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Shawano County Sheriff George Lenzner, left, stands before Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Judge William Kussel Jr. on Jan. 3 at the Shawano County Courthouse and recites his oath of office to officially become the county's top cop. Clerk of Courts Ethan Schmidt and Coroner Brian Westfahl, who both ran unopposed for election in 2022, also gave their oaths during the ceremony.

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Lohffs have New Year's baby



Brian and Courtney Lohff are the proud parents of the first baby born in 2023 at ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano. Stryker Eric Lohff was born at 10:11 a.m. Jan. 1, and he is the latest family member to join siblings Michael, David, Ryan, Austin, Levi, Abigail, Chayce, Cooper and Vincent.

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CORRECTIONS

Accuracy is important to the Enterprise and News, and it wants to correct mistakes promptly. Call errors to our attention by phone at 715-526-2121, ext. 7018.

Shawano excited about Naberhood's future

New logo unveiled as city looks at how to utilize downtown plaza to the max

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The new plaza in downtown Shawano has a name that's familiar to longtime residents, but for those who might be visiting the community, there might be some questions about why the city is calling it the Naberhood.

However, those questions will probably go on the back burner when they see how busy the Naberhood will be during the summer months.

To understand the Naberhood moniker, one must delve into Shawano's past. Prominent resident Franklin Naber was responsible for platting three subdivisions in the city. One is the building that currently houses Dreier's Pharmacy, while another is the Little Rapids Paper Mill just across the Wolf River. The third building is the one in the 200 block of South Main Street that was torn down so the plaza could be built, and before the building fell into disrepair, it was home to Senzig's Furniture, which now dwells on the east side of the city.

The new logo features a basic outline of the building that was demolished, with "The Naberhood" beneath it, and includes a curving glyph under the N that represents the Wolf River, since Shawano claims to be the "City on the Wolf." The N and the A both were designed to simulate the archways of the Naber building itself.

"When we were looking at the logo itself, we wanted to make sure we were not only encompassing the building that once stood there that was a historical component to our downtown community but also making sure we were staying in tune with the things that carry through into our current city logo, like water and things of that nature," said Lesley Nemetz, Shawano's community relations manager.

The city worked with a graphic designer in the area, Andy Graf, and Nemetz, along with City Administrator Eddie Sheppard, Business Improvement District coordinator Lindsay Johnson and parks director Matt Hendricks, collaborated to try and make the logo as representative of Shawano's downtown as possible.

"We're really excited, because we think it looks amazing," Nemetz said.



The Naberhood hit the ground running in late 2022 when it served as an extension for the Festival of Trees held annually in Franklin Park, but the plaza is expected to be the future home for music concerts, Native American-themed activities, petting zoos, library events and more. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

"He really took into account all of the things that we discussed that were really important to us."

The city has already announced block parties coming to roost at the Naberhood, but city officials are hoping those parties will just be the start of continuous activity at the plaza not only during the summer months, but year-round, too.

"One of the nice things about the name 'The Naberhood' is there are so many things we can play off of it," Nemetz said. "The Naberhood block party ... was an easy name to come up with. We're excited about the opportunities of a lot of different events, and the community is really backing these."

Hendricks noted that Franklin Park quickly became a community destination after it was created. Besides being the new home for the FRESH Project Farmers Market, the park also hums during the warmer periods with the Thursdayz at Franklin concert series, occasional weddings and more.

"The expectation is not that the city is going to be doing all the programming out there, but we do have a role in it," Hendricks said. "We're hoping that the Naberhood is going to be similar."

The block parties on Saturdays will consist of small-stage bands, according to Hendricks, as a way to keep people in the downtown area on weekends. With the farmers market wrapping up around noon, the block parties can make downtown activities an all-day affair.

"Saturdays are becoming more live-

ly in the downtown area, so we asked ourselves, how do we complement that?" Hendricks said. "Having music in the afternoon seemed appropriate."

The block parties on Tuesday nights will focus more on family-

friendly events, and Hendricks noted that the Shawano County Library will be playing a role in some of those activities. The city has also reached out to the local tribes to perform cultural dances and other activities. The NEW Zoo in Suamico could be bringing a mobile petting zoo to the plaza at some point during the summer, although specific event dates have not been nailed down yet.

A long-term goal for the city is to see some form of activity take place in the Naberhood almost every day. Hendricks doesn't believe it'll happen in the first year, but he hopes it'll happen sooner rather than later.

"There seems to be excitement for social gathering spaces and getting people together, and our community eats that up," Hendricks said. "Every community is sociable, but Shawano, maybe because of the tourism feel and the lakes and bringing people to down, there's a desire to connect people there. What's important is that the Naberhood is a unique niche and not a replication of something else."

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▪ Darrick L. Sechrist, 36, Milwaukee, was charged Dec. 27 with two counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Shawano-Menominee Circuit Court Judge William Kussel Jr. set a cash bond of \$1,000.

▪ Brandy A. Moede, 38, Bowler, was charged Dec. 27 with one count of battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer, one misdemeanor count of attempted criminal damage of property and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Kussel set a cash bond of \$500 and scheduled a resumed initial appearance for Feb. 14.

▪ Allen J.M. Schroeder, 40, Gresham, was charged Dec. 27 with two counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of theft of movable property, less than or equal to \$2,500. Kussel set a cash bond of \$1,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Jan. 6.

▪ Trevor J. Aschenbrenner, 25, Shawano, entered an Alford plea to one count of strangulation and suffocation, one misdemeanor count of intentionally pointing a firearm at a person and one

misdemeanor count of operating a firearm, while intoxicated. Aschenbrenner also pleaded no contest to one count of false imprisonment, one count of battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer and one misdemeanor count of battery. Kussel sentenced Aschenbrenner to three years in prison and two years of extended supervision.

▪ Louis E. Ellwart, 51, Gresham, was charged Dec. 28 with one count of bail jumping. Kussel set a signature bond of \$3,000. He was also charged Dec. 29 with two counts of bail jumping. Kussel set a cash bond of \$1,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Jan. 6.

▪ Leonard J. Pecore, 29, Gresham, was charged Dec. 28 with one count of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), four counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Kussel set a cash bond of \$1,000.

▪ Jesse T. Parra, 48, Antigo, was charged Dec. 28 with one count of operating while intoxicated (fourth offense) and one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Kussel set a cash bond of \$1,500 and a signature bond of \$2,000.

This case will resume at a later date.

▪ Daran C.G. Sexton, 25, Shawano, pleaded no contest Dec. 29 to one misdemeanor count of battery and one misdemeanor count of criminal damage to property. One count of strangulation and suffocation and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct were dismissed, but read into the record. Kussel sentenced Sexton to 2 1/2 years of probation.

▪ Brian C. Bolssen, 47, Wittenberg, was charged Dec. 29 with one count of operating while intoxicated (fifth or sixth offense) and one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Kussel set a cash bond of \$3,500 and a signature bond of \$2,000. He also scheduled a preliminary hearing for Jan. 6.

▪ Mariah K. Connahvichnah, 30, Neopit, was charged Dec. 29 with two counts of second-degree recklessly endangering safety, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer, one misdemeanor count of criminal damage to property and one misdemeanor count of attempted criminal damage to property. Kussel set a cash bond of \$1,500.

▪ Andrew E. Lucas, 30, Shawano, was

charged Dec. 29 with three counts of bail jumping, three misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and three misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. Kussel set a cash bond of \$1,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Jan. 6.

▪ Joshua S. Georgia, 37, Phoenix, Maryland, pleaded no contest Dec. 29 to two counts of misappropriating identification information and one count of forgery. Two counts of misappropriating identification information, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer and one misdemeanor count attempting theft, with false representation (less than or equal to \$2,500), were dismissed, but read into the record. Kussel sentenced Georgia to two years in prison and three years of extended supervision.

▪ Matthew C. Malone, 39, Bowler, was charged Dec. 30 with one count of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), one count of possession of narcotic drugs and three misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. Kussel set a cash bond of \$500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Jan. 13.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Jan. 2

Deputies responded to 28 calls, including a disturbance on Oak Avenue in the Town of Richmond; reckless driving on state Highway 156 in the Town of Navarino; reckless driving on state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Richmond; child abuse on East Vinal Street in Wittenberg; a threat on Elm Grove Road in the Town of Pella; trespassing on County Road Z in the Town of Hutchins; two crashes.

Jan. 1

Deputies responded to 29 calls, including reckless driving on North Main Street in Shawano; a vehicle theft on West Freeborn Street in Cecil; disorderly conduct on North Main Street in Shawano; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; operating while intoxicated on County Road D in the Town of Almon; six crashes.

Dec. 31

Deputies responded to 27 calls, including reckless driving on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Birnamwood; reckless driving on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Aniwa; reckless driving on Leopolis Road in the Town of Herman; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in

the Town of Herman; a disturbance on Two Mile Road in the Town of Germania; one crash.

Dec. 30

Deputies responded to 23 calls, including a fraud complaint on Sunshine Court in Bonduel; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Richmond; reckless driving on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Aniwa; reckless driving on County Road Q in the Town of Almon; one deer-related crash.

Dec. 29

Deputies responded to 31 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg; multiple property theft calls on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg; a fraud complaint on Edgewater Road in the Town of Waukechon; a probation violation on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; a drug problem on East Green Bay Street in Shawano; three crashes.

Dec. 28

Deputies responded to 26 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Wittenberg; reckless driving on U.S. Highway 45 in Tigerton; trespassing on North High Line Road in the Town of Hartland; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Waukechon; bail jumping

on North Franklin Street in the Town of Wescott; trespassing on Middle Branch Road in the Town of Morris; six crashes.

Dec. 27

Deputies responded to 22 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Belle Plaine; reckless driving on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Fairbanks; two crashes, one involving deer.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jan. 2

Officers responded to 17 calls, including offense on school property at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; property theft at Pizza Hut, 816 E. Green Bay St.; harassment on Birch Hill Lane; a fleeing/pursuit on East Richmond Street; trespassing on East Richmond Street.

Jan. 1

Officers responded to 14 calls, including operating while intoxicated on South Maiden Lane; disorderly conduct at the Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St.

Dec. 31

Officers responded to 22 calls, including disorderly conduct on South Main Street; property theft on Acorn Street; multiple reckless driving calls on North Airport Drive.

Dec. 30

Officers responded to 21 calls, including property theft on West Third Street.

Dec. 29

Officers responded to 15 calls, including reckless driving on East Green Bay Street; a disturbance at Sharona's Bar, 111 S. Washington St.; reckless driving on state Highway 29; a threat on South Main Street; reckless driving on Waukechon Street.

Dec. 28

Officers responded to 18 calls, including a fight in progress at Walgreens, 401 E. Green Bay St.; disorderly conduct on Pearl Avenue; reckless driving on state Highway 29; reckless driving on state Highway 22; car property damage on North Franklin Street; disorderly conduct at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; a weapons offense on Acorn Street.

Dec. 27

Officers responded to 17 calls, including operating while intoxicated at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.; car property damage on West Wescott Avenue; shoplifting at Dollar Tree, 172 Woodlawn Drive; car property damage at El Tequila, 1240 E. Green Bay St.; shoplifting at Dunham Sports, 1211 E. Green Bay St.; disorderly conduct at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.

OBITUARIES

James Jerome "Jimmy" Buss, 89, formerly of Eland, died on Dec. 31, 2022, at Rosemary Manor in Mattoon.

James was born May 3, 1933, in Eland, the son of Anton and Victoria (Wojciechowski) Buss Sr. James was a U.S. Army veteran serving from 1954 to 1956.

On Feb. 9, 1963, James was united in marriage to Bernice Meverden at St. Philomena Catholic Church in Birnamwood. She preceded him in death on April 6, 2012.

After graduation, James hauled milk for Frank Bessette. He then was employed by the Chicago Northwestern Railroad for 38 years until his retirement. After retirement, he enjoyed helping his nephews on the Zdroik Potato Farm in Rosholt, where he earned the nickname of "5 o'clock Jimmy," as he needed to be home for supper.

James was an avid Eland BABA



Bay Packers. He enjoyed watching his children and grandchildren's sporting events. Deer hunting was a special time on the family farm with his brothers, son, nephews, grandsons and special family friend, Doug.

After retirement, he and Bernice wintered in Gulf Shores and had fond memories of a trip to Germany with special friends Arlen and Pat Warning.

James was an honorary life member of the Knights of Columbus and liked to go on Bingo trips with his

James Jerome 'Jimmy' Buss

baseball player, which started when he was 14 years old and lasted for 40 years. He was also an avid fan of the Eland BABA, the Milwaukee Brewers and the Green

brothers.

James is survived by his children, Theresa (Brian) Block, of Birnamwood, Patty (John) Szews, of Birnamwood, Paula (Dan) Rew, of Eland, and Jon (Michelle) Buss, of Eau Claire; seven grandchildren, Sam (Christina) Szews, Blake (Lauryn) Szews, Isaac Szews, Riley (Carli) Rew, Dana (Nate and Piper) Rew, Holly Buss and Alex Buss; two great-grandchildren, Aubree Szews and Grayson Rew; brothers, Robert Buss, of Wittenberg, and Anthony (Christine) Buss Jr., of Eland; and siblings-in-law, Leah Klopotek, of Wausau, and Edward (Lois) Meverden, of Wittenberg.

James was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Bernice; siblings and in-laws, Mary Jane (Maynard) Zdroik, Alvina Buss, Mike (Sue) Buss and Jerry Klopotek; and three nephews, Mark, Cody and A.J. Zdroik.

A Mass of Christian burial will

be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 6, 2023, at St. Florian's Catholic Church in Hatley. The Rev. Gregory Bohren will preside. Burial will be in Holy Family Catholic Cemetery in Wittenberg with military rites conducted by the Elderon Memorial Post 8068. Visitation was held on Thursday beginning at 4 p.m. with a Rosary Service at 6:30 p.m. at Schmidt & Schulta Funeral Home, Wittenberg. Visitation will continue, on Friday, at the church, beginning at 9 a.m. until the time of service.

Schmidt and Schulta Funeral Home of Wittenberg is assisting the family with funeral arrangements. Memories and messages of support may be shared at schmidtschulta.com.

The family would like to thank the staff at Rose Mary Manor, especially Misty, Billie, Ashley and Amanda, for loving Dad as their own.

Korrin Moede



Korrin married Jerry Moede in 1972, and they celebrated their 50th anniversary this past November. They enjoyed many super neat things together over the years including

raising llamas, taking sunset boat rides on Shay Lake, and spending time with their children (Korrin's favorite daughter, Erin (Chris) Cooke, and the other child, Adam (Heather) Moede). She is also survived by her lovely granddaughters, Naomi "Omerd," Aria and Chloe, her beloved baby brother Tim (Tammy) Jack of Appleton, and

her brother-in-law Dan Moede of Keshena.

After college, Korrin and Jerry moved to Blair, where she was an English teacher at Taylor High School for two years. Korrin and Jerry moved to Suring in 1987 and continue to reside in the area. In 1993, Korrin became the librarian of the Suring Area Public Library, a position she loved and held for over a decade. She also worked at the Lakes Country Public Library in Lakewood for several years until her retirement.

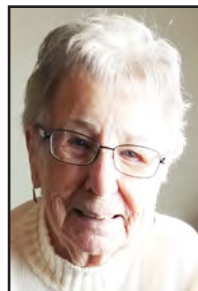
Throughout all the places that Korrin lived and worked, she formed many lifelong friendships. We give a special thanks to Cindy and Gary, Kate, Kim and Tony, Linda, LouAnne, Pam, Sidney, and

so many others for bringing so much love, light, and laughter into Korrin's life. The family would also like to thank Unity Hospice (the Sarahs and Dustin especially), as well as Pastor Stoll and the congregation of Tabor Lutheran Church in Mountain for their unparalleled care and support.

A memorial service for Korrin will be held at Tabor Lutheran Church in Mountain on April 22, 2023, beginning at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Lakes Country Public Library or Tabor Lutheran Church.

Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com.

Doris Elaine Blanchard



play the slots. Other past times included reading, crocheting, doing crafts, playing games on her tablet or shopping.

Doris is survived by her children,

Beverly Demmin, of Shawano, and Robert Blanchard, of Pulaski; grandchildren, Michele (Wes) Carper, of Washington, Mark (Lisa) Blanchard, of Manitowoc,

and Kim (Dean) Lynch, of Manitowoc; great-grandchildren, Derek (Lauren) Blanchard, Sabrina (Kyle) Handl, Shelby (Tim) Wooster, Cody Carper, and Levi Carper; and six great-great-grandchildren, Elba, Lainey, Everly, Theo, Waylon, and Paisley. She is further survived by many extended family members and friends.

Preceding Doris in death were her husband, Edwin; her son-in-law, Jim Demmin; and her parents.

A memorial service for Doris will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2023, at Knollwood

Memorial Park in Manitowoc. Visitation will be held at Knollwood Memorial Park on Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

Doris's family would like to extend a special thank you to everyone for your love and support at this difficult time. Many thanks to ThedaCare at Home Hospice staff. Katie, you were the perfect nurse for our mother, and Molly, thank you for your help, and thank you to Stuart for your prayers; they lifted Mom for a moment.

www.swedbergfuneralhome.com

Doris Elaine Blanchard, 99, of Shawano, formerly of Manitowoc, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022. Doris was born on Jan. 12, 1923, to the late Ervin and Elizabeth (Sanville) Rudebeck in Two Rivers. On Dec. 27, 1941, Doris was united in marriage to Edwin C. Blanchard in Manitowoc.

Doris was a Green Bay Packers shareholder and enjoyed watching and cheering on her team. She enjoyed baking and cooking for friends and family as well as going to the senior center to play Bingo and socialize or go to the casino to

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Keshena kicks off New Year with powwow



A group of youth boys get together to dance in a youth Woodlawn Spotlight dance during the New Year's Menominee Nation Sobriety Powwow in the Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek Center in Keshena on Dec. 31. Youth were heavily featured in the powwow, with many introducing themselves to those in the audience after dancing.

LUKE REIMER | NEW MEDIA



Robert Kaquatosh, who is dressed in woodland regalia, leads a dance during the New Year's Menominee Nation Sobriety Powwow in the Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek in Keshena on Dec. 31. Kaquatosh acted as a veteran dancers, helping to lead a majority of the dances. He said that this event is held to bring the community in to ring in the new year together on a positive note.

LUKE REIMER | NEW MEDIA



A group of youth girls watch on during the feather dance during the New Year's Menominee Nation Sobriety Powwow in the Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek in Keshena on Dec. 31. The feather danced challenged dancers to pick up a standing feather with their mouth off of the ground.

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A group of youth boys get together to dance in a youth Woodlawn Spotlight dance during the New Year's Menominee Nation Sobriety Powwow in the Omaeqnomenewak Wetohkatikamek in Keshena on Dec. 31.

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ABC	Good Morning America (N) 		 Good Morning America (N)   Action 2 News: This Morning (N)		 Wildlife   Morning baby! (N) 		 Hearts of  Wildlife		 Saving Pets   oh baby!		 TBA   Home-owner		 To Be Announced		 Paid Program   Paid Program 		NFL City Life (N) 		NFL Countdown (N)   (Live) 		(:15) Kickoff (N) 		NFL Football Teams TBA. (N)  (Live) 																	
CBS	 Mission  CBS Sat		 Hope in the Wild (N)  (El)		 CBS Sat   Lucky Dog		 Innovation Nation		 Mission Unstoppable (N)		 Hope in the Wild (N)  (El)		Lucky Dog "Cookie"  (El)		Did I Mention Invention?		College Basketball Vanderbilt at Missouri. Mizzou Arena. (N)  (Live) 		College Basketball Ole Miss at Mississippi State. Humphrey Coliseum. (N)  (Live) 		College Basketball San Diego State at Wyoming. Arena-Auditorium. (N)  (Live) 		 TBA   Paid Program		CBS Weekend News															
FOX	 Xplor. Planet   News		 Xploration Space		 Life 2.0   (El) 		 Sci Q   (El) 		 Paid Program   Life 2.0		 Paid Program   Sci Q  (El)		Paid Program 		FOX College Hoops Tip-Off		College Basketball Creighton at Connecticut. Harry A. Gampel Pavilion. (N)  (Live) 		FOX College Hoops Extra (N)		College Basketball Michigan at Michigan State. Breslin Center. (N)  (Live) 		Women's College Basketball Iowa at Michigan. Crisler Center. (N)  (Live) 		 Sheldon   Greatest															
NBC	 Today   Today		 906 Outdoors		 Today's Home-owner		 Life 2.0		Earth Odyssey With Dylan		Wild Child (N)  (DVS)		Harlem Globetrotters		One Team Sports		 Paid Prog.   The Voyager		Paid Program 		High School Football All-American Bowl. (N)  (Live) 		PGA Tour Golf Sentry Tournament of Champions, Third Round. From Plantation Course in Maui, Hawaii. (N)  (Live) 		Paid Program 		NBC Nightly News													
PBS	 Hero Elementary   (DVS)		Alma's Way  (El)   (DVS)		Curious George  (El)  		Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood  (DVS)		Best of Sewing With Nancy 		Quilting Arts Painting on silk organza. 		Growing a Greener World  		Classic Woodworking "Shaker Blanket Chest" 		Jacques Pépin: "Rethink Risotto"  		Steven Raichlen's Project Fire  		Taste-MAKERS Ramona Farms in Arizona.		Cook's Country "Chuck Roast and Potatoes" 		Christopher Kimball's Milk Street 		Sara's Week-night Meals  		Pati's Mexican Table 		This Old House 		Ask This Old House 		Week-ends With Yankee "Labor of Love"		Modern Pioneer With Georgia Pellegrini 		The Lawrence Welk Show "You're Never Too Young" Highlights include Young at Heart.	
WACY	Hearts		oh baby!		Paid		Mak		Paid		Out		MidWest		Bensin		World's		SOS: Survive		Silver		Martin		Musky		Angling		Heartland 		Mod		Gold		Gold					
WTPX	Bones 		Bones 		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		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU							
CW	 Outdoor   Pop-star!		 Larry K   MyPillow		Jack Hanna's Into the Wild		Jack Hanna's Into the Wild		Jack Hanna's Into the Wild		Jack Hanna's Into the Wild		Pet Vet Dream Team 		Tails of Valor "A Lot of Hope"		 Science   Live Life-Win		 FeelSexy   MyPillow		 Relief   Res-cue		 Cook Like   Theft		 Boundless   ** The Honeymooners (2005), Mike Epps 		 WOW - Women Of Wrestling Exile; GiGi Gi-anni; Malia Hosaka. (N) 		 Sports   High-way		 Greatest Sports		Age Backwards		Last Man Burgers		Last Man Burgers			

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ABC		(3:30) NFL Football Teams TBA.	NFL Countdown (N) (Live)	NFL Football Teams TBA. (N) (Live)						News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)	(35) Weird Earth (35) Investigate TV	(05) The Song "REO Speedwagon" (N)	(35) Storm of Suspicion (35) Opry (N Same-day Tape)	
WAOW WBAY										Action 2 News at 10 (N)				
CBS		Game Time With Boomer	Discover Wisconsin (N)	CSI: Vegas "She's Gone" A dominatrix is found murdered.		CSI: Vegas "There's the Rub" The death of a prestigious chef.		48 Hours		Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)	(35) HS Sports Xtra (N)	(05) Friends (05) The Song "REO Speedwagon" (N)	(35) Friends (35) Opry (N Same-day Tape)	
WFRV WSAW		NewsChannel 7 at 6	Inside Edition Weekend (N)							NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(35) Beat the Odds			
FOX		The Big Bang Theory (DVS)	The Big Bang Theory (DVS)	Hell's Kitchen "Everyone's Taco'ing About It" The chefs must create elevated tacos. (DVS)		Special Forces: World's Toughest Test "Test of Character" The recruits arrive for training. (DVS)		The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Hell's Kitchen "Til Chef Do Us Part" The chefs create a wedding menu. (DVS)		S.W.A.T. "Madrugada" (DVS)	The King of Queens "Eggsit Strategy" Layoff rumors. (DVS)	
WZAW WLUK		Jeopardy! (DVS)	Wheel of Fortune (DVS)					Fox 11 News at Nine (N)	Seinfeld (DVS)					
NBC		NBC26 News at 6pm (N)	Paid Program (DVS)	Password "Chelsea Handler & Jimmy Fallon" Contestants play a word game.		Password "Tony Hale & Jimmy Fallon" Contestants play a word game.		Saturday Night Live (DVS)		News Newswatch 12 Saturday	(29) Saturday Night Live (DVS)			
WGBA WJFW		Inside the Huddle	Wheel of Fortune (DVS)											
PBS		The Carol Burnett Show "Maggie Smith" Guest: Maggie Smith.		Father Brown "The Menace of Mephistopheles" Mallory frames an innocent man. (DVS)		Sister Boniface Mysteries "Unnatural Causes" The fun halts when a corpse is found. (DVS)		Frankie Drake Mysteries "The Guilty Party" A man is acquitted of a grisly murder. (DVS)		Agatha Christie's Poirot "Three Act Tragedy" Poirot investigates when a clergyman chokes to death at a cocktail party. (DVS)			The Suspicions of Mr Whicher (Part 3 of 4) (DVS)	
WHRM WLEF WPNE														
WACY		Family Feud (DVS)	Two/Half Men	Chicago Fire "The White Whale"		Chicago P.D. "Fagin" (DVS)		Am Housewife	Am Housewife	The Simpsons	Family Guy (DVS)	Family Guy (DVS)	S.W.A.T. (DVS)	
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		
CW		The Big Bang Theory (DVS)	The Big Bang Theory A double date ends in embarrassment. (DVS)	Criss Angel's Magic With the Stars "Amystika Chair" Maksim Chmerkovskiy and Omarion. (DVS)		World's Funniest Animals Special guest Brec Bassinger. (DVS)	World's Funniest Animals Special guest Gilles Marini. (DVS)	The Rookie (DVS)	★★★ The Fisher King (1991)	The National Desk (N) (Live)			TMZ (N) (DVS)	
WCWF WYOW		The Good Doctor (DVS)						The Liquidator (DVS)	Robin Williams. (DVS)					

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Bahr plans on hiring own attorney

Kussel denies bond modification in this case, approves in four other cases

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Tracy Bahr, 39, of Pulaski, was back in court Dec. 28 for a status conference relating to his Aug. 10 arrest.

Bahr was charged Aug. 10 with with one count of failure to comply with an officer's attempt to take him into custody, two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 22 counts of bail jumping, one count of possession of THC with intent (greater than 200 grams), one count of possession of methamphetamine, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer, seven misdemeanor counts of bail jumping and three misdemeanor counts of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Bahr appeared from the Shawano County Jail over Zoom, with Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge William F. Kussel Jr. saying that he is still without an attorney,



TRACY BAHR

something that the court is working on.

"The court has been looking for an attorney for you," said Kussel. "You will be responsible for all of the payment."

Kussel went on to say that

the court has contacted six different attorneys to take Bahr's case, but nobody has said yes, yet. In response to that, Bahr explained that he is going through the process of selling his house and is planning on finding an attorney with that money.

During the status conference, Bahr explained that he filed for a bond modification as well, something that Kussel took to court two days later on Dec. 30.

In that Dec. 30 court appearance, Bahr explained that he is looking for a reduction of bond in order to work,

pay child support and take care of his ill father.

"I recently secured housing in Cecil, where I will move in and take care of my dad full time, because his health care provider is moving out of state," said Bahr. "I will do that until we can find a replacement for him and then I will go back to running my business full time."

According to Wisconsin Circuit Court Access, Bahr currently has seven open cases in Shawano County, with the total bond amounting to \$37,500 in cash bonds. Bahr requested for that to be lowered to \$25,000.

"I am trying to get out to do what is best for my family and what is best for me," said Bahr.

Assistant District Attorney Laura Nelson said that the state opposes any modification to the bond, stating that this case had already seen bond reduced from \$75,000 to \$25,000.

"At the time of this case, Mr. Bahr was in warrant status — he

was in warrant status for a couple of months and has a succession of cases here from a number of counts of recklessly endangering safety," said Nelson. "A deputy was attempting to take Mr. Bahr in on warrant, because he failed to appear, and as I indicated in the past in my objections, Mr. Bahr declined the deputy's attempts with extreme prejudice when he fled on an ATV with a handgun."

Nelson said Bahr has shown that he is not able to comply with commands of law enforcement or orders of the court.

"We just don't think that \$25,000 for all of these cases is appropriate or sufficient," said Nelson.

Kussel modified the bonds of four of Bahr's cases by \$500, but did not modify this case, which currently sits at \$25,000 cash plus a signature bond of \$100,000. A status conference was also scheduled for Feb. 14 at 1:30 p.m.

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Deadline extended on DNR's wolf management plan

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources announced an extension to the public review and comment period for the draft Wolf Management Plan until Feb. 28, 2023.

This extension is intended to allow more time for the public to review the details of the plan and share feedback.

The public is encouraged to review the draft plan online and share thoughts via the online comment tool. The DNR will also accept questions and comments at: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, c/o Wolf Management Plan Comments, 101 S. Webster St., P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921; or by email at DNRWild-lifeSwitchboard@wisconsin.gov.

The public review and comment period is a key opportunity for the public to share thoughts on the proposed wolf management plan. The DNR will review and consider all feedback submitted during the

review period while preparing the final draft of the proposed wolf management plan.

The draft management plan lays out a holistic approach to ensuring the state's wolf population remains healthy and secure while balancing the diverse interests of the public.

The proposed plan was developed in consideration of many factors, including public input, consultations with Wisconsin's tribal nations, scientific literature reviews, a study on current public attitudes towards wolves and potential outcomes of various management decisions.

The draft plan aims to effectively balance the trade-offs between three main objectives — ensuring a healthy and sustainable wolf population to fulfill its ecological role; addressing and reducing wolf-related conflicts; providing multiple benefits associated with the wolf population, including hunting, trapping and sightseeing.

In addition, the draft plan details

proposals to increase public understanding of wolves, identify important scientific research to be conducted and outline steps to ensure collaboration on science-based wolf management in Wisconsin.

Details about the plan's objectives and metrics for evaluation are described in the implementation section of the management plan. The descriptions and metrics provided give a clearer understanding of the intent behind each objective, how the DNR plans to measure it and what conditions constitute satisfactory progress toward the objective.

The draft plan provides that DNR staff will continue to monitor wolves each year and address wolf-related conflict (consistent with current law). The DNR will continue supporting and conducting scientific research and science-based decision-making. Collaboration with other agencies, tribal nations, stakeholder groups and the public on items of mutual impor-

tance remains a department priority.

The plan proposes several changes to align the DNR's wolf management strategy with the current state of the wolf population, the available science and the perspectives of a diverse public, such as:

- Moving away from a single numeric population goal and instead using an adaptive management process focused on balancing the three main objectives.

- Reducing harvest registration times and issuing zone-specific wolf harvest permits to improve the department's ability to effectively meet harvest quotas.

- Adding mechanisms to address localized concerns, including wolf harvest concerns near tribal reservation boundaries and focused wolf harvest in areas with a history of wolf-livestock conflict.

- Revising wolf management zone boundaries to better reflect current wolf distribution and habitat.

TUESDAY												JAN. 10
	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) 	The Rookie "The Naked and the Dead" The team searches for a missing boy. (N)  		The Rookie: Feds "Close Contact" Damien Roberts hires Garza's team. (N)  		Will Trent "I'm a Pretty Observant Guy" Will becomes frustrated. (N)  		9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!  		(:37) Nightline (N) 
2 WBAY	9 Action 2 News at Six (N)								9 Action 2 News at 10 (N)			
CBS	9 Local 5 News at 6:00 7 (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6	9 Locker Room (N)  9 Locker Room	FBI "Heroes" Analyst Kelly Moran is taken hostage. (N) 		FBI: International "BHITW" A basketball player has a heart attack. (N) 		FBI: Most Wanted "False Flag" The team is thrown for a loop. (N) 		9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert 		(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden 
FOX	53 The Big Bang Theory  11 Jeopardy! (N) 	53 The Big Bang Theory  11 Wheel of Fortune (N) 	The Resident (Season Finale) (N)  			53 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N)	53 Seinfeld "The Boyfriend" Jerry's new friend, Keith Hernandez.		53 Seinfeld "The Slicer"  11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) 	53 Last Man Standing  11 (:35) Seinfeld 	53 Last Man Standing  11 (:07) The King of Queens 	53 The Goldbergs  11 (:35) The King of Queens 
NBC	12 NBC26 News at 6pm (N)  12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N) 	12 Packers Live 12 Wheel of Fortune "Shopping Spree" 	80th Annual Golden Globe Awards Celebrating the best in TV and film. (N)  (Live) 						12 NBC26 News at 10pm (N)  12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon 		(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers 
PBS	PBS NewsHour (N) 		Finding Your Roots With Henry Louis Gates, Jr. "Salem's Lot" Claire Danes; Jeff Daniels. (N) 		American Experience "Riveted: The History of Jeans" History of jeans.  		Frontline "Global Spyware Scandal: Exposing Pegasus, Part 2" Investigating the spyware Pegasus. (N)  (Part 2 of 2) 		Rick Steves Art of Europe "Ancient Rome" Ancient Rome's architecture. 		NOVA "Meteor Strike" Asteroid crashes in Russia. 	
20 WHRM												
36 WLEF												
38 WPNE												
32 WACY	Family Feud 	Two/Half Men	Dateline "The Dead of Night" 		Chicago P.D. "Fork in the Road"		My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	Mom 
46 WTPX	Chicago Fire "Not Like This" 		Chicago Fire "Shoved in My Face"		Chicago Fire "Out With a Bang"		Chicago Fire "Tonight's the Night"		Chicago Fire "Virgin Skin" 		Chicago Fire 	
CW	14 The Big Bang Theory  34 Divorce Court (N) 	14 The Big Bang Theory  34 Divorce Court 	The Winchesters "Legacy of a Mind" Millie asks Mary to keep an eye on John. 		Mysteries Decoded "America's Most Haunted Ghost Town" Disturbing events in Cerro Gordo.  		14 Last Man Standing  34 The Liquidator 	14 Seinfeld  34 Chicago P.D.  	14 The National Desk (N) (Live)	14 The National Desk (N) (Live) 34 black-ish 	14 Last Man Standing  34 black-ish 	14 Young Sheldon  34 Family Guy 

WEDNESDAY												JAN. 11
	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) 	The Conners Becky asks Darlene and Ben for a favor. (N) 	The Goldbergs Geoff struggles to relate to the JTP. (N) 	Abbott Elementary "Fight" (N)  	(:31) Home Economics Denise gets a special gift for Kelvin. 	Big Sky "Are You Mad?" (N)  		9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!  		(:37) Nightline (N) 
2 WBAY	9 Action 2 News at Six (N)								9 Action 2 News at 10 (N)			
CBS	9 Local 5 News at 6:00 7 (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6	9 Green Bay Nation (N)  7 Inside Edition (N) 	The Price Is Right at Night Grocery store employees. (N)  		Lingo (Series Premiere) Four teams face off. (N)  		Tough as Nails "I Look Like Curious George" Crew members build a planter box. (N)  		9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert 		(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden 
FOX	53 The Big Bang Theory  11 Jeopardy! (N) 	53 The Big Bang Theory  11 Wheel of Fortune (N) 	Name That Tune (Season Premiere) (N)  		Special Forces: World's Toughest Test (N)  		53 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N)	53 Seinfeld Elaine and George borrow Jerry's car. 	53 Seinfeld "The Betrayal"  11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) 	53 Last Man Standing  11 (:35) Seinfeld 	53 Last Man Standing  11 (:07) The King of Queens 	53 The Goldbergs  11 (:35) The King of Queens 
NBC	12 NBC26 News at 6pm (N)  12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N) 	12 Total Packers-Matt LaFleur 12 Wheel of Fortune	Chicago Med "It Is What It Is, Until It Isn't" Halstead helps a homicide suspect. (N)  		Chicago Fire "A Guy I Used to Know" Firehouse 51 prepares for inspection. (N)  		Chicago P.D. "Long Lost" Atwater relies on someone from his past. (N)  		12 NBC26 News at 10pm (N)  12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon 		(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers 
PBS	PBS NewsHour (N) 		Nature "The Alps: Winter's Fortress" Animals face extreme ecosystems.  (Part 2 of 2) 		NOVA "Beyond the Elements: Reactions" Chemical reactions transform the world.  		Secrets of the Dead "The Caravaggio Heist" The recovery of a piece of stolen art.  		Finding Your Roots With Henry Louis Gates, Jr. "Salem's Lot" Claire Danes; Jeff Daniels. 		Frontline "Global Spyware Scandal: Exposing Pegasus, Part 2" Investigating the spyware Pegasus.  (Part 2 of 2) 	
20 WHRM												
36 WLEF												
38 WPNE												
32 WACY	NBA G League Basketball Memphis Hustle at Wisconsin Herd. (N) (Live)				Family Feud 	Two/Half Men	My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	Mom 
46 WTPX	Blue Bloods "Playing With Fire" 		Blue Bloods "Meet the New Boss"		Blue Bloods "Mind Games" 		Blue Bloods "Blackout" 		Blue Bloods "Thicker Than Water"		Blue Bloods "Trust"  	
CW	14 The Big Bang Theory  34 Divorce Court (N) 	14 The Big Bang Theory  34 Divorce Court 	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Four Fools and Counting?" Yann Yuro; Helen Coghlan. 		Kung Fu "Harvest" Sebastian voices his concerns.  		14 Last Man Standing  34 The Liquidator 	14 Seinfeld  34 Chicago P.D.  	14 The National Desk (N) (Live)	14 The National Desk (N) (Live) 34 black-ish 	14 Last Man Standing  34 black-ish 	14 Young Sheldon  34 Family Guy 

THURSDAY					EVENING					JAN. 12		
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ABC	9 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	Entertainment To-night (N) 	Celebrity Jeopardy! "Quarterfinal 8: Patton Oswalt, Candace Parker and Torrey DeVitto" Patton Oswalt; Candace Parker. (N)  (DVS)		The Parent Test "You Have to Make a Superhuman" The parents cope with their own anxiety. (N)  (DVS)		The Chase "A Lot of Neon, A Lot of Drinks, A Lot of Bellies" A heavy metal music enthusiast. (N)  (DVS)		9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!  (DVS)		(:37) Nightline (N) 
9 WAOW 2 WBAY	9 Action 2 News at Six (N)								9 Action 2 News at 10 (N)			
CBS	9 Local 5 News at 6:00	9 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 	Young Sheldon Mary struggles to make new friends. (N) 	(:31) Ghosts Sam gives advice to Freddie. (N)  (DVS)	(:01) So Help Me Todd "Side Effects May Include Murder" Todd takes an experimental drug. (N)  (DVS)		CSI: Vegas "Trinket" Max receives a strange letter. (N)  (DVS)		9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert 		(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden 
5 WFRV 7 WSAW	9 (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6	9 Inside Edition (N) 							9 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)			
FOX	53 The Big Bang Theory 	53 The Big Bang Theory 	Hell's Kitchen  (DVS)		(:01) Welcome to Flatch  (DVS)	Call Me Kat  (DVS)	53 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N)	53 Seinfeld "The Keys" Jerry wants his spare key back. 	53 Seinfeld "The Apology" 	53 Last Man Standing 	53 Last Man Standing 	53 The Goldbergs 
53 WZAW 11 WLUK	11 Jeopardy! (N) 	11 Wheel of Fortune (N) 					11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) 	11 (:07) The King of Queens 	11 (:35) The King of Queens 	11 (:35) The King of Queens 
NBC	13 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 	13 Family Feud	Law & Order "Second Chance" An ex-con is found beaten to death. (N) 		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Soldier Up" Benson helps the teen who attacked her. (N)  (DVS)		Law & Order: Organized Crime "The Infiltration Game" Jamie makes a risky decision. (N)  (DVS)		13 NBC26 News at 10pm (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon 		(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers 
25 WGBA 12 WJFW	13 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N) 	13 "Shopping Spree" (N)							13 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)			
PBS	PBS NewsHour (N) 		Wisconsin Life "Stevens Point Curling Club" 	Around the Corner with John McGivern "Menominee" 	Agatha Christie's Poirot "Hallowe'en Party" A young girl is discovered drowned in an apple-bobbing bucket. 		Bad Move "Deep End" Nicky and Steve's kitchen floods.		American Experience "Riveted: The History of Jeans" History of jeans.  (DVS)		Nature "The Alps: Winter's Fortress" Animals face extreme ecosystems.  (Part 2 of 2)  (DVS)	
20 WHRM 35 WLEF 38 WPNE												
42 WACY	Family Feud 	Two/Half Men	Dateline "The House" 		Chicago P.D. "Promise" 		My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	Mom 
45 WTPX	Chicago P.D. 		Chicago P.D. "Called in Dead" 		Chicago P.D. 		Chicago P.D. 		Chicago P.D. "Disco Bob" 		Chicago P.D. 	
CW	13 The Big Bang Theory 	13 The Big Bang Theory 	Walker "Cry Uncle" The family rings in the new year. (N) 		Walker Independence "The Death of Mary Collins" Kai contemplates his future. (N) 		13 Last Man Standing 	13 Seinfeld "The Apology" 	13 The National Desk (N) (Live)	13 The National Desk (N) 	13 Last Man Standing 	13 Young Sheldon 
14 WCWF 34 WYOW	13 Divorce Court (N) 	13 Divorce Court 					13 The Liquidator 	13 Chicago P.D. "Promise" 		13 black-ish "Switch Hitting" 	13 black-ish 	13 Family Guy 

WHAT'S HAPPENING

SATURDAY, JAN. 7

MOUNTAIN: Everbreeze Resort Fish-O-Ree, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Chute Pond. Sponsored by American Legion of Mountain and Suring.

SHAWANO: Northern and Bass Fishing Tournament Derby, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bamboo Bar, W5884 Cedar Court. Meat raffle.

SHAWANO: Zurko Indoor Flea Market, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shawano Communty Hall, 115 E. Division St.

ABRAMS: Candlelight Ski, 5:30-8 p.m., BlackBerry Ramble Trail, 6625 Timberline Road. Ski or snowshoe the trail lit by 200 candles. Fellowship and trivia at the trailhead. Warming/ cooking fires.

SHAWANO: Shawano Pathways Snowshoe Hike, 6-7 p.m., Sugar Shack, N7049 Ash Road. Double check shawanopathways.org or see them on Facebook for any weather-related updates.

TUESDAY, JAN. 10

BONDUEL: Wolf River Builders Association Christmas Party and Awards, 5:45 p.m. cocktails, 6:30 p.m. dinner, Antlers Supper Club, 120 E. Green Bay St. RSVP wolfriverbuilders.org or 715-853-2310

SHAWANO: Auditions for "12 Angry Jurors," 6-8 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Box in the Wood Theatre Guild rehearsals begin in January for April 21-30 performances.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11

SHAWANO: Auditions for "12 Angry Jurors," 6-8 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Box in the Wood Theatre Guild rehearsals begin in January for April 21-30 performances.

FRIDAY, JAN. 13

OCONTO: Family Night, 4-6:30 p.m., Bond Community Center, 1201 Park Ave. Crafts, healthy snacks, open swim, activities throughout the building.

SATURDAY, JAN. 14

SHAWANO: Northern and Bass Fishing Tournament Derby, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bamboo Bar, W5884 Cedar Court. Meat raffle.

SHAWANO: FRESH Project Winter Market/Craft Show, 9 a.m. to noon, First Presbyterian Church, 100 Presbyterian St.

SHAWANO: Zurko Indoor Flea Market, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shawano Community Hall, 115 E. Division St.

NAVARINO: Intro to Cross-Country Skiing, 9:30 a.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. One-hour introduction; arrive early to rent skis. RSVP navarino.org or 715-758-6999.

SHAWANO: Auditions for "12 Angry Jurors," 10 a.m. to noon, Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Box in the Wood Theatre Guild rehearsals begin in January for April 21-30 performances.



Shawano Pathways is leading a snowshoe hike over at the Sugar Shack on Jan. 7.

FILE | NEW MEDIA

FRIDAY					EVENING					JAN. 13				
6 PM					8 PM					10 PM				
6:30					8:30					10:30				
7 PM					9 PM					11 PM				
7:30					9:30					11:30				
ABC	9 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N) (D)	Shark Tank A clean beauty brand alternative. (N) (D) (DVS)		(:01) 20/20 (D)					9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (D)		(:37) Nightline (N) (D)	
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 (N) (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6	9 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) (D)	S.W.A.T. "Witness" A boy is abducted from a shelter. (N) (D) (D)		Fire Country "Get Your Hopes Up" A box truck crashes into the station. (N) (D) (D)		Blue Bloods "Fake It" Till You Make It" A high-tech car smuggling ring. (N) (D) (DVS)		9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (D)		(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden (D) (D)		
3 WFRV		9 Inside Edition (N) (D)							9 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)					
7 WSAW														
FOX	9 The Big Bang Theory (D)	9 The Big Bang Theory (D)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (Live)			9 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N)	9 Seinfeld George proposes to old girlfriend Susan. (N) (D)		9 Seinfeld "The Dealership" (N) (Live)	9 Last Man Standing (D)	9 Last Man Standing (D)	9 The Goldbergs (D)	9 The Goldbergs (D)	
53 WZAW	11 Jeopardy! (N) (D)	11 Wheel of Fortune (N) (D)				11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)			11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	11 (:07) The King of Queens (D)	11 (:35) Seinfeld (D)	11 (:35) The King of Queens (D)	11 (:35) The King of Queens (D)	
11 WLWK														
NBC	9 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) (D)	9 Family Feud (D)	Lopez vs Lopez Chance stops using his dad's last name. (N) (D)	Young Rock Dwayne hits new heights as The Rock. (N) (D)	Dateline NBC (N) (D)				9 NBC26 News at 10pm (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (D) (D)		(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers (D) (D)		
26 WGBA	12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N) (D)	12 Wheel of Fortune "Shopping Spree" (N) (D)							12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)					
12 WJFW														
PBS	PBS NewsHour (N) (D)		Washington Week (N) (D)	Here and Now	The Suspicions of Mr Whicher A village faces a grave crime so Mr. Whicher investigates. (Part 1 of 4)	(:32) The Goes Wrong Show Drama Society puts on a production.			(:02) POV "I Didn't See You There" Freakdom, vision and (in) visibility. (D) (DVS)	The Caverns Sessions "Molly Tuttle" Molly Tuttle performs. (D) (D)				
20 WHRM														
36 WLEF														
38 WPNE														
32 WACY	NBA G League Basketball Wisconsin Herd at Cleveland Charge. (N)				Family Feud (D)	Two/Half Men	My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	Mom (D) (D)		
45 WTPX	Hawaii Five-0 A triple homicide. (D)				Hawaii Five-0 "Ma lalo o ka 'ili" (D)	Hawaii Five-0 "Ho'i Hou" (D) (D)	Hawaii Five-0 "Ku I Ka Pili Koko"	Hawaii Five-0 "Pe'epe'e Kainaka"	Hawaii Five-0 "Pe'epe'e Kainaka"	Hawaii Five-0 (D) (D)	Hawaii Five-0 (D) (D)			
CW	The Big Bang Theory (D)				Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Sleight of Foot" Theron Christensen; Jaana Felicitas. (D) (D)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? Guest comic Jonathan Mangum. (D)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Padma Lakshmi 2" (D) (D)	9 Last Man Standing (D)	9 The National Desk (N) (Live)	9 The National Desk (N) (Live)	9 Last Man Standing (D)	9 Young Sheldon (D)	9 Young Sheldon (D)	
14 WCWF	9 Divorce Court (N) (D)							9 Seinfeld "The Dealership" (D)	9 black-ish (D) (D)	9 black-ish (D) (D)	9 black-ish (D) (D)	9 Family Guy (D)	9 Family Guy (D)	
34 WYOW								9 Chicago P.D. "Snitch" (D)						

OPINION

GUEST COLUMN

New year brings new state challenges

As 2022 comes to a close, we are at the end of a difficult year — yet Wisconsin communities have been as resilient as ever.

The year began with celebrations of the 49th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the U.S. Supreme Court decision from January 1973 that guaranteed our right to abortion under the constitution.

Wisconsin legislators and Gov. Tony Evers commemorated the anniversary by re-introducing the Abortion Rights Preservation Act on Jan. 21, 2022 — which would have repealed Wisconsin's 1849 criminal abortion ban in anticipation of the MAGA-controlled SCOTUS overturning *Roe v. Wade* later in the year.

By June, the extremist justices on the court went against the will of the people and officially overturned *Roe v. Wade*. Wisconsinites didn't give up — we stood up and fought.

Progressive leaders led by example. Attorney General Josh Kaul filed a lawsuit to repeal the 173-year-old abortion ban. Gov. Evers pledged to pardon any medical professionals prosecuted under the ban, and called on our legislature to put abortion on the ballot and let Wisconsin voters decide.

Neighbors, friends, and fami-



CHRIS WALLOCH

lies across the state took to the streets in protest, holding SCOTUS accountable and demanding that our elected leaders overturn Wisconsin's antiquated abortion ban, and pass legislation like the Women's Health Protection Act.

Looking ahead, we must bring that same energy to a new SCOTUS case — *Moore v. Harper*. The case endorses "independent state legislature theory," an extremist ideology that would put state legislatures alone in charge of deciding election rules, without any checks or balances from governors or state courts.

As we gear up for a statewide Wisconsin Supreme Court election in spring 2023, we need to be vigilant against the real and significant attacks on reproductive freedom, fair maps, and fair elections — all of which are issues that could land on SCOWIS's desk in the near future.

2022 was also a big year for education. After Republicans in the legislature refused to invest in public

education during the budget process for this school year, Gov. Evers found a way to give \$110 million to our K-12 schools, and \$130 million to early childhood education.

Despite the efforts of Gov. Evers and other public education advocates to increase school funding, many Wisconsin districts still face an uphill battle. More than 80 school districts across the state went to referendum this fall just to afford basic necessities, needs driven by the conservative controlled state legislature refusing to make up for their record budget cuts of a decade ago or address crises like the shortfall in special education funding.

Every kid in the Badger State should have equal access to high quality public education that prepares them for the future. Thanks to Gov. Evers, we're on the right path to get there — but looking ahead, we need Republicans in the legislature to work together with their Democratic colleagues to invest the resources our public schools need to deliver the best education to our children.

Gov. Evers also delivered time and time again in 2022 to protect our freedoms with his veto pen — stopping bills that threatened our safety

and rights as Wisconsinites. Voters sent a strong message by re-electing Gov. Evers in November, and protecting his veto pen by preventing an unchecked GOP supermajority from taking over our state government in the 2023 legislative session.

In 2023, our legislature will have a chance to work with Gov. Evers to pass a state budget that includes a \$6.6 billion surplus and plans that would increase public school funding while lowering property taxes, cut taxes for middle class families by 10%, bring in millions of dollars in revenue by legalizing marijuana and taxing it similar to alcohol, and so much more.

In the new year, we must continue demanding that our elected leaders make smart, bold investments in our local Wisconsin communities — and we need to call out and hold accountable those who stand in the way of our progress.

Reflecting on the resilience shown in 2022, and how we came together to support our fellow Wisconsinites, we can make 2023 a year of historic progressive change.

Chris Walloch is the Executive Director at A Better Wisconsin Together, a state-based research and communications hub for progressives and is an affiliate of ProgressNow.

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CHRIS WALLOCH, A Better Wisconsin Together executive director

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Article teaches much about personal pronouns

To the editor:

I want to compliment NEW Media for their recent article on Finn Hinnefeld, which honored the personal pronoun "they."

I have been doing a lot of reading about people who identify as non-binary because someone I love just came out on Facebook as non-binary. Though that person is understanding about people not using "they" instead

of "she" when referring to them, I would like to use the pronouns of their choice.

For those readers unfamiliar with these terms, the word "binary" is a word that simply means related to two things. In terms of gender, "binary" refers to two gender identities — man and woman. "Cisgender" refers to someone whose gender identity aligns with the sex they were assigned at birth. For example, if you identify as a woman and the sex that was assigned to you on your birth certificate says "female," you are cisgender.

The word "non-binary" refers to a person who does not identify exclusively as a man or a woman. Many non-binary people prefer the pronouns "they/them/their" to "he/him/his" or "she/her/hers." In English, we already have a pronoun and verb — "you are" — which can refer to one person or many people, so the use of a "plural" pronoun for one person is not unprecedented.

It is a sign of respect and politeness to use a person's chosen pronouns, but, as a 68 year old, it is so hard. My old brain reads "they" and

thinks plural, and the pronouns do not trip gracefully off my tongue.

Here's how the Merriam Webster dictionary defines "they": 1. Those ones 2. Unspecified group of people 3. Singular indefinite pronoun used to refer to a single person whose gender identity is non-binary.

So language changes, and I hope my old brain can learn this new thing. Thank you for printing the article about Finn, and helping us learn how to use "they/them/theirs" to respect our non-binary friends and family.

Sue Franke, Shawano

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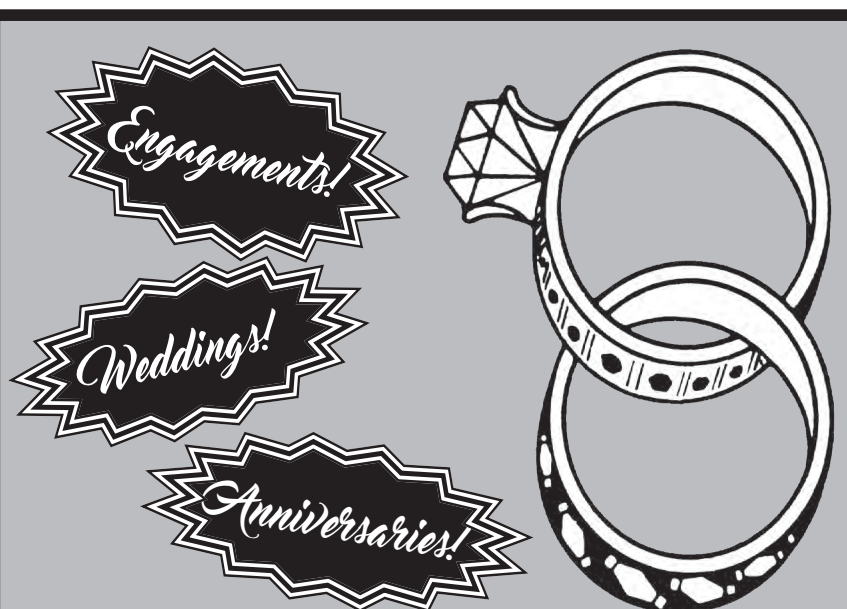
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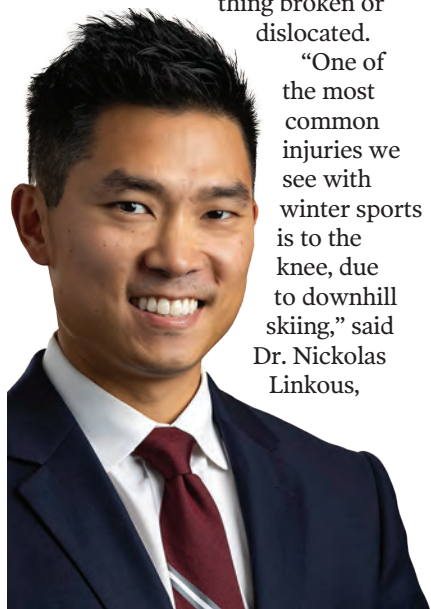
Winter sports can be fun, but take care

When the weather starts to get that familiar chill and the snow begins to fly, people throughout Wisconsin dust off their skis, skates and snowboards and head outside.

Sometimes, that winter fun can turn into disappointment when injuries occur on the ski hill or skate pond — or even just walking on a slippery sidewalk. Orthopedic experts frequently see injuries to wrists, shoulders, knees, the head and elsewhere on the body because of falls during winter activities.

About 200,000 people in 2018 were treated for winter sports-related injuries, most commonly from skiing and snowboarding, according to the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons. That includes fractures, sprains and dislocations. Winter sports-related injuries and slips and falls can range from a bad bruise or sprain to something broken or dislocated.

“One of the most common injuries we see with winter sports is to the knee, due to downhill skiing,” said Dr. Nickolas Linkous,



ThedaCare orthopedic surgeon. “It’s fairly classic to get your ski caught and your leg turns but your body keeps going. Then you possibly have an ACL injury, and it’s very common to have an associated meniscus injury with it.”

Wrist injuries, including sprains and fractures, also are commonly seen in the winter because of falls. Concussions can be common when it comes to ice sports like hockey, where there’s the potential for collisions.

Sledding also poses a danger of concussion. Kids should always be supervised when participating in winter activities.

“Sled hills should be free of obstacles and have plenty of space at the bottom to stop,” said Linkous. “No one should sled near frozen lakes or ponds because of the danger of thin ice or places where there may be open water.”

Kids should always ride feet-first down hills to help avoid head injuries while enjoying the sledding hill, and helmets are recommended, according to Linkous.

The correct safety equipment is paramount for kids and adults alike. That might mean helmets, knee and/or elbow pads or wrist guards. It’s also important to be aware of how one’s body is holding up after multiple runs down the ski hill.

“You’re much more likely to have an injury when you’re fatigued and tired,” Linkous said. “Your muscles aren’t really functioning properly to

protect you the way that they should. When people come in with an ACL injury from skiing or snowboarding, it’s common to learn they were almost ready to finish and decided to go out for one last run.”

Additionally, cold muscles and tendons are more susceptible to injury. Warming up prior to heading out into the snow can help. People who plan to spend time outdoors engaging in winter sports are advised not to go alone.

“It is important to always have someone around, or have a way to call for help,” Linkous said. “Getting injured out in a cold environment can become very serious if you’re on your own.”

Extended periods outdoors can lead to frostbite or hypothermia. Those planning to spend time outside should ensure to protect their extremities with gloves, hats and/or earmuffs, and take occasional breaks out of the cold air to warm up.

Older adults, small children and infants, as well as people with certain medical conditions such as diabetes, are at a higher risk of frostbite because their bodies may not produce heat as well. Some signs of frostbite include cold, prickly skin, numbness, clumsiness from joint or muscle stiffness or skin that has changed color. In more progressive cases of frostbite, the skin may feel as though it’s warming.

Signs of hypothermia might include shivering, slow or shallow breathing, exhaustion and slurred speech. Confu-

sion can lead to risk-taking behavior, which can lead to further danger on the ski hill. Hypothermia is a medical emergency.

Slip-and-fall injuries can create injuries that are similar in nature to those sustained during winter sports, and largely affect older people.

“Young people who slip and fall on the ice or wet pavement get away with it, most of the time,” Linkous said. “Maybe they have some bruising or sprains. Older people who slip and fall on the ice may sustain wrist injuries, very commonly, a shoulder injury such as a rotator cuff injury.”

To help avoid slips and falls during the winter, it’s a good practice to be vigilant about surroundings and the conditions of each surface being walked on, he said.

“It’s easier said than done, especially in retrospect, but you can maintain safe practices around your house,” Linkous said. “Make sure you’re adequately salting icy surfaces and carefully keeping up with snow removal.”

Wear footwear that provides stability and traction on surfaces that are potentially slippery. Shoes or boots should provide good support and keep feet warm and dry. Keeping center of gravity over feet and taking smaller steps, shuffling if necessary, can help maintain stability. It’s also vital to be aware of vehicles and remember before crossing the road that they will need extra time to stop, and may have trouble seeing someone who falls.

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Consumers should be wary of online products

The Better Business Bureau Scam Tracker has gotten numerous reports from people whose purchases ended up being far different from what they thought — if they arrived at all.

While scrolling through social media, an ad comes up for the cutest personalized product. It could be a clothing item with a loved one’s name on it, a key chain with a favorite pet’s face or a paint-by-numbers kit made from a provided photograph. Whatever the case, you click the link to the company’s website. Everything looks legitimate, so you make the purchase with great anticipation.

However, when the order arrives (if

it arrives at all), it’s not the quality that was expected or imagined. The personalization might contain errors, or the product may be completely different from what the website described.

The contact for customer service doesn’t respond, or those who do speak with someone via phone or email, are assured they will fix the issue — but never do. In the end, people are left with an undesirable product or no product at all, and no way to get their money back.

One shopper reported this experience buying a custom hoodie online: “After five days, I hadn’t received a shipping notification and got curi-

ous. Returning to the site, I used their tracking option to no result. I called the phone number listed on the site, and it connected to a garage door company.”

Here’s how to avoid the scams:

- Research the company before making a purchase. Before entering any personal information to a website, research the company thoroughly. Examine the website. Poor quality images, images found on other websites and spelling and grammatical errors are all red flags. A real business should have valid contact information (i.e., a working phone number and customer service email address). If the business

has a physical address, research it on Google or Apple Maps. Look to see if they have a profile on BBB.org.

- Look up reviews on other websites. Read as many reviews as possible from websites besides the company selling the product. Keep a close eye out for customer complaints. Search the business name in a trusted search engine along with the word “scam” to see if others have reported the business as a fake.

- Pay with a credit card. Ideally, use a credit card instead of a debit card since it’s easier to dispute fraudulent charges with a credit card, and there is a better chance of getting a refund.

BOOKS AND STUFF

Ghost, psychic help hero solve a murder

This week, I wanted a quick read and selected Katherine Hayton's



JAN JONES

"Mrs. Pettigrew Sees a Ghost." It is book one in her Charity Shop Haunted Mystery series. First, I must say that the title isn't correct. I'll explain.

Emily Clark had a good life and decent job with an accounting firm in Christchurch, New Zealand. That all changed when her small car was T-boned by a large truck. The impact tossed her around like a rag doll causing severe damage to her face and head. Good medical care and time in a rehab center helped Emily regain most of her mobility, but bits of shattered bone in her brain have robbed her of the ability to recognize letters and numbers.

New Zealand's health services provide support and continuing rehab visits in order to return the injured to gainful employment. Since Emily used to collect antiques and memory is still sharp, she is assigned the job of sorting donations at the local charity shop. She decides which items are valuable enough to be sold at the local auction house.

One morning Emily learns that the shop has received a donation from the estate of the late Cynthia Pettigrew. Emily must retrieve the rest of the donation from the Pettigrew home. Arriving at the Pettigrews', Emily gets a chilly reception from the housekeeper, Hilda. Cynthia's stepson, Greg, is summoned to help load boxes but he screams in fright when he sees his stepmother's portrait in Emily's car.

She thought it was donated by mistake, but obviously that isn't the case. She can sense that something isn't quite right in the Pettigrew household, but doesn't have the energy to ask what it is.

The next morning Emily wakes to see the woman in the portrait

AT A GLANCE

Book: Mrs. Pettigrew Sees A Ghost (Charity Shop Haunted Mystery Series, Book 1)
Author: Katherine Hayton
Publisher: Katherine Hayton
Year published: 2019
Number of pages: 226

leaning over her bed. This must be the ghost of Cynthia Pettigrew (Mrs. Pettigrew doesn't see a ghost - she is a ghost) She believes she was murdered, and it is preventing her from "moving on." She demands Emily find out how and why she died.

Emily hates having the grouchy ghost around, so she tries a local psychic, Crystal Dreaming. Even with Cynthia right beside her, Crystal didn't sense her presence. At least she suggested Emily get a copy of the autopsy through the library. The young librarian helps her with forms and makes copies of the list of auction items Emily had just dropped off.

She is eager to see what they sell for, as her income is based on a commission, but when Pete reads her the auction total, Emily is confused. It should have been much higher.

When she questions the honesty of the auctioneer, Pete angrily doubts her mental condition. Emily's pain-filled life seems to be spiraling out of control. She doesn't know what or who to believe. Has she really been conversing with the ghost of a murdered woman or did she imagine it?

When it is over Emily and Crystal agree that they make a good team and form a partnership. I can't imagine living without reading and numbers, but I think the next book will reveal a whole new life for Emily and Crystal.



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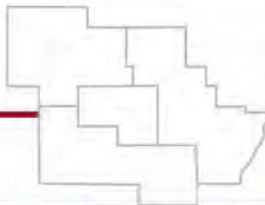
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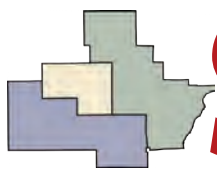
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HAWKS WIN TIGHT GAME AT SUN DROP SHOOTOUT

Shawano holds on late for big win

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Shawano's Michael Metcalf-Grassman leaps up to dunk the ball during the team's Sun Drop Shootout win over Green Bay Southwest on Dec. 27 at the Kress Center in Green Bay. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Strong finish propels Hawks to Sun Drop Shootout win

Shawano takes down Green Bay Southwest

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Shawano Community High School boys basketball team let a comfortable lead slip away, but ended the game strong to claim a 56-47 win over Green Bay Southwest in a Sun Drop Shootout contest on Dec. 27 at the Kress Center in Green Bay.

Shawano led for a good majority of the game and looked to be in control up 44-35 with under nine minutes to play, but Green Bay Southwest rallied and eventually tied things at 46 with under five minutes to go.

The Hawks called two timeouts to regroup and did just that in ending the game on a 12-4 run.

"It really just came down to our coach (David Ambrosius) telling us to calm down. We turned the ball over and just weren't playing smart, not taking good shots — we just had to relax. When we were playing our game, we were winning that game, so that's just what we did," said Shawano's Michael Metcalf-Grassman.

"Coach called that timeout, which was a good chance for us to regroup and really take a step back and think about what we were doing wrong and what we could do better," said Shawano's Jacob Landon. "That regroup probably propelled us to get those good looks."

After calling timeout after Southwest got within a point, 44-43, Julian Perez converted a tough shot near the rim. Green Bay tied it with a 3-pointer, but Landon got the lead back for Shawano after hitting a shot.

After another Shawano timeout,

Metcalf-Grassman made an acrobatic layup to push the lead to four, 50-46.

Shawano sealed the game from the free throw line. The Hawks converted three one-and-one opportunities in the final minute-plus, with Metcalf-Grassman making two free throws and Luke Guenther hitting four.

The win in the battle of one-loss teams pushed Shawano to 8-1 on the season.

"We looked at this game and we really wanted to win it," said Landon. "They got a win over a team that was our only loss, West De Pere. We wanted to keep turning heads and take a win."

"We always love to play big games and when you can win them, that's a big boost in our confidence," said Metcalf-Grassman. "We're going to take this into our next matchup (versus) D.C. Everest."

The senior added the team's goal was to reach 20 wins this season and that sometimes "you have to win the ugly ones. We didn't play well, and I don't know if they played their best, but we came out with the win. It's nice that we can win these games too."

Metcalf-Grassman led a balanced Shawano scoring attack with 15 points, while Landon added 12 points. Metcalf-Grassman, Landon and Logan Sipple all scored eight first-half points to help the Hawks to a 33-26 halftime lead.

Sipple provided a great spark off the bench, attacking the rim early and often. He got to the free throw line on three different occasions.

Guenther finished the game with



Shawano's Brandon Reed, center, leaps up to catch an inbound pass from Luke Guenther, right, during a Sun Drop Shootout win over Green Bay Southwest on Dec. 27 at the Kress Center in Green Bay.

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nine points, with seven coming at the free throw line. Brandon Reed chipped in seven points.

Shawano jumped out to an 8-2 lead behind points from Metcalf-Grassman, Reed and Landon.

Southwest tightened things up before a 9-0 Shawano run made it a 22-12 game. Sipple scored four of the points, while Metcalf-Grassman hit another field goal and Landon buried a triple.

Green Bay outscored Shawano by three the rest of the half to stay within striking distance.

Shawano pushed the lead to 12 after Metcalf-Grassman hit a free throw, Guenther converted a shot

and Metcalf-Grassman had a steal and dunk early in the second half.

Southwest answered with a quick 7-0 spurt to get back in the game. Reed hit a 3-pointer and Landon made a shot to briefly halt Green Bay's second-half push.

GB Southwest 26 21 — 47

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Shawano (56): Logan Sipple 4-6 8, Luke Guenther 7-8 9, Julian Perez 0-0 5, Michael Metcalf-Grassman 3-4 15, Jacob Landon 0-0 12, Brandon Reed 2-2 7.

Green Bay Southwest (47): Jack VanBoxtel 2-2 2, Micah Johnson 0-0 2, Connor Pytleski 3-6 18, Gavin Yang 0-0 2, Nick Ristow 0-0 2, Chris Seals 0-0 14, Miles Rauschenbach 0-0 7.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Wisconsin beats Oklahoma State in Guaranteed Rate Bowl

Badgers pick off pass to preserve win

By JOHN MARSHALL
The Associated Press

Wisconsin had a new coach on the sideline, with the interim coach still calling the shots. The Badgers had several new players in key positions, including quarterback.

A long, sometimes-difficult season came to a conclusion with more adversity – and, eventually, a win.

A 17-point lead nearly erased, Wisconsin dug down for one last defensive play to beat Oklahoma State 24-17 in the Guaranteed Rate Bowl on Dec. 27.

“It ended exactly the way we wanted it to — we got the win,” said Braelon Allen, who ran for 116 yards and scored on a 20-yard touchdown.

Luke Fickell, hired away from Cincinnati after a trip to the College Football Playoff last season, joined the team on the sideline for the bowl game. He wasn’t there to run the

show, though; all the decisions were left to interim coach Jim Leonhard.

The Badgers had everything working in the first half. The offense had balance, the defense stifling while they built a 17-point lead.

In the second half, Wisconsin (7-6) bogged down on the slippery Chase Field turf and the defense started giving up chunk plays as the Cowboys rode their way back.

Cedrick Dort finally ended Oklahoma State’s momentum, intercepting Garret Rangel’s pass with three minutes left, preserving the Badgers’ eighth win in their past nine bowl games.

“This is what I envisioned what this was about from afar,” Fickell said. “And that’s what they’ve shown me over the last three and a half weeks: they want to be here, they want to do it together and they want to do it the right way.”

The Cowboys lost four of five to close out the regular season and struggled offensively while falling into a 24-7 hole midway through the third quarter. Rangel had the lone offensive highlight in the first half with a big

assist from Stephon Johnson Jr., who broke a couple of tackles to turn a swing pass into an 84-yard touchdown.

“We had the one big play, but other than that we weren’t able to sustain anything,” Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy said.

Rangel led Oklahoma State back, throwing for 229 yards and two touchdowns in place of Spencer Sanders, who entered the transfer portal.

The freshman improvised on a fourth-and-goal by shoveling a pass to Ollie Gordon while in the grasp of a defender to open the fourth quarter and set up Tanner Brown’s 24-yard field goal to pull the Cowboys to 24-17.

With momentum back on Oklahoma State’s side, Rangel tried make a big play downfield after another Oklahoma State second-half defensive stop. Dort pulled it back to the Badgers by cutting inside John Paul Richardson for what ended up being the game-clinching interception.

“We came out here with a little bit of a reduced roster and new guys were involved, and we had to kind

of find our way,” Gundy said. “Guys competed practice hard for three weeks. Had a great week of practice out here, so I was proud of them.”

Among the many changes Wisconsin faced was at quarterback after Graham Mertz, a three-year starter, entered the transfer portal.

The Badgers turned to fifth-year starter Chris Wolf, who attempted six passes before arriving in the desert.

Wolf had some success on short passes early and found Hayden Rucci on a 15-yard TD pass in the second quarter. He also threw an interception in the end zone on Wisconsin’s second drive and finished 16 of 26 for 116 yards.

“Chase played well. He controlled what he could control, he took shots and I never saw him bat an eye,” Fickell said.

Fickell will continue to fill out his staff and roster after losing several players who declared for the NFL draft or went into the transfer portal. Wolf will be back and have momentum on his side after winning a bowl game.



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Big 2nd half powers Gillett boys past Lena

Tigers use 22-0 run to pull away

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Gillett Secondary School boys basketball team picked up a 54-31 Marinette & Oconto Conference victory over Lena on Dec. 28 in Lena after dominating the second half.

After trailing for most of the first half, Gillett pulled ahead just before halftime. The Tigers then blew open the game in the second half after going on a 22-0 run.

Austin VandeCorput and Aydin Franti led the second-half charge for Gillett, hitting four field goals each. Jesse DeBauch knocked down a couple 3-pointers to help out.

“We talked about help defense and not letting them cut our faces, and play solid defense — and a little more ball movement on offense,” said VandeCorput on the team’s half-time adjustments.

VandeCorput opened the second half scoring with a 3-pointer. Lena’s Reed Hosking knocked down a shot before Franti answered with a basket.

Anthony Seefeldt hit a pair of free throws for the hosts with just under 15 minutes to play, but the next time the team scored was with 3:52 to play.

At the start of the scoring drought, Gillett got baskets from Lavonzell Smith, Bradin Bjelland and VandeCorput to force a Lena timeout.

Franti hit back-to-back baskets before a free throw from Bjelland and a 3-pointer from DeBauch made it 43-25 about halfway through the final half.

Franti scored off a steal, DeBauch hit another triple and VandeCorput put in two straight baskets to cap the 22-0 run for Gillett.

“Basically, all we had to do was front the post and play the lane in defense because all they wanted to do was drive, and if they couldn’t drive, they’d just throw up a shot and we’re there for the rebound because we’re already in the paint,” said Franti. “We just had to make our defense more aggressive and when our defense gets a good stop, then it’s three-on-two, two-on-one down the whole court and it’s layups after layups every time.”

Lena finally broke its scoreless drought on a Hosking free throw, but



Gillett’s Lavonzell Smith, left, takes a shot as Lena’s Logan Graef, right, and Caleb Schlosser defend during a conference game on Dec. 28 in Lena.

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the free throw line wasn’t too kind to the hosts for most of the game. The Wildcats made just six of their 16 attempts at the line, including six misses in the opening half when they were leading.

Hosking finished off a 15-point performance with a 3-pointer and pair of free throws late in the contest, but Gillett had already sealed up the win by that point.

Down a couple players, Lena’s Logan Graef believed the team ran out of gas in the final half.

“We started getting burned out and just weren’t staying as well spaced out, not getting the shots that we needed — taking not the greatest shots, forcing stuff that wasn’t there,” said Graef.

The junior added that the team will try and pull the positives from

the first half and build on that going forward.

One positive for the Wildcats was jumping out to a 10-4 lead at the start of the game.

DeBauch scored on the opening tip off before Caleb Schlosser knocked down a 3-pointer to get Lena on the scoreboard. Hosking followed with a basket before DeBauch scored again. Hosking converted another shot before Schlosser hit his second triple for the early 10-4 lead.

After a timeout, Gillett got right back within one after VandeCorput hit a shot and DeBauch connected on a triple.

Mason Spice had the game’s next basket on a 3-pointer. After a couple missed free throws from the hosts, Franti buried a triple. Hosking answered with a 3-pointer, but a couple

more missed free throws from the hosts helped Gillett go on a 6-0 run to take the lead — Smith, Franti and VandeCorput scored during that stretch.

Graef scored to briefly tie it, but a three-point play from Smith gave the Tigers a lead they wouldn’t relinquish the rest of the way. VandeCorput made back-to-back baskets, but Lena got back within four at halftime after a free throw from Seefeldt and bucket from Wyatt Dean.

Gillett 25 29 — 54

Lena 21 10 — 31

Gillett (54): Aydin Franti 0-0 13, Bradin Bjelland 1-2 3, Lavonzell Smith 2-3 8, Austin VandeCorput 0-0 17, Jesse DeBauch 0-0 13.

Lena (31): Mason Spice 0-0 3, Reed Hosking 3-7 15, Logan Graef 0-3 2, Wyatt Dean 0-0 2, Caleb Schlosser 0-0 6, Anthony Seefeldt 3-6 3.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Shawano grinds out win over Oconto Falls

Hawks' size too much for Panthers in Sun Drop Shootout clash

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Shawano Community High School girls basketball team overwhelmed Oconto Falls during a Sun Drop Shootout matchup on Dec. 27 at the Kress Center in Green Bay.

Shawano's zone defense made life tough on the Oconto Falls offense all game. The Hawks surrendered just one field goal in the opening half and cruised to a 34-11 win.

Oconto Falls' Kati Raddatz hit a 3-pointer for the game's first points, but the Panthers next field goal came about halfway through the second half.

With 6-footers Leah Nordin and Abby Bystol and 5-10 Anna Dreier near the top of the Shawano zone defense, Oconto Falls — which started a lineup all under 5-9 — had a difficult time passing the ball around and getting many great looks at the hoop.

"I think we've found ourself as a 1-3-1 team because we've got the long and lengthy, the height on the top and on the wings," said Nordin. "Then we've got Anna Dreier in the middle, she's really good at keeping the ball out of the post. If we get a hand in their face, they're not going to shoot over us."

"We've got Leah up top with that big wingspan and then our two wings, it's hard to get it in there," said Bystol. "Defense is our main thing — we're struggling a little bit on offense, but we'll get there — defense is our main thing right now though."

After Raddatz hit the 3-pointer, Shawano scored six straight points, with Nordin, Trinity Popelka and Ella Stuber all converting a shot.

Madeline Maloney then knocked down two free throws for Oconto Falls, but those points turned out to be the team's final ones of the opening half. In the final 11 minutes of the half, Shawano went on a 12-0 run for an 18-5 halftime lead.

Nordin led the Hawks in the opening half with eight points, and was the



Oconto Falls' Kyndra Staidl, left, and Shawano's Abby Bystol fight for a loose ball during the team's Sun Drop Shootout matchup on Dec. 27 at the Kress Center in Green Bay.

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team's leading scorer overall with 16 points. Stuber had four points at the halftime break.

While Shawano wasn't lighting up the scoreboard on offense, it was able to run away with the lead after stifling Oconto Falls' offense.

When the Panthers were able to work the ball around the zone and get some looks at the hoop, they weren't able to connect.

"I think that offensively we got a few like almost sloppy shots up because we had to get something up, and then we couldn't get no second shots today," said Oconto Falls' Kate Pytleski. "There was zero second shots. It was one shot, and with their height, they got every rebound, every loose ball."

"It was a tough day, we didn't play as confidently as we wanted to. The 1-3-1, we struggle with zone because of our height, every zone we see... I think it's vision, communication, it's

just hard to see."

After the halftime break, Shawano continued to widen its lead.

Bystol got the Hawks going with a basket before Nordin scored the next three field goals. After Nordin knocked down two free throws, Stuber hit a 3-pointer to make it a 31-5 advantage.

"Our initial gameplan was to get the ball in the post because obviously we got two 6-footers, me and Abby, and we also have other height advantages, so that was just our overall gameplan," said Nordin. "It really helped coming off that flex offense because that's when you can look into the post almost every single time. We just used that to pound the ball into the post."

Bailee Gorman, part of the group of girls Oconto Falls finished up the game with, broke the team's long scoreless streak with a basket. She scored again about a minute later before Maloney

and Brynn Hodkiewicz each hit a free throw to cap the team's scoring.

While Oconto Falls struggled offensively, Pytleski said the team was pleased with its defensive effort.

"I think they made one open 3, and that was because we were helping on defense, so we were still playing our good defense," said Pytleski. "We held them to one 3 today, so that's all you can really ask for."

Shawano was just 7 of 20 from the free throw line, which kept the Hawks from blowing the game wide open.

Oconto Falls 5 6 — 11
Shawano 18 16 — 34

Shawano (34): Darcie Erdmann 1-2 1, Marissa Tomaszek 0-0 2, Ella Stuber 0-1 7, Trinity Popelka 0-0 2, Braylyn Babino 1-5 1, Abby Bystol 1-6 5, Natalie Bystol 0-1 0, Leah Nordin 4-5 16.

Oconto Falls (11): Brynn Hodkiewicz 1-2 1, Kati Raddatz 0-0 3, Bailee Gorman 0-0 4, Madeline Maloney 3-4 3.

ATHLETE PROFILE: DYLAN COMINS

Lena senior continuing strong career

Lena High School senior Dylan Comins has put together a strong wrestling career, and now is hoping to make his senior season his best one yet.

Comins had already qualified for state twice heading into his senior season. He placed sixth at state as a junior and is off to a strong start this winter.

The senior placed third at the Neenah Invite on Dec. 9 and came in second at the Shawano Holiday Classic on Dec. 17. He placed 11th at the loaded Lourdes On the Water Classic on Dec. 29-30.

During the Shawano Holiday Classic, Comins earned his 100th career win.

Q: When did your interest in wrestling begin?

A: I started in 4K so I was 3-4 years old. But I really started to be interested or take it seriously around my 7-8th grade year.

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

A: At the end when all of the work throughout the season pays off at the state tournament.

Q: What has wrestling taught you over the years?

A: It has taught me to be mentally tough and keep my head high even in the low times. It has also shown me you only get out what you put in.

Q: Talk about the work you've put in to become the wrestler you are today.

A: I go into practice ready to work and work on things that I need to. Starting last year, before school I will get up in the mornings before school to lift at 5:15 until school starts. Then going to practice after school.

I would lift at least three days a week in the morning and all throughout the summer. Then in the fall instead of playing football I ran



Lena's Dylan Comins, top, wrestles during the Shawano Holiday Classic on Dec. 17 in Shawano.

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cross-country to stay in shape. Also going to as many practices in Coleman throughout the summer as I can.

Q: You earned your 100th career win a couple weekends ago. What did that accomplishment mean to you?

A: It's cool to hit 100 wins, especially that I only got to wrestle a handful of matches my freshman year due to me being small and my sophomore year having COVID. So it is cool but I'm going for over 122 to beat my dad's (Rory Comins) career wins.

Q: Do you have any other individual goals you hope to accomplish this season, and what will it take to achieve those?

A: Individually I am shooting for over 122 wins and getting back to the state tournament. Once I get to the state tournament I am striving to be higher on the podium than last year.

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

A: I try to keep them going in the practice room and try to have a little fun and teach the younger guys coming up.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Lena wrestling team?

A: At regionals my freshman year in Lena when I was only 90 pounds wrestling up a weight at 113 — 116 at the time. In my semifinals match to determine who went to sectionals when I won a close match to move on. The whole crowd, even other schools were cheering and rooting for me, the little guy. It was the loudest I have ever heard the gym, and other people that were there say the same.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show and musical artist?

A: Movie — "Smokey and the Bandit." TV show — "The Gold-

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Dylan Comins
Sport: Wrestling
Weight class: 120 pounds
School: Lena High School
Year: Senior

bergs." Musical artist — Riley Green.

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

A: I am the only one out of the three seniors — me, Luke (Misco), Sam (Marquardt) — wrestling that never played basketball in middle school.

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

A: I hope to come back to Lena at some point and help with the wrestling program in any ways I can. And continue being a hard worker and earning everything I get.

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ATHLETE PROFILE: ALLISON LINKE

Senior helping Chargers find success

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School girls basketball team is enjoying a strong winter season so far, winning nine of its first 10 games and sitting in the thick of the conference title hunt. Senior Allison Linke has helped the Chargers to that strong start, doing a bit of everything for the team while also providing leadership.

Through 10 games, Linke was averaging 4.3 points per contest. She was third on the team in 3-point makes.

Linke pulls down over three rebounds a game while also averaging 1.4 assists and 1.8 steals a contest.

Q: When did your interest in basketball begin?

A: I started playing basketball in third grade with a traveling team, I have played ever since then.

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

A: My favorite part of the basketball season would be our team meals, I love when our team gets together before the game. Our team this year is really close and it feels like a family, I love spending time with them.

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

A: My favorite thing to do on the basketball court is cheer my teammates on. I hate seeing anyone get down on themselves so I make sure everyone feels like they belong on this team.

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

A: The game of basketball has taught me many things throughout the years, especially the importance of teamwork. We all lean on each other for support and are willing to

help each other, I have found some really good friends through my sports.

Q: Do you have any individual goals you hope to accomplish this winter season, and how do you plan on achieving those?

A: I don't have any individual goals specifically, however, I know we have many goals as a team. One being a conference title, we hope to achieve this goal by putting a lot of time in at practice and making sure we play every game to the best of our ability and just keep working hard.

Q: Right in the thick of the conference title hunt, what are some aspects of the game in which your team wants to improve?

A: Some aspects of the game I think our team wants to improve on is making sure we all attack the basket, and just widen our scoring throughout our team. We all need to make sure to take the opportunities we can get because every point matters.

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

A: As a senior I try to lead my team in many ways, I always try to vocalize with my teammates on the court. I also make sure I help out when needed and I make sure I am a person my teammates can look up too.

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

A: As a team we have team meals before every home game. We also listen to music before the game to hype us up before we step out on the court.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Allison Linke takes a jumpshot during the team's win over Shiocton on Dec. 2 in Wittenberg.

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Wittenberg-Birnamwood girls basketball team?

A: My favorite memory is playing Marathon in the regional semifinal my junior year. We were the underdogs and ranked lower than them and it was a really good game and just the feeling after winning was so rewarding.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show and musical artist?

A: Movie — "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days." TV show — "One Tree Hill." Musical artist — SZA or Morgan Wallen.

Q: Name one thing about your-

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Allison Linke
Sport: Girls basketball
Position: Guard
School: Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School
Year: Senior

self that not many people know?

A: I also play volleyball and I run track, in my free time I also like to read.

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

A: I am planning to go to nursing school to become a pediatric nurse.



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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Gresham girls, Bowler boys 2nd at tournament

Gresham boys go 0-2 at tournament

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Gresham girls and Bowler boys basketball teams each earned second-place finishes at the Gresham Holiday Tournament that took place Dec. 29-30 in Gresham.

The Gresham girls opened up tournament play with a 69-14 win over St. Thomas Aquinas Academy on Dec. 29 before falling 49-47 to Elkhart Lake in the title game on Dec. 30.

The Bowler boys team started the tournament with an 89-19 win over Gresham and then lost 53-52 to Oneida Nation in the title matchup on Dec. 30.

The Gresham boys ended up going 0-2 at the tournament after a 56-40 loss to STAA in the consolation game on Dec. 30.

Gresham girls

In Gresham's rout of STAA on Dec. 29, the Wildcats eased to victory and had 14 players score.

The Wildcats started the game on a 25-2 run and lead 40-8 by halftime. Gresham emptied the bench in the second half and got to share plenty of smiles and laughs as just about every player scored.

Maddie Haffner led a very balanced Gresham offensive attack with 11 points, all of those coming in the first half.

Lexi Baddmoccasin-Barnes tallied nine points for Gresham, while Jessa Jensen recorded eight points. Janay Pecore-Kirkland and Rylie Kakwiche each chipped in seven points, while Josie Cerveny and Chloe Bohl had six points each.

Gresham held STAA to four field goals in the first half and only three in the final 18 minutes of play.

In the title game against Elkhart Lake on Dec. 30, it was a much more competitive game.

Gresham led 30-28 at halftime, but ended up coming up just short in the end.

The Wildcats got to the free-throw line 16 times in the contest, but only converted six of them.

Haffner again led Gresham in scoring with 15 points, which included three 3-point makes. Koda Hill added 11 points, while Cerveny had



Gresham's Koda Hill, left, and Josie Cerveny, right, smother a St. Thomas Aquinas Academy player during a Gresham Holiday Tournament matchup on Dec. 29 in Gresham.

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10 and Pecore-Kirkland eight.

Bowler boys

In Bowler's clash with Gresham on Dec. 29, the Panthers jumped out to a 20-0 lead and never looked back. All nine Bowler players who participated scored.

Bowler made 40 total field goals, doing almost all of its scoring at or near the rim. The Panthers crashed the offensive glass and got plenty of second-chance looks early on. The Bowler press also turned Gresham over several times.

Much like the Gresham girls in the game prior, the Bowler boys were able to empty its bench in the second half after going ahead 53-7

by halftime.

Emmitt Kietlinski led the Bowler scoring charge with 21 points on 10 field goals, one of which was a three-point play.

Marcus Malone added 19 points, while Beau Brunner had 14. Damian Terrio chipped in 12 points, while Tristan Thiex had 11 and Danian Schultz added six.

In its one-point loss to Oneida Nation, Kietlinski made nine more shots to lead the team with 18 points.

Brunner chipped in 11 points, while Schultz made three 3-pointers to finish with nine points.

Bowler had a couple good looks at the basket to win the game but wasn't able to convert.

Gresham boys

In Gresham's setback to Bowler on Dec. 29, the team made six field goals and four free throws.

Ruben Arce made a pair of 3-pointers to lead the Wildcats with six points. Wyatt Nietzer also converted two shots to tally five points, while Bryson Nelson had a bucket and three free throws to also reach five points.

In the consolation game against STAA, Gresham was led by Blade Hoffman's 10 points.

Nelson finished with nine points, while Kevin Miller chipped in eight points.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lena 48

Gillett 47

Lena edged Gillett in a Marinette & Oconto Conference battle on Dec. 28 in Lena.

The Wildcats outscored the Tigers 31-24 in the second half.

Eva Brooks powered Lena by scoring 18 points. Natalie McNurlen and Whitney Potter chipped in nine points each, while Claire Brooks had seven.

Carleigh Kaczmarek knocked down three 3-pointers and scored 22 points for Gillett. Cilena Guns tallied 19 points.

Laconia 65

Bonduel 37

Bonduel dropped a Watertown Holiday Shootout clash to state-ranked Laconia on Dec. 29 in Watertown.

Hailey Thompson and Hailey Zernicke each scored 14 points for Bonduel. Zernicke also grabbed 14 rebounds.

Wabeno/Laona 62

Suring 51

Suring dropped a tournament game to Wabeno/Laona on Dec. 27 in Keshena.

Bunny Cramer and Christine Sleet-



Gillett's Laney DeBauch, left, drives toward the rim as Lena's Claire Brooks, center, defends and Gillett's Halle Fisher looks on during a conference matchup on Dec. 28 in Lena. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

er each scored 20 points for Suring.

Mackenzie Bailey finished the game with 11 rebounds and eight assists for the Eagles, while Sleeter had 10 boards and six blocks. Cramer added six rebounds and three assists to her statline.

Emma Kristof contributed seven

rebounds and three assists for Suring.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Oconto 73

Oconto Falls 68

Oconto Falls dropped a nonconference clash to Oconto on Dec. 30 in Oconto Falls.

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Alex Haines scored 28 points to lead Oconto Falls on the offensive end.

Peshtigo 85

Gillett 45

Gillett dropped a nonconference game to Peshtigo on Dec. 29 in Peshtigo.

Jesse DeBauch scored 16 points to lead Gillett offensively.

Aydin Franti added 11 points for the Tigers, while Austin VandeCorput had 10.

BOYS HOCKEY

Amery 7

Antigo 1

Antigo dropped a tournament game to Amery on Dec. 28 in Antigo.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Owen Dickman, who plays for Antigo, scored the team's lone goal.

Antigo 7

Shawano co-op 1

Antigo knocked off the Shawano co-op during a tournament matchup on Dec. 27 in Antigo.

Witt-Birn's Owen Dickman scored two goals for Antigo.

Gavin Hundt scored the goal for the Shawano co-op.

RECREATION SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

Him & Hers Couples — Lakeshore Lanes

Team	W	L
Keglers	7	0
Lunds Corner Bar	7	0
MW Auto Body	5	2
Gingerly Salon	5	2
Bust N' Balls	5	2
Brothers Pub	4	3
Buss Automotive	3	4
Brothers Pub Too	2	5
Pin Heads	2	5
The Farmers	2	5
CDH	0	7
Just 4 Fun	0	7

High individual scratch games: Bobby Reiter Jr. 289, Brad Weisnicht 279, Dave Rindt 267, Steve Rouse 259, Ben Hoffman 251, Sharon Buss 246, Erich Schuh 233, Mary Metoxen 216, Ashley Schuh 215, Darcie O'Kimosh 212, Lisa Krueger 208, Diane Hoffman 200.

High individual scratch series: Brad Weisnicht 753, Steve Rouse 678, Kevin Zuleger 668, Daniel Poels 668, Dave Rindt 661, Eric Schuh 631, Ashley Schuh 621, Sharon Buss 597, Darcie O'Kimosh 585, Mary Metoxen 579, Lisa Krueger 578, Diane Durkee 544.

Chet and Emil's Wednesday Business

Team	W	L
Karcz Lending	3	0

TLC Auto Body	3	0
CWAA	2	1
Kropf's Meat	2	1
Rew Motors	1	2
Chet and Emil's	1	2
S and M Tool	0	3
Kessen Auto Body	0	3

High team scratch games: Karcz Lending 1,043, S and M Tool 1,031, CWAA 1,017.

High individual scratch games: Adam Karcz 245, Steve Preuss 227, Jim Rew 227.

High team scratch series: Karcz Lending 3,092, S and M Tool 3,072, CWAA 2,759.

High individual scratch series: Dave Schmidt 783, Paul Wierzba 774, Jeremy Timm 720.

Lakeshore Masters — Lakeshore Lanes

Team	W	L
Golfside	73	23
Farmall Fanatics	65 1/2	30 1/2
Dearco Distributors	59	37
Launching Pad	58 1/2	37 1/2
Brother's	53 1/2	42 1/2
Bamboo	48	48
Northern Advantage	44 1/2	51 1/2
Rosie's Railway	43 1/2	52 1/2
Lakeshore Lanes	41 1/2	54 1/2
Shawano Auto Sales	35	61
Full Service Tents	27	69
Pin Pricks	27	69

High team scratch games: Brother's 714, Golfside 694, Shawano Auto Sales 685.

High individual scratch games (top 7): Jeremy Pederson 279, David Walli 277, CJ Brauer 267, Cody Lindal 265, Jeff Arndt 258, Zack Ruehle 257, Carson Malueg 257.

High team scratch series: Brother's 2,028, Golfside 2,006, Farmall Fanatics 1,971.

High individual scratch series (top 7): Cody Lindal 769, Jeff Arndt 745, David Walli 712, Zack Ruehle 708, CJ Brauer 692, Jeremy Pederson 692, Carson Malueg 687.

Chet and Emil's Monday Women's League

Team	W	L
Star Campsite	3	1
Banner Banks	3	1
Cady Home	1	3
Chet and Emil's	1	3

High team handicap games: Star Campsite 754, Cady Home 740, Banner Banks 712.

High individual scratch games: Alicia Schinzel 204, Julie Stewart 197, Kim Zeller 195, Courtney Tryba 183, Barbara Praslowicz 181, Jonelle Resch 179.

High team handicap series: Star Campsite 2,202, Cady Home 2,121, Banner Banks 2,100.

High individual scratch series: Kim Zeller 530, Alicia Schinzel 502, Julie Stewart 492, Courtney Tryba 478, Barbara Praslowicz 475, Cindy Mortenson 471.

Chet and Emil's Tuesday Commercial

Team	W	L
Kautza Excavating	3	0
Clark Construction	3	0
White Insurance	3	0
Chet and Emil's	0	3
Schmidt Schulta	0	3

High team scratch games: Kautza Excavating 1,088, Chet and Emil's 1,019, Clark Construction 974.

High individual scratch games: Dan Rew 255, Riley Rew 255, Tim Lemke 248.

High team scratch series: Kautza Excavating 3,062, Clark Construction 2,862, Chet and Emil's 2,850.

High individual scratch series: Riley Rew 685, Dan Rew 684, Tim Lemke 671.

Chet and Emil's Thursday Early Birds

Team	W	L
Rightway Propane	25	15
Schairer Farms	25	15
Stadler Farms	16	24
M and J Harvesting	14	26

High team scratch games: Schairer Farms 663, Rightway Propane 630, M and J Harvesting 543.

High individual scratch games: Kim Zeller 223, Darcy Hille 212, Samantha Stadler 185, Shelley Erickson 184.

High team scratch series: Schairer Farms 1,854, Rightway Propane 1,821, M and J Harvesting 1,491.

High individual scratch series: Kim Zeller 557, Darcy Hille 532, Susan Zeinert 510, Katie Hanke 458.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Crowl leads Wisconsin past Western Michigan

Badgers reach 10 wins for season

By STEVE MEGARGEE
The Associated Press

Steven Crowl scored 20 of his career-high 25 points after halftime as No. 15 Wisconsin ended a layoff of over two weeks and won its fifth straight by beating Western Michigan 76-66 on Dec. 30.

"When Steve's playing like that, we're a very hard team to beat," said Wisconsin point guard Chucky Hepburn, who assisted on two Crowl second-half dunks.

Wisconsin (10-2) hadn't played since a 78-56 victory over Lehigh on Dec. 15. A winter storm led to the cancellation of a scheduled Dec. 23 home game with Grambling State.

One night after Central Michigan surprised Michigan 63-61, Wisconsin avoided another potential Mid-American Conference vs. Big Ten

upset by pulling away early in the second half.

"The Badgers have another team that's going to be able to compete at a high level in the Big Ten," said Western Michigan first-year coach Dwayne Stephens, who faced off with Wisconsin numerous times as an assistant on Tom Izzo's Michigan State staff. "They don't beat themselves. They play under control. They play the right way. Today was no different."

Wisconsin led 29-27 at halftime and outscored Western Michigan 16-4 in the first 4½ minutes of the second half. Wisconsin made its first seven shots from the floor during the second half.

"In the second half, we put more of an emphasis on getting the ball down low, whether it was me, Tyler (Wahl) or Chucky got down there a couple of times," Crowl said. "It's not necessarily just the big guys, but once we do get down there, it's about finishing in the paint, too."

Crowl scored 13 points during the

first 5½ minutes of the second half and shot 5 of 5 during that stretch, including two 3-point baskets and a three-point play. Crowl ended up shooting 9 of 13, and the 7-footer also had eight rebounds.

His previous career high was 21 points in an 89-85 triumph over Illinois State last season.

Crowl shot 3 of 5 from 3-point range Friday after entering the game just 8 of 31 from beyond the arc.

"I think you're seeing a player grow up in front of your eyes in terms of maturing and understanding how good he can be," Wisconsin coach Greg Gard said.

Hepburn scored 11 points and Wahl added 10 for Wisconsin, which led by as many as 18 points in the second half. Tray Maddox Jr. scored 16 and Lamar Norman Jr. added 12 for Western Michigan (4-9).

This marked the second straight game in which Wisconsin struggled in the first half against a team from a lesser conference. The Badgers

faced an early nine-point deficit against Lehigh and trailed the Patriot League team 32-31 at halftime before controlling the second half.

Wisconsin grabbed a 14-3 lead less than five minutes into the game but cooled off considerably as Western Michigan clawed its way back into the game. After making seven of their first 11 shots, the Badgers were 3 of 14 the rest of the first half.

Crowl helped the Badgers take control early in the second half.

"He's playing more physical, more confident," Gard said. "It's just growing into what I think he can be."

Big picture

The Badgers are going to need to avoid these slow starts as they return to Big Ten competition, but they have reason to feel confident as they carry a win streak into the new year.

They shot 62.1% (18 of 29) and had 12 assists and no turnovers in a flawless second-half performance.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

UW-Parkside

Pulaski High School graduate Sheridan Flauger started and played 29 minutes for the UW-Parkside women's basketball team in its win over Missouri-St. Louis on Dec. 31.

Flauger tallied 13 points, two rebounds, three steals and two assists in her time on the court. She made four field goals, including three 3-pointers, and a pair of free throws.

St. Cloud State University

Pulaski graduate Jasmine Litt scored 13 points in 13 minutes in the St. Cloud State women's basketball team's win over MSU-Moorhead on Dec. 31.

Litt made four field goals, including two 3-pointers, and three free throws. She also had four rebounds,

one steal, one block and one assist.

Cardinal Stritch University

Gillett graduate Aubrey DeBauch continued to produce for the Cardinal



AUBREY DEBAUCH

Stritch women's basketball team during a pair of games last week.

In a loss to Milwaukee School of Engineering on Dec. 29, DeBauch played 23 minutes

off the bench and tallied eight points, eight rebounds and two assists.

DeBauch recorded six points, three rebounds and one assist across 14 minutes in a loss to Maryville on Dec. 31.

Bemidji State University

Shawano grad Brooke Theis turned in 10 strong minutes off the bench during the Bemidji State women's basketball team's setback to Mary on Dec. 30.

Theis made both of her field goals to score four points. She also had a steal and assist.

Theis played four minutes in the team's win over Minot State on Dec. 31.

Saginaw Valley State University

Shawano grad Tori DePerry turned in another big game for the Saginaw Valley State women's basketball team during a loss to Cedarville on Dec. 31.

DePerry played 35 minutes, accumulating 23 points, nine rebounds, one assist and one steal. DePerry converted six field goals, including two 3-pointers, and all nine of her free throws.

St. Martin's University

Gresham grad Christian Haffner has played in 12 games for the St. Martin's men's basketball team this season.

Haffner is averaging 19 minutes, 6.7 points, 1.5 rebounds and 1 assist per game while shooting about 41% from the field and 43% from 3-point land.

He was recently named to the



CHRISTIAN HAFFNER

second team for his play at the Hoops in Hawai'i Holiday Classic. Haffner scored in double figures in all three of the team's games at the classic, and also connected on a clutch 3-pointer

to push a game against Chaminade to overtime.

Wisconsin Lutheran College

Pulaski graduate Trevor Stiede and Bonduel graduate Kara Troxel played for the Wisconsin Lutheran College men's and women's basketball teams last week.

Stiede grabbed a rebound across 11 minutes in the men's loss to Loras on Dec. 31.

Troxel played 15 minutes in the women's loss to Transylvania on Dec. 29. She had six points, two rebounds and a steal across 17 minutes in a win over Centre on Dec. 30.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Area wrestlers place well at big-time meets

Witt-Birn's
Gauderman 2nd,
multiple wrestlers
come in 3rd

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Seven area wrestling teams participated in big events on Dec. 29-30, with several wrestlers placing.

Bonduel, Wittenberg-Birnamwood, Shawano, Lena and Suring/Gillett all took part in the Lourdes On the Water Classic in Oshkosh. Pulaski and Oconto Falls each participated in the Bi-State Classic in La Crosse.

Bonduel

Bonduel turned in the best finish among area teams at the classic, accumulating 142 points to place 14th overall.

Tyson Bogacz led the Bears with a third-place finish at the 182-pound weight class. He finished the classic with a 5-1 mark, winning two decisions, two major decisions and once by pin.

Jaxon Bogacz (106) and Colin Fischer (145) earned sixth-place finishes in their weight classes for the Bears.

Bogacz went 4-3 at the classic, with all four wins coming by pin. Fischer finished 6-3, with six wins by pin.

Parker Perry earned 12th place at 170 pounds. He went 3-4, winning by major decision, sudden victory and pin.

Matthew Walenta (132), Jose Lagunes (152), Donovan Vigue (160) and Michael Keiler (195) also earned wins for the Bears at the classic.

Witt-Birn

Witt-Birn came in 15th as a team after scoring 141½ points.

David Gauderman led the Chargers with a second-place finish at 220 pounds. Gauderman finished 4-1, winning two decisions and twice by pin before falling 2-1 in the first-place match.

Devin Wudtke was Witt-Birn's other place-winner, taking ninth at 126 pounds. Wudtke finished with a 4-2 record, with two wins by pin, one by technical fall and one by decision.

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Full results from both events can be found at www.trackwrestling.com.

Cardell Long (106), Ben Miller (113), Easton Davis (120), Luca Pelusi (132), Andres Sanchez (138), Chase Kitsemble (152), Owen Schultz (160), Bryson Schmid (170), Braeden Groshek (182) and Dominic Weso (285) all picked up wins for the Chargers at the classic.

Shawano

Shawano scored 135½ points at the classic to tie for 17th place.

Caden Young placed third at 170 pounds to lead the Hawks. Young went 6-1, with two wins by pin, two by technical fall, one decision and one sudden victory.

Carson Herm placed sixth at 152 pounds for Shawano. Herm finished 4-3, with all four wins by pin.

Drake Herm came in ninth at 138 pounds. He went 5-2, with two wins by pin and one by decision, technical fall and major decision.

Brady Jones took 12th place at 285 pounds with a 2-4 mark. His wins were by pin and in ultimate tiebreaker.

Dane Hodkiewicz (106), Kody Popelka (132), Conner Chelberg (182), Mason Theis (195) and Wahkenyah Waukau (220) all earned wins at the classic for the Hawks.

Lena

Lena tied for 45th place with 56 points.

Dylan Comins (120) and Sam Marquardt (138) earned 11th-place finishes for the Wildcats.

Comins finished with a 3-3 record, with two wins by technical fall and one by major decision. Marquardt went 4-3, with two decision wins, one major decision win and a pin.

Sam Peterson (106), Lucas Heimke (132), Colt Miller (195) and Dylan Urbanek (285) also earned wins at the classic for Lena.

Suring/Gillett

Suring/Gillett scored 23½ points at the two-day classic to take 66th place.

Trent VanDenElzen took 12th at 160 pounds to lead the co-op. He finished with a 5-4 record, with two pins, two major decisions and a technical fall.

Carter Whisman (182) also picked

up wins for the co-op at the classic.

Pulaski

The Pulaski boys team placed 12th at the Division 1 level in La Crosse, scoring 107½ points.

Trenton Gibbons led the Red Raiders with a third-place finish at 182 pounds. Gibbons finished 6-1, with four wins by pin and two by decision.

Ethan Eggert placed fifth at 120 pounds for Pulaski with a 6-2 mark. Eggert had three wins by pin, two by major decision and one by decision.

Broc Ambrosius took 12th place at 113 pounds. He went 3-4, with wins by technical fall, major decision and decision.

Conner Nooyen (126), Colin Pratt (132), Cole Gorecki (138), Mason Taylor (145), Griffin Vanlannen (152) and Chase Woosencraft (170) also earned wins at the classic for Pulaski.

Pulaski also had two girls wrestle in La Crosse. Leah Kapla and Laci Lemke each took first place

with 3-0 marks.

Kapla won twice by pin and once by decision. Lemke won by pin, decision and major decision.

Oconto Falls

The Oconto Falls boys came in 13th at the Division 2 level of the Bi-State Classic, scoring 77½ points.

Cole Bozile led the Panthers with a third-place finish at 132 pounds. He went 6-1, with four decision wins, a technical fall win and win by pin.

Garrett Ganter finished 5-2 to take seventh at 106 pounds. Ganter won two decisions, one major decision, one sudden victory and one ultimate tiebreaker.

Hunter Bozile (126), Parker Peterson (138) and Nick Trepanier (182) also picked up wins for the Panthers.

Two Oconto Falls girls also wrestled in La Crosse.

Jocelin Martinez and Faith Thurman each took third place with 1-2 marks. Martinez won by medical forfeit and Thurman won by decision.



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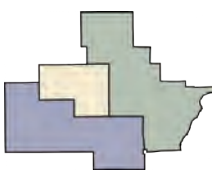
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COMING HOME

**Buffalo return to their
original roaming grounds**

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A group of buffalo walk through the snow in the land at the Menikanaehkem building, N8866 County Road G in Gresham. The group recently received a herd of 10 buffalo, bringing the animals back to land that they roamed before western expansion.

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Buffalo return to Menominee

Historic animals roamed parts of Wisconsin before western expansion

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

A local group has recently brought buffalo back to the mighty animal's homeland in Shawano County.

The Menikanaehkem Community Rebuilders helped to spearhead the effort to bring the buffalo back. Caretaker Donovan Waupoose said that 130 or more years ago buffalo roamed all across North America. The herd includes 10 Wind Cave strand buffalo, meaning they are a pure, conservation strand with no genetic hybrids with other animals, like cattle.

"Thirty to 60 million were said to have roamed here — through western expansion and colonization, those numbers got depleted down to 281," said Waupoose. "Most people think that buffalo just belong to the western plains area. We discovered that Wisconsin is in that roaming zone."

Waupoose went on to explain that the Menominee Tribal ancestral land crosses over into that buffalo roaming area.

"A lot of our people don't know that buffalo had value to us as Native American people," said Waupoose.

Through his research, Waupoose described buffalo as a cultural keystone species, because they directly or indirectly impact the lives of all living organisms that they share space with. He explained that more than just humans, buffalo play a part in the lives of millions of insects, birds, reptiles, amphibians, small animals and plants.

He went on to explain that buffalo grow new hair every winter and with as much hair as the buffalo have, they can survive in extreme weather longer than animals like cattle. Throughout the winter time, the buffalo spread dung across the ground to fertilize the ground, attracting insects, and supporting the other animals in the environment. Waupoose explained that the shedded fur from the buffalo is also used by birds to help build nests, providing an incubation-friendly temperature for eggs.

"They have that contribution to a whole wide variety of species and organisms that depend on that buffalo," said Waupoose. "That is our vision and goal is to go after that learning and how to live with that — to learn



Michael Fish Jr. and buffalo caretaker Donovan Waupoose look on at a herd of 10 buffalo that the two had a part in bringing back to Gresham. Waupoose noted the strong relationship that buffalo has with the environment, with their dung fertilizing the ground and their hair used for bird's nests, among other supports.

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everything that they have to offer us."

Michael Fish Jr., who helped to restore buffalo back in their homeland, said that a representative from the group attended an Intertribal Buffalo Council gathering in Wyoming this past spring.

"He met some pretty influential people there, and one person that he actually met was Jason Valdez, who is the vice president of the Intertribal Buffalo Council, and he knew we had a movement to get the buffalo here and we had our youth group," said Fish. "We took them on a trip out west and let them visit his ranch when we were there. It was quite moving for us. That is kind of what got the ball rolling on this."

Fish explained that Valdez had ties to the Nature Conservancy, which helped obtain the buffalo from Yellowstone National Park. He said what helped to get the plan in motion was a group of people coming together to get fencing up for the buffalo. This was the first time that the group had fenced, something that they knew

they wanted to do, in order to give something to the future, for those people to have a better life and natural environment around them.

"We were all moving on it, putting in hundreds of hours a week on it," said Fish. "It was really good — it was a really good bonding time for us as brothers. One thing led to the next, and the Intertribal Buffalo Council and Nature Conservancy played a big part on bringing them here."

Fish also noted the cultural significance of the buffalo to the Menominee people, reiterating the point that buffalo roamed Wisconsin and had a relationship.

Brian Grignon Jr., who also helped in restoring buffalo to their homeland, said that another reason why the group has put together a strong effort to bring buffalo back, is to bring tribal members and other community members closer together to learn more about the animal that that land was shared with.

With a push starting nationwide to restore buffalo to tribal lands, the

Intertribal Buffalo Council has been working together with non-tribal members and others in this movement, something the local group is doing, as well.

Waupoose said it has been both an amazing and an emotional experience. Explaining the emotions behind bringing the animals back, Waupoose said that it stems from bringing an animal back that was almost wiped off of the face of the Earth.

"Our group, our guys here, our youth group here that are involved in it — we are helping to restore that relative," said Waupoose. "We want to conserve them as conservation and wildlife and not treat them like livestock. We just let them be and let them be buffalo. It was our youth group who inspired us to do this."

The group said that they are non-profit and are willing to take support from volunteers or donations. More information can be found at www.menomineerebuilders.org.

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The Crawford family has given plenty to the community when it was needed, and one of the family's favorites for giving was the Shawano Hockey League.

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Crawford foundation reaches \$2M mark

Organization becomes part of Shawano Area Community Foundation as it helps those in need

By **NICOLE HIXSON**
Correspondent

The Ruth and Pat Crawford Family Foundation recently reached a major milestone of donating over \$2 million to local community organizations. Created as a way to address needs in the community and provide support for organizations important to the Crawfords, the foundation has been active since 1996.

Ruth and Pat Crawford were and continue to be known for their generosity. Pat, a founder of local forestry equipment businesses, Timberpro and Timbco, was also involved in forestry management in Menominee. Ruth worked with Pat at Timberpro and Timbco and treated those she worked with like family.

Pat's love for hockey and the Shawano Hockey League were seen in 1999 when he made a large donation to aid in the creation of the Crawford Center, Shawano's ice rink and event center. Together they raised eight children.

"My parents were amazing with what they did and how they helped the community," said Katie Schuh,

daughter of the Crawfords and longtime director of the fund. "Their goal was to have a way to help the area.

"My sister-in-law, Wendy Crawford, had my parents start out a fund. Probably for 20 years they had a small fund, and then they started the community foundation."

The foundation gave grants to over forty organizations in the Shawano and Menominee counties while active. Grantees include the Shawano Boys and Girls Club, the Shawano County Library and the Navarino Nature Center, among others. Especially important to the Crawfords was giving to the Shawano Hockey League and local food pantries.

"As foundations go, we were smaller size and able to give every year," Schuh said. "We have been doing this for 20 years. We are now up over two million and that feels good. The donations add up. Making that two million mark is quite an amazing feat in itself."

Donations have been essential to the groups that received the grants. Grants helped provide equipment, materials and covered some operational expenses, as well. The orga-

nizations, in turn, were better able to serve their target populations as a direct result of the foundation's assistance.

Keshena Animal Help and Rescue, Inc. was just one of the many grant recipients.

"They gave a lot of money," said Bette Anderson, founder of Keshena Animal Help and Rescue, Inc. "They gave very early on and were instrumental in helping us. Without them, we might not have been able to start. There is a great need; there is not a veterinarian's office in Menominee County. They must be animal lovers."

Recently, the decision was made to dissolve the foundation and transfer administration duties to the Shawano Area Community Foundation (SACF), a regional affiliate of the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region. The assets will be moved to a donor advised fund, the newly created Pat and Ruth Crawford Family Fund within SACF.

The SACF handles over 80 funds and administers grants to local charitable organizations. According to their annual report from last year,

they gave almost \$400,000 to area groups including Shawano's historical society, humane society and school district.

Referring to her and her siblings, Schuh said, "We are getting into retirement mode. My parents are not here any longer and some of us live in Shawano, some live in Florida. So, we decided to have them run it and we are still involved in it."

Moving from a private foundation to the SACF's donor advised fund will help ensure the funds reach the community organizations that need it most while relaxing the burden of management duties of the Crawfords. The transition from meeting as a family to contact community organization, and handle grants and finances is already being felt within the Crawford family.

"It feels like it's gonna take a little time to get used to," Schuh said of the transition. "This is a new process, being hands off. It's a little different."

However, Schuh was confident in the decision made.

"The SACF will do a great job," Schuh said.

FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Haste makes waste and lightens pocketbook

"Watch it honey, that jug is heavy." My mother's words were prophetic. As soon as they were out of her mouth, I was looking down with horror at the swell of red liquid soaking my tennis shoes and oozing over the cement garage floor.

We had just come home from grocery shopping and driving into the garage, had a ways to go to get the substantial stash of groceries into the farm house. After all, there were six mouths to feed. Quickly reaching in to grab the glass gallon jug of cranberry juice around its neck instead of the handle, it had slipped from my grasp and landed with a resounding splotch, glass fragments scattering on the hard, unyielding floor.

I was caught in space, the seconds were most assuredly ticking off but I had no notion of time passing until my mom gently picked me up out of the mess and tucked me safely away from the shards of glass. Almost mocking me, the gallon jug still had the lid intact from its severed neck. I was hurrying, definitely trying to be helpful but in the end, haste makes waste. On top of cleaning up a staining red mess, we had no cranberry juice that week.

As I age I tend to slow down and take my time with chores and things, but occasionally, still find myself hurrying through a task only to pay dearly later on. The other day I was fixing supper after a produc-



KAY REMINGER

the meal with a fresh salad.

I was two steps away from the kitchen shears, but a big knife I had shredded the spinach with was within reach. Using that, I dug into the vacuum-packed bacon packaging. Sure enough, along with slicing open the plastic I sliced the tip of my pointer finger, causing a gush of blood that had me thinking I had cut the tip of my finger off completely.

When we were heavy-duty farming, hurrying to get stuff done before we had to get the cows in to milk, we'd be rushing. Once I had pinched my finger as I was unhooking a wagon from the chopper. I had a pair of Handy Andy gloves on and I winced as gingerly, I pulled them off, afraid to look. Do I have a finger left? (I did.)

So that day at the kitchen, I grabbed a paper towel and squeezing tight, ran to the bathroom cabinet to get a Band-Aid. Sitting down, I felt faint. Really, that does not happen to me very often. When I have

tive day of making wood. We were both hungry and just to simplify, while potatoes were in the oven baking, I had grabbed a package of thick, homegrown bacon to add with it, rounding out

to get a blood draw, I pay attention as the phlebotomist tap-tap-taps my arm to feel for a good vein and jabbing the needle in, I watch as the dark red liquid fills a vial. It never bothers me. This time, for whatever reason (maybe because I needed food?) I was woozy. I could feel my heartbeat through my fingertip.

"Hey!" I called for my husband, "Can you come help me?"

"What?" No shifting of movement. Seriously. I could be laid out in a dead faint.

"I need you to put a Band-Aid on my finger!"

The cut was shaped in a perfect "C" at the tip, from nail end to nail end. For days after, I could not type because I needed three bandages wrapped around it at all times, and of course I kept knocking it at every turn. Why, when something hurts, does a person realize how much that particular appendage is used? In hindsight, I probably should have gotten stitches. Even weeks later, the tip feels numb like I'm touching something through a cotton gauze.

We were running errands one Sunday after church, and stopping at Fleet I bought a gallon jug of bleach. Whenever we do a Fleet Farm run, we end up getting more stuff than the list suggests. I'm always thinking, "What're we forgetting?" and we end up hauling two cartloads out. I think we remembered everything.

Among smaller items we were unloading bags of salt crystals along with a five-gallon pail of trans-hydraulic fluid into the truck. There was barely enough room for the bleach so I tilted it, sort of leaning it against the back of the front seat. Our next stop was Menard's. When we got back with the stash from that store, opening the back door, the bottle of bleach came tumbling down, the cover popping off with bleach gurgling onto the asphalt and connecting with the blacktop came the resulting splash.

It was a Sunday. We were dressed in our church clothes. Polka-dots immediately appeared just under my knees and just above my ankles and his pants had a fist-sized area slowly getting darker, which according to bleach will most definitely get quite a bit brighter.

"Will that come out?" says he. "Nope."

Haste makes waste and sometimes, even hits the pocketbook. That bottle of bleach cost us two pair of church pants.

("The plans of the diligent lead surely to advantage, but everyone who is hasty comes surely to poverty." Proverbs 21:5)

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 Leopolis. 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.

"'Watch it honey, that jug is heavy.' My mother's words were prophetic. As soon as they were out of her mouth, I was looking down with horror at the swell of red liquid soaking my tennis shoes and oozing over the cement garage floor."

KAY REMINGER, describing the issues with rushing to do things

Applications open for crop insurance rebates

In partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Risk Management Agency (RMA), the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) opened the application period for crop insurance premium rebates at noon on Dec. 5.

There is \$800,000 or 160,000 acres of coverage to be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Recipients will receive a \$5 per acre rebate on

their summer 2023 crop insurance premium for acres planted with cover crops in 2022.

Producers who received state or federal cost-sharing to plant cover crops in 2022 are not eligible for this year's program. Applicants will need to use their FSA-578 form to complete the application, and there is no limit on acres an applicant can apply for.

The rebate application will be web-based, remain open until Jan. 31,

2023, and made available on DATCP's website. A copy of the application questions will be available for reference on DATCP's website prior to the application period opening.

Applicants will be notified of selection in spring 2023. Applicants should keep seed receipts and planting records as DATCP will conduct audits to ensure cover crops were planted.

Additional information about

eligibility and FAQs can be found on DATCP's website. Questions about these rebates should be directed to datcpcc@wisconsin.gov.

In 2022, Gov. Tony Evers signed bipartisan legislation to create a state-run crop insurance premium rebate for planting cover crops and a nitrogen optimization pilot program. For more information on these upcoming opportunities, visit DATCP's website and sign-up for email updates.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Gillett's gingerbread geniuses



Two lucky Gillett households received a special gift over the Christmas holiday due to generous donations of gingerbread houses from the Gillett Public Library's Gingerbread House Contest. Urijah Baumgarten, 9, above, and Jackson Wagner, 6, left, decided to donate their houses to those in need. Six votes were cast for each of the houses.

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Oconto schools get \$20K in tech makeover funds

The Green Bay Packers and US Cellular recently announced that the Oconto Unified School District was the winner of a \$20,000 technology makeover through the inaugural Leap for Learning program.

Earlier this fall, educators, administrators and parents across Wisconsin were invited to nominate a Wisconsin-based K-12 school or school district through the Leap for Learning program. Nominations required a summary describing why the school deserved a technology makeover and how it would make a difference to the students.

Oconto was nominated by Scott Boucher, IT director/network engineer for the district. Boucher has worked for the district for 15 years, and his role is to collaborate with the teaching staff on their classroom ideas and provide the technology hardware and/or software to implement those ideas.

"As educators, we want to prepare our students for a robust career path and future, and we know technology education and access is a key part of that," said Boucher. "Thanks to US Cellular,

the Green Bay Packers and the Leap for Learning program, this technology upgrade will give us the opportunity to provide our students with state-of-the-art equipment that will facilitate team building and collaboration among students while teaching the skills of problem solving, critical thinking and innovation."

The district plans to use the money to outfit a lab along with classrooms where students will receive hands-on learning in science, technology, engineering, art and math. The collaborative space will allow teachers to give students real-world, interactive experiences in these sought-after fields.

StrongBodies program goes into another year

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension Shawano County's StrongBodies program (formally known as the Strong Bones Program) is an evidence-based strength training program for midlife and older adults developed by researchers at Tufts University. This exercise program has been proven in research studies to provide physical and mental health benefits ranging from disease prevention to an increase in confidence

and socialization.

The program consists of an hourlong strength training session held at least twice weekly over 12 weeks. Individual sessions include a warm-up, eight to 10 strength training exercises and a cool down. Classes meet in various settings, most commonly community centers, churches and meeting rooms located in Shawano County.

In Shawano County, UW-Extension supports four classes in Shawano, including a virtual option. There are also classes in Birnamwood, Bonduel, Tigerton and Wittenberg, led by volunteers who have been trained in the StrongBodies program.

The cost is \$25 per 12-week session. Scholarships are available.

For information or registration, go to <https://shawano.extension.wisc.edu>.

Oconto Hospital gets performance award

Bellin Health Oconto Hospital has announced it has been recognized with a 2022 Performance Leadership Award for excellence in Patient Perspective. Compiled by The Chartis Center for Rural Health, the Performance Leadership

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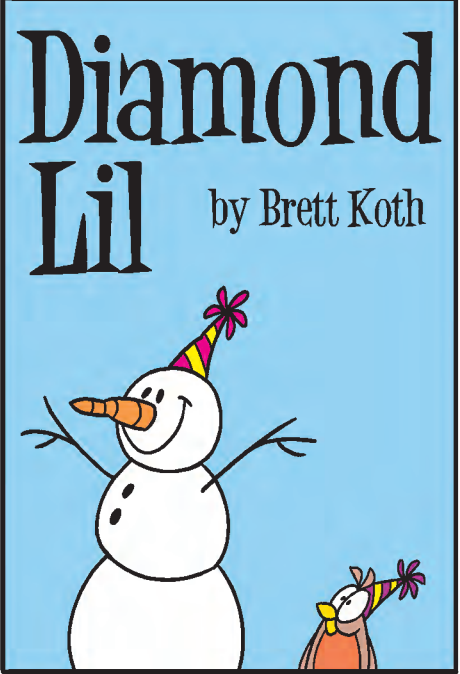
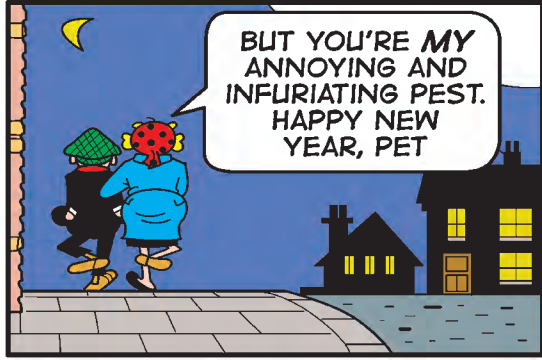
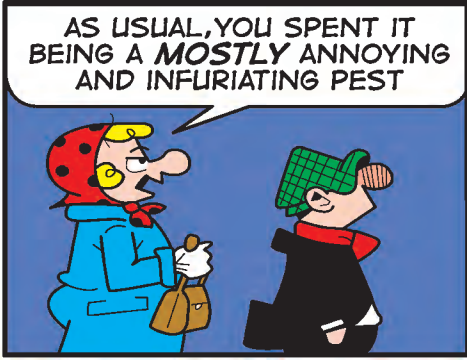
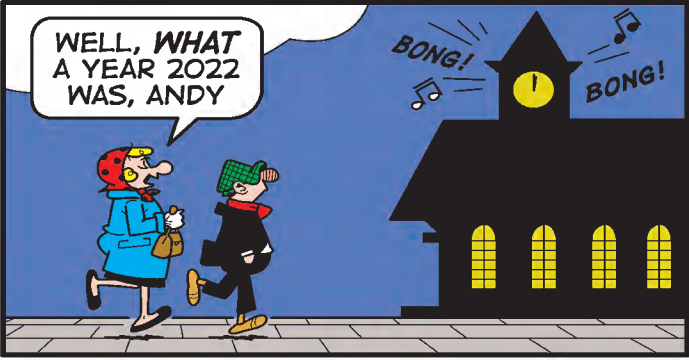
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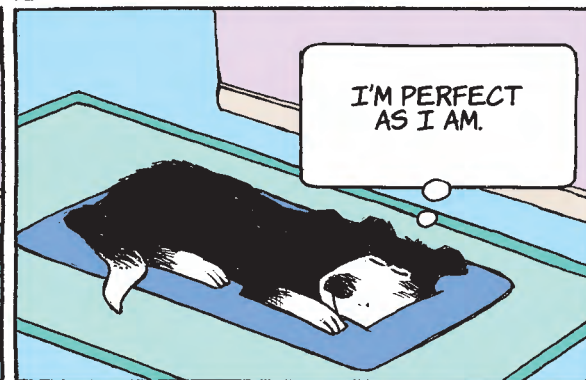
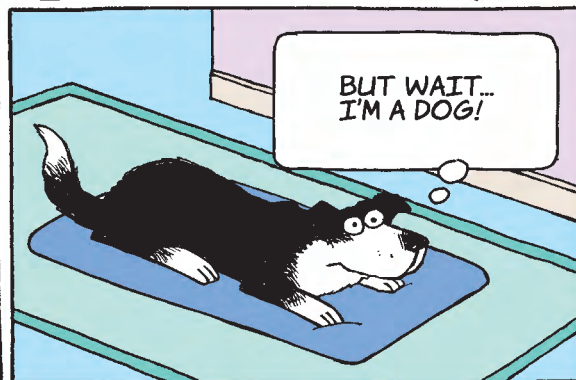
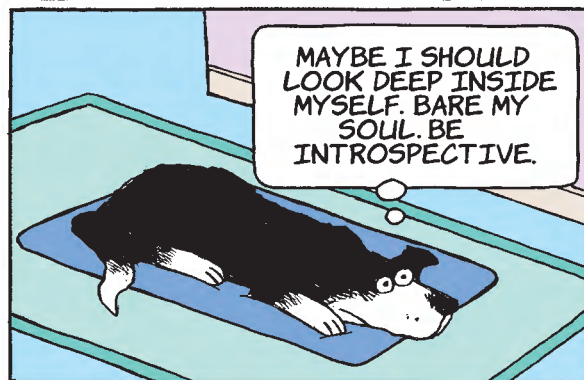
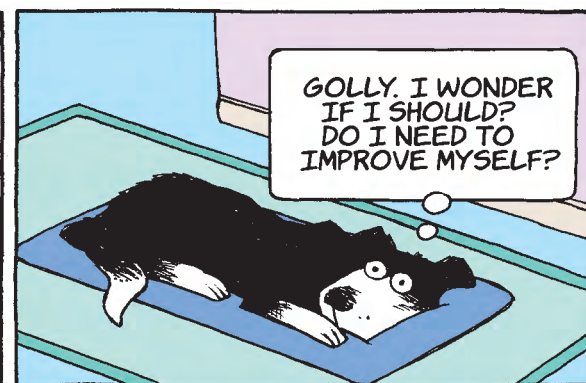
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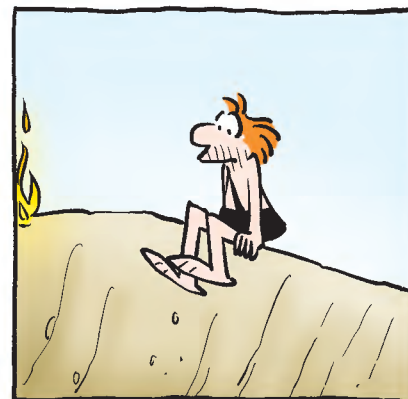
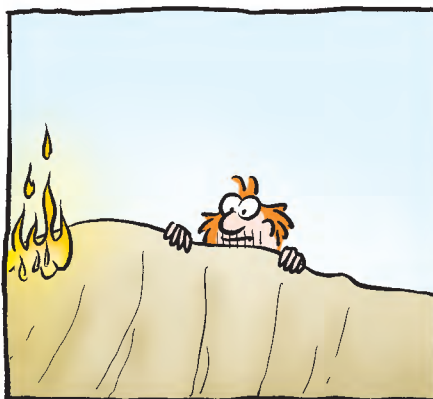
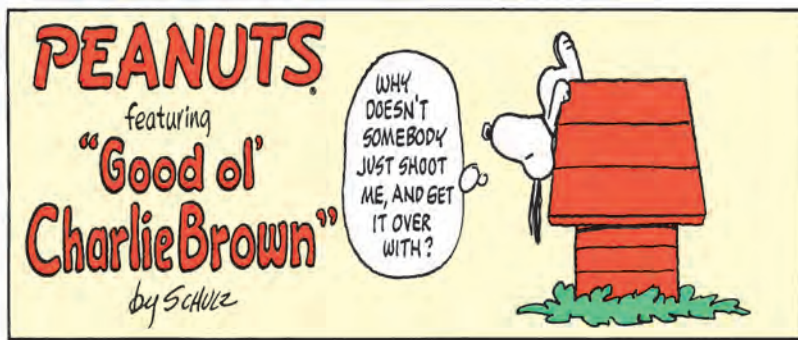


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15 Captain of industry
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22 South American capital
23 Author's chief work
25 Dollar amount
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28 Spots to build on
30 Bakery array
31 Stratagems
35 Done, in Verdun
36 Cobbler's concern
38 Maryland state bird
39 Marching band instrument
40 Roots for
44 Au pair
45 Fruit source
47 Commando weapon
48 Shallowest Great Lake
49 Spot for a horseshoe
50 "Clumsy me!"
51 Encouraging word
52 Fleece source
53 *Enter the Dragon*, for one
57 Gleamed
58 Alphabetic trio
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60 More amiable
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66 Makes amends
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69 Minor disagreement
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73 Needing a scrubbing
74 Bauxite, for example
- 76 Sauce source
77 Fill with cargo
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79 Source of cinnamon spice
80 Take a break
81 Anger
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89 *David Copperfield* clerk
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- 84 *Exodus* author
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92 Chars, as a steak
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Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers celebrates with his signature championship belt celebration after a rushing touchdown against the Minnesota Vikings on Jan. 1 in Green Bay.

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Pack would make playoffs with win over Lions

Green Bay enters regular season finale against Detroit on four-game win streak

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Doing a complete 180 on the season, the Green Bay Packers now sit one win away from making the playoffs, a scenario that seemed impossible as little as four weeks ago, when the team was 4-8.

A four-game win streak has propelled the Packers to a spot where they control their own destiny and has given the Packers a conceivable chance to make the playoffs.

After suffering a five-game losing streak (and a stretch of seven losses in eight games) in the middle of the regular season, many thought it would be more likely for the Packers to end up with a top 10 draft pick than a chance to win a Super Bowl. While fans and media members may have been down on the team, quarterback Aaron Rodgers never let his belief in the team waver.

"I felt like we were going to beat the Bears — Rams at home were a good matchup for us — Miami was a wild card, I thought, and the last two at home I thought would be winnable even though Minnesota obviously had a really good season," said Rodgers, on where his mind was at when the team was 4-8. "Just dome teams in the winter, and the way we've played over the years in December and January, our record is pretty good with me starting."

Throughout the four-game win streak it has become obvious that Green Bay has been re-energized, most notably on the defensive side of the ball. In fact, during the win streak the defense has created 12 turnovers and held teams to an average of 17 points per game, something that Packers head coach Matt LaFleur attributed to a recent string of productive practices.

"I think a big reason for our success has been throughout the course of the week," said LaFleur. "Seeing the energy and the effort in practice and throughout the process of our preparation — I think it has been pivotal."

With the improved defensive play, players like Jaire Alexander, Rasul Douglas and Kenny Clark are carrying momentum and swagger into the week 18 matchup against the Detroit Lions.

Alexander, who is never one to hide his emotions, made it very clear where his confidence level is, performing Vikings wide receiver Justin Jefferson's touchdown celebration after knocking



Green Bay Packers kicker Mason Crosby (No. 2) celebrates after making a 56-yard field goal against the Minnesota Vikings on Jan. 1 in Green Bay.

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a pass away from Jefferson early in the game in week 17.

Rodgers added to that swagger in the game against the Vikings, performing a more subtle version of his signature "championship belt" celebration after scoring a 2-yard rushing touchdown.

Even with the four-game win streak and a very realistic shot to make the playoffs, there is still one more obstacle — the Lions. For the Packers, it's simple — win and you are in, lose and you are out.

Beating the Lions may be easier said than done, as just like Green Bay, the Lions were counted out of the playoff picture early in the season. Starting 1-6, including a 29-0 loss to New England, the Lions have won seven out of their last nine games to keep playoff hopes alive.

"They've come all the way back to 8-8, and there will be a lot on the line for both teams," said Rodgers. "It'll be exciting to line up against them."

Rodgers also touched on the adversity that the Packers have faced

this year, with seemingly everybody outside of the players and staff having little to no faith in the team. He noted that players have filled into their roles this year, often getting asked to do much more than was projected in training camp.

"Look at the guys that made plays today: (Darnell Savage) had a pick six; he was benched for a number of games. Zach Tom played his fourth different position for us — right tackle," said Rodgers.

"Christian Watson after nine games, you're thinking well, you know, maybe next year he'll kind of step into his own. Allen Lazard and his consistency, A.J. Dillon and his consistency. David Bakhtiari coming back after a myriad of injuries, being just so consistent at left tackle. This is the identity that we thought we were going to have. It just took a long, long time to get there."

These players aren't the only ones who have been doing more than they were asked to do this year, as Rodgers himself has faced adversity this year and found himself in a slightly differ-

ent role. He has become a stronger leader and a stronger voice in the locker room this year, which was probably needed with so much inexperience across the team and a decline in play from the quarterback.

"It hasn't been my best football at times. But I have been asked to step up my leadership and be someone that the guys can count on to keep it together even when it doesn't seem like there is anything to play for," said Rodgers.

LaFleur noted the importance of Rodgers' leadership, saying every team needs a quarterback who can provide the spark and energy to bring success.

"The quarterback's energy is absolutely imperative to the success of your club," said LaFleur. "I think (Rodgers) has done an outstanding job leading our group and talking to our team. Talking to our guys. Talking to our young guys — leading. So, I'm super proud of how he's handled everything."

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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
12	Aaron Rodgers	QB	6-2	225	39	18	California
13	Allen Lazard	WR	6-5	227	27	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	24	R	Georgia Tech
25	Keisean Nixon	CB	5-10	200	25	4	South Carolina
26	Darnell Savage	S	5-11	198	25	4	Maryland
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28	AJ Dillon	RB	6-0	247	24	3	Boston College
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33	Aaron Jones	RB	5-9	208	28	6	Texas-El Paso
35	Corey Ballentine	CB	5-11	196	26	4	Washburn
38	Innis Gaines	S	6-1	202	24	1	TCU
45	Eric Wilson	LB	6-1	230	28	6	Cincinnati
47	Justin Hollins	LB	6-5	248	26	4	Oregon
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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
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73	Yosh Nijman	T	6-7	314	27	3	Virginia Tech
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80	Bo Melton	WR	5-11	189	23	R	Rutgers
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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
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90	Jarran Reed	DL	6-3	307	30	7	Alabama
91	Preston Smith	LB	6-5	265	30	8	Mississippi State
93	T.J. Slaton	DL	6-4	330	25	2	Florida
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
52	Rashan Gary	LB	6-5	277	25	4	Michigan
67	Jake Hanson	C	6-4	296	25	2	Oregon
94	Dean Lowry	DL	6-6	296	28	7	Northwestern

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39	Tyler Goodson	RB	5-9	197	22	R	Iowa
43	Kiondre Thomas	CB	6-0	186	24	1	Kansas State
46	Nick Guggemos	TE	6-5	247	27	1	University of St. Thomas
48	DQ Thomas	LB	6-2	216	24	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
65	Michal Menet	C	6-4	301	25	1	Penn State
79	Jean Delance	T	6-4	303	24	R	Florida
82	Jeff Cotton	WR	6-2	206	25	1	Idaho
86	Travis Fulgham	WR	6-2	211	27	3	Old Dominion
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3	Jack Fox	P	6-2	215	26	3	Rice
4	DJ Chark	WR	6-4	205	26	5	LSU
5	DeShon Elliott	S	6-1	210	25	5	Texas
8	Josh Reynolds	WR	6-3	194	27	6	Texas A&M
9	Jameson Williams	WR	6-1	180	21	R	Alabama
10	Nate Sudfeld	QB	6-6	227	29	6	Indiana
11	Kalif Raymond	WR	5-8	180	28	6	Holy Cross
14	Amon-Ra St. Brown	WR	6-0	202	23	2	USC
16	Jared Goff	QB	6-4	217	28	7	California
17	Michael Badgley	K	5-10	183	27	5	Miami
23	Mike Hughes	CB	5-10	191	25	5	UCF
24	Amani Oruwariye	CB	6-2	202	26	4	Penn State
25	Will Harris	CB	6-1	206	27	4	Boston College
26	Ifeatu Melifonwu	S	6-3	210	23	2	Syracuse
30	Jamaal Williams	RB	6-0	224	27	6	BYU
31	Kerby Joseph	S	6-1	203	22	R	Illinois
32	D'Andre Swift	RB	5-9	208	23	3	Georgia
34	Alex Anzalone	LB	6-3	237	28	6	Florida
38	C.J. Moore	S	5-11	199	27	4	Ole Miss
39	Jerry Jacobs	CB	5-11	203	25	2	Arkansas
42	Justin Jackson	RB	6-0	199	26	5	Northwestern
44	Malcolm Rodriguez	LB	5-11	230	23	R	Oklahoma State
45	Jason Cabinda	FB	6-1	238	26	4	Penn State
46	Craig Reynolds	RB	5-11	216	26	1	Kutztown
47	Scott Daly	LS	6-1	245	28	2	Notre Dame
49	Chris Board	LB	6-2	239	27	5	North Dakota State
51	Josh Woods	LB	6-1	230	26	4	Maryland
54	Alim McNeill	DL	6-2	325	22	2	N.C. State
55	Derrick Barnes	LB	6-0	238	23	2	Purdue
57	Anthony Pittman	LB	6-3	242	26	2	Wayne St.
58	Penei Sewell	T	6-5	335	22	2	Oregon
59	James Houston	LB	6-1	241	24	R	Jackson State University
63	Evan Brown	C/G	6-3	320	26	4	Southern Methodist
66	Ross Pierschbacher	G	6-4	315	27	2	Alabama
67	Matt Nelson	T	6-7	318	27	3	Iowa
68	Taylor Decker	T	6-7	320	29	7	Ohio State
70	Dan Skipper	T	6-9	330	28	3	Arkansas
71	Logan Stenberg	G	6-6	312	25	3	Kentucky
73	Jonah Jackson	G	6-4	311	25	3	Ohio State

74	Kayode Awosika	G	6-3	312	24	1	Buffalo
77	Frank Ragnow	C	6-5	309	26	5	Arkansas
79	John Cominsky	DL	6-5	285	27	4	Charleston
82	James Mitchell	TE	6-4	249	23	R	Virginia Tech
84	Shane Zylstra	TE	6-4	239	26	1	Minnesota State
89	Brock Wright	TE	6-5	255	24	2	Notre Dame
90	Michael Brockers	DL	6-5	297	32	11	LSU
93	Josh Paschal	DL	6-3	274	23	R	Kentucky
94	Benito Jones	DL	6-1	318	25	2	Mississippi
95	Romeo Okwara	DL	6-4	255	27	7	Notre Dame
96	Isaiah Buggs	DL	6-3	295	26	4	Alabama
97	Aidan Hutchinson	DL	6-7	264	22	R	Michigan
Reserve/Injured							
19	Trinity Benson	WR	6-0	187	25	2	East Central
21	Tracy Walker III	S	6-1	206	27	5	Louisiana-Lafayette
27	Bobby Price	CB	6-3	208	24	3	Norfolk State
36	Chase Lucas	CB	5-11	184	25	R	Arizona State
53	Charles Harris	DL	6-3	250	27	6	Missouri
72	Halapoulivaati Vaitai	G	6-6	328	29	7	Texas Christian
78	Tommy Kraemer	G	6-6	316	24	2	Notre Dame
87	Quintez Cephus	WR	6-1	208	24	3	Wisconsin
91	Levi Onwuzurike	DL	6-3	295	24	2	Washington
99	Julian Okwara	LB	6-4	239	25	3	Notre Dame
Practice Squad							
12	Steven Montez	QB	6-5	230	25	1	Colorado
13	Brandon Zylstra	WR	6-2	215	29	5	Concordia College
15	Maurice Alexander	WR	5-11	180	25	1	Florida International
18	Sam Ficken	K	6-1	191	30	4	Penn State
28	Jermar Jefferson	RB	5-10	212	22	2	Oregon State
33	Jarren Williams	CB	5-10	187	25	2	Albany
35	Brady Breeze	S	6-0	200	25	2	Oregon
41	AJ Parker	CB	5-11	185	24	2	Kansas State
43	Khalil Dorsey	CB	5-9	181	24	3	Northern Arizona
52	Demetrius Taylor	DL	6-1	295	23	R	Appalachian State
60	Darrin Paulo	T	6-3	320	25	1	Utah
62	Jarrid Williams	T	6-6	308	25	R	Miami
83	Stanley Berryhill	WR	5-11	190	24	R	Arizona
85	Tom Kennedy	WR	5-10	195	26	2	Bryant
86	Garrett Griffin	TE	6-4	246	28	4	Air Force
Practice Squad/Injured							
29	Saivion Smith	CB	6-1	200	25	2	Alabama
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GAME VITALS PACKERS DEPTH CHART

GREEN BAY PACKERS (8-8)
VS. DETROIT LIONS (8-8)
WHEN: 7:20 p.m. Sunday
WHERE: Lambeau Field
TV: NBC
RADIO: 620 AM (WTMJ), Sirius
Satellite Radio (WTMJ feed)

THE SERIES

Packers vs. Lions
All-time, regular season: 103-74-7
All-time, postseason: 2-0
All-time, at Packers: 62-27-4
Streaks: The series between the Packers and Lions has been streaky over the past several seasons. Detroit has won the last two, but before that Green Bay won five straight. Before that, the Lions won four straight, and that came on the heels of a three-game winning streak for the Pack.
Last meeting, regular season: Nov. 6, 2022, Lions won 15-9. It was a forgettable game for the Packers, with quarterback Aaron Rodgers throwing three interceptions and the offense struggling mightily in the red zone.

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	Win 28-19	
Bye week			
Dec. 19	vs. L.A. Rams	Win 24-12	
Dec. 25	at Miami	Win 26-20	
Jan. 1	vs. Minnesota	Win 41-17	
Jan. 8	vs. Detroit	7:20 p.m. NBC	

OFFENSE

WR

Christian Watson
Samori Toure

RB

Aaron Jones
A.J. Dillon

QB

Aaron Rodgers
Jordan Love

WR

Randall Cobb
Samori Toure

WR

Allen Lazard
Romeo Doubs

TE

Mercedes Lewis
Robert Tonyan

RT

Yosh Nijman
Rasheed Walker

RG

Jon Runyan
Royce Newman

C

Josh Myers
Zach Tom

LG

Elgton Jenkins
Royce Newman

LT

David Bakhtiari
Zach Tom

DEFENSE

CB

Rasul Douglas
Shemar Jean-Charles

DE

Dean Lowry
Devonte Wyatt

NT

Kenny Clark
T.J. Slaton

DE

Jarran Reed
Devonte Wyatt

CB

Jaire Alexander
Keisean Nixon

OLB

Preston Smith
Jonathan Garvin

ILB

De'Vondre Campbell
Isaiah McDuffie

ILB

Quay Walker
Krys Barnes

OLB

Kingsley Enagbare
Justin Hollins

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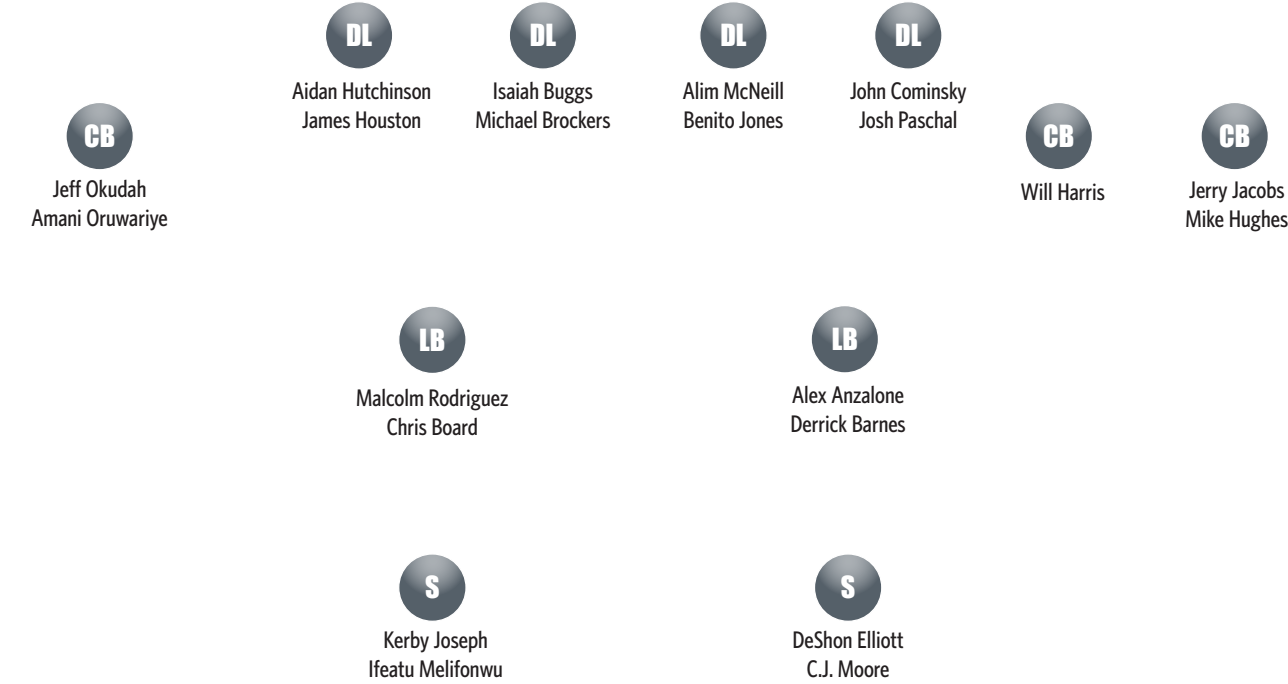
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LIONS DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE



DEFENSE



SCHEDULE

Saturday's Games
Kansas City at Las Vegas, 3:30 p.m.
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 7:15 p.m.

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

STANDINGS

NFC East				AFC East			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Philadelphia	13	3	0	Buffalo	12	3	0
Dallas	12	4	0	New England	8	8	0
N.Y. Giants	9	6	1	Miami	8	8	0
Washington	7	8	1	N.Y. Jets	7	9	0
North				North			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Minnesota	12	4	0	Cincinnati	11	4	0
Detroit	8	8	0	Baltimore	10	6	0
Green Bay	8	8	0	Pittsburgh	8	8	0
Chicago	3	13	0	Cleveland	7	9	0
South				South			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Tampa Bay	8	8	0	Jacksonville	8	8	0
New Orleans	7	9	0	Tennessee	7	9	0
Carolina	6	10	0	Indianapolis	4	11	1
Atlanta	6	10	0	Houston	2	13	1
West				West			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
San Francisco	12	4	0	Kansas City	13	3	0
Seattle	8	8	0	L.A. Chargers	10	6	0
L.A. Rams	5	11	0	Las Vegas	6	10	0
Arizona	4	12	0	Denver	4	12	0

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NOTEBOOK

By **BILL HUBER**

Correspondent

Season turnaround

Following a loss to the Philadelphia Eagles on Nov. 27, Aaron Rodgers was down and the Green Bay Packers were out, or so it seemed.

Already dealing with a broken thumb, Rodgers suffered injured ribs that knocked him out of the game, a 40-33 loss that sent the team to a 4-8 record. The Packers were in 11th place in the NFC standings and three games behind the Washington Commanders for the final spot with five games to go.

At that point, the legitimate question wasn't about if the Packers would climb back into the playoff race. Rather, the question was whether it was time to pass the baton to Jordan Love.

Reminded of where the Packers were at the time following Sunday's victory over the Minnesota Vikings, a fourth consecutive win that incredibly put the Packers in control of their playoff fate, Rodgers paused for a full 7 seconds.

"It feels really special. It does," Rodgers said. "It's been an interesting year. It hasn't been my best football at times, but I've been asked to step up my leadership and be someone the guys can count on to keep it together, even when it doesn't seem like there's anything to play for or we don't have a chance to make a run. There's been a lot of special moments throughout the year.

"It didn't look great for a while. And I was resigned to some of those realities being possible. And when I took my mind there, I had a peace about it. I had a peace about all of it. Whatever was supposed to happen, I was surrendered to that reality. With also the resolute mindset that we could still get back in this thing. And I think that's what I'm most proud of. For myself and our team, is that there were a lot of different things that could happen, and we stuck together and we put ourselves in position to do something special."

The Packers played just well enough to beat the Chicago Bears in week 13, scoring the final 18 points to escape with a victory over the worst team in the NFC. The team celebrated in the locker room as if it had just clinched a playoff berth. Turns out, winning that game was the first step in potentially clinching a berth on Sunday night against the Detroit Lions.



Green Bay Packers cornerback Darnell Savage, right, returns an interception during the team's win over the Minnesota Vikings on Jan. 1 in Green Bay.

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The Packers have won four in a row, highlighted by back-to-back strong performances vs. Miami and Minnesota. Meanwhile, the Commanders went 0-3-1 and the Seattle Seahawks went 1-3 to open the door.

"The fact that we came back from 4-8 and put ourselves in the position to make the playoffs is pretty special," Rodgers said. "A lot has happened in our favor and that's pretty obvious. Every game that needed to go our way just about went our way. I know not many people in that locker room — and definitely not many people of you people — believed we'd be sitting here at 8-8 controlling our own destiny going into week 18. It's pretty special."

Now, it must seal the deal. A series of must-win games has set up one more must-win game. The Lions are hot, too, having won seven of their last nine games.

"We've been in that playoff mindset when we were sitting there at 4-8 knowing how critical every game was, and to get to this point and for it to play out the way it has is exciting," coach Matt LaFleur said. "It's exciting, obviously, for

our team, for our fans. But we've got a huge challenge in front of us — a team that already beat us once this year and I know that they've got a lot to play for as well. They're a dangerous team. We're going to have to play our best ball, no doubt about it."

Crosby's kick

Mason Crosby's crossbar-hitting 56-yard field goal at the end of the first half against Minnesota was the longest in Packers history at Lambeau Field. There are two interesting side notes.

First, because of declining leg strength, Crosby was supposed to have relinquished kickoff duties but Ramiz Ahmed, who was elevated from the practice squad a day earlier, suffered a groin injury during warmups. So, on a cold night, the player with the worst average kickoffs in terms of distance and hang time set a franchise record for longest Lambeau field goal.

Second, with Crosby good to only 52 yards during his pregame session, LaFleur and Rodgers were on the headset discussing a Hail

Mary when LaFleur saw Crosby was already at midfield.

"That gives you a lot of confidence to be like, 'All right, go for it!'" LaFleur said. "He had the confidence, he went out there and did it, and I'm glad. That was a big swing, just that whole final 2 minutes right there. The fact that they missed a field goal and we went down and hit that field goal, you're talking about a six-point swing. So instead of being up 18, you're up 24 at the half. That gave us a lot of momentum going into the half."

Turning over a new leaf

One big reason for Green Bay's late-season resurgence has been the defense's sudden ability to force turnovers.

When Green Bay was 4-8, it had produced 12 takeaways. It matched that number during the four-game winning streak, with a season-high four against Minnesota.

"It's just all about timing, opportunity," said safety Darnell Savage, whose 75-yard pick-six made it 14-3. "When it happens, it happens. They say they come in bunches, so you've just got to capitalize on it. I think we're just going out there, playing hard, trusting each other. A lot of stuff's falling our way."

Replicating that feat won't be easy. No team has fewer giveaways than the Lions' 15.

Bakhtiari's back

After missing three games following an emergency appendectomy, left tackle David Bakhtiari was back in the lineup against Minnesota and played a key role in keeping the Vikings' star pass rushers, Za'Darius Smith and Danielle Hunter, from touching Rodgers.

In fact, Smith — a Pro Bowler in his first season with Minnesota after three years in Green Bay — didn't record a tackle, sack, quarterback hit or even a quarterback pressure.

"On the flight home after the Miami game, he said, 'I'm playing.' So, I said, 'OK, well, we'll see,'" LaFleur said. "He was able to get through the week and I thought he played a really good game. We all know the type of edge rushers that the Vikings have and I thought everybody up did an outstanding job."

Led by the rampaging rookie duo of Aiden Hutchinson and James Houston, the Lions had 15 sacks in recent victories over the Vikings, Jets and Bears but none in their loss to the Panthers.

Green Bay trounces Minnesota at Lambeau Field

Packers score on offense, defense, special teams

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Aaron Rodgers brought out the championship belt, scoring a 2-yard rushing touchdown, as the Green Bay Packers kept its playoffs hopes alive, beating the Minnesota Vikings 41-17 on Jan. 1 in Green Bay.

Green Bay's first touchdown came by way of kick returner Keisean Nixon, who returned a kick 105 yards for a touchdown early in the first quarter. This was the Packers first kick return for a touchdown since 2011, when Randall Cobb did so in his debut game against the New Orleans Saints.

"You look at the picture on the tablet after the fact — I mean that was a pretty big hole there," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur, noting the strong blocking on the play. "I think any time you have a returner that's capable of taking it to the house, that energizes the guys blocking for him."

Nixon wasn't the only player busy though, as tight end Robert Tonyan caught a 21-yard touchdown in the middle of the second quarter — Tonyan's first touchdown since week four against the New England Patriots.

Joining in on the scoring, was Packers safety Darnell Savage, who intercepted Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins in the second quarter and returned it 75 yards for a touchdown.

Rodgers went 15 for 24 with 159 yards and one touchdown, while halfback Aaron Jones contributed 111 rushing yards, which puts him over 1,000 rushing yards on the season. This is the third season in Jones' career that he has hit the 1,000 rushing yard mark.

Also, for the fifth straight game this year, Packers halfback A.J. Dillon recorded a rushing touchdown, on a 2-yard plunge, during the first play of the fourth quarter.

"I don't think I have been a game where we score in all three phases (offense, defense, special teams)," said LaFleur. "Every phase made an impact tonight."

The Vikings were stifled on offense, as Cousins turned the ball over four times — three interceptions and one lost fumble. The Packers, led by defensive back Jaire Alexander were also able to keep Justin Jefferson at bay.



Green Bay Packers tight end Robert Tonyan, left, slices through the Minnesota Vikings defense on Jan. 1 in Green Bay.

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Green Bay Packers defensive back Adrian Amos, front, returns an interception as Jaire Alexander follows him down the field during a game against the Minnesota Vikings on Jan. 1 in Green Bay.

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Averaging 117.1 yards per game and leading the NFL in receiving yards, the Louisiana State alum was held to just one catch for 15 yards in this game.

Not only did the defense do its part in containing Jefferson, Vikings halfback Dalvin Cook was held to 27 rushing yards on nine carries. With Jefferson, Cook and Cousins held in check this game, Minnesota was only able to muster two touchdowns late in garbage time of the fourth quarter.

In fact, the only lead that Min-

nesota held in this game was after it scored an early field goal following a blocked punt. Vikings safety Josh Metellus blocked Packers Punter Pat O'Donnell's punt, which was recovered by Green Bay and tackled at Green Bay's 1-yard line.

A Cousins incomplection, followed by two rushes for Cook totalling a loss of 1 yard, gave the Packers a must-needed early stop.

"I felt like we were going to win the game the whole time," said Rodgers.

"Even if it was 7-0 there, I felt like this was our day and things have been happening for us the last few weeks, exactly as we need them to happen."

That field goal was followed up by 41 straight points from Green Bay, including a 56-yard field goal make from kicker Mason Crosby, who scored his 1,900th point in this game. That milestone makes Crosby just the 12th player in NFL history to reach 1,900 points.

Another piece of history in this game too revolves around wide receiver Randall Cobb, who recorded his 530th reception with Green Bay. That ties him with James Lofton for fifth all-time in Green Bay Packers history.

With the Cleveland Browns beating the Washington Commanders in week 17, Green Bay now controls its own destiny, meaning a win against the Detroit Lions in week 18 will guarantee the Packers attain the seven seed in the NFC in the playoffs, something that seemed impossible five weeks ago.

"I had faith, much like 4-6 in '16," said Rodgers, referring to the Packers six-game win streak to end the 2016-17 regular season. "Sometimes you've got to fool yourself a little bit into believing a little bit more, but I definitely had faith that I was going down scrapping, for sure."

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BEAT The Expert



Morgan Rode
NEW Media Sports Editor

Week 18 Games: Sunday, January 8

There are no teams on the bye this week

Tampa Bay @ Atlanta
New England @ Buffalo
Minnesota @ Chicago
Baltimore @ Cincinnati
Houston @ Indianapolis
Tennessee @ Jacksonville
NY Jets @ Miami
Carolina @ New Orleans

NY Giants @ Philadelphia
Cleveland @ Pittsburgh
Dallas @ Washington
LA Chargers @ Denver
Kansas City @ Las Vegas
LA Rams @ Seattle Arizona @ San Francisco

Tie Breaker Game:
Detroit @ Green Bay



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This Week's Picks:

Tampa Bay	NY Jets	Kansas City
Buffalo	New Orleans	Seattle
Minnesota	NY Giants	San Francisco
Cincinnati	Pittsburgh	
Indianapolis	Washington	
Jacksonville	Denver	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score : Detroit 31 @ Green Bay 28



Tim Murphy
New Media

This Week's Picks:

Tampa Bay	Miami	Kansas City
Buffalo	New Orleans	Seattle
Minnesota	Philadelphia	San Francisco
Cincinnati	Pittsburgh	
Indianapolis	Dallas	
Jacksonville	La Chargers	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 17 @ Green Bay 41



Luke Reimer
New Media

This Week's Picks:

Tampa Bay	Miami	Kansas City
New England	New Orleans	Seattle
Minnesota	Philadelphia	San Francisco
Baltimore	Pittsburgh	
Houston	Dallas	
Jacksonville	Denver	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 14 @ Green Bay 31

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REGULAR SEASON

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

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Tower Clock Eye Center	11-4	162-93	Inversion's Piggly Wiggly	11-4	154-101
Shawano Seasons Restaurant	12-3	160-95	Gene's Floor Covering	11-4	150-105
Charter Arrowcast	11-4	159-96	Morgan Rode	9-6	150-105
Tim Murphy	10-5	159-96	Senn Insurance	11-4	147-108



This Week's Picks:

Tampa Bay
Buffalo
Minnesota
Cincinnati
Houston
Jacksonville

Miami
Carolina
NY Giants
Pittsburgh
Dallas
LA Chargers

Kansas City
Seattle
San Francisco

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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 20 @ Green Bay 28



This Week's Picks:

Atlanta
Buffalo
Chicago
Cincinnati
Houston
Jacksonville

Miami
New Orleans
Philadelphia
Pittsburgh
Washington
LA Chargers

Kansas City
Seattle
San Francisco

Shane Senn
Senn Insurance

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 23 @ Green Bay 34



This Week's Picks:

Tampa Bay
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Final Score: Detroit 27 @ Green Bay 28



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Final Score: Detroit 27 @ Green Bay 33

KEYS TO THE GAME

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

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

History

In a series that dates to 1930 when the Lions were the Portsmouth Spartans, the Packers lead 105-74-1. That includes a pair of wins in the playoffs. Coach Matt LaFleur won his first five games against Detroit but lost the last two.

The first was last year's meaningless finale at Ford Field, when he sat his starters after the first half. The second was in week nine of this season at Ford Field, when the Lions intercepted Aaron Rodgers three times and won 15-9.

Coaches

Green Bay — Matt LaFleur (fourth season, 47-18). Lions — Dan Campbell (second season, 11-21; Campbell also went 5-7 as Miami's interim coach in 2015).

When the Packers have the ball

Even though it dominated the matchup in week nine, Detroit's defense is one of the worst in the league. The Lions are 29th with 25.7 points allowed per game.

They are awful in every way, ranking 32nd in total defense (398.7 per game), 32nd in yards per play (6.26), 30th in rushing per play (5.32) and 31st in passing per play (7.49). They're also 30th on third down and 27th in the red zone.

Detroit operates out of a 3-4 alignment. The front consists of Isaiah Buggs, Alim McNeill and John Cominsky.

McNeill is a tough customer against the run, Cominsky has four sacks and is second on the team with 11 quarterback hits and Buggs is fourth on the team with 10 quarterback hits.

If the Packers can't run the ball, the real danger will be the rookie duo of Aidan Hutchinson and James Houston as the outside linebackers. Hutchinson, the second overall draft pick, is second on the team with 7½ sacks, first with 17 quarterback hits and tied for first with three interceptions. He had one of those picks in the first matchup.

Houston, a sixth-round pick, made his debut in week 12 and has a team-high eight sacks in six games. At 224 pounds, his speed has been



Green Bay Packers running back Aaron Jones, left, runs with the ball after getting a block from tight end Marcedes Lewis during a game against the Minnesota Vikings on Jan. 1 in Green Bay.

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hard to handle.

Against Chicago last week, rookies Houston (three sacks), Josh Paschal (two sacks) and Hutchinson (½ sack, interception) combined for 5½ of the team's seven sacks.

"We got a lot of talented rookies on the team," Hutchinson said after the game. "It's a good foundation for us, too. It's very exciting being out there and being a part of games like that."

Alex Anzalone and rookie Malcolm Rodriguez are the inside linebackers. Anzalone leads the team with 117 tackles.

Jeff Okudah and Jerry Jacobs are the corners and veteran Will Harris mans the slot. They have one interception apiece.

Jacobs, an undrafted free agent in 2021, has started the last seven games and leads the team with eight passes defended. He's allowed a catch rate of only 55.8%, according to Pro Football Focus. Okudah, the fourth overall pick in 2020, has seven passes defended and has al-

lowed a catch rate of 61.5%.

DeShon Elliott and another rookie, Kerby Joseph, are the safeties. Joseph was the star of the last game with two interceptions, three passes defended and a questionable hit on Romeo Doubs that sidelined the Packers rookie for four games. He's got three picks and a team-high two forced fumbles. Elliott is second on the team with 90 tackles.

When the Lions have the ball

Detroit is in the playoff chase because of a high-powered offense that ranks fourth with 27.1 points per game. The Lions are third in total offense (383.6 per game) and fourth in the red zone (68.3% touchdowns).

Three numbers really stand out about the Jared Goff-led passing game, with Detroit ranking fifth in yards per attempt (7.33), second in interception percentage (1.26) and third in sack percentage (4.15). In other words, the Lions create a lot of big plays while not making a lot

of big mistakes.

In a division highlighted by Aaron Rodgers and Kirk Cousins, it is Goff who rules the roost with a 100.7 passer rating (seventh), 4,214 yards (sixth) and 29 touchdowns (fourth). He's gone 290 consecutive attempts without throwing an interception.

"You can just tell it's like he's in this mode right now where you feel like anytime you dial up a pass, he's going to find somebody," Campbell said.

He's got plenty of weapons, led by Amon-Ra St. Brown, who is up to 100 receptions for 1,112 yards and six touchdowns.

"This guy, he is a tough competitor. He is a dog," LaFleur said. "His ability to win his one-on-ones, to make tough catches, to get YAC, he's a scrappy dude. I think he's got a great rapport with Jared and they've made a lot of plays together. You look at the supporting cast around him, it's getting better and better. I think this is a really

complete offense.”

The Packers kept him in check in the first meeting (four catches, 55 yards) but, as LaFleur said, the Lions’ receiver corps is much better with the return of D.J. Chark (27 receptions, 488 yards, 18.1 average and three touchdowns in 10 games) and the debut of first-round pick Jameson Williams (his lone catch was a 41-yard touchdown). Chark and Williams are big-play threats. Chark has five catches of 28-plus yards in his last five games.

Jamaal Williams and D’Andre Swift lead a productive backfield. Williams, the popular former Packers backup, has 994 rushing yards and an NFL-high 15 rushing touchdowns.

Williams is exactly the same player he was in Green Bay — nothing flashy, just a hard-charging runner who maximizes every attempt. Swift brings the flashiness. He’s got 517 yards and a 5.6-yard average — 1.6 yards better than Williams — and 41 receptions.

LaFleur called the Lions’ offensive line one of the best in the NFL. It consists of left tackle Taylor Decker, left guard Jonah Jackson, center Frank Ragnow, right guard Evan Brown and right tackle Penei Sewell.



Green Bay Packers kick returner Keisean Nixon (No. 25) finds an opening on a kick return against the Minnesota Vikings on Jan. 1 in Green Bay.

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Sewell, last year’s first-round pick, is a dominant force and has

the makings to be a foundational piece. Decker is a quality starter

but the most vulnerable of the quintet; Preston Smith will need a big game.

Special teams

In Football Outsiders’ rankings, Green Bay has soared to 17th — it was 30th a few weeks ago — while Detroit is eighth.

Both of Detroit’s returners are dangerous. Running back Justin Jackson is averaging 26.9 yards per kickoff return. His long is only 42 yards, meaning he’s got a bunch of returns in that 25- to 30-yard range to provide consistently good field position.

Receiver Kalif Raymond handles punts. Pint-sized but rocket-fast, he’s got a 13.2-yard average and one touchdown.

Kicker Michael Badgley is 18-of-21 on field goals with a long of 53 yards. Punter Jack Fox is fourth in average (48.7 yards) and 12th in net (41.7), with opponents averaging 10.6 yards per return.

For Green Bay, Keisean Nixon leads the NFL with a 30.0-yard average on kickoff returns. He’s got five returns of 50-plus yards; nobody else has more than two. Detroit’s coverage unit ranks 14th with 22.2 yards allowed per runback.

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Q&A WITH BO MELTON

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

Bo Melton was a seventh-round pick by the Seahawks in the 2022 NFL Draft.

At Rutgers, he was the team's leading receiver each of the last three years with career totals of 132 receptions for 1,683 yards and 11 touchdowns. The Packers signed him off the Seahawks practice squad on Dec. 27.

Q: You ran one of the fastest 40s at this year's Scouting Combine. How do you incorporate that into your game?

A: I trained actually with Christian Watson. We both trained together and we were running back-and-forth fast times. I knew I was fast. Christian is very fast. I knew that speed was a big part of my game and just being elusive, being open in spaces. I'm a catch-and-run type of game. Speed was just an added part to it.

Q: What were those battles like during training? You beat him at the Combine.

A: Well, Christian ran 4.2s all training so he's a 4.2 guy. I know a lot of people will tell you he's a 4.2 guy. I ran low 4.3s all training - 4.31, 4.30, 4.34, stuff like that. Christian, he ran a 4.25.

I was catching him at first but then we got to the Combine and he ran a 4.36. I was playing around with him and stuff like that but I knew he was fast - you know, 4.25.

Q: So, you ran a 4.34. That probably makes you one of 20 fastest guys in the league. So, what's it like to lose to someone in training?

A: Man, yeah, going against a faster guy, it's like, 'Dang. How fast can they get?' (laughter) It's been fun. It's been a great experience as a rookie. Just taking it all in and being able to learn from a lot of people.

Q: Have you been able to follow Christian's career?

A: I was on practice squad at Seattle and I was watching Christian. He's put on a show along with the other receivers. I'm just blessed to be a part of the unit that they have here. From the veterans - Allen Lazard, Randall Cobb - to be able to be put in with that group and learn more is a blessing.

Q: I read that you're a very good drummer.

A: I started playing when I was 2.

Q: And you're self-taught?

A: I taught myself at 2 how to play the drums. Ever since then, I've just been playing. I stopped playing for a while, but I went to a museum in

Seattle before I got here and they have drums in the museum. It's called the MoPop Museum. I've still got it.

Q: How do you teach yourself when you're 2?

A: My dad put a snare drum in front of me when I was a kid when I was 2 years old. That snare drum turned into a drum set when I was 4. Ever since then, I'm playing on electric drums sets and stuff like that, playing in church. My dad was a pastor, so I played in the church a lot. As I got older, just like in football, you learn from somebody else and I learned from somebody else and then I taught myself that. And YouTube videos helped get me better.

Q: Your brother is an all-Big Ten cornerback at Rutgers. What was it like growing up?

A: Always went against each other. It was very fun. We were in the backyard with it. When he got to Rutgers, we were going against each other every single day.

He's one of the top-rated corners in college football, and he's already on the map and he's going to do great things. Going after him at practice, he would get me, I would get him, he would get me, I would get him. It was such a good-on battle. I think it made

us better and got me to this point, and it's going to get him to that point next.

Q: With competitive brothers, did you guys fight? For instance, (Packers center) Josh Myers needed stitches when his brother pushed him into a wall.

A: I wouldn't say we were butting heads. Me and my brother have a great relationship. He would get me one time and I'd do little stuff to make him mad because I knew what'd tick him off, or he'd do little stuff to get me mad. If he sees that I'm not in the mood, he'll get me mad so I can play better, and I'd do the same with him. That's the only butt-heads thing we'd do.

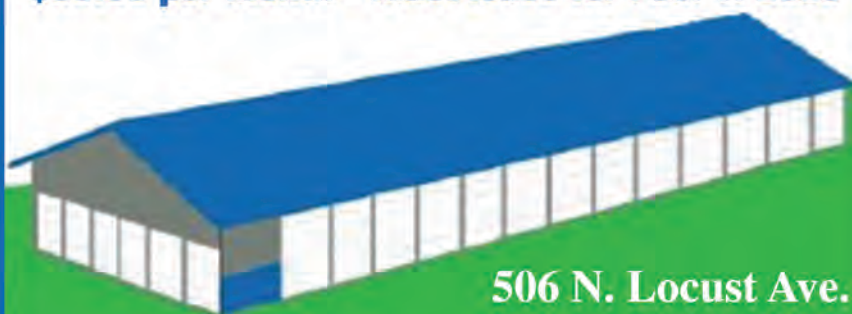
We just went to work. When we got on the field, we knew it was work. No matter if I caught the ball on him or he had a PBU, it was all love at the end of the day.

Q: He's going to be in the NFL in the next year or two. Two brothers in the NFL, that's pretty awesome.

A: I can't wait for him to get to the league. He's definitely a day one/day two type of guy. A lot of people see it. I see him as day one because I went against him, I know who he is. He's a crazy athlete. He's going to do very good at testing. He's going to be real good.

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