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New prom, homecoming court rules generally accepted

Oconto Falls School Board reviews changes to the courts' makeup

By **WARREN BLUHM**
Editor-in-chief

New rules for Oconto Falls High School's junior prom and homecoming courts were generally well-received when they went into effect this year, although there was some pushback from one school board member when the results were reviewed Nov. 14.

Principal Dan Moore said students were generally happy with the changes, which were developed by a group that included members from the student council and district staff. The plan was further refined after a survey of the student body.

"We implemented the plan exactly as we said we would do; there were no changes in how it was implemented," Moore said.

Under the new plan, each court was comprised of 18 students, including a king and a queen, but there was no gender quota that said they must be evenly divided between boys and girls, and students could be elected to only one court or the other. The top vote-getters in each court turned out to be 10 girls and eight boys.

The plan included opening the homecoming court to non-athletes.

"In the past, it had been only varsity letter winners," Moore said. "The feedback was we should make it more inclusive to students that were actively participating in other co-curriculars that weren't necessarily athletic co-curriculars, and so we opened that up."

Also, the students were not paired up for their introductions. Moore said they could walk in with another student, in groups of three or individually.

"It worked fine, for both prom and homecoming," Moore said.

Since the new plan was approved in March, only one parent contacted

Superintendent Dean Hess to question the policy. Moore said he called that parent to give him a chance to talk about his concerns, but after he explained the process, "Really, the parent had no specific concerns that he could point to."

Board member Chad Earley said he heard from a couple of parents that the homecoming court changes went against tradition.

"As far as I know, and my parents know, homecoming was about the football players, the seniors. I guess, why would you want to change that?" Earley said. "And I'm on their side; I think homecoming is about the football seniors."

Moore said the new plan was more in line with what the majority of students wanted.

"You know that student that's out for the musical is a good representative of the school, and why wouldn't that student be able to be on homecoming court? Or that student that is maybe in FFA and is an officer and is doing some wonderful things at the national level but isn't in athletics — why wouldn't that student be able to represent our school on a homecoming court? Why does it have to be football players?" Moore said. "I get that there's definitely opinion out there that it should be about football, and why is that? It's not 1985 anymore."

Hess said two-thirds of the students who responded to the survey favored opening eligibility for the homecoming court to non-athletes, with the other 33% favoring the old system that limited the court to varsity letter winners.

Under the new rules, court members must have participated in a co-curricular activity for at least four semesters, but varsity letter winners remained eligible, even if, for example, a football player had earned only two varsity letters, Moore said.

"We maintained that special place for varsity letter winners, but we just expanded it some," he said.

Moore questioned whether the district needs to spend any more time rehashing the issue.

"There were hours and hours

that were spent on it last year, and at some point there are going to be some people that are not going to be happy with the outcome," he said. "We had a leadership group; we had the student council that discussed this plan at length, and we had teacher leaders in the building that discussed it, and then we kicked it out for even more feedback."

It's time to move on, he said.

"There are huge things that we have to deal with at the high school. There are courses. There are dual credit opportunities. There's mental health issues. There's this, that, safety, all those things," Moore said. "I think we need to put this to bed."

Earley said he wanted to make a motion to revert the homecoming court to the old rules, but Clint Gardebrecht, board president, said the matter was on the Nov. 14 agenda only as a discussion item. Other board members expressed satisfaction with the revised policies.

"My only concern is that the student body had their adequate say in it," board member Adam Adler said. "Obviously, we have the final say in how it goes, but I think the students are the ones who should have the most say."

"I'm a proponent of having it opened up to students who exhibit the qualities we're looking for," said Bryan Bauml, the board vice president. "If you're a good student in drama or arts or anything else, in my mind not everyone's an athlete, and I feel it's important to keep it open."

Board treasurer Ken Harter commended Moore for involving students in developing the plan.

"The only reason there might be some parents who think of this as being football related would be because of tradition and their history and not necessarily what's going on now," Harter said.

Gardebrecht said he acknowledges Earley's opinion but doesn't think it prudent to pursue the matter further if other board members haven't been hearing the same concerns from the community.

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Oconto Falls city budget approved

Utility projects for 2023 reviewed

By **WARREN BLUHM**
Editor-in-chief

The Oconto Falls City Council on Nov. 15 gave final approval to a \$3.21 million budget for 2023, representing a 5.4% increase in general fund revenues and expenditures over the current year.

The budget carries a property tax levy of \$1.527 million, the total allowed by state-imposed levy limits, up 4.2% from 2022.

The council also approved the 2023 Utility Commission budget, covering the city electric, water and solid waste disposal utilities.

Utility manager Greg Kuhn reviewed the work that is planned for the year, including some fire hydrants that are currently not operational. He made reference to ongoing supply chain issues.

"If we ever have water meters, we'll replace those," Kuhn said. "Unfortunately, the lead times on those, we don't have the bases, (and) we don't have the electronic heads that go on

them. Apparently, they're made of unobtainium, because it's been six months right now, and it looks like it'll be almost six months before we get our first shipment."

The city did obtain 800 electric meters that were ordered for 2022. About 500 have been installed around the city, and installing the rest is on the docket for the new year, Kuhn said.

Other electric utility projects include replacing copper line on Maple Avenue and a redundancy project on Quincy in preparation for a potential substation, pending approval from the state Public Service Commission, he said.

"We will be moving the poles along Columbia further off the old right of way in preparation for potential sidewalk when we redo Columbia Street, because where our poles are currently would be pretty much in the center of the sidewalk," Kuhn said.

Most of the rest of the budget reflects inflationary increases, especially anticipated changes in natural gas prices.

Kuhn expects an increase in the cost of purchasing power, from \$2.022 million this year to \$2.3 million in 2023, because of the jump in

natural gas costs.

"Right now we're in a holding pattern, to be honest, with pretty much every utility, to see what natural gas prices do," he said. "Regardless of if they come anywhere close to where they were, every utility in the state is going to have to go in for a rate increase."

The budgets received unanimous approval from the City Council.

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Lena library director moves to Oconto Falls

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

For the second time in a year, the director of the Lena Public Library is moving to Oconto Falls.

Rachel Pascoe is the new director of the Oconto Falls Community Library, effective Nov. 21. She comes to the library from Lena and previously taught in the Oconto Falls School District, City Administrator Peter Wills said.

Retired director Joan Denis has been serving in the Oconto Falls post since Sept. 1, when Amy Peterson took over as director of Farnsworth Public Library in Oconto. Peterson

herself had been with Oconto Falls for less than six months before the job opened up in Oconto, where she and her family live.

Peterson had been library director in Lena for the previous seven years. Pascoe succeeded her in the post on Feb. 14.

The Lena library posted the position Nov. 17, saying candidates must have at least an associate degree and be willing to obtain a Grade 3 Wisconsin Library Certification. The position will remain open until filled. A letter of interest and resume should be sent to Ben Pytleski, 304 E. Main St., Lena, WI 54139.

CITY OF OCONTO FALLS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given, that The City of Oconto Falls Ordinance Committee will hold a Public Hearing on December 13th, 2022 at 6:30 PM in the Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 500 North Chestnut Avenue, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin. The purpose of this hearing is for the consideration of:

CHAPTER 260 FLOODPLAIN ZONING ORDINANCE FOR CITY OF OCONTO FALLS

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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of Nov. 18

- Bond was set at \$25,000 cash for Timothy M. Snider Jr., 30, Sobieski, after he was charged with manufacturing amphetamine with intent to deliver and bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 3, 2020. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Jan. 3.

- Lakisha M. Nash, 44, Hobart, waived her right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over on charges of second-degree reckless endangering safety and fleeing an officer, and also was ticketed for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (first offense), in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 11, 2021. Arraignment was scheduled for Dec. 15.

- Brian L. Coshnet, 46, Oconto, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to child abuse reckless causing harm and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 19. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Jan. 12.

Proceedings of Nov. 17

- Michael C. Noffke, 30, Gillett, pleaded not guilty to two counts of first-degree recklessly endangering safety, two counts of aggravated battery, one count of burglary while armed with a dangerous weapon and two misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct, in connection with the alleged stabbing of two men at a home in Gillett on Dec. 16, 2021. A status conference was scheduled for Jan. 12.

- An April 18-19 jury trial was scheduled for Christopher L. Mueller, 32, Oconto, on charges of manufacture and delivery of amphetamine, possession with intent to distribute amphetamine and methamphetamine, two counts of delivery of methamphetamine near certain places, maintaining a drug trafficking place, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with incidents that allegedly occurred May 3 and June 14. A final pre-trial conference was scheduled for March 31.

- Tanner A. Friebel, 21, Suring, pleaded not guilty to charges of possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 26. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Dec. 15.

- Zachary S. Herms, 36, Oconto Falls, pleaded not guilty to a felony charge of stalking and misdemeanor counts of harassment, disorderly conduct and unlawful use of a phone to threaten harm, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 1. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Dec. 15.

- Tony M. Tomcheck, 44, Oconto, pleaded not guilty to felony bail jumping,

in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 23. A plea hearing was scheduled for Dec. 19.

- Bond was set at \$5,000 cash for Joseph Arthur Andrus, 26, Oconto Falls, after he was charged with substantial battery intending bodily harm, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 31. His initial appearance was adjourned until Dec. 15.

Proceedings of Nov. 16

- Amy S. Lance, 51, Green Bay, pleaded no contest to operating a motor vehicle with a restricted controlled substance (fourth offense) and felony bail jumping, in connection with an incident that occurred Aug. 31. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for Jan. 18 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

- Travis R. Bolssen, 47, an inmate at Stanley Correctional Institution, pleaded not guilty to repeated sexual assault of the same child in connection with incidents that allegedly occurred in 2020. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Jan. 24.

- Michael James Bullock, 39, Suring, pleaded not guilty to two counts of repeated sexual assault of the same child, dating to 2010, as well as invasion of privacy with a surveillance device and capturing an intimate representation of a victim younger than 18, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 6. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Jan. 3.

Proceedings of Nov. 15

- Michael L. Christensen, 20, Suring, was sentenced to seven years in state prison, followed by eight years of extended supervision, for repeated sexual assault of the same child, in connection with incidents that allegedly occurred between June and September 2021, and battery by a prisoner, substantial battery intending bodily harm and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that occurred Aug. 25. Judge ruled that among conditions of extended supervision, Christensen may have no contact with the victim or her family and may have no contact with a minor under age 18 without approval of his corrections agent. He must obtain the equivalency of a high school diploma and full-time employment or part time if in school, and he must complete all assessments, counseling and treatment deemed necessary by his agent, including sex offender treatment. Christensen was given credit for 230 days already served in the county jail.

- Motions will be heard Dec. 8 in advance of the Dec. 13-14 jury trial for Jason T. Lipp, 35, Oconto, who is charged with first-degree reckless homicide, in connection with the Aug. 2, 2020, drug overdose death of an Oconto Falls man identified in the criminal complaint as

B.S.S., and possession with intent to deliver heroin and maintaining a drug trafficking place, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 19, 2021. District Attorney Hannah Schuchart said the trial will be handled by a special prosecutor from the state Department of Justice in order to fulfill Lipp's demand for a speedy trial.

- Dale L. Hazelrigg, 73, Suring, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over on a charge of bail jumping, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 1. Arraignment was scheduled for Jan. 24. Meanwhile, a two-day trial beginning Nov. 30 was postponed because the state did not have an available prosecutor to try the case against Hazelrigg on a charge of second-degree sexual assault of a child, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 1, 2021. Hazelrigg's attorney indicated they would like to come to "a global resolution" of both cases.

- On a defense motion, Judge James A. Morrison dismissed charges against Edward Phillip Lindahl, 40, Green Bay, without prejudice because a request for prompt disposition filed last January was not followed. Lindahl had been held in lieu of \$50,000 cash bond on charges of possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine (second and subsequent offense), possession of THC (second and subsequent offense) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 27, 2020.

- Phillip E. Miller, 42, Gillett, pleaded

no contest to three misdemeanor charges alleging sex with a child age 16 or older, in connection with incidents that occurred in 2018. The charges were amended from a felony in a plea agreement. Judge James A. Morrison sentenced Miller to three consecutive nine-month terms in county jail for a total of 27 months, with Huber Law work-release privileges. He was given credit for five days already served.

- A two-day trial beginning March 22 was scheduled for Benjamin W. Buch, 21, Tigerton, who is charged with two counts of second-degree sexual assault of a child, bail jumping and exposing himself to a child, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Jan. 1, 2020. A final pre-trial conference was scheduled for March 9.

Proceedings of Nov. 14

- Ashley A. Phillips, 38, Oconto, was placed on two years of probation after sentence was withheld for possession of methamphetamine, in connection with an incident that occurred Oct. 19, 2021. She was given credit for 100 days served in the county jail. Among other probation conditions, Judge ruled that Phillips must maintain absolute sobriety and full-time employment.

- Mark F. Derouin, 52, Crivitz, was placed on two years of probation for possession of amphetamine in connection with an incident that occurred Jan. 14. Judge Jay N. Conley ruled that among other conditions of probation, Derouin must maintain absolute sobriety and comply with any assessments, counseling or treatment deemed necessary by his probation agent.

Snowy head-on crash injures four

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Four people were injured, three seriously, in a head-on collision on a snow-covered Oconto County road in the Town of Spruce the evening of Nov. 15.

According to an Oconto County Sheriff's Department traffic report, officials were notified just after 7:15 p.m. that two vehicles had collided on County Road B about 1,000 feet south of Arndt Road.

The report said a northbound pickup truck driven by Alec John Halvorsen, 19, of Oconto Falls, began to fishtail on the snowy road, crossed the center line and collided with a southbound pickup

driven by Adam William Osweiler, 37, of Lena.

The two drivers and two passengers were taken by ambulance to HSHS St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay. Halvorsen was listed as having a suspected minor injury, while the report says injuries were suspected to be serious for Osweiler, his passenger Jason Osweiler, 9, and Halvorsen's passenger, Odin John Halvorsen, 22, of Suring.

County Road B was closed for more than an hour until the crash scene could be cleared, the report said. Oconto County sheriff's deputies handled more than 40 crashes Nov. 15-17 after the first significant snowfalls of the season.

Charges added in OWI homicide case

By **WARREN BLUHM**
Editor-in-chief

Two more counts have been added to the criminal complaint against an Oconto Falls man charged with homicide by the intoxicated use of a motor vehicle in connection with a fatal crash in August.

Thomas Edward Wolf, 56,

Oconto Falls, is charged in connection with a crash Aug. 3 that claimed the life of Bart Erdman, 60, also of Oconto Falls. Wolf's pickup truck allegedly rear-ended Erdman's motorcycle Aug. 3 while both vehicles traveled south on County Road I near Beaver Lake Road in the Town of Oconto Falls.

Wolf originally was also charged with operating a motor vehicle

while intoxicated (third offense). Amended information filed Nov. 10 adds a felony count of homicide by the use of a motor vehicle with a prohibited blood-alcohol content and the misdemeanor charge of OWI with a prohibited blood-alcohol content.

Under Wisconsin law, drunken driving is a misdemeanor crime rather than a felony until a fourth offense.

During a brief pre-trial conference Nov. 17, defense attorney Joseph Norby told Judge Michael T. Judge that he is still awaiting discovery documents and other materials from the district attorney's office. Judge scheduled another pre-trial conference for Feb. 16.

Wolf remains free after posting a \$50,000 cash bond.

Mountain man faces ninth OWI offense

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

Bond was set Nov. 16 at \$20,000 cash for a Mountain man after he was charged with his ninth offense of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

Michael Andrew Jahnel, 59, also faces a misdemeanor charge of operating a motor vehicle while his license was revoked, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov.

12. The case was scheduled for a preliminary hearing on Nov. 21.

According to the criminal complaint filed in Oconto County Circuit Court, a sheriff's deputy on routine patrol saw a vehicle pull into the parking lot of a Suring bar shortly after midnight Nov. 12. The deputy considered it suspicious because the bar was closed and the lot was empty, so he followed the vehicle after it departed.

After the vehicle weaved over the fog line a couple of times, and noticing that the registration lamps were out, the deputy conducted a traffic stop to talk with the driver, who turned out to be Jahnel.

The deputy described Jahnel as having "bloodshot, glossy eyes," slurred speech and an odor of intoxicants, and the driver admitted to having had three drinks, the complaint said.

He asked Jahnel to perform several field sobriety tests, which he did not do very well, and a Breathalyzer test indicated a blood-alcohol content of .104, according to the complaint. A records check found that Jahnel had eight prior convictions for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

After placing Jahnel under arrest, the deputy took him to Bellin Health Oconto Hospital for a blood draw and then to the Oconto County Jail.

Special town deputy contracts approved

By **WARREN BLUHM**
Editor-in-chief

The Oconto County Board on Nov. 17 approved contracts for two special sheriff's deputies who are specifically assigned to serve the towns of Little Suamico and Chase and a group of six northern towns, respectively.

The five-year contracts cover the

salaries and benefits for a full-time deputy covering each area. State law does not require towns to provide their own police protection services — that is considered the purview of the county sheriff — but also allows towns to contract with the local sheriff for additional police protection.

The agreement is for a term starting Jan. 1, 2023, through Dec. 31, 2027, with the fee for services

determined every two years coinciding with renewal of the deputies' union contracts.

Those fees are split among the towns based on population. In 2023, the Town of Little Suamico will pay 66% of the \$112,488 annual cost of its deputy, with the Town of Chase picking up the remaining 34%. The payments are made quarterly.

The northern Oconto County

deputy is expected to cost \$120,747 in salary and benefits in 2023, with the Town of Brazeau assuming 22%; Mountain 29%; Lakewood, Riverview and Townsend 17% each; and Doty 7%.

The county is responsible for providing a squad car and equipping each deputy with weapons, ammunition, portable radios, soft body armor and other equipment as needed.

OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Nov. 17

Deputies responded to 59 incidents, including suspicious activity on Brookside Road in the Town of Pensaukee, a disturbance on state Highway 22 in the Town of Oconto, a wanted person on Arbutus Avenue in Oconto, fire on South White Potato Lake Road in the Town of Brazeau, threatening on Northern Drive in the Town of Little Suamico, nine traffic stops, one traffic hazard, two traffic offenses, one citizen assist, five miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; two 911 hangups and four open lines;

three ambulance calls; 12 crashes, one involving deer.

Nov. 16

Deputies responded to 38 incidents, including a K-9 deployment on East Algoma Street in Suring, drugs at an address in Oconto, fraud on West Railroad Street in the Town of Abrams, fraud on Country Cove Place in the Town of Lakewood, harassment on Aspen Drive in the Town of Little Suamico, one traffic stop, one traffic offense, two citizen assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; four open-line 911 calls; three ambulance calls; 12 crashes, one involving a bear.

Nov. 15

Deputies responded to 44 incidents, including an unwanted party on River Road in the Town of How, suspicious activity on East Main Street in Lena, a wanted person on County Road M in the Town of How, harassment on Melissa Boulevard in the Town of Little Suamico, a noise disturbance on Oak Orchard Road in the Town of Abrams, one traffic hazard, one citizen assist, one miscellaneous traffic incident, two welfare checks; three 911 hangups; two ambulance calls; 20 crashes.

Nov. 14

Deputies responded to 56 incidents,

including theft on County Road VV in the Town of Underhill, fraud on Fager Lane in the Town of Little Suamico, a K-9 deployment on South Washington Street in Oconto Falls, fire on South Adams Street in Oconto Falls, a structure fire on Saint Bernadette Road in the Town of Spruce, a disturbance on West Crooked Lake Lane in the Town of Riverview, two traffic stops, three traffic hazards, four citizen assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; one 911 hangup; three ambulance calls; nine crashes, six involving deer, one involving a bear.

Oconto Falls School Board OK's high school ice fishing team

Interscholastic state championship is scheduled on Shawano Lake in February

By **WARREN BLUHM**
Editor-in-chief

The new Oconto Falls High School ice fishing team has the approval of the school board.

The board OK'd the team, along with \$1,200 in startup funds, during its Nov. 14 meeting, after hearing recommendations from team advisers and Superintendent Dean Hess.

Adviser Jason Ingram told the board that 25 students turned out for a Nov. 1 meeting at the high school to gauge interest in a team that would compete under the auspices of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Fishing Association (WIFA). A Department of Natural Resources conservation warden is expected to attend the next meeting in December to discuss safety and ice fishing regulations with the students.

Ingram has been talking with coaches from the Three Lakes and Bonduel ice fishing teams to get a feel for what is required. After the next meeting, the team will develop season dates when they'll hit the ice for training and tournaments, with competitions expected each weekend starting in January.

"This year, Shawano Lake is the state tournament, so it's more local ice for us," he said.

The WIFA website, studentfishing.com, lists weekly state qualifying tournaments around the state on

"We stress to them right away, this is a privilege. You know, one screw-up, it's done."

JASON INGRAM, Oconto Falls High School ice fishing team adviser

Saturdays starting Jan. 7, leading up to the state championship Feb. 17-18 on Shawano Lake.

"With 25 students we can have an inside-school tournament, if you will, our own students competing against each other," Ingram said. The competitions are catch-and-release fishing on inland lakes — no bay activity, he added.

Much of the discussion revolved around the extent to which participating students are allowed to use motorized vehicles, mainly to get to and from their fishing holes. The school board approved a plan similar to Bonduel High School's policy that students may use snowmobiles, ATVs or UTVs to access the ice, but not full-sized vehicles; further, "recreational" riding is prohibited.

Hess admitted that the issue of motorized vehicles was a subject of much discussion, for safety reasons.

"I'm torn on this one. From a logistical standpoint, it makes sense, because if you're going to have 25 students it might be challenging to support them all with only the advisers and chaperones being able to operate the sleds or ATVs," Hess said. "On the flip side, I will tell you that it causes me anxiety to think

about young people on motorized vehicles."

The superintendent said the district wants to set up the team advisers for success, but he knows young people have the potential to put them in challenging situations.

"I think that most of our young people will make good choices regularly, but there will be I would anticipate some situations where you would then have to step in, and I'm concerned about the safety piece," Hess said, acknowledging that he and the advisers did not reach a consensus on the issue.

Board president Clint Gardebrecht said he appreciates the safety concern but is unaware of any incidents involving Oconto Falls students misbehaving on ATVs or snowmobiles.

"The risk is there, and I totally understand that," Gardebrecht said, reviewing the proposed team rules. "The logistics of getting everything out there, if you guys have the right precautions in place — I notice in your sportsmanship section you have (rules against) 'flagrant disregard for ice fishing safety.' Maybe one recommendation would be put something in that safety section specifically

around vehicles or just safety in general, because it says 'A rule violation can cause a member to be removed from the team.'"

Gardebrecht added that he has "zero tolerance" on misbehaving on an ATV — neglecting ice safety, driving too fast or "doing doughnuts" on the ice — "That's the sort of thing that advisers can police."

Ingram said the advisers emphasize safety on the ice as a top priority.

"We stress to them right away, this is a privilege," he said. "You know, one screw-up, it's done."

Bryan Baumler, the board vice president, made the motion to approve the team and said he expects the students to be sensible.

"I'm going to venture to say those that are going to be showing up with those UTVs are going to be probably from backgrounds that have good knowledge about how to use them from their parents to begin with," Baumler said. "So they're going to have a good sense of being smart with them."

Hess said if the first year goes well, administrators would bring the ice fishing team next year as with a full-fledged paid coaching stipend.

"I was going to ask about fillets, but it sounds like the fish go back in the hole," Gardebrecht joked after the vote.

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Recycling Center hours reduced for 2023

By **WARREN BLUHM**
Editor-in-chief

The Oconto Falls Recycling Center will be open only two days a week starting with the new year, the City Council agreed Nov. 15.

The council approved a plan for 2023 Recycling Center hours of 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays, eliminating Thursday hours at the center, which is located on Pioneer

Drive in the city industrial park.

City Administrator Peter Wills explained that with GFL Environmental Services now conducting biweekly curbside recycling pickup in addition to the weekly garbage collection, there's less of a need for the recycling center to be open three days a week.

GFL distributed 2,110 garbage and recycling bins to addresses around the city, and automated pickup has begun on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

The recycling pickup is expected to reduce the regular tonnage at the city center, Wills said.

Finance Director Eve Wallace will be tracking any needed changes in bin distribution and had identified about 20 additions and deletions to be coordinated with the street department, Wills said.

With GFL acquiring the city's former water management contractor, the city has moved from the old

system of packing garbage in specially designated plastic bags to having 95-gallon bins assigned to each address for pickup by trucks designed for one-person use. The truck are equipped with a lift that picks up and dumps the bins mechanically, eliminating the need for a second worker on the truck.

The change was both for fiscal reasons and because it's harder to find workers for the job, Wills has said.

CITY OF OCONTO FALLS NOTICE - RESOLUTION APPROVAL

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RESOLUTION 22-005: 2023 UTILITY COMMISSION BUDGET RESOLUTION

Posted by City Deputy Clerk
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RESOLUTION 22-006: AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT (CDI) GRANT APPLICATION TO WISCONSIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (WEDC)

Posted by City Deputy Clerk
Jenny Friedman WNAXLP

**CITY OF OCONTO FALLS
2023 APPROVED BUDGET**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers of the Oconto Falls Municipal Building, 500 North Chestnut Avenue, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin, a public hearing was held on the proposed 2023 budget. Following the public hearing, the Council met and approved the proposed budget during the regular Council meeting at 7:00 pm. The approved budget is available on the City website at www.cityofocontofalls.com, at City Hall. The following is a summary of the approved 2023 City Budget.

General Fund	2022 Approved Budget	2022 Estimated Budget	2023 Approved Budget	% Change
Revenues				
General Government	2,573,432	2,578,539	2,717,676	5.6%
License	38,130	37,573	37,750	-1.0%
Gifts & Grants	37,782	28,811	42,793	13.3%
Penalties & Forfeitures	36,500	37,977	52,600	44.1%
Special Assessments	131,257	134,290	153,055	16.6%
All Other Revenues	150,547	295,409	187,125	24.3%
Fund Balance	78,000	92,819	20,438	-73.8%
G.F. Revenues	3,045,648	3,205,417	3,211,437	5.4%
Expenditures				
General Government	982,355	1,132,846	1,019,644	-3.8%
Protection Person & Property	821,064	821,071	876,610	6.8%
Health, Welfare, & Sanitation	260,863	254,325	250,739	-3.9%
Transportation	351,984	335,498	386,001	9.7%
Education & Recreation	186,625	196,800	176,156	-5.6%
Conservation & Development	3,572	3,920	3,582	0.3%
Transfer to Debt Service	406,385	406,385	448,715	10.4%
Transfer to Capital Projects	32,800	65,219	49,991	52.4%
G. F. EXPENDITURES	3,045,648	3,216,065	3,211,437	5.4%
GF NET SURPLUS (DEFICIENCY)	0	-10,648	0	
DEBT SERVICE FUND				
Revenues	406,385	406,385	448,715	10.4%
Expenditures	406,385	415,742	448,715	10.4%
DSF NET SURPLUS (deficiency)	0	-9,357	0	
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND				
Revenues	39,300	284,410	487,668	1140.9%
Fund Balance	0	0	0	0.0%
Expenditures	39,300	319,775	487,668	1140.9%
CPF NET SURPLUS (deficiency)	0	-35,365	0	
TAX LEVY				
General Fund	1,027,071		1,028,760	0.2%
Debt Service Fund	406,385		448,715	10.4%
Capital Projects Fund	32,800		49,991	52.4%
Total Approved Levy	1,466,256		1,527,466	4.2%
Levy limit	1,466,256		1,527,466	4.2%

A quorum of the Common Council was in attendance of this public hearing. Notice was given to the public at least 15 days prior to this hearing - Notice was forwarded to newspapers and any news media or persons who have requested the same - Notice was published in the Oconto County Times Herald, Notice was posted at City Hall, Oconto Falls Community Library, Iverson's Piggly Wiggly, and on the City website at www.cityofocontofalls.com

Any person wishing copy of budget can contact the Clerk's office at 920-846-4505 or Oconto Falls Municipal Building, 500 North Chestnut Avenue, Oconto Falls, Wisconsin.
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The City of Gillett is seeking a highly motivated, experienced public works professional to manage and operate the public works department. The position reports to the Council/or Council Chair and is responsible for all business functions including: planning, budgeting, policy implementation, personnel, operations, finance, rates and customer service, plowing, chipping, leaf pickup, etc.

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Wisconsin below nationwide average for Thanksgiving costs

Side dishes, overall prices increase, grocers say

By LUKE REIMER
Reporter

According to a Marketbasket survey from the Wisconsin Farm Bureau, a Thanksgiving meal in Wisconsin will cost an average of \$74.54, which is a 4.3% increase from last year.

While turkey and all the trimmings will cost more this year than in 2021, Wisconsin families still pay about \$6 less for the meal than the national average, which sits at \$81.30. Bryce Iverson, owner of Iverson's Piggly Wiggly in Oconto Falls, said competition among grocery stores is what helps keep those prices down for Wisconsin shoppers.

"There is a lot of different grocers that are located here in Wisconsin," said Iverson. "That market share is spread out."

Kelly Sufka, director of Charlie's County Market in Shawano, attributed part of the difference to Wisconsin's cost of living.

"I think it is the cost of things in general. We just have so much rural area compared to some of these other states," said Sufka. "I think it really comes down to what it always comes down to — the cost of living, the wages people get paid in Wisconsin and that in general. Gas is cheaper here than it is in Chicago. A case of beer is cheaper here than it is in Milwaukee. It is just cheaper here in general."

While average turkey and ham prices have decreased in Wisconsin, the cost of many side dishes has increased. Pie shells, for instance, jumped up 70 cents from \$2.58 to \$3.28, and milk increased 80 cents from \$3.05 to \$3.85. Iverson noted that prices are higher than last year at Iverson's Piggly Wiggly. On average, he said, store prices rose around 20%.

"Our turkey prices this year are, as far as I can tell, the cheapest in the



Oconto Falls native Crystal Young reaches into the cooler at Iverson's Piggly Wiggly in Oconto Falls to find just the right turkey for her meal. According to a Wisconsin Farm Bureau survey, the price of an average Thanksgiving meal in Wisconsin is about \$6 cheaper than the national average. Iverson's Piggly Wiggly Owner Bryce Iverson said competition among Wisconsin stores helps keep costs down.

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BY THE NUMBERS

Item	Wisconsin 2021	Wisconsin 2022	National 2022
Turkey, 16 lbs.	\$28.48	\$27.52	\$28.96
1 gallon whole milk	\$3.05	\$3.85	\$3.84
Cream, half pint	\$2.04	\$2.47	\$2.24
12 dinner rolls	\$2.52	\$3.02	\$3.73
1 lb. relish tray	\$0.78	\$0.84	\$0.88
Fresh cranberries, 12 oz.	\$2.11	\$2.35	\$2.57
Pumpkin pie mix, 30 oz.	\$3.74	\$4	\$4.28
Pie shells (2)	\$2.58	\$3.28	\$3.68
Cube stuffing, 14 oz.	\$3.14	\$3.29	\$3.88
Sweet potatoes, 3 lbs.	\$2.88	\$3.06	\$3.96
Frozen green beans, 1 lb.	\$1.70	\$1.80	\$1.97
Miscellaneous ingredients	\$3.45	\$4.13	\$4.13
Ham, 4 lbs.	\$10.68	\$10.56	\$11.64
Russet potatoes, 5 lbs.	\$2.62	\$2.67	\$3.64
Frozen peas, 16 oz.	\$1.72	\$1.70	\$1.90
TOTAL	\$71.49	\$74.54	\$81.30

area at 47 cents a pound with a \$25 purchase," said Iverson. "Last year, they were 39 cents a pound with a \$25 purchase. That is about a 17% increase just on the turkeys."

Traditional sides have also increased at Charlie's County Market. Sufka noted that a bag of potatoes, which cost \$1.89 last year, rose 10 cents to \$1.99 this Thanksgiving. Additionally, stuffing was a deal at two

for \$5 last year; this year, the price is two for \$6.

"Prices have been going up since earlier in the year," said Sufka. "Everybody is kind of accustomed to (increasing prices)."

Iverson said that reason for the increase in costs across the board is due in large part to the increased costs for transportation and packaging materials.

"Everything has gone up — fuel prices, transportation prices. That is the main reason for these price increases in not just groceries, but everything," said Iverson. "For the average person, you are going to notice more when you are buying groceries and gas; it is something that people deal with on a daily business."

While prices have increased, Iverson said that business has not been too affected. Iverson said that can once again be attributed to staying competitive with prices.

"Piggly Wiggly Midwest, our home base, helps us by doing price checks with our competitors to make sure that in every category, we are matching or beating them on prices," said Iverson.

Iverson added that even though he thought there could be shortages on turkeys, that has not fully been the case and the store has been able to supply almost everyone coming in with the main Thanksgiving dish.

"It has been quite busy," said Iverson. "For the most part, we have gotten all of the turkeys that we have pre-ordered. There has been some shortages, but I thought that it would be worse."

In terms of shortages on food, Sufka said that Charlie's County Market has been lucky in keeping all of the shelves stocked in the store.

"Just prior to COVID-19, we brought in a secondary warehouse, so we are able to go out on the store and have two order guns," said Sufka. "You can really see when there is a shortage in both places."

Sufka added that she has noticed many of the big turkeys in the store being sold first, something that she attributed to people seeking a return to normalcy following the pandemic.

"I feel like the Thanksgiving gatherings might be going back to the bigger gatherings instead of everyone just having small gatherings with only part of their families," said Sufka. "It is just as busy here as last year, maybe even a little more busy. We have a lot of people looking for big birds this year."

Cellcom awards \$1,000 to Berry Lake association

Berry Lake Property Owners Association (BLPOA) has been selected to receive a 2022 Cellcom Green Gift in the amount of \$1,000 to support water quality monitoring.

The Green Gift from Cellcom will support the purchase of a digital dissolved oxygen meter, which will improve the accuracy of ongoing testing.

"More accurate data will help us better monitor the health of the lake," said Jennifer McDermot, BLPOA aquatic invasive species chairwoman. "New equipment will also allow us to test more often. With an easier testing operation, we will be able to invite lake residents and all members of our local community to see the testing live. During this time, we will be able to teach them why we gather the data and how

it informs us on the health of the lake."

Berry Lake is a 209-acre lake located in Menominee and Oconto counties. BLPOA supports ongoing efforts to maintain a healthy lake ecosystem and educating residents on invasive species and water quality. Volunteers monitor water quality as a part of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Citizen Lake Monitoring Network. This helps the DNR and BPLOA make informed decisions on how to best manage the lake.

A total of 32 green organizations received a share of the \$30,527 in Green Gifts from Cellcom this year. The Green Gifts program uses funds generated from Cellcom's cell phone recycling program to fund green non-profit initiatives.



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Bonduel pursues grant for EV charger

Shawano looks into adding charging stations around parks, other locations

By **KEVIN MURPHY**
Correspondent

The village of Bonduel is seeking a \$15,000 state energy grant to fund installation of one of the area's first electric vehicle charging stations.

If Bonduel receives the grant, the EV charging station would be located on a village-owned parking lot at the intersection of Green Bay and Cecil streets, said Jesse Rankin, Bonduel's municipal services director.

Bonduel residents probably don't see the need for a charging station at this time, said Rankin, which is why he doesn't want to use taxpayer dollars to fund the project.

Buss Chevrolet-Oldsmobile, of Shawano, would be donating the station, a Level II charger, which are deployed where drivers can charge their vehicles while at work, shopping or dining.

Rory Buss, president of the Buss dealership, said the General Motors

Dealer Community Charging Program is in its infancy and there's more paperwork to do before the stations become operational.

"Besides Bonduel, we're looking at other locations, maybe Charlie's (County Market), maybe the hospital, but nothing's final yet," he said.

GM's program gives three charging stations to each dealer to contribute locally, and up to 40,000 nationwide, to make chargers more accessible and move closer to the goal of zero exhaust emissions.

Shawano City Administrator Eddie Sheppard said that Shawano Municipal Utilities has completed the electrical work and is awaiting the arrival of four chargers to be installed, within a few weeks, near SMU's offices.

"We'd like to be adding more in parking areas and parks," in the future, Sheppard said.

While EVs remain scarce in the area, Shawano's charging stations could be a draw for those driving

across the state who could stop, shop and charge up, according to Sheppard.

"Having more stations pop up could encourage others to purchase an electric vehicle," Sheppard added.

Sheppard admits to being a little "out front" of the EV trend in the area but sees car manufacturers pushing them and expects to see many more down the road.

SMU's chargers won't be the quick-charge type, but an hour of charging should get an EV back on the road for a reasonable price billed to a credit card.

The chargers were donated by SMU's wholesale electric supplier, Badger Power Marketing Authority.

In Bonduel, the two-vehicle charging station also should have a positive economic and environmental impact on the community, Rankin said.

"Currently, (the village) doesn't have any electric vehicles and doesn't have any immediate plans to add any, but everybody is trying

to reduce the carbon footprint and electric vehicles seem to be the wave of the future," he said.

The village gets a lot of north-south traffic on weekends, and an EV charging station in the center of town should attract those drivers to stop and charge up, "Because the stations will be more scarce further north," Rankin said.

The cost of charging an EV varies. Based on the national average price of electricity at 12.89 cents per kilowatt hour, and if an EV requires 40 kWh to fully recharge its battery, the cost would be \$5.16, according to GM.

Applications for the state's Energy Innovation Grant Program are due by Jan. 30, 2023, and grant recipients will be announced sometime later. If Bonduel doesn't receive that grant, Rankin said he will look for other funding sources.

"My goal is to have a charging station here without any expense to the taxpayer," he said.

Board adds behavior support staff position

Members concerned one person may not be enough to deal with students' issues

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Eliminating the dean positions at Shawano's public schools has resulted in an uptick of bad behavior from students, so the Shawano School Board is looking at curbing the problem by hiring a behavioral support employee to work at all four schools.

"We've had some administrative positions removed, and we've been looking at how we can be more proactive in supporting both our teachers and our students when it comes to student behavior," said Kurt Krizan, interim superintendent.

Krizan said the position is considered a teaching position and not administrative. It will be a two-year position paid at about \$50,000 annually, and the district plans to use its Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief funds to cover the position before looking at it and seeing if it's being effective in curbing behavioral problems.

"The idea with deans and assistant principals is more reactive, whereas this would be proactive, working with

our students and working with our teachers to look at strategies we can have for some of the more challenging students that we have," Krizan said. "We have some higher needs at certain buildings, so much of the focus would be there, but it's looking at the processes and the systems in place to deal with student behaviors as a district."

Board member Alysia Pillsbury said she doubted the position would only last two years and wanted to know how the district could keep funding it once the ESSER funds expire in 2024. Krizan said that it would depend on whether the state increases its per pupil aid to schools.

Board member Karen Smith was also dubious, but her concerns were about whether the district would be able to find someone who meets the requirements but would only work for \$50,000.

"I don't know if this is possible," Smith said. "You're requiring a master's degree and all that experience. I can't see that being effective. I have fears. We need boots on the ground right now in some of our buildings. I don't know that we need another

person at the top directing."

Board member Bobbi Lemerond agreed with Smith, noting that one position is not enough and questioning how one person covering four schools could be proactive.

"We need boots on the ground, at Hillcrest (Primary School), in particular," Lemerond said. "The high school definitely needs assistance. We've got kindergartners assaulting teachers, students swearing at lunch staff volunteers. We need some positions that are permanent."

Krizan noted there are still some positions that are not filled, including aides, but he said the district is filling the positions as fast as it is able.

"Would I love to come to you and say that we need one at every building? Absolutely, if that's our need," Krizan said. "I don't know if that's our need, but what I know right now is that we need some additional support."

Board member Mart Grams said there is a need for something stronger, pointing out that his own wife is a teacher in Shawano's public schools and was recently hit by a student.

"Four staff members that week were assaulted by students, and those students are still in this building," Grams said. "If you're going to start controlling bad students, maybe you don't need this stuff. It is out of hand. I come here every day to eat lunch with my wife and there are more kids in the hallway wandering than there are kids in classrooms."

Krizan said that, while there could be more administrators issuing punishment for bad behavior, it's not going to resolve the issue of that behavior repeating itself.

"If we're going to use the same strategies we've used, we're not going to get the results we need," Krizan said. "I'm not saying our teachers aren't doing a great job, but there's more research and more things coming out about the child/adolescent brain and also about social/emotional learning. How do we add those skills for our staff in that proactive away instead of looking at it as someone who comes in after the behavior is done and going to be the hammer on it?"

Menominee, Evers show off their new dual-language signs

Tribe third in the state to receive signs depicting their native tongue

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Visitors to the Menominee Reservation will be able to not only know where they are due to some new dual-language highway signs, but they'll also know their location in the Menominee language.

The Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin unveiled its new signs Nov. 17 that indicate when someone has entered the reservation and county that makes up most of it, as well as specific community signs for Keshena, Middle Village, Neopit and Zoar. Besides tribal officials, Gov. Tony Evers, Transportation Secretary Craig Thompson and U.S. Federal Highway Administrator Glenn Fulkerson came out to sing the signs' praises.

Menominee Tribal Legislator Joey Awonohopay noted that the tribal elders from long ago had wished for everything to be displayed in the Menominee language, but that language was brought very close to extinction, with only a recent drive to reestablish the language through programs and other aspects prompting the people to embrace their mother tongue.

"It was their (elders) vision to have our signs in our language, our schools that spoke our language, our tribal business run in our language, our tribal departments in the language," Awonohopay said. "These were the visions that we picked up and we carried forward today."

The Menominee are the third tribe in Wisconsin to receive dual-language highway signs. In 2021, the Oneida Nation and the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa install signs on their tribal territory.

Menominee leaders described Evers as a friend of their people, and Evers spoke about how the signs are celebration for the bond shared be-

tween tribal officials in Keshena and state officials in Madison.

"First, we're celebrating the government relationship that we share with the Menominee Nation," Evers said. "Also, as governor, I'm committed to upholding tribal sovereignty. That's what we begin with and continue to do with the collaboration and partnership of these signs."

Evers noted the timing of the signs being unveiled in November, which is Native American Heritage Month, gives an opportunity to reflect on the state's history with the tribes.

"It's through these partnerships, folks that we better work together, build stronger communities and support the people that we serve," Evers said. "It is symbolic, but it's not symbolic. It's something that is really important to me ... and I know it's important for the tribal members."

Thompson saw the sign unveiling as an important day in history, acknowledging his longtime friendship with Corn.

"When we have these signs on the roadway, they really give a sense of place," Thompson said. "What better way than through this dual-language sign program that we give a stronger sense of place and of heritage for people to know what they are coming into?"

Menominee Tribal Chairman Ron Corn Sr. noted that Evers' leadership of the state helped to lead to the new signs being part of the reservation's highways. He also said that the tribe's commitment to reclaiming its culture also made an impact.

"For us, it's at the center of how we want to move forward as a people. We want to keep our language. We want to keep our culture at the center of everything we do," Corn said.

Culture and language are the keys to sustainability for the tribe, in Corn's opinion, and having the dual-language signs will move the tribe forward in its own prosperity.

"Sometimes, it feels like it's not fast enough, but we're moving in the right direction," Corn said.



Officials gathered at the dual-language sign welcoming people to the Menominee Reservation on state Highway 47-55 are, from left, U.S. Highway Administrator Glenn Fulkerson, Wisconsin Transportation Secretary Craig Thompson, Gov. Tony Evers, Menominee Tribal Chairman Ron Corn Sr. and Menominee Tribal Historic Preservation Officer David Grignon.

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Menominee Tribal Legislator Joey Awonohopay talks about the importance of the Menominee language as a sample of the signs on display at the entryways to the reservation for state highways 47 and 55 sits nearby during a presentation Nov. 17 at the Menominee Casino Resort.

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Why I Give Thanks 2022

Local leaders share their thoughts at Thanksgiving

Editor's note:

It is so easy to overlook gratitude.

We are busy. We are distracted, overwhelmed, we have lives to lead, and what should be a routine — taking a moment to appreciate — is easily forgotten.

We set aside a day for thanksgiving, and although it is deeply rooted in our common historical tradition, it has come to mean so much more. We are grateful to our ancestors, and we are grateful to those whose lives have shaped ours, but Thanksgiving Day has become a day to reflect on many aspects of our lives.

For several years, NEW Media has asked community leaders to write a short essay on “Why I Give Thanks.” These essays can be about the Thanksgiving holiday, or what the writer is grateful for, or just the concept of gratitude.

These are personal reflections, but

they also speak to issues and beliefs that many of us share. They are as interesting for how they are the same as for how they are different. Some of the authors find them easy to write, others struggle with the pressure of a blank screen, a blank piece of paper, and a looming deadline.

Knowing this, it is especially important for the editorial and advertising team at NEW Media to say “Thank you” to these writers. Thank you for sharing what is important to you. Thank you for being willing to make your feelings public. Thank you for making time to have a portrait taken. Thank you for facing that blank screen or blank piece of paper and writing the first word.

Thank you for showing us, again, how gratitude connects us all.

From everyone at NEW Media, a very happy Thanksgiving to you and yours.

WHY I GIVE THANKS

Grateful for family, country, friends

By GEORGE LENZNER

Recently I was asked to share what I'm thankful for. It caused me to pause and think WOW, I'm thankful for so many things in life.

Let me start with how thankful I am for having amazing parents and grandparents I was blessed with. They raised me and my siblings with strong Christian values and taught me the value of hard work. I could always count on them if I needed anything, and they always had great advice that at times I should have taken more than I did.

I was fortunate to have a son of my own whom I couldn't be prouder of. He followed in my footsteps with a career in law enforcement in which he continues to advance in and is very fulfilled in his career working for the Department of Justice in Madison. He alongside his wife and their four children are the epitome of happiness, and I love watching my grandchildren grow and prosper at so many different things.

I am so thankful for my wife, Brandi. We have been married nine years, and her love and support help me get through even the darkest days. We have two adorable dogs,

Pablo Picasso and Molly, that make us laugh and smile every day and lighten our mood when we have hard times, we all endure in life.

I'm grateful for the four years I spent in the United States Air Force. The military taught me to appreciate this country and the veterans who sacrificed and served during times of peace and well as war. Without them we would not have our freedom in this great country that I love.

I have been in law enforcement for 35 years now; I recently ran for sheriff and never imagined the support from friends and family that I received, so many of them sacrificed their time and honestly their lives to help me accomplish my dream of becoming the next sheriff of this wonderful county. I have met so many great people while campaigning, between all the parade and community events. We should all be grateful to live here in this great community.

In closing I hope this article helps others to take a moment out of their hectic lives and reflect on what you are thankful for. God bless!

George Lenzner is chief deputy and sheriff-elect of Shawano County.



After a primary election in August, George Lenzner was unopposed on the November ballot and will be the next Shawano County sheriff.

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WHY I GIVE THANKS

Thankful for family and the good in people

By JODY HAMMOND

My very first thought that comes to mind when asked “Why I Give Thanks” is to express appreciation for the life I have been given and the people in it. Having been raised in a Christian family home and grown up with love and kindness, I learned early on to appreciate the little things in life, be thankful for what I have, don’t take things for granted, and be caring and thoughtful to others.

To achieve success, you must work hard and do your best. Sometimes acceptance of how or why things happen in life can be very challenging, but remembering who you are as a person, how you react to the situation, and how you share your actions and words with others directly reflects on your own self goodness and gratitude. Having an open mind, respecting others’ beliefs and opinions, makes one appreciate the individualism that makes us all unique.

I am honored by people accepting who I am as a person and humbled to be singled out. It would be very lonely going through life without family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and acquaintances and I feel that the people that have surrounded me in my life’s journey, helped mold me into the person I am today. Without all of them, I would stand alone, and unfortunately some individuals do by no choice of their own.

It is truly a heartbreaking experience when you see others struggle with daily living. This touches my heart greatly and makes me stop and think what all I have to be thankful for, and how one act of kindness can make such a difference in the lives of others. My entire career and experiences along the way has always led



Jody Hammond was named SAM25’s new executive director last spring.

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me down the path of helping others and taking pride in acknowledging the wonderful people I have had the privilege of working with. I would never ask someone to do something that I wouldn’t do myself. I do not believe you can ever share enough praise, whether it be to your work team, family members, customer service personnel, or anyone else you encounter on a regular basis. I am a Shawano native and proud to be a member of our community.

I am truly grateful for the won-

derful family that I am blessed to have, my spouse, daughters, sons-in-law, in-laws, and my 3 beautiful granddaughters, my extended relatives, friends, and my work families, both past and present. They all help to inspire, encourage, and motivate me to be the best person I can be. Thank you!

Honestly, I am not sure how I feel about my personal reflection being shared publicly but coming from a person who tries to be positive, acknowledge and recognize the

goodness in people, stay neutral and non-judgmental, I hope my words will inspire others in the many opportunities available that one can “give back.” So, the next time you see someone in need, ask yourself, how can I lend a helping hand? Personally, it is a wonderful feeling, and it will warm your heart!

Jody Hammond is executive director of Shawano Area Matthew 25 Inc., a nonprofit organization focused on helping people in the community who are struggling with poverty and homelessness.



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ABC	Good Morning America (N)		Good Morning America (N)		Wildlife oh baby!		Hearts of Wildlife oh baby!		College Football South Carolina at Clemson. Clemson Memorial Stadium. (N) (Live)						College Football Scoreboard		College Football Teams TBA. (N) (Live)						College Football Scoreboard																	
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7 WSAW																																								
FOX	55 Xplor. Planet		55 Xplora-tion Space		Big Noon Kickoff (N) (Live)								College Football Michigan at Ohio State. Ohio Stadium. (N) (Live)						FOX College Football Extra (N)		College Football Teams TBA. (N) (Live)																			
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11 WLUK	11 News																																							
NBC	26 Today (6:00) Today		12 906 Outdoors		13 Today's Home-owner		13 Paid Pro-gram Saving Pets		Earth Od-yssey With Dylan		Wild Child "Winter Wild"		Harlem Globe-trotters		One Team-Sports		26 Blade The Voyager		FIS Alpine Skiing Killington Cup: Women's Giant Slalom. From Kil-ington, Vt. (N) (Live)				College Football Grambling State vs Southern. Caesars Superdome. (N) (Live)				28 Lumi-ness Lejeune		NBC Nightly News											
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12 WJFW																																								
PBS	Hero El-ementary (EI) (DVS)		Alma's Way (EI) (DVS)		Curious George "Relax!: The Box and the Hound" (DVS)		Daniel Tiger's Neigh-borhood (DVS)		The Great Age Reboot Strategies for the future.								Wisconsin From the Air Land-scapes of the state.				Eat Your Medicine: The Pegan Diet With Mark Hyman, MD How to use food as medicine.				Aging Backwards 3: Fast Track With Miranda Esmonde-White		Old Fashioned: The Story of the Wisconsin Supper Club Dining experience of supper clubs.				Lawrence Welk's TV Treasures Stories and insights about the series.									
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SATURDAY			EVENING								NOV. 26		
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC	College Football Scoreboard (N) (Live)	College Football Notre Dame at USC. Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. (N) (Live)							9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)	9 (:35) Weird Earth 9 (:35) Investi-gate TV	9 (:05) The Song "Sarah McLachlan"	9 (:35) Storm of Suspicion 9 (:35) Opry (N Same-day Tape)	
9 WAOW													
2 WBAY													
CBS	9 Game Time With Boomer	9 Discover Wisconsin (N) 9 WBA Hall of Fame Show (N)	9 Robbie the Rein-deer/Hooves of Fire 7 TBA	9 Robbie the Rein-deer in Legend of the Lost Tribe	9 The Story of Santa Claus Animated. Jolly couple's history.		9 To Be Announced 7 48 Hours		9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 9 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	9 To Be Announced 7 (:35) Beat the Odds	7 (:05) The Song "Sarah McLachlan"	9 (:35) Friends 9 (:35) Opry (N Same-day Tape)	
5 WFRV													
7 WSAW													
FOX	(3:00) College Foot-ball Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	FOX College Foot-ball Extra (N) (Live)	College Football Kansas at Kansas State. Bill Snyder Family Football Stadium. (N) (Live)								55 Young Sheldon 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N)	55 SEAL Team "What Appears to Be" 11 Jeopardy!	11 Wheel of For-tune "Hawaii"
55 WZAW													
11 WLUK													
NBC	26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N)	26 Paid Program 12 Wheel of For-tune "Hawaii"	The National Dog Show Dogs vie to be named Best in Show.				Saturday Night Live "Will Ferrell; King Princess" From Nov. 23, 2019: Will Ferrell. (N)		26 News 12 Newswatch 12 Saturday	(:29) Saturday Night Live "Jack Harlow" Jack Harlow hosts and performs.			
26 WGBA													
12 WJFW													
PBS	(5:00) Lawrence Welk's TV Treasures Stories and insights about the series.		Great Performances "Josh Groban's Great Big Radio City Show" Josh Groban performs.				Mariah Carey: Live at the Tokyo Dome Mariah Carey performs in concert.				Prince and The Revolution: The Purple Rain Tour Prince and The Revolution perform.		
20 WHRM													
36 WLEF													
38 WPNE													
32 WACY	Family Feud	Two/Half Men	NBA G League Basketball Sioux Falls Skyforce at Wisconsin Herd. (N)				Am Housewife	Am Housewife	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Family Guy	S.W.A.T.	
46 WTPX	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		
CW	11 The Big Bang Theory	11 The Big Bang Theory "The Leftover Thermalization"	Silent Night: A Song for the World The creation of the Christmas carol.				11 Fox 11 News at Nine on CW	11 Moviefone TV 11 *** Match Point (2005, Drama)	11 The National Desk (N) (Live)		11 TMZ (N)		
11 WCWF													
34 WYOW													

SUNDAY				EVENING								NOV. 27		
6 PM		6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30		
ABC 8 WAOW 2 WBAY		Mickey Saves Christmas (N)  (DVS)	Olaf's Frozen Adventure (2017) <i>Voices of Josh Gad.</i> 	The Wonderful World of Disney: Magical Holiday Celebration Celebrity musical performances. (N)  			America's Funniest Home Videos A Christmas-themed episode.   (DVS)		8 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) 8 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	8 (:35) Entertainment Tonight (N)   8 (:35) Cover 2	8 (:05) Entertainment Tonight (N)  	8 (:35) Weather Gone Viral When extreme weather strikes.		
CBS 6 WFRV 7 WSAW		60 Minutes (N)  		The Equalizer "Paradise Lost" A singer receives a scary fan letter. (N)  		East New York "When Dinosaurs Roamed the Earth" Bentley and Quinlan grow closer. (N)  		NCIS: Los Angeles "Let It Burn" NCIS investigates an arson attack. (N)   (DVS)		8 Local 5 News at 10:00 8 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	8 (:35) Sports Xtra 8 (:35) Investigate TV	8 Osteen 8 Game Time With Boomer	8 (:35) Friends 	
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK		(3:25) NFL Football Los Angeles Rams at Kansas City Chiefs. (N)	The OT (N)  (Live) 	Welcome to Flatch A tornado hits the town. (N)   (DVS)	(3:1) The Simpsons "When Nelson Met Lisa" (N) 	Bob's Burgers Animated. Teddy makes a grave mistake. (N) 	(3:1) The Great North "Animated. Ham fails to care for a cactus. (N)	8 Seinfeld "The Burning"  8 Fox 11 News at Nine (N)	8 Seinfeld George seeks women at bookstore.  	8 The Goldbergs  8 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) 	8 Goldbergs 8 Sharyl Attkisson	8 American Housewife 8 (:05) The National Desk	8 American Housewife Katie's family receives a Boo. 	
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW		Football Night in America (N)  (Live) 		(1:5) NFL Football Green Bay Packers at Philadelphia Eagles. Aaron Rodgers and the Packers visit the Eagles. Rodgers is 5-2 against Philadelphia. (N)  (Live) 						26 News 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm	26 The Race 12 Outdoorsman International	26 Graham Bensinger 12 Funny You Ask		
PBS 20 WHRM 38 WLEF 36 WPNE		(1:08) Mary Berry's Simple Comforts "River Thames" Mixed bean and butter-nut squash wraps.		All Creatures Great & Small: The Next Chapter All Creatures Great & Small.  			Miss Scarlet & The Duke: Secrets Revealed Behind the scenes with cast and crew.  		Suze Orman's Ultimate Retirement Guide Planning for retirement.  					
WACY 46 WTPX		Family Feud 	Two Half Men	*** Dick (1999, Comedy) Kirsten Dunst, Michelle Williams.				Mom  	Mom  	The Simpsons		Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	S.W.A.T. 
		(5:00) A Puppy for Christmas 		Dognapped: Hound for the Holidays (2022, Romance)  				12 Pups of Christmas (2019) Charlotte Sullivan, Donny Boaz.  				Dognapped: Hound		
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW		41 The Big Bang Theory 	43 The Big Bang Theory Sheldon and Amy build a blanket fort. 	Family Law "Truthiness" Abigail defends an anti-vaccine friend. (N) 		Coroner "LJND" Deaths lead to uncomfortable truths. (N) 		41 WOW - Women 43 Liquidator	43 Chicago P.D. Burgess' ride-along goes south. 	41 Truth of God	43 WOW - Women Of Wrestling (N) 	41 Extra (N)  	43 Moviefone TV  	

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ABC	Good Morning America				1 Live 2 News	2 25 Words or Less	The View		9 News 9	9 Drew Barrymore 2 Inside	9 GMA3: What 2 News	2 Paid Program	General Hospital		9 Tamron Hall 2 GMA3: What You Need to Know		Dr. Phil		9 News at 4PM 9 Action 2 News	2 Action 2 News at 4:30	9 News 9	ABC World News	
CBS	CBS Mornings				6 Local 5 7 25 Words	7 Paid Program	The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless		9 News 9 NewsChan- nel 7	Bold and the Beau- tiful		The Talk		Let's Make a Deal		6 Friends 7 Clark- son	6 Friends	9 Local 5 News 9 Jdg Judy	9 Local 5 News 9 Jdg Judy	9 News 9 NewsChan- nel 7	CBS Evening News
FOX	55 Busi- ness First	65 Ag- Day	World Cup Live 2022		FIFA World Cup 2022		Varied Programs		55 Fam- ily Feud	55 Fam- Feud 11 Jdg Judy	FIFA World Cup 2022 Today		FIFA World Cup 2022				55 Judge 11 Peo. Court	55 Judge 11 Varied	55 News 11 Jdg Judy	55 Fam- Feud 11 Jdg Judy	55 Shel- don 11 News	55 Shel- don 11 Varied	
NBC	Today				Today 3rd Hour		Today With Hoda & Jenna		26 12	26 List 12 Neigh- borhood	NBC News Daily		26 Date- line 12 You Bet	12 Pictio- nary	26 Tamron Hall 12 Pictionary	12 Funny You Ask	26 12	12 TMZ	26 Fam- Feud 12 Up North	26 Aft. Focus 12 Jeopardy	26 News 12 News	NBC Nightly News	
PBS	Hero Elemen- tary	Alma's Way	Curious George	Daniel Tiger's Neigh- borhood	Rosie's Rules	Donkey Hodie	Sesame Street	Pinkali- cious & Pterrific	Dinosaur Train	Elinor Wonders Why	Sesame Street	Rosie's Rules	Ask This Old House	Ameri- ca's Test Kitchen From Cook	Downton Abbey on Master- piece		Rick Steves' Europe	Odd Squad	Arthur	Nature Cat	BBC World News America		
WACY	Judge	Relative	Divorce	Divorce	Wom	Grill'n	iCRIME	iCRIME	The First 48		Dateline		Chicago Fire		Sherri		TMZ Live		Mod	Mod	Gold	Gold	
WTPX	Varied Programs																						
CW	14 Na- tional	64 Caught in Provi- dence	14 Weather 83 M'ry	14 Paid Program	14 Court 83 S. Wilkos	14 Couples Court	14 Hot Bench 83 Karamo	14 Hot Bench	14 Pater- nity 83 M'ry	14 Pa- ternity Court	14 Law & Order: SVU 83 XTRA	64 Ac- cess Hol- lywood	14 Judge Jerry 83 Sherri		14 Judge Mathis 83 Judge Jerry		14 Pictio- nary 83 Karamo	14 You Bet Your Life	14 Jeopardy 83 Steve Wilkos	14 Funny You Ask	14 You Bet	14 Shel- don 83 Judge	
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MONDAY				EVENING								NOV. 28			
		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30		
ABC		News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N) (DVS)	The Great Christmas Light Fight (Season Premiere) Families make holiday decorations. (N) (DVS)				The Good Doctor "Boys Don't Cry" Shaun and Lea discuss starting a family. (N) (DVS)		News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (DVS)		(:37) Nightline (N) (DVS)		
WBAY		Action 2 News at Six (N)													
CBS		Local 5 News at 6:00 (N)	Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) Inside Edition (N) (DVS)	Rudolph, Red-Nosed Reindeer Neighborhood	Bob Hearts Abishola Christina gets a new job. (DVS)	NCIS "All or Nothing" NCIS investigates an unexpected death. (DVS)		NCIS: Hawai'i "Nightwatch" A Navy seaman is involved in a murder. (DVS)		Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N) (DVS)		(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden (N) (DVS)		
WFRV		(5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6													
WSAW															
FOX		The Big Bang Theory (DVS) Jeopardy! (N) (DVS)	The Big Bang Theory (DVS) Wheel of Fortune (N) (DVS)	9-1-1 "Red Flag" A family dog retrieves a severed hand. (N) (DVS)		(:02) The Cleaning Lady "The Ask" Arman confronts Nadia about her secret. (N) (DVS)		NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) Fox 11 News at Nine (Live)		Seinfeld Kramer helps George take arcade game. (DVS)	Seinfeld "The Diplomats Club" Fox 11 News at 10 (N)	Last Man Standing (DVS) (:07) The King of Queens (DVS)	The Goldbergs (DVS) (:35) The Neighborhood (DVS)		
WZAW															
WLUK															
NBC		NBC26 News at 6pm (N)	Family Feud Wheel of Fortune America's Game (N)	The Voice "Live Top 10 Performances" The top 10 artists perform. (N) (Live)				(:01) Pitch Perfect: Bumper in Berlin (DVS)		NBC26 News at 10pm (N) NewsWatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N) (DVS) (:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N) (DVS)		(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers (DVS)		
WGWA															
WJFW															
PBS		PBS NewsHour (N) (DVS)		Jerry Apps: Food & Memories (N)			Decoding the Driftless North America's Driftless Area. (DVS)			Alone in the Wilderness Living in nature. (DVS)			The Great Age Reboot Strategies for the future. (DVS)		
WHRM															
WLEF															
WPNE															
WACY		Family Feud (DVS)	Two/Half Men	Dateline "At Close Range" (DVS)		Chicago P.D. (DVS)		My News at 9 NBC 26 Tonight		Two/Half Men Am Housewife		Am Housewife	Mom (DVS)		
WTPX		Criminal Minds "Zugzwang" (DVS)		Criminal Minds "Magnum Opus"		Criminal Minds "All That Remains"		Criminal Minds "Broken" (DVS)		Criminal Minds "Carbon Copy" (DVS)		Criminal Minds "The Gathering" (DVS)			
CW		The Big Bang Theory (DVS) Divorce Court (N) (DVS)	The Big Bang Theory (DVS) Divorce Court (N) (DVS)	All American "Hate It or Love It" Layla helps Patience with a crisis. (N) (DVS)		All American: Homecoming "Integrity" Marcus learns some disappointing news. (N) (DVS)		Last Man Standing The Liquidator		Seinfeld (DVS) Chicago P.D. (DVS)	The National Desk (N) (Live) black-ish (DVS)	The National Desk (N) (Live) black-ish (DVS)	Last Man Standing (DVS) black-ish (DVS)		
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WYOW															

TUESDAY					EVENING					NOV. 29		
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
ABC	News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	News 9 Pack Attack	Love Actually: 20 Years Later -- A Diane Sawyer/ABC News Special Celebrating the holiday classic. (N) (i) (cc)		20/20 "Cold to the Touch" (N) (i) (cc)		The Rookie: Feds "Flashback" Garza's character comes into question. (N) (i) (cc) (DVS)		News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (i) (cc)		(:37) Nightline (N) (cc)
9 WAOW	Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N) (i)							Action 2 News at 10 (N)			
2 WBAY												
CBS	Local 5 News at 6:00	Locker Room (N)	Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Animated. Burl Ives narrates an animated tale. (i) (cc)		(:01) Reindeer in Here Animated. Saving the future of Christmas. (N) (i) (cc)		(:01) FBI: Most Wanted "Inheritance" A couple are killed by a con artist. (i) (cc)		Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N) (i) (cc)		(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden (N) (i) (cc)
5 WFRV	WSAW	Locker Room							NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)			
7 WSAW												
FOX	The Big Bang Theory (i) (cc)	The Big Bang Theory (cc)	The Resident "No Pressure No Diamonds" Dr. Bell faces negative press. (N) (i) (cc) (DVS)		(:02) Monarch "Mergers and Propositions" Media mogul Skyler Samuels arrives. (N) (i) (cc) (DVS)		NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N)	Seinfeld "The Clip Show" Highlights from the series. (cc)	Seinfeld "The Understudy" (i)	Last Man Standing (i)	Last Man Standing (i)	The Goldbergs
55 WZAW	Jeopardy! (N) (i) (cc)	Wheel of Fortune (N) (cc)					Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)		Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	(:35) Seinfeld (i) (Part 1 of 2)	(:07) The King of Queens (i)	(:35) The Neighborhood
11 WLUK												
NBC	NBC26 News at 6pm (N) (cc)	Packers Live	The Voice "Live Top 10 Eliminations" America votes seven artists through. (N) (i) (Live) (cc)		Lopez vs Lopez "Pilot" Mayan deals with a difficult client. (cc)		Lopez vs Lopez (i)		Michael Bubl��s Christmas in the City The singer hosts a new holiday special. (i) (cc)	NBC26 News at 10pm (N)		(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (i) (cc)
26 WGBA	Newswatch 12 at 6 (N) (cc)	"America's Game" (cc)					Lopez vs Lopez (i)		Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)			(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers (i) (cc)
12 WJFW												
PBS	PBS NewsHour (N) (i) (cc)		Craft in America "Quilts" Contemporary masters of quilting. (i) (cc)			Ken Burns: America's Storyteller Tribute to producer Ken Burns. (i) (cc)			Wisconsin From the Air Landscapes of the state. (i) (cc)			Easy Yoga for Arthritis With Peggy Cappy Yoga relieves stiffness and pain. (i) (cc)
20 WHRM												
36 WLEF												
38 WPNE												
32 WACY	Family Feud (i)	Two/Half Men	NBA G League Basketball Wisconsin Herd at Grand Rapids Gold. (N)				My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	Mom (i) (cc)
46 WTPX	Chicago Fire "A Hell of a Ride" (i)		Chicago Fire "A Problem House"		Chicago Fire "Prove It" (i) (cc)		Chicago Fire "Defcon 1" (i) (cc)		Chicago Fire "A Nuisance Call" (i)		Chicago Fire "A Power Move" (i)	
CW	The Big Bang Theory (i) (cc)	The Big Bang Theory (i) (cc)	The Winchesters "You're Lost Little Girl" Mary's neighbor goes missing. (i) (cc)		Professionals "The Hunted" Grace is desperate to save the others. (N) (i)		Last Man Standing		Seinfeld "The Understudy" Chicago P.D. "A Night Owl"	The National Desk (N) (Live)	The National Desk (N) (Live)	Last Man Standing (i)
14 WCWF	Divorce Court (i) (cc)	Divorce Court (i) (cc)					The Liquidator			black-ish (i) (cc) (DVS)	black-ish (i)	Young Sheldon (i)
34 WYOW												Family Guy (i)

WEDNESDAY						EVENING				NOV. 30		
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
ABC	News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	Packers Live	The Conners The family moves into the new house. (N)	The Goldbergs Adam hangs out with his new colleagues. (N)	Abbott Elementary "Sick Day" Jarine is out sick for the day. (N)	(:31) Home Economics Denise's parents shake things up. (N)	Big Sky "Where There's Smoke There's Fire" (N) (DVS)		News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (i)		(:37) Nightline (N)
WAOW	Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N) (i)							Action 2 News at 10 (N)			
WBAY												
CBS	Local 5 News at 6:00 (i) (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6	Green Bay Nation (N) (i)	Survivor (N) (i)	The Amazing Race (N) (i)			FBI: International "Unburdened" A police detective is murdered. (i)		Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N) (i)		(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden (N) (i)
WFRV		Inside Edition (N) (i)							NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)			
WSAW												
FOX	The Big Bang Theory (i)	The Big Bang Theory (i)	The Masked Singer "Two Hour Epic Finale Pt. 1; Two Hour Epic Finale Pt. 2" (Season Finale) The winner is crowned. (N) (i) (DVS)				NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N)	Seinfeld "The Clip Show" Highlights from the series. (i)	Seinfeld "The Face Painter" (i)	Last Man Standing (i) (:35) Seinfeld (i) (Part 2 of 2)	Last Man Standing (i) (:07) The King of Queens	The Goldbergs (i) (:35) The Neighborhood
WZAW	Jeopardy! (N) (i)	Wheel of Fortune (N) (i)					Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)		Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)			
WLUK												
NBC	NBC26 News at 6pm (N) (i)	Total Packers-Matt LaFleur	90th Annual Christmas in Rockefeller Center The 90th annual tree-lighting ceremony. (N) (i) (Live) (i)				Kelly Clarkson Presents: When Christmas Comes Around Kelly Clarkson celebrates the holidays. (i) (i)		NBC26 News at 10pm (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (i) (i)		(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers (i) (i)
WGBA	Newswatch 12 at 6 (N) (i)	Wheel of Fortune							Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)			
WJFW												
PBS	PBS NewsHour (N) (i)		Our Birds: An In Wisconsin Special			Nature "Santa's Wild Home" Animals survive in Lapland. (i) (DVS)		Classical Rewind (My Music) Classical masterpieces. (i) (i)		Master Your Future With Rajiv Nagaich Planning for retirement. (i) (i)		
WHRM												
WLEF												
WPNE												
WACY	NBA G League Basketball Wisconsin Herd at Grand Rapids Gold. (N)				Family Feud (i)	Two/Half Men	My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	Mom (i) (i)
WTPX	NCIS "Something Blue" (i)				NCIS "Rendezvous" (i) (DVS)	NCIS "House Divided" (i)	NCIS "Twofer" (i) (i) (DVS)		NCIS "Exit Strategy" (i)		NCIS "Skeleton Crew" (i)	
CW	The Big Bang Theory (i) (i)	The Big Bang Theory (i) (i)	DC's Stargirl "Frenemies -- Chapter Twelve: The Last Will and Testament of Sylvester Pemberton" The JSA fears for what comes next. (N)			Kung Fu "Betrayal" Mei-Li gets creative at the restaurant. (N) (i) (i)		Last Man Standing	Seinfeld (i) (i) Chicago P.D. (i) (i)	The National Desk (N) (Live)	The National Desk (N) (Live)	Last Man Standing (i)
WCWF	Divorce Court (i) (i)	Divorce Court (i) (i)					Last Man Standing	The Liquidator		The National Desk (N) (Live)	black-ish (i) (i) (DVS)	black-ish (i)
WYOW												Young Sheldon (i)
												Family Guy (i)

THURSDAY						EVENING						DEC. 1	
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC	News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N) (i) (cc)	*** Frozen II (2019, Children's) <i>Voices of Kristen Bell, Idina Menzel, Josh Gad.</i> Premiere. Animated. Queen Elsa embarks on a journey to the enchanted forests. (i) (cc)			(:01) America's Funniest Home Videos A Christmas-themed episode. (i) (cc) (DVS)			News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (i) (cc)	(:37) Nightline (N) (cc)		
9 WAOW	Action 2 News at Six (N)								Action 2 News at 10 (N)				
2 WBAY													
CBS	Local 5 News at 6:00 (i) (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6	Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) (cc)	Young Sheldon Mary feels uncomfortable at church. (i)	(:31) Ghosts Hetty accidentally possesses Jay's body. (i) (cc)	(:01) So Help Me Todd "Let the Wright One In" Margaret attempts to join an elite club. (i) (cc)		CSI: Vegas "The Painted Man" Catherine enlists the help of Folsom. (i) (cc)		Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N) (i) (cc)	(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden (N) (i) (cc)		
5 WFRV		Inside Edition (N) (i) (cc)							NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)				
7 WSAW													
FOX	The Big Bang Theory (i) (cc)	The Big Bang Theory (cc)	Hell's Kitchen "Game On!" Chefs Jon Shook and Vinny Dotolo. (N) (i) (cc) (DVS)		(:02) Welcome to Flatch Barb hosts her first open house. (i)	Call Me Kat Phil has a romantic dilemma. (N) (i) (cc) (DVS)	NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N)	Seinfeld "The Finale" The four pals are arrested. (cc)	Seinfeld "The Foundation" (i)	Last Man Standing (i)	Last Man Standing (i)	The Goldbergs	
55 WZAW	Jeopardy! (N) (i) (cc)	Wheel of Fortune (N) (cc)					Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)		Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	(:35) Seinfeld (i) (Part 1 of 2)	(:07) The King of Queens	(:35) The Neighborhood	
11 WLUK													
NBC	NBC26 News at 6pm (N) (cc)	Family Feud	Dolly Parton's Mountain Magic Christmas (2022, Musical) <i>Dolly Parton, Tom Everett Scott, Ana Gasteyer.</i> Premiere. Dolly Parton stars in a holiday musical with special guests. (i) (cc)			The Wall "Deck the Wall: A Holiday Spectacular" Holiday-themed trivia questions. (i) (cc)		NBC26 News at 10pm (N)		(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (i) (cc)		(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers (i) (cc)	
26 WGBA	Newswatch 12 at 6 (N) (cc)	"America's Game" (N)						Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)					
12 WJFW													
PBS	PBS NewsHour (N) (i) (cc)		Welcome to John McGivern's Main Street (N) (i) (cc)		20 Things to Do in Midsomer ... Before You Die Midsomer Murders anniversary. (i) (cc)		Mary Berry's Simple Comforts "Paris" Mary Berry returns to Paris.		(:08) Mary Berry's Simple Comforts "River Thames" Mixed bean and butter-nut squash wraps.		Eat Your Medicine: The Pegan Diet With Mark Hyman, MD How to use food as medicine. (i) (cc)		
20 WHRM													
36 WLEF													
38 WPNE													
32 WACY	Family Feud (i)	Two/Half Men	Dateline "What They Saw" (cc)		Chicago P.D. (i) (cc)		My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	Mom (i) (cc)	
46 WTPX	Chicago P.D. "False Positive" (i)		Chicago P.D. "Informant" (i)		Chicago P.D. "No Regrets" (i)		Chicago P.D. "Absolution" (i)		Chicago P.D. "Mercy" (i)		Chicago P.D. "43rd and Normal"		
CW	The Big Bang Theory (i) (cc)	The Big Bang Theory (i) (cc)	Freddie Mercury: The Final Act The story of Queen's Freddie Mercury. (i)			Last Man Standing		Seinfeld (i) (cc)	The National Desk (N) (Live)	The National Desk (N) (Live)	Last Man Standing (i)	Young Sheldon (i)	
14 WCWF	Divorce Court (i) (cc)	Divorce Court (i) (cc)				The Liquidator		Chicago P.D. (i) (cc)		black-ish (i) (cc) (DVS)	black-ish (i)	Family Guy (i)	
34 WYOW													

WHAT'S HAPPENING

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23

GILLETT: 32nd annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner, 3:30-6:30 p.m., Hill-side Assembly of God Church. Reservations at 920-855-2962, teri@hillsideassembly.com or www.hillsideassembly.com; specify 3:30-4:15 p.m., 4:30-5:15 p.m., or 5:30-6:15 p.m.

SHAWANO: Thanksgiving Eve service, 6:30 p.m., Divine Savior Lutheran Church, 102 Northridge Drive.

THURSDAY, NOV. 24

SHAWANO: Turkey Trot, 7-9 a.m., Total Fitness, 116 N. Main St., Suite A. www.shawanototalfitness.com

TOWNSEND: Thanksgiving Day dinner, noon, St. John Lutheran Church, 17963 State Highway 32. RSVP to Lorry Runge at 715-276-7313 by Nov. 21.

FRIDAY, NOV. 25

OCONTO: Winter Wonderland Opening Night, 5-11 p.m., Holtwood Campground, 400 Holtwood Way. Drive-through holiday light display, open daily through Jan. 1.

SATURDAY, NOV. 26

SHAWANO: Holiday Stroll and Tree Lighting, activities 3-5 p.m., Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Tree lighting 5 p.m.

OCONTO FALLS: Avenue of Lights Opening Night, 6 p.m., East Side Beach, North Main Street. Live Christmas music at the shelter 6 p.m., Santa Claus arrives as lights light up 6:30 p.m. Lights displayed 6-10 p.m. daily through Jan. 1.

SUNDAY, NOV. 27

BREED: Vets 4 Vets of Northeast Wisconsin Free Christmas Trees for Veterans, 1-4 p.m., Uncle Paul's Christmas Trees, 11489 State Highway 32. Veterans reserve a time at Vets4vetsnew@gmail.com or call Dan at 414-627-9866.

FRIDAY, DEC. 2

SHAWANO: Downtown Santa Parade, 6-8 p.m., Start at Elizabeth and Main, proceed north on Main to Green Bay Street,



Darrell Joachim poses with a couple of his wife Cynthia's creations during the craft and vendor sale at St. John's Lutheran Church in Gillett in 2022.

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turn west (left) one block to Washington Street, turn south (left) and end at Franklin Park. After the parade, visit with Santa at Coldwell Banker, 105 S. Washington St.

NAVARINO: Wreath Making Class, 6-8:30 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. \$35 covers frame, greenery and supplies, or bring your own frame \$25. RSVP requested, 715-758-6999, www.navarino.org.

WITTENBERG: Community Christmas Tree Lighting, 7-7:30 p.m., Art Park, 114 Vinal St.

SATURDAY, DEC. 3

OCONTO: Class of 2024 Christmas

Craft and Vendor Event, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Oconto High School, 1717 Superior Ave.

SHAWANO: Shawano Optimist Club Christmas Movie Event, 8:30 a.m. to noon, Shawano Cinema, 1494 E. Green Bay St. Admission free with nonperishable food donation for SAFPARC. Doors open 8:30 a.m., movies start 9:30 a.m.

SHAWANO: Craft show, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 100 W. Presbyterian St.

SHAWANO: Cookie Walk, 9-11 a.m., Peace United Church of Christ, 208 E. Maurer St.

GILLETT: Christmas in the Park, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Santa's Workshop Sale, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, 101 W. Main St. Santa Claus and kids' activities 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Zippel Park, 150 N. McKenzie St. Caroling 4:45 p.m., light displays 5 p.m., followed by fireworks.

SHAWANO: Merry Mielke Trivia Challenge, 1-4 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 N. Airport Road. \$10 per person for teams of eight. Prizes for ugliest Christmas sweater and best decorated table. Cash prizes for first- through third-place teams. Food and beverages available for purchase.

OCONTO: Santa's Visit and Christmas Parade, 2-4:30 p.m., City Hall, 1210 Main St. Parade to Farnsworth Public Library starts at 4 p.m.

LENA: Village of Lights, 3:30-7 p.m. Reindeer Dash 5K Run, 3:30 p.m., sponsored by Lena High School baseball team, 204 E. Main St.; Tree lighting ceremony, 4:45 p.m., Santa arrives 5 p.m., Village Hall, 117 E. Main St. Horse-drawn carriage rides and Blizzard Bingo from Village Hall, 5-7 p.m.

RIVERVIEW: Christmas Tree Lighting, 4-7 p.m., Riverview Community Center, 15471 State Highway 32. More than 30 trees adopted by local businesses; Santa's Village inside where kids can share their Christmas wishes with Santa.

SHAWANO: Jingle and Mingle, 4:30-9 p.m., Sacred Heart Parish, 321 S. Sawyer St. Catholic Mass at 4:30 p.m., Evening Out local food and beverage tasting 5:30 p.m. 21 and older, silent auction, bucket raffles, meat raffle and music, \$20 per person.

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FRIDAY				EVENING								DEC. 2		
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30		
ABC	9 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	Entertainment To-night (N) (D)	Shark Tank Daniel Lubetzky guest sharks. (N) (DVS)		(:01) 20/20 (N) (D)				9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) 9 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (D)		(:37) Nightline (N) (D)		
9 WAOW 2 WBAY	9 Action 2 News at Six (N)													
CBS	9 Local 5 News at 6:00 5 (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6	9 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 9 Inside Edition (N) (D)	S.W.A.T. "Sequel" (N) (D)		Fire Country "Happy to Help" Bode's crew is accused of stealing. (N) (D)		Blue Bloods "Heroes" (N) (DVS)		9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 9 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N) (D)		(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden (D)		
FOX	Pac-12 Championship Pregame (N) (Live) (D)		College Football Pac-12 Championship: Teams TBA. (N) (Live) (D)									9 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (D)	9 Last Man Standing "Pilot" (N) 11 Jeopardy! (N)	9 The Goldbergs (D) 11 Wheel of Fortune (N) (D)
53 WZAW 11 WLUK														
NBC	9 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 9 NewsChannel 12 at 6 (N) (D)	9 Family Feud 9 Wheel of Fortune "America's Game" (N)	Lopez vs Lopez "Lopez vs Birthdays" George throws a party.	Young Rock Dwayne is locked in a restaurant. (N) (D)	Dateline NBC (D)				9 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 9 NewsChannel 12 at 10pm (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (D)		(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers (D)		
26 WGBA 12 WJFW														
PBS	PBS NewsHour (N) (D)		Washington Week (N) (D)	Here and Now (N) (D)	Willie Nelson: Live at Budokan Willie Nelson in a 1984 show in Japan. (D)			Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and Friends: 50 Years and Circlin' Back The band celebrates milestones and hits. (D)		Alone in the Wilderness Living in nature. (DVS)				
20 WHRM 38 WLEF 38 WPNE														
92 WACY	Family Feud (D)	Two/Half Men	To Be Announced					My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Mom (D)		
48 WTPX	Hawaii Five-0 (D)		Hawaii Five-0 (D)			Hawaii Five-0 (D)		Hawaii Five-0 (D)		Hawaii Five-0 "He Puh'e Miki" (D)				
CW	9 The Big Bang Theory (D)	9 The Big Bang Theory (D)	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "That (Bleeping) Teller!" Luka Vidovic; Connor McDonald. (N) (D)		Criss Angel's Magic With the Stars "Easy Rider" Actors Michael Ian Black and Matt Walsh. (N) (D)		9 Fox 11 News at Nine on CW	9 Seinfeld (D) 9 Chicago P.D. (D)	9 The National Desk (N) (Live)	9 The National Desk (N) (Live) 9 black-ish "I'm a Survivor" (D)	9 Last Man Standing (D)	9 Young Sheldon (D)		
14 WCWF 34 WYOW	9 Divorce Court (N) (D)	9 Divorce Court (D)					9 The Liquidator				9 black-ish (DVS)	9 Family Guy (D)		

WHY I GIVE THANKS

Thankful for a rich and vibrant culture

By **CHRISTOPHER M. CALDWELL**

Wāēwāēnen

It is to the Creator I give thanks.
It is to our ancestor's leadership and vision that I give thanks.

It is to today's leaders that I give thanks.

It is to the forest that I give thanks.

It is to my family that I give thanks.

It is to all my relations that I give thanks.

It is for the ability to serve that I give thanks.

In the Menominee language, wāēwāēnen is one way to say thank you. Even though I know so little of my people's language, I speak and write as much as I can throughout my day at work and at home. Sometimes when I struggle to understand what others say to me in the language, I feel a little sad. I wish I knew more. I wish I visited and listened to my elders more. I wish the boarding schools and assimilation efforts had never existed. On and on my mind goes.

But, then I stop and think, the word wāēwāēnen is a simple reminder of all our leaders did do to protect what we have today. We are still connected to the lands of our ancestors. We are connected to our forest, our language, and our culture. We are able to serve our families, our communities, and all of our relations. We are able to share knowledge as part of solutions that address global issues. Wāēwāēnen is a simple reminder that the Menominee language has been spoken across our lands since time immemorial

through times of great uncertainty. That one word also reminds me to be grateful for the opportunities we have today to be good ancestors for future generations.

In my work at the College of Menominee Nation, I am privileged to be a part of helping our tribal land-grant institution serve the Menominee people and all those who wish to come learn with us. Yet, there are many others in our community focused on revitalizing the Menominee language. Community grassroots organizations like MenominiYou and Menikēnaehkem, tribal government programs such as the Menominee Language and Culture Commission, Menominee Tribal Historic Preservation Department, as well as the Menominee Indian School District. But, just as important are the many individuals who continue to practice and share language and culture with others as a way of life. This collective effort is what will move our language from endangered status to being the vibrant foundational part of our community life. Thinking about all of this work is a way to truly be thankful and say wāēwāēnen.

Yet, in thinking about all of this, I find one more important thing to remember is that saying wāēwāēnen is not just a Menominee way but can be found in the languages and cultures from across this world. If we were all able to focus on remembering and doing, that would be truly something to give thanks to.

Eneq (that is all).

Christopher M. Caldwell is president of the College of Menominee Nation.



Christopher M. Caldwell is the fourth person to serve as president of the College of Menominee Nation since its inception in 1993.

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WHY I GIVE THANKS

We live in such a wonderful part of the world

By **SAMANTHA BOUCHER**

Ten years ago, when I became the tourism director for Oconto County, I took on a huge responsibility. Oconto County offers some of the best vacation experiences in the Midwest. Suddenly, I was in charge of telling about these experiences and supporting the people who made them happen. I knew I couldn't go at it alone. So, when NEW Media asked me to explain why I give thanks, I immediately thought of everyone who makes my job promoting Oconto County so easy.

I'm especially thankful for my family and friends who go along with my crazy ideas and jump in with two feet to volunteer with community projects. Winter Wonderland in Oconto is a great example. You need a lot of volunteers and a lot of hours to set up all of the holiday lights. I don't think people realize how much work goes into a light display like Winter Wonderland or the Avenue of Lights (the Oconto Falls Christmas display organized by the Lioness Club). One day alone is spent just laying down extension cords! What really surprises me about these volunteers is their smiles. They're so happy to participate and generously give of their time for the betterment of others, not themselves.

I'm so grateful to all of the civic organizations that organize community events like Winter Wonderland, Avenue of Lights, Fourth of July celebrations, the Oconto County Fair, Oconto Fly-in, Breakfast on the Farm, Lena Dairyfest, and so many other festivals and events. These celebrations truly inspire a sense of community pride and community spirit, bringing together local residents and visitors as well. I encourage you to get involved in your local civic organization, because a couple of hours



For the last 10 years, Samantha Boucher has helped guide the effort to welcome visitors to Oconto County.

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volunteering goes a long way.

Tourism is a \$123 million industry in Oconto County, and these events contribute to that number. Festivals, craft fairs, farmers markets, and other events are so important to the local economy.

I'm also grateful for the volunteer organizations that support and maintain our wonderful trail systems and natural resources. Visitors love spending time in Oconto County because it's their ticket to the great outdoors. Guests come here to camp,

hunt, fish, snowmobile, take ATV and horseback rides, ski, kayak, and hike. Our trails and waterways are well-used. The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest in northern Oconto County is a fantastic scenic playground year-round. I'm grateful to all of the businesses and local residents that welcome guests and help them enjoy the Northwoods to its fullest.

The Oconto County Economic Development Corp. wholeheartedly supports the tourism industry and

the business community in Oconto County. In addition to promoting Oconto County near and far, we help local small businesses start, expand, and transition their companies. For example, we help business owners apply for grants and microloans to buy equipment and inventory or renovate their facilities.

The Main Street BounceBack Grant is a great example. These grants are available until Dec. 31 as part of the American Recovery Plan Act, also known as the COVID-19 stimulus package. Numerous businesses in Oconto County opened new locations or expanded operations with the help of this grant. Recipients use the grants to pay leases, mortgages, business costs, and operational expenses. Research shows that everyone benefits from a strong local economy, higher property values, and a better-skilled workforce. For me, watching local businesses open, grow, and thrive is so rewarding. I'm grateful to all of the companies that make their home in Oconto County.

But enough about work!

I'm also grateful to my family – my husband, Dustin, and son, Bodhi, who are always there for me. I'm thankful for my parents, Clark and Julie Routheau, who always encourage me and guide me in the right direction.

This Thanksgiving, I'll be spending time with my family around a traditional Thanksgiving dinner at Grandma June's house in Oconto. It's just where I want to be on this special holiday.

From the Routheau and Boucher families and all of us at Oconto County Economic Development Corp., I want to wish you and your loved ones a Happy Thanksgiving.

Samantha Boucher is the tourism director for the Oconto County Economic Development Corp.



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WHY I GIVE THANKS

Life in Wisconsin leaves much to be thankful for

By LUKE REIMER

Going from growing up in De Pere, to attending college in La Crosse, to landing a job in Shawano, to now living in Green Bay, has predominately shaped who I am as a person.

I, personally, am most thankful for my time growing, learning and becoming an adult in Wisconsin. Winters might be cold, summers might be short and mosquitoes may take over any vacation, but one thing that stands above all that is the people. Wisconsin has shown me that no matter who you are — whether it be a different race, gender, ethnicity, age, income level, have different political ideologies, or even just have different interests — we can all enjoy a cold beer or hot chocolate together like we are brother or sister. Growing up, my parents instilled in me to accept others for who they are, and so far in my short adult life, I have made so many friends, that seven years ago, I probably wouldn't have thought of introducing myself to, due to different interests. Living in Wisconsin, where everybody wants to go out for a fish fry and an old-fashioned, makes it that much easier to do so.

I think that is proven best at Green Bay Packers games. Even if you don't have tickets to the game, I implore everybody to tailgate before a game. Everyone hosting a tailgate will be more than happy to grill you a hot dog or offer a beer, but what makes it Wisconsin is that those same people will make you feel like family. In the maybe 10 minutes that you stay at each tailgate, you will know someone's whole family heritage. That speaks to who the people of Wisconsin are — something that I am incredibly thankful for. Minimal drama, minimal fighting, but maximum amounts of



Among his numerous duties Luke Reimer covers the Packers for NEW Media's Green and Gold Express.

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friends, family and laughs.

I know that I am only 24 years old, but living in Wisconsin has given me more than I could have imagined so far in my life. I have interviewed hall of fame boxer Virgil Hill, seen Sir Paul McCartney in concert and met my childhood hero, Aaron Rodgers. Bigger than that, Wisconsin has given me a college degree, a professional job and the start to the rest of my life.

It would be negligent of me too if I didn't talk about my parents here. My dad, Mike, and my mom, Beth, have been the two strongest support pieces on my journey. With both of them being social workers, they have taught me a number of life lessons

that nobody else will understand, because they have seen the worst of the worst. I am at the Shawano Leader today, because my father had inquired about the open position here for me. I was able to apply for and be accepted to college, mostly due to my mom constantly asking me if I filled out applications or scholarships. For every thing that I have seen and experienced, my parents have done all they can to put me in the right position to do so, which is something that I will always be thankful for.

Finally, I am thankful to be able to serve the residents of Shawano, Oconto and Menominee counties and provide them with the news that

is happening around them. I started here in March 2021, during a pandemic, and the reception and support that I received from each municipality in those three counties has been overwhelming. I know that I have already made some lifelong friends, and I cannot wait to see what the future holds here.

With an incredible mixture of family, friends, supporters and anyone else who has taken time out of their life to get me here, I thank you. God Bless and Go Pack!

Luke Reimer is a reporter for NEW Media, which publishes the Shawano Leader, Oconto County Times Herald, Wittenberg-Biramwood Enterprise-News and newmedia-wi.com.

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WHY I GIVE THANKS

Past years have brought many blessings

By **BRUCE MILAVITZ**

As I reflect on the past year and years of my life, these are some of the things I am thankful for:

My continued health especially since I had battled prostate cancer, and through the grace of God and the help of alternative treatments, I have beat it.

I am thankful for my family, for my loving wife, Charlene, of over 30 years; she is my soulmate, my business partner and the glue that holds our family together.

I am thankful that I was blessed with five wonderful, healthy, productive children, and through those children our family thus far has grown to include four healthy, fun, rambunctious grandchildren who I absolutely adore.

I am thankful for the relationship I have with God and His guidance in my life.

I am thankful for a successful business for over 25 years in Shawano, first starting out as Tires Plus then with a name change to American Car Center. I am thankful that with months of prayer, when we had the opportunity to sell, we were at peace with that decision and still are.

I am thankful that we still have a successful towing business and for the past year our son Aaron, mostly runs it



Bruce Milavitz has been mayor of Shawano since a special election in April 2021.

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and will soon take over.

I am also thankful that I was able to take flying lessons and become a pilot while still a business owner of American Car Care Center and for the past year I have been flying an air ambu-

lance, helping patients in need.

I am thankful that selling our business gave me the opportunity to run for and become the mayor of Shawano, which opened my eyes even more to all the great things about Shawano. I'm

thankful to live in such a grateful and kind community, and as your mayor I will strive for continued forward progress of our city.

Bruce Milavitz is the mayor of Shawano.



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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN

Let's allow children to be whole selves

I am a Vietnamese American educator, and I want you to know that, every day, you are empowered to be fascinated by the prior experiences and knowledge that all of our students, educators and families bring to us. Sharing stories provides space for us to connect with one another and helps build authentic relationships.

In any profession (and especially in education), it is important that we think through our “why” — the reason we do the work we do — and that we share our story with each other. By doing so, we strengthen our understanding of each other's perspectives and the experiences and strengths each of us bring to the table. My personal story and experiences growing up helped shape me and the work I do for Wisconsin students.

My family left Vietnam as refugees in the 1980s because we did not believe in the political construct that ultimately took over. It took us four attempts to flee Vietnam to finally be united as a full family of 11 in America.

As all our educators want to do right by each of our students, our schools and districts are continuing to dig deeper into understanding and supporting different marginalized subgroups. Growing up, I fell into many of these — low



DUY NGUYEN

socio-economic status, language learner and Asian.

In elementary school, I learned early on that my family struggled with access to food.

I still remember being handed the bright orange lunch tickets to let our food service staff know I needed to be accounted differently for lunch. The awareness at 5 years old that my family and I were not worthy of food, that I had to be treated differently, is steeped in my identity.

At the same time in elementary school, it was decided that I was unable to speak English proficiently. Because of that, I was sent to a separate classroom and was tasked with playing a computer game to help me learn. Instead of using my knowledge to think critically like other students in my class, I was isolated and spent some of my days deciding if I wanted to eat the virtual fish, ignore the bait or escape from predators.

As one of the only Vietnamese students in school, it was clear to me that I was different, and for me to fit in, I had to act and be some-

one else. In this case, I assimilated to a point where I was embarrassed of who I really was and where I came from.

Years later, I look back and have so many questions.

What if I had educators who acknowledged my prior experiences and background and saw them as my strengths to then build upon?

What if we develop the capacity for compassion — to see the good in each other? To notice the fact that having food is a basic need for all children? To see that our children do not come to us broken; they are whole. They come to us with prior experiences and knowledge to be valued and acknowledged.

What if my educators recognized that my understanding of language was higher than my ability to speak? What if I had the chance to be with my peers, in the classroom, to feel connected, to be visible and to know that my story was worthy of inclusion?

What if I could be my whole self? Not ashamed of my genesis story; instead, proud knowing that it is the counter story that supports the work of wanting all humans to flourish.

It wasn't until I had the opportunity to be with people who believed in me, people who were fascinated

by me, that I could start to put my compelling “why” I am in education into words. As an assistant state superintendent at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, I want to give every child a voice, so they do not end up being adults without one, or who don't recognize their own. I encourage all of us to know our own stories and find ways to engage in storytelling and “story listening.”

As an American educator and Wisconsin's first Southeast Asian assistant state superintendent, please join me in lifting our students' lived experiences, so we can start to appreciate and allow them to be their whole selves. This will go a long way toward becoming the lifelong learners that we need to be.

Our amazing educators have a deep respect for our students. Let's lean into our curiosity and fascination with others by taking the time to slow down and truly know who is in our school communities. I firmly believe that hearing their stories and learning from one another will help every student flourish; in turn, our educators will continue to thrive and be inspired to persist in the incredible work they do.

Duy Nguyen is the assistant state superintendent of public instruction.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Enough with the dark money ad campaigns

To the editor:

On Nov. 8, the Town of Bartelme in northwest Shawano County held a referendum to weigh in on the Wisconsin United to Amend question calling for a U.S. Constitutional Amendment to once and for all disallow corporations, unions, Super PACs and others from making unlimited contributions to political campaigns.

The same question has been posed 167 times previously in WIUTA referendums and resolutions in Wisconsin. It passed with an 88.8% approval in Bartelme, giving

the WIUTA initiative a 168 wins, zero losses record in the state, and now represents over half the state population on the issue.

Ironically, the midterm elections also set a record for campaign spending totaling \$16.7 billion nationwide. That's more money than any previous election in world history, including every previous presidential election. The most amazing thing? With few exceptions, all that money simply maintained the status quo by returning incumbents to their preordained gerrymandered outcomes.

The Wisconsin United to Amend effort, like the other 22 states that have already called for the constitutional amendment, compares its nonprofit grassroots bottom-up

populist effort to the ground swell for women's suffrage that occurred in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

Women's suffrage in America began in Seneca Falls, New York, July 1848. It took 70-plus years to come to fruition with the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1919. The 19th Amendment is 39 words long and takes less than a minute to read. It took over 70 years to simply agree that women get to vote, same as men. When viewed from today's perspective, it's hard to comprehend why or how it could take so long to pass such a basic, fundamental right.

With the unprecedented record-breaking spending spree that each new election cycle digresses into

— complete with non-stop, back-to-back, fact-check-immune negative ads sponsored by dark money Super PACs — it's impossible to fathom what our elections will look like in another decade or two, let alone 70 years and whether our citizens can or will be able to make wise choices through the thickening smoke screens, distracting noises and intentional disinformation.

The vast majority of people agree with the voters in Bartelme. It's really just a matter of getting our elected officials to agree with us — to forsake the allure of special-interest money and all the strings that come entangled with it — strings that profit them, always at our expense.

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United States of America Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ANR Pipeline Company Docket No. CP23-15-000

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Description of Company:

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Description:

A map indicating the general location of construction associated with the Project is shown. More information on WRP can be found on its Project specific website: www.tcenergy.com/wrp.

For More Information:

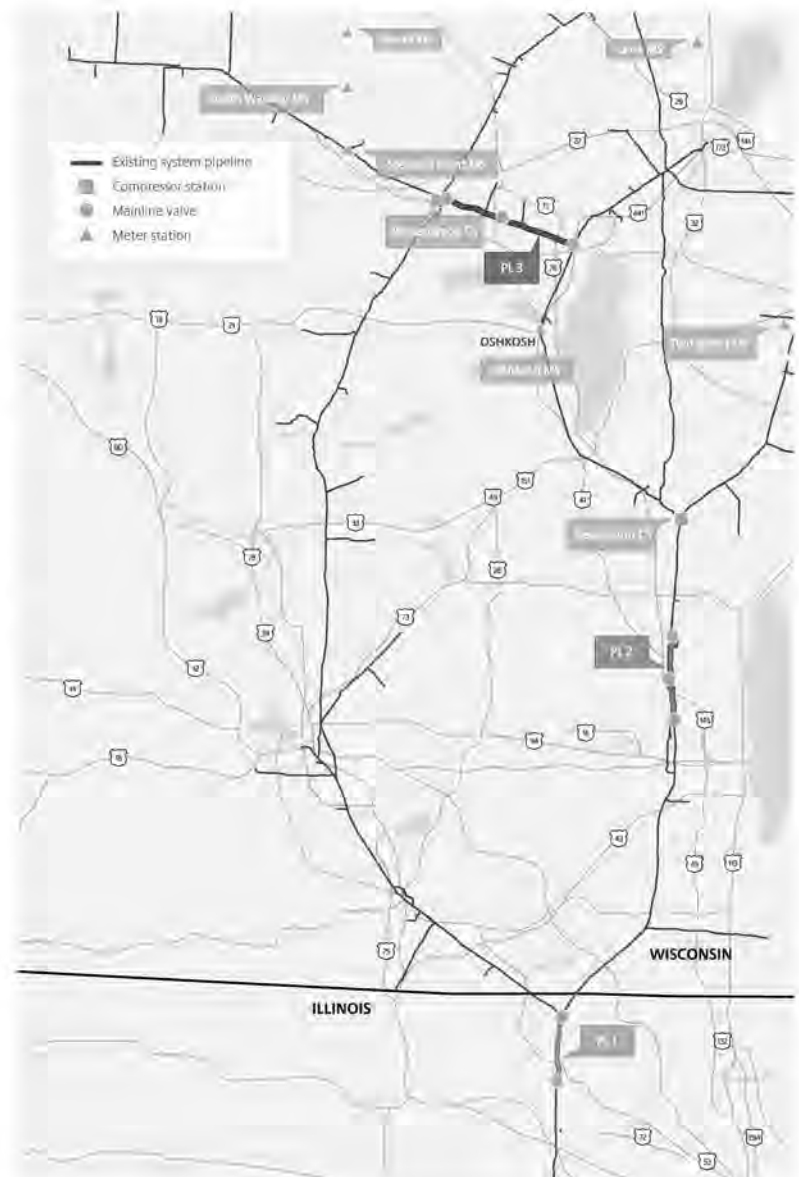
A copy of the application ANR filed with FERC is available at: T B Scott Free Library, Marathon County Public Library, Lena Public Library, Portage County Public Library, Manitowoc Public Library, Oshkosh Public Library, Kewaskum Public Library, Menomonee Falls Public Library, Germantown Community Library, Weyauwega Public Library, Appleton Public Library, and Woodstock Public Library.

The application is also accessible via FERC's website. Go to www.ferc.gov, click on eLibrary (upper right-hand corner of screen) and perform a search using Docket No. CP23-15-000.

A separate copy of FERC's notice of the application specifically stating the date by which timely motions to intervene are due, together with FERC's information sheet about how to intervene in FERC proceedings, will be mailed to affected landowners and government entities shortly after FERC issues a formal notice of ANR's application.

Information about citizen rights under FERC regulations can be found by visiting the FERC website, www.ferc.gov. FERC's information pamphlet, "An Interstate Natural Gas Pipeline on My Land?" is available at <https://www.ferc.gov/sites/default/files/2020-04/AnInterstateNaturalGasFacility.WhatYouNeedToKnow.pdf>. The information can also be obtained by calling FERC's office of External Affairs at 866-208-3372.

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CITY OF GILLETT 2023 PROPOSED BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 5:30 pm** in the Council Chambers of the Gillett Municipal Building, 150 N McKenzie Ave, Gillett Wisconsin, a public hearing will be held on the proposed 2023 budget, following the public hearing the Council will vote on the proposed budget during a Special Common Council meeting at **6:00 pm that same night**. The proposed budget is available for inspection in the business office at City Hall during normal business hours 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Mon - Thursday; at the Gillett Public Library during normal business hours; at the Gillett Post Office or the Gillett Police Department during normal business hours. The following is a summary of the proposed 2023 City Budget:

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Public Charges for Service	83,890.00	83,890.00	151,392.00	148,890.00	148,890.00
Intergovernmental Charges	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	6,050.00	6,050.00	43,181.00	6,050.00	6,050.00
Other Financing Sources	300,000.00	300,000.00	68,605.00	0.00	225,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES	1,683,069.00	1,684,069.00	1,613,072.00	1,571,461.00	1,811,018.00
EXPENDITURES					
General Government					
General Government	261,974.00	262,884.00	230,474.00	298,559.00	267,983.00
Public Safety	442,485.00	496,445.00	541,153.00	562,112.00	484,424.00
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Health and Human Services	22,460.00	22,460.00	24,736.00	24,900.00	26,500.00
Culture, Recreation, Education	26,875.00	23,830.00	58,705.00	21,300.00	30,300.00
Conservation and Development	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay and Planning	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	130,243.00	130,243.00	124,551.00	70,277.00	265,020.00
Other Financing Uses	465,803.00	196,603.00	59,638.00	180,000.00	282,600.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,738,560.00	1,452,435.00	1,597,471.00	1,536,918.00	1,764,067.00

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Shawano officer on leave after shooting

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

A Shawano police officer is on administrative leave following an officer-involved shooting that killed a man Nov. 19.

Shawano County Sheriff's Office, with assistance from the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) is investigating an officer involved death in the City of Shawano that occurred on Nov. 19 at approximately 5 p.m.

Officers responded at about 5 p.m. to a home in the 900 block of Lafayette Street for a reported disturbance, according to a press release from Police Chief Bradley Rabideau. Officers were let into the home and directed to the basement, where officers observed someone with their hands in the air and another person holding a shotgun. An officer discharged their weapon, striking the individual with the gun. Rabideau said in the release that officers attempted lifesaving measures

before the individual was transported to the hospital, where they died.

No law enforcement personnel were injured during the incident, according to Rabideau.

Shawano County Sheriff's Department is leading the investigation and

is assisted by the Wisconsin Division of Criminal Investigation, Wisconsin Crime Lab, Wisconsin State Patrol, and the Shawano County Coroner's Office. All involved law enforcement officers are fully cooperating with the investigation, Rabideau said.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That proposals will be received by the City Administrator for Construction Manager at Risk Services for the Construction of a new Fire Station funded through (ARPA) American Rescue Plan Act-Neighborhood Investment Grant. The total project costs cannot exceed \$7 Million and must be completed by December 31, 2024.

All proposals shall be sealed and clearly marked:
 Proposal for RFP Construction Management Services-Fire Station
 Submitted to
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 Oconto Falls City Hall,
 500 N Chestnut Ave. / PO Box 70
 Oconto Falls, WI 54154

Response deadline: **12:00 P.M. CST, December 1, 2022.**

The City of Oconto Falls reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids and to award a contract to the bidder that matches the needs of the city. The City shall not be liable for any pre-contract costs incurred by interested firms participating in the selection process. Copies of specification will be mailed upon request or may be obtained at the City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Electronic copies of the bid documents may be downloaded at <https://cityofocontofalls.com>

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Village Trustees continued:

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Eight (8) Alderpersons, each for a term of two years, whose term will begin on Tuesday, April 18, 2023:

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 Debbie Rudie – Ward 3

City of Oconto

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A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the school district office. Schools located in Oconto County, but not listed above publish separately in another paper (Coleman, Crivitz, Lena, Peshtigo, and Wabeno).

*Indicates that the present officeholder was appointed to fulfill the term ending Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy, must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, in the office of the responsible clerk.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2022, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2023. Judicial Office candidates (except multi-jurisdictional municipal judges) file with the Wisconsin Elections Commission.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a town caucus for the purpose of nominating candidates to appear on the spring election ballot for the above listed offices will be scheduled during the month of January. The caucus will be held on a date not sooner than Tuesday, January 3, 2023 and not later than January 3, 2023. Notice of the scheduled date of the caucus will be given at least five days before the caucus. The Towns of Bagley, Gillett, and Morgan hold a caucus.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if an incumbent does not file a Notification of Noncandidacy by 5:00 p.m., on December 23, 2022, and does not seek reelection, the deadline for filing nomination papers or declaration of candidacy papers will be extended an additional 72 hours or no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 6, 2023.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID, you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

DONE in the City of Oconto, this 14th day of November, 2022.

Kim Pytleski, Oconto County Clerk, 301 Washington Street, Oconto, WI 54153

Twelve (12) School Board Members, each for a term of three years, whose term will begin on Monday, April 24, 2023:

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Oconto Unified School District

Douglas Thompson – City Seat
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Oconto Falls School District

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 Adam Adler

Pulaski School District

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 Zone 4 (Townships of Maple Grove and Lessor)
 Heidi Melzer
 Zone 6 (Village of Hobart and Township of Oneida)
 Alisa Anderson*
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OCONTO FALLS KNOCKS OFF MENOMINEE INDIAN

Panthers get balanced
scoring in win

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Oconto Falls' Madeline Maloney puts up a shot during the team's nonconference game against Menominee Indian on Nov. 17 in Oconto Falls.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Oconto Falls opens season with home win

Panthers hold off late charge by Eagles

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Oconto Falls girls basketball team opened the winter season by taking down Menominee Indian 46-39 on Nov. 17 in Oconto Falls.

Oconto Falls built a big lead in the first half behind some strong 3-point shooting before needing to hold off a valiant Menominee Indian comeback effort in the final half.

"It's crazy, senior season, me and Kate (Pytleski) are definitely really excited and we really love our teammates so it feels really good to start the season with a win," said Oconto Falls' Ashlyn Allen.

Fittingly, it was the two seniors that got Oconto Falls going in the first half. Pytleski converted a contested shot near the rim on the team's opening possession, and then Allen knocked in a 3-pointer to put the hosts up 5-0.

Menominee Indian's first basket was a 3-pointer from Mariah Fish, making it 5-3 briefly before Oconto Falls took over. The Panthers scored the next 12 points.

The run began with a pair of free throws from Morgan Moynihan before Allen and Pytleski hit 3-pointers. Madeline Maloney joined the scoring parade with a bucket before Bailee Gorman capped the big spurt with a bucket.

A 3-pointer from Menominee Indian's Kaysha Wilber put a halt to the run, but Oconto Falls then then went on an 11-1 run to push the lead to 21, 28-7.

Amber Otto scored five points, including another 3-pointer, to lead the Panthers on that spurt. Gorman, Moynihan and Allen all chipped in a bucket.

Menominee Indian settled in during the last four minutes of the half, with a 3-pointer from Anisa Peters stopping the run before Wilber hit another shot. Oconto Falls still led 32-13 at the break and seemed in complete control.

After dealing with some foul trouble in the opening half, Allen was tagged for her fourth foul early in the second half.

A couple free throws and 3-pointer from Peters got Menominee Indian within 14 points, but a triple from Gor-



Menominee Indian's Isabella O'Kimosh, right, defends Oconto Falls' Brynn Hodkiewicz during a nonconference matchup on Nov. 17 in Oconto Falls.

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man and baskets from Maloney and Pytleski put the hosts back up 19 again.

After a timeout with 12:03 to play, Menominee Indian started applying some full-court pressure. The pressure got to Oconto Falls, leading to more turnovers than attempted shots over the next several minutes. During that stretch, the Eagles slowly crept back into the game.

Fish and Natalie Peters converted shots to start an 8-0 run from the visitors. Emma Komanekin later hit a shot, and Fish and Wilber made a free throw each to cap the run.

"I feel like Menominee has a big thing of like being a second half team," said Wilber. "We don't start out too good but the next half we're pretty good. We just cut it a little short every time."

Oconto Falls' Hannah Ludemann connected on a key 3-pointer to stop the Eagles' run and the Panthers' long scoring drought, but Wilber

answered with a basket and then hit another shot to get the deficit down to 10, 42-32.

Maloney had the game's next basket, but Menominee Indian still didn't back down. A triple from Wilber made it a nine-point game with just under four minutes to play. A free throw from Otto was answered by two free throws from Fish with exactly three minutes left.

Oconto Falls was able to hold on for the win by holding Menominee Indian scoreless until the last final seconds of the contest.

Pytleski thought the Panthers got overconfident after going up big and then started to make mistakes as a result. "But we finished strong, so it was a good first game."

The senior added that as the young, inexperienced group of players get more familiar with the varsity level of play, that the team will respond better to pressure. "We have to be more

confident with the ball. Who wants it more, pretty much."

While the comeback effort fell short, Menominee Indian was pleased with its finish to the contest and anticipate better results going forward.

"It's really nice to see because I feel like we have a good season in store for us coming ahead — because most of our varsity is full of young girls and we can tell the heart they already have and all of the energy they're giving us this early on," said Fish on the team's strong second half.

Menominee Indian 13 26 — 39

Oconto Falls 32 14 — 46

Oconto Falls (46): Hannah Ludemann 0-0 3, Ashlyn Allen 0-0 8, Kyndra Staidl 1-4 1, Morgan Moynihan 2-2 4, Bailee Gorman 0-2 7, Amber Otto 1-4 8, Madeline Maloney 0-1 8, Kate Pytleski 0-0 7.

Menominee Indian (39): Anisa Peters 0-2 6, Kaysha Wilber 3-6 17, Mariah Fish 5-8 10, Emma Komanekin 0-0 4, Natalie Peters 0-0 2.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

8 Hawks make all-conference lists

Henning the Bay's top receiver

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Shawano Community High School football team had eight players make all-conference teams after helping the team to a 3-4 finish in the Bay Conference this fall.

Senior Ashton Henning earned the highest honor after being tabbed the conference's Wide Receiver of the Year. He made the first team unanimously as a receiver and also earned a second team honor on defense for his play as an outside linebacker.

"It meant a lot to me, especially with having my surgery and not knowing how many games I was going to be able to play," said Henning of his honors. "So the help from my coaches and teammates played a big role into me accomplishing what I did and I couldn't be more happy."

Henning hauled in 32 receptions for 755 yards and 11 touchdowns in just six games. He also carried the ball seven times for 59 yards and an additional score.

Sophomore Jerzy Bocker earned double first team honors for the Hawks. He unanimously made the first team for his play as a defensive back and also was honored as a flex player on offense — he served as the team's quarterback most of the season.

Bocker completed 118 passes for 1,683 yards and 22 touchdowns. He also led the team with 573 rushing yards and five scores. On defense, he picked off three passes, had one fumble recovery and took three of those takeaways back for scores.

"First of all, I would like to thank all the seniors for what they did and I couldn't have done it without them," said Bocker. "At the start of the season I just wanted to get on the field and help the team out as much as I could. When our QB went down, I knew I had to step up and this was my chance, the team really helped me out and was willing to accept my mistakes early on."

"Earning the two all-conference spots meant a lot to me and is one of my biggest accomplishments of my young sports career. After our playoff loss to Mosinee, it really sunk in and I didn't want it to end that way. That



Shawano's Ashton Henning, right, runs with the ball during a Bay Conference win over Winneconne on Sept. 24 in Shawano. Henning was tabbed the conference's top receiver and earned all-conference honors at two spots as a senior.

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game really motivates me and it will for next season as well."

Sophomore Logan Sipple was a unanimous selection to the first team for his play as a wide receiver.

He caught 30 passes for 388 yards and four scores. Sipple also returned a kickoff for a touchdown this fall.

"It means a lot to me, especially being my first year playing wide receiver. It feels good to know that work is paying off," said Sipple. "Receiving a first team award will push me even harder for the next couple of seasons. It definitely motivates me to keep pushing hard during the offseason and working for the next year."

Senior Brady Glysch was another unanimous first teamer, making the list as an offensive lineman.

Glysch helped the Shawano

offense throw for 1,935 yards and rush for an additional 884 yards. The Hawks scored the second-most points in the Bay.

"It means a lot. One of my goals going into this year was to be named first team all-conference, and the fact that every coach in the conference voted for me makes me feel proud of how my senior season went," said Glysch.

Senior Michael Metcalf-Grassman joined Bocker on the all-conference first team defensive list. Metcalf-Grassman made it as an inside linebacker.

The senior picked off two passes and returned one for a touchdown.

Metcalf-Grassman made the second team as a wide receiver. He caught 21 passes for 266 yards and six scores. The senior also rushed for over 100 yards and threw for 252 yards and two

scores after starting the year as the team's quarterback.

"It means a lot. It was a goal of mine to win all-conference awards both ways my senior year," said Metcalf-Grassman. "I could not have done it without the help of my teammates and coaching staff."

Senior Jacob Landon was a second team selection as a tight end. Landon hauled in a team-leading 45 receptions for 444 yards and three scores.

Senior Deacon Carroll made the honorable mention list after helping Glysch fill out the offensive line.

Senior Owen Curran was also an honorable mention pick, making it as a defensive back. He led the team with four interceptions.

Shawano's Young signs letter of intent



Shawano's Caden Young, center, reacts after signing his letter of intent to Southwest Minnesota State University on Nov. 17 in Shawano. Caden's parents, John and Chelsea, sit alongside him.

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Senior will wrestle in Minnesota in future

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Shawano Community High School senior Caden Young took the next step in his wrestling career after signing a letter of intent to Southwest Minnesota State University.

Young signed the letter of intent in front of family, coaches, teammates and friends inside the high school on Nov. 17.

"It means a lot. I've been working for this for probably 13-ish years, or whenever I started wrestling," said Young of signing. "Just very happy to finally find a home where I can continue on."

Young's wrestling career at the high school level has been a unique one, as he began wrestling at Clintonville before transferring to Shawano as a sophomore.

"It means a lot. I've been working for this for probably 13-ish years, or whenever I started wrestling. Just very happy to finally find a home where I can continue on."

CADEN YOUNG, Shawano senior wrestler

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"I came here to just continue on and improve my skills, but I didn't know that many people in Shawano," said Young. "Thank you to the wrestling team, they really helped me just transition in — they're my best buds here. Of course, I have my Clintonville boys, and they've always supported me throughout life and not just wrestling."

Before Young signed, Shawano wrestling coach Mike Homan helped introduce the senior wrestler, listing off some of his accomplishments to this point of his life.

Young has made an all-conference first team three times, never losing a conference match. He's also won a pair of regional titles

and a sectional title, and qualified for the Division 1 state meet at 170 pounds last winter.

Young is also an All-American, has won 10 high school tournaments and is an Academic All-American.

"His attention to detail in wrestling and in the school environment will be a great addition to the Mustangs of Southwest Minnesota State University," said Homan.

Young then thanked all the people that came to watch him sign, which included some of his Clintonville friends.

After signing, Young exclaimed: "Roll 'Stangs," before soaking in the minute with some pictures.

Young said he didn't receive "that much interest" because of some injuries he's dealt with in high school.

He filled out an online questionnaire to Southwest Minnesota State before getting in contact with the coach. After taking a visit, Young liked what he saw and decided to call that home after high school.

Having signed before the season has gotten underway, Young now has the opportunity to show everyone why he's getting a scholarship to wrestle at the next level.

"This year, it's state title," said Young on any goals for his final high school season. "That's been my goal all four years, that's what I'm shooting for and I'm really prepared to do that this year."

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

10 Witt-Birn players honored for CWC-Large play

Gauderman tabbed as Co-Offensive Player of the Year

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School football team had 10 players earn spots on Central Wisconsin Conference-Large Division teams after strong fall seasons.

Six of the players recognized earned double honors after Witt-Birn went 5-2 in conference play (officially 6-1 after a forfeit win over Amherst).

Senior David Gauderman earned the highest honor of the Chargers after being tabbed the Co-Offensive Player of the Year. He was honored for his play as a running back.

Gauderman also made the first team as a linebacker on defense.

The senior rushed for 1,168 yards and 10 touchdowns in seven conference games. Gauderman also caught 11 passes for 152 yards and three more scores.

Defensively, Gauderman finished with a team-leading 77 total tackles, with 19 going for losses. He also had 6½ sacks, two forced fumbles and a fumble recovery.

"It means a lot, I think I came a long way throughout my high school football career," said Gauderman. "From playing o-line and d-line to being first team running back and first team linebacker just puts a smile on my face, seeing how far I've come over the last four years means a lot to me. All thanks to my coaches and teammates for putting me in the best position to succeed."

Junior Charlie Nowinsky was also a double first team honoree, making it for his work on the offensive and defensive lines.

On defense, Nowinsky tallied 34 total tackles, with nine going for losses, and a pair of sacks.

"It means a great deal to me to be named first team all-conference for both offensive line and defensive line," said Nowinsky. "Going into the season it was one of my personal goals to receive all-conference honors. My all conference recognition, along with my all-regional honors for both sides of the ball, raises the bar for me next season and motivates me to keep working hard in

the weight room and on the field."

Juniors Casey Kielman and Nathan Waupekenay also earned spots on the first team.

Kielman made the first team as a defensive back, while also picking up an honorable mention nod for his play as a receiver.

Kielman finished with 12 total tackles in conference play. He picked off three passes and recovered one fumble.

As a receiver, Kielman caught 10 passes for 260 yards and three scores.

Waupekenay was a first teamer as a kicker, and made the honorable mention list as a quarterback.

The junior threw for 850 yards and 12 touchdowns while rushing for an additional 427 yards and two scores.

Senior Max Fraaza earned two second team honors — which he called a surprise — for his play on the offensive and defensive lines.

Fraaza finished with 45 total tackles, with 11 going for losses, in CWC-Large play. He also tallied five sacks, forced a fumble and recovered a fumble.

Junior Coye Brillowski landed on the second team for his play as a defensive lineman.

Brillowski finished with 34 total tackles, eight of which went for losses. He also recovered a fumble and had one sack.

Senior Chris Crews was a second teamer as a linebacker.

Crews was second on the team with 65 total tackles. He also posted three sacks and eight tackles for losses while recovering a fumble.

Senior Dylan Resch and juniors Braeden Groshek and Marshall Fraaza were all honorable mentions for Witt-Birn.

Resch made the list as a defensive back. He finished CWC-Large play with 25 total tackles, two interceptions and a fumble recovery.

Groshek was recognized as a linebacker. He registered 28 total tackles and an interception in conference play.

Fraaza was on the honorable mention list as a linebacker and wide receiver. On offense he rushed for 140 yards and two touchdowns, while hauling in 18 passes for 326 yards and a team-leading five scores. Defensively, the junior had 33 total tackles, one interception, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery and three tackles for losses.



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Nathan Waupekenay, left, hands the ball off to David Gauderman during a nonconference game against Iola-Scandinavia on Aug. 26 in Wittenberg. Gauderman and Waupekenay each earned two all-conference nods this fall.

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Witt-Birn's Max Fraaza, left, closes in on an Amherst player during a conference game on Sept. 9 in Wittenberg. Fraaza made the all-conference second team at two positions this fall.

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2	Sunday, September 18	CHICAGO BEARS	7:20 p.m.	NBC
3	Sunday, September 25	at Tampa Bay Buccaneers	3:25 p.m.	FOX
4	Sunday, October 2	NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	3:25 p.m.	CBS
5	Sunday, October 9	vs New York Giants (London)	8:30 a.m.	FOX
6	Sunday, October 16	NEW YORK JETS	*12 p.m.	FOX
7	Sunday, October 23	at Washington Commanders	*12 p.m.	FOX
8	Sunday, October 30	at Buffalo Bills	*7:20 p.m.	NBC
9	Sunday, November 6	at Detroit Lions	*12 p.m.	FOX
10	Sunday, November 13	DALLAS COWBOYS	*3:25 p.m.	FOX
11	Thursday, November 17	TENNESSEE TITANS	7:15 p.m.	prime video
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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Bonduel falls to St. Mary Catholic in opener

Bears struggle with pressure

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Bonduel High School girls basketball team started strong but struggled to adjust to full-court pressure and eventually fell 55-41 to St. Mary Catholic in a nonconference battle on Nov. 15 in Bonduel.

The rematch of a Division 4 sectional semifinal last winter was a back-and-forth battle in the early going before the Bears created some separation. That's when St. Mary turned to a full-court press, and Bonduel was never truly able to get in a rhythm again.

The Bears scored 21 points in about nine minutes of game time before tallying just 20 points in the final 27 minutes.

"We have a lot of young blood, a lot of people that were on JV last year, so the pressure kind of got to us," said Ella Hischke, who led the Bears with 15 points, six rebounds and four assists. "First game, so we were a little out of shape too. But I think the next part of the season we'll be better under pressure."

"I mean, we weren't really used to the pressure, so we need to work on that in practice," said Kendra Troxel, who was second on the team with 11 points. "Just put more pressure on everyone so they understand what's going to be coming since our team is so young."

St. Mary scored first in the contest, but a 3-pointer from Audrey Weier on the next possession gave Bonduel the early advantage. Weier knocked down a couple free throws after a steal a couple minutes later to put Bonduel up 5-4, and then Troxel hit a shot to make it 7-4.

The Zephyrs tallied the next five points before free throws from Bonduel's Hailee Thompson tied it. Macy Niles converted a shot for Bonduel's 10th and 11th points, but St. Mary took a 13-11 advantage soon after.

Hischke knocked down two 3-pointers and then converted another shot for a personal 8-0 run that made it a 19-13 lead with just under 10 minutes to play in the half. Troxel then hit a shot, making it 21-16, before St. Mary turned up the pressure.



Bonduel's Hailey Zernicke, right, battles for a rebound during a nonconference game against St. Mary Catholic on Nov. 15 in Bonduel. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

Bonduel's next points came on a Hischke bucket with 3:03 left in the half, but thanks to strong defense of their own, the Bears still led 23-19. Troxel hit a couple shots and Hailey Zernicke hit a layup in the final seconds of the half to give the hosts a 29-24 halftime advantage, making it appear as if Bonduel had weathered the storm and settled in against the pressure.

Hischke drilled a triple to start the second half and put Bonduel up 32-24, but St. Mary caught fire from deep, and after making three 3s and another bucket, led 35-32.

Trailing for the first time since early in the game, coach Jerry Reinke thought his team started settling for long jumpshots instead of attacking the rim like it had most of the first half.

Troxel made a shot to stop the 11-0 St. Mary run, but the next time the Bears scored was over five minutes later, and by then, the Zephyrs led by double digits.

"I think they made it a point to make sure that they were reversing the ball several times, and they got some pretty good open looks against our 2-3 (zone)," said Reinke of St. Mary. "I think we maybe ran out of gas a little bit, but I probably waited a little too long, we probably should have went to man-to-man a little sooner — we actually played some pretty good man-to-man defense tonight."

It was Troxel again that stopped the St. Mary scoring run, this time with a free throw. A bucket from Zernicke made it a 10-point game, 47-37, with still over eight minutes to play.

The next several minutes saw

more strong defense from each team and not a lot of great looks. St. Mary scored the next points with 6:30 remaining in the contest, and Bonduel was next to score with under four to play.

Hischke scored for the Bears, and then two Thompson free throws got the Bears within eight with 3:28 to play, but those were the final points for the hosts. St. Mary sealed the win by knocking down six free throws.

St. Mary 24 31 — 55

Bonduel 29 12 — 41

St. Mary (55): Chloe Vogel 5-8 15, Emily Vogel 4-9 12, Audrey Norville 0-1 15, Nolie Anderson 2-5 6, Sienna Anderson 2-2 7.

Bonduel (41): Macy Niles 0-0 2, Kendra Troxel 1-2 11, Ella Hischke 0-2 15, Audrey Weier 2-2 5, Hailee Thompson 4-4 4, Hailey Zernicke 0-1 4.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

4 Gresham/Bowler players make all-conference lists

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Gresham/Bowler boys soccer co-op had four players named to all-conference teams after the fall season wrapped up.

While Gresham/Bowler was unable to earn any wins in Central Wisconsin Conference play, seniors Edward Castellanos, Blade Hoffman and Wesley Thiex were joined by sophomore Kaidyen Zaitz on the honorable mention list.

Zaitz served as the co-op's goalie this fall. He averaged about 13 saves per game, helping Gresham/Bowler stay in matches.

"It made me feel very important and valuable and it will motivate me to play hard next year," said Zaitz of his conference honor.

Thiex earned his all-conference nod mainly because of his play on defense, but did chip in a goal and an assist on the season.

Interim coach Cory Bougie said he'd move Thiex forward on the field if the team needed a spark.

"Making the honorable mention is a big step in my success in sports, but also my last success in high school soccer, which I'll truly miss. All my honor goes towards my teammates and coaches," said Thiex.

Hoffman and Castellanos controlled the central midfield for the co-op.

Castellanos scored a goal and added two assists for the season, while Hoffman had a pair of assists.

"It means a lot knowing that all my hard work towards the sport paid off even though it wasn't first or second team — I am still honored to get honorable mention," said Castellanos.

"Making honorable mention means that the hard work and good sportsmanship I showed in the sport paid off," said Hoffman of his honor.

After the regular season wrapped up, Gresham/Bowler was a No. 9 seed in Division 4 for the playoffs. The co-op was topped 6-1 by No. 8 Northland Lutheran in its opening postseason match.

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Gresham/Bowler's Blade Hoffman kicks the ball during a tournament match against Clintonville on Aug. 27 in Gresham. Hoffman made the honorable mention list in the CWC as a senior. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Mertz's late sneak for TD pushes Badgers past Nebraska

Badgers become bowl eligible

By **ERIC OLSON**
The Associated Press

A Wisconsin team that has endured the midseason firing of its head coach and the death of a former teammate let its emotions spill out as groups of players gathered near midfield at Memorial Stadium to celebrate and pose for pictures with the Freedom Trophy.

Graham Mertz scored on a 2-yard quarterback sneak with 35 seconds left to complete a comeback from an 11-point deficit entering the fourth quarter, and the Badgers beat Nebraska 15-14 on Nov. 19 for their ninth straight win in the series.

"It's everything that this team has overcome off the field; that was what came up on the field today," Mertz said. "There's so many emotions and feelings that guys have had to deal with this year. There's

so many different things that have happened to us this year that could easily have buried us and made us just fold. It's really cool to see how guys come together and want to succeed together."

Wisconsin (6-5, 4-4 Big Ten) arrived in Lincoln with heavy hearts and left eligible for a bowl for a 21st straight year.

The Badgers had to cope with the death of former teammate Devin Chandler, who was one of three Virginia football players killed in a shooting in Charlottesville. Interim coach Jim Leonhard had said late in the week that he sensed players who were friends with Chandler could be distracted.

"It was such a rough week, and early on the game mirrored that," said Leonhard, 4-2 since taking over for the fired Paul Chryst. "It was ugly for a long time, and the guys just continued to battle and find ways to make plays."

The Badgers were held to three points through three quarters and lost their top defensive player, Nick

Herbig, to a targeting penalty and its top offensive player, Braelon Allen, to a leg injury on their second-to-last possession.

Mertz's 10-yard TD pass to Skyler Bell cut Nebraska's lead to 14-9. Mertz was off target with his 2-point pass, leaving the Badgers down five with 10 minutes left.

Wisconsin started its final drive from midfield with 3:11 left. Mertz passed to Isaac Guerendo for 27 yards to set up the winning touchdown.

Chez Mellusi led the Badgers with 98 yards on 21 carries. Mertz was 8 of 18 for 83 yards on a day when the feels-like temperature was 16 degrees with a gusty north wind.

Herbig was ejected for targeting when he hit a sliding Thompson in the head. By rule, Herbig must miss the first half of next week's rivalry game against Minnesota.

Allen, already playing with a banged-up shoulder, had 92 yards on 18 carries before he hopped off the field with an apparent leg injury late in the game.

"There was a lot going on this week," Allen said, "and that was a great way to turn the rough side of the week into something positive and get a big win and keep the trophy at home."

There was no immediate word on the extent of Allen's injury.

The Badgers had to work hard for this one even though they rushed for 235 yards and outgained the Huskers in total offense 318-171.

The game was the Big Ten's first that matched interim head coaches since Illinois' Bill Cubit and Minnesota's Tracy Claeys squared off in 2015. Leonhard said he hopes he's made a case to have the interim tag removed.

"We're playing much better," he said. "Winning games is No. 1, and there's a way, style, even in a loss — how you play, togetherness, how hard you fight, that matters. Even in games we come up short, the fight and grit factor have been there."

Wisconsin next hosts Minnesota on Nov. 26 looking to get back Paul Bunyan's Axe.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Rogowski, Metropulos, Bruss make all-state teams

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Reese Rogowski and London Metropulos and Pulaski's Emily Bruss were named to Wisconsin Volleyball Coaches Association All-State Teams on Nov. 11.

Rogowski and Metropulos each made the Division 3 honorable mention team, while Bruss was an honorable mention in Division 1.

In her senior season, Rogowski accumulated 367 attack kills, 201 service points, 36 aces, 30 total blocks and 325 digs.

Rogowski also made the WVCA All-Tournament Team for her play in the team's state semifinal match.

Metropulos tallied a team-leading

416 attack kills and 50 total blocks in her junior season. She also totaled 217 service points, 62 aces and 247 digs.

Both Metropulos and Rogowski were first-team selections in the Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division this fall.

Bruss was the Co-Player of the Year in the Fox River Classic Conference.

The Pulaski junior racked up 593 assists, 235 digs, 116 attack kills, 141 service points, 52 aces and 32 total blocks during the season.

All-state honorees are invited to the WVCA Player Awards Banquet on Dec. 10 in Madison. Details of the event can be found at www.wisvca.org/news_article/show/1247217.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Gauderman, Marquardt, Kristof earn all-state honors

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's David Gauderman and Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy co-op's Sam Marquardt and Josh Kristof were named to Wisconsin Football Coach Association's All-State Teams on Nov. 14.

Gauderman made the Small School All-State Team as an offensive back. Marquardt made the 8-player All-State Team as a running back, while Kristof was an honorable mention as an inside linebacker.

Gauderman was a workhorse for the Chargers, rushing for 1,539 yards and 16 touchdowns on 149 attempts. He also caught 12 passes for 157 yards and three scores.

The Witt-Birn senior was the Co-Offensive Player of the Year in the Central Wisconsin Conference-Large Division. He also made the all-conference first team for his play at linebacker.

Marquardt capped his senior season with 1,563 rushing yards and 25 scores. The quarterback also threw for 491 yards and nine scores.

Marquardt was the Offensive Player of the Year in the Peninsula Conference, while making the second team on defense.

Kristof finished his senior year with 124 total tackles, with 22 going for losses. He also forced a pair of fumbles.

Kristof was the Defensive Player of the Year in the conference.

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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bonduel 61

Denmark 37

Bonduel cruised to a nonconference victory over Denmark on Nov. 17 in Denmark. The Bears led 35-13 at halftime and picked up their first win of the young season.

Ella Hischke and Hailey Zernicke each scored 14 points to power Bonduel to the win. Audrey Weier added 10 points. Hailee Thompson posted 11 steals, five offensive rebounds and four assists. Weier led the team with six boards and Hischke had four assists.

Bonduel finished the game with 22 offensive rebounds and 30 steals.

Shawano 53

Wausau East 37

Shawano toppled Wausau East in a nonconference matchup on Nov. 15 in Wausau.

The Hawks led by just four at halftime before pulling away.

Leah Nordin led Shawano with 23 points. Abby Bystol chipped in nine points.

Witt-Birn 74

Rosholt 35

Wittenberg-Birnamwood improved to 2-0 after routing Rosholt in a Central Wisconsin Conference crossover matchup on Nov. 17 in Rosholt. The

Chargers led 52-16 at halftime.

Reese Rogowski led Witt-Birn with 25 points, eight assists and four steals. She knocked down four of the team's eight 3-pointers. Rory Salvesen added 16 points, while Melaina Granquist had 15 points.

Jami Wendler pulled down seven rebounds for the Chargers.

Witt-Birn 61

Peshtigo 41

Wittenberg-Birnamwood eased past Peshtigo in a nonconference clash on Nov. 15 in Peshtigo.

Witt-Birn was led by Reese Rogowski and Rory Salvesen. Rogowski scored 20 points, while also tallying 10 rebounds, three blocks, three steals and three assists. Salvesen added 18 points, five rebounds and three steals.

Morgan Milanowski tallied eight points for the Chargers, while Allison Linke scored seven. Katherine Stewart grabbed nine rebounds, while Jami Wendler had six boards.

Sevastopol 51

Suring 30

Suring dropped a nonconference game to Sevastopol on Nov. 15 in Suring.

Christine Sleeter tallied a triple-double to lead Suring, posting 10 points, 12 rebounds and 10 blocks.

MacKenzie Bailey added seven points, five rebounds and four assists, while Kaylee Otradovec had six points.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

Saginaw Valley State University

Shawano Community High School graduate Tori DePerry turned in another big game for the Saginaw Valley State women's basketball team despite the team losing to Ashland on Nov. 16.

DePerry started and played 30 minutes, leading the team with 21 points. She also tallied seven rebounds and three assists.

Bemidji State University

Shawano grad Brooke Theis started and played 17 minutes in the Bemidji State women's basketball team's win over Mayville State on Nov. 14.

Theis scored nine points, grabbed two rebounds and blocked one shot in her time on

the court.

Northern Michigan University

Wittenberg-Birnamwood graduate Abi Fraaza turned in an efficient game to help the Northern Michigan

women's basketball team top Minnesota-Crookston on Nov. 17.

Fraaza played 11 minutes and scored 11 points. She also had seven rebounds, a block and a steal.

Wisconsin Lutheran College

Bonduel grad Kara Troxel helped the Wisconsin Lutheran women's basketball team to a win over Carthage on Nov. 16.

Troxel played 18 minutes and scored five points. She also had three assists, a block, a steal and a rebound.

UW-Parkside

Pulaski graduate Sheridan Flauger has started in each of the UW-Parkside women's basketball team's first three games.

In a win over Missouri University of Science and Technology on Nov. 11, Flauger tallied four points, six rebounds, three assists and three steals in 30 minutes.

Flauger then posted six points, four rebounds, two assists and two steals across 25 minutes in a loss to Rockhurst on Nov. 12.

She totaled three points, two assists and a steal across 29 minutes in a loss to Minnesota-Duluth on Nov. 16.



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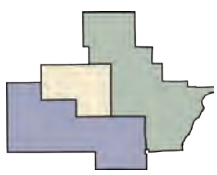
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Garden grows into accolades for founder

Christianson gets state environmental award for work put into Grow With Us Garden

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

The dream of having a school garden was something that Noreen Christianson had ever since she started with the Bonduel School District 25 years ago, and that dream finally became a reality in 2019.

Her goal was simply to teach students about where their food comes from, she said. That effort, however, has had far-reaching effects as Christianson was the recipient of the 2022 Earthguard Award from the Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education.

"There was a teacher that came in and broke the news to me, and I started crying," Christianson said. "I was just humbled. I had no idea that I was nominated."

Several teachers pushed for Christianson to get the award, noting that her work has included thousands of volunteer hours — including several summers teaching students about various fruits, vegetables and other growable crops. However, Christianson is the first one to say that others deserve much of the credit, including the students who regularly help with the garden, the administration that gave the project its blessing and the staff members who helped her to form a garden committee to plan what should go into it.

"I wanted this garden for our students for a long time," Christianson said. "I proceeded to do a lot of grant writing, and I went to several local meetings of organizations and told them about our vision."

The garden project seems like a perfect extension for what Christianson does, which is working as a cook for the district's schools. Christianson also has a degree in horticulture, and it's only the lack of a teaching license that keeps her from educating young minds on her own full time.

Between the grants and the donations, more than \$12,000 has been raised for the Grow With Us Garden, located behind Bonduel Elementary School.

"This does not cost the district anything," Christianson said. "This is just solely with donations, volunteer time and grant money. We will be self-sufficient forever."

Even though much of the education is going toward the younger students, the upperclassmen have



Noreen Christianson stands in the Grow With Us Garden behind Bonduel Elementary School, holding up the Earthguard award she received from the Wisconsin Association of Environmental Education earlier in November. Christianson was the driving force behind the garden project and has volunteered thousands of hours to make it a reality.

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made their mark on Grow With Us, as well, according to Christianson. The middle school students created metal flowers to decorate the garden through their welding class, while high school students in the technical education department built a garden shed, eight raised beds that are 32 square feet in size, picnic tables for the younger kids to sit on when they do their journaling and other projects.

High school agriculture students have also helped out with composting and fertilizing the garden beds, Christianson said. They also helped to set up the fencing so that deer and other animals could not easily get in and gobble all the students' hard work.

"Everybody at the schools feels like they're part of this project," Christianson said.

With the garden came a summer school program where students get to learn about growing things. Christianson said she has an average of 50 students taking classes.

"The summer school class is just

phenomenal," she said. "The kids have so much fun, and we do a lot of hands-on experiments, and we did some field trips and even a walking trip to three of the community members and get them aware that we have this green and growing space, too."

Christianson said she expected some positive response when she kicked off the garden project, but even she is overwhelmed at how much the students and staff have embraced it. She works in the kitchen during the day, and at 2 p.m. steps away to speak with students about gardening until school lets out an hour later. "The response has just been amazing," Christianson said. "There was a group of second graders that went out with me, and we dug potatoes. They said, 'This is better than a treasure hunt.'"

Teachers also utilize the garden when teaching math and science, according to Christianson, bringing real-life relevance to the lessons they teach.

"There's a lot of math that goes into planning our garden," she said.

Students who are caught up on school work get to come out and help tend to the garden. Christianson described it as a "reward" for being good students.

"They have a sense of teamwork, perseverance. They have to have patience, and they're discovering that, for them to plant that carrot seed and get a carrot in the fall, that's a long span of time," Christianson said. "They're learning where their food comes from. They're learning how to be a little more appreciative of their food."

That appreciation extends to when they come into the cafeteria for breakfast or lunch. Much of the produce harvested helps to offset the district's food costs as Christianson incorporates it into meals.

"We'll put up a sign that says: 'This is from your garden, and this is what you've grown,'" she said. "They are just asking, when can we come out again? A lot of the kids, they eat right out of the garden."

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Sam Timm based his painting of a pair of bufflehead ducks on a duck hunt on Wisconsin's Lake Puckaway. CONTRIBUTED



Judges named Sam Timm's painting of a pair of ring-necked pheasants as the winning entry in the state Department of Natural Resources' annual pheasant stamp design contest. CONTRIBUTED



Early-morning sightings of wild turkey at his rural Wautoma home and farm inspired artist Sam Timm's entry in the state Department of Natural Resources' turkey stamp design contest. CONTRIBUTED

Shawano-born artist sweeps stamp contests

Retired minister's work
has been featured on
many stamps

By GREG SEUBERT
Correspondent

Sam Timm is used to winning awards for his art.

The retired minister, who was born in Shawano and now lives near Wautoma, has painted wildlife scenes for almost 50 years and his handiwork had been featured on several of Wisconsin's trout, salmon, turkey, pheasant and waterfowl stamps from 1985 to 2007.

Three of Timm's latest creations caught the eye of judges of the state Department of Natural Resources' annual turkey, pheasant and waterfowl stamp design contests. Hunters, conservationists and collectors purchase the stamps, which help fund habitat management and restoration around the state.

He placed first in all three contests, which the DNR holds each year to give artists an opportunity to submit entries to be featured on the next renditions of each stamp.

"I was quite shocked, actually," Timm said. "I didn't find out until several days after the contest. I thought I didn't even place because nobody had called. I thought, 'Well, there must have been some really good entries.'"

Artists submitted 34 works for this year's contests, which were judged Aug. 27 at the Wisconsin Waterfowl Expo in Oshkosh.

"Winning stamp contests was a way to get your name out," Timm said. "That's why I started enter-



Sam Timm stands next to a print of wood ducks in his rural Wautoma home. Timm's paintings recently placed first in the state Department of Natural Resources' wild turkey, pheasant and waterfowl stamp design contests. GREG SEUBERT

ing these stamp competitions that the state had. I was a youth pastor living in Green Bay. I entered some of those competitions and in 1984, I won the two trout stamp (contests) and was the first one in the state to win both of them, the inland trout and the Great Lakes salmon and trout."

After moving from Shawano, Timm grew up in the Madison and Mount Horeb areas.

"I've always loved wildlife," he said. "My dad was not a hunter, but my grandpa was a hunter and a trapper. He totally lived outdoors and was a very successful trapper. I was always enamored by the hides in his attic. That was the first place I went as a kid."

Timm attended North Central University in Minneapolis, Minnesota, which led to him picking up a paint brush for the first time.

"My first painting was in 1975 as a senior in college," he said. "I saw some art on the wall in one of the offices. It was your typical outdoor scene: two trees, a mountain and a stream."

"I looked at the painting and in 30 seconds, I decided I want to try that," he said. "I went to a Target store and bought a black, white and burnt sienna tube of paint. My first painting was pheasants. I didn't even take high school art, so I was self-taught. It sort of progressed from there."

Timm's winning inland trout and Great Lakes salmon and trout entries

were featured on stamps in 1985. He followed that up with the 1988 and 1996 waterfowl stamps; the 1989-90 and 2007 turkey stamps; the 1993 pheasant stamp; the 1994 and 2003 inland trout stamps; and the 2000 and 2006 Great Lakes salmon and trout stamps.

"I've made it a study of what it takes to win these competitions and produce some quality images," Timm said. "It's up to the judges. You have no control and in some years, it's very frustrating. I've placed second numerous times. You do your best, you have good entries and hope for the best."

Timm decided for the first time to enter all three of Wisconsin's bird contests this year.

"I've been so busy for a whole bunch of years and haven't entered," he said. "I've now been retired for two years. About a year ago, I said, 'I'm going to enter the duck stamp, turkey stamp and pheasant stamp (contests) and see if I can do any good.'"

Timm has painted hundreds of scenes over the years and most of them include wildlife.

"I go in and draw a lot of designs and I will show it to my daughter and wife," he said. "We will have our own judging competition. My wife Jan and daughter Stephanie both have artistic eyes. My wife's an interior decorator and my daughter has a very sharp eye for art."

Timm has no plans to quit painting.

"I'm not just some guy in the city trying to paint a duck, but I'm far from the top of the heap," he said. "There are many great artists out there. When I look at other artists' art, I continually realize how good I'm not."



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A dark-eyed slate-colored Junco is a common bird at people's feeders from fall through winter.

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Dark-eyed juncos herald in Wisconsin winter

The dark-eyed juncos seemingly arrived early this year. We are more used to seeing these birds against a backdrop of snow, not working our yet-green lawn dotted with the reds, yellows, and brown of fallen leaves searching for seeds. They are a welcome sight and a harbinger of winter to come.

According to the Cornell Lab All About Birds (AAB) website, there are 15 described races of the dark-eyed junco reflecting their regional variation. Our junco, the "slate-colored" junco which occurs in the eastern U.S., is one of the two widespread forms of the species; the other is the "Oregon" junco found across much of the western U.S.

The dark-eyed slate-colored junco is just that, mostly gray in coloring on the head, back and wings with a contrasting white belly and coal black eyes. The edges of their long tail feathers are white and easily seen when the bird takes flight. Their short, stout, light pink bill is made for seed eating. Winter's backdrop of white sets off the beauty of the bird's simple black and white



CATHY CARNES

patterning and their constant presence is good company.

Dark-eyed juncos frequently announce their arrival in our yard with a high short "chip" call repeated in rapid succession. The males, when moved to do so, according to AAB, also sing a musical trill seven to 23 notes in length and lasting up to a couple seconds.

Dark-eyed juncos are energetic sparrows, constantly on the move. Watch them and you will observe their hop-hop, peck-peck foraging behavior at work as they hunt for seeds. According to AAB, juncos prefer millet seeds but seem happy eating the sunflowers seeds we put out as well. They also eat weed and grass seeds such as buckwheat, sorrel, and lamb's quarters. During the breeding season, insects (beetles, ants, wasps, caterpillars, flies, etc.)

are included in their diet and fed to their young.

When you see one junco, you generally see more as they move about in large flocks sometimes with other birds; we often see them at our feeders with cardinals, finches and chickadees. We've noticed that some juncos are more aggressive when feeding, chasing off other birds. According to the AAB, this reflects a flock's hierarchy or pecking order where those arriving first to feed tend to rank higher than those arriving after them and are not shy in demonstrating their "I got here first," attitude.

AAB describes dark-eyed juncos as resident to medium distant migrants. Most migrate to our northern climes (Alaska and Canada) to breed, others breed in the northeast U.S., along the southern Great Lakes region (including northern Wisconsin) and in the western U.S. Their breeding habitat includes coniferous and mixed coniferous forests.

The birds are ground nesters laying three to six eggs per clutch and raising up to three broods of young

during the breeding season. Most of the birds spend winter in a greater variety of habitats including open woodlands, fields, roadsides, parks, and gardens across the U.S.

According to the North American Breeding Bird Survey reports, while dark-eyed junco populations have declined about 31% between 1966 and 2019, their global numbers are still high (over 200 million) and therefore of low conservation concern compared to other species of declining birds.

The dark-eyed slate-colored juncos are some of the most common birds visiting feeders fall through spring, bringing their energy and simple beauty to our everyday lives. Scuff through the fall leaves or the coming snows to fill your feeders and watch for the juncos, they will come.

Cathy Carnes is a retired biologist in Oconto who worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Green Bay Field Office and prior to that with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch in Buffalo, New York. As endangered species coordinator for the USFWS, she helped conserve and recover federally listed threatened and endangered species in Wisconsin.

Hunting more enjoyable when it's kept safe

Another historic Wisconsin gun-deer season is now about halfway through, and many lasting memories have been made afield as about 550,000 hunters pursue America's premier big game animal in the state with the most record-book bucks.

It doesn't matter if you harvest a wide-racked buck or a fat doe. What really matters is enjoying a safe hunt.



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Wisconsin's mandated hunter safety education program, combined with mandated blaze orange or blaze pink upper-body clothing during the firearms deer seasons, have dramatically reduced hunting accidents and fatalities. The last hunting fatality occurred in 2021.

Firearms safety is a huge part of the equation, and is a major lesson in every hunter safety class. Instructors stress TAB-K:

- Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
- Always point the muzzle in a safety direction.
- Be certain of your target and what's beyond.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.

If every hunter followed TAB-K, accidental shootings would disappear. Fortunately, they are already rare, and hunting remains one of the safest sports. In fact, hunting is statistically safer than golf, basketball, soccer and even walking, according to a study by Families Afield.

Hunters get injured or killed in two ways not officially classified as hunting accidents — falls from tree stands and heart attacks associated with dragging deer out of the woods.

As a hunter safety instructor in Waupaca, I've spent at least two recent Saturdays demonstrating the safe way to climb and descend a tree stand. Since I once ran into a hunter on public land whose climbing tree stand had fallen about 10 feet, stopping just short of the ground, I've never been a fan of climbers. Use a metal ladder stand well strapped to a tree or a permanent "pill box" type elevated stand that is checked annually for rotten wood and rusty anchors.

The most important piece of equipment for a tree stand hunter is a quality harness made for the person's



Sean Bradley, left, of Menasha, and his son, Alex, 16, share a special moment after Alex shot a doe during the 2021 gun deer season south of New London on Fox Valley Muzzle Loader Club property, using a muzzleloading rifle. The mandated use of blaze orange and blaze pink clothing for firearms deer hunters, as well as mandatory hunter education, have dramatically reduced the number of hunting accidents.

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weight. It's designed with a tether strap with multiple loops of stitching that slowly tear in the event of a fall, slowing the person's descent. Be sure to use a locking carabiner to attach the harness to a lifeline: A rope tied from above the stand to the ground. A sliding Prusik knot that links the lifeline to the harness allows the hunter to climb up or down while secure in the event of a fall.

Make sure to use three points of contact when climbing up or down. This means that two hands and one foot or two feet and one hand are in contact with the ladder at all times.

Always use a haul line to bring your unloaded firearm, bow, quiver of arrows, crossbow or other weapon up and down the stand. This is a separate rope used only for this task. Never climb a stand while carrying any of these items.

I avoid tree stands in favor of ground blinds. When I fall asleep while hunting, I can never fall more than a foot or so out of my chair. I've had deer within a few feet of my blind, so deer definitely get used to them.

One advantage of a tree stand is that the shot is going down and into the ground, reducing chances of a ricochet. It's usually easier to see a greater distance from a tree, too, but the comfort of a ground blind, with a rain-resistant roof and walls, sure beats an open tree stand on a rainy or snowy morning.

Many deer hunters only get some serious exercise a few weeks a year when pursuing deer. The long walk to and from our stands is one thing, but dragging out a 150-pound deer by ourselves is a sure recipe for stressing the heart. With a little common sense, you can avoid a heart attack.

Many hunters use ATVs or UTVs to not only make the trip to the stand a fun ride, but also makes dragging or hauling a deer out of the woods a snap. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources stresses ATV safety for hunters, encouraging that every rider wear a helmet and a seat belt, if so equipped (UTVs typically are and ATVs aren't). Long guns must be unloaded, bows can't have an arrow nocked, and crossbows can't be cocked and loaded on these vehicles.

Use your head when hauling deer. A plastic sled works great for dragging, even if there's no snow on the ground. A wheeled deer cart or lawn cart also work well. Get a buddy or two to help, especially if you are older or out of shape. Make frequent stops if no help is available.

Drinking alcohol while hunting or otherwise handling a firearm will increase your chances of an accident. It's also illegal to be impaired by alcohol or controlled substances while in possession of a firearm. It's a myth that alcohol warms the body; it actually has the opposite effect.

Be careful with your knife while gutting your deer. In the excitement of a successful hunt, it's easy to slip. A Wyoming knife is the best way to open a deer. This little tool has a protected razor blade that won't cut your hands or the animal's intestines and works almost like a zipper on the chest cavity.

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Is your house clean for Thanksgiving?

When I was a teenager, deep cleaning our farmhouse was an annual ritual. Every spring and fall, my mother would announce that it was time to “house-clean.” I would argue and complain. “Why must we do this again? We clean the house every Saturday.” Her terse response: “That is top-cleaning; this is house-cleaning.” Oh. Yeah. That’s why it took several Saturdays of hard work to get the house ready for relatives and guests who came at Easter time and then again from Thanksgiving to Three Kings Day (Epiphany) on Jan. 6.

OK. Houses today can get cluttered and messy and dirty, but nothing like farmhouses in what some people fondly and foolishly call the “good old days.” What people forget is that those were the days of wood- and coal-fired furnaces belching out heated air that coated plastered walls with a gray glaze. During the summer, cooking, baking and outdoor air coaxed through open windows by box fans added another layer of grime. It was a major challenge to get a house clean, especially when the leader of the pack (Mom) set very high standards.

Not one to break tradition, Mom gave us our marching orders. I fetched



KATHLEEN MARSH

stomach turn.

Using Sani-Flush for cleaning the toilet was a fearsome task. Sani-Flush came in crystals containing sodium bisulfate. When mixed with water, sodium bisulfate produces a highly corrosive acidic solution that dissolves iron, magnesium and calcium from the bowl. It can also badly burn human skin and was discontinued in 2013 due to environmental concerns, but it’s all we had back then. So cleaning the commode was exclusively Mom’s job. I didn’t complain about that.

While Mom attended to the toilet, my older sister, Marge, replaced the bag in the Kirby vacuum cleaner. My younger sister, Mary Beth, got out the Kirby attachments and threatened us with the “snake” (accessory tool

the rags, buckets, sponges, mops, dust cloths and enough cleaning agents to turn Lake Winnebago into a toxic dump. I especially hated the smell of Pine Sol, which to this day makes my

hose), giggling as she waved it around in our faces until Mom emerged from the bathroom and got us back to the business at hand.

Ready. Set. Go. Armed with our world-class cleaning arsenal, the four of us attacked one room at a time. Mom’s sole motivator was to let us fire up our 45 RPM record player. As we worked, we were either bickering about who had the hardest job or singing along to Buddy Holly, Elvis, Johnny Cash and, my personal favorite, Ricky Nelson.

I was the one who complained the most, so I had to do the ceiling. This meant wrenching my neck to wash overhead while dangling from a wooden stepladder while Mom took down, cleaned and replaced the ceiling light globes that contained a disgusting collection of dead bugs. My sisters were each assigned a wall, washing from bottom to top to prevent the cleaning water from dripping down and creating “tracks.” Mom did the surfaces they couldn’t reach.

We scoured doors, trim and baseboards. We flipped mattresses, got out the winter quilts and opened the floor registers so we would have a bit of heat in the upstairs bedrooms.

My younger sister polished the wood tables; my older sister vacuumed the upholstery. Mom and I took the throw rugs outside, shook them hard several times until all the dirt and dust that had been trapped in them rained down on us. When she was satisfied that they were as clean as they were going to get, we draped them over the porch railing to “air out.”

Right on cue, my sisters always managed to disappear while we were outside. You’d think I’d learn, but no. I whined so long and loud that I had to scrub and wax the linoleum floors on my hands and knees while Mom ironed and hung the freshly washed curtains.

At last we were ready for company which came in a steady stream. Unfortunately, this included boy cousins who would track in mud and snow, leave handprints on the walls and spill soda all over the furniture and rugs. It’s a good thing I had my Ricky Nelson records, or things might have gotten really ugly.

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

Bonduel, Gillett United Methodist churches get new pastor

Jeremiah Cottrell-Duebner was recently appointed to be the pastor of Bonduel Zion and Gillett Tabor United Methodist churches.

“It is truly my honor to serve not only one but two churches within the beautiful Shawano and Oconto counties of Wisconsin,” Cottrell-Duebner said. “I am a third-generation pastor in my family. My parents were and are still very active with my home church, Oneida UMC. My mother has been the pianist for Oneida for over 46 years, and she re-



JEREMIAH
COTTRELL-DUEBNER

from Seymour High School. He has

cently joined the staff at Bonduel Zion as their pianist. My father is a talented guitarist, and he is also the groundskeeper for Oneida UMC.”

Cottrell-Duebner was raised in Seymour, graduating

always lived in the area because family is everything to him. After attending UW-Green Bay, Cottrell-Duebner worked in retail management for 15 years.

Cottrell-Duebner currently resides in De Pere with his spouse of five years, Benjamin Duebner, who until recently was the finance treasurer at Oneida UMC.

Prior to being licensed, Cottrell-Duebner served as Oneida United Methodist Church’s staff parish relations committee chairman and

lay speaker.

“Having served in two different roles within the church for over seven years made me want to seek more in Christ’s name,” Cottrell-Duebner. “With the help of former pastors, family, and friends, I took my leap of faith into bigger waters, and I attended licensing school where I eventually became a licensed local pastor.”

Next spring, Cottrell-Duebner will continue his theological education by attending seminary school.

COLLEGE NOTES

Biola University

Anayo Kwazema was named to Biola University’s dean’s list for academic excellence.

Kwazema, of Gillett, was one of approximately 1,600 students who were named to the dean’s list in spring 2022. Biola students are placed on the dean’s list to honor those with a grade-point average of 3.6 or higher while enrolled in 12 or more credits and whose cumulative

GPA is at least 3.2.

University of Minnesota-Duluth

The University of Minnesota-Duluth has announced its dean’s list for spring semester 2022.

- Sobieski: Lauren Dixon
- Leopolis: Levi Schick

Students on the dean’s list have achieved a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher while earning a minimum of 12 letter-graded credits.

Palmer College of Chiropractic

Issabella Stueck, of Clintonville, has been named to the summer 2022 trimester dean’s list at Palmer College of Chiropractic’s Main Campus in Davenport, Iowa.

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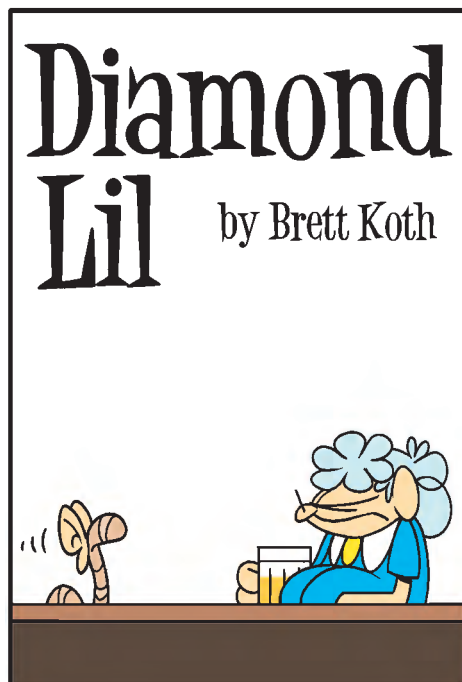
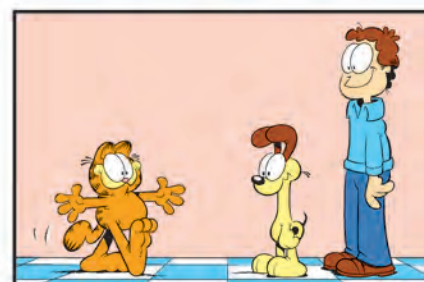
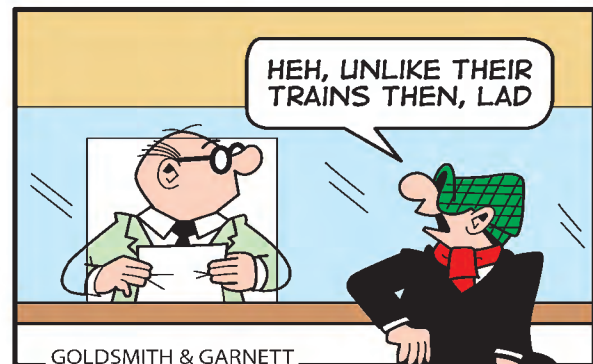
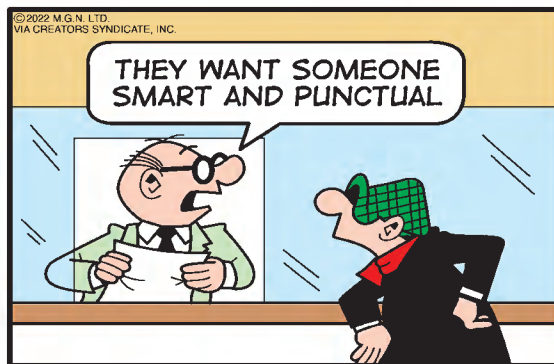
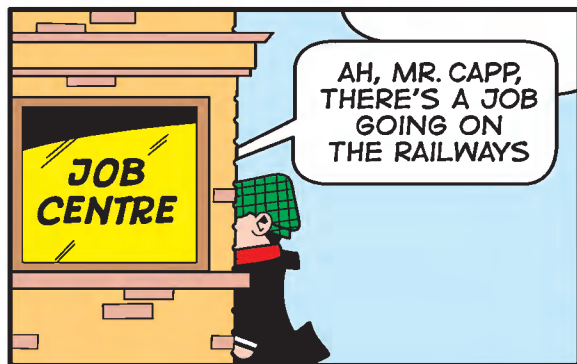
Andrea Waschbisch, a native of Oconto Falls, was recently initiated into the St. Norbert College Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, the National

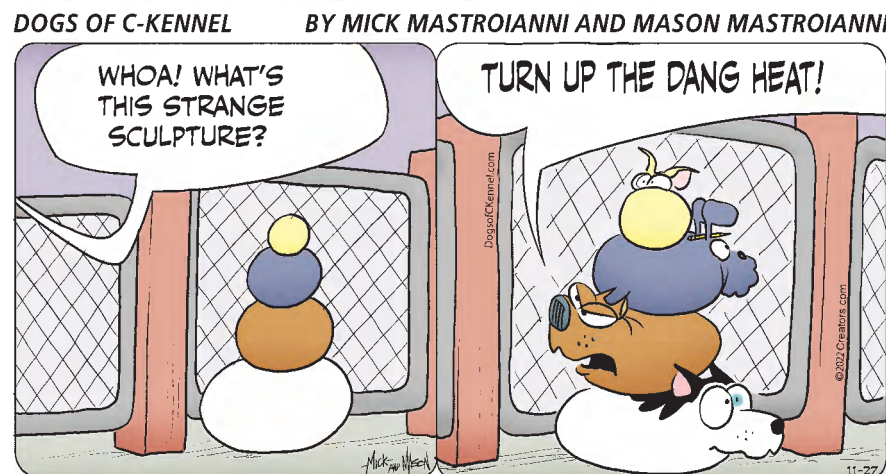
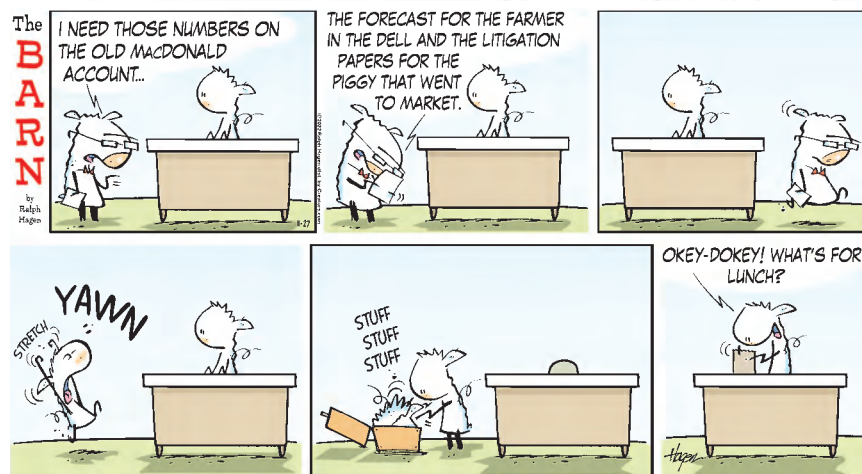
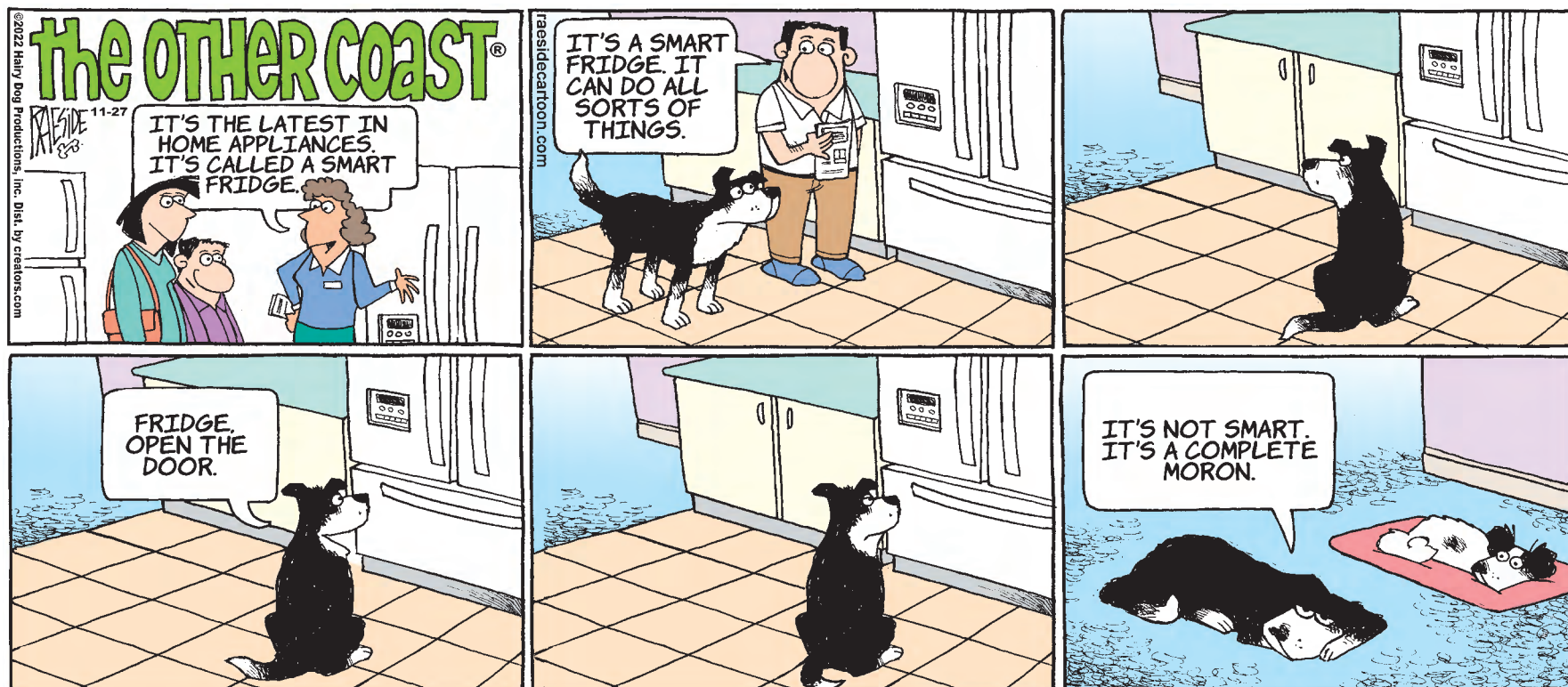
Leadership Honor Society. The society welcomed 235 new initiates from 11 universities during October 2022.

Students initiated into the society must be sophomores, juniors, seniors, or graduate/professional students in the top 35% of their class, demonstrate leadership experience in at least one of the five pillars, and embrace the ODK ideals. Fewer than 5% of students on a campus are invited to join each year.

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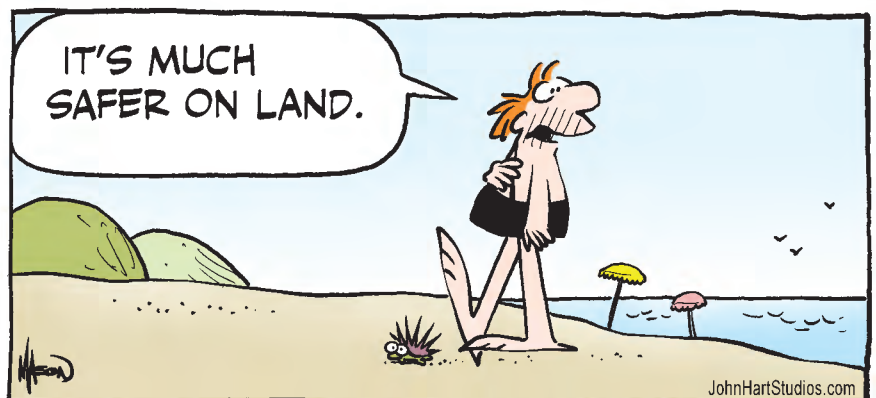
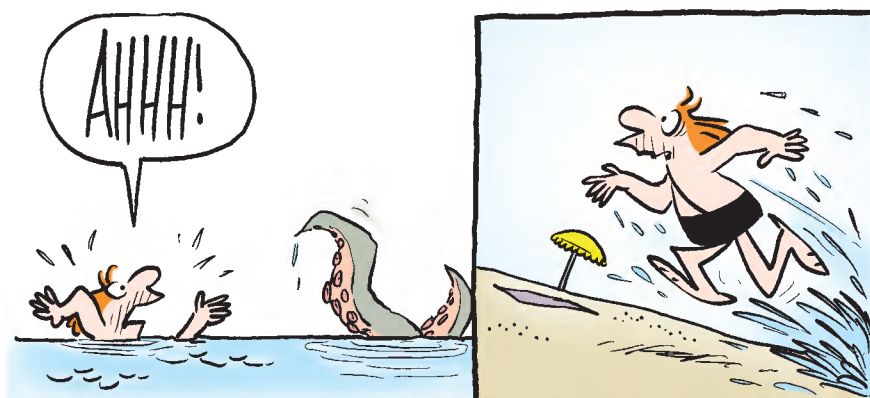
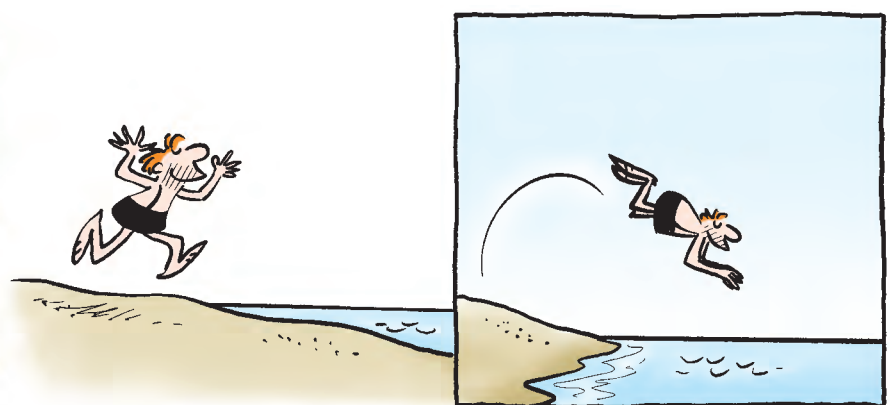
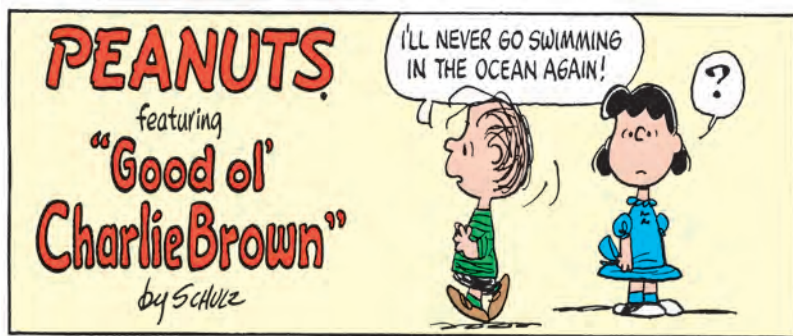


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A woodsy performance



Dressed like a lumberjack, Kathleen Marsh, Holt and Balcom Logging Camp Museum director, shared northern Oconto County's logging heritage as a story time guest reader on Oct. 10 at Lakes Country Public Library children's area. Her appearance was part of the library's special tribute to Northwoods logging heritage, planned after an announcement by Sen. Tammy Baldwin that she and Maine Sen. Susan Collins had introduced a bipartisan resolution recognizing Oct. 12 as National Loggers Day.

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Sophomores: Bunny Cramer

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Sophomores: Morgan Laabs, Kendra Rattin, Kaley Thompson

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Seventh grade: Mason Fosheim, Teagan Harkey, Nya Huntington, Nolan Kleinschmidt, Grady Krone, Riley Krueger

Sixth grade: Ivy DuQuaine, Wyatt Ritchie, Addison Schwartz, Kadence White

HONOR ROLL

Eighth grade: Grady Bartz, Mallory Braun, Lukas Herzog, Sofia Koenig, Wyatt Schroeder, Gage Westphal, Cambren Zeuske

Seventh grade: Collin Dieck, Quin Harkey

Sixth grade: Rayna Beversdorf, Amelia DuChesne, Emmalee Herrmann, Jack Koenig, Mimikwaew Penfold, Brody Smith, Grayson Wood, Jaden Zittlow

Better Business Bureau, Amazon team up to deal with holiday scams

The Better Business Bureau is partnering with Amazon to drive an education campaign aimed at helping consumers spot impersonation scams during this holiday season (BBB.org/ImpersonationScams).

This scam tactic occurs when a scammer pretends to be a trustworthy organization or individual to steal a person's money or personal information. This co-branded campaign will run through the holiday season, when there is typically an increase in scam attempts with more people seeking to make purchases.

The campaign follows new research published by the BBB Institute for Marketplace Trust on Oct. 5. The new report, Start With Trust Online, the 2022 BBB Online Scams report, highlighted new scam tactics, particularly scams perpetrated online, including online purchase scams that impersonate the brands of well-known businesses.

"Fifty-four percent of survey respondents said the scammer claimed to be from a legitimate organization, according to our latest research," said Melissa Lanning Trumppower, executive director of the BBB Institute for Marketplace Trust. "Of those who said they were targeted by an impersonation scam, 50% said they were targeted by scammers pretending to be a trustworthy business. Our partnership with Amazon will help us reach more consumers with important information about how to spot and avoid losing money to these scams."

Data for the campaign and the BBB Institute research report were provided through BBB Scam Tracker, an online reporting and prevention tool that enables people to report and search scam reports. A new-and-improved version of BBB Scam Tracker will be launched in November in partnership with Amazon and Capital One.

"Amazon is committed to protecting consumers from impersonation scams and helping them protect themselves," said Kathy Sheehan, vice president and associate general counsel at Amazon. "We're grateful to partner with consumer advocates like the Better

Business Bureau to educate consumers."

BBB and Amazon recommend the following tips for shopping online:

- Stay calm. If you receive a suspicious phone call, resist the urge to act immediately, no matter how dramatic the story is or how threatening or intimidating the caller sounds.

- Don't reply directly. Instead, visit the company's website or app to use their customer service channel and verify the message or phone call you received.

- Go to the source or get help. When in doubt, call a friend, loved one, or your local BBB to ask for a second opinion. Regardless of what is said in the phone conversation, tell someone.

- Never feel pressured to give personal information (Social Security number, account numbers/passwords, license number, etc.) over the phone, especially if the call is unexpected. Scammers may try to use calls, texts, and emails to impersonate a company's customer service. If you are unsure, end the call/chat and reach out directly to the company's customer service phone number or website.

- Never pay over the phone, especially if the call was unsolicited. If you need to make a payment, go directly to the organization's website or app.

- Never allow remote access to your computer if somebody offers tech support. Shut down your computer immediately and seek support directly from your service provider.

- Search BBB Scam Tracker. If you're suspicious about the situation, search BBB Scam Tracker to see if anyone else has reported a similar situation. The new BBB Scam Tracker enables you to search by email, URL, phone number, and more. You can also report suspicious communications that mention Amazon directly to the company.

- Check that email address or URL more closely. Scammers use similar website addresses or emails to appear legitimate, but if you look closely, you may find one letter or number that is off.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Sacred Heart hosts 50 veterans at ceremony

Sacred Heart Catholic School welcomed nearly 50 veterans during its Veterans Day program Nov. 11.

The day started with a special breakfast prepared by food services manager Tanya Myerchin and her mother, Melea Norton, prior to the ceremony, which featured a packed gymnasium.

The ceremony began with the AmVets Post 10 posting the colors, followed by the singing of the National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance led by our School Choir. Each veteran stepped forward to introduce themselves and share their rank/post and then Lori Mathwich and Autumnne Gee handed a blessed cross and flag pin to each veteran.

Wisconsin National Guard Chief Warrant Officer Jed Meidam, school parent, gave a presentation. Gee then surprised Mathwich with a patriotic floral arrangement and recognition for her work on the Veterans Day program, 21 years of service in the U.S. Army, and her work at Sacred Heart.

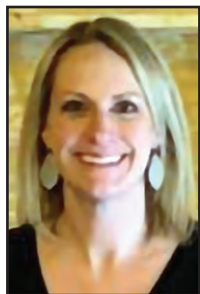
Deacon Jim Lonick shared a closing prayer and blessed the veterans, and then the AmVets held the 21-gun salute with "Taps," before retiring the colors. The veterans gathered around the gym so students and staff could pass out special gifts and cards they had made.

Bahrke program director for leadership group

The Leadership Oconto County Board of Directors recently announced the appointment of Ashley Bahrke to the position of program director.

Bahrke is a 2019 graduate of Leadership Oconto County and has been involved with the organization in various roles over the last four years.

"We are excited to have Ashley in this capacity as we move forward in growing the Leadership Oconto County program," said board president Greg Gauthier. "The board and I are looking forward to the energy and experience she brings to the role."



ASHLEY BAHRKE



Members of AmVets Post 10 join a packed gymnasium in saluting the American flag during Sacred Heart Catholic School's Veterans Day ceremony on Nov. 11.

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Leadership Oconto County is a 501(c)(3) organization with the mission of identifying and developing leaders who live or work in Oconto County. The program highlights issues, concerns, and needs throughout the County and creates an avenue for participants to embark on or expand their leadership roles in their communities.

To find out more about the program, visit www.leadershipoc.com or email leadershipocontocounty@gmail.com.

Gillett preps for its Christmas in the Park

Gillett is holding its annual Christmas in the Park on Dec. 3.

Activities will start at 10 a.m. with Santa's workshop filled with crafts and vendor goods through 2:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 101 W. Main St., Gillett. There will be bucket raffles.

Santa Claus is coming to the Expo Hall in Zippel Park, 150 N. McKenzie St., Gillett, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Each kid will receive a free goodie bag. There will also be photos with Santa for a minimal fee. Other kids activities include make-

and-take crafts, face painting, balloon animals, reindeer games, Little Seedings 4-H cake walk, cookies and hot chocolate.

Horse drawn sleigh and wagon rides through Zippel Park will be part of the festivities. Visitors will be able to view lighted Christmas displays by local families, businesses, and organizations at 5 p.m.

There will be caroling at the park at 4:45 p.m. and fireworks to finish off the day.

Food and refreshments will be available for purchase at both the park and the church.

For information, contact Betty Jane Behling at 920-376-1706 or email lilyyoda9@yahoo.com.

Entries open for invasive species poster contest

The 2023 Northwoods Invasive Species Poster Contest is in its 12th year and reaches school districts within 18 Northwoods counties, including Menominee, Oconto and Shawano.

Poster entries are due by 4 p.m. on April 26, 2023. Posters and poster entry forms may be mailed in or dropped off at one of 16 drop-off lo-

cations. A new brochure with complete instructions, drop-off locations and fillable entry forms, is located at <https://www.oclw.org/2023-northwoods-invasive-species-poster-contest.html>. For information, call 715-369-7835.

Community center to host cookie crawl, Santa

Gillett Public Library will host a holiday cookie crawl from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 10 at the Gillett Community Center, 204 E. Main St., Gillett.

The library is seeking donations of cookies for the event. Cookies can be brought to the center starting at 9 a.m. Bakers must bring an ingredient list with your cookies to alert anyone as to allergens such as nuts, eggs or dairy.

The Friends of the Library will have containers available for \$5. Any funds collected will be used to support the library's programs.

Santa is also scheduled to visit.

Around the Community is a roundup on local events, honors, awards and more. Organizations interested in sending news about what they're involved with can contact NEW Media at news@newmedia-wi.com. Items with a specific date like an event should be sent at least two weeks before it takes place.

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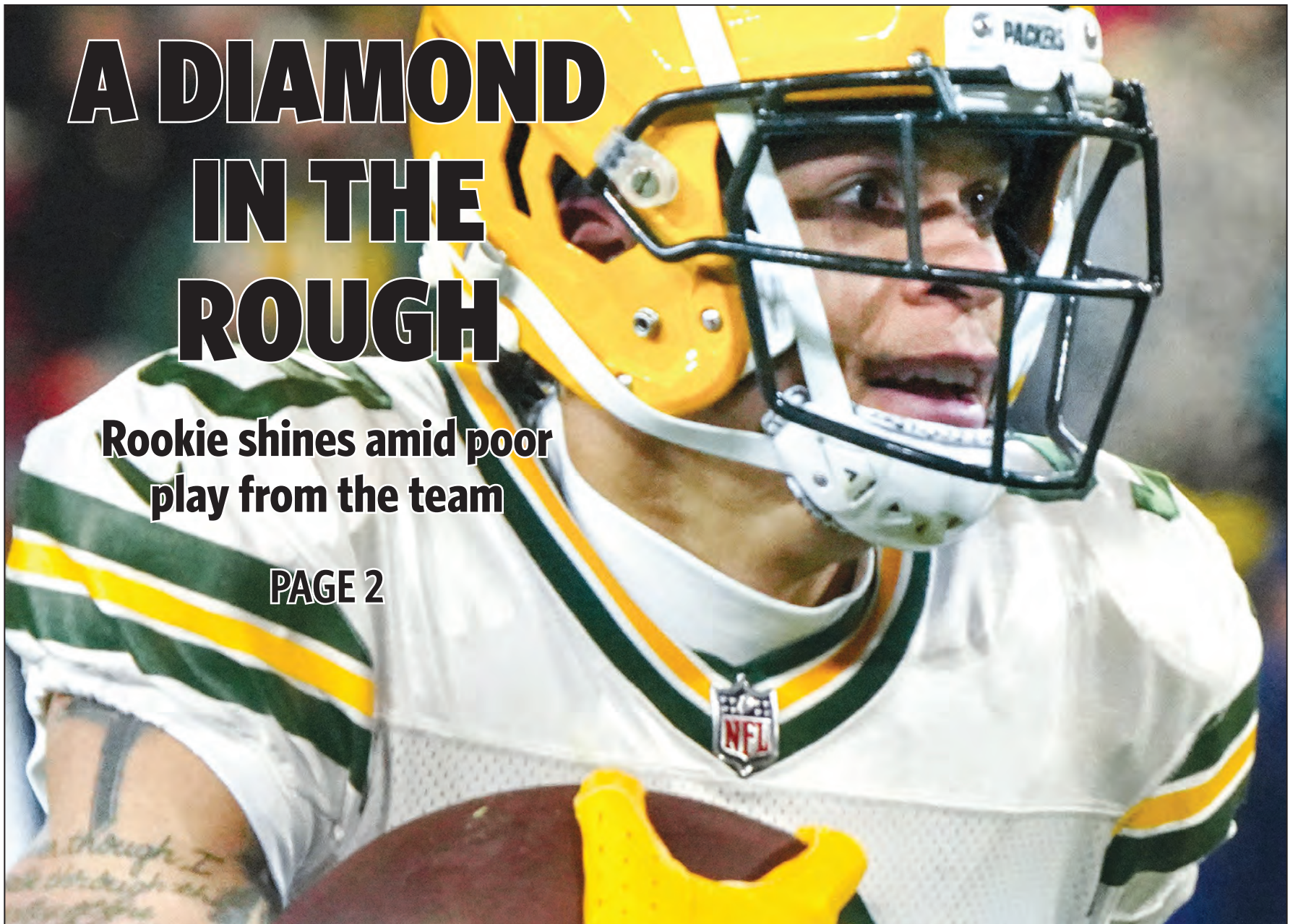


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Rookie shines amid poor
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Green Bay Packers receiver Christian Watson runs with the ball during a game against the Tennessee Titans on Nov. 17 in Green Bay.

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Watson the playmaker Pack's offense needs

North Dakota State product has 5 touchdown catches in last 2 games

By **LUKE REIMER**

Reporter

While the season is not going the way that the Green Bay Packers hoped, there have been bright spots that have appeared.

Rookie wide receiver Christian Watson has become one of those bright spots and a major part of the offense.

With the receiver problems that Green Bay has experienced in the offseason and during the regular season, seeing a receiver who looks confident is a sound sign for Packers fans.

After scoring five touchdowns in the past two games, Watson took the lead for most receiving touchdowns by a rookie wide receiver as of Nov. 17.

"I think we had all our playmakers, and he stepped up the last two weeks, the last two games, the last five days," said Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers on Watson. "The last few days, no drops. He caught everything today. Yes, we have to get him the ball more."

Watson has game-breaking speed that should only open up the middle of the field for Green Bay. It has come to the point where if Rodgers sees Watson with only a corner over him, it seems likely the quarterback will air it out and let Watson run under it.

That is part of the reason why Green Bay traded up to draft the North Dakota State product. Randall Cobb returning to the field also opens up Watson to continue to run go and post routes.

Cobb's rapport with Rodgers has been on display for almost a decade, forcing defenses to respect the middle. If the Packers can create a complimentary high-low route combination with Watson and Cobb, the team may look a little more like what fans are accustomed to seeing.

With Green Bay's inconsistency running the ball this year, Watson has shown that he can provide those much-needed sparks to keep the Packers in games.

Rookie receiving is something that the Packers haven't had in many years, and Watson has proven that he can be the guy in Green Bay. Sitting at 4-7, the question surrounding the Packers is when do



Green Bay Packers receiver Christian Watson (9) celebrates with teammates during the game against the Tennessee Titans on Nov. 17 in Green Bay.

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you sit Rodgers and let Jordan Love get some much-needed QB experience?

While that does sound preferable, the Packers may not want to mess with the potential budding relationship and connection between Rodgers and Watson. If all else, Watson will probably never play with a quarterback better than Rodgers, so this is much-needed experience for the young wide receiver.

Even with the poor play and poor record, head coach Matt LaFleur is not totally ready to give up on the season in favor of younger players yet.

"You guys know how my mindset is: It's every day and it's one game, and that's the mentality," said LaFleur. "I have a hard time processing it any other way."

LaFleur's comments make it seem that he believes the Packers are still alive and can make a run toward the playoffs.

While that is technically true,

when does someone like Love get his opportunity? It also begs the question of when does Watson see more work?

Though he has caught five touchdowns in the last two games, those touchdowns have accounted for more than half of his receptions in those games.

The theme surrounding the Packers this year has been inconsistency with the offense and defense both putting together a good game on the same day. At times this season, the defense has looked like the strength of the team — Tampa Bay — and other games where it has looked as bad as it has in recent years — Tennessee.

While Watson figures to help bring some consistency to that offense, where does that come on the defensive side of the ball?

Rashan Gary is lost for the season, and Eric Stokes is on injured reserve. The Packers look like they need a "Christian Watson on defense," or someone to step up and

lead the defense.

"We're not in a very good position right now, that's for sure," said LaFleur. "We're going to get back to work and try to make some of these corrections because it's disappointing."

"Whether it's your coverage busting defensively, whether it's protection busts and/or any mistake in regards to the mental errors, that's extremely disappointing, especially where we are at in the season."

LaFleur is right. Eleven weeks into the season, the Packers are still making preseason mistakes — whether that's missing blocks, not communicating on defense or mismanaging the clock.

In a team with a lot of question marks, one thing is for certain — Watson is a dynamic playmaker who has proven that he can jumpstart a stagnant Green Bay offense.

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#	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	AGE	EXP.	COLLEGE
2	Mason Crosby	K	6-1	207	38	16	Colorado
6	Dallin Leavitt	S	5-10	195	28	4	Utah State
7	Quay Walker	LB	6-4	241	22	R	Georgia
9	Christian Watson	WR	6-5	208	23	R	North Dakota State
10	Jordan Love	QB	6-4	219	24	3	Utah State
11	Sammy Watkins	WR	6-1	211	29	9	Clemson
12	Aaron Rodgers	QB	6-2	225	38	18	California
13	Allen Lazard	WR	6-5	227	26	4	Iowa State
16	Pat O'Donnell	P	6-4	220	31	9	Miami
18	Randall Cobb	WR	5-10	195	32	12	Kentucky
20	Rudy Ford	S	6-0	200	28	6	Auburn
22	Shemar Jean-Charles	CB	5-10	184	24	2	Appalachian State
23	Jaire Alexander	CB	5-10	196	25	5	Louisville
24	Tariq Carpenter	S	6-3	230	23	R	Georgia Tech
25	Keisean Nixon	CB	5-10	200	25	4	South Carolina
26	Darnell Savage	S	5-11	198	25	4	Maryland
27	Patrick Taylor	RB	6-2	217	24	2	Memphis
28	AJ Dillon	RB	6-0	247	24	3	Boston College
29	Rasul Douglas	CB	6-2	209	27	6	West Virginia
31	Adrian Amos	S	6-0	214	29	8	Penn State
33	Aaron Jones	RB	5-9	208	27	6	Texas-El Paso
35	Corey Ballentine	CB	5-11	196	26	4	Washburn
44	Johnathan Abram	S	5-11	205	26	4	Mississippi State
45	Eric Wilson	LB	6-1	230	28	6	Cincinnati
50	Zach Tom	OL	6-4	304	23	R	Wake Forest
51	Krys Barnes	LB	6-2	229	24	3	UCLA
53	Jonathan Garvin	LB	6-4	257	23	3	Miami
55	Kingsley Enagbare	LB	6-4	258	22	R	South Carolina
56	Jack Coco	LS	6-2	248	24	R	Georgia Tech
58	Isaiah McDuffie	LB	6-1	227	23	2	Boston College
59	De'Vondre Campbell	LB	6-3	232	29	7	Minnesota
63	Rasheed Walker	T	6-6	324	22	R	Penn State
69	David Bakhtiari	T	6-4	310	31	10	Colorado
70	Royce Newman	T/G	6-5	310	25	2	Mississippi
71	Josh Myers	C/G	6-5	310	24	2	Ohio State
73	Yosh Nijman	T	6-7	314	26	3	Virginia Tech
74	Elgton Jenkins	G	6-5	311	26	4	Mississippi State
75	Sean Ryan	T/G	6-5	321	22	R	UCLA

76	Jon Runyan	G	6-4	307	25	3	Michigan
78	Luke Tenuta	T	6-8	314	23	R	Virginia Tech
81	Josiah Deguara	TE	6-2	238	25	3	Cincinnati
83	Samori Toure	WR	6-1	191	24	R	Nebraska
84	Tyler Davis	TE	6-4	252	25	3	Georgia Tech
85	Robert Tonyan	TE	6-5	240	28	5	Indiana State
87	Romeo Doubs	WR	6-2	204	22	R	Nevada
89	Marcedes Lewis	TE	6-6	267	38	17	UCLA
90	Jarran Reed	DL	6-3	307	29	7	Alabama
91	Preston Smith	LB	6-5	265	30	8	Mississippi State
93	T.J. Slaton	DL	6-4	330	25	2	Florida
94	Dean Lowry	DL	6-6	296	28	7	Northwestern
95	Devonte Wyatt	DL	6-3	304	24	R	Georgia
97	Kenny Clark	DL	6-3	314	27	7	UCLA
99	Jonathan Ford	DL	6-5	338	24	R	Miami

Reserve/Injured

21	Eric Stokes	CB	6-0	194	23	2	Georgia
40	Tipa Galeai	LB	6-5	229	25	2	Utah State
52	Rashan Gary	LB	6-5	277	24	4	Michigan
67	Jake Hanson	C	6-4	296	25	2	Oregon

Reserve/Non-Football Illness

72	Caleb Jones	T	6-9	370	23	R	Indiana
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Practice Squad

17	Ramiz Ahmed	K	5-11	193	27	1	Nevada
19	Danny Etling	QB	6-3	222	28	1	LSU
34	Micah Abernathy	S	6-0	195	25	1	Tennessee
38	Innis Gaines	S	6-1	202	24	1	TCU
39	Tyler Goodson	RB	5-9	197	22	R	Iowa
43	Kiondre Thomas	CB	6-0	186	24	1	Kansas State
48	DQ Thomas	LB	6-2	216	23	R	Middle Tennessee State
49	Josh Babicz	TE	6-6	255	23	R	North Dakota State
54	La'Darius Hamilton	LB	6-2	261	24	2	North Texas
57	Tim Ward	LB	6-6	255	25	3	Old Dominion
80	Dede Westbrook	WR	6-0	178	28	6	Oklahoma
82	Jeff Cotton	WR	6-2	206	25	1	Idaho
86	Travis Fulgham	WR	6-2	211	27	3	Old Dominion
88	Juwann Winfree	WR	6-1	210	26	3	Colorado
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#	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	AGE	EXP.	COLLEGE
1	Jalen Hurts	QB	6-1	223	24	3	Oklahoma
2	Darius Slay	CB	6-0	190	31	10	Mississippi State
3	Zach Pascal	WR	6-2	215	27	5	Old Dominion
4	Jake Elliott	K	5-9	167	27	6	Memphis
6	DeVonta Smith	WR	6-0	170	24	2	Alabama
7	Haason Reddick	LB	6-1	240	28	6	Temple
8	Aryn Siposs	P	6-2	212	29	2	Auburn
10	Gardner Minshew	QB	6-1	225	26	4	Washington State
11	A.J. Brown	WR	6-1	226	25	4	Mississippi
14	Kenneth Gainwell	RB	5-9	200	23	2	Memphis
16	Quez Watkins	WR	6-0	193	24	3	Southern Mississippi
17	Nakobe Dean	LB	5-11	231	21	R	Georgia
18	Britain Covey	WR	5-8	173	25	R	Utah
19	Ian Book	QB	6-0	206	24	2	Notre Dame
21	Andre Chachere	S	6-0	200	26	2	San Jose State
22	Marcus Epps	S	6-0	198	26	4	Wyoming
23	C.J. Gardner-Johnson	S	5-11	210	24	3	Florida
24	James Bradberry	CB	6-1	210	29	7	Samford
26	Miles Sanders	RB	5-11	211	25	4	Penn State
27	Zech McPhearson	CB	5-11	191	24	2	Texas Tech
28	Josh Jobe	CB	5-11	190	24	R	Alabama
32	Reed Blankenship	S	6-1	203	23	R	Middle Tennessee State
33	Josiah Scott	CB	5-9	185	23	3	Michigan State
34	Trey Sermon	RB	6-0	215	23	2	Ohio State
35	Boston Scott	RB	5-6	203	27	4	Louisiana Tech
42	K'Von Wallace	S	5-11	205	25	3	Clemson
43	Kyzir White	LB	6-2	234	26	5	West Virginia
45	Rick Lovato	LS	6-2	249	30	6	Old Dominion
48	Patrick Johnson	LB	6-2	248	24	2	Tulane
51	Cam Jurgens	C/G	6-3	303	23	R	Nebraska
54	Shaun Bradley	LB	6-1	240	25	3	Temple
55	Brandon Graham	DE	6-2	265	34	13	Michigan
56	Isaac Seumalo	G	6-4	303	29	7	Oregon State
57	T.J. Edwards	LB	6-1	242	26	4	Wisconsin
58	Kyron Johnson	LB	6-0	235	24	R	Kansas
61	Josh Sills	G	6-6	325	24	R	Oklahoma State
62	Jason Kelce	C	6-3	295	35	12	Cincinnati
63	Jack Driscoll	T/G	6-5	312	25	3	Auburn
65	Lane Johnson	T	6-6	325	32	10	Oklahoma
68	Jordan Mailata	T	6-8	365	25	5	None
69	Landon Dickerson	G	6-6	332	24	2	Alabama

72	Linval Joseph	DT	6-4	328	34	13	East Carolina
74	Ndamukong Suh	DT	6-4	307	35	13	Nebraska
77	Andre Dillard	T	6-5	315	27	4	Washington State
78	Sua Opeta	G	6-4	305	26	3	Weber State
80	Tyree Jackson	TE	6-7	249	25	2	Buffalo
81	Grant Calcaterra	TE	6-4	240	23	R	SMU
89	Jack Stoll	TE	6-4	247	24	2	Nebraska
91	Fletcher Cox	DT	6-4	310	31	11	Mississippi State
93	Milton Williams	DT	6-3	290	23	2	Louisiana Tech
94	Josh Sweat	DE	6-5	265	25	5	Florida State
97	Javon Hargrave	DT	6-2	305	29	7	South Carolina State
98	Robert Quinn	DE	6-4	264	32	12	North Carolina

Reserve/Injured

29	Avonte Maddox	CB	5-9	184	26	5	Pittsburgh
46	Jaeden Graham	TE	6-4	250	27	4	Yale
59	Janarius Robinson	DE	6-5	260	24	2	Florida State
88	Dallas Goedert	TE	6-5	256	27	5	South Dakota State
90	Jordan Davis	DT	6-6	336	22	R	Georgia
95	Marlon Tuipulotu	DT	6-2	307	23	2	USC
96	Derek Barnett	DE	6-3	259	26	6	Tennessee

Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform

64	Brett Toth	T/G	6-6	304	26	4	Army
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Practice Squad

	Javelin Guidry	CB	5-9	191	24	3	Utah
	Fred Johnson	T	6-7	326	25	4	Florida
13	Auden Tate	WR	6-5	228	25	5	Florida State
30	Kennedy Brooks	RB	5-11	213	24	R	Oklahoma
31	Mario Goodrich	CB	6-0	186	22	R	Clemson
38	Marquise Blair	S	6-1	196	25	4	Utah
52	Davion Taylor	LB	6-1	230	24	3	Colorado
53	Christian Elliss	LB	6-3	233	23	1	Idaho
66	Matt Leo	DE	6-7	280	30	1	Iowa State
67	Cameron Tom	C	6-4	300	27	5	Southern Mississippi
73	Marvin Wilson	DT	6-4	303	24	1	Florida State
74	Roderick Johnson	T	6-6	300	26	5	Florida State
75	Tarron Jackson	DE	6-2	254	24	2	Coastal Carolina
76	Tyrese Robinson	G	6-3	324	23	R	Oklahoma
82	Devon Allen	WR	6-1	190	27	R	Oregon
83	Noah Togiai	TE	6-4	244	25	2	Oregon State
84	Greg Ward	WR	5-11	190	27	4	Houston

Practice Squad/Injured

	Jarrid Williams	T	6-6	325	25	R	Miami
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THE SERIES

Packers vs. Eagles
All-time, regular season: 27-15
All-time, postseason: 1-2
All-time, at Eagles: 10-11
Streaks: The Green Bay Pack-
ers have won three of the past four
meetings against the Philadelphia
Eagles. The Eagles had just two wins
in their last eight matchups against
the Packers.
Last meeting, regular season:
Dec. 6, 2020, Packers won 30-16
at Lambeau Field. Aaron Rodgers
threw three touchdowns and Aaron
Jones rushed for 130 yards and a
score to power Green Bay to vic-
tory.

SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	TV
Sept. 11	at Minnesota	Loss 23-7	
Sept. 18	vs. Chicago	Win 27-10	
Sept. 25	at Tampa Bay	Win 14-12	
Oct. 2	vs. New England	Win 27-24 (OT)	
Oct. 9	vs. N.Y. Giants (London)	Loss 27-22	
Oct. 16	vs. N.Y. Jets	Loss 27-10	
Oct. 23	at Washington	Loss 23-21	
Oct. 30	at Buffalo	Loss 27-17	
Nov. 6	at Detroit	Loss 15-9	
Nov. 13	vs. Dallas	Win 31-28	
Nov. 17	vs. Tennessee	Loss 27-17	
Nov. 27	at Philadelphia	7:20 p.m. NBC	
Dec. 4	at Chicago	noon FOX	
Bye week			
Dec. 19	vs. L.A. Rams	7:15 p.m. ESPN	
Dec. 25	at Miami	noon FOX	
Jan. 1	vs. Minnesota	3:25 p.m. CBS	
Jan. 7/8	vs. Detroit	TBD TBD	

OFFENSE

WR

Romeo Doubs
Samori Toure

RB

Aaron Jones
A.J. Dillon

QB

Aaron Rodgers
Jordan Love

WR

Sammy Watkins

WR

Allen Lazard
Christian Watson

TE

Mercedes Lewis
Robert Tonyan

RT

Yosh Nijman
Rasheed Walker

RG

Jon Runyan
Royce Newman

C

Josh Myers
Zach Tom

LG

Elgton Jenkins
Sean Rhyan

LT

David Bakhtiari
Zach Tom

DEFENSE

DE

Dean Lowry
Devonte Wyatt

NT

Kenny Clark
T.J. Slaton

DE

Jarran Reed
Devonte Wyatt

CB

Rasul Douglas
Shemar Jean-Charles

CB

Jaire Alexander
Keisean Nixon

OLB

Preston Smith
Jonathan Garvin

ILB

De'Vondre Campbell
Isaiah McDuffie

ILB

Quay Walker
Krys Barnes

OLB

Kingsley Enagbare
Jonathan Garvin

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DEFENSE

DE

Brandon Graham
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Milton Williams

DT

Javon Hargrave
Linval Joseph

DE

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CB

James Bradberry
Josh Jobe

CB

Darius Slay
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OLB

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Patrick Johnson

MLB

T.J. Edwards
Nakobe Dean

OLB

Kyzir White
Shaun Bradley

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Marcus Epps
Reed Blankenship

S

C.J. Gardner-Johnson
K'Von Wallace

SCHEDULE

Thursday's Games

Buffalo at Detroit, 11:30 a.m.
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 3:30 p.m.
New England at Minnesota, 7:20 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Denver at Carolina, noon
Tampa Bay at Cleveland, noon
Baltimore at Jacksonville, noon
Houston at Miami, noon
Chicago at N.Y. Jets, noon
Cincinnati at Tennessee, noon
Atlanta at Washington, noon
L.A. Chargers at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Las Vegas at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Kansas City, 3:25 p.m.
New Orleans at San Francisco, 3:25 p.m.
Green Bay at Philadelphia, 7:20 p.m.

Monday's Games

Pittsburgh at Indianapolis, 7:15 p.m.

Next Thursday's Games

Buffalo at New England, 7:15 p.m.

PACK STATS

PASSING

Yards

Aaron Rodgers 2,542
Touchdowns

Aaron Rodgers 19

RUSHING

Yards

Aaron Jones 778
AJ Dillon 467

Touchdowns

Aaron Jones 2
AJ Dillon 1

RECEIVING

Catches

Robert Tonyan 41
Aaron Jones 40
Allen Lazard 38
Romeo Doubs 31
Randall Cobb 24

Yards

Allen Lazard 529
Robert Tonyan 342
Randall Cobb 330
Romeo Doubs 314

Aaron Jones 248

Touchdowns

Allen Lazard 5
Christian Watson 5

Aaron Jones 3

Romeo Doubs 3

DEFENSE

Total tackles

Quay Walker 82
De'Vondre Campbell 64
Adrian Amos 62
Rasul Douglas 51
Kenny Clark 41
Darnell Savage 41

Sacks

Rashan Gary 6
Preston Smith 5
Kenny Clark 3
Kingsley Enagbare 2

Interceptions

Jaire Alexander 3
Rasul Douglas 2
Rudy Ford 2
De'Vondre Campbell 1

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TELLING PACKERS STATISTICS

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

The movie “Hope Floats” has nothing to do with football. But with their victory over the Dallas Cowboys, the Green Bay Packers’ playoff hopes were afloat.

Then the Tennessee Titans came to town and produced the sequel.

“Hope Sunk.”

The Packers were booed off the field before halftime and again late in the fourth quarter before the frozen fans headed to the exits. Barring a miracle, the 27-17 loss to the Titans will have been the final torpedo shot into the underachieving Packers.

Headed into Sunday night’s game at the powerhouse Philadelphia Eagles, here are six individual statistical reasons why the Packers have been such underachievers.

Aaron Rodgers: Efficiency

During his MVP seasons of 2020 and 2021, Rodgers was around 69% completions, 4,200 yards, 43 touchdowns, five interceptions and 8 yards per attempt. This year, he’s at 64.6% completions, projections of 3,930 yards, 29 touchdowns and 11 interceptions, and 6.8 yards per attempt.

There are a myriad of reasons, starting with the obvious of the offseason trade of Davante Adams. Adams was a great player who got open most of the time. What a luxury. And what a security blanket to know that, whether it’s first-and-10 in the first quarter or third-and-8 in the fourth quarter, that the No. 1 read on any play would get open.

Rodgers has strong connections with Allen Lazard and Randall Cobb, but they’re not Adams. The most talented receivers on the roster are rookies Romeo Doubs and Christian Watson, but Doubs has missed most of the last three games with a high-ankle sprain and Watson missed so much time with a hamstring injury, concussion and feared concussion that he didn’t play more than 40 snaps in a game until his breakout performance in week 10 against Dallas.

Combined, the players with the connection aren’t super-talented, and the players who are talented don’t have the connection.

The interceptions number, while still quite good, is noteworthy. He hasn’t thrown more than eight interceptions since tossing 11 in 2010.

“If we play up to our potential, we can win our last six games. I’m confident in that,” Rodgers said after a shaky performance vs. the Titans. “Obviously, I’ve got to play up to my



Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers shovels the ball during the team’s game against the Tennessee Titans on Nov. 17 in Green Bay.

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potential. Tonight wasn’t it.”

Allen Lazard: Not No. 1

During training camp, Rodgers called Lazard a No. 1 receiver. It was a ludicrous statement at the time and ludicrous today. Lazard is a quality player and excellent role player. Every team would love to have someone like him. A No. 1 receiver, though? No way.

As a supporting player, Lazard was coming off three consecutive seasons in which he averaged about 36 receptions, 480 yards and five touchdowns. Lazard was never a focal point for defensive coordinators, but he is now.

The raw numbers are there with 38 receptions for 529 yards and five touchdowns. His 13.9-yard average is the best mark of his career. However, after catching 67.8% of his targets in 2021, 73.3% in 2020 and 68.6% in 2019, he’s at 58.5% this season. It’s harder to get open when you’re facing better cornerbacks.



Green Bay Packers defensive lineman Kenny Clark, center, tries to elude a block and bring down the ball carrier during the Tennessee Titans game Nov. 17 in Green Bay.

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AJ Dillon: Powerless

At about 245 pounds of bulging biceps and thick thighs, Dillon should be a nightmare for defenses. He is, in a way. He’s almost never brought down by just one defender. On the other

hand, he’s generally stopped by one defender before being taken down by a host of others.

According to Pro Football Focus, 32 running backs have at least 90 carries entering week 12. Dillon ranks 20th

with 117 carries but is just 26th with 17 missed tackles, 28th with eight carries of 10-plus yards, 19th with 2.93 yards per carry after contact and 30th in elusive rating, a metric that attempts to measure the impact of a runner independent of his blocking.

The Packers hoped Aaron Jones and Dillon could carry the load, literally, in the post-Davante Adams offense. Jones has been great, but Dillon has been a bit underwhelming.

Elgton Jenkins: Not at home

As a rookie left guard in 2019, Jenkins didn't allow a single sack. As a Pro Bowl left guard in 2020, he allowed one sack. Forced out to left tackle to replace David Bakhtiari in 2021, he allowed two sacks in eight games before suffering a torn ACL.

The Packers moved him to right tackle, their weakest spot on the line, with the belief that Jenkins' talent and proven versatility would be enough to overcome any lingering affects from the knee injury.

In nine games, he's allowed three sacks — two at right tackle and one since moving back to left guard. Jenkins is a high-quality player. He'll be much better once the knee injury is fully beyond him. But, headed into the stretch run, he has not been a dominant player.



Green Bay Packers outside linebacker Preston Smith (91) sacks Tennessee Titans quarterback Ryan Tannehill (17) during a Nov. 17 game in Green Bay.

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Kenny Clark: Not much pressure

Clark's a two-time Pro Bowler and one of the best three-down defensive tackles in the NFL. He's not Aaron Donald but he's right in that next tier, which he demonstrated at the start of

the season.

In the first three games, Clark recorded two sacks and five quarterback hits, according to the official NFL stats, and three quarterback hits and 13 pressures, according to PFF.

In the last eight games, Clark has only one sack and one quarterback hit (vs. Dallas), according to the league, and one sack, zero quarterback hits and 16 pressures, according to PFF.

He's on pace for 25 pressures, which would be the fewest of his career.

Eric Stokes: Year 2 disappointment

If not for one poor game at Minnesota last season, the first-round pick might have earned All-Rookie honors. Teams count on quantum leaps forward from players in their second season, so what would Stokes for an encore?

According to PFF, Stokes gave up a 51% catch rate, 6.1 yards per target and a 79.1 passer rating while missing 9.2% of his tackle attempts as a rookie.

This year, he allowed an 84% catch rate, 11 yards per target and a 125.8 passer rating while missing 16.1% of his tackle attempts before suffering a season-ending ankle surgery against Detroit.

With Stokes' slide and Rasul Douglas going from a 50.8% completion rate in 2021 to 71.8% in 2022 and Jaire Alexander going from 50.7% during his All-Pro season of 2020 to 58.7% in 2022, it's no wonder why the Packers' defense has been such a disappointment.

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 Denver @ Carolina
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Tie Breaker Game:
 Green Bay @ Philadelphia



This Week's Picks:

Buffalo	Miami	San Francisco
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New England	Tennessee	Indianapolis
Denver	Washington	
Tampa Bay	Arizona	
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score : Green Bay 31 @ Philadelphia 34



This Week's Picks:

Buffalo	Miami	San Francisco
Dallas	NY Jets	Kansas City
Minnesota	Tennessee	Indianapolis
Carolina	Washington	
Tampa Bay	LA Chargers	
Baltimore	Seattle	

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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 13 @ Philadelphia 27



This Week's Picks:

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NY Giants	NY Jets	Kansas City
Minnesota	Tennessee	Pittsburgh
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 21 @ Philadelphia 35

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7	Sunday, October 23	at Dallas Cowboys	1:00 p.m.	FOX
8	Sunday, October 30	at Tennessee Titans	1:00 p.m.	FOX
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This Week's Picks:

Buffalo	Miami	San Francisco
Dallas	NY Jets	Kansas City
Minnesota	Cincinnati	Indianapolis
Denver	Washington	
Tampa Bay	LA Chargers	
Baltimore	Las Vegas	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 28 @ Philadelphia 27



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This Week's Picks:

Buffalo	Miami	San Francisco
Dallas	NY Jets	Kansas City
Minnesota	Tennessee	Indianapolis
Carolina	Washington	
Tampa Bay	LA Chargers	
Baltimore	Seattle	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 27 @ Philadelphia 30



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This Week's Picks:

Buffalo	Miami	San Francisco
NY Giants	NY Jets	Kansas City
Minnesota	Tennessee	Indianapolis
Denver	Atlanta	
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 17 @ Philadelphia 31



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This Week's Picks:

Buffalo	Miami	San Francisco
NY Giants	NY Jets	Kansas City
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ Philadelphia 28



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This Week's Picks:

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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 21 @ Philadelphia 20



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This Week's Picks:

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NY Giants	NY Jets	Kansas City
Minnesota	Tennessee	Indianapolis
Denver	Washington	
Cleveland	LA Chargers	
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 21 @ Philadelphia 31



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This Week's Picks:

Buffalo	Miami	Kansas City
Dallas	N.Y. Jets	San Francisco
Minnesota	Cincinnati	Indianapolis
Denver	Washington	
Tampa Bay	LA Chargers	
Baltimore	Seattle	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 20 @ Philadelphia 31



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This Week's Picks:

Buffalo	Miami	San Francisco
Dallas	NY Jets	Kansas City
Minnesota	Cincinnati	Pittsburgh
Carolina	Washington	
Tampa Bay	LA Chargers	
Baltimore	Seattle	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 32 @ Philadelphia 28



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This Week's Picks:

Buffalo	Miami	San Francisco
Dallas	NY Jets	Kansas City
Minnesota	Cincinnati	Pittsburgh
Denver	Washington	
Tampa Bay	Arizona	
Baltimore	Seattle	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 17 @ Philadelphia 28

KEYS TO THE GAME

By **BILL HUBER**

Correspondent

The Green Bay Packers will travel to face the Philadelphia Eagles at 7:20 p.m. on Sunday at Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia. NBC will televise the game.

History

In a series that dates to 1933, the Packers lead 29-17 (28-15 regular season; 1-2 playoffs).

The Packers have won six of the last eight, including 30-16 on Dec. 6, 2020, at Lambeau Field. Aaron Jones put the icing on the cake with a 77-yard touchdown run.

The last meeting in Philadelphia came in 2016. That was game one of "Run the Table," with Green Bay winning 27-13.

Coaches

Green Bay — Matt LaFleur, fourth season. Philadelphia — Nick Sirianni, second season.

When the Eagles have the ball

The Eagles boast a well-rounded offense. Before their week 11 game, they ranked third with 27.3 points per game. They were sixth in rushing with 142.7 yards per game and second with 7.90 yards per passing attempt.

They were fourth on third down (47% conversions), second on fourth down (75%) and third in the red zone (72.7% touchdowns). They were also No. 1 with only seven turnovers.

With Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts, Green Bay's defense will face a challenge on par with going against Buffalo's Josh Allen. Hurts should be right in the middle of the MVP conversation. He's having a fantastic season.

As a quarterback, he was third with a 106.5 passer rating and second with 8.37 yards per attempt. Plus, he'd added 354 rushing yards (3.8 average). Between passing (14) and rushing (seven), he'd accounted for 21 touchdowns.

Miles Sanders was 10th with 710 rushing yards. He was averaging a robust 4.97 yards per carry.

Aaron Rodgers could only wish he had a one-two receiver punch of A.J. Brown, who was acquired in a trade with the Titans, and DeVonta Smith, last year's first-round pick.

Brown is a big man and a big-play threat with 44 catches for 725 yards and six scores through 10 weeks. Smith had a team-high 46 catches, which he'd turned into 481 yards and three touchdowns.

The Eagles will be down one key cog with tight end Dallas Goedert on



Green Bay Packers tight end Robert Tonyan carries the ball during a game against the Tennessee Titans on Nov. 17 in Green Bay.

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injured reserve. He's third on the team with 43 receptions.

Green Bay's pass defense, which gave up 333 too-easy passing yards to Titans quarterback Ryan Tannehill, needs to cut out the mental mistakes that let receivers run free through the secondary.

"Yeah, that was certainly disappointing," LaFleur said. "I thought for the most part we did a pretty good job defending the run. Any time you hold Derrick (Henry) to under 100 yards and a little over 3 yards a carry, that was a pretty solid effort. It leaves you a little susceptible on the back end, where you've got to be good.

"The thing that's disappointing is just the busts, when you have guys that don't play their responsibility and you get guys running free. That happened on three of the big, explosive plays that they had."

The offensive line is excellent with left tackle Jordan Mailata, left guard Landon Dickerson, center Jason Kelce, right guard Isaac Seumalo and right tackle Lane Johnson.

Mailata, a former rugby player from Australia, is the weak link but the Packers have struggled to create pressure without Rashan Gary.

When the Packers have the ball

Heading into week 11, Philadelphia was eighth with 18.6 points allowed per game and third with 302.4 yards allowed per game.

The Eagles are superb against the pass, ranking second in yards per game (177.2) and yards per play (5) but vulnerable against the run, where it's 20th in yards per game (124.8) and 26th in yards per carry (4.74). It is a big-play unit, ranking first with 20 takeaways and fifth in sack percentage.

The defensive front is robust. At

the trade deadline, the Eagles acquired Robert Quinn from the Bears. He ranked second in the NFL in sacks last year. And last week, they added veteran defensive tackles Linval Joseph and Ndamukong Suh off the street. Throw in veteran Brandon Graham and that, incredibly, is the Eagles' No. 2 defensive line.

As for the starters, the tackles are Fletcher Cox and Javon Hargrave with Josh Sweat and Haason Reddick manning the edges. Reddick, a former standout in Carolina, had 6½ sacks and three forced fumbles.

Sweat has 3½ sacks and team-leading totals of 12 quarterback hits and eight tackles for losses. While the multi-time Pro Bowler Cox is the big name, Hargrave is the secret star with a team-high seven sacks.

The linebackers are former Wisconsin star T.J. Edwards, and Kyzir White. Edwards has blossomed into a really good pro after entering the league as an undrafted free agent in 2019. He had 86 tackles, two sacks, five tackles for losses and five passes defended through 10 weeks. White is second with 63 tackles.

Starting cornerbacks Darius Slay and James Bradberry are excellent. Josiah Scott mans the slot. C.J. Gardner-Johnson and Marcus Epps are the safeties. Slay has three interceptions and, according to Pro Football Focus, has allowed a 43.1% completion rate and 41.2 passer rating.

Bradberry is practically a carbon copy with three interceptions, 43.1% and a 41.2 rating. Gardner-Johnson had five interceptions in three seasons with the Saints but has six in his debut season with Philly.

Special teams

In Football Outsiders' rankings, Philadelphia ranked 24th and Green Bay is 30th.

Undrafted rookie receiver Britain Covey, one of the top returners in NCAA history while at Utah, handles kickoffs and punts. He's found the NFL to be more difficult than the Pac-12. He's averaging 6.5 yards per punt return and 20.6 yards per kickoff return.

Jake Elliott is the kicker. He's 6-of-8 on field goals this season. In his sixth season, he's 60.0% for his career from 50-plus yards.

Arryn Siposs is the punter. He's averaging 46.3 yards per punt with a net average of 41.8. Opponents are averaging only 6.7 yards per return.

For the Packers, veteran receiver/punt returner Dede Westbrook, who signed to the practice squad last week, could make his debut.

Packers drop to 4-7 after loss to Titans

Green Bay has now lost 6 of its last 7 games

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

A 333-yard and two touchdown performance from Ryan Tannehill put a quick end to the Green Bay Packers' momentum, as the Tennessee Titans took down the Packers 27-17 on Nov. 17 in Green Bay.

Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers finished the game with 227 passing yards and two touchdown passes. Rookie wide receiver Christian Watson was once again the benefactor of Rodgers' touchdown passes, scoring both of them.

Watson has now recorded five touchdowns in the past two games, accounting for 30 of Green Bay's last 48 points. Watson became the first rookie wide receiver for the Packers to record multiple touchdowns in back-to-back games since Max McGee in 1954.

The loss stops any momentum that Green Bay had from its emotional win against Dallas last week, as the Packers have now lost six of their past seven games.

It was obvious that Green Bay's gameplan was to stop Titans running back Derrick Henry — something that they did well, holding the All-Pro to 87 rushing yards on 28 attempts. Henry accounted for two total touchdowns, running one in and passing one on a jump-pass.

While Henry failed to top the 100-yard mark, Tennessee took control of the clock in the first half, as Green Bay totaled just 19 plays. One of Tennessee's drives lasted 19 plays for just over 10 minutes in the second quarter.

"Obviously, extremely disappointed right now," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur. "To put on a performance like that, I just don't even know what to say. It was nothing like a few days ago, and that's why you're only as good as your last game."

Veteran wide receiver Randall Cobb found his way back into the lineup, returning from injury. Cobb led the team in receiving with 73 yards on six catches.

Allen Lazard added another 57 yards on five catches. In terms of rushing, the Packers only ran 19 times, with Aaron Jones accounting for 40



Green Bay Packers wide receiver Randall Cobb, right, runs with the ball during a loss to the Tennessee Titans on Nov. 17 in Green Bay.

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yards, A.J. Dillon accounting for 13 and Watson recording three.

"They stopped the run. They gloved us in the back end," said Rodgers.

After releasing wide receiver/punt returner Amari Rodgers the week prior, Keisean Nixon provided the best return of the season, returning a punt to the Tennessee 44-yard line late in the fourth quarter.

Down 10, the drive instantly stalled, as a Jones reception, a Jones rush and an incompletion intended for Lazard forced fourth down with 5:26 remaining. On fourth down, Rodgers' pass, intended for Lazard, was incomplete and the Titans took back over.

From there, Tennessee's drive lasted just 16 seconds as a Preston Smith sack forced the Titans to punt.

Following the punt, Green Bay put together a 10-play drive, with Rodgers throwing for 49 yards on the drive.

Faced with fourth-and-one from Tennessee's 44-yard line, Jones was stuffed by Titans linebacker David Long Jr., forcing Green Bay to turn the ball over on downs.

Tennessee opened the game strong, with Henry accounting for 18 total yards. The drive was capped off with Tannehill completing a 14-yard touchdown pass to backup running back Dontrell Hilliard.

Green Bay got on to the board late in the first quarter, as Rodgers hit Watson in the back of the end zone on a free play for 14 yards. Cobb provided the big play on the drive, taking a crossing route for 24 yards. The subsequent extra point was blocked.

Henry scored his first touchdown of the game on a 10-play drive from Tennessee that included a 9-yard reception from wide receiver Robert Woods on a third-and-seven.

Green Bay answered back on its

first drive on the second half on a Mason Crosby field goal to cut the lead to five. Scoring continued to pick up as Tennessee immediately marched down the field, culminating in Henry's touchdown pass to tight end Austin Hooper.

Green Bay's next score came on the next drive with a Watson 8-yard touchdown, followed by a Jones two-point conversion.

A 16-yard receiving touchdown from Hooper proved to be the dagger, as Tennessee's defense held Green Bay out of the end zone for the remainder of the game.

"They were obviously more physical and made a lot more plays than we made," said LaFleur. "There was no consistency in terms of being complimentary, offensively and defensively."

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Q&A WITH SAMORI TOURE

By **BILL HUBER**

Correspondent

Samori Toure started his collegiate career at Montana before transferring to Nebraska for his senior season. A seventh-round draft pick who was given the nickname Capt. Casual for his work habits, Toure didn't play the first six weeks of the regular season.

He made his NFL debut in week seven at Washington and caught a 37-yard touchdown pass against Buffalo in week eight.

Q: Where did the Capt. Casual nickname come from?

A: They felt like I wasn't giving the effort or the finish that I should, and I agree with that. You're supposed to burst for 15 (yards) every time you catch the ball, and there were a few times I didn't do that and (coach Matt) LaFleur would always say, 'You look real casual out there. You're never going to be able to reach your potential if you're not really just finishing and stop being casual. Be more intentional with everything.'

So, that's kind of how that nickname came about. You don't want to be known as that guy who's casual, so I guess my practice habits just started

AT A GLANCE

Position: Wide Receiver

Age: 24

Season: Rookie

College: Nebraska

to gradually get better.

Q: Did that bother you?

A: I wasn't mad, but I was just like, 'Dang, that's not what you want to be known for.' Like I said, you don't want one of the greatest quarterbacks thinking you're casual, so I'm like, 'All right, if that's what they think of me, I've got to change something.'

Q: Is that just your personality?

A: Yeah, I think that was a big part of it, just because I'm so laid back off the field. I kind of let my laid-back personality carry over to the field. Once I step on that field, I can't be laid back anymore. I can still be calm, cool and collected, but I've got to be intentional with everything.

Q: Was there a moment when you cranked it up?

A: I think '12' said something about it. He pulled me aside after practice and was basically saying, 'You could be really good; you've just got to finish everything. Be intentional with everything,' and he said, 'I think you

should be suiting up by midseason.' So, that was a moment where I was like, 'OK, I need to step it up.'

Q: That first career touchdown at Buffalo, did you keep the ball?

A: Yeah, I kept the ball. It's in my locker.

Q: Any plans for it?

A: Just take it home. Maybe eventually frame it. I don't know. I might ask him to sign it, but I don't know if I want to ask him.

Q: Coming out of high school, what did people miss that led you to Montana?

A: It was probably a mixture of things. I never really went to any camps until I was going into my senior year, so I kind of started behind the eight-ball. I was in Oregon, which isn't considered California or Texas when it comes to recruiting. So, people were watching my film saying, 'Who is he going against?'

And then the last thing would be my size. I was probably 160 soaking wet coming out of high school. So, it was a combination of all those things.

Q: So, is the NFL a dream at that point in your life? Not that Montana is a bad program, but it's not a football factory, either.

A: Coming out of high school, yeah, that's the dream, obviously, but you can't even really think about that unless you play college. So, my whole mindset was I want to be able to play DI and dominate the DI level and then see what comes after that.

Q: Does being overlooked, whether it was in college or not being invited to the Scouting Combine motivate you? Or what is your motivation?

A: I have a lot of different motivations. My loved ones, my mom is definitely my No. 1. Yeah, I definitely let that stuff drive me. I'm used to that. It's been like that my whole career.

Definitely being the fifth-to-last pick in the draft, not being invited to the Combine, it's just a little extra motivation.

Q: So, once you got to the NFL, did you have to prove to yourself that you belonged?

A: I knew that from Day 1. During the draft, after Nebraska, I was realistic with myself. I had people in my ear telling me that I was going in the fifth round to the seventh round. I knew I was going to be Day 3 but I knew I was better than that. It's about showing everybody else.

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Small Business Saturday has become an important part of small businesses' busiest shopping season.

Historically, reported projected spending among U.S. consumers who shopped at independent retailers and restaurants on Small Business Saturday reached an estimated \$19.8 billion.

Locally, Shop Small Saturday is observed with in-store specials on the streets of Shawano Downtown from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 26.

Later in the day, visitors can enjoy Christmas music, hot chocolate and sweet treats while you stroll through the 100 decorated Christmas trees and visit with Santa and his reindeer during the Holiday Stroll from 3-5 p.m. at Franklin Park and the annual Tree Lighting at 5 p.m.

Activities at Franklin Park include:

- A Christmas stocking for each child, sponsored by Shawano Orthodontics.

- Hot chocolate and sweet treats available for purchase.

- Horse and wagon rides sponsored by Wolf River Dental.

- Christmas caroling with the St. Jakobi Church choir.

- Children's activities sponsored by saYPro, which will also be collecting toys for Toys for Tots during the event. Visitors are encouraged to bring an unwrapped toy to donate.

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- Roasting marshmallows and making s'mores with the Shawano Park and Recreation Department.

- A rock quest throughout the park.

- The Shawano Optimist Club will be providing free holiday goody bags for area youth and will also be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to SAFPARC.

- Story time with the Shawano County Library at 3, 3:30, 4 and 4:30 p.m.

- Christmas music by Terryoke's Mountain Top Entertainment, sponsored by U.S. Cellular.



The tree in the center of Franklin Park is covered in twinkling lights during the 2020 Holiday Stroll and Tree Lighting.

Avenue of Lights is a Christmas season tradition on Oconto Falls' Main Street



Santa and Mrs. Claus settle in after arriving with the Oconto Falls Fire Department and are surrounded by children with their 2021 Christmas lists at the ready.

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Santa and Mrs. Claus' arrival is part of the opening ceremony

The Oconto Falls' Avenue of Lights is guaranteed to make you merry. Add sparkle to the holiday season with a visit to the free, walk-through or drive-through light display in the heart of the city. Every year, Main Street and the East Side Beach are decked out with 100 decorated trees and a dozen Christmas displays.

"All of the lights and decorations help you get into the holiday spirit," said Erica Beaumier, chairperson of the Avenue of Lights.

Organized by the Oconto Falls Lioness Club, the Avenue of Lights involves the entire community. Oconto Falls' businesses, families and nonprofits decorate trees for the holiday light display. Families oftentimes decorate trees in memory of a loved one, making the Christmas exhibit more meaningful.

Visitors can walk along Main Street to look at each display individually or drive through the lighted corridor to get a sweeping view. Many Oconto Falls residents make it

a point to drive down the Avenue of Lights on their way home from work every night.

The Avenue of Lights is lit at a special ceremony on the first Saturday after Thanksgiving. The lighting ceremony begins with live entertainment at 6 p.m., followed by Santa Claus arriving on a fire truck at 6:30 p.m.

"Everyone loves seeing Santa," Beaumier said. "We have cookies and hot chocolate, and everyone gets to talk to Santa. We have a choir singing

Christmas carols, and live music isn't always something you hear."

The Avenue of Lights remains lit from 6-10 p.m. daily for the Christmas season, ending Jan. 1.

So, load everyone into the car, turn on the holiday tunes and head to Oconto Falls for the lighting ceremony or a trip down the Avenue. It's a holiday tradition the whole family will love.

"I hope it brings joy to the community," Beaumier said. "That's why we do it every year."



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Spectacular Winter Wonderland greets visitors to Oconto campground



Christmas trees made of light line the entrance to Winter Wonderland at Holtwood Campground.

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Every winter, Oconto's Holtwood Campground transforms itself from a riverside campground to a twinkling and colorful Winter Wonderland. Pack some hot chocolate and Christmas cookies, gather the family and hop in the car to enjoy Oconto's drive-through holiday light display.

The illuminated campground sparkles with over 150 displays, featuring a mix of traditional, religious and humorous scenes. Just driving into the park is a feast for the eyes. Visitors travel through spectacular arches and down a road lined by brightly lit trees.

"You just have to see it for yourself. It's really a pretty display," said Nicki Reed, Winter Wonderland organizer. "It's in the center of Oconto, and it really lights up the city. You can see it coming into Oconto."

Winter Wonderland, located at

Oconto Holtwood Campground, 400 Holtwood Way, Oconto, is open free of charge. Wonderland opens the day after Thanksgiving and remains open 5-11 p.m. daily until Jan. 1. Winter Wonderland has been a family tradition for generations of Oconto residents because it's something that everyone can enjoy, young and old alike.

"We try to get new displays every year to switch it up," Reed said. "It's free, and families can come and go as many times as they'd like."

Oconto-area businesses, nonprofits and families sponsor displays throughout the park, contributing to the display's community feel and holiday spirit.

Winter Wonderland is sure to get you in the Christmas mood. Who's ready for a road trip to Winter Wonderland in Oconto?



Winter Wonderland features more than 150 lighted displays provided by Oconto area businesses and organizations.

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