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MIHS moving next to existing school building

Plans to be released in March, groundbreaking in June

By **LEE PULASKI**

City Editor

The Menominee Indian School District plans to break ground on its new high school in June, but it's not going to be where officials suggested it would be when they asked voters for a \$35 million referendum nine months ago.

Originally, the district was going to do a land swap with the tribe, getting more than 40 acres behind Save a Lot, currently filled with trees, to build the new school. In exchange for that land, the tribe would have received the land that Menominee Indian Middle School currently sits on in Neopit, as the middle school would move to where the high school currently is to provide it with additional room to grow.

That's no longer the plan, according to Superintendent Wendell Waukau. The district is looking now to put the high school in an area where the school's baseball and softball fields are located, and then the district would need to find new land for those athletic facilities, he said.

"During that process, as plans were being developed, it came up about that the school — even though it's going to be across the street — what would it look like if it were on district property?" Waukau said. "It came about with conversations with kids and staff, and all of a sudden the conversation started about: 'What if we take the high school, and we put it on top of the baseball and softball diamonds? And we would put our baseball and softball diamonds somewhere around the school.'"

Waukau said the advantage of having the two schools next to each other would allow the district to share teachers and other resources even more easily than the original plan, which would have had the high school across the street from Keshena Primary School.

"The big issue was that we were going to be taking 44 acres, and we

were going to cut down all these trees," Waukau said. "The Menominee are big on sustainability and how we manage our forests. We started having the discussion on what that would look like. If you put the school on the existing property, you don't cut down any trees."

Waukau said there are discussions to get 6-10 acres of land to put new ball fields on once the new high school is built. In the meantime, the district is working out arrangements to use the ball fields recently constructed by the Family and Community Engagement Center, he said.

Officials with the district have been meeting weekly with Miron Construction and Somerville Architects to hammer down details on the project, according to Waukau. Plans are to have final architectural drawings ready for the public to review in March and then start work around the summer months.

Right now, the district is in the process of whittling down aspects of the new school. Waukau estimates that the first glance of what the high school would look like is expected to cost around \$50 million. Much of the building would be paid through the referendum funding, but Waukau noted that there is also a healthy fund balance to help pay the costs. Even so, he expects that the school's cost needs to fall around \$46 million before construction can begin.

"This is typical. You start out over budget, and you chip away at it," Waukau said. "We might look at something and say, 'We want to do this,' but it may not be as important as something else. One example is, do we need to have the district office in the school, and could we save some money by not having it in there?"

Waukau estimated that the district is about \$1 million away from its target budget right now. He said one thing that is non-negotiable is that the school will have a green environmental aspect, using geothermal and solar energy.

"We'll be looking at the classroom space and make sure that they have multiple uses versus the old traditional brick-and-mortar," Waukau said.

Regarding family and consumer education classes, the new high school is expected to have a Menominee cultural reflection that points to the people's tradition of harvesting crops and animals, so a harvest area is being created to teach students traditional tribal ways.

"These conversations are good conversations," Waukau said. "The hard part is you can't give everybody what they want, and you're trying to make sure you capture the most important things. One of the most important things is that this school has to reflect our culture, our history, our language. So when they come here, they walk into our school and see the design, the layout, the pictures, the artwork is going to tell the story of our Menominee people."

Waukau added that it's also possible that construction bids come in below what the district expects, allowing officials to plan to put removed items back in, such as the district office or making the field house larger.

"Where we were two months ago and where we are now is a big difference," Waukau said. "I would say that we're in that 90% stretch of saying we are comfortable with the budget and we are comfortable with the design. It's time to lay it out to the public."

Once the high school is built, Menominee Indian Middle School will take up the space at the high school, allowing for fifth through eighth grades to reside there and freeing up a little space for KPS, which is currently housing kindergarten through fifth grades. The current MIMS is land locked, making it impossible to grow that school and accommodate the increase in enrollment.

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PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Jan. 9

Deputies responded to 29 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; reckless driving on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; a weapons offense on North Main Street in Shawano; criminal damage on Porter Road in the Town of Waukechon; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; one crash.

Jan. 8

Deputies responded to 19 calls, including operating while intoxicated on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; trespassing on Pine Street in Tigerton; two crashes.

Jan. 7

Deputies responded to 28 calls, including disorderly conduct on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Belle Plaine; a burglary attempt on South Warrington Avenue in Cecil; a disturbance on Maple Street in Birnamwood; bail jumping on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; reckless driving on County Road D in the Town of Herman; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Hartland; disorderly conduct on Maders Circle in the Town of Wescott; three crashes, two involving deer.

Jan. 6

Deputies responded to 36 calls, including operating while intoxicated on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; criminal damage on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; a drug problem on West State Street in Bonduel; reckless driving on South Cecil Street in Bonduel; a threat on North Washington Street in the Town of Wescott; a domestic disturbance on Cedar Street in Tigerton; a disturbance on County Road Y in the Town of Belle Plaine; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Waukechon; one crash.

Jan. 5

Deputies responded to 18 calls, including a threat on Nichols Road in the Town of Lessor; four crashes.

Jan. 4

Deputies responded to 25 calls, including a cow problem on state Highway 156 in the Town of Navarino; four crashes.

Jan. 3

Deputies responded to 34 calls, including a threat on North Main

Street in Shawano; a disturbance on South Smalley Street in Shawano; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Belle Plaine; a threat on Postl Court in the Town of Wescott; a disturbance on Poplar Road in the Town of Richmond; four crashes, one involving deer.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jan. 9

Officers responded to 19 calls, including trespassing on South Lincoln Street; car property damage on Ashberry Lane; reckless driving on East Center Street; a disturbance at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; a weapons offense on North Main Street; shoplifting at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; a drug offense at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; operating while intoxicated on County Road B.

Jan. 8

Officers responded to eight calls, including a drug offense at the Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St.; a disturbance on South Maiden Lane.

Jan. 7

Officers responded to 11 calls, including bail jumping on East Randall Street; shoplifting at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.

Jan. 6

Officers responded to 24 calls, including shoplifting at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; a drug offense on South Main Street; multiple reckless driving calls on East Green Bay Street; a drug offense on state Highway 47-55.

Jan. 5

Officers responded to 13 calls, including car property damage on East Lieg Avenue; a disturbance on South Franklin Street; reckless driving on East Green Bay Street; disorderly conduct on Presbyterian Street.

Jan. 4

Officers responded to 21 calls, including a drug offense at Memorial Park, 901 S. Lincoln St.; a missing person at Hillcrest Primary School, 1410 Waukechon St.; a drug offense on South Airport Drive; operating while intoxicated on North Main Street.

Jan. 3

Officers responded to 21 calls, including a disturbance on South Smalley Street; criminal damage on Lakeland Road; property theft on East Richmond Street; property damage at Dreier Pharmacy, 117 S. Main St.; disorderly conduct on West Third Street.

Disturbance at Walmart causes evacuation



A Shawano police vehicle sits stationed outside of Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St., on Jan. 9. Shawano police officers responded to a disturbance call, where it was reported that a firearm and a knife were involved. Officers evacuated Walmart, quickly located the suspects and arrested two people. According to the Shawano Police Department, charges will be forwarded to the Shawano County District Attorney. The disturbance is under investigation with no threat to the public.

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2023 quilt show on the horizon for WOWSPACE

2023 'Art of the Quilter IX: Sew Inspired' quilt show to be held over three weekends at end of January, early February

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Quilt fanatics are in luck, as the WOWSPACE, 114 W. Vinal St., Wittenberg, is again hosting an exhibit for quilters to show off their creations.

The event will take place during three weekends: Jan. 21-22, Jan. 28-29 and Feb. 4-5. The time for visitors to tour the quilts will be 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and there is no entry fee. The event is sponsored by WOWSPACE, Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative, Applewood Lane Alpacas, Shops on Grand and Pinery Patches.

"The show is called 'Art of the Quilter IX: Sew Inspired,'" said Mary Beth Koeppel, who is heading the event. "It is a non-judged and non-juried quilt show, which means it is more for people to have an opportunity to display their craft. But we do give an award of excellence, which is based on technical skill. That will be decided by other quilters."

Koeppel added that visitors will also get the opportunity to purchase three votes for \$1 and have their say in which quilt they like the best. The three top finishers will receive monetary awards, along with gift baskets containing resources and supplies for quilting.

When preparing for the show, Koeppel said usually there are 40 quilts on display, with some quilts taking a more historical approach. Not only do quilters come from local towns and villages around Wittenberg, but Koeppel said that she has seen quilts from as far as Milwaukee and even Michigan.

"I usually try to have at least one antique quilt," said Koeppel. "We often have more than that, which is really neat to see the history. I am a retired teacher, so I have to get my education in there. I have a tutorial wall that just presents some aspect of quilting, as well."

Included in her education portion of the show, Koeppel said a display



A red star quilt made by Mary Beth Koeppel is just a taste of what visitors can expect to see when they attend the 2023 "Art of the Quilter IX: Sew Inspired" quilt show at WOWSPACE in Wittenberg. Koeppel, who helps to head the event, expects around 40 quilts to be on display over three weekends: Jan. 21-22, Jan. 28-29 and Feb. 4-5.

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with half-square triangle pieces will be available. With the display, there will also be a chart showing 72 different quilt blocks that interested quilters can make just using the half-square triangles.

Koeppel, who has helped to lead the event for the past five years, said the idea to do a quilt show came from members of the WOWSPACE wanting to display different styles of art, like quilting, for the community.

"WOW first starting having a quilt show because they wanted to recognize that actually quilts are an art form," said Koeppel. "There are

some pretty elaborately made."

In her five years, Koeppel said that she has noticed that more people have been attending each year, with last year's attendance doubling the attendance from the year before.

"Our space is limited, so we are limited to how many quilts we can display, but it seems like we can treat it a little more like an art show," said Koeppel. "We can arrange the quilts next to ones that get along with each other, not just putting them up just to display."

Koeppel asks that each person who enters a quilt also provides a

short story of what the meaning or inspiration is behind the quilt. She added that some quilts are even dual-quilts, meaning that someone started the quilt, while someone else finished it.

"Maybe someone found a stack of blocks when they were cleaning out their aunt's house and completed the quilt," said Koeppel.

If anyone is interested in attending or has any questions, Koeppel can be reached at 53windmill@gmail.com.

COURT NEWS

• Natavia A. Adams, 19, Oneida, was charged Jan. 3 with one count of possession of narcotic drugs and one count of bail jumping. Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge Katherine Sloma set a cash bond of \$400 and a signature bond of \$1,000. She also scheduled a status conference for Jan. 25.

• Joel A. Fish, 36, Keshena, was charged Jan. 3 with one count of misappropriating identification information and one misdemeanor

count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a signature bond of \$1,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Jan. 20.

• Naghi I.S. Nickey, 27, Pulaski, was charged Jan. 3 with three counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer and one misdemeanor count of bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$2,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Jan. 9.

• Reece E. Nickol, 20, Shawano,

was charged Jan. 3 with two counts of bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$2,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Feb. 10.

• Brianna M. Jechorek, 25, Shawano, pleaded no contest Jan. 3 to one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct and one misdemeanor count of possession of THC. Five counts of possession of narcotic drugs and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia were dismissed but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Jechorek to two years of probation.

• Tommy A. Dey, 39, Clintonville, pleaded no contest Jan. 4 to one count of possession of methamphetamine, three counts of bail jumping and two misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma sentenced Dey to one year in jail and 18 months of probation.

• Charges against Todd M. Siolka, 61, Shawano, were dismissed Jan. 4 on a prosecutor's motion. That charge included one count of second-degree sexual assault of a mentally ill victim.

• Kayla M. Meyer, 21, Shawano, was charged Jan. 5 with one count of substantial battery, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct and five misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. Sloma set a signature bond of \$500 and scheduled a status conference for

Jan. 31.

• Todd A. Sperberg, 55, Bowler, was charged Jan. 6 with one count of first-degree reckless injury, one misdemeanor count of hit-and-run involving an injury and one misdemeanor count of causing an injury while operating under the influence with a prohibited alcohol level. Sloma set a cash bond of \$1,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Jan. 9.

• Lucas M. Hohn, 21, Iola, pleaded no contest Jan. 6 to one count of burglary to a building or dwelling and one misdemeanor count of theft of movable property, less than or equal to \$2,500. One misdemeanor count of criminal trespass to a dwelling and one misdemeanor count of theft of movable property, less than or equal to \$2,500, were dismissed but read into the record. Sloma sentenced Hohn to three years of probation.

• Austin M. Hartmann, 28, Shawano, pleaded no contest Jan. 6 to one count of possession of methamphetamine, one misdemeanor count of possession of THC and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Shawano-Menominee Circuit Court Judge James Habeck sentenced Hartmann to 18 months in prison and two years of extended supervision.

OBITUARIES

Ann Block

Ann Block, 101, of Wittenberg, died on Monday, Jan. 2, 2023, at Homme Home of Wittenberg.

Ann was born April 22, 1921, in Waupaca County, the daughter of Edward and Matilda (Brennenstuhl) Luckjohn.

On Nov. 2, 1940, Ann was united in marriage to Benjamin Block in Waupaca County. He preceded her in death on May 2, 2000.

When Ann was 8, she knew she wanted to be a beautician and owned her own business for 31 years.

Ann and Ben would make and decorate cakes for their grandchildren and funerals. Ann was a great baker and was known for her sweet rolls and cream puffs and would often share them with her family and friends.

Ann was very active at Redeemer Lutheran Church, where she was ready to clean, bake and sew. Ann enjoyed making quilts for Lutheran World Relief and for Homme Home. She would also volunteer at Homme Home, helping with events, visiting the residents or driving them to their doctor appointments. Ann was a past president for St. John's Lutheran Ladies Aid.

Ann loved golf and used to walk the course up until the age of 88. Ann and Ben would travel to many different states to golf. She was an avid Green Bay Packers and Milwaukee Brewers fan.

Ann was a very caring person and loved serving others. Ann was honored as Shawano County's Living Treasure in 2009 and was a past secretary for the Wittenberg Chamber of Commerce. She also enjoyed her weekly card club.



Ann is survived by two sons, Randal (Jeneene) Block, of Ripon, and Wayne (Linda) Block, of Pick-erel; six grandchildren, Debbi Jo Block, David (Karla) Block,

Julie (Bob) Socha, Daniel (Lisa) Block, Christina (Joseph) Klinge and Matthew (Susan) Block; 13 great-grandchildren, Kayla (Ben) Murphy, Heather (Jeff) Relien, Jared Block, T.J. (Danielle) Carlson, Sam Carlson, Emily Block, Madison Block, Ryan (Celyna) Socha, Aaron Socha, Andrew Klinge, Aaron Klinge, Rachel Block and Benjamin Block; four great-great-grandchildren, Joel, Isaiah, Hudson and Liana; and many other family members and friends.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ben; one brother, Ken; two brothers, in infancy; sisters- and brothers-in-law, Mate Block, Lillian (Emil) Nighbor, Herbert (Leona) Block, Chester Block, Anna Percey, Evelyn (Marshall) Zaug, Leona Block and Eugene (Marcella) Block.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Wittenberg.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Homme Home of Wittenberg for their compassionate care for Ann.

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

Marjorie A. Fischer

Marjorie A. Fischer, 79, of Clintonville, passed away Monday, Jan. 2, 2023, at Care Partners Assisted Living, Clintonville.

Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville.

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Bingo has a new home at Shawano County Fair

Building was constructed using COVID-19 tourism money

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

With bingo becoming more and more popular each year, the Shawano County Fair will feature a new building for the event at the 2023 fair.

Shawano Speedway and Fairgrounds Marketing and Promotions Manager Brad Luepke said that constructing a new building has been in the works for a while. When at the fairgrounds, the new building will be used in place of the usual tent on the northeast end of the complex.

"Bingo has gotten so big there that we felt that we had to put a nicer, permanent facility up and not just have a tent," said Luepke. "The means came to us, so we were able to do it and obviously it changes the landscape of this place, but it is going to be pretty beneficial to our fair."

Luepke went on to say that the idea was conceived during the COVID-19 pandemic, as the fairgrounds received tourism money that it could only use for certain things, one of those being upgrading the grounds.

"Since we had the resources for it, we thought, 'Let's do it,'" said Luepke.

When talking about bingo, Luepke noted how popular the game is during the fair, saying that it continues to grow each year. While he did not have an explanation for why bingo is so popular, he said that the bingo tent is packed with players from the time it starts to the time it ends. Luepke also theorized that the new building may entice even more fair visitors to play bingo.

"(Bingo) is just something that sort of caught on," said Luepke. "(The building) is just going to be more convenient — it is going to be a nicer facility, and it won't be as dark. It is just going to be a better environment for people to sit in."

He added that the members on

the Agriculture Society Board want to keep improving the fair and are always looking for ways to make the fair better and more enjoyable among visitors. According to Luepke, this new bingo building fits in line with improving the fair.

"This is the first new building that has been put on this property in a long time," said Luepke. "The goal for the Ag Society Board is to always improve in every aspect of what we do here, and this is going to be a big improvement."

When the fair opens and bingo starts, Luepke said that he expects there to be an overall positive response from those who are going to participate in bingo.

"I think that the first session is going to be a battle to see if you can get a table in there or not, because I think it will be full," said Luepke. "The reaction that I have got from the public has been nothing but positive. They are excited for it to be here."

He said that the building has been in the process of being constructed since last year's fair, when it was just a concrete slab. Building the structure came later, though, as the walls and ceiling on the building were finished right before the new year hit. From there, the final step that needs to be completed is the addition of doors.

"The process of building it has been a week, but the process of putting it together has probably been a good year," said Luepke.

"The biggest thing is that we are always trying to get better every year; and whether it is an event or a building, the goal for the ag society is to always improve," said Luepke. "The support that this community gives this piece of property is like no other fair; it is because of them that we do this."



A new building is waiting for garage doors to be placed on it at the Shawano County Fairgrounds. The new building was constructed to house bingo during the Shawano County Fair, something that Shawano Speedway and Fairgrounds Marketing and Promotions Manager Brad Luepke said would be an improvement over holding it under a tent.

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Using COVID-19 tourism money, the Shawano County Fair will have a new bingo building for fair-goers to see and utilize. Constructing a new building falls in line with what Shawano Speedway and Fairgrounds Marketing and Promotions Manager Brad Luepke called improving every year.

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Wilson waives preliminary hearing

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Jeffrey D. Wilson waived his preliminary hearing on Jan. 5 in relation to the alleged sexual assault of a 6-year-old girl.

Wilson, 65, of Pulaski, was charged July 26, 2022, with one count of first-degree child sexual

assault with a child under 13. He is accused of touching and rubbing the private area of a family friend's 6-year-old daughter on July 13. If convicted, Wilson faces up to 60 years in prison.

Represented by attorney Quinn Jolly, Wilson elected to waive his preliminary hearing, giving a waiver form to Shawano-Menom-

inee County Circuit Court Judge Katherine Sloma.

"We are set for a preliminary hearing this afternoon, and I am told that it is a waiver," said Sloma.

Sloma then asked Wilson questions to ensure that he wasn't influenced into signing the waiver, including if anyone has made threats to him or if he was under

the influence of alcohol or drugs. Answering the questions, Wilson confirmed that he had signed the waiver without influence.

Sloma accepted the waiver, ruled that probable cause was found and bound the matter over for arraignment at 9 a.m. Feb. 3.

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DATCP accepting applications for crop grants

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is accepting applications for 2022 Specialty Crop Block Grants through Feb. 27, 2023.

Eligible projects include those that focus on enhancing the competitiveness of specialty crop industries through research, education or market development. DATCP encourages nonprofit organizations, producer groups,

government agencies, universities and other agricultural organizations to apply. Applications may involve collaborations or partnerships between entities.

DATCP will use a competitive review process to select the most qualified projects. Selected projects will be included in Wisconsin's state plan, which is submitted to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for approval and funding.

Projects can receive grant funds

for up to three years. Typical projects receive between \$10,000 and \$100,000. Eligible project expenses include compensation for personnel, consultant services, materials and supplies. In anticipation of receiving funding, selected project contracts and work will begin in November 2023.

Grant information and application materials, including a video detailing the application process, are available at <https://datcp.wi.gov/>

Pages/Growing_WI/SpecialtyCrop-BlockGrants.aspx. For information, contact Ryan Dunn at ryand.dunn@wisconsin.gov or 608-590-7239.

Since 2007, this grant has provided funding for more than 310 projects, totaling more than \$16.7 million. Specialty crops include fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, nursery crops, herbs and more. Find a full list of eligible crops and information about the program at www.ams.usda.gov/scbcp.



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New Bonduel gym gets community view

Facility to open to public May 15 with only a few items left to be completed

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Residents of the Bonduel School District got their first glimpse into the new gymnasium at Bonduel Middle-High School that is part of the \$12.5 million referendum approved by voters.

The gym is well on its way to completion, with the target date of May 15 appearing to be easily attainable. Superintendent Joe Dawidziak noted the district wants to have the high school graduation be its first big event in the new facility.

"The last part of the project is the parking lot," Dawidziak said. "That is currently the construction entrance. Landscaping outside and the parking lot will be the last things before we open up, and that's going to be in the April timeframe. There's some minor stuff to be done, but it's beginning to wind down."

Dawidziak noted the timeline would be dependent on when paving companies open up for 2023, as the weather is a factor whenever paving projects are planned.

The gym already has scoreboards installed, along with images of Bonduel's bear mascot. Baskets are already hanging, and the walls are already painted. Work still needs to be done on the floors, and bleachers need to be installed. In the foyer, trophy cases still need to be created, and there is one area that Dawidziak said would be a monitor showcasing outstanding student achievements and other monitors hanging above showing commercials from business sponsors.

There are also plans to set up an interactive display that showcases championship teams from yesteryear.

"In a lot of institutions, particularly at the collegiate level, when you have trophies that are really, really old, they basically digitize them so they don't have to restore them anymore," Dawidziak said. "You can walk up to a screen at places like St. Norbert and if you want to see the 1950 team that won state softball, you'll be able to bring up pictures. You don't have a plaque anymore — everything is just touch screen."

Dawidziak noted that the new gymnasium has a spotlight that will allow athletics to have better opening ceremonies and for any visiting



An image of Bonduel's bear mascot is featured prominently on one of the walls in the new Bonduel Middle-High School gymnasium, with scoreboards and baskets already in place.

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New bathroom facilities adjacent to the gymnasium are still being worked on, but Bonduel School District officials expect everything to be ready by the May 15 opening.

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concerts to look better visually. The lighting system is set up so that all the lights can be dimmed when needed.

"For things like player introductions or the finals of a wrestling meet, you can turn everything down and just have that spotlight,"

Dawidziak said. "It seems like something simple, but we've never had that before, so that'll be a really cool feature."

Dawidziak said he has been getting positive responses from the community members who attended the Jan. 9 open house.

"For us, it's a really big deal," Dawidziak said. "It's certainly going to provide relief with space and how long kids are here at night after school. That was one of the goals and ideas, to give us more space."

He acknowledged that the new gym, in concert with the other two gyms at the school, is expected to remain very busy, not only with school events and athletic practices but also with community activities.

Dawidziak noted that the work at Bonduel Elementary School that was part of the referendum package was recently completed over the Christmas break. The school did not have modern security measures or a layout that would inhibit parents or community members from walking randomly through the building, but that was remedied.

"It's different in a positive way," Dawidziak said. "No longer can you go in the door and have free rein. There's no more of that. It looks awesome."

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DNR, tech college board holdouts resign

Resignations by GOP-appointed members, whose terms expired last year, come after Evers' reelection

By **CHRISTINA LIEFFRING**
The Badger Project

Approximately 20 months after their terms ended, three members of the Wisconsin Technical College System board resigned before the new year, days before Gov. Tony Evers was sworn in for a second term.

The Badger Project obtained the resignation letters of Becky Levzow, Kelly Tourdot and Mary Williams from the tech college system. The three women submitted the letters last week stating they would leave their positions before Jan. 1. Their profiles have been removed from the Wisconsin Technical College System website.

The trio were appointed by former Gov. Scott Walker and joined the board in 2015. Despite their terms expiring in May 2021, all three had refused to step down.

Their announcement comes after Fred Prehn, a Walker-appointed member of the state's Department of Natural Resources (DNR) board whose term also ended in May 2021, announced on Dec. 23 that he would step down. Attorney General Josh Kaul filed a lawsuit to remove Prehn from his position, but the conservative-leaning Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled last June that Prehn could not be removed without cause.

A Republican governor would have been able to appoint like-minded replacements for the holdouts' board seats, but the reelection of Evers ensures Republicans won't be able to approve their preferred candidates.

Ed Miller, a UW-Stevens Point political science professor emeritus, told The Badger Project in an email he was not surprised Prehn resigned after Evers was reelected.

"(State board) holdovers for more than four years find that service is getting a little long," Miller wrote. "Given that serving on a board is a volunteer position, individuals, even when they could continue, find it is time to leave."

Miller also pointed out that DNR board members have more influence on policy than members of the technical college board, "where the decisions are really made by the staff."

"Often donors are awarded the positions (on the technical college board), which are more honorific than



Fred Prehn, shown at a Wisconsin Natural Resources Board meeting on Aug. 11, 2021, announced on Dec. 23 that he would step down from the board, more than 18 months after his term expired.

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influential," Miller wrote.

Prehn had been the decisive swing vote in favor of Republicans on the DNR board.

Reached by phone, Williams, a former Republican state legislator, declined to comment. Levzow, a dairy farmer from Rio, also declined to answer questions, saying she was going out to milk her cows, but added "I am done with the position and I totally enjoyed it and I believe in education." The Badger Project left a phone message with Tourdot, a construction trade association executive from Waukegan, but did not receive a callback.

Senate Majority Leader Devin LeMahieu, R-Oostburg, announced in January 2022 that the state Senate would not hold hearings for the rest of the year on any of Evers' 180 unconfirmed appointees, including five cabinet secretaries. A sixth unconfirmed cabinet secretary, Karen Timberlake from the Department of Health and

Human Services stepped down at the end of Evers' first term.

In a November press conference, LeMahieu said he was willing to refer appointments to Senate Committees, which does not guarantee they will be brought before the Senate for a full vote.

Allowing the past appointee to go beyond the term is unconstitutional by violating the Constitution's allocation of powers and a violation of the statute that created the term, Miller wrote in an email to The Badger Project in September.

"The court majority is just making up the decision to adhere to their partisanship," Miller wrote. "Reflects badly on the court."

In her majority opinion for the court's right-leaning bloc, Wisconsin Supreme Court Chief Justice Annette Ziegler wrote that Prehn could stay past the end of his term until his successor is confirmed by the state Senate.

"This conclusion complies with the plain language of the Wisconsin Statutes and does not raise constitutional concerns," she wrote.

The court's three left-leaning justices disagreed.

"The majority's absurd holding allows Prehn's six-year term on the Board of Natural Resources — which expired over a year ago — to last for as long as Prehn wants it to, so long as he refuses to leave and the Senate doesn't confirm a successor nominated by the governor," Justice Rebecca Dallet wrote in her dissent.

"It's kind of a sad commentary on the way that politics is going these days," Joseph Heim, a UW-La Crosse political science professor emeritus, told The Badger Project in September. "It seems to me it's a groundbreaking tactic that just adds to the overall turmoil in the government in Wisconsin."

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14	WCWF			Paid Program		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		Science		Health		Lumi-ness		Cook Like		Boundless		WOW - Women Of Wrestling (N)		Sports		Greatest Sports		The Big Bang Theory		Last Man		Last Man					
34	WYOW			Paid Program		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		Science		Health		Lumi-ness		Cook Like		Boundless		WOW - Women Of Wrestling (N)		Sports		Greatest Sports		The Big Bang Theory		Last Man		Last Man					

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9 WAOW 2 WBAY		9 Action 2 News at Six (N)	9 Paid Prog.							9 Action 2 News at 10 (N)					
CBS		9 Game Time With Boomer	9 Discover Wisconsin (N) Inside Edition Weekend (N) (N)	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		48 Hours (N) (DVS)		9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)	9 (:35) HS Sports Xtra (N)	9 (:05) Friends (:05) The Song "Cole Swindell" (N)	9 (:35) Friends (N) (:35) Opry (N Same-day Tape)		
5 WFRV 7 WSAW		9 NewsChannel 7 at 6								9 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	9 (:35) Beat the Odds				
FOX		9 The Big Bang Theory "The Gorilla Dissolution"	9 The Big Bang Theory (N) Wheel of Fortune (N) (DVS)	Name That Tune "The Main Event for Big Gold" Chris Jericho; Adam Rippon. (N) (DVS)		Special Forces: World's Toughest Test "Weakness" The recruits arrive for training. (N) (DVS)		9 The Big Bang Theory (N) To Be Announced	9 The Big Bang Theory Leonard tries to ease Penny's mind. (N)	Hell's Kitchen "Wok This Way" The chefs must make dishes using a wok. (N) (DVS)		9 S.W.A.T. "27 David" (N) Seinfeld "The Maestro" (N)	9 The King of Queens Carrie helps Holly with dog walking. (N)		
55 WZAW 11 WLUK															
NBC		9 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) (DVS)	9 Paid Program (N) Wheel of Fortune "America's Game" (N)	America's Got Talent: All-Stars "Auditions 2" Winners, finalists and more audition. (N) (DVS)				Saturday Night Live (N) (DVS)		9 News (N) NewsChannel 12 Saturday	(:29) Saturday Night Live (N) (DVS)				
25 WGBA 12 WJFW															
PBS		The Carol Burnett Show Guests: Sid Caesar and Ella Fitzgerald.			Father Brown "The Viper's Tongue" Mrs. McCarthy's life is threatened. (N) (DVS)		Sister Boniface Mysteries "Lights, Camera, Murder!" A real gun is fired on a local film set. (N) (DVS)		Frankie Drake Mysteries "Life is a Cabaret" Frankie's search for his lady-friend. (N) (DVS)		Agatha Christie's Poirot "Hallowe'en Party" A young girl is discovered drowned in an apple-bobbing bucket. (N) (DVS)			The Suspicions of Mr. Whicher A village faces a grave crime so Mr. Whicher investigates. (N)	
20 WHRM 35 WLEF 38 WPNE															
32 WACY		Women's College Basketball: Panthers at Mastodons				Family Feud (N)	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	The Simpsons	Family Guy (N)	Family Guy (N)	S.W.A.T. (N)		
45 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	
CW		9 The Big Bang Theory (N)	9 The Big Bang Theory Sheldon considers a change. (N)	Criss Angel's Magic With the Stars "Metamorphosis" Lolo Jones; Frankie Muniz. (N) (DVS)		World's Funniest Animals Special guest Sara Waisglass. (N) (DVS)	World's Funniest Animals Kennedy Mann; AJ Gibson. (N)	9 The Rookie (N) (DVS)	9 Crown Vic (2019) Suspense Bridget Moynahan. (N)	9 The National Desk (N) (Live)		9 TMZ (N) (N) (DVS)	9 To the Rescue (N) (E) (DVS)		
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ABC			America's Funniest Home Videos			★★★★ Finding Nemo (2003, Children's) <i>Voices of Albert Brooks, Ellen DeGeneres, Alexander Gould.</i> Animated. A clown fish searches for his missing son. Ⓜ (DVS)				The Parent Test "You Have to Make a Superhuman" The parents cope with their own anxiety. Ⓜ (DVS)				9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)		9 (:35) Entertainment Tonight (N) Ⓜ		9 (:05) Entertainment Tonight (N) Ⓜ		9 (:35) Weather Gone Viral "Defying Nature"							
9 WAOW 2 WBAY			Troublesome birds; wind wreaks havoc. Ⓜ (DVS)											9 Action 2 News at 10 (N)		9 (:35) Cover 2											
CBS			(3:30) NFL Football Wild Card: Teams TBA. (N) Ⓜ (Live) Ⓜ			East New York "By the Book" The opening of Goody's is in jeopardy. (N) Ⓜ				NCIS: Los Angeles "Best Seller" Sam's friend is being hunted. (N) Ⓜ (DVS)				East New York "CompStat Interruptus" Four partygoers fatally overdose. Ⓜ		9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)		9 To Be Announced 7 (:35) Investigate TV		9 Sports Xtra 7 Game Time With Boomer Esiason Ⓜ		9 (:35) Joel Osteen Ministries 9 (:35) SEAL Team Ⓜ					
5 WFRV 7 WSAW																9 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)											
FOX			The Simpsons		Bob's Burgers Animated. The Belchers are out to a ball game.		The Simpsons Animated. Homer goes on a road trip with Lisa. Ⓜ		(:31) The Great North Animated. The Tobins fall under a spell. Ⓜ		Bob's Burgers Animated. Louise suspects something sinister. Ⓜ		Family Guy Animated. The Griffins' versions of three shows. Ⓜ		55 Seinfeld "The Postponement" 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N)		55 Seinfeld Elaine's friend comments on villas. Ⓜ		55 The Goldbergs 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N)		55 Goldbergs 11 Sharyl Attkisson		55 American Housewife 11 (:05) The National Desk		55 American Housewife Anna-Kat steals from a classmate. Ⓜ		
55 WZAW 11 WLUK																											
NBC			Lopez vs Lopez Ⓜ (DVS)		Football Night in America (N) Ⓜ (Live) Ⓜ		(:15) NFL Football Wild Card: Teams TBA. (N) Ⓜ (Live) Ⓜ												26 News 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm		26 The Race 12 Outdoorsman International		26 Graham Bensinger 12 Funny You Ask				
26 WGBA 12 WJFW																											
PBS			Escape to the Chateau "The Wedding Season" Wedding season approaches. Ⓜ			Miss Scarlet and the Duke on Masterpiece "Arabella's" Eliza thinks Arabella may be a criminal. (N) Ⓜ (DVS)				All Creatures Great and Small on Masterpiece "Honeymoon's Over" James and Helen enter married life. (N) Ⓜ (DVS)				Vienna Blood "Deadly Communion: Part 2" Max and Oskar pursue a killer. (N) Ⓜ (Part 2 of 2) Ⓜ		Antiques Roadshow "Filoli Hour 2" Platinum diamond and onyx brooch. Ⓜ (Part 2 of 3) Ⓜ		Austin City Limits "Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats; Adia Victoria" Ⓜ									
20 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE																											
32 WACY 48 WTPX			Family Feud Ⓜ		Two/Half Men		★★ So I Married an Axe Murderer (1993, Comedy) <i>Mike Myers.</i>				Mom Ⓜ		Mom Ⓜ		The Simpsons		Bob's Burgers		Bob's Burgers		S.W.A.T. Ⓜ						
			NCIS Parker is framed for murder.			NCIS "Whiskey Tango Foxtrot" Ⓜ				NCIS "Past, Present and Future"				NCIS "Under the Radar" Ⓜ		NCIS "Anonymous Was a Woman"		NCIS "Once a Crook" Ⓜ									
CW			The 28th Annual Critics' Choice Awards Honoring cinematic and TV achievement. (N) Ⓜ (Live) Ⓜ										14 WOW - Women Of Wrestling (N)		34 Chicago P.D. "Lines" Intelligence targets a drug-ring leader.		14 Truth of God		34 WOW - Women Of Wrestling (N) Ⓜ		14 Extra (N) Ⓜ		34 Moviefone TV Ⓜ				
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PBS	20 Hero WHRM 36 Elementary	Alma's Way	Curious George	Daniel Tiger's Neigh- borhood	Rosie's Rules	Donkey Hodie	Sesame Street	Pinkali- cious & Peterrific	Dinosaur Train	Elinor Wonders Why	Sesame Street	Rosie's Rules	This Old House	Cook's Country	Victoria on Master- piece		(2:58) Les Mi- sérables on Mas- terpiece		(:01) Odd Squad		Arthur	Molly of Denali	BBC World News America		
	32 Judge WACY	Relative	Divorce	Divorce	Wom	Grill'n	iCRIME	iCRIME	First 48	Varied	Dateline		Chi. Fire	Varied	Sherri		TMZ Live		Mod	Mod	Gold	Gold			
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CW	14 National WCWF 34 Divor.	34 Caught in Providence	14 Weather 34 M'ry	14 Paid Program	14 Court 34 S. Wilkos	14 Couples Court	14 Hot Bench 34 Karamo	14 Hot Bench	14 Pater- nity 34 M'ry	14 Pater- nity Court	14 Law & Order: SVU 34 XTRA	34 Access Hol- lywood	14 Judge Jerry 34 Sherri		14 Judge Mathis 34 Judge Jerry		14 Piction- ary 34 Karamo	14 You Bet Your Life	14 Jeopardy 34 Steve Wilkos	14 Funny You Ask	14 You Bet	14 Shel- don 34 Judge			

MONDAY										EVENING										JAN. 16								
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 To-night (N) 1 2		NFL Football Wild Card: Teams TBA. (N) 1 (Live) 2								9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)		9 Action 2 News at 10 (N)		(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! 1 2				(:37) Nightline (N) 2					
9 WAOW 2 WBAY																												
CBS			9 Local 5 News at 6:00 (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6		9 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 2		9 Inside Edition (N) 1 2		The Neighborhood		Bob Hearts Abishola		Christina offers Douglas some advice.		NCIS "Bridges" An unusual murder of a Navy ensign. (N) 1 2 (DVS)		NCIS: Hawai'i "Rising Sun" Agent Pike is ambushed. (N) 1 2 (DVS)		9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)		9 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)		(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert 1 2		(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden 1 2			
FOX			53 The Big Bang Theory 1 2		53 The Big Bang Theory 2		11 Jeopardy! (N) 1 2		11 Wheel of Fortune (N) 2		Fantasy Island (N) 1 2 (DVS)		Alert: Missing Persons Unit (N) 1 2 (DVS)		53 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N)		11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)		53 Seinfeld "The Wink" Wink causes problems for George. 1		53 Seinfeld 2		53 Last Man Standing 2		53 Last Man Standing 2		53 The Goldbergs 1	
55 WZAW 11 WLUK			11 Jeopardy! (N) 1 2																11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) 2		11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) 2		53 Last Man Standing 2		11 (:07) The King of Queens 2		11 (:35) The King of Queens 1	
NBC			12 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 2		23 Family Feud		12 Wheel of Fortune "Collette" (N)		America's Got Talent: All-Stars "Auditions 3" Winners, finalists and more audition. (N) 1 2				Quantum Leap 1 2		12 NBC26 News at 10pm (N)		12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)		23 (:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N) 1 2		23 (:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon 1 2				(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers			
26 WGBA 12 WJFW																												
PBS			PBS NewsHour (N) 1 2		Antiques Roadshow "Filoli Hour 3" A vintage LGBTQ& T-shirt collection. (N) 1 (Part 3 of 3) 2		Why Race Matters: MLK Day Special (N)		Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration 2023 The 42nd annual State of Wisconsin tribute and ceremony honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (N)		Independent Lens "The Big Payback" Monetary justice for Blacks. (N) 1 2 (DVS)		All Creatures Great and Small on Masterpiece James and Helen enter married life. 1															
20 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE																												
32 WACY			Family Feud 1		Two/Half Men		Dateline 1 2		Chicago P.D. "Home" 1		My News at 9		NBC 26 Tonight		Two/Half Men		Am Housewife		Am Housewife		Mom 1 2							
46 WTPX			Criminal Minds "Red Light" 1		Criminal Minds "Wheels Up" 1		Criminal Minds "To a Better Place"		Criminal Minds "Blue Angel" 1		Criminal Minds "Killer App" 1		Criminal Minds "Lucky Strikes" 1															
CW			10 The Big Bang Theory 1 2		14 The Big Bang Theory 2		All American "Feeling Myself" Spencer joins Olivia in her quest. 1 2		All American: Homecoming "Me, Myself & I" Simone reclaims her power. 1 2		10 Last Man Standing 2		14 Seinfeld 2		14 The National Desk (N) (Live)		10 The National Desk (N) (Live)		14 Last Man Standing 2		14 Young Sheldon 1							
14 WCWF 34 WYOW			10 Divorce Court (N) 1 2		14 Divorce Court 2						10 The Liquidator 2		14 Chicago P.D. 2 (DVS)				14 black-ish 1 2		14 black-ish 2 (DVS)		14 Family Guy 1							

TUESDAY				EVENING								JAN. 17	
		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 To-night (N) 1 2	The Rookie "Death Notice" A dangerous prisoner needs surgery. (N) 1 2 (DVS)		The Rookie: Feds "Out for Blood" (N) 1 2 (DVS)		Will Trent "Don't Let It Happen Again" A small-town murder. (N) 1 2 (DVS)		9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! 1 2		(:37) Nightline (N) 2
CBS		9 Local 5 News at 6:00 5 (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6	5 Locker Room (N) 7 Locker Room	FBI "Hero's Journey" The team must secure a massive bomb. 1 2		FBI: International "Unburdened" A police detective is murdered. 1 2		FBI: Most Wanted "Iron Pipeline" Remy plans for his mother's care. 1 2		9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 9 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert 1 2		(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden 1 2
FOX		55 The Big Bang Theory 1 2 11 Jeopardy! (N) 1 2	55 The Big Bang Theory 2 11 Wheel of Fortune (N) 2	9-1-1: Lone Star (Season Premiere) (N) 1 2 (DVS)		To Be Announced		55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	55 Seinfeld Elaine's guest arrives for the marathon. 1 2	55 Seinfeld "The Cartoon" 2 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) 2	55 Last Man Standing 2 11 (:07) The King of Queens 2	55 Last Man Standing 2 11 (:07) The King of Queens 2	55 The Goldbergs 1 11 (:35) The King of Queens 1
NBC		26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 2 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N) 2	26 Family Feud 12 Wheel of Fortune "Collette" (N)	Night Court "Pilot" Abby Stone takes over a night court. 1 Night Court Abby pushes Dan to embrace his new role. (N) 1 2		New Amsterdam "Right Place" Max and Wilder face a dilemma. (N) 1 2 (DVS)		(:01) New Amsterdam "How Can I Help?" (Series Finale) Stories reach surprising conclusions. (N) 1 2 (DVS)		26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon 1 2		(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers 1 2
PBS		PBS NewsHour (N) 1 2		Finding Your Roots With Henry Louis Gates, Jr. "Secret Lives" Comics Carol Burnett and Niecy Nash. (N) 1 2		American Experience "Zora Neale Hurston: Claiming a Space" Author Zora Neale Hurston. (N) 1 2 (DVS)				Secrets of the Dead "King Arthur's Lost Kingdom" The legend of King Arthur. 1 2		NOVA "Beyond the Elements: Reactions" Chemical reactions transform the world. 1 2 (DVS)	
20 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE													
32 WACY 46 WTPX		Family Feud 1 Chicago Fire 1 2	Two/Half Men	Dateline "The Investigation" 2		Chicago P.D. "Fallen" 1		My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	Mom 1 2
				Chicago Fire 1 2		Chicago Fire "The Nuclear Option"		Chicago Fire "Madmen and Fools"		Chicago Fire 1 2		Chicago Fire "Winterfest" 1	
CW		13 The Big Bang Theory 1 2 34 Divorce Court (N) 1 2	13 The Big Bang Theory 2 34 Divorce Court 2	The Winchesters "Art of Dying" John's eagerness worries Mary. 1 2		Mysteries Decoded "Curse of the Conjuring House" Terrifying home in Rhode island. 1 2		13 Last Man Standing 2 34 The Liquidator	13 Seinfeld "The Cartoon" 1 34 Chicago P.D. "Fallen" 1	13 The National Desk (N) (Live)	13 The National Desk (N) (Live) 34 black-ish 1 2	13 Last Man Standing 2 34 black-ish 2	13 Young Sheldon 1 34 Family Guy 1

WEDNESDAY				EVENING				JAN. 18				
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
ABC	📺 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	Entertainment To-night (N) 📺	The Conners Darlene and Ben get into a fight. (N) 📺	The Goldbergs "Amadofus" Dave Kim returns to Jenkintown.	Abbott Elementary "Fundraiser" (N) 📺 (DVS)	(:31) Home Economics A natural disaster strikes. 📺 (DVS)	Big Sky "That Old Feeling" (Season Finale) Sunny makes a fiery decision. (N) 📺 📺 (DVS)		📺 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) 📺 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! 📺 📺	(:37) Nightline (N) 📺	
2 WBAY												
CBS	📺 Local 5 News at 6:00 📺 (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6	📺 Green Bay Nation (N) 📺 Inside Edition (N) 📺	The Price Is Right at Night Gifted contestants compete. (N) 📺	Lingo (N) 📺	Tough as Nails "That's a Safety Hazard" The crews must service automobiles. (N) 📺		📺 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 📺 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)		(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert 📺	(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden 📺		
5 WFRV												
7 WSAW												
FOX	📺 The Big Bang Theory 📺 📺 Jeopardy! (N) 📺	📺 The Big Bang Theory 📺 📺 Wheel of Fortune (N) 📺	Name That Tune (N) 📺 (DVS)	Special Forces: World's Toughest Test (N) 📺 (DVS)	📺 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 📺 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)		📺 Seinfeld "The Soup Nazi" Vendor won't serve Jerry's friend. 📺		📺 Seinfeld "The Strong Box" 📺 📺 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	📺 Last Man Standing 📺 📺 (:07) The King of Queens 📺	📺 The Goldbergs 📺 📺 (:35) The King of Queens 📺	
55 WZAW												
11 WLUK												
NBC	📺 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 📺 📺 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N) 📺	📺 Family Feud 📺 Wheel of Fortune "Collette" (N)	Chicago Med "We All Know What They Say About Assumptions" Asher and Archer clash with Jack Dayton. (N) 📺 (DVS)	Chicago Fire "How Does It End?" Truck and squad clash. (N) 📺 (DVS)	Chicago P.D. "I Can Let You Go" Sean O'Neal surprises Upton. (N) 📺 (DVS)		📺 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 📺 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)		(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon 📺	(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers 📺		
26 WGBA												
12 WJFW												
PBS	PBS NewsHour (N) 📺		Nature "WildHeart" The 500-year-old Scots pine tree. (N) 📺 (DVS)	NOVA "Beyond the Elements: Indestructible" Glass, rubber and plastic. 📺 (DVS)		Secrets of the Dead "World War Speed" Amphetamine use during World War II. 📺		Finding Your Roots With Henry Louis Gates, Jr. "Secret Lives" Comics Carol Burnett and Niecy Nash. 📺		Why Race Matters Exploration of issues affecting Wisconsin's black communities; host Angela Fitzgerald.		
20 WHRM												
36 WLEF												
68 WPNE												
32 WACY	Family Feud 📺	Two/Half Men	Dateline "The Story of Somebody"	Chicago P.D. "Care Under Fire" 📺	My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	Mom 📺		
45 WTPX	Blue Bloods "Past Tense" 📺		Blue Bloods "Two-Faced" 📺	Blue Bloods "Rectify" 📺	Blue Bloods "Common Enemies"		Blue Bloods "Strange Bedfellows"		Blue Bloods "Identity" 📺			
CW	📺 The Big Bang Theory 📺 📺 Divorce Court (N) 📺	📺 The Big Bang Theory 📺 📺 Divorce Court 📺	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Alyson's Smart Ass" Donny Osmond; Dani Daortiz; Ben Train. 📺	Kung Fu "Rescue" Mei-Li must make an impossible decision. 📺	📺 Last Man Standing 📺 📺 The Liquidator 📺	📺 Seinfeld 📺 📺 Chicago P.D. 📺 (DVS)	📺 The National Desk (N) (Live)	📺 The National Desk (N) 📺 black-ish "Daddy's Day"	📺 Last Man Standing 📺 📺 black-ish 📺	📺 Young Sheldon 📺 📺 Family Guy 📺		
14 WCWF												
64 WYOW												

THURSDAY				EVENING						JAN. 19			
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC	Ⓜ News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	Entertainment To- night (N) Ⓜ	Celebrity Jeopardy! "Quarterfinal 9: B.J. No- vak, Brendan Hunt and Cari Champion" B.J. Novak, Brendan Hunt; Cari Champion. (N) Ⓜ		The Parent Test "Bubble Wrapped Chil- dren" (N) Ⓜ (DVS)		The Chase "Most Shocking Rose Cer- emony Ever" Buzzy Cohen faces game show veterans. (N) Ⓜ (DVS)		Ⓜ News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) Ⓜ Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! Ⓜ	(:37) Nightline (N) Ⓜ		
CBS	Ⓜ Local 5 News at 6:00	Ⓜ Local 5 News at 6:30	Young Sheldon Shel- don faces an ethical dilemma. Ⓜ (DVS)	(:31) Ghosts Hetty develops an unusu- al relationship. Ⓜ	(:01) So Help Me Todd Ⓜ		CSI: Vegas Ⓜ		Ⓜ Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) Ⓜ NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert Ⓜ	(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden Ⓜ		
FOX	Ⓜ The Big Bang Theory Ⓜ	Ⓜ The Big Bang Theory Ⓜ	Hell's Kitchen (N) Ⓜ (DVS)		(:01) Welcome to Flatch Ⓜ (DVS)	Call Me Kat Ⓜ (DVS)		Ⓜ NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) Ⓜ Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	Ⓜ Seinfeld George conceals his ATM code from Susan. Ⓜ	Ⓜ Seinfeld "The Wizard" Ⓜ Ⓜ Fox 11 News at 10 (N) Ⓜ	Ⓜ Last Man Standing Ⓜ Ⓜ (:07) The King of Queens Ⓜ	Ⓜ Last Man Standing Ⓜ Ⓜ (:35) The King of Queens Ⓜ	
NBC	Ⓜ NBC26 News at 6pm (N) Ⓜ	Ⓜ Family Feud Ⓜ Wheel of For- tune "Collette" (N)	Law & Order "Almost Famous" Price and Maroun take a risk. (N) Ⓜ (DVS)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Blood Out" Velasco takes drastic ac- tion. (N) Ⓜ (DVS)		Law & Order: Organized Crime "Part- ners in Crime" Stabler gets a secret mission. (N) Ⓜ (DVS)		Ⓜ NBC26 News at 10pm (N) Ⓜ Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Ⓜ		(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers Ⓜ	
PBS	PBS NewsHour (N) Ⓜ		John McGivern's Main Streets "Chicago's Lincoln Square, Illinois" (N)	Wisconsin Foodie "Calderone Club: San Giorgio" (N)	Agatha Christie's Poirot "Murder on the Orient Express" Poirot investigates the murder of a shady American business- man. Ⓜ		Bad Move "Shut Up" A rehearsing band interrupts the peace.	American Experience "Zora Neale Hurston: Claiming a Space" Author Zora Neale Hurston. Ⓜ (DVS)					
WACY	Family Feud Ⓜ	Two/Half Men	Dateline "Breakout" Ⓜ		Chicago P.D. "Politics" Ⓜ		My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	Mom Ⓜ	
WTPX	Chicago P.D. Ⓜ		Chicago P.D. "Life Is Fluid" Ⓜ		Chicago P.D. Ⓜ		Chicago P.D. Ⓜ		Chicago P.D. "Debts of the Past"	Chicago P.D. "End of Watch" Ⓜ			
CW	Ⓜ The Big Bang Theory Ⓜ	Ⓜ The Big Bang Theory Ⓜ	Walker "Buffering" A hostage situation at a server farm. (N) Ⓜ		Walker Independence "Strange Bedfel- lows" Abby starts to question everything. (N) Ⓜ		Ⓜ Last Man Stand- ing Ⓜ Ⓜ The Liquidator Ⓜ	Ⓜ Seinfeld "The Wizard" Ⓜ Ⓜ Chicago P.D. "Poli- tics" Ⓜ	Ⓜ The National Desk (N) (Live)	Ⓜ The National Desk (N) (Live) Ⓜ black-ish Ⓜ	Ⓜ Last Man Standing Ⓜ Ⓜ black-ish Ⓜ	Ⓜ Young Shel- don Ⓜ Ⓜ Family Guy Ⓜ	

Lung cancer screening guidelines change

Conkright added that smoking is still the greatest risk factor in developing lung cancer, so awareness, prevention and early diagnosis all play a part in reducing the lung cancer death rate.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, JAN. 13**SATURDAY, JAN. 14**

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18

THURSDAY, JAN. 19

SHAWANO: Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce Membership Celebration and Awards, 5:15 p.m. social, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. program, The Gathering, 2600 E. Richmond St.

FRIDAY			EVENING						JAN. 20			
	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 WAOW WBAY	9 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N) 9 Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment To-night (N) 1 2	Shark Tank Guest shark Daniel Lubetzky. (N) 1 2 (DVS)		(:01) 20/20 1 2				9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) 9 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! 1 2		(:37) Nightline (N) 2
CBS WFRV WSAW	9 Local 5 News at 6:00 11 (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6	9 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 2 9 Inside Edition (N) 1 2	S.W.A.T. 1 2		Fire Country "Mama Bear" A former firefighter looks for revenge. (N) 1 2		Blue Bloods 1 2 (DVS)		9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 9 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert 1 2		(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden 1 2
FOX WZAW WLUK	59 The Big Bang Theory 1 2 11 Jeopardy! (N) 1 2	59 The Big Bang Theory 2 11 Wheel of Fortune (N) 2	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) 1 (Live)				59 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	59 Seinfeld Health-club worker be-friends Jerry. 1 2	59 Seinfeld "The Burning" 2 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) 2 11 (:35) Seinfeld 2	59 Last Man Standing 2 11 (:07) The King of Queens 2	59 Last Man Standing 2 11 (:07) The King of Queens 2	59 The Goldbergs 1 11 (:35) The King of Queens 1
NBC WGBA WJFW	13 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 2 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N) 2	13 Family Feud 12 Wheel of Fortune "Collette" (N)	Lopez vs Lopez "Lopez vs Van Bryan" (N) 1 2 (DVS)	Young Rock (N) 1 2 (DVS)	Dateline NBC (N) 1 2			13 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon 1 2			(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers 1 2
PBS WHRM WLEF WPNE	PBS NewsHour (N) 1 2		Washington Week (N) 1 2	Here and Now	The Suspicions of Mr Whicher Whicher saves a lady from a robbery. (Part 2 of 4)		The Goes Wrong Show "There Is No Escape" Company stages a play about a prisoner.	(:01) 400 Years: Taking the Knee 1 2				The Caverns Sessions "Cha Wa" A performance by Cha Wa. 1 2
WACY WTPX	Family Feud 1 Hawaii Five-0 1 2	Two/Half Men	Dateline "The Target" 1 2		Chicago P.D. "Monster" 1		My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	Mom 1 2
CW WCWF WYOW	13 The Big Bang Theory 1 2 13 Divorce Court (N) 1 2	13 The Big Bang Theory 1 2 13 Divorce Court 1 2	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Penn & Teller Animal Style" Jo De Rijck; Nick Paul; Sachin KM. (N) 1 2		Crisis Angel's Magic With the Stars "Enigma" Donny Osmond and Debbie Gibson perform. (N) 1 2		13 Last Man Standing 2 13 The Liquidator 2	13 Seinfeld "The Burning" 1 13 Chicago P.D. "Monster" 1	13 The National Desk (N) (Live) 13 black-ish "Chop Shop" 1	13 The National Desk (N) (Live) 13 black-ish 2	13 Last Man Standing 2 13 black-ish 2	13 Young Sheldon 1 13 Family Guy 1

Governor's Business Plan Contest open for 2023

The 20th annual Wisconsin Governor's Business Plan Contest is accepting entries online for the 2023 competition until 11:59 p.m. Jan. 31.

The Wisconsin Technology Council produces the contest to encourage entrepreneurs statewide in the startup stages of tech-based businesses. It links up-and-coming entrepreneurs with a statewide network of community resources, expert advice and mentoring, management talent and possible sources of capital.

Over time, the contest has led to valuable exposure for each year's top business plans while spurring company and job growth in Wisconsin. In 2022, finalists shared in about \$125,000 in cash and service prizes. The contest's major sponsors include the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp.

For their initial entries, contestants will submit a 250-word idea abstract online at govsbizplancontest.com. Contestants will also find business plan templates, startup information, networking contacts and technical resources from a mix of state and national resources on the website.

Contestants who advance to subsequent contest rounds will expand their plan in stages. About 80 volunteer judges drawn from finance, sales, marketing, research and technology sectors across Wisconsin and beyond will score the entries and provide feedback on submissions.

To get started, contestants must create a simple account at www.govsbizplancontest.com. All entries are submitted through the website. Wisconsin residents 18 years old and older are eligible, as are teams from Wisconsin-based businesses, schools and organizations. At least one member of a school team must be 18. Entrepreneurs may also enter multiple ideas, though each idea must be separate and distinct.

Companies or individuals that have not received angel or venture capital for their business plan in its current form are eligible to enter. There is no fee to enter. As with past contests, the 2023 competition will take place in stages:

- In Phase 1, which is open until 11:59 p.m. Jan. 31, the contest will accept idea abstracts on the website. Entries should be roughly 250 words and will be graded by the pool of BPC judges.

The top 50 idea abstracts will advance to Phase 2.

- In Phase 2, which runs from Feb. 20 through 5 p.m. March 13, the top 50 idea abstracts will submit an executive summary. The top 20 executive summaries will advance to Phase 3. A mentored "boot camp" for contestants will be held during this phase.

- In Phase 3, which runs from April 3 through 5 p.m. April 24, the top 20 executive summaries will prepare pitch decks with voiceover audio up

to 15 minutes long. Judges will review the videos and pick three finalists from each of the four categories to advance to the final live presentation round. Mentored practice sessions will be offered to the top 12 in late May.

The top 12, or "Diligent Dozen," will square off with live presentations during the Wisconsin Entrepreneurs' Conference in June 2022.

To enter, become a judge or learn about sponsorship opportunities, visit govsbizplancontest.com.

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GUEST COLUMN

Fearless Forecasters give 2023 best shot

Wisconsin Governor-elect Tim Michels joined the group for lunch last week, celebrating the bright red wave that carried him to victory over incumbent Tony Evers in November's mid-term elections.

Oh, wait.

That only happened in the alternate reality created by the often wrong but never in doubt members of the hapless group known only as Forecasters Anonymous, in the predictions they made at the end of December 2021.

For newcomers to the subject — congratulate yourselves for remaining blissfully unaware to this date of such a pitiful exercise in futility — here's a brief introduction to Forecasters Anonymous. Every year for longer than anyone can remember — even the elder member at age 91 — the group has gathered near the end of one year to make predictions about the next.

Members tend to be household names in southern Wisconsin, long-time leaders in industry, finance, academia and business. Not sure why I get in, although it's probably because I work cheap and have a skill set sorely lacking among other members, namely the ability to make nouns and verbs fit into a coherent (sometimes) sentence.

Members insist on anonymity for good reason, because publicly reveal-



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ing the names behind their sorry predictions would prove embarrassing in the extreme and strip away any carefully crafted images of competence. As Abraham Lincoln said, "Better to remain silent (or, in this case, anonymous) and be thought a fool than to speak and to remove all doubt."

How wrong can one be in a random survey of questions about local, state and national conditions?

Well.

The best among the group got 12 out of 30 questions wrong. That's 60% right. I'm still able to recall, so long ago, the teachers who routinely shook their heads in disappointment as they graded my papers. A 60% score translated to an F, not that I ever received one of those — and, remember, journalists never lie.

So what was the lowest score among Forecasters' members? It was 20 wrong out of 30. That, of course, is a third right — or .333. A score guaranteed to draw the teacher's scorn. On the other hand, as a batting average it would put you in the Hall of Fame. Everything is relative.

Here are a few of the wild misses

for 2022 recorded by the Forecasters:

- The Green Bay Packers did not win the Super Bowl. The victory went to the Rams.

- Home buyers could not get 3-4% mortgages toward the end of the year. The going rate is about 6-7%.

- Gasoline prices? Most believed it would stay sky-high, while falling prices are in the \$3 range.

- There was doubt the Supreme Court would overturn Roe v. Wade, but that's exactly what the justices ruled.

- Almost no one saw season attendance at the Beloit Sky Carp's ABC Supply Stadium games reaching six figures, but the number turned out to be 102,794.

- Would a disabled Tiger Woods play a PGA Tour event? Most said no; the answer is yes.

Enough of the past. Let's look to the future.

Past records of futility aside, Forecasters members have boldly tried again. Here's what the Forecasters see for 2023:

- The U.S. economy will fall into recession. It should be noted, by the way, that members struggled to define what constitutes a recession, so take it with a grain of salt.

- The price of gasoline will be stable, at around \$3.25.

- Mortgage interest rates will dip slightly, to around 5.5%.

- The Dow Jones average will end the year at about 34,000.

- The Astros will win the World Series. Either Philadelphia or Kansas City will win the Super Bowl.

- Former President Donald Trump will be indicted on criminal charges.

- Hunter Biden will not.

- The Republican-backed candidate for Wisconsin's Supreme Court will win in the spring election, maintaining conservatives' 4-3 majority. It's a nonpartisan election, so it's wrong to say the voting pits Republicans and Democrats against each other. Right?

- Both Ron DeSantis and Gavin Newsom will seek their party's presidential nomination.

There's more, but discretion suggests the Forecasters can only stand so much embarrassment. We'll see how it all comes out next December.

Meanwhile, dear readers, the group wishes you a Happy New Year and urges you to live your lives without concern for whatever dire predictions may be heard. After all, they're probably wrong anyway. As the old saying goes, life is what happens while you're making other plans.

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Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District

Official Minutes of the Board of Education

November 28, 2022

Meeting called to order by President Chuck Wendler, pursuant to WI.STATS.1984 (1). Superintendent Rogowski verified that this meeting was posted and published as required by law.

Roll Call of the Board: Eight Board Members were present. Hanson was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve the Minutes: (Stuart-Olson) moved to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2022 regular meeting as circulated. Roll Call: 8 yes. Motion carried.

Communications & Delegations: In attendance along with Board Members were: Garrett Rogowski, Jill Resch, Cole Irish, Stuart Russ, Megan Marcks, Jill Meverden, Erin Tuskowski, Luke Reimer, Taylor Bergner, Nikki Steigerwald, Paul Yeager, and Amber Danielski. Thank you cards were received from the family of Patricia Wendler for a funeral arrangement, and from the family of Sonja Block for a funeral arrangement.

Public Comments: Superintendent Garrett Rogowski recognized President Chuck Wendler for his 20 Year Recognition Award from WASB. The Board thanked Chuck for his commitment to the district and Chuck thanked the Board for being a great team.

Board Concerns or Reports: Meredith attended the Cesa 8 meeting and gave a report. Magee and Wendler attended the WASB Regional Meeting.

Student Representative: Taylor Bergner, Student Senate Member, said for the week of Thanksgiving they had Turkey Bowling and other festivities and gave out treats. Coming up for Christmas they will decorate the commons, frost and distribute cookies and milk to all students and staff and the students will be able to watch a movie. The Snow Ball will be the next thing on their agenda.

Financial Report: (Magee-Schmidt) made a motion to pay the following as of November 28, 2022: budgetary checks numbering 107452-107643 in the amount of \$525,307.37, payroll checks numbering 142509-14531 in the amount of \$30,013.02, direct deposit advices in the amount of \$463,622.65, ACH payments in the amount of \$473,877.47 and credit card payments in the amount of \$26,209.76. Superintendent Rogowski reported a cash on deposit as of November 28, 2022 of \$2,993,641.14 and LGIP Account balance of \$3,347.48. Roll call vote: 8 yes. Hanson absent. Motion carried.

Approve Agenda: (Schmidt-Olson) moved to approve the agenda including closed session items: Motion passes.

Administrative Reports:

-Cole Irish, Birnamwood Elementary and Middle School Principal, said 94% of Elementary Students and 43% of Middle School Students attended Parent Teacher Conferences. PTO sponsored a great Halloween Party and the Alice Drill went well.

-Nick Firari, Wittenberg Elementary and Middle School Principal, shared that December 9th Santa's Workshop will be held. 91% of Elementary Students and 46% of Middle School Students attended Parent Teacher Conferences. The Veterans Day assembly went well and the School dance was very well attended.

-Stuart Russ, Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School Principal, shared important dates. Gave an update on the sports teams and thanked the School Board for allowing students and staff to take the day off for the Volleyball State Tournament. He also updated the board on the theatre program saying the play, "Little Women", just wrapped up and they are now working on the musical, "The Little Mermaid" that will be presented this spring.

-Megan Marcks, Director of Pupil Services, talked about ELL Professional Development. She also said the Admin Team attended the Annual Ho-Chunk Indigenous Gathering. Marcks talked about the DPI data pull coming in December and gave an update on Special Education numbers.

-Pool report was shared by Rudy Rudeen. They have been very busy with lessons and the 4th and 5th grade students will start swim classes soon. There are also several maintenance projects going on.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Amber Danielski from CLA was here to give the 2020-2021 Fiscal Audit Results. This is done annually. She stated she appreciates the relationship they have with our district. She talked about Governmental activities, as well as major and smaller funds. Amber shared that everything checked out and she was very impressed with our Business Manager, Kim Moede, and her team. Amber also answered questions from the Board.

Paul Yeager, Transportation Director, gave a report on our transportation fleet conditions and numbers of bus drivers and subs. He said everything is running smoothly.

Nikki Steigerwald, District Literacy Coordinator, facilitated the required Title I Stakeholders Meeting that is necessary to receive Title I funds. She also gave a background of Title I and told how the funds are used.

Each building principal gave a Safety Drill Report and appropriate Evaluations Forms were filled out and signed.

(Olson-Schmidt) moved to approve the Resolution for the 23-24 School Year Start Date Monday, August 28, 2024 as presented. Motion carried.

(Stewart-Magee) moved to approve the resignation of Charity Fraaza, Varsity Head Softball Coach, and Sue Boldig, 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach. Motion carried.

Adjournment: (Stewart-Schmidt) moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:19pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Resch

School Board Secretary

WASP claims 2nd place at home meet

The Wittenberg Area Swim Program turned in a second-place finish as a team at the Winter Wonderland meet at Darwin E. Smith Community Aquatic Center on Dec. 17 in Wittenberg.

WASP scored 1,484½ points, behind only Woodson Y Northern Swimmer's 1,536. Brenna Behreandt, Kalee Gilmeister and Laura Gilmeister served as WASP's coaches for the meet.

Competing for WASP was: Elizabeth Behnke (12): 14th, 50 breaststroke (50.88); 16th, 100 freestyle (1:34.01); 18th, 50 backstroke, (50.94).

Brody Beran (8): third, 25 freestyle (23.25).

Natalie Bessette (10): 19th, 50 freestyle (55.08); 20th, 50 backstroke (1:05.47).

Kyten Brauer (8): fifth, 25 freestyle (29.51).

Ella Budleski (14): first, 50 freestyle (28.04), 200 IM (2:50.78) and 100 breaststroke (1:26.28); second, 100 freestyle (1:02.53).

Levi Burclaw (12): second, 100 freestyle (1:27.45); third, 50 breaststroke (51.72); fifth, 50 backstroke (43.04); sixth, 50 freestyle (35.81).

Jaylyn Clark (10): 18th, 50 backstroke (1:01.76); 22nd, 50 freestyle (59.51).

Kaydence Crick (9): first, 50 backstroke (44.69); third, 100 breaststroke (1:52.16) and 50 freestyle (39.19); fourth, 50 butterfly (1:00.25).

Peyton Crick (9): first, 100 backstroke (1:37.05), 50 butterfly (52.23) and 100 breaststroke (1:46.88); seventh, 50 freestyle (41.16).

Rylee Crick (12): first, 200 IM (2:41.93); second, 500 freestyle (6:39.51).

Addison Fuller (8): first, 25 butterfly (26.41); second, 25 freestyle (22.67); third, 25 breaststroke (36.62).



The Wittenberg Area Swim Program placed second at a home meet on Dec. 17.

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Megan Gilmeister (14): second, 200 IM (2:54.33) and 500 freestyle (6:45.48).

Lilyana Groh (11): 15th, 50 backstroke (49.07); 21st, 50 freestyle (39.41).

Milayna Groh (10): ninth, 50 backstroke (51.09); 25th, 50 freestyle (1:18.42).

Evelyn Hegewald (9): second, 100 freestyle (1:39.26); sixth, 50 freestyle (40.99) and 50 backstroke (50.49).

Grace Hegewald (11): third, 100 backstroke (1:37.23) and 100 breaststroke (1:46.59); seventh, 100 IM (1:38.57); 14th, 100 freestyle (1:31.91).

Matilda Hegewald (11): eighth, 100 IM (1:39.8); 11th, 50 breaststroke (49.47); 12th, 100 freestyle (1:23.39); 17th, 50 freestyle (35.97).

Phoenix Horacek (11): first, 50 backstroke (39.04); third, 50 freestyle (34.81).

Halley Innes (9): second, 100 IM (1:49.81); fifth, 50 breaststroke (56.3);

eighth, 50 backstroke (51.04).

Abigail Lueck (12): fifth, 100 freestyle (1:14.11); sixth, 50 freestyle (32.67) and 50 backstroke (39.19); 12th, 50 breaststroke (49.67).

Kaden Lueck (14): second, 50 freestyle (31.45), 50 backstroke (40.01) and 100 freestyle (1:15.09); third, 50 breaststroke (45.81).

Sophia Lueck (10): 18th, 50 freestyle (52.88).

Aiden Rasmussen (9): sixth, 50 backstroke (1:15.56); ninth, 50 freestyle (1:09.79).

Aislyn Sauter (10): third, 100 freestyle (1:40.93) and 50 breaststroke (51.24); seventh, 50 backstroke (50.8); eighth, 50 freestyle (41.27).

Sawyer Spolar (8): fourth, 25 freestyle (26.18) and 25 backstroke (30.21).

Kenzie Stark (12): second, 200 IM (3:09.82); fourth, 50 butterfly (38.17); fifth, 50 freestyle (32.38) and 50 breast-

stroke (41.14).

Josalin Stewart (9): fourth, 50 backstroke (49.57) and 50 breaststroke (53.86); 10th, 50 freestyle (43.44).

Maddison Suess (12): 11th, 50 butterfly (50.52); 15th, 50 breaststroke (51.99); 18th, 50 freestyle (36.11).

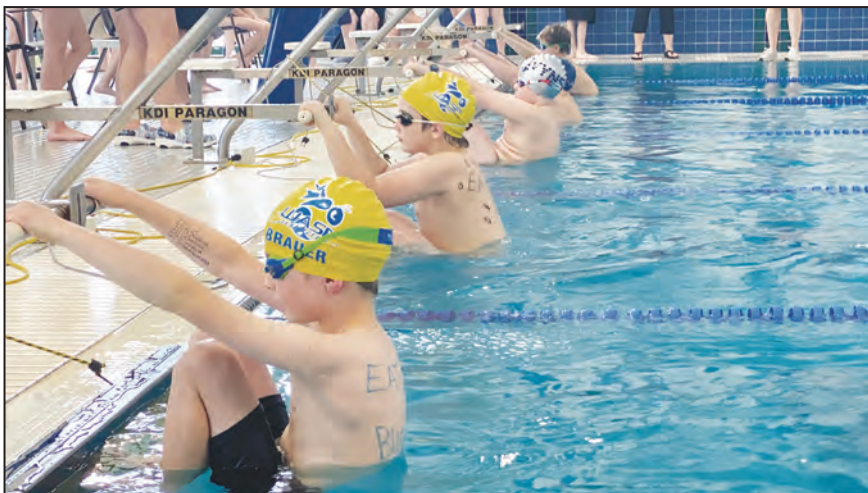
Clara Traut (11): 16th, 50 backstroke (50.01); 25th, 50 freestyle (42.89).

Sophia Wendler (10): first, 50 freestyle (36.52); fifth, 50 backstroke (49.68); seventh, 50 breaststroke (58.87).

Vanessa Wendorski (9): 24th, 50 freestyle (1:07.19).

Aubrey Wierzba (10): first, 100 IM (1:42.75) and 100 freestyle (1:37.88); second, 50 breaststroke (51.22) and 50 freestyle (39.16).

Makayla Wild (10): second, 50 backstroke (45.54) and 50 butterfly (55.62); third, 100 IM (1:55.31); ninth, 50 breaststroke (1:03.73)



WASP's Kyten Brauer, left, and Brody Beran prepare to hit the water during a meet on Dec. 17 in Wittenberg.

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WASP's Aislyn Sauter swims the 50 breaststroke during a meet on Dec. 17 in Wittenberg.

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BOOKS AND STUFF

Welsh setting enhances family drama

Helen Payton's "Bread and Buttermilk" takes place at the end of World War I in the village of Carreg-y-Bedd, Wales. Emyr and Mali Tudor, Mali's mother Nain and their children Bethan, Twm, Brad, Caron and Sion run Cwyn-y-Gwynt, one of the most successful farms in the area.

The close-knit community revolves around the chapel presided over by pastor Daniel Ellis. Mali Tudor likes to portray herself as a caring neighbor and friend, but in truth she rules the household with an iron fist and uses information to get her way.

The story opens on Easter morning with Twm discovering Gwyn Parry's body floating in Pwll Berw. Gwyn was Twm's best friend. It had only been about a year since Gwyn returned from the fighting in France. The experience made the already quiet Gwyn almost mute. Everyone knew that Twm's brother Brad had died a hero, but Gwyn refused to share any details.

Dr. Richard Owen notes that Gwyn had bruises on his upper body and a severe wound to his head, but an inquest can't say if it happened before or after his body entered the water. As life in village went on, Twm can't help wondering what happened to his dear friend.

Like every spring before, the Gypsy caravans return to the village. They are a welcome sight as their leader, Moses is a wizard with horses and the men and boys were hired for many farm tasks.



JAN JONES

Moses' oldest boy, Abram, catches the eye of Caron Tudor. A relationship between a Tudor and a Gypsy was forbidden, but Caron is a romantic teenager. Soon, fate puts the

two together and a secret romance begins.

At the same time, Twm spends his free time working with Dr. Owen. He has hopes of becoming a doctor, though Mali insists that he must inherit and run the farm. Twm hates farming and knows that Brad would be a better choice, but Mali won't listen.

Twm's memories keep returning to the contentious relationship he, Brad and Gwyn had with Codoc and Gethin Morgan. That family had a reputation for underhanded and cruel behavior and often fought with Twm and his friends. Did Codoc beat Gwyn and push him into the pond? Twm can't think of anyone else who would have done it.

Twm is so involved with his own issues that he doesn't notice the changes in Caron. The naïve teen is pregnant, the Gypsies have moved on and Caron is terrified (with good reason) of telling Mali.

At the same time Bethan has set her sights on marrying Daniel Ellis. At first he resists but sud-

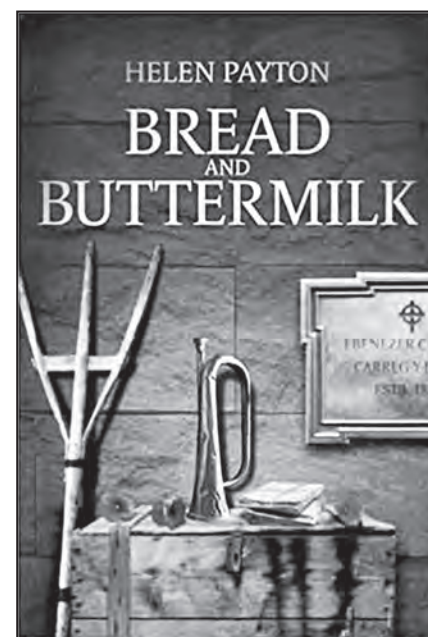
AT A GLANCE

BOOK: Bread and Buttermilk
AUTHOR: Helen Payton
PUBLISHER: Hiraethog Press
YEAR PUBLISHED: 2021
NUMBER OF PAGES: 365

denly decides it would be a good idea. When told of Caron's condition, Mali and Nain send Caron to a distant relative in Aberporth where she gives birth to baby Arthur. She loves him intensely and is devastated when he is taken away for adoption and she is sent home to face Mali's continued cruelty and plans for Bethan's wedding.

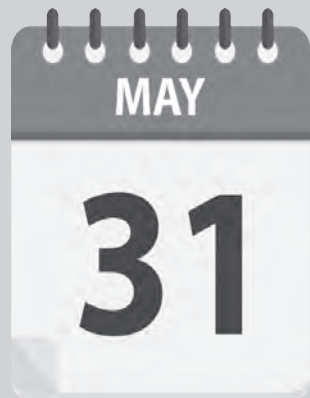
Things comes to a head, and the final paragraph of the book confirms something that had only been hinted at. This revelation would be a perfect opening for a sequel. At least I hope it will happen.

Long ago I read a snippet that said "Don't Die Wondering." It may have had a specific meaning, but



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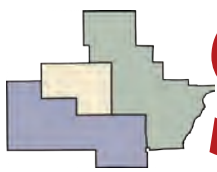
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WITT-BIRN PICKS UP CWC-EAST WIN

Chargers pull away in 2nd half

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Wittenberg-Biramwood's Mason Meverden soars in for a layup during the team's conference win over Manawa on Jan. 6 in Wittenberg.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Charger duo powers team past Wolves

Miller, Meverden
combine for 52 points
in win over Manawa

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School boys basketball team earned a 63-54 Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division win over Manawa on Jan. 6 in Wittenberg behind big games from Michael Miller and Mason Meverden.

Miller led the Chargers with 31 points on the night, making 12 field goals — including three 3-pointers — and four free throws. Meverden hit eight shots, with four 3-pointers and a big three-point play late.

Witt-Birn struggled to get things going offensively early in the game. The team turned to some full-court pressure to get things turned around.

"I think we did really good in that press for the first time this year and it showed on offense and defense," said Miller. "We were able to get stops early and come back in the first half to get a lead."

The Chargers trailed 6-1 about 3½ minutes into play before turning to its trapping full-court press.

Meverden knocked down a 3-pointer for the Chargers first field goal with about 13:20 to play in the half, but soon the team trailed 11-4. It was about halfway through the opening half when the press really started to make a difference on each end of the court, and the Chargers went from down seven points to up nine by halftime.

"Right away at the start of the game, we kind of fell down by like seven points, then we started pressuring more, got some easy baskets off some turnovers — it got us going and then we had some more offensive rhythm, hit some 3s and we were up (nine)," said Meverden.

Meverden also hit the Chargers' second field goal of the contest before Miller caught fire.

Miller buried a 3-pointer with about 9:25 to play in the half and then got an easy basket after a steal on the press.

Manawa pulled back ahead by seven before Meverden knocked down back-to-back baskets, the sec-



Witt-Birn's Michael Miller follows through on a jumpshot during a CWC-East win over Manawa on Jan. 6 in Wittenberg.

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ond one being off another steal.

A Miller 3-pointer was followed by a Meverden triple, giving Witt-Birn its first lead, 22-19.

Witt-Birn's 19-3 finish to the half continued with another Miller basket, before Marshall Fraaza became

the third Charger to hit a field goal. Miller connected on his third triple of the half before Jett Rogowski capped the scoring in the half with a bucket.

As it has with many of its conference games this season, Manawa

continued to play hard in the second half and made Witt-Birn go out and earn the win.

Miller hit Witt-Birn's only field goal in the first seven-plus minutes of the half, but the Chargers' strong defensive effort still had the team up 33-27.

After a timeout, a Miller bucket and two Meverden triples gave the Chargers a 12-point advantage, but the hosts went scoreless for the next couple minutes, allowing Manawa to sneak back within six.

After getting a quick rest on the bench, Miller re-entered the game and promptly went on a personal 6-0 run. The first two baskets came on fastbreak looks before he made a pretty reverse layup in traffic.

"They did good on spacing, which definitely opens up lanes for me to do what I'm probably the best at, which is my dribbling," said Miller of what his teammates did to get him so many great looks.

Rogowski added a fastbreak basket before Meverden converted a three-point play, which put Witt-Birn up 52-37 with 4:26 to play.

While the score might have indicated the game was just about out of reach, Manawa continued to battle and got the deficit under 10 with just over a minute to play.

Fittingly, a Miller layup helped seal the game, while free throws from Casey Kielman, Rogowski and Miller served as the team's final points in the contest.

"Any time you get a win in your conference that's good obviously. But Manawa, they played Wega (Weyauwega-Fremont) tough, Shiocton tough, they play everybody tough and don't get blown out," said Meverden. "This just lets us know we're right there with everybody else. We know there's room to improve — we got better with our full-court pressure and some zone defense — and we're just getting better and better by day and when it pays off in a win, it's a big confidence booster."

Manawa 22 32 — 54

Witt-Birn 31 32 — 63

Witt-Birn (63): Jett Rogowski 1-2 5, Michael Miller 4-5 31, Marshall Fraaza 1-2 3, Casey Kielman 2-2 2, Mason Meverden 1-1 21, Ian Salvesen 1-2 1.

Manawa (54): Tanner Nienhaus 5-6 17, Hunter Schlueter 2-2 4, Trevor Krueger 1-3 11, Nathan Gorman 3-5 17, Brady Zemple 0-0 2, Rohan Hass 1-3 3.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Saginaw Valley State University

Shawano Community High School graduate Tori DePerry had a big week



TORI DEPERRY

on the court for the Saginaw Valley State women's basketball team.

In a loss to Michigan Tech on Jan. 5, DePerry tallied 31 points, eight rebounds, two assists and a steal across 34 minutes. She hit 11 field goals and eight free throws.

DePerry totaled 18 points, 14 rebounds, two steals and an assist across 34 minutes in a loss to Northern Michigan on Jan. 7.

St. Cloud State University

Pulaski grad Jasmine Litt has played either six or seven minutes in the St. Cloud State women's basketball team's past three games.

Across seven minutes in a win over Northern State, Litt recorded two points. Litt had a block, assist and rebound across six minutes in a loss

to Minnesota State on Jan. 6. In seven minutes and a win over Concordia St. Paul on Jan. 7, Litt had three points, two steals and a block.

Bemidji State University

Shawano graduate Brooke Theis started the past two games for the Bemidji State women's basketball team.

Across 15 minutes in a loss to Upper Iowa on Jan. 6, Theis contributed two points, three rebounds and two steals.

Theis played 19 minutes in the team's loss to Winona State on Jan. 7, tallying four points, three boards, one block and one steal.

Wisconsin Lutheran College

Pulaski grad Trevor Stiede played 37 minutes across a pair of games for the Wisconsin Lutheran College men's basketball team last week.



TREVOR STIEDE

In a win over St. Norbert on Jan. 3, Stiede played 24 minutes — accumulating seven points, two rebounds, one as-

sist and one steal. Stiede posted three points, three steals, two rebounds and one assist across 13 minutes in a win over Rockford on Jan. 7.

Bonduel grad Kara Troxel played in both of the WLC women's basketball team's wins last week.

Troxel had two points, one rebound and one assist across 17 minutes in a victory against the Milwaukee School of Engineering on Jan. 4. She then tallied three points, two rebounds and two assists in a win over Rockford on Jan. 7.

Cardinal Stritch University

Gillett grad Aubrey DeBauch helped the Cardinal Stritch women's basketball team to a 1-1 record last week.



AUBREY DEBAUCH

In a win over Trinity International on Jan. 4, DeBauch posted 10 points, eight rebounds, six assists, one block and one steal. She then had seven points, four boards and two assists in a loss to St. Francis on Jan. 7.

St. Martin's University

Gresham graduate Christian Haffner played 14 minutes off the bench during the St. Martin's men's basketball team's win over Western Oregon on Jan. 7.

During his time on the court, Haffner tallied three points and three rebounds.

UW-Parkside

Pulaski graduate Sheridan Flauger continued to start for the UW-Parkside women's basketball team over the past two games.

Playing 32 minutes in a loss to Grand Valley State on Jan. 5, Flauger had six points, three rebounds, two assists and a steal.

Flauger tallied eight points, three rebounds and three assists across 26 minutes in a win over Davenport on Jan. 7.

Concordia University

Shawano grad Rachel Reed logged two minutes in the Concordia women's basketball team's loss to Lakeland on Jan. 4.

Reed recorded an assist during her time on the court.

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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Oconto Falls posts perfect mark at home quad

Panthers drop just 2 bouts all night

By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

The Oconto Falls High School wrestling team posted a 3-0 record during a quad on Jan. 5 in Oconto Falls.

The Panthers picked up wins over Clintonville (54-24), Kewaunee (54-24) and Oconto (51-30).

In the opening dual against Clintonville, nine of the 14 weight classes were forfeits. Garrett Ganter (106), Taylor Whiting (113), Landon Magnin (120), Ethan Zielinski (132), Cole Bozile (138) and Jeremy Earley (152) were winners by forfeit for Oconto Falls.

After a double forfeit at 195 pounds and then a forfeit at 220, Brenner Cole earned Oconto Falls' first win of the night with a pin in 1 minute, 10 seconds at 285 pounds.

The Panthers picked up three straight forfeit wins before Hunter Bozile wrestled at 126 pounds. He won by pin in 1:28.

After two more forfeit wins, Parker Peterson won by pin in 2:35 in a 145-pound match. Another forfeit win at 152 capped the Panthers scoring in the match.

Clintonville only scored six points in weight classes wrestled — a third-period pin at 160 pounds — with three forfeit wins bumping up its score.

Ten weight classes were forfeited in the dual between Oconto Falls and Kewaunee. After Kewaunee grabbed the lead with a forfeit win, Oconto Falls won the next seven weight classes.



Oconto Falls' Landon Magnin, back, wrestles during the team's dual win over Kewaunee on Jan. 5 in Oconto Falls.

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Cole won by pin in 1:34 at 285 pounds before Ganter and Whit-

ing had forfeit wins at 106 and 113 pounds, respectively.

Magnin battled and won by pin in 4:30 at 120 pounds before Hunter Bozile had a forfeit win at 126 pounds. Cole Bozile had a quick pin in 1:20 at 132 pounds before Peterson got a forfeit win at 138 pounds.

After a double forfeit and Oconto Falls forfeit, Earley and Quinton McDonald picked up forfeit wins at 160 and 170 pounds, respectively, to cap the scoring in the dual for the Panthers. Kewaunee's points all came on forfeits.

Unlike the two matches proceeding it, the Oconto Falls, Oconto dual had much more wrestling action, with just five forfeits across the 14 weight classes. Oconto Falls won all but one of the weight classes it wrestled.

Cole capped his big night with a 15-second pin at 285 pounds to get Oconto Falls rolling.

Ganter and Whiting took advantage of their lone matches of the night, winning by pins in 2:42 and 1:21 at 106 and 113 pounds, respectively.

After the Panthers took a loss at 120 pounds, Zielinski got the Panthers back on track with a 6-5 decision win at 126 pounds.

Hunter Bozile followed with a pin in 3:34 at 132 pounds. Cole Bozile then won by pin in 2:21 at 138 pounds.

Peterson continued the Panther surge with a 35-second pin at 145 pounds before Earley got a forfeit win at 152 pounds.

After an Oconto Falls forfeit loss, McDonald capped the scoring on the night for the Panthers with a 54-second pin.

The dual ended with Oconto Falls forfeiting the final three weight classes.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Bonduel boys pick up CWC-East win over Manawa

Westrich keeps Bears in it before team's 3-point shooting seals win

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Bonduel High School boys basketball team got a well-rounded effort in a 63-52 Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division win over Manawa on Jan. 3 in Bonduel.

The Bears trailed by as many as nine points in the opening half, but freshman big man Ryan Westrich heated up to give the hosts a halftime lead. Bonduel was trailing by five in the second half when the team caught fire from 3-point land, which helped the team pull away.

"This is just a great confidence booster," said Westrich, who led the Bears with 20 points. "I mean, we just had a game yesterday (beating Sturgeon Bay) and two wins in a row is a lot, a lot of good things. We just got to keep it rolling, keep playing hard and keep winning games."

It was a shaky start to the contest for Bonduel. The visiting Wolves scored on their first four offensive possessions to grab a quick 9-4 advantage.

After Westrich scored the team's first four points, Noah Weier connected on a big three-point play to get the hosts within two. Manawa scored the next five points, only to have Bonduel get it right back on a basket from Owen Springborn and 3-pointer from Cade Johnson.

Westrich hit another shot and Colin Margelofsky knocked down a free throw over the next couple minutes, but the Bears couldn't slow Manawa and were soon facing a nine-point deficit, 24-15.

Triples from Margelofsky and Johnson got the Bonduel offense going again before Westrich carried the team into halftime.

Westrich scored 10 of the team's final 12 points in the half to give the hosts a 33-29 halftime advantage.

A three-point play got Westrich

going before Margelofsky chipped in a bucket. After the Wolves went ahead 29-26, Westrich converted back-to-back buckets before capping a 16-point first half with a 3-pointer right before the halftime buzzer.

"First things first, I got to give credit to all my teammates," said Westrich on what allowed him to be so successful. "They were dribbling and opening lanes which allowed for help defense and easy cuts toward the basket. We all did a pretty decent job of boxing out and I just had to finish from there when I got the ball."

After getting hot late in the half, it appeared that Bonduel might run away with the game in the second half, but it was Manawa that scored 10 of the first 13 points — Johnson hit a 3-pointer for Bonduel's points.

Weier knocked down a shot to put an end to an 8-0 Manawa run, but the Wolves scored the next four points to take a 43-38 lead.

Westrich converted his first shot of the second half to give the team a spark, and then the team caught fire from deep to completely take over the game.

Charlie Tauchen did the heavy lifting with four 3-pointers in a five-minute span.

"When I saw that first one go in, it felt good, so I kept shooting. We all made shots, it was a good team win," said Tauchen. "The first half, it wasn't falling. Second half, I got them falling and we made some plays on defense to get a good win."

Tauchen's first triple was followed by a basket from Weier. Tauchen hit another triple to force a Manawa timeout and then hit another 3 after the timeout to give the Bears a 51-43 advantage.

Manawa scored for the first time in over four minutes, but Margelofsky and Tauchen hit triples to end any thoughts of a comeback.



Bonduel's Ryan Westrich, right, takes a contested shot during a conference win over Manawa on Jan. 3 in Bonduel.

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Westrich and Johnson each converted shots before a few free throws down the stretch finished off the contest.

Bonduel ended up hitting 24 field goals in the contest, with 10 coming from behind the 3-point line. Behind Westrich's 20 points, Johnson and Tauchen each scored 12, while Margelofsky had nine and Weier seven.

"I think the defensive end — they're a great team — we played well on the defensive side and that led to offense.

It was a big win," said Tauchen.

Manawa 29 23 — 52

Bonduel 33 30 — 63

Bonduel (63): Cade Johnson 1-3 12, Colin Margelofsky 1-2 9, Ryan Westrich 1-1 20, Charlie Tauchen 0-2 12, Josiah Basten 1-2 1, Noah Weier 1-2 7, Owen Springborn 0-0 2.

Manawa (52): Tanner Nienhaus 0-0 12, Keither Jepson 0-0 6, Hunter Schleuter 0-0 4, Trevor Krueger 3-4 6, Nathan Gorman 1-5 13, Brady Zemple 0-0 2, Rohan Hass 1-1 9

ATHLETE PROFILE: ELLA WIESE

Pulaski senior wrapping up memorable career

Senior Ella Wiese is wrapping up a strong high school basketball career at Pulaski High School and serving as a leader for the team this winter.

While the team has struggled to rack up many wins, Wiese has been one of the team's top scoring threats and also helps out in every other aspect of the game.

Wiese is coming off a junior season in which she made the Fox River Classic Conference honorable mention team.

Q: When did your interest in basketball begin?

A: My interest in basketball began in first grade when I was watching my sister (Emma) play basketball every weekend, while my dad (Dave) coached her team.

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

A: My favorite part about the basketball season is being able to spend time with my teammates, not only on the court but off the court as well.

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 shooting, because when the ball goes in the hoop it makes the game a lot more fun and competitive. Especially when you're having an "on" day shooting, it definitely makes the game a lot more fun.

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

A: Over the years, the game of basketball has taught me to keep pushing for what you want even if someone tells you that you can't or you're not good enough. In 2020, I tore my ACL and, during that recovery process, I wasn't able to play my entire sophomore season. So with that is where I learned to never give up on yourself and always keep pushing.

Q: Do you have any individual



Pulaski's Ella Wiese looks for an open teammate during the team's nonconference game against New London on Nov. 21 in Pulaski.

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goals you hope to accomplish by the end of the season, and how do you plan on achieving those?

A: One goal that I would like to accomplish before the end of the season is to be shooting 50% or very close to 50% from the 3-point line. I will accomplish this by going to shoot when we don't have practice or go in before practice to shoot.

Q: Heading into the second half of the season, what are some areas in which the team wants to improve?

A: One of the things that we would like to improve on for the second half of the season is being able to run a smoother offense. With a smoother offense, you are able to slow down and not rush ourselves

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Ella Wiese
Sport: Girls basketball
Position: Shooting guard
School: Pulaski High School
Year: Senior

and take bad shots.

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 by making sure each person knows where they are supposed to be for each play, and by cheering loud when I am on the bench. Before practice starts, I lead the stretches, and I make sure that everyone is ready for practice.

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

A: Before every game, my teammate Breanna Urben braids my hair during the first half of the JV game.

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

A: My favorite memory while competing on the Pulaski girls basketball team was when we beat Notre Dame in the playoffs my freshman year.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show and musical artist?

A: Movie — "Grown Ups 2." TV show — "Yellowstone." Musical artist — Morgan Wallen.

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

A: One thing that not many people know about me is that I like to drive pickup trucks.

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

A: After high school, I would like to continue to play basketball while studying nutrition and dietetics at a four-year university.

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ATHLETE PROFILE: JACOB LANDON

Senior helping Hawks to successful season

The Shawano Community High School boys basketball team won nine of its first 11 games this winter season and is in the hunt for a Bay Conference title. Senior Jacob Landon has played a big role in the team's strong start and will continue to be a key component of the team's future success.

Through 11 games, Landon has posted averages of 11.4 points, 5.8 rebounds and 3.3 assists.

Landon scored a season-high 30 points in a nonconference win over Pulaski on Dec. 3, and he has six other games in double figures.

He's pulled down at least three rebounds in each contest and has grabbed eight boards on three occasions. Landon also has posted an assist in every game, with five being his season high — a feat he's accomplished three times.

Landon made the all-conference second team as a junior.

Q: When did your interest in basketball begin?

A: My interest began when I first started playing in second grade. I loved to compete with my teammates at an early age.

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

A: I like seeing how our team improves, whether it's game to game or throughout the season. It's great to see our team's hard work pay off.

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

A: I like to make adjustments on the fly based on what the defense is giving us. I have always been a student of the game, and being able to make these adjustments is a great feeling.

Q: What has basketball taught you over the years?

A: I think basketball has taught me patience and dedication. Many times



Shawano's Jacob Landon goes up for a shot during a nonconference game against Pulaski on Dec. 3 in Pulaski.

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on the court, we have to be patient and work to get a good shot. Years of dedication has taught me that hard work pays off. Patience, dedication and hard work will continue to be a part of my life for years to come.

Q: Do you have any individual

goals you hope to accomplish by the end of this season, and what will it take to achieve those?

A: I really want to end the season shooting 50% or better from three. It will take a combination of shot selection, repetition in practice and atten-

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Jacob Landon

Sport: Boys basketball

Position: Forward

School: Shawano Community High School

Year: Senior

tion to detail to achieve this goal.

Q: Heading into the second half of the season, what are some areas in which the team can improve?

A: I think transition defense is an area we can improve on. I think it was a big factor in some of our bigger conference games last year, as well as our only conference loss so far this year. It's an area that is mostly based on being aware and hustling.

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

A: I try to teach the younger players on the team. Teaching them makes the team better and gives me a chance to process and reinforce my fundamentals. I also try to be vocal; positivity can go a long ways on and off the court.

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

A: One of my favorite memories was the celebration after I made a layup to send our regional final game into overtime my junior year.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show and musical artist?

A: Movie — "Martian." TV show — "Major League Fishing." Musical artist — Morgan Wallen.

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

A: I wrestled from kindergarten to fourth grade while playing basketball.

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

A: I hope to attend a four-year college in pursuit of a business degree. I would also like to stay around the game — coaching, reffing or playing.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Suring girls come up short against Coleman

Eagles outscored 6-0 in final 2 minutes

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Suring High School girls basketball team appeared poised to hand Coleman its first Marinette & Oconto Conference loss of the season, but was outscored 6-0 in the final two minutes of a 61-54 loss on Jan. 5 in Suring.

After battling back and forth for most of the game, Coleman converted a couple shots to go ahead 55-48 with about 3½ minutes to play.

Suring clawed back to within one point after free throws from Bunny Cramer, Christine Sleeter and Emma Kristof with still 2:10 to play.

The game swung back in Coleman's favor after the visitors hit two free throws with 1:51 to play. The bigger blow to Suring was losing Cramer, who fouled out on the play.

Without Cramer, a strong ball handler and jumpshooter, the Eagles struggled down the stretch.

Suring turned the ball over on its next possession, but Coleman missed the front end of a one-and-one opportunity, leaving the door open for the hosts. The Eagles couldn't capitalize, missing a 3-pointer on the ensuing possession.

Coleman hit a pair of free throws to go up five with about 46 seconds to play. Suring tried working the ball into the paint on the next drive, but Coleman tied up the ball and had the possession arrow to turn the Eagles over again. Two more free throws followed by a missed Suring 3-pointer ended the contest.

"I feel like we had a little too many turnovers. We would try to rush it and kind of forced shots up as the half started to end," said Sleeter of the end of the contest. "We were trying to get all the points (at once) and then we just forced turnovers and went too fast."

It was a tough finish to an otherwise well-played game by Suring.

After falling behind 5-0 early on, a 3-pointer from Macie Reed and bucket from Sleeter sparked a 6-0 Suring run.

The visiting Cougars pulled back ahead and led for the next few minutes before another big Eagles' run.



Suring's Christine Sleeter, middle, prepares to go up for a shot as Coleman defenders swarm her during a conference game on Jan. 5 in Suring.

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Cramer started it off with a 3-pointer before baskets from Sleeter, Mackenzie Bailey and Cramer gave the hosts a 17-15 advantage.

The seesaw battle continued with Coleman pulling back in front, but a strong finish to the half saw Suring take a 31-27 lead into the break. Reed, Sleeter and Cramer all scored on an 8-0 Eagles' spurt.

For about the first nine minutes of the second half, Suring was either ahead or tied with Coleman.

The Cougars used a 7-0 run to grab a 46-41 lead, but a 3-pointer and step-back jumper from Sleeter tied things back up with just under eight minutes to play.

Suring went cold from the field over the next couple minutes, which allowed Coleman to build its 55-48 lead.

All in all, the Suring girls were pleased with their performance against the conference's best team to this point in the season.

"Coleman's a good team, and I don't think many girls expected to be winning at one point in the game, and we were winning" said Bailey. "I think the next time we play them, we'll do a whole lot better because girls will have more confidence playing against them."

Sleeter ended up leading Suring on the court with 17 points, nine

rebounds and four blocks. Cramer contributed 15 points, three assists and four steals, while Bailey had 12 points, 13 boards and four assists.

Reed, who scored six points, assisted on five baskets for the Eagles. Kristof was credited with three steals.

Coleman 27 34 — 61

Suring 31 23 — 54

Coleman (61): Madison Woulf 1-2 1, Aubrey Bintz 7-8 15, Cameron Zeitler 4-4 14, Madelyn Hinthier 0-0 3, Corrin Liptak 1-2 1, Callee Compe 2-3 5, Kiersten Jensen 1-2 22.

Suring (54): Mackenzie Bailey 4-5 12, Bunny Cramer 3-4 15, Emma Kristof 2-2 4, Macie Reed 1-2 6, Christine Sleeter 4-4 17, Hailey VanRens 0-1 0.

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GIRLS HOCKEY

Bay Area 9

Arrowhead 3

Bay Area, which includes Pulaski players, dominated Arrowhead in an Eastern Shores Conference clash on Jan. 7 at Cornerstone Ice Arena in Ashwaubenon.

Pulaski's Faye Brunke scored two goals and added an assist for Bay Area. The Ice Bears improved to 13-1 on the season.

WRESTLING

Herm leads Shawano at invitational

Carsen Herm placed first to lead Shawano to a fifth-place finish as a team at the 66th Fred Lehrke Invitational on Jan. 7 in Schofield.

Herm earned that finish in the 152-pound weight class with a 5-0 record. He won each match by pin.

Shawano's Caden Young placed second at 170 pounds with a 4-1 mark. Andrew Kakwisch (145), Conner Chelberg (182) and Wahkeenayah Waukau (220) all took fourth.

Drake Herm (138) came in fifth for the Hawks, while Dane Hodkiewicz (106) and Mason Theis (195) were both sixth-place finishers.

Tyson Bogacz 1st for Bears at invitational

Bonduel also participated in the Fred Lehrke Invitational on Jan. 7 in Schofield, with Tyson Bogacz leading the team with a first-place finish at 182 pounds.

Bogacz finished the day 5-0, with four pins and an 8-4 decision win in the first-place match.

Jaxon Bogacz (106) and Colin Fischer (145) both lost just once on the day on their way to second-place finishes. Donovan Vigue (160) and Parker Perry (170) both took third.

Kyler Novitski claimed fifth place at 285 pounds for the Bears. Jose Lagunes took sixth at 152 pounds.

Lena 1st at home quad

Lena defeated Oneida Nation (60-0), Suring/Gillett (54-18), Elcho (66-6) and Ripon (54-24) during a quad on Jan. 6 in Lena.

Max Peterson had Lena's lone non-forfeit win against Oneida Nation, winning by pin in 2 minutes, 16 seconds at 145 pounds. Sam Peterson (106), John Hurtado (113), Zach Diedrich (126), Luke Misco (132), Sam Marquardt (138), Miriam Alberts (152), Colt Miller (182), Dylan Mazaba (195) and Dylan Urbanek (220) all won by forfeit.

Against Suring/Gillett, Marquardt (145), Max Peterson (152) and Miller (182) were winners by pin. Sam Peterson (106), Hurtado (113), Diedrich (126), Lucas Heimke (132), Misco (138) and Urbanek (220) won by forfeit.

Urbanek (285) and Dylan Comins (120) won by pin over Elcho, with Sam Peterson (106), Hurtado (113), Diedrich (126), Misco (132), Marquardt (138), Max Peterson (145), Erik Kosch (152), Miller (182) and Mazaba (195) all winning by forfeit. Against Ripon, Diedrich (126), Heimke (132), Misco (138), Marquardt (145) and Urbanek (220) won by pin, while Sam Peterson (106), Hurtado (113), Comins (120) and Max Peterson (152) won by forfeit.

Suring/Gillett finishes 2-2 at quad

Suring/Gillett topped Oneida Nation (36-0) and Elcho (30-18) while falling to Ripon (48-12) and Lena (54-18) at a quad on Jan. 6 in Lena.

In the win over Oneida Nation, Keegan Rattin won by pin at 145 pounds. Parker Zahn (152), Trent VanDenElzen (160), Shylah Hisey (170), Michael Pecnas (182) and Carter Whisman (195) all won by forfeit. VanDenElzen (170) won by pin, while Zahn (152) was a forfeit winner against Ripon.

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Against Lena, Whisman (195) won by pin. VanDenElzen (160) and Hisey (170) both won by forfeit. Rattin (145), Zahn (152), VanDenElzen (160), Pecnas (182) and Whisman (195) won by forfeit against Elcho.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lena 62

Tigerton 3

Lena rolled past Tigerton in a non-conference clash on Jan. 7 in Lena.

Eva Brooks led Lena with 13 points, while Claire Brooks had 10. Kali Fischer contributed nine points.

Whitney Potter added eight points for the Wildcats, while Natalie McNurlen had seven.

Abby Swartz hit Tigerton's only field goal in the contest. Sienna Breaker grabbed six rebounds.

Shawano 36

Seymour 28

Shawano picked up a low-scoring win over Bay Conference foe Seymour on Jan. 5 in Seymour. The Hawks led 19-9 by halftime.

Leah Nordin scored 18 points for Shawano, while Ella Stuber added seven points.

Bonduel 69

Shiocton 39

Bonduel pulled away in the second half to earn a Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division win over Shiocton on Jan. 5 in Bonduel. The Bears outscored the visitors 34-14 in the second half.

Ella Hischke and Hailey Zernicke each scored 13 points for Bonduel. Audrey Weier added 12 points.

Zernicke posted a double-double after also grabbing 10 rebounds. Hailee Thompson contributed seven assists and five steals, while Hischke had six assists. Weier blocked four shots.

Witt-Birn 70

Manawa 46

Wittenberg-Birnamwood rolled to a CWC-East win over Manawa on Jan. 5 in Manawa.

Reese Rogowski continued her big senior season for Witt-Birn by tallying 25 points, nine rebounds, five steals, eight assists and three blocks.

Rory Salvesen added 21 points, five steals and three assists, while Melaina Granquist had 10 points and 11 boards.

Allison Linke and Faith Resch each chipped in six points, with Resch also posting six steals and four assists.

Jami Wendler had three steals for the Chargers.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tigerton 60

Lena 29

Tigerton eased past Lena in a non-conference matchup on Jan. 7 in Lena.

Ryder Graham scored 20 points to power Tigerton on offense. Maverick Maas knocked down four 3-pointers to tally 12 points, while Loghan Wanta had nine points and Colby Wanta and Joey Zimdars six each.

Logan Graef scored 11 points for Lena. Mason Spice chipped in seven points.

Gillett 44

Niagara 41 (OT)

Gillett edged Niagara in overtime of a Marinette & Oconto Conference battle on Jan. 6 in Gillett.

Jesse DeBauch led Gillett offensively with 15 points.

Ben Matczak hit three 3-pointers and tallied 11 points for the Tigers. Austin VandeCorput was also in double figures with 10 points.

Shawano 65

Green Bay East 34

Shawano routed Green Bay East in a Bay Conference matchup on Jan. 6 in Green Bay.

Michael Metcalf-Grassman posted 23 points, four steals and three assists to lead Shawano to victory.

Logan Sipple tallied 15 points for the Hawks, while Brandon Reed had 12 points. Luke Guenther recorded seven boards and six assists, while Jacob Landon, Deacon Carroll and Warner Beyer all pulled down six rebounds. Isaac Welanders was credited with three assists.

BOYS HOCKEY

Notre Dame 5

Ashwaubenon 0

Ashwaubenon, which includes Pulaski players, dropped a FRCC matchup to Notre Dame on Jan. 7 at Cornerstone Community Center in Ashwaubenon.

Pulaski's Lincoln Simons stopped 26 shots while defending the net for Ashwaubenon.

Northland Pines 5

Antigo 4 (OT)

Antigo dropped a Great Northern Conference clash against Northland Pines in overtime on Jan. 5 in Antigo.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Owen Dickman, who plays for Antigo, scored a goal and assisted on two other scores.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Wisconsin announces hirings of Longo and Tressel

Pair will lead offensive, defensive units

Phil Longo and Mike Tressel, two experienced and accomplished collegiate coaches, have been hired to lead Wisconsin's offensive and defensive units, respectively, UW head coach Luke Fickell announced Jan. 3.

"I'm extremely excited for our players and our program to add Phil and Mike," Fickell said. "I've built a relationship with Phil over the past six years and am happy to finally be able to work side-by-side with him. He's a very innovative and well-rounded football coach. He's a tremendous person and family man and truly cares about his players.

"I've known Mike for 20 years, and he is a great coach and person. He has incredible experience, including a terrific background in the Big Ten. Over the last two years coaching together, I was impressed with his ability to adapt both as a coach on the field and to the culture of a program. We are very fortunate to have both Phil and Mike on staff."

Longo, a 33-year coaching veteran and offensive guru, joins the Badgers' staff as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. Longo arrives in Madison after holding the same position at North Carolina the last four seasons. As an offensive coordinator over the last 14 years, Longo's teams have produced a 118-59 (.667) record, won six conference championships and made nine postseason appear-

ances.

Over the last four seasons, since the beginning of 2019 (Longo's first at North Carolina), the Tar Heels led the ACC with 197.5 rushing yards per game and ranked second in the conference with 102 rushing scores. Through the air, UNC's offense led the ACC in passing yards (14,781), passing touchdowns (131) and passer rating (161.6) over Longo's tenure. The Tar Heels produced five 1,000-yard rushers and five 1,000-yard receivers over the last four years.

Longo tutored quarterback Drake Maye in 2022, helping the freshman earn ACC Player of the Year and Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year honors. He threw for 4,321 yards and 38 touchdowns against only seven interceptions while also leading the Tar Heels in rushing yards (698). Over the previous three seasons, UNC quarterback Sam Howell set 27 school records, including passing yards (10,283), passing TDs (92), pass efficiency (164.2) and total offense (11,292).

Before his stint with the Tar Heels, Longo engineered two successful seasons at Ole Miss, producing top-20 units both years. In 2018, his offense ranked seventh nationally in yards per play (7.1), ninth in total offense (510.5 ypg) and fifth in passing offense (346.4). In 2017, the Rebels averaged 462.3 yards of total offense to rank

second in the SEC and 18th nationally. The offense also produced the conference's best passing game with 328.4 ypg (11th nationally).

"I am elated to be joining coach Fickell and his staff at Wisconsin," Longo said. "The welcome from around the state has been tremendous. My wife, Tanya, and I are excited to get settled in. I can't wait to hit the ground running with our players and staff."

Tressel, who directed the Cincinnati defense the last two seasons, joins the Badgers' staff as defensive coordinator and inside linebackers coach. Tressel had been on staff for the Bearcats since 2020 after moving through the defensive coaching ranks at Michigan State from 2007-2019.

The Cincinnati defense flourished under Tressel in his first season (2021), ranking fifth nationally in scoring defense (16.5) and No. 10 in total defense (318.4). The Bearcats also allowed only 4.5 yards per play to opponents, which was the fourth-fewest in the nation. Then-Cincinnati cornerback Ahmad "Sauce" Gardner emerged as a star, eventually being selected as the No. 4 pick by the New York Jets in the 2022 NFL Draft.

Last season, UC ranked 20th in the nation in scoring defense, 11th in the country in pass efficiency defense and 15th in tackles for loss. The Bearcats' four defensive touchdowns were tied for fourth-most in the country.

In East Lansing, Tressel was Michigan State's linebackers coach from

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2007-19. Tressel added the title of co-defensive coordinator for two seasons (2016-17) before becoming defensive coordinator for two seasons (2018-19), in addition to being the assistant head coach in 2019. He coached safeties in 2020, his final season in East Lansing.

During his time at MSU, Tressel coached 20 players who earned 35 All-Big Ten honors along with eight All-Americans and two major award winners. He was a nominee for the Broyles Award in 2018, which honors the nation's top assistant coach.

Known for constructing some of the best defenses in the nation, Tressel helped coach the Spartans to final FBS Top 10 rankings in total and rushing defense on six occasions. MSU also ranked among college football's top 10 in scoring defense four times and was the FBS leader in rushing defense in 2014 and 2018.

"I'm beyond excited to join the Wisconsin football family and look forward to carrying on the tradition of elite defenses here in Madison," Tressel said. "This is a program I've always admired, and it's great to be back in the Big Ten. I'm most excited to be able to work with the tremendous young men here. They have already demonstrated to me great work ethic, intelligence and ability."

RECREATION SCOREBOARD

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Chet and Emil's Wednesday Business

Team	W	L
Karcz Lending	6	0
CWAA	5	1
Kropf's Meat	4	2
TLC Auto Body	4	2
Kessen Auto Body	3	3
Chet and Emil's	1	5
Rew Motors	1	5
S and M Tool	0	6

High team scratch games: S and M Tool 1,053, Karcz Lending 1,043, CWAA 991.

High individual scratch games: Dave Schultz 269, Stephan Miller 234, Brett Nelson 227.

High team scratch series: Karcz Lending 3,081, S and M Tool 2,939, Kropf's Meat 2,775.

High individual scratch series: Paul Hanke 627, Tyler Krull 617, Doug Kunst 588.

Lakeshore Masters — Lakeshore Lanes

Team	W	L
Golfside	100	28
Farmall Fanatics	86 1/2	41 1/2

Dearco Distributors	76	52
Brother's	72 1/2	55 1/2
Launching Pad	70 1/2	57 1/2
Bamboo	64	64
Northern Advantage	60 1/2	67 1/2
Lakeshore Lanes	58	70
Rosie's Railway	50	78
Shawano Auto Sales	47	81
Pin Pricks	43	85
Full Service Tents	40	88

High team scratch games: Lakeshore Lanes 735, Brother's 727, Golfside 722.

High individual scratch games: Bryant Rankin 280, Ed Brusky 279, Todd Schertz 269, Tom Hoffman 267, Brian Schultz 267, Carson Malueg 254, Cody Lindal 253, Carl Malueg 246, Mark Schachtschneide 244, Kyle Ready 244.

High team scratch series: Farmall Fanatics 2,035, Brother's 2,009, Lakeshore Lanes 1,961.

High individual scratch series: Brian Schultz 727, Mark Schachtschneide 724, Carl Malueg 708, Ed Brusky 697, Bryant Rankin 694, Todd Schertz 693, Carson Malueg 691, Tom Hoffman 670, Cody Lindal

663, Kyle Ready 660.

Chet and Emil's Monday Women's League

Team	W	L
Banner Banks	7	1
Chet and Emil's	4	4
Star Campsite	3	5
Cady Home	2	6

High team handicap games: Cady Home 756, Banner Banks 730, Chet and Emil's 728.

High individual scratch games: Tracy Anderson 241, Cindy Mortenson 202, Barbara Praslowicz 190, Jen Duranceau 189, Kim Zeller 184, Christy Clark 170.

High team handicap series: Chet and Emil's 2,166, Cady Home 2,151, Banner Banks 2,138.

High individual scratch series: Tracy Anderson 583, Barbara Praslowicz 512, Kim Zeller 504, Cindy Mortenson 503, Jen Duranceau 498, Christy Clark 437.

Chet and Emil's Tuesday Commercial

Team	W	L
Clark Construction	5	1
Kautza Excavating	4	2
White Insurance	4	2
Chet and Emil's	3	3

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High team scratch games: Chet and Emil's 1,080, Kautza Excavating 1,001, Clark Construction 1,000.

High individual scratch games: Andy Hegewald 258, Doug Kunst 249, Tim Lemke 248.

High team scratch series: Chet and Emil's 3,120, Kautza Excavating 2,897, Clark Construction 2,793.

High individual scratch series: Jeremy Praslowicz 711, Doug Kunst 691, Tim Lemke 662.

Chet and Emil's Thursday Early Birds

Team	W	L
Rightway Propane	29	15
Schairer Farms	25	19
Stadler Farms	18	26
M and J Harvesting	16	28

High team scratch games: Rightway Propane 598, Schairer Farms 580, M and J Harvesting 550.

High individual scratch games: Kim Zeller 224, Susan Zeinert 187, Darcy Hille 170, Patricia Stadler 161.

High team scratch series: Rightway Propane 1,755, Schairer Farms 1,635, M and J Harvesting 1,584.

High individual scratch series: Kim Zeller 598, Susan Zeinert 545, Darcy Hille 457, Patricia Stadler 447.

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BESTSELLER ROCKS ON

Stepheni Curran gets praise,
nominations for her books

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Stepheni Curran, of Gresham, continues to influence children with her "Rock On, Kindness!" books. She will be making a presentation Jan. 14 at The Children's Museum of Green Bay.

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'Rock' star author still spreading kindness

Curran making presentation at Children's Museum of Green Bay this weekend

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

To most folks, the rocks that are scattered on the ground are just pieces of the landscape, but to Gresham author Stepheni Curran, they're magic.

Curran has two books in the "Rock On, Kindness!" children's series, both generating a lot of attention. The first book, "Pass it On!" follows a 7-year-old girl who has a hobby of painting rocks and hiding them to bring happiness to others, including her five best friends, who differ from her in a variety of ways. The second book, "Even When Your Heart Hurts!" involves a 9-year-old boy who paints kindness rocks for his friends as a way of celebrating his grandfather, who passed away.

The idea of painting rocks and gifting them to others has gained attention far and wide. Curran has been recognized by Orange Hat Publishing, the publisher for the "Rock On, Kindness!" books, as a top seller in 2019 and was an honorable mention in the top sellers' list for 2022. "Pass it On!" was nominated for the TCK Publishing Reader's Choice Awards in 2020, while the sequel was nominated for the honor in 2022.

"I was really excited to be nominated and to learn that my second book met the criteria," Curran said. "They have a panel that evaluates your book to see if it meets the criteria. The criteria is based on the content of your book, the quality of your book based on the content and illustrations. I was really excited to even be accepted into the contest because that, in and of itself, is an accomplishment."

Winners are also judged by how effectively they promote their books, and Curran said that effort was put on hold when her father was diagnosed with colon cancer.

"My priorities shifted," she said. "I wasn't able to do the promotional piece to get as many votes to be in the contest. I did pretty well in the contest, but you have to market it more than I did, and because my dad was sick, I wanted to help my dad, obviously."

Through it all, Curran had made progress in promoting the books not



Stepheni Curran's "Rock On, Kindness!" books sit on top of a shelf at 'Til the Cows Come Home in Shawano.

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AT A GLANCE

WHAT: "Rock On, Kindness!" book event

WHEN: 10:30 a.m. to noon Jan. 14

WHERE: The Children's Museum of Green Bay,
1230 Bay Beach Road, Green Bay

only across the United States, but also in other countries. Her latest event is coming up Jan. 14, when she will hold a book event at The Children's Museum of Green Bay beginning at 10:30 a.m. The event is her 77th in the state and the second time she has graced the halls of the museum.

"I've learned to make these interactive," Curran said of her book events. "My target audience is usually our elementary children, and our youngest is usually 4K (4-year-old kindergarten). Knowing my audience, making it interactive, making it fun and also having some kind of carryover activity is key. I like to do rock painting, but sometimes rock painting isn't the best choice given the location."

When that's not an option, Curran turns to friendship bracelets, crafts to donate to skilled nursing facilities or veterans organizations and more.

"I've done so many kindness carryover activities, depending on where I'm presenting," Curran said.

Curran is also proud of her best-seller status with Orange Hat, noting that she's competing with some key people, including former Milwaukee Brewers pitcher Brent Suter, who published "The Binky Bandit" in 2022.

"I don't have the advertising he gets," Curran said with a laugh. "It's hard to compete with a professional baseball player because they promoted it on the Milwaukee Brewers page and in the stands. It was pretty much no contest there."

While she plans to add on to the "Rock On, Kindness!" series, she's currently working on a different book for her third published work. The book examines social and emotional learning cores, a key factor for Curran who works during the day as a speech-language pathologist. It is currently under peer review, according to Curran.

"It's for an elementary audience; the target is third through fifth grade," Curran said. "It's basically about

promoting self-confidence and self-esteem and to make sure kids are figuring out what their strengths are and their own personal challenges instead of comparing themselves to others."

Curran said the new book will also be published through Orange Hat, noting how she likes the company for its policy of allowing the author to have more say regarding the illustrations that are in her books.

"I think it's important, when you're doing a children's book, that the illustrations really add to the storyline and children use the pictures to make sense of the story, as well," Curran said.

For those unable to attend the museum event, Curran's books are available locally at 'Til the Cows Come Home, 154 S. Main St., Shawano, and Bayshore Books, 302 Collins Ave., Oconto. The books may also be purchased online through Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Ingram Content Group, Orange Hat Publishing, Target and Walmart.

Moccasin game offers joy, good healing

It's called the Moccasin Game, or Mahkaesen Mianaceqtan in the Menominee language. On a cool evening in December, I tried my hand at the game held in the College of Menominee Nation's Culture Building.

CMN Indigenous Wellness Director Beth Waukechon coordinates the monthly event, which is both free and open to the public. After beginning with a prayer, she invited the 20 of us gathered to enjoy a meal and thanked us for making the



RYAN WINN

time to spend with one another. Waukechon stated: "You could be any place else in the world tonight, but you chose to be here."

Traditionally a men's game, the Moccasin Game was created to be played by as few as four people. The players remove their moccasins, placing them in two lines that are parallel to one another and thereby offering cover to hide a stone under. In the modern version, the footwear is replaced by fabric squares cut in a rectangular pattern known as "moccasin pads," while the stones are replaced by ball bearings.

The modern game is open to everyone. It begins by positioning two people across from one another. Then, determined by a coin toss, one person is the hider, taking a ball bearing and placing it under one of four game pads in front of them. The person directly across is the striker, intent on correctly choosing which pad is covering the bearing. The striker is advised by a group of hunters, meaning multiple sets of eyes watch as the hider works their sleight of hand. Once a selection is made, the player taps the pad with the striking stick before flipping it over to reveal what lies beneath.

Each side starts out with 10 counting sticks, surrendering them to one another based upon which-ever player earns them. In the game at CMN, each turn was worth four



College of Menominee Nation President Christopher Caldwell watches as Naneque LaTender hides the ball bearing. Bryant Doud, Daniel Grignon, Kaniyow Kihs, and Jennifer Gauthier watch the action.

RYAN WINN

counting sticks. Game points were awarded when a team earned 20 counting sticks, the tally was kept by using thicker "soldier" sticks that are positioned on the side of the blanket.

The games' singers were Bernard "Jr." Doud's family and their friend, Ho-Chunk tribal member Lawrence "Larry" Walker Jr. Doud and Walker Jr. played their hand drums and sang while their respective teams hid the ball. Doud described the game as, "Something that brings us joy and good healing." His sentiment was evident to all, as laughter frequently lent emphasis to the action.

After watching a few rounds, I was called to the blanket to try my hand at the game. I didn't last long as either the hider or the seeker, but I made the room laugh when I tried striking a pad while holding

the stick backwards.

I joined Guy Reiter as a hunter, and he tried to teach me how to spot the slightest change in my opponent. "It's a game of idiosyncrasies. If you really pay attention, you'll see it."

After we each had a turn, two of Doud's sons faced off against one another. The rivals laughed, teased, and impressed with their mastery, proving the Moccasin Game to be as enjoyable to witness as it is to play.

Once the games concluded, some participants won raffle items gifted to them by the event's sponsors — CMN, Menominee Vocational Rehabilitation Program, UW-Extension in Menominee County, and Menikanaehkem.

Before we left for the night, Walker Jr. spoke up to say how much he appreciated everyone

playing the game that "belongs to all of us." He said the game was about the "enjoyment of each other." Then the former Ho-Chunk tribal legislator suggested he bring his tribe over to wage a friendly competition. Laughter ensued, with no firm date offered for the inter-tribal match.

The final two games to be held at CMN this winter will be on Jan. 20 and Feb. 17 from 5-7 p.m., with a meal provided to everyone who attends. Come try your hand at a friendly game of Mahkaesen Mianaceqtan. You're guaranteed a good time, even if you hold your striking stick backwards.

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"You could be any place else in the world tonight, but you chose to be here."

BETH WAUKECHON, College of Menominee Nation Indigenous wellness director

New year's resolution: Hunt for yourself

By the time you read this, odds are good that you've already stopped using your new gym membership, moved the Peloton exercise bike to the basement or garage and put a price tag on the treadmill for your next yard sale.

Don't feel bad. It's only human nature to break New Year's resolutions faster than the price of gas changes.

I started making personal resolutions before July 2022, when I completed plans to semi-retire. Collecting Social Security made me feel old, but getting a little back from all those decades of paying in felt good. My



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full-time employer let me stay on and continue doing search engine optimization duties for our business-to-business e-commerce website that provides promotional products in multiple countries.

Like all retirees, there are plans for traveling, relaxing and spending more time doing all the things I've wanted to do for myself, but never had the time.

For the past 6½ months, I've discovered that I am busier than ever and actually seem to have less time for myself, even though I officially work only two days a week.

I did take more time to deer hunt this year, spreading my hunting between my old haunts near my rural New London home at a muzzleloader club acreage and a new and promising site near Clintonville where a bow-hunting club has property.

My goal was to shoot a deer with a recurve bow, but my 63-year-old body said no. Drawing two different bows in the 42- to 45-pound draw range soon had both my shoulder muscles aching. The day I saw the biggest buck I've ever seen afield found me with the Bear Kodiak Magnum bow in hand, but he didn't come in bow range. I soon switched to my Ten Point crossbow, but the buck never returned.

I've often found myself deer hunting in late season when the snow piles up, collapsing my ground blinds, and the cold gnashes at my fingers and toes. Dec. 8, opening day of the statewide antlerless season, saw me tucked in a ground blind near home. Four does appeared, and the biggest



Ross Bielema shot this large adult doe Dec. 8 during the four-day statewide antlerless season, using his Thompson-Center Encore .50-caliber muzzleloader in rural New London.

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dropped within 100 yards of where my .50-caliber Thompson-Center Encore muzzleloader hit her, breaking my previous two-year streak of going without venison.

The large doe was so heavy that I could not load it in the van single-handedly, so I had to get my neighbor to help — a nice problem to have. The co-owner of Northwoods Meats in New London, Mike Trewin, estimated the doe at 130 pounds but a friend of mine guessed it was closer to 150.

It's only natural that some guys have tried to turn fishing, hunting and other traditionally solo sports into a competition. I understand the idea of competitive fishing. It's certainly generated more revenue for boating and tackle companies geared toward bass and walleye angling, but it's miles away from a relaxing day of semi-napping in a johnboat or on a dock with a rod in hand.

The same is true of hunting. Sure, those at deer camp like to have a friendly contest for the largest (or maybe even smallest) deer, but the never-ending push for bigger antlers

— fueled by the high-profile deer hunting shows, special cover crops and minerals aimed at growing larger antlers and the two main record books — seems to dilute the fun of just sharing time in the woods with family and friends.

Don't get me wrong, I'd love to have a deer in the Pope and Young Club record book for a bow kill or Boone and Crockett Club book for an even better rack from bow or gun, but any deer I kill is a trophy to me. It represents wild, unprocessed and organic meat killed at my own hands. It is essentially the same venison our ancestors harvested and ate. Antlers make great knife handles, but a 200-pound forkhorn would have been considered a better and more valuable trophy than a 150-pound 12-pointer back then.

I've been reading more articles about hunting for yourself. You only have to satisfy yourself in this sport. There are no scoreboards or cheering crowds when you make a decision to shoot. Like all hunter ethics, these decisions occur when you are

typically alone, or perhaps with a son, daughter, father, mother, grandparent or friend.

Hunters sadly can be a selfish bunch, feuding with neighbors over "my" deer and occasionally bending the law to put that trophy buck on the wall. The non-hunting public will determine our future, since hunters remain less than 20% of the population. Hunting for food is generally accepted by most non-hunters. Remaining an ethical hunter is a goal for all of us.

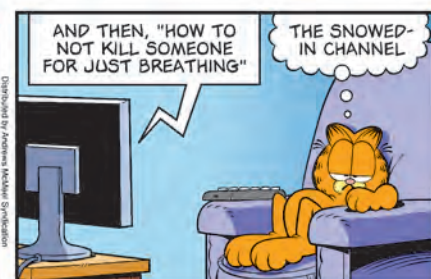
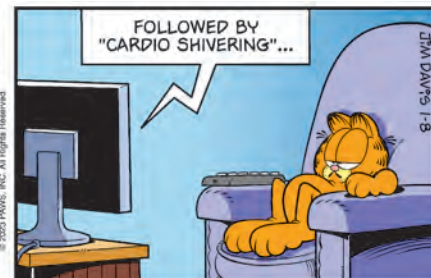
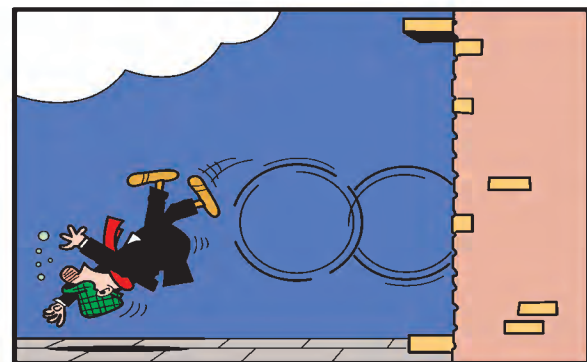
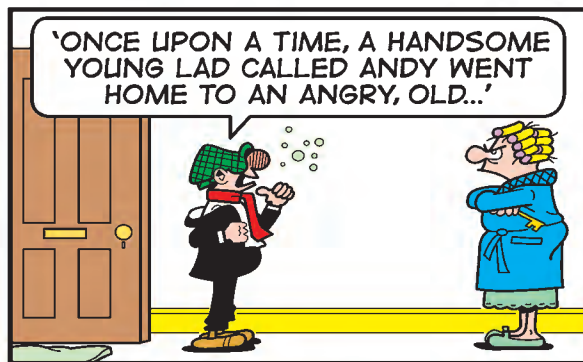
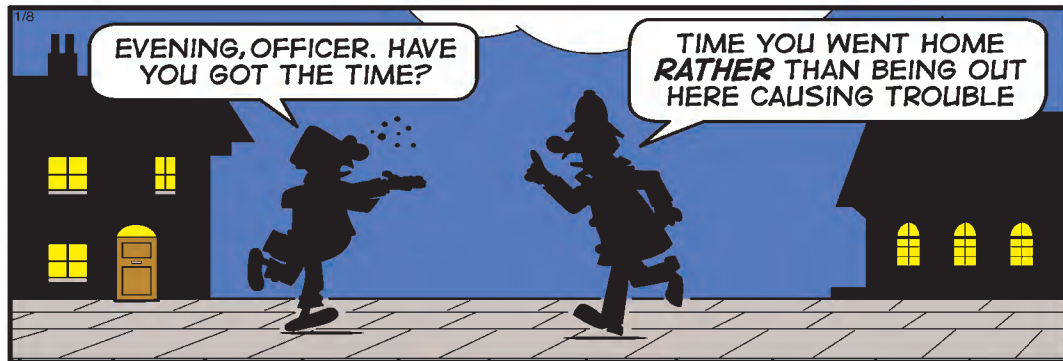
My first buck, a scraggly 7-pointer shot in 1978 with a shotgun slug at 89 yards, remains my best trophy. There are better animals on my wall, but none so meaningful.

Make a resolution to hunt for yourself this year and not lose sleep about making the record book. I've already made my own record book many times. Each deer creates its own memories and satisfies my own measure of success.

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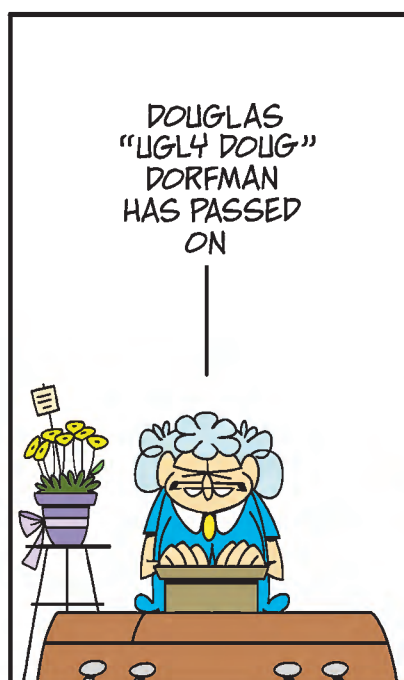
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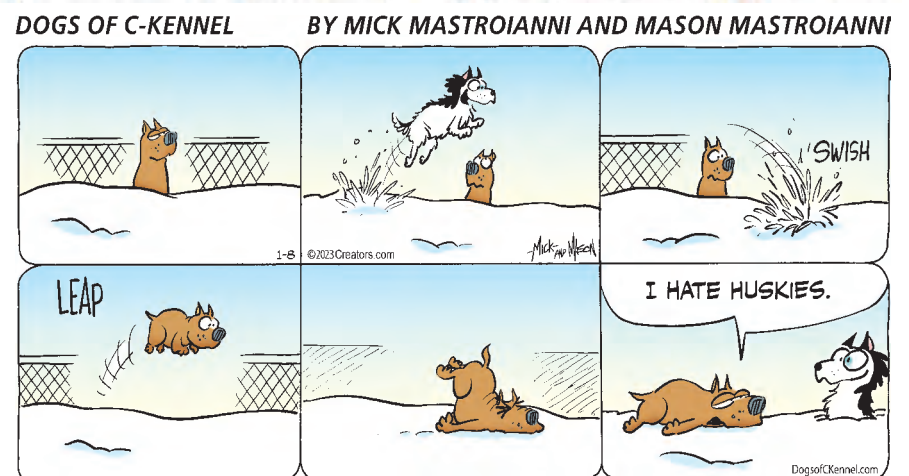
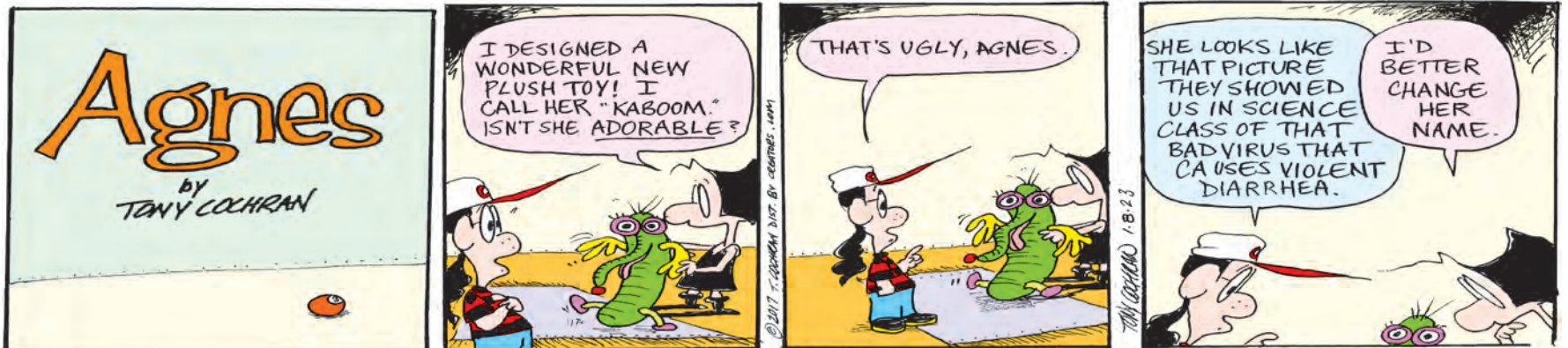


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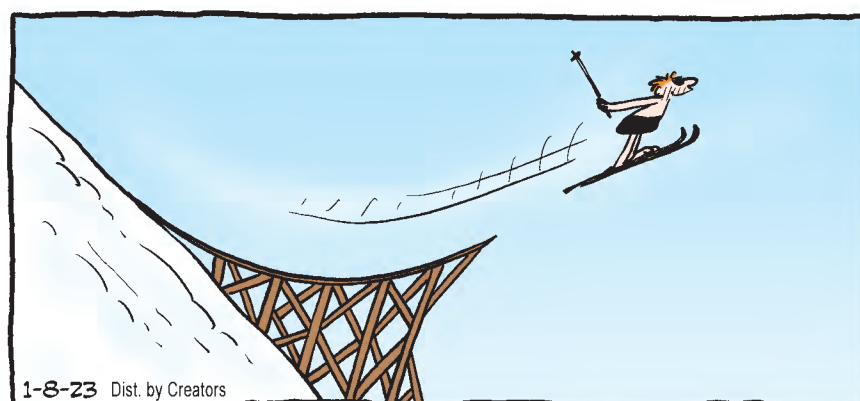
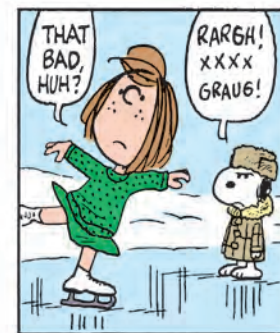


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AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Mursau, Schmidt get to work in state Assembly

Northeast Wisconsin's representatives in the state legislature are getting right to work, according to a pair of press releases.

Rep. Jeff Mursau was sworn into office for another two-year term representing the 35th Assembly District. During the 2023-2025 legislative session, Mursau will again serve as the chairman of the Assembly Committee on Forestry, Parks and Outdoor Recreation. Mursau will also serve on the Assembly committees for agriculture, education, sporting heritage and tourism.

"I appreciate the confidence from my colleagues to be a lead on forestry issues and outdoor recreational activities," said Mursau. "I asked to serve on these legislative committees because they impact the issues that are important to the people I represent. I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pass legislation that will positively impact my neighbors in northern Wisconsin."

Anyone wanting to speak with Mursau regarding his committee work or matters before the legislature can contact his office at Rep.Mursau@legis.wi.gov or 608-266-3780.

Peter Schmidt, the 6th Assembly District's newest representative, was recently named the vice-chairman for the Assembly Committee on Rural Affairs, according to a press release from his office. Schmidt, a farmer from Bonduel, will also serve on committees that address agriculture, transportation, environment and consumer protection.

"Voters of the 6th District, along with the rest of Wisconsin, deserve life, liberty and happiness as our founding fathers outlined," Schmidt said in his press release. "Government has grown too big and intrusive, and we need to treat all life with respect and dignity."

UW-Extension workshop looks at farmland leasing

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension is providing the opportunities for owners of farmland and agricultural producers to find out about land rent realities and options in a workshop Jan. 17. Registration is not required, and all interested persons are encouraged to attend.

The workshop will begin at 2:30 p.m., in the Cecil Village Hall, 111 E.



Rep. Jeff Mursau, signs the Assembly book to start a new two-year term on Jan. 3 at the state capitol in Madison.

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Hofman St., Cecil. If in doubt about weather issues on that day, contact the Shawano County Extension office at 715-526-6136.

Crops/Soils Educator Scott Reuss will lead the discussion of the details that should be considered when negotiating a farm rental contract, and why having a contract is important. He will also detail some of the advantages and disadvantages of different types of annual or multi-year leasing contracts. Current data regarding land rental rates in the multi-county area will be shared and discussed, as well.

Although a written contract is not a legal requirement, it does allow for protections for both parties and allows the producer involved to more readily access crop insurance and governmental programs. Many different things can go into a contract, but the most important center on timing, payment processes, restrictions and opportunities for flexibility when unusual cropping conditions occur.

Contract templates of multiple types will be available as handouts, ranging from extremely simple to more complex arrangements. The discussion will focus on basic cropland rental situations, but can expand to building leases, grazing land and other situations which attendees are interested in discussing.

For information, contact Reuss at 715-732-7510 or scott.reuss@wisc.edu. If unable to attend a program, another source of farmland leasing information is <http://www.aglease101.org>.

Library invites reading of 'Fire Keeper's Daughter'

Shawano County Library is inviting the community to read Angeline Boulley's award-winning novel "Fire Keeper's Daughter" as a community between Jan. 16 and Feb. 25. An online challenge will also be available in Beanstack to track reading and participate in other related activities.

"Fire Keeper's Daughter" is the story of 18-year-old Daunis Fontaine, part Ojibwe, who delays her college plans to take care of her ailing mother. Daunis witnesses a murder and becomes part of an FBI investigation into a new drug due to her knowledge of chemistry and Ojibwe traditional medicine.

The book is available to check out from Shawano County Library in a variety of formats. The title is available as a book, including large print, as well as an audiobook. A downloadable audiobook version is available through hoopla and an ebook is available through Overdrive.

Community members can log into

their Beanstack account at shawano-library.beanstack.org to participate in additional activities related to the book. Beanstack activities available are virtual Ojibwe Storytelling with Mike Wiggins and a deep dive of medicinal herbs.

For information, call 715-526-3829.

Suring historical society plans business meeting

The Suring Area Historical Society Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 17 at the Suring Village Hall, 604 E. Main St., Suring.

The meeting will just be a business meeting, as there is no speaker scheduled.

For information, contact Helen Heimerl at 920-842-2400.

Annual meeting planned for literacy council

The annual meeting for the Marinette and Oconto Counties Literacy Council will be at 1 p.m. Jan. 17 at the Literacy Office, 447 N. Business Highway 141, Coleman.

An agenda will be sent to all board members and others interested in attending. For information, call 920-897-4422 or email moliteracy2012@gmail.com.

Moonshine permeates the family tree

Every cloud has a silver lining. While there's precious little "silver" in the COVID-19 pandemic cloud, the emergence of virtual meetings is one, especially useful in small group settings where you are part of a closed loop operating within a defined time period. With such a clear-cut structure, participants must be present and listening. That can generate conversations that might never have occurred otherwise.

For example, during a family siblings Zoom session, the subject of Uncle Romy's moonshine business popped up. I'd heard a fuzzy narrative of this intoxicating piece of family lore, but a more complete picture emerged when my brothers fleshed out the story. Now, family stories being what they are, memories differ. It's possible some of the details are embellished, but as my sister Carol says, "Never let the truth get in the way of a good story."

Uncle Romy was one of my favorite uncles, though he called me "Kat" and teased me a lot. He was actually my father Hilard's uncle, but the Holschuh brothers, Ivo and Romy, were more



KATHLEEN MARSH

like brothers to him. They each had a separate farm but were close enough to share equipment and the cost of renting a threshing machine. They also helped one another baling hay, harvesting grain and making silage. That made the job easier and faster and included a family get-together at the end of long laborious days, complete with sandwiches, beer and lots of BS.

Uncle Romy's farm was on Highway 114, south of Sherwood where we lived. When the highway was built, the new road divided his home from the barn so he had to cross a busy thoroughfare to do chores. I loved going there; Aunt Bonita was lively with a sunny disposition. Since she and Uncle Romy had only sons, I was the daughter she borrowed for a week during the summers of my ninth and 10th years. Mostly we worked, but somehow it was fun doing things

there I hated to do at home.

At night we ate popcorn while Uncle Romy taught me an essential family skill — how to play sheephead. As I mastered this German card game, I sipped from a bottle of soda, savoring a treat reserved for special occasions at our farm. The best part was I had a bed all to myself, a decadent luxury impossible at home since I shared a bed with my older sister, Marge.

One day when I was there, I crossed the highway to pet the horses. My teenage cousin, George, motioned me over. Swearing me to secrecy, he used his well-worn work boot to push away some straw which revealed a hidden trap door in the floor. He chuckled as he pulled it up, then directed my attention to a contraption hidden below. He laughed loudly when I asked what it was. "Why, it's a moonshine still, Kat. It works, too."

Moonshine? Moonshine was a bright light cast by the moon on a cloudless night. Uncle Romy's criminal activity as a Prohibition moonshiner was totally lost on me. George was so excited to show me the still that I nodded and put my index finger over my lips. His secret was safe. Decades later during our family Zoom conversation, it came up.

My brother, Joe, whose family owns the original homestead, reminded us that during the Great Depression farmers were hit hard as agriculture prices went into free fall. Many farmers lost everything, including land tilled for generations. With so much misery in

the country, it wasn't surprising that there was a high demand for illegal hooch.

Desperate times call for desperate measures; the Holschuhs were not above pursuing a business opportunity. What I didn't know was my father was an active participant. His job was to pick up a key moonshine ingredient — sugar. He periodically hitched his team to a hay wagon and went to the train depot to pick up a shipment. To avoid detection, Dad loaded the sacks and carefully spread hay over his precious cargo, then hauled the contraband to Uncle Romy's farm.

Someone surely caught on; he used the same procedure every time. He was never arrested, probably because moonshiners had tacit community support, which included law officers who appreciated a ready source of cheap liquor. Evidently though, Dad wasn't one to broadcast the details of his illicit deeds because that was the first I'd ever heard of it.

The repeal of Prohibition in 1933 ended my father's gambit on the wrong side of the law. He went on to earn his living legally, working the land, totally dependent on the vagaries of Mother Nature and milk markets. Ironically, in the grand scheme of things, dairy farming is still an even riskier proposition than making moonshine.

Kathleen Marsh is a lifelong educator, writer and community advocate. She has published eight books, four on the history of Townsend, where she and husband Jon are happily retired on the beautiful Townsend Flowage.

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Green Bay faces another offseason of uncertainty

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Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers, left, walks off the field with receiver Randall Cobb after a loss to the Detroit Lions on Jan. 8 in Green Bay.

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Green Bay falls one win short of playoffs

Rodgers not ruling out retirement

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

After losing to the Philadelphia Eagles during week 12, the Green Bay Packers dropped to 4-8 and talk of Jordan Love starting for the rest of the year began to surface.

The team then inexplicably went on a four-game win streak, and with losses from the Seattle Seahawks and Washington Commanders, found themselves in control of its fate, before losing in week 18.

"It was frustrating at times, but ultimately some really beautiful moments," said Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers, reflecting on the season after the week 18 loss to the Detroit Lions.

Starting in training camp before the season, the Packers had a picture of what the team was, as Rodgers was back at practice on a two-year deal. The worry though was where the production was going to come from on offense with Davante Adams gone.

General Manager Brian Gutekunst brought in veteran Sammy Watkins and drafted three rookies, Christian Watson, Romeo Doubs and Samori Toure to help fill that role. Even though there were doubts, many thought that the combination of those three with Aaron Jones, A.J. Dillon and Rodgers would be enough.

"I feel like obviously losing Davante was a big deal, but we didn't fill that void, and I mean no one can," said Rodgers. "I think that there is a lot of good, young talent on the team and if certain guys make the jumps from year one to year two, this offense could look a little different."

Going back to Rodgers' quote about the season, the Packers started on a frustrating moment — getting blown out by division-rival Minnesota Vikings. The beautiful quickly followed though, as Green Bay won three straight games.

Even though Davante Adams wasn't there, the Packers were winning games, hopes were high and this seemed like another playoff team.

The season turned upside down and frustration set in when Green Bay traveled to London. A loss to the New York Giants overseas was quickly fol-



Green Bay Packers running back Aaron Jones, right, fumbles as he is hit by Detroit Lions defensive end John Cominsky, center, during the first half of a game on Jan. 8 in Green Bay.

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lowed by four more losses, to the New York Jets, Washington Commanders, Buffalo Bills and Detroit Lions.

During the five-game losing streak, almost everything came into question — the quarterback situation, the running back usage, the defensive scheme, the special teams — Green Bay looked like a shell of the team that started 3-1. Everyone was writing the Packers off, and rightfully so, but the Packers were still mathematically alive to make the playoffs.

The Packers snapped their losing skid with a hard-fought overtime victory over the Dallas Cowboys, and more than just the Dallas Cowboys, former head coach Mike McCarthy.

After the game, Rodgers told fans that, "we're not dead yet." Rodgers knew throughout the entire season that the Packers could not be counted out, until the team was mathematically eliminated, telling reporters that he believes in the team after each loss throughout the season.

Even though Green Bay's win over Dallas was followed by two losses to the Tennessee Titans and Philadelphia Eagles, a silver lining started to appear in the form of Christian Watson. In the three-game stretch, Watson caught six

touchdowns and added another one week later against the Bears.

In what had become a stagnant offense, Watson provided the spark that the Packers needed at the exact time that the team needed it. He became a focal point in the offense, catching 31 passes from the Dallas game forward.

While the offense was finding its footing, the defense was finding itself as well. With the losses of Rashan Gary and Eric Stokes, the team overcame the challenges and started forcing turnovers during the four-game win streak. The biggest moment for the Packers defense this season came when it intercepted Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa on three straight possessions to end the week 16 game.

Finally the Packers scored 41 points against the Vikings, before setting up a week 18 matchup with the Detroit Lions with the playoffs on the line. From the beautiful momentum of the Packers win streak, the season quickly ended back with frustration. While the defense was providing stops throughout the game, the offense turned back to what it had looked like during the five-game losing streak, scoring just one touchdown.

"I do commend our locker room

and the guys for their ability to overcome adversity throughout the course of the season, but I think ultimately we dug ourselves in too big of a hole, and the margin for error in this league is so small and if you don't capitalize on opportunities and you make mistakes — then you're going to lose," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur.

The loss, while predictable, still felt somewhat heartbreaking, as a team that was counted out by everyone except the players and coaches had a win-and-you-are-in opportunity. There was hope and with Rodgers at quarterback, anything could happen.

Now Green Bay faces a reality of not having Rodgers anymore, an idea that he is not discounting, creating yet another offseason of uncertainty in Green Bay.

"It's a feeling, do I feel like I have anything left to prove to myself? Do I want to go back and gear up for another grind? Or is it time? Is it time to step away? Is it time for another voice to be leading this team?," said Rodgers. "I think I need to get away and contemplate those things, and those are real to me."

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Packers season ends at hands of Lions

Rodgers' future up in the air

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

In what could be Aaron Rodgers' last game at Lambeau Field, the Green Bay Packers saw their magic run out to the Detroit Lions, losing 20-16 and ending Green Bay's playoff hopes.

This is the first time in head coach Matt LaFleur's four-year tenure that the Packers have missed the playoffs.

"To have an opportunity to go to the playoffs at home and not being able to get it done in that fashion is extremely disappointing," said LaFleur, following the game.

Rodgers finished the game with 205 passing yards and a touchdown pass on 17 completions. Christian Watson was the main benefactor of Rodgers, as the rookie receiver recorded 104 receiving yards on five catches. Allen Lazard added another 41 yards and a touchdown.

For the Lions, quarterback Jared Goff completed 23 out of 34 passing attempts for 224 yards and no touchdowns. Both of Detroit's touchdowns came by way of former Packer running back Jamaal Williams, who added another 72 yards on the ground.

The Packers, who have been averaging 140.5 rushing yards over the four-game win streak, garnered just 103 yards on the ground in this game. Aaron Jones led the way against Detroit with 48 yards on 12 carries. A.J. Dillon added another 33 yards on nine carries, snapping his streak of five straight games with a rushing touchdown.

"We didn't block movement very well," said LaFleur, on the team's inability to get a strong run game going.

Green Bay immediately marched down the field to open the game, with a defensive pass interference penalty putting the Packers on Detroit's 5-yard line. The drive stalled though, as Jones and Dillon combined for rushes of just one yard. That was followed up by an incompleting intended for Dillon, leading to Mason Crosby's first field goal of the game.

After trading possessions, which included a failed fourth-down rush from Lazard, the Packers were able to work down the field again on the back of a 27-yard reception from Watson. On third-and-five from Detroit's 20-yard line, Lions pass



Green Bay Packers wide receiver Allen Lazard, left, reaches for a pass against Detroit Lions cornerback Jerry Jacobs during a game on Jan. 8 in Green Bay.

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rusher Aiden Hutchinson bull-rushed Packers tackle Yosh Nijman, sacking Rodgers for a loss of 11 yards.

Up 6-3, the Packers once again had their drive stalled at the Lions 24-yard-line after another Hutchinson sack on third-and-five resulted in a loss of six yards. Crosby once again finished the drive for the offense, making a 48-yard field goal.

With 1:16 left in the first half, Goff led the Lions down the field, throwing for 55 yards on 10 plays to bring the ball to the Green Bay 37-yard line with five seconds left. As the Lions were setting up for a field goal, the Packers called timeout and Packers cornerback Rasul Douglas attempted to stop the long snapper from snapping the ball.

A small fight followed, leading to Douglas being called for a 15-yard unnecessary roughness penalty, thus giving the Lions an easy 33-yard field goal make to enter halftime.

"The first half, I think we had a lot of opportunities that we let go away," said Rodgers. "Obviously the first

drive was a good drive, and I think we had four drives inside their territory and just didn't come up with enough points — didn't convert on third down."

Douglas was not the only one who seemingly lost his composure in this game, as linebacker Quay Walker was ejected from the game following him pushing a Lions staff member who was attending to an injured player. With the ejection, Walker became the first player in 15 years to be disqualified from two games in the same season.

"I don't know, but that is unacceptable," said LaFleur when answering why players lost their composure in this game. "I've got a much higher standard for our players than to do silly things like that. I mean we've had a guy get ejected twice. I don't think I have ever seen that in my career."

Down 20-16 with just under six minutes remaining, Rodgers tried to lead a charge to take the lead late.

Facing third-and-10 from Green Bay's own 33-yard line, Rodgers was met with pressure up the middle and as a result he heaved a pass down the right sideline, intended for Watson, which was intercepted by Lions safety Kerby Joseph. That was the last pass that Rodgers threw in the game, and it could be Rodgers last throw as a Packer.

With the season over and the future in question, Rodgers exited the field by walking to the locker room with Randall Cobb next to him, embracing each other. While he is under contract for another season, Rodgers said that he will take some time to figure out his immediate future.

"It's a little raw right now," said Rodgers. "It's just a little bit after the game, so I'm going to take the emotion out of it and have conversations and see where the organization's at and see how I feel after some time has passed."

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By **BILL HUBER**

Correspondent

Green Bay Packers coach Matt LaFleur's first three teams each won 13 games. His first two teams reached NFC Championship Games.

His fourth team will watch the playoffs from home.

The offense never found its way after the offseason trade of Davante Adams. The defense rarely played to the preseason hype. The special teams improved as the season went on but couldn't deliver a game-turning play in the finale.

Here is a unit-by-unit report card, supplemented by stats from Pro Football Focus.

Quarterbacks

The numbers are pretty incredible. In winning MVP honors in 2020 and 2021, Aaron Rodgers' season averages were 69.6% completions, 4,200 yards, 42.5 touchdowns and 4½ interceptions. In 2022, he completed 64.7% of his passes for 3,490 yards with 25 touchdowns vs. 11 interceptions.

In his healthy seasons, he matched his career low in touchdowns, missed his career high in interceptions by one and had a career-worst 91.5 passer rating. Unbelievably, he threw almost as many interceptions as his first three seasons under LaFleur combined (13). For the first time in his career, he didn't have a single 300-yard game. He finished 16th in rating and 23rd in yards per attempt.

Everybody expected the passing of offense to endure growing pains without Adams. Those pains never went away. During the final eight games, Rodgers never reached even 240 yards. In the last five games — the four-game winning streak and the loss to Detroit — he threw five touchdowns vs. three interceptions.

There's more to playing quarterback than completing passes. LaFleur consistently praised Rodgers for his ability to get the team into the right play at the line of scrimmage. That skill is why older quarterbacks hold so much value.

Still, at the end of the day, a quarterback needs to be that rising tide that lifts all boats. This year's boat was sunk by a Detroit defense that ranked among the worst in the league in just about every important statistical area.

Grade: C

Running backs

Aaron Jones rushed for a career-high 1,121 yards, good for ninth in the league. It was a struggle at times down the stretch but he played in all



Green Bay Packers receiver Christian Watson signals for a first down during the team's game against the Miami Dolphins on Dec. 25 in Miami.

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17 games. His 5.3-yard average eclipsed his career mark of 5.1, which already was among the best in NFL history. His 59 receptions not only set a career high but were just one off the team lead.

On the other hand, he had a career-low two rushing touchdowns and career-high five fumbles. His final fumble of the season was a season-changer. On Sunday, Green Bay was leading 9-3 late in the first half and driving to at least another field goal when Jones fumbled on a screen. Rather than building on their lead, the Lions drove to a field goal to make it a three-point game at intermission.

AJ Dillon also played in all 17 games. As a runner, his 770 yards, 4.1 average and seven touchdowns were on par with last year. He wasn't nearly as good as a receiver, though, going from 34 receptions in 37 targets for 313 yards to 28 receptions in 43 targets for 206 yards. His yards per target plunged from 8.5 to 4.6 and his drops from zero to five.

Grade: B

Receivers

In the long run, maybe trading Adams, drafting Christian Watson in the second round and Romeo Doubs in the fourth round, and allocating Adams' cap money elsewhere will pay off. It didn't this year, though.

Allen Lazard, who was hyped as a No. 1 receiver by Rodgers, led the team with 60 receptions and 788 receiving yards and was second with six receiving touchdowns. Doubs was fourth on the team with 42 receptions (for 425 yards and three touchdowns) and Watson was fifth with 41 receptions (for 611 yards and a team-high seven touchdowns). The lone free-agent addition, Sammy Watkins, was a bust who sucked up too many snaps before he was released in December.

Combined, Lazard and Doubs caught 102 passes, and Lazard and Watson had 1,399 yards and 13 touchdowns. By himself, Adams caught 100 passes for 1,516 yards and 14 touchdowns.

It's not just the numbers. Rodgers and Adams had tens of thousands of practice and game reps to draw upon

in key situations. Need a critical conversion on third-and-8? With a wink and a nod, they made it happen. Rodgers had that connection with Lazard and Randall Cobb but they don't have Adams' talent; Watson and Doubs have the talent but not the experience.

Watson provided a game-breaking element and could be a star if he can stay healthy; following offseason knee surgery, he missed time with hamstring, ankle and hip injuries as well as a concussion. He and Doubs dropped five passes. Lazard dropped four.

The under-the-radar good: Lazard and Watson are tremendous blockers. The under-the-radar bad: Combined, every Packers receiver forced 13 missed tackles, led by Cobb and Watson with four apiece. Nine individuals had more than Green Bay's total.

Watson and Doubs are building blocks; Lazard and Cobb are headed to free agency.

Grade: C-minus

Tight ends

Green Bay's tight ends played exactly to the scouting report.

Robert Tonyan finished third on the team with 53 receptions, which he turned into 470 yards and two touchdowns. Possessing some of the best hands in the NFL, he finished first among tight ends in catch percentage (84.1) and second in drop percentage (1.9). Coming off a torn ACL, he didn't provide much of an explosive element and went 11 games between touchdowns.

Marcedes Lewis, the NFL's oldest tight end, blocks better than just about any tight end in the league. Josiah Deguara is a tight end on the depth chart but the fullback in reality. There weren't many explosive runs that didn't include one or both making the key block.

Tonyan and Lewis are set to be free agents. Given Green Bay's flirtation with the Raiders' Darren Waller at the trade deadline, it would appear the team is looking to upgrade. Lewis will turn 39 in May. He's played 17 seasons, tied with Tony Gonzalez and Jason Witten for most by a tight end in NFL history. He wants that record.

Grade: B

Offensive line

With David Bakhtiari and Elgton Jenkins coming off torn ACLs, uncertainty was the word of the day entering the season. Jenkins made his debut in week two and started 15 games. Bakhtiari made his debut in week three and started 11 games.

When the team became convinced Bakhtiari's three-times-repaired knee

could handle the weekly rigors, it made a big offensive line switch in moving Jenkins from right tackle to left guard, Jon Runyan from left guard to right guard and Yosh Nijman inserted into the lineup at right tackle. The more they played, the better they got.

Bakhtiari is a marvel. Despite limited practice reps and a three-game absence due to an appendectomy, he didn't allow a sack all season.

Jenkins, who was signed a contract extension late in the season, allowed two sacks and 12 pressures in five starts at right tackle and one sack and five pressures in 11 starts at left guard.

Center Josh Myers, a second-round pick in 2021, has been disappointingly mediocre. His pass protection has been fine; his run blocking has been ho-hum.

Runyan, a sixth-round pick in 2020, hadn't played a right-side snap in his life until the big line switch. Not surprisingly, it was a struggle at times for him. He should be better with a full offseason to work on the footwork.

Nijman has gone from undrafted practice squad player to an above-average starter. A shoulder injury factored in his allowing two sacks to Aidan Hutchinson in the finale.

The Packers drafted three linemen. Third-round pick Sean Rhyan didn't play and was suspended for the final six games for performance-enhancing drugs. Seventh-round pick Rasheed Walker didn't play, either.

Fourth-round pick Zach Tom, on the other hand, was one of the team's unsung heroes for delivering consistently strong performances on short notice at left tackle, left guard and right tackle. He'll contend for a starting job in 2023.

Grade: B

Defensive line

When it was time to go get the quarterback, the veteran tandem of Kenny Clark and Jarran Reed was up to the task. Clark had four sacks and was tied for 11th with 45 pressures. Reed, who was signed in free agency, had 2½ sacks and was 25th with 33 pressures.

The other veteran, Dean Lowry, had his consecutive-games streak snapped at 101 when he was put on injured reserve for the final two games. He had a half-sack after recording a career-high five last year. He's headed to free agency.

First-round pick Devonte Wyatt had 1½ sacks. The sacks and five of his eight pressures came in the four games after the bye. His athleticism is obvious, and a year of seasoning could set him up for a breakout season next year. Second-year player T.J. Slaton was one of the stars of the week 17 rout of Minnesota. The Pack-



Green Bay Packers linebacker Preston Smith (91) and defensive lineman Kenny Clark (97) chase down Miami Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa (1) during a game on Dec. 25 in Miami. GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA

ers need that consistently.

The key here is run defense. There needs to be an attitude adjustment and a resolve that nobody is going to run against that group.

Grade: C

Outside linebackers

Rashan Gary's torn ACL changed everything. The Packers were one of the healthiest teams in the league but Gary was on the short list of players who the team simply couldn't afford to lose.

In nine games, Gary had six sacks and 38 pressures in 191 pass-rushing snaps. Of the 101 edge defenders with at least that number of pass-rushing opportunities, Gary finished second in PFF's pass-rushing productivity, which measures sacks, hits and hurries per pass-rushing snap.

In 17 games, the other veteran starter, Preston Smith, had 8½ sacks and 42 pressures and was 51st in pass-rushing productivity. In nine games with Gary, Smith had 26 pressures. In eight games without Gary, he had just 16.

Gary's injury meant a lot of playing time for fifth-round rookie Kingsley Enagbare. He had three sacks but just one after Gary went down. He finished 63rd in pass-rushing productivity. Justin Hollins was claimed off waivers from the Rams and had 2½ sacks in five games.

Grade: D-plus

Inside linebackers

The Packers re-signed All-Pro De'Vondre Campbell in free agency and used a first-round pick on Quay Walker. Combined with the additions of Reed and Wyatt on the defensive line, Green Bay's run defense was supposed to be strong. Instead, the Packers finished 28th in yards allowed per carry.

Campbell, who missed four games with a knee injury, was good but not great. Playing three fewer games than

last season, he produced 50 fewer tackles, two fewer passes defended and two fewer forced fumbles but missed seven more tackles. He did match last year's total of two interceptions; one of those was a huge one in the victory at Miami. A solid starter, his 2021 seems like an outlier.

Walker led the team with 119 tackles and was impressive with seven passes defended and three forced fumbles. He was great at times; he's got a chance to be great, period. His season ended with an ejection during the fourth quarter of the season-ending loss to Detroit, a penalty that set up the Lions for the game-winning touchdown.

Grade: C-plus

Cornerbacks

Entering the season, Jaire Alexander, Rasul Douglas and Eric Stokes had a chance to become the best cornerback trio in the NFL.

Alexander mostly did his part. With five interceptions and 14 passes defended, he finished one interception from the NFL lead and one pass defended from the top 10. He thrives on competition, which is why he delivered big-time performances vs. Miami's Tyreek Hill and Minnesota's Justin Jefferson down the stretch.

With Alexander out with a significant shoulder injury last year, Douglas was signed off Arizona's practice squad and saved the season. His four interceptions and 13 passes defended were about on par with last year's five interceptions and 13 passes defended but his play-to-play performance wasn't the same. His catch rate went from 50.8% to 67.1%, and officials frequently busted him for overly physical play.

Stokes was terrible after an all-rookie-caliber debut. In 2021, he gave up a 51% catch rate and had a forced-incompletion rate of 19%. Before his 2022 season ended with an ankle

injury in week 9, Stokes allowed an 84% completion rate and had a forced-incompletion rate of just 4%.

Keisean Nixon started three games in the slot late in the season before the Packers turned to Darnell Savage in that role and let Nixon focus on returns.

Grade: B-minus

Safeties

It was a typical season for steady Adrian Amos. In fact, he set career highs with 102 tackles and seven tackles for losses. He had one interception after four consecutive seasons of two, and five passes defended, down from eight last year. As always, he got his man to the turf. Amos will turn 30 in April and is headed to free agency.

Former first-round pick Darnell Savage went from starter and every-down player to the bench before being thrust into a key role for the final games. His good is great and his bad is terrible. Unfortunately, there's been more bad than good. Few players in the NFL are worse tacklers than Savage. That's a problem at any position but especially so at safety.

Rudy Ford, mostly a career-long special teams player, proved to be a valuable member of the defense. He started six games in his first five seasons but six games for the Packers. He picked off three passes and forced a fumble. He is unbelievably fast and a decent tackler.

Grade: C

Special teams

Rich Bisaccia's units got better and better as the season progressed.

Nixon was the star of the show. Taking over on returns at midseason, he emerged as the NFL's best kickoff returner with a 28.8-yard average and five returns of 50-plus yards. He is fast and tough — a good combination that allowed him to run through arm tackles.

Mason Crosby had a nice bounce-back season by making 25-of-29 field goals (86.2%). Crosby's leg is significantly below average — he statistically was the worst kickoff man in the NFL — but he's such an asset in the cold. While it was adventure for the Vikings' Greg Joseph and the Lions' Michael Badgley, Crosby was mostly money in the bank.

Veteran addition Pat O'Donnell finished only 30th in net average (38.9 yards) but successfully limited opposing returners and had 24 inside-the-20 punts vs. an NFL-best one touchback.

Undrafted rookie snapper Jack Coco will face a challenger in camp. O'Donnell saved his bacon on some low snaps.

Grade: B

NFL PLAYOFF GUIDE

By **DAVID BRANDT**

The Associated Press

The NFL's week 18 saved its best drama for the final game of the weekend.

The Detroit Lions — eliminated from playoff contention earlier Sunday when the Seahawks beat the Rams — pushed past their disappointment and played the role of a spoiler, rallying to beat Green Bay 20-16 on Sunday night. The win denied quarterback Aaron Rodgers and the Packers a spot in the postseason.

Instead of Green Bay, it's the Seahawks who will be the No. 7 seed in the NFC. They'll travel to face division rival San Francisco in next weekend's wild-card round.

The rest of next weekend's schedule is also set: In the AFC, it'll be the Miami Dolphins at the Buffalo Bills, Baltimore Ravens at the Cincinnati Bengals and Los Angeles Chargers at Jacksonville Jaguars. In the NFC, the Minnesota Vikings will host the New York Giants and the Tom Brady-led Tampa Bay Bucs host the Dallas Cowboys.

The Lions' upset win capped a weekend that saw the Dolphins make it back to the playoffs for the first time since 2016. The surprising Jaguars also return to the postseason for just the second time since 2007.

Seven of the 14 teams that qualified for the playoffs didn't make the field last season, including the Seahawks, Ravens, Jaguars, Chargers, Dolphins, Vikings and Giants.

Among those headed home: The New England Patriots and six-time Super Bowl-winning coach Bill Belichick, eliminated after a loss to the Bills.

The Lions didn't have much to play for against the Packers other than pride, but that was enough. They were knocked out of playoff contention when Seattle's Jason Myers kicked a 32-yard field goal to beat the Los Angeles Rams 19-16 in overtime.

The No. 1 overall seed in the AFC was claimed by Kansas City with its 31-13 win over Las Vegas on Saturday. The NFC's top spot was taken by Philadelphia, which beat the New York Giants 22-16 on Sunday.

The AFC bracket could still be affected by the cancellation of the Jan. 2 Bills-Bengals game. The Bengals avoided a coin flip for home field after beating the Ravens 27-16, but there still could be a neutral field AFC championship game if the Bills line up against the Chiefs.

Wild Card schedule

Saturday: Seattle Seahawks at San Francisco 49ers, 3:30 p.m., FOX; Los Angeles Chargers at Jacksonville Jaguars, 7:15 p.m., NBC.

Sunday: Miami Dolphins at Buffalo Bills, noon, CBS; New York Giants at Minnesota Vikings, 3:30 p.m., FOX; Baltimore Ravens at Cincinnati Bengals, 7:15 p.m. NBC.

Monday: Dallas Cowboys at Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 7:15 p.m. ESPN/ABC.

Playoff format

This is the third straight year of the current NFL playoff format, which includes the top seven teams from both the AFC and the NFC.

The four division winners in both conferences automatically get the top four seeds, regardless of record, and then the top three teams with the best record that didn't win their division are the wild-card selections. That's why it's fairly common for a wild-card selection to have a better record — but worse playoff seeding — than a team that finished as a division winner.

The No. 1-seeded team in each conference gets a bye into the second round — that's the Chiefs and Eagles — while No. 2 hosts No. 7, No. 3 hosts No. 6 and No. 4 hosts No. 5 during wild-card weekend.

The NFL has a re-seeding policy after each playoff round. That means that no matter how the bracket

started, the lowest-seeded team will always travel to the higher-seeded team.

There are four rounds to the playoffs: The wild-card round is during the upcoming weekend, the divisional round is Jan. 21-22, the conference championship games are on Jan. 29 and the Super Bowl is scheduled for Feb. 12 in Glendale, Arizona.

Changes due to Bills, Bengals cancellation

It was an eventful week for players and fans, who watched in horror on Jan. 2 as Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin collapsed on the field and had to be given CPR before leaving the field in an ambulance. A few days later, those same players and fans have watched with joy as Hamlin recovers.

That made it much easier to focus on Week 18 and now the playoffs.

The Bills-Bengals game had major playoff implications in the AFC, so the cancellation of the game due to Hamlin's injury could force some changes depending on playoff results.

The AFC Championship Game will be played on a neutral site if the Chiefs and Bills reach that point.

Buffalo's 35-23 win over New England on Sunday coupled with Kansas City's 31-13 victory at Las Vegas on Saturday means the No. 1 seed Chiefs (14-3) can't host the conference title game against the Bills (13-3) because the teams played an unequal number of games.

NFL owners approved a resolution on Jan. 6 that implemented new rules for this postseason in response to the cancellation of the Bills-Bengals game.

AP Pro Football Writer Rob Maaddi and AP Sports Writer Alanis Thames contributed to this report.

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Pack's linebacker Quay Walker apologizes after his 2nd ejection

By **STEVE MEGARGEE**

The Associated Press

Packers linebacker Quay Walker apologized via social media after getting ejected from Green Bay's regular-season finale for shoving a Lions team physician.

"I reacted off of my emotions again and take full responsibility of making another stupid decision," Walker tweeted Jan. 9. "Since then I've ques-

tioned myself on why did I do what I did when the trainer was doing his job!! I was wrong!!"

The incident occurred Jan. 8 during Detroit's go-ahead touchdown drive midway through the fourth quarter of a 20-16 Lions victory that prevented the Packers from reaching the playoffs. Walker was close behind two Lions staffers as they attended to Detroit running back D'Andre Swift, Walker's former Georgia teammate.

Lions team physician Sean Lynch put his left hand on Walker's right elbow to move him away from the staffers so he could check on Swift as well. Walker shoved Lynch in the back. Packers rookie defensive tackle Devonte Wyatt - who also played at Georgia with Walker and Swift - later appeared to bump his left shoulder into Lynch's back but wasn't penalized.

Cameras showed a visibly frustrated Walker head to the locker room.

"I understand I have to face everything that comes with the decision I've made, and I'm definitely paying for it now," Walker tweeted. "Also to explain my frustration in the tunnel. I wasn't upset about being kicked out, I just knew I messed up again and was wrong for what I did and couldn't believe I did it again. To the Detroit Lions and to the entire training staff, including the person I did that to, I'm sorry."



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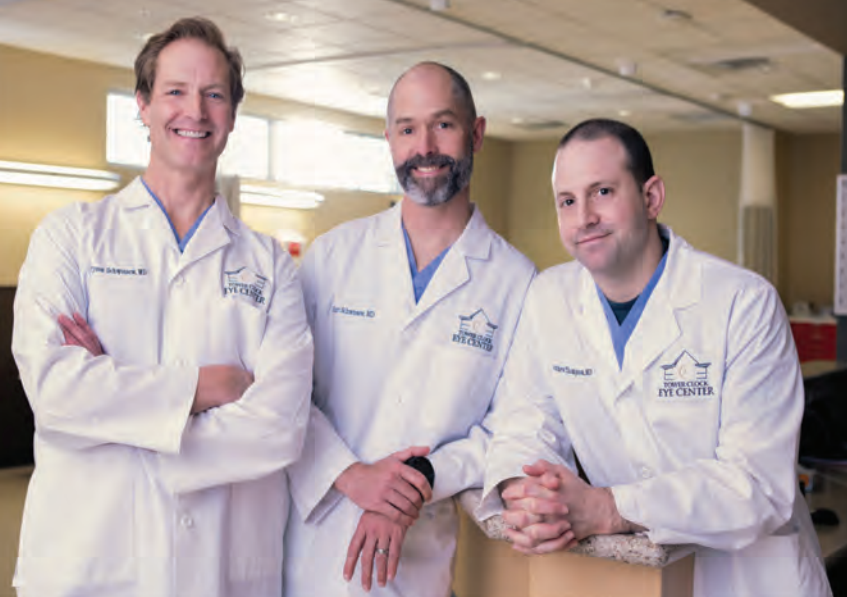


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