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A small group of adult volunteers and students finish up the last of wrapping presents as Wittenberg Elementary-Middle School's annual student shopping event comes to an end on Dec. 9.

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Judge finds probable cause in homicide case

Autopsy report consistent with manual strangulation

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Probable cause was found in a case relating to an alleged first-degree intentional homicide in the Town of Wescott on June 25.



MICHAEL INGOLD

With Attorney Christopher Froelich representing him, Michael E. Ingold, 58, Shawano, appeared in court Dec. 8 for a preliminary

hearing. Shawano County Sheriff's Department Detective Chris Gamm testified at the hearing, giving details of his investigation.

"I received an email from our patrol lieutenant to review the complaint," said Gamm. "There was a death investigation at W5005 Pioneer Drive in the Town of Wescott where a female had passed away. We talked to the only other person at the residence, which is the defendant. The lieutenant was questioning the case and said that we should take a look at it, because of the prior domestic violence history between the parties."

According to online court records, Ingold was charged with one count of second-degree recklessly endangering safety, one count of strangulation and suffocation, one misdemeanor count of battery and one misdemeanor of operating a firearm while intoxicated on July 1, 2020, in Waukesha County. Those charges were eventually dismissed on court's own motion.

In response to questions from District Attorney Greg Parker, who was representing the state, Gamm relayed information from an officer who spoke with Ingold at the scene, saying that Ingold allegedly came home from work, took a shower and sat down to

watch television with the victim.

From there, Gamm said, Ingold claimed he woke up at 2:30 a.m. and saw the victim awake in the kitchen, getting a beer, which Gamm said Ingold thought was odd. Gamm said Ingold stated that he woke up again around 4 a.m. and found the victim deceased. He went on to say that a 911 call was made from a neighbor, who entered the house with Ingold, after Ingold had asked the neighbor for assistance, and saw the victim.

"They saw the victim in the bedroom and the neighbor tried to wake her up, but the defendant said not to touch her," said Gamm. "At that point the neighbor called 911. There was no one else in the home."

Gamm said that the sheriff's department received the autopsy report that showed that death was caused in a manner similar to manual strangulation. He said that during a conversation with Ingold on July 27, Ingold's story matched what he had initially told law enforcement. Also during this conversation, Gamm told Ingold the autopsy finding of manual strangulation, and in response Gamm said Ingold denied touching the victim.

"At that point he was placed under arrest and mirandized," said Gamm.

After answering Parker's questions, Froelich got his turn, first clarifying the information that Gamm reported. From there, Froelich asked Gamm more about the information regarding the autopsy report, asking if there were any drugs or alcohol in the victim's system. Gamm responded by saying she had a blood alcohol level

of 0.14 percent and that there were no drugs in her system.

"There were no listed drugs — I know she had a plethora of medications that were prescribed to her. I am not sure exactly what she was taking at the time," said Gamm. "We verified with the medical examiner that those did not affect her death."

Froelich questioned Gamm on his testimony, asking if Ingold indicated a timeline of events of the night when the two parties met on July 27. Gamm confirmed that Ingold provided a timeline of events. Froelich asked Gamm if Ingold was emotional or if he was crying when looking for help from neighbors on the night of the alleged homicide, to which Gamm said that he was. Froelich then asked Gamm about Ingold's relationship with the victim's brother. Gamm explained that Ingold was upset with the victim's brother and said that he was going to kill them.

On redirect, Parker asked if there is anything to suggest that the victim caused her own death, to which Gamm replied that it is not possible to choke yourself without an added apparatus. Froelich recrossed, clarifying that Ingold said he did not touch the victim. Gamm confirmed Froelich's question.

Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge William Kussel Jr. found probable cause and Ingold was bound over. Kussel scheduled an arraignment for 1:30 p.m. Jan. 18.

"I am not sure exactly what (medications) she was taking at the time ... We verified with the medical examiner that those did not affect her death."

CHRIS GAMM, Shawano County Sheriff's Department detective

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Santa House provides genuine Christmas experience

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

One local family has turned the Valhalla Hillside Inn, W13264 State Highway 29, Bowler, into Santa's House for the Christmas season.

Owner Lori Mathwich, with the assistance of her husband, children and parents, has decorated the Valhalla Inn and turned into a destination for families to kick off their holiday celebrations. When arriving at the bed and breakfast, guests are asked to park close to the bottom of the driveway, as they will then be welcomed by a quarter-mile tractor ride through various decorations and lights, before reaching the Valhalla Inn.

"You come up here, you get to go in the house, and you get to see Santa Claus," said Mathwich. "I always wanted to have the Hallmark house at Christmas. I want it to have a realistic feel in here."

Visitors are treated to hot chocolate and cookies with Mrs. Claus and her elves, before children are greeted with reindeer sightings. Guests can book a half-hour time slot at Santa's House for \$10 per child. Children who are 2 years old and younger are free. A group of four is priced down to \$25. Moving forward, Santa's House will be hosting groups on Dec. 16, Dec. 18 and Dec. 23.

"You don't want everybody showing up at the same time," said Mathwich. "If you are going to come this far, I want them to have their own time with Santa. People book in time slots and have their own time."



Abel Mathwich, right, sits on Santa's lap to give ideas for Christmas presents during the opening night of the Santa House event at the Valhalla Hillside Inn Bed and Breakfast on Dec. 10. Santa's House provides guests with a genuine Christmas experience, including a ride through a driveway of lights and time with Santa.

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"We are trying to get \$10 a kid," she continued. "We are trying to keep it cheap as possible to cover the costs and get the money to charity."

The funds donated to Mathwich's Santa House go back into the community. This year, all of the proceeds are going to the Sacred Heart Catholic School playground renewal project. Mathwich said that hosting this event is her family's way of shining a little light into the world.

"This is my way to give back," said Mathwich. "I think it is our time to

give back. There is so much negativity in this world, so this is our way of bringing positivity around the holiday season."

Spreading Christmas joy while supporting the community is an important part of why Mathwich continues to host this event. She and her husband, who are both retired members of the United States Army National Guard, saw poverty firsthand while traveling to other nations during their time in the service. Seeing children and their families who have nothing around the holidays also helped inspire this idea, she said.

"I think that we are just lucky in the country," said Mathwich. "Especially being deployed in countries like Guatemala and Nicaragua, I saw that they have nothing. So if we can give back and take care of our own country, why don't we?"

Mathwich reiterated that the Santa's House entry fee is a suggested donation. "I had a family call and say that their house burned down, and that they still wanted to come. I am not going to say no to anyone," Mathwich said, when talking about pricing. "We hope you bring the donation of \$10, but if you don't, we understand. We just want you to enjoy Christmas."

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A child runs up to the Santa House at the Valhalla Hillside Inn to meet Santa Claus on Dec. 11. The building is decorated in various lights and other holiday decorations.

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• Jessica N. Myers, 36, Shawano, was charged Dec. 5 with one count of possession of narcotic drugs, one count of possession of methamphetamine, one count of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Shawano-Menominee Circuit Court Judge Katherine Sloma set a cash bond of \$250 and a signature bond of \$1,000. She also scheduled a preliminary hearing for Dec. 14.

• Shawn R. Homan, 48, Shawano, was charged Dec. 5 with one count of bail jumping. Sloma set a signature bond of \$2,500 and scheduled a status conference for Dec. 27.

• Jeffrey P. Zeise, 41, Shawano, was charged Dec. 5 with one count of maintaining a drug trafficking place, one count of possession of narcotic drugs, one count of possession of methamphetamine, 15 counts of bail jumping and two misdemeanor counts of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a cash bond of \$5,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Dec. 14.

• Jeremiah J. Fischer, 44, Gresham, was charged Dec. 5 with six counts of

bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer, one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia and two misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$500 and scheduled a status conference for Jan. 4.

• Adrian A. Malone, 26, Green Bay, was charged Dec. 6 with two counts of possession of methamphetamine, eight counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer and one misdemeanor count of possession of THC. Sloma set a cash bond of \$3,000 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Dec. 8.

• Kaitlyn L.M. Pingel, 19, Bowler, was charged Dec. 6 with one count of possession of methamphetamine, one count of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer and three misdemeanor counts of bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Dec. 8.

• Nacirema H. Frisch, 33, Rothschild, was charged Dec. 6 with three counts of forgery, one count of possession

of narcotic drugs, six counts of bail jumping and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a cash bond of \$500 and scheduled a status conference for Jan. 10.

• Randy C. Waubanasium, 34, Bowler, was charged Dec. 6 with one count of possession of methamphetamine, one count of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and four counts of bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$2,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Dec. 27.

• Joseph P. Holsten, 43, Keshena, was charged Dec. 6 with four counts of bail jumping, one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct and one misdemeanor count of bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$750 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Dec. 29.

• Myrna J. Peters, 41, Keshena, pleaded no contest Dec. 7 to one count of misappropriating identification information. Shawano-Menominee Circuit Court Judge William F. Kussel Jr. sentenced Peters to seven months in jail.

• Jonathan D. Collar, 37, Stanley, pleaded no contest Dec. 7 to two counts of burglary, one count of misappropriating

identification information and 10 counts of bail jumping. Two counts of theft of movable property, greater than \$5,000-\$10,000, 19 counts of bail jumping, two misdemeanor counts of criminal damage to property and one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer were dismissed but read into the record. Kussel sentenced Collar to five years in prison and five years of extended supervision.

• Johnny L. Kinney, 28, Shawano, was charged Dec. 8 with one count of escaping criminal arrest and one count of bail jumping. Sloma set a cash bond of \$2,500 and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Dec. 16.

• Timothy H. Pehlke, 40, Clintonville, pleaded no contest Dec. 9 to one count of operating with prohibited alcohol content (fifth offense), one misdemeanor count of operating while revoked and one misdemeanor count of tampering with/ failing to install/violating a court-ordered ignition interlock device. One count of operating while intoxicated (fifth offense) was dismissed on a prosecutor's motion. Kussel sentenced Pehlke to three years in prison and two years of extended supervision.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Dec. 12

Deputies responded to 19 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Morris; reckless driving on state Highway 47 in the Town of Hartland; one crash, involving deer.

Dec. 11

Deputies responded to 22 calls, including an animal problem on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott;

six crashes, two involving deer.

Dec. 10

Deputies responded to 34 calls, including operating while intoxicated on East Randall Street in Shawano; property theft on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; harassment on Loon Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; a fight in progress on North Main Street in Shawano; property theft on East Green Bay Street in Bonduel; a drug problem on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Birnamwood; a disturbance on Main Street in Gresham; six crashes.

Dec. 9

Deputies responded to 39 calls, including operating while intoxicated on West Baehr Street in Cecil; a threat on County Road D in the Town of Pella; reckless driving on U.S. Highway 45 in Marion; a threat on Fourth Street in Mattoon; a drug problem on state highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in Wittenberg; property theft on South Warrington Avenue in Cecil; one crash.

Dec. 8

Deputies responded to 21 calls, including reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Seneca; a threat on North Main Street in Shawano; three crashes, one involving deer.

Dec. 7

Deputies responded to 24 calls, including a disturbance on state Highway 29 in the Town of Seneca; harassment on Uecker Street in the Town of Grant; reckless driving on state Highway 22 in the Town of Washington; property theft on County Road N in the Town of Birnamwood; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Maple Grove; harassment on Alpine Road in the Town of Hutchins; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Belle Plaine; three crashes, two involving deer.

Dec. 6

Deputies responded to 31 calls, including a drug problem on state Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; a drug problem on West Vinal Street in Wittenberg; reckless driving on state Highway 117 in the Town of Hartland; a disturbance on Maple Leaf Road in the

Town of Belle Plaine; trespassing on Butternut Road in the Town of Herman; a disturbance on Country Lane in the Town of Washington; reckless driving on state Highway 29 in the Town of Angelica; a drug problem on East Green Bay Street in Shawano.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dec. 12

Officers responded to 24 calls, including a disturbance on South Smalley Street; trespassing at ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B; disorderly conduct at Longhorn Saloon, 1181 S. Main St.; trespassing at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; bail jumping on South Sawyer Street; a threat at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; a drug offense on West Richmond Street; disorderly conduct at Wisconsin House, 216 E. Green Bay St.; a fight in progress at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.

Dec. 11

Officers responded to 11 calls, including reckless driving on South Lincoln Street; a disturbance on East Elizabeth Street; a disturbance on Estates Lane.

Dec. 10

Officers responded to 22 calls, including a domestic disturbance on South Lutz Street; property theft on East Green Bay Street; car property damage on East Maurer Street; car property damage on East Green Bay Street.

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Judge William F. Kussel, Jr.

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Defendant:

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Bowler, WI 54416

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School provides Christmas shopping chance for students

Steigerwald calls event biggest that PTO hosts

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Students at Wittenberg Elementary-Middle School were given the opportunity to shop for gifts for family members, friends and other community members at the school on Dec. 9.

Independent, local vendors set up their shops around the gymnasium, with a station in the middle, with volunteers to help the students wrap the gifts that they just purchased. According to Wittenberg-Birnamwood Literacy Coach Nikki Steigerwald, who helps to run the event with the parent-teacher organization, this event is held every year before Christmas for students to be able to shop at a discounted price.

"The items range from 50 cents to \$5," said Steigerwald. "Nothing can be more than \$5. We arrange for vendors to have items of different price ranges for students to shop and then each class is assigned a time to come in and shop for whoever they want to."

In regards to why the school hosts the event, Steigerwald said it is all about the kids getting the opportunity to partake in Christmas in a manner that they aren't used to. This event presents the opportunity to buy and give gifts as opposed to just receiving gifts.

"We give them a chance to shop without their families," said Steigerwald. "It is a great way for students that maybe wouldn't get the opportunity to shop, maybe because of financial reasons or things like that — they can shop for anyone that they want, including pets and grandparents."

Steigerwald said that throughout her time in the school district and helping to run this event, she has always seen excitement from the students when the event's time comes.

"They are looking forward to it and love to get a chance to shop," said Steigerwald. "They love the chance to pick out gifts without somebody giving them a bias. We get high school helpers that act as Santa's elves to come in and help the students organize their money and shop. They feel that independence and Christmas cheer of being able to do the gift giving."

On her end, Steigerwald said that there is a lot of work that goes into



A group of students and adult volunteers form a line to help wrap presents that were recently purchased by students for family members or friends during Wittenberg Elementary-Middle School's annual student shopping event on Dec. 9.

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making this event so enjoyable for the students. That work includes gathering vendors, setting up for the event, providing lunch for vendors and volunteers and gathering items for the PTO's table.

"It is so much fun to see the kids have this opportunity," said Steigerwald. "It is a lot of work, but it is 100% worth it when you see the kids come in and get so excited of what they are going to get. Sometimes you get these little kids that are so excited to give their mom a candy cane."

In her seven years spearheading this project and working with the PTO, Steigerwald said that this is the event that receives the most volunteers and the most support from the community.

"Our moms, grandmas and other community members will take off of work for just this day," said Steigerwald. "I think that the parents like to be a part of this giving and I think that they like to see the joy that it

brings to the students."

Steigerwald noted that more than just the school district is involved in this event, with local vendors, community members and volunteers coming together to make this possible. The community coming together over these kids is something that she said takes this event to the next level.

"It is really a cool thing to see the community come together over this," said Steigerwald. "We get community members helping out with bringing in supplies, assisting the students and making everything run smooth. Everybody just comes together for these few hours every year."

Steigerwald added that if anyone is interested in becoming a vendor or helping out with the volunteer part of the event in the future, she can be reached at nsteigerwald@wittbirn.k12.wi.us.



A group of students and adult volunteers form a line to help wrap presents that were recently purchased by students for family members or friends during Wittenberg Elementary-Middle School's annual student shopping event on Dec. 9.

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Bonduel Elementary School students and staff pose for a group photo outside of the school in celebration of the school being designated a five-star school by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

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Bonduel top elementary, says report cards

State says Suring's high school also among the elite schools for Wisconsin

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

BY THE NUMBERS

Most schools in the area are making the grade, according to the recent release of state report cards, but there are a couple that are standing out as among the elite in northeast Wisconsin.

Bonduel Elementary School achieved a five-star rating in the 2021-22 school year, topping all the schools in Shawano, Oconto and Menominee counties with a score of 84.8. To achieve a five-star rating, schools must achieve a minimum score of 83.

Principal Brad Grayvold sent an email to NEW Media expressing that the latest report card shows how his school is achieving beyond what anyone would expect from a smaller school district.

"We believe that attitude is one thing that an individual can control," Grayvold wrote. "The attitude that we promote is to be positive, productive, and professional. Having a daily attitude that is positive can have a great impact on our individual wellness and of each person we encounter. The relationships that are developed in the school and community have a great impact on the success of the school. We believe in establishing relationships with our students and families that reach beyond the school setting."

Schools are graded based on the level of school attendance (elementary schools) or graduation rates (high schools), along with testing scores and how well achievement gaps are improved via ethnicities and poor families.

Grayvold noted that the school's efforts to be among the best would not stop with this year.

"The expectations of the school district and community are reinforced each day at school," Grayvold wrote. "We look for ways to continuously improve and believe that the best is yet to come."

How area schools scored under the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction report cards for the 2021-22 school year:

Bonduel School District 69.8

Bonduel Elementary School 84.8

Bonduel High School 61.2

Bonduel Middle School 67.1

Bowler School District 72.3

Bowler Elementary School 61.9

Bowler High School 76.9

Gillett School District 66.4

Gillett Elementary School 72.9

Gillett High School 51.4

Gillett Middle School 78.4

Gresham School District 59

Gresham Elementary School 50.5

Gresham High School 62.9

Lena School District 61.5

Lena Elementary School 74.8

Lena High School 56.3

Lena Middle School 55.8

Marion School District 66.5

Marion Elementary School 61.5

Marion High School 69.7

Menominee Indian School District 48.4

Keshena Primary School 46.1

Menominee Indian High School 63.3

Menominee Indian Middle School 44.9

Oconto Unified School District 66.4

Bayshore Community Academy 82.1

Northeast Wisconsin Learning Academy AR

Oconto Elementary School 75.3

Oconto High School 52.2

While Bonduel can boast the best elementary school in CESA 8, the top high school honor goes to Suring. Suring High School was also a five-star school with a score of 84.2, beating out the other 26 high schools in the educational region.

The honor was welcome news to Oconto County Sheriff Todd Skarban.

"Looks like things are on the rise in my hometown! Great job everyone!" Skarban posted on Facebook.

Having the top high school put the Suring Public School District overall in the four-star category with a score of 74, which means the district is seen as exceeding the expectations set by

Oconto Middle School 76.9

Oconto Falls School District 68.7

Abrams Elementary School 75.7

Oconto Falls Elementary School 68.1

Oconto Falls High School 72

Washington Middle School 66.6

Pulaski Community School District 73.1

Fairview Elementary School 71.7

Glenbrook Elementary School 73.4

Hillcrest Elementary School 79.9

Lannoye Elementary School 78.4

Pulaski Community Middle School 68.1

Pulaski High School 76.7

Sunnyside Elementary School 66.8

Shawano School District 66.9

Hillcrest Primary School AR

Leads Primary Charter School AR

Olga Brener Intermediate School 72.3

Shawano Community High School 66.1

Shawano Community Middle School 64.2

Suring School District 74

Suring Elementary School 66.4

Suring High School 84.2

Tigerton School District 64.8

Tigerton Elementary School 59.8

Tigerton High School 66

Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District 67.3

Birnamwood Elementary-Middle School 77.9

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School 51.7

Wittenberg Elementary-Middle School 74.1

the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. Suring Elementary School had a score of 66.4, putting it in the middle of the three-star schools.

By contrast, Bonduel just barely missed the mark of being a four-star school district with an overall score of 69.8, with 70 being the benchmark for the higher rating. Bonduel Middle School had a score of 67.1, while Bonduel High School's score was 61.2.

Pulaski and Bowler school districts also were designated four-star schools by the state. Pulaski, which has seven schools in its district, had all of its schools in the four-star category last year, but this year, Sunnyside Eleme-

tary School and Pulaski Community Middle School's scores slipped into the 60s, making them three-star schools.

"We are proud that overall the district exceeded expectations and almost all of our schools exceeded expectations or met expectations on the state report card used as accountability measures," said Jennifer Gracyalny, Pulaski's executive director of teaching and learning. "We realize this is only one measure of student achievement and must be triangulated with other state, district and classroom assessments to truly support and drive student learning in our classrooms. Our staff do an amazing job of utilizing evidence of learning and data to meet our student, curriculum and instructional needs."

Bowler School District was able to get into the four-star category because of Bowler High School also getting four stars with a score of 76.9. The elementary school was in the three-star category with a score of 61.9.

Once again, the Shawano School District found itself squarely in the three-star passing category, but Olga Brener Intermediate School improved to a four-star school with a score of 72.3.

One of the factors incorporated into the grading of the schools is chronic absenteeism, but Shawano's public schools recently implemented the We Need You Here program, which incentivizes school attendance for students.

The only area school district that didn't meet the state's standards was the Menominee Indian School District, which had an overall score of 48.4, which put it into a two-star category. Menominee Indian High School achieved a three-star rating with a score of 63.3, but the other two schools in the district were designated as failing schools by the state, with Keshena Primary School scoring 46.1 and Menominee Indian Middle School scoring 44.9.

Gresham man charged with threatening officers

Man allegedly told police he would put a 30-06 rifle to their heads

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

A Gresham man was charged Dec. 6 with multiple counts of threatening law enforcement officers in relation to an incident in Shawano on Dec. 5.

Kevin E. Lyons, 43, was charged with eight counts of battery or threat



KEVIN LYONS

of up to \$10,000 and six years in prison for each count of battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor, or law

to a judge, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer, two misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and two misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct.

If convicted, Lyons faces fines

enforcement officer. He also faces up to \$10,000 in fines and nine months in prison for each misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer and fines of up to \$1,000 and 90 days in prison for each misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct.

According to the criminal complaint, Shawano police officers were dispatched to Tractor Supply, 1313 E. Green Bay St., for a welfare check on a Shawano man who was suicidal and lives in the area behind the building. The criminal complaint states that the person who called police thought that this man had swallowed pills.

After clearing one tent behind the building, police officers entered a second tent and found Lyons, who stated that he wanted to be left alone.

From there, Lyons started threatening the police officers, allegedly saying that he had a gun and that he was going to shoot the police officers. The criminal complaint also states that Lyons got to his feet and was challenging the police officers to fight. He allegedly approached police officers with his hands clenched in fists in a fighting stance, to which the officers determined that probable cause existed to

arrest Lyons for disorderly conduct and threats to an officer.

After being escorted to one of the officer's police vehicles, Lyons was taken to the ThedaCare Medical Center, 100 County Road B. While bringing Lyons into the hospital, he allegedly kept trying to get out of a wheelchair and kept screaming profanities at police officers. Lyons was eventually laid down on a hospital bed, where he allegedly tried to kick officers several times and allegedly said that he was going to put a 30-06 rifle to the officers' heads.

According to the criminal complaint, Lyons had allegedly told hospital staff that he had taken pills in an attempt to take his own life. Lyons received medication from hospital staff and calmed down before falling asleep. After he was medically cleared, police officers transported Lyons to the Shawano County Jail.

Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge Katherine Sloma set a cash bond of \$10,000 at Lyons' initial appearance and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Dec. 14.

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Wolf River Lutheran hosts Christmas Extravaganza



Ben Schmidt, left, of Bonduel, plays cribbage with Collin Arvey, of Shawano, while waiting for more customers Dec. 10 at the Christmas Extravaganza vendor and craft fair at Wolf River Lutheran High School.

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Author Julie Kirchner is surrounded by the books she's written Dec. 10 during the Christmas Extravaganza vendor and craft fair at Wolf River Lutheran High School.

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David Kaiser, principal at St. James Lutheran School, tells children a story Dec. 11 in the gymnasium of Wolf River Lutheran High School prior to the school's Christmas concert, which featured Christian national recording artist Jennie Williamson and the high school choir.

Songs, stories of season

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Wolf River Lutheran High School choir members, from left, Evian Shaver, Sophia Bouwma and Luke Hammond, perform "Mary, Did You Know?" as the opening act for Tennessee-based recording artist Jennie Williamson on Dec. 11 at the high school.



Jennie Williamson smiles as she performs "Joy to the World" during her Christmas concert Dec. 11 at Wolf River Lutheran High School. Williamson is familiar to many in the parochial community as she visits the schools to talk with students about Christian values.

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Gallagher votes with Dems on marriage bill

Baldwin introduced Respect for Marriage Act in July to protect same-sex, interracial marriages

By **CHRISTINA LIEFFRING**

The Badger Project

Two Republican congressmen in Wisconsin joined the state's three Democrats in voting Dec. 8 to approve a bill that protects same-sex and interracial marriage across the country.

In the U.S. House of Representatives, 39 Republicans joined all 219 Democratic colleagues to pass the Respect for Marriage Act, including Wisconsin's Bryan Steil and Mike Gallagher.

The Respect for Marriage Act requires all states recognize the validity of all marriages as long as they are considered valid in the state in which they were performed.

Steil voted in favor of the bill during the first House vote in July, the only Wisconsin Republican to do so. After the Senate amended the bill to address his concerns regarding polygamy, Gallagher changed his vote in favor also.

Wisconsin Democratic Sen. Tammy Baldwin, the first openly-gay person elected to the Senate, introduced the bill with Senators Diane Feinstein (D-Calif.), and Susan Collins (R-Maine) in July shortly after the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* undermined the individual rights precedent

that upholds the court's decision on same-sex marriage, *Obergefell v. Hodges*, and interracial marriage, *Loving v. Virginia*.

"Marriage equality is a constitutional right that has been well established by the Supreme Court as precedent, and this freedom should be protected," Baldwin said in a press release announcing the bill. "The bipartisan Respect for Marriage Act will enshrine and protect marriage equality and make sure legal same-sex and interracial marriages are recognized."

Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito wrote in the majority decision that *Dobbs* would have no impact on *Obergefell*, but Justice Clarence Thomas wrote in a concurring opinion that the court "should reconsider" *Obergefell* in light of the *Dobbs* decision, as well as *Griswold v. Connecticut*, which protects married couples' access to contraceptives, and *Lawrence v. Texas*, which protects the right for consenting adults to engage in same-sex intimacy.

The U.S. Senate approved the bill 61-36 last month, and on Dec. 8, the House of Representatives approved the amended bill, 258-169.

"We are thrilled that the Respect for Mar-

riage Act passed both the Senate and the House with robust bipartisan support," Baldwin said in a statement. "This commonsense legislation provides certainty to millions of loving couples in same-sex and interracial marriages, who will continue to enjoy the freedoms, rights and responsibilities afforded to all other marriages. At the same time, our legislation fully respects and protects religious liberty and diverse beliefs about marriage. This is an important and historic step forward in ensuring dignity and respect for all Americans."

Steil told WISN-TV earlier this month that the bill "maintains the status quo."

"This is the political bickering I think that people are so frustrated with," he added. "This is the home stretch of one-party Democratic control, but ultimately, it doesn't alter state law and it just maintains the status quo."

In a written statement, Gallagher said: "The Supreme Court found there was a constitutional right to same-sex marriage in 2015. While the possibility of the decision being overturned

is extremely low, that is not an excuse for Congress to ignore this issue."

Gallagher noted the a previous bill touted by Speaker Nancy Pelosi had a loophole that would have allowed polygamy, but the Respect for Marriage Act fixed that and preserved protections for religious organizations.

"It also moves more of the issue of marriage to the states — where I believe it belongs — while providing practical reciprocity provisions for those who move from one state to another," Gallagher wrote. "It is far better for Congress to pass legislation that protects religious organizations and provides stability to the millions of people in a same-sex marriage than to rely on federal judges to make these decisions."

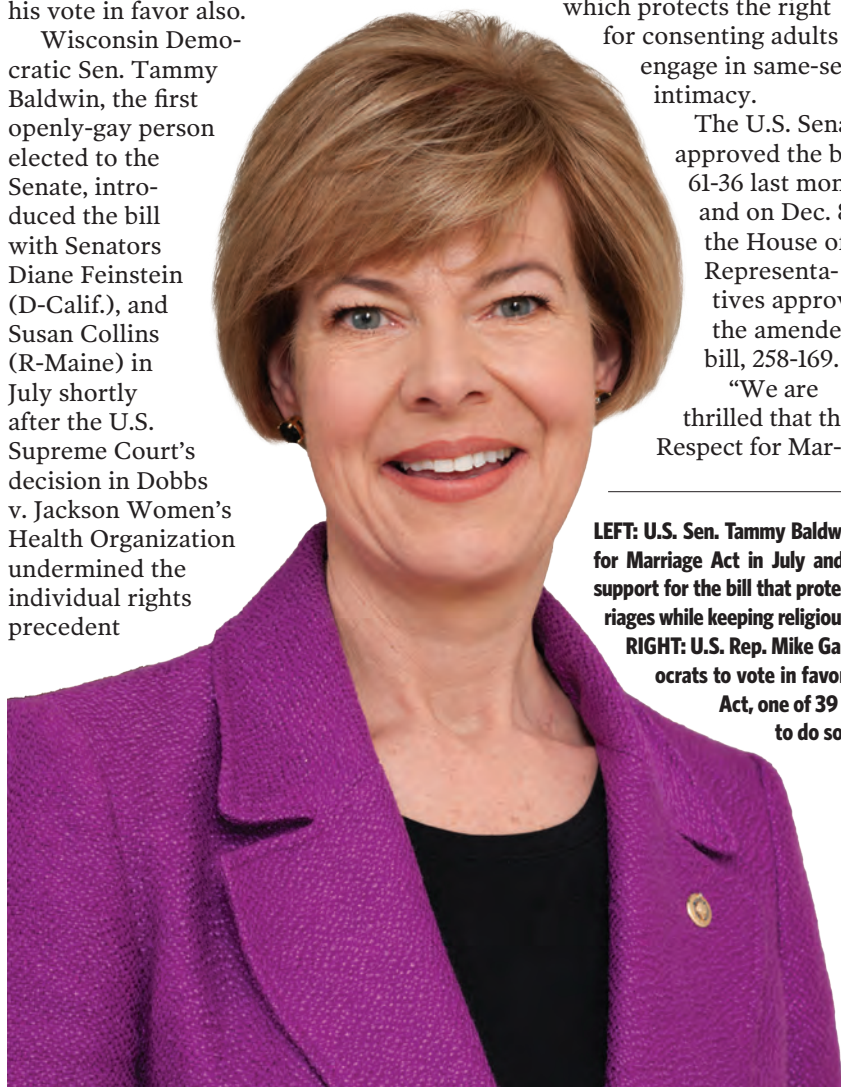
The rest of Wisconsin's GOP delegation — Reps. Tom Tiffany, Glenn Grothman and Scott Fitzgerald, and Sen. Ron Johnson — voted in opposition to the bill.

Johnson initially said publicly he would consider supporting codifying same-sex marriage, but reversed course, stating that the Respect for Marriage Act was "unnecessary as the *Obergefell* decision is settled law and has no chance of being overturned," and that the amended bill "did not provide sufficient protection for those with strongly held religious beliefs."

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LEFT: U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin first introduced the Respect for Marriage Act in July and has worked to get bipartisan support for the bill that protects same-sex and interracial marriages while keeping religious liberty intact. CONTRIBUTED

RIGHT: U.S. Rep. Mike Gallagher joined with Wisconsin Democrats to vote in favor of the Respect for Marriage Act, one of 39 Republicans in Congress to do so. CONTRIBUTED



SUNDAY				EVENING								DEC. 18											
		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30										
ABC		★★★★ The Sound of Music (1965, Musical) Julie Andrews, Christopher Plummer, Eleanor Parker. A governess weds an Austrian widower with seven children.  (DVS)								 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)	 (:35) Entertainment Tonight (N)  	 (:05) Entertainment Tonight (N) 	 (:35) Weather Gone Viral "Weather Without Warning"										
 WAOW  WBAY		NFL Football Cincinnati Bengals at Tampa Bay Buccaneers.			60 Minutes (N)  			When Christmas Was Young (2022, Romance) Karen David, Tyler Hilton, Meghan Heffern. Premiere. A music manager falls for a gifted singer-songwriter.  		East New York "Court on the Street" An arrest goes viral.  		 (:35) Local 5 News at 10:00  NewsChannel 7 at 10		 (:05) Sports Xtra  (:05) Investigate TV		 (:35) Joel Osteen Ministries  (:35) SEAL Team 							
CBS																							
 WFRV  WSAW																							
FOX		The Masked Singer "Masked Singer Seasonal Sing-A-Long Spectacular!" Christmas singalong.   (DVS)		The Simpsons Animated. Lisa gets called for jury duty. 		(:31) The Great North "A Knife to Remember Adventure" 		Bob's Burgers Animated. The family's lake trip takes a turn. 		Family Guy "Brief Encounter"   (DVS)		 Seinfeld "The Stranded"  Fox 11 News at Nine (N)		 Seinfeld "The Statue" Jerry thinks a friend stole his statue.		 The Goldbergs  Fox 11 News at 10 (N)		 Goldbergs  Sharyl Attkisson		 American Housewife  (:05) The National Desk		 American Housewife "Phone Free Day" 	
 WZAW  WLUK																							
NBC		Football Night in America (N)  (Live) 		(:15) NFL Football New York Giants at Washington Commanders. The Commanders come off their bye week to play the Giants for a second straight game. (N)  (Live) 										 News  Newswatch 12 at 10pm		 The Race  Outdoorsman International		 Graham Bensinger  Funny You Ask					
 WGBA  WJFW																							
PBS		All Creatures Great and Small on Masterpiece "Many Happy Returns" Tristan gets bad news.  		All Creatures Great and Small on Masterpiece "The Last Man In" James competes in a cricket match.  		All Creatures Great and Small on Masterpiece "Home Truths" Tristan learns a lesson.  		All Creatures Great and Small on Masterpiece "The Perfect Christmas" It's Christmas in Darrowby.  		Antiques Roadshow "Extraordinary Finds" Behind-the-scenes with appraisers.  		Austin City Limits "The War and Treaty; Ruthie Foster" Southern soul with The War and Treaty.  											
 WHRM  WLEF  WPNE																							
 WACY		Family Feud 		Two/Half Men		The Swan Princess Christmas (2012) Voices of Jennifer Miller.				 Mom 		 Mom 		The Simpsons		Bob's Burgers		Bob's Burgers		S.W.A.T. 			
 WTPX		Dognapped: Hound		12 Pups of Christmas (2019) Charlotte Sullivan, Donny Boaz.  				★★ A Golden Christmas (2009) Andrea Roth, Bruce Davison.  						A Puppy for Christmas (2016) 									
CW		 The Big Bang Theory 		 The Big Bang Theory Sheldon punishes Leonard.  		Coroner "Blast to the Past" Jenny and Donovan set out to find Peggy. (N) 		Coroner "Death Goes On" (Season Finale) Jenny and Peggy face one another. (N) 		 WOW - Women  Liquidator		 Chicago P.D. "Sacrifice" The team tracks drug robberies. 		 Truth of God		 WOW - Women Of Wrestling (N) 		 Extra (N)  		 Moviefone TV  			
 WCWF  WYOW																							
		 The Good Doctor 																					

WEEKDAYS					MORNING / AFTERNOON																DEC. 19			
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ABC	Good Morning America				1 Live 2 News	2 25 Words or Less	The View		9 News 9 Inside	9 Drew Barrymore	9 GMA3: What 9 News	2 Paid Program	General Hospital		9 Tamron Hall 2 GMA3: What You Need to Know	Dr. Phil		9 News at 4PM 9 Action 2 News	2 Action 2 News at 4:30	9 News 9 News	ABC World News			
CBS	CBS Mornings				6 Local 5 7 25 Words	7 Varied Programs	The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless		9 News 9 NewsChan- nel 7	Bold and the Beau- tiful	The Talk		Let's Make a Deal		9 Friends 7 Clark- son	9 Friends	9 Local 5 News 9 Jdg Judy	9 Local 5 News 9 Jdg Judy	9 News 9 NewsChan- nel 7	CBS Evening News		
FOX	65 Business First 53 WZAW 11 WLUK	65 Ag- Day	65 Dateline		65 Rachael Ray 11 Live with Kelly and Ryan		65 The Jennifer Hudson Show 11 Fox 11 Living With Amy		65 Fam- Feud 11 Rachael	65 Blast 11 Varied	65 Daily Blast 11 Jdg Judy	65 Judge Mathis 11 The Jennifer Hudson Show		65 Hot Bench 11 Barrymore	65 Hot Bench 11 Barrymore	65 Judge 11 Peo. Court	65 Judge Judy	65 News 11 Jdg Judy	65 Fam- Feud 11 Jdg Judy	65 Shel- don 11 News	65 Shel- don 11 Varied			
NBC	Today				Today 3rd Hour		Today With Hoda & Jenna		26 12	26 List 12 Neigh- borhood	NBC News Daily		23 Date- line 12 You Bet	12 Piction- ary	23 Tamron Hall 12 Pictionary	12 Funny You Ask	26 12	12 TMZ	23 Fam- Feud 12 Up North	23 Aft. Focus 12 Jeopardy	23 News 12 News	NBC Nightly News		
PBS	20 Hero Elementary	Alma's Way	Curious George	Daniel Tiger's Neigh- borhood	Rosie's Rules	Donkey Hodie	Sesame Street	Pinkali- cious & Petrerrific	Dinosaur Train	Elinor Wonders Why	Sesame Street	Rosie's Rules	Ask This Old House	Ameri- ca's Test Kitchen From Cook	Downton Abbey on Master- piece			Rick Steves' Europe	Odd Squad	Arthur	Molly of Denali	BBC World News America		
WACY	Judge	Relative	Divorce	Divorce	Wom	Grill'n	iCRIME	iCRIME	The First 48		Dateline		Chicago Fire		Sherri		TMZ Live		Mod	Mod	Gold	Gold		
WTPX	Varied Programs																							
CW	14 National 14 WCWF 34 Divor.	30 Caught in Provi- dence	14 Weather 34 M'ry	14 Paid Program	14 Court 34 S. Wilkos	14 Couples Court	14 Hot Bench 34 Karamo	14 Hot Bench	14 Pater- nity 34 M'ry	14 Pater- nity Court	14 Law & Order: SVU 34 XTRA	34 Access Hol- lywood	14 Judge Jerry 34 Sherri		14 Judge Mathis 34 Judge Jerry		14 Piction- ary 34 Karamo	14 You Bet Your Life	10 Jeopardy 30 Steve Wilkos	14 Funny You Ask	14 You Bet	14 Shel- don 34 Judge		

TUESDAY						EVENING						DEC. 20	
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC	News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	News 9 Pack Attack	Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town		Disney Prep & Landing	Prep & Land- ing: Naughty vs. Nice	America's Funniest Home Videos		News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!		(:37) Nightline (N)	
WAOW	Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment To- night (N)	Animated. The voice of Fred Astaire. Animated.				(DVS)		Action 2 News at 10 (N)				
WBAY													
CBS	Local 5 News at 6:00	Locker Room	Mariah Carey: Merry Christmas to All! The singer performs her holiday hits. (N)				Ghosts "The Christmas Spirit, Part One; The Christmas Spirit, Part Two" Saman- tha plays matchmaker.		Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N)		(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden (N)	
WFRV	(5:59) NewsChan- nel 7 at 6	(N)							NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(N)			
WSAW		Locker Room											
FOX	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	LEGO Masters "Celebrity Holiday Brick- tacular: Sleigh It!" The teams must build Santa a new sleigh. (N)		The Resident "One Bullet" Ian faces a mandatory drug test. (DVS)		NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N)	Seinfeld George seeks revenge on his ex-boss.	Seinfeld "The Van Buren Boys"	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	The Goldbergs	
WZAW			(N)		(DVS)		Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)		Fox 11 News at 10 (N)	(:07) The King of Queens	(:07) The King of Queens	(:35) The King of Queens	
WLUK	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)								(:35) Seinfeld			
NBC	NBC26 News at 6pm (N)	Packers Live	★ Dr. Seuss' The Grinch (2018, Children's) <i>Voices of Benedict Cumberbatch, Cameron Seely, Rashida Jones.</i> Animated. The Grinch plans to steal Christmas from Whoville. (N)				The Wheel "Boats, Soaps & Wrestling Ropes" Vivica A. Fox, Mike The Miz and more. (N)		NBC26 News at 10pm (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers (N)	
WGBA		Wheel of Fortune							Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(N)			
WJFW	Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	"Weekend Getaways"											
PBS	PBS NewsHour (N)		Christmas in New York: Inside the Plaza New York's Plaza Hotel.		O Holy Night: Christmas With the Tabernacle Choir Songs and stories of Christmas.		Mary Berry's Ultimate Christmas Mary Berry prepares a Christmas feast.		Ella Wishes You a Swinging Christ- mas With Vanessa Williams Holiday classics.		NOVA "Rebuilding Notre Dame" Re- storing Notre Dame Cathedral. (N) (DVS)		
WHRM													
WLEF													
WPNE													
WACY	Family Feud	Two/Half Men	Dateline "Death in the Driveway"		Chicago P.D. (DVS)		My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	Mom	
WTPX	Chicago Fire "Dead Zone"		Chicago Fire "Whom Shall I Fear?"		Chicago Fire (DVS)		Chicago Fire "Back With a Bang"		Chicago Fire "Fog of War"		Chicago Fire "Show of Force"		
CW	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Winchesters "Teach Your Children Well" John has a new interest in hunt- ing.		Professionals "Swan Song" (Season Finale) Peter and Vincent must stop the launch. (N)		Last Man Stand- ing	Seinfeld	The National Desk (N) (Live)	The National Desk (N) (Live)	Last Man Stand- ing	Young Shel- don	
WCWF	Divorce Court	Divorce Court					The Liquidator	Chicago P.D. (DVS)		black-ish (DVS)	black-ish (DVS)	Family Guy	
WYOW													

WEDNESDAY						EVENING						DEC. 21	
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC	News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	Packers Live	The Conners Dan meets his in-laws.	The Goldbergs The JTP host their first holiday party.	Abbott Elementary	(:31) Abbott Elementary Janine goes to a hookah club.	The \$100,000 Pyramid "Jason Alexander vs. Bobby Moynihan and Rosie O'Donnell vs. Pete Holmes" Jason Alexander; Bobby Moynihan.		News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!		(:37) Nightline (N)	
WAOW	Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)							Action 2 News at 10 (N)				
WBAY													
CBS	Local 5 News at 6:00 (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6	Green Bay Nation (N) Inside Edition (N)	The Price Is Right at Night Drew Carey hosts a holiday special.		Homeward Bound: A Grammy Salute to the Songs of Paul Simon Honoring Paul Simon.				Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N)		(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden (N)	
WFRV													
WSAW													
FOX	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	LEGO Masters "Celebrity Holiday Bricktacular: Finale" (Season Finale) One team wins \$20,000 for charity.				NewsChannel 7 at 9pm	Seinfeld "The Deal" Intimacy without commitment.	Seinfeld "The Susie"	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	The Goldbergs	
WZAW			(N)				Fox 11 News at Nine (Live)		Fox 11 News at 10 (N)	(:07) The King of Queens	(:35) The King of Queens	(:35) The King of Queens	
WLUK	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune (N)								(:35) Seinfeld			
NBC	NBC26 News at 6pm (N)	Total Packers-Matt LaFleur	Dolly Parton's Mountain Magic Christmas (2022, Musical) Dolly Parton, Tom Everett Scott, Ana Gasteyer. Dolly Parton stars in a holiday musical with special guests.				The Wheel "Déjà Vu & Eyes of Blue" Tori Spelling, Ricki Lake and more.		NBC26 News at 10pm (N) Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers	
WGBA		Wheel of Fortune											
WJFW	Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)												
PBS	PBS NewsHour (N)		The Letter: A Message for Our Earth The pope addresses environmental crisis.			Wisconsin Life "Ice Age Trail Alliance"	American Experience "The Man Who Tried to Feed the World" Nobel Peace Prize-winner Norman Borlaug.		Repeat the Sounding Joy: A Concordia Christmas A festive collection of music.		Finding Your Roots With Henry Louis Gates, Jr. "The New World" John Lithgow; journalist Maria Hinojosa.		
WHRM													
WLEF													
WPNE													
WACY	Family Feud	Two/Half Men	Dateline "Toxic Relations"		Chicago P.D.		My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	Mom	
WTPX	NCIS A mysterious illness.		NCIS "House Rules"		NCIS Ducky is attacked.		NCIS "The Tie That Binds"		NCIS A senator's son is injured.		NCIS "What Child Is This?"		
CW	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Beebo Saves Christmas Beebo and friends go to the North Pole.		World's Funniest Animals Pilfering pooches; shaking shepherds.	World's Funniest Animals Elephants; dogs; a pair of cats.	Last Man Standing	Seinfeld	The National Desk (N) (Live)	The National Desk (N) (Live)	Last Man Standing	Young Sheldon	
WCWF	Divorce Court	Divorce Court					The Liquidator	Chicago P.D.		black-ish	black-ish	Family Guy	
WYOW								(DVS)		(DVS)	(DVS)	(Part 1 of 2)	

THURSDAY				EVENING						DEC. 22				
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30		
ABC	News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	Entertainment To- night (N) 	Celebrity Wheel of Fortune "Sasheer Zama- ta, Jack Black and Kal Penn" Jack Black, Kal Penn and Sasheer Zamata.  (DVS)		Press Your Luck "Press Your Luck's Holiday Extravaganza" Three new con- testants compete.  (DVS)		Alaska Daily "Pilot" Eileen joins a news- paper in Alaska.  (DVS)		News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! 	(:37) Nightline (N) 			
WAOW	Action 2 News at Six (N)								Action 2 News at 10 (N)					
WBAY														
CBS	Local 5 News at 6:00	Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 	Young Sheldon	Ghosts 	Ghosts 	Ghosts 	Ghosts 	Ghosts 	Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N) 	(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden (N) 			
WFRV	(5:59) NewsChan- nel 7 at 6	Inside Edition (N) 	Mary struggles with- out the church. 						NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)					
WSAW														
FOX	The Big Bang Theory 	The Big Bang Theory 	Hell's Kitchen "Til Chef Do Us Part" The chefs create a wedding menu.  (DVS)		(:02) Welcome to Flatch A major heatwave leads to a blackout. 		Call Me Kat Max finally sells a song.  (DVS)		NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N)	Seinfeld "The Note" Dentist accused of insurance fraud. 	Seinfeld "The Pothole" 	Last Man Standing 	Last Man Standing 	The Goldbergs 
WZAW	Jeopardy! (N) 	Wheel of Fortune (N) 							Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	Fox 11 News at 10 (N) 	(:07) The King of Queens 	(:35) Seinfeld 	(:35) The King of Queens 	
WLUK														
NBC	NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 	Family Feud 	Saturday Night Live "A Saturday Night Live Christmas Special" Popular Christ- mas-themed sketches.  		The Wheel "Divas & Derbies" Buddy Valastro, Sheila E. and more. (N)  		NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N)		NBC26 News at 10pm (N)	Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon  		(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers  	
WGBA														
WJFW														
PBS	PBS NewsHour (N) 		Wisconsin Life "Pine View Wildlife Rehabilitation & Education Center" 	Around the Corner with John Mc- Givern "Mequon & Thiensville" 	Buttons: A Christmas Tale (2018, Musical) Narrated by Robert Redford, Narrated by Kate Winslet, Dick Van Dyke. Two orphan girls discover miracles really can happen.		(:35) The Goes Wrong Show The team stages the nativity story.		(:06) Lucy Worsley's 12 Days of Tu- dor Christmas Tudor origins of Christ- mas traditions.  		(:03) A St. Thomas Christmas: Bloom Eternal Celebrating Advent and Christ- mas season.  			
WHRM														
WLEF														
WPNE														
WACY	Family Feud 	Two/Half Men	Dateline 		Chicago P.D.   (DVS)		My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	Mom 		
WTPX	Chicago P.D. "Blood Relation" 		Chicago P.D. "Gone" 		Chicago P.D. "Closer" 		Chicago P.D. "Adrift" 		Chicago P.D. "Memory" 	Chicago P.D. "House of Cards" 				
CW	The Big Bang Theory 	The Big Bang Theory 	iHeartRadio Jingle Ball 2022 The annual concert event. 		Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Padma Lakshmi 2"  		Last Man Stand- ing 	Seinfeld 	The National Desk (N) (Live)	The National Desk (N) (Live)	Last Man Stand- ing "Elfie" 	Last Man Stand- ing "Purple Rain" 	Young Sheldon 	Family Guy 
WCWF	Divorce Court 	Divorce Court 					The Liquidator 	Chicago P.D.  (DVS)		black-ish   (DVS)	black-ish "Purple Rain" 	(Part 2 of 2)		
WYOW														

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY				EVENING							DEC. 23			
		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC	Ⓜ News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)		Entertainment To-night (N) Ⓛ 📺	Mickey Saves Christmas Ⓛ	Olaf's Frozen Adventure (2017) Voices of Josh Gad. Ⓛ	(Ⓛ1) 20/20 Ⓛ 📺				Ⓜ News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) Ⓜ Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(Ⓛ35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! Ⓛ 📺		(Ⓛ37) Nightline (N) 📺	
Ⓜ WAOW	Ⓜ Action 2 News at Six (N)													
2 WBAY														
CBS	Ⓜ Local 5 News at 6:00		Ⓜ Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 📺	The 24th Annual a Home for the Holidays at the Grove Inspirational stories of adoption. (N) Ⓛ 📺	Christmas Takes Flight (2021, Romance-Comedy) Katie Lowes, Evan Williams, Andrew Airlie. A pilot starts falling for her airline's new CEO. Ⓛ 📺				Ⓜ Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) Ⓜ NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(Ⓛ35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N) Ⓛ 📺		(Ⓛ37) The Late Late Show With James Corden Ⓛ 📺		
Ⓜ WFRV	Ⓜ (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6		Ⓜ Inside Edition (N) Ⓛ 📺											
7 WSAW														
FOX	Ⓜ The Big Bang Theory Ⓛ 📺		Ⓜ The Big Bang Theory 📺	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) Ⓛ (Live)			Ⓜ NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) Ⓜ Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	Ⓜ Seinfeld "The Strike" George's father invents a new holiday. Ⓛ	Ⓜ Seinfeld "The English Patient" Ⓜ Fox 11 News at 10 (N)	Ⓜ Last Man Standing 📺	Ⓜ Last Man Standing Ⓜ (:07) The King of Queens 📺	Ⓜ The Goldbergs 📺		
Ⓜ WZAW	Ⓜ Jeopardy! (N) Ⓛ 📺		Ⓜ Wheel of Fortune (N) 📺							Ⓜ (:35) Seinfeld 📺		Ⓜ (:35) The King of Queens 📺		
11 WLUK														
NBC	Ⓜ NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 📺		Ⓜ Family Feud Ⓜ Wheel of Fortune	How the Grinch Stole Christmas!	5 More Sleeps 'til Christmas Ⓛ 📺	Dateline NBC (N) Ⓛ 📺			The Wheel "Fish n' Chips & Gold Medal Flips" Tom Bergeron, Kyla Pratt and more. (N) Ⓛ 📺	Ⓜ NBC26 News at 10pm (N) Ⓜ Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(Ⓛ34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Ⓛ 📺		(Ⓛ37) Late Night With Seth Meyers Ⓛ 📺	
26 WGBA	Ⓜ Newswatch 12 at 6 (N) 📺		Ⓜ "Weekend Getaways" (N)											
12 WJFW														
PBS	PBS NewsHour (N) Ⓛ 📺			Washington Week (N) Ⓛ 📺	Tell Me More With Kelly Corrigan "Katie Couric" Journalist Katie Couric. Ⓛ 📺	Broadchurch Hardy and Ellie uncover the truth.			The St. Olaf Christmas Festival: Love Divine Festive music for the holiday season. Ⓛ 📺	Celebrate & Sing! Glory to the New-born King! A choir performs holiday music. Ⓛ 📺		Christmas on the Danube Austria, Hungary, and Switzerland. Ⓛ 📺	The Magic of Christmas in Alsace Christmas markets in France. Ⓛ 📺	
20 WHRM														
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14 WCWF	Ⓜ Divorce Court Ⓛ 📺		Ⓜ Divorce Court Ⓛ 📺						Ⓜ The Liquidator 📺	Ⓜ Chicago P.D. "You Wish"	Ⓜ black-ish "Good Grief" Ⓛ	Ⓜ black-ish 📺 (DVS)		Ⓜ Family Guy Ⓛ
34 WYOW														

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OPINION

YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

Prehn records fight seeks accountability

More than a year and a half after the expiration of his term, Dr. Frederick Prehn continues to occupy a seat on the Natural Resources Board, which sets policy for the state Department of Natural Resources. His refusal to step down has allowed him to cast the deciding vote in key decisions related to wildlife management, PFAS water quality standards, and land acquisition, with other important issues on the horizon.

On Nov. 16, my organization, Midwest Environmental Advocates (MEA), asked a Dane County circuit court judge to rule that Prehn violated Wisconsin's open records law when he failed to turn over dozens of text messages related to his refusal to step down. Those text messages recently came to light because of our ongoing lawsuit against him.

The open records law is a critical tool for holding the government accountable to the people it purports to represent. Under the law,



ADAM VOSKUIL

Prehn should have turned over the text messages in question more than a year ago, in response to MEA's records request.

Instead, he has relied on the three D's — denial, delay and deflection — to avoid complying with the law. These tactics have led to unnecessary and costly litigation and deprived Wisconsinites of their right to information about the actions and inactions of public officials.

In response to our June 2021 records request, Prehn denied that he possessed any relevant text messages. When a separate records request sent to another public official turned up a text he had sent about his tenure on the board, MEA filed a lawsuit to compel full disclosure.

Prehn asked the court to dismiss

the case, arguing that he was not a government authority and that communications related to his decision to remain on the board were not subject to the records law.

When those arguments were rejected by the court and our lawsuit was allowed to proceed, MEA negotiated an agreement to give third-party forensic investigators access to Prehn's cellphone and set a timeline for complying with MEA's records request. Prehn's side failed to comply by the agreed-upon deadline.

Although Prehn has still not fully complied with our request, we received dozens of text messages that were previously withheld. They contradict his claims that his decision to stay on was not politically motivated.

Six months before his term ended, Prehn exchanged text messages with former Gov. Scott Walker in which Walker told Prehn to remain on the board. In another text, Prehn told a lobbyist he would "see if I

can hang on till Becky gets in," an apparent reference to holding his seat until former Lt. Gov. Rebecca Kleefisch was elected governor. She lost in the Republican primary.

Prehn has questioned MEA's motivation for requesting these records. Our interest lies in ensuring government transparency in environmental decision making, but our reason for requesting the records is beside the point. Under the open records law, a requester's reasons, real or perceived, for wanting records has no bearing on an official's duty to provide them.

A decision in this case is expected soon. Let's hope the court takes this opportunity to send a strong message that officials who violate the open records law will be held accountable.

Adam Voskuil is a staff attorney at Midwest Environmental Advocates, a public interest law firm. Your Right to Know is a monthly column distributed by the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council (wisfoic.org), a group dedicated to open government.

GUEST COLUMN

Big tech uses journalism, should pay for it

The powers that Google and Facebook have over economic and political power in society — especially over the news industry — has caught the attention of lawmakers in Washington, D.C. After a close election and many worries over the quality of public debate, many ask if social media have played a role in the misinformation that erodes our free press and plagues our democracy.

Nowhere is this power more daunting than in the social media giants' use of news organizations' reporting, which the platforms use without compensation to journalists. Google and Facebook have a duopoly of the distribution of digital news content, which drives people to the social media platforms where the owners make money. The platforms hoard critical data and use clever tactics, like refram-



JOHN GALER

ing stories in rich previews, to keep users on their sites — siphoning off the advertising revenue that small and local publishers need.

Every hour that goes by, Google and

Facebook generate millions of dollars in U.S. advertising revenue. That amount could fund dozens of local journalists. But local newspapers in many communities that are funding the people who report on fair and free elections are struggling to meet payroll.

It is time for a change, before we head into another brutal and divisive election season leading up to the 2024 elections. America needs

real, factual and independent news reporting more than ever. While national media may be treated with skepticism, research shows that local news media are generally trusted. But will they have the revenue to do the job?

Congress must take action to curb undue influence of Big Tech on the news media industry and make sure the work of local news-gatherers is fairly compensated. The Journalism Competition and Preservation Act (JCPA) aims to do just that.

The JCPA is specifically designed to make sure Google and Facebook pay for what they use. The proposed legislation would provide a temporary, limited anti-trust safe harbor for small and local news publishers to collectively negotiate with Facebook and Google for fair compensation for the use of

journalists' content. The policy also incentivizes and rewards publishers who invest in their journalists and newsroom personnel, awarding outlets with demonstrated investments in their staff a larger portion of the funds that result from the negotiations.

By addressing Google's and Facebook's monopoly power and ensuring more subscription and advertising dollars flow back to publishers, the JCPA not only protects and promotes quality news, but also encourages competition. Congress has made progress on this legislation. It should finish the job before the end of the year.

John Galer is the chairman of the National Newspaper Association, a 137-year-old organization representing community newspapers across the United States. Galer publishes newspapers in central Illinois.

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Encouragement needed in holiday weight loss

The holidays can be a challenging time for anyone who is trying to eat healthy.

For those on a weight-loss quest, the holidays can be especially challenging. That can offer family and friends a great opportunity to support their loved ones who are making lifestyle changes.

"In the United States, our holiday celebrations tend to be centered around food," said Sandra Santiago, ThedaCare bariatric nurse. "Birthdays, Valentine's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas are mostly food-centered, and most of it is high in carbohydrates and sugar."

One idea to help everyone be a healthier version of themselves is to put less focus on food during those occasions.

"Maybe plan a hike or bike ride, or go ice skating, sledding or skiing as a family activity," she said. "You can also attend or participate in a sport-

ing event or play board or card games. The point is to make food less of the main attraction."

Santiago said the support of family and friends is very important to those who are making lifestyle changes, which is important when a person has significant weight loss goals.

"Successful weight loss requires lifestyle changes, which includes developing healthy eating and exercise habits, and being mindful about what and how we eat," she said. "For example, eating more slowly so our stomach can signal our brain when we're full; that takes about 20 minutes. It includes being aware of what our body is telling us as we eat and determining why we want to eat and if we are comfortably full, not over full."

There are also habits to work through.

"Eating out of boredom, or when we are emotional, are habits that should be identified and addressed

by other means," she said. "When a person has the urge to eat during those times, perhaps they could do something else, such as using deep breathing exercises, taking a few minutes to read or go for a walk, or use other distraction techniques to let the feeling pass. It's important that we are mindful or aware of why we want to eat or whether we are truly hungry."

Studies show that many weight-loss patients have frequently tried numerous diets throughout the years, only to regain their weight — and sometimes even more weight — after discontinuing the diet.

Santiago offered these suggestions for how family and friends can help loved ones who want to maintain healthier eating habits:

- Model good eating habits by serving healthy snacks and meals.
- Talk with them and listen to why they want to make lifestyle changes. What is important to them? For

example, some people want to lose weight in order to be able to play with their children or grandchildren.

- Invite them to join in a physical activity, such as a walk or bike ride.
 - Offer to watch their children so they can go the gym, engage in some physical activity or have some "me" time.
 - Cook with them to learn more about healthy foods and healthy ways of cooking/eating.
 - Compliment their progress.
 - Encourage them in their lifestyle changes; express pride in their determination and self-discipline.
- "Again, the support of family and friends is very important to anyone making lifestyle changes," said Santiago. "Be a cheerleader and a proponent of their actions; that goes a long way toward encouraging them to be successful in their efforts. In the end, supporting them may help you live a healthier lifestyle, too."

ThedaCare encourages caution during holidays

With respiratory viruses such as COVID-19, influenza and RSV circulating at high levels nationwide, and in Wisconsin, ThedaCare is urging community members to protect themselves this holiday season.

"With increasing cases of the three viruses, the season has the potential to be severe, especially for young children and older adults," said Dr. Zachary Baeseman, ThedaCare family medicine practitioner. "In recent years, more people were wearing face masks and were more likely to stay home while sick. This year, because many people are no longer masking and taking those precautions, we are seeing increased cases. Also, children who haven't been previously exposed to respiratory viruses are getting sick, and they are then passing it on to loved ones and others."

Vaccines are especially important for those at higher risk of becoming seriously ill, according to Baeseman. That includes the elderly, pregnant



ZACHARY BAESEMAN

women, young children and those with weakened immune systems and chronic diseases such as diabetes, lung diseases, high blood pressure, and those going through cancer treatment.

Flu season is already hitting hard across the country, and hospitals are continuing to see high numbers of respiratory illnesses cases.

"We're asking everyone to take precautions and receive all recommended vaccines, including the updated COVID-19 booster and the flu vaccine, to help prevent and slow the spread of respiratory illnesses," said Baeseman.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, fewer than 15% of Wisconsinites have got-

ten their updated COVID-19 booster.

Everyone 6 months and older can get their COVID-19 and flu vaccines at the same time. Everyone 5 years and older should also get an updated COVID-19 booster when eligible. The updated COVID-19 booster provides increased protection against Omicron variants, which cause most of the current COVID-19 cases.

In addition to getting all recommended vaccines, community members should take extra steps when planning their holiday celebrations. Respiratory viruses spread more easily when people are gathered indoors. Precautions include:

- If feeling sick, get tested. People can order free COVID-19 rapid tests and access testing at many community locations across the state.
- If sick, stay home. This helps protect others, especially those who are most vulnerable.
- Check COVID-19 community levels for information about the

amount of severe illness before any holiday celebration. If the level is high, wear a well-fitting mask when inside public places around others.

• Frequently wash hands with soap and water to help prevent the spread of all respiratory illnesses, and cover coughs and sneezes to avoid spreading germs.

"Most people, who do find themselves with an illness at this time, and who are not at risk for severe illness, can likely stay home," said Baeseman. "Those with a mild illness will experience a low fever, aches and pains or a mild cough. If you have these symptoms, stay at home and isolate. Rest, drink plenty of fluids and monitor your symptoms. Hopefully, you will start feeling better within a few days."

Baeseman added that anyone at higher risk for severe infection, or who is concerned about symptoms, should contact their primary care provider's office.

HSHS offers free breastfeeding classes in 2023 through Zoom

HSHS St. Vincent Hospital will host free, virtual classes this winter to prepare mothers and families for breastfeeding success.

The classes will be offered via

Zoom and led by a certified lactation consultant from HSHS St. Vincent Hospital's Women and Infants Center. The classes are from 5:30-8 p.m. Jan. 10, Feb. 2 and March 13.

Topics discussed will include the benefits of breastfeeding, how to know if baby is getting enough milk, breast milk storage tips, when to feed the baby and different breastfeeding

positions.

Anyone is welcome to participate, but registration is required online at stvincenthospital.org/events. Call 920-433-8300 for information.

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BALLOT #1

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- ☐ Flower Shop _____
- ☐ Grocery Store _____
- ☐ Hardware Store _____
- ☐ Tile/Flooring _____

Best Services:

- ☐ A/C & Heating _____
- ☐ Child Care _____
- ☐ Chiropractor _____
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- ☐ Optometrist _____
- ☐ Pharmacy _____
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BALLOT #2

Best Thing To Do:

- ☐ Bowling Alley _____
- ☐ Casino _____
- ☐ Happy Hour _____
- ☐ Live Music _____
- ☐ Meat Market _____
- ☐ Night Spot _____

Best Outdoor Activities:

- ☐ Bait/Tackle Shop _____
- ☐ Golf Course _____
- ☐ Lawn/Garden _____

Best Vehicle Services:

- ☐ Auto Body Repair _____
- ☐ Auto Parts Supply Store _____
- ☐ Car Dealer _____
- ☐ Vehicle Service Center _____
- ☐ Tire Store _____

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WASP competes at state meet in Verona



The Crick sisters — Rylee, Peyton and Kaydence — get ready for the second day of competition at the Single Age State Championships in Verona on Dec. 11.

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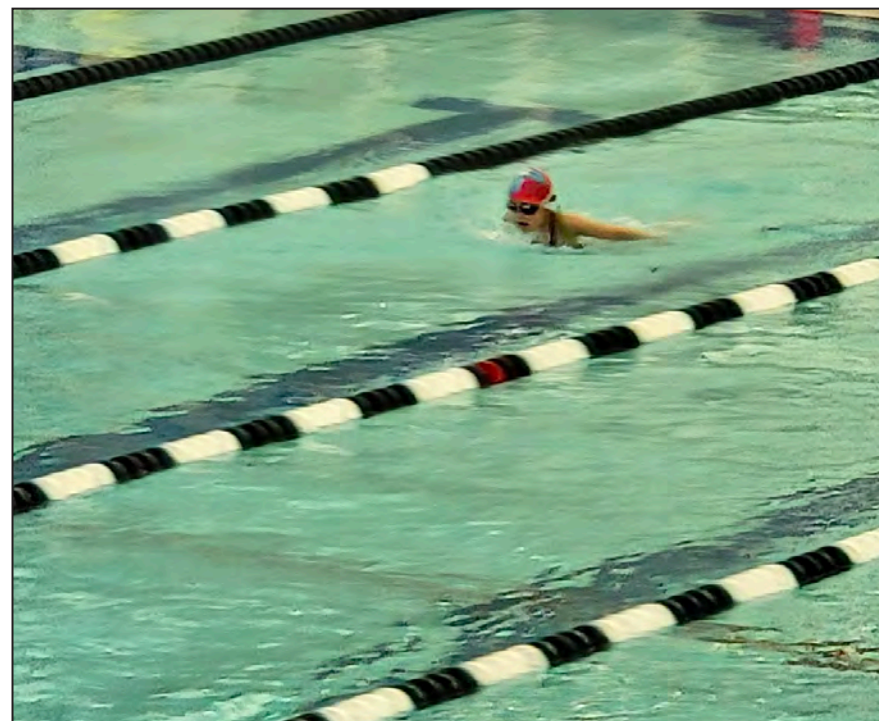
With head coach Brenna Behreandt, four members of the Wittenberg Area Swim Program — Rylee, Peyton and Kaydence Crick and Halley Innes — qualified for the Single Age State Championships hosted by the Badger Aquatics Club at Verona High School on Dec 10-11. Their results:

- Rylee Crick (12) — 17th place, 50 breaststroke; 21st place, 100 breaststroke; 39th place, 100 individual medley; 45th place, 50 butterfly.

- Peyton Crick (9) — ninth place, 50 breaststroke; 28th place, 50 butterfly; 31st place, 50 freestyle; 38th place, 50 backstroke.

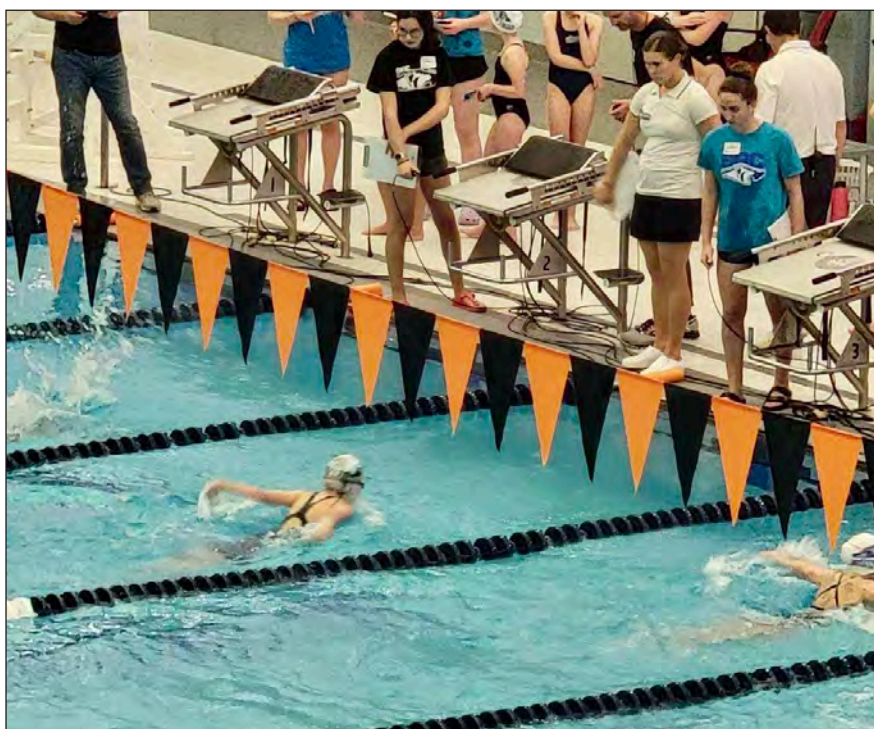
- Kaydence Crick (9) — ninth place, 100 breaststroke; 14th place, 50 breaststroke; 31st place, 50 freestyle; 37th place, 50 backstroke.

- Halley Innes (9) — fourth place, 100 butterfly. (Halley could not swim the second day of the meet due to illness.)



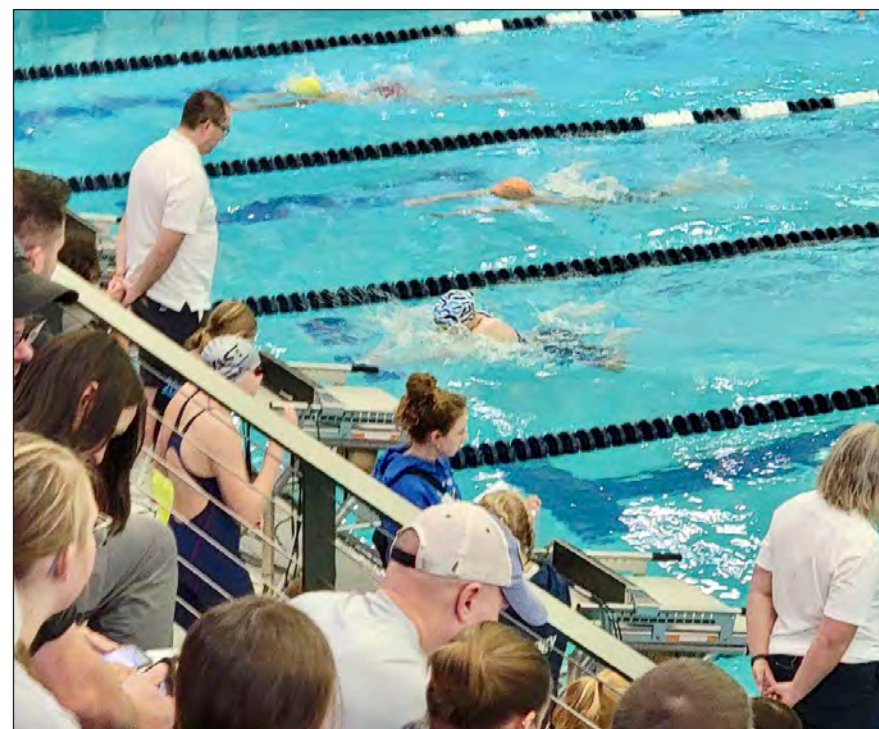
Halley Innes flies to a fourth-place finish in the 100 yard butterfly competition at the Single Age State Championships in Verona on Dec. 10.

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Peyton Crick places fourth in a heat for the 9-year-old 50 yard fly.

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Rylee Crick wins her heat in the 12-year-old 50 yard breaststroke.

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BOOKS AND STUFF

Cozy mystery centers around a special ring

After the blood and gore of dragons, I was ready for something light. I chose "Dangerous Deeds" by Beth Prentice.

Elizabeth "Lizzie" Fuller has a good job at a downtown financial firm and has been dating her boss, Scott, for 2½ years. The relationship has little to no passion, but it is stable. Lizzie has just eased into her 30s. Outwardly content, Lizzie feels "ungrounded" and, before she knows it, she has purchased a house



JAN JONES

from the estate of a woman named Avis. It is just outside the city, and Lizzie is surprised at how easy it was to convince Scott to let her work from home.

Now she has about two weeks to get the place

repaired and furnished before she must return to work. Lizzie knows she needs professional help and finds Riley, a builder who is between jobs.

To her surprise and pleasure, Riley is a total hunk, causing her repressed urges to reawaken. By the next afternoon, she has had several visitors: Scott, who won't even shake Riley's hand; her sister Molly, who drools over Riley; and her brother Danny and his partner

AT A GLANCE

BOOK: "Dangerous Deeds" (Westport Mysteries, Book 1)

AUTHOR: Beth Prentice

PUBLISHER: Beth Prentice Novels

YEAR PUBLISHED: 2017

NUMBER OF PAGES: 355

Andrew, who both ogle the handsome handyman.

While working on turning an attic bedroom into a home office, Riley finds love letters to Avis

Wittenberg-Biramwood School District Official Minutes of the Board of Education October 24, 2022

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

Roll Call of the Board: All nine Board Members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve the Minutes: (Olson/Schmidt) moved to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2022 regular meeting as circulated. 9 yes. Motion carried.

Communications & Delegations: In attendance along with Board Members were: Garrett Rogowski, Jill Resch, Cole Irish, Stuart Russ, Megan Marcks, Jill Meverden, Erin Tuskowski, Luke Reimer and Taylor Bergner.

Public Comments: Jill Meverden, Birnamwood resident, spoke to the Board.

Board Concerns or Reports: Magee shared that the Nature Center Fall Open House had record attendance with a very steady flow of people. Schairer expressed concern about a bike rack in an unsafe place in Birnamwood. Mr. Irish will take care of it. Schairer also recommended putting a lock on the community garden shed due to vandalism.

Student Representative: Taylor Bergner stated that Homecoming was a big success. She reported that a lot more students attended this year and that they were able to bring back pre-covid activities. Bergner said 8 student senate students attended the RVA Leadership meeting. Also, they will be having a new event in the high school commons on Halloween, where different organizations and student clubs will set up to give out candy similar to a Trunk or Treat.

Financial Report: (Magee/Schmidt) made a motion to pay the following as of October 24, 2022: budgetary checks numbering 107196-107451 in the amount of \$363,861.42, payroll checks numbering 142499-142508 in the amount of \$10,004.88, direct deposit advices in the amount of \$480,144.02, ACH payments in the amount of \$512,883.25 and credit card payments in the amount of \$79,729.73. Superintendent Rogowski reported a cash on deposit as of September 30, 2022 of \$4,206,649.16 and LGIP Account balance as of September 30, 2022 of \$1,755.94. Roll call vote: 9 yes. Motion carried.

Approve Agenda: (Stuart/Magee) moved to approve the agenda including closed session items: 3 personnel, 1 licensing, 1 health insurance and 1 request for the Board. Administrative Reports:

-Cole Irish, Birnamwood Elementary and Middle School Principal, went to the Homecoming parade and had very good things to say about it. Birnamwood had their first buy-in day which included Ice Cream and extra recess. McTeachers night brought in \$1134. Birnamwood is participating in a school supply drive for a Florida School that was hit by Hurricane Ian.

-Nick Firari, Wittenberg Elementary and Middle School Principal, talked about students taking part in the Heavy Metal Tour. They brought in \$837 from McTeachers. Mr. Firari thanked the PTO for Popcorn Night and for food provided for the teachers on Parent-Teacher Conference night. He also shared that Mary King, Wittenberg teacher, was honored by the NFHS and College Football Playoff Foundation for going the "extra yard."

-Stuart Russ, Wittenberg-Biramwood High School Principal, shared important dates. He talked about field trips that his students are participating in and said the high school had a great homecoming week. Mr. Russ wanted to thank the fire department for coming to manage the bonfire. He also wanted to thank Ken Matsche and The Student Senate for all of the hard work they put into Homecoming. Mr. Russ stated that Drive Your Tractor to School Day was a huge success and thanked Matt Christian and John Hoffman for setting it up. A State FFA officer was even there for it.

-Megan Marcks, Director of Pupil Services, talked about EL Services, saying 4 of the 6 kids that were recently screened are eligible. She shared that Stephanie Gruber, high

school counselor, completed the first round of teen Mental Health First Aid with the Junior class. Mrs. Gruber has one additional section to cover next trimester, then the entire grade will be trained. Mrs. Marcks also talked about a Job Fair she participated in at UWSP.

-Jeff Miller, Director of Buildings and Grounds, said they are taking care of larger items right now like winterizing the concession stand now that Football is over. For the School forest low ropes course they are clearing areas and making wood chip trails. Mr. Miller said the beginning of the heating season went well.

-Superintendent Rogowski shared WASB Regional Meeting plans.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- A. (Olson/Pietz) Moved to Approve Fuel Bids from Wagner's and Remington's that the Transportation Committee proposed. 8 Yes, 1 abstain. Motion carried. (Schmidt/Stewart) approved the Bid from Hanson Sanitation and Excavating for snow removal at Wittenberg Elementary and the High School and the bid from Meverden Excavating for Birnamwood Elementary snow removal. 8 Yes, 1 Abstain. Motion carried.
- B. (Magee/Schmidt) Moved to Approve 2022-2023 Budget as presented. Roll Call: All 9 Yes. Motion carried. (Magee/Stewart) moved to approve 2022-2023 Levy as presented. Roll Call: All 9 Yes
- C. Mr. Rogowski shared the numbers of Open Enrollment students in and out. He also gave information on the DPI 3rd Friday Report.
- D. (Stewart/Schmidt) moved to approve the following Staff Retirements:
 - Lowell Boreen, Birnamwood 2nd shift Custodian, effective November 2, 2022
 - Katie Kaufman, Wittenberg Middle School Science Teacher, effective at the end of the 22-23 school year
 - Tammy Parker, Birnamwood 2nd Grade Teacher, effective at the end of the 22-23 school year
 Motion passes. The board would like to thank these employees for everything they have given to our district.
- E. (Schmidt/Olson) Moved to approve the following Staff Hires:
 - Betsy Cummings as Birnamwood Dishwasher with a start date of October 5, 2022, compensation being \$13.06 per hour.
 - Chanda Kersten as NHS Advisor, compensation being \$500 annually.
 - Thomas Somers as 2nd shift Birnamwood Custodian with a start date of October 24, 2022, compensation being \$15.42 per hour.
 Motion carried.
- F. (Stewart/Hanson) Accepted a Donation of \$15,000 for the Nature Center Low Ropes Course from The Wisconsin Deer Hunters Association. The Board expressed their appreciation as they are doing more than just donating money.
- G. (Olson/Hanson) moved to approve the IT Capital Purchases as presented including Chromebooks, Server and Firewall.

(Stewart-Magee) moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Resch
School Board Secretary
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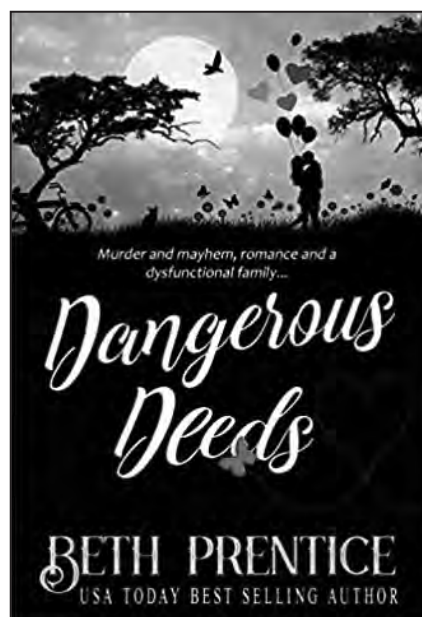
from Will and a fabulous diamond ring hidden under the floorboards. Lizzie is determined to find Will or the rightful owner and return the ring. Little does she know the can of worms that quest will be.

Friday nights have always been sibling fun nights with Molly, Danny, Andrew and Lizzie gathering at one another's home or going into the city for dinner, drinks and entertainment. Naturally, Riley is invited to join the gang.

Sundays mean dinner at Mum and Dad's. Since the siblings moved out, Gran Mabel moved in and her unfiltered behavior keeps things more than lively. Once again, Riley is included and charms them all.

Lizzie tells them about the ring but doesn't mention seeing a black sedan parked in front of the house or the feeling that someone has been inside. She also refuses to share the fact that Scott has been having an affair with his much older secretary and only using her as cover.

As Lizzie tracks the owner of the ring, she is accosted and suffers a concussion. It is evident that the ring is important enough for someone to go to great lengths to get it back. Out of nowhere, "Will's" grandson invites Lizzie to a nursing home where he introduces "Will."



The mystery unravels from there.

Once the loose ends are tied up, Lizzie is free to begin her new life as a homeowner and a solid relationship with Riley. I'm sure there will be another book for us to enjoy in this sweet, family-centered saga.

It is heartening to remember that in all circumstances, life finds a way. That affirmation can be found in all kinds of books available through your public library. This would be a great time to stop by the library and check it out.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District Board of Education Meeting December 19, 2022

December 19, 2022

5:40 P.M. - Budget and Finance

6:00 P.M. - Regular Board Meeting Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

AGENDA

- I. Meeting Called to Order, Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.84(1).
- II. Roll Call of the Board - Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Motion to Approve the Minutes of the November 28, 2022 Regular Meeting as Circulated.
- IV. Communications and Delegations
- V. Public Comments
- VI. Board Concerns or Reports
- VII. Student Representative
- VIII. Financial Report
- IX. Approve the AgendaX.
 - I. The Board will adjourn to Closed Session at the close of the meeting pursuant to WI.STATS.19.85(1)© for Personnel Matters, and 19.85 (1)(g) for Legal Matters and 19.85(1)(e) for Negotiations.
 - II. The Board will reconvene to Open Session to ratify any decisions made in Closed Session.
- XI. Administrative Reports
 - Birnamwood Elementary and Middle School
 - Wittenberg Elementary and Middle School
 - Witt-Birn High School
 - Pupil Services
- XII. Old Business
 - A. Proposed 2023-2024 Calendar for Review/Approval
- XIII. New Business
 - A. Start College Now Applications for Approval
 - B. Early Graduation Requests for Approval
 - C. Data Presentation for Information
- XIII. Adjournment

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BALLOT #3

Food/Dining:

- ☐ Bar _____
- ☐ Breakfast _____
- ☐ Burger _____
- ☐ Coffee House _____
- ☐ Dessert _____
- ☐ Dinner _____
- ☐ Family Restaurant _____
- ☐ Fish Fry _____
- ☐ Lunch _____
- ☐ Pizza _____
- ☐ Sandwich _____

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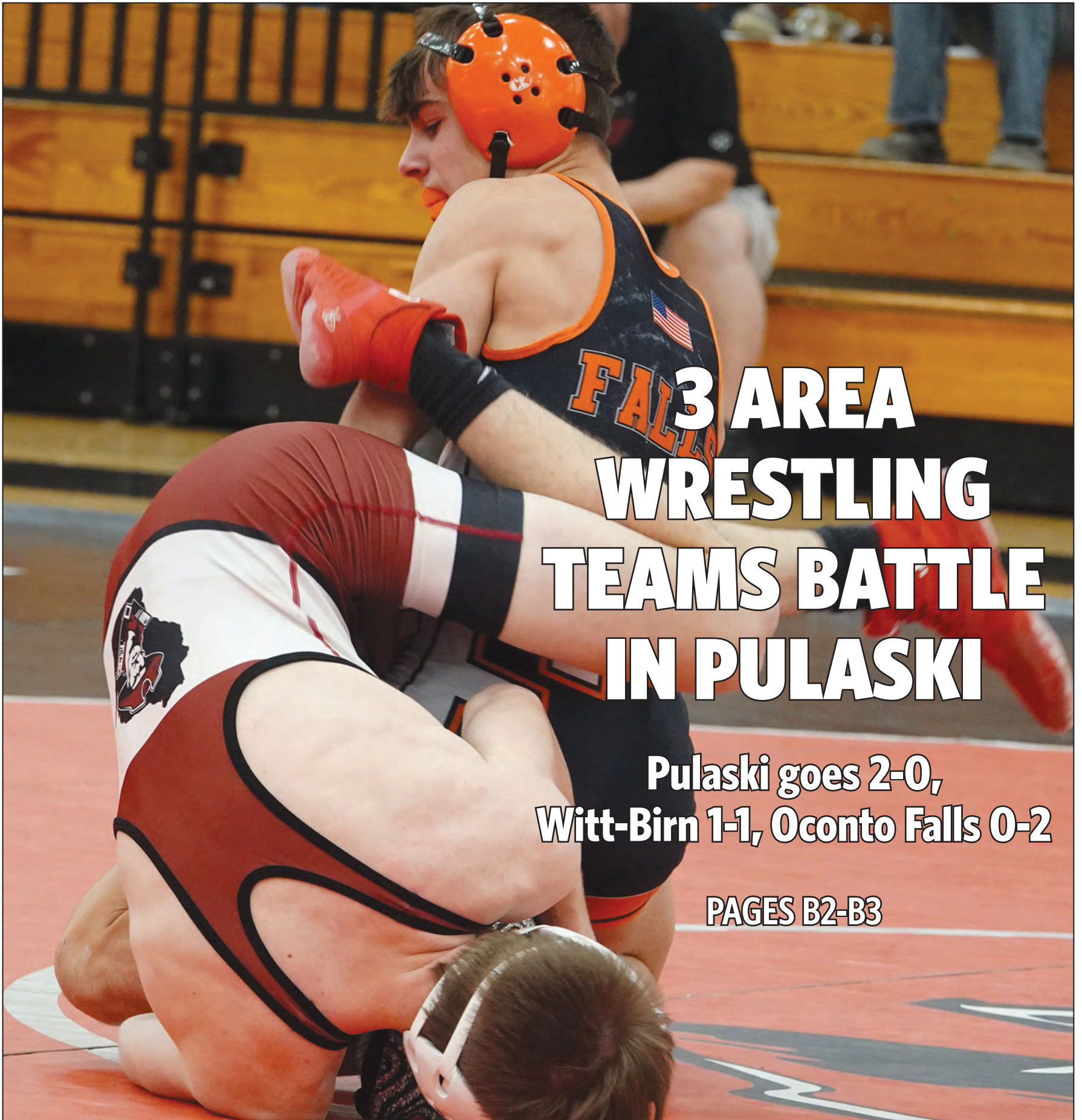
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3 AREA WRESTLING TEAMS BATTLE IN PULASKI

Pulaski goes 2-0,
Witt-Birn 1-1, Oconto Falls 0-2

PAGES B2-B3

Oconto Falls' Cole Bozile, top, and Pulaski's Conner Nooyen wrestle during a triangular on Dec. 8 in Pulaski.

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WITT-BIRN GIRLS CONTINUE WINNING WAYS, B4 • LENA GIRLS TOP SURING, B6 • ATHLETE PROFILES, B8-B9

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING



Pulaski's Ethan Eggert, top, wrestles Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Easton Davis during a triangular on Dec. 8 in Pulaski.

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Pulaski tops Witt-Birn, Oconto Falls in duals

Chargers take down Panthers in other matchup

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Pulaski High School wrestling team earned dual wins over Wittenberg-Birnamwood and Oconto Falls during a triangular on Dec. 8 in Pulaski.

Pulaski topped Witt-Birn 50-22 before defeating Oconto Falls 51-18. Witt-Birn knocked off Oconto Falls 51-27 in the first match of the night.

All three teams won regional titles a season ago and return multiple sectional individual qualifiers and state participants, so regardless of results on the mat, the night of competition was beneficial.

Pulaski fares well at home

The Red Raiders earned wins in nine of the 12 weight classes wrestled against Witt-Birn. The hosts split the eight weight classes wrestled against Oconto Falls, but had five forfeit wins to dominate on the scoreboard.

Tristan Taylor was the first Red

Raider to take the mat on the night, facing Witt-Birn's Owen Schultz at 160 pounds. Taylor got an early takedown and then a three-point nearfall before the end of the first period and then pulled off a reversal before getting a pin at the 3 minute, 31 second mark of the match.

Taylor capped the night of wrestling with a 40-second pin of Oconto Falls' Quinton McDonald.

Pulaski's Chase Woosencraft wrestled at 170 pounds against Witt-Birn's Cain Schiller. He also led 5-0 after a takedown and three-point nearfall in the first period, and then had a takedown before earning the pin in 2:29.

Woosencraft wrestled Oconto Falls' Nick Trepanier at 182 pounds, winning a 6-2 decision. He got the first takedown and then had an escape and takedown in the second period for a 5-0 lead. Trepanier got a takedown in the final period before letting Woosencraft escape for the final points.

"My first match, I kinda knew going out there that it was gonna be a bit tougher match than I've had so far since we are getting toward the better side of our competition," said Woosencraft. "I went out there, I knew I had to get the first takedown every time, that's my goal

— go out there and score the first points. Heavy on top and I picked up the fall.

"Second match, actually I had lost to that kid last year in a tough match. I wanted that match back and I showed tonight that if you put points on the board you should be in good shape."

The 182-pound match between Witt-Birn's Bryson Schmid and Pulaski's Will Friedman was one of the more entertaining matches of the night, with Schmid prevailing 11-10.

Schmid got the first takedown, but Friedman tied it with a reversal. Friedman escaped, got a takedown and then a three-point nearfall to go ahead 8-2 before Schmid scored the next three points, including a reversal. Friedman ended the second period with a reversal, but Schmid got an escape, takedown and three-point nearfall in the third period to nab the win.

Friedman picked up a forfeit win at 195 pounds against Oconto Falls.

Pulaski's Trenton Gibbons and Witt-Birn's Nathan Waupekenay faced off at 195 pounds. Gibbons got the initial takedown and eventually pinned Waupekenay in 1:44. Gibbons won by forfeit at 220 pounds against Oconto Falls.

Witt-Birn's George Seegmiller

(220) and David Gauderman (285) each picked up forfeit wins against Pulaski to tighten the match up, but the hosts claimed the next six weight classes to take the dual.

Alec Nelson got an early takedown and pinned Witt-Birn's Treyton Bierman in 45 seconds at 106 pounds.

Broc Ambrosius earned a pin in 5:36 over Witt-Birn's Cardell Long at 113 pounds. Ambrosius led 7-0 after a takedown, two-point nearfall and three-point nearfall in the first period. He upped the lead to 11 after a reversal and two-point nearfall in the second. Ambrosius had an escape and takedown in the third before finishing off the pin.

Ambrosius was a winner by forfeit at 113 pounds against Oconto Falls.

Trever Nooyen won by major decision (19-8) against Witt-Birn's Ben Miller at 120 pounds. Nooyen also won by forfeit against Oconto Falls at 120 pounds.

Miller had the first takedown in the match with Nooyen, but the Red Raider ended the first period with a reversal and three-point nearfall. Miller pulled a reversal and got a two-point nearfall to briefly grab the lead, but Nooyen led 13-8 after an escape, takedown, reversal and three-

point nearfall in the second period. Nooyen got an escape, takedown and three-point nearfall to finish off the scoring.

Ethan Eggert was also 2-0 on the night for Pulaski, winning by pin in 2:31 over Witt-Birn's Easton Davis and pin in 1:16 over Oconto Falls' Hunter Bozile, both at 126 pounds.

Against Davis, Eggert led 8-0 after a takedown and pair of three-point nearfalls in the first period. He got the pin in the second period. Eggert got the first takedown against Bozile and was able to finish off the pin in the first period.

Conner Nooyen kept Pulaski's run of wins going with an 8-0 major decision win over Witt-Birn's Devin Wuddtke. It was tied at zero after a period before Nooyen got an escape, takedown and three-point nearfall in the second. Nooyen finished off the match with a takedown in the final period.

Nooyen wasn't able to win in his second match of the evening, falling 8-6, but was pleased with the team's results as a whole.

"We wrestled really good tonight," said Nooyen. "I feel like we're getting better throughout the season. Every match, every dual we wrestle, we get better."

Colin Pratt earned Pulaski's final win against Witt-Birn, pinning Luca Pelusi in 5:05 at 138 pounds. Pratt led 2-1 after a period before an escape and takedown in the second made it 5-1. He then capped the match with a pin.

Witt-Birn wrestlers pick up hard-fought wins

Andres Sanchez earned a 14-4 major decision win over Pulaski's Cole Gorecki at 145 pounds before Witt-Birn's Nico Pelusi capped the dual with an 11-9 decision win over Pulaski's Griffin Vanlannen at 152 pounds.

Sanchez led 10-0 after one period, with a pair of two-point nearfalls and a three-point nearfall highlighting the start. He got a takedown in the second before Gorecki pulled a reversal. Gorecki got a takedown in the final period, but Sanchez finished off the match by scoring a couple more points.

"Take the losses and learn from them, get better," said Sanchez on what the team can take from the two tough duals. "At the end (of the season), hopefully you'll get really good and win those matches."

It was Vanlannen who jumped out to a 4-0 lead over Pelusi after a takedown and two-point nearfall in the opening period. Vanlannen got a takedown in the second to go up 6-1



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Ben Miller, top, takes on Pulaski's Trevor Nooyen during a dual on Dec. 8 in Pulaski.

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before a Pelusi reversal and three-point nearfall tied it.

Vanlannen escaped before Pelusi got a takedown and three-point nearfall to end the second period up 11-7. Vanlannen pulled a reversal in the third, but it was Pelusi that held on for the win.

"Not only does it strengthen us as a team, but it also improves our character," said Pelusi of wrestling two tough teams. "With this level of competition, going up against a ranked team in D1 (Pulaski), this is gonna improve our abilities and it's gonna make us adapt and overcome many situations when we're in wrestling. I feel like that's one of the main reasons for these types of meets..."

Austin Rybicki wrestled for Pulaski against Oconto Falls' Jeremy Earley at 152 pounds. Rybicki got a takedown and two-point nearfall in the opening period before Earley escaped. Rybicki had a three-point nearfall in the second before getting the pin in 3:41.

Cody Delebreau earned a forfeit win at 170 pounds for Pulaski's other win over Oconto Falls.

In Witt-Birn's win over Oconto Falls to start the night, Braeden Groshek (170), Schmid (195), Seegmiller (285), Miller (113) and Long (120) were all winners by forfeit for the Chargers.

Witt-Birn's Chase Kitsemble pinned Earley in a 152-pound match to start the dual. Earley led 2-0 after a period before Kitsemble pulled ahead 4-3 by the end of the second and then finished things with a pin at the 4:27 mark.

Schultz pinned McDonald at 160 pounds for Witt-Birn's second win

in the dual. Schultz got the initial takedown and led 6-0 before getting the pin in 2:49.

Witt-Birn's Waupekenay began his night with a pin of Nick Trepanier at 182 pounds. Trepanier started with the lead before Waupekenay scored five straight. Trepanier tied things up at five after a period, but Waupekenay pulled ahead 7-6 before getting the pin at 3:29.

Dominic Weso had Witt-Birn's other win against Oconto Falls, taking a 5-4 decision over Luke Gilbertson.

Neither wrestler scored in the opening period. Weso grabbed the lead with a late takedown and three-point nearfall at the end of the second period before Gilbertson had a three-point nearfall to tighten things up in the third. Weso held on in the waning seconds for the tight win.

Several Panthers finish 2-0

Garrett Ganter had Oconto Falls' first win against Witt-Birn, winning by forfeit at 106 pounds. He also was a winner by forfeit against Pulaski.

The Panthers ended the dual against Witt-Birn with four straight wins. Hunter Bozile had the first one after claiming a 13-6 decision over Davis at 126 pounds.

Bozile got the first takedown, but Davis rallied with an escape and takedown to grab the lead after a period. A three-point nearfall and takedown in the second helped Bozile jump back in front and then he sealed up the win with a reversal and three-point nearfall in the third.

Cole Bozile took the mat next for the Panthers, earning a pin over Wuddtke. Bozile had a pair of first-pe-

riod takedown for a 4-2 lead before an escape and takedown in the second made it 7-2. Bozile got another takedown in the third before getting the pin in 5:13.

Bozile was the one to top Conner Nooyen 8-6. Bozile had takedowns in the first and second periods to take a 4-2 lead before a reversal in the third made it 6-2. Nooyen escaped before Bozile took him down again. Another Nooyen escape and then takedown of Bozile made it 8-6 before the timer ran out.

"My first match, I knew the kid was very solid at Greco and he likes the throws," said Bozile. "I did almost get thrown once in my match, which surprised me — I was looking for it and waiting for it to come. Honestly, I just stayed sturdy on my feet, stayed fast on my toes, was ready for the re-shot most of the time and I did pretty well on my feet and scored most of my points there."

"On bottom in my matches, I just stayed ready to get off the whistle right away. At the start of the day and end of the day, you just gotta believe you can beat anybody who you want."

Parker Peterson also earned two wins for Oconto Falls on the night. He pinned Witt-Birn's Grayson Niswander and edged Pulaski's Pratt 3-2 at 138 pounds.

Peterson had the first takedown against Niswander before getting the pin at the 54-second mark. Pratt led Peterson 2-0 for most of the match, but the Oconto Falls wrestler had an escape and takedown to jump ahead before holding on for the one-point win.

Luke Trepanier also finished 2-0 for the Panthers. He pinned Witt-Birn's Sanchez before an 8-4 decision win over Pulaski's Mason Taylor.

Trepanier got a takedown and two-point nearfall to start the match against Sanchez. After Sanchez escaped, Trepanier got another takedown. In the second period, Trepanier pulled a reversal for getting the pin at the 2:47 mark.

Trepanier started his match against Taylor in a similar fashion, with a takedown and two-point nearfall before Taylor escaped. After each wrestler got one point in the second period, Trepanier escaped and got a takedown in the third and then held on late after Taylor had a reversal.

Gilbertson had Oconto Falls' first win against Pulaski, defeating Eric Sperduto 2-0 at 285 pounds. Gilbertson scored the lone points with a late takedown in the second period.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Witt-Birn stays undefeated with win over Bonduel

Chargers hold off late comeback effort from Bears

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School girls basketball team kept its undefeated season intact after fending off a late Bonduel comeback in a 55-49 victory on Dec. 9 in Bonduel.

The win pushes the Chargers to a 7-0 record, with six players scoring on the night. Freshman Rory Salvesen led Witt-Birn, scoring 22 points with four 3-point makes. Senior Reese Rogowski added another 20 points.

The loss drops Bonduel to an even 3-3 record. Sophomore Audrey Weier led the Bears in scoring with 15 points, while junior Hailey Zernicke contributed another 13.

"We knew this was going to be a big game coming into it and we were hoping to get a win to get on top of the conference," said Rogowski. "That's what we did, so we are super excited."

Defense was the name of the game for both teams as Bonduel opened with a 2-3 zone and switched to a high-tempo switching man-to-man defense, while Witt-Birn employed a press for most of the game.

Due to the defense, neither team was able to build a strong lead in the first half, as the largest lead was just three points. Both teams accomplished this, in fact Bonduel opened the game up 3-0 after an early 3-point make from junior Hailey Thompson.

Rogowski was the early driving force for the Chargers, as she accounted for six of the first nine points for the visiting team.

Tied at 9-9, Salvesen hit the first of her four 3-point makes to give the Chargers its first lead of the game. Witt-Birn did not surrender that lead until late in the first half, when Zernicke found success in the post, converting two straight layups to give the Bears a 21-19 lead.

Salvesen hit another 3-pointer to briefly give the Chargers a one-point lead. Two mid-range jumpshots from Zernicke and sophomore Josie Anvelink put the Bears back up three to end the half, 25-22.

"We talked really good — they have a girl that can drive really well



Wittenberg-Birnamwood senior Reese Rogowski, left, fights through contact from Bonduel's Hailee Thompson as she goes up for a layup during a CWC-East game on Dec. 9 in Bonduel.

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— we talked well in the gaps and helped well," said Bonduel junior Ella Hischke, on why the defense worked for Bonduel in the first half.

Witt-Birn opened the second half on a 13-2 run, led by five points from Rogowski — Salvesen made her third 3-point in that run as well. Weier hit a 15-foot jumpshot to cut the Chargers lead to six, followed by Chargers freshman Melaina Granquist matching with a post layup.

A Zernicke 3-point make was quickly followed by six straight points from the Chargers, four from Rogowski and two from senior Jami Wendler.

The Chargers eventually built a 10-point lead after two made free throws from Salvesen.

With just over five minutes left in the game, Bonduel started a furious comeback. The Bears found success getting to the paint and racking up fouls on the Chargers. After a floating layup from Weier, Bonduel got to the free throw line on its next three possessions, converting five free throws on six attempts.

Down 45-39, Bonduel kept its pres-

suring defense up, forcing the Chargers into a 10-second violation with four minutes, 27 seconds left in the game. The Bears capitalized on the turnover, as Thompson hit a 3-pointer to bring the score to 45-42.

A Salvesen layup was quickly followed by a steal and fastbreak layup from Rogowski to cushion Witt-Birn's lead to seven.

With 3:02 left in the game, Bonduel was forced into a traveling violation. From there, Salvesen hit her fourth and final triple of the night to push Witt-Birn's lead to 10.

Weier mounted her own five-point run, consisting of a layup and a subsequent free throw on a foul and two additional free throws.

Hope was still alive for Bonduel, as with 1:48 left in the game, the Bears' defense succeeded again, getting a steal, but nothing came of the offensive possession. On the Chargers' subsequent possession, it was forced into an over and back violation from Bonduel's pressuring defense.

Zernicke followed the turnover by making a post layup, to cut the deficit to three. That's when the comeback

ended, though, as the Chargers' hit three free throws to end the game.

"We just needed to focus on slowing the game down and not rushing things or turning it over," said Rogowski, on how the Chargers were able to hold off the comeback. "So we just slowed down and did what was best for us."

Hischke said that throughout the season, the Bears have been practicing against high-pressure defense and that the test against Witt-Birn will prepare them for the future.

"Every day at practice, we have been doing trapping drills and dribbling drills," said Hischke. "We have definitely improved from the first and second games, but we will get there by the end of the season."

Witt-Birn 22 33 — 55

Bonduel: 25 24 — 49

Witt-Birn (55): Reese Rogowski 5-6 20, Allison Linke 0-2 2, Rory Salvesen 4-4 22, Jami Wendler 0-0 2, Faith Resch 2-4 4, Melaina Granquist 0-0 5.

Bonduel (49): Kendra Troxel 0-2 4, Ella Hischke 4-6 8, Audrey Weier 5-5 15, Hailee Thompson 1-2 7, Josie Anvelink 0-0 2, Hailey Zernicke 0-0 13.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Lena takes down Suring in M&O battle

3 Wildcats in double figures

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Lena High School girls basketball team used a balanced attack to take down Suring 54-45 in a Marinette & Oconto Conference matchup on Dec. 5 in Suring.

The Wildcats had three players score in double figures and eventually were able to pull away from the hosting Eagles.

"I guess pushing the ball and going to Eva (Brooks) inside," said Lena coach Tim Goldschmidt on what his team did to come away with the win. "We had a height advantage on the inside, and we got a lot of fastbreak points, which was the big key."

Brooks led Lena with 18 points after hitting nine shots from the floor.

Three of her four first-half baskets came in the opening five minutes, when Lena jumped out to a 7-4 lead.

Whitney Potter connected on a pair of shots, the second being a 3-pointer, to push the Lena lead to seven, 13-6.

A couple minutes later, Brooks scored again to make it 15-9.

Suring, which was playing without Christine Sleeter and lost starter Macie Reed early on due to injury, scored the game's next eight points to go ahead 17-15.

Hailey VanRens got the run started with a basket before Bunny Cramer connected on a 3-pointer. After a Lena timeout, Cramer hit a free throw before making another shot to tie things up.

The two conference foes stayed within two points of each other for the final five-plus minutes of the half.

The game remained tight for the first couple minutes of the second half. Lena appeared to grab control with a quick 6-0 run on two Eva Brooks' field goals and two free throws from Claire Brooks, but Suring got back within one after a bucket from Birdee Cramer and triple from Bunny Cramer.

"I think coming into this year, we didn't know like who we were going to have and the younger girls stepping up, getting off the bench — knowing our role has really helped this year," said Suring's MacKenzie Bailey. "Like,



Lena's Eva Brooks takes a shot as teammate Claire Brooks (20) looks on and Suring's MacKenzie Bailey, left, Bunny Cramer, right, and Hailey VanRens defend during a conference game on Dec. 5 in Suring.

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there's some girls that don't play a lot and there's some girls that do play a lot when we need them, and we needed them tonight and they played really good."

It was again Eva Brooks that helped the Wildcats create some separation after making a couple shots, but free throws from Bunny Cramer brought the Eagles within three again. A Potter bucket was answered by a 3-pointer from Suring's Emma Kristof, but that was the closest the hosts were the rest of the game.

Natalie McNurlen converted a tough shot before two free throws from Claire Brooks and a basket from Potter gave the visitors a 41-33 advantage with about nine minutes to play.

The teams played pretty even the rest of the way, and eventually the

clock ran out, giving Lena the win.

"We're just playing one game at a time," said Goldschmidt. "We got a decent group, we can finish towards the top (of the conference) but we have to come to play every night, which we didn't for a full game tonight."

"I think the girls know that, they'll get better, they'll improve, they're a great group. We'll just do what we need to do to win and take it one game at a time, because I don't think anybody in this conference is going to go undefeated."

Along with Eva Brooks' 18-point performance, Potter and Claire Brooks also finished in double figures with 15 and 10 points, respectively.

All five Eagles that scored had over six points, led by Bunny Cra-

mer's 15 points. Bailey added nine points, while Kristof had eight.

Despite coming up short, the Eagles were pleased with their showing knowing they weren't at full strength.

"I think the girls that played more, they realized like, 'Hey, I can play varsity and keep up with these girls.' I think that will boost their confidence and then our whole team will keep going off the confidence," said Bailey.

Lena 21 33 — 54

Suring 19 26 — 45

Lena (54): Natalie McNurlen 2-5 6, Eva Brooks 0-3 18, Claire Brooks 7-10 10, Karli Fischer 0-0 2, Breanna Koslowsky 0-0 2, Whitney Potter 2-4 15, Chaela Rabas 1-2 1.

Suring (45): MacKenzie Bailey 3-4 9, Bunny Cramer 3-4 15, Emma Kristof 0-0 8, Birdee Cramer 1-3 7, Hailey VanRens 0-0 6.

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ATHLETE PROFILE: ASHLYN ALLEN

Oconto Falls senior guiding team on court

The Oconto Falls High School girls basketball team is hoping for another strong finish in the tough North Eastern Conference this winter. Senior Ashlyn Allen is one of the team's leaders and is leading the team in scoring so far this season.

Through the team's first three games, Allen was averaging 10.7 points per game. She made at least two 3-pointers in each game, and connected on three triples during a 15-point performance against Little Chute on Nov. 22.

Allen recorded five assists and four steals in a season-opening win over Menominee Indian on Nov. 17.

Q: When did your interest in basketball begin?

A: I have loved basketball ever since I was introduced to it when I was about 4 years old and I went to all my sister's (Kaelyn) tournaments and games. My dad (Dan) played a huge part in getting me involved at a young age and still is always down to shoot around with me or play a game of around the world.

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

A: Just overall spending four months with some of my best friends and getting to play the game I love. Basketball gives me friends I might not otherwise have, and I'm so thankful for that.

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

A: Basketball has taught me not only a variety of life skills, such as hard work and responsibility, but also how to be a part of something bigger than myself. You depend on your teammates the same way they depend on you, which makes you hold yourself accountable and learn to persevere when things get hard.

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

A: I always want to be someone



Oconto Falls' Ashlyn Allen looks to pass during the team's nonconference game against Menominee Indian on Nov. 17 in Oconto Falls.

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that my teammates can look up to on and off the court. I want them to be able to come to me whether it be how to run a play, where they should be in a drill, or help with homework.

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

A: I love when someone hits a big shot and it completely changes the momentum of the game. The student section goes wild, and you can feel the rush of adrenaline surrounding you, your teammates, and

the entire gym.

Q: Do you have any individual goals you hope to accomplish this winter season, and how do you plan on achieving those?

A: I want to really focus on doing the little things right which will then turn into big things. I also want to score as much as I can and create scoring opportunities for my teammates so that we can succeed as a team and potentially win all-conference awards.

Q: Being a few games into the

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Ashlyn Allen
Sport: Girls basketball
Position: Point guard, shooting guard
School: Oconto Falls High School
Year: Senior

season now, what are some aspects of the game that your team wants to improve in?

A: Right now we are working on improving our offense to decrease the times that we don't score during games. Since we don't have much height on the team, we also want to continuously improve our defense and use our quickness to our advantage.

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

A: The team always has the speaker on max volume and we jam out in the locker room. We mess around and laugh and just relax. Then right before coach (Tim Solarek) comes in, we stretch and start to focus on the game.

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

A: Beating Peshtigo in double overtime two years in a row. They were both very high-intensity games and it was super exciting to get the win after fighting so hard.

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

A: Movie — "The Maze Runner." TV show — "Bones" or "S.W.A.T." Musical artist — Taylor Swift.

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

A: I've been stung by a jellyfish!

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

A: Attend a four-year university for a degree in criminal justice and a minor in Spanish.

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ATHLETE PROFILE: DEREK SHAW

Pulaski senior one of best shooters around

The Pulaski High School boys basketball team got out to a 3-3 start to its winter season. Senior Derek Shaw has led the Red Raiders offensively, and is one of the best perimeter shooters around.

Shaw scored 19 points and hit four triples in the team's nonconference win over Wittenberg-Birnamwood on Nov. 22. He scored 14 points and hit two 3-pointers in another nonconference game against Antigo on Nov. 26.

The senior erupted for 36 points against Shawano on Dec. 3. Shaw made 12 shots from the floor, with eight coming behind the 3-point line.

Shaw hit three more 3-pointers and scored 15 points in a Fox River Classic Conference victory over Sheboygan South on Dec. 9.

The Red Raider senior was an honorable mention selection in the FRCC as a junior.

Q: When did your interest in basketball begin?

A: Ever since I can remember. My whole family has been around basketball their entire lives, I took a liking to it when I was very young.

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

A: My favorite part about the season is the team meals we have before game nights.

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

A: Never take the privileges we have for granted. There's kids out there that don't get the opportunities we get, so a mini goal for me is to try and get the most out of this opportunity that I can.

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

A: Having two senior captains I think is a really good thing. The co-captain (Gatlin Robaidek) and I have

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Derek Shaw
Sport: Boys basketball
Position: Point guard
School: Pulaski High School
Year: Senior

been around the game and experienced a lot of basketball, so I think our leadership is good for the younger guys.

Q: Talk about the work you've put in to become the shooter you are.

A: Every day in the offseason I'm in the gym getting up 3-point shots. My dad (coach Dave Shaw) was a great shooter as well, so I'm trying to keep pushing myself to become better than he was.

Q: Do you have any individual goals you hope to accomplish this winter season, and what will it take to achieve those?

A: One of my goals is I want to guard the best player on every team. That way I can pick up moves that I haven't seen before and put them to my own use. An end of the season goal also would be getting all-conference honors, or scoring my 1,000th career point!

Q: Your team is a few games into the season now. What are some aspects of the game your team wants to improve on?

A: We need to improve defensively, and also taking care of the ball.

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

A: We have team meal the night before every game. also we get in a huddle after the starting five are introduced and we give a little motivational speech to play to.

Q: What's your favorite mem-



Pulaski's Derek Shaw takes a jumpshot during a nonconference matchup against Shawano on Dec. 3 in Pulaski.

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ory of competing on the Pulaski boys basketball team?

A: Definitely sitting the bench on varsity as a freshman for the playoffs.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show and musical artist?

A: Movie — "The Lion King." TV show — "Naruto." Musical artist — Lil Baby.

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

A: I love to rock climb in my free time.

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

A: I hope to play basketball in college and get a degree in business.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Leonhard says he won't return to Wisconsin staff

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jim Leonhard, who served as Wisconsin's interim coach for the last seven games of the regular season, says he won't be back with the Badgers next year.

Leonhard tweeted Dec. 6 that he would work as Wisconsin's defensive coordinator for its Dec. 27 Guaranteed Rate Bowl matchup with Oklahoma State but wouldn't be part of new coach Luke Fickell's staff next season.

"It has been an honor to coach these young men, and thank you to all the fans who supported us along the way," Leonhard tweeted. "On Wisconsin!"

Leonhard had served as Wisconsin's defensive coordinator before getting promoted to interim coach after the Oct. 2 firing of Paul Chryst. Leonhard posted a 4-3 record and said he hoped to keep the head coach job beyond this season.

Wisconsin instead hired Fickell, who had gone 57-18 in six seasons at Cincinnati and led the Bearcats to a College Football Playoff appearance last year. Fickell said at his introductory news conference that he'd be open to including Leonhard on the staff but added that Leonhard probably would have plenty of options.

Leonhard, a former All-America safety at Wisconsin who played 10 seasons in the NFL, joined Chryst's staff in 2016 as defensive backs coach and was promoted to defensive coordinator the following year.

Wisconsin led all Football Bowl Subdivision teams in total defense (284.8 yards) and ranked second in pass defense (181.4) and third in run defense (103.4) and scoring defense (17.3 points) over a five-season stretch from 2017-21.

"It has meant the world to me to be able to pour my heart and soul into the UW football program over the last seven years," Leonhard tweeted.



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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Bonduel earns conference win at Witt-Birn

Bears get win with balanced approach

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Bonduel High School boys basketball team moved to 2-0 in Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division play after earning a 68-54 win over Wittenberg-Birnamwood on Dec. 9 in Wittenberg.

The Bears had three players score in double figures and nine players score in total while picking up their second conference road win of the week. Bonduel topped Amherst 56-51 earlier in the week.

"You don't win conference the first two games, but it's a good step in the right direction (now) that we won those two," said Bonduel's Noah Weier. "It helps us realize that, 'Hey, we're not even hitting half the shots that we can right now, and we're winning games by 10. We're winning games by five (over Amherst).' It's good experience; we know we can get one of the games early, get a win so we're more tested, battle ready. And once we start hitting shots, I think we know that we can be a great team."

The Bonduel, Witt-Birn matchup was an up-and-down affair, with neither team wasting much time during offensive possessions.

The largest lead for either team in the first 11-plus minutes of the half was just four points. Bonduel seized control after ending the half on a 10-4 run to take a 32-26 lead into the halftime break.

Weier knocked down a 3-pointer to spark the surge for the Bears. Colin Margelofsky added a basket after a steal before Brodie Hartmann connected on a 3-pointer.

Owen Springborn hit a shot for Bonduel's final points in the half. Witt-Birn's Mason Meverden and Oliver Fraaza each hit a shot to keep the hosts within striking distance.

Bonduel continued to shoot well at the start of the second half. Baskets from Charlie Tauchen, Karter Schroeder and Weier followed by a triple from Margelofsky pushed the lead to 14, 42-28, to force a Witt-Birn timeout.

Just when it looked like Bonduel



Bonduel's Charlie Tauchen, left, defends Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Michael Miller during a CWC-East game on Dec. 9 in Wittenberg.

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might pull away for good, Witt-Birn was able to slow the Bears down and start hitting some shots of their own.

Meverden hit a triple to get things started for the Chargers, and then hit another shot to start a 7-0 run from the hosts. A 3-pointer from Casey Kielman and basket from Keegan Schmid finished off the run.

Later on, Michael Miller hit a shot and Meverden knocked down another 3-pointer to get Witt-Birn within five, 47-42, with still over eight minutes to play.

"We're never just going to lay down and quit," said Meverden on the team rallying. "We're going to fight until the last second. We got a lot of guys who are going to dig deep and get the work done."

"Our ability to shoot from the outside I'd say (helped the team get back in it). Tonight, I think, was an

off night, but any time you know you can make 3s, you can easily make runs and get back into the game."

Bonduel got key baskets from Willis Bloedorn and Ryan Westrich, and then a basket from Schroeder made it a 10-point game again with seven minutes and change to play.

Over the final stretch of the game, six different Bears scored, capping an overall balanced approach from the visitors.

"What really helped us is we have a really deep bench; all 13 guys are able to play at this level," said Schroeder. "That's how we're able to keep running the court."

"It's very nice having a bunch of guys that are able to do everything — we have a lot of scorers, a lot of rebounders. We have everything that you could ever want."

Weier led Bonduel with 13 points, while Schroeder had 11 and

Westrich 10. Westrich, a freshman, provided a big spark off the bench for the Bears. The big man pulled down a bunch of rebounds was aggressive on his way to attempting five free throws.

Meverden was Witt-Birn's top scorer with 21 points. Miller was the only other Charger over four points, tallying 12 for the contest.

Bonduel 32 36 — 68

Witt-Birn 26 28 — 54

Bonduel (68): Cade Johnson 2-4 6, Colin Margelofsky 1-2 8, Brodie Hartmann 0-0 3, Ryan Westrich 4-5 10, Charlie Tauchen 4-4 9, Noah Weier 3-6 13, Karter Schroeder 1-2 11, Willis Bloedorn 1-1 5, Owen Springborn 1-2 3.

Witt-Birn (54): Michael Miller 0-0 12, Craig Wendel 3-4 3, Marshall Fraaza 0-0 4, Oliver Fraaza 0-3 4, Casey Kielman 0-0 3, Mason Meverden 0-0 21, Keegan Schmid 0-2 4, Ian Salvesen 0-0 3.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Shawano struggles offensively in home loss

Hawks limited to 11 first-half points

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Shawano Community High School girls basketball team had a difficult time getting into an offensive rhythm during its 66-32 setback to West De Pere in a Bay Conference clash held Dec. 6 in Shawano.

The Hawks were limited to three field goals and 11 points in the opening half. West De Pere then busted the game open in the second half behind some strong 3-point shooting.

In the early stages of the contest, Shawano did a great job of attacking the West De Pere defense. The Hawks drew five fouls in roughly the first four minutes. Unfortunately, the hosts only converted two of their six free throws, so the game was tied at 2-2.

A quick 8-0 West De Pere run put Shawano in a hole that it could never climb out of.

Shawano's first field goal came 6 minutes, 20 seconds into the contest when Trinity Popelka converted a shot. She also had the team's second field goal roughly 11 minutes into the game.

The Hawks' only other first-half field goal was by Abby Bystol in the waning seconds of the half.

"We knew this was going to be a tough game. I think they're expected to win conference, so we knew it was going to be tough coming out," said Bystol. "We always have a slow start; we can never really get in that rhythm.

"Defensively, we started out really good, but that really doesn't matter — I mean, it affects their score, but not really ours. You can't win if you don't shoot. We were, but they just weren't falling. We just got to get going earlier than we did."

Despite only tallying 11 first-half points, Shawano was only down 11 at halftime thanks to strong play on the defensive end. The Hawks energy spent on that side of the floor may have impacted play on offense, according to Popelka.

"It was more so the beginning of the half, we were really putting all of our effort into defense. And then on offense, we would just be standing there, and it wasn't working for us, obviously;



Shawano's Ella Stuber, left, defends during the team's conference game against West De Pere on Dec. 6 in Shawano.

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we were only at 11 at halftime."

Offense came a little bit easier in the second half for Shawano, but West De Pere was also able to tweak some things to perform better against the Hawks' zone defense.

The visiting Phantoms scored the first seven points in the second half before an Ella Stuber bucket got Shawano going. A West De Pere triple was matched by a Bystol 3-pointer.

A 7-0 West De Pere spurt made it a 23-point deficit for the Hawks.

"We did change our defense from a 3-2, which was guarding the outside more, to a 2-3, which focused more on the inside and corners," said Popelka. "But we did get wore

out. It's early in the season yet, so we did end up getting tired and we shifted slow."

West De Pere ended up hitting six 3-pointers in the second half alone to help the visitors run away with the game.

Even though the scoreboard showed a lopsided score by the time the final buzzer went off, Shawano — which was missing leading scorer Leah Nordin — still learned some things about itself.

"We can stick with teams if we come out strong," said Bystol. "We were right there, I think it was 22-11 at half."

"If we put our mind to it, we can

do it," Bystol continued. "That's all we need. We need confidence."

Bystol led the team with seven points. Stuber and Popelka each chipped in six points.

West De Pere 22 44 — 66
Shawano 11 21 — 32

West De Pere (66): Alanna Noggle 0-0 2, Faith Walder 5-7 11, Katie Waukau 0-0 10, Noelle Runke 0-2 2, Madisyn Berggren 0-0 12, Ava Hoffman 0-2 0, Ava VanEss 0-0 3, Ella Francois 4-5 22, Victoria Karchinski 0-0 4, Anna Rattray 0-1 0.

Shawano (22): Darcie Erdmann 0-0 4, Marissa Tomashek 2-5 2, Ella Stuber 2-4 6, Trinity Popelka 0-1 6, Braylyn Babino 1-2 3, Abby Bystol 0-2 7, Brynlie Boyles 2-2 4.

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Rick Kamps named new coach at Pulaski

He's coached the sport for 22 years

Rick Kamps is the new Pulaski High School varsity track and field coach.

He replaces Kim Noe, who resigned after last season.

"We are excited to have coach Kamps take over as the head varsity track coach at Pulaski High School," said athletic director Janel Batten. "Rick has been a coach and teacher here for years. We are excited to have him lead our track athletes and coaches."

Kamps is a technical education teacher at Pulaski High School for Project Lead the Way Engineering,



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He previously taught in the Howard-Suamico, Gillett and Marion districts prior to coming

to Pulaski in 2016.

Kamps has spent six years as a girls track head coach at Bay Port and Green Bay East high schools and 16 years as a high school track assistant coach. He is also an assistant football coach at PHS and a WIAA-certified basketball official. He also spent two years as activities director at Mari-

nette High School.

Kamps, a Crivitz native, earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education (broad field in social studies and political science) from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in 1993 and a master's degree in educational administration in 2008 from the University of Scranton.

Kamps lives in Green Bay with his wife of 18 years, Lynn. They have five children: Jamie (Dante) Sabel, Stephany Bouchea, Haley (Cody) Gille, Karstin Van Stechelmann and Braden Kamps, a junior at PHS, and six grandchildren.

Kamps was a three-sport athlete at Crivitz, earning four track, three football and three basketball letters. He was a member of a 4x200-meter relay team that held a WIAA state record for 20 years.

He was Crivitz's first member of the annual WFRV all-star football team as a defensive back. He also competed in the decathlon at Scottsdale (Arizona) Community College as a member of the Fighting Artichokes' track team.

As a freelancer, Kamps produced statistical graphics for NFL on FOX game broadcasts for 25 years. In that role, he traveled to NFL stadiums throughout the country as well as working four games in London. Since COVID, he has produced those graphic packages from home.

Now, he's stepping into a new challenge.

"I'm just excited to take over and try to build the program to where we are competing for conference championships," Kamps said.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Wisconsin Lutheran College

Pulaski High School graduate Trevor Stiede provided strong play off the bench for the Wisconsin Lutheran College men's basketball team last week.

Stiede recorded 13 points and three assists across 29 minutes during a one-point loss to Benedictine on Dec. 6. Stiede tallied nine points, five rebounds, four assists and a steal across 13 minutes in a win over Dominican on Dec. 10.

Bonduel graduate Carson Ro-baidek played four minutes against Dominican, dishing out one assist.

Bonduel graduate Kara Troxel continued to earn double-digit minutes off the bench for the WLC women's basketball team last week.

In 18 minutes and a win over Benedictine on Dec. 7, Troxel recorded two points, three rebounds and one block. Troxel played 19 minutes during a lopsided win over Dominican on Dec. 10, tallying 14 points, three assists and one rebound.

UW-Parkside

Pulaski graduate Sheridan Flauger started three games and helped the UW-Parkside women's basketball team to a 2-1 record last week.

In a loss to Lewis on Dec. 6, Flauger recorded five points, six rebounds, four assists and a steal

across 33 minutes.

Flauger tallied three points, four rebounds, three assists and a steal across 21 minutes and a win over Saginaw Valley State on Dec. 9. Flauger was credited with 15 points, six assists, two rebounds and a steal across 31 minutes and a win over Wayne State on Dec. 11.

St. Cloud State University

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

Litt recorded two points across five minutes during the team's win over the University of Mary on Dec. 9. She grabbed a rebounds in two minutes of action during a win over Minot State on Dec. 10.

Grand Canyon University

Wittenberg-Birnamwood graduate Wyatt Dickman helped the Grand Canyon men's swim team to two dual wins on Dec. 10.

Dickman won the 100-yard breaststroke in 55.01 seconds and 400 IM in 4:03.27 while also swimming on the top-finishing 200 medley relay (1:30.96).

Concordia University

Shawano grad Rachel Reed has played in four games for the Concordia women's basketball team so far this winter season.

In a loss to Illinois Wesleyan on Nov. 11, Reed had an assist. Reed

tallied six points, five rebounds and an assist during a win over the Milwaukee School of Engineering on Dec. 7.

Reed posted three points and three rebounds in a win over Illinois Tech on Dec. 10.

Saginaw Valley State University

Shawano graduate Tori DePerry scored in double figures twice for the Saginaw Valley State women's basketball team last week.

In a loss to UW-Parkside on Dec. 9, DePerry tallied 15 points, six rebounds, one assist and one steal across 33 minutes.

DePerry contributed 22 points, nine rebounds and four assists during the team's one-point win over Purdue Northwest on Dec. 11.

Augsburg University

Bonduel grad Max Sokolski tied for fifth place while wrestling at the 165-pound weight class for Augsburg at the North Central College Invitational on Dec. 10.

Sokolski went 5-1 on the day, with two wins by pin, two major decision wins and a technical fall win. He rattled off four straight wins after falling in his second match.

UW-Milwaukee

Shawano graduate Isabel Roloff began her collegiate career by competing in two events for the UW-Milwaukee women's track and field team at the Blue Demon Holiday

Invite on Dec. 9.

Roloff placed 10th in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.86 seconds. She came in 12th in the 200 dash with a mark of 26.58 seconds.

University of Missouri

Oconto Falls grad Clayton Whiting placed first in the 184-pound weight class while wrestling for Missouri at the UNI Open on Dec. 10.

Whiting opened his day with a 3-1 decision win before winning by technical fall, 17-1. The freshman wrestler earned a 3-2 decision win in his next match to finish in first.

Bemidji State University

Shawano graduate Brooke Theis started both of the Bemidji State women's basketball games last week.

She posted two points and one offensive rebound across 23 minutes during a loss to MSU-Moorhead on Dec. 9. Theis grabbed three rebounds and dished out an assist across 12 minutes in a loss to Northern State on Dec. 10.

Cardinal Stritch University

Gillett grad Aubrey DeBauch turned in a strong effort off the bench during the Cardinal Stritch women's basketball team's loss to Governors State on Dec. 7.

Across 11 minutes, DeBauch tallied four points, four rebounds, two steals and one assist.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

WRESTLING

Bozile leads Panthers at Battle on the Bay

Oconto Falls' Cole Bozile earned a third-place finish in the 132-pound weight class to lead the team at the Battle on the Bay on Dec. 10 in Green Bay.

Oconto Falls placed 19th as a team and scored 186 points.

Garrett Ganter placed sixth at 106 pounds for the Panthers.

Hawks' Young 2nd at tournament

Shawano's Caden Young placed second in the 170 weight class at the Battle on the Bay on Dec. 10 in Green Bay.

Shawano took 29th as a team with 98½ points.

Full results can be found at www.trackwrestling.com.

Witt-Birn 2nd at invite

Witt-Birn scored 173 points to place second at the Neenah Invite on Dec. 9 in Neenah. Only Neenah (237) scored more points.

David Gauderman led the Chargers with a first-place finish in the 220-pound weight class. Ben Miller (113), Devin Wudtke (132), Nico Pelusi (152) and Braeden Groshek (170) all came in second.

Easton Davis (126), Andres Sanchez (145) and Owen Schultz all took third for Witt-Birn.

Bonduel claims 8th at invite

Bonduel came in eighth place at the Neenah Invite on Dec. 9 in Neenah, scoring 92½ points.

Jaxon Bogacz led Bonduel with a first-place finish in the 106-pound weight class.

Donovan Vigue (160) and Tyson Bogacz (182) both came in second place for Bonduel. Parker Perry (170) grabbed third place for the Bears.

Tyson Bogacz earned his 100th career win during the invite.

Lena takes 9th in Neenah

Lena scored 82½ points to take ninth place at the Neenah Invite on Dec. 9 in Neenah.

Sam Marquardt placed second at 145 pounds to lead Lena on the night.

Dylan Comins (120) and Max Peterson (138) both earned third-place finishes for the Wildcats.

Whiting leads Oconto

Falls girls in Brillion

Taylor Whiting earned a first-place finish in the 107-pound weight class to lead Oconto Falls at the Brillion Invite on Dec. 9 in Brillion.



Oconto Falls' Hunter Bozile, right, and Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Easton Davis wrestle during a dual on Dec. 8 in Pulaski.

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Whiting pinned her first opponent before winning an 8-1 decision in the title match.

London LeSage (106) claimed second place for the Panthers.

3 Hawks take 2nd at invite

Onna Hermann (126), Piper Novitski (145) and Hatty Fritz (235) all earned second-place finishes for the Shawano girls team at the Brillion Invite on Dec. 9 in Brillion.

Courtney Schenk (145) and Vivian Waldburger (152) both earned third-place finishes for the Hawks.

Shawano 50

Bonduel 30

Shawano picked up a nonconference dual win over Bonduel on Dec. 8 in Bonduel.

Dylan Gartner (106), Mason Theis (220) and Wahkeenyah Waukau (285) all won by pin for Shawano. Caden Young (170) picked up a technical fall win, while Conner Chelberg (195) earned a decision win.

Damien Heyrman (120), Alex Montour (132), Drake Herm (145) and

Dylan Hodkiewicz (152) all won by forfeit for the Hawks.

All five of Bonduel's wins came by pin, with Jaxon Bogacz (113), Hailey Berg (126), Maddy Sokolski (138), Donovan Vigue (160) and Tyson Bogacz (182) earning the wins.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bowler 52

Tigerton 20

Bowler took down Tigerton in a Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division matchup on Dec. 8 in Tigerton. The Panthers led 30-8 at halftime.

Isabella Stevens scored 20 points for Bowler, while Natalie Rickert added 12 points.

Abby Swartz scored 11 points and grabbed nine rebounds for Tigerton.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Bowler 56

Tigerton 45

Bowler topped Tigerton in a Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division clash on Dec. 9 in Bowler.

Emmitt Kietlinski led a balanced Bowler offensive attack with 14 points. Beau Brunner added 12 points, while Nathan Webster had 10 points.

Ryder Graham tallied 14 points, six rebounds and three steals for Tigerton. Asher Michaelis added eight points, 16 rebounds and four assists, while Maverick Maas scored nine points. Loghan Wanta chipped in seven points and six rebounds.

Pulaski 75

Sheboygan South 47

Pulaski rolled to a Fox River Classic Conference win over Sheboygan South on Dec. 9 in Pulaski.

Brady Wotruba knocked down four 3-pointers and scored 16 points for Pulaski. Derek Shaw and Colin Schultz each hit three triples and added 15 points.

Derek Block chipped in eight points for the Red Raiders. Gatlin Robaidek contributed seven points.

Shawano 83

Menasha 48

Shawano routed Menasha in a Bay Conference contest on Dec. 6 in Menasha. Shawano led 42-17 at halftime.

Michael Metcalf-Grassman led Shawano with 18 points, while Brandon Reed provided 17 points.

Jacob Landon and Logan Sipple each scored 10 points for Shawano. Julian Perez chipped in eight points.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Conference realignment would affect several area teams

Changes being reviewed for 2024 season

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Conference Realignment Task Force voted Dec. 6 on 35 football-only requests in the first meeting of the membership's realignment review process for the 2024 and 2025 seasons.

Twenty-seven plans either requested placement in a conference or requested relief from their current conference affiliation in 11-player football.

Although none of the plans advanced were as specified in the respective proposals, information provided in 14 of the plans were modified and advanced for further review by the task force.

In addition, eight of the plans submitted for 8-player football conference realignment were referenced to modify conference alignment throughout the entire state in an all-encompassing plan advanced by the task force for further consideration.

The extensive football conference realignment plans are outlined with links to the detailed proposed conference affiliations on the "Requests and Proposals" option on the WIAA's Conference Realignment webpage at www.wiaawi.org/Schools/Confer-



The Menominee Indian football team lines up on defense against Waupun on Aug. 25 in Keshena. The Eagles are one of several area football teams that could be impacted by the proposed conference realignment.

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The proposal would cause several changes to area football programs.

Menominee Indian will move from 11-player to 8-player, joining the Across the Bay Conference that includes Algoma, Green Bay NEW Lutheran co-op, Gibraltar, Gillett, Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, Marion/Tigerton and Sevastopol.

Pulaski would play in the Fox Valley Area 3 Conference, going up against Ashwaubenon, Green Bay Southwest, Green Bay West, Menasha, Notre Dame, Oshkosh North and West De Pere.

Suring would move to the Northeast Conference in 8-player ball. Elcho/White Lake, Florence, Niagara, Pembine/Goodman, Three Lakes/Phelps, Wabeno/Laona and Wausaukee would fill out the conference.

Bowler/Gresham would move to the Mideast Conference at the 8-player level. Almond-Bancroft, Faith Chris-

tian, Newman Catholic, Port Edwards, Tri-County and Wild Rose would fill up the conference.

Shawano would remain in the Bay Conference, with Fox Valley Lutheran, New London, Seymour, Waupaca, Winneconne and Xavier filling out the conference. Bonduel would still be in the Packerland, with conference opponents of Kewaunee, Marinette, Mishicot, Oconto, Peshtigo, Southern Door and Sturgeon Bay.

Oconto Falls would remain in the Northwoods, with Clintonville, Coleman, Crandon, Crivitz, Manawa, Northland Pines and Shiocton filling up the conference. Wittenberg-Birnamwood would still be in the Central Wisconsin Conference-Large, with opponents of Amherst, Colby, Loyal/Greenwood, Marathon, Spencer/Columbus Catholic, Stratford and Weyauwega-Fremont.

Newly affected schools with the modified solutions are invited to ap-

pear and provide feedback during a virtual meeting scheduled for Jan. 5.

All schools impacted by the modified realignment plan may provide feedback prior to and during the task force meeting on Jan. 12. In addition, schools that submitted requests, which were not advanced at the Dec. 6 meeting may appeal the decision at the Jan. 12 meeting before the task force finalizes the modified solutions.

Plans that are advanced from the January meeting will be reviewed by the Board of Control to make a final determination on each of the proposals at its March 7 meeting.

Appeals, if successful, will be communicated with the membership and re-evaluated by the task force.

If the revised solutions are approved on appeal, they will be submitted to the Board of Control for consideration in March with any modifications and solutions communicated to the membership.

RECREATION SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

Chet and Emil's Monday Women's League

Team	W	L
Star Campsite	28	20
Cady Home	24	24
Banner Banks	21 1/2	26 1/2
Chet and Emil's	21 1/2	26 1/2

High team handicap games: Star Campsite 785, Cady Home 735, Banner Banks 683.

High individual scratch games: Julie Stewart 222, Alicia Schinzel 198, Kim Zeller 192, Barbara Praslowicz 181, Cindy Mortenson 170, Tracy Anderson 169.

High team handicap series: Star Campsite 2,112, Cady Home 2,060, Chet and Emil's 2,004.

High individual scratch series: Kim Zeller 540, Alicia Schinzel 508, Cindy Mortenson 477, Jen Duranceau 472, Julie Stewart 466, Tanya Rekow 456.

Lakeshore Masters — Lakeshore Lanes

Team	W	L
Golfside	48	16
Farmall Fanatics	44 1/2	19 1/2
Launching Pad	41 1/2	22 1/2
Dearco Distributors	40	24

Northern Advantage	35	29
Bamboo	31 1/2	32 1/2
Rosie's Railway	31 1/2	32 1/2
Lakeshore Lanes	31 1/2	32 1/2
Brother's	29 1/2	34 1/2
Shawano Auto Sales	20	44
Full Service Tents	19	45
Pin Pricks	12	52

High team scratch games: Launching Pad 752, Golfside 714, Dearco Distributors 683.

High individual scratch games (top 7): Don Pedersen 289, Ed Brusky 258, Zack Ruehle 258, Todd Schertz 258, Tom Hoffman 257, Carson Malueg 257, John Teller 251.

High team scratch series: Golfside 2,046, Launching Pad 1,943, Bamboo 1,936.

High individual scratch series (top 7): Zack Ruehle 734, Carson Malueg 710, Todd Schertz 702, Ed Brusky 698, Jeff Arndt 693, Don Pedersen 680, Mark Schachtschneide 673.

Chet and Emil's Tuesday Commercial

Team	W	L
Chet and Emil's	30	9

Kautza Excavating	27	12
Schmidt Schulta	20	19
Clark Construction	20	19
White Insurance	15	24

High team scratch games: Chet and Emil's 1,085, Clark Construction 962, White Insurance 926.

High individual scratch games: Jeremy Praslowicz 289, Brandon Resch 256, Jordan Wanta 253, Dave Schultz 253.

High team scratch series: Chet and Emil's 3,147, Clark Construction 2,776, White Insurance 2,699.

High individual scratch series: Jeremy Praslowicz 799, Dave Schultz 705, Andy Hegewald 684.

Chet and Emil's Thursday Early Birds

Team	W	L
Schairer Farms	18	10
Rightway Propane	16	12
Stadler Farms	13	15
M and J Harvesting	9	19

High team scratch games: Rightway Propane 618, Schairer Farms 610, Stadler Farms 553.

High individual scratch games: Susan Zeinert 194, Kim Zeller 193, Katie Hanke 188, Tricia Schairer 184.

High team scratch series: Rightway Propane 1,792, Schairer Farms 1,781, M and J Harvesting 1,581.

High individual scratch series: Susan Zeinert 531, Kim Zeller 496, Kristine Beran 474, Tricia Schairer 472.

Chet and Emil's Wednesday Business

Team	W	L
Karcz Lending	24	15
CWAA	24	15
S and M Tool	23	16
Rew Motors	22	17
Kropf's Meat	17	22
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2	Sunday, September 18	CHICAGO BEARS	7:20 p.m.	NBC
3	Sunday, September 25	at Tampa Bay Buccaneers	3:25 p.m.	FOX
4	Sunday, October 2	NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	3:25 p.m.	CBS
5	Sunday, October 9	vs New York Giants (London)	8:30 a.m.	FOX
6	Sunday, October 16	NEW YORK JETS	*12 p.m.	FOX
7	Sunday, October 23	at Washington Commanders	*12 p.m.	FOX
8	Sunday, October 30	at Buffalo Bills	*7:20 p.m.	NBC
9	Sunday, November 6	at Detroit Lions	*12 p.m.	FOX
10	Sunday, November 13	DALLAS COWBOYS	*3:25 p.m.	FOX
11	Thursday, November 17	TENNESSEE TITANS	7:15 p.m.	prime video
12	Sunday, November 27	at Philadelphia Eagles	*7:20 p.m.	NBC
13	Sunday, December 4	at Chicago Bears	*12 p.m.	FOX
14	Monday, December 19	BYE WEEK		
15	Sunday, December 25	LOS ANGELES RAMS	7:15 p.m.	ESPN
16	Sunday, January 1	at Miami Dolphins	12 p.m.	FOX
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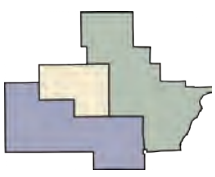


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HOP ON THE TRAIN

'Polar Express' warms up St. Paul Christmas event

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Charlie Beardsley, 6, of Bonduel, watches as Aaron Landgrave, principal of St. Paul Lutheran School, punches his ticket Dec. 8 for the Christmas event at the school in Bonduel.

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St. Paul Christmas event makes kids believe

Principal brings 'Polar Express' experience from former school to turn holidays bright

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Aaron Landgrave showed a very different side to himself Dec. 8 as students and their families arrived at St. Paul Lutheran School for a Christmas celebration.

Most with a connection to St. Paul are used to seeing the school principal with a beard and dressed more like he belongs in an educational institution. Many were surprised to see Landgrave dressed up like the conductor for the movie "The Polar Express" and reducing his facial hair to just a mustache.

However, the holiday movie persona helped add some flavor to an event that the St. Paul Parent Teacher League has held for years, as children came through and got their tickets punched to go down the makeshift railroad track in the school's hallway. In one classroom, the story of "The Polar Express" was being read. In another, Santa Claus was holding court and listening to what students wanted for Christmas. Then there was the lunch room, where the school's book fair was being held. Families got to enjoy hot cocoa and other baked goodies, and they also worked on craft projects.

Landgrave had previously done an experience with "The Polar Express" when he was at a parochial school in Chicago.

"He wanted to bring that over when he came here," said Emily Lohrentz, PTL president. "We put little bells in each of the kids' pockets, and we printed out some tickets for the kids and stuff."



Nichole LeClair, a volunteer with the St. Paul Lutheran School Parent Teacher League, reads "The Polar Express" to a group of students as the image of a lit fireplace appears behind her in a classroom during the school's Christmas event.

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The bells were a big hit with the children, many of them telling their friends and parents that they had no idea how the bells got there. At the beginning of the event, when they presented their tickets, Landgrave asked the prerequisite "Do you believe?" before punching those tickets and sending the children on their way.

The PTL has done a Christmas event for years where there would be crafts and Santa's workshop, according to Lohrentz. This year, the book fair was included in the holiday festivities, she said, and then Landgrave came up with the idea of the "train" experience to add to the event.

St. Paul's event was simply to herald in the Christmas season, but when Landgrave came up with the idea eight years ago in Chicago, the event had the dual purpose of enrolling students, as that time was an admission period.

"We thought, 'How can we get people here and enrolled for next year?' So we came up with this 'Polar Express' thing," Landgrave said.

He noted that families that participated in the event then got to register at half-price; by the end of the first event, almost all of the students were registered for that new year. Many of the students who registered came from other schools, enticed by the 'Polar Express' experience, with Landgrave noting that the school's enrollment increased by 27 students that year.

"It was a marketing tool, but since then, I've done it every year," Landgrave said. "Then last year, I did it at

a bookstore. I've done it with comfort dogs. My wife would read the story, and I would be the conductor."

Landgrave identifies with "The Polar Express" not only as a holiday story but also because of his grandfather's profession.

"My grandpa was born in 1892, and he was a conductor for like 30 or 40 years," Landgrave said, clarifying, "It was more about getting kids excited for Christmas. It wasn't anything about us."

Landgrave's persona as the conductor extends to the classic pocket watch he carries. He said he spent \$150 on the timepiece but noted the train's always running on time because he didn't wind up the pocket watch to actually tell the time.

"I just don't wind it because I don't want it to break," Landgrave said.

For Lohrentz, there's no better way to observe the holiday season.

"I hope they have fun with their families and their friends and they also remember the true meaning of Christmas," Lohrentz said. "Christmas is such a magical time for the kids, so we like to see that they all have fun and enjoy it. It's even better with their family and their friends."



Adelynn Ford, 7, of Shawano, tells Santa Claus what she wants for Christmas on Dec. 8 in a classroom at St. Paul Lutheran School.

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Local hero recognized at company party

Schmidt saved Paquette's life when Paquette was 4

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

During Cirrinity's Dec. 10 annual company party at Maple Hills Golf Course in Wittenberg, one employee was recognized for a life-saving scenario from 28 years ago.

Jeremy Paquette, who was invited to the party with his family, honored Dave Schmidt, because Schmidt helped to save Paquette's life when he was just 4 years old. According to Sylvia Nueske, Paquette's grandmother, she and her husband were watching Jeremy and his brother, when Jeremy wanted to ride on a big lawnmower.

As his brother was mowing the lawn, Nueske said, that he got to the end of the yard, when he started backing up, not realizing that Jeremy was running behind the mower, wanting to get a ride.

Nueske said she was chasing him and yelling for him to stop, but due to the noise of the mower, the brother couldn't hear her. At the same time, Nueske said, a telephone line repairman — Dave Schmidt — was on a pole working and heard the commotion. Schmidt started waving his hands frantically and got the attention of the lawnmower operator to stop the vehicle and in essence saved Paquette's life.

"That saved the day of our little grandson being very much injured or maybe having his life taken," said Nueske. "We have been so blessed. We are so thankful."

Paquette said that the Cirrinity company party was the first time that he had actually met Schmidt and while their relationship had not been developed, it started 28 years ago.

"I have never met him before today, but when I was 4 — that is when our relationship started," said Paquette. "It is nice to meet him. It is nice to know who it is that literally gave me the biggest blessings of my life."

Without Schmidt's actions that day, Paquette said, there would have been no opportunity for him to meet his wife and have children.



Dave Schmidt, far left in white, and Jeremy Paquette, middle in blue, stand next to a plaque recognizing Schmidt for his efforts in saving Paquette's life. Paquette said that the greatest result from his life being saved from Schmidt was that he was able to start a family and carry on to his next chapter in life.

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"That is the result of him saving my life," said Paquette. "It has been a dream come true to get married and have kids, and I realized that would have never happened without his quick actions."

Because it has been 28 years since the event and since the last time Paquette and Schmidt had any communication, Paquette said that he was overwhelmed with emotion.

"I have never really known who he was or if I would ever meet him," said Paquette. "I felt like I always knew him, though, because he was such a big part of my life."

At the event, along with his family, Paquette bought gifts for Schmidt and his wife, including shirts that say "Hero" and "Mrs. Hero" and a plaque honoring Schmidt and calling him a "Local Hero."

"I just want him to know that we have not forgotten about him," said Paquette. "My mom contacted him a couple years ago and he did not

remember, but it's just being in the right place at the right time and just doing what a good person would do. This is always a story that my family tells."

Paquette said that due in part to Schmidt and this story, his son has become interested in vehicles and what Paquette describes as "anything that moves." He said that he is using this story as a lesson for him and his son to be more careful around farming vehicles.

"It is even good for me to remember what happened and to keep a close eye on my son," said Paquette.

As for Schmidt, he was surprised to see the boy that he had saved 28 years ago show up with his family at Cirrinity's company party, something that Cirrinity CEO Scott Nyman has been working on for weeks.

"It is amazing that they reached out and that they are here," said Schmidt, noting that he doesn't

remember much of the incident. "He has been thinking about this on and off for years — it's great. It is also great to know that there are still good people out there."

Schmidt said that it is a great feeling to know that even after all of these years, the family is still thankful for his actions and that they haven't stopped thinking about him.

"It feels like I am appreciated," said Schmidt, pointing to the gifts and the kind words. "I wasn't looking for appreciation or anything when it happened. I was just doing my job."

He added that in general, he was just happy that a tragedy was avoided and that Paquette was able to start a family and live his life to the fullest.

"It is amazing and mind-boggling to see him with his own family now," said Schmidt.

FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Christmas Eve was always a special time

Since I was a little girl growing up on a farm, I had always resonated with the Christmas story of the babe lying snug in a simple manger. I knew



KAY REMINGER

mangers. My first thought as a small child was: How did baby Jesus not get licked in the face by a cow? I knew cows. I had more than once been gobsmacked by a cow tongue. The sensation of a

wet, sandpaper tongue across an arm or a chubby cheek not easily forgotten.

We fed dry-hay wafers to our cows back in the day and, as a kid, that was a job I could handle. On Christmas Eve, I would always give a double wafer to the cows, whispering to each in turn.

"There you go, an extra present because tonight is a special night."

I giggled softly to myself, not wanting my sisters or brother to know that secretly, like Santa, I was delivering a special gift to each cow. If my dad realized one or two more bales were used than normal, he never said anything. Perhaps he knew and, smiling quietly, let his small daughter keep her secret.

Saturday nights were our usual weekly bath night. Yes, just one a week.

We'd all take turns in pretty much the same bathwater, sometimes one or two of us girls at once. While Mom pin-curled each girls' still-damp hair, we'd sit in front of the TV on an armless chair anticipating the champagne pop, along with the theme song signaling the start of "The Lawrence Welk Show." Enthralled with the beauty and ease of the people gliding across the stage, I gaped in awe at the elegant women with their flawless makeup and hair, their stylish dresses. Mesmerized, we didn't even fidget nor feel the tug of the bobby pins.

Christmas Eve felt even more special than a Saturday night with Lawrence Welk. We'd all get dressed in our finest, Dad and my brother in a suit with a tie and us girls in dresses. St. John's in Marion held candlelight Christmas Eve services. We always attended church on Sunday mornings; never ever was there a night service, except for Christmas Eve. This, then, added to the holy height of a very special time.

When the candles were lit, the big



The Christmas story is all laid out in a Nativity scene at the corner of Lieg Avenue and Lincoln Street in Shawano.

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overhead hanging lights were darkened and a reverent hush crept across all. The entire congregation sang "Silent Night" by the light of many singularly burning candles, handheld by young and old alike.

I was disappointed when the song ended and the lights came back on. Although a Lutheran church always sings every verse plus the chorus, I didn't want it to end! Curious as to the origins of this precious hymn, I did a bit of research and according to www.silent-night-museum.org, "The version of Silent Night as it is traditionally sung in English, has only three verses which are the first, second and last verse of the six original verses." I'm pretty sure if St. John's would have known the earliest "Silent Night" had six verses, we'd have sung all six.

One special Christmas Eve, Santa had left a burlap bag bulging full of presents leaning on our outside porch door. We came home from church and four pairs of eyes were round and unblinking as we caught sight of it.

That was the only Christmas Eve I can recall that Santa had not left presents under the tree, but in a burlap sack leaning on the door.

"Mom?" We chided together in wonderment. "Why did Santa leave our presents outside?"

"He must have been running behind tonight, I bet. No time to come down the chimney."

Much later, when I had children of my own, was I only able to completely appreciate the sheer cunning of my mom and dad, how clever of them. How much did it take for my mom to purchase, wrap and then tuck all of those presents in a burlap sack without any one of her very curious small children noticing? We were all joined at the hip working, playing, fighting, eating, going to church — always together.

We were taught Christmas wasn't just Santa. Oh, for sure he played a part in the presents, but we always knew Jesus was why we were celebrating. I felt sad when kids just talk-

ed about getting presents. Although I never said anything, I thought in my small mind, does Jesus get hurt feelings not getting invited to His own birthday party?

As an adult in this crazy, yet magnificent world in which we live, I get that same sad feeling, and want to shout it out loud: Jesus is why we celebrate! He is worth celebrating, coming to earth as a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a simple manger, bringing good tidings of great joy to one and all.

("For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, and this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." Luke 2:11-12)

Merry Christmas, everyone.

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

Holiday plants make homes more festive

The holiday season is upon us, and giving the gift of wonderful indoor plants is a popular theme. Better yet, use holiday plants to decorate your own home during this festive time of year. There are many excellent choices that make gift giving and decorating fun.

Of course, when we think of Christmas, we think poinsettias. Classic in traditional red, as well as pink, white and streaked colors, poinsettias have come a long way. Now, it is common to find poinsettias in all colors of the rainbow, thanks to dyes and glitter. Whether you like the classic colors or want to experiment with holiday orange, copper, bronze and glitter, there is a poinsettia out there for you. I've even seen poinsettias dyed green and yellow for fun



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Packer-themed décor.

Amaryllis bulbs are another classic holiday treasure. These fast-growing, winter-blooming bulbs are simple and fun, as well as elegant. Flowers can be as large as summer lilies, in a variety of shades of red, pink, white and maroon. Like poinsettias, growing amaryllis has come a long way. It is now common to see waxed amaryllis bulbs that come coated in a thick coat of wax that allows them to be placed anywhere in the home without need to water. Everything needed to sustain the bulbs is encased within its wax shell. Simply display on the stand that is normally included, and watch the magic happen.

Norfolk Island Pine is another old-fashioned holiday plant, featuring fern-like growth and the classic pine shape that adorns indoor rooms and settings. These can be displayed as they are or decorated like Christmas trees in whatever theme you enjoy.

It wouldn't be the holidays without a holiday cactus. Available in a number of shades of pink, magenta, white, red, lavender and orange, holiday



Colorful poinsettias come in more than just red. This white plant has been beautifully tie-dyed in alternative colors of the season.

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cactus traditionally bloom about the same time each year with little care required, making them a festive holiday tradition.

Many indoor plant lovers enjoy giving and receiving colorful, exotic orchids during the holiday season. Orchids come in just about any color, and make excellent specimen plants in holiday settings. The perfect easy-to-grow and stunning gift for any plant lover, the orchids of modern times are much easier to grow than earlier hybrids. You will also find orchids that are dyed in holiday colors.

There are many other indoor plants that make great gifts for the gardener on your list, or can be used to decorate your own home. Traditional blooms in red, such as anthurium, kalanchoe, begonia, miniature rose and others are great choices. White is also popular during the holidays, and just about every indoor blooming plant selection has a variety that blooms in white.

Assemble a collection of indoor plants in a dish garden or terrarium and make the holidays even more merry and bright.



Elegant amaryllis bulbs and plants make wonderful indoor treasures during the holidays.

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Holiday cacti are a traditional seasonal favorite.

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BMO donates \$115,000 to Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement of Wisconsin (JA) recently announced that BMO donated \$115,000 to provide financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and career readiness learning experiences for students across Wisconsin.

The mission of Junior Achievement of Wisconsin is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed. JA teaches students how to begin building financial capability and career exploration early in elementary school by examin-

ing needs and wants, basic economic concepts, techniques for saving, basic budgeting, and the ways local businesses support their community.

"This donation exemplifies our commitment to providing Wisconsin students financial literacy opportunities that empower them to continue to grow the good in their communities," said Jon Schumacher, BMO commercial banking managing director. "Our partnership with Junior Achieve-

ment of Wisconsin highlights a key hallmark to BMO's culture, which is helping others make real financial progress."

The \$115,000 gift will support general operations, event sponsorships, and capacity building efforts in communities surrounding Shawano and other Wisconsin municipalities. Two specific beneficiaries of the BMO gift are the JA Titan Scholarship Competitions and the

new JA Technical Scholars program.

"We are grateful for the support from BMO as we expand our program reach in Wisconsin," said Michael Frohna, Junior Achievement of Wisconsin president. "Their continued commitment, both with donations and providing classroom volunteers, allows us to impact 100,000 Wisconsin students each year with lessons that will give them the skillset and the mindset for a successful future."

First grade works on landforms



Sacred Heart Catholic School first grade students Samson Gilling, front, Trell Raddant, back left, and Meah Bruncker get their hands dirty the week of Nov. 21 during a landforms creation project using cardboard and salt dough. Once the creations dried, the students had the opportunity to paint their projects to display their knowledge of mountains, rivers, lakes, plains and valleys.

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Knights give cold-weather armor



Russ Glime, left, grand knight for the Lena Knights of Columbus, presents Ben Pytleski, Lena School District superintendent, with coats, boots, gloves and snow pants for six students as part of the Knights' Coats for Kids program. These items will go to local children who are in need of warm winter clothing.

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BIRTHS

- Saylor Grace Neuman, a girl, born at 3:25 p.m. Oct. 6, 2022, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital to Casey and Rachel Neuman, of Wausau. She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches long.
- Jenny Lynn Wierzba, a girl, born at 7:11 a.m. Sept. 21, 2022, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital to Allen and Brooke Wierzba, of Shantytown. She weighed 8 pounds, 4.6 ounces and was 20 1/2

inches long.

- Samuel August Maedke, a boy, born Aug. 19, 2022, to William and Erica Maedke, of Lena. He weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces. His siblings are Hannah, Eleanor, Angel Sarah and Will-E. His grandparents are William and JoAnn Maedke and Daniel and Marie Pagel. His great-grandparents are Jeanette Pagel, Geri Alsteen and Bea Gudex.

Wellness director refuses to give up

Poninitah. Translated into English, this Menominee word means “Don’t give up.” The College of Menominee Nation’s Indigenous wellness director, Beth Waukechon, makes this sentiment a mantra.

Upon entering her role at the college in summer 2022, Waukechon saw her work as “carrying out the college’s mission to build more access and education for overall wellness opportunities.” She noted that her goal is “normalizing mental health awareness and support,” adding that “Coming out of COVID, we cannot live with the illusion that mental health struggles do not exist.”

A graduate of Shawano High School, the Menominee tribal member received her bachelor’s degree in elementary education from UW-Oshkosh and her master’s degree in education leadership from Concordia University in Portland, Oregon. Waukechon taught in the Menominee Indian School District and Menominee Tribal School for seventeen years before moving to CMN. She was part of a team who “worked with the whole child on trauma responsive care.”

“We met the children where they were at, in every aspect, looking at their educational services as a reflection of their health,” Waukechon explained. “We were advocates for the interaction between the student, their family, the teachers, support staff, and services.”

Waukechon took the position at CMN to enable her own growth while supporting the college community.

“I enjoy helping others, and so many students are under stress because of so many variables,” she said. “When you alleviate stress, you see a major shift in a person’s focus. Offering resources through higher education can be a game changer for communities.”

Yet, the path to wellness is not always easy.

“Healing is not linear,” Waukechon said, “but when someone is honest with their own story, then healing can begin to occur. Some people try to run and hide from it, but hurt comes from things not being in balance. Mental, physical, emotional, or spiritual trauma can lead to all kinds of illnesses that affect our biology. All humans want to belong,



RYAN WINN

sweet tooth.

Alternatively, she said the intangible gifts come from “holding a forum to reflect on what positive mental health looks like, putting those thoughts into a room, and becoming comfortable in that healing environment. Collaboration with other departments is also very important to help deliver opportunities for growth, wellness, and overall hope for the future.”

As a liaison for support at CMN, Waukechon has created spaces on the college’s Keshena and Green Bay campuses for sharing Indigenous foods, brewing natural teas, creating therapeutic art, and harvesting traditional medicines such as sage and cedar. Her additional initiatives include hosting cultural events such as moccasin games and a “Rock Your Mocs” campaign.

“It takes all of us to build a community around self-care,” Waukechon said. “CMN is working diligently to ensure that wellness is a top priority and we’re developing a system of care to respond to our current health needs.”

Waukechon also noted that “In the last 10 years, brain science has recognized the phenomenal impact healing can have on how we function. Workshops, self-reflection, seeking support, and creating wellness plans can really help us each understand what is going on in our being. When we’re aware of what tools can help us, we can use them to be in the moment and attuned to what’s going on around us.”

Waukechon conveyed that “Our perspective as Indigenous people has a deeper connection to our

to be seen, to be heard, to be honored in a way that’s respectful. When we feel fully supported, we can dive in and own our health.”

Much of what Waukechon offers to the CMN campus builds community through gift-giving. The physical gifts she shares are locally-made, natural soaps, as well as bags of candies that feed one’s



Beth Waukechon is the Indigenous wellness director for the College of Menominee Nation.

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relatives who have passed on. We’re relying on those who came before us to guide us. We learn from the teachings of the grandmothers and grandfathers. The natural world is our first classroom.”

College offers students a chance to earn a higher education, but gaining that knowledge while focusing on wellness creates a well-rounded individual.

“We each have to find our purpose in life,” Waukechon said. “Everyone has a gift to offer, and figuring out what that is will help us each thrive.”

Of course, thriving comes through persistence, no matter the obstacle, or, to put it another way, poninitah.

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

MARRIAGES

SHAWANO COUNTY

Robert James Bowman and Sue Ann Marie Milanowski, both of Bowler, Nov. 22, 2022.

Patrick Michael Brokiewicz, of the Town of Green Valley, and Christi Jo Tryon, of the Town of Washington, Dec. 9, 2022.

Jimmy Coliadis, of the Town of Wescott, and Doris Rochelle Rottenegger, of Germany, Dec. 3, 2022.

Gregory Paul Gallecke and Sahara Lee Ann Burr, both of Shawano, Dec. 10, 2022.

Derek Thomas Hoffman and Riley Ann Worzalla, both of Aniwa, Nov. 12, 2022.

Cooper Michael Jacobs and Eva Paye Thomas, both of the Town of Morgan, Dec. 16, 2022.

Kyle Lee Kaufert, of Milwaukee, and Reanne Eleanor Strauss, of the Town of Wescott, Jan. 11, 2023.

Dylan James Konitzer and Lea Marie Katzenmeyer, both of the Town of Belle Plaine, Dec. 11, 2022.

Peter George Lenss and Annette Clarice Zernicke, both of the Town of Waukechon, Nov. 12, 2022.

Michael Jay Magee and Jessica Lynn Tipton, both of Bonduel, Nov. 12, 2022.

Rick Arthur Shadick and Lynette Beatrice Roff, both of Shawano, Dec. 17, 2022.

Hays Gene Skalitzy, of the Town of Wescott, and Diana Marie Hancock, of Cecil, Dec. 5, 2022.

Adam Joseph Werner and Crystal Lynn Smet, both of the Town of Underhill,

Dec. 8, 2022.

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Timothy Raymond Klug and Amy Jo Magee, both of the Town of Lakewood, Nov. 14, 2022.

Randall Robert Kellogg and Allyson Faye Britten, both of Suring, Nov. 15, 2022.

James William Anderson and Sarah Jane Hopkins, both of the Town of Pensaukee, Nov. 20, 2022.

Nicholas Lee Campbell and Theresa Aurelia Schulte, both of Oconto, Nov. 21, 2022.

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Cory Richard Ashbeck and Abigail Barbara Ostrowski, both of the Town of

Lakewood, Dec. 9, 2022.

Guy Lee Frantz and Cathy Jean Gibson, both of the Town of Brazeau, Nov. 22, 2022.

Abelardo Garza Estavillo and Jennifer Jiyu Anzures, both of Oconto Falls, Nov. 25, 2022.

Aaron Charles Nearman and Terri Marie Baugnet, both of Oconto Falls, Dec. 4, 2022.

John Paul Kummerer and Tamara Elizabeth Bougie, both of Suring, Dec. 9, 2022.

Steven Gerard Strojny and Sierra Rae Demmith, both of Lena, Dec. 9, 2022.

Norman Moises Aguilar-Amaya and Ashley Jorleny Garay-Campos, both of Peshtigo, Dec. 10, 2022.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

NOCTA raises trout for Wisconsin waterways

Northern Oconto County Trout Alliance (NOCTA) has reported another successful season of raising trout.

NOCTA operates in conjunction with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, using 100% volunteer efforts to raise brook and brown trout from fingerlings received from the DNR in late June to an average of 8 inches by planting time in late October. The labor of feeding the fish twice a day, weekly cleaning of tanks and testing water for five months was provided by 38 volunteers. Actual stocking by the DNR occurred Oct. 26-27.

This was NOCTA's seventh year in operation. Since starting in 2015, the organization has raised more than 140,000 trout for planting in Northeastern Wisconsin streams. This year, 15,000 brown trout and 7,200 brook trout were raised. DNR fish biologists determine how many and where they are planted.

Funding for the \$4,000 cost of fish food and necessary equipment each year is by donations from various organizations and individuals. For information, contact NOCTA at P.O. Box 87, Lakewood, WI 54138, or call Dave Kalous at 715-850-1944.

ASPI looking for good 'Gypsy,' supporting cast

Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. will hold auditions Dec. 27-28 for its spring musical, "Gypsy," to be presented March 16-19 and March 23-26.

This musical, directed by Ali Carlson, calls for male and female roles, age 8 and older. No experience is necessary, and all are welcome to audition.

"Gypsy" is the tale of an ambitious stage mother fighting for her daughters' success, while secretly yearning for her own. Set all across America in the 1920s and 1930s, when Vaudeville was dying and burlesque was born, Arthur Laurents' landmark show explores the world of two-bit show business with brass, humor, heart, and sophistication.

The score by Jule Styne and Stephen Sondheim includes songs like "Everything's Coming Up Roses," "Let Me Entertain You," "Some



More than a dozen trout are being removed from a rearing tank to be placed in a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources fish stocking truck. CONTRIBUTED

People," "If Momma Was Married," "You Gotta Get A Gimmick," and "Together Wherever We Go."

Individuals will have two opportunities to audition: 6-8:30 p.m. Dec. 27 or Dec. 28, at the Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St., Abrams. Individuals who audition should come prepared to sing 24-32 bars of a song, preferably from a musical. They can sing a cappella or play music on their phone. The auditions will also include a reading from the script and a group choreography number. Comfortable clothing and shoes are recommended.

Rehearsals will start the first week in January and will be mainly on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings.

Tickets for "Gypsy" go on sale Jan. 16. However, season ticket holders and Spotlight Sponsors can purchase tickets before the general

public. To purchase season tickets or become a Spotlight Sponsor, visit www.abramstheater.com or call the box office, 920-826-5852.

Exit Elite Realty rep receives bronze award

Josh Brokiewicz, sales representative with Exit Elite Realty in Shawano, was honored with the Bronze Award by Exit Realty Corp. International recently at the Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort near Jacksonville, Florida.

The award was given in recognition of closing between 25 and 49 real estate transaction sides during the production year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022.

"The real estate professionals who put the needs of their clients first and who can pivot to meet those needs in a changing economy will always succeed," said Tami

Bonnell, co-chairwoman of Exit Realty Corp. International. "It's because of the hard work and dedication of our agents and brokerage owners that Exit has continued to thrive and expand across the U.S. and Canada. We are proud of their accomplishments, and we extend our best wishes for their continued success."

United Way hires Hummel for community care post

The Tri-County United Way announced recently it has hired Allison Hummel as a new community care specialist.

Hummel has more than 10 years of experience in website management and record-keeping and will provide a wide range of support to the organization.

"I am excited to have Allison join the team, as she brings a tremendous passion for helping people to this role," said Kevin Malnor, Tri-County United Way executive director.

The Tri-County United Way serves Oconto County, along with Marinette County and Menominee County, Michigan.

For information, contact Malnor at kevin@tcunitedway.org.

Lions name December Student of the Month

The Lena Lions Club honored Quinlan Earley, son of Kimberly and Jamie Earley, as the December Student of the Month.

Earley is a senior at Lena High School, where his friends describe him as a solid unit, unique, caring and smart. His hobbies include fishing, working out and hanging out with friends.

Earley's community activity is helping at the Lena Lions Dairyfest. His work experience is working at the A&W Restaurant in the Town of Stiles as a team leader.

Earley plans to attend college in the future.

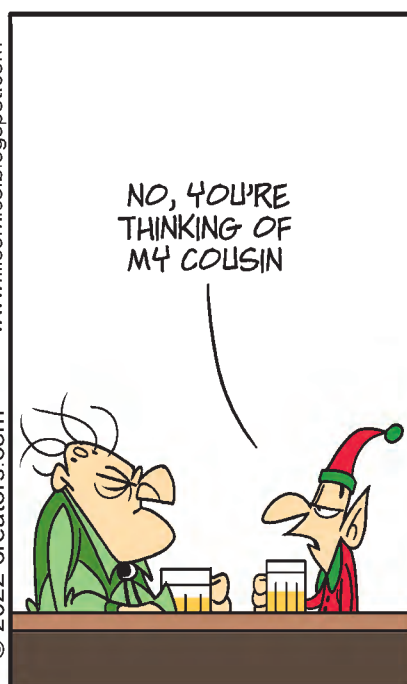
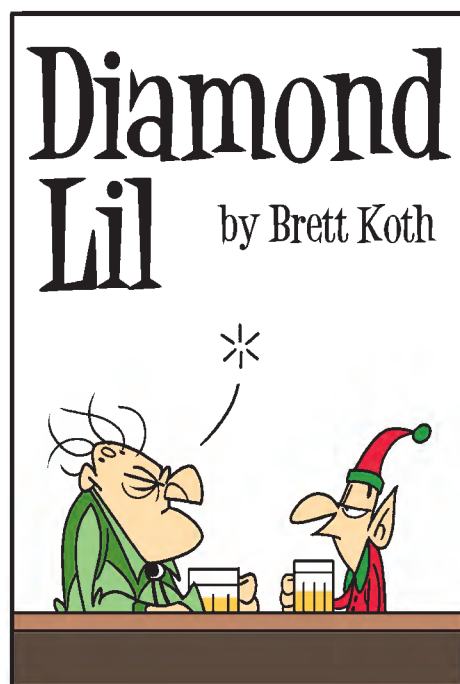
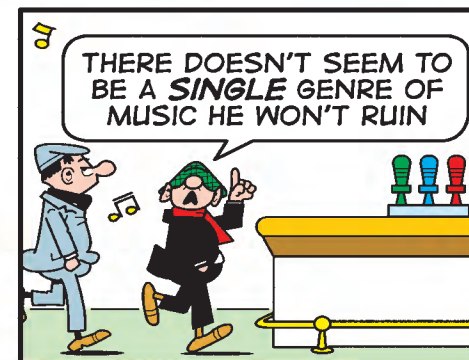
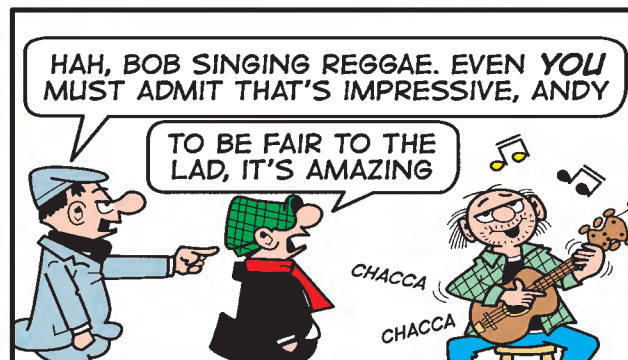
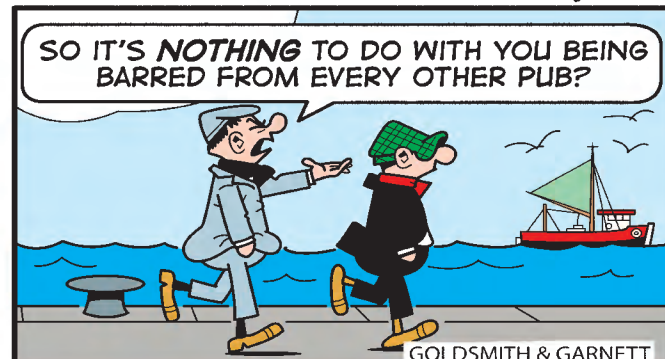
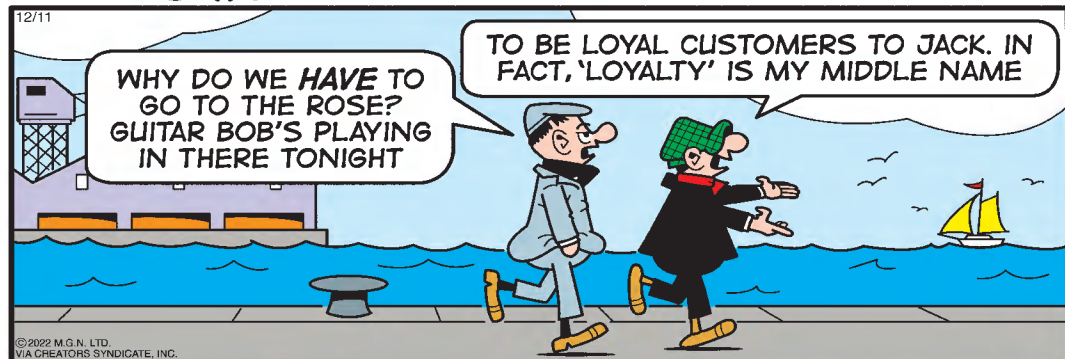


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Around the Community is a roundup on local events, honors, awards and more. Organizations interested in sending news about what they're involved with can contact NEW Media at news@newmedia-wi.com. Items with a specific date like an event should be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

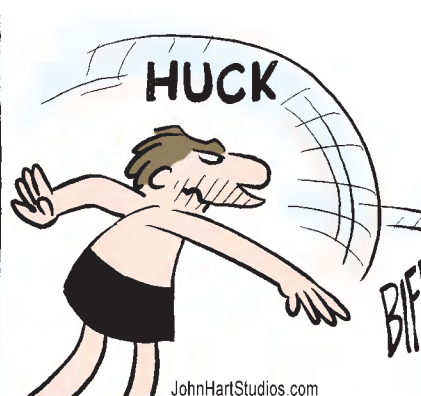
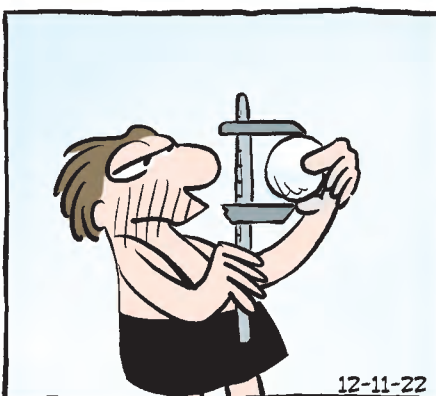
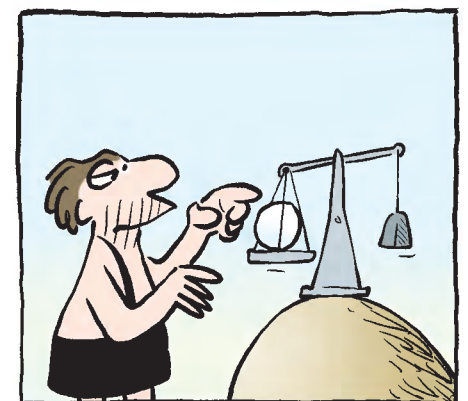
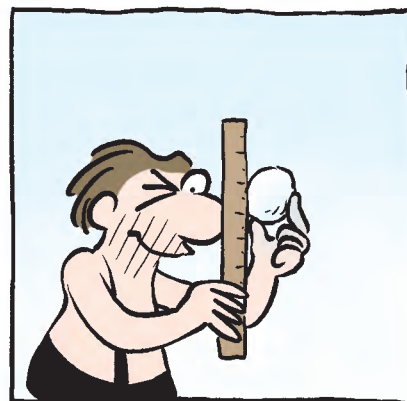
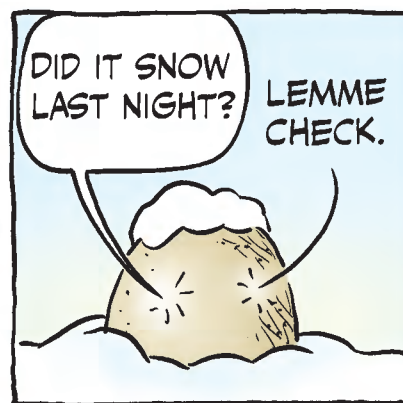
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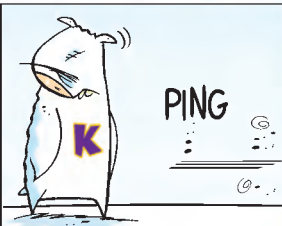
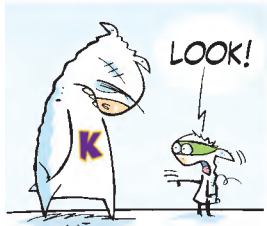
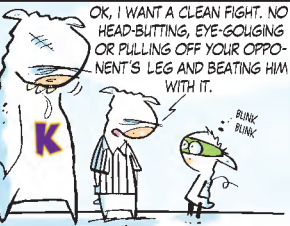
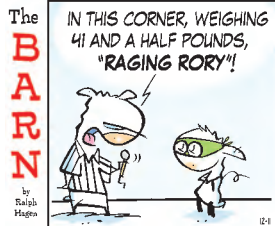
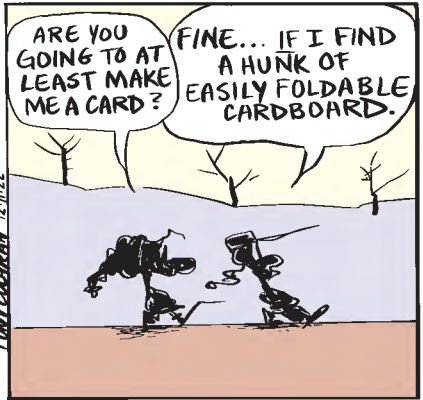
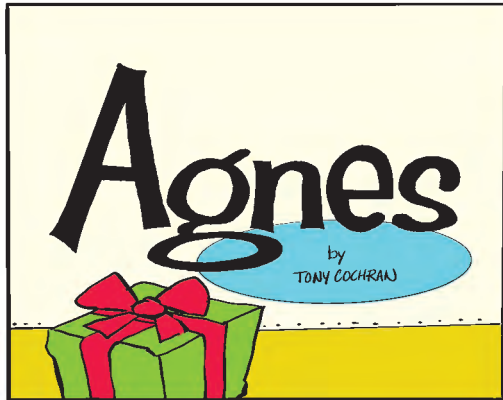
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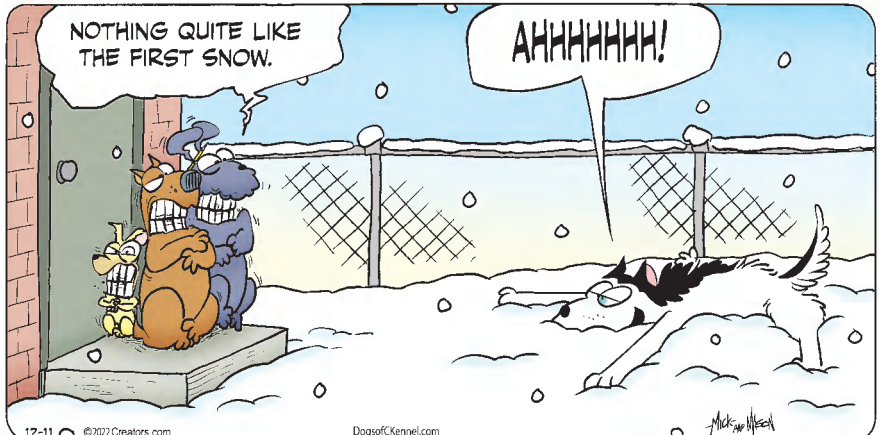
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by Fred Piscop

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PACKERS ARE STILL ALIVE

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Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers, middle, smiles as he talks with tight end Robert Tonyan, left, and running back Patrick Taylor on Dec. 4 in Chicago.

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Green Bay has 6% chance to make playoffs

Does team start Love at all?

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Believe it or not, the Green Bay Packers are still alive in the NFC playoff picture, as they enter a must-win matchup against the Los Angeles Rams in week 15.

Green Bay currently has a 6% chance to make the playoffs. While that may seem low, there are realistic opportunities for the Packers to sneak into the playoffs. It all starts with the Packers winning the rest of its games.

If that doesn't happen, none of the following scenarios has much significance.

"Every season is different, and every season is new," said Packers General Manager Brian Gutekunst, on his thoughts on the Packers' season. "Obviously we had some moving pieces heading into the season — it has just taken us a little while to gel."

With three wild card spots available, Green Bay is currently in the No. 10 seed in the NFC. Seattle and Detroit occupy the two spots ahead of the Packers.

Dallas, Washington and the New York Giants are the teams that now sit in the three available wild card spots. With the Philadelphia Eagles owning a 12-1 record and the Cowboys owning a 10-3 record, it seems likely that the Cowboys (or the Eagles, if they collapse) will take one of those spots.

That leaves two spots open. The headache comes in week 15 as the Giants and Commanders, who tied earlier this year, meet again. Whoever wins this game will need to tally just one more victory to guarantee placement ahead of the Packers, even if Green Bay were to win out.

Whoever loses this game, though, would need to lose two more games, with the Packers winning out, for the Packers to jump ahead of them.

The Seahawks are in an interesting spot in regard to Green Bay. On its schedule, Seattle still has yet to play the San Francisco 49ers, Kansas City Chiefs and New York Jets. Those are not exactly easy games.

If Seattle goes 2-2 over that stretch, they would finish 9-8, which would move the Packers ahead, due to tiebreakers.

The other team that is lurking around the playoffs is the Detroit Lions. This one is a little trickier than



Packers running backs A.J. Dillon, left, and Aaron Jones embrace during a game held Dec. 4 in Chicago.

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Seattle, as the Lions are a division rival and have a win over Green Bay already this year.

Moving forward, the Lions have the Jets, Panthers, Bears and Packers on their schedule, which is not exactly the hardest schedule of all time.

If the Lions and Packers both win their next three games, then a week 18 matchup at Lambeau Field may have a lot more significance than fans had anticipated. If the Packers were to beat the Lions in that game, the Packers would own the tiebreaker over Detroit.

Once again, those scenarios don't matter if Green Bay does not win the rest of its games.

"I think that there has been some positive signs as of late, and we just need to continue to be more consistent," said Gutekunst, alluding to the offense's improvement as the team looks for a playoff push.

So what happens if Green Bay loses one more game? If that game is against the Rams, somehow Green Bay is still not out of the playoffs; however its chances of making the playoffs drop to below 1%. It seems unlikely that all of those scenarios go Green Bay's way, so if they do lose that Rams game, can we expect to see a little bit more of Jordan Love?

Aaron Rodgers has been playing most of the season with a broken

thumb, so it makes some sort of sense to put the veteran quarterback on injured reserve and let Love run the offense with Rodgers coaching from the sideline.

That also brings into question what the Rodgers' decision will be in the offseason. Will the 39-year old quarterback want to finish out the last season of his contract in Green Bay? Will he go to a different team? Or, will he retire?

With \$50 million sitting on the table for Rodgers, it may be too tempting to return to Green Bay next year. That once again leads to the Jordan Love situation.

"I don't really want to take my mind there, but as long as we are mathematically alive, I'd like to be out there," said Rodgers, after the week 12 loss to Philadelphia. "There are obviously a lot of other conversations that come into play once you are eliminated, and I'll be open to all of those conversations."

If Rodgers does in fact return to Green Bay, then the Packers are faced with the same dilemma as last offseason — what do we have in Love?

The Packers traded up to draft the Utah State quarterback in the first round, leading many to believe that Love was going to be groomed into Rodgers' successor. Since Love was

drafted in 2020, Rodgers has led two MVP campaigns and three straight playoff seasons.

Is a broken thumb and lackluster season from players around Rodgers enough for Rodgers to leave? Probably not, considering he is the longest tenured Packer of all time.

"That is an offseason kind of decision, but surely we want all of our guys back," said Gutekunst about Rodgers returning next year. "Like we have talked about in the past — this is something where we will sit down with him after the season, and it will be something that we do together."

That's why Love needs to play this season if the Packers lose one more game. Coaches have seen bits and pieces of Love, but not in any high-pressure or real NFL situations. He is also only signed through four years, with a team decision on the fifth year.

If Rodgers were to play again next year, that would mean that Love would have been a first-round draft pick that hadn't really got an opportunity to start in his first four years in the NFL. At some point, young players need to get time to develop and if Love doesn't get that this year, it could have a lasting impact on not only the Packers, but on Love's whole career.



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6	Dallin Leavitt	S	5-10	195	28	4	Utah State
7	Quay Walker	LB	6-4	241	22	R	Georgia
9	Christian Watson	WR	6-5	208	23	R	North Dakota State
10	Jordan Love	QB	6-4	219	24	3	Utah State
11	Sammy Watkins	WR	6-1	211	29	9	Clemson
12	Aaron Rodgers	QB	6-2	225	39	18	California
13	Allen Lazard	WR	6-5	227	27	4	Iowa State
16	Pat O'Donnell	P	6-4	220	31	9	Miami
18	Randall Cobb	WR	5-10	195	32	12	Kentucky
20	Rudy Ford	S	6-0	200	28	6	Auburn
22	Shemar Jean-Charles	CB	5-10	184	24	2	Appalachian State
23	Jaire Alexander	CB	5-10	196	25	5	Louisville
24	Tariq Carpenter	S	6-3	230	23	R	Georgia Tech
25	Keisean Nixon	CB	5-10	200	25	4	South Carolina
26	Darnell Savage	S	5-11	198	25	4	Maryland
28	AJ Dillon	RB	6-0	247	24	3	Boston College
29	Rasul Douglas	CB	6-2	209	27	6	West Virginia
31	Adrian Amos	S	6-0	214	29	8	Penn State
33	Aaron Jones	RB	5-9	208	28	6	Texas-El Paso
35	Corey Ballentine	CB	5-11	196	26	4	Washburn
38	Innis Gaines	S	6-1	202	24	1	TCU
45	Eric Wilson	LB	6-1	230	28	6	Cincinnati
47	Justin Hollins	LB	6-5	248	26	4	Oregon
50	Zach Tom	OL	6-4	304	23	R	Wake Forest
51	Krys Barnes	LB	6-2	229	24	3	UCLA
53	Jonathan Garvin	LB	6-4	257	23	3	Miami
55	Kingsley Enagbare	LB	6-4	258	22	R	South Carolina
56	Jack Coco	LS	6-2	248	24	R	Georgia Tech
58	Isaiah McDuffie	LB	6-1	227	23	2	Boston College
59	De'Vondre Campbell	LB	6-3	232	29	7	Minnesota
63	Rasheed Walker	T	6-6	324	22	R	Penn State
69	David Bakhtiari	T	6-4	310	31	10	Colorado
70	Royce Newman	T/G	6-5	310	25	2	Mississippi
71	Josh Myers	C/G	6-5	310	24	2	Ohio State
73	Yosh Nijman	T	6-7	314	26	3	Virginia Tech
74	Elgton Jenkins	G	6-5	311	26	4	Mississippi State
76	Jon Runyan	G	6-4	307	25	3	Michigan

78	Luke Tenuta	T	6-8	314	23	R	Virginia Tech
81	Josiah Deguara	TE	6-2	238	25	3	Cincinnati
83	Samori Toure	WR	6-1	191	24	R	Nebraska
84	Tyler Davis	TE	6-4	252	25	3	Georgia Tech
85	Robert Tonyan	TE	6-5	240	28	5	Indiana State
87	Romeo Doubs	WR	6-2	204	22	R	Nevada
89	Marcedes Lewis	TE	6-6	267	38	17	UCLA
90	Jarran Reed	DL	6-3	307	29	7	Alabama
91	Preston Smith	LB	6-5	265	30	8	Mississippi State
93	T.J. Slaton	DL	6-4	330	25	2	Florida
94	Dean Lowry	DL	6-6	296	28	7	Northwestern
95	Devonte Wyatt	DL	6-3	304	24	R	Georgia
97	Kenny Clark	DL	6-3	314	27	7	UCLA
99	Jonathan Ford	DL	6-5	338	24	R	Miami
Reserve/Injured							
21	Eric Stokes	CB	6-0	194	23	2	Georgia
40	Tipa Galeai	LB	6-5	229	25	2	Utah State
52	Rashan Gary	LB	6-5	277	25	4	Michigan
67	Jake Hanson	C	6-4	296	25	2	Oregon
Reserve/Non-Football Illness							
72	Caleb Jones	T	6-9	370	23	R	Indiana
Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner							
75	Sean Ryan	T/G	6-5	321	22	R	UCLA
Practice Squad							
17	Ramiz Ahmed	K	5-11	193	27	1	Nevada
19	Danny Etling	QB	6-3	222	28	1	LSU
27	Patrick Taylor	RB	6-2	217	24	2	Memphis
34	Micah Abernathy	S	6-0	195	25	1	Tennessee
39	Tyler Goodson	RB	5-9	197	22	R	Iowa
43	Kiondre Thomas	CB	6-0	186	24	1	Kansas State
46	Nick Guggemos	TE	6-5	247	26	1	University of St. Thomas
48	DQ Thomas	LB	6-2	216	24	R	Middle Tennessee State
54	La'Darius Hamilton	LB	6-2	261	24	2	North Texas
57	Tim Ward	LB	6-6	255	25	3	Old Dominion
80	Dede Westbrook	WR	6-0	178	29	6	Oklahoma
82	Jeff Cotton	WR	6-2	206	25	1	Idaho
86	Travis Fulgham	WR	6-2	211	27	3	Old Dominion
88	Juwann Winfree	WR	6-1	210	26	3	Colorado
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3	Cam Akers	RB	5-10	217	23	2	Florida State
5	Jalen Ramsey	DB	6-1	208	28	7	Florida State
6	Derion Kendrick	CB	6-0	190	22	R	Georgia
8	Matt Gay	K	6-0	232	28	4	Utah
11	Riley Dixon	P	6-4	221	29	7	Syracuse
12	Van Jefferson	WR	6-1	200	26	3	Florida
13	John Wolford	QB	6-1	200	27	3	Wake Forest
14	Cobie Durant	DB	5-11	180	24	R	South Carolina State
15	Tutu Atwell	WR	5-9	165	23	2	Louisville
16	Bryce Perkins	QB	6-3	214	25	2	Virginia
17	Baker Mayfield	QB	6-1	215	27	5	Oklahoma
18	Ben Skowronek	WR	6-3	224	25	2	Notre Dame
19	Brandon Powell	WR	5-8	181	27	5	Florida
21	Russ Yeast	S	5-10	195	23	R	Kansas State
22	David Long Jr.	DB	5-11	196	24	4	Michigan
23	Kyren Williams	RB	5-9	194	22	R	Notre Dame
24	Taylor Rapp	DB	6-0	208	24	4	Washington
30	Ronnie Rivers	RB	5-9	195	23	R	Fresno State
31	Robert Rochell	DB	6-2	195	24	2	Central Arkansas
32	Travin Howard	ILB	6-1	219	26	4	TCU
33	Nick Scott	DB	5-11	201	27	4	Penn State
37	Quentin Lake	S	6-1	201	23	R	UCLA
38	Shaun Jolly	DB	5-9	180	24	R	Appalachian State
42	Matthew Orzech	LS	6-3	245	27	3	Azusa Pacific
43	Jake Gervase	LB	6-1	212	27	2	Iowa
44	Daniel Hardy	OLB	6-3	240	23	R	Montana State
45	Bobby Wagner	LB	6-0	241	32	11	Utah State
52	Terrell Lewis	LB	6-5	262	24	3	Alabama
53	Ernest Jones	LB	6-2	230	23	2	South Carolina
54	Leonard Floyd	LB	6-5	240	30	7	Georgia
55	Brian Allen	C	6-2	303	27	5	Michigan State
56	Christian Rozeboom	LB	6-2	230	25	2	South Dakota State
57	Zach Thomas	OT	6-5	300	24	R	San Diego State
61	AJ Arcuri	OT	6-7	320	25	R	Michigan State
63	Oday Aboushi	G	6-5	315	31	10	Virginia
64	Matt Skura	C	6-3	313	29	6	Duke
65	Coleman Shelton	G	6-4	299	27	4	Washington
68	Ty Nsekhe	OT	6-8	325	37	8	Texas State-San Marcos
71	Bobby Evans	OT	6-4	312	25	4	Oklahoma
79	Rob Havenstein	OT	6-8	330	30	8	Wisconsin

81	Austin Trammell	WR	5-10	185	24	1	Rice
82	Lance McCutcheon	WR	6-3	202	23	R	Montana State
87	Jacob Harris	WR	6-5	211	25	2	UCF
88	Brycen Hopkins	TE	6-4	245	25	3	Purdue
89	Tyler Higbee	TE	6-6	255	29	7	Western Kentucky
90	Earnest Brown IV	DE	6-5	270	23	1	Northwestern
91	Greg Gaines	DT	6-1	312	26	4	Washington
92	Jonah Williams	DT	6-5	275	27	2	Weber State
93	Marquise Copeland	DT	6-2	287	25	2	Cincinnati
95	Bobby Brown III	DT	6-4	324	22	2	Texas A&M
96	Keir Thomas	OLB	6-2	275	24	R	Florida State
97	Michael Hoecht	DT	6-4	310	25	2	Brown
99	Aaron Donald	DL	6-1	280	31	9	Pittsburgh

Reserve/Injured

1	Allen Robinson II	WR	6-2	210	29	9	Penn State
4	Jordan Fuller	DB	6-2	203	24	3	Ohio State
9	Matthew Stafford	QB	6-3	220	34	14	Georgia
10	Cooper Kupp	WR	6-2	208	29	6	Eastern Washington
35	Jake Hummel	ILB	6-1	235	23	R	Iowa State
36	Grant Haley	DB	5-9	190	26	3	Penn State
60	Logan Bruss	G	6-5	309	24	R	Wisconsin
67	Chandler Brewer	OT	6-6	320	25	2	Middle Tennessee State
70	Joe Noteboom	OT	6-5	321	27	5	TCU
72	Tremayne Anchrum Jr.	OT	6-2	314	24	3	Clemson
77	Alaric Jackson	OL	6-7	285	24	2	Iowa
94	A'Shawn Robinson	DT	6-4	330	27	7	Alabama

Reserve/Injured; Designated to Return

73	David Edwards	G	6-6	308	25	4	Wisconsin
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Practice Squad

0	Jaquarii Roberson	WR	6-1	182	24	R	Wake Forest
17	Case Cookus	QB	6-4	205	27	1	Northern Arizona
20	TJ Carter	CB	5-11	193	23	R	TCU
46	Jared Pinkney	TE	6-4	257	25	1	Vanderbilt
49	Roger Carter Jr.	TE	6-2	250	23	R	Georgia State
51	Zach VanValkenburg	DL	6-4	263	24	R	Iowa
62	Jeremiah Kolone	G	6-3	316	28	1	San Jose State
66	Max Pircher	OT	6-7	300	23	1	Italy
68	T.J. Carter	DE	6-4	289	24	1	Kentucky
69	Elijah Garcia	DL	6-5	302	24	R	Rice
98	Brayden Thomas	OLB	6-3	260	24	R	North Dakota State

Practice Squad/Veteran Protected

50	Cole Toner	G	6-5	300	28	5	Harvard
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Packers vs. Rams
All-time, regular season: 46-46-2
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All-time, at Packers: 31-19
Streaks: While the all-time series is just about deadlocked, the Green Bay Packers have dominated the Rams of late. Green Bay has won seven of the last eight meetings and eight of the last 10. The Packers last home loss to the Rams came way back in 2006.
Last meeting, regular season: Nov. 28, 2021, Packers won 36-28 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. Aaron Rodgers threw for 307 yards and two scores and also rushed for a touch-down. Rasul Douglas had a big pick-6 in the second half.

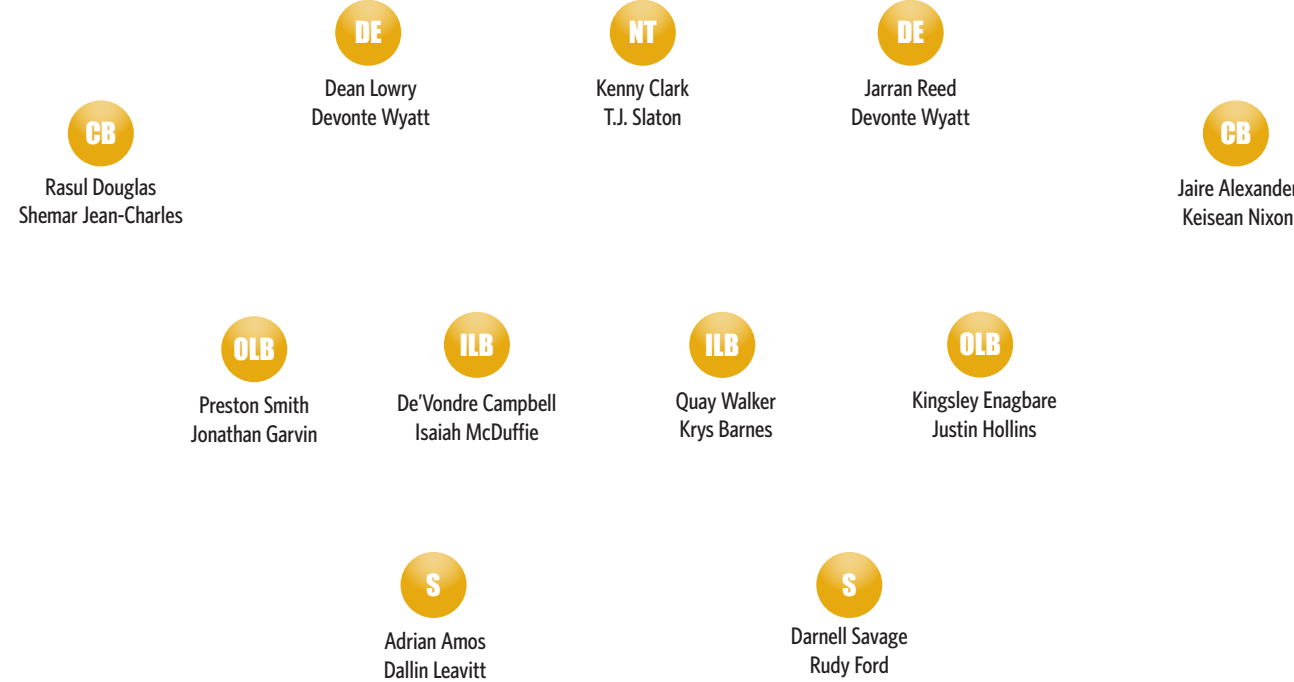
SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	TV
Sept. 11	at Minnesota	Loss 23-7	
Sept. 18	vs. Chicago	Win 27-10	
Sept. 25	at Tampa Bay	Win 14-12	
Oct. 2	vs. New England	Win 27-24 (OT)	
Oct. 9	vs. N.Y. Giants (London)	Loss 27-22	
Oct. 16	vs. N.Y. Jets	Loss 27-10	
Oct. 23	at Washington	Loss 23-21	
Oct. 30	at Buffalo	Loss 27-17	
Nov. 6	at Detroit	Loss 15-9	
Nov. 13	vs. Dallas	Win 31-28	
Nov. 17	vs. Tennessee	Loss 27-17	
Nov. 27	at Philadelphia	Loss 40-33	
Dec. 4	at Chicago	Win 28-19	
Bye week			
Dec. 19	vs. L.A. Rams	7:15 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 25	at Miami	noon	FOX
Jan. 1	vs. Minnesota	3:25 p.m.	CBS
Jan. 7/8	vs. Detroit	TBD	TBD

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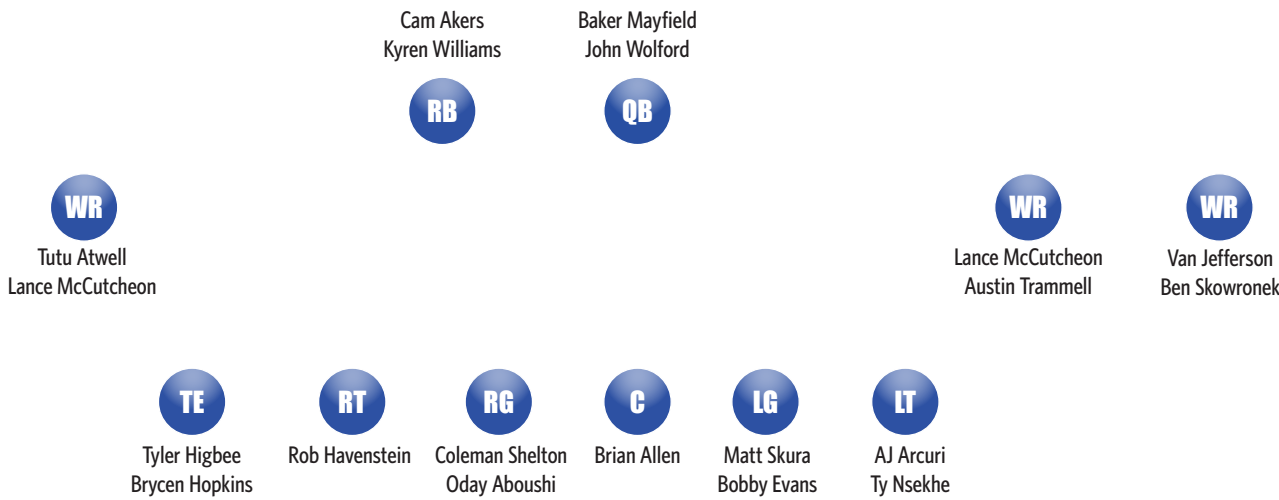


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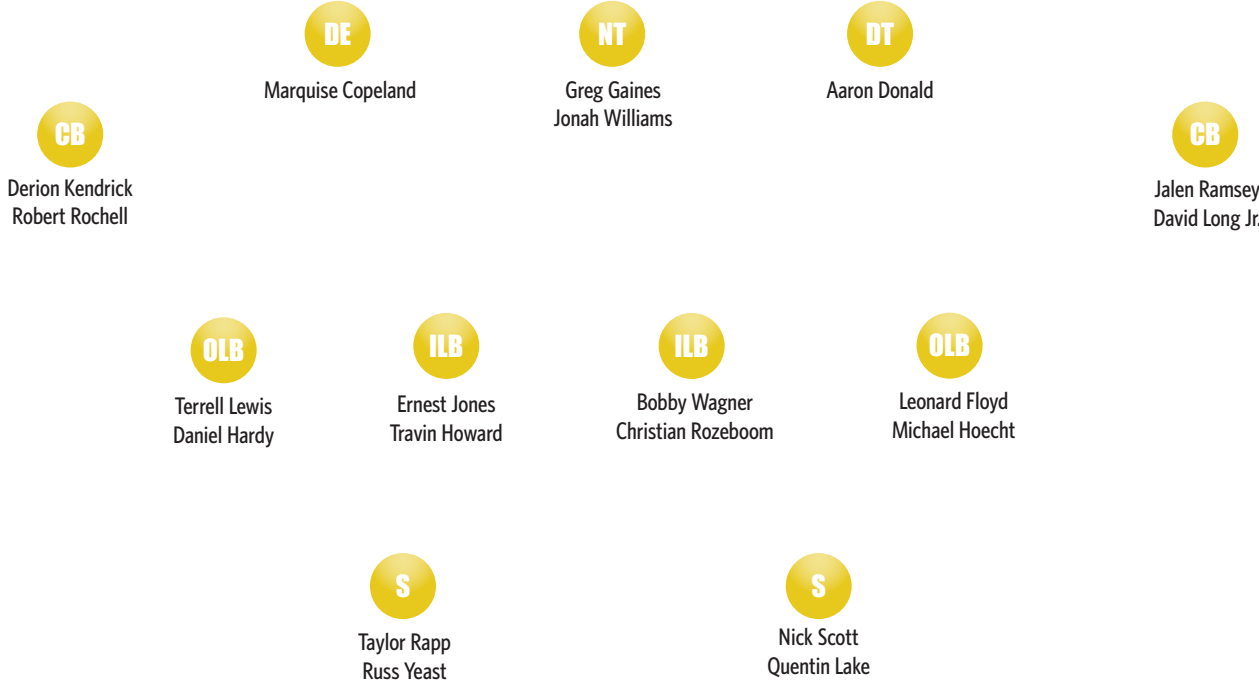
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SCHEDULE

Thursday's Game
San Francisco at Seattle, 7:15 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Indianapolis at Minnesota, noon
Baltimore at Cleveland, 3:30 p.m.
Miami at Buffalo, 7:15 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Atlanta at New Orleans, noon
Pittsburgh at Carolina, noon
Philadelphia at Chicago, noon
Kansas City at Houston, noon
Dallas at Jacksonville, noon
Detroit at N.Y. Jets, noon
Arizona at Denver, 3:05 p.m.
New England at Las Vegas, 3:05 p.m.
Tennessee at L.A. Chargers, 3:25 p.m.
Cincinnati at Tampa Bay, 3:25 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Washington, 7:20 p.m.

Monday's Game
L.A. Rams at Green Bay, 7:15 p.m.

Next Thursday's Game
Jacksonville at N.Y. Jets, 7:15 p.m.

STANDINGS

NFC East					AFC East				
Team	W	L	T		Team	W	L	T	
Philadelphia	12	1	0		Buffalo	10	3	0	
Dallas	10	3	0		Miami	8	5	0	
Washington	7	5	1		New England	7	6	0	
N.Y. Giants	7	5	1		N.Y. Jets	7	6	0	
North					North				
Team	W	L	T		Team	W	L	T	
Minnesota	10	3	0		Baltimore	9	4	0	
Detroit	6	7	0		Cincinnati	9	4	0	
Green Bay	5	8	0		Cleveland	5	8	0	
Chicago	3	10	0		Pittsburgh	5	8	0	
South					South				
Team	W	L	T		Team	W	L	T	
Tampa Bay	6	7	0		Tennessee	7	6	0	
Carolina	5	8	0		Jacksonville	5	8	0	
Atlanta	5	8	0		Indianapolis	4	8	1	
New Orleans	4	9	0		Houston	1	11	1	
West					West				
Team	W	L	T		Team	W	L	T	
San Francisco	9	4	0		Kansas City	10	3	0	
Seattle	7	6	0		L.A. Chargers	7	6	0	
Arizona	4	9	0		Las Vegas	5	8	0	
L.A. Rams	4	9	0		Denver	3	10	0	

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NOTEBOOK

By **BILL HUBER**

Correspondent

There are plenty of reasons why the Green Bay Packers won't reach this year's playoffs. First, the obvious one: They're 5-8 and in 10th place in the NFC standings with four games to go. That's too many losses and probably not enough games to catch up.

The defense is perhaps the most underachieving unit in the NFL. The special teams have been a disappointment. Aaron Rodgers has rarely played at his customary MVP level.

Can a team that needed to outscore the woeful Chicago Bears 18-0 in the fourth quarter before the bye sweep through the Los Angeles Rams (4-9), Miami Dolphins (8-5), Minnesota Vikings (10-3) and Detroit Lions (6-7)?

The defending Super Bowl-champion Rams are huge underachievers, too, but new quarterback Baker Mayfield gave them a jolt last week.

The Dolphins are 5-1 at home and will have a two-day rest advantage.

The Vikings will have an extra day of rest. The Lions have won five of six.

Nonetheless, Green Bay's come-from-behind win at Chicago meant it still had a pulse. Losses on Sunday by the New York Giants and Seattle Seahawks, two teams ahead of the Packers in the wild card standings, gave added strength to their heartbeat.

The Dallas Cowboys (10-3) have one wild-card spot locked up but the final two spots, held by the Washington Commanders and Giants with their 7-5-1 records, are within sight.

"Obviously heading into the season, being the No. 1 seed the last two seasons leading into this season, a lot of high hopes," general manager Brian Gutekunst said last week.

"We were certainly expected to be competing for a championship, and we are still in it. If we're able to dig our way back into this thing, we still feel like we have the ability to do that."

Here are seven reasons why the Packers can make the playoffs.

Aaron Rodgers to Christian Watson

Everyone knew Green Bay's offense would be a "work in progress" following the offseason trade of



Packers defensive back Keisean Nixon, center, attempts to tackle Chicago Bears quarterback Justin Fields on a quarterback-designed run on Dec. 4 in Chicago

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Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers throws a pass during the team's game against the Tennessee Titans on Nov. 17 in Green Bay.

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Davante Adams.

Quarterback Aaron Rodgers used that phrase throughout training camp. Thanks to the emergence of rookie receiver Christian Watson,

that progress is showing up.

Through the first nine games, Green Bay was 27th in scoring with 17.1 points per game. It failed to reach 28 points in any of those

games. It's been a different story the last four games. With Watson supplying eight touchdowns, Green Bay is sixth in scoring with 27.3 points per game. It's scored at least 28 in three of those four games.

With Aaron Jones and A.J. Dillon, the Packers have been able to run the ball for most of the season. With the emergence of Watson, they have the big-play passing element that was lacking during their first-half-of-the-season struggles.

December dominance

Under coach Matt LaFleur, the Packers are 15-1 in regular-season games played in December and January.

Their lone loss came in last year's meaningless finale at Detroit. Past performance isn't indicative of future results, as the mandatory financial disclaimer states, but it does show the Packers have peaked at the right time and know how to handle the elements.

Starting with Monday night's game against the Rams, the Packers will finish the season with three of their last four at Lambeau

Field. Last year's playoff loss to San Francisco was a cold reminder that so-called Packers weather doesn't guarantee anything, but it should be an advantage against the warm-weather Rams and the great-indoors Vikings and Lions.

Takeaways

Joe Barry's defense ranks 21st with 23.2 points per game. It's all-around bad, checking in at No. 30 in yards per carry and No. 21 in yards per passing attempt. It just hasn't played to the preseason hype with any regularity.

However, after forcing five turnovers in the first seven games, Green Bay has produced 10 over the last six games.

Sixth-place Commanders

The Commanders (7-5-1) are 6-1-1 in their last eight games. However, they are 1-4-1 against teams with winning records, and three of their final four are against teams that are at least two games over .500. That includes a home game against the seventh-place Giants on Sunday. They are 25th in scoring, ranking 27th in yards per rush, 26th in yards per pass and 27th on third down.

Remaining schedule: N.Y. Gi-

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ants (7-5-1), at San Francisco (9-4), Cleveland (5-8), Dallas (10-3). Total: 31-20-1 (.606).

Seventh-place Giants

The fading Giants face the toughest finishing schedule of any playoff contender. That stretch began with a 48-22 loss at home to the Eagles on Sunday.

They are 1-4-1 in their last six games, with the victory being at home against the dreadful Texans. The Giants are 20th in scoring and can't pass the ball a lick (28th in passing per game and 31st in sack percentage).

Remaining schedule: at Washington (7-5-1), at Minnesota (10-3), Indianapolis (4-8-1), at Philadelphia (12-1). Total: 33-17-2 (.654).

Eighth-place Seahawks

The Seahawks lost at home to Carolina on Sunday, their third loss in four games and a potentially fatal blow to their playoff chances considering they face the rampaging 49ers this week and travel to the powerhouse Chiefs next week.

While they play three of their last four at home, they're only 6-8 in Seattle the last two years. Interestingly, the NFC South doesn't have a single team with a winning record, but the Seahawks went 0-4 against that division.

Remaining schedule: San Francisco (9-4), at Kansas City (10-3), N.Y. Jets (7-6), L.A. Rams (4-9). Total: 30-22 (.577).

Ninth-place Lions

Starting with their week nine victory over Green Bay, the Lions are 5-1 in their last six games with

their only loss coming on Thanksgiving against the juggernaut Bills. They are coming off a huge win over Minnesota.

While the Lions allowed Kirk Cousins to throw for 425 yards, including 223 to Justin Jefferson, Dalvin Cook was limited to 23 yards on 15 carries. Can a young team like the Lions finish the job despite finishing with three road games, including the finale at Lambeau?

Remaining schedule: at N.Y. Jets (7-6), at Carolina (5-8), Chicago (3-10), at Green Bay (5-8). Total: 20-32 (.385).

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NEW Media Sports Editor

Week 15 Games: Sunday, December 18

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San Francisco @ Seattle..... Thurs., Dec., 15

Pittsburgh @ Carolina

Philadelphia @ Chicago

Kansas City @ Houston

Dallas @ Jacksonville

Detroit @ NY Jets

Arizona @ Denver

Tennessee @ LA Chargers

Cincinnati @ Tampa Bay

New England @ Las Vegas

Baltimore @ Cleveland

Indianapolis @ Minnesota

Miami @ Buffalo

Atlanta @ New Orleans

NY Giants @ Washington

Tie Breaker Game:

LA Rams @ Green Bay Mon., Dec., 19



Morgan Rode
New Media

This Week's Picks:

Seattle	Arizona	Buffalo
Carolina	LA Chargers	New Orleans
Philadelphia	Tampa Bay	NY Giants
Kansas City	Las Vegas	
Dallas	Baltimore	
NY Jets	Minnesota	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score : LA Rams 28 @ Green Bay 31



Tim Murphy
New Media

This Week's Picks:

San Francisco	Arizona	Buffalo
Pittsburgh	LA Chargers	New Orleans
Philadelphia	Cincinnati	Washington
Kansas City	Las Vegas	
Dallas	Baltimore	
NY Jets	Minnesota	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Rams 13 @ Green Bay 17



Luke Reimer
New Media

This Week's Picks:

Seattle	Arizona	Buffalo
Pittsburgh	Tennessee	Atlanta
Philadelphia	Cincinnati	Washington
Kansas City	New England	
Dallas	Baltimore	
NY Jets	Minnesota	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Rams 14 @ Green Bay 35

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1	Sunday, September 11	at Minnesota Vikings	12:25 p.m.	FOX
2	Sunday, September 18	CHICAGO BEARS	7:20 p.m.	FOX
3	Sunday, September 25	at Tampa Bay Buccaneers	1:25 p.m.	FOX
4	Monday, October 2	NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	3:30 p.m.	SCS
5	Sunday, October 9	at New York Giants (London)	8:00 a.m.	FOX
6	Sunday, October 16	NEW YORK JETS	12:10 p.m.	FOX
7	Sunday, October 23	at Washington Commanders	1:10 p.m.	FOX
8	Sunday, October 30	at Buffalo Bills	1:10 p.m.	FOX
9	Sunday, November 6	at Detroit Lions	12:10 p.m.	FOX
10	Sunday, November 13	DALLAS COWBOYS	12:10 p.m.	FOX
11	Monday, November 17	TENNESSEE TITANS	12:25 p.m.	FOX
12	Sunday, November 27	at Philadelphia Eagles	1:15 p.m.	FOX
13	Sunday, December 4	at Chicago Bears	12:10 p.m.	FOX
14		BYE WEEK		
15	Monday, December 19	LOS ANGELES RAMS	7:10 p.m.	FOX
16	Sunday, December 25	at Miami Dolphins	12:10 p.m.	FOX
17	Sunday, January 1	MINNESOTA VIKINGS	12:25 p.m.	SCS
18	January 7 & 8	DETROIT LIONS		TWO

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Weekly Standings

22 Shell	8-5	131-77
Tower Clock Eye Center	6-7	131-77
Buss Automotive.....	7-6	130-78
Tim Murphy	8-5	128-80
Luke Reimer	10-3	127-81
Shawano Seasons Restaurant.....	8-5	127-81

Weekly Record

Overall Record

Weekly Standings

Bill Huber.....	6-7	126-82
Charter Arrowcast	7-6	125-83
Iverson's Piggly Wiggly	9-4	123-85
Morgan Rode	8-5	122-86
Gene's Floor Covering	6-7	119-89
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Robert Buss
Buss Automotive

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Cincinnati
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Buffalo
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Rams 17 @ Green Bay 28



Shane Senn
Senn Insurance

This Week's Picks:

Seattle
Carolina
Philadelphia
Kansas City
Dallas
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Rams 17 @ Green Bay 27



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This Week's Picks:

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Kansas City
Detroit

Denver
Tennessee
Cincinnati
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Buffalo
New Orleans
Washington

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Rams 17 @ Green Bay 27



Iverson's Staff
Iverson's
Piggly Wiggly

This Week's Picks:

San Francisco
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Kansas City
Dallas
NY Jets

Arizona
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New England
Baltimore
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Buffalo
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Rams 24 @ Green Bay 28



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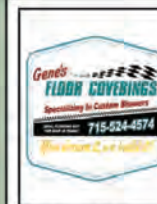
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Rams 17 @ Green Bay 28



Gene Maas
Gene's Floor
Coverings

This Week's Picks:

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Kansas City
Detroit

Denver
LA Chargers
Cincinnati
Las Vegas
Cleveland
Minnesota

Buffalo
Atlanta
Washington

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Rams 24 @ Green Bay 31



Bill Huber
New
Media

This Week's Picks:

San Francisco
Minnesota
Baltimore
Buffalo
Carolina
Philadelphia

Kansas City
Dallas
NY Jets
Arizona
LA Chargers
Cincinnati

New Orleans
Las Vegas
Washington

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Rams 17 @ Green Bay 20



Brenda
22 Shell

This Week's Picks:

Seattle
Pittsburgh
Philadelphia
Kansas City
Dallas
Detroit

Arizona
Tennessee
Cincinnati
Las Vegas
Cleveland
Minnesota

Buffalo
New Orleans
Washington

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Rams 21 @ Green Bay 31



Jim Wiegand
Tower Clock
Eye Center

This Week's Picks:

San Francisco
Pittsburgh
Philadelphia
Kansas City
Dallas
Detroit

Arizona
Tennessee
Cincinnati
New England
Baltimore
Minnesota

Buffalo
New Orleans
Washington

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Rams 17 @ Packers 27

KEYS TO THE GAME

By **BILL HUBER**

Correspondent

The Green Bay Packers (5-8) will host the Los Angeles Rams (4-9) at 7:15 p.m. on Monday at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. ESPN will televise the game.

History

In a series that dates to 1937, when the Packers trounced the Cleveland Rams 35-10, Green Bay holds a 48-47-2 lead. That includes wins at Lambeau Field in the 2021 regular season and 2020 playoffs.

In last year's 36-28 victory, Green Bay pulled away in the third quarter behind a 5-yard touchdown reception by A.J. Dillon and a 33-yard pick-six by Rasul Douglas.

Coaches

Green Bay — Matt LaFleur, 44-18, fourth season. Los Angeles — Sean McVay, 59-35, sixth season.

When the Packers have the ball

The Los Angeles defense was the driving force behind its win in last year's Super Bowl. Not this year.

The Rams are 16th with 22.8 points allowed per game. They are a powerhouse against the run, ranking fourth with 3.98 yards per carry, and in the red zone, with a second-ranked touchdown rate of 41.5%. However, it's 22nd in passing per play, 23rd in sack percentage and 23rd on third down. During a six-game losing streak it snapped last week, the Rams allowed 26-plus points five times.

The key to the game will be the status of All-Pro defensive tackle Aaron Donald. He was inactive for last Thursday's victory over the Raiders due to a high-ankle sprain. He could return this week.

Donald is one of the greatest defensive linemen in NFL history. A Pro Bowler in each of his first eight seasons and an All-Pro the past seven, Donald ranks sixth among active players with 103 sacks. His streak of five consecutive seasons with 10-plus sacks is in jeopardy as he has only five in 11 games this year. Nonetheless, he leads all interior defenders in PFF's pass-rush win rate. He paces the team with 10 tackles for losses.

Greg Gaines and Marquise Copeland join Donald on the defensive line of the Rams' 3-4 alignment. Gaines has three sacks.

Leonard Floyd and Terrell Lewis are the outside linebackers. Floyd, who had a combined 20 sacks the past two seasons, has five sacks and a team-high 12 quarterback hits. With one sack,



Packers cornerback Rasul Douglas holds on to Bears running back David Montgomery as he looks for a short gain on Dec. 4 in Chicago.

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Green Bay Packers running back A.J. Dillon, left, tries to keep his footing on a run against the Philadelphia Eagles on Nov. 27 in Philadelphia.

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Lewis generally rushes from the right side. That means a matchup against Green Bay's left tackle — perhaps Zach Tom with David Bakhtiari coming off

an appendectomy.

Perennial All-Pro Bobby Wagner and Ernest Jones are the inside linebackers. Wagner, the longtime

Seahawks star, has been fabulous with 111 tackles, five sacks, seven tackles for losses and four passes defended. Jones is no slouch with 93 tackles.

At cornerback, All-Pro Jalen Ramsey is joined by Troy Hill. In nickel, Hill moves to the slot and fourth-round rookie Cobie Durant enters at corner. Ramsey, with one interception and 11 passes defended, has been unusually vulnerable.

According to PFF, he's allowed a 68.7% catch rate and a league-high seven touchdowns. However, he helped limit Davante Adams to only three catches in his last game. Ramsey, the esteemed veteran, vs. the explosive Christian Watson would be a riveting matchup.

Taylor Rapp and Nick Scott are the safeties. Scott has two interceptions, five passes defended and two forced fumbles. Rapp had a career-high four interceptions last year but only one this year.

When the Rams have the ball

When the Rams won the Super Bowl last year, the key to the offense was quarterback Matthew Stafford throwing passes to unstoppable re-

ceiver Cooper Kupp. Both players are on injured reserve. Stafford is out for the season with a neck injury.

Kupp — who topped 100 yards in five of his first eight games — is eligible to come off injured reserve this week following ankle surgery, but that seems unlikely given the state of the Rams' season.

The Rams last week claimed quarterback Baker Mayfield off waivers. A few days later, he came off the bench to lead a come-from-behind victory over the Raiders by guiding a game-winning, 98-yard touchdown drive. He was 22-of-35 passing for 230 yards and one touchdown. The last time Mayfield came to Green Bay was as a member of the Browns last year. On Christmas, he handed the Packers four interceptions.

"I used to not necessarily complain about the fact that I had that many different offensive systems and having to learn that, but it came in handy when having to learn a crash course and being able to relate certain things," Mayfield said.

With Kupp and Allen Robinson on injured reserve, Van Jefferson, Ben Skowronek and Tutu Atwell are the primary receivers. Skowronek, who fills the Allen Lazard role, has 38 receptions for 373 yards and zero touchdowns. Jefferson has 13 grabs for

180 yards and three touchdowns in seven games and pint-sized but rocket-fast Atwell has 11 catches for 237 yards, including a 62-yard touchdown.

Tight end Tyler Higbee has 52 catches for 455 yards but just four receptions for 25 yards without Kupp the last three games.

Cam Akers is the leading rusher with only 376 yards on a 3.3 average. He hasn't had a run of longer than 15 yards this season, but Green Bay's run defense has been mostly horrendous.

The offensive line consists of left tackle Ty Nsekhe, left guard Matt Skura, center Brian Allen, right guard Coleman Shelton and former Wisconsin star Rob Havenstein at right tackle.

Special teams

In Football Outsiders' rankings, Los Angeles is 22nd and Green Bay is 30th.

Matt Gay is 19-of-21 on field goals, including 4-of-6 from 50-plus yards. He's got a big-time leg; opponents have returned only nine kickoffs.

Riley Dixon has excellent averages of 49.6 yards (gross) and 42.2 yards (net). He's had two blocked, should Packers coordinator Rich Bisaccia want to attack.

Receiver Brandon Powell handles both phases of returns, with averages of 20.4 yards on kickoffs and 7.1 yards on punts.

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Q&A WITH INNIS GAINES

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

After suffering season-ending ACL injuries at TCU in 2018 and 2019, Innis Gaines went undrafted and unsigned in 2020. Because of the injury, his only NFL opportunity was a late-season try-out with the Packers, who signed him to a futures deal after the 2020 season.

After spending the 2021 season on the practice squad, Gaines might have made the roster this year if not for a hamstring injury that led to his release with an injury settlement.

The Packers signed him to the practice squad on Oct. 18 and promoted him to the 53-man roster on Nov. 29.

Q: What was that moment like when you got the call that you were being promoted?

A: It was a long time coming. I saw the Lambeau number calling me and I was like, 'Yep, it feels like it's about that time.' I felt like I had a good game, felt like I've been doing hard work on the practice team, giving my best effort. Had two good training camps — had unfortunate injuries at the end of them. So, I felt like it was about time.

Q: You were a safety in 2021 and spent a lot of this summer in the slot. Did you feel good about your

chances until the injury?

A: Yeah, I felt really good in training camp. I was doing good on special teams and getting a lot of good reps in the slot and at safety to show my versatility. So, I felt good about my chances until I had an unfortunate injury that set me back.

Q: Who was the first person you told?

A: The first person I told was my girlfriend. I called her instantly and let her know the good news.

Q: Thinking back to our Zoom call with you last year, your story is pretty incredible. What has this journey been like?

A: DoorDash ...

Q: Exactly. You delivered food for DoorDash while rehabbing the knee and now you're on an NFL roster. That's a heck of a story.

A: Man, it's crazy. I tell the story to people and they don't believe it. It's hard for me to believe sometimes, knowing the ACL tears back-to-back in college, had to sit out a year, didn't get a workout until almost the end of the year with the Packers.

That turned out to be the best workout of my life. Saved my career. It's been a hard journey. I had to keep persevering through the lows and

highs to prove that I really belonged here.

Q: What did you do after the Packers released you in August?

A: I rehabbed here at Bellin. The Packers helped me rehab here with the doctors here. I stayed and watched some Packers football until it was time for me to get my call back. Week seven was the time period of my injury settlement. They said they'd take me back if I was still available and they kept their word.

Q: So, never a doubt that you'd be back?

A: Oh, yeah. For sure. I felt like I left a good mark in training camp to where they had high hopes for me. I felt like this was my best bet. If any team wanted me, the Packers were my best bet.

Q: Have you ever ordered from DoorDash?

A: Plenty of times. I leave great tips now for the times I didn't get any tips.

Q: So, what's a good tip for rookies like me?

A: They give you a set marker, like a \$3 tip automatically. I usually raise it two or three bucks. Whatever they tell you to do, I raise it a couple more bucks because I know how hard they work. Whatever it says, I do a little

more. I don't do \$20 every time; I'm not rich yet.

Q: While you've been playing only on special teams, coach Matt LaFleur mentioned your potential on defense. What does that mean to you?

A: I'm glad he said that about me. I worked my ass off to prove that I can play defense, too. It's hard being an undrafted guy. You've got to earn the trust of everybody. I proved to myself over the past year-and-a-half that I can play slot, I can play safety.

I have a high football IQ. I can see the whole field. That helps to show the coaches that I can do everything. So, that makes me feel wonderful.

Q: When I asked him, I called you Innis. He looked at me like I had a third eye.

A: Nobody calls me Innis.

Q: Where did 'Thump' come from?

A: It originated my junior year of high school. My mentor/coach, Patrick Fischer, he gave me that name. He said, 'You need something that's going to catch on with the media, catch on to people, because it's time to get offers.' It originated with Thump-Thump but it shaved down to Thump as guys started saying it more and more.



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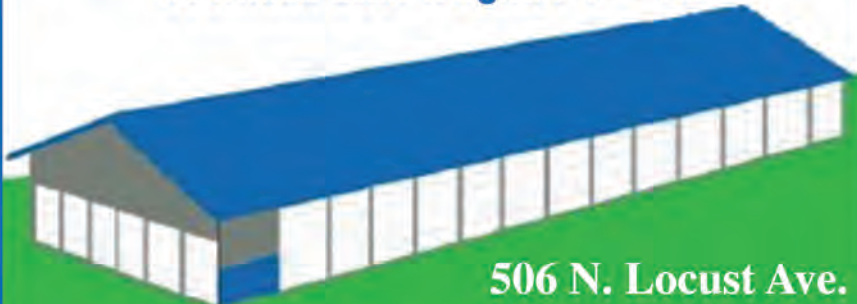
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WoodPickers: It's not just your ordinary northwoods boutique

There's something interesting tucked into every nook and cranny of Lakewood's newest gift shop. WoodPickers features a diverse blend of resale, vintage and handmade items, plus home décor. Cori and Kesler Frisch opened the store in September 2022 in a historic home built in 1896, believed to be Lakewood's oldest residence.

"It's a very historic place, family owned and operated small-town business," Cori Frisch said.

The store's distinctive name is a riff off the "American Pickers" TV series, which depicts the hosts traveling across the country, searching for rare American artifacts. WoodPickers offers the same type of search for customers, with so many gems just waiting to be discovered.

"A lot of people enjoy the variety," she said.

Every room of the store has its own charm. WoodPickers sells antiques and new items, seasonal décor, baby gifts, Christian-themed merchandise and, of course, wood crafts — many made by Kesler — plus other handmade items crafted by the couple. There's also a resale man cave.

"You never know what you'll find in there," Cori Frisch said.

Hot sellers in the wintertime are memory mittens, made from a deceased loved one's sweater.

Cori makes these by the dozens for families who want to remember Grandma or another special someone. Like everything else in the store, the memory mittens are reasonably priced, selling for \$15 pair.

Basically, WoodPickers isn't your typical Northwoods gift boutique.

"I think what makes us different is it's very much not a boutique atmosphere, and it's very much not boutique prices," she said.

In addition to the retail store on the first floor, the Frisch family operates an Airbnb on the second floor. The historic and quaint two-bedroom, one-bath apartment sleeps six and has a private entry and self-check-in. At \$80 a night, the Airbnb has been popular since it opened in April 2022. The Frisches also operate a cozy cabin Airbnb in the Sunrise Lake neighborhood in Mountain.

WoodPickers, 15421 State Highway 32 in Lakewood, is easy to find. Just look for the festively decorated 1950s truck on display in front of the store.

"We strive for an inviting, relaxed and friendly atmosphere and love to see people taking photos out by the old WoodPickers truck, which is decorated for each season," she said.

WoodPickers is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.



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In the summer of 2005, a group of interested residents came together and created Walls of Wittenberg Inc., a nonprofit with the mission “to bring out the beauty and unique character of the Wittenberg area in a way that revitalizes the downtown, honors the history of the area, and attracts visitors.”

Over the years the group has supported the painting of more than 27 murals.

Walls of Wittenberg has installed many murals on downtown buildings over the years, including this scene over the Wittenberg Family Barber Shop. A man bringing his son to the barber shop was the last piece of the multi-artist mural commissioned by the late Lois Smith and installed in 2020.

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