



The Revised Edition Barbershop Quartet from Shawano is a part of the Baylander Barbershop Chorus in Green Bay. The four men are offering singing valentines for residents in the greater Shawano area on Valentine's Day. Members are, from left, tenor Randy Steffen, lead John Whitehouse, bass Bruce Brodhagen and baritone Jeff Brunner.

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Surprise sweetheart with a singing valentine

Love songs, roses offered up by barbershop quartet from Green Bay

By **KEVIN PASSON**
Editor-in-chief

The Revised Edition Barbershop Quartet is back at it again.

The four men are offering singing valentines just in time for Feb. 14, the most significant cultural, religious and commercial day that celebrates romance and love.

"We'll sing at businesses, bars, houses, rest homes," said John Whitehouse, lead singer with the group. "It's only \$40, and we haven't raised that price in 10 years. It's a lot of fun for us and for the people we sing to."

That \$40 gets the recipient two love songs and a long-stemmed rose.

The quartet will offer up their voices from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Valentine's Day. Times and locations can be reserved by

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According to the Barbershop Harmony Society webpage, barbershop is a style of arranging in close, four-part, a cappella harmony; it is not an era, style of music or genre.

Barbershop is largely an African American folk art and was inspired by professional vocal groups that toured the United States in the mid 1800s. These amateur singers combined elements of these vocal groups with their own musical practices, adding new embellishments, complex rhythms and a much wider harmonic vocabulary.

As patrons socialized in the barbershop and other places, someone with a strong voice would lead others in a popular song. The crowd would improvise harmony with a person singing harmony above, someone below and someone jumping above or below the melody to fill out the chord. Barbershop harmony was born.

calling Whitehouse at 715-853-9324.

The men have to include travel time into the schedule, but they've been known

to make a couple of dozen sites in a day. Whitehouse recalled that in addition to several Shawano locations, the barbershop quartet has traveled to Keshena, Neopit and Leopolis.

Among the songs that can be sung are "My Wild Irish Rose," "The Story of the Rose," "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" and "Love Me Tender."

Proceeds are often donated back to community groups.

Revised Edition includes Whitehouse, Randy Steffen, Jeff Brunner and Bruce Brodhagen.

Whitehouse and Brunner are part of the original group that formed about 25 years ago. The current foursome has been together about six years.

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Schools report on student safety training

Witt-Birn believes teaching about procedures better than live drills

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The Wittenberg-Birn School Board learned Jan. 29 that steps are being taken to make safety training more effective in the schools.

The district is working to add more speakers and strobe lights to some areas where noise might prevent people from hearing that a fire drill is in effect — noting that the agriculture building, which is separate from the main portion of Wittenberg-Birn High School, and other places did not evacuate the school during recent safety drills.

WBHS Principal Megan Rothmeyer reported that her school's intruder drill, which took place in November, involved a short video explaining procedures in the event that a shooter or someone else intending harm entered the school.

"There were discussions in the classrooms," Rothmeyer said. "We don't actually simulate an active shooter. It's discussion based, and we talk about what we do."

The drill also involved having Deputy Nathan Thornborrow, school resource officer, come in and talk about school reaction protocols, Rothmeyer said. The students discussed the issues and felt it was important to be reminded annually about what to do.

One thing to be improved upon for the school year is that the video did not include a translation for Spanish-speaking students, and Rothmeyer said she planned to make sure that was available.

"There were two students that needed it translated," she said. "I did not think about that."

Board member Rich Olson questioned why the drill was now a video instead of actually enacting the protocols, to which Superintendent Garrett Rogowski felt discussion was a better teaching tool than rehearsal.

"We got away from that because, especially at the pre-K level, it wasn't developmentally appropriate," Rogowski said. He noted that the schools hadn't conducted a live intruder drill since before the pan-

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Bowling event raises money for K-9s

Funds used for dog supplies, equipment, training

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

Two dozen teams of five bowlers each converged on Lakeshore Lanes on Feb. 1 to raise money for the Shawano County Sheriff's Department's K-9 units.

Proceeds have yet to be tallied. Detective Craig Rekoske said the amount raised varies from year to year, but it's usually between \$4,000 and \$7,000.

"Each team is matched up against another team, but every team is also competing against all other teams," Rekoske said. "There are also bucket raffles and the paddle wheel, which is where a lot of the money comes from."

There are cash prizes for top scoring teams.

"My team has never won anything in our lives," Rekoske said. "That's why this year we changed it up, and we had prizes for the seventh- and 12th-place teams, too. That way you don't have to be the best to win."

Proceeds from the bowling event are used for training, equipment and veterinarian care for the dogs.

"Village Vet donates a lot of care, but we do pay them for some services," Rekoske said. "I was a K-9 handler for 14 years, so this is my way to raise funds and give back."

The event is run by the nonprofit SOS K-9 (Supporters of Shawano K-9), which exists solely to raise funds for the program. A golf outing in August each year raises funds that are



Rick Herzfeldt, of Shawano, drops his raffle tickets into buckets at Lakeshore Lanes on Feb. 1 as part of the bowling fundraiser for the Shawano County Sheriff's Department K-9 program.

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set aside for when it comes

time to purchase a new dog.

"SOS K-9 started 18 or

19 years ago," Rekoske said.

"It's an independent group.

When we have bills to be

paid, we turn them over

to them, and they write a

check either to the depart-

ment if the department paid

for it or to the handler if

they have a receipt."

Rekoske said the

designated weekends

for the bowling and golf

fundraisers have pretty

much stayed the same.

That allows people to plan

on attending and partici-

pating each year without

having to worry about

checking and juggling their

schedules.

SOS K-9 has tried a few



Brady Vigue prepares to bowl during the fundraiser for the Shawano County Sheriff's Department K-9 program. The event is run by the nonprofit SOS K-9 (Supporters of Shawano K-9), which exists solely to raise funds for the program.

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other fundraisers before setting on the bowling event and golf outing, such as a 3D archery that attracted a younger group of participants and a dodge ball tournament. The amount of money raised wasn't enough to keep them going.

Last year, Arres the K-9 retired. Deputy Jacob Ostrowski was chosen as the new handler, and Ruckus is his new dog.

A new dog typically costs about \$10,500, as well as another \$2,500 for initial training and basic equipment. A squad kennel is around \$5,000, and a home kennel is around \$2,000.

The training never stops, as the state requires a K-9 handler to train at least 16 hours a month.

SOS K-9 is always interested in new ideas for fundraising and public awareness. Interested individuals

are encouraged to send an email to shawanok9@yahoo.com.

The sheriff's department K-9 program has been around since 1997. Harley was the first K-9, and Greg Trinko was his handler.

Other K-9s have been Benny with handler Tyler Rich, Deano with Rich and Perry, Getty with Rekoske, Cody with Ben Klinker and Nate Thornborrow, Rekon with Rekoske, Arres with Anna Sharpless and Brady Sinotte, and the other current K-9, Rascal, with Cody Vigue.

Interested individuals are encouraged to attend monthly meetings or send an email to shawanok9@yahoo.com,

For information, visit <https://sosk9.weebly.com/support-us.html>.

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Department merger proposed at county level

Planning and development, land conservation could become one again

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

As Shawano County continues to struggle with its revenues and expenses to provide required services, one of the options that could be considered is the

merging of departments.

In combining similar departments, staff and services could be shared, thus reducing some expenses.

Shawano County Board Chairman Tom Kautza noted at the January executive committee meeting the merging of the land conservation and the planning and zoning departments could be worth considering.

"I thought this was a really interesting idea and maybe a very good one;

maybe not, but we can find out," he said. "It used to be combined together."

Scott Frank, land conservationist and leader of the land conservation department, has been with the county since 1995.

"The departments were separate when I came here, but in 1996-97, they were merged together," Frank said. "They separated again in 2015-16 when a new administrative coordinator (Brent Miller) was hired."

Kautza said one of the concerns at the time of the 2015-16 separation was that the county still had two committees to oversee the department — the land conservation committee and the planning, development and zoning committee.

Kautza said if the two departments would merge, it would be best to have one committee and one director for the office.

The planning and development office is overseen

by Kimberly Gierach, zoning administrator.

"Some of the individuals that are in land conservation do have some of the certifications required for, like, soils," Kautza said. "One of the things they're going to have to address is when Andy Popp leaves. There is no one there who has the license to do anything."

Popp is the sanitarian with the planning and development department. A sanitarian investigates

health and safety within an environment. They are public health specialists who identify risks and enforce environmental regulations, health and safety.

Kautza said he personally has the necessary licenses, but he could not do the work as long as he serves on the county board.

Frank said he didn't have any comment on the potential merger.

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School board approves 2025-26 calendar

Student day off for Martin Luther King approved at staff request, but graduation date stays same

By **LEE PULASKI**
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The Wittenberg-Birnamwood School Board approved the district's 2025-26 calendar Jan. 28 with one change to what was originally presented.

The calendar originally offered Jan. 5, 2026, as a teacher work day to get classrooms ready again following the Christmas break, according to Superintendent Garrett Rogowski. A survey of district staff indicated they would rather give students Jan. 19 off to honor the late Martin Luther King Jr.

"Most wanted Martin Luther King Day, and I know some schools take that day off to recognize Martin Luther King," Rogowski said. "That would still be a staff work day."

Where the calendar diverges from staff wishes

is the date for high school graduation. Rogowski said he set the date for May 22, 2026, because it was a date that did not conflict with any sports playoffs.

"Our seniors don't have to make a choice between going to their events or attending graduation," Rogowski said. "Some high school staff have said: 'Can we push it later?'"

Rogowski said the only day of the week that would likely work for a later graduation would be Wednesday, but that conflicts with the arrangement the school district has with local clergy to avoid Wednesday night events so it didn't conflict with religious classes or services.

The calendar includes 175 student days and 190 days for educators. There are three built-in weather days in the event of heavy

snowfall or extreme cold.

"We don't have to have virtual instruction," Rogowski said. "Kids can go play in the snow and not have to worry about getting something done."

The school year begins Sept. 2 and ends June 5, 2026, possibly earlier if the weather days are not used.

The calendar includes days off for Thanksgiving and the day after. Nov. 24 would be a half-day to allow teachers to catch up on grading, Rogowski said. He noted that attendance that week is down due the gun hunting season, but that the district was not offering a full week off — even though some school districts like Shawano do so.

The calendar retains a full week for spring break.

"That is preferred by staff," Rogowski said.

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demic. "This is about teaching versus fear. At the high school, there are now some very good videos that generate collaborative discussion."

Rothmeyer noted that the high school does live drills with staff members, but not when students are at school.

Chris Kulas, principal of Birnamwood Elementary-Middle School, noted that his school used an activity book to teach students in kindergarten through fifth grade about proper procedures in the event of an intruder in mid-January. He said that a live drill was

done with staff at his school, too, and middle school students learned about the protocols during their specialty classes like physical education and music.

"We tested the alarms (during the summer) to see if the staff could hear the alarms and for the office staff to learn how to use the alarms," Kulas said. "We have posters in the classrooms that show the terminology we use."

Nick Firari, principal of Wittenberg Elementary-Middle School, told the board his school's safety training also took place in mid-January, and the train-

ing was similar to what took place in Birnamwood.

"We were practicing where they would go in case of an intruder within their classroom and also had discussions about where they would go if they were able to get out of the building," Firari said. "Not physical sites, but just where they would go and how they would stay together."

Thornborrow also spoke to students at the elementary-middle schools, according to Kulas and Firari.

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Steffen, the tenor, started singing barbershop in the 1970s. He is also active in his church choir and bell choir.

Whitehouse is a 17-year member of the Baylander Barbershop Chorus and has been active in its leadership positions. He has been president of the Baylanders for the past four years. He is also active in his church musical activities.

Brodhagen, the bass, has been active in church music his whole life. This is his 10th year, and he is active in four choirs.

Brunner, the baritone, is a very versatile singer. So far, he has sung tenor, lead and baritone in the Baylanders. He has been a member of the Baylanders for 16 years. He is also very active in his church.

"We'll be singing the

day before in Suamico, so that'll be a good warm-up for us," Whitehouse said. "We'll sing pretty much anywhere in the area if we can fit it into our schedule. One of the guys still works for a living, so we have to work around that."

They've performed at church gatherings, retirement parties, birthday parties, company gatherings and more.

The singing valentines always bring out a smile for the recipient. Whitehouse recalled one early start to their day a few years back.

"It was for a grade school principal, and we had to be there at 7:30," he said. "All the children were assembled in the gym, and it was a big surprise for her."

Another time, a husband had them perform for his wife three years in

a row.

"We told her turnabout is fair play, so we went to his work — a bank," Whitehouse said. "He was like, 'No, you're supposed to sing for her,' but we said it was now his turn. Everybody loved it."

The members of Revised Edition are all members of the Baylander Barbershop Chorus, which gets together and practices from 7-9 p.m. every Monday at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 341 Wilson Ave., Green Bay.

"The Baylanders is made up of men who like to sing," Whitehouse said. "You don't have to be particularly good, but if you want to learn to sing better, it's a great group to join. We've become a singing family."

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The public can provide comment on the Rib Mountain trail concept plan either in person at the public meeting Feb. 13 or online by using the public input form.

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Comments sought on Rib Mountain trail plan

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking public comment on a plan for trails at Rib Mountain State Park.

The Greater Wausau Prosperity Partnership, in collaboration with the DNR, has developed a trail network concept plan for Rib Mountain State Park. The trail network plan includes concepts for a multiuse community path, shared use trail, hiking trail refinements, bike-optimized trail, ski area expansion and snowmobile trail realignment.

The public can provide feedback on the proposed

trail network concept plan through March 2. The trail network concept plan and information on how to provide input are available at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/parks/ribmt>.

The department encourages the public to submit feedback using the online public input form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PGBFDTR>. Additionally, one public informational meeting will be held Feb. 13 at North-central Technical College's Professional Conference Center in Wausau.

This informational meeting will run from 6-7

p.m. and will include a presentation from department staff starting at 6 p.m. Doors to the venue will open at 5:45 p.m. Staff will present a brief property history and share the trail concept plan in more detail.

A hard copy of the trail network concept plan is available to view at the Rib Mountain State Park office and the Marathon County Public Library Headquarters, 300 N. First St., Wausau.

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Teddies tossed at Bonduel High School



ABOVE: Teddy bears start to pile up Jan. 31 on the basketball court at Bonduel High School as part of an event put on by the high school's Impact Club. The teddy bears and other stuffed animals collected were donated to St. Vincent's Hospital in Green Bay to be given to children admitted there. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

RIGHT: Some folks had plenty to give to the teddy bear toss Jan. 31, including, from left, Hannah Suehring, Harrison Moesch and Georgia Zernicke. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA



Feemster pleads not guilty in May 2024 attack

Case moving forward after Kussel replaced by Sloma

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Jordan Feemster, of De Pere, pleaded not guilty Jan. 31 to charges of attempted first-degree intentional homicide, battery, criminal damage to property and first-degree recklessly endangering safety by the use of a dangerous weapon in Shawano County.

The arraignment followed a request by Feemster to get a different judge earlier in January. The case had originally been before Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge William Kussel Jr. but was transferred to Judge Katherine Sloma.

Feemster was charged in June after an incident May 24 at the Shawano Square Apartments on East Richmond Street after police spoke with the victim, his girlfriend at the time, and learned about how plans to go out for the night turned almost deadly.

According to the criminal complaint, the victim in the incident was getting ready to go out when Feemster allegedly asked for her phone passcode. Feemster allegedly saw a message from a co-worker and then pushed her into the bathtub and hit her on the left side of her head. After allegedly dragging the victim from the bathroom to the bedroom, Feemster allegedly went to the kitchen and grabbed a knife, and then he put the knife to her side and neck, according to the complaint.

The victim allegedly told Feemster that she loved him and wanted to be with him, claiming Feemster had a history of talking about self-harm. Feemster's mother was allegedly called to help calm him down. The victim got out of the house and jumped into her vehicle, but Feemster allegedly chased her to the Shawano County Sheriff's Office, where she ran inside for

help and he fled, according to the complaint.

Feemster and the victim had known each other for at least eight years, but they had only been dating for a few months, according to the complaint. The victim showed an officer wounds in her leg and knee area and claimed she was fearful for her life.

The Shawano Police Department found a knife on the bed and asked the victim if it was the one used to cause a 3-inch laceration on her neck, and she claimed it was. There was also an injury found on the victim's knee and blood on the victim's shirt, according to the complaint.

Feemster faces a maximum of 60 years in prison for the attempted homicide charge, a maximum of 12 1/2 years for the recklessly endangering safety charge along with a maximum \$25,000 fine, and up to nine months and \$10,000 for the two misdemeanor charges.

Feemster is currently in Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution in Glenbuelah, transferred there after serving a 10-month sentence in Dodge County after pleading no contest to fleeing and eluding officers and resisting those same officers.

A \$75,000 cash bond has been ordered once Feemster is back in Shawano County's custody.

Feemster has a number of criminal convictions in Wisconsin. In 2018, he was found guilty of second-degree recklessly endangering safety, victim intimidation and battery in Brown County. In 2014, he was found guilty, also in Brown County, of false imprisonment, battery and criminal damage to property. In 2010, he was found guilty on a misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct in Brown County.

A final pre-trial for Feemster is scheduled for 10 a.m. April 23 in Branch I of the Shawano County Courthouse. Originally, the court had been looking to March for the hearing, but Trisha Fritz, Feemster's attorney, said she was still waiting for discovery material from the district attorney's office and would need ample time to get up to speed.

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Workshop to offer advice on soils

Speakers to offer ways to increase profits from the ground up

By KEVIN PASSON
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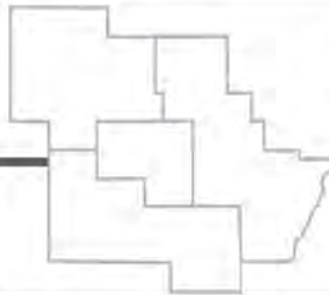
Local farmers hoping to learn something new about the soil beneath their feet no longer have to travel across the state for the information. Shawano County officials are bringing the information closer to home. "There are a lot of different organizations offering events like field days where they talk about soil health," said Bill Koepke, Shawano County conser-

vation agronomist. "Unfortunately, most are in southwestern Wisconsin, Madison or the Fox Valley, so people in the northern part of the state have a tough time taking off a day to get there." Koepke and others in the county's Land Conservation Department decided to offer a workshop much closer to home. The "Healthy Soils, Healthy Farms: Better profits from the ground up" winter farmer workshop is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 21 at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St. A free lunch will be provided. The speakers will address soil issues, no-till farming, cover crops, and county programs available

to farmers to improve their soil or being a new farming technique. No-till farming is a method of growing crops without disturbing the soil through plowing. This technique can reduce soil erosion, improve soil health and increase crop yields. Cover crops are plants grown to improve soil health and water quality between cash-crop plantings. They are often left to die and decompose, adding organic matter to the soil. "Everything comes from the ground up," Koepke said. "It all comes down to that." Koepke said the workshop is not just for farmers with hundreds of acres. "Even the owner of a hobby farm of 10-15 acres can benefit."

Speakers will also address cost-sharing and cost-effective ways to improve soil and increase profits. "We're not going to tell anyone what to do; we are going to give them information on how to try something new that can help them," Koepke said. Speakers will be Chris Bandura, University of Wisconsin-Extension; Jamie Patton, Natural Resources Conservation Service; and Dani Heisler, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. Reservations are required by Feb. 14 by contacting Koepke at 715-526-4797 or bill.koepke@shawanocountywi.gov. kpaddon@newmedia-wi.com

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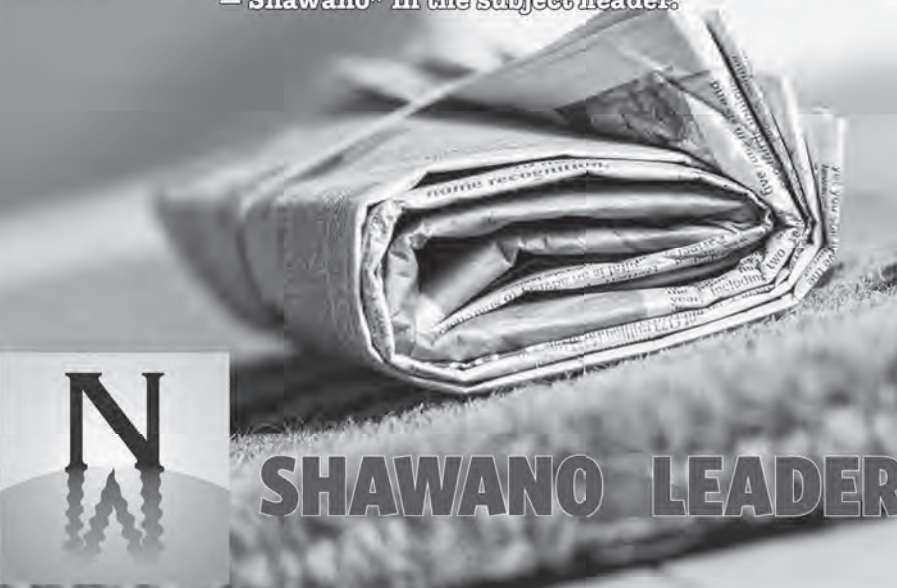
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Cervical cancer rates increase for women

ThedaCare is encouraging more women to play an active role in helping to reduce incidents of cervical cancer across central and north-eastern Wisconsin.

"Protection from cervical cancer begins with healthy lifestyle choices, early detection through regular exams and screenings, and vaccination against certain viruses," said Dr. Emily Gonnering, ThedaCare family medicine physician. "We want women to understand the screening guidelines as well as their risk and prevention steps."

Cervical cancer, a disease that forms in the cervix, is highly treatable when caught early, Gonnering said. In recent years, screening rates among some eligible groups have declined, leading to an increase in diagnoses.

In women ages 30-44, cervical cancer rates increased 1.7% each year from 2012 to 2019, according to the American Cancer Society (ACS). Experts say confusion around changing screening guidelines may have contributed to a drop-off in women following through on testing.

Any woman can develop cervical cancer, according to Gonnering. The disease develops in the cervix, the entrance to the uterus from the vagina.

About 99% of cervical cancer cases are linked to infection with high-risk human papillomavirus, (HPV), according to the World Health Organization. This is a common virus transmitted through sexual contact.

ACS estimated 2024



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About 4,300 women were projected to die from the disease.

The toll of the disease disproportionately affects certain minority groups, Gonnering said. The cervical cancer death rate among Black women and Indigenous women is 65% higher than in white women.

Cervical cancer is most frequently diagnosed in women between the ages of 35 and 44. It rarely develops in women younger than 20.

Once one of the most common causes of cancer death among American women, rates of the disease dropped by more than half between the mid-1970s and mid-2000s. Improved prevention and screening have helped, Gonnering said.

Though cervical cancer rates have been increasing in women ages 30-44, they've declined 11% each year for women ages 20-24. That likely reflects the first signs of cancer prevention from HPV vaccination.

Health experts recommend that women at normal risk for cervical cancer should begin testing at age 25. Those aged 25-65 should have a primary HPV test every five years. A primary HPV test is one that is done by itself for screening.

Women older than 65 who have undergone regular screening in the

would bring the diagnosis of around 13,800 cases of invasive cervical cancer.

past 10 years with normal results can stop cervical cancer screening.

"It's important to also understand that women should complete routine health care visits every year, regardless of whether they're due for cervical cancer screening," Gonnering said. "Staying current with your health care visits will enable your provider to better monitor your physical health over time and more effectively assist you in your efforts to reduce your cervical cancer risk."

In its early stages, cervical cancers and pre-cancers often have no symptoms, Gonnering said. If symptoms do occur, they often include but aren't limited to abnormal vaginal bleeding, an unusual discharge from the vagina, pain during sex and pain in the pelvic region.

Getting vaccinated against HPV, if eligible, and completing screenings are important steps in preventing cervical cancer, Gonnering noted.

The ACS recommends HPV vaccination of children, including boys, between the ages of 9 and 12.

Children and young adults ages 13-26 who have not been vaccinated, or who haven't gotten all their doses, should get the vaccine as soon as possible.

"Through screening and vaccination, we hope to see a decrease in the number of women diagnosed with cervical cancer," Gonnering said. "If you have any questions around whether you're due for screening, please reach out to your health care team."

Walleye club holding fishing derby in Gillett

The Finnegan Lake Walleye Club will hold its annual fishing derby Feb. 22 in the main pavilion at Zippel Park, 150 N. McKenzie St., Gillett.

The club will again be registering fish from area lakes at derby headquarters in Zippel Park. There will be prizes given for the largest northern, walleye, bass, crappie, perch, and bluegill. Fish registration ends at 3 p.m., and prizes will be awarded at 3:30 p.m.

In addition, general raffle tickets are being sold by club members and are available at

many businesses in and around Gillett and the Oconto County area.

This year's general raffle will offer \$6,000 in cash prizes to include \$1,000 cash for first place, \$750 cash as the second place prize, \$500 cash for third through fifth places, \$250 cash for sixth place, and \$100 cash for seventh through 21st places. This year the 22nd through 41st place winners will each receive \$50.

The drawing for these prizes will take place at 4:30 p.m. and ticket holders don't need to be present to win. Bucket

raffles with many nice prize packages will be available in the heated pavilion throughout the day. Impulse raffles and live auctions will begin at noon.

There will be a variety of food and beverages available all day.

The Finnegan Lake Walleye Club is a non-profit organization that sponsors scholarships at Gillett, Suring and Oconto Falls high schools. The original mission of the club which continues today is the stewardship of Finnegan Lake and the boat landing area.



YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

Protect press against frivolous lawsuits

Shereen Siewert, publisher of the Wausau Pilot and Review, has been breathing easier these days. In September, a Wisconsin appeals court upheld a lower court's dismissal of state Sen. Cory Tomczyk's defamation lawsuit against Siewert, the nonprofit newsroom she founded in 2017, and one of its reporters.

The ruling, which Tomczyk did not appeal, ended a three-year legal nightmare that began after the Pilot and Review reported that Tomczyk, before joining the Wisconsin Legislature, "was widely overheard" calling a 13-year-old boy a "fag" at a Marathon County board meeting about a surprisingly contentious resolution affirming community inclusivity. Tomczyk denied using the slur and accused the news outlet of having "smeared" his reputation.

Although the Pilot and Review prevailed, the lawsuit took a severe financial and emotional toll, including some \$200,000 in legal bills, lost donors and sponsors and the trauma of fearing bankruptcy while Siewert was caring for her dying sister and mother.

"I had serious conversations with my son about selling him my home if I couldn't pay my legal bills," said Siewert, noting that she was personally named in the suit. "I woke up in a panic thinking — I'm 56 years old and am about to lose everything."

The case drives home the need for what are sometimes called anti-SLAPP laws; the acronym stands for strategic lawsuits against public participation. While 34 states and the District of Columbia have enacted such laws to protect media and individuals from frivolous defamation lawsuits, Wisconsin has not.

"We are starkly aware that any reporter and any news organization in Wisconsin can be sued at any time for anything," Siewert said. "Every time we write a story, we're putting our livelihood on the line."

Bills introduced last year by Democrats would have allowed Wisconsin judges to quickly dismiss SLAPP suits and require plaintiffs to pay the defendants' legal fees. The state's GOP-controlled legislature did not even give them a hearing. But 2025 offers lawmakers a fresh opportunity to pass anti-SLAPP legislation.

Under the current standard set for defamation of



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public figures, a news outlet must show "actual malice" in publishing the information in question — either knowing it to be false or with "reckless disregard" as to its veracity. The Pilot and Review argued, and both a trial court judge and three-member appeals court panel unanimously agreed, that Tomczyk, as a local businessman who publicly opposed a resolution to declare Wausau a "Community for All," qualified as a public figure and had failed to prove "actual malice."

Indeed, the record showed that the Pilot and Review took appropriate steps to affirm the accuracy of its reporting. Three people swore they heard him use the slur, which he acknowledged using on other occasions. (Tomczyk did not respond to requests for comment for this column.)

The two lead Democrats behind last year's anti-SLAPP bills — Sen. Melissa Agard of Madison and Rep. Jimmy Anderson of Fitchburg — aren't returning this session.

Rep. Alex Joers, D-Middleton, expects his colleagues will revive the legislation in 2025 and hopes slimmer partisan margins will encourage more compromise than in the past. The Assembly's unanimous passage last year of a bill to protect student media from censorship showed Republicans and Democrats can find common ground on press protections. (The bill, however, died in the Senate.)

The benefits of an anti-SLAPP law would extend beyond newsrooms. Joers, who worked for Agard before joining the Legislature, recalled Agard researching the issue after learning that companies were suing people who left negative reviews on Yelp. Anti-SLAPP laws in other states — including Republican-led Texas and Tennessee — have protected residents from expensive lawsuits.

"This could happen to anybody," Joers said.

It should happen to no one.

Jim Malewitz is managing editor of Wisconsin Watch. Your Right to Know is a monthly column distributed by the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council (wisfoic.org).



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Giving helped Operation Christmas Child

To the editor:

The overwhelming generosity of the people of Shawano helped provide joy to children in need through Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts this season. Across the U.S., the Samaritan's Purse project collected 10.5 million shoebox gifts in 2024. Combined with those collected from partnering countries in 2024, the min-

istry is now sending over 11.9 million shoebox gifts to children worldwide.

Shoebox packers brought joy and hope to children around the world through fun, full, personalized gifts. For many children, this is the first gift they have ever received. Each shoebox gift is a tangible expression of God's love, given to children in need around the world. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more

than 232 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories.

Across the region, shoebox packers often shop for deals on shoebox items throughout the year, and many serve at a deeper level by becoming a year-round volunteer. Information about ways area participants can get involved year-round can also be found at samaritanspurse.org/occ.

Although local Shawano

drop-off locations for shoebox gifts are closed until Nov. 17, anyone can still be a part of this life-changing project by conveniently packing a shoebox gift online in just a few simple clicks at www.samaritanspurse.org/buildonline.

These simple gifts, packed with love, remind children around the world that they are loved and not forgotten.

Hannah Murphy, Boone, North Carolina

GUEST COLUMN

Medicare Advantage deserves hard look

Elon Musk recently announced his intention to cut \$1 trillion in federal spending through the new U.S. Department of Government Efficiency. As the department looks for ways to trim waste, one program that deserves immediate attention is Medicare Advantage (MA).

This is the component of Medicare that allows seniors to opt-in and purchase privately run government-subsidized health plans. It's a popular program that typically bundles medical, hospital, and drug coverage, often including extras like vision and dental. MA produces better health outcomes than traditional Medicare, making it a good deal for both patients and taxpayers.

Yet for all these benefits, the program sorely needs reform.

It currently wastes billions of dollars each year as a result of perverse incentives, inefficient procedures, and misguided policies. Rethinking the most dysfunctional aspects of MA could dramatically lower costs while improving quality of care.

One of the program's most glaring inefficiencies concerns a practice



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Guest columnist

known as "upcoding" or "over-coding." This is when a health plan deliberately diagnoses patients with additional ailments in order to make them appear sicker, and thus riskier and more expensive to insure.

Misrepresenting a patient's health may seem like the exact opposite of what an insurance provider is supposed to do. But for the company, increasing the number of diagnoses means more money from the federal government. That's because, under current rules, the government reimburses plans more generously for patients with higher "risk scores." In recent years, risk-score inflation has become rampant.

In 2021, for instance, patient risk scores in MA were 12.1% higher, on average, than for patients in traditional Medicare, according to analysis from the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

Fortunately, there are relatively straightforward

ways to fix the problem.

Currently, Medicare is required to reduce payments to MA insurance plans by at least 5.9% to reflect differences in coding across different populations. By increasing this figure — known as the "minimum risk reduction" — to 8%, the government could remove the incentive for plans to overstate how sick patients are. According to an estimate from the Congressional Budget Office, this would save at least \$47 billion over a seven-year period.

The government could reduce MA waste even more significantly by rethinking MA's system of "quality bonuses."

Right now, Medicare pays bonuses to MA plans that perform well on measures of customer satisfaction. Plans in certain urban areas are even eligible for "double bonuses." The aim is to encourage the insurance providers to improve quality — but that isn't how the arrangement has worked out.

The bonus program has had only a questionable effect on plan quality while substantially driving up overall MA costs, according to an analysis by the Urban

Institute. Meanwhile, the double-bonus payments have increased racial disparities in how Medicare funds are distributed. And none of this has improved patient care.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that eliminating double bonuses alone would reduce MA spending by \$18 billion over seven years. The office also looked at another, more technical reform, which would do away with so-called "benchmark increases" tied to quality bonuses, and estimated the savings at more than \$94 billion.

Add it all up, and ending MA quality bonuses could save taxpayers huge sums, with no negative impact on patients.

Medicare Advantage offers enormous value to seniors, and should be preserved. But it deserves scrutiny from the new Department of Government Efficiency for ways to reduce waste. Reforming the program could put Musk well on the way to his savings goal.

Drew Johnson is a budget policy analyst and government watchdog who was the Trump-endorsed Republican nominee for Congress in Nevada's 3rd Congressional District in 2024. This piece originally ran in Townhall.

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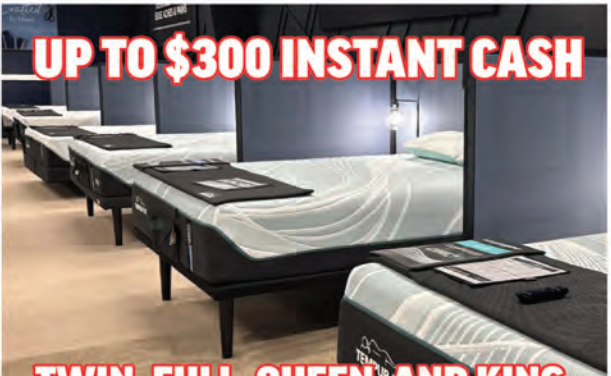
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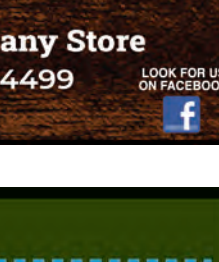
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Barn cat Graycie watches Little Yellow and Fred eating in the barn. Graycie and Little Yellow came from Joy's Place Animal Rescue, while Fred found the way to the Reminger farm from places unknown. KAY REMINGER

FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Third cat comes aboard to expel rodents

Late summer of 2022, I connected with Sarah Magee, a tenderhearted woman who is in the business of rehoming cats. We were in need of a couple of natural mouse hunters and knew of her reputation of finding homes for healthy, neutered cats. She has since established a nonprofit called Joy's Place Animal Rescue.

For a couple of years, it was just the two cats we received from Sarah. They settled in very comfortably and since their arrival, we've had an almost non-existent rodent problem. Extremely satisfying.

Over time, I noticed we began to have a transient visitor. A battle-scarred and weatherworn cat would trudge over to our house from parts unknown, to hydrate and replenish. I saw him once come right down the road. The next time I'd spot him, he'd be picking his way through our corn field. His appearance was sporadic and his countenance cautious, always with the notion he was trespassing and seemingly would get kicked out right soon if he didn't watch out.

His yellow coat appeared stained, marred with tufts sticking up hither and yon, burrs embedded in his tail; ear bent sideways, evidence of a fierce clash at some point. His eyes looked mattered. We perceived he had little peripheral vision, was likely deaf (he didn't appear to startle easily) and probably half blind. A complete sorry sight, to be honest.

Later, to my dismay, I realized I had not offered him the greatest hospitality. In my mind, I had two sweet girls who loved their private domain and were very content to live in the barn with only each other for company. Not wanting to rock the boat, I did nothing to encourage this uninvited visitor to our home barn.

After some time, he was coming quite often — as much as I can remember, ev-



Kay Reminger
Columnist

Summer partying just around corner in Shawano

Thursdayz at Franklin, Naberhood Block Party schedules released

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor



The Cloud Nine Fire Show, which was a hit last summer, will return in August to conclude the Tuesday family night lineup of the Naberhood Block Parties. FILE | NEW MEDIA

Recent warmer temperatures might have some folks pining for summer, but for the city of Shawano, summer plans are all set with finalized schedules for Thursdayz at Franklin and the Naberhood block parties.

Thursdayz will be starting its lineup with Johnny Wad on June 5 and ending Aug. 21 with Star Six Nine, a rock band that includes a little of everything. Both bands are traditional staples for Thursdayz and tend to be big attractions for locals and visitors. Returning to Franklin Park are The Presidents, a party rock band that has been absent from the Shawano area for a few years, according to Matt Hendricks, the city's park and recreation director.

There are also some newcomers to the summer series, including a tribute band called Taylor and Anti-Heroes playing Taylor Swift songs, as well as Ozzmosis, a tribute band to Ozzy Osbourne and Black Sabbath.

Meanwhile, the Naberhood Block Parties are back for another summer, with live music Saturday nights and family events Tuesday nights. Game nights and arts and crafts are part of the schedule, and the Disney Night that debuted last

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Thursdayz at Franklin lineup:

- **JUNE 5:** Johnny Wad (1980s/rock)
- **JUNE 12:** Eight Second Ride (country)
- **JUNE 19:** Taylor and the Anti-Heroes (Taylor Swift tribute)
- **JUNE 26:** Brass Differential (jazz/party band)
- **JULY 3:** The Presidents (party rock)
- **JULY 10:** Copper Box (rock/various)
- **JULY 17:** Infer Red (1990s/2000s)
- **JULY 24:** The Michigan Shivers (party band)
- **JULY 31:** Cherry Pie (1980s/rock/various)
- **AUG. 7:** 7000Apart (indie/pop)
- **AUG. 14:** Ozzmosis (Ozzy Osbourne/Black Sabbath tribute)
- **AUG. 21:** Star Six Nine (rock/various)

Naberhood Block Party family nights:

- **JUNE 3:** Family game night
- **JUNE 10:** Improv with Comedy City
- **JUNE 17:** Mischief and Magic Show
- **JUNE 24:** Dinosaur Dimensions — free meet and greet with the dinos after the show
- **JULY 1:** Arts and crafts night
- **JULY 8:** Rondini hypnosis
- **JULY 15:** Family yoga with Jaime Lee
- **JULY 22:** Raptor education
- **JULY 29:** Wesley Waffles
- **AUG. 5:** Disney Night
- **AUG. 12:** National Night Out with the Shawano Police Department
- **AUG. 19:** Cloud Nine Fire Show — starts with free workshop followed by show at 7 p.m.

Naberhood Block Party music nights:

- **JUNE 7:** The Cheese Doodles (variety)
 - **JUNE 14:** Backstage Pass (rock/country)
 - **JUNE 21:** Charms (contemporary/classics)
 - **JUNE 28:** Happy Hour Heroes (rock/country)
 - **JULY 5:** Olivia Maro (country)
 - **JULY 12:** Caleb and Emily Music (contemporary/classics)
 - **JULY 19:** The Finest Faux (1960s through 2000s)
 - **JULY 26:** Jesse Fuller (rock/oldies)
 - **AUG. 2:** Russ Reiser (1960s/1970s rock)
 - **AUG. 9:** Jacob Fannin (variety)
 - **AUG. 16:** Pure Country (country)
 - **AUG. 23:** Leo G (variety)
- All events begin at 7 p.m. and are free.



A new addition to Thursdayz at Franklin will be Taylor and the Anti-Heroes, a tribute band to Taylor Swift. The band will perform June 19. CONTRIBUTED

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Turkey fan plaque turns feathers into decoy

Darrell Bartel's first turkey hunt didn't go as planned, but it had an outcome he could never have foreseen.

The Waupaca Foundry Inc. supervisor hunted with a co-worker who tried for three days to coax a gobbler to box and slate calls. Finally a tom turkey came in, hiding behind a tree as his caller whispered: "Shoot."

"I was shaking bad," Bartel recalled as he dropped the bird with his shotgun.

That 2001 turkey wasn't especially huge or impressive, but Bartel decided to mount the tail feathers as many hunters do for a rustic memento of a successful hunt.

He went to a local sporting goods store and bought a standard mounting plaque made of wood. Bartel was not impressed.

"It didn't fit together right or look good," he said.

Like so many thousands of inventors before him, it took a sub-par product to get those creative fluids flowing, and the seed was planted for a better tail-mounting creation.

His first design featured a wooden plaque with holes on the bottom to add turkey feet (to display the spurs), a beard and even the shotgun shells used to bag the bird. His small workshop at his rural Waupaca



Darrell Bartel, 66, of Waupaca, holds one of his original birch tail fan plaques, along with samples of his patented combination plaque and tail fan decoy. The lightweight plastic design is weather resistant and spins in a slight breeze to add movement that brings gobblers in for hunters.



home shows several of his old plaques as well as his new designs.

In 2002, he added a piece of pipe between two round, wooden pieces for his plaque so a steel stake could be added, turning a tail fan into an effective field decoy. The feathers drew a turkey's attention,

but the heavy wood still didn't spin in the breeze.

Three years later, he bought his first high-density polyethylene (HDPE) plastic and cut it into two 8-inch diameter pieces a half-inch thick (essentially the same design he uses today).

"I routed out the void to accommodate the cured fantail, drilled out a center hole to place a T-nut and philips head bolt to hold the two halves together, securing the fantail and also drilling a hole in the base

to place the holder onto a steel stake," he said.

"This allows the fantail to turn spontaneously in the slightest breeze."

Thus, Jake's Tail Holder (named for his youngest son Jacob) was born. After many successful hunts with his combo trophy mount and decoy, he applied for a U.S. patent in 2015 and received a patent pending award a few months later. His hard work and creativity paid off when he received his first patent in 2018.

Never content with

AT A GLANCE

You can see Bartel's products, including a new rope invention for carrying birds in the field, at:

- **WISCONSIN STATE HUNTING AND FISHING EXPO:** Resch Center, Green Bay, Feb. 21-23
- **WISCONSIN BOWHUNTERS ASSOCIATION STATE BANQUET:** Stevens Point, March 1
- **WISCONSIN SPORTS SHOW AT THE CHIPPEWA VALLEY EXPO:** Eau Claire, March 21-23

the status quo, he added a variety of state shapes to the front panel the next year.

In 2019, he also added a classic life-sized hen turkey shape called Jen the Hen, mademore realistic with a photographic image applied to a hydrographic water-dipping process that is similar to that used to apply camo or other finishes to gun barrels and vehicle bumpers. This weather-resistant image is perfect for hunters when they are chasing turkeys in rain, snow and sleet. He points to several Canada goose decoys he's made with the same process that have perched in his back yard bordering the Waupaca River for six years. They still look new.

He's also made a few owl and crow decoys.

He has a patent pending on the decoy design, which also turns in the slightest breeze like the tail fan holder. He added a jake decoy to create

a "Jake Meets Jenny" combo.

The Marine Corps veteran with Middle East tours of duty in 1976-80 taught himself to use a CNC machine to cut out and engrave his plaques. He even offers first-time hunters and youths free engraving on their plaques. Now retired, the 66-year-old inventor also completed a Fox Valley Technical College course to help him with marketing and other entrepreneurship skills.

His trademarked FlatlineYourBird slogan refers not only to the advantages of a flat silhouette decoy (easy to carry, store and use) but also when the successful hunter uses them to bag a gobbler and thus "flat-lines" the turkey. He uses a mock electrocardiogram in his advertising to emphasize the name.

Bartel's products are 100% American made, and he's sourced every portion of the construction process close to home.

He just received corporate approval from Scheels to sell some of his tail fan plaques at the store in Appleton, and he hopes other stores will follow. You can find all his products and order through his website at www.flatlineyourbird.net.

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ery other day. With disdain, I started calling him Freddy the Freeloader. Ashamed, I do admit that and have since asked Freddy to forgive me.

These days he has joined us full-time, sleeps tucked in a straw hole he's fashioned for himself in our safe, dry barn; very close to the breakfast/dinner/supper table as this is an eat-when-the-desire-hits smorgasbord.

With regular feeding and fresh water plus TLC (he's allowed me to pet him), the transformation has been remarkable. His coat has since become glossy yellow, he's filled out, his burrs are gone and eyes clear and focused. Contrary to our first impression that he's hard of hearing, he comes running as soon as I walk into the barn calling my usual greeting in a singsong voice, "Good morning, my kitties. How's everyone doing?" The trio come like a mad stampede, meowing their acknowledgement as I slip through the door — their loud purring, music to my ears.

I was never, ever a cat person. Growing up on the farm and even in the farm marriage partnership my husband and I share, we never had cats as so-called pets. They were there

for one purpose: rodent control.

These days, the cats in my barn are dearly loved and pampered. They have new portions of dry cat food and clean, fresh water daily. I say that not to brag at all — it's what people are supposed to do if they have animals in their care — but back in the day, barn cats were treated more like they're there for a purpose, not a pampering. If one happened to perish, I did not bemoan that fact. It just was.

If one of mine go on a retreat, I fret, giving my (trying so hard to focus) husband an up-to-date attendance report. "Little Yellow has been gone for a full week now." or "Graycie hasn't shown up since last Tuesday. She was there when we had that one storm, remember?" or "Where on earth do they go?" or "I wonder where Fred came from?" As if he has the answer. He listens with a bewildered smile and oh so patiently, but doesn't have an invested heart like me. I get it.

In the barn next to the kitty's food and water bowls, we've placed a live trap. I had noticed that many times — even when there were just the two of them up there — their food

and water were completely empty. No way could just two cats consume all of that in one day.

Setting the trap, we've humanely caught quite a number of raccoons and opossums over the years. Their home is out in the woods making a living. When they come into my territory and eat the food I purchased for my cats, it's game on. Sorry woodland creatures; you're trespassing.

So now it's my three musketeers up in the barn mow. When before the new one was met with a low growl, they've all slowly started to make friends. I discovered with delight one day all three had their heads in the breakfast bowl at the same time. Freddy the Freeloader has since been affectionately dubbed simply "Fred." He's one of us and has a place at the table.

("Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." Colossians 3:23)

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

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year will return with characters greeting children, Disney karaoke and more.

The block parties have become really popular, which makes it easy for the recreation staff to decide to continue them. Hendricks noted that moving the Saturday music from the afternoon to the evening has yielded more participation and enjoyment. He added that the businesses have really enjoyed the time shift, seeing more people walk through their doors.

"We've been really happy with (the block parties)," Hendricks said. "Success is measured in a couple of different ways. One of the ways people think of first is how many attended. You wouldn't want to put 2,000 people at the Naberhood because it wouldn't fit. More is not an indicator as much as the quality of the experience. For the Naberhood, it seems 150-300 people fills that space pretty well. On both accounts, I believe that we're doing really well."

The only challenge is keeping each of the lineups interesting, according to Hendricks. While it's important to bring the showstoppers back because

the people want them, it's important to infuse the lineups with new blood, as well.

"It's kind of a mix," Hendricks said. "You always want to bring back the popular ones, but we don't want it to be the same exact experience year after year. Some of them we've had before — yoga, improv, Disney. National Night Out has been good and unique."

Hendricks noted that both the Naberhood and Thursdayz events have attracted enough attention that folks don't even need to have a schedule in hand to know that fun is about to commence on a given night.

"One of the nice things about starting at 6 o'clock is that, even if people didn't have a schedule, they still know that something's going on there on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday," Hendricks said, noting that when the times were different for movies and other activities, it didn't generate as much attention. "Having a consistent time and day was important."

Thursdayz have been part of the landscape longer, and not even the 2020 pandemic could completely derail the weekly

concert series.

"It feels like it's become part of the culture of Shawano," Hendricks said. "It seems like people really get excited about it. They ask questions about it. There's a lot of interest and 'Can we do this? Can we do that?' That's been really fun to see grow, because the first year or two, we still get feedback and like any other program, you want to stay with what's successful but change it up so it's not the same."

He added the tribute bands are a first for Thursdayz. Many of the bands perform cover songs of a variety of artists, but this will be the first time bands geared toward specific performers are part of the entertainment.

"This will bring different niches of people," Hendricks said. "With tribute bands, you have people coming in full costume and playing the part. That's something that's a little bit new for this year."

The city is still working on its music lineup for Sunday nights at Arlington Park, but officials plan to release the information within the next couple of months.

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IN THE KITCHEN WITH FRANCESCA

Good breakfast includes sweet, savory items

February is National Hot Breakfast Month. When I think of hot breakfast, I generally think sweet — pancakes, waffles, French toast, etc. — with eggs or meat on the side.

Recently I was looking through an old cookbook for a pancake recipe, and I found a recipe for buttermilk pancakes. Buttermilk pancakes have a great texture, but sometimes, especially with homemade buttermilk, can have a rather odd taste.

However, I decided to try out the recipe, with the addition of vanilla and almond extract. They were quite delicious – definitely a keeper recipe. By the way, do not overmix these pancakes, lumps are normal. A tip for knowing if the griddle is hot enough, that I actually picked up from a Beverly Cleary book is to drop a drop of cold water on the griddle. If it snaps and evaporates quickly, the griddle is hot enough.

Although I am fairly certain that putting vanilla and almond extract in pancakes is uncommon, I strongly encourage you to try it. My family has been experimenting with extracts in pancakes for years, and these two extracts are definitely the best. I cannot recommend lemon extract in pancakes,



Anyone feeling continental for breakfast can cook up some crepes, French pancakes that can include some sweet or savory fillings.

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however — it makes them taste weird, especially with butter and syrup.

Tip: To make 1 cup of homemade buttermilk, add 1 tablespoon of vinegar or

lemon juice to a 1-cup measuring cup and add enough milk to equal one cup. Let sit for at least five minutes before using.

Bacon, a quintessential breakfast meat, is one of my favorite meats. There are many ways to cook bacon, but my favorite chewy, low-stress, easy clean-up method is oven bacon. Cooking bacon on the stovetop or under the broiler requires constant attention, and can be quite

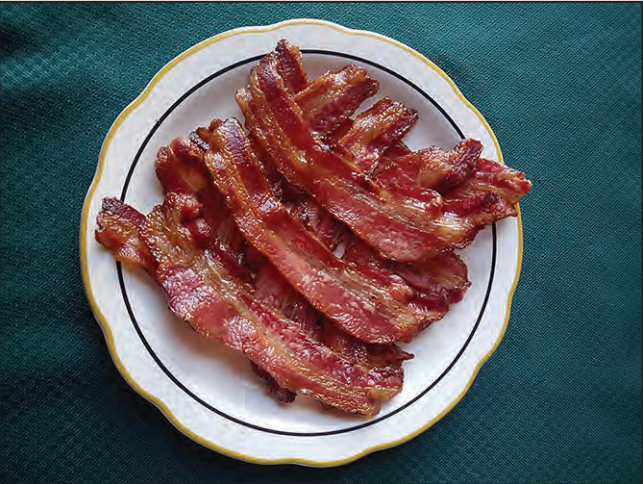
messy. However, with oven bacon, lining the pan cuts out the scraping and scrubbing. When the fat has cooled, simply lift out and discard the lining and fat. You do not even have to flip the bacon.

Although, the bacon tastes great plain, this is also a good method to use when making things that require pre-made bacon, for example, breakfast bakes, soups and BLTs. You can prepare the rest



Buttermilk pancakes can be an easy thing to make for breakfast and are quite tasty, but if you want to jazz things up a little bit, adding vanilla or almond extract will really sweeten the meal.

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Bacon can be cooked in many ways, but doing it in the oven with pan lining can cut down on the cleanup.

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CREPES

- 1/2 tsp. vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 cups whole milk
- 1 cup flour
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 2 tbsp. melted butter, cooled

Add oil to a 10-inch nonstick skillet and spread with paper towel over bottom and sides. Heat skillet over low heat for at least 5 minutes. While skillet is heating, in a large bowl, whisk together flour, sugar, and salt. In a medium bowl, whisk together milk and eggs. Add half of the milk mixture to the flour mixture and whisk until smooth. Add melted butter and whisk until combined. Add remaining milk mixture and whisk until smooth. Set a cooling rack next to stove. Increase heat to medium and heat skillet for 1 more minute. Lift and tilt skillet and pour 1/4 cup of batter (using a dry measuring cup) into it; swirl batter around to evenly coat the bottom of the skillet. Return skillet to stove and cook until surface looks dry and crepe starts to brown at edges. Working quickly, slide spatula under crepe and flip crepe. Cook until the second side is spotty brown. Transfer to cooling rack, or plate if eating immediately. Fill, fold, and top crepes as desired.

BUTTERMILK PANCAKES

- 2 cups sifted flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 eggs, beaten slightly
- 2 tbsp. melted butter
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 2 tbsp. sugar
- 2 cups buttermilk
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract (optional)
- 1/2 tsp. almond extract (optional)

Start heating the griddle over low heat. Melt the butter, set aside. Sift the flour, baking soda, salt and sugar into a bowl. Add the eggs, buttermilk, vanilla and almond extracts (if using) and melted butter; stir just until mixed. Batter will be lumpy. Increase griddle heat to desired temperature. Pour 1/4 cup (or 1/8 cup for smaller pancakes) batter for each pancake onto hot greased griddle; cook until bubbles cover surface. Flip and brown on the other side. Serve with desired toppings.

OVEN BACON

1 lb. of bacon

Line bottom and sides of a large rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper or aluminum foil. Arrange bacon in rows; avoid overlapping. Place the sheet in a cold oven and preheat to 350 degrees. Bake for approximately 20 minutes, or until done. Drain bacon on a plate lined with paper towels or napkins.

of the recipe while the bacon bakes. I have only ever tried this method with thick-cut bacon, so if you are using thin bacon, the baking time will probably be less than 20 minutes.

Lastly, crepes, a delicate and tender kind of French pancake, are another delicious breakfast option. Crepes, although they require more work, time and attention, are still quite doable. Crepes can have either sweet or savory fillings. I personally like sweet — butter, syrup, cream cheese filling, jam, whipped cream or fruit. For savory, the book where I got the crepe recipe from suggests cheese, ham, scrambled eggs, chopped herbs or sliced scallions.

One of the most important things when making crepes is having a non-stick pan (I use a stainless steel pan). Because crepes are so delicate, if they stick to the pan they will tear and not cook properly. Also, watch the temperature while cooking. The goal is to have the pan hot enough to brown the crepes nicely but not too hot as to burn them. If, when you pour in the batter and start swirling, the batter bubbles like crazy, the pan is too hot — turn down the heat.

Francesca Ullmer, the second child of a large homeschooled family, is from the Krakow area. She enjoys baking, reading, knitting, raising goats, and entering numerous items in the Oconto County Fair.

Pulaski High performing ‘Once Upon a Mattress’

Pulaski High School students will soon perform this year’s musical, “Once Upon a Mattress.”

The show is a “comic retelling of the children’s story “The Princess and the Pea,” said Amy Tubbs, drama director. “Queen Aggravain wants to find the perfect princess for her son, Prince Dauntless, but everyone fails the tests that she

and the Wizard create. The King has been cursed and is unable to speak, communicating only in pantomime. Because no one in the kingdom is allowed to marry before the prince, Lady Larken and Sir Harry have a problem with their baby on the way.

“Harry travels to another kingdom and brings back a swamp princess,

Princess Winnifred, who will try to pass the test with the help of the Minstrel and the Jester.”

Shows will be performed 7 p.m. Feb. 15 and Feb. 22 and 2 p.m. Feb. 16 and Feb. 23 at the Ripley Performing Arts Center at Pulaski High School, 1040 S. St. Augustine St., Pulaski. Tickets are \$8 and available for purchase at pulaskihs.ludus.com.



The King, played by Hayden Witte, left, is excited for Prince Dauntless, played by Crosby Willette, to marry Princess Winnifred, played by Gwen Rybak, but Queen Aggravain, played by Morgan Miskulin, doesn’t want her son to marry yet.

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Huffman wins bracket at Shawano invite

Bonduel team places third

Jan. 31 Shawano Invite
Forty teams with several brackets including multiple state qualifiers competed at the third annual Shawano girls wrestling invitational. Gwyn Hermann (107-pound bracket) and Jenna Moede (114 bracket) each took fifth place, and Adalyn Barkley (138 bracket) took sixth place. “All of these girls wrestled well tonight in very tough brackets,” coach Mike Homan said. “We will be back in action next Saturday at Green Bay Preble.” Bonduel’s Kaitlyn Kroening placed second in the

100 bracket. Pulaski’s Leah Kapla finished second in the 138 bracket. Bonduel’s Madalyn Sokolski was second at 152, and Wittenberg-Birnamwood’s Faith Weso was sixth. Alisha Berg, also of Bonduel, was second at 165. Wittenberg-Birnamwood’s Andrea Powell placed sixth in the 145 bracket. At 185, Wittenberg-Birnamwood’s Brooke Huffman won, with Bonduel’s Madelyn Hert in second and Pulaski’s Noelle Manning in fourth. Bay Port won the invite with 73 points. Bonduel placed third with 51, followed by Pulaski in 13th with 29, Shawano in 15th with 27, and Wittenberg-Birnamwood tied with New London for 17th with 22.



In the 138-pound bracket, Xavier's Madeline Faulkner works toward a pin of Shawano's Brynn Hannes. The third annual Shawano Invite drew more than 220 female wrestlers Jan. 31. During the first year, there were 46 wrestlers, with about 120 participating in the second year.

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Shawano's Madelyn Moesch, bottom, wrestles Seymour's Willow Gorecki in the 120-pound bracket at the Shawano Invite on Jan. 31. Gorecki won on a pin in 1:37.

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Pulaski's Elliana Maroszek, right, and Winneconne's Nora Last grab each other's wrists at the start of the 126-pound bout at Shawano Community High School. Nast won the match by pinning Maroszek in 3:01.

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Bonduel boys toop 100 points, move to 17-0

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

Feb. 1 Bonduel 106, Coleman 53
Cade Johnson's 30 points and Race Anvelink's 24 led Bonduel to a blistering 106-53 win over Coleman. Anvelink's scoring included six 3-pointers, while Johnson connected on three of his nine attempts. Eleven players scored for Bonduel, which improved to 17-0 overall. Ryan Westrich scored 14 points, and Carter Moesch had 11.

Jan. 31 Bonduel 66, Manawa 38
Quinn Wesenberg

scored 19 points, and Ryan Westrich had 14 to lead the Bears to a 66-38 win over Manawa.

Gillett 82, Oneida Nation 53
With a commanding 50-26 lead at halftime, Gillett cruised to an 82-53 win over Oneida Nation. Jesse DeBauch led the Tigers with 39 points, including 6-of-7 3-pointers and 5-of-7 free throws. He also pulled down 11 rebounds, had seven assists and two steals. Jed Herzog score 20 points and led the team with 13 rebounds. Brody Halla led Gillett with five assists and had two steals. Gillett improved to

5-4 in the Marinette & Oconto Conference and 6-8 overall.

Pulaski 85, Green Bay Preble 52
Pulaski had little trouble dispatching Green Bay Preble, leading 48-19 at the half and going on to an 85-52 victory. Joseph Mijal led the Red Raiders with 21 points, followed by Colin Schultz with 17, Dixon Holewinski with 16 and Bryce Wotruba with 11. Holewinski knocked down four 3-pointers, while Wotruba connected on three. With four rebounds each were Schultz, Calan Bock and Holewinski. Ethan Schmidt led with

four assists, and Wotruba had four steals.

Niagara 72, Lena 28
Mason Spice scored 16 points in Lena's 72-28 loss to Niagara.

Oconto Falls 68, Wrightstown 57
With a slim 31-29 lead at halftime, Oconto Falls slowly pulled away in the second half to earn a 68-57 win over Wrightstown. JJ Pytleski led the Panthers with 21 points and seven rebounds. Emerich Skarban and Jameson Beaman each scored 12. Evan Yuma led Oconto Falls with seven assists. With three steals each were Yuma, Beaman and Pytleski. Oconto Falls connected

on 9-of-16 3-pointers, including three each by Pytleski and Aydien Wold, two by Skarban and one by Beaman. The Panthers improved to 7-5 in the North Eastern Conference and 10-6 overall.

Tigerton 67, Florence 41
Stockbridge 51, Gresham 43
Suring 61, Wausaukee 43
Jan. 30 Suring 69, Lena 55
Suring surged in the second half as the Eagles overtook Lena 69-55 in the Marinette & Oconto Conference matchup. Suring was led by Michael Bailey's 21 points. Taylor Booth Stoffregen

scored 15, and Parker Haak chipped in another 14. Mason Spice led Lena with 22 points, and Tyler Shallow scored 13. Lena led 26-24 at halftime, but Suring won the second half 45-29 to claim victory. Suring improved to 3-6 in conference action, while Lena dropped to 2-7.

West De Pere 70, Shawano 44
West De Pere showed why it's at the top of the Bay Conference with a 70-44 win over Shawano. The Hawks trailed 42-21 at halftime and couldn't catch up to the Phantoms.

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Shawano, Antigo both lose to Waupun

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

**Feb. 1
Waupun 5, Shawano/
Bonduel 2**

Max Huntington scored at 3:36 in the first period (with an assist from Blake Knope) to give Shawano/Bonduel an early 1-0 lead, but it wouldn't hold up against Waupun, which returned home with a 5-2 win.

Waupun's Jonas Buchholz tied the game two minutes after Huntington's score, and Haiden Rieder scored the first of his three goals just 15 seconds after that to give the Warriors a 2-1 lead after the first period.

Rieder scored again just 24 seconds into the second period. The Hawks' Gavin Hundt made it 3-2 when he scored at the 10:00 mark to end the second period scoring.

Rieder's hat trick was completed in the third, along with another Waupun goal, to make it a 5-2 final.

Waupun had 45 shots on goal, and Kaiden Thornborrow tallied 40 saves. In comparison, Shawano/Bonduel only managed 15 shots on goal.

Waupun was penalized only once for two minutes, while Shawano/Bonduel was called for six infractions for 12 minutes.

The Hawks were scheduled to host Pacelli on Feb. 4 and travel to Appleton on Feb. The regular seasons is scheduled to close out with a home game Feb. 8 against Manitowoc United and a home game Feb. 13 against Notre Dame JV.

Antigo 5, Milton 0

Eli Kassler had a hat trick, and Owen Dickman scored two goals as Antigo shut out Milton 5-0.

Both teams had 35 shots on goal, with Richie Veriha getting all 35 saves for the Red Robins. Each team was penalized four times for eight minutes.

Dickman started the scoring with an assist by Kassler at 10:15 in the first period.

It was all Kassler in the second period. Dickman assisted on Kassler's first goal at 7:02. Parker Chaney assisted on the goal at 10:58, and Kassler scored on his own at 15:14.

In the third period, Kassler and Chaney assisted on Dickman's goal at 3:58.

**Jan. 31
Waupun 7, Antigo 1**

In a preview of what

Shawano/Bonduel could expect the next day, Waupun hosted Antigo and emerged with a 7-1 win.

The Red Robins trailed 3-0 when Eli Kassler scored with help from Parker Chaney toward the end of the second period to make it 3-1. But, the Warriors scored twice more within the final minutes to lead 5-1 after two period.

Waupun scored twice more in the third period for the lopsided win.

Waupun had 61 shots on goal, with Richie Veriha getting 54 saves. Antigo only had 15 shots on goal.

The Warriors were penalized twice for four minutes. The Red Robins were called for eight penalties, including a head contact and misconduct calls, for a total 27 minutes.

**Jan. 30
Shawano/Bonduel 9,
Medford 2**

Gavin Hundt and Blake Knope each had a hat trick in Shawano/Bonduel's 9-2 non-conference win over Medford.

The visitors went up 5-0 after one period. The Raiders' two goals came in the second period, while Shawano/Bonduel added another four in the third.

Scoring began with Teagan Harkey getting a goal just 32 seconds into the game; Hundt assisted. Waylon Snider scored with a Jeremy Helmuth assist at 3:34, and Blake Swedberg made it 3-0 at 4:58.

Knope's first goal came at 8:21, and Hundt's first score was at 12:06. Cameron Schroeder assisted on both goals.

Leading 5-2 as the third period got underway, Hundt scored his second goal at 8:10 and completed the hat trick at 13:01 with an assist from Harkey. Knope was assisted by Hundt at 14:15, and the former completed his hat trick at 15:09 to end the scoring.

Shawano/Bonduel had 44 shots on goal, with Talan Albers tallying 35 saves. Tyson Lyons had 18 saves for Shawano/Bonduel.

Medford was called for six penalties for 12 minutes, while Shawano/Bonduel had five for 10 minutes.

**Jan. 28
Antigo 9, Waupaca 6**

The Great Northern Conference matchup was a back-and-forth contest throughout the first period and the start of the second, when Antigo went on a five-goal unanswered streak to to push the score



Kaiden Thornborrow works the net as Shawano/Bonduel and Waupun players scramble for the puck Feb. 1 at the Crawford Center. Waupun won 5-2. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA



Blake Swedberg guides the puck along the ice against Waupun. The Warriors beat the Hawks 5-2 Feb. 1 at the Crawford Center. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA



Shawano/Bonduel's Kielian Armbruste and an unidentified Waupun player battle in out on the ice at the Crawford Center. Waupun won 5-2. The Hawks were scheduled to host Pacelli on Feb. 4 and travel to Appleton on Feb. The regular seasons is scheduled to close out with a home game Feb. 8 against Manitowoc United and a home game Feb. 13 against Notre Dame JV. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA

to 9-3 early in the third period.

Eli Kassler scored five goals for the Red Robins, and Owen Dickman added three. Liam Burt had the other Antigo goal.

Scoring started in the first period with Kassler finding the back of the net at 4:07 with a Dickman assist. The Comets tied the score at 1-1 only to have Burt score and put Antigo on top 2-1. Waupaca tied the game again until Kassler scored at 7:34 for a 3-2 advantage. Dickman added to the lead at 16:09 with Kassler assisting.

Waupaca scored at 6:44 in the second period to make it 4-3. Then the scoring began. Kassler scored there goals in about four

minutes, with Dickman and Carson Rhode assisting on the third goal. Then, Dickman scored at 14:13 to put Antigo on top 8-3. Kassler and Parker Chaney assisted Dickman on the score.

The third period opened with another Dickman goal and Kassler assist at 2:30 to make it 9-3.

Waupaca scored three more times in the period but couldn't overcome the deficit.

Richie Veriha recorded 29 saves against 35 shots on goal. Waupaca's Gavin Hafferman had 36 saves against 45 shots on goal.

The Comets were penalized three times for nine minutes. The Red Robins were called for six

infractions for 12 minutes.

Antigo is 4-2-1 in the Great Northern Conference and 8-8-1 overall.

Sheboygan 8, Shawano/Bonduel 1

Shawano/Bonduel's single goal in the second period against Sheboygan was sandwiched by four goals by the Red Raiders in each of the first and third periods for a final 8-1 loss.

Sheboygan tallied 47 shots on goal, with Shawano/Bonduel goalie Kaiden Thornborrow collecting 39 saves. Shawano/Bonduel had 27 shots on goal.

Shawano/Bonduel's goal was scored by Jeremy Helmuth at 15:35 in the middle period; Gavin Hundt assisted.

Shawano/Bonduel was

penalized twice for four minutes, while Sheboygan was called for six infractions for 20 minutes.

Shawano/Bonduel is 10-7 overall.

Bay Area Ice Bears defeat visiting Warhawks 4-1

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

**Jan. 31
Bay Area 4, Arrowhead 1**

Faye Brunke scored two of Bay Area's four goals in its 4-1 win over Arrowhead at the Cor-

nerstone Community Center in Ashwaubenon.

Ava McDonald scored only 36 seconds into the contest with an assist from Julianne Bradford. Brunke's first goal came at 2:51 with Tiana Stindt assisting.

Briana Anundsen scored at 2:33 in the second period to put the Ice Bears up 3-0. Elizabeth Zunker and Bradford assisted on the goal.

Arrowhead scored its only goal at 6:41, followed by Brunke's

second goal less than one minute later. Bradford and McDonald were credited with assisting.

Neither team scored in the third period, but Bay Area had 10 shots on goal to give them 39 for the game. The Warhawks had 11

shots on goal for the game, and Reese Spiering had 10 saves.

Penalties were few and far between, with the Ice Bears called for three infractions for six minutes. The Warhawks only had one penalty for two minutes.

Lena wrestlers place 3rd at Laconia Invitational

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Feb. 1 Bruce Tourbier Memorial Scramble

Lena's boys wrestling team placed third with 183.5 points at Laconia High School in Rosendale. Portage won with 197 points.

Max Peterson won in the 157-pound bracket. He pinned his opponent in 1:50 to win the title.

Isaac Peterson placed second at 106, and Sam Peterson was second at 113. Lucas Heimke was second at 144, and Dylan Urbanek was second at 285.

Quinton McDonald finished in third place at 150, and Collin Van Ark was third at 175.

Colt Miller placed fifth at 215.

Brayden Graef placed sixth at 120, and Erik

Kosch was sixth at 165. **Elcho Scramble**
Menominee Nation place fifth among 12 teams at Elcho.

Mike Peters took first place at 126, pinning Norway's Cameran Nevil in 3:41.

Jason Chapman finished in second at 150, with teammate Ravena Arlequin placing ninth.

Mitchell Waukau earned second place at 175.

At 215, Miklo Guzman was third, and Andre LaRock was sixth.

Taylor Boyd was fifth at 138. Rayshawn Madosh finished seventh at 285.

Pulaski Invitational
The Red Raiders finished seventh at they their home meet, and Oconto Falls was 10th. Kaukauna was the winner. Of the 17-team invite.

Pulaski's Jack Falk won

at 106 on a 12-0 major decision.

Cole Bozile, of Oconto Falls, won at 144 on a 3-0 decision. Pulaski's Bryce Van Lannen was seventh.

Oconto Falls' Nick Trepanier captured third at 175.

Pulaski's Broc Ambrosius placed fourth at 132, and teammate Andy Servais was fourth at 190.

Oconto Falls' Isaiah Holtz placed fifth at 113.

At 120, Oconto Fall's Levi Monmaerts was fifth, and Pulaski's Trevor Noon was sixth. Monmaerts won 9-4 in the first overtime period.

The Panthers' Brandon Romo finished in fifth at 126, and Hunter Bozile was fifth at 138.

At 165, Pulaski's Mason Taylor was sixth. At 215, teammate Wes Olson was seventh.



Bonduel's Madalyn Sokolski, left, grapples with Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Devin Wudtke in a dual match at Bonduel last week.
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Bonduel's Jaxon Bogacz has Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Bo Davis face down on the mat during a dual match at Bonduel last week.
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Two local coaches, one player to be inducted into WBCA Hall of Fame

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

School districts in Shawano and Oconto counties are well represented in the the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association 2025 Hall of Fame induction class.

High school coaches who will be inducted include Daniel Shaw, of Pulaski, and Kristine Young, of Lena. Also inducted will be Peter Krull, who played for the Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School boys team.

A Hall of Fame Banquet is scheduled for Sept. 28 at the Glacier Canyon Lodge of the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells. More information on tickets for the Banquet can be found by contacting inductees or the WBCA.

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BASKETBALL, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 17

Will Verkuilen led the Hawks with 14 points, while Logan Sipple scored 13.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 64, Shiocton 62

Shiocton's one-point lead at halftime couldn't hold up against Wittenberg-Birnamwood as the Chargers returned home with a 64-62 win.

Jett Rogowski led Wittenberg-Birnamwood with 26 points, followed by Zandyr Barke with 17 and Jaden Clark with 11. Hayden Miller score six, and Eddie Nowinsky had the team's other four points.

The Chargers are 8-1 in the Central Wisconsin East Conference and 12-2 overall.

White Lake 72, Marion 43

Northland Lutheran 89, Bowler 65

Jan. 28

Oconto Falls 80, Luxemburg-Casco 66

JJ Pytleski set a blistering pace of 29 points to lead Oconto Falls to an 80-66 win over Luxemburg-Casco in a North Eastern Conference matchup.

Emerich Skarban and Jameson Beaman each scored 16 points for the Panthers.

Skarban and Beaman each grabbed eight rebounds, with Evan Yuma nabbing six. Pytleski had seven assists, and Yuma contributed four. Yuma had two of the team's five steals.

Sevastopol 67, Lena 61

Mason Spice scored 26 points including five 3-pointers, but Lena came up short in a 67-61 loss to Sevastopol.

Sevastopol led 36-21 at halftime and didn't look back. Lena's 40-31 second half performance, including Spice getting 19 points after the break, wasn't enough for the Wildcats.

Tigerton 66, Tri-County 26

Maverick Maass scored 20 points and James Brady scored 16 as Tigerton defeated Tri-County 66-26.

Brady also had a double-double as he led the Tigers with 11 rebounds. Caleb Dahlstrom pulled down 10.

Brady Miller led the team with three assists. Sam Anheuser tallied nabbed seven steals, while Msass had five.

Crivitz 74, Gillett 55

Gillett dropped to 4-4 in the Marinette & Oconto Conference after a 74-55 loss to Crivitz.

Crivitz led 45-39 at half-time and won the second half as well, 29-26.

Jesse DeBauch led the Tigers with 32 points. Jed Herzog added 13, with Brandon Slatky getting eight and Bradyn Wendorff scoring two.

Shawano 54, Antigo 42

The Hawks' defense stepped up near the end of the game in the team's 54-42 non-conference win over Antigo.

Shawano kept Antigo scoreless in the last eight minuets of the game.



Bonduel High School senior Cade Johnson tries to find an open teammate among a gaggle of Coleman players Jan. 31 as the Bears win 106-53. Johnson scored 30 points in the game.

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Logan Sipple led Shawano with 25 points. Crew Weisnicht scored 11, and Will Verkuilen had 10.

Pulaski 89, Sheboygan South 54

Wild Rose 77, Gresham 50

Suring 55, Oneida Nation 52

Menominee Nation 65, Green Bay East 59

Jan. 27

Wittenberg-Birnam-

wood 69, Northland Pines 58

The Chargers advanced to 11-2 with a solid non-conference 69-58 win over the Northland Pines Eagles.

Jett Rogowski paced the Chargers with 32 points as solid contributions came from multiple players.

"Defensively, we switched things up and tried to keep them off rhythm. They have a

nice team and seemed to always keep things within reach," said coach Garrett Rogowski. "Our boys fought hard and played three games in three schools days. They're working hard, and it's showing."

Bay Port 72, Pulaski 70

It was a tale of two halves with Bay Port ending up on top 72-70 in the

Fox River Classic Conference game.

The Pirates led 38-29 at the half, but the Red Raiders fought back to outscored Bay Port 41-34 in the second half. Unfortunately for Pulaski, the comeback wasn't quite enough.

Both teams are 5-5 in league play.

Rosholt 78, Gresham 49

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Bonduel, Wittenberg-Birnamwood, Lena girls continue their winning ways

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Feb. 1 Crivitz 46, Suring 31
Bunny Cramer led Suring with 14 points in the Eagles' 46-31 loss to Crivitz at the Oshkosh Arena.

Suring is 4-8 in the Marinette & Oconto Conference at 9-8 overall.

Jan. 31 Green Bay Preble 50, Pulaski 35

Olivia Sprangers was Pulaski's lead scorer with nine points in the Red Raiders' 50-35 loss to Green Bay Preble.

Pulaski fell to 3-9 in the Fox River Classic Conference and 5-12 overall.

Bonduel 57, Manawa 35

Gresham 47, Stockbridge 29

Menominee Nation 46, Amherst 38

Jan. 30 Lena 46, Crivitz 32

Madilyn Thomson led Lena with 18 points, and Eva Brooks scored 12 in the Wildcats' 46-32 win over Crivitz.

Madilyn Thomson also led the team with nine rebounds; Brooks had seven, and Hannah Thomson had six.

Kali Fischer dished out six assists, and Hannah Thomson had four.

Hannah Thomson led with four steals. Brooks and Madilyn Thomson each had three.

Lena improved to 10-1 in the Marinette and Oconto Conference and 15-2 overall.

Denmark 42, Oconto Falls 40

Rylie Shallow scored 23 points in Oconto Falls' 42-40 loss to Denmark.

Ella Jahnke scored another seven, with Maddy Maloney getting five, Izzy Otto with three and Lylia Lena with two.

Shawano 53, Seymour 34

With a tie in the score at halftime, Shawano found its offensive rhythm to beat Seymour 53-34.

Leah Nordin scored 27 points for the Hawks. Anna Dreier and Ella Stuber each added 10.

Wittenberg-Birnam-

wood 65, Shiocton 25
Wittenberg-Birnamwood maintained its perfect mark in the Central Wisconsin East Conference, improving to 10-0 with a 65-25 win over Shiocton.

"We got off to a nice start tonight and executed really well," coach Nick Mechelke said. "We went into halftime up 43-17. We are becoming more disciplined in our press and on the defensive side of the game."

In addition to the dominating first half, the Chargers won the second half 22-8.

Melaina Granquist led Wittenberg-Birnamwood with 15 points. Rory Salvesen scored 14, and Faith Resch added 10.

Granquist had a double-double with 16 rebounds. Harper Rogowski led with two assists and six steals. Salvesen also nabbed five steals.

Suring 53, St. Thomas Aquinas Academy 43

Rosholt 70, Bowler 50
Gillett 69, Wausaukee 13

Jan. 28 Wittenberg-Birnamwood 62, Weyauwega-Fremont 27

The Chargers had little trouble dominating Weyauwega-Fremont in the 62-27 Central Wisconsin East Conference game.

Rory Salvesen led Wittenberg-Birnamwood with 21 points, including four 3-pointers. Harper Rogowski and Melaina Granquist each scored 14.

"Overall, I'm very pleased how we played tonight," coach Nick Mechelke said. "Weyauwega-Fremont changed up their defense from our last game, and we adjusted really well. Our defense came to play tonight, and we made them worked for every basket. I really like how Harper Rogowski played on both sides of the floor tonight. She made some big plays."

Rogowski led the team with seven rebounds. As a team, the Chargers had 29. Salvesen recorded a pair of assists, while Ava Brie and

Rogowski each had four steals.

West De Pere 67, Shawano 51

The Phantoms' defense held Shawano to 16 points in the first half to take a 28-16 halftime lead and never looked back.

Leah Nordin led the Hawks with 33 points.

Bonduel 61, Menominee Nation 38

Wild Rose 74, Bowler 27

Gillett 67, Peshtigo 45
Pulaski 38, Sheboygan South 20

Jan. 27 Lena 46, Niagara 28

Madi Thomson scored 18 points and Eva Brooks added 11 as Lena defeated Niagara 46-28. Each had a double-double, with both players pulling down 11 rebounds.

Brooks also led the team with four assists and four steals.

Lena improved to 9-1 in the Marinette and Oconto Conference and 14-2 overall.

Bonduel 72, Iola-Scandinavia 38

Ten Bonduel scored including four in double digits as the Bears mauled Iola-Scandinavia 72-38 in Central Wisconsin East Conference action.

Leading Bonduel was Audrey Weier with 14 points, four rebounds, an assist and five steals. Tatum Sporisky scored 13 points and registered three rebounds, six assists and four steals.

Juliana Jacobs scored 12 points with six rebounds and two assists. Cierra Schnell added 10 points, four rebounds and three assists.

Jose Anvelink recorded five rebounds.

The Bears jumped out to a commanding 40-17 halftime lead. The second half was almost as dominating at 32-21.

Bonduel is 8-1 in the conference and 13-4 overall.

Oneida Nation 53, Gillett 48

Menominee Nation 61, Gresham 17

Suring 65, Wausaukee 62

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Brycen Reiter shows off his belt after winning the National Silver Gloves Championship at 106 pounds. Pictured with one of his coaches, Gerald "Pappy" Wayka, Retier won the national title competing in Independence, Missouri, on Jan. 28-Feb. 1. Reiter, 11, is the son of Jay Reiter Sr. and is a sixth grader and an honor roll student in the Gresham School District.

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105 Feathery scarves

106 Afternoon snooze

107 To help someone out

110 Computer trial, for short

111 In large part

113 Calf-length skirt

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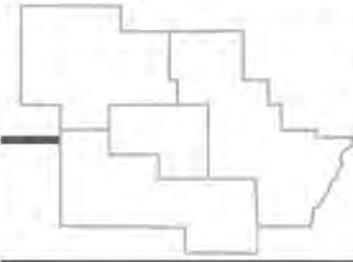
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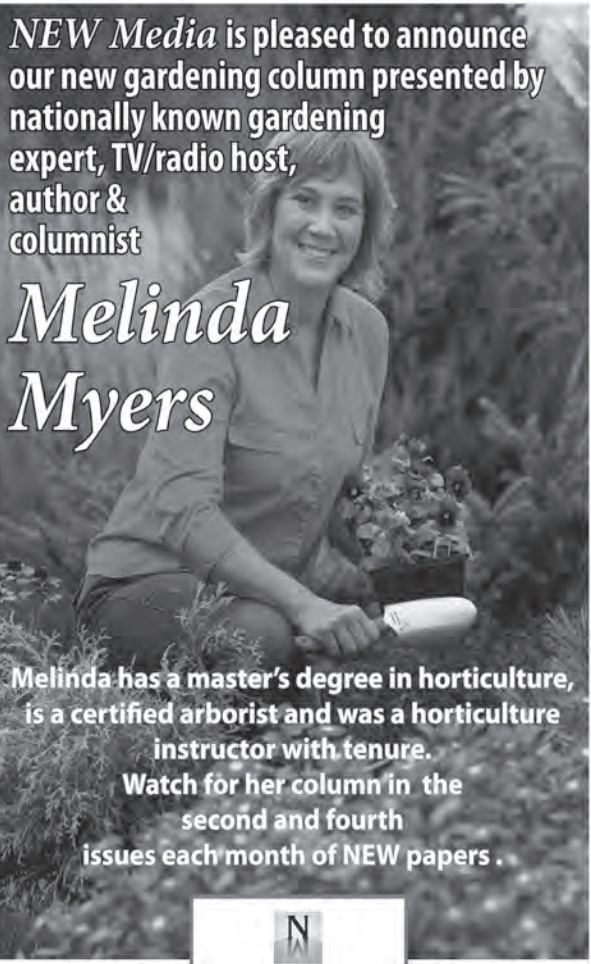
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Feb. 2
Deputies responded to 23 incidents, including an attempted warrant on Schabow Street in Gresham; criminal damage on Maple Road in the Town of Angelica; assisting the fire department on Hofa Park Drive in the Town of Maple Grove; property theft on Potch Ha Chee Road in the Town of Wittenberg; sick animal on Town Line Road in the Town of Green Valley; bail jumping on Opperman Way in the Town of Richmond; three 911 calls; four reckless driving incidents; three traffic hazards; one welfare check.

Feb. 1
Deputies responded to 22 incidents, including trespassing on Alma Street in Aniwa; counterfeit at Wagner Shell, 504 E. Grand Ave., Wittenberg; operating without a license on state Highway 29 in the Town of Morris; operating while intoxicated on Oak Park Road in the Town of Wescott; probation violation on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; assisting the fire department on East Park Street in Bonduel; three 911 calls; five disabled vehicles; one traffic hazard; two welfare checks.

Jan. 31
Deputies responded to 24 incidents, including drugs on South Church Street in Bonduel; lost property at 22 Shell, N4543 State Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; assisting the fire department at Birnamwood Public Library, 337 Main St., Birnamwood; sick animal on Oak Park Circle in the Town of Wescott; shoplifting at Dollar General, 410 N. State Highway 22 in Cecil; trespassing on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Aniwa; sick animal on Fair-Morr Road in the Town of Fairbanks; assisting the fire department on Willow Road in the Town of Angelica; operating without a license on state Highway 29 in the Town of Belle Plaine; noise on South Jefferson Street in Bonduel; two 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; three traffic hazards; one welfare check; one crash.

Jan. 30
Deputies responded to 25 incidents, including a scam on Valley Road in the Town of Hartland; assisting the fire department on Chipmunk Drive in the Town of Belle Plaine; trespassing on Menge Road in the Town of

Fairbanks; assisting the fire department on Norway Lane in the Town of Belle Plaine; assisting the fire department on Town Line Road in the Town of Hartland; assisting the fire department on Bluebird Road in the Town of Birnamwood; assisting the fire department on Green Valley Road in the Town of Angelica; warrant at Amerivu Inn Suites, 211 Waukechon St., Shawano; three 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; two welfare checks.

Jan. 29
Deputies responded to 27 incidents, including an eviction on South Washington Street in Shawano; trespassing on Lynn Street in Tigerton; assisting the fire department on County Road G in the Town of Grant; scam on Cedar Avenue in the Town of Wescott; assisting the fire department on state Highway 117 in the Town of Hartland; noise on Upper Red Lake Road in the Town of Red Springs; one 911 call; three reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; two crashes, one involving a cat and one involving a hawk.

Jan. 28
Deputies responded to 35 incidents, including a weapon offense at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School, 400 W. Grand Ave., Wittenberg; operating without a license on state Highway 22 in Cecil; noise on Country Lane in the Town of Washington; bail jumping on County Road MMM in the Town of Richmond; harassment on Old Keshena Road in the Town of Wescott; warrant on state Highway 22 in Cecil; one 911 call; three reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; one welfare check; one crash involving deer.

Jan. 27
Deputies responded to 23 incidents, including operating without a license at People's Express, 1206 E. Green Bay St., Shawano; assisting the fire department at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School, 400 W. Grand Ave., Wittenberg; warrant attempt on McDivitt Road in the Town of Germania; warrant attempt on South Maiden Lane in Shawano; criminal damage on Belle Plaine Avenue in the Town of Belle Plaine; assisting the fire department at S&K Hardwoods, 295 U.S. Highway 45, Birnamwood; two 911 calls; one traffic hazard; one welfare check; two crashes, one involving deer.

COURT NEWS

• Jesse T. Parra, 51, Antigo, pleaded no contest Jan. 27 to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense) and a misdemeanor charge of operating while revoked. Judge Katherine Sloma sentenced him to one year in county jail, levied fines and costs and revoked his driver's license for 36 months.

• Melissa S. Beechner, 43, Shawano, pleaded no contest Dec. 9 to possession of methamphetamine, two counts of possession of narcotic drugs and eight counts of felony bail jumping. Judge William Kussel Jr. imposed and stayed a prison sentence Jan. 27, then placed her on three years of probation with conditions.

• Brandon J. Neumann, 31, Gillett, pleaded guilty Jan. 27 to possession of methamphetamine, two counts of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), four counts of felony bail jumping, a misdemeanor charge of operating a motor vehicle with a restricted controlled substance (second offense) and three misdemeanor charges of operating while revoked. Judge Rick Cveykus withheld sentencing and placed him on three years of probation with conditions.

• Bradley G. Childers, 36, Tigerton, pleaded no contest Jan. 27 to two counts of possession of methamphetamine and four counts of felony bail jumping. Kussel sentenced him to 30 months in prison followed by two years of extended supervision with conditions.

• Hilary J. Waukau, 22, Kiel, pleaded no contest Jan. 29 to misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance, resisting or obstructing

an officer and possession of drug paraphernalia. The first charge was amended from a felony in a plea agreement. Sloma withheld sentencing and placed him on one year of probation with conditions.

• Josiah D. Laatsch, 37, Tigerton, pleaded no contest Jan. 29 to child abuse recklessly causing great harm. Sloma withheld sentencing and placed him on four years of probation with conditions.

• Robynne E. Mattsen, 30, a Wausau woman serving time at Taycheedah Correctional Institution in Fond du Lac, pleaded guilty Nov. 5 to second-degree recklessly endangering safety, possession of narcotic drugs, and misdemeanor charges of possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel sentenced her Jan. 31 to three years in prison, followed by two years of extended supervision with conditions, to be served concurrently with any existing sentence.

• Brandon Jamal Cail, 34, Green Bay, was charged Jan. 27 with felony bail jumping. Sloma set a \$2,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Feb. 18.

• Deonte J. Matchopatow, 19, Shawano, was charged Jan. 27 with three counts of felony bail jumping. Sloma set a \$750 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for April 2.

• Riley S. Yaeger, 24, Clintonville, was charged Jan. 27 with five counts of second-degree recklessly endangering safety and a misdemeanor count of causing injury while operating under the influence. Sloma set a \$2,500 signature bond and scheduled a status

conference for March 13.

• Alecia M. Kinney, 35, Shawano, was charged Jan. 28 with three counts of felony bail jumping, three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, two misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Sloma set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for March 11.

• Amber L. Burke, 34, Cecil, was charged Jan. 31 with possession of narcotic drugs and two counts of felony bail jumping. Sloma set a \$750 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for April 1.

• Lucille M. Miller, 27, Suring, was charged Jan. 31 with felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Feb. 3.

• Shane J. Schreiber, 44, Shawano, was charged Jan. 31 with: possession with intent to manufacture, distribute or deliver heroin (second or subsequent offense); possession with intent to manufacture, distribute or deliver amphetamine (second or subsequent offense); to manufacture, compound, convert, produce or store methamphetamine (second or subsequent offense), possession of cocaine; possession of THC (second or subsequent offense); maintaining a drug trafficking place; possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a felony; and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$15,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for March 3.



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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF David L. Erdman
Amended
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 24 PR 55
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 02/12/1960 and date of death 06/05/2024, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W12638 Keller Rd. Marion, WI 54950.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 15, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office.
Form completed by: James E. Aschenbrenner
P.O. Box146, Shawano, WI 54166, USA 715 524 6258
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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Jerry Grosskreutz
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 25 PR 02
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth September 7, 1953 and date of death December 20, 2024, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 107 S. Andrews St., Shawano, WI 54166.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 25, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office.
Form completed by: Attorney Thomas J. Brunner
PO Bo 317 Greenville, WI 54942
920-779-0098
Bar Number 1020850
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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Jayne M. Johnson
Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims (Informal Administration)
Case No. 25 PR 03
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth April 5, 1955 and date of death November 16, 2024 was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W5341 Shady Drive #20, Shawano WI 53964.
3. The application will be heard at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 North Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, before Gwen Hoffman, Probate Registrar on March 11, 2025At 10:00 a.m.
You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 28, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 North Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202 Probate Office.
6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address are unknown.
Attorney James O. Conway
Olsen Kloet Gunderson & Conway
602 North 6th Street, Sheboygan WI 53081
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NOTICE OF STORAGE UNITS AUCTION
Gresham Self Storage located at W10129 Cherry Rd / W10711 Upper Lake Dr, Gresham, WI 54128
Public auction for the contents of Renne Miller, Scott McKeever and Amber Shepard storage unit to satisfy the owner's lien at public auction to the highest bidder.
The auction will be located at www.StorageTreasures.com. Bidding ends on 2/22/25 at 12:00pm CST. Contents of the units are general household and personal items. Tenants may satisfy their indebtedness any time prior to the auction.
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Lydia Rose Mier
By (Petitioner) Amanda Rae Mier
By (Co-Petitioner) Tanner Brock Sprangers
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case # 24cv239
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
FROM: Lydia Rose Mier
TO: Lydia Rose Sprangers
Birth Certificate: Lydia Rose Mier
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County State of Wisconsin: Judge Katherine V. Sloma 2 311 N Main Street, Shawano, WI, 54166 02/21/2025 08:15 am
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-526- 9347 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY
COVANTAGE CREDIT UNION
PO BOX 107
ANTIGO, WI 54409
Plaintiff,
vs.
BRIAN L. ST. LOUIS
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BRIAN ST. LOUIS
626 STONE AVE.
MATTOON, WI 54450
Defendants.
Case No. 24-CV-97
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
COUNTY OF SHAWANO
311 N. MAIN ST.
SHAWANO, WI 54166
COUNTY OF MENOMINEE
PO BOX 279
KESHENA, WI 54135
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on June 18, 2024 in the amount of \$38,399.19 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:
TIME: March 12, 2025 at 9:00 am
TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the Shawano County Clerk of Courts. (Personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation for the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and encumbrances.
PLACE: Shawano County Courthouse, main lobby 311 N. Main Street in Shawano, WI 54166 in Shawano County
DESCRIPTION: Lots Seven (7) and Eight (8) of Block Twenty-three (23) of the Village of Mattoon according to the recorded plat thereof, Village of Mattoon, Shawano County, Wisconsin. ~This is not a Purchase Money Mortgage. ~This is the Homestead of the Mortgagor.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 626 Stone Ave. Mattoon, WI 54450
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02/07/25
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, BROWN COUNTY
Bellin Anesthesia Associates, S.C.
First Floor 225 S Executive Dr
Brookfield WI 53005
plaintiff(s)
vs
Defendant(s):
LLOYD NEVEAU
W472 MAIN ST APT 2
GREEN VALLEY WI 54127
Publication Summons and Notice (Small Claims)
Case No.2024SC005985
Publication Summons and Notice of Filing TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S):
You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. The lawsuit will be heard in the following small claims court:
BROWN County Courthouse
clerk of court: 920-448-4155
100 S Jefferson Street Court Room B
Green Bay, WI 54305
02/26/2025 2:45 p.m.
If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court before the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county
Electronically Signed by
MICHAEL F. G. HICKEY 1/24/2025
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Notice of Public Sale
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Bidding will take place on www.Storagetreasures.com starting February 22, 2025, at 9AM - February 24, 2025, at 11AM.
Bidding is on the complete contents of the unit.
Owner-Ashley Olson Contains: Stove, lamps, furniture, Kid items, shoes, pots and pans, misc boxes
Owner -Colleen Dodge Contains: furniture, stereo equipment, workout equipment, file cabinet, boxes, clothing, tackle box, car parts, lamp, misc
Owner - Erin Bovee Contains: Furniture, animal cage, luggage, pictures, walker, electronics, kids items, misc boxes, mattress, bed frame
Owner - Arlyne Wayka Contains: Furniture, cat trees, wood, misc bags/boxes, flooring, chair, misc
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IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF
Dakota Kay Bannister-Wiegand
By Ava Watson
NOTICE AND ORDER for Name Change Hearing case No.25cv04
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Dakota Kay Bannister-Wiegand To: Dakota Kay Wiegand
Birth Certificate: Dakota Kay Wiegand
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County State of Wisconsin: Judge's name: Judge Katherine Sloma 311 N Main St Shawano WI 03/10/2025 8:30 a.m. If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-526- 9347 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Frank J. Roe Jr.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Informal Administration) Case Number - 25pr01
DOD 12/23/2024
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE :
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 01/04/1962 and date of death 12/23/2024, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address 307 Mills St, Shawano, WI 54166, USA.
3. All interested persons waived notice. You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate 04/22/2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N Main St, Shawano, WI Wisconsin Room 202 Probate Office.
Form completed by Megan Frank
1712 Bouten St
Appleton, WI 54915
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STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE TRIBAL COURT
Mohican Nation Stockbridge-Munsee Community
Stockbridge-Munsee Community Tribal Child Support Agency
& Leanna Granquist, Petitioner; Christopher W. Blum, Respondent.
Case No. 2023-PA-0003
NOTICE OF COURT DATE
The Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court has scheduled this case for hearing as follows:
Hearing Date: 03/13/2025
Hearing Time: 10:15AM
Hearing Type: Hearing
Place: Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court 8476 Moh He Gon Nuck Road Bowler, WI 54416
FILED:
Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Courts
Stockbridge-Munsee Indian Reservation Jan. 23, 2025
Alyanah King
Deputy Clerk of Court
All Proceedings: If a party (or legal counsel for a party) does not appear, a Default Judgment may be rendered against that party.
Trial: If this case is scheduled for trial, all parties for the case must be present with their witnesses and with any documents they intend to introduce as evidence on their behalf.
The parties, Leanna Granquist and Christopher W. Blum, are ordered to appear in person.
Date: January 23, 2025.
Alyanah King
Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court Clerk
Marianne Higgins
Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court Chief Judge
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02/07/2025
NOTICE OF NEWLY ENACTED ORDINANCE
Please take notice that the Village of Wittenberg, County of Shawano enacted Ordinance No. 2025-01, to revise the Fire Inspections ordinance, on Tuesday, January 21, 2025.
The Fire Inspection Ordinance was revised to limit the number of fire inspections, per year, to one (1), unless the business requires more.
A full copy of the above ordinance can be found at the clerk's office. Any questions regarding this new ordinance can be directed to the Village Clerk's office, 208 W. Vinal Street, Wittenberg, WI 54499. The Clerk's phone number is 715-253-6063.
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02/07, 02/14/2025
INVITATION FOR BID Project 7877 Classroom Remodel for: Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District
Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District is currently soliciting bids for the classroom remodel at Wittenberg Elementary School, located at 300 South Prouty Street, Wittenberg WI 54499.
The bidding documents may be obtained from:Somerville, Inc. 2100 Riverside Dr Green Bay, WI 54301 Phone: (920) 437-8136
planrequests@somervilleinc.com
Bidding documents in electronic format (.pdf) are available by contacting Somerville, Inc. at the email address listed above. Your email should include name of the firm, contact person, address, phone number, and email address.
Bidding documents for this project will be available on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 after 2:00p.m., CDT.
A non-mandatory walk through for all contractors interested in bidding this project will be held at 10:00 a.m., CDT, on Thursday, February 6, 2025 at Wittenberg Elementary School, located at 300 South Prouty Street, Wittenberg WI 54499.

Questions due, Thursday, February 20, 2025
No bid shall be received unless accompanied by a scanned copy of a certified check or a bid bond as listed in the bid documents. The check should be payable to Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District as a guaranty that if the bid is accepted the bidder will execute and file the proper contract and performance and payment bonds within the time limited by the School District. If the successful bidder so files the contract and bond, upon the execution of the contract by the School District the check shall be returned. In the case the successful bidder fails to file such contract and bond the amount of the check or bid bond shall be forfeited as liquidated damages. Awarded contractor will be required to send the bid bonds as listed in the bid documents within 5 days of execution of the contract.
Bids will be accepted at the Main Office at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School, 400 W Grand Ave, Wittenberg, WI 54499 or by email to Garrett Rogowski grogowski@wittbirn.k12.wi.us no later than 12:00pm CST on Tuesday, February 25, 2025.
• Any bids received, not properly and clearly marked and thus inadvertently opened will be rejected.
• Bids received after the date and time specified will be rejected.
• We cannot and will not, under any circumstance accept late bids.
All bids submitted must be guaranteed for a period of at least sixty (60) days following the date of bid opening.
Substantial completion date for the project to be August 15, 2025.
A public bid opening will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 12:15 PM CST. Bids will be read aloud at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School District Conference Room, 400 W Grand Ave, Wittenberg, WI 54499. Award, if any, will be made as soon thereafter, as possible.
The School District reserves the right to waive any informalities, or to reject all bids. We look forward to your bid submission!
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CHIEFS' 3-PEAT OR EAGLES' REVENGE?

Super Bowl LIX teams playing at the top of their games

BY JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

For the second time in three years, the Philadelphia Eagles and Kansas City Chiefs will meet in the Super Bowl. The Chiefs are playing in hopes of capturing their consecutive NFL title. The Eagles are looking for a bit of revenge from two years ago. What will it take for either team to lift the Lombardi Trophy after the game? **Chiefs' offense vs. Eagles' defense** The Eagles' defense helped lead them to the Super Bowl during the 2022 season. Their pass rush was vicious, as they set the team record for sacks that year. The current team is not as good as they were two years ago, but Philadelphia's pass rush is still a weapon for them with Vic Fangio at the controls. Josh Sweat is their leading man with eight sacks on the year. Nolan Smith has had a sack in each of the first three

playoff games, including two against Green Bay in the Wild Card round. The interior of Philadelphia's pass rush is where the money is made. Milton Williams has had a breakout season, and Jalen Carter might be the best defensive tackle in all of football. In the secondary, general manager Howie Roseman was active in addressing a weakness and turning it into a legitimate strength. Quinyon Mitchell was a first-round pick and has emerged as the team's best cornerback. Across from him is Darius Slay, who has been excellent in a complementary role this season. Cooper DeJean has been excellent as a nickelback and had a big pass breakup early in the team's NFC championship win over the Commanders. Perhaps the biggest change the Eagles made on defense was at defensive coordinator.



The Chiefs are aiming to make NFL history by winning three straight Super Bowls. Patrick Mahomes, Andy Reid and Travis Kelce led last year's Chiefs offense to the first back-to-back Super Bowl championships since the 2003-04 New England Patriots. The last time the Packers played the Chiefs was in 2023 at Lambeau Field.

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A tough match for the Packers in this year's Wild Card playoff game end the Eagles' potent trio of quarterback Jalen Hurts and running back Saquon Barkley, both behind one of the best offensive lines in the NFL.

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When will the Pack be back?
Can LaFleur and the front office get Green Bay into the Super Bowl?

BY JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

If you've been following the Green Bay Packers since the 1990s, all you've known is great quarterback play. Brett Favre took the reins in 1992. Aaron Rodgers took over for him in 2008. Jordan Love looks to be continuing the lineage with two good seasons after taking over for Rodgers. The three quarterbacks have combined for seven MVP awards, three Super Bowl appearances and two championships. Matt LaFleur was tasked with adding a second



Packers head coach Matt LaFleur and general manager Brian Gutekunst talk prior to this year's Wild Card playoff game in Philadelphia.

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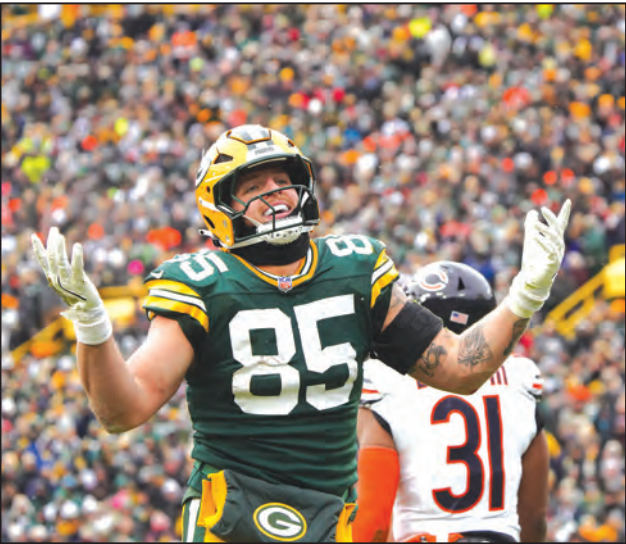
championship to Rodgers' resume, while also getting Love ready to play when his time came. LaFleur succeeded at one of those missions. Love has exceeded expectations, including a big second half of his debut

season as a starter. Despite the overall excellence of LaFleur in the regular season, it has not translated to postseason success. LaFleur has coached in two conference championship games and earned

the number one seed in the NFC playoffs twice but flamed out at home on both occasions. Overall, LaFleur's playoff record is 3-5, including this year's 22-10 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles in the Wild Card round. The disappointment from being one-and-done in the playoffs came on the heels of a year where expectations were high. The year 2023 was a bit of a free roll in a city called Titletown. The Packers had no expectations, so they exceeded them. Making the playoffs was simply good enough in 2023. Anything from there

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2024 YEAR IN REVIEW



Standout tight end Tucker Kraft celebrates a reception during the Packers' final regular season game against the Bears. Some of the best photos taken by Green & Gold's Greg Mellis are featured on Pages 10-11.

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The Packers faced a lot of challenges, mistakes, penalties and losses in 2024. At left, coach Matt LaFleur jaws with refs during Week 3 against the Titans. Second from left, Christian Watson misses a perfect 50-yard punt from Jordan Love against the 49ers. Second from right, referees gather multiple flags during the Packers' second loss to the Lions. At right, Love finished the season banged, battered and bruised losing twice to the Eagles.

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Rushing, passing games can't find rhythm

Injuries play major factor in regression

BY LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Expres

After quarterback Jordan Love got hot to end the 2023-24 season, many within the NFL sphere predicted Green Bay to be one of the highest-powered offenses this past year. With Christian Watson, Romeo Doubs and Jayden Reed at his disposal, Love finished the 2023 season with 32 touchdown passes in his first season as a starter; it seemed like he and the Packers' passing offense as whole were just scratching the surface of what fans could see in 2024. Add into the equation that head coach Matt LaFleur continues to be thought of as one of the best offensive play-callers in the NFL and that Green Bay replaced Aaron Jones with Josh Jacobs. It looked like the Packers were the team to beat in the NFC this season.

In Green Bay's first game in 2024, it looked like the offense had not skipped a beat. Against one of the best defenses in the NFL in Philadelphia, Love completed 17-of-34 passes for 260 yards and two touchdowns. That was before Love went down with

a leg injury. After Love went down, it became obvious that the Packers' philosophy changed, as it became more run-heavy than many would have thought. With Malik Willis under center, Green Bay immediately found a two-headed rushing attack, partnered with Jacobs. Together, the duo led a two-game stretch of 449 combined rushing yards against the Indianapolis Colts and the Tennessee Titans in back-to-back games.

While Love did eventually come back, these two games foreshadowed what the offense came to be this season. On the season, Green Bay ranked fifth in the league with 2,496 rushing yards. On top of that, the team finished with 23 rushing touchdowns, which again ranked fifth in the entire league.

So while the rushing game was certainly the strength of the offense, one has to wonder why the passing game was not able to make that next step. While injuries to Love probably delayed the continued progression of the offense, it seemed that

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Malik Willis joined the Packers following the 2024 preseason. Willis was the starting quarterback, leading the Packers victories in Weeks 2 and 3 following Jordan Love's Week 1 injury in Brazil.

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Above, The 2024 passing game led by Jordan Love did not have the consistency needed to beat elite teams throughout the season. Leonard Floyd rattled Love during the Packers late season victory against the 49ers. At left, Christian Watson ended his 2024 season with a knee injury in the final game of the season against the Bears. The injury (torn ACL) will delay Watson's start of the 2025 season.

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Josh Jacobs was a big splash free agent signing in 2024, and he delivered for the Packers. He carried the ball 301 times in the regular season for 1,329 yards and a 4.4 average. Jacobs' longest rush was for 38 yards, which he did Oct. 27 at Jacksonville. He also caught 36 balls for 342 yards, a 9.5 yard average. He had one touchdown, and his longest catch was for 49 yards Nov. 28 against Miami

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Celebrating their third straight fumble recovery against the Cardinals, the 2024 defense forced 31 takeaways and ranked fourth in the NFL, an improvement from 2023's 18 takeaways and 23rd ranking. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

Defense impresses in first year with Hafley

By **LUKE REIMER**
Green & Gold Express

While Jordan Love and the development of the young offense was the major story surrounding the Green Bay Packers coming into the season, one underrated addition to the team was new defensive coordinator Jeff Hafley.

With Hafley manning the defense, fans and sportswriters alike instantly saw a shift in the overall philosophy and scheme, as Green Bay sent a lot more pressure than anyone was accustomed to seeing.

The first stat that really pops out when reviewing Green Bay's defensive season is that it blitzed at the third-highest percentage in the NFL this year. That, in turn, ranked the team as eighth in sacks across the league with 45. On top of that, it was not just one player who was racking up all of the sacks; it was a team effort.

Rashan Gary led the team in sacks with 57.5, but 13 players came away with at least one sack.

That constant pressure and threat of sacks also played a major role in Green Bay's ability to force turnovers this past season. The Packers finished 2024 with 31 turnovers, which ranked third in the NFL. With 14 fumble recoveries and 17 interceptions, the philosophy of sending pressure early and often more than paid off.

One major benefactor and, in turn, catalyst of the defense was the addition



Jeff Hafley's first season as defensive coordinator was highlighted with improved defensive statistics across the board. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

of defensive back Xavier McKinney. McKinney anchored a strong pass defense, leading the team in interceptions with eight and finishing second in the NFL, only behind Detroit's Kerby Joseph.

"I thought there was an incredible amount of growth, to be honest with you, in terms of maybe a vision of what we wanted to do and where we went to," said LaFleur, on Hafley's first season coaching the defense. "You make the necessary adjustments and you put your guys in position, and then ultimately, those guys have to go out there and execute."

On top of McKinney, Green Bay saw a breakout season from rookie Edgerrin Cooper when Quay Walker went down with an injury late in the season. Over the final three games of the season,

Cooper totaled 17 tackles. More than just his performance when Walker went down, Cooper proved that he can lead the defense in play calling.

There is still room for improvement though, as Gary and Lukas Van Ness did not exactly take the next step in becoming the great pass rushing duo in the NFL. Along with that, Kenny Clark also was not as effective as he was probably needed to be, especially against the run-heavy teams that Green Bay lost to — including the Philadelphia Eagles, Minnesota Vikings and Detroit Lions.

In what seemed to be a developmental year for the defense coming into the season, it is fair to say that it more than impressed, even with injuries to star players like Jaire Alexander. On the season, Green Bay ranked sixth in the NFL in points given up this season, allowing 20 points per game to opposing teams.

While again, it was the offense that was supposed to make the jump this season, it turned into the defense really becoming the strong part of the season. Given the likely additions to the pass rushing and defensive backs units, there should be high expectations for the defense going into next season.

Based off this past season, that should be very exciting for Packers fans.

"I thought Hafley did an outstanding job," LaFleur said. "And it is not just Hafley; it is our entire defensive staff."



Above, free agent acquisition Xavier McKinney earned his first All-Pro and Pro Bowl honors for 2024. Here he celebrates an interception with Keisean Nixon in Jacksonville. Below, Edgerrin Cooper pressures Bears rookie Caleb Williams during the season finale in Green Bay. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS



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injuries to Doubs and son did not help the cause. With the injury concerns after the last two seasons and the overall lack of star play, could adding a playmaker be in the cards for the offseason? Maybe, but as it stands, LaFleur still likes the group of pass catchers around Love.

“I think that our collection of receivers is pretty darn good,” said LaFleur. “I think that we have six guys that we can definitely lean on. I love the group; I think that they work their tails off. I do think that there is a lot more out there for them. We have to be a lot more consistent. We have to make sure that when given those opportunities, we come down with that football.”

Whether it is bringing in a veteran or supplementing the receiver room in the upcoming draft, one thing is certain – the passing game as a whole needs to be better for Green Bay’s offense to really be thought of as one of the better units in the league.

While the stats may be a little misguided due to the injuries surrounding the team, Green Bay finished 16th in the NFL in passing yards with 3,939. When looking at 2023, the team finished with 4,210 passing yards, good for 14th in the NFL.

While those numbers do look good, one thing stands out: As a whole, the passing offense did not get better this past season. Did a strong rushing attack have an impact on that? Of course. But again, with such high expectations on where Love and the group of pass catchers should have been this season, the passing attack and probably the offense as a whole can be seen as tad disappointing.



Jordan Love scrambled when he had, but it sometimes appeared as if he was running more than necessary. The Packers’ inconsistent offense hurt the team down the stretch.
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Green Bay backup quarterback enjoyed a little revenge against his former team, the Titans, when he led the Packers to a win over Tennessee.
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Backup quarterback Malik Willis ran for a touchdown and threw for a score, leading the Packers to a 30-14 rout of the Tennessee Titans. Willis not only won his second straight start subbing for Jordan Love, he got revenge against the team that traded him to Green Bay. Willis accounted for 134 of the Packers' 137 yards in the first quarter. He finished with 202 yards passing and 73 rushing.

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Willis helped save Packers season

0-3 could have been much to overcome for Green Bay

By **JACOB WESTENDORF**
Green & Gold Express

A backup quarterback is like a good lawyer. You never know that you need one until you really need one.

The Green Bay Packers have neglected the backup quarterback position over the years.

If it was not a first round pick like Aaron Rodgers or Jordan Love, chances are that the backup was a journeyman or a late round draft pick the Packers were hoping to develop.

Occasionally that worked with someone like Matt Flynn, but more often than not the backup situation has been a point

of contention.

Brian Gutekunst neglected the position a season ago with Jordan Love taking over as the team's starting quarterback.

Sean Clifford was the team's backup. A fifth-round pick that was a rookie.

Clifford never had to play as Love was able to start all 17 games in his "rookie" season.

Michael Pratt was added in the draft last offseason to compete with Clifford for the backup role.

Both Clifford and Pratt were lackluster in the preseason, which led to Gutekunst making a trade as training camp ended.

He traded a seventh-round pick to the Ten-

nessee Titans for Malik Willis.

Willis did not have much time to get acclimated. He was on the team for less than a month when Love went down with a knee injury that would impact the next two games.

Willis was asked to help save the season of a team that had already fallen to 0-1 on the year.

Backup quarterbacks are hoping to keep teams afloat when they are asked to play.

Losing is not unexpected. Backups are, in fact, backups for a reason.

Willis could not afford to lose the games he was asked to play.

An 0-2 start would put the Packers in a large amount of trouble, and

0-3 could end the season before it even began.

Instead, Willis was efficient, confident and calm.

Those are not words used to describe him during his time in Tennessee.

Sometimes a situation is what makes all the difference for a young quarterback.

Willis' first start as a Packer was a 16-10 victory over the Indianapolis Colts.

Willis was asked to make two big plays in the passing game, and he made them.

The following week in his revenge game against his former team, he did more against the Titans, as the Packers won in a rout.

"I just cannot articulate the job that he's done

in this short period of time," LaFleur said after the game. "People can't fathom it. I promise you, you guys don't get it. I know you think you got it, but you don't get it. What he's been able to do, I've never seen something like this."

"Hats off to him, hats off to everybody around him, guys rallying, having his back. I think Tom Clements does a great job. And I'd be remiss to say Connor Lewis and Sean Mannion, just the help they've given him, the support. Jordan Love has been instrumental, as well, giving him the tips and hanging right by his side and helping him out all along the way."

Willis would win a

third game against the Jacksonville Jaguars with a big throw late to Jayden Reed to set up a game-winning field goal.

Willis would play most of the season finale against the Chicago Bears, and helped lead a go-ahead drive for a field goal before the Bears orchestrated a game-winning drive of their own.

Getting the Packers to 3-1 in the four games he was asked to play had to be more than what the Packers ever could have hoped for.

The Packers will have Willis under contract for the 2025 season and would be wise to keep him, because you never know when you'll need a good backup quarterback.



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Linebacker Edgerrin Cooper (56) and teammates celebrate Dec. 15 in the Packers' 30-13 win at Seattle. Cooper picked up his first and only interception of the season that day. He was also credited with six solo tackles, one assist and one sack. In his 2024 rookie season, Cooper had 57 solo tackles, 30 assisted tackles, 3 1/2 sacks, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.

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COOPER MAKES A NAME FOR HIMSELF IN FIRST SEASON

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Josh Jacobs’ bruising running style helped lead the Packers in each of their 11 victories in 2024.



Week 2, Colts, 16-10



Week 3, Titans, 30-14



Week 5, Rams, 24-19



Week 6, Cardinals, 34-13



Week 7, Texans, 24-22



Week 8, Jacksonville, 30-27



Week 11, Bears, 20-19



Week 12, 49ers, 38-10



Week 13, Dolphins, 30-17



Week 15, Seahawks, 30-13



Week 16, Saints, 34-0

2024 Year in Review

A leg up



For the second straight year, the Packers played and won Thanksgiving Day. NBC celebrated the victory with turkey legs, a tradition started by legendary broadcaster John Madden.

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Turnovers



The Packers had three straight turnovers in the second half against the Arizona Cardinals in Week 6. Rookie Evan Williams forces a fumble against Cardinals' receiver Greg Dortch. Through six games, the Packers led the league with 17 turnovers.

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Airborne in Tennessee



Christian Watson's speed and athleticism were on display Week 3 against the Titans.

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Strip sack, fumble and recovery



Rookie linebacker Edgerrin Copper forced a fumble against Jaguars' Trevor Lawrence in the fourth quarter. The Packers eeked out a 30-27 victory with a second straight last-second victory field goal.

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High above



A 2024 standout player, Tucker Kraft pulls down a catch during the season finale against the Bears.

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Incredible rookie season



Rookie linebacker Edgerrin Copper gets his first career interception in Week 15 against Seattle. While seeing limited action in his rookie season (489 snaps), he showed promise with 13 tackles for a loss.

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Green Bay punter Daniel Whelan boots the ball in one of his multiple field-changing punts against Houston in Week 7. In the regular season, he punted 56 times for a 46.1 yard average. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

Special teams provides mixed results in 2024

Consistency
lacking in
kicking,
receiving

By LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

While there certainly have been other reasons why Green Bay has seemingly underperformed in the playoffs throughout the Aaron Rodgers era, one thing certainly stood out - special teams.

Those problems continued to persist in Jordan Love's first season as a starter, as rookie kicker Anders Carlson made 27 of 33 field goals on the season, including 34 of 39 extra points. On top of that, Carlson struggled in the kickoff game. He kicked off 86 times but was only able to record 37 touchbacks, coming out to a 43 touchback percentage.

Green Bay's kicking unit drastically improved in 2024 though as after an off-season of questioning and a few weeks of Brayden Narveson, Green Bay landed on Brandon McManus. McManus instantly provided production for the Packers, winning them two games on last-second field goals.

More than just the game-winning kicks for Green Bay's special teams was the kick defense. In a tight game with Chicago



Green Bay's special teams had its ups and downs in 2024. Top left, special teams coordinator Rich took some heat this year but was re-signed on an extension to keep him in Green Bay through the 2026 season. Top right are long snapper Matt Orzech, kicker Brandon McManus and punter Daniel Whelan. Bottom left, Karl Brooks celebrates after blocking a last-second field goal attempt against Chicago. Bottom right, McManus reacts after missing a field goal attempt against the Eagles in the Wild Card game. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

on Nov. 17, the Bears lined up for a game-winning field goal. Packers defensive lineman Karl Brooks got an early push on the Bears offensive line and got his hand up to block the Bears' game-winning attempt and win the game. This was the first game in a long time that Green Bay recorded a win because of its special teams, not in spite of it.

In Rich Bisaccia's third season as Green Bay's

special teams coordinator, some aspects of the unit improved, while others continued to decline. The aspects that declined reared its head on the kick-off coverage team. In 2024, the Packers gave up the third most kickoff yards at 1,323. While those kickoffs yards were somewhat masked by the Packers' defense this season, giving teams starting field position beyond the 30-yard line is a slippery slope

moving forward. To add to the list of problems with the special teams unit, it seemed like that part of Green Bay's game suffered a bit of a collapse in the team's Wild Card matchup against the Philadelphia Eagles. The game immediately started with a fumble on a kick return from Keisean Nixon that gave the Eagles prime scoring position early in the game. Later on in the game, finding itself down

10-0, Green Bay had the opportunity to cut the lead to one score, but McManus missed a 38-yard field goal. "I think that the fundamental part of alignment, assignment, key, technique, your eyes being in the right place, to some degree being fundamentally sound in the things that you are doing - it is certainly not the time a lot or trick-em type," said Bisaccia, on what the most important thing about

special teams during the playoffs is, when talking to media before Green Bay's playoff game. "(It is) to be fundamentally sound and put yourself in the right position at the right time. You know, this time of year you would really like to stay away from the penalties."

Special teams in the playoffs once again proved to be the Achilles' heel for Green Bay as it looked to advance to the Super Bowl. Not that the team lost because of the special teams unit, but it just goes to show how important that unit is when making a playoff push, especially when those points that Bisaccia made aren't coming to fruition.

Even though those problems presented themselves throughout the season, Bisaccia was re-signed on an extension to keep him in Green Bay through the 2026 season.

With the continued disappointment from the special teams, many teams probably would have moved on from its special teams coordinator, re-signing Bisaccia was probably the right decision for Green Bay, just based on his leadership capabilities. Overall, it is hard to give the Packers special teams anything better than a B- grade on the season, because while there were some good aspects, there are a lot that need to continue to improve if the Packers want to get back to the Super Bowl.



Kicker Brandon McManus was the hero in his first game with Green Bay. Signed after Week 6 to replace rookie Brayden Narveson, McManus made a 45-yard field goal as time expired to give Green Bay a 24-22 win over Houston in Week 7.

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Packers finally find kicker

BY LUKE REIMER
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After a season with inconsistent play from the kicking position, Green Bay went the route of bringing in competition in the offseason to secure the kicker position. That came in the form of signing Greg Joseph to compete with Anders Carlson throughout training camp. That seemed to be the biggest story of the offseason, as the Packers were supposed to be on the precipice of winning the Super Bowl. Bringing in competition seemed like the right move at the time. It turned out that Green Bay did not go either way and signed out of house, bringing in Brayden Narveson, who was with the Tennessee Titans through the offseason. When the Packers brought in Narveson, it seemed like the right move, given that Carlson probably needed to go, just given the circumstances around his inconsistent play from the season before. In his time in Green Bay, Narveson wasn't necessarily relied on, as Green Bay's early season schedule was pretty easy. Good thing that Narveson did not need to be relied upon, as his time

in Green Bay was just as tumultuous as Carlson's. Narveson converted 12 of 18 field goals. On top of that, out of his 38 kickoffs, he was able to kick just 18 for touchbacks. Seeing the inconsistency in the kicking game, Packers general manager Brian Gutekunst elected to sign Brandon McManus. The signing came as a little bit of a surprise given McManus' history of alleged sexual assault. After the NFL declared that there was insignificant evidence to support the sexual assault claims, McManus was listed as free agent. After signing with the Packers, the case was marked as resolved with no other information provided. McManus instantly made an impact as he converted two game-winning field goals to push Green Bay close to the top of the NFC. On the season, McManus converted 20-of-21 field goals, with a long of 55 yards. He also went perfect on extra points hitting 30 of 30 attempts. Even though the kicking game looked a lot stronger this past season, there were still some issues when it came to when snaps, as well as McManus' distances. While 55 yards being a season long

is great, there seemed to be some hesitation from Matt LaFleur on kicking long field goals. The major question surrounding McManus now is if he comes back next season. It seems likely that he is a priority for Gutekunst given the stability he provided this season. "I had a good conversation with him before he left and obviously you guys saw how he solidified that journey that we were going on," said Gutekunst, on the possibility of re-signing McManus. "I think the thing that was so neat about being around him is not only his confidence, but his ability to adjust, no matter where we were or what weather we had. If we were able to get Brandon back, I think certainly that would make me feel very good about that group." If it does not work out where the Packers have to look a different way for kicker next season, it seems likely that Gutekunst goes the route of signing another veteran given the success from what happened last season. With what Gutekunst said though, it is probably inevitable that McManus kicks for the Packers again next season.

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had the Packers playing with house money. Beating the Dallas Cowboys and taking the top-seeded San Francisco 49ers to the brink of elimination changed the calculus.

The Packers were thinking Super Bowl just one year into a rebuild.

At times, the team looked like they were hitting their stride, but the story of the season can be told by three opponents – the Detroit Lions, Minnesota Vikings and Philadelphia Eagles.

The Packers played each team twice and lost all six games to those two teams.

Ultimately, a team is going to need to beat good teams to get into the Super Bowl.

A troubling trend is growing in opposition of Matt LaFleur.

The ability to get his team to play their best football against the best teams has not been a trait they've possessed.

In 2019, they fell behind against a vastly superior San Francisco 49ers team and were blown out.



Despite the overall excellence of Matt LaFleur and Brian Gutekunst in the regular season, it has not translated to postseason success. LaFleur has coached in two conference championship games and earned the number one seed in the NFC playoffs twice but flamed out at home on both occasions. Overall, LaFleur's playoff record is 3-5, including this year's 22-10 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles in the Wild Card round.

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They fell behind 28-10 to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers with a series of uncharacteristic mistakes and questionable coaching decisions.

The 2021 team did the same against the 49ers

before a blocked punt ultimately sunk their season.

The Packers were not better than this year's Eagles team that eliminated them in the postseason, but they were expected to be.

Instead, the final month of the season sealed the team's fate.

Green Bay was trending downward as the season came to a close. That culminated with a loss to the Chicago Bears where LaF-

leur insisted the team was attempting to gain some momentum going into the postseason, only to make decisions that flew in the face of that mission.

Josh Jacobs hardly played. Kenny Clark was in and out of the lineup. Jordan Love started and injured his elbow.

It was a bizarre series of events. Ultimately, Chicago won on a walk-off field goal by Cairo Santos.

Once the season ended, Tucker Kraft essentially said that the team got what was coming to them, that they could feel their struggles brewing.

The question is why? Why did a young team plateau and ultimately decline as the season went on? Why was LaFleur as conservative as he was throughout the season?

Aggression has been rewarded in this postseason. Andy Reid and Nick Sirianni are two of the

more aggressive coaches in football, especially on fourth down. They'll face off on Super Bowl on Sunday.

LaFleur was one of the most conservative in football this season.

Perhaps that controversial decision to kick a field goal trailing by eight against Tampa Bay in the 2020 NFC Championship Game will be his lasting legacy.

A good coach but not aggressive enough to find his way over the hump.

The 2025 season is a big year for LaFleur and the Packers.

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Xavier McKinney's eight interceptions was second best in the NFL in 2024. He began in Week 1 with an interception of Philadelphia's Jalen Hurts at the Eagles' 36-yard line that resulted in a Packers' field goal. Throughout the season, he would record interceptions against Indianapolis, Tennessee, Minnesota, Los Angeles Rams, Jacksonville, San Francisco and Chicago. He also had a fumble recovery against the Rams.

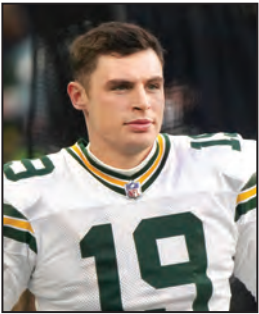
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Who will stay, and who will go?

Packers GM expected to go shopping in free agent market

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

The Super Bowl is upon us, and the Green Bay Packers are not playing in it.

The Packers were eliminated shortly after the playoffs began with a 22-10 loss at the hands of the NFC champion Philadelphia Eagles.

Once the season was over, all eyes turned to the offseason.

The Packers did some of their best work last off-season. General Manager Brian Gutekunst's three best moves came before the regular season began.

Xavier McKinney and Josh Jacobs were brought in to solidify the backfields on both sides of the ball.

Both players fit seamlessly into their roles and

were stars on offense and defense.

The other big move was a small trade for a backup quarterback. Malik Willis was one of the best moves of the season in general, winning three of the four games he had to play extended minutes in.

That doesn't include a draft class that included Edgerrin Cooper and Evan Williams.

With the offseason upon us, the question now is who is staying and who is going?

The Packers had some tough draft classes in 2020 and 2021. The only player who is a slam dunk to be on the roster in 2025 from the 2020 draft class is Jordan Love.

The 2021 class is the group slated to be free agents now.

The biggest free agent, however, is someone who

was not in this draft class.

Kicker Brandon McManus was another small move made by Gutekunst during the season, and he paid off in a big way.

Replacing Mason Crosby proved to be no easy task. Anders Carlson was given the leash of an entire 2023 season before being let go at the end of training camp.

Greg Joseph was the presumptive winner of the offseason kicking competition, but that lasted all of one day.

Brayden Narveson was brought in and released before Halloween.

McManus was Gutekunst's fourth crack at attempting to replace the franchise's all-time leading scorer.

As it turns out, the fourth time was, in fact, the charm.

McManus missed one

kick during the regular season for Green Bay and solidified the position.

He ended with a whimper, missing a 38-yard field goal in Philadelphia, but with the issues Green Bay has had at that position, they should be more than eager to give McManus a deal to stay in Green Bay.

"We would," Gutekunst said in his end-of-year availability when asked if the Packers want McManus back next year. "Had a good conversation with him before he left. Obviously, how he solidified that journey (at kicker) we were going on. He's a veteran guy."

The thing that was so neat about being around him was not only his confidence but his ability to adjust, no matter where we were, what weather we had."

Apart from McManus,

there are not a lot of free agents that represent priorities to be brought back to Green Bay.

Eric Stokes was the team's first-round pick in 2021, but his career in Green Bay appears to be over. He played six snaps in the final two games of the year, despite being healthy.

Stokes never found his footing after a gruesome leg injury suffered in his sophomore campaign.

He was passed on the depth chart by Keisean Nixon and Carrington Valentine.

A.J. Dillon is a popular figure in Wisconsin but unlikely to be brought back to Green Bay after a neck injury ended his season.

The only free agents other than McManus that could be a priority is defensive tackle T.J. Slaton

and center Josh Myers.

Myers was referred to as a heart and soul player by coach Matt LaFleur during the season. Gutekunst said he felt Myers had his best year.

He's had more downs than ups during his career, but perhaps the Packers will opt for stability at their pivot position.

Slaton had his best year as a Packer and was the anchor of the team's run defense. How much is that worth in free agency? That remains to be seen, but the Packers could certainly look to keep him in the fold. They don't really have a two-down run defender on their defensive line, which is where Slaton excels.

Overall, the lack of options in house make it likely that Gutekunst will once again go shopping in free agency this offseason.

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Second-year tight end Tucker Kraft, a graduate of South Dakota State, made the most of his opportunities when Luke Musgrave was injured in 2023 and 2024. In 2024, Kraft caught 50 passes for 707 yards and a 14.1-yard average. He also caught seven touchdowns. Among his best performances were Sept. 29 against Minnesota and Nov. 28 against Miami when he caught six catches in each game, as well as Oct. 6 at Los Angeles when he caught four balls for 88 yards and two touchdowns against the Rams.

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STARTER ROLE

KRAFT TAKES ADVANTAGE OF CHANCES TO BECOME NO. 1 TIGHT END



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Tailgate Tour to bring team to fans

The Green Bay Packers announced plans for the Packers Tailgate Tour, set for April 8-12, which will travel around Wisconsin to visit with fans and thank them in person for their support.

The event will feature current and alumni Packers players, with current players Josh Jacobs, Tucker Kraft and Lukas Van Ness and alumni players Ahman Green, Jermichael Finley and John Michels scheduled to board the bus, along with Packers President/CEO Mark Murphy.

The tailgate tour will stop in Milwaukee on April 8, Madison on April 9, La Crosse on April 10 and Wausau on April 11 before wrapping up in Green Bay on April 12, with a variety of surprise and planned visits to be held in each area.

The fan-favorite tailgate tour will appear at nonprofit fundraising events each day and will stop along the route at schools, hospitals, businesses, retirement homes and community centers to present donations and giveaway items and visit with fans of all ages. To al-

low for further opportunities for players and alumni to interact with as many fans as possible while raising money for the nonprofits, fans should note that there will once again be no formal autograph sessions.

The tour will be stopping by these public events, which are available for ticketed guests to attend:

- Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin Charitable Foundation will host a fundraising event at the Baird Center in Milwaukee on April 8, from 6-10 p.m. Doors will open at 5 p.m. A total of 1,000 tickets will be sold at \$75 per person. Tickets can be purchased online at gbpackertour.givesmart.com.

- Dairyland Sports will host a fundraising event at the Garver Feed Mill in Madison on April 9, from 6-9 p.m. Doors will open at 5 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$75 per person, with 300 available in total. To purchase tickets, visit dairylandsports.org/packertailgate.

- Hunger Task Force of La Crosse will host a fundraising event at Stoney Creek Hotel in Onalaska

on April 10, from 6-8 p.m. Doors will open at 5 p.m. A total of 325 general admission tickets are available at \$75 per person and can be purchased at lacrossehtf.org.

- Patriot K9s of Wisconsin will host a fundraising event at the Crystal Training Institute in Mosinee on April 11, from 6-9:30 p.m. Doors will open at 5 p.m. A total of 1,000 tickets will be sold at \$75 per person. To purchase tickets, visit patriotk9s.ejoinme.org/packertailgatetours.

- Children's Wisconsin will host a fundraising event at the EPIC Event Center in Ashwaubenon on April 12, from 1-2:30 p.m. Doors will open at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$75 per adult and \$25 per child, limited to the first 500 fans. Tickets can be purchased online at support.childrenswi.org/packertailgate.

The tour will take place aboard a customized Green Bay Packers-themed motor coach. In addition to stopping in the designated locations and cities, tour celebrities will make surprise stops along the way as the schedule allows.



Top, New Orleans quarterback Spencer Rattler spent a lot of time on the ground, staring up at Green Bay's defense in the Packers' 34-0 shutout. Defensive coordinator Jeff Hafley's unit held New Orleans to just 196 total yards while Rattler turned over the ball twice off a strip-sack and interception. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

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MATCHUP, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

For the second time in three years, the Philadelphia Eagles and Kansas City Chiefs will meet in the Super Bowl.

The Chiefs are playing in hopes of capturing their consecutive NFL title. The Eagles are looking for a bit of revenge from two years ago.

What will it take for either team to lift the Lombardi Trophy after the game?

Chiefs' offense vs. Eagles' defense

The Eagles' defense helped lead them to the Super Bowl during the 2022 season. Their pass rush was vicious, as they set the team record for sacks that year.

The current team is not as good as they were two years ago, but Philadelphia's pass rush is still a weapon for them with Vic Fangio at the controls.

Josh Sweat is their leading man with eight sacks on the year. Nolan Smith has had a sack in each of the first three playoff games, including two against Green Bay in the Wild Card round.

The interior of Philadelphia's pass rush is where the money is made. Milton Williams has had a breakout season, and Jalen Carter might be the best defensive tackle in all of football.

In the secondary, general manager Howie Roseman was active in addressing a weakness and turning it into a legitimate strength.

Quinyon Mitchell was a first-round pick and has emerged as the team's best cornerback.

Across from him is Darius Slay, who has been excellent in a complementary role this season.

Cooper DeJean has been excellent as a nickelback and had a big pass breakup early in the team's NFC championship win over the Commanders.

Perhaps the biggest change the Eagles made on defense was at defensive coordinator.

Jonathan Gannon left the Eagles after their Super Bowl appearance to be the head coach of the Arizona Cardinals.

The Eagles replaced him with Sean Desai, who was eventually replaced by Matt Patricia during the season.

Neither of those options worked well, and the Eagles hired former Packers' nemesis, Vic Fangio.

Fangio facing off against Patrick Mahomes and Andy Reid is one of the better matchups in the Super Bowl.

On the other side of the field, it's familiar territory at this point.

Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs are back in the Super Bowl for the fifth time in six years.

This time around, they're playing for history. No team in the Super Bowl era has won three consecutive Super Bowls.

Others have come close, but none have accomplished it.

Mahomes is also playing for legacy purposes. A win in this Super Bowl would be his fourth championship, tying him with Terry Bradshaw and Joe Montana for second among quarterbacks behind only Tom Brady.

This Chiefs' offense is solid, if unspectacular.

It's not like the days where Tyreek Hill ran deep through the secondary or Travis Kelce made one big play after another.

They're methodical, and they execute. In fact, they're similar to the New England Patriots of old in that they are chasing individual and team legacies.

Kelce is still around and is the team's leading receiver.

Xavier Worthy and Marquise "Hollywood" Brown are their two best receivers and give juice to the passing game for plays down the field.

JuJu Smith-Schuster is a potential red zone target, while their ground game is



Patrick Mahomes is also playing for legacy purposes. A win in this Super Bowl would be his fourth championship, tying him with Terry Bradshaw and Joe Montana for second among quarterbacks behind only Tom Brady. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

led by Isaiah Pacheco and old friend Kareem Hunt.

Ultimately, the Chiefs' offense remains dangerous because of the two men that are at the controls. Reid and Mahomes.

Chiefs' defense vs. Eagles' offense

Philadelphia's offense is led by Jalen Hurts. Hurts had a down year last year after a near MVP season in 2022. He's had a better season in the 2024 regular season and had not played after the first quarter of a late December game against Washington thanks to a concussion.



Jalen Hurts and the Philadelphia Eagles beat the Packers twice this year on their way to the Super Bowl. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

After some subpar play in the first two games of the postseason, Hurts lit up the Washington Commanders for four touchdowns in a 55-23 romp over their division rival.

AJ Brown and Devonta Smith combine for one of the best receiver combinations in all of football. Dallas Goedert has had a big postseason and was the leading receiver in the NFC Championship Game.

The big addition to the Eagles' offense this off-season was running back Saquon Barkley.

Barkley's talent alone was tantalizing in this offense, but he has run all over any opposing defense that has been in his way this year.

asked to play in an emergency situation. That situation arose when Landon Dickerson exited the game with a knee injury.

With the layoff, both players should be able to play.

Special teams

Philadelphia's special teams has enjoyed a big postseason. They forced a fumble in two of their three playoff games and recovered both of them. Both fumble recoveries led to touchdowns in the Wild Card and Conference Championship rounds.

Will Shipley is likely to be the kickoff returner if Kenneth Gainwell is unable to play due to an injury suffered in the NFC Championship Game.

The big question mark for the Eagles is at kicker. Jake Elliott had been rock solid for the duration of his career, until this season.

He struggled during the regular season and missed the first postseason field goal of his career in the conference championship game.

He's 1-for-8 on the year in kicks that are longer than 50 yards.

In a game where points are going to be at a premium, the Eagles cannot afford to give points away

in the kicking game.

Their punt return team will need to be shaken up as well, after getting hit up for a fake punt in their previous game.

Overall, the Eagles' special teams is solid if unspectacular. The goal here will just to be sure that the kicker makes his kicks.

The Chiefs' special teams had a big night against the Buffalo Bills in the conference championship round.

Nikko Remigio had a nice night that included a 41-yard punt return.

Harrison Butker has not been as good this year as he's been in recent years but has been nails in the postseason.

In a game of this magnitude, the kicking game can be a deciding factor.

Something else that plays into special teams is how aggressive both teams are on fourth down.

The Eagles and Chiefs both were in the top four of conversions on fourth downs during the season.

A failed fourth-down conversion is similar to a turnover in these big games. Whatever team is better in situational football could be the one that is raising the Lombardi Trophy at the end of the night.



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1	Xavier Worthy.....	WR	30	Chris Roland-Wallace..	CB	66	Mike Caliendo.....	OL
2	Joshua Williams.....	CB	32	Nick Bolton.....	LB	69	Mike Pennel.....	DT
5	Hollywood Brown.....	WR	34	Samaje Perine.....	RB	70	D.J. Humphries.....	T
6	Bryan Cook.....	S	35	Jaylen Watson.....	CB	74	Jawaan Taylor.....	T
7	Harrison Butker.....	K	39	Keith Taylor.....	CB	75	Ethan Driskell.....	OT
8	DeAndre Hopkins.....	WR	41	James Winchester.....	LS	76	Kingsley Suamataia.....	T
9	JuJu Smith-Schuster....	WR	42	Carson Steele.....	FB	81	Nikko Remigio.....	WR
10	Isiah Pacheco.....	RB	44	Cam Jones.....	LB	83	Noah Gray.....	TE
11	Carson Wentz.....	QB	51	Mike Danna.....	DE	84	Justin Watson.....	WR
13	Nazeeh Johnson.....	S	52	Creed Humphrey.....	C	87	Travis Kelce.....	TE
14	Matt Araiza.....	P	54	Leo Chenal.....	LB	88	Peyton Hendershot.....	TE
15	Patrick Mahomes.....	QB	55	Joshua Uche.....	LB	90	Charles Omenihu.....	DE
20	Justin Reid.....	S	56	George Karlaftis.....	DE	91	Derrick Nnadi.....	DT
21	Jaden Hicks.....	DB	60	Hunter Nourzad.....	OL	94	Malik Herring.....	DE
22	Trent McDuffie.....	CB	61	C.J. Hanson.....	OL	95	Chris Jones.....	DT
23	Drue Tranquill.....	LB	62	Joe Thuney.....	G	97	Felxi Anudike-Uzomah.....	DE
27	Chamarri Conner.....	DB	64	Wanya Morris.....	OL	98	Tershawn Wharton.....	DT
29	Kareem Hunt.....	RB	65	Trey Smith.....	G			



PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

0	Bryce Huff.....	DE	28	Will Shipley.....	RB	68	Jordan Mailata.....	T
1	Jalen Hurts.....	QB	29	Avonte Maddox.....	CB	69	Landon Dickerson.....	G
2	Darius Slay Jr.....	CB	32	Reed Blankenship.....	S	72	Darian Kinnard.....	T/G
3	Nolan Smith Jr.....	OLB	33	Cooper DeJean.....	DB	74	Fred Johnson.....	T
4	Jake Elliott.....	K	34	Isaiah Rodgers.....	CB	77	Mekhi Becton.....	G/T
6	DeVonta Smith.....	WR	36	Tristin McCollum.....	S	79	Trevor Keegan.....	G
7	Kenny Pickett.....	QB	38	Lewis Cine.....	DB	80	Parris Campbell.....	WR
8	C.J. Gardner-Johnson....	S	42	Oren Burks.....	LB	81	Johnny Wilson.....	WR
10	Braden Mann.....	P	49	Rick Lovato.....	LS	82	Ainias Smith.....	WR
11	A.J. Brown.....	WR	51	Cam Jurgens.....	C/G	83	Jahan Dotson.....	WR
14	Kenneth Gainwell.....	QB	53	Zack Braun.....	LB	84	E.J. Jenkins.....	TE
16	Tanner McKee.....	RB	54	Jeremiah Trotter Jr.....	LB	88	Dallas Goedert.....	TE
19	Josh Sweat.....	OLB	56	Tyler Steen.....	OL	89	Johnny Wilson.....	WR
21	Sydney Brown.....	S	58	Jalyx Hunt.....	OLB	90	Jordan Davis.....	DT
22	Kelee Ringo.....	CB	59	Thomas Booker IV.....	DT	93	Milton Williams.....	DT
23	Eli Ricks.....	CB	61	Nick Gates.....	OL	97	Moro Ojomo.....	DT
26	Saquon Barkley.....	RB	64	Brett Toth.....	T/G	98	Jalen Carter.....	DT
27	Quinyon Mitchell.....	CB	65	Lane Johnson.....	T			

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