:41.96), 10th in the 100 breaststroke (55.97) and fourth in the 200 breaststroke (2:00.53).

Dickman was also on the ninth-place finishing 400 medley relay (3:22.36), second-place finishing 800 freestyle relay (6:37.16) and sixth-place finishing 400 freestyle relay (3:02.44).

Concordia University

Bonduel graduate Kalleigh Schroeder got the indoor track and field season started by competing

in the triple jump for the Concordia women's team at the Ripon Winter Open on Dec. 2-3.

She placed fifth in the event with a top leap of 9.28 meters.

Saginaw Valley State University

Shawano grad Tori DePerry



TORI DEPERRY

helped the Saginaw Valley State women's basketball team to a win over Wayne State on Dec. 3.

DePerry played 39 minutes and scored 17 points. She also tallied 11 rebounds, three assists and a block.

Carroll University

Pulaski grad Jake Binkowski made the College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin second team for his play as a defensive back for the Carroll football team.

The sophomore intercepted four passes this season, returning three for scores. He also had 43 total tackles and a fumble recovery.

Concordia University-St. Paul

Pulaski graduate Andrew Eg-narski landed on the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference second team after his junior season on the Concordia-St. Paul football team.

He was the conference's top tackler with 10.8 stops per game. He racked up 10-plus tackles in each of the team's final six games.

UW-Eau Claire

Bonduel grad Parker Bohm was named to the All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honorable mention team as a special teams player for the UW-Eau Claire football team.

Bohm served a long snapper for Eau Claire, while also tallying three total tackles.

Pulaski grad Karcz drafted into XFL

Pulaski High School graduate Kendall Karcz was drafted by the Seattle Sea Monsters during the XFL Draft on Nov. 16.

Karcz was part of the Green Bay Packers rookie minicamp after graduating from St. Norbert College.

As a senior at St. Norbert, Karcz was named a first-team All-

American by the American Football Coaches Association and the Associated Press Little All-America Team.

He intercepted seven passes that season to go along with 51 tackles.

Seattle is one of eight teams in the American football minor league. League play is expected to begin in mid-February.



The Wisconsin DNR reminds turkey hunters that 2023 spring harvest authorization applications are due by 11:59 p.m. on Dec. 10.

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Spring turkey harvest applications due

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources reminds wild turkey hunters that applications for the 2023 season are due by 11:59 p.m. on Dec. 10.

Hunters can apply for harvest authorizations or purchase preference points toward future drawings at GoWild.wi.gov or through an authorized license agent.

Turkey harvest authorizations are issued through a preference-based drawing system. More information on the turkey preference drawing is available in the Turkey Frequently Asked Questions (dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/turkey-question.html).

Applicants may choose up to two time period and zone combinations that they would like to hunt. As a third choice, applicants may choose one zone in which they will accept a harvest authorization for any period. This third choice can be the same zone as the first and/or second choice.

The second and third choices are optional, but applicants are encouraged to submit additional choices to maximize their likelihood of drawing a harvest authorization.

Successful applicants are notified by mail after the drawing results are finalized. Applicants not selected will receive a preference point that will increase their chances

of drawing a harvest authorization the following spring season. Hunters can check their application status online through Go Wild.

Any harvest authorizations not awarded in the drawing will be available for purchase as bonus harvest authorizations. Bonus harvest authorizations will cost \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents.

All turkey hunters must possess a valid spring turkey license and wild turkey stamp when they acquire their spring turkey harvest authorization. A 2023 spring turkey license is \$15 for Wisconsin residents and \$60 for non-residents. The 2023 wild turkey stamp is \$5.25. Licenses will

go on sale March 1, 2023.

The 2023 spring turkey season is as follows:

- Youth Hunt – April 15-16
- Period A – April 19-25
- Period B – April 26-May 2
- Period C – May 3-9
- Period D – May 10-16
- Period E – May 17-23
- Period F – May 24-30

For information on hunting in state parks, visit the DNR webpage at dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/parks/hunt. All harvested turkeys must be registered. For information on how to register your turkey, visit the DNR turkey hunting and management webpage at dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/turkey.

2023 black bear harvest applications due by Dec. 10

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources reminds black bear hunters that applications for the 2023 season are due by 11:59 p.m. on Dec. 10.

Hunters can apply for harvest authorizations or purchase preference points toward future drawings at GoWild.wi.gov or through an authorized license agent.

Preliminary estimates show hunters harvested approximately 4,100 bears during the 2022 black bear season. Final harvest totals will be available at a later date. In the meantime, DNR staff and the Bear Advisory Committee are currently determining the 2023 harvest quotas.

The drawing for 2023 harvest

authorizations will take place in early February.

With growing interest in bear hunting in Wisconsin and a limited number of licenses, the DNR encourages the public to review management zone boundaries and license wait times while making hunting plans.

Last year's bear drawing results and zone-specific wait times are available on the DNR's website at https://widnr.widenet.net/s/jlcmr7z-7vg/beardrawing_summary2022.

Bear permit applicants must apply at least once during any period of three consecutive years to retain their accumulated preference points otherwise all accumulated preference points will be lost.

If an applicant is selected in the drawing, their preference points will be reset to zero, even if they do not purchase the harvest permit. Applicants must remain aware of drawing status.

Applicants selected in the drawing are notified by mail shortly after the drawing and may purchase their 2023 Class A bear license beginning in March 2023. Applicants may also check their status online through their Go Wild customer account (gowild.wi.gov/).

The current zones are part of the Wisconsin Black Bear Management Plan, 2019-2029, developed by the DNR Bear Advisory Committee and approved by the Natural Resources Board in May 2019. The new bear

management zones (p.widencdn.net/rz6opf/BMZ_2021) are designed to address bear conflicts and manage desired population levels effectively.

The season structure for the 2023 bear season is as follows:

Zone A, B and D: Sept. 6-12 with the aid of dogs only; Sept. 13-Oct. 3 with the aid of dogs, aid of bait, and all other legal methods; Oct. 4-10 with the aid of bait and all legal methods not using dogs

Zone C, E, and F: Sept. 6-Oct. 10 with the aid of bait and all other legal methods not using dogs.

For more information on bear hunting in Wisconsin, visit the DNR bear hunting webpage at dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/bear.

WIAA Board sanctions lacrosse as sport

Spring sport to begin in 2024

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control approved the addition of lacrosse as a sanctioned sport at its December meeting on Dec. 2.

After receiving a presentation from the committee assigned to evaluate the feasibility of adding boys and girls lacrosse to sports sponsored by the WIAA, the board unanimously passed the proposal that targets the spring of the 2023-24 school year for the inau-

gural season with a tournament series. Additional details, including season regulations and tournament procedure, will be communicated when they become available.

It's the first time an entirely new sport has been introduced for both genders since the addition of boys and girls soccer in 1982-83. Since that time, hockey and wrestling expanded to girls sponsorship in 2002 and 2022, respectively, and boys volleyball was reinstated in 2000, but those sports were already sanctioned for the other gender.

"We commend members of the planning committee for months of

work and collaboration with member schools that already sponsor the sport," WIAA Executive Director Stephanie Hauser said. "Our staff and membership look forward to the new opportunity for student-athletes to participate in a sport quickly gaining popularity around the nation."

Among the action items approved by the board include the 2021-22 independent audit report conducted and presented by Hawkins Ash CPAs, the October general fund statements and payments, the deferred liability fund report for September, and the 2022-23 meeting dates calendar.

The executive staff provided re-

ports to the board on the Competitive Balance Ad Hoc Committee, continued efforts to recruit and retain licensed officials, review of participation in the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association Conference, awareness of upcoming membership elections, a review of fall tournaments as well as an update on the InsideOut Initiative endorsed by the board in October.

The board received liaison reports from John Ashley of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards, Paul Manriquez of the Department of Public Instruction and Eric Plitzuweit of the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association.

RECREATION SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

Him & Hers Couples — Lakeshore Lanes

Team	W	L
Brothers Pub	40	9
Brothers Pub Too	34	15
Gingerly Salon	33	16
Keglers	29	20
Bust N' Balls	28	21
Buss Automotive	27	22
Pin Heads	23	26
Lunds Corner Bar	20	29

MW Auto Body	19	30
Just 4 Fun	18	31
CDH	14	35
The Farmers	9	40

High individual scratch games: Brad Weisnicht 269, Bill Grosskreutz 258, Steve Rouse 247, Jesse Metoxen 241, Mary Metoxen 235, Dave Rindt 235, Kevin Zuleger 227, Mary Renik 219, Ashley Schuh 219, Sharon Buss 207, Darcie O'Kimosh 199, Diane Durkee 194.

High individual scratch series: Bill Grosskreutz 734, Kevin Zuleger 657, Brad Weisnicht 654, Steve Rouse

649, Steven Renik 631, Daniel Poels 628, Sharon Buss 588, Ashley Schuh 588, Mary Metoxen 565, Diane Durkee 557, Mary Renik 539, Sandy Weisnicht 522.

Chet and Emil's Monday Women's League

Team	W	L
Star Campsite	25	19
Cady Home	21	23
Banner Banks	20 1/2	23 1/2
Chet and Emil's	20 1/2	23 1/2

High team handicap games: Star Campsite 745, Chet and Emil's 736, Cady Home 731.

High individual scratch games: Kim Zeller 225, Tracy Anderson 191, Jen Duranceau 189, Courtney Tryba 183, Alicia Schinzel 180, Christy Clark 174.

High team handicap series: Cady Home 2,132, Banner Banks 2,086, Star Campsite 2,058.

High individual scratch series: Kim Zeller 529, Jen Duranceau 525, Tracy Anderson 498, Courtney Tryba 485, Barbara Praslowicz 467, Alicia Schinzel 447.

Chet and Emil's Tuesday Commercial

Team	W	L
Chet and Emil's	27	9
Kautza Excavating	24	12
Clark Construction	20	16
Schmidt Schulta	17	19
White Insurance	15	21

High team scratch games: Chet and Emil's 1,080, Kautza Excavating 1,067, White Insurance 976.

High individual scratch games: Jeremy Praslowicz 268, Austin Rekow 267, Tim Lemke 242.

High team scratch series: Chet and Emil's 3,147, Kautza Excavating 2,977, White Insurance 2,792.

High individual scratch series: Austin Rekow 741, Jeremy Praslowicz 725, Andy Hegewald 652.

Lakeshore Masters — Lakeshore Lanes

Team	W	L
Dearco Distributors	34	14
Golfside	32	16
Northern Advantage	32	16
Farmall Fanatics	30 1/2	17 1/2
Lakeshore Lanes	29 1/2	18 1/2
Launching Pad	28 1/2	19 1/2
Rosie's Railway	24 1/2	23 1/2
Brother's	19 1/2	28 1/2
Bamboo	18 1/2	29 1/2
Full Service Tents	16	32
Pin Pricks	12	36

Shawano Auto Sales 11 37

High team scratch games: Dearco Distributors 728, Golfside 689, Brother's 679.

High individual scratch games (top 7): Tony Wyrobeck 288, Mark Schachtschneide 279, Carson Malueg 268, Stu Marotz 262, Don Pedersen 257, Jeff Arndt 248, Steve Hoffman 246.

High team scratch series: Brother's 1,947, Golfside 1,913, Launching Pad 1,883.

High individual scratch series (top 7): Carson Malueg 722, Don Pedersen 694, Zack Ruehle 692, Jeff Arndt 688, Mark Schachtschneide 667, Tony Wyrobeck 659, Blake Schuebel 650.

Chet and Emil's Thursday Early Birds

Team	W	L
Schairer Farms	15	9
Rightway Propane	12	12
Stadler Farms	12	12
M and J Harvesting	9	15

High team scratch games: Rightway Propane 630, Schairer Farms 630, M and J Harvesting 546.

High individual scratch games: Susan Zeinert 225, Kristine Beran 206, Katie Hanke 178, Samantha Stadler 173

High team scratch series: Rightway Propane 1,795, Schairer Farms 1,772, M and J Harvesting 1,561.

High individual scratch series: Susan Zeinert 522, Kristine Beran 502, Kim Zeller 489, Samantha Stadler 474.

Chet and Emil's Wednesday Business

Team	W	L
S and M Tool	23	13
Karcz Lending	23	13
CWAA	22	14
Rew Motors	19	17
Kropf's Meat	15	21
Chet and Emil's	14	22
TLC Auto Body	14	22
Kessen Auto Body	14	22

High team scratch games: S and M Tool 1,093, Karcz Lending 1,047, Kropf's Meat 997.

High individual scratch games: Tyler Krull 267, Rhett Matz 246, Doug Kunst 228.

High team scratch series: S and M Tool 3,061, Karcz Lending 2,982, Kropf's Meat 2,850.

High individual scratch series: Dave Schultz 710, Jeremy Praslowicz 696, Paul Hanke 596.

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- Western Shawano County correspondent needed to tell feature stories and cover events in Wittenberg, Birnamwood, Tigerton, Aniwa, Mattoon and Bowler.
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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

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WRESTLING

Bonduel finishes 4-0 at Seymour Duals

Bonduel picked up wins over Peshtigo (42-33), Seymour (40-36), Lena (42-33) and Waupun (42-38) during the Seymour Duals on Dec. 3 in Seymour.

Jaxon Bogacz (106), Parker Perry (170) and Tyson Bogacz (182) all finished with 4-0 records for Bonduel.

Shawano goes 2-3 at Catbird Duals

Shawano defeated Cashton (42-36) and Dodgeville (60-24) while losing to West Salem/Bangor (61-15), North-western (48-30) and Holmen (48-27) at the Catbird Duals on Dec. 3 in West Salem.

Caden Young and Drake Herm each finished 5-0 on the day for Shawano. Herm spent just 4 minutes, 17 seconds on the mat during those matches.

Cody Popelka posted a 4-1 record for the Hawks. Dane Hodkiewicz and Carsen Herm each earned three wins.

Shawano girls perform well in Kimberly

Several Shawano girls earned strong finishes during a tournament on Dec. 2 in Kimberly.

Onna Hermann and Macey Nelson led Shawano with first-place finishes.

Hallie Wondra, Jenna Moede, Caitlyn Moede, Courtney Schenk and Harry Fritz all placed second for the Hawks. Vivian Waldburger earned a third-place finish.

Oconto Falls finishes 0-3 at home quad

Oconto Falls dropped duals to Wrightstown (40-37), Crandon (48-28) and Shiocton (45-36) during a Dec. 1 quadrangular in Oconto Falls.

Against Wrightstown, Luke Gilbertson (285 pounds), Cole Bozile (132) and Nick Trepanier (195) all won by pin for Oconto Falls. Parker Peterson (138) won by major decision, while Luke Trepanier (145) was a winner by decision. Garrett Ganter (106) and Taylor Whiting (113) picked up forfeit wins for the Panthers.

In the loss to Crandon, Gilbertson (220) and Jeremy Earley (152) both won by pin. Bozile (132) and Nick Trepanier (182) each won by decisions, while Peterson (138) won by major decision again. Luke Trepanier (145) won by forfeit.

Ganter (113), Bozile (132), Peterson (138), Luke Trepanier (145) and Gilbertson (285) won by pin against Shiocton. Whiting (106) earned a forfeit win.



Oconto Falls' Parker Peterson, top, attempts to finish off his match with a pin during a 138-pound matchup against Crandon on Dec. 1 in Oconto Falls. Peterson ended up winning the match by major decision.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Gillett 68

Gresham 18

Gillett knocked off Gresham in a nonconference matchup on Dec. 3 in Gillett.

Ryan Pensis scored 18 first-half points for Gillett. Jesse DeBauch finished the contest with 12 points, while Austin VandeCorput and Ben Matczak had 10 points each.

Tyler Frank and Lavonzell Smith chipped in six points each for the Tigers.

Wyatt Nietzer scored seven points to lead Gresham in scoring.

Luxemburg-Casco 62

Oconto Falls 49

Oconto Falls dropped a North Eastern Conference contest against Luxemburg-Casco on Dec. 2 in Luxemburg.

Grayson Cahak led Oconto Falls with 18 points. Kody Vorpahl chipped in 12 points for the Panthers.

Shawano 62

Witt-Birn 42

Shawano knocked off Wittenberg-Birnamwood in a Dec. 1 nonconference clash in Shawano.

Michael Metcalf-Grassman and

Jacob Landon each scored 18 points to lead Shawano offensively. Landon knocked down four of the team's six 3-pointers.

Logan Sipple chipped in 10 points for the Hawks. Brandon Reed tallied eight points.

Michael Miller and Oliver Fraaza scored nine points each for Witt-Birn. Mason Meverden contributed eight points.

Tigerton 55

Tri-County 34

Tigerton picked up a Central Wisconsin Conference crossover win over Tri-County on Dec. 1 in Tigerton.

Ryder Graham tallied 21 points and nine rebounds to lead Tigerton to the win. Asher Michaelis recorded eight boards, eight assists and three steals, while Sam Anheuser had 10 rebounds and six points.

Joey Zimdars recorded seven points and five boards for the Tigers. Loghan Wanta had seven points and seven rebounds, while Colby Wanta scored seven points and had four steals.

Witt-Birn 62

Antigo 39

Wittenberg-Birnamwood dominated the second half to pick up a nonconference win over Antigo on Nov. 29 in

Antigo. The Chargers outscored the hosts 41-23 in the final half.

Mason Meverden knocked down six 3-pointers and led Witt-Birn with 26 points. He made five 3-pointers in the second half.

Michael Miller added 10 points for Witt-Birn, all in the first half. Marshall Fraaza tallied seven points, while Casey Kielman had six.

Shawano 68

Appleton North 54

Shawano picked up a nonconference home win over Appleton North on Nov. 29 in Shawano.

Michael Metcalf-Grassman powered Shawano with 28 points.

Jacob Landon chipped in 11 points for the Hawks. Luke Guenther provided 10 points, while Brandon Reed had nine points.

Bowler 65

Lena 35

Bowler cruised to a nonconference win over Lena on Nov. 29 in Lena.

Emmitt Kietlinski made 14 shots and finished with 31 points for Bowler.

Bowler's Marcus Malone added 20 points, including three 3-pointers. Danian Schultz tallied eight points.

Anthony Seefeldt scored nine points to lead Lena offensively.

Elcho 51**Tigerton 28**

Tigerton fell to Elcho in a nonconference clash on Nov. 29 in Elcho.

Ryder Graham and Loghan Wanta each scored six points for Tigerton.

Colby Wanta had five steals for the Tigers, while Sam Anheuser had three.

Little Chute 75**Oconto Falls 23**

Oconto Falls couldn't get much going offensively in a NEC game against Little Chute on Nov. 29 in Oconto Falls.

Caden Birr scored eight points for Oconto Falls, while Kody Vorpahl added six points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL**Gresham 67****Northland Lutheran 51**

Gresham earned a CWC-North victory over Northland Lutheran on Dec. 2 in Kronenwetter. Gresham scored 48 points in the opening half and led by 20 points at the break.

Maddie Haffner knocked down four 3-pointers and scored 28 points to power Gresham. She scored 20 points in the opening half.

Josie Cerveney chipped in 10 points for the Wildcats, while Rylie Kakwitsch had eight points. Chloe Bohl and Janay Pecore-Kirkland each contributed seven points.

Lena 64**Crivitz 35**

Lena routed Crivitz in a Marinette & Oconto Conference clash on Dec. 2 in Lena. Nine different Wildcats scored in the win.

Whitney Potter hit eight shots and led Lena with 18 points. Chaela Rabas was also in double figures with 10 points.

Eva Brooks tallied nine points for Lena, while Claire Brooks had eight. Natalie McNurlen added seven points and Breanna Koslowsky had six points.

Suring 54**STAA 22**

Suring eased past St. Thomas Aquinas Academy in an M&O matchup on Dec. 2 in Marinette.

MacKenzie Bailey led Suring with 15 points, 11 rebounds and nine steals, while Emma Kristof had 12 points and four steals.

Emily Peterson chipped in eight points and grabbed six rebounds for the Eagles. Hailey VanRens tallied six points, six assists and five rebounds.

Parker Zahn and Georgia Gerndt both pulled down six boards for Suring, while Hailey Thomson had seven. Kaylee Otradovec was credited with five steals.

Tri-County 34**Tigerton 22**

Tigerton lost a CWC crossover game to Tri-County on Dec. 1 in Tigerton.

Abby Swartz led Tigerton with nine points and nine rebounds, while Isabell Zychowicz chipped in six points.

Aaliyah Lederhaus had 15 rebounds for the Tigers.

Witt-Birn 63**Marathon 35**

Witt-Birn cruised to a nonconference win over Marathon on Nov. 29 in Wittenberg.

Reese Rogowski scored 20 points to lead Witt-Birn to victory. Melaina Granquist tallied 11 points, while Jami Wendler had 10. Rory Salvesen contributed nine points and Allison Linke had seven points.

Granquist also pulled down 11 rebounds to finish with a double-double. Linke had six steals, while Salvesen finished with four steals.

Suring 51**Wausaukee 44**

Suring rallied past Wausaukee in an M&O matchup on Nov. 29 in Suring. The Eagles outscored the visitors 31-21 in the second half.

Christine Sleeter tallied 21 points, eight rebounds, six blocks and three steals to lead Suring.

Bunny Cramer tallied 10 points, four steals and four assists for the Eagles, while Birdee Cramer had nine points and 10 boards. Emma Kristof chipped in eight points.

MacKenzie Bailey finished with 11 rebounds, five assists and three blocks for Suring.

Ashwaubenon 46**Shawano 41**

Shawano dropped a tight nonconference clash to Ashwaubenon on Nov. 29 in Ashwaubenon.

Leah Nordin led Shawano with 14 points.

Elcho 30**Tigerton 28**

Tigerton fell just short in a nonconference battle with Elcho on Nov. 29 in Tigerton.

Aaliyah Lederhaus posted 12 points and 16 rebounds to lead Tigerton.

Abby Swartz pulled down nine rebounds for the Tigers, while Sienna Breaker scored eight points.

BOYS HOCKEY**Antigo 9****Medford 3**

Antigo rolled to a Great Northern Conference win over Medford on Dec. 1 in Medford.

Witt-Birn's Owen Dickman netted



Wittenberg-Biramwood's Melaina Granquist, right, takes a 3-pointer after teammate Allison Linke, left, set a screen for her during the team's win over Shiocton on Dec. 2 in Wittenberg.

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three goals and added an assist to help Antigo to victory.

Shawano co-op 7**Waupun 0**

The Shawano co-op blanked the Waupun junior varsity team on Dec. 1 in Waupun.

Karson Stoss scored twice for the co-op, while Blake Knope, Aidan Beaulieu, Michael Dillenberg, Gavin Hundt and Noah Davids each scored once. Knope also had two assists. Goalie Dylan Prochaska made five saves to record the shutout.

Shawano co-op 6**Neenah 1**

The Shawano co-op topped the Neenah junior varsity squad on Nov. 29 in Grand Chute.

Karson Stoss scored three goals for the co-op. Louis Hrabik added two goals, while Aidan Beaulieu had the

other goal. Owen Curran was credited with two assists, while goalie Dylan Prochaska made 31 saves.

BOYS SWIM**Medford 75****Shawano 56**

Shawano dropped a dual against Medford on Dec. 1 in Medford.

Shawano's Brady Hannes, Ben Langlois, Braden Barkley and Baelyan Putz teamed up for a first-place finish in the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 2 minutes, 14.66 seconds.

The same quartet won the 400 freestyle relay in 4:34.37.

Individually, Langlois won the 200 IM in 2:31.35, while Barkley was the top finisher in the 50 freestyle (27.03). Putz placed first in the 100 freestyle (1:10.17). Barkley also won the 100 backstroke (1:12.37), while Langlois was first in the 100 breaststroke (1:13.9).

Shawano to host 2024 Show Ski Nationals

Shawano will once again host Show Ski Nationals.

The National Show Ski Association recently announced that Shawano would serve as the host of the 2024 Division 2 Nationals. That will take place on Aug. 3-4.

Shawano hosted D2 Nationals for the first time ever in 2021. The Shawano Ski Sharks competed against nine other teams that year and placed second.

D2 Nationals will be held in Loves Park, Illinois, in 2023.

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