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'No parking' signs going up on Prouty Street

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Some people parking on Prouty Street in Wittenberg will have to find another place to put their vehicles with the village putting up no parking signs soon.

The Wittenberg Village Board signed off Nov. 7 on installing the signs to better facilitate traffic on the street around Wittenberg Elementary-Middle School.

Board member Paul Yaeger, who also works for the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District, noted that it was already a problem when people were parking on the street at the school on one side, but that has since escalated to where people are parking on both sides.

"We already have the signs, and we've already motioned this a million times," Yaeger said, noting that the plans are to put the signs on the east side of Prouty but not ruling out putting them on the west side, as well. "They park way out in the road during school hours."

Yaeger noted that it's only school days where it's a problem, and the restrictions would not be in place on weekends. He recommended that letters go to three homes on Prouty nearest the school to warn them that the signs are coming.

"The one right by the school is probably one of the guilty parties," Yaeger said. "They park that car right under a guide wire. It gets really narrow there and, once we plow, the buses have a hard time passing parked cars."

Yaeger noted that the school has a parking lot, but many of those spaces sit empty. He said that the no parking signs should only inconvenience adjacent



New signs announcing no parking on segments of Prouty Street near Wittenberg Elementary-Middle School have appeared, including this one posted under an older sign announcing no U-turns.

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residents, as the parking lot can be used for school teachers and staff currently parking on the roads.

"We're not trying to make people walk a mile," Yaeger said. "What we're trying to stop are the

teachers that are parking there, and then the buses and people meeting buses can't pass."

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13-year-old in ATV crash dies from injuries

A 13-year-old boy who was in an ATV crash Nov. 7 in the Town of Wittenberg died from his injuries, according to the Shawano County Sheriff's Department.

"We are saddened to announce the 13-year-old male involved in this ATV crash has succumbed to his injuries," Lt. Chris Madle said in a press release.

In the late afternoon of Nov. 7, sheriff's department responded to a report of an ATV crash on Nightin-

gale Road near Oak Road. The caller indicated an ATV had rolled over onto the driver who was unconscious and non-responsive.

Sheriff's office deputies responded along with multiple EMS departments. The driver of the ATV was the lone occupant and was identified as a 13-year-old boy from the Wittenberg area. The boy sustained life-threatening injuries and was transported to Aspirus Wausau Hospital. From there, he was then transferred

to a hospital in Marshfield.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) was called to assist with this investigation. The initial findings of this crash showed the boy was traveling in a field area when the ATV rolled and left him pinned under the ATV, according to Madle. The crash was not witnessed, and it was unclear how long he had been there prior to 911 being called.

Madle said the sheriff's depart-

ment has been in contact with the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District, which was made aware of this incident and has resources available to their staff and students.

Madle said no further information is being released regarding this incident for now, and the boy is not being identified by the sheriff's department because he is a juvenile. The crash remains under investigation by the DNR, which investigates all ATV crashes where there are fatalities.

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More than food offered at congregate meal sites

Games, info shared
at any of 6 locations
across Shawano County

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

It's more than just a meal.

Of course, the Shawano County congregate meal sites offer hot meals, but those attending can also experience a fun time out from home, potentially learn something new and play some games.

All county residents older than 60 are invited to attend any of the six nutrition sites available throughout the county. Call the site the day prior to the meal to reserve a spot. A \$4.50 per meal donation is requested, but no eligible participant will be denied a meal due to their inability to contribute.

Meals and programs are coordinated through the Shawano County Department of Human Services Aging Unit.

Heidi Russell, director of the aging unit, said meals are also delivered to the homebound throughout the county.



Maplevue Apartment Complex, 434 Main St., Birnamwood, is one six congregate meal sites offering weekday meals to area residents older than 60.

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"We have anywhere between 120 and 200 meals delivered each day," she said. "Almost every day, we have more home-delivered meals than those served at the congregate sites."

Paid employees deliver the meals and also check in on the homebound residents.

Menu items vary and always include a main dish, sides and dessert.

Examples of main dishes this month include pepper steak over noodles, pork roast, bean ham soup, herbed chicken, pizza bake and a Thanksgiving-themed meal Nov. 22.

At the sites, attendees are often drawn not so much for the meals as they are for the programs that go with them. That's particularly true in

the warmer months when meals are served to coincide with programs at the Navarino Nature Center.

"We can easily have 100 people show up for those programs," Russell said.

Shawano County meal sites are as follows:

- Shawano Civic Center, 225 S. Main St., Shawano, 715-526-9311. Meal served daily at 11:30 a.m. Bingo is offered at 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
 - JJ's on Main, 407 W. Main St., Bowler, 715-253-2421. Meal served at 11 a.m. Monday.
 - Bonduel Hillside Apartments, 100 N. Washington St., Bonduel, 715-526-9311. Meal served at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday.
 - Maplevue Apartment Complex, 434 Main St., Birnamwood, 715-253-2421. Meal served at 11:30 a.m. daily.
 - Wittenberg Community Center, 208 W. Vinal St., Wittenberg, 715-253-2421. Meal served at 11 a.m. Wednesday and the first Friday of the month.
 - Tigerton Community Center, 221 Birch St., Tigerton, 715-253-2421. Meal served at 11 a.m. Thursday.
- All meals are made at JJ's on Main in Bowler and taken to the sites.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District Board of Education Meeting November 20, 2023

November 20, 2023

5:40 P.M. - Budget and Finance Committee Meeting

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 October 23, 2023 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 Agenda
 - X.
 - 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. Approval of Board Policy Updates Volume 32, Number 2
 - XIII. New Business
 - A. 2022-2023 Fiscal Audit Report for Information
 - B. Presentation of State Assessment Results
 - C. Start College Now/Early College Credit Program Applications for Approval
 - D. Approval of High School Science Teacher Hire
 - E. Approval of Transportation Director Hire
 - F. Approval of Physical Education Long Term Substitute Hire
 - XIII. Adjournment
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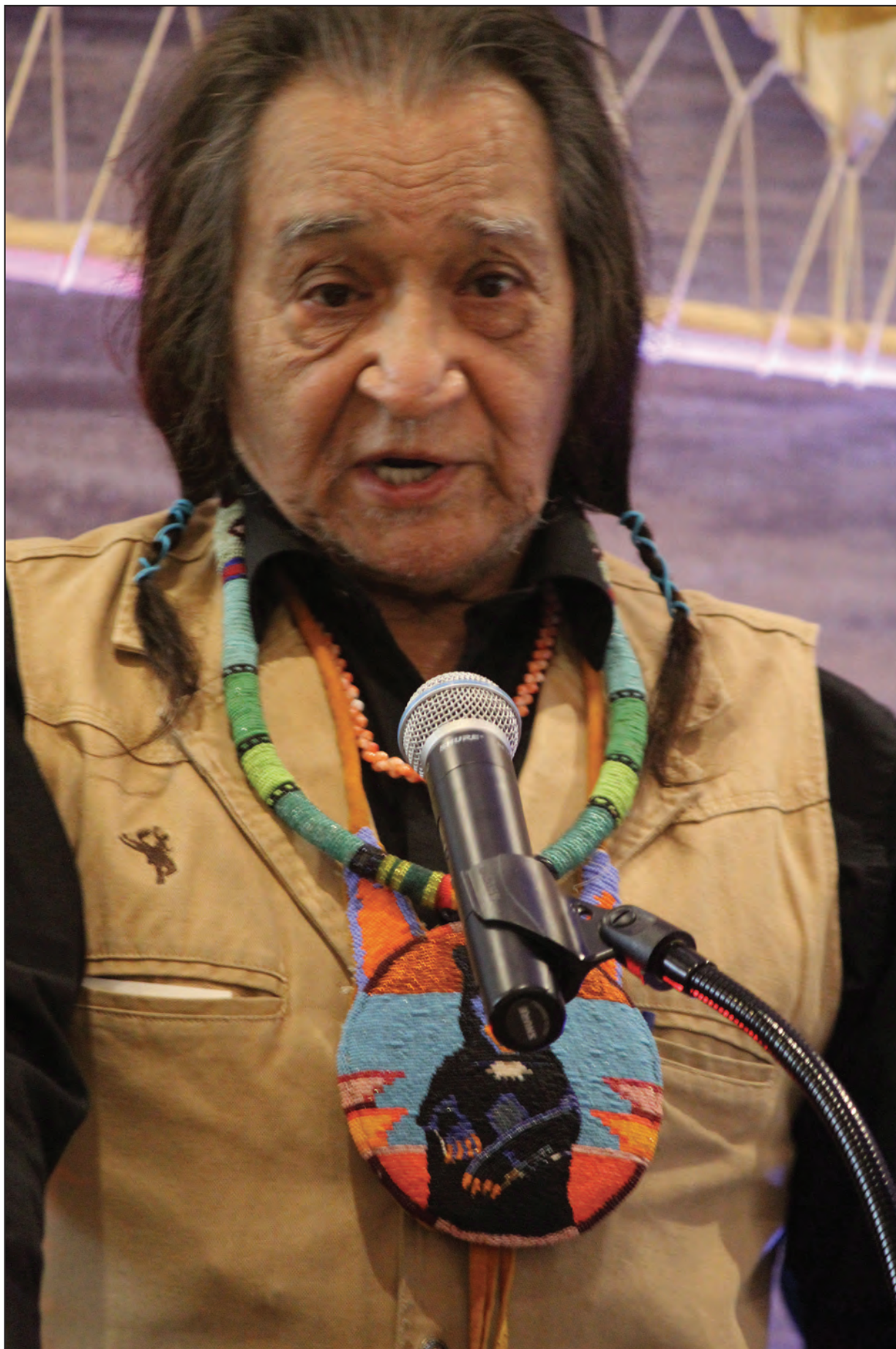
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Rockman's goal to survive Vietnam achieved



Retired U.S. Marine tells how he survived battle at Khe Sanh to return to Ho-Chunk

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Jeremy Rockman is known for his academic career with the Ho-Chunk Nation, being the first Native American to receive a doctorate from UCLA's graduate school of education, but to do that, he first had to survive the war in Vietnam as a United States Marine.

That was a tale that garnered rapt attention from the audience Nov. 11 at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg during the tribe's Veterans Day ceremony. Rockman was with the 2nd Battalion 1st Marine Regiment and was in the last battle for control of the Khe Sanh on May 19, 1968.

Rockman said he was focused on one thing during that pivotal battle. He wanted to make it out safely.

"I am combative," Rockman said. "I'll draw the line, and I'll hold that line."

Recalling the memorable battle, he remembered his regiment leaving the Khe Sanh early that morning, walking along the perimeter singing "Mary in the Morning" in his mind, when the soldiers were besieged by an artillery bombardment.

"When we started getting hit with artillery, everybody scrambled to jump into the trenches," Rockman said. "That was our wake-up call that morning."

As the march continued, Rockman recalls coming across an area with craters caused by B-52 weapons.

"It looked like a lunar landscape, the surface of the moon filled with bomb craters from meteors striking the surface," he said. "That's how the surface of Khe Sanh looked, devastated by all the B-52 bomb droppings."

Rockman told the audience that he never walked upright when he marched because it made him too easy a target.

"I moved with great stealth," Rockman said. "I told someone one time that I moved like a black panther, which I did. I was ready to spring left, right, forward or back, always ready to move, because I had but one objective when I was in the Nam and that was to make it out safely, not get hurt and come back home."

Rockman recalled how there were three AK-47s firing at the machine gunner adjacent to him, and there were another three firing at him. He had to crouch and fire his M-16 rifle.

"They were ducking just as much as I was, trying to keep out of the way," Rockman said. "They had their heads down, firing at me. I was pointing down firing at a level."

Jeremy Rockman, retired from the U.S. Marine Corps as a Vietnam combat veteran, tells the harrowing story of how he survived the last battle for control of the Khe Sanh against a North Vietnamese Army regiment during the Ho-Chunk Nation's annual Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 11 at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg.

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If I was standing up straight, I'd be easy pickings. I deduced the way to fight out in the open was to optimize every opportunity you had."

To maximize his firepower, Rockman taped three magazines together in a Y-shaped configuration. He initially had 17 rounds in each magazine, but when he tried to fire, it jammed up, and the magazine inside fell out of the chamber. That's when he tried 16 rounds per magazine with the same result, so he tried it with 15, leaving him with 46 bullets, including the one already in the chamber.

"I had 46 rounds to save my beautiful brown (expletive deleted)," Rockman said, garnering laughter from the audience. "That's why I'm alive today, because I think. I think about everything I do."

Rockman noted that during his service in 1968 and 1969, he was almost killed on eight separate occasions, two of them by friendly fire. He received an honorable discharge and was awarded the Silver Star once and the Bronze Star twice.

Rockman said he hates to stand in front of people because it goes back to his younger days when he was "the only Indian" at school, but he felt it was necessary to stand up and tell people about what soldiers went through in Vietnam.

"I had to fight every recess, every noon hour, every time that we got out of school at the end of the day," Rockman said.

Approaching the age of 80, Rockman continues strong, running one to three miles at least once a week.

"I don't plan on going to my grave quietly," he said. "There's still going to be a firecracker when this chief goes."

Dana Bzdawka, a member of the Ojibwe, Menominee and Oneida nations living in Green Bay, noted that Native American tribes always welcomed home their veterans, no matter the conflict, including the Vietnam era, a time that saw many U.S. veterans being booed, spat on and more as they returned home from war.

"We welcome them home with stories. We welcome them home with songs," Bzdawka said. "We hold our veterans in the highest regard. We understand that many of our brothers and sisters, when they join the service, they became a part of other brotherhoods, other sisterhoods. They formed bonds, so that's why it's very important for us as Native people that we share these. We share our songs, and we share our stories in recognition of those bonds that we formed and that honor and that tradition of being a warrior."



ABOVE: Pamela Wilber, left, a Ho-Chunk nation member and veteran who served in the Wisconsin National Guard, unfurls the POW/MIA flag with the help of Jim Blarek with Birnamwood American Legion Post 341 on Nov. 11 at the Veterans Day ceremony at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg.

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LEFT: Members of Birnamwood American Legion Post 341 fire a 21-gun salute Nov. 11 outside Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg for the annual Veterans Day ceremony.

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Fletcher Collins, executive manager for Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg, also said it was important to honor veterans, whether they saw combat or served the military in other ways. Both of Collins' parents served in the military during Vietnam, with his mother in the U.S. Air Force and his father seeing combat in the U.S. Army.

"It is a day that we recognize all of those who answered the call of duty and served our great nation," Collins said.

He added that his mother has

served with the Ho-Chunk Nation and the U.S. Veterans Administration as a tribal service officer and continues to serve veterans even in retirement.

"She's celebrating in Tomah, but she knows I'll be calling her later today," he said.

Collins reminded the audience that Veterans Day originally came out of Armistice Day, which recognized the end of World War I, deemed then to be the war to end all wars — at least until World War II happened.

"Veterans Day continues to be observed on Nov. 11, regardless on what day it falls on," Collins said. "The restoration and observance of Veterans Day on Nov. 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date but helps to provide attention to the importance of veterans, a celebration to honor all of America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to sacrifice and serve for the common good."

OBITUARIES

Henry Francis Meverden, 87, Wausau, died peacefully Monday, Nov. 6, 2023, under the care of Interim Hospice at Mount View Care Center, Wausau.

Born July 31, 1936, at Wausau Hospital to Clarence and Theresa (Beck) Meverden, Henry was the 10th of 20 children.

After graduating from Birnamwood High School in 1955, he proudly served three years in the United States Army as a helicopter mechanic stationed in the U.S. and Korea. In 2019, he was thrilled to take part in the Honor Flight alongside his brother, Dennis.

Henry married Donna M. Radke on Sept. 24, 1960, at St. William Catholic Church in Eland. They recently celebrated 63 years of marriage.

He worked at Cloverbelt Co-Op in Wausau before continuing his career as a serviceman, customer engineer and division marketing manager at Wisconsin Fuel and Light Co., Wausau, where he worked for 34 years, retiring in 1997.

Of his many talents, he most enjoyed making and repairing things for others. He had a knack for fixing anything with a motor or engine



and was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone. He was a longtime member of the Knights of Columbus Council 1069, Wausau Noon Kiwanis and Wausau Elks Lodge 248.

He took great pride in being the former commander of VFW Burns Post 388 and a member of the VFW Honor Guard. As a longtime faithful parishioner of St. Mary's Catholic Church and later Church of the Resurrection, he could often be found helping the custodians with projects and repairs.

Henry was always proudly in attendance at his children's and grandchildren's music and sporting events. He annually looked forward to Pelican Lake and Canadian fishing trips, as well as deer hunting season with friends, relatives and grandchildren.

He enjoyed cheering on the Milwaukee Brewers and Green Bay Packers, and supporting Newman High School athletics. He cherished opportunities to visit with friends and family at Chet and Emil's, listen and dance to polka music and share a chicken dinner. One of his favor-

ite days of the week in the summer was Monday after lawn mowing, stopping with Dean and Steve for a hard-earned cold one.

Henry was a man of great kindness, laughter, love and service to others. He always had a smile on his face and a joke or story to tell. He never complained, never missed a meal, and he always saved room for a slice of Donna's pie.

Henry was the best dad, grandpa, uncle and friend that we could have ever asked for.

Henry is survived by his wife, Donna; children, Mike (Kelly), Jane McMullen (Patrick O'Reilly) and Sara (Mike) Kaffine; grandchildren, Patrick (Brooke) Meverden, Jennifer (John) Reuteman, Zachary Kaffine (Zoe Thelen), Samuel Kaffine, Isaac McMullen and Alex Kaffine; great-grandchildren, Augie and Archie Meverden, and Mac Reuteman.

Surviving siblings include Irene Ruenger, John (Helen), Dennis (Sharon), Rose (Charlie) Radke, Carol (Ed) Resch, Tom (Sandy), Betty Meverden and Barbara (Doug) Praslowicz.

He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Irvin (Alicia), Robert (June), Elnora, Irma (Frank) Martin, Eugene (Anna), Ruth (Chuck) Tafelski, Dorothy (Dan)

Sekorski, Raymond (Rosie), June (Vilas) King, William and Mary; and brother-in-law, Ray Ruenger.

The funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023, at Church of the Resurrection, 621 Second St., Wausau, celebrated by the Rev. Tom Lindner. Visitation will begin on Friday, Nov. 10, from 4-7 p.m. at Peterson/Kraemer Funeral Home, 1302 Sixth St., Wausau. Visitation will continue on Saturday beginning at 9:30 a.m. until the time of service at the church.

On Friday, there will be a VFW service honoring Henry at 6:30 p.m., and the Knights of Columbus will lead the rosary prayer at 6:45 p.m. to conclude the evening. Burial will follow in Restlawn Memorial Park with military honors accorded by VFW Burns Post 388.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.petersonkraemer.com.

Memorial donations may be directed to VFW Burns Post 388 or Church of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Wausau.

The family would like to express a special thank you to the doctors, nurses and staff of The Garden, Aspirus Palliative Care, Mount View Care Center, and Aspirus Comfort Care and Hospice Services for the care that Henry received. add flag

Bonita J. Moede

Bonita J. "Bonnie" Moede, 89, of Shawano, passed away peacefully early Saturday morning, Nov. 4, 2023, at Oak Haven in Shawano where she had resided the past four years. She and her husband spent her first year there together, before he passed away on April 9, 2020.

Bonita was born Jan. 15, 1934, in Shawano, a daughter of the late Albert and Eleanor (Forsberg) Strelow. She attended school in Bowler, graduating from Bowler High School with the class of 1952.

On May 2, 1953, Bonnie was united in marriage to Stanley "Gus" Moede in Bowler. She worked at



CRI-Genex as a secretary for over 32 years, retiring in 1999. Bonnie is a member of Peace United Church of Christ in Shawano. She enjoyed shopping, reading, golfing, traveling and spending winters in Orange Beach, Alabama. Bonnie loved following her grandchildren's athletics, rarely (if ever) missing a game.

Survivors include her children,

Randall (Karyn) Moede, Todd Moede and Lisa (Stephen) Acra; her grandchildren, Cari Beversdorf, Christopher (Molly) Moede, Ryan Moede, Samantha (Jerrit) Kunschke and Riley (Brandi Fiske) Acra; her great-grandchildren, Taylor, Rayna, Ada, Alice, Hadley Jane and Baker Stanley; her brother-in-law, LeRoy Buettner; her daughter-in-law, Rita Moede; and several nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Stanley, and her sis-

ter, Doris Kerstner.

In keeping with her wishes, private family services for Bonita Moede will be held.

Mickelson Funeral and Cremation Service Inc. of Shawano is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share online condolences at www.mickelsonfs.com.

The family is grateful to Bonnie's special neighbors, Steve and Cheryl Rouse, the staff at Oak Haven, and ThedaCare at Home Hospice, for all the kindness and care shown to Bonnie.



Duane Kroening

Duane Kroening, 76, Green Bay, passed away peacefully Nov. 5, 2023.

Born on April 14, 1947, in Shawano, he is the son of the late Louis and Elfrieda (Gast) Mehlhorn. He graduated from Bonduel High School and Badger Business College. Duane worked his entire accounting career at Larsen Canning Company, which

is now Birdseye Foods. He was a dedicated Wisconsin sports fan and a proud Packers stockholder.

He is survived by his siblings, Ed, Bill (Alison) and Kristie (Alan); nieces and nephews, Dean, Scott, Greg, Bob, Kathy, Ann, David, Kadie and Jeff; aunt, Marilyn Kirchenwitz; longtime friends, David, John, Margo

and Ed; as well as cousins.

Duane was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Luann.

A private family interment will take place at a later date.

Donations may be made to the Green Bay Humane Society and the Green Bay Salvation Army in Duane's name.

Nelda V. Heiman

Nelda V. Heiman, 89, of Clintonville, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023.

Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory.

Sacred Heart 1, Leaves 0



Sacred Heart Catholic School fifth grade students, from left, Laney Miller, Bailey Wild and Mila Cook were among dozens of students who spent the afternoon of Nov. 3 completing their annual leaf raking community service project by busing and walking to several homes around Shawano. Students in preschool through second grade stayed on the school campus to rake the Rev. Edward Looney's home, while the older students rode busses to complete their service project off campus.

CONTRIBUTED

ThedaCare leader earns national honor

DATCP extends organic food processing deadline

Becker's Hospital Review recently released the 2023 edition of its health system CEO influencers list.

Becker's Healthcare provides information and forums for health care leaders to learn, exchange ideas and further conversations about critical issues in American health care today.

ThedaCare President and CEO Dr. Imran Andrabi was included in the 2023 list. He is the only leader from Wisconsin recognized.

According to Becker's, the featured health system CEOs use their influence to improve health care as a whole. They discuss public health



IMRAN ANDRABI

issues, share the results of successful initiatives, implement new models of care and more. They often go on to set important precedents within the health care industry.

The CEOs highlighted on this list contribute to important research and discoveries, share their expertise with their networks and set the overall tone for their organizations.

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) has extended the deadline for organic food processors and producers to apply for reimbursement of costs related to organic certification from USDA's Organic Certification Cost Share Program to Dec. 8.

Farms and businesses that produce, process or package certified organic agricultural products are eligible to be reimbursed for 75% of certification-related costs — up to \$750 per category of certification — for expenses paid during Oct. 1, 2022, through Sept. 30, 2023. Farms or businesses must be located in Wisconsin and currently

certified or be actively seeking certification through an accredited certifier during that time frame.

Application materials and instructions are available on DATCP's website, <https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/AgDevelopment/OrganicFarmingAndFood.aspx>. Applications must be mailed to DATCP-DAD, Organic Cost Share Program, P.O. Box 8911, Madison, WI 53708, or emailed to DATCPorganic-costshare@wisconsin.gov, or submitted through the online form.

For information, contact DATCP organic agriculture programs specialist Andrew Bernhardt at DATCPorganic-costshare@wisconsin.gov or 608-572-0512.

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Saving seeds a very simple garden task

By now, most of our garden plants have gone to seed with the coming of November. This gives us a great opportunity to collect and save the seeds of some of our favorite plants, especially annuals, tomatoes, peppers, perennials and native wildflowers and grasses.

Collecting and saving the seeds of our garden plants is not as intimidating as it seems. In fact, it is one of the simplest garden tasks we can enjoy.

The key to collecting and saving seeds is to keep them dry. The most common mistakes seed collectors make is to allow them to get to moist or damp. This results in quick losses as the seeds simply rot away or become infested with mold.

To prevent this, one of the simplest things we can do is store seeds in paper envelopes or paper bags, rather than sandwich bags or plastic.

They can also be stored in airtight glass jars, plastic vials or other containers that can be placed in a cool, dry location for the winter months.

The seeds of annuals, especially easily collected ones like marigolds, cosmos, zinnias, sunflowers and others, are easy to obtain in the garden. Simply snap off flower heads



Rob Zimmer
Columnist

and remove the seeds with your fingertips.

For large quantities, place seed heads in a paper bag or a covered pail and shake vigorously. Many of the seeds will separate, allowing you to easily remove the chaff and store the seed.

Seeds from perennials, such as hosta, coneflower, black-eyed Susan, aster, delphinium, columbine, lupine and many others, can be collected and stored the same way. For a fun mixture, simply combine all of the seeds together and plant that way in the spring.

Garden edibles, such as tomatoes and peppers, are also wonderful choices for saving seed. Especially true of heirloom varieties of tomatoes and peppers that come true to type from seed, collecting and saving this precious resource is a money saver and it allows you to grow a large variety of plants.



Collecting and saving the seeds of favorite garden plants, such as this orange milkweed, is a fun and easy gardening hobby.

ROB ZIMMER

There are many different ways to collect and save the seeds of peppers and tomatoes. From simply scooping them out and allowing them to dry, to emulsifying, to placing them in a blender to separate the seeds and other methods. A simple online search will showcase all of these different ways to collect and preserve heirloom tomato and

pepper seeds.

Saving seeds is a fun and enjoyable garden hobby. The more you explore, the more you will enjoy propagating your own plants from seeds harvested right at home.

Rob Zimmer is a nature and garden author, public speaker and radio show host on WHBY. Readers can find him on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RobZimmerOutdoors.



Steve Stomberg, right, speaks to the Wisconsin Assembly on Nov. 7 as Rep. Peter Schmidt stands nearby and listens. Stomberg was honored on the Assembly floor as a Hometown Hero for saving Schmidt's life in 2007.

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Stomberg honored for saving Schmidt's life

Sixteen years ago, a coach helped save an athlete's life, and now the athlete has helped the coach get the recognition he deserves.

Rep. Peter Schmidt, R-Bonduel, presented Shawano Community High School teacher and coach Steve Stomberg with a Hometown Hero award during the Assembly floor session Nov. 7.

"Steve Stomberg is deserving of this award for so many reasons," said Schmidt. "Steve has been a pillar in the Shawano community for more than three decades. When he is not teaching and coaching, Steve often uses his free time to volunteer in the community."

Stomberg has been teaching agriculture education and serving as an FFA adviser for the Shawano School

District for 31 years. Stomberg has been coaching cross country for the Shawano School District for 26 years, helping many athletes achieve their dreams of participating in the WIAA State Cross Country Championship. He has taken the Shawano boys and girls teams to the state meet for three consecutive years, including this year.

As a coach, Stomberg frequently has to step in quickly as a first responder. In 2007, Schmidt collapsed shortly after crossing the finish line at a high school cross country meet. Stomberg immediately provided emergency assistance and saved his life.

"I was humbled to present Steve as a Hometown Hero," said Schmidt. "It was an emotional moment. Steve is the reason I am alive to tell his story."

Wisconsin's best-kept secrets exposed

Twig's Beverage in Shawano one of over 80 things unveiled by travel writers in 'Secret Wisconsin'

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Lambeau Field didn't make the list for "Secret Wisconsin: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful and Obscure," but that's to be expected, because it's hardly a secret.

Twig's Beverage and the Sun Drop Museum also aren't really a secret to locals, but they made the list for "Secret Wisconsin," a guide for some of the small-town uniqueness that makes the Dairyland State the place that it is. Buried beneath the cows and Green and Gold memorabilia are over 80 places and things that Tom Manus and Kristi Flick Manus have discovered as travel writers, and the couple say there's plenty more that didn't make this book — indicating "Secret Wisconsin" might have a sequel or three.

"The way we travel is by road trips on back roads and two-lane highways," Manus said during a book signing event Nov. 11 at the Sun Drop Museum. "We're small-town travel specialists."

For the Eau Claire couple, the love of Wisconsin prompted pulling back the curtain on some of the amazing things hidden in small towns. Flick Manus grew up in Madison, while Manus was a convert after getting married in 1995.

"This helps to get families to get out and take road trips, to make memories," Manus said. "We finally decided, after all these years, we should tell other people about it."

Flick Manus noted that the places in the book will not cost families a small fortune. The most expensive venture will cost \$64.80.

"We want families to get out and see the state," Flick Manus said.

The travel writers heard about Twig's Beverage on the wind and decided to check it out. They visited while the Sun Drop mural was being created outside the bottling facility. While visiting, they got to see how the bottles are filled, how Twig's specialty sodas are created and the museum that showcases three generations worth of Sun Drop history.

"We came over, checked it out and fell in love with it," Flick Manus said. "It's one of those that people locally know, but not necessarily statewide, and we wanted to make sure everybody in the state knew about it. It's very unique."

However, the initial visit did not



Tom Manus and Kristi Flick Manus hold up copies of "Secret Wisconsin: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful and Obscure" while standing in front of a vintage telephone booth at the Sun Drop Museum, where the couple sold and signed their books on Nov. 11. The museum is one of over 80 items featured in the book.

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AT A GLANCE

WHAT: "Secret Wisconsin: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful and Obscure"

WHO: Tom Manus and Kristi Flick Manus

WHERE: Available on Amazon, as well as Barnes and Noble and other major bookstores. The 192-page paperback book, retailing at \$27, is also available through Reedy Press at www.reedypress.com.

prepare the couple for the return trip for the book signing, when they saw cases of soda constantly moving past them for customers.

"It's got such a cult following," Manus said.

"It's such a show," Flick Manus added. "I can't even imagine. The bottles go in. The bottles go out."

Of course, there's much more than Twig's in "Secret Wisconsin." Flick Manus said that one of the favorite things for the couple is a Friday morning fish fry in Kenosha.

"At 7:30, you can go and get your fish," she said. "It's in a bakery called Oliver's Bakery."

Manus added that the owner of the bakery has owned it for 40 years and

worked a few years before that, but when asked how the tradition started, she had no idea.

"It's just a given," Manus said.

"People order ahead of time, and she sells out every week."

Manus noted that the things found in "Secret Wisconsin" can't always be found on the first couple of pages of Google Search. One of those things came to light as the travel writers visited Durand and discovered in a place called the Corral Bar an 1885 circus poster that's 55 feet long and 9 feet tall.

"It was temporary. It was only supposed to last two months," Manus said. "The owner and his brother bought the bar and the building next to it to turn it into an event space. When he started tearing the wall out to build a doorway, he cut a hole that was really big, and he noticed there was a really colorful buffalo staring back at him. That got his curiosity up, and he started carefully removing everything."

An expert from Baraboo checked out the poster, according to Manus, and said it was the best preserved poster he'd ever seen. The poster is now behind glass in the Corral Bar's

event room, he said.

Another favorite for the couple is a place called Gravity Hill in Lafayette County near Shullsburg. Flick Manus said that the hill is a road where people put their vehicles in neutral "and the forces of nature pull your car uphill."

"It's a really quirky and unique thing," she said.

From the world's oldest sanctioned bowling alley in Milwaukee to a museum in Luck bearing the world's largest yo-yo as a reminder that Duncan Yo-Yos used to be manufactured in the community, there are plenty of hidden gems within easy driving distance for anybody living in Wisconsin.

"We go to grocery stores and talk to people," Manus said. "That's where we find unique things — local people at the grocery store. We don't tell them we're travel writers or anything. We just say, 'Hey, what's there unique to do here?' and then they just start talking. In small towns, people are proud of what they have. You don't see that in the big cities."

FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Good Samaritans help out with runaway cows

"Hey, you need some help?"

Not waiting for a reply and without a second thought, the Good Samaritans got out of their truck and hustled down the driveway.

My husband and a repairman were in our basement working on an issue. I was in my office, and their voices were coming up through the furnace vent as loudly as if I was standing right next to them. The conversation turned to farming and, chuckling quietly to myself, I recalled the very first article I ever wrote was called, "Farmer Stance" back in July 2003. With a short hiatus, I've been at this writing thing a while.

Getting two farmers together, retired or actively farming, is a sight to behold. Readjusting the gnarly baseball cap on the once full head of hair and leaning on a scruffy pickup truck speaks louder than words — they're there for the long haul. Another more comfortable position is arms folded across the chest, legs spread shoulder-wide. Yup.

Hashing out corn or soybean prices or milk prices and then, inevitably, the talk turns to the weather — it being an inexhaustible topic. We either have too much moisture, not enough moisture, too much sun, not enough sun; vast topic. Vast.

At any rate, these fellas were talking and I was losing interest and pretty soon his cell phone jingled. That ended the session and as he was making his way up the basement steps I heard him holler, "Kk-aaa-yyy!" A one-syllable name morphs into three when there's an emergency.

Heart sinking because I know that tone, I pushed my computer chair back and in my haste it almost crashed to the floor. Running to the kitchen window, my eyes confirmed the yell my ears had heard. The cows were out. Oh-no-oh-no-oh-no.

Black and whites were on a field trip, seemingly everywhere, tails high up over their heads. Stumbling into shoes and pulling on a coat, I sprinted out without even fully getting arms through sleeves. There, I noticed to my left, were those two good-sized (very helpful to be sturdy) fellas who had witnessed the pandemonium and stopped in to help. Bless their hearts.

The cows, at that point, were making hefty indentations in my pliable lawn just around the corner from



Holstein cows don't even appear guilty after trying to make a break for it from the Reminger farm recently, but with the help of some Good Samaritans, they are back behind fences, where they belong.

KAY REMINGER



the heifer barn. The heifers were safe in their barn, thankfully, but they were egging on the escapees by loudly encouraging them, which only added to the high-headed, eyes-wide, snot-sailing, tail-flying energy of the fugitives. They were having fun. We were not.

As we tried to round them up, their adventure took them down the hill past the heifer barn astonishingly staying out of the corn field, started to go down to the woods but thought better of it (whew), trashed through a pile of sawdust, through a manure pile — stacked there only because we'd had six inches of rain lately and it was too muddy to spread — in and out of a machine shed, behind the barn and back up around the opposite side.

Some we corralled in from where

they busted out (a gate my husband had gotten sidetracked and forgot to shut — farmer stance), a few got coaxed inside using the big sliding barn door, and the rest came through using the front gate. They got out going through one gate and got back in through three.

We have anywhere from 50-70 cows here on a regular basis. Altogether, we corralled 56 cows this day. The repairman that was here in the first place, the two Good Samaritans that had stopped, and my husband and I were the cowboys at this rodeo.

At one point I was spreading my arms out wide hollering, "Hey, hey, hey!" A cow who was really gutsy stood stock-still with her head down and then made a move toward me, about 10 feet away. I held my ground and just kept talking trash to her. A flashback, quick as lightning, flew through my head.

A couple years ago, a Black Angus 400-pounder had sent me to the ER when she head-butted my chest, sending me sprawling, hitting my head on a jagged cement ledge. Seven staples and five stitches later and a whole lot less blood, I was sent home

with a maturing case of post-traumatic stress disorder. Bizarre, as I'd been around animals my whole life, but the Black Angus breed is a feisty lot and didn't last long on the farm. Thankfully, this black and white Holstein finally gave in and swung her ample body around toward the gate and where she belonged.

Getting everybody back in, we heartily thanked our helpers. They scoffed: "What are neighbors for?" They weren't even neighbors, and with a wave they headed out.

Hearing my name shouted in a manner that implies the cows are out can bolt me out the door quick as lightning. Thank you, God, for Good Samaritans.

("Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'" Luke 12:36-37)

Kay Reminger was born and raised on a dairy farm, and she married her high school sweetheart, who happened to farm for a living in Leopolis. Writing for newspapers since 2003, she remains focused on the blessings of living the ups and downs of rural life from a farm wife's perspective.



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Young people scammed more than elderly

People ages 18-24 reported losing more money to scams than older age groups, according to a new report published by the BBB Institute for Marketplace Trust (BBB Institute), the International Association of Better Business Bureaus' educational foundation.

"Targeting our youth: How scams are impacting ages 18-24" highlights scam types, tactics and trends based on data submitted to BBB Scam Tracker between January 2022, and June 2023.

Employment scams continue to be the riskiest scams for ages 18-24,

making up almost 30% of scams reported by this age group to BBB Scam Tracker. This scam type had the highest median dollar loss of all scam types reported by this age group (\$1,819).

Other risky scams include online purchases, cryptocurrency, rental, investment, fake checks or money orders, phishing, romance, advance fee loans and credit repair/debt relief.

"It's important that we spread awareness about employment scams, especially to younger people," said BBB Institute executive director Melissa Lanning Trumpower. "About 43%

of employment scams reported by this age group included a mention of fake check scams. Many reported being told to deposit checks into their accounts and then transfer funds to a vendor to pay for training or office equipment. By the time they realized the check was bad, the money was gone. We must make sure young people understand it takes time for checks to clear and to be sure they're good."

About 19% of employment scams from this age group mentioned schemes involving inspecting or re-shipping packages.

Online purchase scams made up

29.1% of all reports submitted by ages 18-24 with 81.4% reporting a monetary loss.

Young adults were more likely to report being targeted by text message or internet messaging than other age groups. The contact methods with the highest likelihood of a monetary loss (susceptibility) included website and social media. The contact methods with the highest reported median dollar loss were phone call, text message and in person.

This group reported a higher percentage of scams targeting them on Instagram and X than other age groups.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, NOV. 17

BOWLER: Bob and Tom Show Live, 5-9 a.m., North Star Mohican Casino Resort, W12180 County Road A. Free show to first 200 guests.

KESHENA: Native Artist Arts and Crafts Sale, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Menominee Cultural Museum, W3426 County Road VV. Beadwork, paintings, earrings, woodcarvings, baskets, beaded dream catchers, moccasins, mittens, doll clothes, scarves, regalia, quilts and more. Prize drawings 3 p.m.

SHAWANO: Shawano Recovery Center presents "Under the Sea, Not Under the Influence," 7-10:30 p.m., Shawano County Park Pavilion, W5791 Lake Drive. Sober prom fundraising event, \$20 per person, \$30 per couple. 715-201-0367 or shawanorecoverycenter.com.

BOWLER: Bob and Tom Live Comedy Show, 10:30 p.m., North Star Mohican Casino Resort, W12180 County Road A. Tickets \$20 at etix.com.

SATURDAY, NOV. 18

KESHENA: Holiday Bazaar and Craft Show, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Michael's Parish, N816 State Highway 47-55. Craft show, Christmas shop, cookies by the pound, basket raffle, food and more.

WITTENBERG: Babysitting Certification, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Northcentral Technical College, 402 N. Genesee St. Class includes basic care for infants and children, basic first aid, child behavior and appropriate activities, emergency protocols, and more. \$69.

SUNDAY, NOV. 19

GRESHAM: Fall Craft Fair, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Jungles On Main, 1215 Main St. \$20 a table. Call for a table 715-787-6026.

TUESDAY, NOV. 21

SHAWANO: Thanksgiving Day meal delivery, First Presbyterian Church, 100 W. Presbyterian St. Homebound people may register by 1 p.m. Nov. 21 to have a Thanksgiving meal delivered Nov. 23 within the Shawano city limits. Call 715-526-3329 to register for this free meal.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22

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FRIDAY, NOV. 24

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Authentic engagement in education essential

This September, I delivered my State of Education address in the Wisconsin State Capitol. I talked about the incredible teaching happening in our classrooms to prepare the future leaders of this state, and I shared some of the inspiring insights I have learned from our students. I focused on the critical moment in which we find ourselves: a moment when we can choose hope, or we can choose destruction in the way we support our children, their schools and our communities.

I choose hope. I want you to be part of creating and continuing that hope, together, as a part of our community engagement and strategic planning.

That's why I'm inviting you — the people of our great state — to a conversation about the future of public education in Wisconsin. When we announced the launch of our strategic planning process in August, we showed our belief in the importance of parental engagement, community input and civil discourse, just as we did with our release of the Department of Public Instruction's nonpartisan civics scope and sequence.



Jill Underly
Guest Columnist

Civil discourse is what I believe in, what is being taught in classrooms and what parents in all corners of Wisconsin are teaching their children. Meaningful parental and community engagement is what we at the DPI are encouraging through our strategic planning survey, as well as in-person and virtual engagement sessions. Authentic engagement in education is the best way to serve our kids — not legislative mandates.

As a parent and an educator, I know our voices are needed right now. There are some who are intent on tearing down public education — and our trust in public service. These de facto extremist groups and their allies in the legislature perpetuate false accusations, make vitriolic attacks

and engage in intimidation. The fact is, when we see this kind of behavior from students in our schools, we call it for what it is — bullying — and we do something about it. We intervene. We redirect. We take the opportunity to pause, listen, learn from each other and grow.

We currently see legislation being debated that is not designed to support students, meet their needs, improve academic outcomes and strengthen the future of our state. Instead, this legislation is aimed at destroying trust between families and schools, threatening the freedom to read in school and in public libraries, and raising the specter of punishment for discussing ostensibly controversial — but, actually, very relevant — topics.

Through it all, these extremist groups and their allies claim they're protecting children. They claim they stand for liberty. There is nothing liberating about a war against democracy in which our kids are the collateral damage. Neither these bills nor these groups actually amplify parental voice; for that, we need authentic parental and community engagement like our

strategic planning sessions, in addition to the communication and collaboration I know educators and parents are engaged in across our state as they work together to serve the needs of the kids we all care so deeply about.

Here is my message to Wisconsin: Do not look away. Do not get distracted by hyperbolic claims or willful misinformation. Do not feed into fear or stoop to their level. Civil discourse is essential to our democracy and our democratic institutions, and it poses an existential threat to extremist groups.

You know where you can find authentic community engagement? In our inclusive, welcoming classrooms and libraries where kids can be themselves, explore great books and big ideas, and learn about the beautiful, diverse and hopeful world around them.

That engagement, that joy, is what we, the parents whom extremist groups do not represent, must speak out to defend. I should know. I'm a mom, and that's what I'm doing today.

Jill Underly is the state superintendent of public instruction.

YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

Reopening court discussions was a good idea

On Oct. 9, the Wisconsin Supreme Court held a lively, 35-minute discussion on whether to allow the deletion of certain eviction records from Wisconsin's online court records system. I'll get to that topic in a moment; what's remarkable is that we were able to witness this discussion at all.

In 2012, a divided Wisconsin Supreme Court voted to close its administrative conferences. These are conferences where the court considers changes to rules that affect the court system, procedures used in civil and criminal matters, and ethics rules for attorneys and judges.

Arguing in favor of closing the conferences, then-Justice Patience Roggensack opined that to "sit out here in public and philosophize ... is really not the best use of our time," as quoted by Wisconsin Watch.

The late Justice Patrick Crooks countered, "I think it's vitally important that the public be able to see what we do and how we do it. ... This would be a major mistake, to close what has been open."



Christa Westerberg
Guest Columnist

In the end, the justices voted to close the court's administrative conferences on a vote of 4-3. This August, on another 4-3 vote, the court's newly constituted majority decided to again make these conferences open to the public. Administrative conferences do not include deliberations on cases, which are not and have not been open.

This was a welcome change. As intimidated by Justice Crooks, open administrative conferences give the public insight into the work of the court and the basis for its decisions on rules petitions.

That was apparent during the court's open discussion of the rule change proposed by tenants rights ad-

vocates to shorten the record retention period for court records of evictions where no money judgment is entered from 20 years to one year. Not only was the meeting in open session, but it was streamed on WisconsinEye and is still available for viewing.

The advocates said the change was needed to make rental housing more available, because landlords frequently rely on online court systems when deciding whether to lease an apartment or other housing. They also noted that the impact of the current retention rule disproportionately affected Black and Latino households.

The court also heard from opponents of the change, including the Apartment Association of Southeastern Wisconsin. In their discussion, court members considered the administrative burden to clerks and the court system that the change would cause, citing their own experiences, as well as the impacts to transparency and access to records in general.

Reasonable minds can disagree on the impacts of the change to the evic-

tion record rule, but it was refreshing to see the court's members consider the competing issues and interact with one another on a matter of substance.

Open administrative conferences may also result in better decision-making. Chief Justice Annette Ziegler joked at the beginning of the meeting that if the group were in closed conference, the meeting may "take about five minutes," which was apparently the norm. In the open session on the eviction record change, the court's members had a much longer and more thoughtful discussion.

Another open conference on an administrative petition is scheduled for Dec. 11. This time, the issue under discussion is the proper standard for when appellate courts can stay a lower court decision pending appeal.

For just the second time in more than 10 years, the public will be welcome to sit in.

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Swimmers bring home medals from state meet

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood girls swim team made the most of its eight qualifying entries in this year's Division 2 State Championship swim meet Nov. 10 in Waukesha.

The Chargers got off to a quick start when the 200-yard medley relay team of Kelsie Davis, Reese Dickman, Faith Resch and Ava Hegewald placed 11th and set a new school record of 1:54.27. The old record has held since 2005.

Later in the meet, that same foursome made a podium appearance when they again broke the school record in the 200-yard freestyle relay

and placed sixth to secure a trip to the medal ceremony.

Resch and Dickman also attended the awards ceremony by placing fourth and sixth, respectively, in the 50-yard freestyle with times of 24.63 and 24.64.

Resch broke the school record previously held by Dickman.

Dickman placed seventh in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:07.41.

Davis placed 12th in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:15.67. She was 13th in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:01.87.

In the 100-yard freestyle, Resch finished 11th in 55.13.



Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Reese Dickman swims the breaststroke in 200-yard medley relay at the state swim meet Nov. 10 in Waukesha. The team of Kelsie Davis, Dickman, Faith Resch and Ava Hegewald placed 11th and set a new school record.

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The Wittenberg-Birnamwood 200-yard freestyle relay team placed sixth and earned a podium finish at the 2023 state swim meet Nov. 10. In front are Faith Resch, left, and Ava Hegewald. In back are Reese Dickman, left, and Kelsie Davis.

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BAY CONFERENCE

Chelberg picked as top male cross country runner

Eggert named conference golfer of the year

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

Shawano Community High School senior Will Chelberg was named the Bay Conference boys runner of the year for the 2023 season.

Teammates Ethan Onesti and Andon Chelberg, both seniors, joined Will Chelberg in receiving first team all-conference honors.

Junior Josiah Krueel was named to the second team.

Shawano sophomore Bailey Hendricks was named to the all-conference first team on the girls side, with seniors Grace Chelberg and Lilly Guenther picking up second team honors.

Sophomores Maci Beyer and Anabelle Schroeder received honorable mention status.

Tennis

Adison Moesch earned first team all-conference honors for her singles

play on the tennis court this fall.

Also at singles, Ireland Setterman earned second team honors, and Rachel Carroll was named honorable mention.

Football

Junior Jerzy Bocker was named Bay Conference's defensive back of the year for football. Bocker (6-1, 190) was also a unanimous selection for first team defense.

Three players were named to the second team. They were senior defensive lineman Micah Bouwma (6-0, 180), senior defensive end Mason Theis (6-0, 195) and sophomore inside linebacker Ayden Bystol (6-0, 185).

Honorable mention was earned by senior outside linebacker Lucas Nuthals (6-0, 190) and junior defensive back Alex Zierden (5-10, 160).

On the offensive side of the line, two players earned first team honors. They are junior wide receiver Logan Sipple (6-0, 185), who was a unanimous selection, and junior Bocker, a flex player.

Second team honors were bestowed upon senior wide receiver Dylan Hod-

iewicz (5-11, 170) and senior outside linebacker Mason Theis (6-0, 195).

Soccer

Shawano senior defenseman Ryan Shanty earned all-conference first team honors.

Second team honors were bestowed upon junior at-large player Warner Beyer. Honorable mention status was earned by senior midfielder Drake Herm and sophomore midfielder Anderson Schmidt.

Volleyball

Senior Abigail Bystol was a unanimous selection to the all-conference first team for volleyball. The middle hitter was joined by sophomore middle hitter Leah Nordin on the first team.

Coral Cook, a senior outside hitter, was named to the second team. Honorable mention status was earned by sophomore outside hitter Natalie Bystol and senior defensive specialist Samantha Richter.

Golf

Sophia Eggert was Bay Conference

girls golfer of the year and was named to the first team for 2023.

Teammate Braylyn Babino was named to the second team, and Maddie Moesch earned honorable mention status.

Swimming

Several Wittenberg-Birnamwood swimmers earned all-conference status, spread across the first team, second team and honorable mention.

First team honors went to freshman Kelsie Davis in the 100-yard backstroke and the 200-yard individual medley, junior Faith Resch in the 100-yard freestyle and the 50-yard freestyle, and the 200-yard medley relay of Davis, sophomore Reese Dickman, Resch and junior Ava Hegewald.

Dickman was named to the second team in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Dickman was also presented with honorable mention status in the 50-yard freestyle, as was the 200-yard freestyle relay team of Resch, Davis, Hegewald and Dickman.

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SCMS students inducted into honor society



More than two dozen Shawano Community Middle School students are inducted in the National Junior Honor Society.

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Shawano Community Middle School held its first National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) induction ceremony Nov. 6 at the Shawano Community High School auditorium.

The NJHS, a nationally recognized organization, is dedicated to recognizing and encouraging middle school students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, leadership skills, community involvement and unwavering commitment to uphold high moral and ethical standards.

Will Traber, middle school principal, congratulated the students

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Shawano Community Middle School Chapter of National Junior Honor Society inductees are: Peyton Adams, Amelia Belter, Cole Beyer, Kinlie Beyersdorf, Peyton Boucher, Bristol Carpenter, Molly Hanson, Beckett Hendricks, Isaac Johnson, Hazel Kary, Cadence Kuczer, Clara Kuczer, Evelyn Kuehl, Liam Laude, Kian Morstad, Ruby Onesti, Mikelah Powers, Isabella Race, Brynlee Ray, Evan Rogers, Claire Schroeder, Aralyn Schwamer, Morgan Strelbel, Izabella Tupper and Nora Weiland.

on their extraordinary accomplishments.

"This prestigious organization

represents not just academic progress, but also character, leadership, service and citizenship — qualities that are the bedrock of a successful and compassionate society," Traber said. "Your dedication to upholding these values has brought you here today, and it's a testament to your hard work, discipline and unwavering commitment to personal growth."

During the ceremony, each student was called to the stage to receive an NJHS certificate and pin, signifying induction into the society. The inductees recited the NJHS pledge, reaffirming their commitment to scholarship, service, leadership,

character and citizenship.

Keynote speakers Chelsea Gilling and Abigael Wallrich spoke to the students and emphasized the importance of giving back to the community and how the qualities of leadership and character would serve them well not only in their academic pursuits, but also in their future endeavors.

The newly inducted NJHS members will be involved in various community service activities throughout the year. The service projects will not only allow them to contribute positively to the community but also further instill the values of compassion and empathy.

Farmers reminded to check runoff risk for manure

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is reminding farmers and manure applicators to check the runoff risk advisory forecast before spreading manure on fields.

This tool helps determine the potential for manure runoff from a field depending on weather conditions and soil temperature.

The runoff risk advisory forecast includes maps showing short-term runoff risk for manure application. The maps account for soil saturation, temperature and precipitation on a scale of 1.5 square mile grids. The National Weather Service updates the forecast four times daily.

"A nutrient management plan helps determine where to spread, and the proper application rate, while the

runoff risk advisory forecast helps determine when to spread. Assessing current field conditions is just one step in the process farmers should use to make decisions," said Andrea Topper, DATCP nutrient management outreach specialist. "Farmers who don't have a plan can talk to their crop consultant or county conservationist to develop one."

To help reduce nitrogen loss during fall manure applications, it is recommended to:

- Wait until soil temperatures are less than 50 degrees Fahrenheit. When soil temperatures are above 50 degrees, soil microbes are very active and create a more leachable form of nitrogen.

- Apply manure to an actively growing crop, such as winter wheat or

a cover crop, to help scavenge some of the nitrogen that otherwise might be lost.

For more information about nutrient management planning, go to https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/NutrientManagement.aspx.

Farmers should contact their crop consultant, county land conservation office or the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for help identifying alternatives to high-risk spreading. These professionals can help identify fields where the risk is lower and alternative practices, such as stacking manure in a safe location.

DATCP reminds manure haulers and drivers to put safety first when traveling on roadways to avoid spilling manure, prevent injuries and protect the health of people

and the environment.

"About one-third of preventable transportation-related manure spills are due to operator error," said Kevin Erb, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension conservation professional training program manager. "Attentive driving and maintaining your equipment are two ways to reduce the risk of an accidental manure spill. An accidental spill is not illegal, but failing to properly report and clean it up is."

All agriculture and livestock operations must report spills or runoff affecting water to the DNR's 24-hour emergency spills hotline at 800-943-0003. More information about planning and prevention is available at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/agbusiness/manurespills.html>.

Avoid ash trees when placing deer stands

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) cautions hunters to avoid placing deer stands in or near ash trees this deer hunting season as they start scouting properties.

Most ash trees in the southern half of Wisconsin, Door County and the Mississippi River counties are dead or dying from emerald ash borer infestation. Although emerald ash borer is not as widespread in other parts of the state, the invasive insect continues to be found at additional locations throughout Wisconsin. Unreported infestations are also likely present.

It is important to place and maintain tree stands carefully, as trees infested with emerald ash borer may unexpectedly snap or drop large branches. Hunters should also be cautious around ash trees when on the ground, especially in windy conditions, as infested trees are susceptible to branch and stem breakage.

“Dead and dying ash trees are structurally weaker than healthy trees, so they are not safe places to put deer stands,” said Bill McNee, DNR forest health specialist. “In many cases, it can be hard to tell if a tree has been infested by emerald ash



It is important to place and maintain tree stands carefully as you prepare for this upcoming hunting season. WISCONSIN DNR

borer, so hunters should place deer stands in other types of trees instead.”

Ash trees can be identified through two key features: opposite branching patterns, where two branches come off the main stem directly across from each other, and compound leaves with 5-11 leaflets.

Information on ash trees and

how to identify them is available on the UW-Madison's Department of Entomology Emerald Ash Borer in Wisconsin webpage at <https://eab.russell.wisc.edu/>

Tree stand accidents are the leading cause of serious injury to deer hunters. Research shows one in four bowhunters has experienced a fall or

near-fall from an elevated stand.

No matter the type of tree stand, follow these basic safety rules:

- Always wear a full-body harness, also known as a fall-arrest system. Connect to your tether line and keep your tether line short. The tether is designed to keep you in the seat, not to catch you after you fall.

- Always have three points of contact while climbing into and out of the tree stand, including two hands and one foot or two feet and one hand at all times.

- Always use a haul line to raise and lower your unloaded firearm or bow into and out of the stand. You can also use the haul for other things, like a heavy backpack.

- Use a lifeline when climbing up and down; this keeps you connected from the time you leave the ground to the time you get back down.

Additional tree stand safety information is available on the DNR's tree stand safety webpage at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/education/OutdoorSkills/TreestandSafety>. Hunters can also participate in the Tree Stand Manufacturers Safety Course. The free, interactive course takes just 15 minutes to complete.

DNR announces 2024 wild turkey, pheasant and waterfowl stamp design contest winners

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced the winners of the 2024 Wisconsin wild turkey, pheasant and waterfowl stamp design contest. Many wildlife artists from around the state submitted over 30 pieces for judging.

Each year, Wisconsin wildlife artists enter to have their paintings featured on the next renditions of the wild turkey, pheasant and waterfowl stamps, which are available for purchase through Go Wild and license agents. By purchasing stamps, hunters, conservationists and stamp collectors fund habitat management and restoration around the state.

While hunters are required to purchase stamps to pursue these birds, anyone interested in supporting grassland, wetland and forest management activities is encouraged to purchase a Wisconsin wild turkey, pheasant or waterfowl stamp to support conserva-

tion in the state.

This year's judges were Paul Smith, an outdoor news writer for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Mark Kakatsch from the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation and Bill Koelpin Jr., a professional wildlife artist.

Kenosha resident Jim Tostrud won first place in this year's wild turkey stamp competition with a portrait featuring a close-up of a gobbling tom. Tostrud has been an avid outdoorsman, turkey hunter and a professional wildlife artist for much of his life, and he has competed in Wisconsin's salmon and trout stamp contests in prior years as well.

Robert Wilkens, of New Holstein, took first place in the pheasant design contest with artwork depicting a rooster pheasant in the snow. Wilkens has been creating wildlife artwork since he was about 18. His interest in wildlife stamp design contests began with the



Ryan Rickaby, of Suamico, took first place in the waterfowl design contest with a portrait of a lone blue winged teal. RYAN RICKABY | WISCONSIN DNR

federal duck stamp competition and has only grown since. Wilkens has won Wisconsin wildlife stamp design contests in the past, along with the Wisconsin trout stamp contest.

Ryan Rickaby, of Suamico, took first place in the waterfowl design contest with a portrait of a lone blue-winged teal. Rickaby has a passion for the outdoors including wildlife photography. In fact, the inspiration for his painting came from a photo he had previously taken. Rickaby inherited his passion for wildlife art from his

father, Jon Rickaby, who himself has previously won Wisconsin wildlife stamp contests.

Wilkens also won second place in the wild turkey design contest and third place in the waterfowl design contest. Robert Andrea, of Spooner, won second place for the pheasant design contest, and Robert Luem, of Holmen, won third place. James Pieper, of Iron Ridge, won second place in the waterfowl design contest, and Mark Kanitz, of Markesan, won third place in the wild turkey design contest.

by S.N.

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COURT NEWS

• Charges against Britney M. Gavitt, 31, Wittenberg, were dismissed on a prosecutor's motion Nov. 6. Gavitt had been scheduled to stand trial Nov. 8 on 10 counts of felony bail jumping, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Anyssa C. M. Ellwart, 21, Green Bay, had her probation revoked Sept. 14 to two counts of threatening to injure or accuse a person of a crime and misdemeanor bail jumping. On Nov. 9, Judge Katherine Sloma sentenced Ellwart to two years in prison followed by three years of extended supervision.

• Xavier C. Teller, 34, a Neenah man now serving a sentence at Dodge

Correctional Institution in Waupun, pleaded no contest Nov. 8 to two counts of felony bail jumping. Sloma levied fines and sentenced him to 120 days concurrent to the sentence he is already serving.

• Teena M. Piotrowski, 36, Bowler, was charged Nov. 6 with taking and driving a vehicle without the owner's consent, two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond, and a preliminary hearing was scheduled for Nov. 14.

• David A. Faust, 35, Birnamwood, was charged Nov. 7 with possession with intent to deliver amphetamine or methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs and two counts of

misdemeanor bail jumping. Sloma set a \$2,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Nov. 10, when Faust waived his right to a hearing, and a status conference was scheduled for Jan. 16.

• Melody A. Johnson, 59, Shawano, was charged Nov. 7 with possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs, five counts of misdemeanor bail jumping and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Nov. 15.

• Kyle D. Rettler, 24, Seymour, was charged Nov. 8 with possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor

possession of drug paraphernalia.

Sloma set a \$2,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Jan. 8.

• Jason K. Charles, 35, Shawano, was charged Nov. 9 with second-degree recklessly endangering safety and misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct and resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma set a \$2,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Dec. 19.

• Kylie J. Szydlowski, 26, Shawano, was charged Nov. 10 with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia to make methamphetamine. Sloma set a \$2,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Jan. 16.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Nov. 13

Deputies responded to 37 incidents, including fleeing and pursuit on state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; property theft on County Road PP in the Town of Germania; harassment at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano; three 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; two traffic hazards; three crashes involving deer.

Nov. 12

Deputies responded to 26 incidents, including bail jumping on Hillview Road in the Town of Hutchins; vehicle fire on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Grant; three 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; four crashes, three involving deer.

Nov. 11

Deputies responded to 22 incidents, including noise on Union Cemetery Road in the Town of Lessor; property damage on Country Lane in the Town of Washington; trespassing on Oriole Road in the Town of Birnamwood; harassment on Hiawatha Court in the Town of Wescott; operating without a license on Church Road in the Town of Birnamwood; weapon offense on state Highway 22 in the Town of Green Valley; one 911 call; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; one crash involving deer.

Nov. 10

Deputies responded to 37 incidents, including assisting with a fire on Bon Street in Cecil; harassment on Mosling Road in the Town of Green Valley; property theft at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School, 400 E. Grand Ave., Wittenberg; threatening on Wescott Drive in the Town of Wescott; harassment on Nightingale Road in the Town of Wittenberg; two 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; four traffic hazards; seven crashes, six involving deer.

Nov. 9

Deputies responded to 36 incidents, including a warrant at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano;

trespassing on County Road CC in the Town of Waukechon; fraud on North Lake Drive in Cecil; one 911 call; one reckless driving incident; two traffic hazards; two crashes involving deer.

Nov. 8

Deputies responded to 38 incidents, including a warrant at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano; property theft on Elm Tree Lane in the Town of Almon; warrant at the Menominee Tribal Jail, W3292 Wolf River Drive, Keshena; assisting with a fire on state Highway 32 in the Town of Angelica; three 911 calls; three traffic hazards; four crashes, one involving deer.

Nov. 7

Deputies responded to 33 incidents, including operating without a license at Huckleberry Harbor, 222 N. Sawyer St., Shawano; trespassing on Dalum Road in the Town of Fairbanks; property theft on Swan Acre Drive in the Town of Washington; shoplifting at Kwik Trip, 102 W. Express Way, Bonduel; assisting with a fire on state Highway 47 in the Town of Lessor; drugs at John's One Stop, N5847 State Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; two 911 calls; two traffic hazards; five crashes, two involving deer.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Nov. 13

Officers responded to 27 incidents, including fleeing and pursuit on state Highway 47 in the Town of Hartland; reckless driving on Lakeland Road; found property at the police station, 125 S. Sawyer St.; bailjumping at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; juvenile problem at St. James Lutheran Church, 324 S. Andrews St.; juvenile problem at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; truancy at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; attempted theft at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; found property on South Lincoln Street; threatening at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; vehicle fire at

Associated Bank, 129 E. Division St.; juvenile alcohol on Military Road.

Nov. 12

Officers responded to 14 incidents, including trespassing on West Fifth Street; found property on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; traffic hazard on North Main Street.

Nov. 11

Officers responded to 17 incidents, including elderly abuse or neglect at an undisclosed location; harassment on South Sawyer Street; threatening on Madison Way; juvenile problem at an undisclosed location; traffic hazard on West Green Bay Street; noise on South Water Street.

Nov. 10

Officers responded to 23 incidents, including property theft on East Randall Street; bailjumping on West Wescott Avenue; vehicle crash with property damage at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; juvenile problem on South Water Street; threatening at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; drug offenses at an undisclosed location; vehicle fire at Dollar Tree, 172 Woodlawn Drive; found property at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.

Nov. 9

Officers responded to 23 incidents, including assisting with a fire at Franklin

Park, 235 S. Washington St.; two drug offense calls at the police station, 125 S. Sawyer St.; drug offenses on Engel Drive; found property on South Lincoln Street; drug offenses on Waukechon Street.

Nov. 8

Officers responded to 23 incidents, including property theft at Lakeland Storage, 722 Waukechon St.; vehicle crash on South Lincoln Street; two juvenile problem calls at Hillcrest Primary School, 1410 Waukechon St.; juvenile problem at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; threatening at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; juvenile alcohol at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; drug offenses on South Sawyer Street; repossession at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.

Nov. 7

Officers responded to 29 incidents, including repossession on West Division Street; noise on South Water Street; child abuse or neglect at an undisclosed location; scam on East Elizabeth Street; juvenile problem at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; property theft on North Andrews Street; property theft at Odisha House of Rest, 1330 E. Green Bay St.; reckless driving on state Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine.

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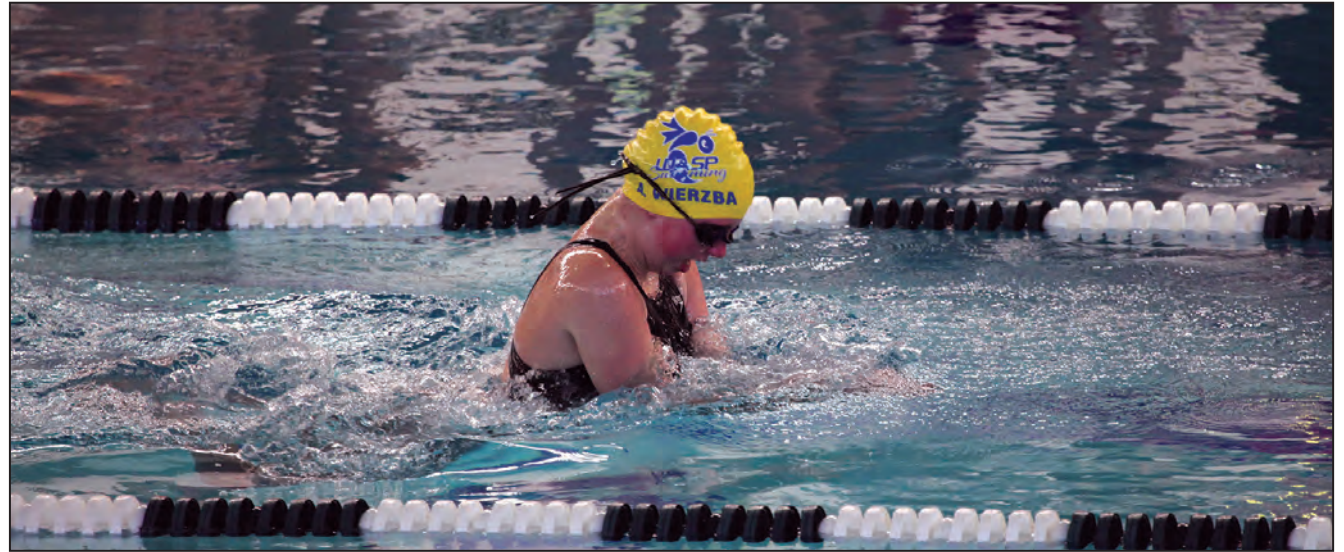
WASP swimmers open season at fall meet

The Wittenberg Area Swim Program's winter season officially began Nov. 7, but three returning swimmers represented WASP at the Howard Suamico Storm Breakers Fall Meet on Nov. 4-5 with head coach Brenna Behreandt.

Aubrey Wierzba and Aislyn Sauter, both in the girls 11-12 age category, each swam state-qualifying times in the 50-yard breaststroke for the 11-year-old single age state championship in December. Wierzba also qualified in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Sauter, 11, placed 13th in the 50-yard breaststroke in 41.68, 20th in the 100-yard freestyle (1:19.94) and 28th in the 50-yard backstroke (42.96).

Wierzba, 11, finished ninth in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:29.41, 12th in the 50-yard fly (36.36), 12th in the 50-yard breaststroke (41.23), 13th in



Aubrey Wierzba qualifies in the 50- and 100-yard breaststroke for the Wisconsin single age state meet in December.

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the 50-yard backstroke (37.65), 27th in the 100-yard freestyle (1:16.79) and 21st in the 50-yard freestyle (32.78).

In the girls 8 and under category, Brinley Wierzba, 8, placed second in

the 25-yard freestyle in 18:26, fourth in the 50-yard breaststroke (59:31) and fourth in the 15-yard fly (22.71).

Schmidt pushing for college free speech bill

Assemblyman seeks to allow all points of view to be expressed at UW campuses, tech colleges

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Assembly Bill 553 seeks to restore freedom of speech on college campuses and allow Republicans and Democrats to express their points of view, and Rep. Peter Schmidt is pushing to get it signed into law.

Schmidt said he knows from experience that colleges are not equal opportunity when it comes to allowing conservatives like himself to freely express their views on issues. He noted that his views were less than popular when he attended the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point to study political science.

"The whole point of college is to be able to learn and grow, and to be able to express your views freely," Schmidt said. "The colleges are pushing more liberal and woke points of view and pushing back against conservatives. The First Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees freedom of speech, but colleges don't always practice it."

The bill would establish standards



PETER SCHMIDT

for freedom of expression and academic freedom at UW campuses and the state's technical colleges, enshrining a policy established by the UW Regents in 2021 that protects First Amendment

rights for students, staff and visitors. Private colleges and tribal colleges would not be required to adhere to the provisions of the bill as long as they don't accept funding from the state in the form of grants or other aid, according to Schmidt.

"Enrollment at UW campuses has been dropping in recent years," Schmidt said. "I'm hoping this bill will encourage more students to attend Wisconsin schools, because they'll feel safe to speak out."

Gallup polling on the UW campuses shows a stark difference in the confidence level of being able to freely express points of view. Polls show 59% of Democrats are confident in higher education allowing First Amendment freedoms, compared with only 19% of Republicans and 32% of Independents.

The bill restricts colleges from maintaining and enforcing time, place and manner restrictions on open out-

door areas on campus or indoor areas that are designated public forums. Free speech zones cannot be created, and permits and security fees cannot be assessed as a condition for free expression activities.

Regarding academic freedom, the bill says college policies cannot limit expressive rights of an instructor to teach, lecture or conduct research, and it cannot sanction staff for speaking publicly as a private citizen on public issues.

Violations of AB 553, if it becomes law, will require colleges to publicly post that it has violated free speech and academic freedoms for a period of four years, and they could be required to pay damages to plaintiffs of at least \$500 for an initial violation plus \$50 per day that the violations are occurred, to a maximum of \$100,000 for a single incident.

Schmidt is not just holding himself up as an example for the necessity of AB 553. Conservative commentator Ben Shapiro spoke at UW-Madison in 2016 and was interrupted by protesters in the auditorium continuously, to which Shapiro responded by writing "Morons" on a chalkboard and gave him the middle finger.

His latest appearance at UW-Madison on Nov. 7 was more tolerable with no interruptions to his speech, according to a number of media sources, including Isthmus.

The Badger Herald, UW-Madison's newspaper, reported there were about 100 counterprotesters outside the building organized by the Young Democratic Socialists of America, but they remained outside.

Despite the more peaceful presentation, Schmidt said he has spoken with Republicans at the university who feel they don't always have a free voice.

"If you don't want to hear it, don't listen to it," Schmidt said, noting he favors peaceful assembly to protest as outlined in the First Amendment. "Don't try to censor what others have to say."

Schmidt noted that Gov. Tony Evers has indicated he intends to veto AB 553, but the assemblyman feels that would be a mistake for the governor if he doesn't want to run afoul of those advocating free speech for all.

"The colleges are forcing woke agendas," Schmidt said. "This takes away the Democratic control."

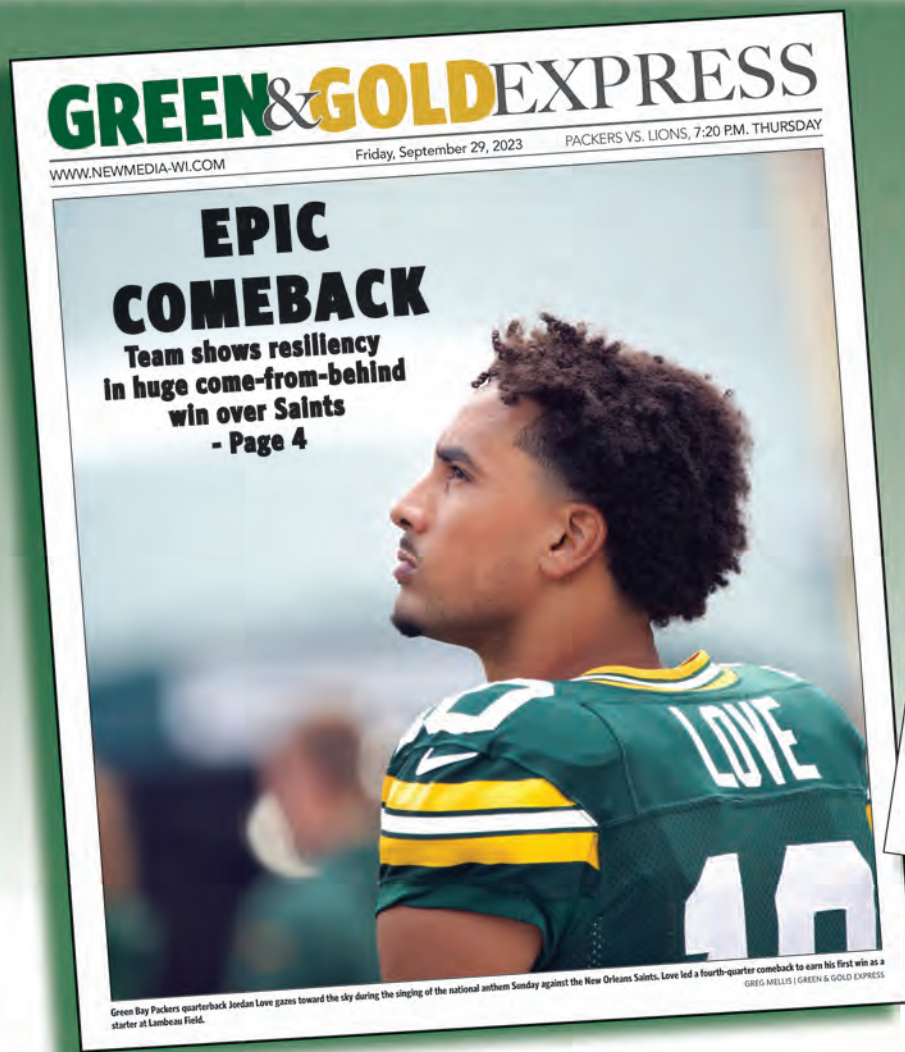
AB 553 is one of a number of what Schmidt called "First Amendment" bills that were passed by the Assembly in early November, which he feels is encouraging.

"If you can't freely think, you're not going to be able to learn," Schmidt said.

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1	Sunday, September 10	at Chicago Bears	Home	3:25 p.m.	FOX
2	Sunday, September 17	at Atlanta Falcons	Away	12 p.m.	FOX
3	Sunday, September 24	NEW ORLEANS SAINTS	Home	12 p.m.	FOX
4	Thursday, September 28	DETROIT LIONS	Home	7:15 p.m.	prime video
5	Monday, October 9	at Las Vegas Raiders	Away	7:15 p.m.	ESPN
6	Sunday, October 22	BYE WEEK			
7	Sunday, October 29	at Denver Broncos	Away	3:25 p.m.	CBS
8	Sunday, November 5	MINNESOTA VIKINGS	Home	12 p.m.	FOX
9	Sunday, November 12	LOS ANGELES RAMS	Home	12 p.m.	FOX
10	Sunday, November 19	at Pittsburgh Steelers	Away	12 p.m.	CBS
11	Thursday, November 23	LOS ANGELES CHARGERS	Home	12 p.m.	FOX
12	Sunday, December 3	at Detroit Lions (Thanksgiving)	Away	11:30 a.m.	FOX
13	Monday, December 11	KANSAS CITY CHIEFS	Home	7:20 p.m.	NBC
14	Sunday, December 17	at New York Giants	Away	7:15 p.m.	CBS
15	Sunday, December 24	TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS	Home	12 p.m.	FOX
16	Sunday, December 31	at Carolina Panthers	Away	12 p.m.	FOX
17	Sunday, December 31	at Minnesota Vikings	Away	7:20 p.m.	NBC
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BOOKS AND STUFF

A darker turn kind of racing tale

Dick Francis has long been one of my favorite authors, so I was hoping for something similar when I selected Sam O'Brien's "A Sure Thing." While it was set in the world of flat track horse racing, it was far darker than anything Dick Francis ever wrote.

Richard and Oliver McMahon grew up on a farm in Ireland. Their stern father encouraged Richard's singular drive but often disparaged Oliver's dreams of a career in horse racing. The rift between the boys grew as they matured.

Richard used his ruthless focus to establish a successful luxury airline offering private planes on demand. Oliver moved to the U.S. and found work on one of the many farms breeding and training racehorses. He had a keen eye for horses with real potential and hoped to have the chance to actually purchase foals for training. He knew in his core that all he needed was a chance and a financial backer.

The wheels of fate begin turning when Oliver takes a short trip to New York. While there, he saves young Robert Romano from being hit by a car. The boy's nanny thanks him and gets his information. Later that night, he is contacted by someone named Mike and told to be ready for dinner with the boy's father.

Little does Oliver know that Mike is known as "The Nail" because he uses a nail gun to hold victims in place while he kills them. The naïve Oliver is in awe of Marco Romano. The suave and wealthy man tells Oliver that he has saved his only child, and to repay him he tells Oliver that if he needs anything he should call him.

Years later, Oliver has worked his way up to a position where he selects the horses to purchase but is not allowed to actually attend the auctions. Fed up, Oliver returns to Ireland with a business plan hoping for Richard's backing but is deeply hurt by his brother's refusal and cold contempt. Determined to succeed, Oliver travels to New York and contacts Marco Romano.

Still unaware of who Romano is, Oliver lays out his plans and hopes



Jan Jones

Columnist

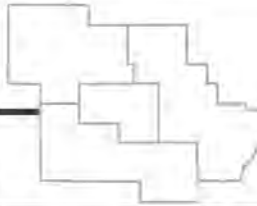
for a loan. To his great surprise and relief, Romano agrees to back him, but insists that everything be put in Robert's name and that Robert be part of the business. Oliver readily agrees without realizing just who he has partnered with and what that association can mean for his future.

Soon he and Robert are partying hard, drinking and snorting high-quality cocaine. It is a lifestyle Oliver never dreamed about, and the two form a real friendship. Soon his life is a whirl of auctions, trainers and races with little time to dwell on anything else. Remarkably, his horses are winners, and he is finally accepted into the elite race crowd.

His world is upset when Richard is murdered. The FBI informs Oliver that Marco Romano is a well-known mafia chief, and they believe that he has been using Richard's private planes to deliver cocaine around the world. They urge Oliver to cooperate before Marco decides he or someone he loves is a liability. No one leaves "the family" alive, but Oliver is determined to find a way to escape.

After a lot of brainstorming, Oliver, his fiancé, and two very focused FBI agents implement a risky plan to trap the cagey mob boss for smuggling cocaine inside horses. Robert may be spoiled and entitled, but he is not a hardened mafia soldier. So, when Marco tells him he must take the fall for the crime, Robert refuses and testifies against his father.

As we all know, mob power doesn't end when the prison doors close and Marco still wields frightening power, so we know that no matter where they go, Oliver and Liz will always need to watch their backs. Book two will continue the saga, but I'm not ready for anything this dark right now.



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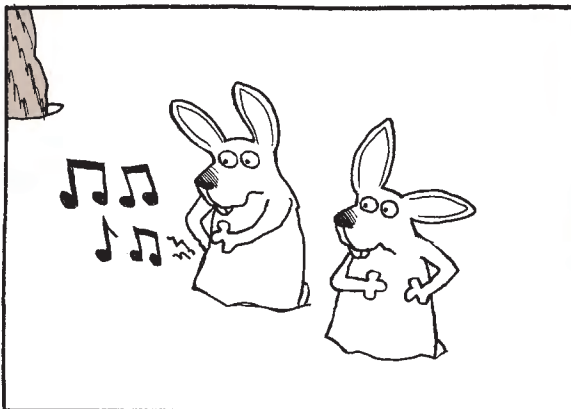
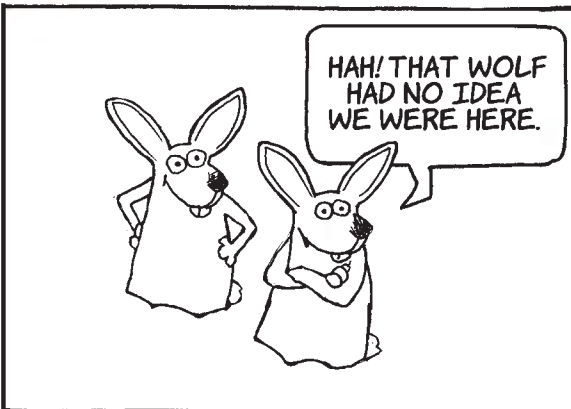
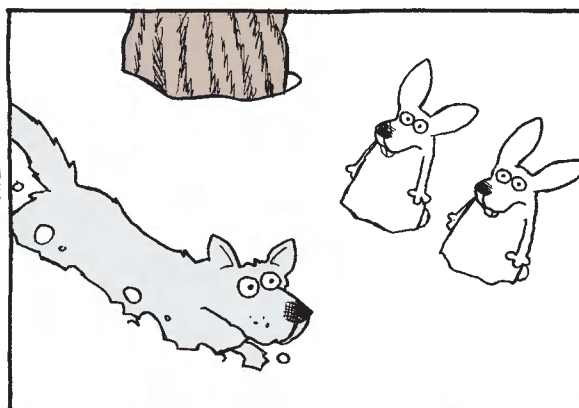
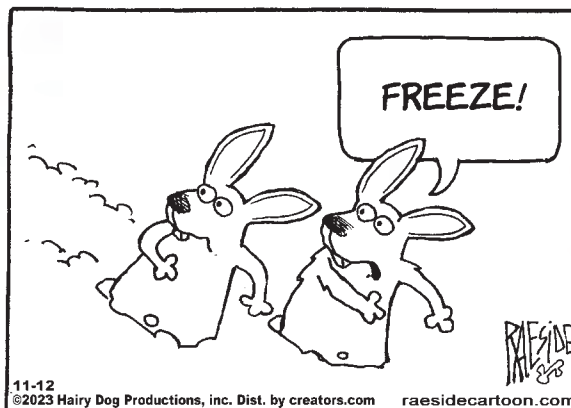
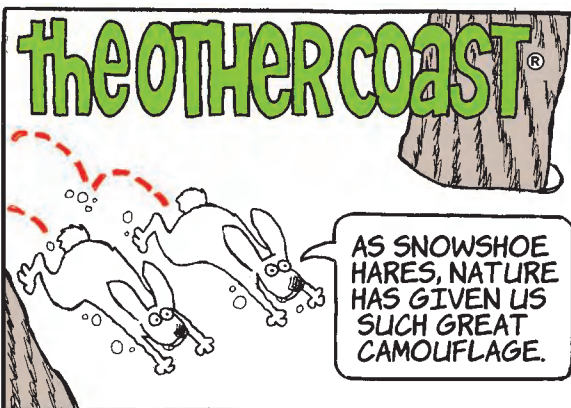
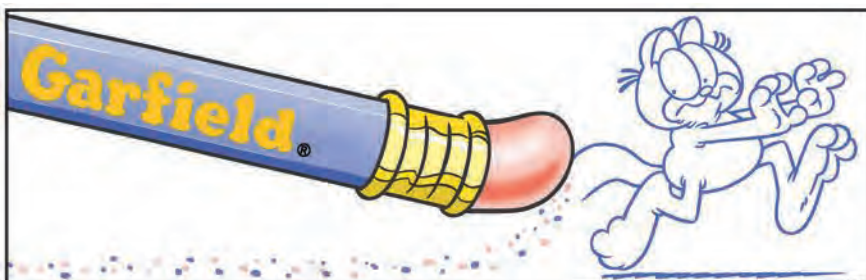
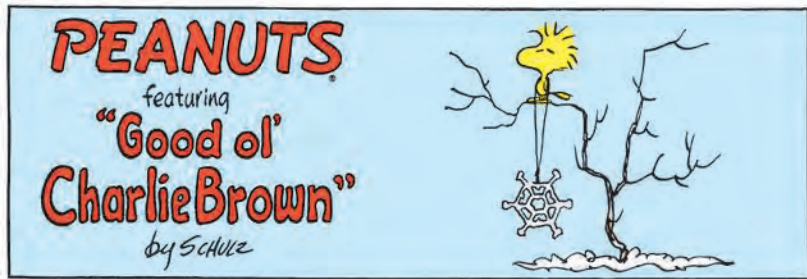
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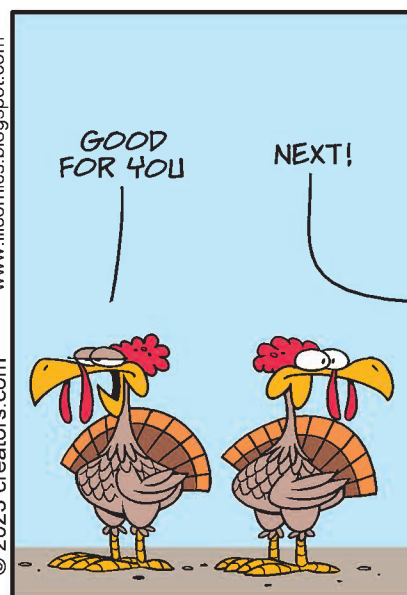
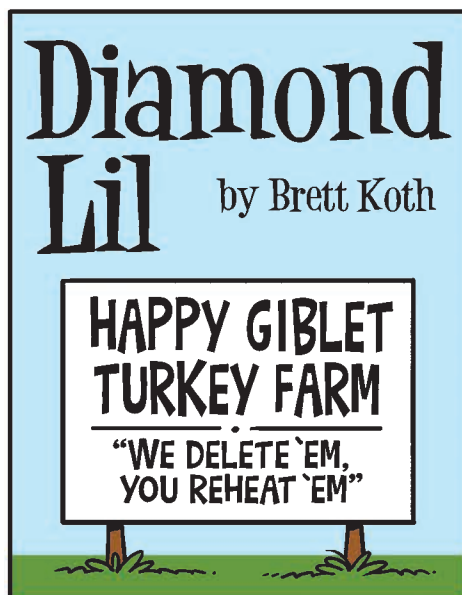
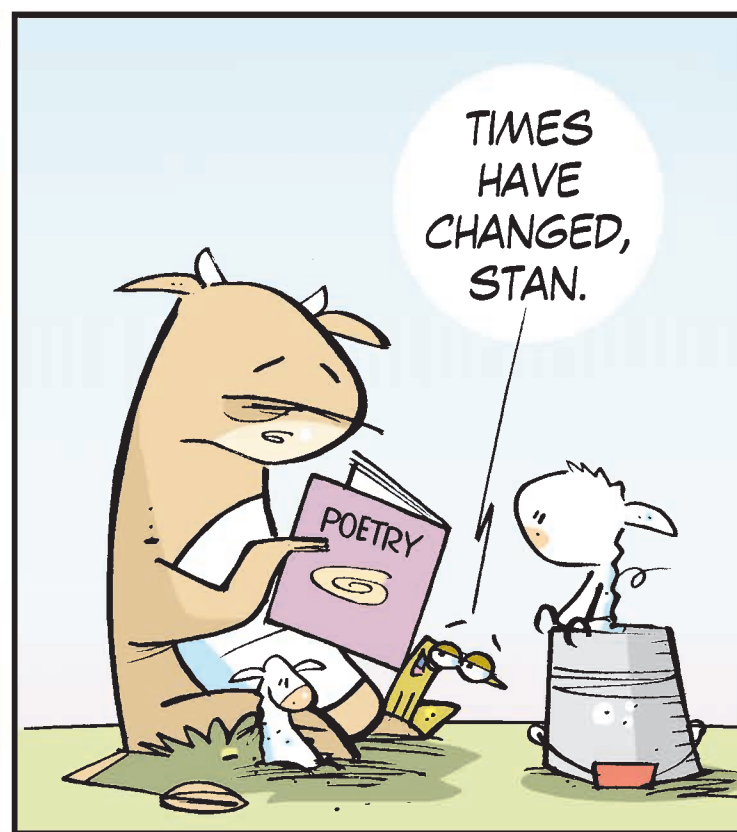
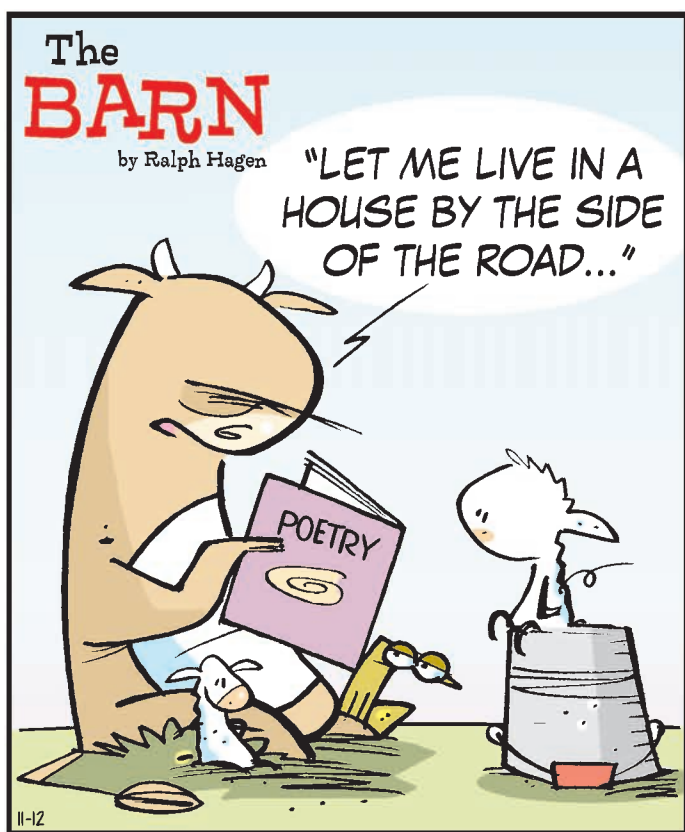
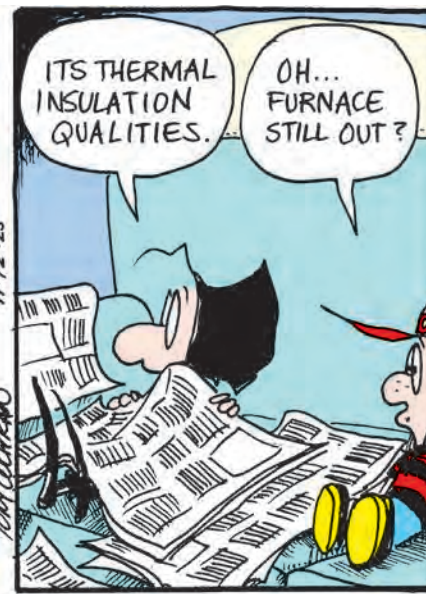


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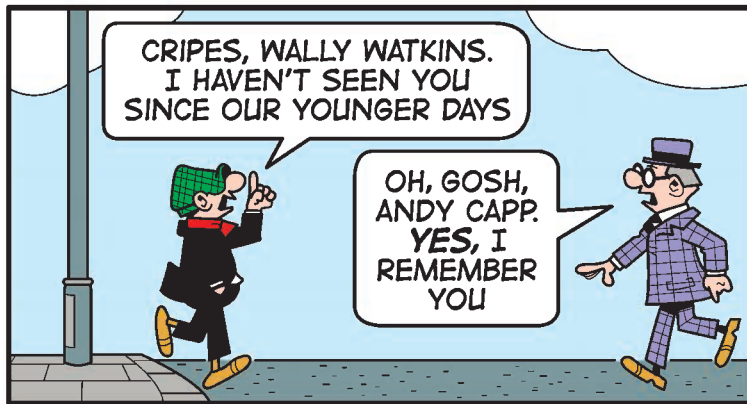
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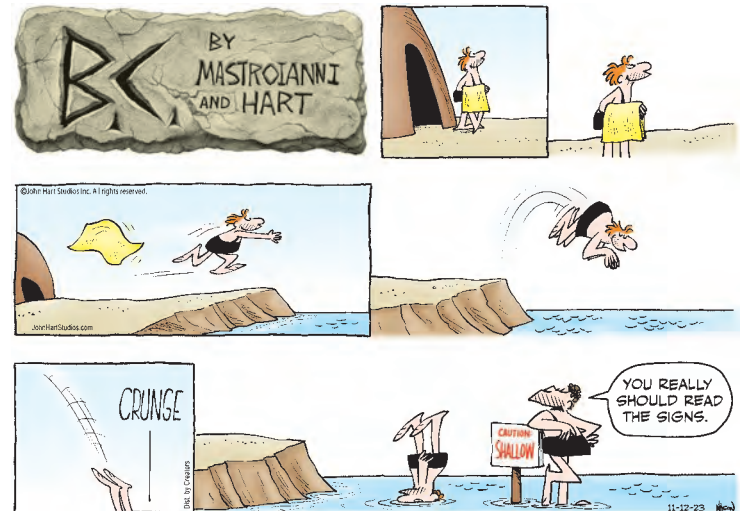




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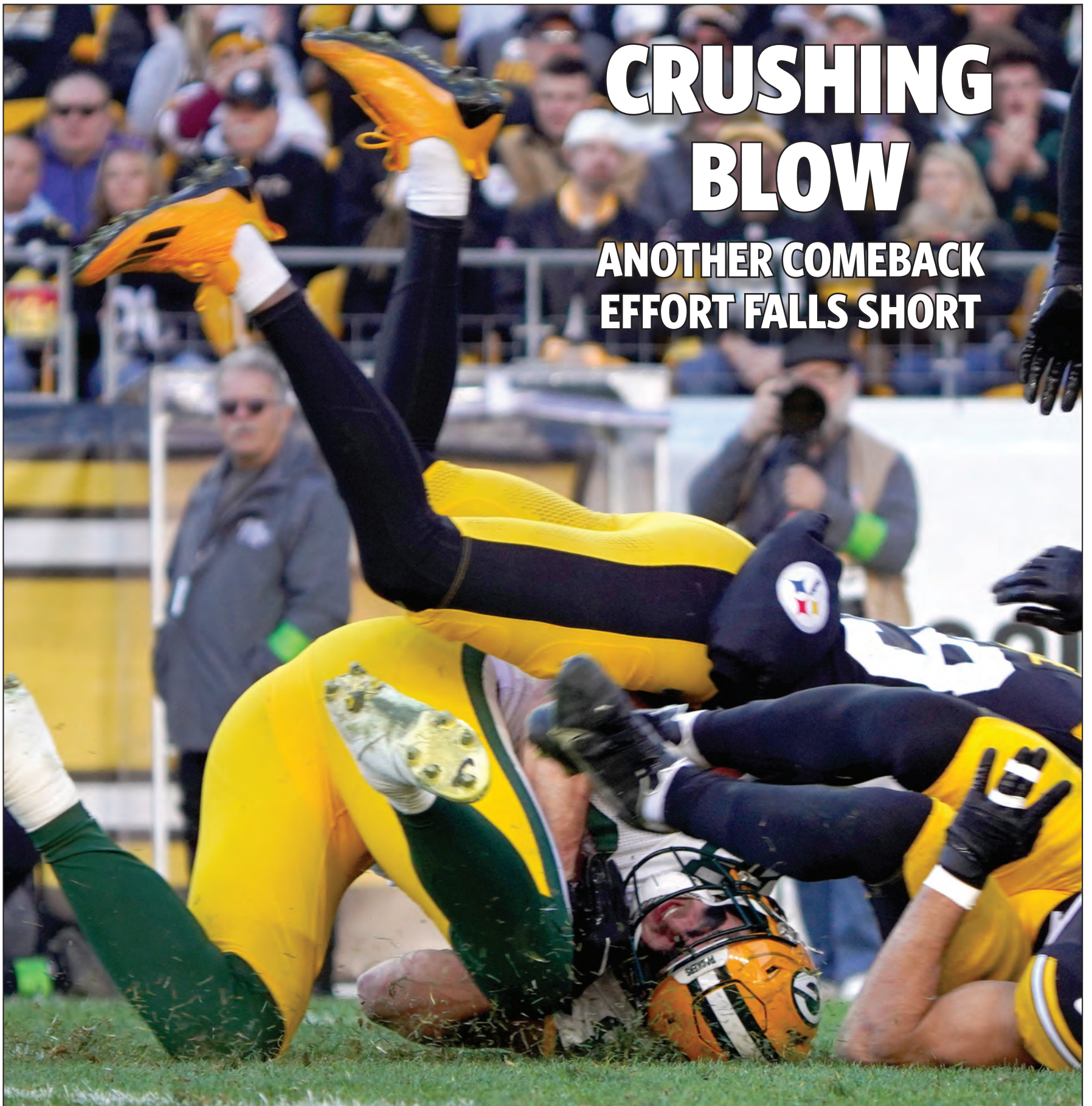
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WEEKDAY					MORNING / AFTERNOON										NOVEMBER 20 TO NOVEMBER									
		7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	
ABC	1 WAOW	Good Morning America				Live with Kelly and Mark		The View		News 9/ Football	Barry-more	GMA3: What You Need to Know		General Hospital		Tamron/ Football	F Football	Judge Eboni	Judge Eboni	News 9 WAOW at 4PM		News 9	World-News/	
	2 WBAY	Good Morning America				Action 2 News	25 Words	The View		Storage/ Football	Pawn Stars	Action 2 News	Paid Pro-gram	General Hospital			F Football	25 Words	Invest-igateTV+	Action 2 News	Action 2 News	Action 2 News	World-News/	
CBS	3 WFRV	CBS Mornings		Th Thanksgiving		Local 5 Live		The Price Is Right		The Young/F College Football		News	Bold/ Beautiful	M-W The Talk / Th Christmas Parade		M-W Deal	Tailgate/ Football	Various	Friends/ Football	M-W News	M-W News	M-W News	CBS News	
	7 WSAW	CBS Mornings		Th Thanksgiving		25 Words	Paid/ Elite	The Price Is Right		The Young/F College Football		News/ Investig.	Bold/ Beautiful	The Talk		Deal/ Clarkson	F Football	Various	Th NFL Football	M-W News	M-W Investig.	M-W News	CBS News	
FOX	35 WZAW	Business	AgDay	Dateline		Sherri/ FamFe..	Th NFL Sunday	The Jennifer Hudson Show		FamFeud/ F..	FamFeud/ F..	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	M-W Judge	M-W Judge	M-W Hot Bench	Various	JudgeJu-dy/ Bas..	Judge Judy	FamFeud/ H..	FamFeud/ H..	Various	M-W Shel-don	
	11 WLUK	(4:30) Good Day Wisconsin				Live	Th NFL Sunday	Fox 11 Living With Amy		Dr. Phil/ Football	Th NFL Football	Various	Various	M-W The Jennifer Hudson Show		Barry-more	Various	M-W Peo. Court/Th College Basketball		Judge Judy	JudgeJu-dy/ Hoo..	Various	Tu Inside	
NBC	28 WGBA	Today			Th 97th Macy's	Today 3rd Hour		Today With Hoda & Jenna		People Puzzler	Scripps	NBC News Daily / Th Natl Dog Show		Dateline		Tamron Hall/ Th 97th Macy's		The Kelly Clarkson Show		Family Feud	Family Feud	News	NBC News	
	12 WJFW	Today			Th 97th Macy's	Today 3rd Hour		Today With Hoda & Jenna		Neighbor	Neighbor	NBC News Daily / Th Natl Dog Show		Person, Place	Pictionary	Pictionary/ P..	Funny You	Funny You	Jeopardy	Up North at 4	Jeopardy!	News	NBC News	
PBS	28 WHRM	Wild Kratts	Curious/ Curious	Daniel Tiger	Rosie's Rules	Sesame Street	Work It	Donkey Hodie	Pink/ Pink	Elinor	Natu-reCat/	Eleme-ntary	Xavier Riddle	Old House	Test Kitchen	The Great American Recipe		Various		Odd Squad	Arthur	Natu-reCat/	America	
	38 WLEF	Wild Kratts	Curious/ Curious	Daniel Tiger	Rosie's Rules	Sesame Street	Work It	Donkey Hodie	Pink/ Pink	Elinor	Natu-reCat/	Eleme-ntary	Xavier Riddle	Old House	Test Kitchen	The Great American Recipe		Various		Odd Squad	Arthur	Natu-reCat/	America	
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	32 WACY	Morning Rush				A.Wom..	Midwes..	Sherri		iCRIME	iCRIME	Dateline		The First 48		Chicago Fire		TMZ Live		ModFam	ModFam	Goldbe..	Goldbe..	
	45 WTPX	Various	Xplorati..	Various	F Planet	Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		
CW	14 WCWF	The National Desk		National Weat	Paid Pro-gram	Judge Eboni	Supreme Justice	Hot Bench	Hot Bench	Paternity Court	Court Cam	Law & Order: SVU		48 Hours		Judge Mathis		Pictionary	Person, Place	Jeopardy	Funny You	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	
	34 WYOW	Divorce Court	Divorce Court	The Steve Wilkos Show		Karamo		Maury		Extra		Holly-wood	Blast	Blast	Jerry Springer		Maury		Karamo		The Steve Wilkos Show		TMZ Live	

MONDAY				EVENING								NOVEMBER 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		9 News 9 (N)	Monday Night Kick-off (N) (Live)	NFL Football Philadelphia Eagles at Kansas City Chiefs A rematch of Super Bowl 57 sees the Eagles fly into Arrowhead Stadium to take on the Chiefs. (N) (Live)						9 (:15) News 9 (N)	(:50) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)		(:50) Nightline (N)		
9 WAOW 8 WBAY		2 Action 2 News at Six (N)								2 (:15) Action 2 News at 10 (N)					
CBS		5 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N)	5 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N)	The Price Is Right at Night		Let's Make a Deal Primetime (N)		NCIS "Birds of a Feather" Parker is framed for murder; the team searches for answers.		5 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N)		(:35) Comics Un-leashed With Byron Allen		
5 WFRV 7 WSAW		7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	7 Inside Edition (N)							7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)					
FOX		55 Big Bang	55 Big Bang	Kitchen Nightmares "El Cantito" Gordon Ramsay tries to transform a Puerto Rican restaurant. (N)		Special Forces: World's Toughest Test "Grit" The recruits must pull sleds through dangerous terrain. (N)		55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N)	55 Seinfeld "The Parking Garage"	55 Seinfeld "The Doodle"	55 Last Man	55 Last Man	55 Goldbergs "Love Shack"		
55 WZAW 11 WLUK		11 Jeopardy! (N)	11 Wheel (N)					11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)		11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	11 (:35) Seinfeld	11 (:05) Inside Edition (N)	11 (:35) King "Swim Neighbors"		
NBC		28 NBC26 News at 6pm (N)	28 FamFeud	The Voice "The Road to Playoffs" The season's best moments from the blind auditions through the knockout rounds are revisited. (N)				That's My Jam "Ariana Grande & Blake Shelton vs. Kelly Clarkson & John Legend" "The Voice" Season 21 judges play games with Jimmy Fallon.		28 NBC26 News at 10pm (N)	28 (:35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N)		(:35) Late Night With Seth Meyers		
28 WGBA 12 WJFW		12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	12 Wheel "Shopping Spree" (N)							12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	12 (:35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon				
PBS		PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Antiques Roadshow "Vintage Dallas Hour 2" An 1830 first printing of "The Book of Mormon," Dallas memorabilia and Tennessee sampler. (N)		Antiques Roadshow "Vintage Milwaukee 2020" "Little Women" books; Samuel Prince desk and bookcase circa 1775; a child's swan sled circa 1880.		POV "Wisdom Gone Wild" A film blending humor and sadness focuses on a mother and daughter confronting dementia. (N)		Hotel Portofino "Farewells" Bella must act proactively to preserve her investments in the hotel and save it from a new threat.		Wisconsin Life "Holi Festival of Colors In Wausau"			
28 WHRM 38 WLEF 38 WPNE															
52 WACY		Family Feud (N)	Two Half Men	Dateline "Evil Was Waiting"		Chicago P.D. "Equal Justice"		My News at 9 (N)	Tonight (N)	Two Half Men	Housewife	Housewife	Mom		
46 WTPX		FBI "Into the Fire"		FBI "Fortunate Son"		FBI "Second Life"		FBI "Heroes"		FBI "Breakdown"		FBI "Green Birds"			
CW		13 Big Bang "The Excelsior Acquisition"	13 Big Bang "The Holiday Summation"	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "We Have a Raccoon Problem" Solange Kardinaly; Christian Engblom; Antonio Martinez.		Masters of "Trial by Fire, Quick Change, and the Uncanny" (N)		13 Last Man "Sink-hole"	13 Seinfeld "The Doodle"	13 The National Desk (N) (Live)	13 The National Desk (N) (Live)	13 Last Man "School Merger"	13 Extra (N)		
14 WCWF 34 WYOW		34 Dish Nat. (N)	34 TMZ (N)					34 Dish Nation (N)	34 TMZ (N)	34 Family Guy "Internal Affairs"	34 Family Guy "Into Fat Air"	34 Burgers "Bye Bye Boo Boo"	34 Bob's Burgers "Secret Admiral-ier"		

TUESDAY				EVENING								NOVEMBER 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		9 News 9 (N)	9 News 9 Pack Attack	Dancing With the Stars "A Celebration of Taylor Swift" The six remaining couples dance to the music of Taylor Swift; guest judge Mandy Moore. (N) (Live)				Press Your Luck "Good Luck Gummy Bears" (N)		9 News 9 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)	(N) (Live)			
9 WAOW 8 WBAY		2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	2 Entertainment Tonight (N)							2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)			(:35) Nightline (N)		
CBS		5 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N)	5 Locker Room	5 Christmas Parade (N)	7 NCIS: Sydney "Snakes in the Grass" A Navy compliance officer is found dead in a waterhole. (N)	7 Raid the Cage "Show Me the Matri-Money" (N)	5 Local 5's Season of Volunteering	FBI True "Hunting Hanssen: America's Deadliest Traitor" An FBI specialist triest to win a suspected spy's trust. (N)		5 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N)	(N) (Live)			
5 WFRV 7 WSAW		7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	7 Locker Room							7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)			(:35) Comics Un-leashed With Byron Allen		
FOX		55 Big Bang	55 Big Bang	Name That Tune "Spice Up the Tunes" The contestants compete in a variety of games.			9-1-1: Lone Star "Tongues Out" Owen enlists Paul's help in proving Kendra's innocence.		55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N)	55 Seinfeld "The Cafe"	55 Seinfeld "The Fusilli Jerry"	55 Last Man "Big Shots"	55 Last Man "Risky Behavior"		
55 WZAW 11 WLUK		11 Jeopardy! (N)	11 Wheel (N)						11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)		11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	11 (:35) Seinfeld "The Cafe"	11 (:05) Inside Edition (N)		
NBC		28 NBC26 News at 6pm (N)	28 Packers	The Voice "The Knockouts Part 4" Wynonna Judd serves as mega mentor for the knockouts.			The Voice "The Playoffs Part 1" (N)		Found "Missing While Homeless" The team looks for a man missing from an encampment. (N)		28 NBC26 News at 10pm (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon	(:35) Late Night With Seth Meyers		
28 WGBA 12 WJFW		12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	12 Wheel "Shopping Spree" (N)								12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)				
PBS		PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Groundbreakers (N)				Frontline "20 Days in Mariupol" The AP's Mstyslav Chernov and two colleagues document the Russian siege of Mariupol. (N)		(N) (Live)		(:35) Miriam and Alan: Lost in Scotland and Beyond Driving from Inverness to Edinburgh; enjoying vegan white pudding and kosher haggis.	John McGivern's Main Streets "Chicago's Lincoln Square, Illinois"		
28 WHRM 38 WLEF 39 WPNE															
62 WACY		Family Feud (N)	Two Half Men	Dateline "Everything She Knew"		Chicago P.D. "Instinct"		My News at 9 (N)	Tonight (N)	Two Half Men	Housewife	Housewife	Mom		
45 WTPX		Chicago Fire "A Beautiful Life"		Chicago Fire "Nemesis"		Chi. Fire "Something for the Pain"		Chicago Fire "How Does It End?"		Chi. Fire "The Man of the Moment"	Chicago Fire "Halfway to the Moon"				
CW		13 Big Bang "The Precious Fragmentation"	13 Big Bang "The Romance Recalibration"	Inside the NFL Week 11 Recapping the greatest moments from week 11. (N)			Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Jordin Sparks" (N)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Tiffany Haddish"	13 Last Man "Big Shots"	13 Seinfeld "The Fusilli Jerry"	13 National (N)	13 The National Desk (N) (Live)	13 Last Man		
14 WCWF 34 WYOW		34 Dish Nat. (N)	34 TMZ (N)						34 Dish Nation (N)	34 TMZ (N)	34 Family Guy "The Old Man and the Big 'C'"	34 Family Guy "Ratings Guy"	34 Burgers		
													34 Extra (N)		
													34 Bob's Burgers "Turkey in a Can"		



CRUSHING BLOW

ANOTHER COMEBACK EFFORT FALLS SHORT

Luke Musgrave is toppled by Pittsburgh defenders in another game where the Packers attempted a comeback only to have it fall short. At 3-6, the next game against the Chargers could be the defining moment for the 2023-24 season.

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Late interception costs Packers a chance to win in Pittsburgh

Packers drop to 3-6, one ahead of Bears for third in NFC North

By **LUKE REIMER**
Green & Gold Express

Green Bay's late push to win the game came up short, as quarterback Jordan Love was intercepted by Pittsburgh Steelers' defensive back Damontae Kazee to give the Steelers a 23-19 victory in Pittsburgh on Nov. 12.

Down four with 59 seconds to go in the game, Love and the Packers' offense marched down the field on the back of a 46-yard completion to Jayden Reed, an eight-yard rush from Love and an 11-yard reception from A.J. Dillon. With three seconds left in the game from the Steelers' 16-yard line, Love dropped back and forced a throw to Christian Watson resulting in the game-sealing interception.

"Last play of the game, I tried to take a shot to the end zone and dialed up a play that we work all of the time in practice," said Love, on the last play of the game. "We were just trying to get a shot right in line to Christian and the DB was able to jump in front of the route and make a pick."

Even though the team lost, Love continued to show traits of why Green Bay selected him in the first round of the 2020 NFL Draft. The Utah State alum completed 21-of-40 pass attempts for 289 yards and two touchdowns. Running backs Aaron Jones and Dillon split 22 carries, with Jones rushing for 35 yards and Dillon rushing for 70. Jones added another 19 yards through the air on four receptions.

Reed was the biggest benefactor of Love's day, as he caught five passes for 84 yards and one touchdown. Romeo Doubs was the recipient of Love's other touchdown, as he finished the game with three catches for 31 yards and one touchdown.

With defensive starters Jaire Alexander and Quay Walker out for the



Jordan Love prepares to unleash another pass against the Pittsburgh Steelers on Nov. 12. Love completed 21 of 40 passes for 289. He had a pair of touchdowns but also threw a pair of interceptions that effectively sealed a loss as the Packers dropped to 3-6.

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T.J. Watt made NFL history Nov. 12 against the Green Bay Packers, surpassing older brother J.J. Watt for second all-time for most career sacks in the first 100 games of a career. He sacked Jordan Love in the second quarter to top his brother's mark. T.J. Watt, a Pewaukee native, played college football for the Wisconsin Badgers and was drafted in the first round by the Steelers in 2017.

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game with injuries, Green Bay held Steelers' quarterback Kenny Pickett

to just 126 yards and no touchdowns. It was the run defense that struggled though, as both Steelers running backs, Najee Harris and Jaylen Warren, found the end zone. In total, Pittsburgh rushed for 205, with Warren recording 101 and Harris recording 82.

Much like the interception to end the game, earlier in the fourth quarter, Green Bay, down 23-19, faced a second-and-nine from the Steelers' 14-yard line. Love dropped back to pass and lofted a pass down the left sideline intended for Watson. The ball was tipped by a Steelers defender before being intercepted by defensive back Keanu Neal.

"It is very frustrating," said Love, on the continued turnovers late in fourth quarters this year. "We have been put in this situation a lot of times, and we have not found a way to win it. So yeah, it is frustrating, but we just have to find a way - dig deeper. But it comes down to so many

different plays throughout the course of the game that if we can execute better and take advantage of some of those situations, I don't think we will put ourselves into this situation at the end of the game."

The game plan late could have been different though as Pittsburgh blocked an extra point following Reed's touchdown. Assuming Anders Carlson makes that extra point, Green Bay is probably playing for the tie and kicking a game-tying field goal as time expired, as opposed to forcing a pass to the end zone.

With the Chicago Bears beating the Carolina Panthers on Nov. 9, the Bears moved a half of a game back of Green Bay with a 3-7 record. On top of that, Green Bay is currently slotted in for the sixth draft selection in the 2024 NFL Draft and the New York Times Playoff Simulator currently gives the Packers a 9% chance to make the postseason.

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Week 11 Games: Sunday, Nov. 19



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Chicago @ Detroit
Minnesota @ Denver
New York Jets @ Buffalo
Dallas @ Carolina

Tie Breaker Game:
LA Chargers @ Green Bay

**Week 10
Winner :**

**Tim Murphy
New Media**

Weekly Standings

	Weekly Record	Overall Record
Tim Murphy, New Media.....	5-0	36-14
Jim Wiegand, Tower Clock Eye Center.....	4-1	35-15
Jacob Westendorf, New Media.....	3-2	34-16
Robert Buss, Buss Automotive.....	2-3	30-20
Shane Senn, Senn Insurance.....	4-1	30-20
Luke Reimer, New Media.....	2-3	29-21
Kevin Passon, New Media.....	2-3	28-22
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Staff, Iverson's Puggly Wiggly.....	2-3	27-23
Walsh Dental Group.....	3-2	25-25
Sue Moede, Moede & Sons Plumbing.....	2-3	24-26



Jim Wiegand
Tower Clock
Eye Center

This Week's Picks:

Detroit
Minnesota
Buffalo
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Chargers 24 @ Green Bay 17



Robert Buss
Buss
Automotive

This Week's Picks:

Detroit
Minnesota
Buffalo
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Chargers 12 @ Green Bay 24



Shane Senn
Senn
Insurance

This Week's Picks:

Detroit
Minnesota
Buffalo
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Chargers 20 @ Green bay 17



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This Week's Picks:

Detroit
Minnesota
Buffalo
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Chargers 23 @ Green Bay 17



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This Week's Picks:

Detroit
Minnesota
Buffalo
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Chargers 14 @ Green Bay 28



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This Week's Picks:

Detroit
Minnesota
New York Jets
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Chargers 28 @ Green Bay 13



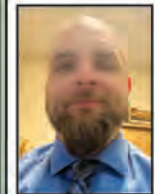
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This Week's Picks:

Detroit
Denver
Buffalo
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Chargers 17 @ Green Bay 23



Jacob Westendorf
New
Media

This Week's Picks:

Detroit
Denver
Buffalo
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA chargers 34 @ Green Bay 21



Luke Reimer
New
Media

This Week's Picks:

Detroit
Minnesota
New York Jets
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score : LA Chargers 31 @ Green Bay 14



Tim Murphy
New
Media

This Week's Picks:

Detroit
Minnesota
Buffalo
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Chargers 27 @ Green Bay 17



Kevin Passon
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This Week's Picks:

Detroit
Denver
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Dallas

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NOTEBOOK

Packers will have opportunities to score on Chargers

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

Packers' offense vs. Chargers' defense

Green Bay did not win Sunday against the Steelers, but it'd be hard to come away from that game feeling anything other than encouraged on the offense.

Sure, they left points on the field. Yes, they might have missed a play here or there. The reality is, the Steelers have a pretty good defense, and the Packers nearly piled up 400 yards of offense against them.

AJ Dillon looked as good as he has all year, including breaking off a 40-yard run where he ran through a couple of arm tackles on his way down the sideline.

Aaron Jones is coming off a poor performance, but typically he does not have two bad games in a row.

The story, however, is Green Bay's passing game. Jordan Love had 288 yards passing on the day.

He threw a 36-yard touchdown to Jayden Reed, which may have been his best play of the season.

The Packers hit explosive plays against a defense that has made a living suffocating opposing offenses in 2023. They protected well against Alex Highsmith and TJ Watt as well.

The duo they'll face this week, while not as dynamic, will be Joey Bosa and Khalil Mack.

That's a formidable group, and both of them are capable of changing a game.

Apart from their pass rushers, the Chargers have one of the best safeties in all of football, Derwin James, roaming in their secondary.

The biggest caveat in James' career has been whether he's been healthy. He is healthy now and capable of making plays at all three levels of the field. The Packers are going to have to account for him to ensure he doesn't ruin the game. Asante Samuel Jr. has some sticky hands as well.

Despite all this star power, the Chargers' defense appears to be more bark than bite. They just gave up 41 points to the Detroit Lions. They give up an average of 21.8 points per game, which is good for 21st in the NFL.



Running back AJ Dillon broke free for a 40-yard run against the Steelers' defense on Nov. 12. Dillon had nine carries for 70 yards and caught one of three targets for 11 yards during the team's 23-19 loss to Pittsburgh.

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Considering their head coach, Brandon Staley, is a defensive-minded coach, they should be better than that.

They haven't proven to be, so the Packers should have some opportunities to make plays.

Packers' defense vs. Chargers' offense

The Chargers' offense comes to town after having a huge day against

the Detroit Lions. They protected Justin Herbert, and he rewarded them with a big game. Herbert was brilliant against the Lions, throwing four touchdown passes.

Keenan Allen is still effective when he's healthy, and he proved that Sunday, tormenting the Lions for 175 yards through the air, including the game-tying touchdown.

Austin Ekeler is a nice player out

of the backfield, but the run game is more of an afterthought for the Chargers. Ekeler is best used as a receiver out of the backfield.

That probably bodes well for the Packers considering the run defense that we've come to expect showed up again Sunday. The Steelers are not a good running team and still were able to pile up more than 180 yards between their two backs. They aver-

aged more than five yards per carry.

The Packers' defense has been much better when they stop the run as opposed to when they don't.

The Chargers, however, don't appear to have much interest in running the ball, so the Packers should be able to focus on the pass game.

That, of course, is easier said than done.

Herbert is far and away the best quarterback the Packers have faced this season. They'll need to figure out some answers.

The secondary is likely the biggest concern going into this week. Jaire Alexander's status remains uncertain after he missed Sunday's game with a shoulder injury.

Carrington Valentine has had a strong two games since being inserted into the starting lineup for Rasul Douglas. He'll be joined by Corey Ballentine on the outside if Alexander can't go. Ballentine had a nice game against the Steelers as well.

The Chargers are going to be able to score points. It'll just be a matter of whether Green Bay can slow them down and keep up with their offense.

Special teams

The Packers' kicking game, which was strong through the early portion of the season, is starting to wobble.

Anders Carlson has missed a kick in every game since the bye week if not for a mulligan he received against Minnesota. He had an extra point blocked against Pittsburgh, which had a massive impact on the game.

Carlson's season as a whole still fits under encouraging, but the weather is starting to turn as the calendar gets closer to December. Kicking is only going to get more difficult, and the Packers have to hope Carlson is going to get straightened out.

Keisean Nixon had his best game of the season Sunday against the Steelers.

He had more than 120 yards as a kickoff returner and added a 12-yard punt return to his day as well.

The offense could use Nixon's burst as they continue to try and find their way.

The Chargers were ranked seventh on Rick Gosselin's special teams rankings from a season ago.

They're a good group, and they will exploit the Packers if they continue to make the same mistakes they have throughout the season.



Coming out of the halftime break, Keisean Nixon delivered a return of 49 yards, giving the Packers fantastic field position across midfield. It took a 4th-and-6 attempt to move the chains the first time on the series, but Jordan Love hit Aaron Jones for enough yardage to get the first down. Jones picked up another conversion with a 12-yard catch on 3rd-and-3. The Packers had to settle for a field goal, but that cut Pittsburgh's lead down to one point.

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TIME AND DATE: Noon Sunday, Nov. 19

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TV: Fox

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2023 RECORDS: Packers, 3-6. Chargers 4-5

HISTORY: This is a matchup that has not happened often. The two teams have only met 12 times, and the Packers have won 10 of those games.

The Chargers won the most recent meeting in 2019 but had not beaten the Packers since 1984 prior to that.

Perhaps the most famous game between the two teams in recent memory was Aaron Rodgers and Rivers dueling in San Diego in 2011. The Packers won 45-38. Each quarterback threw four touchdown passes, but Rivers had two interceptions returned for touchdowns, which proved to be the difference on a day where defense was optional.

COACHES: Packers, Matt LaFleur (fifth season, 49-25). Chargers, Brandon Staley (third season 23-20)

PACKERS SCHEDULE

Sept. 10 at Chicago W 38-20

Sept. 17 at Atlanta L 25-24

Sept. 24 vs. New Orleans W 18-17

Sept. 28 vs. Detroit L 34-20

Oct. 9 at Las Vegas L 17-13

Oct. 15 BYE

Oct. 22 at Denver L 19-17

Oct. 29 vs. Minnesota L 24-10

Nov. 5 vs. LA Rams W 20-3

Nov. 12 at Pittsburgh L 23-19

Nov. 19 vs. LA Chargers Noon FOX

Nov. 23 at Detroit 11:30 a.m. FOX

Dec. 3 vs. Kansas City 7:20 p.m. NBC

Dec. 11 at NY Giants 7:15 p.m. ABC

Dec. 17 vs. Tampa Bay Noon FOX

Dec. 24 at Carolina Noon FOX

Dec. 31 at Minnesota 7:20 p.m. NBC

Jan. 7 vs. Chicago, TBD

NFL SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, NOV. 16

Bengals at Ravens, 7:15 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOV. 19

Steelers at Browns, noon

Raiders at Dolphins, noon

Bears at Lions, noon

Titans at Jaguars, noon

Chargers at Packers, noon

Cardinals at Texans, noon

Cowboys at Panthers, noon

Giants at Commanders, noon

Buccaneers at 49ers, 3:05 p.m.

Jets at Bills, 3:25 p.m.

Seahawks at Rams, 3:25 p.m.

Vikings at Broncos, 7:20 p.m.

MONDAY, NOV. 20

Eagles at Chiefs, 7:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOV. 23, THANKSGIVING

Packers at Lions, 11:30 a.m.

Commanders at Cowboys, 3:30 p.m.

49ers at Seahawks, 7:20 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOV. 24

Dolphins at Jets, 2 p.m.

KEYS TO THE GAME

Herbert will be biggest QB challenge for Packers

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

The Green Bay Packers are coming off their best performance of the season in the passing game. Jordan Love piled up 288 yards through the air against a stingy Pittsburgh Steelers defense.

Unfortunately, the big mistakes that have plagued the Packers all season long reared their ugly head again. Love turned the ball over twice deep in the red zone, Anders Carlson had an extra point blocked, and De'Vondre Campbell dropped what could have been a pick six.

Those mistakes added up. The Steelers took advantage of them and beat Green Bay 23-19.

The Packers are 3-6, which is identical to their record at this time a year ago.

Much like this time a year ago, the Packers are facing a tough opponent at Lambeau Field. Last year, that was the Dallas Cowboys.

This year, it'll be the Los Angeles Chargers.

The Packers' season is likely on the brink this week. If they're going to get back on the winning side of things, here are the keys to protecting their home field.

Offensive tackles

vs. Joey Bosa and Khalil Mack

The Packers are familiar with Khalil Mack's work. He used to torment Green Bay when he was in Chicago. He made his Bears debut in the 2018 season opener. Mack nearly won that game by himself that night. He stripped DeShone Kizer when the Packers were in Bears territory to save three points.

Later he would intercept a Kizer pass that was returned for a touchdown. Instead, his performance became a mere footnote as Aaron Rodgers staged a 20-point comeback in the second half to help the Packers win 24-23.

Mack isn't the same player he was in Chicago, but he's still an effective pass rusher.



Green Bay Packers' quarterback Jordan Love is looking for answers as the Packers lost their sixth game of the season to the Pittsburgh Steelers on Nov. 12. Despite a better-than-average performance for most of the contest, Love's two interceptions at the end of the game spelled defeat once again.

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Joey Bosa is one of the better pass rushers in football as well. The Packers are in the midst of a tough stretch of opposing pass rushers.

They did a good job against the Steelers' tandem of Alex Highsmith and TJ Watt. Watt sacked Love once but wasn't the disruptive force he typically is. Highsmith did not record a sack either.

The Packers' offense, by extension, had one of its best games of the season. Love was effective through the air. He had explosive plays to Dontayvion Wicks, Luke Musgrave, Christian Watson and Jayden Reed.

He'll be looking to build on that performance this week. That'll be tough to do if Bosa and Mack are consistently in his lap.

Rasheed Walker started at left tackle last week with Yosh Nijman battling a back injury. It'll be interesting to see who starts Sunday if Nijman is healthier than he was a week ago.

Packers' secondary vs. Justin Herbert

The Packers' defense has done a

good job at keeping opposing teams out of the end zone over the last month. The most amount of points they've allowed since the 34 against Detroit in late September is 24, to the Minnesota Vikings.

They have been fortunate, however, in the quarterbacks they've faced.

The best one they've faced in that stretch, and perhaps all season, is Kirk Cousins. Cousins left that game early with an Achilles injury that ended his season.

Other than Cousins, the Packers have faced Jimmy Garoppolo, Russell Wilson, Brett Rypien and Kenny Pickett.

Wilson has had good seasons in the past but has struggled since getting to Denver. Of the others, one was benched (Garoppolo) and one was released after the game (Rypien).

Justin Herbert is a different animal. When discussing the league's best quarterbacks, he's on the short list.

A microcosm of Herbert's career took place Sunday against Detroit.

Herbert was brilliant, leading the offense to 38 points including a game-tying touchdown pass.

It didn't matter because the Chargers' defense allowed the Lions to kick a field goal as time expired and allowed 41 points on the day.

For comparison's sake, the Packers have scored 39 points in their last two games. The Chargers scored 38 on Sunday.

The Packers likely are not equipped to keep up with Herbert in a shootout, but they may not have a choice.

Jaire Alexander missed Sunday's game with a shoulder injury. His status will be unclear for Sunday.

Corey Ballentine had some nice moments Sunday, but he's spent most of the season on the practice squad.

Carrington Valentine has also been solid but will have the ups-and-downs of a normal rookie season as well.

There's a difference between facing the journeymen the Packers have faced recently and taking on the league's elite.

Sunday will be the ladder. The Packers will need their inexperience

secondary to be up to the challenge.

Luke Musgrave vs. Chargers' defense

Luke Musgrave is starting to come on a little bit. Against the Rams, he had two big catches — including his first career touchdown.

Sunday against the Steelers, he had two catches for 64 yards, including a 36-yard reception down the seam.

Those are the types of big plays the Packers envisioned when they picked Musgrave in the second round of the 2022 draft.

Musgrave will have his opportunity again Sunday. The Chargers did just hold fellow rookie Sam LaPorta in check but gave up a big touchdown to Brock Wright down the middle of the field.

That's where Musgrave's big plays have come the last two weeks. Green Bay has given Musgrave more opportunities in the middle of the field, and they'll need to continue that. If they do, more big plays could follow.

In a game against Herbert, the offense needs to make big plays.



Preston Smith (91) gathers a head of steam as he runs for Steelers' quarterback Kenny Pickett on Nov. 12. Pickett completed 14 of 23 for 126 yards. He was sacked one time.

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Lack of weapons expose glaring hole

Green Bay has only scored 19 offensive touchdowns through 10 weeks

By **LUKE REIMER**
Green & Gold Express

The lack of first half scoring from the Packers this year has been talked about ad nauseam, but looking at the bigger picture, Green Bay has only scored 19 offensive touchdowns this year, averaging just over two per game.

Green Bay has scored over 19 points just four times and haven't scored over 20 points since a Week 2 loss to the Atlanta Falcons. While many want to blame that on either Jordan Love's inconsistency, or Matt LaFleur's play-calling, which both have merit, that may ultimately be a result of the lack of talent Green Bay sports on the offensive side of the ball.

Guys like Romeo Doubs, Aaron Jones, Jayden Reed and Luke Musgrave are talented football players, but how many of those players are really "difference makers?" While yes, this point can be argued as outside of Davante Adams, teams

from years-past have also had a lack of talent, but with Aaron Rodgers at quarterback, those inadequacies were covered up very easily.

That brings us to this year. It is obvious that Love is not Rodgers and if he can develop, probably won't be Rodgers for a very long time yet. To aid in that development, there needs to be stars around Love. Remember when the Eagles got A.J. Brown to help Jalen Hurts, or when the Dolphins got Tyreek Hill to help Tua Tagovailoa or even when the Bills got Stefon Diggs to help Josh Allen? It seems like that is going to have to be the recipe here for Green Bay as it looks to the future.

As has been the "Green Bay" way in the past though, it is hard to expect that the front office makes a big time trade or a splash in free agency. That leaves Doubs, Reed, Musgrave and Christian Watson to try to play outside their realm right now.

"When you get in position to score touchdowns, you have to

convert," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur, after Green Bay's loss to the Steelers. "Those are missed opportunities in my mind."

That has been the narrative for the Packers all season — those missed opportunities. While yes, with a young team like this, those things happen, but at this point in the season, the "young" excuse has to be retired.

It is really easy to say that having more talent will result in more points, but does having someone like Adams, Tee Higgins, or even George Pickens remedy some of those missed opportunities? Probably and that has been a problem with Green Bay for many years. The team misses out on the difference maker and that is a reason for only winning two Super Bowls with Rodgers and Brett Favre.

Love himself has to be better, and it is reasonable to think that he will be in the future, but at some point he is going to need someone else to make the play. For example, Mus-

grave continues to use ability to get open, but stumbles after the catch and is tackled short of the goal line. Green Bay then gets stuffed and is forced to settle for a field goal. That is a difference of four points and as everyone who watches football knows, four points forces the other team to score a touchdown to keep up.

Another example is that Green Bay loves to take one-on-one shots to the end zone to allow its pass-catcher to make a play on the ball. While it has resulted in a few touchdowns, more often than not this year, that has resulted in an interception or an incompleteness. That wasn't the case when Adams was the intended target on similar plays.

It is too late to make trades in the NFL now and it has become obvious that this is a rebuilding or transition year for Green Bay, but if the players surrounding Love are not addressed in the off season, next year could be another year of stagnant offense from the Packers.

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Player	#	Pos	HT	WT	Age	Exp	College
Jaire Alexander	23	CB	5-10	196	26	6	Louisville
Zayne Anderson	39	S	6-2	206	26	1	BYU
Corey Ballentine	35	CB	5-11	196	27	5	Washburn
Karl Brooks	94	DL	6-3	296	23	R	Bowling Green
De'Vondre Campbell	59	LB	6-4	232	30	8	Minnesota
Anders Carlson	17	K	6-5	219	25	R	Auburn
Kenny Clark	97	DL	6-3	314	28	8	UCLA
Sean Clifford	8	QB	6-2	218	25	R	Penn State
Brenton Cox Jr.	57	LB	6-4	250	23	R	Florida
Josiah Deguara	81	TE	6-2	238	26	4	Cincinnati
AJ Dillon	28	RB	6-0	247	25	4	Boston College
Romeo Doubs	87	WR	6-2	204	23	2	Nevada
Kingsley Enagbare	55	LB	6-4	258	23	2	South Carolina
Rudy Ford	20	S	6-0	210	29	7	Auburn
Innis Gaines	38	S	6-1	202	25	2	TCU
Rashan Gary	52	LB	6-5	277	25	5	Michigan
Malik Heath	18	WR	6-2	213	23	R	Mississippi
Elgton Jenkins	74	G/T	6-5	311	27	5	Mississippi State
Anthony Johnson Jr.	36	S	6-0	205	23	R	Iowa State
Aaron Jones	33	RB	5-9	208	28	7	Texas-El Paso
Caleb Jones	72	T	6-9	370	24	2	Indiana
Tucker Kraft	85	TE	6-5	259	23	R	South Dakota State
Dallin Leavitt	6	S	5-10	195	29	5	Utah State
Jordan Love	10	QB	6-4	219	25	4	Utah State
Isaiah McDuffie	58	LB	6-1	227	24	3	Boston College
Luke Musgrave	88	TE	6-6	253	23	R	Oregon State
Josh Myers	71	C/G	6-5	310	25	3	Ohio State
Royce Newman	70	G/T	6-5	310	26	3	Mississippi
Yosh Nijman	73	T	6-7	314	27	4	Virginia Tech
Keisean Nixon	25	CB	5-10	200	26	5	South Carolina
Matt Orzech	42	LS	6-3	245	28	4	Azusa Pacific
Jonathan Owens	34	S	5-11	210	28	5	Missouri Western
Jayden Reed	11	WR	5-11	187	23	R	Michigan State
Sean Rhyan	75	G	6-5	321	23	2	UCLA
Robert Rochell	22	CB	6-0	193	25	3	Central Arkansas
Jon Runyan	76	G	6-4	307	26	4	Michigan
Ben Sims	89	TE	6-5	250	23	R	Baylor
T.J. Slaton	93	DL	6-4	330	26	3	Florida
Preston Smith	91	LB	6-5	265	30	9	Mississippi State
Zach Tom	50	OL	6-4	304	24	2	Wake Forest
Samori Toure	83	WR	6-1	191	25	2	Nebraska
Carrington Valentine	37	CB	6-0	189	22	R	Kentucky
Lukas Van Ness	90	LB	6-5	272	22	R	Iowa
Quay Walker	7	LB	6-4	241	23	2	Georgia
Rasheed Walker	63	T	6-6	324	23	2	Penn State
Christian Watson	9	WR	6-4	208	24	2	North Dakota State
Kristian Welch	54	LB	6-3	240	25	4	Iowa
Daniel Whelan	19	P	6-5	216	24	1	UC Davis
Dontayvion Wicks	13	WR	6-1	206	22	R	Virginia
Emanuel Wilson	31	RB	5-11	226	24	R	Fort Valley State Univ.
Eric Wilson	45	LB	6-1	230	29	7	Cincinnati
Colby Wooden	96	DL	6-4	273	22	R	Auburn
Devonte Wyatt	95	DL	6-3	304	25	2	Georgia
Reserve/Injured							
David Bakhtiari	69	T	6-4	310	32	11	Colorado
Tyler Davis	84	TE	6-4	252	26	4	Georgia Tech
Darnell Savage	26	S	5-11	198	26	5	Maryland
Eric Stokes	21	CB	6-0	194	24	3	Georgia
Luke Tenuta	78	T	6-8	314	24	2	Virginia Tech

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Keenan Allen	13	WR	6-2	211	31	11	California
Zack Bailey	78	G/T	6-5	300	28	2	South Carolina
Joey Bosa	97	OLB	6-5	280	28	8	Ohio State
Will Clapp	76	C/G	6-5	311	27	6	Louisiana State
Derius Davis	12	WR	5-8	165	23	R	TCU
Michael Davis	43	CB	6-2	196	28	7	Brigham Young
Cameron Dicker	11	K	6-1	216	23	2	Texas
Elijah Dotson	42	RB	5-9	202	24	R	Northern Colorado
Austin Ekel	30	RB	5-10	200	28	7	Western State Colo.
Gerald Everett	7	TE	6-3	250	29	7	South Alabama
Simi Fehoko	87	WR	6-4	218	26	3	Stanford
AJ Finley	24	S	6-0	188	22	R	Mississippi
Morgan Fox	56	DL	6-3	275	29	7	Colo. State-Pueblo
Alohi Gilman	32	S	5-10	201	26	4	Notre Dame
Jalen Guyton	15	WR	6-1	212	26	4	North Texas
Josh Harris	47	LS	6-1	224	34	12	Auburn
Jaylinn Hawkins	37	S	6-1	208	26	4	California
Daiyan Henley	0	LB	6-1	225	23	R	Washington State
Justin Herbert	10	QB	6-6	236	25	4	Orego
Brenden Jaimes	64	OL	6-5	300	24	3	Nebraska
Derwin James Jr.	3	S	6-2	215	27	6	Florida State
Austin Johnson	98	DL	6-4	314	29	8	Penn State
Zion Johnson	77	G	6-3	316	23	2	Boston College
Quentin Johnston	1	WR	6-4	215	22	R	TCU
Sebastian Joseph-Day	51	DL	6-4	310	28	6	Rutgers
Joshua Kelley	25	RB	5-11	212	25	4	UCLA
Eric Kendricks	6	LB	6-0	232	31	9	UCLA
Deane Leonard	33	DB	6-0	195	23	2	Mississippi
Khalil Mack	52	OLB	6-3	269	32	10	Buffalo
Dean Marlowe	20	S	6-1	205	31	7	James Madison
Scott Matlock	99	DL	6-4	296	23	R	Boise State
Jordan McFadden	71	OL	6-2	303	23	R	Clemson
Kenneth Murray Jr.	9	LB	6-2	241	24	4	Oklahoma
Tanner Muse	44	LB	6-2	227	27	4	Clemson
Nick Niemann	31	LB	6-3	244	25	3	Iowa
Amen Ogbongbemiga	57	LB	6-0	231	25	3	Oklahoma State
Otito Ogbornia	93	DL	6-4	320	23	2	UCLA
Donald Parham Jr.	89	TE	6-8	237	26	4	Stetson
Trey Pipkins III	79	T	6-6	307	27	5	Sioux Falls
Chris Rumph II	94	OLB	6-2	244	25	3	Duke
Jamaree Salyer	68	OL	6-4	325	23	2	Georgia
Asante Samuel Jr.	26	CB	5-10	180	24	3	Florida State
Foster Sarell	73	T	6-6	322	25	2	Stanford
JK Scott	16	P	6-5	208	28	5	Alabama
Rashawn Slater	70	T	6-4	315	24	3	Northwestern
Stone Smartt	84	TE	6-4	226	25	2	Old Dominion
Isaiah Spiller	28	RB	6-1	215	22	2	Texas A&M
Easton Stick	2	QB	6-1	224	28	5	North Dakota State
Ja'Sir Taylor	36	DB	5-10	185	24	2	Wake Forest
Tuli Tuipulotu	45	OLB	6-3	266	21	R	Southern California
Nick Vannett	83	TE	6-5	257	30	8	Ohio State
Nick Williams	95	DL	6-4	310	33	9	Samford
Reserve/Injured							
Raheem Layne	41	S	5-11	192	24	2	Indiana
Joshua Palmer	5	WR	6-1	210	24	3	Tennessee
Andrew Trainer	62	T	6-7	320	25	2	William & Mary
Amechi Uzodinma	35	CB	5-11	189	23	R	Ball State
Mike Williams	81	WR	6-4	218	29	7	Clemson
Reserve/Non-Football Illness							
Corey Linsley	63	C	6-3	301	32	10	Ohio State
JT Woods	22	S	6-2	193	23	2	Baylor

Wicks working to clean up details

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

Wide receiver Dontayvion Wicks was selected by the Packers in the fifth round of the 2023 NFL Draft. Wicks attended Plaquemine High School in Plaquemine, Louisiana. He played wide receiver and quarterback in high school. He committed to the University of Virginia to play college football.

What's your background as a quarterback?

My first year in high school when I joined the team, I played QB behind my brother (Trey LeBlanc), so that was a thing. And then I moved to receiver like a year in. So I started on the high school team my 10th grade year. I wasn't playing, I was just backing my brother up; I was like the third-string QB. And then my 11th grade year, one of the receivers got hurt and they moved me. My brother was throwing it to me every time, so I just stayed with it. But I have some background at quarterback, I played a couple games at quarterback. My senior year, I played receiver and quarterback.

Did coaches know you could throw or just did they throw it at you in practice or what?

Nah, we've been doing things, stuff like that, plays, just trying stuff out, and I guess it was the game to call it. We were all confident in it. They asked me if I was ready to throw, and I was ready. So we went with it.

How do you feel like first eight games have gone for you personally?

I mean, losing always makes everything feel different, but I feel good with where I'm at. I've got to clean up a couple things in the game, but I think I'm doing a good job. I can definitely clean up some stuff and be better, but so far I think when my name is called and I step in, I have that confidence to make plays. We do it in practice, so having that confidence in your preparation in practice and trusting that only helps me out on game day.

Are you guys talking about early game struggles?

Yeah, all the time, we're talking about that. As a whole offense, we all know we're letting the team down. We're not complementing the defense or the special teams the way we're supposed to. So, we all got to do something as a whole — individually and as a whole offensive group. We've got to come together, connect more, do more. We've just got to do more.

I think it falls on the players, because we're the ones out there playing. So, as we go, the game goes. And I think the receivers have a big part in that. Whether it's blocking for the running backs or fighting for extra yards. I think it's on us, and I think we can help out a lot just by cleaning up the small details. As a whole offense, we've got a lot of details we miss out on. Just small details that hurt us at the end of the game.

There might be plays early that hurt us at the end of the game. So just cleaning up the details and doing our 1/11th.



Dontayvion Wicks begins to make his move after catching a pass from Jordan Love in the Packers game against the Minnesota Vikings. Wicks caught two passes that day and another four a week later against the Rams. He said he and the rest of the offense need to clean up the details to better complement the defense and special teams.

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Matthews, Kampman to be inducted into Packers Hall of Fame

The Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame Inc. will induct former Packers Clay Matthews and Aaron Kampman at the 53rd Hall of Fame Induction Banquet, announced Packers Hall of Fame Inc. President Don Sipes. The banquet is scheduled to be held Aug. 29, 2024, in the Lambeau Field Atrium.

Matthews, a linebacker, was selected by the Packers in the first round (26th overall) of the 2009 NFL Draft out of the University of Southern California. Matthews played 10 seasons in Green Bay, appearing in 143 games with 137 starts. He ranks No. 1 on the Packers' all-time list (since 1982) with 83.5 career sacks, including 10 sacks in 2009, which tops the franchise record books for the most sacks in a rookie campaign. He earned six Pro Bowl selections during his Packers career, tied with Reggie White for the second-most selections by a defensive player in team history. His 80 sacks from 2009-17 ranked No. 5 in the NFL over that span. Matthews was named first-team All-Pro by The Associated Press in 2010, the first Green Bay linebacker to earn that honor in more

than 20 years.

The same season, he helped lead the Packers to a victory in Super Bowl XLV. His 11 sacks in 15 career playoff games are the most in franchise postseason history (since 1982) and are tied for No. 6 in NFL playoff history. Matthews finished his career playing one season (2019) with the Los Angeles Rams.

Defensive end Kampman was selected by the Packers in the fifth round (156th overall) of the 2002 NFL Draft out of the University of Iowa. He played eight seasons in Green Bay, appearing in 112 games with 104 starts.

In 2006, he ranked No. 2 in the NFL with 15.5 sacks, the third-highest single-season total in team history. That year, he also posted 113 tackles, a franchise record for a Packers defensive lineman.

Kampman started 89 of 90 games from 2006-08, missing only the 2007 regular-season finale when several starters rested for the playoffs. During that span, he ranked No. 3 in the league with 37 sacks. With 54 sacks during his Packers career, he ranks No. 5 overall in team history.



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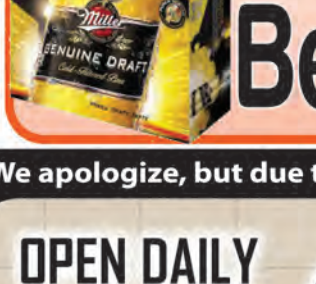
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