

Beginning to look a lot like Christmas



The kids activity table at Expo Hall is packed during the Christmas in the Park celebration at Zippel Park in Gillett on Dec. 7. See more photos on Page 2. WARREN BLUHM | NEW MEDIA

Child assault trial ends with plea deal

SanRoman was to be sentenced Dec. 11

BY WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

After defiantly refusing to come to the courtroom for his own trial the day before, an Oconto man charged with multiple child sexual assaults pleaded guilty Dec. 5 to a single attack.

David SanRoman, 49, is scheduled to be sentenced Dec. 11 for second-degree sexual assault of a child before Oconto County Circuit Judge Michael Judge. As part of a plea agreement, District Attorney Hannah Schuchart said she will recommend that SanRoman serve 15 years in prison, followed by 10 years of extended supervision.



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The prosecution also agreed to drop a related charge of the repeated sexual assault of the same child from the time she was 8 years old until Aug. 11, 2020, when the final assault occurred and the girl, then 14, told her friends what had happened.

The girl, now an 18-year-old first-year college student, testified Dec. 4 that she was awakened from her sleep that night by SanRoman — her mother's boyfriend — groping her and trying to have sex.

She rebuffed the advance but texted four of her friends, she testified. One of the friends told her mother the next morning, and then her father when he came home that afternoon. The father called police, setting in motion a lengthy judicial process.

The father testified Dec. 4 that he

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Agreement for elderly meal services moves forward

Marinette Elderly Services would take over meals for seniors

BY WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

The Oconto County Health and Human Services Board has approved a contract with Marinette Elderly Services to run home-delivered and on-site meal services for Oconto County in 2025.

The contract, which goes to the Marinette nonprofit's board, amounts to \$228,335. Scott Shackelford, director of Health and Human Services, noted that it breaks down to \$133,769 for "congregate services," meals served at various sites around the county; \$79,566 for home-delivered meals; and a \$15,000 match by Oconto County.

"Actually, as I'm getting into this more, (the numbers) actually should be inverted or flip-flopped, because home deliveries cost more — you've got to drive the meals to places and there's mileage," Shackelford said during the board's Dec. 4 meeting. "There is an allowable transfer of that money, so that's the whole allowable amount for the package."

Oconto County is in the process of separating from the nonprofit Oconto County

Commission on Aging, which contracted with the county for many years to provide elderly benefit services, meals for seniors and transportation services for the elderly. Financial problems that have plagued the commission on and off since 2019 led the county board to seek other avenues starting with the 2025 budget.

Karl Ballestrad, a former Oconto County Board member who also serves on the Commission on Aging board, said the new arrangement appears to be reducing services to senior citizens who depend on the meal services.

Ballestrad said he understood the presentation by the Marinette Elderly Services director in November: "Often in Marinette County, three meals a week would be delivered; in the city of Marinette, one meal a week at the restaurant. When Oconto did it, it was five meals a week. Is that what's going to happen to the meals for the elderly?"

Shackelford said the county is working with existing sites in Mountain, Oconto Falls and other communities to explore maintaining existing services.

"I think there's some ways for efficiency," he said. "I think without running up a

lot of mileage, we want to be efficient with that."

The southern area of Oconto County would probably see deliveries on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, with the possibility of additional frozen meals as an option to reduce mileage. The congregate sites' schedule would be maintained as much as possible.

"We're trying to preserve what is going on the most that we can under the circumstances," Shackelford said. "It's a tough situation, and I'll acknowledge that, but our desire is to continue those services as much as we can, and (Marinette Elderly Services) has a good track record of delivering meals —"

"Five days a week," Ballestrad broke in. "Just to be frank about that, that can be why things are generating a loss," Schackelford said.

Ballestrad was the only Human Services Board member to vote against the contract with Marinette Elderly Services.

"I think the senior citizens are getting ripped off," he said.

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Gillett celebrates Christmas in the Park

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Face painter Hailey Bre works on a young client during Christmas in the Park in Gillett on Dec. 7.



Crafters packed two rooms at St. John's Lutheran Church.



Photographer Keri Hicks takes pictures of kids visiting Santa Claus.



Santa Claus moves in for a hug as one of his helpers welcomes him to Expo Hall at Zippel Park in Gillett on Dec. 7.



The basement at St. John Lutheran Church in Gillett is packed with vendors during the Christmas in the Park celebration Dec. 7.

OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of Nov. 25

- Joaquin Julian Alba, 29, Gillett, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct as a domestic abuse repeater, in connection with an incident that occurred Oct. 9, and misdemeanor counts of criminal damage to property, disorderly conduct and endangering safety by the use of a dangerous weapon, in connection with an incident that occurred April 17, 2023. Judge Michael Judge sentenced him to a year in prison followed by a year of extended supervision with conditions.
- Jeremy W. Heise, 39, Suring, pleaded no contest to felony bail jumping, in connection with an incident that occurred May 21; a misdemeanor charge of operating while revoked, in connection with an incident that occurred May 30; and two counts of possession of methamphetamine and one count of felony bail jumping, in connection with an incident that occurred Aug 6. Judge scheduled sentencing for Feb. 3 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.
- Greyson Gregory Sweval, 46, Marquette, Michigan, pleaded no contest to operat-

ing a motor vehicle with a restricted controlled substance (fourth offense), in connection with an incident that occurred Feb. 17, 2023. Judge scheduled sentencing for Feb. 3 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

- Chelsey Jean Raymond, 32, Oshkosh, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor counts of operating a motor vehicle while her license was revoked and violating an ignition interlock order, in connection with an incident that occurred May 5. A felony bail jumping charge was dismissed in a plea agreement. Judge levied fines totaling \$662.
- After a preliminary hearing, Eric J. Hujet, 46, Oconto, was bound over on a charge of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense), in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 5. Judge Jay Conley scheduled arraignment for Dec. 20.

Proceedings of Nov. 26

- Judge sentenced Christopher Allen Gullede, 36, Oconto, to the 201 days he has already served in county

jail for possession of methamphetamine, in connection with an incident that occurred Dec. 25, 2023.

- Bond was set at \$5,000 cash for Moises F. Andrade-Fiscal, 23, Oconto, after he was charged with strangulation and suffocation and misdemeanor counts of battery and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 24. Judge adjourned his initial appearance until Dec. 16.
- Bond was set at \$3,000 cash for William J. Porath, 52, Oconto Falls, after he was charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fifth or sixth offense), in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 22. Judge adjourned his initial appearance until Dec. 12.

Proceedings of Dec. 2

- A Dec. 4-5 jury trial was rescheduled to March 6-7 for Stuart Lee Long, 38, Cecil, on charges of burglary and misdemeanor theft, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 12, 2020. Another scheduled jury trial for those dates held precedence.

Judge Michael Judge scheduled a final pre-trial conference for Feb. 28.

- A Dec. 17 jury trial was rescheduled for April 1 for Terrence Lee Ludwig, 64, Suring, on a charge of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense) and operating with a prohibited alcohol content, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 8, 2023. Judge scheduled a final pre-trial conference for March 18.
- Bond was set at \$4,000 cash for Jonathon Ray Suprise, 52, Menominee, Michigan, after he was charged with felony bail jumping, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 30. Judge Jay Conley adjourned his initial appearance until Dec. 12.

Proceedings of Dec. 3

- Brandon J. Neumann, 31, Gillett, pleaded no contest to felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked and possession of drug paraphernalia, in

connection with an incident that occurred July 27. Judge scheduled sentencing for Dec. 17 and agreed to use the pre-sentence investigation from a 2022 case.

- A Feb. 12 jury trial was scheduled for Kameron Michael Dushinske, 34, Barron, on charges of misappropriating ID information to avoid penalty and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 29. Judge scheduled a final pre-trial conference for Jan. 13.
- William Luther Sechrist, 27, Shawano, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to two counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor operating while revoked, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 12. Judge scheduled a pre-trial conference for Jan. 16.

Proceedings of Dec. 5

- Bond was set at \$10,000 cash for Raymond A. Tourtillott, 45, Keshena, after he was charged with fleeing an officer in a vehicle and two

counts of first-degree recklessly endangering safety, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 3. Conley adjourned his initial appearance until Dec. 12.

Proceedings of Dec. 6

- Criminal complaints were filed charging KD L. Weaver, 26, Gillett, and Jacob Ronald Umland, 30, Gillett, with first-degree recklessly endangering safety and chronic neglect of a child, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 1. Weaver and Umland had been held in lieu of \$100,000 cash bond each since a Nov. 8 court appearance. Conley scheduled adjourned initial appearances for Dec. 12.
- Bond was set at \$2,000 cash for Ricardo Dominguez De La Cruz, 44, Coleman, after he was charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense) and a misdemeanor count operating while revoked, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 3. Conley adjourned his initial appearance until Jan. 13.

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Main Street open house has new twists



New this year at Oconto Falls' Main Street Christmas open house Dec. 5 is a tree lighting at Caldwell Square.
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A resident of Whoville (Katelyn Kurek), left, and Cindy Lou Who (Ava Salscheider) help the Grinch meet visitors to Whoville during the Oconto Falls Main Street open house on Dec. 5.
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Gillett dissolves CDA as redundant

BY WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

The Gillett City Council voted Dec. 5 to dissolve the city's Community Development Authority and move its functions into the Planning and Tourism and Marketing committees.

"When we originally started many, many, many years ago, there were some

perks to having a CDA," said Alderperson Nanette Mohr. "Over the years, it must have changed."

The authority has been somewhat dormant, because it's been hard to find a lot of people to volunteer to serve on CDA, and the two council committees have handled most of its duties, Mohr said.

Mayor Jon Blaskowski

said recently CDA, Planning, and Tourism and Marketing have been meeting together anyway.

"We figured that anything that could be done by CDA could be done by Tourism and Marketing, so it just makes more sense to dissolve that," Blaskowski said.

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Abrams theater to hold auditions for 'Godspell'

Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. will hold auditions Dec. 18-19 for its spring musical, "Godspell," to be presented March 13-16 and 20-23, 2025.

"Godspell" is based on the Gospel of Matthew, with music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz. This timeless tale of friendship and love is demonstrated by an eclectic group that teams up with Jesus. Using a blend of parables, songs, games and tomfoolery, Jesus' life is played out onstage. In this New Age production, Jesus' message of kindness, tolerance and love shines vibrantly.

This musical, directed by Elizabeth Jolly-Haslitt, calls for male and female cast members, ages 16 and older.

Individuals will have two opportunities to audition: 6-8:30 p.m. Dec. 18 or Dec. 19, at the Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St., Abrams.

Individuals who audition should be prepared to sing one-minute of a song from a musical. They are encouraged to sing along to a music track on their phone, instead of singing a cappella.

The auditions will also include a reading from the script and a group chore-

ography number, so comfortable clothing and shoes are recommended. Dance experience is a plus.

To save time and skip the line, individuals are encouraged to complete the audition paperwork online prior to auditions. A link can be found under the Events/Auditions tab at Abramstheater.com. If an in-person audition isn't feasible, contact ASPI at 920-826-5852 or theater.aspi@gmail.com regarding an alternate time or a video audition.

Interested in helping out behind the scenes? Contact ASPI to volunteer.

SRO officer pilot advances

BY WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

The City of Gillett and Gillett School District are moving closer to establishing a school resource officer (SRO) to serve in school buildings.

The city's Health, Protection and Licensing Committee was scheduled to meet Dec. 9 to make a final recommendation regarding a contract to

establish a pilot SRO program for the first five months of 2025.

Alderperson Ashley VanStraten said the HPL Committee met Dec. 4 and postponed a decision.

"We had some council members request that our lawyers look over the contract one final time before taking any action," VanStraten said.

The Dec. 9 meeting was expected to address

outstanding concerns, she said.

"With our answer on Monday, we want to make sure the school board has enough time to review it at their next board meeting, which is Dec. 19," VanStraten said. "If it gets moved through, we could have our officer and start that relationship on Jan. 2."

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There is no charge for admission but a free-will offering will be accepted.
A dessert reception will follow each performance.
St. John's Lutheran Church is handicapped-accessible to all.

Hillside serves 355 Thanksgiving meals



Hillside Assembly of Gillett held its annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 27. This year, the church went back to eat-in and normal delivery options for the free dinner. Over 140 meals were delivered with a total of around 355 meals served. Hillside thanked Pat's Market of Gillett, for donating all the turkeys, and all the volunteers who were willing to cook, help and serve. For more information about service times, including the live stream service, visit www.hillsideassembly.com or call the church office at 920-855-2962.

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warned his daughter that calling the police might cost her the victim's friendship because she had pledged not to tell, but the daughter replied, "I don't care; you have to do something."

The victim also testified that shortly after SanRoman moved in with her mother in 2014, he began abusing her when her mother went to work and he was the only adult in the household. At first he would ask for a massage and reach behind to try to touch her privates, which later escalated to forcing her into oral sex and finally intercourse.

When Schuchart asked how often the attacks would occur, the girl said, "At least weekly."

She said she was scared to tell anyone because SanRoman had warned her not to, although her mother did walk in on an oral assault at least one, throwing him out of the home but allowing him back at a later date. The mother herself was sentenced to prison after pleading no contest to chronic neglect of a child resulting in a sex offense.

SanRoman's trial had begun more than an hour late on Dec. 4 after the defendant refused to leave the Oconto County Jail.

While 50 prospective jurors waited in the jury assembly room down the hall, SanRoman sat with his head down on a video feed from the jail. Defense attorney Michael Scholke said his client "does not feel he can emotionally or physically proceed" and said he was on the verge of a nervous breakdown and believed his health was imperiled should he be forced to come to the courtroom.

"To be frank, your honor, he believes that the court is — my words, not his — putting a gun to his head and forcing him into this with an attorney he does not want, or forcing him into a plea that he feels he has not had adequate time to consider," Scholke said. "At this time I'm making a motion that Mr. SanRoman be examined for competency (to stand trial). I feel that I am compelled to do this, that he is not in a mental state to adequately assist in his own defense."

Schuchart said the state had called prospective jurors, subpoenaed all its witnesses and prepared them for testimony, and in her opinion with the case over the past year, SanRoman appears to be articulate and able to stand trial.

"I believe that he's competent, but I understand attorney Scholke's responsibility to bring that to the court's attention," she said. "By all other accounts, the state is ready to proceed today if the court elects to do so."

As Schuchart described the plea offer that she said had been on the table for six to eight months, for him to plead guilty to Count 2, SanRoman broke his silence and said that Count 2 had been dismissed during an earlier trial that had ended in a mistrial.

"You can't charge me with a count that's already been dismissed. How many times do we have to go over this?" SanRoman shouted. "I'm not doing this! Bring me back to my cell; I'm not doing this. Bring me back to my cell; I'm not doing this."

Scholke tried to explain that at his first trial in April 2022, SanRoman was facing five charges, and Count 2 in the current amended complaint had been Count 4 in the original allegations.

As for the plea offer, "You'd be looking at a maximum of 25 (years in prison) and 15 (years of extended supervision), but the state's recommendation would be 15 and 10," Scholke told his client.

"Whatever," SanRoman said.

Judge said the case has been ongoing for years including the first trial, which ended in a mistrial after it was determined the defense may not have discovered a crucial piece of discovery.

"At no time was the court concerned as to the competency of Mr. SanRoman during any of those hearings, nor at any time by any of his three attorneys that he has had in this case," the judge said, ruling that the defendant is competent to stand trial. "This trial is going to proceed today, with or without Mr. SanRoman."

When Judge asked SanRoman if he would attend the trial in person or over the video feed, the defendant refused to answer and began to pace in the jail video room. He could be heard muttering, "I'm done," while Judge explained he would be required to read jury instructions that he has the right not to appear at the trial but they should not take his absence into consideration as they consider the evidence presented.

As jury selection proceeded, at least three jurors were excused after saying they could not get past SanRoman's non-appearance at his own trial.

"If he's not here, he must be guilty," one man said.

A jury of seven women and six men, including one potential alternate, was seated after about an hour of questioning, but one woman interrupted Schuchart's opening statement to say she was physically ill.

Out of the hearing of the other jurors, Judge explained that the woman was upset by the descriptions of what had been done to the 8-year-old girl. He excused her from further duty, and the trial proceeded with the other 12 jurors.

The panel heard testimony from five witnesses, including the victim and her mother, before adjourning for the day around 4 p.m. After Scholke met with SanRoman the next morning, the second day of the trial was canceled and the plea hearing was held.

Judge scheduled sentencing for 3 p.m. Dec. 11.

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Packers Foundation invests in new pageant

The Green Bay Packers Foundation chair's message to grant recipients was succinct. On Nov. 21, Wilson Jones told the 398 grantees gathered in the Lambeau Field Atrium that "the Green Bay Packers appreciate what you do."

Wilson conveyed that the foundation was created in 1986 by Judge Robert J. Parins "as a vehicle to assure continued contributions to charity," with its goal being "to assist the many nonprofit organizations across the state that impact the well-being of Wisconsin residents."

In 2024, they awarded \$1.5 million to help meet their charge.

There were 459 grants submitted this year, with each seeking funding for eligible projects in arts and culture, athletics and education. Wilson noted: "This was the largest number of applications we've ever had."

He added that all the organizations that applied shared something in common with the foundation.

"We have the same mantra — everybody matters," he said. "We want to encourage you to keep doing what you do to inspire others in our state."

I attended the luncheon event with pageant stage manger Melinda Cook to accept a check on behalf of the Menominee Pageant Players Guild. Our group stages a theatrical production in the



Woodland Bowl every summer on the Wednesday before the Menominee Contest Pow Wow, as well as a dinner theater evening on the Menominee Restoration Act in late December.

While a Dec. 19 show at Menominee Indian Middle School will mark our next production, the Packers Foundation grant will help finance our summer 2025 endeavors.

Menominee people have been inviting guests onto their land to hear performed oration since the 1800s, with their pageant productions running from 1937 into the 1970s. The latter shows are a mixture of recorded dialogue, pantomime and live music and dancing under theatrical lights in the majestic Woodland Bowl in Keshena.

Since 2016, the College of Menominee Nation has answered elders' requests to revive the shows, staging classic pageant scripts from the 1940s through the 1960s. Celebrated by both the community who created

them and those who travel from throughout the state to witness, the shows have inspired our turn toward a new chapter in Menominee theater history.

The Green Bay Packers Foundation grant funds the creation of new pageant scripts that will carry the productions forward for the next few years. Drawing from both written and oral Menominee stories, the new show will aim to reflect the messages that 21st century pageant patrons need to hear. The charge to write new shows has been a goal of our revival team since day one.

After our 2016 production, our late master of ceremonies Richie Plass said, "Look at these people, these young ones. Fifty years from now, they'll be great, these young ones, carrying this on. And maybe even make new stories, make them their stories. And that's what our culture is about. It's forever changing as much as it is staying as it was."

In 2023, the Pageant Players Guild answered the call to produce new stories by adding a new scene to enhance a collection of past work in a show called "Onkow." In 2024, we created and staged the short intermission show, "How Muak Got Their Necklace." In 2025 and beyond, we aim to stage all new productions.

Packer alumnus Dorsey Levens concluded the foundation



Menominee Pageant Players director Ryan Winn and stage manager Melinda Cook accept a Green Bay Packers Foundation check from Packer alumnus Dorsey Levens. COLLEGE OF MENOMINEE NATION

gathering stating, "It's amazing what you can do to change someone's life. All you have to do is show them you care and give them your ear."

"If you want to change the world, you start in your community."

Menominee people have always recognized the power of stories to enact positive change. With funding from the Green Bay Packers Foundation and the continued support of CMN, the Menominee Pageant Players Guild endeavor to add to the

proud tradition of Menominee theater.

Generation after generation, Menominee theater practitioners have been empowering artists, affirming cultural teachings and changing patrons into allies, one production at a time.

The Pageant Players Guild appreciates this rich history. Now it's time to add to it.

Ryan Winn, Ph.D., teaches communications, English, history and theater at the College of Menominee Nation. Visit www.menominee.edu for more information about the school.

Hunter shares 'Late Season Deer' reality show

I love reality shows that aren't fake, or at least appear not to be fake. Shows like "Naked and Afraid," "Life Below Zero" and "Survivor: SOS" show actual survival tips that could save a life or at least get you through a few days on some remote island or longer in Alaska.

If I had a chance to make my own reality TV show, I'd call it "Late Season Deer." The goal is to put some venison in the freezer by any legal means possible while avoiding frostbite, amputated toes, hair-pulling boredom and a padded room with clipboard-holding observers.

When the last few shots of the nine-day gun deer season fade into the distance and the first few days of the 10-day muzzleloader deer season begin, those lingering doubts about gathering fresh venison begin to solidify. But I now had someone new to share my misery and pop-up blind with.

Scott Krebs, of Oshkosh, the spouse of one of my wife's best friends, lost his hunting spot last season and briefly shared my blind last season at Fox Valley Muzzle Loaders Club in New London. Although no deer fell, I convinced him to join the club because he was anxious to learn more about muzzleloading rifles and enjoy hunting on the club's 40-acre woods.

He purchased a new CVA Optima V2 .50-caliber muzzleloading rifle with Vortex scope combo online (one huge benefit of trying the sport is that you can purchase most muzzleloaders through the mail). It took us two sessions to get the rifle dialed in for his load of two 50-grain White Hots pellets and a Hornady 240-grain bullet. The light-



weight rifle had an exceptionally light trigger, and he got to shoot at a doe Nov. 29 (muzzleloaders are legal for all gun deer seasons).

He missed. But our spirits were revived, because we had seen several deer that day. I chalked it up to rookie frontloader nerves and that hair trigger. Muzzleloaders take a little getting used to.

"It's different than a regular rifle, because you don't have a fast second shot," Krebs said.

I've taught him how to load his rifle by first dropping two White Hots down the barrel, then inserting the pre-greased bullet and working it down a few inches with the short-starter (a short rod with a ball of wood on one end for a nice grip) before using the rifle's ramrod to seat the bullet on top of the powder pellets. Open the hinged rifle to put a 209 shotshell primer into a hole in the breech plug, close the gun, cock the hammer and you are ready to fire. Elapsed time: a minute with practice.

They also make muzzleloading pistols, and they can provide a quicker follow-up shot. Note that blackpowder revolvers are not legal during the muzzleloader-only season, because they can be loaded from the rear. (I use a single-shot pistol that must be loaded from the muzzle.)



Scott Krebs, of Oshkosh, enjoyed his first muzzleloader deer season this year after purchasing this new CVA Optima V2 .50-caliber rifle. As a new member of Fox Valley Muzzle Loaders Club in New London, he's been mentor hunting with columnist Ross Bielema on the club's 40-acre woods. ROSS BIELEMA

Although inline muzzleloaders like the rifles we were using are generally more reliable than the older sidelock rifles that

some still use (inlines have caps that put the ignition fire directly in line with the powder, while sidelocks have caps that send the

spark at an angle to the powder), both versions can fail. I had a small forkhorn buck come in to within about 25 yards of my blind on opening morning, and the 209 primer didn't fire. The buck walked off as I struggled to figure out what happened. I believe I left too much oil in the breech and it saturated the primer, the powder or both.

Modern muzzleloader hunters, like their buckskin-wearing forefathers, need to carry a bunch of gear in a "possibles" bag, either of traditional or modern design. I've swapped out my fringed leather bag with shoulder strap that I carried years ago with my CVA mountain rifle for a nylon zipper pouch that tucks in my hunting coat pocket. Krebs chose a flat dark earth nylon tactical pouch with zipper for his necessities.

"You need a lot of stuff with a muzzleloader," Krebs said. "You need bullets and powder and caps and a short starter and a ramrod and"

Rather than stuffing a rifle magazine with sealed, water-tight metallic cartridges, you are essentially creating your own powder-bullet-primer combo with each loading.

When the muzzleloader season ends Dec. 11, the four-day antlerless season (Dec. 12-15) gives muzzleloader and regular firearms hunters another chance for a deer. Then Krebs and I can return to our blind with crossbows or vertical bows to wrap up our "Late Season Deer" reality show. By the time the Jan. 5 finale rolls around, it will resemble "Life Below Zero."

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Building a gingerbread house

Sacred Heart Catholic School second and eighth graders worked together Dec. 3 to make gingerbread houses. Graham crackers, hot glue, sprinkles, icing, candy and miscellaneous decorations all went into their festive creations. The students revealed the final products at the school's Christmas concert Dec. 10. From left, are Ellie Cumberland, Jordin Wild, Addyson Fowler-Doxator, Briella LaRock and Mechaela Jaros.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, DEC. 13

BONDUEL: Community Archives Holiday Bake Sale, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bonduel State Bank, 130 N. Cecil St.

NAVARINO: Santa's Winter Wonderland, 5-7 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. \$10 per family. Photos with Santa, lighted Christmas trails, children's activities.

ABRAMS: "Suessical The Musical," 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. Presented by Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. Tickets \$19 for adults and \$17 for senior citizens, youths and veterans at abramstheater.com or 920-826-5852.

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

SURING: Cookie Walk and Kringle Sale, 9-11 a.m., Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, 11005 County Road M. Cookies and candy for \$8 a pound, \$8 for Kringle.

SHAWANO: Saturdays with Santa in the Naberhood, 10 a.m. to noon, Naberhood, 214 S. Main St. Sensory friendly with Strive Behavioural Solutions.

PULASKI: Christmas Storytime, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pulaski Museum, 129 W. Pulaski St.

BONDUEL: Visit with Santa, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 1919 Antiques, 129 N. Cecil St.

SHAWANO: Saturdays with Santa in the Naberhood, 2-4 p.m., Naberhood, 214 S. Main St. Santa with the Shawano County Library.

BOWLER: Bowler Area Historical Society open house, 4-7 p.m., 104 E. Main St. Serving hot chocolate, coffee and cookies. In conjunction with the Bowler Holiday Parade at 6 p.m. sponsored by the Bowler FFA.

GRESHAM: American Legion Meat Raffle, 5 p.m., Legion Hall, 951 Main St. 50/50 drawing.

ABRAMS: "Suessical The Musical," 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. Presented by Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. Tickets \$19 for adults and \$17 for senior citizens, youths and veterans at abramstheater.com or 920-826-5852.

SUNDAY, DEC. 15

SHAWANO: Blue Christmas Service, 10:30 a.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1254 S. Union St. A service of reflection, hope and remembrance for those who find the holiday season challenging. Followed by a light lunch and "Navigating the Holidays After a Loss," noon to 1:30 p.m. RSVP to Nancy Schultz 715-390-4540.

ABRAMS: "Suessical The Musical," 1 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. Presented by Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. Tickets \$19 for adults and \$17 for senior citizens, youths and veterans at abramstheater.com or 920-826-5852.

MONDAY, DEC. 16

BONDUEL: Grades 5-8 Children's Christmas Program, 7 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, 240 E. Green Bay St.

TUESDAY, DEC. 17

KELLY LAKE: Sanitary District #1 monthly meeting, 6 p.m., district office building, 9535 Green Acres St. Agenda will be posted at two posting boards around Kelly Lake and on the office door. Visitors welcome. Call 920-842-4527 by Dec. 16 to be placed on the agenda.

KESHENA: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m. Omaeqnomewak Wetohkatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road. Information: Mindy Thunder at 715-799-3835 or mthunder@mitw.org.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18

NAVARINO: Storytime, Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Topic: Penguins. \$3 fee, register at 715-758-6999.

ABRAMS: Auditions for the musical "Godspell," 6-8:30 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. AbramsTheater.com, 920-826-5852 or theater.aspi@gmail.com.

THURSDAY, DEC. 19

ABRAMS: Auditions for the Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. musical "Godspell," 6-8:30 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. AbramsTheater.com, 920-826-5852 or theater.aspi@gmail.com.

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A fund to fight government secrecy

BY JONATHAN ANDERSON

In 2022, the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council created a designated fund to help cover legal costs associated with fighting to pry records into the public domain. Called simply the WFOIC Legal Fund, it has never had more than \$4,000 in its coffers. The council, of which I am a member, has put what money that is there to good use.

The council last year awarded a grant to The Badger Project, which together with a watchdog group known as the Invisible Institute, is suing the state Department of Justice for refusing to release records about police officers. That case remains pending.

The Legal Fund also helped cover some expenses in journalist Daniel Libit's suit against the University of Wisconsin-Madison and UW Foundation over access to records about publicity deals for student athletes. A Dane County circuit judge dismissed the lawsuit in September on technical grounds, and Libit did not appeal, but the

suit ultimately prompted disclosure of the requested information.

The council in 2022 provided funds to an individual who successfully sued the La Crosse Police Department and the Holmen Police Department for records related to criminal investigations.

The council's goal in establishing this fund, which began with a \$1,700 contribution from a citizens group grateful for the council's guidance, is to help individuals and journalists who are confronting improper government secrecy. We are focused on funding lawsuits that are likely to succeed, could help clarify and strengthen the public's right of access to government meetings or records, or that involve clear or egregious violations of law. We also consider the financial need of the applicant.

There are some strings attached. Cases must involve Wisconsin's public records or open meetings laws, and the requester must be represented by an attorney with a valid license to practice law in the state. Expenses eligible for grant funding include

fees for filing, process service, depositions and expert witnesses. At present, attorney's fees are not covered, and in cases where the plaintiff prevails and wins recovery of litigation costs, the money contributed by the council must be returned.

Down the line, the council hopes the fund can be substantial enough to cover at least some attorney fees in cases that do not lead to successful outcomes or for actions in which no financial restitution is possible, such as letters from attorneys contesting denials. We're not there yet.

The legal fund is a new dimension to the council's existing efforts to advocate for access to government information. In addition to public education and legislative engagement, we have long been a voice for the public's right to know in Wisconsin courts by filing friend-of-the-court briefs.

This year, the council joined the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty in a brief in Wisconsin Voter Alliance v. Secord at the Wisconsin Supreme



Court involving the public records law.

The council also joined the Wisconsin Newspaper Association, Wisconsin Broadcasters Association and the Society of Professional Journalists in a brief

to the Wisconsin Court of Appeals in Oitzinger v. City of Marinette involving the open meetings law.

If you are interested in applying for a grant, visit wisfoic.org/legalfund. To contribute to the fund,

visit wisfoic.org/donate.

Your Right to Know is distributed by the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council (wisfoic.org), a group dedicated to open government. Council Treasurer Jonathan Anderson is a former Wisconsin journalist and current Ph.D. candidate at the University of Minnesota.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SAW's night meetings starting out slow

To the editor,
After two nighttime meetings, the Shawano Area Writers have not seen much interest in these events. But it's not totally bad news. Only one person has come to the two night meetings, and this person has a lot of potential as a writer.

In the Student Writing Contest years of 2022, 2023 and 2024, Francesca Ullmer a homeschooled student, has won nine awards. Through these

years, she won four first-place, three second-place, one third-place award and one honorable mention. I'm the coordinator for the Student Writing Contest, and when student writers send me more than one entry, like Francesca did, I purposely mix them in with the other entries for that category, so the judge for that category will not read her entries one after another. Her entries still ended up at the top of the pile of stories.

As a group, SAW doesn't know what will happen to these young

writers as they make their way into the big, wide world. I have mentioned more than once that students who have won even an honorable mention in our contest, to make sure they put that on any job application that they fill out, if there's a place to do that. Why? Because knowing how to put words down on paper will put this young person ahead of a lot of applicants. It seems writing is becoming a lost art.

So even though our night meetings are starting out slow, we are going to

continue them for one year and then decide whether we should continue. There are so many people out there who have led interesting lives, and those experiences will be lost forever if not put down in writing. Experiences that could be passed on to their younger family members. In 2005, I got together with my mother and produced a biography of her life. I'm so glad I did that, as she passed away in 2006.

Our next meetings for the Shawano Area Writers will be on Dec. 19 from 10 a.m. to noon in the

basement of the Shawano County Library and then from 5:30-7 p.m. at Shawano's Café, W7389 River Bend Road, Shawano. Questions? Call John Mutter at 715-524-4520.

John J. Mutter Jr., Shawano

To the editor,

Abortion stance is reason Democrats performed poorly

I feel that I should respond to Peter Cameron's article from Nov 22.

I feel that the reason that the Democrats did

so poorly is because they were on the wrong side of the abortion issue. Almost all Lutherans and Catholics, as well as many atheists and nones, feel that abortions should be outlawed or at least restricted.

Some of the ads Democrats ran made you think that they wanted abortion to be allowed for any reason or no reason at all, at any time during a pregnancy. No matter what these voters thought about the other issues, they felt they couldn't vote for that.

Dale Wagner, Krakow

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Tigerton boys pull out two-point win

Dec. 7
Tigerton 68, Green Bay NEW Lutheran 66
Tigerton pulled out a two-point win, 68-66, over Green Bay NEW Lutheran.
Tri-County 71, Gresham 29
Friday, Dec. 6
Bonduel 89, Iola-Scandinavia 61

Cade Johnson led the way with 24 points as five Bears scored in double digits in an 89-61 win over Iola-Scandinavia.

Quinn Wesenberg and Ryan Westrich each scored 16 points, and Carter Moesch and Race Anvelink each had 15. Griffin Uelmen scored the Bears' other three points.

Bonduel led 48-35 at the half and added to their lead with a 43-26 second half.

Bonduel connected on 14 3-pointers in the game.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 62, St. Mary Catholic 59

It was a back-and-forth game with several lead changes, but Wittenberg-Birnamwood pulled it out at the end, winning 62-59 over St. Mary Catholic.

"We managed to execute when needed down the stretch and got some big plays from multiple kids in different ways, both offensively and defensively," coach Garrett Rogowski said.

Jett Rogowski paced the Chargers with 33 going 11-11 from the line and connecting on four 3-point baskets. He also led the team with five assists.

Oliver Fraaza scored 13 points and led the Chargers with 10 rebounds. Jaden Clark scored 10 points and led the team with three steals.

D.C. Everest 54, Shawano 44

The Hawks opened up



Cade Johnson scored 24 points to lead Bonduel to an 89-61 win over Iola-Scandinavia on Dec. 6.
BELLA ROBERTS

a 26-23 halftime lead, but D.C. Everest poured it on in the second half, outscoring Shawano 31-18, to win 54-44.

Will Verkuilen led Shawano with 26 points. Logan Sipple notched four rebounds, Anderson Schmidt had three assists, and Verkuilen led with two steals.

Pulaski 74, Menasha 51

Dec. 5
Bowler 63, Marion 61 (OT)

It was the tale of two halves in Bowler's 63-61 overtime win over Marion.

Marion led 25-18 at halftime, but Bowler bounced back to win the second half 37-30 and send the game into overtime with a 55-55 score.

In OT, Bowler finished on top 8-6 for the win.

Marion was led by Braylon Mielke with 17 points and Nolan Wisniewski with 10. Mielke also led with 13 rebounds, with Sawyer Kamba nabbing 11.



Bonduel senior Race Anvelink goes up for another basket during the Bears' dominating win over Iola-Scandinavia in Central Wisconsin East Conference action Dec. 6.
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Wisniewski led with four assists, and Kamba had three steals.

Niagara 67, Gillett 21
Ryan Pensis scored 15 points and Jed Herzog had six in Gillett's 67-21 loss to Niagara.

Niagara led 41-9 at halftime and outscored Gillett 26-12 in the second half.

St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 46, Lena 32

St. Thomas Aquinas Academy maintained control of the game, defeating

Lena 46-32.

Lena was down 19-16 at halftime and was outscored 27-16 after the break.

Fox Valley Lutheran 58, Oconto Falls 54

The Panthers made a valiant effort in the second half but came up short in a 58-54 loss to Fox Valley Lutheran.

Trailing 29-21 at halftime, Oconto Falls outscored Fox Valley Lutheran by four points in

the second half, but that wasn't enough.

Evan Yuma led Oconto Falls with 19 points, and JJ Pytleski added 10.

Yuma also led with eight rebounds and three assists. Chase Cariveau had three steals.

Crivitz 67, Suring 31
Crivitz generated more points in the first half than they would need the rest of the game in a 67-31 defeat of Suring.

Crivitz led 41-17 at the break and added 12 points to its margin of victory in the second half.

The Eagles were led by Taylor Booth-Stoffregen's 17 points.

Northeast Wisconsin Christian Home School 59, Tigerton 38

James Brady led the Tigers with 18 points in Tigerton's 59-38 loss to Northeast Wisconsin Christian Home School. Brady also led his team in rebounds with 17.

Caleb Dahlstrom led Tigerton with three assists. With two steals each were Brady, Dahlstrom, Sam Anheuser and Joey Zimdars.

Northland Lutheran 82, Gresham 42

Dec. 3
Pulaski 72, Shawano 47

Pulaski emerged victorious in a 72-47 win over Shawano.

For the Hawks, Logan Sipple scored 14 points, and Will Verkuilen had 12.

"It was a tough loss," Shawano coach Joel Dostator said.

Bonduel 94, St. Mary Catholic 62

Senior Cade Johnson scored 19 points, had 16 assists and grabbed eight rebounds in the Bears' 94-62 season opening win over St. Mary Catholic.

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Chargers' Salvesen joins 1,000-point club

Dec. 7
Gresham 47, Tri-County 25

Dec. 6
Gillett 41, Crivitz 30
Cilena Guns scored 16 points to lead Gillett to a 41-30 win over Crivitz.

Gillett led 24-15 at the half before outscoring the visitors 17-15 in the second half.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 68, Menominee Nation 40

Rory Salvesen saced the 1,000th point of her high school career in Wittenberg-Birnamwood's 68-40 win over Menominee Nation.

"Tonight was a tail of two halves," Chargers coach Nick Mechelke said. "We didn't play very good

basketball in the first half. We talked some over at halftime and turned it around. I don't think we played a great game this season yet, but we are getting close."

Salvesen led the team with 24 points, followed by Melaina Granquist with 23.

Granquist pulled down 12 rebounds, Salvesen had seven steals, and Harper Rogowski had four assists.

Oconto Falls 54, Luxemburg-Casco 51

Rylie Shallow scored 28 points, and Ella Jahnke added 11 as Oconto Falls defeated Luxemburg-Casco 54-51.

The Panthers 24-20 halftime lead proved to be enough when Luxemburg-Casco outscored them

31-30 in the second half.

West De Pere 71, Shawano 62

The Hawks took the No. 3 ranked Phantoms to the wire but lost a close one at the end.

The score was tied at 32-32 at halftime, but West De Pere pulled it at the end for a 71-62 win.

Leah Nordin led Shawano with 29 points, and Anna Dreier had 10.

Oneida Nation 73, Suring 42

Bonduel 62, Iola-Scandinavia 33
Sheboygan North 54, Pulaski 46

Dec. 5
Bowler 51, Wausaukee 41

Dec. 3
Lena 67, St. Thomas

Aquinas Academy 6

This game wasn't even close, as Lena obliterated St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 67-6.

Madilyn Thomson led the Wildcats with 23 points. Eva Brooks scored 15, and Kali Fischer had 12.

Brooks led with five rebounds and six assists. Haley Van Ark recorded six steals.

Gillett 41, Niagara 30

Four players each scored eight points to lead a balanced attack for Gillett in its 41-30 win over Niagara.

Lily Hansen, Cilena Guns, Maggie Kaczmarek and Audrey Pate each had eight points. Hope Soper scored seven, and Clara Schaal had the other two.

Gillett led 25-15 at the half and won the second half 16-15.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 71, Manawa 41

Once Wittenberg-Birnamwood locked into their game, it was no holds barred as they crushed Manawa 71-41.

"We got off to a slow start in the first half. I called a timeout and made a little adjustment, and we went on a big run," coach Nick Mechelke said. "We weren't getting into our spots early on."

That adjustment led to the Chargers bursting out to a 48-15 lead at the half.

Rory Salvesen led the team with 19 points, followed by Melaina Granquist with 18. Ava Brie and

Harper Rogowski each scored 11.

"We got a really good game from Ava Brei tonight," Mechelke said. "She played very well on both ends of the court."

Granquist set a blistering pace with 13 rebounds, Salvesen nabbed seven steals, and Rogowski and Salvesen each had a pair of assists.

Bonduel 55, Weyauwega-Fremont 28

Gresham 37, Marion/Tigerton 35

Shiocton 41, Menominee Nation 26

Fox Valley Lutheran 51, Oconto Falls 31

Pulaski 45, Seymour 38

Oostburg 70, Shawano 49

Shawano hockey beats Oshkosh

**Dec. 7
Manitowoc United 5,
Shawano/Bonduel 1**

Gavin Hundt scored a short-handed goal early in the third period to bring Shawano/Bonduel to a one-goal deficit to Manitowoc United, but the hosts then scored three unanswered goals to earn the 5-1 win.

Both teams had 24 shots on goal. Kaiden Thornborrow was in the net for Shawano/Bonduel and had 19 saves.

Each team was penalized six times for 12 minutes.

**Dec. 5
Shawano/Bonduel 4,
Oshkosh 2**

In a penalty-laden game that saw a player from each team ejected in the first period, Shawano/

Bonduel finished on top of Oshkosh 4-2.

Shawano/Bonduel's Michael Dillenburg was ejected after grabbing an opponent's facemask, and Oshkosh's Jason Schmid was ejected after head contact. In the same melee, Shawano/Bonduel's Waylon Snider was called for roughing. Prior to the ejections, the teams had already been called for four penalties each in the period.

By the end of the game, the Hawks were called for 12 infractions for 35 minutes, while the visiting Ice Hawks were penalized 10 times for 31 minutes.

Oshkosh led 1-0 after the first period. Shawano/Bonduel tied the game 1-1 on a Max Huntington goal at 15:41 in the second pe-

riod. Cameron Schroeder had the assist.

Oshkosh went back on top 2-1 in the third period. Shawano/Bonduel responded with three goals to earn the win.

Blake Swedberg scored at 10:32 with an assist from Quinten Harkey. Kielian Armbruster scored at 16:01 with help from Schroeder. Finally, Jeremy Helmuth scored at 16:27 with help from Gavin Hundt.

Shawano/Bonduel had 37 shots on goal, with Chase Magadanz getting 33 saves. Kaiden Thornborrow had 18 saves for the Hawks.

Antigo 6, Rhinelander 4

**Dec. 3
Northland Pines 8,
Shawano/Bonduel 1**
The Shawano/Bonduel

boys hockey team (2-1) suffered its first loss of the season with an 8-1 defeat at the hands of Northland Pines at the Crawford Center.

Gavin Hundt put the Hawks on the board just 47 seconds into the game on an even strength goal with assists from Cameron Schroeder and Blake Swedberg.

It was all Eagles from there, as they led 2-1 at the end of the first period. The visitors added two more goals in the second period and four in the third.

Each team was called for three infractions for six minutes.

Kaiden Thornborrow notched 25 saves for Shawano/Bonduel, and Everett Leslie had seven for Northland Pines.



Quinn Wesenberg was one of five Bears to score in double digits in Bonduel's 28-point win over Iola-Scandinavia on Dec. 6. Bonduel improved to 2-0 with the win.

BELLA ROBERTS

Ice Bears top Warbirds, fall to Blake

**Dec. 7
Blake 2, Bay Area 1**

There was one goal scored in each of the three periods with Blake getting the 2-1 nod over the Bay Area Ice Bears.

Down 1-0 to start the second period, Emily Bill scored with assists from Addison Dahl and Faye Brunke to tie the game at 1-1. A Blake goal in the third period gave the

win to the visitors.

Reese Spiering had 12 saves, while Blake's Janie McGawn had 31.

Blake was penalized twice for four minutes, while the Ice Bears were called for three infractions for six minutes.

**Dec. 6
Bay Area 3, Warbirds 1**

It took the Ice Bears until the third period

before their onslaught of shots on goal began to connect, as they beat the Warbirds 3-1.

Trailing 1-0 going into the final stanza, Bay Area got on the board at 2:55 with a goal by Faye Brunke and assists by Julianne Bradford and My Sheppard.

Addison Dahl scored at 5:19 with assists from Briana Anundsen and Tiana

Stindt. Brunke scored again at 8:40 with an assist from Emily Bill.

The Ice Bears had 42 shots on goal, with Kennedy Kohlman making 39 saves. Reese Spiering made 11 saves for the Ice Bears.

The Warbirds were called for three penalties for six minutes, while the Ice Bears were penalized once for two minutes.

BOYS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 15

Sophomores Quinn Wesenberg and Carter Moesch had 24 and 22 points, respectively, while junior Ryan Westrich had 19 points and 11 rebounds. Bonduel held a 40-28 lead at halftime and then outscored St. Mary Catholic by 20 points in the second half.

Tigerton 68, Tomahawk 29

James Brady scored 26 points to lead Tigerton to a 68-29 win over Tomahawk.

The Tigers had little difficulty in controlling the game, leading 36-13 at halftime and winning the second half 32-16.

Besides Brady, eight other Tigerton players scored.

Lena 52, Stockbridge 26

Suring 63, Bowler 42

**Dec. 2
Gresham 36, Gillett 30**

Gresham's new basketball season jumped off to a good start with a 36-30 home win over Gillett.

Gillett led 16-13 at the half, but Gresham had a strong second half to pull away with the win.

Gresham was led Kobe Miller with 15 points and Thomas Kaquatosh with 10.

Leading the Tigers was Jed Herzog with 13 points..

Wittenberg-Birnhamwood 67, Menominee Nation 56

The Chargers opened their 2024-25 season with a 67-56 home win over the Eagles.

"I felt our boys played with great effort and together throughout the contest," Wittenberg-Birnhamwood coach Garrett Rogowski said. "Being the first game, we definitely have some takeaways that we can improve upon, but overall very proud of the job they did in both halves."

Jett Rogowski led the Chargers with 30 points, including a pair of 3-point plays and 8-of-9 from the free-throw line. Zandyr Barke scored 15 points.

Kenew Awonohopay led Menominee Nation with 16 points, and King Lyons scored 15. Lyons was also 6-for-6 from the free-throw line.

Shawano girl wrestlers place second

The Shawano girls wrestling team placed second out of 29 teams in Kimberly on Dec. 7.

"The girls wrestled a great tournament and spent most of the day in the top three for points, at times in first place," coach Mike Homan said. "It was a close final round as we finished in second place just six points out of first. All of the girls wrestled aggressively and left everything out on the mat. I'm especially proud of the

way they moved forward off the whistle and fought for positioning against great opponents."

All of the girls improved with each match they wrestled.

Gwyn Hermann was the champion at 107 pounds.

"She was aggressive and relentless in all her matches," Homan said. "She racked up many bonus points throughout the day and led the team in points."

Vivian Waldburger finished in second place. She scored the team 42 points.

"She is continuously getting better and looks to keep on improving throughout the season," Homan said.

Maddie Moesch also finished in second place.

Kendall Knope wrestled well in her first tournament and took third.

"She fights hard and wrestled well," Homan said.

Also placing third were

Zennah Bosetski, Mille Panske, Ella Korth, Lauren Seehafer and Adalyn Barkley.

Placing in fifth were Jozlyn Bocker and Brynn Hannes.

In sixth were Jenna Moe and Ayanna O'Kimosh.

Lily Tomas placed ninth, and Bella Supper was 10th. Chloe Gilling placed 11th,

Maddie Miller and Kiara Johnson each finished in 12th place, and Emmy Marien was 14th.

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Gun deer season harvest up 5.2% from a year ago

Preliminary numbers from the 2024 Wisconsin gun deer season show an increase in deer licenses and the number of deer killed compared to 2023. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) said that as of Dec. 1, sales for deer hunting privileges (which include gun, archery, crossbow, conservation patron and sports licenses) reached 791,023, up from 788,697 for the same time period last year. Of those, 553,652 were for gun privileges only, up from 553,479 in 2023.

Deer hunting license and harvest authorization sales will continue throughout the remaining deer hunting seasons. Final license sales figures will be available in January, when DNR staff will perform a thorough analysis and interpretation.

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Since the opening of the bow and crossbow seasons, Wisconsin hunters have registered 289,361 deer. This harvest is 8.7% ahead of the same time last year.

Adams County in the Central Farmland Zone led the state with 12.4 deer registered per square mile. Vernon County led the Southern Farmland Zone with 7 deer registered per square mile. Adams County also led the Central Forest Zone registering 4.2 deer per square mile. Finally, Florence County led the Northern Forest Zone with 2.9 deer registered per square mile.

The DNR's Wisconsin Deer Harvest Summary webpage (<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/WildlifeHabitat/harvest/deerharvest>) contains more information regarding preliminary harvest registration totals, including county-level numbers.

In Shawano County, there were 5,380 deer harvested, including 2,702 antlered and 2,678 antlerless. In Oconto County, the harvest was 3,826, includ-

ing 1,823 antlered and 2,003 antler less.

The regular gun deer season ran from Nov. 23 through Dec. 1 and is followed by the statewide muzzleloader season (Dec. 2-11), the statewide antlerless-only four-day hunt (Dec. 12-15) and the antlerless-only holiday hunt in select farmland zone counties (Dec. 24 to Jan. 1, 2025).

The DNR reports only one nonfatal firearm-related hunting incident during the 2024 gun deer season.

That happened in the Town of Wheatland in Vernon County. About 4 p.m. Nov. 29, a 14-year-old boy was sitting in an enclosed tower stand with his father, hunting on private property. The father heard what sounded like a gunshot in the distance. Shortly after, the boy felt pain in his feet and found that he was shot through both the left and right foot. He was transported privately to a hospital and received medical treatment for his injuries. The shooter has been identified, and an investigation is pending.

M&O all-conference selections announced

Coming off his seventh place finish at the state cross country meet, Gillett High School junior Bradyn Wendorff was honored as most outstanding runner and named to the Marinette & Oconto Conference first team all-conference boys team, officials announced.

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy senior Mason Belongia was also named to the first team. Second team honors were earned by Gillett senior Scott Herroux and Lena/STAA junior Erik Kosch.

For the girls, Gillett sophomore Hope Soper was named most outstanding runner and also named to the first team all-conference.

She was joined there by Lena/STAA sophomores Asypynn Anderson and Adrena Rabas.

Second team honors were earned by Gillett junior Sophie Limberg and Suring junior Ginger Gerndt.

Suring High School senior Emma Kristof was named the defensive specialist in the Marinette & Oconto Conference all-conference volleyball list for 2024.

Joining here with first team honors were Lena High School seniors Eva Brooks and Peyton Dorow. Gillett High School sophomore Audrey Pate and Suring sophomore Lexi Remic were named to the second team.

Honorable mention status was earned by Suring freshman Ellayna Skarban.

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Young appointed to Gillett City Council

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Gillett City Council on Dec. 5 approved Mayor Jon Blaskowski's appointment of Matthew Young to a vacant slot on the council, representing the 2nd Aldermanic District.

Sandra Hubbard recently said she is unable to continue and resigned from the council, Blaskowski said. Three people applied for the open seat, and the mayor decided to appoint Young, who owns the All Flooring contracting firm in Gillett.

"I'm excited to have him on, and we will now have a full board again and get a-rolling," he said.

Young will complete Hubbard's unexpired term through April 2026, at which time he can run for election in his own right.

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Deadline: January 20, 2025

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☐ Golf Course

☐ Lawn/Garden

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OBITUARIES

George Morris Sr.

George Morris Sr., 89, Stiles, died suddenly Thursday, Nov. 28, 2024, at home surrounded by family.

He was born March 14, 1935, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to George and Elsie (Valentine) Morris. As a young man, he served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany.

George lived in the Stiles area for most of his life where he was self-employed as an automobile mechanic and body man. He was also an avid hunter, fisherman and outdoorsman.



He is survived by his partner in crime of 40 years, Barb; two sons, George Jr. and Richard

(Kathy) and their son, Ryan Morris; he was "Pa" to Barb's children, Scott (Jackie) and their children, Abby, twins Brady and Riley, Lisa (Tom) and their sons, Ben and Mason; one brother, Steve (Jean); and one sister, Susie.

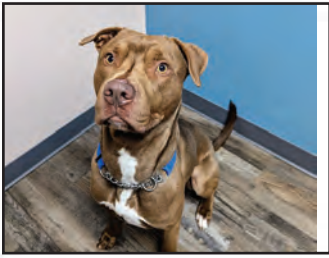
He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Bob; and one sister, Shirley.

Private family services will be held at Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls, and burial with military honors will follow in St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery.



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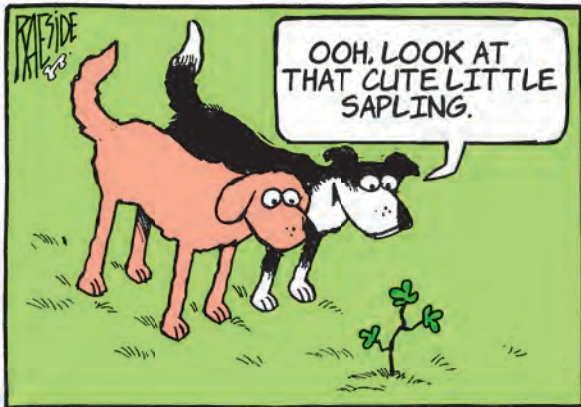
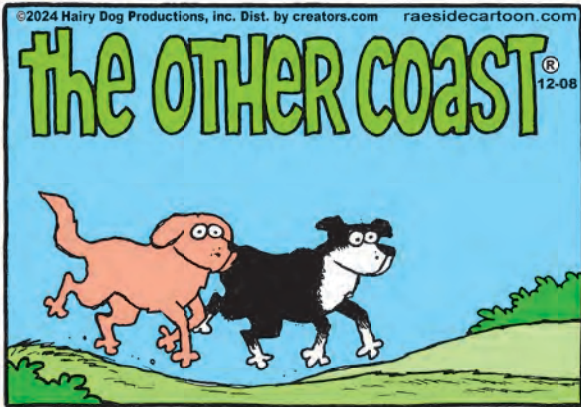
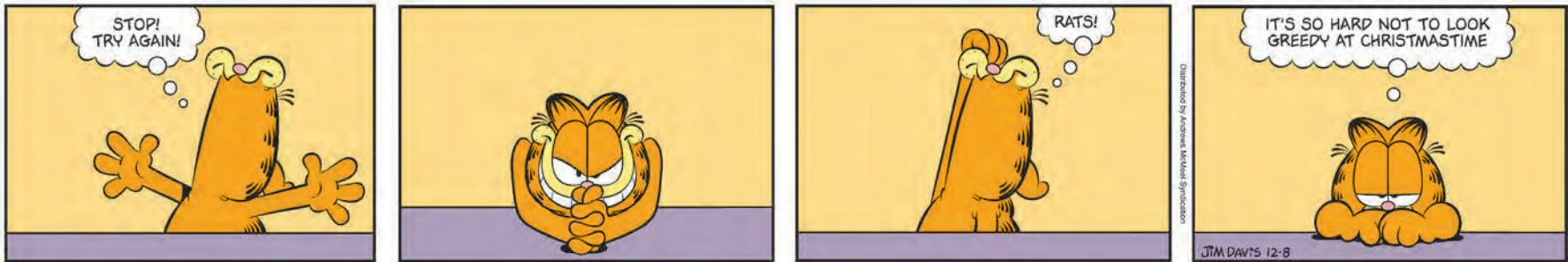
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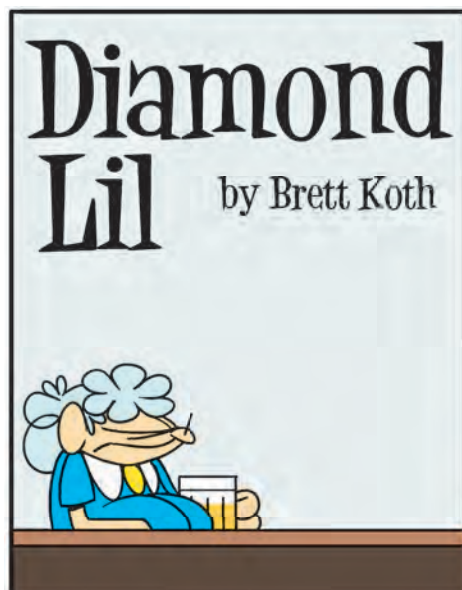
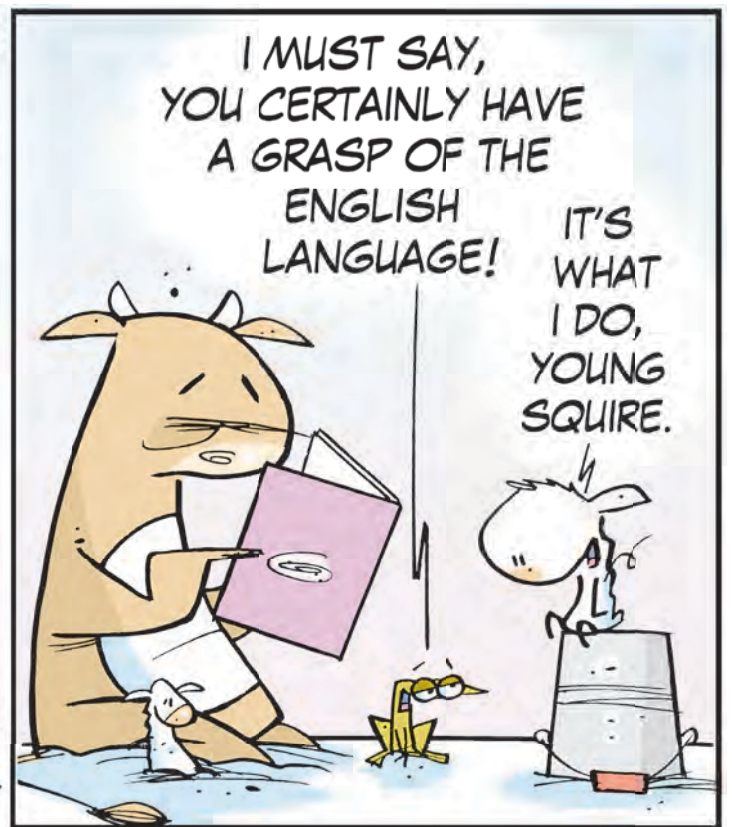
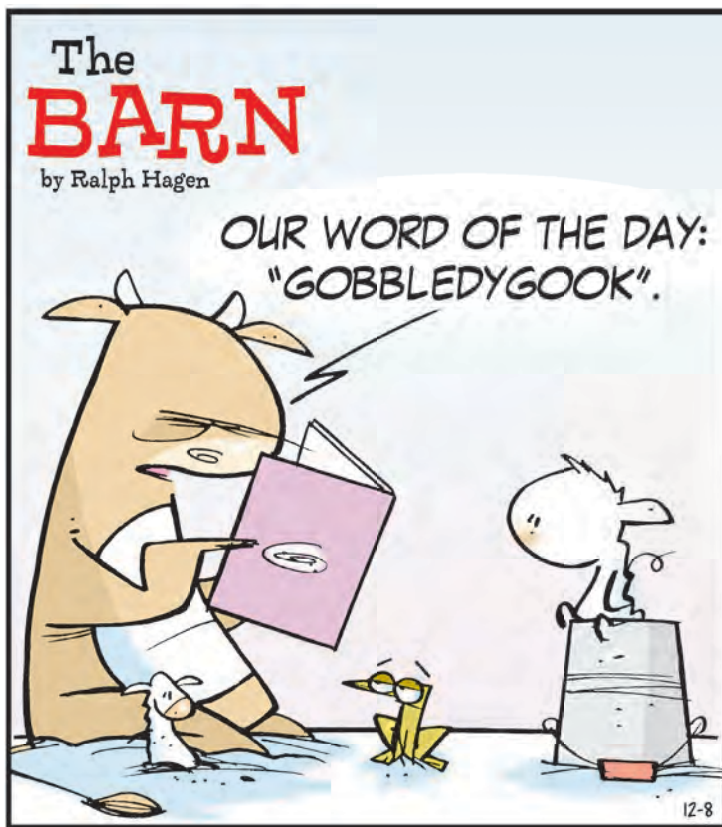
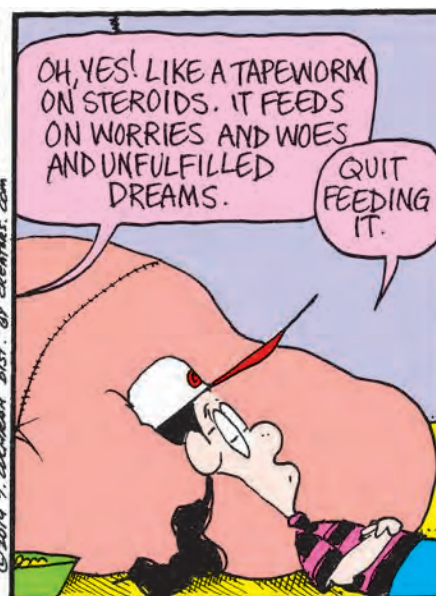
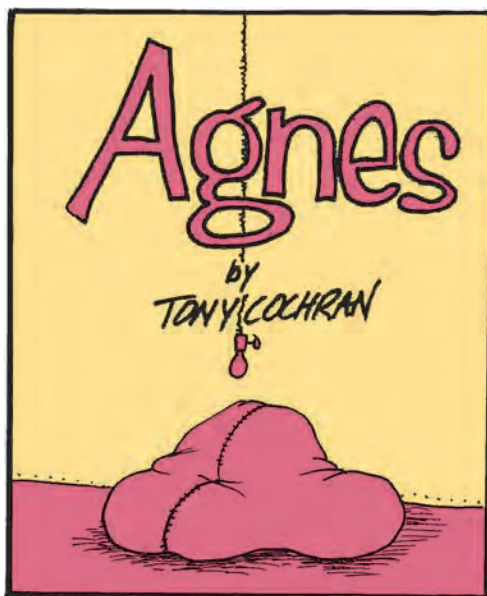
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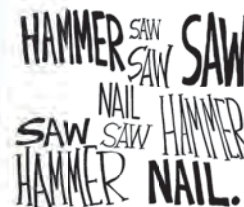
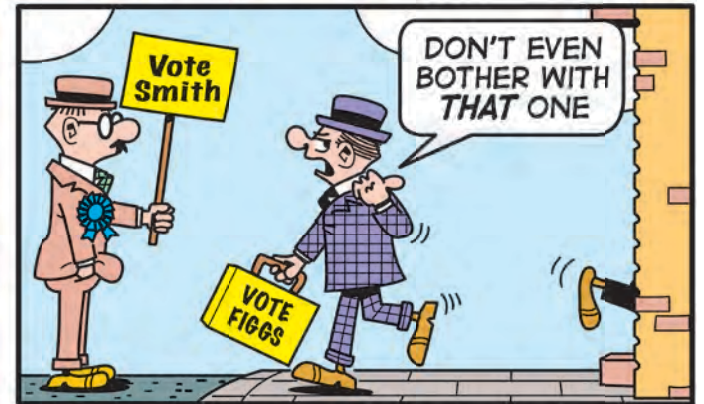
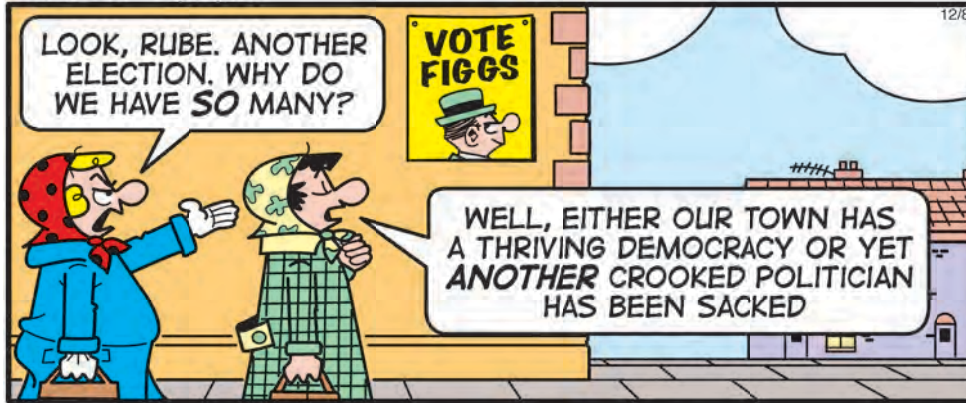
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PACKERS DIVISION TITLE HOPES PUT ON HOLD

GREEN BAY LOSES TO LIONS ON BATES' LAST-SECOND FIELD GOAL

BY LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

For the second time this season, the Green Bay Packers were unable to beat Detroit, as they lost 34-31 on a last-second field goal.

With the game tied at 31-31, the Lions marched down to the Packers' 21-yard line and were faced with a third-and-one. On the third-down play, Packers backup safety Zayne Anderson stopped Lions running back David Montgomery short to force a fourth-and-inches with 43 seconds left.

Instead of attempting a field goal on the fourth down, Lions head coach Dan Campbell called another Montgomery run, which Detroit converted to run the clock all the way down and kick the game-winning field goal.

"That is how Dan (Campbell) has done it throughout the course of his career, so it doesn't necessarily surprise me," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur, on whether he was surprised about the Lions going for the fourth-and-inches. "That gave us an opportunity there. Hats off to them; they executed it, and we didn't."

While Detroit came away with the victory, Green Bay was just as good on offense as Detroit.

The strength of Green Bay's offense in the game was on the ground. Josh Jacobs registered another great game, as he picked up 66 yards on 18 carries and scored three touchdowns. Jacobs surpassed 1,000 rushing yards on the season during this game.

Jordan Love complemented Jacobs well in the game, as he completed 12-of-20 passes for 206 yards and one touchdown. Tight end Tucker Kraft was on the receiving end of Love's touchdown pass, as the South Dakota State alum finished the game with 41 yards on three receptions. It was Christian Watson, though, who led the team in receiving, picking up 114 yards on four receptions.

As for Detroit, quarterback Jared Goff continued his run for the NFL most valuable player award, completing 32-of-41 passes for 283 yards and three touchdowns. He also threw one interception.

Jameson Williams was the main benefactor of Goff's big day, catching five passes for 80 yards. Tight end Sam LaPorta added another 54 yards on five receptions. Green Bay did



Behind a strong game from defensive tackle Kenny Clark (eight tackles, one tackle for loss), the Packers turned away the Lions on a fourth-down run and got a big interception from Keisean Nixon. Tucker Kraft caught a 13-yard touchdown pass from Jordan Love to begin the comeback, which was ultimately derailed when a Packer go-ahead score was wiped out on a penalty. With the loss, the Packers fell three games behind Detroit with four left in the regular season, but with their 9-4 record, Green Bay still has a 97% chance of making the playoffs, per [PlayoffStatus.com](#)

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a solid job in limiting Lions superstar Amon-Ra St. Brown, holding him to just 43 yards on five receptions. Tim Patrick, however, was the X-factor for the Lions, catching six passes for 43 yards and two touchdowns.

On top of limiting St. Brown, Green Bay was also somewhat able to limit Detroit's dynamic run game, holding them to just 111 yards. Coming into the game, the Lions were averaging 154.4 yards per game running the ball. Montgomery was the leading rusher for the team, taking

14 carries for 51 yards and a touchdown. Jahmyr Gibbs added another 43 yards on 15 carries, registering a receiving touchdown.

While the play of the game saw the Lions converting on fourth-and-inches to essentially seal the victory, a key turning point of the game arguably came much earlier. Down 7-0 at the start of the second quarter, Love connected with Watson on a crossing route in which Watson turned up field. To avoid being tackled, Watson fumbled the ball, which

was recovered by Detroit. The Lions were immediately able to turn the turnover into points, converting a Bates field goal to go up 10-0; eventually, they won the game by three points.

Another key part of the Lions' success was converting third and fourth downs, especially when compared to Green Bay's success in those situations. On third down, Detroit went 7-for-15, while Green Bay converted just one out of five attempts. While the Packers were never faced with a fourth-down conversion

attempt, Detroit converted four of five chances to help prolong drives and dominate the time of possession 36:06 to 23:54.

With the loss, Green Bay stays the sixth seed in the NFC playoff picture behind the Minnesota Vikings, who occupy the fifth seed. The Detroit Lions continue to dominate the NFC with a 12-1 record as the No. 1 seed.

While there are still four games yet to be played this season, it is becoming more apparent that the Lions are going to host at least one

playoff game. The same can't be said for Green Bay, but there is a possibility these two teams will meet up again in the later rounds of the NFC playoffs.

"That is one thing where we have to continue to take it a week at a time, like we always talk about," said Love, on a possible third matchup. "Obviously we have a couple of games left here, and we are trying to finish on the right note and win out these last couple games. We will see what happens in the postseason time."

KEYS TO THE GAME

Packers must play better situational football

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

The calendar has turned to December, and the Green Bay Packers are coming off a tough loss in Detroit against the Lions. The Packers were good enough to stay with Detroit but made too many mistakes in key situations to beat a team as good as the Lions. That included giving up four fourth-down conversions, two of which resulted in touchdowns. The Packers will be able to get a mini-bye with 10 days off between their game against Detroit and the next one against Seattle.

The Seahawks are not a pushover by any stretch. They currently lead the NFC West and would be Green Bay's playoff opponent if the season were to end today. It does not end today, and the Packers need to win to ensure they have a spot in the postseason. Here are the keys to doing just that.

Packers' DBs vs. Seahawks' receivers

Last week, it was the dynamic backfield of Jahmyr Gibbs and David Montgomery that was the primary focus for the Pack-

ers' defense. This week, they face a trio of receivers that are as good as any in the sport. Former Packers' draft favorite, Jaxon Smith-Njigba, leads the Seahawks in receiving and is likely to top 1,000 yards on the year. He operates mostly from the slot. On the outside, the Seahawks have DK Metcalf and Tyler Lockett who can give a defense fits at any given moment of a game. The Packers' defensive backfield is tattered and in flames at the moment. Jaire Alexander has struggled with injuries all season and re-aggravated his PCL tear against Chicago in early November. He has not played since then and has only practiced twice. Without him, the Packers' cornerback group is being held together with bubble gum and sticky tack. That was before Javon Bullard and Evan Williams left Thursday's game with an ankle injury and a concussion, respectively. Williams may be able to return, but concussions are not predictable. Bullard was seen leaving Ford Field in a walking boot and with crutches. He's unlikely to be able to suit up. Green Bay's secondary full of reserves just got beaten up by Tim Patrick. No disrespect to Patrick, but he's not near the level of the guys they will see on Sunday night. The defensive backs need to play better, and the guys up front need to help them out.

Pass rush vs. Geno Smith

Green Bay's pass rush looked like it was finding the form from earlier in the summer in their Thanksgiving Day win over the Miami Dolphins. They had five sacks that night and kept Tua Tagovailoa from ever getting comfortable. Rashan Gary notched another sack against Detroit. He has at least half of a sack in four of his last five games, but the rush as a whole, was not good enough. The rest of the edge rushers hardly sniffed Jared Goff for a majority of the night, and he made them pay. That was a big reason he was able to complete all 10 of his passes in the fourth quarter. Geno Smith can be prone to mistakes if you are able to put him under pressure. The Packers have not been able to do that for most of the year, but the Seahawks have given up 40 sacks on Smith going into Week 14. This is an opportunity to be a get right game for Green Bay's pass rush. Time is running out for them to assert themselves. They'll need to if they're going to make a playoff run.

Situational football

When you get into December, and playing against better teams, sometimes a play or situation can decide who wins or loses. Against Detroit, the Packers were horrendous in situational football. The Lions were 4-of-5 on fourth down. They scored two touchdowns on fourth downs. They have four touchdowns on fourth downs against the Packers just this season. As if that was not enough, a fourth-down conversion essentially iced the game for the Lions. Goff was stepped on while trying to get the ball handed off to Montgomery. Goff got the ball away, and Montgomery picked up seven tough yards. The conversion essentially allowed the Lions to bleed out the rest of the clock before kicking a short field goal.

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TIME AND DATE: 7:20 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 15
LOCATION: Century Link Field
TV: NBC
RADIO: Flagship WRNW-FM Milwaukee — 97.3; Packers Radio Network includes WIXX-FM Green Bay — 101.1, WRLO-FM Antigo — 105.3, WLST-FM Marinette — 95.1, and WSAU Wausau — 55.0 AM and 95.1 FM
2024 RECORDS: Packers 9-4, Seahawks 8-5.
HISTORY: The Seahawks and Packers have had some high profile matchups in the last 10 years. In total, they've met 24 times with the Packers leading the all-time series 15-9. When Aaron Rodgers and Russell Wilson were facing each other, there was a clear theme. Whoever was at home was the team who won the game. The last meeting between these two teams was November 2021. Rodgers returned from the Reserve/COVID-19 list, and the Packers' defense suffocated Wilson, winning 17-0. The last meeting at Century Link Field came in 2018. The Packers jumped out to an early lead but could not hold on to it. Wilson and Seattle's dynamic running game ran through the Packers for a 27-24 victory.
COACHES: Packers - Matt LaFleur, fifth season, 65-31. Seahawks - Mike MacDonald, first season, 8-5.

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Friday, Sept. 6 at Philadelphia, L 29-34
Sunday, Sept. 15 vs. Indianapolis Noon W 16-10
Sunday, Sept. 22 at Tennessee Noon W 30-14
Sunday, Sept. 29 vs. Minnesota Noon L 29-31

Sunday, Oct. 6 at LA Rams 3:25 p.m. W 24-19
Sunday, Oct. 13 vs. Arizona Noon W 34-13
Sunday, Oct. 20 vs. Houston W 24-22
Sunday, Oct. 27 at Jacksonville W 30-27
Sunday, Nov. 3 vs. Detroit 3:25 p.m. L 14-24
Week 10 BYE
Sunday, Nov. 17 at Chicago Noon W 20-19
Sunday, Nov. 24 vs. San Francisco W 38-10
Thursday, Nov. 28 vs. Miami W 30-17
Thursday, Dec. 5 at Detroit 7:15 p.m. L 34-31
Sunday, Dec. 15 at Seattle 7:20 p.m. NBC
Monday, Dec. 23 vs. New Orleans 7:15 p.m. ESPN
Sunday, Dec. 29, at Minnesota

Noon FOX
Week 18 vs. Chicago TBD

NFL SCHEDULE
Thursday, Dec. 12
LA Rams at San Francisco, 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 15
Washington at New Orleans, Noon
Kansas City at Cleveland, Noon
Cincinnati at Tennessee, Noon
Miami at Houston, Noon
Baltimore at NY Giants, Noon
NY Jets at Jacksonville, Noon
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Tampa Bay at LA Chargers, 3:25 p.m.
Indianapolis at Denver, 3:25 p.m.
New England at Arizona, 3:25 p.m.
Buffalo at Detroit, 3:25 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 3:25 p.m.
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WEEK 14/DEFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 31 vs. LIONS 34



Green Bay defensive end Lukas Van Ness zeroes in on one of his three tackles in the Dec. 5 NFC North matchup against surging, first-place Detroit. Lions running back Jahmyr Gibbs, the focus of Van Ness' attention on this play, finished with just 43 yards on 15 carries in Detroit's 34-31 victory.

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PACKERS 31 vs. LIONS 34



Behind a strong game from defensive tackle Kenny Clark (eight tackles, one tackle for loss), the Packers turned away the Lions on a fourth-down run and got a big interception from Keisean Nixon. Tucker Kraft caught a 13-yard touchdown pass from Jordan Love to begin the comeback, which was ultimately derailed when a Packer go-ahead score was wiped out on a penalty. With the loss, the Packers fell three games behind Detroit with four left in the regular season, but with their 9-4 record, Green Bay still has a 97% chance of making the playoffs, per [PlayoffStatus.com](#).

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9 Christian Watson.....WR

10 Jordan Love.....QB

11 Jayden Reed.....WR

13 Dontayvion Wicks.....WR

17 Brandon Mcmanus.....K

18 Malik Heath.....WR

19 Daniel Whelan.....P

20 Javon Bullard.....S

21 Eric Stokes.....CB

22 Robert Rochell.....CB

23 Jaire Alexander.....CB

24 Carrington Valentine.....CB

25 Keisean Nixon.....CB

26 Corey Ballentine.....CB

27 Kitan Oladapo.....S

29 Xavier McKinney.....S

30 Chris Brooks.....RB

31 Emanuel Wilson.....RB

33 Evan Williams.....S

39 Zayne Anderson.....S

42 Matt Orzech.....LS

45 Eric Wilson.....LB

50 Zach Tom.....OL

52 Rashan Gary.....DL

53 Arron Mosby.....DL

55 Kingsley Enagbare.....DL

56 Edgerrin Cooper.....LB

57 Brenton Cox Jr.....DL

58 Isaiah McDuffie.....LB

59 Ty'Ron Hopper.....LB

62 Jacob Monk.....C/G

63 Rasheed Walker.....T

71 Josh Myers.....C/G

73 Andre Dillard.....T

74 Elgton Jenkins.....G/T

75 Sean Rhyan.....G

76 Kadeem Telfort.....T

79 Travis Glover.....T

80 Bo Melton.....WR

85 Tucker Kraft.....TE

86 John FitzPatrick.....TE

87 Romeo Doubs.....WR

89 Ben Sims.....TE

90 Lukas Van Ness.....DL

93 T.J. Slaton.....DL

94 Karl Brooks.....DL

95 Devonte Wyatt.....DL

96 Colby Wooden.....DL

97 Kenny Clark.....DL

SEATTLE

SEAHAWKS

1 Jaelon Darden.....WR

2 Rayshawn Jenkins.....SS

4 Michael Dickson.....P

5 Mason Myers.....K

6 Sam Howell.....QB

7 Geno Smith.....QB

8 Coby Bryant.....FS

9 Kenneth Walker III.....RB

10 Uchenna Nwosu.....LB

11 Jaxon Smith-Njigba.....WR

13 Ernest Jones IV.....LB

14 DK Metcalf.....WR

16 Tyler Lockett.....WR

18 Josh Ross.....LB

19 Jake Bobo.....WR

20 Julian Love.....FS

21 Devon Witherspoon.....CB

22 Tre Brown.....CB

25 Kenny McIntosh.....RB

26 Zach Charbonnet.....RB

27 Riq Woolen.....CB

28 Nehemiah Pritchett.....CB

29 Josh Jobe.....CB

30 AJ Finley.....S

32 Jerrick Reed II.....FS

38 Brady Russell.....TE

41 Chris Stoll.....LS

42 Drake Thomas.....LB

48 Tyrice Knight.....LB

50 Trevis Gipson.....LB

51 Olu Oluwatimi.....C

52 Patrick O'Connell.....LB

53 Boye Mafe.....LB

55 Dre'Mont Jones.....DE

58 Derick Hall.....LB

61 Jalen Sundell.....C

63 Sataoa Laumea.....G

64 Christian Haynes.....G

65 Michael Jerrell.....T

67 Charles Cross.....T

70 Laken Tomlinson.....G

72 Abraham Lucas.....T

82 Cody White.....WR

83 Dareke Young.....WR

86 Pharaoh Brown.....TE

87 Noah Fant.....TE

88 AJ Barner.....TE

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WEEK 14/DEFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 31 vs. LIONS 34



Green Bay defensive stalwarts Isaiah McDuffie (No. 58, 15 tackles), Quay Walker (7, 10 tackles), Xavier McKinney (29, seven tackles) and Kingsley Enagbare (55) celebrate the fourth-down stop of Detroit's Jahmyr Gibbs deep in Lions territory. The Packers' third-quarter stand set up the score that gave Green Bay its first lead of the night.

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WEEK 14/OFFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 31 vs. LIONS 34



In addition to completing 12-of-20 pass attempts for 206 yards and a touchdown, Packers quarterback Jordan Love ran four times for 24 yards, including this 14-yard scamper for a first down (his longest run of the season, in the Dec. 5 34-31 loss to Detroit. After the tough defeat, Love and the Pack seek to regroup and find the momentum they generated at playoff time last year.

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PACKERS SEEK TO REGROUP AND FIND PLAYOFF MOMENTUM

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WEEK 14/DEFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 31 vs. LIONS 34



Green Bay Packers linebacker Quay Walker (7) and defensive tackle T.J. Slaton (93) zero in on Lions quarterback Jared Goff (16) in the Dec. 5 game in Detroit. Goff was 32-of-41 for 283 yards with three touchdowns, one interception and a 109.7 rating. Running backs David Montgomery (14 carries, 51 yards) and Jahmyr Gibbs (14-43) combined for 94 yards on the ground.

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