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Bands from Pulaski Community Middle School and Pulaski High School perform in the high school gymnasium on Feb. 5 for hundreds of parents and community members, showcasing what the music program can teach students and helping to raise funds for the high school's marching band and choir to perform in the 2024 Tournament of Roses parade.

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County funds for Riverview town hall project questioned



An artist's rendition by Martenson and Eisele Inc. shows a proposed new Riverview Town Hall along Island Lake Road.

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Town seeks \$300K from county ARPA allocation

By **WARREN BLUHM**

Editor-in-chief

The Oconto County Administration Committee is scheduled Feb. 16 to again discuss using part of the county's share of federal COVID-19 relief dollars for a new Riverview Town Hall project.

The proposal to designate up to \$300,000 of the county's \$7.4 million American Rescue Plan Act allocation for the \$2.25 million town hall project was sent back to the committee at the Jan. 23 meeting of the Oconto County Board.

Riverview officials hope to build a new town hall along Island Lake Road. A Jan. 28 meeting of town residents to approve the project was postponed, pending action by the county board.

A floor plan provided to the board shows the new building would have room for northern offices of the county's health and human services, sheriff, veterans services and other departments, in addition to town and fire department offices.

Supervisors Chris Augustine and Guy Gooding, who represent the Town of Little Suamico, questioned the use of

ARPA funds for a municipal project of this nature. Gooding said some questions remained unanswered after the committee's Jan. 16 meeting. Riverview town officials, and two of the committee's six members, missed the committee meeting because of bad weather.

Augustine, who was unable to attend the county board meeting, sent a letter to supervisors detailing his concerns, including whether the county departments need a northern office.

"The northern five townships only have a population of 2,600 people, less than one-half the population of Little Suamico," Augustine wrote. "Secondly, only a short distance from Riverview, (health and human services) already has new office space in Gillett."

Augustine questioned whether the committees overseeing the sheriff's and health and human services departments have discussed whether there is a need for more space.

"The Town of Riverview already has one of the nicer town halls in the county; this project is just a 'want' of a few people," he said. "If they want this town hall/community center, the Town of Riverview can put it on the levy of the property owners of all that

expensive real estate."

The committee added a line to the resolution clarifying that the county would not provide additional operating funds other than "costs associated with the use of the county-leased spaces," but Augustine asked for more specific numbers regarding those associated costs.

He asked that county officials share information about any other projects that may come before the board asking for ARPA funding.

"I had a conference call with the mayor and administrator from the City of Oconto, and they were unaware that the funding was available," Augustine wrote. "The City of Oconto is in difficult financial straits and needs help paying for its capital needs and deserves its share of these ARPA funds."

The Administration Committee meets at 9 a.m. Feb. 16 in the County Board Room at the Courthouse, 301 Washington St., Oconto. Any recommendation it makes would be subject to final approval when the full county board meets the following Thursday, Feb. 23.

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CORRECTIONS

Accuracy is important to the Oconto County Times Herald, and it wants to correct mistakes promptly. Call errors to our attention by phone at 920-848-3427.

Oconto Falls honors military members



Military veterans and Oconto Falls community members salute as Eagle Scouts fold one flag and varsity boys basketball players hold up another flag during Military Night on Feb. 2 in Oconto Falls. The Oconto Falls choir, which sang the national anthem, can be seen in the background.

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Accused murderer has Oconto County charges

Stalking complaint includes threat to kill ex-fiance

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

The man arrested in the murders of two Green Bay area women was already facing Oconto County charges of alleged violence and threats against other women in 2021.

Richard W. Sotka, 48, of Green Bay, is charged with two counts of first-degree intentional homicide and one count of felony bail jumping in the deaths of two women whose bodies were found Jan. 29 at a home in the Village of Bellevue.

Autopsies showed that Rhonda Cegelski, 53, and Paula O'Connor, 58, each died of multiple stab wounds. Sotka was arrested in Arkansas the



RICHARD SOTKA

day after the murders, having cut off and discarded an ankle bracelet he was ordered to wear while out on bail in the Oconto County cases.

Sotka appeared in an Arkansas courtroom Feb. 3 and waived extradition to Wisconsin. An Aug. 9-10 jury trial was scheduled for Sotka filed in Oconto County Circuit Court on charges of stalking and misdemeanor counts of bail jumping and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 1, 2021, and an alleged Oct. 31, 2021, restraining order violation.

In two other pending cases, Sotka

is charged with misdemeanor battery and disorderly conduct from an incident that allegedly occurred in the Town of Little Suamico on July 17, 2021, and misdemeanor bail jumping from an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 21, 2021.

According to the criminal complaints, a woman identified as TLC reported that Sotka had been her fiance until she broke up with him on July 17, 2021. They argued, and he allegedly pushed her to the floor and said, "I could easily snap your neck."

A friend of TLC, identified as NB, contacted authorities in December 2021 to report that over several months, Sotka had made "numerous comments about killing TLC, her new boyfriend and her family," according to the complaint in the felony stalking case.

In one instance, NB said Sotka

asked to borrow her handgun and made a comment about killing TLC's boyfriend in front of her, then dismembering her, the complaint said.

TLC obtained an injunction forbidding Sotka to come near her, but he was suspected of being on TLC's property after making the death threats, according to the complaint.

In another incident, one of Sotka's relatives reported he was driving Sotka home when he punched the relative in the face two or three times.

At the time of the Bellevue murders, Sotka was free after posting a \$10,750 cash bond with bail conditions including that he stay at least 100 feet away from TLC or NB and at least one mile away from TLC's home.

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Suspicious behavior leads to arrest in Oconto

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

Two people were questioned Feb. 1, and one was arrested, after their suspicious behavior led Oconto High School administrators to lock down the facility.

Superintendent Emily Miller said in a statement that a staff member reported seeing the two individuals in the back of the building near the rear entrance.

"One individual went up onto the

roof with a backpack and then, within minutes, returned to the ground, he still had the backpack," Miller wrote. "These two individuals then left the HS campus in a vehicle."

Administrators decided to evacuate the high school and lock down all three district schools. Police were notified at about 2:20 p.m.

Detective Lt. Nicole Crocker said the Brown County Bomb Squad was consulted as a safety precaution. Within an hour of the initial com-

plaint, the suspects were identified and located, and a 24-year-old man was taken into custody. A 33-year-old man and 26-year-old woman were also questioned. The case has been referred to the Oconto County District Attorney's office.

"It has been determined that nothing was left on the roof, and there is no danger for our staff and students," Miller wrote.

Crocker described it as an isolated incident and said there was no

continued threat to the schools.

"I would like to commend our administration, staff, teachers, and students for their prompt response and cooperation during today's incident," Miller wrote. "The Oconto Police Department and the Oconto County Sheriff's Department responded quickly and took control of the situation right away. We are so fortunate to have these individuals in place to keep our community safe."

OBITUARIES

Orby Richard Jones, 91, of Gillett, passed away peacefully into Jesus' arms on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023, at St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay with family by his side. Orby was born on Sept. 3, 1931, to the late William and Irene (Atwood) Jones in Kansas City, Kansas. On Nov. 17, 1950, Orby enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard and served until Nov. 17, 1953. He married Betty Irene Suchalla on May 30, 1953, in Pound and the couple spent almost 70 wonderful years together.

While the couple lived in Green Bay, Orby worked at Engebretsen Auto Body Shop. Orby earned his private pilot license and was involved in a private flying club in Green Bay. Later in life, he owned his own flying club in Green Bay. After moving to Crivitz, he opened Orby's Auto Body and Mobile gas station. Orby and Betty moved the family to Moravia, Iowa, where they resided for four years where he owned a Home for Elderly Women.

The family moved back to Wisconsin and purchased Gillett



Orby Jones Family Sports Complex, both in Gillett. Orby orchestrated the construction of the church and parsonage. He also assisted in building the facilities at the sports complex. Orby was able to throw the first opening pitch of the baseball field. With the help of his son, Orby also built the pavilion at Zippel Park.

Orby and Betty would take many mission trips all around the world,

Nursing Home in November 1968. Orby and Betty served as the nursing home administrators for 30 years until they sold it in 1998 and retired. Throughout the years, Orby was very involved in the community, serving as a bus and ambulance driver.

He donated the land for the Hillside Assembly of God Church and the

starting in 1983 and continuing until 2017. He was passionate about his construction work in helping build churches, pastoral housing, orphanages, and bible colleges with the help of his children and grandchildren.

Orby proudly went on the Old Glory Honor Flight in September 2018, escorted by his son, Jeff. In February 2022, Orby was honored at the Suring girls basketball military night. He was an avid Packers fan and would cheer for any team playing against the Bears. Orby was a current member of My Church, Oconto Assembly of God and Gillett American Legion Post 300.

Orby is survived by his wife, Betty; four children, Judy (James) Krueger, David (Susannah) Jones, Jillane (Dennis) Gorman and Jeffrey (Brenda) Jones; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; brother, Donald Jones; and sister-in-law, Jackie Jones. He is further

survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and numerous very special friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Berniece (Robert) O'Connor, William Jones Jr., and Lois (Edwin) Drath; and daughter-in-law, Jacquelyn Jones.

Visitation will be held on Monday, Feb. 6, 2023, at Bethel Lutheran Church, N6955

County Road BB, Cecil, from 10 a.m. until the funeral service at 1 p.m. Military honors will follow the service. Orby will be interred at Brookside Cemetery in spring.

Gruetzmacher Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online



condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com.

The family would like to thank the staffs of St. Vincent Hospital's ICU, especially Kristina and Ashley, and Unity Hospice for the excellent care and compassion offered to Orby and his family during their time of need.

Catherine V. "Kathy" Bradle, 81, of the Town of Brazeau, passed away Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023. She was born March 22, 1941, in Spruce to Joseph and Mary (Mayernik) Liptak. On May 25, 1963, Kathy was united in marriage to Wallace "Wally" Bradle at Sacred Heart Church in Spruce. He preceded her in death on March 23, 2020, after 56 years of marriage. The couple had moved to their retirement home in 2001 in the Town of Brazeau after more than 38 years



work, and spending time with family and friends.

Kathy is survived by two chil-

Catherine V. 'Kathy' Bradle

in the Milwaukee area.

Kathy was a member of St. Anne Parish in Lena. In her free time, she enjoyed time babysitting children, cooking, baking, doing ceramic

dren, Greg (Robin) Bradle, Town of Richfield, and Lynn (Thomas) Wolf, Oconto Falls; two grandchildren, Andrew Bradle and Austin Wolf; two siblings, Bernie (Mary Lou) Liptak and Betty Berg; a sister-in-law, Kathleen Miller; other relatives and friends.

Kathy was preceded in death by her husband, Wally; her parents; a sister, Theresa; and a brother-in-law, Terry.

Friends may call at Rhodes-Charapata Funeral Home, 438 W.

Main St., Lena, on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023, from 10 a.m. until noon. The funeral service will be held at noon Saturday at the funeral home with the Rev. Felix Abano officiating. Burial will follow at Pine Hill Cemetery in Spruce.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.rhodescharapata.com

Kathy's family wishes to thank all of the nurses and staff of Unity Hospice for their care and compassion for Kathy and her family.

Patricia A. Gallagher, 84, Suring, died early Wednesday morning, Jan. 18, 2023, at St. Mary's Hospital in Green Bay. She was born April 18, 1938, in Oconto Falls to Albert and Frances (Wetzel) Gallagher. Pat grew up in Oconto Falls where she attended public schools and graduated from Oconto Falls High School with the Class of 1956. Following graduation, she at-

tended beauty school in Green Bay.

On Nov. 1, 1958, she married Leonard Deering in Gillett, and they had five children. Pat lived in the Suring area where she raised her five children and once worked at Seneca Foods in Gillett. She was a former member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Maple Valley.

Survivors are her five children,

Terri Dedrick, Green Bay, Scot (Sheri) Deering, Shawano, Carmen Ortiz, Lago Vista, Texas, Daniel (friend Anne) Deering, Menominee, Michigan, and Kenneth (Gina) Deering, Crawfordville, Florida; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one sister, Rochelle "Shelly" (Chuck Stolte) Mueller, Seymour; nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her

parents; two sisters, Judy Temple and Cheryl Gallagher; and one great-grandson, Carson Peronto.

Visitation with the urn present is after 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, 2023, at Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls until the time of service. Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, with Pastor Gary Olson officiating.

OBITUARIES

Pamela J. Erickson, 69, of Shawano, passed away at her home with her family by her side on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023. Pam was born in Shawano on July 9, 1953, to the late Archie and Vera (Rowe) Schroder. Pam grew up in Shawano and graduated with the class of 1971. She went on to attend the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and Northeast Wisconsin Technical College. On June 30, 1979, she was united in marriage to Andy Erickson. The couple made their home in Shawano and were blessed with two children. Andy preceded Pam in death on March 12, 2014. Throughout her career Pam worked for Red Owl, Valley Bank, and then the Shawano School District until retiring. In her free time, she enjoyed painting and doing other



Kaquatosh) Erickson, of Cedarburg, and Ryan (Amanda) Erickson; two granddaughters, Miakoda Foth-Erickson and Adilynn Erickson; one grandson, Logan Erickson; sibling, Janalee (Robert) Carstedt; significant other, Gary Felckowski; sisters-in-law Barbara Erickson, Diane Cerveny and Grace Erickson; brothers-in-law

craft work, camping, four wheeling, and spending time with her family and her precious grandchildren.

Left to cherish her memory are her two children, Kate (Mitchell

Donald Wurth, Ralph (Cindy Pukall) Erickson and Reuben Erickson. She is further survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends.

Pamela was preceded in death by her husband, Andy; father, Archie; mother, Vera; brother, Michael; father-in-law, Carl; mother-in-law, Dorothy; sisters-in-law, Helen Erickson, Karen Wurth and Jean Behnke; brothers-in-law Gary Erickson, Herbert Erickson, Roger Erickson and Charles Erickson.

A memorial service for Pam will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023, at Hope Community Church in Shawano with the Rev. John Anderson officiating. Visitation will be held at Swedberg Funeral Home in

Shawano on Wednesday from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. and again at the church on Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service. A private burial will be held at a later date.

The family would like to thank Dr. Bradley and the staff at Froedtert Hospital Cancer Center, Dr. Sharma at the Marshfield Medical Center Oncology, the nurses and staff at ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano, and ProMedica Hospice for the care that Pamela received during her battle with cancer. They would also like to thank Gary Felckowski and his family for welcoming Pamela into their family with open arms; you brought her so much happiness, and they will always be grateful.

www.swedbergfuneralhome.com

Margaret M. Loberger

Margaret M. Loberger (Fischer), 68, of Shawano, passed away peacefully at her home after a courageous battle with cancer, on Feb. 1, 2023. Marge was surrounded by her family as she took her first steps with Jesus, her savior.

Marge was born on Jan. 13, 1955, in Appleton, the daughter of the late, Frank and Josephine (Bogan) Fischer. On Nov. 26, 1977, Marge was united in marriage to Richard (Dick) Loberger Sr.

Marge enjoyed spending time with her family, especially with her grandchildren. She loved everything about her cabins up north, swimming, fishing and hanging out around the campfire signing songs. Marge was an exceptional cook. If you visited with Marge, she made sure you didn't leave hungry. Like her mother, Christmas was her favorite time of year and she always made a huge celebration of it.

Marge was a resident of Panama City, Florida, for nearly 30 years before moving back home to Wisconsin. Marge dedicated her life to those with physical challenges, volunteering for Special Olympics and as an aide at Margaret K. Lewis School. Marge and her husband taught a bowling league for handicapped adults and children as well. She loved all of "her Kids" as she so lovingly called them. If there was one thing she missed when she moved home, it was "her Kids."

Survivors include her loving



Isaiah, Isabella, Cheryl and Daisy Loberger; and great-granddaughter, Brooklyn Loberger.

She is further survived by one sister, Lillian (Paul) Duquaine; five brothers, Frank (Tonya), Ervin (Sue), Ed (Deb), Mike (Sue) and Gene (Kris) Fischer; three sisters-in-law, Barbara (George) Bolwelk, Mary (Bill) Warnecke, and Joan (Geno) Jarvi; and many special nieces and nephews.

Marge was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Josephine; her mother and father-in-law, Joseph and Victoria Loberger; and a sister-in-law, Cheryl Fischer.

A celebration of life is being planned for a later date.

The family would like to thank the staff of Unity Hospice for the excellent care and compassion they shared while they cared for Marge.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to assist in funeral costs.

husband, Dick Loberger, of Shawano; her sons, R.J. (Stephanie), Luke, and Isaac Loberger; stepsons, Craig (Nancy) and Wade (Melissa) Loberger; her grandchildren, Nick, Jason, Kalyn,

Randal G. Druckrey

Randal G. "Randy" Druckrey, 82, of Crest Hill, Illinois, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023, at Lightways Hospice Home with his family at his side.

Born April 19, 1940, in Pulcifer, Randy was a son of Richard and Evelyn (née Moede) Druckrey. He was raised in the Shawano area and attended Bondel High School and Lakeland College.

On June 5, 1970, Randy married Angela M. Fassio in the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus Parish in Joliet, Illinois.

Randy was employed in the circulation department at Joliet Herald News for numerous years and later worked for AAA as an auto insurance agent, retiring early due to health issues.

In his free time, Randy enjoyed watching the Green Bay Packers and the Chicago Cubs.

He was a dedicated supporter of his grandchildren. He attended all of their sporting events, dance recitals and Christmas concerts. Randy will be truly missed by his family.

Survivors include his dedicated and devoted wife of 52 years, Angela M. "Angie" Druckrey; loving daughter and son-in-law, Lisa A. and Kenneth W. Ospalik; adored grandchildren, Beth, Kenny and Chloe Grace Ospalik;

numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Randy was preceded in death by his grandson, Blake W. Ospalik; parents, Richard and Evelyn Druckrey; and brother, Gerald R. (Marylyn) Druckrey.

lyn) Druckrey.

The family would like to extend their sincere gratitude to Chrissy and the entire staff of Lightways Hospice and Serious Illness Care for their dedication and compassion toward Randy.

Per Randy's wishes, cremation rites were accorded and private services were held.

Preferred memorials may be made as gifts in Randy's memory to Lightways Hospice and Serious Illness Care, <https://lightways.org>; and Ronald McDonald House, donations@rmhc.org.

Relatives and friends are encouraged to sign the online guest book by visiting www.PleseFuneralservices.com.

Funeral services and arrangements have been made under the genuine care and direction of Kenneth A. Plese, in Joliet, Illinois. 815-735-2125.

Carl W. Schinke

Carl W. Schinke, 86, of the Town of Maine, Outagamie County, passed away at his home Friday morning,

Feb. 3, 2023.

Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville.

Lielani R. Shumaker

Lielani Rae Shumaker, 77, of Pella, passed away Feb. 4, 2023, with her

family by her side.

Beil-Didier Funeral Home, Marion.

William Grunewald

William Grunewald, 68, of Caroline, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023, at his home.

Beil-Didier Funeral Home, Clintonville.

Adeline Ida Elsie Pockat

Adeline Ida Elsie Pockat, 101, of Caroline, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023, at ThedaCare Medical

Center-New London.

Beil-Didier Funeral Home, Marion.

Betty Jane Marie Stern

Betty Jane Marie Stern, 99, of Tigerton, passed away Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023, at Aster Assisted

Living, Clintonville.

Beil-Didier Funeral Home, Tigerton.

Transparency remains a concern for some in Shawano School District

Lack of information with agenda packets prompts one to remind board trust still shaky

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Trust between Shawano School District and the community is still a work in progress, if one speaker's concerns are any indication.

Christine McKinnies, of Shawano, told the Shawano School Board on Feb. 6 that it, under the leadership of a new president last May, had vowed that there would be more transparency between the district and the community it serves. McKinnies acknowledged there has been some improvement, but not enough, as she spoke on several issues at the meeting.

"This district is never going to be a healthy district — you're not going to get referendums; you're not going to get teacher support; you're not going to get community support — without transparency," McKinnies said.

McKinnies said she has been compiling a list of records she plans to seek through open records requests but did not detail what she had in mind beyond that they were financial in nature. She noted that there were several things on the board agenda that night that did not have background information, among them the district's annual audit and an achievement gap report given by administrators at Hillcrest Primary School and Olga Brener Intermediate School.

"I should not have to do that for financial documents that should be made public," McKinnies said. "I shouldn't have to do that on action items (on the agenda) that should be an attachment."

McKinnies noted that the community comments segment should be an opportunity for people like her to speak out on agenda items and give an educated opinion on whether something should be approved. Not having the background information on some items on the agenda keeps her from doing so.

"Some of these items may not make a difference, but these reports were not here as of 11:30 this morning," McKinnies said. "If there's something that there is controversy on, no one has had a chance to review it."

McKinnies questioned why the district's audit would not include background information for the public, even after being informed later in the meeting that the audit would be publicly available the day after the meeting.

"Is there something that the board, the district and the administration is hiding?" McKinnies said. "I don't think so. I don't think you have an ulterior motive and have the best interests of the district in mind. Do you think it's going to stir up the community? Do you not think it's going to be more

of a problem when an open records request is made and when this information comes out a couple of months after you approve this audit report?"

McKinnies said that if it's not possible that the background information can be available until at the meeting, then items should be postponed for a final vote until board members and the community have a chance to look over the material. The audit report had almost 80 pages of detailed information along with a 24-page executive summary.

McKinnies reminded the board that members made comments at previous meetings that open records requests bog down the district office and take up a lot of time. She suggested that having the information already attached to the agenda would alleviate a lot of that.

"Don't make us go back to inundating you with five different community members sending a records request for the same document," McKinnies said. "Just give it as an attachment. Transparency — you want us to trust you."

McKinnies also indicated that the board's vow of transparency is questionable due to microphones not returning to board meetings. Microphones and a podium for speakers had been in place for much of last year after a number of meetings where the library was full of speakers, but then

they faded away.

"We can do better. We need mics for the people who are not here," McKinnies said, referring to people who watch board meetings on YouTube.

McKinnies pointed out that the district is dealing with brand new administrators at all of the schools, and she's been troubled by some comments among the board questioning whether contracts should be renewed.

"There's been blatant calling out of, 'I don't want to renew these administrators because they are not doing their jobs. They're just crap. They're just failing,'" McKinnies said. "Our admins walked into a dead situation. They walked into a broken situation, and they've had about five months. A lot of them were new to the district."

McKinnies thought that demanding "perfection" out of the administrators is unfair. She noted that the community and the board did not address problems in force with its previous superintendent until she had been in the position for three years and there were threats of massive layoffs and a school closing.

"I feel like we need to give new people a chance to get used to the system, to develop the system and get things working," McKinnies said.

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UTIs need immediate treatment by doctors

More than half of American women will experience the discomfort and aggravation of a urinary tract infection (UTI) during their lifetime.

Unfortunately, about half of those women will contract another UTI within six months of the first.

"The good news is there are common treatments for UTIs," said Katie Boerst, family nurse practitioner for ThedaCare. "There are also a few ways to help prevent recurrence, and even to help keep yourself from getting UTIs in the first place."

UTIs can occur when bacteria microbes get inside the urinary tract, most often because E. coli bacteria



KATIE BOERST

has been transferred from the skin, rectum or bowel. An infection can be present in the urethra, ureters, bladder or kidneys. Kidney infections are more serious than a regular UTI.

Women are more likely to contract UTIs because their urethra is shorter, allowing the bacteria to more easily enter the urinary system, but men can get UTIs, too, said Boerst.

Pain or burning during urination is one of the most common indicators that someone has a UTI, according to Boerst.

"Patients also might feel the urgent need to urinate, or they might have cloudy or strong-smelling urine or experience pelvic or back pain," she said.

Anyone experiencing a UTI should go to a walk-in or urgent care clinic at the onset of symptoms. Providers will request a urinalysis, and once the UTI is confirmed, patients are most often treated with a course of antibiotics.

"While people may be reluctant to run to the doctor at the first sign of

pain, it's important to be seen by your provider if you feel you may have a UTI," said Boerst. "Untreated infections can spread and lead to a more serious situation."

People who have other conditions such as diabetes or an enlarged prostate, or use a catheter, should not wait to be seen. Boerst also noted that pregnant women should be aware of symptoms.

"Often, UTIs are asymptomatic in pregnant women," she said. "If a woman who is pregnant has a fever, it is also important to be evaluated for a UTI by a health care provider immediately."

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School policy pronoun issue resolved

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Policies that were put on hold following a discussion about pronouns and that they hadn't gone through a committee review got their blessing Feb. 1 from the Shawano School District's policy and curriculum committee.

The policies in question were updates recommended by Neola, an educational consulting firm that helps

many school districts with writing their policies. Superintendent Kurt Krizan said Neola usually provides the district with recommended changes twice a year to make sure the policies are in line with state statutes.

The policies were originally to be approved by the Shawano School Board in December, but were put on hold when board member Mart Grams voiced objections to "offensive" pronouns, saying he was not happy with Neola referring to single individuals as

"they" instead of "he" or "she."

Grams, who is on the policy and curriculum committee and is Shawano's representative on the CESA 8 board, reiterated his issues at the committee meeting.

"This is the discussion we had at CESA 8 two weeks ago," Grams said. "We took out the pronouns and put back the nouns," which means always referring to "student," "staff member," "parent" or whichever person the policy affects.

Grams noted that Neola's definitions in some of the policies referred to individuals as "his" or "her," which made the fact that "their" was becoming prevalent in some policies all the more baffling.

"People have a right to do whatever they want," Grams said. "I have no problem with you saying you want to be male if you're female, but don't include me or sue somebody later on, say a staff member, because they used the wrong pronoun, and it will happen."

Grams felt using nouns in policies instead of pronouns would stave off any potential legal action.

Board member Bobbi Lemerond

noted that pronoun usage has been a touchy subject for parents on both sides.

"You have some parents who don't care, but you have some parents who do," Lemerond said. "If we have 'the student,' that covers everyone."

Krizan noted that many existing policies have plural pronouns when referring to singular people and said it would take "considerable manpower," to which Grams volunteered to comb through the policies himself and look at the changes.

Krizan said that a Neola representative usually goes through the policy changes with him, but he suggested it might be better for the representative to speak with the committee for future recommended changes or additions.

"He can talk through some of those changes," Krizan said.

The pronoun changes were the only ones recommended by the committee. One policy on human growth development was tabled because there were no changes listed and will be brought back up at the next committee meeting on Feb. 24.

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SATURDAY				MORNING / AFTERNOON																FEB. 11		
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ABC	Good Morning America (N)		Good Morning America (N)		Wildlife	oh baby! (N)	Hearts of	Saving Pets	Sports Stars	The Point (N)	NHL Hockey Tampa Bay Lightning at Dallas Stars. American Airlines Center. (N) (Live)				NHL Hockey Washington Capitals at Boston Bruins. TD Garden. (N) (Live)				Paid Program Inside Edition		ABC World News	
WAOW					Morning		Wildlife	oh baby!	Theft													
WBAY																						
CBS	Mission	Hope in the Wild (N) (EI)	CBS Sat Lucky Dog		In-novation Nation	Mission Unstop-pable (N)	Hope in the Wild (N) (EI)	Lucky Dog (DVS)	Did I Men-tion In-vention?	Super Bowl LVII Count-down The storylines leading up to the game.	College Basketball Kansas at Oklahoma. Lloyd Noble Center. (N) (Live)				PGA Tour Golf WM Phoenix Open, Third Round. (N) (Live)						CBS Weekend News	
WFRV	CBS Sat																					
WSAW																						
FOX	Xplor. Planet	Xploration Space	Life 2.0 (EI)		Sci Q (EI)	Theft 2.0	Paid Pro-gram Sci Q (EI)	Theft Paid Prog.	FOX Col-lege Hoops Tip-Off	College Basketball Providence at St. John's. Carnesecca Arena. (N) (Live)				College Basketball Connecticut at Creigh-ton. CHI Health Center. (N) (Live)				College Basketball UNLV at San Diego State. Viejas Arena. (N) (Live)		The Herd with Colin Cowherd Super Bowl Special (N)		
WZAW																						
WLUK																						
NBC	Today	906 Outdoors	Today's Home-owner		Paid Pro-gram Roots Less	Earth Od-yssey With Dylan	Wild Child (N) (DVS)	Harlem Globe-trotters	One Team-Sports	MyPillow The Voyager	Premier League Soccer AFC Bournemouth vs Newcastle United. (N) (Live)				2023 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships (N Same-day Tape)				Track and Field Millrose Games. From The Armory in New York. (N) (Live)		MyPillow Paid Program	NBC Nightly News
WGBA	Today																					
WJFW																						
PBS	Wild Kratts (EI)	Curious George (EI)	Work It Out Wom-bats! (DVS)		Daniel Tiger's Neigh-borhood (DVS)	Best of Sewing With Nancy	Quilting Arts Working with a laser cutter.	Garden Smart The importance of farm-to-table.	Classic Wood-working "Table Lamp"	Jacques Pépin: Heart & Soul	Lidia's Kitchen Pan piz-za; skillet lasagna.	Steven Raichlen's Project Fire	Cook's Country Steak and vegetables; skillets.	Ameri-ca's Test Kitchen	Chris-topher Kimball's Milk Street	Sara's Week-night Meals	Pati's Mexican Table	This Old House Touring the finished house.	Ask This Old House	John Mc-Givern's Main Streets	Modern Pioneering With Geor-gia Pel-legrini	The Lawrence Welk Show "Salute to Nashville" Music includes Country Roads.
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WACY	Hearts	oh baby!	Paid		Mak	Slim Cy	Out	MidWest	Bensin	World's	SOS: Survive	Silver	Martin	Musky	Angling	Heartland		Mod	Mod	NBA G League		
WTPX	Bones		Bones			Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	
CW	Outdoor	Paid Program	Jack Han-na's Into the Wild		Jack Han-na's Into the Wild	Jack Han-na's Into the Wild	Jack Han-na's Into the Wild	Pet Vet Dream Team	Tails of Valor (EI)	Science Live	Health MyPil-low	Larry K Res-cue	Cook Like Theft	Boundless *** Fly Away Home (1996)	WOW - Women Of Wrestling (N)	Sports High-way		Greatest Sports		Nutri-system	Last Man Burgers	Last Man Burgers
WCWF	Pop-star!		MyPillow																			
WYOW																						

SATURDAY				EVENING								FEB. 11	
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ABC	9 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	9 Financially Speaking with Buska Re	NBA Countdown (N) (Live) (HD)	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Golden State Warriors. Chase Center. (N) (Live) (HD)				9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)	9 (:35) Weird Earth	9 (:05) The Song "Paul Rodgers of Bad Company" (N) (HD)	9 (:35) Storm of Suspicion (N)		
9 WAOW		9 Action 2 News at Six (N)							9 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	9 (:35) Investigate TV		9 (:35) Opry (N Same-day Tape)	
2 WBAY													
CBS	9 Local 5 News at 6 (N) (HD)	9 Discover Wisconsin (HD)	NCIS: Hawai'i "Pirates" Jesse and his daughter go sailing. (HD) (DVS)			48 Hours (HD) (HD)				9 (:35) HS Sports Xtra (N)	9 (:05) Friends	9 (:35) Friends	
5 WFRV		9 Inside Edition Weekend (N) (HD)								9 (:35) The Song "Paul Rodgers of Bad Company"		9 (:35) Opry Performances at the Grand Ole Opry.	
7 WSAW	9 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)								9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)	9 (:35) Beat the Odds			
									9 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)				
FOX	55 The Big Bang Theory (HD)	55 The Big Bang Theory (HD)	The Perfect 10 Ten legendary football icons. (N) (HD) (HD)			First Things First Super Bowl Special (N) (HD) (HD)		55 The Big Bang Theory	55 The Big Bang Theory (HD)	Name That Tune "Fox Legends: Gleeful Idols" Jordin Sparks; Clay Aiken; Amber Riley. (HD) (DVS)	55 S.W.A.T. (HD) (HD)	55 The King of Queens "Patrons Ain't" Charitable donation. (HD)	
55 WZAW		11 Jeopardy! (HD)						11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N)	11 Seinfeld (HD)		11 Seinfeld (HD)		
11 WLUK		11 Wheel of Fortune (HD)											
NBC	26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) (HD)	26 Nutriseal BOGO! (HD)	Dateline NBC (HD) (HD)				Saturday Night Live (HD) (HD)		26 News	(:29) Saturday Night Live (HD) (HD)			
26 WGBA		12 Wheel of Fortune (HD)							12 Newswatch 12 Saturday				
12 WJFW	12 Paid Program												
PBS	The Carol Burnett Show "Carl Reiner and Ken Berry" Guests: Carl Reiner and Ken Berry. (HD) (HD)		Father Brown "The New Order" Father Brown clashes with a parishioner. (HD) (HD)		Sister Boniface Mysteries "Song for the Dead" The frontman of a band is found dead. (HD) (HD)		Annika on Masterpiece Annika looks into a whale hunt accident.		Agatha Christie's Poirot "The Big Four" Poirot is pitted against a dangerous group of dissidents responsible for a series of murders. (HD) (HD)		Maigret Maigret searches for a murderer. (HD) (HD)		
20 WHRM													
36 WLEF													
38 WPNE													
32 WACY	NBA G League Basketball		The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Family Feud (HD)	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	The Simpsons	Family Guy (HD)	Family Guy (HD)	S.W.A.T. (HD)	
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		
CW	19 The Big Bang Theory (HD)	19 The Big Bang Theory The gang celebrates Sheldon's birthday.	Masters of Illusion Ed Alonzo; Xavier Mortimer; Eric Buss. (HD)	Masters of Illusion Eric Jones; Matt Marcy; Dan Sperry. (HD) (HD)	World's Funniest Animals Slinking sloths; stealing squirrels. (N) (HD)	World's Funniest Animals Special guest Gilles Marini. (HD) (HD)	19 The Rookie	34 Bull (2021, Suspense) Neil Maskell, David Hayman. (HD)	34 The National Desk (N) (Live)		34 TMZ (N) (HD) (HD)		
19 WCWF							34 The Liquidator						
34 WYOW	19 The Good Doctor (HD)												

SUNDAY			MORNING / AFTERNOON																		FEB. 12																	
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ABC	Good Morning America (N)		This Week W/ George Stephanopoulos		Capitol This Week		Up-Front		Financial UpFront		Paid Program Hearts of		Coldwell Vets- Pets		Wisconsin Free Ent.		Outdoors Home.		NBA Countdown (N)		NBA Basketball Memphis Grizzlies at Boston Celtics. TD Garden. (N) (Live)		Every-day Hero Jackie		Our America		ABC World News		News 9 News									
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WBAY																																						
CBS	News Sunday	News-maker Sunday	CBS News Sunday Morning Alexandra Pelosi; Charlie Puth. (N)				Face the Nation (N)		Mass Retirement		PBR Bull Riding Express Ranches Invitational. (Taped)		College Basketball Michigan State at Ohio State. Schottenstein Center. (N) (Live)				PGA Tour Golf WM Phoenix Open, Final Round. (N) (Live)								Paid Prog. News-Chan													
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FOX	Paid Prog. News		Mountain Faith		FOX News Sunday (N)		Sharyl Attkisson		Invest. Fox News		Paid Program		Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Super Bowl Special (N)		Road to the Super Bowl (N)		Super Bowl LVII Pregame Pregame Super Bowl LVII predictions from Fox analysts. (N) (Live)								Super Bowl LVII													
WZAW																																						
WLUK																																						
NBC	Sunday Today With Willie Geist (N)		M't Press Athlete		Paid Program		Know Meet Press		MidWest Outdoors		Paid Prg. Remod-eler		Paid Pro-gram		Paid Pro-gram		Paid Program TBA		Paid Program		FIS Freestyle Skiing & Snowboarding World Cup (Taped)		2023 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships (N Same-day Tape)		AMA Supercross Monster Energy Series, Round 6. From Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Fla. (Taped)				News Paid Program		NBC Nightly News							
WGBA																																						
WJFW																																						
PBS	Wild Kratts		Curious George (EI) (DVS)		Work It Out Wombats! (DVS)		Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood (DVS)		Washington Week		Firing Line With Margaret Hoover		Here and Now		Market to Market		Agatha Christie's Poirot "The Big Four" Poirot is pitted against a dangerous group of dissidents responsible for a series of murders.						Bad Move "Party Time"		Father Brown "The New Order" Father Brown clashes with a parishioner.		Sister Boniface Mysteries "Song for the Dead" The frontman of a band is found dead.		American Masters "Marian Anderson: The Whole World in Her Hands" Life and legacy of Marian Anderson.				Lucy Worsley's Royal Photo Album The story of the royal photograph.					
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WTPX	Bones				Bones		NCIS				NCIS				NCIS				NCIS "Deja Vu"		NCIS				NCIS "React"		NCIS		NCIS									
CW	Worship Tomorrow		Daily In Touch		Catholic Mass Key of David		Paid Program Outdoor Mass		Health Perry Stone		Paid Prg. Mad Do		Paid Program Seinfeld		Polka Polka Sheldon		Young Sheldon		Theft Goldbergs		Paid Program Goldbergs		Theft Bach-elor		True Crime: Identity Theft		★★ Event Horizon (1997) Laurence Fishburne, Sam Neill		Highway Thru Hell		Health WOW		Paid Program		Sheldon Fam. Guy		Sheldon Fam. Guy	
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ABC		9 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)		Entertainment To-night (N) 		The Rookie "The Con" Lopez puts everything on the line. (N)  		The Rookie: Feds "Dead Again" Fortune considers her future. (N)  		Will Trent "Should I Go Get My Tin Foil Hat?" The unit investigates a software firm. (N)  		9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)		9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)		9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)		9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)		9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)		9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)		9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)	
WBAY		Action 2 News at Six (N)																							
CBS		Local 5 News at 6:00 (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6		Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 		FBI "Protégé" Maggie reconnects with an old colleague. (N) 		FBI: International "Glimmers and Ghosts" An elderly German man is murdered. (N) 		FBI: Most Wanted "Black Mirror" Two Vermont teens are kidnapped. (N) 		Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)		Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)		Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)		Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)		Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)		Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)		Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)	
WFRV																									
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FOX		The Big Bang Theory 		The Big Bang Theory 		9-1-1: Lone Star (N)  		9-1-1: Lone Star (N)  		9-1-1: Lone Star (N)  		9-1-1: Lone Star (N)  		9-1-1: Lone Star (N)  		9-1-1: Lone Star (N)		9-1-1: Lone Star (N)		9-1-1: Lone Star (N)		9-1-1: Lone Star (N)		9-1-1: Lone Star (N)	
WZAW		Jeopardy! (N) 		Wheel of Fortune (N) 																					
WLUK																									
NBC		NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 		Family Feud 		Night Court Gurgs' tween nephew causes trouble. (N) 		American Auto "Cost Cutting" The team works to reduce costs.		La Brea "The Return" An enemy holds the clearing captive. (N)  		Magnum P.I. "Island Vibes" A mom is hunted by two dangerous gangs. 		NBC26 News at 10pm (N)		NBC26 News at 10pm (N)		NBC26 News at 10pm (N)		NBC26 News at 10pm (N)		NBC26 News at 10pm (N)		NBC26 News at 10pm (N)	
WGBA		Newsweek 12 at 6 (N) 		"Sweethearts Week" (N)																					
WJFW																									
PBS		PBS NewsHour (N) 				Finding Your Roots With Henry Louis Gates, Jr. "Chosen" David Duchovny; Richard Kind. (N) 		Fight the Power: How Hip-Hop Changed the World "Under Seige" The 1980s and hip-hop. (N) 		Frontline "Ukraine: Life Under Russia's Attack" Russian assault on Ukraine's Kharkiv. 		Rick Steves Art of Europe "The Modern Age" The Industrial Revolution. 		NOVA "Star Chasers of Senegal" History of astronomy in Senegal.											
WHRM																									
WLEF																									
WPNE																									
WACY		NBA G League Basketball Wisconsin Herd at Cleveland Charge. (N)																							
WTPX		Chicago Fire "Winterfest" 				Chicago Fire "Back With a Bang"		Chicago Fire "Fog of War" 		Chicago Fire "Show of Force" 		Chicago Fire "Fire Cop" 		Chicago Fire "An Officer With Grit"											
CW		The Big Bang Theory 		The Big Bang Theory 		The Winchesters "Suspicious Minds" Carlos talks through a personal problem. 		World's Funniest Animals: Valentine's Day Celebrating Valentine's Day. 		14 Last Man Standing		14 Seinfeld "The Visa"													
WCWF		Divorce Court (N) 		Divorce Court 						14 The Liquidator		14 Chicago P.D.													
WYOW										14 True or False		14 The National Desk (N) (Live)													
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										14 Young Shel-don		14 Family Guy													

WEDNESDAY				EVENING						FEB. 15			
		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
ABC		9 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N) 	The Conners "Adding Insult to Injury" (N)  	The Goldbergs Erica befriends another young mom. (N) 	Abbott Elementary "Fire" Barbara accidentally starts a fire. (N)	(:31) Not Dead Yet Sam helps Dennis overcome an old fear. (N)	A Million Little Things "Think Twice" Eddie reenters the dating pool. (N)  		9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)	(:(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!  		(:(37) Nightline (N) 
9 WAOW	2 WBAY	Action 2 News at Six (N)								Action 2 News at 10 (N)			
CBS		9 Local 5 News at 6:00 	9 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 	The Price Is Right at Night Families play for prizes. (N)  		Lingo "Episode 6" (N)  		Tough as Nails "Pressure Is On" Cleaning up trash in an alleyway. (N)  		9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)	(:(35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert  		(:(37) The Late Late Show With James Corden  
9 WFRW	7 WSAW	5:59 NewsChannel 7 at 6								NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)			
FOX		63 The Big Bang Theory 	63 The Big Bang Theory 	The Masked Singer (Season Premiere) (N)  		(:01) Special Forces: World's Toughest Test (N)  		63 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N)	63 Seinfeld Kramer's mom reveals her son's name.  	63 Seinfeld "The Movie" 	63 Last Man Standing 	63 Last Man Standing  	63 The Goldbergs  
63 WZAW	11 WLWK	11 Jeopardy! (N) 	11 Wheel of Fortune (N) 					11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)		11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) 	11 (:35) Seinfeld 	11 (:07) The King of Queens 	11 (:35) The King of Queens 
NBC		13 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 	13 Family Feud 	Chicago Med "It's an Ill Wind That Blows Nobody Good" A brutal storm rocks Chicago. (N)  		Chicago Fire "The Man of the Moment" Carver's troubled brother comes to town. (N)  		Chicago P.D. "The Ghost in You" Voight pursues a drug runner. (N)  		13 NBC26 News at 10pm (N)	(:(34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon  		(:(37) Late Night With Seth Meyers  
13 WGBA	12 WJFW	13 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N) 								13 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)			
PBS		PBS NewsHour (N) 		Wisconsin Budget Address 		Dogs in the Wild, A Nature Miniseries "Secrets of Success" Secrets to the canids' success. (N)  		Animal Super Senses Alligators make water dance. (Part 2 of 3)		NOVA "Ancient Builders of the Amazon" Ancient civilizations in the Amazon. (N)  		In Their Own Words "Chuck Berry" The life of guitarist Chuck Berry.  	
20 WHRM	38 WLEF												
38 WPNE													
32 WACY		Family Feud (N)	Two/Half Men	Dateline  		Chicago P.D. "Trigger" 		My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	Mom  
46 WTPX		Blue Bloods "Allegiance" 		Blue Bloods "Where We Stand" 		Blue Bloods "Guilt" 		Blue Bloods "Hidden Motive" 		Blue Bloods "Long Lost" 		Blue Bloods "Tangled Up in Blue"	
CW		13 The Big Bang Theory 	13 The Big Bang Theory 	The Flash "Hear No Evil" Old friends visit S.T.A.R. Labs. (N)  		Kung Fu "Alias" Nicky must reevaluate her actions. (N)  		13 Last Man Standing	13 Seinfeld "The Movie" 	13 The National Desk (N) (Live)	13 The National Desk (N) 	13 State of the Budget Address	13 Family Guy Animated. Peter travels with a Renaissance fair.
14 WCWF	64 WYOW	63 Divorce Court (N) 	63 Divorce Court 					63 The Liquidator	13 Chicago P.D. "Trigger" 		13 black-ish "Elder. Scam."	13 black-ish	

THURSDAY				EVENING								FEB. 16	
		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
ABC		9 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	Entertainment To-night (N) 	The Parent Test "It's All About Respect" Families face a seemingly endless maze. (N)  		The Parent Test "America's Most Effective Parenting Style" (Season Finale) Kids react to others being bullied. (N)  		The Chase "Hoping This Is a Slumdog Millionaire Moment" A murder mystery enthusiast. (N)  		9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) 9 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! 		(:37) Nightline (N) 
9 WAOW 2 WBAY													
CBS		9 Local 5 News at 6:00 9 (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6	9 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 	Young Sheldon (N)  	(:31) Ghosts Thorfinn has a first date with Flower. (N) 	(:01) So Help Me Todd "Swipe Wright" Margaret asks Todd for help. 		CSI: Vegas "Third Time's the Charm" (N) 		9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 9 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert 		(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden 
5 WFRV 7 WSAW													
FOX		65 The Big Bang Theory 	65 The Big Bang Theory 	Next Level Chef (N)  		(:01) Animal Control (Series Premiere) (N) 	Call Me Kat (N) 	63 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N)	63 Seinfeld "The Label Maker" Jerry, Elaine suspect pal's gifts.	63 Seinfeld "The Outing"	63 Last Man Standing 	63 Last Man Standing 	63 The Goldbergs 
55 WZAW 11 WLUK													
NBC		9 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 	9 Family Feud 9 Wheel of Fortune "Sweethearts Week" (N)	Law & Order "Heroes" A woman dies in a nightclub shooting. (N)  	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Dutch Tears" A released convict looks for Fin. (N)  	Law & Order: Organized Crime "All in the Game" A member of the task force goes missing. (N)  		9 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 9 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon 		(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers 		
25 WGBA 12 WJFW													
PBS		PBS NewsHour (N) 		John McGivern's Main Streets "Amana Colonies, Iowa" 	Wisconsin Foodie "Hoard's Dairyman - St. Saviour Cheese"	Agatha Christie's Poirot "Dead Man's Folly" A girl playing a murder victim winds up murdered. 		Bad Move "Country Pile" Nicky and Steve's dream seems far away.		Fight the Power: How Hip-Hop Changed the World "Under Seige" The 1980s and hip-hop. 		Dogs in the Wild, A Nature Miniseries "Secrets of Success" Secrets to the canids' success. 	
20 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE													
62 WACY		Family Feud (N)		Dateline "Secrets From the Grave"		Chicago P.D. "Black and Blue" 		My News at 9		NBC 26 Tonight		Two/Half Men	
45 WTPX		Chicago P.D. "Adrift" 		Chicago P.D. "New Guard" 		Chicago P.D. "Fool's Gold" 		Chicago P.D. "Memory" 		Chicago P.D. "House of Cards" 		Chicago P.D. "You and Me" 	
CW		11 The Big Bang Theory 		Walker "Past Is Prologue" Capt. James receives news from Kelly. (N) 		Walker Independence "The Pittsburgh Windmill" Gus is convinced Tom is up to no good. (N) 		11 Last Man Standing		11 Seinfeld "The Outing"		11 The National Desk (N) (Live)	
14 WCWF		9 Divorce Court (N) 		9 Divorce Court 				9 Chicago P.D. "Black and Blue"		9 The National Desk (N) (Live)		9 black-ish "Public Fool" 	
64 WYOW								9 The Liquidator				9 black-ish 	
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, FEB. 10

OCOTO: American Red Cross blood drive, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Knights of Columbus, 716 Madison St.

OCONTO: Machickanee Players present "War of the Worlds," 7 p.m., Park Avenue Theatre, 408 Park Ave. \$17 general admission. themachickaneeplayers.org

WITTENBERG: Dueling Pianos, 7 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. Tickets available at Ticketbud.com and Tavern Front, 207 W. Vinal St.

SATURDAY, FEB. 11

OCONTO FALLS: St. Anthony School Fishing Derby, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., East Side Beach, North Main Street. Raffles, food and beverages available.

TOWNSEND: Kids Ice Fishing Jambo-ree, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., register on Reservoir Pond near Sunset Bar and Grill, 17189 Bowman Ave. Fishing allowed on Upper and Lower Reservoir Pond, Little Horn, Big Horn and Explosion lakes. Drawing held and winners announced 2:30 p.m. at Sunset.

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

Presbyterian Church, 100 W. Presbyterian
St.

NAVARINO: Frozen Fun Winter Open House, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Free snowshoeing and cross-country skiing, "Frozen" themed crafts and games, warm hugs from Olaf, sledding, campfire and s'mores. Guided snowshoe hikes at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Fees for chili luncheon, horse-drawn sleigh rides.

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

OCONTO: Candlelight Walk, 5:30-8 p.m., Copper Culture State Park, Copper Culture Way. Hot chocolate, cookies and warming fires provided.

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PULASKI: "Shrek the Musical," 7 p.m.
Pulaski High School, 1040 S. St. Augustine St., Pulaski. \$8 admission. Tickets available at pulaskihs.ludus.com.

CECIL: Lund's Snowbirds Sweethearts Dance and Raffle, 7-11 p.m., Golden Sands Golf Course, 300 Nabor Road. Music by Spark Spark Bang. Raffle ticket required for entry or \$5 at the door.

SUNDAY, FEB. 12

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PULASKI: "Shrek the Musical," 2 p.m.
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MONDAY, FEB. 13

SHAWANO: American Red Cross blood drive, noon to 5 p.m., Life Church, 222 Mills St.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15

NAVARINO: Storytime – Fun with Suess, 10-11:30 a.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Crafts, hands-on activities for children babies and up. \$3; see center's Facebook page.

FRIDAY, FEB. 17

NAVARINO: Light Up the Night Ski/
Snowshoe Hike, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Navarino
Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road.

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SATURDAY, FEB. 18

SHAWANO: Wisconsin Interscholastic Fishing Association State Tournament, 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Shawano Lake. Weigh-in, raffle and WIFA awards 3-4:30 p.m., Shawano Lake County Park, W5785 L.M. Drive.

SURING: Waters Edge Fish-O-Ree, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Waters Edge on Anderson Lake, 12058 State Highway 32. Fish prizes and raffles.

SHAWANO: Wolf River Builders

Association 2023 Home Show, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Hillcrest Primary School, 1410 S. Waukechon St. wolfriverbuilders.org

SHAWANO: Shawano Pathways Winter Hike, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Maple Hills Recreation Area, N4260 State Highway 22. Arrive 15-20 minutes before start time to register and get snowshoes on.

TOWNSEND: 47th annual Red Arrow Snowmobile ATV Club Family Snowfest, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Town Hall, 16564 Elm St. Music, food, beverages, raffle drawing at 5 p.m. Proceeds support trail maintenance.

RIVERVIEW: Turkey Bowling, noon to 4 p.m., Community Center, 15471 State Highway 32. Registration starts 11 a.m., food and beverages available for purchase. Proceeds benefit fire department.

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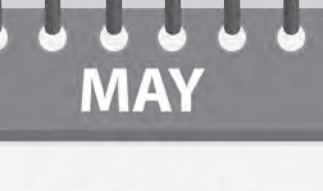
SUNDAY, FEB. 19

SHAWANO: Wolf River Builders Association 2023 Home Show, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Hillcrest Primary School, 1410 S. Waukechon St. wolfriverbuilders.org

SHAWANO: Fry Bread Taco and Bake Sale, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wolf River Lutheran High School, W7467 River Bend Road. \$7 to include beverage and dessert.

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CBS 5 WFRV 7 WSAW	5 Local 5 News at 6:00 7 (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6	8 Countdown to Daytona 9 Inside Edition (N) 1 2	The Greatest AtHome Videos "The Cedys" An awards season-themed special. (N) 1 2	Fire Country "Happy to Help" Bode's crew is accused of stealing. 1 2			Blue Bloods "Firewall" The NYPD suffers a cyber-attack. 1 2 (DVS)	8 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 9 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert 1 2	(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden 1 2		
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	55 The Big Bang Theory Raj faces his loneliness. 11 Jeopardy! (N)	55 The Big Bang Theory 2 11 Wheel of Fortune (N) 2	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) 1 (Live)				55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	55 Seinfeld Ex-classmate challenges Jerry to race. 1 2	55 Seinfeld "The Shoes" 2 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) 2	55 Last Man Standing 1 11 (:07) The King of Queens 1	55 The Goldbergs 1 11 (:35) The King of Queens 1	
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32 WACY 46 WTPX	Family Feud (N)	Two/Half Men	Dateline "Something Sweet" 2	Chicago P.D. "Descent" 1		My News at 9		NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	Mom 1 2
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Hot chili, music at Pulaski High School



Pulaski Community Middle School band members get in a little practice before a big performance Feb. 5 during the Chilirific Musicpalooza.

LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA



Raffle items, including drum covers with Tournament of Roses art, were on display in the Pulaski High School gymnasium to help raise money for the 2024 Tournament of Roses Parade.

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Bowls of chili wait to be picked up by hundreds of attendees for the Chilirific Musicpalooza on Feb. 5 at Pulaski High School.

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OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ag act must be passed to save nation's family farms

To the editor:

We don't usually think about farmers as being on the front lines of the climate crisis, but they are. Currently the Agriculture Resilience Act is being decided in Congress. With the proper pressure from supporters, this is a way to save local family farms.

Climate change presents a fundamental threat to farms and ranches. Extreme heat, drought, flooding, wildfires and pests and diseases present challenges. Sticking to the present policies of industrial ag has not only fueled global warming but forced good family farms off the land.

The National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition has been talking to those in Congress to persuade them to pass the Agriculture Resilience Act. Their vision is to make U.S. ag a safe, nutritious, and affordable food supply produced by family farmers who make a decent living, while protecting the environment. By providing resources, assistance and incentives, the next farm bill could lead the way in implementing proven climate solutions.

The ARA will require public investment. Shifting to climate-friendly agricultural practices will require continued agricultural research on climate issues, technical assistance, and financial incentives. Investments in systems like organic agriculture, improved manure management and

practices which promote good soil health will help to lower the carbon levels in the atmosphere.

A three-day event called "Farmers for Climate: Rally for Resilience" is being planned for March 6-8 in Washington, D.C. There will be demonstrations of farming practices, a rally/concert (with Willie Nelson), and lobbying on Capital Hill. To attend or donate, go to www.sustainableagriculture.net. More information on the bill can be found at www.farmaid.org.

The present practices where industrial ag fuels global warming and disrupts the livelihoods of family farmers has got to stop. Forty years ago, a tractorcade ascended on Washington to demand progressive reforms in a farm bill. It is again time for farmers and their supporters to stand up and make their voices heard.

Patty Luff, Marion

Supreme Court race for 2023 all about abortion

To the editor:

In a few weeks, Wisconsin will be choosing a judge to serve on the state Supreme Court. Presently abortion is banned in Wisconsin except to save the life of the mother. Thousands of children are alive today because of the ban.

There are four candidates running for the position, two liberal candidates, Everett Mitchell and Janet Protasiewicz, who "have both signaled they would side with Democrats"

(Green Bay Press-Gazette) in their lawsuit to overturn the Wisconsin ban of abortion, and two conservative candidates, Jennifer Dorow and Dan Kelly. The upcoming primary will narrow the field to two. That could be two liberals, two conservatives, or one of each. If a liberal judge is the final choice, abortion will again be legal and the death toll of unborn children will rise again in Wisconsin to 6,000-plus per year for years to come.

This election is all about abortion. There is no other issue. The liberals want to restore the right to kill the unborn.

It is unbelievable that in the 21st century people still believe, and governments still endorse, solving a problem by brutally killing an unborn child.

For every person who believes in the sanctity of life and stays home on election day, the continuation of this barbaric practice will be one step closer to being a reality.

Michael Richter, Shawano

Corporations poisoning world and need to stop

To the editor:

When is enough? Corporations have been using our environment for years as a dumping ground for their toxic waste, making record profits on our land, waterways, and air.

People are being poisoned by these companies, and it is time the people hold these companies accountable for their actions. We have

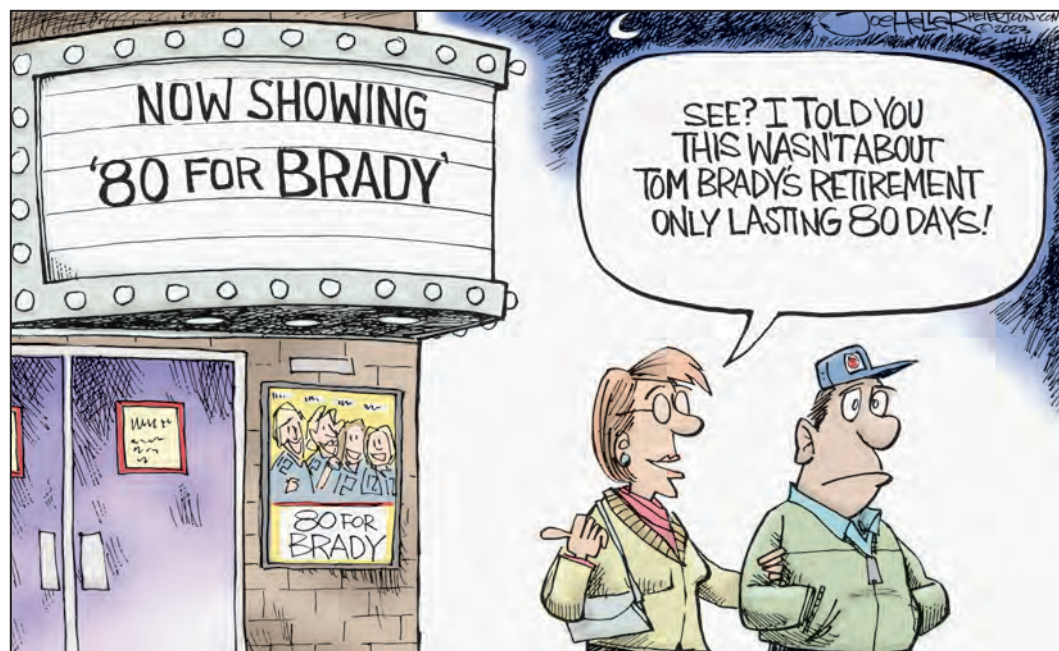
to stop monetary value for political favoritism. These companies are buying public servants. They are no longer working for us; they are working for the American dollar.

Our water has been decaying for years. We have to stop risking our water, air and land. The eastern United States has nearly 4,500 miles of streams polluted from mines. The western U.S. has nearly 10,000 miles of waterways polluted by these abandoned mines, leaving the bill for cleanup to the taxpayers. Abandoned mines are still generating acid mines drainage or AMD. The metal mining industry was responsible for 41% of all the toxins released into our environment.

Now we have PFOS and PFAS to deal with. They are forever chemicals, and now our bay is poisoned with these forever chemicals. Where are our political figures standing up for the people? Our drinking water is poisoned. Our fish are poisoned. Our wildlife is poisoned, and they claim no responsibility. Who do you believe, the scientists or the corporate polluters? I believe in scientists.

They recently did a fingerprint analysis that points in one direction. It's time to spend some of their profits that they made using our land and water as a dumping ground for their poisons. We are leaving our children a toxic world. Wake up and hold all accountable for their actions. Everyone wake up and get your heads out of your keisters. Stand up and say enough is enough.

Jeff Budish, Peshtigo



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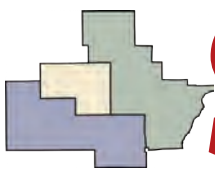
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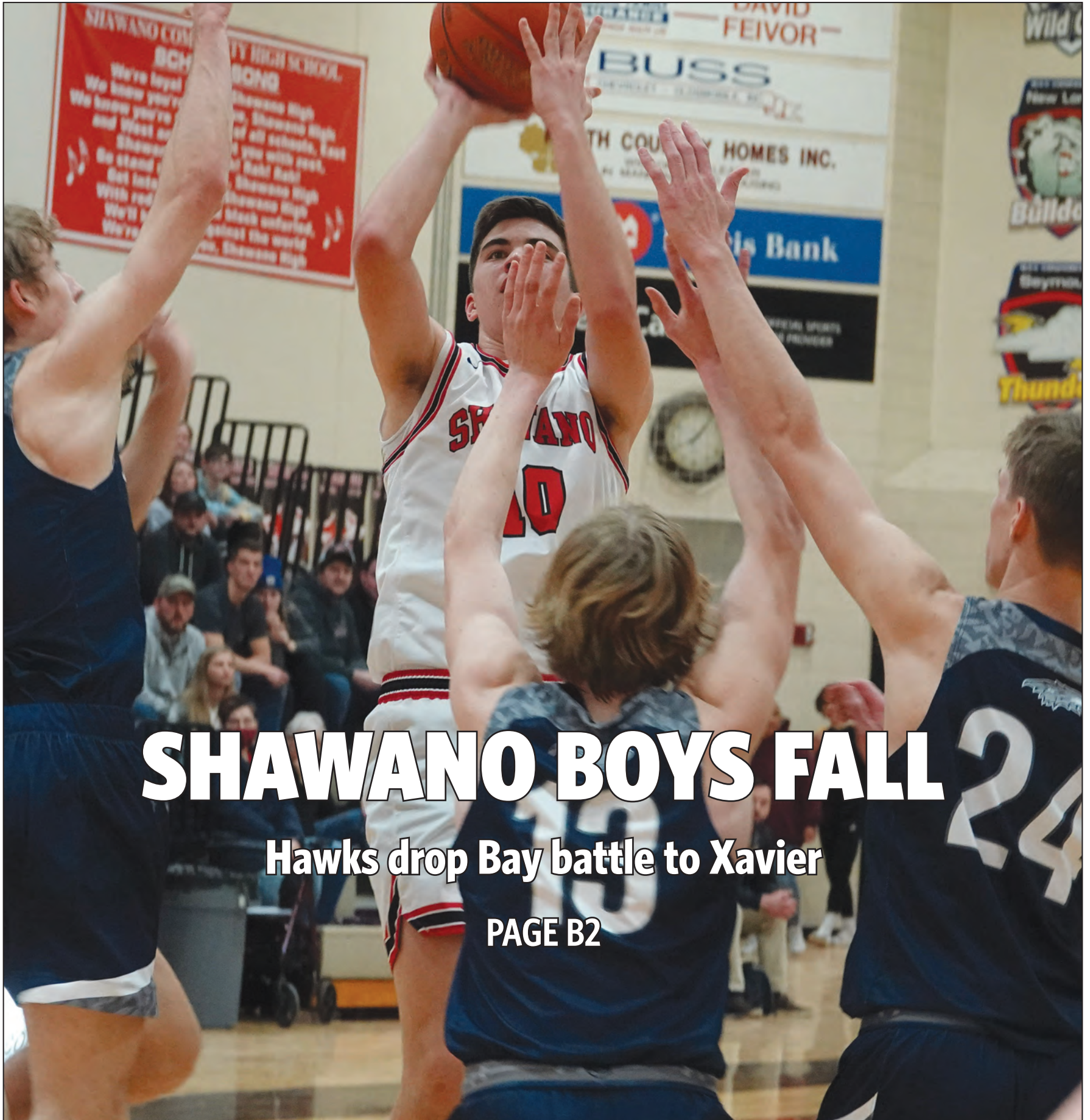
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Hawks drop Bay battle to Xavier

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Shawano's Michael Metcalf-Grassman, back, takes a jumpshot while surrounded by Xavier defenders during a Bay Conference game on Feb. 3 in Shawano.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Shawano boys drops Bay battle to Xavier

Hosts outscored 10-0 in final 3:30

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Shawano Community High School boys basketball team dropped the battle of the Hawks, 74-64, to Bay Conference-leading Xavier on Feb. 3 in Shawano.

In what was a matchup of two of the top teams in the conference, with Shawano hoping to hand Xavier its third conference loss to create a four-way tie atop the standings, the action on the court didn't disappoint.

The first half was an up-and-down affair, with 3-pointers coming fast and furious. When the dust settled and halftime buzzer sounded, the teams were deadlocked at 40.

The pace slowed in the second half, as every possession got more meaningful.

Xavier pulled ahead 64-58 with just over five minutes to play. Shawano's Luke Guenther made a basket before Logan Sipple hit two free throws and a jumpshot to knot things up with about 3:30 to play.

Unfortunately for Shawano, those were the final points it scored in the game. Xavier pulled back ahead on a 3-pointer with roughly 3:10 to play, converted an and-one chance with 56.4 seconds left and then made three free throws in the final 30 seconds to seal things up.

In the final 3:30, Shawano simply couldn't make a basket. The hosts got some great 3-point looks, and had a close shot at the rim roll off.

"I mean, we got a couple good looks that we wanted, we just missed a couple. Those are shots we're gonna make most of the time, I think," said Shawano's Michael Metcalf-Grassman. "They capitalized on offense, we didn't defend well enough, I think. Then we got into the free throw game and we didn't hit shots in the end."

"We definitely missed a couple little, easy ones," said Sipple. "Like

Mike said, those are shots we're gonna make most of the time. I missed one there at the end and I completely hold myself accountable and I got to make that one next time, but just staying more calm and we just gotta hit those next time."

Sipple was a big reason behind Shawano's 40-point first half, scoring 15 of his 21 total points in the opening 18 minutes.

Shawano tallied just six points across the first four minutes, but a three-point play from Sipple jump-started the offense.

"I just got to stay aggressive and keep looking to score, even if I'm coming off the bench, I just got to keep staying aggressive — screen for my teammates, look to get them open as well," said Sipple on his mindset coming off the bench.

The teams remained locked in a back-and-forth battle, with included some shoving and a couple technical fouls being assessed at one point, before a 3-point contest broke out.

Xavier hit a triple to go ahead 13-11 before Shawano's Brandon Reed knocked in a 3-pointer. After a couple Xavier two-point shots, Sipple connected on a triple.

Xavier was able to build a 25-17 advantage after an 8-0 run that included two more 3s. Guenther snapped Shawano's scoreless streak with a 3-pointer, but Xavier got a quick basket on the other end right after.

The next five made shots between the teams were 3s. Metcalf-Grassman, Julian Perez and Sipple hit the triples for Shawano.

Xavier continued to lead by a couple possessions before dunks from Metcalf-Grassman and Reed got Shawano within two. After a Xavier triple, Sipple hit two free throws and another field goal before Metcalf-Grassman made a 3-pointer to give Shawano the lead. Xavier tallied the last field goal in the half to tie things at 40.



Shawano's Brandon Reed soars to catch the ball and attempt a putback shot during a Bay Conference clash with Xavier on Feb. 3 in Shawano.

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Shawano went ahead by six right away in the second half after a 3-pointer and three-point play from Metcalf-Grassman. Xavier answered back with a 6-0 run before Guenther hit a triple and Jacob Landon added a basket to give the hosts a 51-46 lead.

The teams continued to trade small runs for the next few minutes before the two defenses tightened up. After Xavier went ahead 61-56 with 9:10 to play, only four total field goals were made before Shawano tied things at 64.

While the loss was a blow to Shawano's conference title hopes, the team is still holding out hope for that goal and a few others.

"All our goals are still on the table," said Metcalf-Grassman. "We still do have a chance at conference, and we wanted to win 20 games coming into the year and that's still on the table, and so is a sectional final like we want to get to. We gotta keep working."

Xavier 40 34 —74

Shawano 40 24 —64

Xavier (74): Sam Pfeifferle 6-7 8, Hayden Quimby 0-0 14, Carson Hehli 0-1 8, Luke Krull 0-0 9, Nate Twombly 0-0 3, Tyler Brightman 3-3 16, Alex Sherwood 1-1 16.

Shawano (64): Logan Sipple 5-5 21, Luke Guenther 0-0 8, Julian Perez 0-0 6, Michael Metcalf-Grassman 1-2 14, Jacob Landon 1-3 8, Brandon Reed 0-1 7.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Gauderman, Rogowski sign letters of intent

Both Witt-Birn athletes leaving state for college athletics

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School seniors David Gauderman and Reese Rogowski took the next step in their athletic careers when they signed letters of intent in front of family, coaches, teammates and friends on Feb. 1 inside the high school library.

Gauderman is headed to the University of Minnesota-Duluth to play football, while Rogowski will compete in track and field at North Dakota State University.

"It's just kind of a big relief, now I don't have to worry about where to go or if I'm going to play college football or not," said Gauderman of signing. "Just to have it set in stone just really means a lot."

"I'm just blessed and thankful to be able to have this opportunity and to compete at the next level because it shows that all my hard work throughout the years has paid off," said Rogowski.

Gauderman is coming off a senior football season in which he rushed for 1,539 yards and 16 touchdowns across 10 games. He also caught 12 passes for an additional 157 yards and three scores.

Defensively, Gauderman accumulated 96 total tackles during the regular season, 22 of which went for losses. He also forced two fumbles, recovered one fumble and registered 7½ sacks.

Gauderman was surprised to only have two offers after his senior year wrapped up, and rightfully so after ranking near the top of the state on both sides of the ball in several different statistics.

He ended up choosing Duluth because, "I really love the town up there and the football team is always good, so it was a pretty easy decision to make."

Over the years, Gauderman said he "put a purpose to every workout that I want to make it to the next level" and that's what helped him get to this point.

He thanked his dad, Tony, for driving him to football camps over the years and all his coaches for their time and effort to work with him and his



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Reese Rogowski, left, and David Gauderman sign letters of intent on Feb. 1 inside the Witt-Birn High School library.

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teammates. Gauderman also highlighted his teammates for "supporting me throughout the journey."

Gauderman is also a standout wrestler for Witt-Birn, and is currently ranked first in the entire state at 220 pounds in the Division 3 rankings put out by www.wisconsinrappler.com. The two-time state qualifier said there really was never a decision to make between the two sports.

"It was always football. Wrestling, I couldn't imagine doing that for 4-5 more years, if I'm going to be honest," said Gauderman with a smile. "It was always in the back of my head, but I think football is the main sport I've enjoyed doing."

Gauderman said he and his new football team have been talking a lot about what the future might hold. The plan is for Gauderman to play outside linebacker or defensive end.

Rogowski has been a star athlete for Witt-Birn since the day she started high school.

After having her freshman track and field season wiped out because

of the pandemic, Rogowski has made up for lost time by qualifying for state in four events — the 100-, 200- and 400-dashes and long jump — in her sophomore and junior years.

Rogowski has placed in the top 10 in each event, with second-place finishes in the 200 and 400 as a junior serving as her best state finishes so far.

When she began looking into college athletics, Rogowski thought she wanted to play basketball. She started getting emails from track coaches and decided to take a look around.

"I visited some basketball schools, and they just didn't feel like the right fit. I visited a lot of track schools, and when I went to NDSU I saw the team atmosphere and the atmosphere that the coaches provided for their athletes and it felt like it'd be a good place for me," said Rogowski.

She singled out coaches, family members and teammates for helping her get to the college level.

"My coaches push me hard in practice because they believe in me and

knew I could get here to this day, so that's really helped," said Rogowski.

Rogowski was also a star volleyball player for Witt-Birn, so she had options for what sport she could play at the next level.

She picked track because "It's a self-motivating sport and that's what I love about it. It all depends on you and the work you put in, and I love that aspect of it."

Rogowski said the coaching staff at NDSU wants her to compete in all of the events she can and not just specialize in one thing, like sprints or field events.

"That's going to be interesting to see how that goes, and it should be fun to learn new things," said Rogowski.

The senior also has one final track season with the Chargers, but there aren't specific places she hopes to achieve in each event. Instead, she wants to drop her times, improve her marks in field events and continue to get better each day.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Bonduel boys cruise past Green Bay West

Westrich leads balanced Bears' attack

By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

The Bonduel High School boys basketball team led from start to finish during a 64-42 nonconference win over Green Bay West on Jan. 30 in Bonduel.

Plenty of Bears saw game action, and nine of the 11 players who took the floor scored.

"It's great. I feel like we all deserve to be on the court," said freshman big man Ryan Westrich, who led Bonduel with 19 points and 16 rebounds. "We all know that we can score and we all know that we can play tough basketball, and I'm just really glad that we all stepped up today."

Westrich was part of the reason why Bonduel jumped out to a 10-2 lead in less than four minutes. He hit two free throws to open the scoring and later had a three-point play.

Charlie Tauchen had the team's other five points on the run, including a 3-pointer.

Green Bay West settled in a bit after that, but Bonduel was still able to maintain control pretty much the entire game.

Brodie Hartmann scored five straight points for Bonduel before Westrich converted two more looks. A 3-pointer from Tauchen and Westrich basket made it a 24-7 advantage.

The visitors scored the next five points, but back-to-back layups from Noah Weier, and a third layup a bit later, kept Bonduel comfortably ahead.

"We knew we had to come out and just right from the get-go step on the gas and get a lead," said Weier. "We kind of came out a little slow and let their intensity get to us, but we picked it up, started playing harder. We know that when we play hard, we can play with anyone..."

Sam Roberts, Race Anvelink and Cade Johnson scored the Bears' final points of the half, leaving the team with a 35-20 advantage.

Bonduel kept rolling in the second half, scoring the first eight points. Westrich scored on the first possession and then hit the first of back-to-back 3-pointers, with Margelofsky having the other.

Green Bay West responded with a 9-0 run to make it a 14-point



Bonduel's Noah Weier, center, goes up for a shot during a nonconference win over Green Bay West on Jan. 30 in Bonduel.

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contest, but a second-chance bucket from Westrich and fastbreak score from Johnson got Bonduel right back on track.

A bit later, Anvelink knocked down a couple 3-pointers to push the lead over 20 again, and Bonduel coasted to victory from there.

"In the first half, I'm not going to sugarcoat it, we didn't play very good defense for our standards," said Westrich. "But we picked it up during the second half thanks to our coach

getting on our case about not hedging enough and not playing hard enough. I think that really helped us in the end there playing great defense."

Behind Westrich's double-double, it was a balanced scoring approach for the Bears.

Roberts ended up hitting four shots to finish with eight points, while Tauchen also had eight. Anvelink tallied seven points, while Weier had six. Margelofsky and Hartmann had five points each.

Green Bay West 20 22 — 42

Bonduel 35 29 — 64

Bonduel (64): Cade Johnson 0-0 4, Colin Margelofsky 2-3 5, Brodie Hartmann 0-0 5, Ryan Westrich 4-5 19, Charlie Tauchen 0-0 8, Noah Weier 0-0 6, Race Anvelink 1-2 7, Owen Springborn 0-0 2, Sam Roberts 0-1 8.

Green Bay West (42): Dakotah Montez 1-2 4, Brandon Wilson 0-0 8, Marion Padilla 2-2 8, Deonte Steele 0-2 9, Landon Dudley 0-0 2, Khalid Ali 0-0 3, Julrus Connor 1-2 8.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Witt-Birn claims 2nd at CWC Tournament

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School wrestling team earned a second-place finish at the Central Wisconsin Conference Tournament on Feb. 4 in Shiocton.

The Chargers had three conference champions and three second-place finishers on their way to scoring 203 points, only behind Shiocton's 273½.

Bonduel had five first- or second-place finishers at the conference tournament and accumulated 174 points to grab third place. Menominee Indian scored 44 points to take eighth.

Shawano and Oconto Falls sent girls wrestlers to Waupaca for the North Eastern Conference/Bay Conference Girls Championship on Feb. 4.

Seven Shawano girls wrestlers totaled 78½ points to help the Hawks take first. Two Oconto Falls wrestlers earned eight points for a 10th-place finish.

Witt-Birn

Devin Wudtke (126), Nico Pelusi (145) and David Gauderman (220) all

claimed first for Witt-Birn.

Wudtke defeated two opponents to grab first, claiming 13-2 and 14-2 major decision wins. Pelusi went 3-0, with a pair of pins and an 8-4 decision win. Gauderman went 2-0, with a pair of pins in the opening period.

Ben Miller (113), Easton Davis (120) and Andres Sanchez (138) all took second for the Chargers.

Miller went 1-1 on the day, with both his matches ending in pins. Davis was also 1-1, pinning his first opponent before falling by major decision in the title match. Sanchez also wrestled twice, with a win by pin and major decision loss in the first-place match.

Luca Pelusi (132), Chase Kitsemble (152), Owen Schultz (160) and Cain Schiller (170) placed third for Witt-Birn. Kitsemble, Schultz and Schiller all posted 2-1 records, while Pelusi went 1-1. Dominic Weso (195) grabbed fourth after finishing 1-2.

Bonduel

The brother duo of Jaxon and Tyson Bogacz placed first for Bonduel. Jaxon Bogacz pinned his first op-

ponent before a 2-0 decision win in the first-place match. Tyson Bogacz pinned all three of his opponents.

Matthew Walenta (132), Donovan Vigue (160) and Parker Perry (170) were all second-place finishers for the Bears.

Walenta had a win by pin before falling by decision in the first-place match. Vigue won by pin and a 4-1 decision before falling by decision in the final. Perry pinned his first opponent before falling by major decision in the title.

Maddy Sokolski (138), Colin Fischer (145) and Evan Wilcox (195) placed third. All three wrestlers went 2-1.

Menominee Indian

Michael Peters (106) and Alex Cloud (120) placed fourth to lead Menominee Indian at the conference tournament.

Peters finished 1-2, with his win coming in a 6-4 decision. Cloud went 0-2 on the day.

Shawano girls

Onna Hermann (120) led Shawano

in Waupaca with a 5-0 record and first-place finish.

Hermann won four matches by pin and another by a 16-5 major decision.

Hallie Wondra (107) and Courtney Schenk (145) each came in second for the Hawks. Wondra bounced back from an opening round loss with two wins by pin. Schenk went 3-1 on the day, with two wins by pin and another by a 5-3 decision.

Macey Nelson (132) and Hatty Fritz (235) each claimed third-place finishes. Nelson finished 2-2, with both wins by pin. Fritz went 1-2, with her win also by pin.

Jenna Moede (120) and Vivian Waldburger (145) both took fourth. Moede finished 2-3, with two wins by pin. Waldburger went 1-2, with her win being a 21-6 technical fall.

Oconto Falls girls

London LeSage (107) and Jocelin Martinez (235) took fourth place for Oconto Falls.

Both wrestlers finished with 0-3 records at the tournament.



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ATHLETE PROFILE: LOUIS HRABIK

Bonduel senior enjoying final ride with co-op

Bonduel High School's Louis Hrabik has been through a couple coaches, a transition to a varsity team and also played several different positions, but has been a leader through it all for the Shawano co-op hockey team.

Through 13 games this winter, he's scored four goals and assisted on seven others, even though he's played defense in the latter portion of the season.

Q: When did your interest in hockey begin?

A: It began when my aunt and uncle (Bev and Kevin) took me to a (Green Bay) Gamblers game for the first time and I loved watching it. My mother (Lynn) then saw a "try hockey for free" flyer hanging up at my school and we went, and I've loved it ever since.

Q: What has hockey taught you over the years?

A: Not only has hockey taught me how to skate and shoot a puck but also to be a good teammate. It has also most importantly has taught me how to be a good leader, and I will be able to use that skill forever in my future.

Q: What is your favorite thing to do out on the ice, and why?

A: My favorite thing to do on the ice is probably assist someone's goal. Not only do you get to feel like you helped make it happen generating the play, but you also get to feel good knowing you made someone else feel happy and excited, and that to me is such a great feeling.

Q: You play football in the fall. How does football help you out on the ice?

A: Football and hockey have both helped me tremendously in the other just because I feel like they are so alike in some ways yet so different in others. Football has helped me with my foot work and that getting low and using your body can be so beneficial in hockey.

Q: The co-op has had a couple different coaches and made the transition to varsity play during

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Louis Hrabik

SPORT: Boys hockey

POSITION: Several, but defense to end the year

SCHOOL: Bonduel High School

YEAR: Senior

your high school career. What's it been like being part of those transitions?

A: Some of them have been tough, others not so much. The switch from my sophomore year playing mostly JV teams to playing mostly Varsity teams was a big jump for me and a lot of the other kids and beat us up both physically and mentally because they were just so much bigger and stronger. However, I miss the personalities of our old coaches. I really enjoy our new coaches and how they have turned Shawano hockey around and made it a place where kids want to play.

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

A: My big goals coming into the season were to be the captain of the team and to be one of the leading point scorers and right now I have succeeded with both of those goals. If I had one goal for the rest of the season, it would be to just go out there and make the most of the rest of my senior season and have a good time and win a couple more games with the boys who made my senior season so memorable.

Q: What is like playing for a co-op, where some of your teammates are from a different school?

A: Playing for a co-op is not like anything you could imagine if you've never done it. It brings the opportunity to make so many new friends and meet so many new people. There is a lot less drama throughout the team considering we aren't always around one another in school, and that makes getting together for practices or games just so much more enjoyable because you're looking



Bonduel's Louis Hrabik, right, prepares for a faceoff during the Shawano co-op's game against Medford on Jan. 10 at the Crawford Center in Shawano.

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forward to seeing your friends that you don't see at school. I can say I believe I have made some lifelong friends throughout that co-op and am truly great for it.

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

A: As a senior and the captain, it is my job to be a leader on the team and I try to do that by just being vocal when I need to be and setting a good example. I also really try to include the younger kids in and out of the rink. I feel it creates better team chemistry and hopefully by me setting that example they will do the same thing for others when they are in my position.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Shawano co-op hockey team?

A: My favorite memory was when we were in a tournament at the end of my junior year which was a tough year for us and we won our first varsity game in over a year beating East Wausau/Merrill. It was a well

needed/deserved win for the team considering all the hard work and dedication we put into that year.

Q: Favorite TV show and musical artist?

A: TV show — "Stranger Things." Musical artist — Drake.

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

A: I've been riding dirt bikes sense I was 4. I've always loved riding them. I would spend most of my summer when I was younger riding dirt bikes around my neighborhood with my friends.

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

A: I hope to attend a 4-year college, but I am undecided as to where yet. I hope I can still play hockey after high school whether that is in college or just a rec league. I hope to coach hockey sometime when I am older and hopefully leave an impact on kids like some of my coaches did on me!

ATHLETE PROFILE: CLAIRE BROOKS

Lena senior helping team to huge season

The Lena High School girls basketball team continues to impress this winter. Claire Brooks has played a role in the team's success and is hoping to end her senior season on a positive note.

Brooks averaged about 7 points a game through Feb. 5, with five games in double figures, including ones against Florence on Jan. 31 and Oneida Nation on Feb. 3.

She also averaged over 5 rebounds a game, with a season-high of 12 against Coleman on Jan. 13 and Three Lakes on Jan. 21. Brooks averaged 3.7 steals, 1.2 assists and 0.6 blocks through 19 games.

Q: When did your interest in basketball begin?

A: My interest in basketball began when I was in fourth grade. My friends and I were offered to play basketball with the fifth graders because they didn't have enough players. I actually didn't like it that much then, because my glasses always got knocked off and I was afraid of the ball. But, over the years basketball has become my favorite sport to play, and I am extremely happy that I was able to spend my senior year playing with my sister (Eva).

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

A: My favorite thing to do on the basketball court is play defense. I love the feeling of being able to shut down a top opponent.

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

A: Basketball has taught me leadership skills, confidence, and commitment. I have never had the most confidence in myself, but ever since being on varsity my confidence has grown so much.

Q: Since the start of your high school career, the girls program has steadily improved. What's it been like to be part of that change?

A: It has been a lot of fun. Our whole team is dedicated and extremely talented. It also helps that we have a coach that believes in us.

Q: Your team has been in the conference title hunt all winter. What's been the biggest reasons behind the team's success this season?

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Claire Brooks

SPORT: Girls basketball

POSITION: Forward/wing

SCHOOL: Lena High School

YEAR: Senior

A: One of the biggest reasons behind our success is that we do not get down on ourselves as much as we used to. We all have so much more confidence and fun with each other. Last year if any one of us got down, we didn't play as well together. Our confidence was not really there. But this year if someone gets down on themselves, everyone is there to bring them back up. We have all become such good friends, which helps us play well together.

Q: Do you have any individual goals you hope to accomplish by the end of the season, and how do you plan on achieving those goals?

A: Since it is my senior year and with the defensive abilities I've developed, I'd like to help my team take home a title (either conference or a postseason one). I have been continuing to work hard on my defensive skills and would really like to be considered for the defensive player of the year (in the conference or a team award).

Q: As a senior on a team that lost another senior leader (Natalie McNurlen) to injury, how do you try to lead the rest of your team?

A: I must admit that losing one of my best friends as a teammate on the court has been hard for me. But I know that my team needs me and we want to win for her. I try to keep everyone positive and let them all know that we can do this as a team. We've come this far and we can't give up. I also try to keep the fun going by trying to make them all laugh or smile.

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

A: Like all teams, we have our typical pep talk from coach in the locker room. We also huddle together in a tight group and try and get each other moving and laughing. I never eat before a game. The only thing



Lena's Claire Brooks looks for a teammate to pass to during a conference game on Dec. 5 in Suring.

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that I will eat is Skittles.

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

A: One of my favorite memories is when we won the game that put us second in the conference. After the game, our coach walks into the locker room and it was silent, and all of a sudden he just starts cheering. I have never seen us or our coach so happy before, and it just felt amazing to have accomplished that after being down for so many years.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show, and musical artist?

A: Movie — "How to Lose a Guy

in 10 Days." TV show — "Grey's Anatomy." Musical artist — Taylor Swift.

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

A: Some people might not know about my passion for art. Art is my favorite activity to do when I am by myself. I love to create realistic pictures using acrylic paint.

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

A: I am going to UWGB in hopes of becoming an art teacher. I also hope that one day I can travel abroad for the UWGB art program.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Shawano girls pull away late to top Pacelli

Hawks get big 3s from Bystol and play strong defense

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Shawano Community High School girls basketball team hit some clutch shots and played tough defense late to claim a 52-40 nonconference win over Pacelli on Jan. 31 in Shawano.

The Hawks led most of the contest before the visiting Cardinals went on a run midway through the second half. Shawano called timeout with 7 minutes, 44 seconds to play and ended up outscoring Pacelli 17-7 the rest of the way.

After the timeout Pacelli hit a 3-pointer to grab its first lead since the 11-minute mark of the first half. Shawano came right back with a triple from Ella Stuber.

After a couple of scoreless minutes, Pacelli hit a shot tie tie things at 38. Shawano dominated the rest of the way.

Two free throws from Brynlie Boyles on a one-and-one opportunity gave Shawano the lead with 4:32 to play. After a Pacelli turnover against the Shawano full-court press, Abby Bystol knocked down a 3-pointer. Another Pacelli turnover led to a second straight Bystol triple, and just like that, Shawano led 46-38 with 3:18 to play.

"I was really struggling in the beginning (some missed jumpshots and foul trouble earlier in the game), coach is like 'Just keep shooting, they'll fall, they'll fall.' The worst thing to do is stop shooting, it makes it worse," said Bystol. "So I had to come out and hit those two 3s and I got (my confidence) back."

A Pacelli timeout didn't stop Shawano's momentum, as the next two possessions also ended in turnovers. Leah Nordin then converted a shot for the Hawks to make it a 10-point game.

Pacelli scored with about 1:45 to play, but four Shawano free throws accounted for the game's final points and the Hawks walked away victorious.

"Hopefully, coming off that Antigo loss, 70-71, hopefully this one is a morale booster for New London (on Feb. 3) because I know New London is going to be tough," said Nordin.

The freshman 6-footer carried the



Shawano's Ella Stuber, left, defends during the team's nonconference win over Pacelli on Jan. 31 in Shawano.

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Hawks to a 24-12 halftime lead, scoring 13 of her 20 points in the first half.

Trinity Popelka had Shawano's first point in the game on a free throw before Nordin scored the next seven points. Anna Dreier followed with a basket to give Shawano a 10-4 lead.

Nordin and Braylyn Babino did the rest of the first-half scoring for the Hawks.

Nordin had the team's next two field goals to give the hosts a 14-8 lead. Babino later hit a 3-pointer, which was followed by a Nordin bucket to make it 19-10.

Babino scored on a fastbreak chance off an assist from Nordin to push the lead to double digits. Babino then hit another triple in the final minute of the half.

"I just kind of played off my teammate's energy," said Nordin of her

strong first half. "I mean, towards the end we were hitting 3s, so that's always nice. I just kind of played with them and went along with them."

At the start of the second half, things didn't go as smoothly for Shawano.

Pacelli scored the first five points, and Bystol was tagged with her third foul, sending her to the bench with 15:24 to play.

Stuber and Popelka hit shots to briefly halt Pacelli's surge, but the visitors tallied the next two baskets.

Bystol returned to the game and immediately scored the team's next basket to make it 30-21, but a Popelka free throw was all the hosts could muster over the next three minutes. Meanwhile, Pacelli snuck back within two points.

Popelka and Nordin each hit shots

to match a Pacelli basket and free throws, making it 35-33 and forcing the Shawano timeout.

Bystol said the team talked about Pacelli making a second-half push, but that the timeout helped the team relax and get back on track.

"In that timeout we called, we were hanging our heads," said Bystol. "Coach said, 'yeah, we got to pick it back up and stay confident' and then we got it back."

Pacelli 12 28 — 40

Shawano 24 28 — 52

Shawano (52): Ella Stuber 1-2 6, Trinity Popelka 2-4 6, Braylyn Babino 0-0 8, Abby Bystol 0-2 8, Brynlie Boyles 2-4 2, Anna Dreier 0-0 2, Leah Nordin 4-8 20.

Pacelli (40): Cassandra Vaughan 0-0 6, Ashley Strizel 0-0 5, Hannah Trzinski 0-0 3, Kaylin Yenter 2-2 6, Amelia Jacoby 4-8 16, Emma Van Order 2-2 4.

WIAA board supports 5-division girls volleyball plan

Several other changes approved for fall sports

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control approved a number of coaches' recommendations impacting five fall sports at its meeting on Feb. 1.

The board approved 10 recommendations that were originated and advanced by the fall coaches' or officials' advisory committees followed by a review of the executive staff, Sports Advisory Committee and the Advisory Council.

The one volleyball recommendation supported by the board was an amended coaches' recommendation to add a fifth division to the girls volleyball tournament series beginning in the fall of 2024. The executive staff has been given clearance to develop and promulgate a five-division model to advance to the Advisory Council and Board of Control for final consideration at its January meeting in 2024.

The lone rule changes in two sports

implement a game-ending regulation for significant score differentials. Beginning in 2023, a mandatory running clock will be applied during the 8- and 11-player football regular season and tournament series when the point differential reaches 35 points in the second quarter of a game.

If a deficit falls below 35 points at any point prior to the start of the fourth quarter, the running clock will be discontinued. If the point differential falls below 35 points in the fourth quarter, the running clock will continue for the remainder of regulation.

In soccer, if the point differential after 60 minutes of play reaches eight or more goals during the regular season or tournament series, the game shall be terminated. The score at the time of the stoppage will be recorded as the final score beginning in the fall of 2023.

The girls golf coaches' recommendation receiving acceptance from the board splits the Division 2 tournament series field into three regionals per sectional. Beginning in the fall of 2023, the top three teams, and top three individuals who are not members of the team qualifying for sectionals, advance to compete in the sectional meet.

The two tennis recommendations passed by the board include adding an appointed coaches association representative to the State Team Tournament Seeding Committee. The representative will cast a tie-breaking vote if necessary. The second approved recommendation moves the starting time of the state team tournament on Friday to 3 p.m. or the earliest possible time after 3 p.m.

Four Officials Advisory Committee recommendations were approved, including three in the sport of volleyball. Officials will now be allowed the option to use electronic headsets to communicate during a volleyball match. In addition, volleyball officials may wear any NFHS-approved color of officials' polo shirts, including white, blue or gray as long as the R1 and R2 match. The third volleyball officials' recommendation approved by the board, after it was amended, allows the WIAA logo to be placed on officials' uniforms.

The other officials' recommendation clarifies the limited responsibility of volunteer officials in soccer. Volunteers are not authorized to call offsides or fouls during a match.

Other board action includes authorizing the reinstatement of the Media Advisory Committee beginning this summer as well as approving three non-football, fast-track conference realignment requests.

Jordan Sinz, co-chair of the Competitive Balance Ad Hoc Committee, presented the board with a detailed summary of the Competitive Balance Plan being circulated and communicated with the membership. On March 7, the board is scheduled to vote on whether or not to advance the plan to a membership vote at the Annual Meeting on April 26.

Topics of board discussion included the proposed language and rationale of prospective constitutional amendments and the positions taken on them by the Sports Advisory Committee and Advisory Council; the status of the 2022-23 conference realignment process; continued efforts to recruit and retain licensed officials; the status of middle-level membership; plans for the 2023 Annual Meeting in April; upcoming Advisory Council and Board of Control elections; updates on the InsideOut Initiative; and planning for the 2023 Scholar Athlete program.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Oconto Falls boys fall to Waupaca in NEC play

Panthers' comeback effort fall apart late

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Oconto Falls High School boys basketball team erased a 17-point deficit but were outscored 10-2 in the final couple minutes of a 75-67 North Eastern Conference loss to Waupaca on Feb. 2 in Oconto Falls.

Oconto Falls trailed 37-20 with about four minutes to play in the opening half, but didn't give up and continued to fight. After getting back within single digits by halftime, the Panthers whittled the deficit down to two with 11 minutes still to play.

The Panthers lost their momentum and fell behind by nine again, but went on a 15-6 run to tie things up with three minutes to play.

Less than 30 seconds after Oconto Falls tied it, Waupaca went back ahead. Oconto Falls turned the ball on its next possession, but forced a Waupaca miss to remain within two points. An offensive foul called on Kody Vorpahl took away another chance for the hosts to tie it, and also fouled the senior post player out of the contest.

Waupaca took advantage, as its 6-foot-7 big man grabbed an offensive rebound and scored to make it 69-65 with about 1:15 to play. Another Oconto Falls turnover gave the ball back to Waupaca.

The visiting Comets drained over 20 seconds of the remaining time before turning the ball over. Oconto Falls missed a 3-pointer on the other end of the court, but Waupaca couldn't put the game away after a missed free throw.

Alex Haines made a driving layup with just over 20 seconds to play, but it turned out to be Oconto Falls' final points. Waupaca made two free throws on the other end, and added four more late free throws after a couple Panther misses and subsequent fouls.

"I think it's between fouls and just being frustrated," said Haines of why the team couldn't quite get over the hump in its comeback attempts. "We just couldn't score the point, and when you can't score, it gets in your head."

Vorpahl's foul troubles were a



Oconto Falls' Alex Haines, center, leaps up to try and block a shot attempt during the team's North Eastern Conference game against Waupaca on Feb. 2 in Oconto Falls.

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big storyline to the contest. The 6-4 senior had the early assignment of guarding Waupaca's big man. Vorpahl did a good job of slowing him down and making him work hard in the early going, but was tagged with his second and third fouls in a six-second span less than eight minutes into action.

At that point, Waupaca was up seven points, and the calls continued to stack up against Oconto Falls, including a technical foul, before the deficit reached 17.

"We had to go in a zone and had to get a couple guys to box him out. It was a little tough," said Oconto Falls' Caden Birr on how the team's foul trouble played a role.

After struggling to find an of-

fensive groove for much of the first half, 3-pointers started to fall, and the hosts quickly started chipping away at the big deficit.

Jameson Beaman knocked down two 3-pointers to spark the Panthers, and Birr hit another triple to make it a seven-point contest. By halftime, Waupaca led 41-32.

Haines and Carter Hill powered the host's comeback efforts in the second half, combining to score the first 16 points and getting Oconto Falls within two points, 50-48.

After falling behind by nine points again, Evan Yuma got to the free throw line a couple times to spark the host's next big push. Birr then scored eight straight points, including two 3-pointers, to tie the

game at 65.

"These last couple weeks of practice, we've been putting in the work. (We) Don't want to do like the last couple years where we're losing game by 30," said Birr. "We wanted to keep in the game, so we battled back and tied it up after a couple made shots..."

Waupaca 41 34 — 75

Oconto Falls 32 35 — 67

Waupaca (75): Austin Adamczak 0-0 8, Owen Smidt 2-3 4, Phillip Masias 4-4 7, Henry Mouw 10-12 22, Aaron Wolff 0-0 8, Gavin Taggart 0-0 2, Carsten Gile 0-12, Riley Bechard 6-7 22.

Oconto Falls (67): Alex Haines 4-6 14, Braden Vandermoss 5-6 11, Jameson Beaman 0-0 6, Evan Yuma 2-4 4, Caden Birr 3-4 19, Carter Hill 1-5 13.

HIGH SCHOOL SWIM

Shawano boys fifth at GNC Meet

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Shawano Community High School boys swim team placed fifth at the Great Northern Conference Meet on Feb. 3 in Antigo.

The Hawks scored 134 points to earn the fifth-place finish, just a point behind Medford's 135. Rhinelander (422), Tomahawk (177) and Antigo (147) were the top finishers, while Lakeland Union (111) took sixth.

Ben Langlois turned in Shawano's top two individual finishes on the day. He came in third in the 200-meter freestyle in 2 minutes, 20.2 seconds and was fourth in the 100 butterfly with a mark of 1:09.81.

Langlois teamed up with Braden Barkley, Daniel Bergmann and Jon Jumonville to take fourth in the 200

medley relay in 2:16.55.

Barkley, Langlois, Baelyan Putz and Brady Hannes formed the fifth-place finishing 200 freestyle relay (2:00.2). Putz, Jumonville, Hannes and Bergmann teamed up for fifth in the 400 freestyle relay (5:06.61).

Individually, Bergmann placed fifth in the 200 IM (2:56.67) and seventh in the 400 freestyle (5:35.02). Barkley was sixth in the 100 backstroke (1:19.42) and seventh in the 50 freestyle (28.69).

Putz came in sixth in the 100 freestyle (1:12.44) and 10th in the 200 freestyle (2:48.58). Hannes was 12th in the 100 freestyle (1:19) and 100 backstroke (1:39.17), while Jumonville was 11th in the 100 freestyle (1:17.94) and 14th in the 50 freestyle (32.44).

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

Area teams earn high seeds for postseason

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Area high school girls and boys hockey teams learned their postseason fates when the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association released tournament brackets on Feb. 6.

Three of the five teams that roster area players will host playoff contests.

The Bay Area Ice Bears, which includes girls from Pulaski, earned a No. 1 seed in Division 2. The co-op will take on either the fifth-seeded Xavier co-op or fourth-seeded Brookfield Central co-op on Feb. 21 after an opening round bye.

The Central Wisconsin Storm, which has Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Marli Novy on the roster, is a No. 2

seed in Division 1 and will host the seventh-seeded Northland Pines co-op on Feb. 16 or 17.

In the boys tournament, two area teams will square off in Division 1. The fourth-seeded Ashwaubenon co-op, which rosters several Pulaski boys, will host the 13th-seeded Shawano co-op on Feb. 14.

The winner from Feb. 14 will take on either the fifth-seeded Fond du Lac co-op or the 12th-seeded Xavier co-op on Feb. 16 or 17.

In Division 2, the Antigo co-op, which rosters Witt-Birn's Owen Dickman, earned a No. 6 seed and will travel to face the third-seeded Rhinelander co-op on Feb. 16 or 17, with the winner playing Feb. 21 against No. 2 Mosinee or No. 7 Waupaca.

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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

New-look postseason ahead as girls join mix

Boys, girls will both wrestle in Madison for individual state

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The postseason has arrived for high school wrestlers.

After girls wrestling held its inaugural state tournament in 2022 at the La Crosse Center, the girls will get to showcase their talents at state this winter at the Kohl Center alongside the boys. With the state tournament now including boys and girls wrestling, the postseason has a new look, and here's a quick look at some of the proceedings.

Regionals are set for Feb. 11, but will only include boys wrestlers, unless a girl wrestler chooses to compete in the boys individual tournament — girls cannot compete in both individual tournaments. Girls are eligible to participate in team sectionals or team state duals if their team advances that far, regardless of which individual tournament they choose to compete in.

In Division 1, Shawano and Pulaski are both part of the Green Bay West Regional, which will begin at 10 a.m. Oconto Falls is hosting a super regional in Division 2, with wrestling beginning at 10:30 a.m. Bonduel, Lena, Menominee Indian, Suring/Gillett and Wittenberg-Birnamwood are all in the Division 3 Crivitz Super Regional, which opens at 10 a.m.

To qualify for sectionals, regional wrestlers must place in the top four in their weight classes.

Sectionals will take place on Feb. 18, with girls wrestlers joining their boys sectional qualifiers at that point.

Shawano and Pulaski wrestlers will be in action in Shawano, with wrestling beginning at 10 a.m. Oconto Falls wrestlers will head to Wrightstown, with a 10 a.m. start there as well. Bonduel, Lena, Menominee Indian, Suring/Gillett and Witt-Birn wrestlers will take part in the Bonduel Sectional, which will be hosted by Seymour and starts at 10 a.m.

In the boys individual tournament, the top-two finishers in each weight class in Division 1 sectionals and top-three finishers at each weight class in Division 2 and 3 sectionals will qualify for state. In the girls tournament,



Bonduel's Maddy Sokolski, top, wrestles during the Shawano Round Robin on Jan. 27 in Shawano. Sokolski is hoping to qualify for a state for a second straight winter, but this time state is in Madison at the same time as the boys tournament.

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Witt-Birn's David Gauderman, left, wrestles Bonduel's Willis Bloedorn during a conference dual on Jan. 26 in Bonduel. Boys wrestlers are set to open the postseason with regional on Feb. 11.

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only the top finisher at sectionals will punch a ticket to state.

The state individual tournament will run Feb. 23-25. A full rundown on the state schedule can be found at www.wiaawi.org/Sports/Winter/Boys-Wrestling/Tournament.

Even though girls wrestlers competed in a certain division at sectionals, all girls wrestlers will be tossed into one bracket at state. The boys state tournament will be broken down

by division as it has been in the past.

Taking a step back to address team sectionals and team state, here's how that schedule sets up.

Should Shawano or Pulaski place in the top two at the Green Bay West Regional, they would take part in the D.C. Everest Team Sectional on Feb. 14. If Oconto Falls wins or takes second at its super regional, it would head to Wrightstown for team sectionals. If Bonduel, Lena, Menominee Indian,

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Suring/Gillett or Witt-Birn place in the top two teams at the super regional, they'd head to Suring for team sectionals.

Teams that take first at team sectionals would compete for state titles on March 3 or 4 at the UW Field House in Madison.

Of the 14 area boys individual wrestlers that qualified for state in 2022, six were seniors, so eight could make return trips to Madison. All three of the girls state qualifiers are back.

Nineteen area boys wrestlers were ranked in the Feb. 1 state rankings put out by www.wisconsinrappler.com. An additional 15 area girls were ranked in the rankings put out Feb. 2. Pulaski and Witt-Birn were both ranked in their respective divisions as of a Jan. 27 update.

There's a number of wrestlers that rank high at their weight class, with Witt-Birn's David Gauderman, Bonduel's Maddy Sokolski and Oconto Falls' Taylor Whiting all ranked No. 1.

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COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

St. Martin's University

Gresham Community High School graduate Christian Haffner helped the St. Martin's men's basketball team to a win over Western Oregon on Feb. 4.

Haffner played 16 minutes off the bench, tallying three points, two assists and a rebound.

Ripon College

Wittenberg-Birnamwood grad Lauren Bahr turned in strong finishes while representing the Ripon women's swim team during a dual loss to UW-Oshkosh on Feb. 4.

Bahr placed second in the 100-yard freestyle (1 minute, 1.47 seconds) and third in the 200 freestyle (2:17). She was on the third-place finishing 200 freestyle relay (1:53.46).

Gillett grad Angela Mosconi placed fourth in the women's 5,000-meter run while competing for the Ripon track and field team at the Red Hawk Invite on Feb. 4.

Mosconi turned in a time of 19:44.64.

Cardinal Stritch University

Gillett graduate Aubrey DeBauch started and played 20 minutes in the Cardinal Stritch women's basketball team's loss to Indiana South Bend on Feb. 4.

DeBauch totaled five rebounds, two assists and one point.

UW-Green Bay

Witt-Birn grad McKenna Metropulos turned in more strong finishes while swimming for the UW-Green Bay women's team during a dual loss to UW-Madison on Feb. 3.

Metropulos was on the top-finisher 200 freestyle relay (1:40.3) and third-place finishing 200 medley relay (1:50.41). Individually, she placed second in the 50 freestyle (24.42) and third in the 100 butterfly (59.18).

St. Cloud State University

Pulaski graduate Jasmine Litt played in both of the St. Cloud State women's basketball team's tight losses last week.

Litt contributed three points and three rebounds against Northern State on Feb. 3 and then had an

assist and rebound against MSU-Moorhead on Feb. 4.

Wisconsin Lutheran College

Bonduel grad Kara Troxel played big-time minutes in both of the Wisconsin Lutheran College women's basketball team's wins last week.

Troxel tallied eight points, three rebounds and one assist across 29 minutes against Lakeland on Feb. 1. She then posted nine points, two boards and three steals in 32 minutes and a win over Aurora on Feb. 4.

Pulaski grad Trevor Stiede and the WLC men's basketball team also won two games last week.

Stiede recorded three points across 18 minutes against Marian on Jan. 31. He had eight points, two rebounds, two assists and one steal across 15 minutes against Aurora on Feb. 4.

St. Norbert College

Lena graduate Kennedy Marquardt and Oconto Falls graduate Emily Gonnering each participated in two events for the St. Norbert women's track and field team at the Red Hawk Invite on Feb. 4.

Marquardt placed third in the 400 (1:02.55) and was 10th in the 200 (27.63).

Gonnering earned 13th in the weight throw (12.37 meters) and 18th in the shot put (8.48 meters).

UW-Parkside

Pulaski grad Sheridan Flauger turned in two strong games to help the UW-Parkside women's basketball team to two wins last week.

Flauger totaled 13 points, six assists and five rebounds across 26 minutes against Ferris State on Feb. 2. She had 10 points, seven assists, five boards and a steal across 23 minutes in a rout of Lake Superior State on Feb. 4.

Concordia University

Bonduel graduate Kalleigh Schroeder placed 10th in the women's long jump while representing the Concordia women's track and field team at the Red Hawk Invite on Feb. 4.

Schroeder had a top leap of 4.6 meters.

UW-Eau Claire

Suring grad Mitch Stegeman com-

peted in two events for the UW-Eau Claire men's track and field team at the Mark Guthrie Legacy Invitational on Feb. 4.

Stegeman placed second in the pole vault (4.73 meters) and was 10th in the long jump (6.43 meters).

UW-Milwaukee

Shawano graduate Isabel Roloff participated in two events for the UW-Milwaukee women's track and field team at the Mark Guthrie Legacy Invitational on Feb. 4.

Roloff placed fourth in the pole vault (3.56 meters) and 15th in the 200 dash (27.31).

Bemidji State University

Shawano grad Brooke Theis and Pulaski grad Isabel Majewski each played in both of the Bemidji State women's basketball team's games last week.

In a win over Minot State on Feb. 3, Majewski posted 11 points, two rebounds and two assists, while Theis had four points and two boards. Majewski tallied five points, three rebounds, one assist and one steal against Mary on Feb. 4, while Theis played eight minutes.

UW-Platteville

Pulaski grads Kayla Lipsey and Eian Ziemer each represented the UW-Platteville track and field teams in the Wartburg Indoor Select Meet on Feb. 3-4.

Lipsey placed 10th overall in the women's pentathlon with a score of 2,429. She took seventh in the 60 hurdles (10.07 seconds), eighth in the 800 (2:47.01), ninth in the long jump (4.39 meters), 10th in the high jump (1.32 meters) and 12th in the shot put (8.09 meters).

Ziemer claimed 22nd in the men's 200 (24.43) and was 31st in the 60 (7.76).

Saginaw Valley State University

Shawano graduate Tori DePerry helped the Saginaw Valley State women's basketball team to a 1-1 record last week.

DePerry tallied 21 points, 14 rebounds, four steals and an assist across 39 minutes played in a win over Northern Michigan on Feb. 2. She posted nine points, 11 rebounds and an assist across 36 minutes against Michigan Tech on Feb. 4.

Grand Canyon University

Witt-Birn grad Wyatt Dickman swam in a couple events for the Grand Canyon men's team during a dual

against Nevada-Las Vegas on Feb. 4.

Dickman placed sixth in the 200 freestyle (1:41.92) and was on the fourth-place finishing 200 freestyle relay (1:26.37).

Augsburg University

Bonduel graduate Max Sokolski wrestled at 165 pounds for Augsburg



MAX SOKOLSKI

at the UW-Eau Claire Don Parker Open on Feb. 4.

Sokolski lost his first match but won the final three, with two decision wins and a victory by forfeit.

UW-Stevens Point

Pulaski grad Lindsey Jossie, Oconto Falls grad Joe Adams and Menominee Indian grad Guadalupe Corn represented the UW-Stevens Point track and field teams during the Big Dawg Invite on Feb. 4.

Jossie took third in the women's long jump (4.75 meters), sixth in the 60 hurdles (10.64) and 10th in the high jump (1.33 meters) while also helping form the fourth-place finishing 4x400 relay (4:33.33).

Corn finished eighth in the women's weight throw (12.98 meters), while Adams placed 24th in the men's 1-mile (4:40.33).

Pulaski grads T.J. Shaw and Gracie Mihalski each swam in several events for the UWSP swim teams during duals against UW-Milwaukee on Feb. 4.

Shaw claimed second in the men's 1,000 freestyle (10:26.5), seventh in the 500 freestyle (5:00.2) and was on the seventh-place finishing 400 freestyle relay (3:33.8).

Mihalski finished sixth in the women's 100 freestyle (1:00.77), eighth in the 100 backstroke (1:10.98) and 10th in the 50 freestyle (27.65) while helping form the sixth-place finishing 400 freestyle relay (4:12.2).

Northern Michigan University

Witt-Birn grad Abi Fraaza played in both of the Northern Michigan women's basketball team's games last week.

In a loss to Saginaw Valley State on Feb. 2, Fraaza played 15 minutes, tallying seven points, four rebounds, two assists and a block. Fraaza totaled five points and five boards across 18 minutes and a start in a loss to Wayne State on Feb. 4.

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Team	W	L
Golfside	139	37
Farmall Fanatics	123 1/2	52 1/2
Brother's	111 1/2	64 1/2
Dearco Distributors	101	75
Bamboo	91	85
Launching Pad	88 1/2	87 1/2
Lakeshore Lanes	83	93
Northern Advantage	77 1/2	98 1/2
Full Service Tents	67	109
Rosie's Railway	61	115
Pin Pricks	58	118
Shawano Auto Sales	55	121

High team scratch games: Golfside 711, Brother's 682, Bamboo 681.

High individual scratch games: Zack Ruehle 290, Carl Malueg 266, Dave Hackbarth 259, Randy Umentum 259, Todd Schertz 258, Jeremy Pederson 257, David Walli 254, Taylor Arndt 253, Stu Marotz 247, Dave Druckrey 247.

High team scratch series: Golfside 2,073, Brother's 1,986, Farmall Fanatics 1,971.

High individual scratch series: Zack Ruehle 779, Jeremy Pederson 739, Todd Schertz 727, Dave Druckrey 716, Taylor Arndt 696, Dave Hackbarth 676, Carl Malueg 652, Brian Schultz 644, Cody Lindal 644, Carson Malueg 643.

Chet and Emil's Thursday Early Birds

Team	W	L
Rightway Propane	40 1/2	19 1/2
Schairer Farms	33	27
M and J Harvesting	24	36
Stadler Farms	22 1/2	37 1/2
High team scratch games: Rightway Propane 660, Schairer Farms 628, Stadler Farms 573.		
High individual scratch games: Susan Zeinert 215, Darcy Hille 211, Kim Zeller 189, Kristine Beran 179.		
High team scratch series: Rightway Propane 1,928, Schairer Farms 1,811, Stadler Farms 1,575.		
High individual scratch series: Susan Zeinert 571, Kristine Beran 526, Darcy Hille 508, Kim Zeller 508.		

Chet and Emil's Wednesday Business

Team	W	L
CWAA	13	5
Kropf's Meat	11	7
Karcz Lending	10	8
Kessen Auto Body	10	8
Chet and Emil's	8 1/2	9 1/2
Rew Motors	7	11
TLC Auto Body	7	11
S and M Tool	5 1/2	12 1/2
High team scratch games: S and M Tool 1,053, Karcz Lending 1,027, CWAA 983.		
High individual scratch games: Paul Hanke 227,		

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Jeremy Praslowicz 224, Ed Resch 222.

High team scratch series: S and M Tool 3,042, Karcz Lending 2,844, CWAA 2,778.

High individual scratch series: Adam Karcz 676, Tyler Krull 664, Doug Kunst 600.

Chet and Emil's Tuesday Commercial

Team	W	L
Kautza Excavating	13	5
Chet and Emil's	13	5
Clark Construction	11	7
White Insurance	10	8
Schmidt Schulta	6	12

High team scratch games: Chet and Emil's 1,117, Kautza Excavating 1,084, Clark Construction 956.

High individual scratch games: Andy Hegewald 266, Jeremy Praslowicz 258, Jared Szews 257.

High team scratch series: Chet and Emil's 3,127, Kautza Excavating 2,975, Clark Construction 2,814.

High individual scratch series: Jeremy Praslowicz 715, Andy Hegewald 671, Doug Kunst 644.

Chet and Emil's Monday Women's League

Team	W	L
Cady Home	14	10
Star Campsite	12	12

Banner Banks	11	13
Chet and Emil's	11	13

High team handicap games: Cady Home 779, Star Campsite 767, Banner Banks 716.

High individual scratch games: Kim Zeller 214, Tracy Anderson 204, Cindy Mortenson 198, Courtney Tryba 190, Alicia Schinzel 183, Jen Duranceau 181.

High team handicap series: Cady Home 2,284, Star Campsite 2,176, Banner Banks 1,998.

High individual scratch series: Kim Zeller 568, Courtney Tryba 547, Tracy Anderson 542, Alicia Schinzel 504, Jen Duranceau 488, Cindy Mortenson 482.

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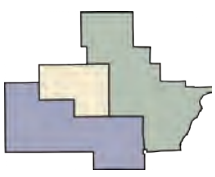
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TUNES ON THURSDAYS

Shawano announces
lineup for 2023
summer concert season

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Bad Habitz is going to keep things rocking and rolling with a performance on June 22, serving as the third band in the 2023 Thursdayz at Franklin season.

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Fire on High will be coming to Franklin Park on July 27.

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Bands lined up for Thursdayz at Franklin

Shawano looking at expanding experience for park visitors

By **NICOLE HIXSON**
Correspondent

It may be the middle of winter, but it is not too early to start making plans for summer.

A familiar Shawano favorite, Thursdayz at Franklin, will be back this year at Franklin Park. From 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays, live bands will take the stage for this family friendly and free concert event which spans several months.

Food and beverage vendors are available on site, but attendees are welcome to pack a picnic or carry in their preferred food and beverages. Blankets and chairs can be brought in to make the event more comfort-

AT A GLANCE

The Thursdayz at Franklin 2023 lineup:

- June 8: Johnny Wad
- June 15: Spark Spark Bang
- June 22: Bad Habitz
- June 29: Cherry Pie
- July 6: The Third Wheels
- July 13: Adam Trask
- July 20: Brass Differential
- July 27: Fire On High
- Aug. 3: TBA
- Aug. 10: Copper Box
- Aug. 17: Frank Childress and the Main Street Band
- Aug. 24: Star Six Nine

able. Plan to make a fun night each week at this event organized by the Shawano Park and Recreation Department.

There is something for everybody, musically speaking, at Thursdayz at Franklin. Musical styles vary from country, rock, pop and everything in between. Every week features a dif-

ferent band. Last year, several bands were featured including The Presidents, Copper Box and Star Six Nine.

"It's the same general setup this year, but we are working on expanding," said Madeline Stuewer, program and events coordinator. "We have more variety to the music, and we are looking into getting more food options, as well."

This year, some of the more popular bands will be back along with some new bands and musical styles to entertain the crowds. Whether visitors have attended last year or if this is their first time, they are sure to be entertained by this year's lineup.

"Cherry Pie will be coming June 29, right before Fourth of July, and we brought back some old favorites like Johnny Wad," said Stuewer. "We are bringing new bands like Brass Differential, a brass band playing more jazz songs."

Thursdayz at Franklin is one of the many events held at Franklin Park this year. Events like these help fulfill the original goal for the space.

"When they had the vision for Franklin Park, they wanted an activity that families could come to at Franklin that was free," Stuewer said. "Originally, it was a combination of bands and movies. They even had a hypnotist come, and it's continued ever since."

Stuewer encouraged community members to take advantage of the weekly series.

"Thursdayz at Franklin is a community driven event, with fun and free fellowship as the goal," said Stuewer.

Thursdayz at Franklin takes place from June 8 through August 24 at 235 S. Washington St. More information can be found at www.cityofshawano.com and the Shawano Park and Recreation Department Facebook page.



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Keeping the art of hide tanning alive

Greendeer teaches skill after learning craft on his own

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Many hunters, once the kill is made, focus on harvesting the meat, but fewer take the steps to preserve the hide from the hunted animal.

For Jon Greendeer, a former Ho-Chunk Nation president who resides in Stevens Point, preserving and preparing the hide is a long process carried down each generation by members of not only his tribe but also most other Native American tribes.

“Every tribe did this, but not only tribes but also Europeans and in the Americas, as well,” Greendeer said. “You have to sit back and wonder how they came to know all of this stuff, because you can’t all of a sudden take an animal skin out and it’s going to tan itself.”

Greendeer noted there are some natural processes like decomposition softening animals’ hides, but there is also a lot of heat and sweat that goes into preparing a hide for a wide variety of uses. The process has also changed from pre-colonial times in order to help speed up the process, he said, but it’s still a long road from taking a fur-covered hide and turning it into something useful in everyday life.

For instance, Greendeer noted that many people who prepare hides sew them together to make their products. However, a recent incident where he broke his finger has prompted him to utilize a glue gun to put hides together.

“Someone thought up, maybe I should rub deer brains into this hide, and it’ll soften it up,” Greendeer said, giving another example. “Some people think there are easy ways out (of preparing the hide). There is no easy way out with hides. There’s no shortcuts to this. There’s just going to be hard work any way you slice this.”

It’s not that Greendeer hasn’t tried. He said he’s tried different methods over the years in the hopes of shortening the process, but they’ve not succeeded, and in certain cases, more time was lost than if he’d done it the tried-and-true way.

“I’ve ruined hides because someone has given this little magical piece of wisdom,” Greendeer said. “One of my uncles suggested that if I ever have a



Jon Greendeer puts an animal hide out for visitors to see during a demonstration Feb. 4 at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay where he explains the process and the history of using animal hides.

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hard spot that doesn’t soften up, use an iron on it. It didn’t really work very well, but I learned a valuable lesson.”

Other things can slow down the process, as well. Greendeer questioned if he was going to be able to smoke a hide because the wind was blustery, and trying to work with fire could damage the hide instead of changing its color.

For many Native Americans, preparing hides constituted a living for them.

“You could sell a hide for \$200, \$300,” Greendeer said. “That was back then, but starting prices are now are \$500, \$600 for a medium doe going up to about \$1,000. I’ve seen them go for \$1,200, and I’ve been offered \$2,500 for a hide just because they had the money and they wanted to challenge whether or not I would sell it to them. I told them no.”

For those who are seeking to purchase authentic animal hides, there are ways to tell the difference, according to Greendeer. If there is a shine to the product, the hide is likely fake, he said.

“You can tell because they’re

tanned on one side and suede on the other,” he said. “They usually use the chemicals to break down the acids inside of the skin in order to preserve the grain or the epidermis.”

Greendeer is self-taught when it comes to processing animal hides. He said he has helped with the skinning process since he was a child, but he did not go through preparing the hide from beginning to end until about 10 years ago, when his mother needed another hide. Since then, he has prepared hundreds.

“Whenever we put on our winter feast, we would prepare shoes for the Creator,” Greendeer said. “These skins would represent the Creator’s shoes, and when you cut the laces off of them, they become the offerings for the Creator. When we’re done with the ceremony, we’ll take them out into the woods and hang them on the highest tree and let the Creator take them in his own way.”

While Greendeer never received any formal instruction from other tribal members, he said they would tell him stories that would provide

clues to the process.

The Ho-Chunk traditionally prepare at least one hide for its annual winter feast, Greendeer said. The people not only do that but must also give the meat for the feast.

Greendeer said he has plenty of apprentices who are wanting to learn the craft of hide tanning, but overall, it’s a skill and wisdom being lost to a world of instant gratification and convenience.

Many of the items for Native American rituals come from animal hides. The hides are made for shoes, medicine pouches, the drums used in pow wows, clothes and more.

“We’re not losing only the craft, but we’re also losing all of the things that went along with it,” Greendeer said. “Most people that will walk through the entire process of making a pair of moccasins or a tobacco or medicine pouch get a story to go with it, and they will tell where they screwed up or how much time they lost working on this.”

The reciprocity of Indigenous knowledge

The Menominee word for book is masenahekan. The masenahekan at hand is “Re-Indigenizing Ecological Consciousness and the Intercon-



RYAN WINN

connectedness to Indigenous Identities.” Edited by Haliwa Saponi tribal member Michelle Montgomery, an associate professor and chair within the School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sci-

ences at the University of Washington, Tacoma, the essays held within the collection “share the diversity and complexities of the Indigenous context of worldviews.”

Menominee tribal member Jasmine Neosh contributed a piece titled, “The World and the West.” Neosh matriculated at College of Menominee Nation, earning an associate degree in natural resources and a bachelor’s degree in public administration. She is currently working towards her Juris Doctorate at University of Michigan, expecting to graduate in 2025.

Neosh described CMN as “the best kept secret in higher education.”

She explained: “Now that I’m on the outside, I am consistently amazed at how well the classes I took there prepared me for the type of intense critical thinking, problem-solving and holistic systems-thinking the real-world demands. I don’t freak out over having to learn completely new things, even if I’m not good at them right away, because CMN not only taught me about the growth mindset but modeled it for me.”

Neosh is also a part of the Indigenous Speaker Series, which was started by Montgomery and her colleague, Ciarra Greene, who is a citizen of the Nez Perce tribe. The collective offered Neosh her first chance to deliver an academic presentation outside of CMN while working towards her undergraduate degrees. Neosh reported that her role has since evolved, adding, “for the past year, I have been one of two hosts of the series and have gotten to showcase other Native students that I have met along the way.”

The text is another showcase for

RE-INDIGENIZING ECOLOGICAL CONSCIOUSNESS AND THE INTERCONNECTEDNESS TO INDIGENOUS IDENTITIES

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MICHELLE MONTGOMERY

Native scholars. Neosh noted, “The book came about through Michelle but also a larger community of Indigenous and non-Indigenous from all around the country working together on climate issues.”

The group has formed a bond, as revered Yuchi member of the Muscogee Nation professor Daniel R. Wildcat calls them, “the usual suspects.”

“It’s a very intergenerational group that mostly came about through the cross-cultural collaborations in climate and atmospheric sciences conferences known as Rising Voices,” Neosh said. “The intergenerational piece is a really big part of it — it’s rare that as an undergraduate, you’d be able to sit and work alongside people like Dr. Wildcat or Bill Thomas, who is a legend in the climate community, or even Ph.D. students and professors like some of the other folks in the book. But they’ve always been sure to include us and encourage us to step up and feel free to do our thing, and this book is a clear manifestation of that.”

The upshot is a collection of 11 essays that demonstrate that the reciprocity of Indigenous knowledge is inclusive and represents worldviews for regenerative solutions. Neosh’s piece is connected to the forest of the tribe, explaining how it contains stories rich with the potential of

healing. She writes: “If you allow it to, it will teach you a lot about what it means to be human.”

I attended the virtual book launch event in December, which revealed a group that was both generous with their ideas and attuned to the connections among their work.

Neosh concurred, stating: “I was really pleased with the turnout and to hear the other authors interact with each other about our work together in real time. During the drafting and editing, we largely worked solo and didn’t interact a lot about the book project specifically, so it was nice to hear common themes emerging and see how cohesively it all came together without planning just by virtue of us being in this shared community.”

I asked Neosh what her goals entailed, and she responded, “My main long-term goal is to never be bored. I am planning to go into law as a litigator for a few years, focusing on environmental issues, but I’m probably never going to drop my other work. I am planning to get a master’s degree as well. My eventual plan, after many dragons have been slain, is to

come back to the community and try to give younger generations of Menominee students the same care and guidance and support that was given to me.”

While the book with her first published essay is available at Barnes and Noble or directly from the publisher, Rowan and Littlefield, the masenahekan that is Neosh’s life is still being written.

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Predicting the unpredictable baseball world

As a new year begins, there are always those who make predictions about what will happen in the coming 12 months. I apologize that I have been remiss in sharing mine. Actually, I have only one, and I am confident I will be correct in my prognostication. The Milwaukee Brewers will not win the World Series in October. I wish I could be more optimistic, but with spring training already underway, it does not look good.

I developed an affinity for Major League Baseball as a young girl when I joined my dad as he listened to Braves baseball on the console radio in our farmhouse kitchen. If a game wasn't over by bedtime, I'd crawl under the covers upstairs and strain to listen to Earl Gillespie and Blaine Walsh calling out the plays. How could I sleep when Henry Aaron, Joe Adcock, Eddie Mathews, Del Crandall, Lew Burnette and Warren Spahn were lighting up County Stadium, rousing fans like me with dreams of winning it all?

Oh, those were the days. From 1953 to 1960, the Milwaukee Braves were perennial National League contenders, finishing below second only once. Every year was filled with anticipation, with predictions of pennants and World Series appearances.

When the Braves achieved the ultimate victory in 1957, the whole state of Wisconsin went crazy. There was even talk of a small market sports dynasty. In a way, it had become personal to me. Braves pitcher Warren Spahn made me proud instead of embarrassed to be left-hand dominant. I still have the scrapbook of Appleton Post-Crescent clippings I assembled detailing his dominance on the mound.

Speaking of Spahn, it is to my everlasting joy that I was named a Calumet County Dairy Princess the summer before my senior year. I didn't make queen, but I came in second. That was my one and only experience competing in a beauty pageant. OK, looks had very little to do with who won, thank heaven. It was more of a 4-H Speaking Contest for farm girls, not Miss America for city girls who couldn't tell a Holstein from a Guernsey. Speaking is something I am good at, probably because generally speaking, I am generally speaking, but I digress.

Rural royalty from across the



KATHLEEN MARSH

state was invited to a Braves game during June Dairy Month. We got to visit with the players in the dugout before the game and were introduced to the crowd before the National Anthem. I can remember every detail. It was a spectacular, sun-drenched Sunday afternoon. Imagine the magic, the excitement, the thrill of an awkward teenage girl in her handmade dress meeting her heroes and waving to a cheering crowd when our names were called.

The only blemish on the entire experience was that the loudest cheers were for my friend Pam, the Dairy Queen. Really? She didn't even like baseball.

Anyway, a year later I started my freshman year in college at Mount Mary in Milwaukee. If the Braves were in town, I rode the city bus with friends to County Stadium. We sat in Aaron's Alley where front row bleacher seats cost 75 cents. Being regulars, we would call out to Hank, who would acknowledge our presence with a cap salute and big grin. We'd scream with delight when his home runs landed nearby. Once I actually managed to get my hands on one but foolishly gave it to my roommate from New York because her boyfriend was a Yankees fan.

My sophomore year, I joined the newspaper staff and was invited to accompany the sports editor while she interviewed Hank. He came out to Mount Mary every year to visit the Notre Dame nuns who ran the place. Hank told us he loved the good sisters.

As a minor leaguer in La Crosse, nuns had given him shelter because black players weren't allowed to stay in team housing. I pushed that horrible thought aside and concentrated on the moment. Here I was, face to face with a superstar, a gentle man and a true gentleman. I cried for days when a short time later I learned the Braves were moving to Atlanta.

After that, I avoided baseball until the Brewers relocated from Seattle to Milwaukee in 1970. Then I fell in love all over again, though at

times watching the Brewers is like having a root canal. It's true that they've been in the hunt several times. In 2021, they came so close, my daughter bought Jon and me World Series tickets. I was over the moon, and then they blew it. Still, I'll always be a Brewers fan, unless



Kathleen Marsh remembers being a part of Calumet County dairy royalty and being able to attend a Milwaukee Braves baseball game. Marsh is on the right, and she recalled that the dairy queen, Pam Kees, left, cheered the loudest at the game, even though she didn't like baseball. KATHLEEN MARSH

they break my heart by leaving, too. Winning the 2023 World Series? Nah. Maybe next year.

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.

Ways to fight cabin fever, retain winter sanity

In “The Shining,” one of my all-time favorite horror movies, it becomes crystal clear that Jack Nicholson’s character has gone stir crazy when his wife checks to see how his novel is going and finds dozens of pages all typed with “All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.”

Wendy Torrance, played by Shelley Duvall, then goes on high alert to save herself and her son from her ax-wielding husband at the snowed-in Overlook Hotel.

Anyone living in Wisconsin during February can get that cabin fever feeling, surrounded by snow and cold, gloomy skies and a general lack of activity. I reached that point the last Sunday in January, although none of my family members were in any danger and I have a good start on my novel.

“I have to get out of the house,” I told my wife.

With the temperature hovering close to 20 degrees, I donned long johns, heavy socks and layers of clothing under my ice fishing bibs and heavy deer hunting parka. Ellie, our mixed-breed cattle dog, joined me in our Subaru Outback for the short ride to the Fox Valley Muzzle Loaders Club for a snowy trek that I did not want to end like Jack Torrance’s chase through the Overlook’s maze. (If you haven’t seen the movie, you really must watch it.)

Within a few minutes of the woods walk, I realized it felt even colder than I’d expected (maybe I need to walk faster to warm up?) and my hope that Ellie would actually stay with me was delusion. Had “Mad Jack” Torrance been with me, his call might have been “Wheeeeere’s Ellie?” instead of “Heeeeere’s Johnny!”

Fortunately, I left a long leash on Ellie as she bounced merrily through the woods. I caught her a few minutes later, happily gnawing on some frozen deer entrails that had been left by another hunter a few months ago.

My wool socks began slipping down inside my Baffin pack boots, although my fingers were remaining mostly warm, thanks to hand warmers tucked inside my gloves. The idea of a winter woods walk was a good one, but if I didn’t quit now, I might regret it. My circulation just isn’t what it used to be and I really should have



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works and what doesn’t.

I loaded Ellie into the front seat of the car (all dogs should ride there) and headed home.

“That was a big mistake,” I told my wife, who gave me that patented “I married an idiot” look she is so fond of using. She was tucked under a blanket in her leather recliner chair, playing a video game on her phone. “You are welcome to come with me next time.”

Since semi-retiring in July, I’ve worried about gaining weight, but exercise is key to getting in shape, even in the dead of winter. I’ve tried gyms and they are just too congested and boring for me. I’ve tried treadmills and exercise bikes at home, and they are boring, too. The outdoors is my first choice for exercise, but the cold is definitely a deterrent.

What can we do the next few months? Here are a few suggestions to get you moving:

- Sturgeon spearing. The second Saturday in February is opening day for thousands of the frozen chosen, those brave souls who use chainsaws to cut door-sized holes in the ice at Lake Winnebago and the upriver lakes (Poygan, Winneconne and Butte des Morts) for a chance at spearing a prehistoric fish called the lake sturgeon.

Although I have officially retired from the sport (I’ve never seen a sturgeon in my spearing hole, although I have witnessed several spearers jab some), I will be on the ice this Saturday with friends who love it. The world’s largest population of lake sturgeon is closely monitored by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and these special sportsmen will risk frostbite and drowning (a few trucks break through the ice each season) for a chance at a fish that can top 200 pounds.

If you live in Shawano or Oconto

worn two pairs of socks. The wool face mask was doing its job, though. Consider this a 35-minute practice run for longer treks. Just like in hunting, each trip is a learning experience of what gear



Columnist Ross Bielema took his mixed-breed cattle dog Ellie for a brisk woods walk near home on Jan. 29, with the temperature hovering around 20.

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counties and successfully spear a sturgeon, I’d love to hear from you. Email me at Ross@wolfriverccw.com.

- Maple syrup making. February is the month for tapping maple, birch and other trees for the sap needed to boil down and bottle delicious syrup. Fleet Farm and a few other stores sell the taps and gear you need to try this organic homesteader activity.

- Predator hunting. Coyotes are extra hungry this time of year, and that’s an advantage for predator hunters. All you need is an accurate rifle and a game call. There are \$600 programmable electronic calls, but a \$10 mouth call or even a dog’s squeaky toy will do. You will hide in camo

and call the quarry to you with a few squeaks. When hunter becomes the prey, it’s a total rush. A turkey feather tied to a string and staked to a garden stake makes a great lure.

- Ice fishing. Find a friend with a power auger to take the work out of this sport. Waxworms and tiny jigs will get you started. Local bait shops are happy to set you up. Other than the auger and tent, the gear is relatively cheap.

Now get out there and stay away from the Overlook Hotel.

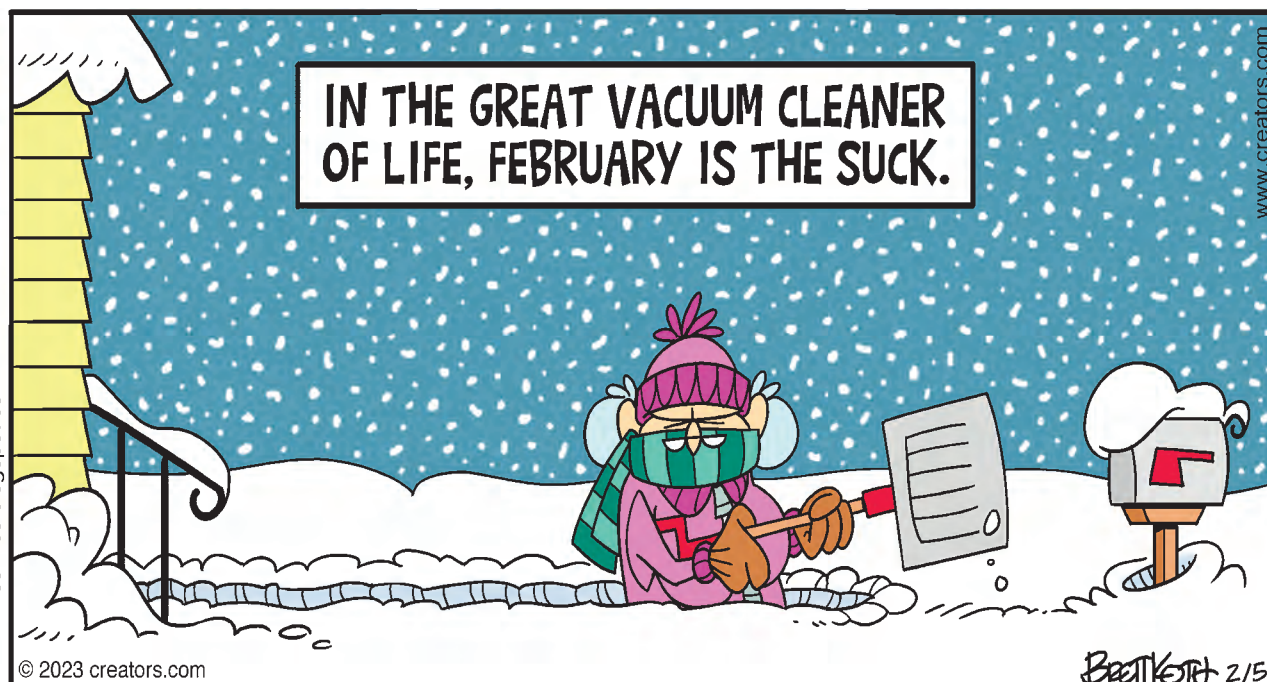
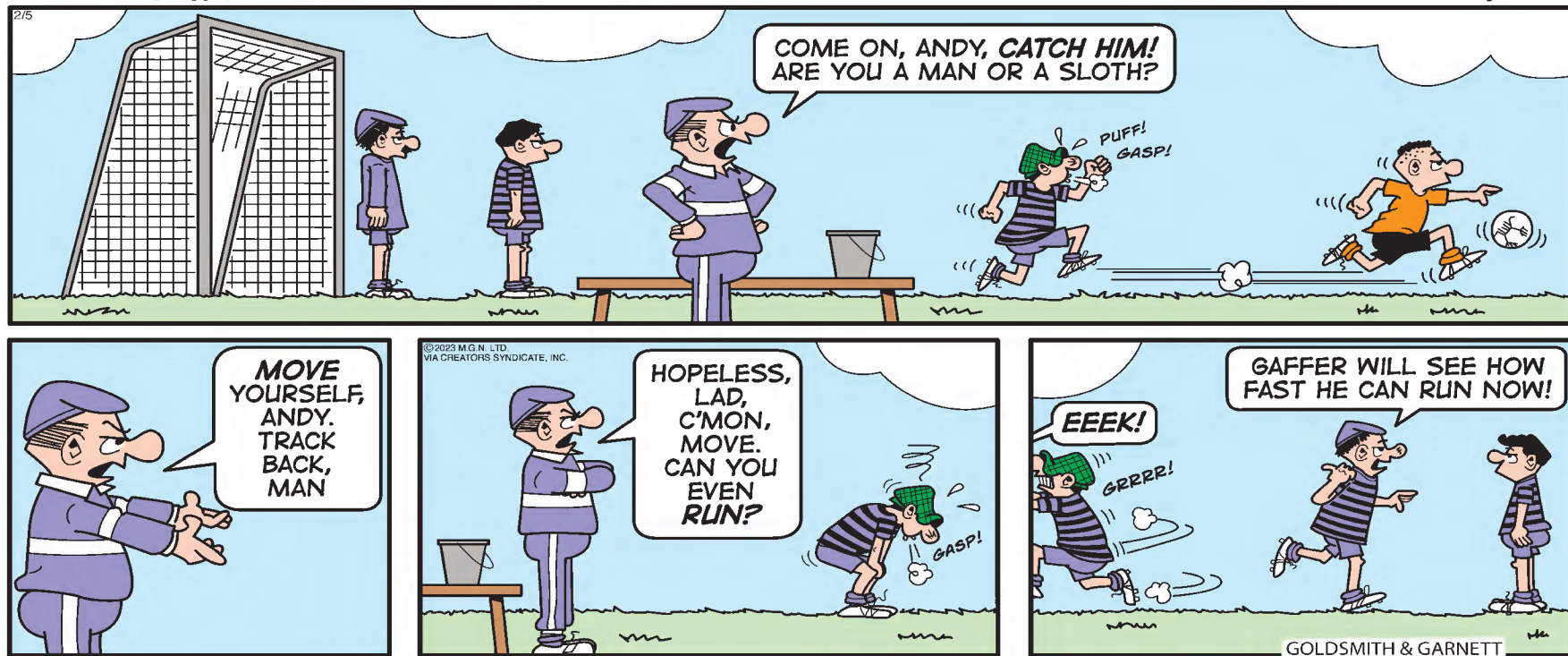
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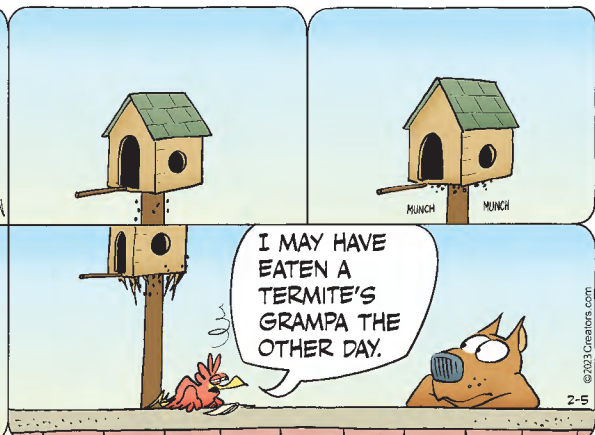
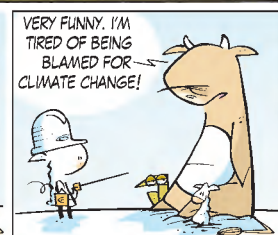
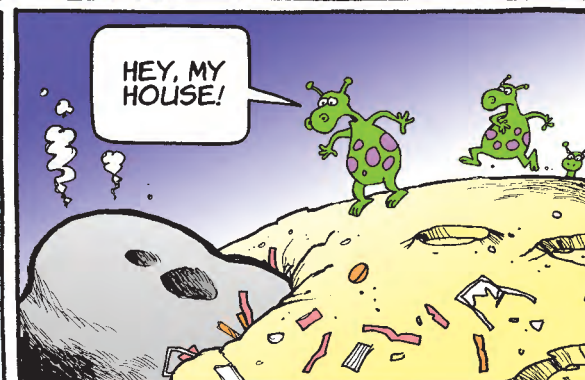
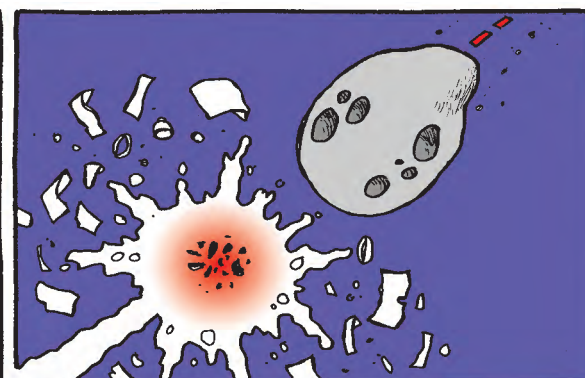


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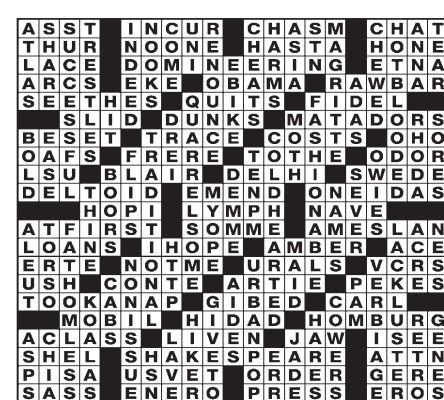
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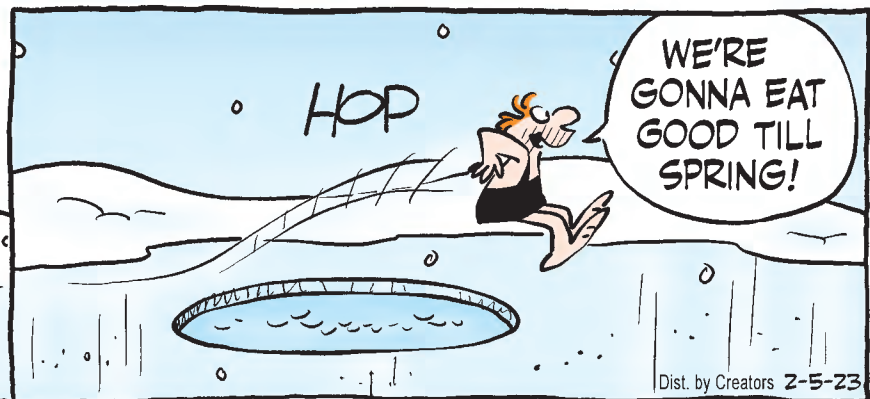
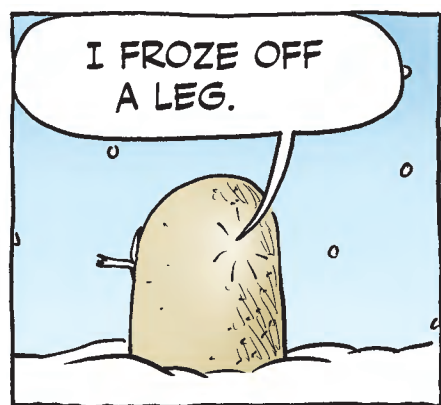
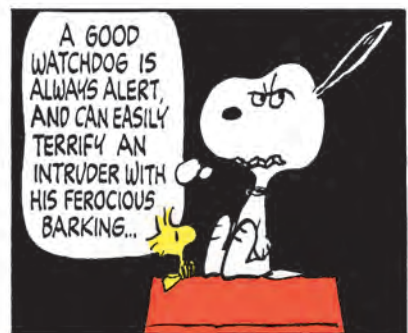
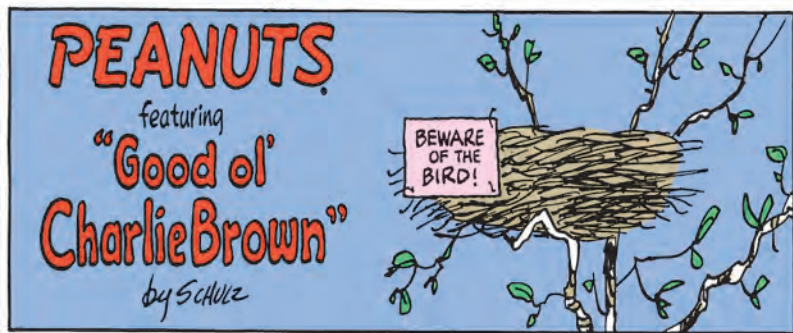
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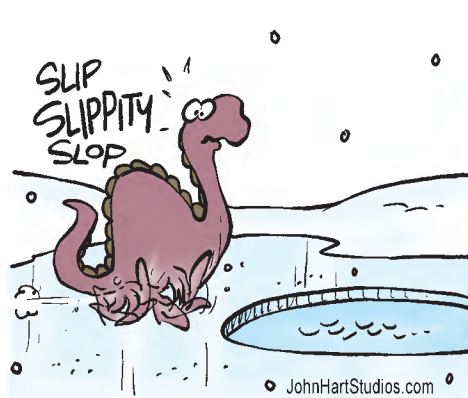
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AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Wimberger recognized by Wisconsin State Bar

While serving as a first-term Wisconsin legislator, Sen. Eric Wimberger, R-Green Bay, dove into his role, taking on many initiatives that improved access to and administration of justice for Wisconsin citizens.

In recognition of those efforts, Wimberger has been awarded the State Bar of Wisconsin Legislative Oversight Committee Scales of Justice Award. This award is given to individuals who are committed to improving the administration of and access to justice for all Wisconsin citizens.

One of the pieces of legislation Wimberger passed into law was the Uniform Law Commission's (ULC) proposed business entity rewrite, a decades-long project of the State's Bar's Business Law Section, resulting in 400 pages of legislation that substantially changed Wisconsin's corporate statutes.

Wimberger also led the enactment of two initiatives sponsored by the State Bar's Family Law Section Board that streamlined procedural hurdles involving uniform de novo standards. He also led the passage of legislation that finalize components of marital settlement agreements prior to a divorce being finalized.

"The State Bar of Wisconsin is committed to the vital mission of improving the administration of justice for all Wisconsin citizens," said Charles Stertz, committee chairman. "We appreciate Sen. Wimberger's dedication to the issues by shepherding them through the legislature and playing a large role in getting them signed into law," he said.

Walleye club to hold annual fishing derby

The Finnegan Lake Walleye Club will hold its annual fishing derby on Feb. 25 at the Oconto County Fair main pavilion at Zippel Park in Gillett.

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

In addition, general raffle tickets are being sold by club members and are available at many businesses in and around Gillett and the Oconto County area. This year's general raffle will offer \$6,000 in cash prizes to include



Ogre takes up residence in Ripley

From left, Donkey, played by Elaina Welsing, Lord Farquaad, played by Grayson Rondou, Fiona, played by Audryn Just, and Shrek, played by Tim Huber, rehearse a scene for "Shrek the Musical," being performed at 7 p.m. Feb. 11 and Feb. 18 and 2 p.m. on Feb. 12 and Feb. 19 at the Pulaski High School Ripley Performing Arts Center, 1040 S. St. Augustine St., Pulaski. Tickets are \$8 per person and are available at pulaskihs.ludus.com.

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\$1,000 cash for first place, \$750 cash as the second place prize, \$500 cash for third, fourth, and fifth place and more. The drawing for these prizes will take place at 4:30 p.m.

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

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

The Finnegan Lake Walleye Club is a non-profit organization. Past projects have included cleanup of the lake shoreline, repair and maintenance of the dock and boat landing, improvement of the parking area to include picnic tables and grills, construction of fish cribs and treatment of invasive lake weeds.

CoVantage Credit Union announces annual meeting

Members of CoVantage Credit Union are invited to attend the organization's 70th annual membership

meeting on Feb. 15. The annual meeting will be held in person this year with a virtual option for those who want to attend from the convenience of their home.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Volm Theatre inside Antigo High School, 1900 West 10th Ave., Antigo, with pre-registration beginning at 6 p.m. in the commons. Pre-register by Feb. 10 to participate in the virtual annual meeting by visiting www.covantagecu.org/annualmeeting and completing the registration form.

Candidates for the CoVantage board of directors are: Angie Close, executive director, Langlade County Economic Development Corporation; Matt Kolling, owner, Genesis Farms LLC; and Willis Qualheim, owner, Qualheim's True Value.

Knights of Columbus selling fish to community

The Lena Knights of Columbus are having a seafood sale to raise funds for

faith and community projects, working with Blue Harbor Fish out of Green Bay.

Orders are being taken through Feb. 10 on a wide variety of fish and shellfish items. Some items are single-serve portions, others are in 1-pound to 10-pound packages. There are breaded and ready to cook choices, too. Anyone interested can pre-order by contacting Mark Alden at stonemeadow3@gmail.com.

Orders can be picked up at the St. Anne School (formerly St. Charles), 221 E. Main St., Lena, on Feb. 17 from 1-6 p.m., and on Feb. 18 from 10 a.m. to noon.

The Knights sponsor a number of community items such as the Feed My Sheep Pantry, Coats for Kids within the Lena School District, scholarships, religious education, knowledge and free throw contests and people in need to name a few.

The Blue Harbor truck will also be on site from 1-5 p.m. Feb. 17 with a broader selection for purchase.

CLUB NOTES

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 44

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 44 Wabeno President Karen Prueter reports that the unit had a very busy 2022. The Unit assisted Post 44 legionnaires at many events, including socials, gunless poultry shoots, ribs cookoff, and Valentine cookie day at Wabeno Elementary School.

Prueter also recognized Karen Czynweski's many years as treasurer. Karen retired and was succeeded by Lorry Runge. She also complimented Poppy Chair Mary Ellen Krizek and her volunteers who raised over \$2,600 in the annual Poppy Fund Drive. Their success enabled the unit to support the needs of local veterans, Wisconsin VA hospitals, Camp American Legion and female veteran homeless shelters, just to name a few.

One of the most rewarding auxiliary endeavors that has been carried out annually for almost two decades is using poppy funds for its Christmas Cash Contribution. This program gives a \$50 cash stipend to veterans living at Lakewood Assisted Living and The Bay at NuRoc Center in Blackwell. Kathleen Marsh and her husband, Jon, continue the tradition of visiting these veterans in person sometime between Veterans Day and Christmas.

"What a wonderful gesture," so-

cial activities director Cindy Behling said. "The auxiliary's donations and these visits really brighten the holiday season for our heroes."

Overcoming complications due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Unit 44 also continued another of its key missions: sponsorship of Wabeno High School and Laona High School junior girls as delegates to Badger Girls State held each summer at University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. According to Badger Girls State Coordinator Kathleen Marsh, Unit 44 sponsored three girls in 2022: Kelsey Beaber (WHS), Kierra O'Keefe (WHS), and Zoie Cayan (LHS).

In follow-up essays sent to the auxiliary, all three said it was a life-changing experience. They encouraged 2023 delegates: Marissa McLaughlin (LHS), Ozari Ventura and Sarah Gouge (WHS) to expect a full schedule during the June 18-23 BGS Assembly. As always, the week will focus on local and state government, everything from organizing a campaign to running for office to making good decisions that improve and strengthen communities. BGS also offers girls an opportunity to meet and make friends from all over Wisconsin as they get a sneak preview of dorm life on a college campus.



Jon Marsh with American Legion Post 44 stands with Larry DeMoulin, a veteran residing at Lakewood Assisted Living.

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First semester

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Eighth grade: Caylee Bjelland, Audrey Pate, Benjamin Peterson, Chase Rosenlund, Hope Soper, Carter Tachick, Brynn Van Kauwenberg

Sixth grade: Lawson Klein

HIGH HONORS

Eighth grade: Maggie Kaczmarek, Paige Jagodzinski

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Second quarter

HIGH HONOR ROLL

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Sixth grade: Emery Hull, Zaiya Martin, Scarlett Olson, Kianna Valek, Bella Westphal, Ruby Wichman

HONOR ROLL

Eighth grade: Taylor Brown, Dayne Ermis, Colin Frank, Jayden Frank, Abigail McCourt, Maleigha Seefeldt

Seventh grade: Lucas Bailey, Skylar Bristol, Cole Krueger, Riley Thomson, Avery Whisman

Sixth grade: Wyatt Cottrell, Ella Laluzerne, Ethan McCourt, Logan Missall, Walker School

WOLF RIVER LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Second quarter

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James Lange, Mina Reichle, Julia Young, Shayla Kroenke, Luke Hammond, Isaac Young

HIGH HONORS

Joshua Lange, Rylan Bohmbach, Aaron Olson, Elizabeth Klockziem, Elijah Kaiser, Harmony Ferrington

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Nohelia Cuenca, Marshall Arvey, Sophia Bouwma, Eli Schultz, Jack Behnke

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Second quarter

HIGH HONORS

Megan Reyes, Libby Wojnowiak, Lily Gee, Andreyka Weber, Evelyn Ross, Mechaela Jaros, Andrea Walby, Izzy Martens, Claire Dudek, Jacoby Grignon, Cora Pieper

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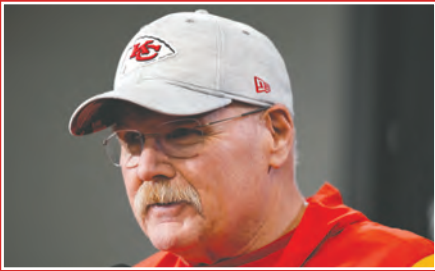
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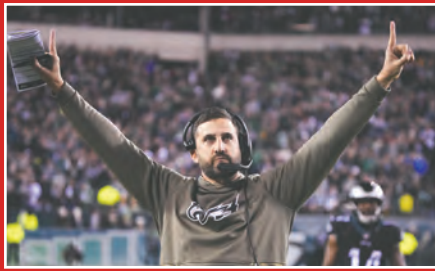
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Philadelphia opened as favorite to win it all in Arizona

By **DAVID BRANDT**
The Associated Press

Patrick Mahomes finally got the best of Joe Burrow. All he needed was a little shove.

Harrison Butker made a 45-yard field goal with 3 seconds left — after Cincinnati's Joseph Ossai was flagged for a 15-yard penalty for shoving Mahomes after he was out of bounds — and the Chiefs beat the Bengals 23-20 in the AFC Championship Game to make it back to the Super Bowl.

Kansas City will face the Philadelphia Eagles in the Super Bowl on Feb. 12 in Glendale, Arizona.

The Eagles opened as a 1½-point favorite, according to FanDuel Sportsbook.

There are no shortage of storylines: Kansas City coach Andy Reid goes against his old team — which he led to Super Bowl 39 — in a game that's also the first matchup of Black starting quarterbacks in the Super Bowl with Mahomes and Philadelphia's Jalen Hurts.

On top of that, there's a brother-against-brother showdown between Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce and Philadelphia center Jason Kelce.

“Officially done being a Chiefs fan this season!” Jason Kelce tweeted immediately after the Chiefs won.

The Chiefs have been



Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes looks to pass against the Cincinnati Bengals during the second half of the AFC Championship Game on Jan. 29, Kansas City.

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making deep postseason runs on a regular basis ever since Mahomes came to town as the franchise quarterback.

This was their fifth straight trip to the AFC title game and will be their third Super Bowl appearance in that span. They beat the 49ers for the NFL title in the 2019 season, but lost to the Bucs the following season.

The Eagles clobbered the Niners 31-7 in the NFC title game earlier on Jan. 29. They've looked dominant in the playoffs so far, also beating the New York Giants 38-7 in the divisional round.

Philadelphia is back in the

Super Bowl five years after beating the New England Patriots 41-33 on Feb. 4, 2018.

Now a mostly new generation of Eagles — led by coach Nick Sirianni and Hurts — will come to Arizona to try and win another title.

The Chiefs-Bengals game looked as if it was going to overtime before Ossai's ill-advised play. Mahomes — who was playing on a badly sprained ankle — was running to get a first down in the final seconds as Ossai desperately tried to track him down.

Mahomes was out of



Philadelphia QB Jalen Hurts will lead the Eagles in this Sunday's Super Bowl against the Chiefs. Hurts rushed for 153 yards and threw 2 TD's during the Eagles Nov. 27 victory against the Packers.

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bounds when Ossai gave him a shove, sending both players tumbling to the turf. The ensuing 15-yard penalty was enough to push Butker into field-goal range and the kick split the uprights.

A distraught Ossai sat on the bench with his head in his hands, well after the game was over.

The Bengals and Chiefs were playing for the fourth time in less than 400 days and Cincinnati had won the previous three meetings — all by three points. This one was decided by a field goal, too, and all Burrow could do was watch.

The Bengals lost to the Rams in last year's Super Bowl and they just missed another chance at returning to the title game.

No drama in NFC

Odds makers thought fans were in for some close conference championship games.

They'll have to settle for a 50% success rate.

The NFC title game was a blowout. Niners rookie quarterback Brock Purdy was injured in the first quarter when Eagles linebacker Haason Reddick drilled his right arm on a play that was ruled a fumble. The Eagles

recovered that fumble and the injury proved to be a game-changer.

With Purdy hurt, San Francisco turned to 36-year-old journeyman Josh Johnson, who couldn't do much before eventually leaving with a concussion. Purdy came back into the game, but could barely throw, and the Eagles cruised to the win.

The 49ers dealt with quarterback injuries all season, losing Trey Lance and Jimmy Garoppolo before turning to Purdy, a seventh-round draft pick out of Iowa State. Purdy stepped into a starter's role in December and won his first seven games before the injury.

Rihanna at halftime

Rihanna will take center stage as the headline act for this year's Super Bowl halftime show.

With sales of more than 250 million records worldwide, Rihanna ranks as one of the best-selling female artists ever. Her most recent album was 2016's “Anti.” Rihanna last performed publicly at the Grammy Awards in 2018.

The singer said she turned down a similar opportunity for the 2019 Super Bowl that was ultimately headlined by Maroon 5.

Country music star Chris Stapleton will sing the national anthem, while R&B legend Babyface will perform “America the Beautiful.”

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2022 YEAR IN REVIEW



Running back A.J. Dillon leads a symphony of air instruments after scoring a touchdown against the Minnesota Vikings on Jan. 1. While the Packers had a lot this season to improve upon, the win over Minnesota in week 17 serves as a bright spot.



Aaron Rodgers lies dejected on the ground after a desperate final play falls short as the Packers lose to the Washington Commanders, their third loss in row.

HIGHS AND LOWS OF 2022 SEASON

Packers ups and downs of 2022 brings an uncertain future

To call the Packers 2022-23 season tumultuous is an understatement.

From beginning as a pre-season favorite with a 3-1 record to winning one game out of the next seven, with five of those losses in a row, the Green Bay season was a roller coaster of ups and downs.

One of the highs that stands out was Green Bay's week 10 victory over the Dallas Cowboys. The win, during former Head Coach Mike McCarthy's homecoming, stopped a five game losing streak and was rookie wide receiver Christian Watson's coming out party as he scored three receiving touchdowns.

On the other hand, one of the lows that stands out was the team giving up 363 rushing yards to the Philadelphia Eagles. Eagles Quarterback Jalen Hurts set a Philadelphia

record for the most rushing yards by a quarterback in the game against the Packers.

A season that was once thought of to be one of Super Bowl contention was quickly lost. Just missing out on the playoffs now puts Green Bay into another offseason of uncertainty. Will Aaron Rodgers play for a different team next year, or will Green Bay try another run at a Super Bowl with the quarterback, who turns 40 in December?

It was a chaotic season for the team, but it is one that players and fans will remember for a long time to come. From the lack of depth regarding the receiving room after the departure of Davante Adams, to intercepting Dolphins Quarterback Tua Tagovailoa three times on three possessions to win a must-win game, this season is one of the most memorable in recent history.

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2022-23 SEASON YEAR IN REVIEW

Rival fans walk together toward Soldier Field donned in Jim McMahon and Aaron Rodgers jerseys on Dec. 1, capturing the comradery and the antagonism of the NFL's longest rivalry, as both teams entered the game with 786 wins.



In a low point of the season, Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers holds his broken thumb after being hit during a matchup against the Detroit Lions on Nov. 6.

FROM FAVES TO FRUSTRATED

Packers season review in perspective photos



One season removed from proclaiming ownership of the Bears, Aaron Rodgers salutes the fans of Soldier Field in Chicago after the Dec. 4 win. Not only was this Rodgers' 24th career victory against the Bears, but it also pushed Green Bay to the most wins in NFL history, knocking off Chicago, which had owned the top spot since 1920.

BY BILL HUBER • CORRESPONDENT

Everything — everything! — broke the Green Bay Packers' way. Seemingly spiraling down the drain with their 4-8 record, the Packers won four in a row. Coupled with all the teams ahead of them in the standings losing one game after another, Green Bay needed to beat the Detroit Lions in week 18 to punch an improbable ticket to the playoffs.



JORDAN LOVE

Instead, the Packers lost 20-16. Aaron Rodgers failed to deliver a clutch performance against one of the worst defenses in the NFL. The defense couldn't get a stop in the fourth quarter. The Packers, with weather and big-game experience in their favor, looked as mediocre as they had all season.

"We had a lot of opportunities to not be in this position," Rodgers said. "We had so many opportunities in different games to put ourselves in a better position — games we should've won based on matchups and talent, and games we'd usually win."

"We shouldn't have been in this position but we were here, and we played like we did before the last few games: not complementary football, turning the ball over on offense, (special)

teams didn't really make a splash play and then we squandered our opportunities in the red zone, were terrible on third down. The same things that hurt us all year, hurt us tonight."

Here's the story of the season, broken down into seven chapters.



Wide receiver Christian Watson takes a pass from Packers quarterback Jordan Love for a 63-yard touchdown in a 40-33 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles on Nov. 27. Although the loss to the Eagles marked Green Bay's seventh in its last eight games, Watson proved that he was not a one-trick pony with a three touchdown performance against Dallas two weeks before.

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A new team a new season. Frustrated as the offense struggled on opening day, Rodgers didn't have an answer as the offense scored just seven points in their week one defeat to the Vikings.

Week 1: Miserable in Minnesota

The Vikings took the opening kickoff and drove 78 yards to a touchdown, with Justin Jefferson catching passes for 20 and 22 yards before scoring a 5-yard touchdown. On the first play after the ensuing kickoff, Christian Watson dropped a 75-yard touchdown pass.

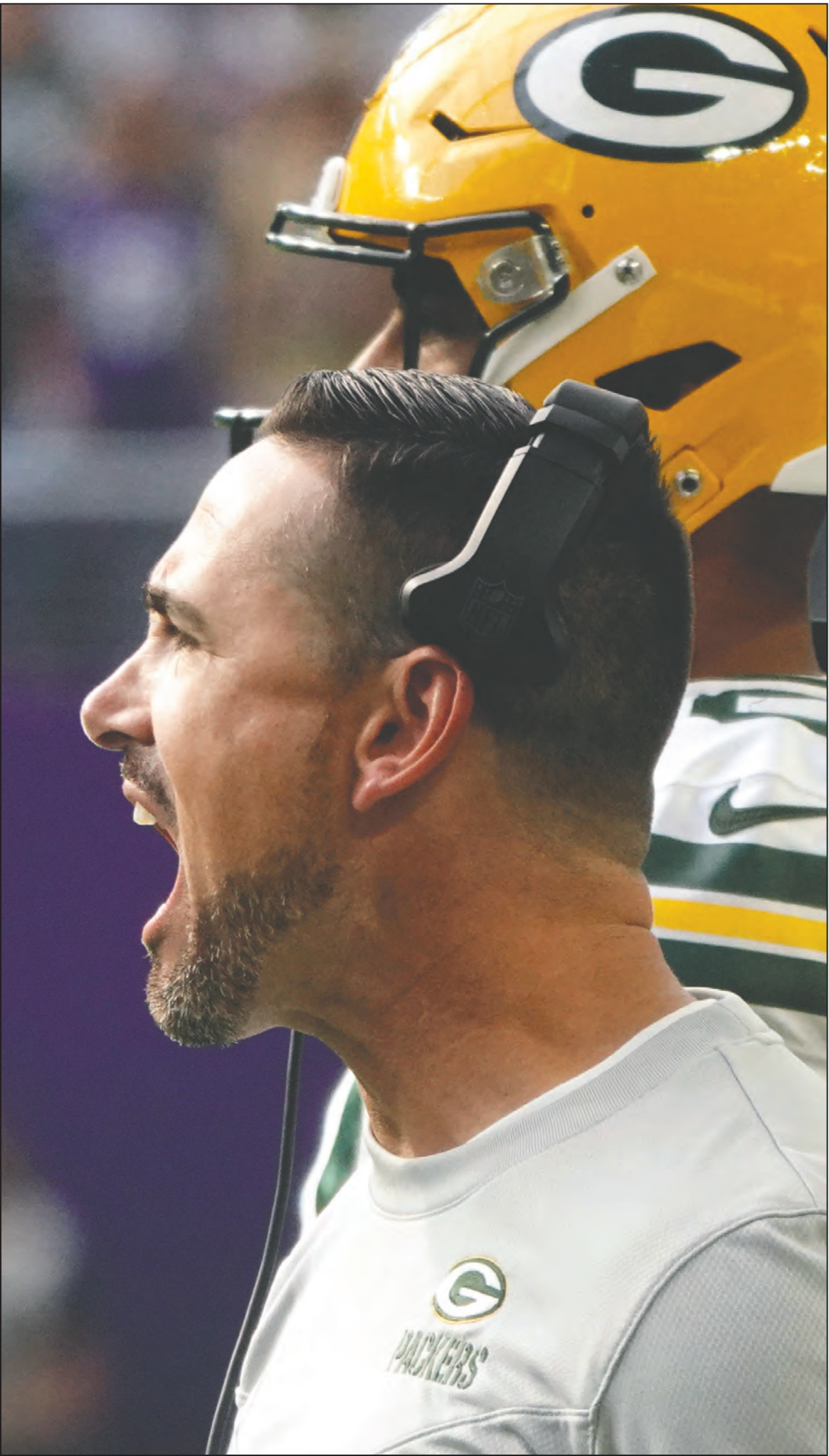
Game over. NFC North race over. The Vikings romped 23-7. The Green Bay offense following the trade of Davante Adams was supposed to be a work in progress, and it was. The Green Bay defense was supposed to be good enough to carry the load, and it was not.

“The gameplan was to not allow 18 (Jefferson) to beat us,” cornerback Jaire Alexander said after Jefferson caught six passes for 158 yards and two touchdowns in the first half alone. “Why I wasn’t on him, that’s not my call. Anybody who watches me play, you know that’s what I want. We played him much better in the second half but, in the first half, he looked like a premier receiver in the league.”



ABOVE: AJ Dillon led the Packers with 10 carries, scoring the Packers lone TD against the Vikings on opening day.

RIGHT: Brian Gutekunst was all smiles watching pregame warmups prior to the start of the season opener in Minnesota.



Frustrated Matt LeFeur and Jordan Love on the sidelines during the lopsided 23-7 opening day defeat to the Vikings.

Weeks 2-4: Back on track

It wasn't pretty, but the Packers rebounded to earn victories over the Bears (27-10), Buccaneers (14-12) and Patriots (27-24). The victory at Tampa Bay in week three looked like one of those huge victories that would have playoff ramifications. It was secured when De'Vondre Campbell broke up Tom Brady's two-point pass in the final seconds.

"If you would've said in the offseason we'd be 2-1 after three with these two tough road games, I'd say that's probably pretty good, considering that you would expect

Minnesota and Tampa Bay to be in the top seven teams at the end of the season," Rodgers said.

A week later at home against New England, the Packers escaped in overtime against rookie third-string quarterback Bailey Zappe. Rodgers' rare pick-six put the Packers in a 10-7 hole at halftime. He responded by going touchdown, field goal, touchdown to open the second half.

"I've been a great player for a long time," he said. "Not a whole lot I need to tell myself. Just play better."



Pressuring the GOAT—Rashan Gary takes down the legendary Tom Brady on a second quarter third down sack. Packers got 14-12 victory on Sept. 25 in Tampa.



ABOVE: Running back Aaron Jones stiff-arms the Bear's defender Roquan Smith during the Packers' week two victory on Sept. 18. During his six-year career, Jones has delivered 560 rushing yards and nine total touchdowns.

LEFT: Legendary New England Patriots Head Coach Bill Belichick worked the refs after a penalty was announced during Green Bay's Oct. 2 matchup with the Patriots.



British Packers fans packed the streets and pubs in London prior to the week 5 game. It was the first time the Packers participated in an overseas NFL game.

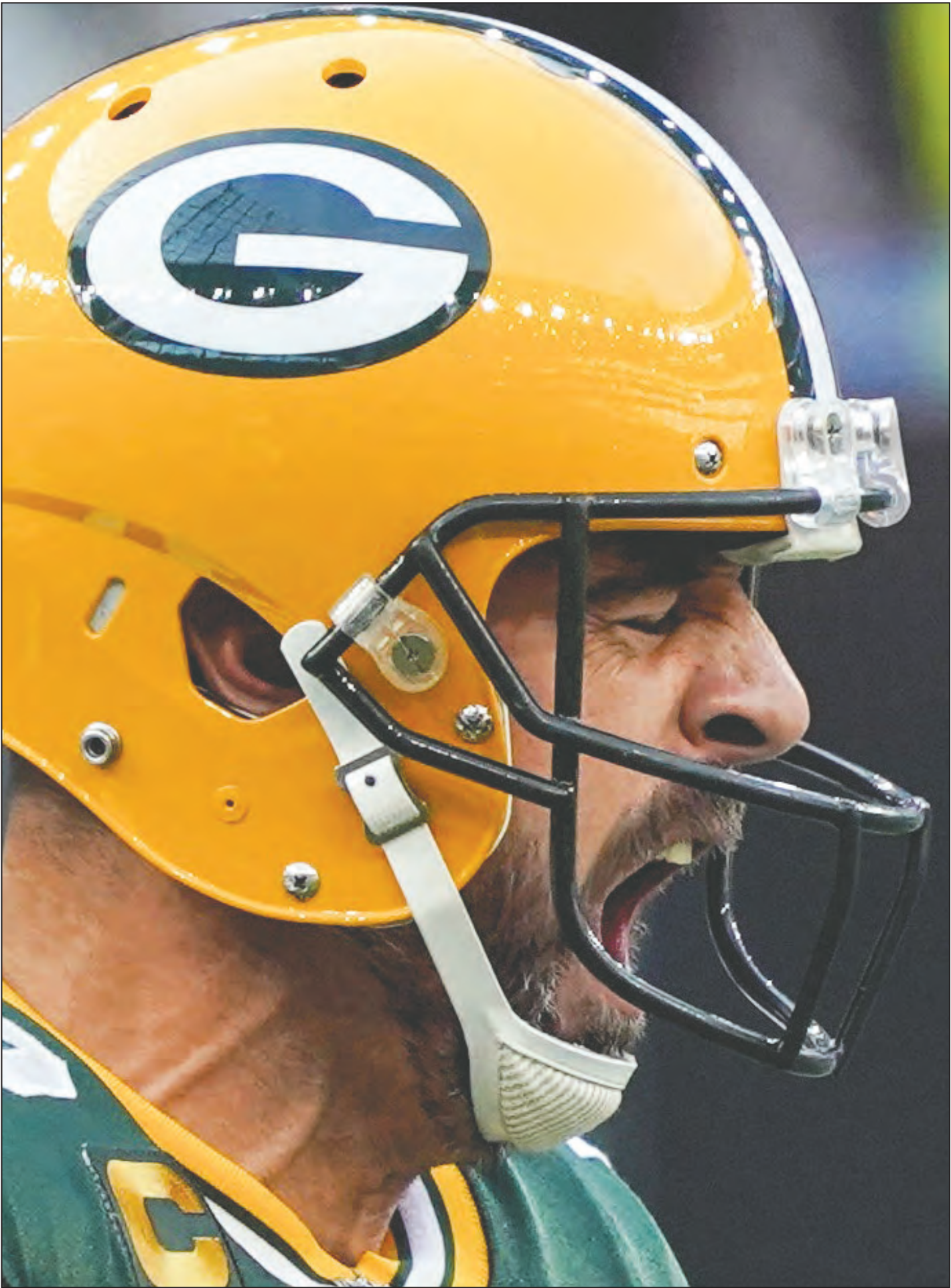
Week 5: Losing in London

Everybody, from team President Mark Murphy to the players in the locker room, was looking forward to the Packers' long-awaited trip to London. Well, everyone other than coach Matt LaFleur.

"I'm not going to give you my honest answer. I'd rather refrain," he said on the Wednesday before the game. "It feels like a Thursday night game for us as coaches just in terms of all the preparation you've got to do. But you just do it, so it is what it is."

Who knows if the team took the direction of the coach, but the Packers laid a London egg, 27-22. Green Bay led 20-10 at halftime before falling apart. Throwing to a rag-tag bunch of receivers, quarterback Daniel Jones completed 21-of-27 passes and led the Giants to five consecutive scoring drives.

On the final play of the game, Rodgers tried to uncork a Hail Mary but was hit from behind by Oshane Ximines. Rodgers suffered a broken thumb on what turned out to be the most important play of the season.



Fans look dejected when it became clear the Giants had the game in hand.



ABOVE: Visibly frustrated, Aaron Rodgers yells after not connecting in Green Bay's Oct. 9 matchup against the New York Giants. The Packers came into the game with a 3-1 record, but a loss in London started a five-game losing streak for Green Bay.

LEFT: Under pressure, Rodgers scrambles to find an open receiver.



A tough visit to the Motor City: Rodgers slid to the ground and ended up face down in the turf against the Detroit Lions on Nov. 6. Rodgers came in with a banged up thumb, and threw three interceptions; in comparison, he threw a total of 4 interceptions in the 2021 season. Five Packers suffered injuries, including Rashan Gary, Aaron Jones, Christian Watson, Romeo Doubs, Eric Stokes, Jon Runyan, Jr. and David Bakhtiari.

Weeks 6-9: Insult and injury

The loss to the Giants kicked off a season-killing five-game losing streak. Back at home, Green Bay was embarrassed 27-10 by the Jets. New York rushed for 179 yards and its defense destroyed the Rodgers-led attack. Green Bay averaged 3 yards per carry, gave up four sacks and went a combined 5-of-20 on third and fourth down. It was so bad that LaFleur tried to find solace in a goal-line stand at the end of a 13-play, 6½-minute scoring drive that iced the game.

“That was very humbling when you’re in your own building and you get taken like that and lose by three scores,” LaFleur said. “We’re in a pretty bad predicament right now.”

Then came a rare three-game road trip in which they lost

23-21 to the Commanders, 27-17 to the Bills and 15-9 to the Lions.

The loss to Detroit was rock bottom. Rodgers threw three interceptions — one intended for left tackle David Bakhtiari — and outside linebacker Rashan Gary suffered a torn ACL. The Packers were one of the healthiest teams in the NFL over the totality of the season but Gary was one of the most irreplaceable players on the roster.

“I’ve been counted out many times in my life as have many of my teammates, and I hope we just dig deep and find a way,” Rodgers said. “We will truly be underdogs for many games moving forward. Hopefully, we can embrace that.”



New York Jets head coach Robert Saleh, left, and quarterback Zach Wilson, right, smile as they watch a replay of a touchdown against the Packers on Oct. 16.



Matt LaFleur is visibly frustrated as listens to Packers defensive lineman T.J. Slaton explain his penalty as the clock runs down during Green Bay's 27-10 loss to the New York Jets on Oct. 16. The loss to the Jets was the second of Green Bay's five-game losing streak.



Sauce Gardner taunted the Packers by wearing a cheesehead celebrating the Jets upset win over the Packers.



Rodgers finished the season at 39 years old, and celebrates his only running touchdown of the 2022 season in week 17 against the Vikings. Rodgers is the longest-tenured Packer in history at 18 years, celebrates with a mini-version of his iconic “champ-ship belt” celebration, indicating that he still has fuel left in the tank.



ABOVE: Aaron Rodgers embraces Packers alumni Frank Winters. Winters spent 1992-2002 in Green Bay and was the primary center during Brett Favre’s Packers career. Rodgers greeted and embraced many of the alumni attending the halftime ceremony.



RIGHT: Aaron Rodgers and Allen Lazard connected for a touchdown during the Sept. 18 game against the Bears with 32 seconds left in the second quarter, giving them a 24-7 lead at halftime. Packers teammates joined in the celebration of what appeared to be the Ayahuasca tea drinking ceremony.

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Crosby is all-time leading scorer and oldest kicker in Packers history

Kicker Mason Crosby celebrates with Packers punter Pat O'Donnell after hitting a 54-yard field goal to end the first half against the Vikings in Week 17. In the 2022-2023 season, Crosby became the 12th player in NFL history to reach 1,900 points.



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Packers decision at quarterback to determine several player's fates

Team could run things back with Rodgers, or get younger with Love

By BILL HUBER
Correspondent

Rather than getting ready for the Super Bowl, the Green Bay Packers are getting ready for a game of dominos.

The first domino is the big one. Will Aaron Rodgers play a 19th NFL season in 2023 or will he retire? The second domino is whether Rodgers will play for the Packers or continue his pursuit of a second Super Bowl championship for another team.

It's that second domino that will determine how the rest of the dominos will fall. If Rodgers returns to Green Bay, it will be because general manager Brian Gutekunst has promised to reload the roster in hopes of finally putting together a team that can deliver play-off success.

"Reloads are a lot of fun because you feel like you're close," Rodgers said recently on The Pat McAfee Show.

If Gutekunst believes the current roster has run its course, it probably will lead to a mutual parting of the ways between the legendary quarterback and the iconic franchise and the passing of the baton to Jordan Love.

"If there's a rebuild going on, I won't be a part of that," Rodgers told McAfee.

It's a statement with two meanings. One, the 39-year-old quarterback doesn't want to be part of a team that's young and probably a little ways from returning to contender status. Two, if the team is going to go young, it might as well go young at quarterback with the player it selected in the first round in 2020.

Here's how the decision at quarterback might impact decisions at other positions.

Running back

Aaron Jones set career highs for rushing yards and receptions in 2022. His cap number will swell to a bit more than \$20 million in 2023.

Gutekunst has signaled he'll restructure Jones' contract, a continuation of the team's credit-card approach to the salary cap.

Verdict: Regardless of who's at quarterback, Jones will be a focal point of the

Packers' offense.

Receiver

Veterans Allen Lazard and Randall Cobb are scheduled to be free agents. Lazard led the team in receptions and yards while Cobb remained a viable threat on third down.

Verdict: With Rodgers, both of the veterans might be back, though in smaller roles with the ascension of Christian Watson and Romeo Doubs. Without Rodgers, the Packers could keep Lazard because of his talent, blocking and mentorship. Four of the five receivers under contract for 2023 were rookies last season and the fifth was a practice-squad player with zero career catches.

Offensive line

After missing the 2020 playoffs, almost all of the 2021 season and the start of 2022 with the knee injury sustained on Dec. 31, 2020, former All-Pro left tackle David Bakhtiari provided 11 high-level starts. The 31-year-old has a cap number of \$28.85 million, a huge number born of past restructures. With a post-June 1 release, they'd create \$17.29 million of cap savings.

Verdict: Regardless of the quarterback, he'll need blind-side protection. Even with limited practice time, Bakhtiari did not allow a sack in 2022. "I would hope so," Gutekunst said when asked if Bakhtiari would be back. "We're hopeful that he's cleared some of those injury hurdles that he had the last few years. I thought he got into a really good groove before the appendectomy."

Tight end

Robert Tonyan and Marcedes Lewis are set to hit free agency. Tonyan wasn't as explosive following last year's torn ACL but he led all NFL tight ends in catch percentage for the second time in three seasons. Lewis started all 17 games for the second consecutive season and routinely won his matchup in the run game. He is a revered leader.

Verdict: If Rodgers returns, both tight ends could be back. If nothing else, it would seem Lewis would be



Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers reaches for the endzone on a quarterback run during Green Bay's 41-17 victory over Minnesota on Jan. 1.

a slam-dunk re-signing. "A guy like Marcedes Lewis, he's an important cog in the wheel of the locker room and the momentum of the team," Rodgers told McAfee.

"That's a guy I want to finish my career with. If I'm playing, I want that guy next to me."

If Love takes over at quarterback, the Packers could start over at tight end. One of the best draft classes of tight ends in years would allow the Packers to save money and perhaps be better in the long run.

Defense

Defensive linemen Jarran Reed and Dean Lowry and safety Adrian Amos are the three starting defenders who are scheduled to hit free agency. No doubt Rodgers would be interested to see how that side of the ball comes together, but there probably isn't a player the team absolutely must re-sign from his perspective.

Arguably the most important defensive player to retain would be cornerback Keisean Nixon, who came out of nowhere to be the All-Pro kick returner. There's no doubt the Packers would like to keep him, regardless of the quarterback.

Kicker

In year 16, Mason Crosby had a solid season by making 86.2% of his field-goal

attempts.

His kickoffs were the shortest in the league. With Crosby set to hit free agency, the team must determine whether his declining leg strength was due to age (38) or the byproduct of offseason knee surgery curtailing his training.

Verdict: There will be a kicking competition one way or the other. If Rodgers returns, Crosby might be part of it. If Rodgers retires or is traded, look for the Packers to go young.

Conclusion

A fascinating offseason is at hand. Will Rodgers and just about everyone else be back for 2023? Or will Love be directing a youth movement in which the four oldest players on the 2022 roster — Rodgers (39), Lewis (38), Crosby (38) and Cobb (32) — will no longer be in Green Bay?

"This game is about relationships. It's about the players you play off and count on, even if they don't maybe show up huge in the stat book," Rodgers said.

"I want the Randall Cobbs of the world — if he wants to keep playing — in my locker room. Guys you can win with. Allen Lazard, Bobby Tonyan, David Bakhtiari. There's a lot of interesting names that we'll see if there's desire to re-sign certain guys that are glue guys in the locker room."



Miami Dolphins defensive back Kader Kohou watches as Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers signs the ball that Kohou intercepted on Dec. 25.

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Hall of Fame selects Packer standout Leroy Butler in 2022

JAN. 12, 1997: NEXT UP, SUPER BOWL – Future Hall of Fame defensive back Leroy Butler (right) had six tackles and a fumble recovery to help the Packers to a 30-13 win in the NFC title game over visiting Carolina. Right, Green Bay's former safety and Hall of Famer LeRoy Butler cries as he is honored at halftime in the game against the Tennessee Titans on Nov. 17. While Green Bay lost the game, seeing Butler enshrined into the ring of honor in Lambeau Field was enough enjoyment for some of the fans.





Green Bay Packers kicker Mason Crosby celebrates after hitting a game-winning field goal in overtime against the Dallas Cowboys on Nov. 13. In the 2022-23 season, Crosby hit two game-winning field goals in overtime.

Weeks 10-12: One-hit wonder

With a five-game losing streak, the Packers welcomed Mike McCarthy's surging Cowboys — who were coming off a bye — to Lambeau Field. In what looked like a season-turning game, the Packers won 31-28 in overtime.

Watson dropped two passes early in the game but scored on a 58-yard touchdown bomb in the second quarter. He punctuated the play with a backflip, an appropriate celebration because the play flipped the season for the rookie and the team.

Watson added touchdowns of 39 and 7 yards as Green Bay rallied from a two-touchdown deficit in the fourth quarter. Mason

Crosby's 28-yard field goal won the game.

"It feels amazing," Watson said. "Just to have, obviously, the guys rallying around me, picking me up. Obviously, not the way I wanted to start but they were in my ear all game. It's not about how you start, it's about how you finish. I think that was huge for me, just in terms of me staying in it. And when more opportunities came my way, I wasn't down. I was cool, calm cool and collected."

When the Packers won Super Bowl XXXI but lost in Super Bowl XXXII, then-general manager Ron Wolf called their championship season a "fart in the wind." And so



Under Construction: Loyal fans weather five straight losses and optimistically cheer the team to a victory over Mike McCarthy and the Cowboys.

was the victory over Dallas. The Packers lost 27-17 at home against Tennessee and 40-33 at Philadelphia.

The loss to the Eagles chal-

lenged the loss to the Lions as the low point of the season. Philadelphia rushed for 363 yards — 157 by quarterback Jalen Hurts and 143 by running back Miles Sanders — and Rodgers suffered injured ribs and was unable to finish the game.

With a 4-8 record and with the four-time MVP quarterback dealing with a new injury, was it time to make a change?

"Aaron's the starting quarterback," LaFleur said a day later.

How about at defensive coordinator with embattled Joe Barry?

"We're not going to go down that road," LaFleur said. "If I thought there was an issue there, then I would certainly, we'd make the change."



Green Bay Packers fans hold up a sign signifying that the team is under construction during Green Bay's Nov. 13 matchup against the Dallas Cowboys. Fans became increasingly frustrated throughout the season, as Green Bay had lost five straight games before beating Dallas in overtime.



Christian Watson became the fourth rookie Packer to have a three touchdown catch game. Dallas head coach Mike McCarthy returns to Green Bay for the first time since he was the coach of the team. In McCarthy's return, Green Bay won 31-28 in overtime for what could be the final time that McCarthy and Rodgers meet together or against each other in a game.





Green Bay Packers defenders get together and celebrate after forcing a turnover against the Miami Dolphins in a matchup between the teams on Dec. 25.

Weeks 13-17: The unthinkable comeback

When the Packers were beaten by the Eagles on Nov. 27, their record fell to 4-8 and they were given a 2% chance of making the playoffs from ESPN Stats & Information.

Even that number seemed to need a “Naked Gun”-style qualifier, when Detective Nordberg was given a 50% chance of living but “only a 10% chance of that.” How on earth could the Packers win their last five games after losing seven of their last eight?

And, effectively four games behind the Washington Commanders and sitting in 11th place in the NFC, how could all those teams ahead of them in the standings lose enough games?

“There was something in there that had hope, but it was a fool’s hope at the time,” Rodgers said before week 18.

The first win came at Chicago, a 28-19 verdict in which the Packers needed to outscore the worst team in the NFC 18-0 in the fourth quarter. An awe-inspiring victory it was not, but the walls separating the locker room from the interview room at Soldier Field couldn’t contain the celebration.

“That was huge,” LaFleur said. “I think momentum is a real thing in this league and when it’s not going good for you, it could be easy to fold the tents. We never want to allow that type of thinking to come into your brains, but I do think there’s a human element to it, as well. But just super-proud of our guys to resilient and truly embody and embrace that one-play mindset and battle right to the end and give the energy and the attitude and the effort that we need to come out on top.”

Next, the Packers beat the Rams 24-12, the defending champions a shell of themselves with quarterback Matthew Stafford, receiver Cooper Kupp and defensive tackle

Aaron Donald among the stars who were out with injuries.

The big test came the following week, a Christmas Day showdown at the Dolphins, a slumping team but one that had been potent at home. Green Bay won 26-20 by ending three consecutive fourth-quarter drives with interceptions.

A day earlier, three teams ahead of Green Bay in the playoff standings — the Commanders, Seahawks and Lions — lost.

“I’d like to be, you know, 10-5, 11-4, but considering where we were a few weeks ago, a lot of has happened in our favor,” Rodgers said afterward.

“All the games that needed to go a certain way went a certain way. Now, there’s obviously much left, but again, we’ve played meaningful games in December, we won all three of those. Now we’re playing meaningful games in January, and we’ve got to win those.”

The Packers earned their signature win over the Vikings in week 17, a 41-17 romp highlighted by early touchdowns by Keisean Nixon on a kickoff return and Darnell Savage on an interception return.

With the Commanders losing again, Green Bay suddenly controlled its playoff destiny headed into a primetime showdown against Detroit.

From game 13 through game 16, the Packers were third in points scored (119) and ninth in points allowed (68). Two season-long weaknesses, run defense and takeaways, made leaps-and-bounds improvement, with Green Bay ranking ninth in rushing yards allowed and first in turnovers.

What about all those people who counted out the Packers after the Philadelphia game?

“They don’t know how to count. Never count us out,” running back Aaron Jones said.



Defensive lineman Kenny Clark completes a sack of Miami Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa in a matchup between the teams on Dec. 25. Green Bay’s defense was a force to be reckoned with, as it recorded two sacks and four turnovers.



Green Bay Packers defensive linemen get together and celebrate after forcing a turnover against the Miami Dolphins in a matchup between the teams on Dec. 25.

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Green Bay Packers kick returner Keisean Nixon throws his arms in the air as he celebrates a long kick return for a touchdown against the Minnesota Vikings on Jan. 1. Nixon was one of the stand out players from the season, as he finished the season with 1,009 kick returning yards — the most in the NFL the past season.

Week 18: Flop in the finale

Everything was in Green Bay’s favor for the NFL’s made-for-TV Game 272.

The Packers had momentum with their winning streak. They were at home, in the cold, against a dome team. The Lions were eliminated not long before kickoff.

Instead, Detroit won 20-16.

Like last year’s divisional-round loss to San Francisco, the game turned on a fumble by one of the team’s best players. Against the 49ers, it was tight end Marcedes Lewis. Against the Lions, it was Jones. Coming just before halftime, the Packers were on their way to at least a 12-3 lead. Instead, Detroit took advantage and cut the margin to 9-6 at intermission.

With everything on the line, the Lions outgained the Packers 118-14 in the fourth quarter. With a chance to deliver one of those legendary performances, Rodgers was 2-of-6 for 12 yards with one interception in the final period.

“It’s going to be a big offseason for us, obviously, to make sure we all improve,” LaFleur’s face red with equal parts cold and anger. “We’ve all got to look inward and figure out what it is we’ve got to do to get better, because I know the expectations here are very high and they should be. And just really disappointed right now.”

The interception, a desperation heave to Watson on third down, might wind up being Rodgers’ final pass in a Packers uniform.

“I have a lot of pride in what I’ve accomplished in this league,” Rodgers said. “In a lot of ways, I don’t feel like we should have been even in this position with some of the games we lost, especially in that stretch of five games, but this is the reality we’re in. Obviously, we didn’t get it done tonight. You want to go out winning the Super Bowl, but it’s very rare that ever actually gets to happen.

“You don’t want to lose your last game and miss out on the playoffs, but this has been a great position and a really tough business. It doesn’t always end with rainbows for everybody.”



Detroit Lions rookie defensive lineman Aidan Hutchinson completes a sack on Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers on Jan. 8. Hutchinson harassed Rodgers all game, compiling two sacks and helping to knock Green Bay out of the playoffs.



Detroit Lions rookie defensive linemen Aidan Hutchinson celebrates in front of Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers after sacking the 39-year-old on Jan. 8.



Aaron Jones, a tough and consistent bright spot in the Packers 2022 losing season, delivers a stiff arm during the Packers Christmas Day victory against the Dolphins. The victory improved the Packers record to 7-8 and continued hope in making the playoffs with two games remaining.

Reflecting on my first year covering the Packers

As someone who grew up in Green Bay going to every Packers home game and idolizing Aaron Rodgers, anyone can understand my excitement when I was told that I would covering the Green Bay Packers this season for NEW Media.

The first event that I got to cover was training camp. Training camp in Green Bay is a one-of-a-kind event with fans coming in droves from all over the country just to watch the Packers put together its season scheme. Almost yearly, I was one of those fans. While it's not a divisional game against the Bears or anything, it is interesting and neat to see how an NFL practice is run.

This year though, I got to watch practice from the inside.

First off, I quickly learned that being a fan and being a journalist are two very separate entities. It was very tough not to be able to cheer and high five everyone around me when I saw Rodgers connect with Romeo Doubs down the right sideline for a one-handed catch.

Instead, I snapped a few pictures and quickly scribbled down some illegible notes and focused my view on Jordan Love taking the next snap. While obviously jotting down notes is not nearly as fun as going crazy with the rest of the fans, that didn't really matter to me. I was wide-eyed watching my favorite athletes and was ready to meet and talk to some players.

A cool perk to covering the Packers is getting the opportunity to be in the locker room and having conversations with the players. That was absolutely the highlight of the season for me.

The interesting part about having these conversations with players is being able to see them as real humans, as opposed to pawns in entertainment. I think that oftentimes, fans of the NFL forget that these players have



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actual lives and are not really all that different than you and me.

Randall Cobb exemplified this, as instead of only wanting to talk about football, Cobb was interested in who I was. As opposed to football, Cobb asked me about work and my life in general. Cobb has always been seen as one of the most down-to-earth players on the team, and for him to ask me about myself was a pretty neat experience.

During these locker room sessions, I was also able to talk to my childhood hero and idol — Aaron Rodgers. The old adage has always been that you should not meet your heroes, but that wasn't the case for me. I had a good conversation with Rodgers, something that never would have happened if I didn't have a chance to cover the team. Not a lot of people ever get to meet their heroes, but luckily I was able to do so as a 24-year old.

For me as a fan, the season did not go the way that I had hoped. Of course, I want Green Bay to still be alive and vying for a Super Bowl, but to be a journalist in a disappointing season was very fascinating.

Being in that locker room and being a part of those post-game press conferences was depressing over the

course of the season. That is something that I think the average fan does not see. You can watch a press conference and understand the feeling of disappointment after a loss, but seeing Matt LaFleur have to answer questions on why the team has been struggling every week, once again brings that human element to the team.

Another thing that you don't see as a fan is the commitment and attitude that each player and coach take to a game or practice.

It makes sense since playing football is literally the players' professional jobs, but to see Jaire Alexander on the practice field an hour before practice, or to see LaFleur cry tears of joy after beating Dallas, really makes you understand how much of themselves players and coaches put into the team.

I do have to say that I enjoyed my time covering the Packers this season. Whether it was hanging out with the players, watching games from the press box, or meeting Mike Tirico in an elevator at Lambeau, this was an experience that I will never forget.

I remember in high school, after every game I would try to read as many stories and articles as I could about the game and other news surrounding the team. I would come up with my own stories and think of what the touching points would be on each game. Little did I know, 10 years later, I would actually be producing those stories for a wide audience to consume.

I am not sure yet where my career is going to go, but to have experience covering a professional sports team — my favorite football team at that — is invaluable to me.

The journalistic experience was great, but as a die-hard, life-long Green Bay Packers fan, it was all I could have asked for and more.



Veteran Randall Cobb, a leader in the Packers locker room, greets the team prior to the week 5 kickoff against the Giants



Aaron Rodgers gets prepared with a big smile as the Packers open the season in Minnesota on Sept. 11. Coming into the season, Green Bay had the fifth best odds to win the Super Bowl, behind the Buffalo, Tampa Bay, Kansas City and Los Angeles.



AJ Dillon, a key player, had 186 rushing attempts and 28 receptions during the 2022 season.



Robert Tonyan signals first down during the Packers second half come from behind victory on Christmas Day against the Dolphins.



Jaire Alexander, a 2022 second team All Pro, chases down former teammate Equanimeous St. Brown during the Packers victory in Chicago. Alexander was a standout throughout the 2022 season.

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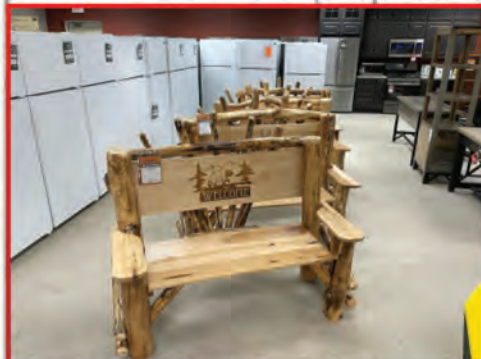
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