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School board member Dan Stewart talks about the effort he and other officials with the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District have put into improving learning at the schools during the Nov. 20 Wittenberg-Birnamwood School Board meeting as Birnamwood Elementary-Middle School Principal Cole Irish, in the background, listens.

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Most area schools pass DPI standards

Pulaski school district exceeds standards as whole; Menominee Indian struggles

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

School districts in Shawano and Oconto counties have met the education standards set by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, according to the 2023 report cards released in mid-November.

Most area schools received a three-star rating, which shows the school has met the threshold for what DPI believes students should know to graduate high school. Some individual schools did not meet the standards, but the overall scores kept those schools at three stars.

Pulaski Community School District went a step further and has been in the exceeding category for a number of years, which gives it a four-star rating and puts the district in one of the upper echelons of school excellence. Five of the schools also received four stars — Fairview, Glenbrook, Hillcrest and Lannoye elementary schools, as well as Pulaski High School.

“We realize this is only one measure of student achievement and must be triangulated with other state, district and classroom assessments to truly support and drive student learning in our classrooms,” said Jennifer Gracyalny, Pulaski’s assistant superintendent of teaching and learning. “We are always striving for continuous improvement in our learning and teaching for all students. Our staff do an amazing job of utilizing evidence of learning and data to meet our student, curriculum and instruction needs.”

Menominee Indian School District in Menominee County did not fare as well, falling into the state’s two-star rating, which means the district only met a few of DPI’s expectations. Even though two of its schools fell short of the standards, Menominee Indian High School did meet them with a score of 66, which falls in the upper portion of the three-star rating.

“While we may not meet expectations in some areas, we are seeing measurable growth in key academic

BY THE NUMBERS

School district and school scores and ratings, according to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction report cards:

DISTRICTS

Bonduel School District: 67, ★★ ★
 Bowler School District: 63.5, ★★ ★
 Gillett School District: 66, ★★ ★
 Gresham School District: 62.7, ★★ ★
 Marion School District: 67.4, ★★ ★
 Menominee Indian School District: 52.2, ★ ★
 Oconto Falls School District: 68.4, ★★ ★
 Oconto Unified School District: 61.6, ★★ ★
 Pulaski Community School District: 72.6, ★★ ★ ★
 Shawano School District: 64.2, ★★ ★
 Suring Public School District: 68.5, ★★ ★
 Tigerton School District: 67.4, ★★ ★
 Wittenberg-Biramwood School District: 64.5, ★★ ★

SCHOOLS

Abrams Elementary School: 80, ★★ ★ ★
 Biramwood Elementary-Middle School: 72.1, ★★ ★ ★
 Bonduel Elementary School: 83.2, ★★ ★ ★ ★
 Bonduel Middle School: 68.2, ★★ ★
 Bonduel High School: 56.8, ★ ★
 Bowler Elementary School: 52.5, ★ ★
 Bowler High School: 69, ★★ ★
 Fairview Elementary School: 72.3, ★★ ★ ★
 Gillett Elementary School: 72.1, ★★ ★ ★
 Gillett Middle School: 80.8, ★★ ★ ★
 Gillett High School: 48.7, ★ ★
 Glenbrook Elementary School: 75.2, ★★ ★ ★

Gresham Elementary School: 52.8, ★ ★
 Gresham High School: 65.6, ★★ ★
 Hillcrest Elementary School (Pulaski): 76.7, ★★ ★ ★
 Hillcrest Primary School (Shawano): Alternative Rating, Satisfactory
 Keshena Primary School: 49.6, ★ ★
 Lannoye Elementary School: 77.1, ★★ ★ ★
 Leads Primary Charter School: Alternative Rating, Satisfactory
 Marion Elementary School: 63.5, ★★ ★
 Marion High School: 69.1, ★★ ★
 Menominee Indian Middle School: 45.2, ★
 Menominee Indian High School: 66, ★★ ★
 Northeast Wisconsin Learning Academy: Alternative Rating, Satisfactory
 Oconto Elementary School: 71.9, ★★ ★ ★
 Oconto Middle School: 68.8, ★★ ★
 Oconto High School: 52.6, ★ ★
 Oconto Falls Elementary School: 70.8, ★★ ★ ★
 Oconto Falls High School: 63.1, ★★ ★
 Olga Brenner Intermediate School: 65.8, ★★ ★
 Pulaski Community Middle School: 69.8, ★★ ★
 Pulaski High School: 74.8, ★★ ★ ★
 Shawano Community Middle School: 57.1, ★ ★
 Shawano Community High School: 68.9, ★★ ★
 Sunnyside Elementary School: 58.5, ★★ ★
 Suring Elementary School: 61.2, ★★ ★
 Suring High School: 78.7, ★★ ★ ★
 Tigerton Elementary School: 58.4, ★★ ★
 Tigerton High School: 69.3, ★★ ★
 Washington Middle School: 67.7, ★★ ★
 Wittenberg Elementary-Middle School: 71.2, ★★ ★ ★
 Wittenberg-Biramwood High School: 51.7, ★ ★



First grade students look intently toward the front of their classroom Nov. 21 at Bonduel Elementary School. Teachers try to ensure all students are engaged in class, from those who are struggling to those who are gifted.

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Report cards measure student achievement proficiency in reading and math on state assessments; student growth measured by year-to-year improvements in achievement; target group outcomes using information for students with the lowest test scores during the previous testing year (the target group) to compare their current year performance versus the non-target group population; and the on-track to graduation rate, which shows how successfully students are achieving educational milestones that predict later success (attendance rates, graduation rates, etc.).

Of 378 public school districts receiving report card ratings for 2022-23, 357 met, exceeded or significantly exceeded expectations (94% of districts), according to a DPI press release. Among districts receiving report card scores for both 2022-23 and 2021-22, 19 increased by one rating category compared to the prior year, 52 decreased by one rating category and 306 had no change in rating.

Chronic absenteeism is being handled proactively instead of reactively, according to Waukau, and it is hoped that encouraging attendance instead of simply punishing truancy will bring students back into school and help them to learn.

“We know it is not effective to punish students who are chronically absent,” Waukau said. “We’re now identifying students at risk of chronic absenteeism and intervening early to assess what is going on in their lives and determine how we can help them overcome barriers to being in school. We know that if students are in school, they will learn and graduate.”

areas and those are the trends to focus on,” said Wendell Waukau, MISD superintendent. “It shows that programs and initiatives we have in place are making a difference and we need to continue our push for student success.”

Waukau noted that there are a number of challenges school districts face, especially those with Native American populations.

“Now that we’re back in the classroom, we’ve implemented programs and initiatives to address those issues, which include mental health, chronic absenteeism and the opioid crisis,” he said.

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Elementary schools make grade on report cards

WBHS struggling to do as well; school board looks at issues like absenteeism, growth scores

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Officials at the elementary schools in the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District have much to be happy about, as both schools received four-star ratings that indicate they're exceeding the expectations set by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction in the annual report cards released in November.

However, the report cards also indicate that Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School is not meeting the standards, receiving only a two-star rating.

During the Nov. 20 Wittenberg-Birnamwood School Board meeting, district psychologist and data coordinator Kara Muthig pointed out that, as a district, Witt-Birn is meeting the standards with a score of 64.5. It is beating the state average in math with a score of 57.8, compared with the 57.2 Wisconsin average, but behind the average in English with a score of 58.3, almost two points lower than 60.1 for Wisconsin as a whole.

One area where the district is seeing a problem is in chronic absenteeism, where students are gone for 10% or more days out of the school year, with 17 or 18 days being the 10% threshold. According to the district's report card, almost one in five students are absent for that length of time. Muthig said 163 students had chronic absenteeism last year.

Birnamwood Elementary-Middle School had the best score out of the three, getting a score of 72.1. In both English and math, test scores were well above the average at 64.5 and 68.8, respectively. The state average for K-8 schools was 59.4 in both categories.

"Birnamwood, they had good growth in most groups," Muthig said. "A big part of our report card is based on growth, and that's because our overall economically disadvantaged enrollment in the district is pretty high."

Muthig noted that districts with fewer students in poverty were judged more on their achievement. Witt-Birn, however, with a majority of students meeting free and reduced meal benchmarks, was judged more on its growth — how much individual students improve in a single year — through all categories, whether ethnic or financial.

"We want our target groups to grow faster so they can catch up," Muthig said.

Wittenberg Elementary-Middle



Kara Muthig, district psychologist and data coordinator, indicates some of the more positive aspects of Birnamwood Elementary-Middle School's test scores and achievements during the Nov. 20 Wittenberg-Birnamwood School Board meeting.

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School was not far behind Birnamwood with a score of 71.2. However, the school's English and math test scores were lower than the state average at 53.4 and 54.1, respectively.

"The reason our scores are higher at the elementary schools is because we do well with the growth scores," Muthig said. "We did well with growth in both buildings, so even our students who are not scoring well are growing fast, which is what we want to see."

WBHS presented a score of 51.7, indicating the school was meeting few of the expectations set by DPI, but Witt-Birn is experiencing a similar trend to other school districts where the standards are easily met by elementary schools but prove much more difficult for secondary schools. In terms of the English and math scores, WBHS was lagging behind the state average with scores of 58.1 and 52.2. The state high school? scores average 61.3 for English and 53 for math.

Muthig noted that the achievement scores at WBHS were close to the

state average, but the school's scores for growth and specific groups were not good, which might explain the low overall score. However, Muthig noted the criteria for the report cards is difficult for even the adult staff to understand, much less students and their families.

"I like this stuff, and it's not always easy for me to understand," Muthig said.

Board member Trevor Szutkowski noted that a lot of the focus for improvement seems to be on the lower quarter of students when the district should be looking at ways for improvement of all students, believing that's the way to improve growth scores.

"We need to throw a much wider net than that," Szutkowski said. "The score will come. We put a ton into that bottom 25%, do we not? We put a lot more into that bottom 25% in money and aids than that other 75%. We need to let those folks really achieve. It needs to be equal, I think."

Superintendent Garrett Rogowski

noted the district makes a concerted effort to make sure each grade knows what needs to be mastered by the end of the school year, but that communication is extending to families, as well.

"We let them know exactly what math facts need to be achieved at each grade level. Those are also going to be shared with parents in the grade-level readiness docs," Rogowski said. "This shows how parents can help. That way, parents can engage exactly what's being taught and what's expected of their children."

Board member Dan Stewart praised the process of examining the report card results and what needs to be done. The board spent almost two hours on the scores and measures for improvement.

"I think it's brought a lot of awareness, and I think if we continue to put in the effort we put in it this year going forward, we just have to start improving," Stewart said.

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Proposed plan to have one final hearing

Document spells out directions, recommendations for next 10 years

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

Shawano County residents will have one final chance to offer input on the Shawano County Comprehensive and Farmland Preservation Plan. A public hearing will be hosted by the planning, development and zoning committee and held at 9 a.m. Dec. 6 in Rooms A and B at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St.

As stated in the plan, the document will help guide future physical, social, and economic growth and development in Shawano County.

The plan contains the nine elements for comprehensive planning required by Wisconsin law, including: issues and opportunities; land use; transportation; economic development; housing; utilities and community facilities; agricultural, natural and cultural resources; intergovernmental cooperation; and implementation.

This plan will also help guide the preservation of farmland and agricul-

tural resources in Shawano County. It identifies, describes and documents current agricultural infrastructure, agricultural resources and trends, examines land use across the unincorporated areas of the county, and identifies areas and land for farmland preservation and implementation strategies.

According to local officials, the primary change to the plan is that the county will no longer track and limit residential development rights in the open lands, agriculture, residential (OAR) zoning district. This change will apply to all towns under county zoning that have that zoning district.

Officials also note that the Town of Navarino has decided to rezone all farmland and forest preservation (FP) zoning parcels to OAR zoning, but is keeping land in the FP plan if landowners want to enter into an Agriculture Enterprise Area (AEA) with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). Navarino's amendment will

take place early in 2024.

Other directions and recommendations include:

- Implement natural resource identification and non-metallic mineral extraction operational standards.

- Cooperate with state and regional agencies and local communities on a comprehensive survey of archaeological and historical resources.

- Work with towns, cities and villages to maintain the county's rural character by managing the pace, size and location of new development. Future land use maps show recommended locations for different types of future development.

- Assure that new developments are sustainable and positive for the county from fiscal, transportation, economic, building quality and environmental perspectives.

- Develop a countywide plan for trail enhancements, expansions and connections including a central loop trail system and "safe routes to school." Promote the protection of the

rural character along scenic roadways.

- Provide a wide range of housing choices, including affordable and "missing middle" housing.

- Promote renewable energy development in suitable areas within the county as a means of economic development and job creation.

How those goals are achieved is a separate issue.

Many follow-up actions will require substantial cooperation with local governments and property owners before implementation, according to the plan. The county intends to coordinate with other units of government on service delivery, farmland and natural resources protection, transportation planning, economic development, resolution of land use conflict, and ordinance modernization.

Public hearings on the plan, which is updated every 10 years, were already held in February and October.

If approved by the committee, it will be forwarded to the county board for approval Dec. 20.

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No progress made in reckless endangerment case

Wittenberg woman accused of pointing gun at child in village park

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

A case involving a Wittenberg woman accused of pointing a firearm at a group of children in May is still unresolved after a hearing Nov. 21 in Branch 2 at the Shawano County Courthouse.

Defense attorney Joseph Kaupie told Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge William Kussel Jr. that he and the district attorney's office needed additional time to discuss any potential agreements. Kaupie noted that the case was being handled by District Attorney Greg Parker, who has had to take leave due to health issues, and Assistant District Attorney Laura Nelson is still getting up to speed on his cases.

Mindy S. Leeder, 35, was charged May 10 with one count of first-degree recklessly endangering safety and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct.

If convicted, Leeder faces \$25,000



MINDY LEEDER

in fines and 12 1/2 years in prison for the first-degree recklessly endangering safety count and \$1,000 and 90 days for the disorderly conduct count.

According to the criminal complaint, Shawano County sheriff deputies were dispatched May 9 to 401 S. Mill St. in Wittenberg for a report of a weapons offense. The caller stated that a woman was at Pond Park and was pointing a firearm at multiple children. When arriving on scene, one deputy was shown a video of Leeder as she allegedly pulled a gun from her waistband and pointed it at one of the children, who was recording the video.

The deputies were informed of the house that Leeder entered, at 301 E. Front St. When police officers pulled up to the residence, Leeder walked out of the house with her hands in the air, complying with law enforcement officials' orders. The firearm that Leeder had allegedly pointed at the children was found inside the residence, where

she told law enforcement it was.

When talking to the children who were at the park at the time, they told law enforcement that Leeder came to the park to yell at them because they were allegedly bullying her children. The children said that they were not bullying. They stated that Leeder was pointing the gun at them and waving it around in the air.

The children reportedly told Leeder that they were going to call the police. From there, the criminal complaint states that Leeder put the gun in her pocket and went to the Front Street residence, where law enforcement arrested her.

In an interview with Leeder, deputies claim she stated that she could hear her daughter yelling when the daughter was at Pond Park. Upon hearing the yelling, Leeder stated that she wanted to walk over to the park to see what was going on. She also stated that it is common for her to take a concealed firearm with her when leaving the residence, as she has a valid concealed carry permit. She also confirmed that the firearm was loaded.

Leeder went on to say that when she was leaving her residence, her daughter came home and reported the

bullying, but did not specify what the bullying was. Leeder told law enforcement that her children have experienced bullying at Pond Park in the past.

When addressing the group of children at Pond Park, Leeder said that the children became argumentative and began to form a semicircle around her. She allegedly told the children that she had a firearm and, when asked if it was real, she allegedly pulled the gun out of her pocket. She reportedly pointed the gun in the air without putting her finger on the trigger, saying that she did not point the gun at any of the children and was being situationally aware of her surroundings. She said that the children got scared and that she put the gun back into her pocket after holding it in the air.

When questioned by law enforcement whether presenting the firearm was necessary, Leeder reportedly said: "It probably wasn't; I was probably just nervous and scared. I don't like confrontation, to be honest."

Leeder is currently free on a cash bond of \$10,000 and a signature bond of \$15,000. The next hearing is a final pre-trial on Feb. 21 in Branch 2.

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Balance festivities and blood sugar

Diabetes-focused guide can lead to healthy holidays

The holiday season is a time of joy and celebration, but for those managing diabetes, it can present unique challenges.

Karrie Benda, a registered dietitian at Aspirus, emphasizes the importance of self-care, mindful eating and stress management during this festive time.

Benda noted that while her tips are geared toward those with diabetes, many of the recommendations that she gives for lifestyle and eating apply to everyone.

One of the significant challenges faced by individuals with diabetes during the holidays is neglecting self-care. With numerous parties, holiday preparations and social gatherings,



KARRIE BENDA

it's easy to put self-care on the backseat. Benda advises, "Self-care, especially during the holiday season, is not a luxury but a necessity." Taking time for quiet moments, whether through exercise, meditation or

prayer, contributes to overall well-being and helps manage stress.

Benda highlighted the role of mindful eating in blood sugar management. She recommended being mindful of the quantity of simple sugars consumed, such as candies, cookies and holiday drinks.

"Being mindful of your healthy foods and having treats in smaller proportions can significantly impact your overall well-being," she said.

Benda said starting with vegetables and followed by higher-protein items

before consuming higher carb selections can have a stabilizing effect on blood sugar levels. This approach helps avoid sharp spikes in blood sugar, making it particularly beneficial during social situations with tempting holiday spreads.

The American Diabetes Association's (ADA) diabetes plate method is a helpful tool for those looking for more guidance with meal planning.

Benda advised against skipping meals in anticipation of a festive event.

"A lot of us think, 'If I save up and I don't eat all day, then I can eat whatever I want that night or that day,'" she said.

That puts people in a tough spot.

"Our bodies are kind of like cars where our engines don't want to be flooded by a lot of energy at one time," Benda said. "In this case, it could mean potentially eating a lot of sugars or a lot of fattening foods in a short time period."

Eating balanced meals throughout

the day prevents overindulgence when faced with a buffet or holiday spread. For those supporting individuals with diabetes, Benda said offering higher-protein and vegetable-based options can contribute to healthier choices.

The holiday season often brings added stress, which can impact blood sugar levels. Stress triggers the production of cortisol, a hormone that can elevate blood sugars. Benda said engaging in activities like exercise, walks and socializing without focusing on food can help mitigate stress responses.

Benda further suggested to open communication with family members managing diabetes. Understanding their preferences and incorporating healthier options into holiday meals can make a significant difference.

Physical activity is a key component of managing blood sugar levels. Moving after meals helps utilize circulating blood sugar, providing energy and promoting overall well-being.

Ho-Chunk win joint Emmy with 'Discover Wisconsin'

"Discover Wisconsin," the nation's longest-running travel and tourism TV series, and longtime partner Ho-Chunk Nation have won an Emmy Award at the 65th Chicago/Midwest Emmy Awards.

Under the category for Outstanding Achievement for Arts/Entertainment Short Form Content, the partners were recognized for their digital short. In the video, "Discover Wisconsin" features Ho-Chunk native artist Truman Lowe and some of his most significant



TRUMAN LOWE

works. Some of his former students and colleagues share their insights and personal experiences working with Lowe. Through their stories, viewers gain a deeper understanding of

the profound impact Lowe had on the lives of so many.

"I am happy and excited for Discover Mediaworks and the Emmy Award they received for 'Exploring the Artistic Process of Truman Lowe,'" said Robert Reider, senior marketing director for the Ho-Chunk Nation. "I am extremely satisfied with the partnership the Ho-Chunk Nation and 'Discover Wisconsin' have forged over the last couple of years and am looking forward to the many years that will come. It is through their knowledge and talent we have been able to share some of

our stories and culture — not only from the past, but who we are today and who we are in our communities."

The partnership between the Ho-Chunk and "Discover Wisconsin" started when tribal members wanted to share the captivating stories of their people and preserve their culture. For four years, "Discover Wisconsin" has been able to tell these cherished stories about the Ho-Chunk's history, heritage and culture, which has had a profound impact on the entire state of Wisconsin.

County fair-themed rocks wanted for scavenger hunts

Who's thinking ahead to next summer's Shawano County Fair?

Looking ahead to the 2024 event, planned for Aug. 28 to Sept. 2, fair organizers are already creating some fun, leading up to and during the fair itself.

Area residents are invited to paint a fair-themed rock (one or more). All submissions will be posted online around Aug. 1. The winning painter

will collect free passes, fair food and fair clothing.

Leading up to the fair, organizers will send everyone on a scavenger hunt for passes to find these rocks hidden throughout Shawano County.

During the fair, the rocks will be hidden on the grounds for fairgoers to find and bring to the office for prizes.

Painted rocks should be brought to the fair office.



Area residents are invited to paint fair-themed rocks to celebrate the 2024 Shawano County Fair. Prizes will be awarded to the winning entries, and residents will then search for the rocks as part of a scavenger hunt. CONTRIBUTED

OBITUARIES

Wayne A. Wedde, 90, of Clintonville, passed away at Care Partners Assisted Living, and entered his heavenly home with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, early Sunday morning, Nov. 19, 2023.

Wayne was born June 12, 1933, to the late Arnold and Ella (Koll) Wedde at their home in Clintonville. He was baptized on July 2, 1933, and confirmed in his faith on March 30, 1947, at St. Martin Lutheran Church, Clintonville.

At the age of 7, he started accordion lessons, and by the age of 16 had his own polka band, Accordion Wayne, which was later called Wayne Wedde Orchestra. He played for many weddings and other occasions and even made his own record called, "Just a Smile." After graduation from Clintonville High School, he attended Superior State and Stevens Point Colleges.

Alexander Grant Hintz, 36 years young, entered into his heavenly home Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023, surrounded by his family and in the loving arms of his courageous wife while at UW Health Hospital following another fierce and lionhearted battle against cancer.

Alex was born on March 9, 1987, to Keith "Rueben" Hintz and the late Sharon Kay (Grant) Hintz.

A 2005 graduate of Antigo High School, Alex went on to pursue and receive a bachelor's degree in education from UW-Stevens Point. His passion second only to his family were his students and athletes that he both taught and coached. He loved teaching physical education and coaching various sports within the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District.

Alex was united in marriage to Carrie Ann Robinson, the love of his life, on June 9, 2018. Their mar-

Lois Marie Bleser, 80, passed away at her home on Thursday, Nov. 23, 2023, surrounded by her family.

Lois was born on Nov. 4, 1943, in Mukwonago to the late Clinton and Marietta (Jones) Liddicoat. On April 1, 1989, she was united in marriage to James "Jim" Bleser in Cecil. Lois and Jim enjoyed living on Shawano Lake and spending winters in Florida. Lois was a wonderful and loving woman and was well liked by everyone she met. She had a great sense of humor and was always



to Clintonville and started his own publication, "Clintonville Shopper's Guide," which he owned and operated for 54 years.

In 1980, Beverly passed away unexpectedly. On Aug. 16, 1981, Wayne was united in marriage to Ginger A. Alto at St. Martin Lutheran Church, Clintonville.

Wayne had many interests throughout his life including golf, bowling, playing and listening to polka music, astronomy, R/C air-

He was united in marriage to Beverly Jean Koskey on Oct. 8, 1955. They moved to Shawano where he operated the "Shopper's Guide" for seven years. Later, the couple moved

planes, trap shooting and ham radio (KD9GR). He enjoyed his time with the Porsche Club and driving his car around on beautiful days. He also served his community by being a member of the Clintonville Rotary Club. As a lifetime member of St. Martin Lutheran Church, he served on the memorial trust fund and was involved with the shepherding committee/leaders. He was also a member of the Gideons.

Wayne will always be remembered for his kind, gentle and loving personality, his welcoming smile and his strong faith in Jesus Christ.

Wayne is survived by daughter, Kim (Tony) Malueg, Caroline; sons, Randy (Brenda) Wedde, Clintonville, and Bruce (Beth) Wedde, La Crosse; grandchildren, Joshua, Walker and Savannah Wedde, Denver (Megan) Wedde, Danielle Wedde, and Bailey and Nicholas Malueg; great-grand-

daughter, Lilah Jane Wedde.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents; his wives, Beverly and Ginger; and grandchildren, Justin, James and John Wedde.

Funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 24, 2023, at St. Martin Lutheran Church, Clintonville, with the Rev. Jason Zobel officiating. Interment was at Graceland Cemetery, Clintonville.

The family would like to thank the staff of ThedaCare Medical Center, Shawano; Care Partners Assisted Living, Clintonville; The Pines Post Acute and Memory Care, Embarrass; and ThedaCare At-Home Hospice for the wonderful care and attention given to Wayne.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville, is assisting the Wedde family.

An online guestbook is available at eberhardtstevenson.com.

Alexander G. Hintz



and his fur kids Miss Kitty, Kevin and Jolene.

Alex's unwavering drive and zest for life transpired with everyone he was around. Alex always went out of his way to help others even when he was not having the best day. His humor was contagious to all those around him, especially when he had control of the jukebox. He enjoyed being creative with art and drawing; he had a passion for music, sports of all kinds and watching hockey with

riage was joyfully blessed with a beautiful daughter, Jacelynn Kay, on Jan. 26, 2023. Family and friends meant the world to him. He held very near and dear to his heart his daughter

his daughter.

Alex will forever be missed and remembered by his wife, Carrie; daughter, Jacelynn Kay; father, Keith "Reuben" (Maxine) Hintz, of Deerbrook; brother, Nathan (Karen) Hintz, of Wausau; nephew and godson, Brantley Alexander Hintz; grandmother, Helen Hintz, of Antigo; father-in-law, Carl Robinson, of Wausau; sister-in-law, Sarah (Aaron) Koszarek, of Elcho; nieces, Ellie and Kara Koszarek. Alex is further survived and loved by many aunts, uncles, cousins and countless amazing friends.

Alex was preceded in death by his mother, Sharon; grandfather, Rueben Hintz; grandparents, John and Betty Grant; mother-in-law, Brenda Kay Robinson; "grandma," Pat Schmidt; and "grandpa," Harold Schmidt.

A celebration of life and visitation will be held on Sunday, Nov. 26, at

Northstar Lanes from 3-7 p.m. with a moment for people to share their stories and memories of Alex starting at 6:30 p.m.

A memorial service was held on Monday, Nov. 27, at Peace Lutheran Church in Antigo with the Rev. David Karolus and Jeff Nielson officiating. Interment was at Elmwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Alex's name may be directed to his family.

A huge thank you on behalf of the family to all of the staff and doctors at UW Health Hospital who have fought vigorously for years to comfort, heal and treat Alex. Truly angels on earth.

Always remember you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think and loved more than you know.

Strasser-Roller Funeral Home is assisting the family in their time of need. Friends may visit online at strasserrollerfuneralhome.com.

Lois M. Bleser



horses in her younger years. She volunteered at the Shawano County Humane Society for many years and served on the board of directors.

ready to laugh.

In Lois's free time, she loved golfing, boating, shooting pool and gardening; her favorite flowers were sunflowers. She also loved animals and rode

Her family was everything to her. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.

Left to cherish Lois's memory are her husband of 34 years, Jim; three daughters, Nanette (David) Kugel, of Shawano, Julie (Tony) Kaye, of Suamico, and Debbie (J.J.) Petcka, of Bonduel; eight grandchildren, Luke, Samantha, Kyle, Brittney, Dylan, Garret, Gage and Grace; and numerous great-grandchildren. She is further survived by nieces,

nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Lois was preceded in death by her three sisters, Kay, Jeannie and Gloria; and her parents, Clinton and Marietta.

A memorial service for Lois was held Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023, at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in Cecil with Deacon Todd Rafter officiating. Inurnment was in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Shawano. Memorials may be directed to the Shawano County Humane Society.

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Dale D. Hohn, 77, of Clintonville, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 23, 2023, at his home.

Dale David Hohn was born March 28, 1946, in Shawano, second son to the late Daniel and Fern (Hecker) Hohn, of Bowler. He was baptized at Elias Lutheran Church, Gresham.

He graduated from Bowler High School and immediately entered into military service with the Marine Corps on June 1, 1964. There, he served with two Vietnam tours, reaching rank of sergeant in 1966, and was honorably discharged May 30, 1968.



Dale was united in marriage to Jeanne Laatsch on June 1, 1969, at St. John Lutheran Church, Town of Grant. During their marriage, they were blessed with

eight children before separating.

He loved animals, hobby farmed was employed within trucking and heavy equipment operating capacities, later retiring from the forestry industry. Dale dearly loved his children and grandchildren, and he will be truly missed.

Ruben A. Hein, 93, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023, surrounded by family at his home in Gillett.

Ruben was born on June 1, 1930, in the Town of How, to the late Frank and Elsie (Schmidt) Hein. Ruben enlisted in the United States Army and served his country honorably in the Korean Conflict. On Sept. 13, 1952, he was united in marriage to Genevieve Otradovec at St. Joseph of the Lake Church in South Branch. The couple enjoyed 61 loving years together before Genevieve's passing in 2014.

Ruben was a hard worker. He enjoyed spending time with his family during holidays and loved family celebrations. In Ruben's free time, he enjoyed fishing and doing wood



crafts.

Ruben is survived by his eight children, Kenneth "Digger" Hein, of Gillett, Darrell (Sharon) Hein, of Holmen, Michael (Debra) Hein, of Wright-

stown, Jody (Bill) Van Camp, of De Pere, Dennis (Diane) Hein, of Shawano, Roberta (Wayne) Hendricks, of Wrightstown, Myron (Chrissy Junion) Hein, of Green Bay, and Alicia (Steven) Wilke, of Keshena; 24 grandchildren, Tracy (Jason), Shannon, Jason, Justin (Karla), Dawn, Nikki (Kevin), Brad (Jamie), Jeremy (Hiedi), Tim (Tina), Billie, Neil (Traci), Tonia (Ethan), Chris (Kailee), Cassy (Guy), Gabe (Cheyenne), Tammy (Craig), Amy,

Dale D. Hohn

He is survived by his brother, Dennis (Pat) Hohn; former spouse, Jeanne (Laatsch) Hohn; children, Daniel (Stacy) Hohn, Nathan Hohn, Jonathan Hohn, Elizabeth Hohn, Amanda Hohn, Melissa Hohn, Stephanie Hohn and Christopher Hohn; grandchildren, Samantha, Madison, Benjamin, Nicholas, Zachary, Nathan, Noah, Autumn, Kaleb, Miley, Tyah, Aisha, Anthony, Lucas and Vanessa.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents and his sister, Lois (Dennis) Pinno.

A service of remembrance will be held at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, at the Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home, south location, 299

S. Main St., Clintonville. The Rev. John Laatsch will be officiating. Military honors will be conducted following the service, by VFW Post 664, American Legion Post 63 and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 63, all of Clintonville. Visitation will take place Friday at the funeral home from 9 a.m. until the time of service. Graveside committal and burial will take place at 1 p.m. Friday at Elias Lutheran Cemetery, Gresham.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville, is assisting the Hohn family with arrangements.

An online guestbook is available at eberhardtstevenson.com.

Ruben A. Hein

Ashley (Corey), Logan, Alex, Melissa (Tim), Derek, Danielle (Mike) and Kristen (Tyler); and numerous great-grandchildren.

He is further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Ruben was preceded in death by his wife, Genevieve; his brother, Walter (Rose) Hein; and parents, Frank and Elsie.

A funeral mass for Ruben was

held Monday, Nov. 27, 2023, at St. Michael Catholic Church in Keshena with the Rev. Hanz Christian officiating. Burial was at St. Joseph of the Lake Cemetery in South Branch following services.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to St. Croix Hospice, especially Kelly, Sabine and Chaplin Ben, for the wonderful care and companionship.

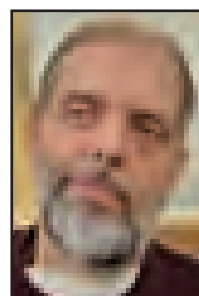
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John Schindel

John Schindel, 66, Green Bay, formerly of Denmark, died Thursday evening, Nov. 23, 2023.

He was born July 6, 1957, in Oconto Falls to August and Irene (Heitke) Schindel. John attended Oconto Falls public schools where he graduated high school and later attended Northeast Wisconsin Technical College.

John lived most of his life in the Denmark area where he was self-employed as a surveyor. He worked for Brown County in the property mapping department, and also Watermolen Surveying. He issued land use permits for the local township in Kewaunee County and did volunteer work at the wildlife sanctuary. John loved working in the outdoors where he gardened, grew fruit trees and raised beef cattle and rabbits. Survivors are his five siblings,



Calvin Schindel, Keith (Dorene) Schindel, Grace Schindel, Diane (Harlan) Hansen and James (Cindy) Schindel; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Anna Holloway; and infant brother, Dennis Schindel.

Visitation with the urn present will be held after 9:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 4, 2023, at Tabor Methodist Church in Gillett until the time of service. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Monday at the church.

Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls is serving the Schindel family.

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FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Pumpkin cookies develop bit of a reputation

"Bring your pumpkin cookies, please!" is the standard response to basically all parties we're invited to when I pose the question, "What would you like me to bring?"

These pumpkin cookies have been all over the country, literally. While they do not ship the best, I've been known to send them to our son in California. Our daughter in Texas has the recipe, and she's made cookies for a friend who used to live in Montana.

A sweet acquaintance of our daughter who originated from Brazil just recently asked, "Miss Kay, could you possibly send me your pumpkin cookie recipe? I'd like to make some for my new husband!"

This gal was one member of a team missionary group that my daughter led from Texas to Wisconsin one cold winter a few years ago. We arranged for a tour of Lambeau and accompanied them there. Because many in the group had never been there, it was fun to see their reaction. While they were in our great state, I had them over for several meals. Of course, a few of the meals ended with pumpkin cookies.

Our daughter has since made them for numerous occasions while serving in her missionary work, and every time she exclaims, "Mom, they just love them and literally squeal with delight when I haul them out." Once she was making them in Texas while I was making them in Wisconsin at the same time.

Talking to my hairdresser the other day, she was commenting on how much her three kids love her pumpkin chocolate chip muffins, and I brought up my world-famous pumpkin cookies.

Twice yearly, our middle son goes to a gathering of friends, many of whom bring their little kids; grandmas and grandpas attend. It's a generational tradition of family and friends gathering Memorial Day weekend and the weekend after Thanksgiving. My son cannot walk through the door unless he brings a heaping plateful of my pumpkin cookies. I willingly oblige, and he laughingly takes the credit. (It reminds me of the hilarious big salad episode on "Seinfeld" where George's girlfriend accepts the thanks when, in fact, George bought the big salad for Elaine.)

Whenever I make a batch, I usually save a dozen or so and freeze them to hand out unexpectedly as a special treat to people who've blessed us in one way or another. Our mail car-



Kay Reminger
Columnist

rier gets some once in a while. My nephews who haul cows over may get treated to a plateful.

A buddy of my husband's gets a plate every now and then. In addition to his regular job, he fells trees. One day working at my sister's house, high up in a tree, he's a bit of a daredevil and started swaying up there. On purpose. My sister caught sight of him and, startled, yelled the only thing she could think of to make him stop that nonsense.

Cupping her hands around her mouth, she tilted her head back and shouted, "Quit that right now, or I'll tell my sister not to make you any more pumpkin cookies!"

Once, I pulled my car into a small repair shop we frequent. I had backed my little black Jeep out of my garage and, much to my dismay, nicked the passenger side mirror. Our car garage is very — shall I say — compact, and the car has to be driven in just so. That day I was in a rush and, backing out, smacked it good. My heart sunk as the mirror dangled by the wire, out of its case. Trying to put it back in on my own didn't work, so as I was driving by the repair shop, I pulled in.

The owner came out immediately and fiddled about 10 or 15 minutes, finally getting it to snap in place. I was flooded with relief as I surely expected they would've had to order a new case, the price tag of which I could only imagine.

"What do I owe you?"

"Nothing."

"Alright. I'll tell you what; next time I'm in town, I'll drop off some pumpkin cookies." His face cracked into a broad smile (he's tasted them before) and agreed that would be a fine payment.

Driving off, I thought, "I've got some in the freezer." Getting home, I prepared a plate and ran it right back over. If I didn't do it then and there, I'd have forgotten. Walking into the shop, I hollered out his name; the fellas usually have their heads buried inside the hood of a car.

Looking up, he responded, "Did the



Kay Reminger (top photo) has a reputation for her pumpkin cookies, but one of the more unusual stories is when she and her daughter, Jessica (bottom photo), were making batches at the same time in different states.

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mirror fall off?"

He thought I was coming back because he hadn't fixed it properly. Smiling, I held out the payment for his labor. These pumpkin cookies are better than cash.

Watching for a way to bless people with my pumpkin cookies has been passed on to my daughter, which secures they'll be around for another generation.

("Here, in the presence of the Lord your God, you and your families shall eat and shall rejoice in everything you have put your hand to, because the Lord your God has blessed you." Deuteronomy 12:7)

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

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Proposed bill would protect voter freedoms

To the editor:

For decades, Wisconsin ranked near the top in voter participation in the nation. In contrast, when Republicans took control of the governorship and the Legislature in 2010, they pushed through a voter ID law that disenfranchised many elderly, urban, non-driving residents, and college students.

When we vote, we express our opinion about what we value. Our elected officials should be making it easier, not harder, for all Wisconsin citizens to vote.

Currently, the minority Democratic Party in the Wisconsin Legislature is trying to put forward a means to protect voting freedom with a Voter Protection Act. This bill would simplify and dovetail voter registration with state agencies such as getting a driver's license, a marriage license or registering property.

The act would also require local governments to give voters the straightforward information they need such as locations, times and how to vote. This would go a long way to address the increasing use of disinformation and threats employed by partisan third-party interests intended to intimidate, confuse and

suppress voter participation in our government.

High school students, in particular, should also become better prepared for their voting responsibility as they reach the age of 18. A voter access and information package would give them important voting information so they can engage in the voting process. Students turning 18 would get voter registration forms and nonpartisan information about the importance of voting in their social studies classes.

This may all sound like common-sense good ideas to the vast majority of Wisconsinites, but will the gerrymandered-control of our state legislature by Republicans even allow these ideas to come to the floor for discussion and a vote?

Because Wisconsin is a battleground state, voting laws will make an increasingly important difference for upcoming elections. The Republican-controlled legislature should not be given free rein to create roadblocks that disenfranchise voters and their ability to vote. As American citizens, voting is one of our most valued symbols of our freedom. Let's not lose it or diminish it like the banana republics, the theocracies and the Soviet-style autocracies of the world.

Contact your legislators and tell them you want fair elections, which

entails making it easy for all of us to vote. If you aren't registered to vote or your registration needs to be changed, go to <https://myvote.wi.gov>.

Mary Arnold, Shawano

Lift the ban, and let Van Den Elzen compete

To the editor:

I'm requesting that the grandfather clause recommended by WIAA for Trent Van Den Elzen be installed at Suring Public School.

Taking away something from a child that has done everything by the book and has been a great teammate is one of the cruelest injustices I can think of. One of the questions I have been asked is what do the coaches think about what is going on with the school not allowing one of the most decorated wrestlers in the M&O Conference to finish his senior year as a dual sport athlete.

Let's be clear: Coaches/teachers are employees of the district. Like most employees, if you were to ask them if they want more or less responsibility, what would they say? Do you want to deal with parents of children that cry about it isn't fair? Do you, like the coaches from a majority of the schools in the area, want to make things work?

None of the coaches and athletic

directors of school districts look forward to sharing athletes or dealing with parents that cry it isn't fair, but they do because they know it is the right thing to do for the children.

If you're an employer, are you looking to hire the employee that puts in extra effort to work overtime or the employee that complains about the one that is pushing. These are valuable lessons that the Suring School District has completely wrong. This is a case that again, if the district doesn't reverse, shows that the overachievers pay for the underachievers.

I also would like to ask the taxpayers of the district with our district losing many of our quality students/athletes, why no concern? As taxpayers, I believe we should ask for our teachers/coaches not to exceed the other districts but at least match the effort of your counterparts.

This is a lost opportunity for athletes and coaches of the other district that have competed against Trent not to have the opportunity to do so this year. I'm asking the school board to reverse this anti-educational ban and allow the grandfather clause to be enacted.

Who will suffer if the ban is lifted? Trent will have his whole life to have things taken away; let's not start here.

Mike Van Den Elzen, Suring



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SAVVY SENIOR

Smart home devices to help seniors age in place

Dear Savvy Senior,

I've been talking to my mobility challenged mother, who lives alone, about automating her house with some smart home products to make it more convenient. She's very interested, but we'd like to get your opinion as to which types of smart devices are most helpful for seniors aging in place.

Searching Daughter

Dear Searching,

If your mother is game, smart home products — such as smart lights, video doorbells and voice-activated speakers — can be very useful for aging in place. These devices can add safety and convenience to a home by providing voice and app-controlled operation, which is extremely helpful for seniors who have mobility issues or reduced vision.

Smart home technology can also provide family members peace-of-mind by giving them the ability to electronically keep tabs on their elder loved one when they can't be there.

If you're interested in adding some smart home products to your mom's house, she'll need home Wi-Fi installed, and she'll need either a



Jim Miller
Columnist

smartphone, tablet or smart speaker to operate them. To help you get started, here are some different types of devices to consider that are very helpful to older adults:

- **Smart speakers:** A smart speaker — like the Amazon Echo, Google Nest or Apple HomePod — can serve as the brains of a smart home, controlling the devices with voice commands or automating them. These devices can also play your mom's favorite music, read audiobooks, make calls, set timers and alarms, provide reminders for medications, appointments and other things, check traffic and weather, answer questions, call for help in emergency situations and much more — all done by voice commands.

- **Smart light bulbs:** To help prevent home falls — which are often caused by fumbling around a dark room looking for a light switch — smart light bulbs will let your mom turn on and off the lights by voice command, smartphone or tablet. These bulbs can also change brightness and color and be programmed to come on and off whenever she wants.

- **Smart plugs:** These small units plug into a standard outlet and connect to the internet. That means your mom can control whatever she plugs into them — from a space heater to a coffee maker — using her voice or phone.

- **Video doorbell:** Safety is also a concern for older adults, especially those who live alone. A video doorbell would let your mom see and speak to visitors at the door without having to walk over and open it.

- **Smart locks:** For convenience and safety, smart locks would give your mom keyless entry to her home, provide customized access to family, friends and caregivers, and let you monitor who comes and goes from your mom's house.

- **Smart thermostat:** This lets your mom preprogram or manually control the temperature in her home with voice command or via phone, and let you monitor it too.

- **Smart smoke alarms:** These will alert your mom when smoke or carbon monoxide is detected and will also send alerts to your phone if a problem is detected.

- **Stovetop shut-off:** To prevent home cooking fires, smart stovetop shut-off devices, like the iGuardStove, will turn off electric and gas stovetops when left unattended, and will alert you via text.

- **Medical alert system:** These devices provide wearable wrist and/or necklace emergency buttons that would allow your mom to call for help if she were to fall or need assistance. Many systems today also provide voice activated and fall detection features, and caregiver tracking apps that will let you keep tabs on her.

Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book. Send your senior questions to Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org.

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SHAWANO: Santa Parade, 6 p.m., downtown. Parade route starts at the corner of Elizabeth and Main streets, north on Main Street turning left at Green Bay Street, then left on Washington Street to Franklin Park.

WITTENBERG: Community Christmas Tree Lighting, 7 p.m., WOWSPACE Art Park, 114 Vinal St. Santa and Mrs. Claus, cookies and hot cider, caroling.

MATTOON: Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony, 7-9 p.m., Main Street.

ABRAMS: "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Jr.," 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Center, 5852 Maple St. Abrams Spotlight Productions. \$8-\$17 at abramstheater.com.

SATURDAY, DEC. 2

OCONTO: Junior Class Craft Fair, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oconto High School, 1717 Superior Ave.

WITTENBERG: Christmas Craft Fair, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. Bake sale.

SHAWANO: Cookie Walk, 9-11 a.m., Peace Church, 208 E. Maurer St. Use entrance off the parking lot. Cookies and candies, \$7.50 per pound.

GREEN VALLEY: Christmas Cookie and Candy Walk, 9 a.m. to noon, Bethel

Lutheran Church, N6955 County Road BB. \$8 per pound for cookies, \$10 for candies.

OCONTO: Machickanee Players Christmas Artisan Craft Fair, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Park Avenue Theatre, 408 Park Ave. More than 20 artisans, visit with Mrs. Claus, bake sale, basket raffle. \$2 donation at the door.

MATTOON: Christmas Fair, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mattoon Community Center, 310 Slate Ave., and Shepherd's Watch Community Center, 507 Stone Ave. Vendors, photos with Santa, food and drinks, gift wrapping, gingerbread making, family photo stand, basket raffles. Santa at Community Center noon to 2 p.m.

PULASKI: Spirit of Pulaski Vendor and Craft Event, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Scolly's Hometown Pub, 149 W. Pulaski St.

BONDUEL: Christmas in Bonduel, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Village Park. Tree lighting at 5 p.m.

GILLETT: Craft and Vendor Fair, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church (Clock Church), 101 W. Main St. Bucket raffles drawing at 2 p.m.

GILLETT: Christmas in the Park, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Zippel Park, North McKenzie Street. Santa arrives 11:30 a.m. Horse-drawn wagon rides, face painting and balloon animals, make and take crafts, reindeer games, petting zoo, food. Caroling 4:45 p.m., lights on 5 p.m. followed by fireworks.

BONDUEL: Bonduel Lions Club presents Santa Claus, noon to 2 p.m., Lumbeyard Bar and Grill, 815 North St. Horse-drawn rides and petting zoo. All children receive a gift bag.

SHAWANO: Merry Mielke Trivia Challenge, 1-4 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 Airport Road. Cash prizes for first-, second- and third-place teams. Food and beverages available for purchase. Prizes for ugliest Christmas sweater and best decorated table. \$10 per person, maximum team size eight players. shawanoarts.ludus.com or 920-737-8620.

LENA: Village of Lights Kickoff, 4:45 p.m., Village Hall, 117 E. Main St. Tree-lighting ceremony and 5K Reindeer Dash. Santa arrives by fire truck 5 p.m., business specials and "Blizzard Bingo" 5-7 p.m.

OCONTO FALLS: Winter Festival of the Arts, 5 p.m., Oconto Falls High School, 210 N. Farm Road. Winter Choir and Band Concert 7 p.m.

BIRNAMWOOD: Berry Merry Holiday Kickoff, 6-10 p.m., Matsche Center, 362 Railroad St. Holiday parade on Main Street 6 p.m. leading to Community Tree Lighting at Matsche Center. DJ Derrick 8 p.m., ugly sweater contest. Free hot chocolate, apple cider, cookies at Chet and Emil's, 388 Maple St., after the parade.

ABRAMS: "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Jr.," 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Center, 5852 Maple St. Abrams Spotlight Productions. \$8-\$17 at abramstheater.com.

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6

SHAWANO: Chamber Coffee Connections, 8-9 a.m., Glas Coffeehouse, 511 N. Main St. Guest speaker from Associated Bank.

THURSDAY, DEC. 7

OCONTO FALLS: Christmas Open House, 3-7 p.m., Main Street businesses. Live nativity, wagon rides, nativity scene scavenger hunt, food truck, pictures with Santa.

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FRIDAY, DEC. 8

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 and mittens, doll clothes, scarves, regalia, quilts and more. Prize drawings 3 p.m.

BONDUEL: Community Archives Bake Sale, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bonduel State Bank, 130 N. Cecil St. Pies, cookies and cakes.

BONDUEL: Author book signing, 5-7 p.m., Antlers Supper Club, 120 E. Green Bay St. Meet Ron Faiola, author of "Wisconsin Supper Clubs."

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SATURDAY, DEC. 9

SHAWANO: Christmas Extravaganza Vendor and Craft Fair, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wolf River Lutheran High School, W7467 River Bend Road. Open to the public; more than 30 booths.

BIRNAMWOOD: Christmas Holiday Fair, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Chet and Emil's Banquet Hall, 388 Main St. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive at noon. Vendors, cake and basket raffles, kids crafts and more.

SHAWANO: Celebrate the Season of Christmas, 4:15-9 p.m., St. James Lutheran Church and School, 324 S. Andrews St. 4:15 p.m. Italian dinner and 6 p.m. show featuring Daddy D's. Meal and show \$30; just the show \$15, 715-524-4815, ext. 121, or jumland@stjamesshawano.org.

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Governor comes to Oconto to celebrate business

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

Gov. Tony Evers took a walking tour of downtown Oconto on Nov. 21 to highlight the Shop Small Wisconsin initiative.

Evers visited six small businesses, starting with The Shop on Main, then going on to Creative Ewe, Roberts Hometown Hardware, The Candy Shop, Secret Garden Floral Design, and ending with a visit to Eyeconic.

Several of the businesses were

recipients of the Main Street Bounce-back program, which provided grants of up to \$10,000 that have helped more than 9,400 small businesses expand or move into storefronts in all 72 counties across the state.

"You've got some really good people who have gotten those grants and are doing a really good job," Evers said. "The good news is small businesses beget other small businesses, and people hire locally and they buy locally and so it really helps the local economy. These people are a good

example of that."

Todd and Lynn Hearley opened The Shop on Main in July 2021 as a coffee shop, gift boutique and art gallery, spotlighting the work of area artists in a building that began life in 1936 as a car dealership and garage. Last summer they opened The Candy Shop down the street in a century-old building first occupied by an attorney who used the second floor and rented out the first-floor retail space, Todd Hearley said.

The Shop on Main features a variety of vintage furnishings tied to Oconto, including a door from the Bond Pickle Co. factory, a chandelier made of iron pulleys from Eliot Glove Factory, a sorting cabinet from the old post office, a serving counter rescued from the basement of a church that burned down, and a baggage cart from the old railroad depot.

"It's all about trying to preserve the Oconto history," Todd Hearley said.

The Main Street Bounceback program has aided 83 businesses in Oconto County, about half of them in the City of Oconto, using funds from the federal American Rescue Plan Act.

"All this happened toward the end of the pandemic and people took ad-



Maria Roberts of Roberts Hometown Hardware shows off the store to Gov. Tony Evers during a Nov. 21 visit to promote downtown businesses.

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vantage of it," Evers said. "Who would guess this place would turn out like this? It's extraordinary."

The governor said he came to Oconto to celebrate the value of small businesses to communities.

"It's amazing how the help that we do is doubled, tripled in value just because of the sweat and ingenuity of the people here. It's very cool," Evers said.

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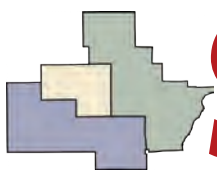
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Panthers run past Little Chute in NEC opener

By **DUSTIN RIESE**
Correspondent

Basketball is a game of runs, and the Oconto Falls Panthers took that to heart against the Little Chute Mustangs on Nov. 21.

Looking to secure a North Eastern Conference opening victory against the rebuilding Mustangs, Oconto Falls went on a pair of runs that not only blew the game open, but put the game away.

Leading 30-15 at the half, the Panthers opened the second half on a run that saw them outscore the Mustangs 19-1 to begin the half. In total, the Panthers outscored Little Chute 33-6 in the second half as they opened up NEC play with a dominating 63-21 victory.

Not only was their second half run impressive, but it wasn't the only run for Oconto Falls, as their offense got things rolling midway through the

first half and never looked back.

Surprisingly, it was the Mustangs that opened the game with more energy as Addison Daelke connected on five of the first seven points for Little Chute, while Elliana Martin added the other two. That saw the Mustangs open up a 7-4 lead.

That was when the Panthers took over as their relentless full-court pressure defense forced the Mustangs into a bevy of turnovers and helped the Panthers get out and run their fast-break offense.

In total, Oconto Falls used an 11-0 run to take over the game with Rylie Shallow coming through with six points during that run to give the Panthers the lead for good. From there it was the size of Amber Otto taking over down low as the Panthers opened up the 15-7 lead.

Following a quick put back bucket from Martin, the Panthers used another run, this one fueled by their defensive pressure, to open things up even further. This time it was a 13-0 run led by Madeline Maloney who scored the final nine points of that run to give the Panthers a 28-12 lead.

On the verge of getting blown out, Daelke managed to keep things a bit closer by knocking down consecutive 3-pointers late in the first half only to have Kathryn Raddatz come away with another steal to close out the half with the 30-15 lead.

The defensive pressure continued to lead to turnovers for the Mustangs to begin the second half with Kyndra Staidl and Shallow coming away with three steals to open the second half. That ignited another 9-0 run to begin the half and extended the Panthers lead to 39-15.

Things only got worse from there for the Mustangs as their lone point of the second half came from the free throw line while the Panthers offense continued to have their way on the defensive end. At one point in the



Oconto Falls' Rylie Shallow (2) leaps and stretches for the basket against Little Chute. Shallows six points of an 11-point run that gave the Panthers the lead for good in the 63-21 victory. DUSTIN RIESE



Bailee Gorman (12) works around a Little Chute defender in the Panthers' conference opener Nov. 21. Oconto Falls won 63-21. DUSTIN RIESE

second half, the Panthers outscored the Mustangs 27-3 to help open up the 57-18 lead despite using an unusual style of offense to get the job done.

With a running clock now taking place, the Panthers offense continued their relentless attack with Josie Holtz knocking down a pair of triples to extend the lead to 63-18

and capped off what was a 33-3 run. Grace Jansen added a 3-pointer with less than 20 seconds to go to cap off the scoring, but it was nowhere near enough.

With the win, Oconto Falls improves to 2-0 on the season and 1-0 in NEC play, while the Mustangs fall to 0-3 and 0-1 in NEC play.

Shawano boys fall to Clintonville

Sipple's big game not enough as Truckers use big runs to give Hawks first loss of season

By **DUSTIN RIESE**
Correspondent

Coming off an impressive 63-49 victory over Lakeland earlier in the week, the Shawano boys basketball team was back on the court Nov. 25 for what was a boys and girls double-header against Clintonville.

Looking to start 2-0 on the young season, the Hawks got off to the worst possible start as they trailed by as much as 16 points in the first half before mounting a comeback.

Sparked by Logan Sipple and his night from the field, the Hawks not only closed that deficit to two points at the half but took the lead midway through the second half and looked as though they might secure the win. That was until the Truckers' defense tightened up down the stretch and managed to pull away for the 63-52 victory, sending Shawano to 1-1 on the season.

"I was very happy with how we battled as a group tonight, but you can't spot a team with 16 points in the first half," head coach Dave Ambrosius said. "Too many mental mistakes early and poor shot selection dug us a big hole. Take away those first few minutes, and we played our brand of basketball. But this is a 36-minute game, not 30."

The Hawks wasted no time getting the scoring started as Crew Weisnicht went inside to give the Hawks an early 2-0 lead. That was the only lead they would have for the rest of the first half as the Truckers defense not only got tough, but the overall athleticism from their group showed up in a big way and had the Hawks searching for answers.

Whether it was Kade Rosenow showing off his 3-point touch or the quickness and skill from Sam Wegener to generate turnovers, the Truckers used an 18-0 run to open up an 18-2 lead less than eight minutes into the first half.

At that point of the game, some teams may have been content to pack it in and regroup in the second half, but not this Hawks team as they geared up for a strong finish to the half.

That started with Jerzy Bocker being in the right place at the right time for the put back with Sipple following with the soft touch for the first of his many buckets in the game. Following



Clintonville did what it had to do down the stretch and ended the game on a 9-0 run and a 26-7 run overall to defeat Shawano on Nov. 25.

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another triple from Rosenow to push the lead to 21-6, Warner Beyer got the Shawano offense rolling as his three closed the deficit to 21-9 with Bocker adding four additional points making things 24-13.

With Jack Yaeger extending the lead to 28-13 with a tough layup, the Clintonville offense went quiet the rest of the way as it was the Hawks' defense that started to come up big in clutch moments.

That opened the door for Sipple and the offense to get rolling as he added six points over the final five minutes of what was a 13-0 run to close out the first 18 minutes as the Hawks pulled within 28-26 at the break. Freshman Will Verkuilen added five points during that run, with Anderson Schmidt also picking up a bucket.

"Clintonville jumped out on us at the start, but our boys were able to get settled in after the slow start," he said. "Sometimes it takes a little bit for us to get going offensively, which

was the case throughout the first half. The boys did a good job of executing and chipping away at their lead."

With what was suddenly a ballgame to begin the second half, Clintonville was hoping to get back on track with a quick bucket to extend the lead, but the Hawks had other plans with Bocker and Sipple tying things up 30-30. Another Yaeger bucket down low put the Truckers back in front 32-30 only to see Bocker and Sipple ignite a quick 7-0 run that gave the Hawks their first lead since early in the first half 37-32.

For Sipple, he was just getting started as he scored 13 consecutive points for the Hawks and their offense and single-handedly helped them erase that early 16-point deficit to give the Hawks their largest lead of the night 46-39.

"Logan has had a good start to this season," Ambrosius said. "Tonight he did an outstanding job of getting to his spots and converting some tough shots. Clintonville did a good job of

making him earn everything, but he was still able to get some good looks at the basket."

Holding that seven-point advantage midway through the second half, it was the Clintonville defense that once again tightened up at the worst time and made life difficult for the Hawks as they managed to score just seven points the rest of the way. Not only that, but the trio of Yaeger, Rosenow and Wegener got back to doing what they did in the first half. Just like that, it was a 15-0 run capped off by another Wegener dunk that took what was a 46-39 Shawano lead and flipped it to give the Truckers a 54-46 lead.

Shawano wouldn't go away quietly as another corner triple from Sipple pulled the Hawks within 54-49 with Verkuilen adding his second triple of the game to pull the Hawks within 56-53 late. That was as close as they would get as the Truckers did what they had to do down the stretch and ended the game on a 9-0 run and a 26-7 run overall.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Hawks cruise past Truckers

By **DUSTIN RIESE**
Correspondent

In the back end of a boys and girls doubleheader Nov. 25, the Shawano Hawks girls basketball team couldn't have asked for a much better result as they made quick work of the Clintonville Truckers. All it took was a 25-2 run in the first half to bust the game open; the Hawks held a 40-8 lead at the half before cruising to the 65-19 victory.

"Great win for our girls tonight," head coach Ryan Koenig said. "They came out focused and ready to go, and we set the tone right from the opening tip. If we can continue to play like this and eliminate the mistakes, we will be a tough team to beat."

Sophomore Leah Nordin had a huge game for the Hawks as she single-handedly outscored the entire Clintonville team. Her ability to use her size on the inside proved to be a matchup nightmare for the Truckers, while her soft shooting touch showed up all over the floor.

Nordin scored the game's first three points before coming away with a steal and finding Abby Bystol to give Shawano an early 5-0 lead. That lead grew to 7-0 before Clintonville scored, but the Shawano offense was just getting started in what was a long night for Clintonville.

Holding a 15-4 lead after a pair of free throws by Natalie Sunita, it was the Hawks' defense that took over to set the tone for the game. Whether it was their constant pressure that forced countless Clintonville turnovers, or their ability to limit the Truckers to

one shot on the opposite end, Shawano took what was a semi-close game and turned it into a blowout affair with blink of an eye, using a 15-0 run to open up a 30-6 lead.

Trinity Papelka and Nordin played a part in that run, as did Braylyn Babino; it was all Shawano at this point. Had it not been for a pair of Clintonville free throws, the Hawks would've ended the half on a 25-0 run, but still settled for a 25-2 run as Shawano opened up a 40-8 lead over Clintonville after one half of play.

Koenig was impressed with his team's defensive effort and felt that was the biggest key to getting things started for his girls.

"We wanted to pressure Clintonville, and the girls did a nice job of getting turnovers, which led to some easy points," he said. "That isn't something we can expect to happen every game. So when those opportunities present themselves, it is good to capitalize on them. If we can play defense hard for 36 minutes and as a team, we will be in every game, which is all you can ask for as a coach."

Already with a massive lead, it was only a matter of time until a running clock would set in, but that didn't matter to the Hawks as they continued to go to work on both ends of the floor. Nordin continued to have her way on the inside as she not only came up with several more buckets, but was also able to find some of her teammates to push the lead to 50-9 a few minutes into the half.

Babino later connected on a tough one to keep things rolling, with Maci Beyer extending the Hawks' run to 14-1



Holding a 15-4 lead in the first half, it was the Hawks' defense that took over to set the tone for the game. Whether it was their constant pressure that forced countless Clintonville turnovers, or their ability to limit the Truckers to one shot on the opposite end, Shawano took what was a semi-close game and turned it into a blowout affair with blink of an eye, using a 15-0 run to open up a 30-6 lead.

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to begin the second half and open up a 54-9 lead. Sunita put an end to that run only to have Babino answer with an open three from the left corner as the Hawks extended the lead 57-13.

Nordin and Babino picked up three more points to push the lead to 60-13 as it was time for the Hawks bench to come in and finish things off.

"Leah is very important to our team, and most opponents will try to take her away," Koenig said. "If she can continue to trust her teammates and get assists, that will open things up for her later. She did that tonight, and

our offense was at an elite level with everyone getting involved and knocking down their shots."

With the Hawks' bench slated to finish the game, Clintonville was hoping to get some late-game momentum. After some free throw attempts from Zoey Ferg and a made three by Elektra Fields, the Clintonville offense looked as good as they had all game, but it was too little, too late. Shawano got a couple of late buckets from Hannah Yeager on the inside and Olivia Pyawasay from deep to close out their scoring.

Shawano hockey team loses season opener

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

The Shawano/Bonduel/Clintonville co-op boys hockey team opened the 2023-24 season Nov. 21 at Rhinelander, and despite hanging tough much of the game, the team lost 5-1 at Rhinelander.

"The score was 0-0 after the first period, 2-1 Rhinelander after the

second period," Hawks coach Adam Gafner said. "We were right in the game all way, just didn't get it done in the third."

Trailing 2-0, Shawano's only goal came at 11:32 in the second period with a score by Gavin Hundt, with an assist by Karson Stoss.

"I really thought Tyson Lyons,

our freshman goalie making his first career start, kept us in the game to give us a chance in the third," Gafner said. "The big difference in the game scorewise resulted from special teams. Rhinelander was 2-8 on the power play and we were 0-6. It's an area we have and will continue to work on. We need need to be better

in that area as a group."

Shawano had 20 shots on goal, while Rhinelander had 28.

Members of the Hawks spent 16 minutes in the penalty box on eight infractions, while the Hodags were penalized seven times from 14 minutes.

Shawano was scheduled to play Waupaca on Nov. 28.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Brooks, Thomson score big to lead Lena over Bowler

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Eva Brooks and Madilyn Thomson each scored 20 points to lead Lena to victory over Bowler 86-25 at home Nov. 21. Kali Fischer added another 18 for the Wildcats.

Brooks and Whitney Potter each had seven rebounds. Potter led with six assists, and Brooks led with four steals.

Isabella Stevens scored 18 of Bowler's points, with four added by Natalie Rickert and three by Paige Treptow.

Lena led 56-18 at the half and outscored their guests 28-9 in the second half.

The win improved Lena to 3-0, while Bowler dropped to 1-2.

Gillett

Gillett lost 59-33 on the road at Wausau East, dropping the Tigers to 1-1 in the early goings of the season.

Menominee Indian

Menominee Indian won its first

game of the year with a 71-42 home victory over Oneida Nation. The Eagles are now 1-2.

Pulaski

Despite outscoring their hosts 21-17 in the second half, Pulaski couldn't make up enough ground to earn a win. The Red Raiders lost 42-37 to New London.

New London entered halftime with a 25-16 lead, nine points on top of their guests.

Pulaski is 0-3 to start the season.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood

Wittenberg-Birnamwood stayed perfect in the new season with a 66-42 win over Antigo. The Chargers improved to 3-0.

Melaina Granquist led the Chargers with 25 points, while Rory Salvesen scored 24.

"We got big play from Rory Salvesen and Melaina Granquist tonight; they really played well," Chargers coach Nick Mechelke said. "I don't think we have played

a complete game yet, but we are playing well. Our defense pressure has been pretty good; it is a big part of our game. We want those turnovers so it can lead to some easier baskets for us."

Brie Ladika and Salvesen led the team with four assists each. Faith Resch led with five rebounds (two offensive and three defensive), and Ladika and Harper Rogowski each had three steals.

Mechelke also gave a shoutout to Ava Brei, who scored six points.

"She played very well tonight, and her stats may not show it," he said. "She just did a lot of the little things right tonight and had the big plays for us."

Shawano

The Shawano girls team dropped

their first game of the year when they lost 56-48 to Lakeland Union. The Hawks fell to 2-1.

Coach Ryan Koenig said the Hawks played well but didn't shoot well enough to earn the victory. Shawano led 29-27 at the half but was outscored in the second half.

Marion

Marion dropped to 0-2 after a 49-28 loss to Elcho. The Mustangs trailed 27-13 after the first half and were outscored 22-15 in the second half.

Suring

Suring entered the win column for the first time in the 2023-24 season with a 53-25 home victory over Rosholt. Suring is now 1-2 on the year.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Panthers defeat Menominee Indian

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Jameson Beaman scores 29 points to lead the Oconto Falls boys basketball team to a 73-63 win over Menominee Indian on Nov. 21.

Beaman knocked in 5-of-11 from the 3-point line, pulled down seven rebounds and had two assists.

Alex Haines chipped in 15 points, and Jack Adler had 11.

Haiens and Brady Bursa each grabbed 10 boards, and each had three assists. Grayson Cahak led the team with three steals.

The Panthers topped their guests by five points in each half, leading 42-37 at halftime and outscoring

Menominee Indian 31-26 in the second half.

Shawano

Shawano's boys basketball team opened the 2023-24 campaign with a 63-49 non-conference win over Lakeland Union on Nov. 21.

Logan Sipple led with 35 points. Six rebounds and five steals. Will Verkuilen added eight points, five steals and four assists, with Ryan Shanty dropping in seven points.

Marion

Marion won its season opener, as the Mustangs triumphed over Faith Christian Academy of Wausau, 42-27, on Nov. 21.



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Does apple know how far it falls from tree?

Michael Peterson discovers he has much in common with great-great-grandfather

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

Michael “Blue” Peterson has more in common with his great-great-grandfather than a blood line and a last name.

Now serving as worshipful master of Mason-Woods Lodge 368 F&AM, Peterson did not know how much he had in common with his ancestor until well into adulthood.

“The curious part of this story is, other than a few snippets, I did not know my great-great-grandfather accomplished any of this until I became a member of Shawano area Masons,” Michael Peterson said.

“My grandmother had articles from the Evening Leader (Nov. 25, 1942), another around 1944, when my father, Ward F. Peterson, enlisted in the U.S. Navy and drew some of the similarities. I was aware my uncle, George Peterson, was a Mason. When I moved home in 2020, George Tinch (rest his soul) steered into the archives.”



Alexander Peterson, buried in Friendship Cemetery in Belle Plaine, was a Civil War veteran and one of the first members of the local Masonic lodge. Through his life, he worked in many occupations including mercantile, lumbering, postmaster and township treasurer. CONTRIBUTED

It was in 1862 in the Town of Belle Plaine when Alexander Peterson enlisted in Company B, 21st Wisconsin infantry, to fight in the Civil War. After spending months in an Atlanta hospital, he was medically discharged. After that, he immediately reenlisted.

He was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant for his “gallantry and heroism.”

Prior to returning home after the Civil War ended, he adopted a young orphaned adolescent whose parents died before seeing their freedom.

Throughout his life, he worked in many occupations — including mercantile, lumbering, postmaster and township treasurer.

He was an avid member of the veterans service organization GAR (Grand Army of the Republic). As a member of the Republican Party, he traveled to Ripon, where the political party was born.

Alexander Peterson was a founding father of the Shawano Masonic Lodge No. 170, which was chartered in June 1868. He served as worshipful master after being elected senior warden. The elected worshipful master was unable to fulfill his duties that year due to illness.

Fast-forward to 1977. Alexander Peterson’s great-great-grandson, Michael Peterson, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force.

During his enlistment, he was promoted early to senior airman and subsequently to sergeant, before his cohorts, for outstanding service.

Throughout his life, Michael Peterson served in many occupations — including musician, aircraft mechanic, president of several racing organizations and clergy.

He is an avid member of American Veterans Post 10 in Shawano, and a member of the Republican Party of Wisconsin. When he remarried 18 years ago, Michael Peterson, like his great-great-grandfather, adopted his



Michael “Blue” Peterson’s research into his family history revealed many similarities between him and his great-great-grandfather, Alexander Peterson. CONTRIBUTED

wife’s sons — Joel, Ryan and Tylor.

“Our departed (Masonic) brother George Tinch was close friends with my uncle, George Peterson, who belonged to Shawano lodge and were also both Shriners,” Michael Peterson said. “My Uncle George shared a lot of this with Brother Tinch, who was able to corroborate his stories by looking up information in old minutes books and ledgers dating back to the lodge beginnings.”

Michael Peterson said he felt a great honor when he discovered all the similarities.

“One primary reason I joined the Freemasons is because our Mason brothers work humbly and do not wish recognition. Great-Great-Grandfather Alexander served and lived not wishing to draw attention to his work,” he said. “As I read more and more into his life, I also felt a connection to the past. History is to me one of the most important things we need to study and preserve.”

He said it’s perhaps because certain family values were passed down from generation to generation that he made some of the same choices.

“Most important, I believe the things we do validate the choices we’ve made — some good, some bad,” Michael Peterson said. “We all just work to keep more checks in the good box than the bad.”

Already with much in common, there is one more similarity yet to be seen.

It was Nov. 4, 1929, and Alexander Peterson was 87 years old.

“After a day of yard work and bringing in firewood, Great-Great-Grandpa Alexander sat down in his favorite chair,” Michael Peterson said, as he recounted the story. “Shortly after, one of the children exclaimed, ‘Look at Grandpa,’ as he slid down, softly gasped twice and completed his work upon this earth and was given the master’s word.

“He left this earth as subtle as the sunset on a warm summer day and (was) given Masonic honors at his funeral. I would like that in common with him, too.”

Alexander Peterson is buried in Friendship Cemetery in Belle Plaine.



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Volunteers share Thanksgiving meal

Turkey and the fixings delivered with help from Shawano Presbyterian

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-chief

More than a dozen women gathered the morning of Nov. 22 to prepare the food needed for more than 100 Thanksgiving dinners. Some were there volunteering for the first time; others have been there multiple years.

"We joined the church around 2000, and it's been going on for that long, and it had been going on for awhile before that even," said Judy Wetzel, as she finished peeling another bag of potatoes.

Shawano Presbyterian Church members were joined by other community volunteers to prep meals that were delivered Thanksgiving Day to 100 people throughout the city of Shawano. Food was delivered to those who are homebound or unable to prepare their own Thanksgiving Day meal.

Most recipients are not church members.

"It's to remind folks that part of our mission is to serve our neighbors and to love our neighbors," said the Rev. Debbie Pagels, church pastor. "One of the ways we can do that is to support those that are invisible in our community and provide hospitality. Thanksgiving's about sharing food."

Another 15 or so people from Shawano Area Matthew 25 ate their holiday meal at the church Thanksgiving Day.

The cost of the meal is covered through donations.

Like a giving tree at Christmas, church members pick a turkey from the Thanksgiving board. Each turkey features an item needed for the meal — including turkeys, fruit cocktail, green beans, butter, onions, gravy packets and rest of the ingredients.

"We accept cash donations from the church members if they don't feel up to going shopping — those who



Judy Wetzel peels some of the 40 pounds of potatoes needed for the 100 meals delivered to the homebound on Thanksgiving Day. The free meal has been served by Shawano Presbyterian for more than two decades.

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want to participate but can't," Pagels said.

Anne Miller has been volunteering at the event for so many years, she's lost count.

"It makes you feel good," she said. "It's what Thanksgiving is all about. We can make it a good day for others."

Standing next to her was first-year volunteer Susan Hatfield, working her way through several stalks of celery.

"This is my first year doing this," she said. "I always had Thanksgiving dinner to prepare, but this year my son and his wife invited us to go to their family dinner. I don't have to cook this year, so I'm here."

Another eight volunteers delivered the meals Thanksgiving Day. The city is mapped out, so the delivery volunteers work in a particular neighborhood instead of driving from one end of the city to the other.

Of course, more volunteers were needed Thanksgiving Day to handle all the cleanup. Even that chore doesn't seem so bad, knowing that someone has helped bring cheer to someone else's Thanksgiving.



Onions are no match for Anne Miller, as she skillfully handles her knife as part of the preparations for the delivery of 100 free Thanksgiving Day meals. Miller said she has been helping out at the event for so many years, she's lost track of how long it's been.

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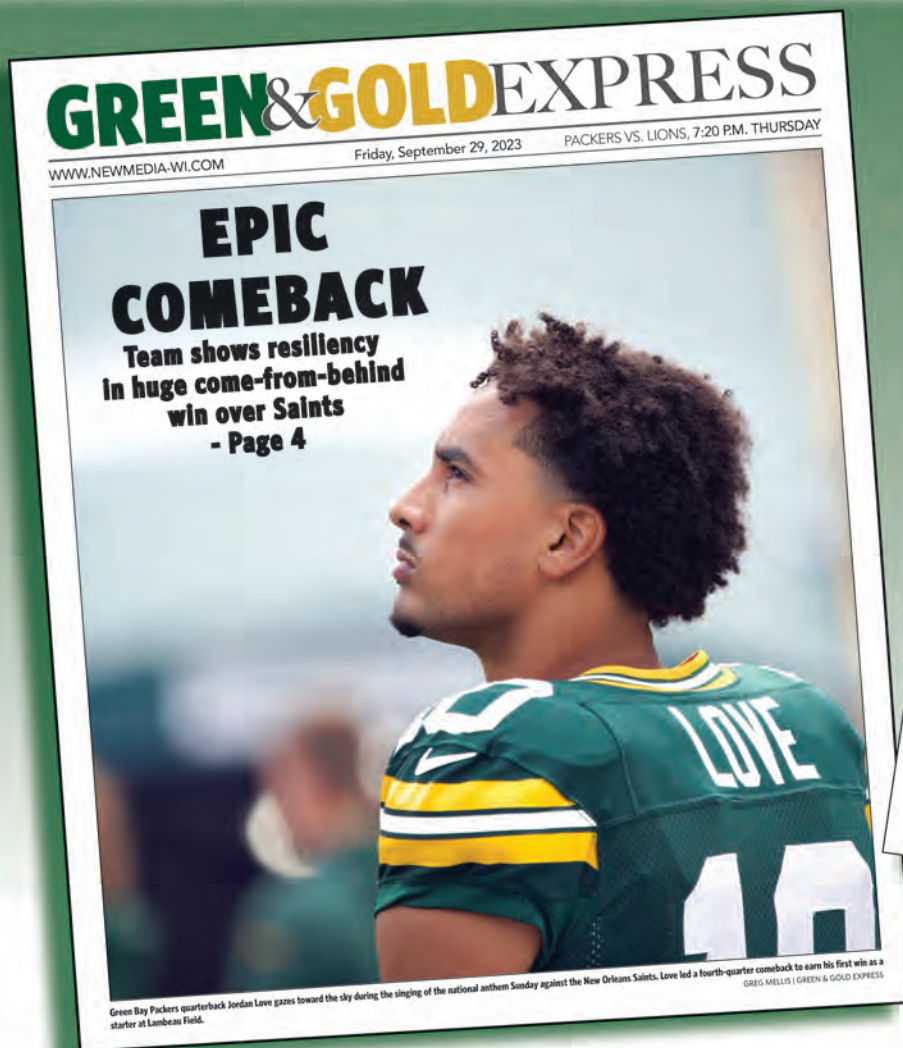
Susan Hatfield cuts another stalk of celery as part of the Thanksgiving Day meal prepared Nov. 22 at Shawano Presbyterian. This is Hatfield's first year volunteering at the event.

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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.	FOX
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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▪ Parker A. Ostrander, 39, La Crosse, pleaded no contest Nov. 22 to felony bail jumping and misdemeanor criminal trespass to a dwelling. Judge Katherine Sloma withheld sentencing and placed him on one year of probation.

▪ Tevin C.P. Renfro, 30, Chicago, pleaded no contest Nov. 22 to fleeing an officer in a vehicle, second-degree reckless endangering safety, and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma sentenced him to 18 months in prison followed by 12 months of extended supervision. She gave him credit for 106 days already served in the county jail.

▪ Jordell T. Justice, 21, a Shawano man serving a sentence at Green Bay Correctional Institution, pleaded no contest Nov. 22 to driving a vehicle without the owner's consent and fleeing an officer in a vehicle. Judge William Kussel

Jr. withheld sentencing and placed him on one year of probation.

▪ Charles A. Sheppard, 58, Cecil, pleaded no contest Nov. 20 to felony bail jumping, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), and misdemeanor counts of possession of a controlled substance, possession of illegally obtained prescription drugs, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel withheld sentencing and placed him on 18 months of probation including 90 days in jail.

▪ Anthony J. Ross, 50, Wittenberg, pleaded no contest Nov. 22 to possession of narcotic drugs, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma withheld sentencing and placed him on four years of probation with conditions.

▪ Dylan J. Kaiser, 30, a Junction City man serving a sentence at New Lisbon

Correctional Institute, pleaded no contest Nov. 20 to misdemeanor counts of battery and disorderly conduct. Related felony charges were dismissed but read into the record in a plea agreement. Sloma withheld sentence and placed him on three years of probation with conditions.

▪ Abbey L. Leitner, 19, Green Bay, was charged Nov. 20 with possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$750 signature bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Dec. 7.

▪ Andrew R. Robinson, 22, Caroline, was charged Nov. 20 with child abuse intentional causing harm, misdemeanor battery and disorderly conduct, and 10 counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. Kussel set a \$3,000 cash bond and a \$5,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Nov. 29.

▪ Kayla A. Suvanto, 32, Shawano, was charged Nov. 21 with possession of narcotic drugs, 13 counts of felony bail jumping, two counts of misdemeanor possession of illegally obtained prescription drugs, and misdemeanor possession of THC. Kussel set a \$1,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Nov. 30.

▪ Aaron W. Weso, 43, Keshena, was charged Nov. 22 with possession of methamphetamine, misdemeanor counts of possession of THC and operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, four counts of felony bail jumping and two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. Kussel set a \$5,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Nov. 28. He also found Weso in contempt of court for making vulgar gestures toward the judge and sentenced him to 60 days in jail.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Nov. 27

Deputies responded to 20 incidents, including harassment on state Highway 22 in Cecil; harassment at the Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St., Shawano; fight in progress on U.S. Highway 45 in Tigerton; one 911 call; one reckless driving incident; seven crashes.

Nov. 26

Deputies responded to 41 incidents, including burglary on Range Line Road in the Town of Pella; animal bite on Norton Road in the Town of Wescott; juvenile problem on West Lake Drive in Cecil; fleeing and pursuit on state Highway 117 in Cecil; ATV problem on Knoke Street in Gresham; assisting with a fire on Beach Boulevard in the Town of Wescott; operating while intoxicated on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; DNR violation on Gerbig Road in the Town of Grant; two 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; 14 crashes, two involving deer.

Nov. 25

Deputies responded to 28 incidents, including repossession on East Green Bay Street in Bonduel; drugs on Oak Street in the Town of Bartelme; ATV problem on Cattau Beach Drive in the Town of Wescott; trespassing on County Road Q in the Town of Morris; warrant on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; harassment on Pioneer Avenue in Wittenberg; two 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; three crashes, one involving deer.

Nov. 24

Deputies responded to 34 incidents, including a juvenile problem on Hemlock Road in the Town of Wittenberg; burglary on County Road MMM in the Town of Richmond; trespassing on Wilber Road in the Town of Navarino; property theft

on Cattau Beach Drive in the Town of Wescott; threatening on state Highway 22 in the Town of Green Valley; assisting with a fire on Lake Drive in the Town of Washington; operating without a license on state Highway 22 in the Town of Belle Plaine; two reckless driving incidents; two traffic hazards; four crashes, two involving deer.

Nov. 23

Deputies responded to 27 incidents, including a DNR violation on U.S. Highway 45 in the Town of Morris; assisting with a fire on Cherry Road in the Town of Herman; assisting with a fire on Tall Pines Lane in the Town of Waukechon; property theft on County Road Y in the Town of Belle Plaine; five 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; two crashes involving deer.

Nov. 22

Deputies responded to 32 incidents, including harassment on Knoke Street in Gresham; trespassing on Cypress Road in the Town of Richmond; assisting with a fire on state Highway 22 in the Town of Green Valley; three 911 calls; four reckless driving incidents; six crashes, four involving deer.

Nov. 21

Deputies responded to 25 incidents, including fraud on County Road M in the Town of Richmond; warrant on Stone Avenue in Mattoon; property theft on County Road M in the Town of Fairbanks; operating without a license on County Road A in the Town of Red Springs; drugs at Higher Wire, N6017 Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; four reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; one crash.

Nov. 20

Deputies responded to 38 incidents, including a restraining order violation on First Avenue in Birnamwood; a DNR violation at an undisclosed location in Tigerton; trespassing on County Road Z in the Town of Hutchins; scam at the Shawano County Jail, 405 N. Main St.,

Shawano; four 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; five crashes, one involving deer.

Nov. 19

Deputies responded to 33 incidents, including assisting with a fire on state Highway 156 in the Town of Maple Grove; harassment on Old Keshena Road in the Town of Wescott; property damage on South Harrison Street in Wittenberg; one traffic hazard; four crashes, two involving deer.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Nov. 27

Officers responded to 13 incidents, including harassment at Safe Haven, 380 Lakeland Road; reckless driving on East Green Bay Street; threatening on South Lafayette Street; traffic hazard on South Airport Drive; found property at Cricket Wireless, 506 E. Green Bay St.

Nov. 26

Officers responded to seven incidents, including a vehicle crash involving deer on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; noise at Sturgeon Park, 811 S. Water St.

Nov. 25

Officers responded to 13 incidents, including noise on South Water Street; vehicle crash at Auto Zone, 1040 E. Green Bay St.; vehicle crash on Lakeland Road; threatening on South Andrews Street; harassment on Prospect Circle; vehicle crash at Brickstone Inn, 622 E. Green Bay St.; reckless driving on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; burglary attempt at Knope Heating and Air Conditioning, 1473 E. Green Bay St.

Nov. 24

Officers responded to 20 incidents, including a juvenile problem on Waukechon Street; noise on Humphrey Circle; threatening on South Lutz Street; repossession on South Smalley Street;

found property on Lakeland Road; harassment on Alpine Drive; shoplifting at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.

Nov. 23

Officers responded to 12 incidents, including noise at Sturgeon Park, 811 S. Water St.; found property at the police station, 125 S. Sawyer St.; warrant arrest at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.

Nov. 22

Officers responded to 19 incidents, including noise at Sturgeon Park, 811 S. Water St.; found property at Tractor Supply, 1313 E. Green Bay St.; vandalism at Olga Brenner Intermediate School, 1300 S. Union St.; traffic hazard on East Center Street; harassment at Subway, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; vehicle crash with injury at Perkins, 1398 E. Green Bay St.; property theft on Engel Drive; property theft on South Sawyer Street; attempted theft on East Randall Street; illegal burning on East Green Bay Street.

Nov. 21

Officers responded to 27 incidents, including noise on Acorn Street; trespassing on East Division Street; noise on South Water Street; scam on East Center Street; property damage at Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St.; property damage at Farm Inn on Main, 123 N. Main St.; reckless driving at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; reckless driving on East Green Bay Street; assisting with a fire on South River Street; operating while intoxicated on Waukechon Street;

Nov. 20

Officers responded to 22 incidents, including noise on South Water Street; operating while intoxicated on East Green Bay Street; fraud on East Ridlington Avenue; lost property at McDonald's, 1202 E. Green Bay St.; scam at CoVantage Credit Union, 911 E. Green Bay St.; neglected on South Bartlett Street; drug offenses at the police station, 125 S. Sawyer St.

BOOKS AND STUFF

'Bone Forest' introduces profiler Delacroix

"The Bone Forest" by V.J. Chambers was the first in the Wren Delacroix thriller series.

Wren Delacroix grew up in a cult called The Fellowship of the Children of the Lord or FCL. In the early years, the FCL was a small, benign communal Christian group on the outskirts of a quiet Virginia town. After David Song took over, the group grew rapidly so they decided to purchase neighboring properties to expand.

The Fellowship had been tolerated, if not welcomed, but now the local people decided to fight the expansion. Things turned dark when Wren's mother, Vivian Delacroix, gained power. Soon the focus and worship included a horned deity called the Horned Lord or Crimson Ram.

Vivian would hold bonfires, dispense a mixture of drugs and lead vision quests. About 15 years ago, locals were organizing to confront the FCL, so Vivian instructed a drug-crazed group to go to the Walker



house and kill the people there. Two of the killers and Vivian were quickly caught and convicted.

Many members, including David Song, vanished. The remaining children stayed on and grew up with the stigma of being part of the cult, but Wren's father took her far away. She attended college and pursued a career as an FBI profiler.

That fell apart when she began receiving calls from a man claiming to be David Song. Since her mother ordered the original killings, Wren feels compelled to solve the murders of several young girls related to the original Walker family. Each was in the unique pose of Vivian's initiates.

After she finds another victim, Wren meets Detective Cais Reilly. He invites her to be a civilian member of the task force hoping her connection to the FCL would help the investigation. Her connections are real but troubling.

At about age 12, Wren was "partnered" with 22-year-old Hawk. They slept in the same bed, but he never touched her. Their feelings for each other had never been resolved, so when Wren approaches Hawk she sees that he still self-medicates with acid and booze, as does his close friend Major. Both are on her suspect list and have no real alibi.

As she and Reilly track down former Fellowship members, they learn more about Vivian's twisted demands, but find few solid clues to follow. While Wren works to find the killer, she feels guilty for succumbing to her long-held crush on Hawk. Her rational mind knows they have no future but her physical needs don't care.

Things ramp up when Reilly is

AT A GLANCE

BOOK: The Bone Forest (Wren Delacroix, Book 1)

AUTHOR: V.J. Chambers

PUBLISHER: Punk Rawk Books

YEAR PUBLISHED: 2019

NUMBER OF PAGES: 220

trapped in the basement of a madman who proclaims to follow the Crimson Ram. Wren's FBI training kicks in when she shoots the man. Struggling with another layer of guilt, Wren begins to catch glimpses of her loveless childhood.

One night she is in bed with Hawk when Major arrives begging for his friend's help. After Hawk and Major leave, Wren follows only to discover another murder. This time, the girl is in a slightly different pose, offering Wren a strong hint into the killer's identity and leading to a dramatic final confrontation.

Fortunately, Reilly puts the pieces together and arrives to save the day. I'm sure book two will fill in more of Wren's blanks and include some sort of mystery.

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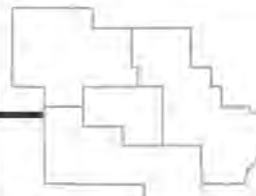
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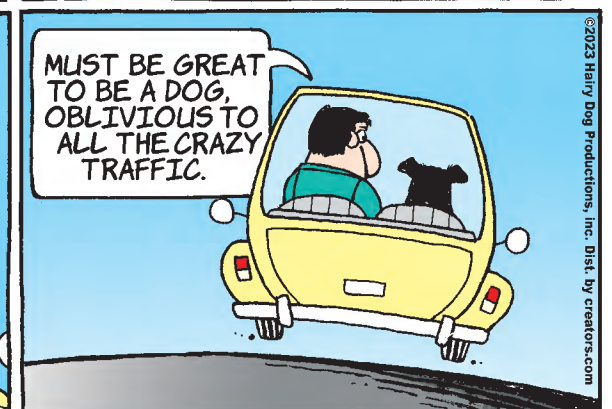
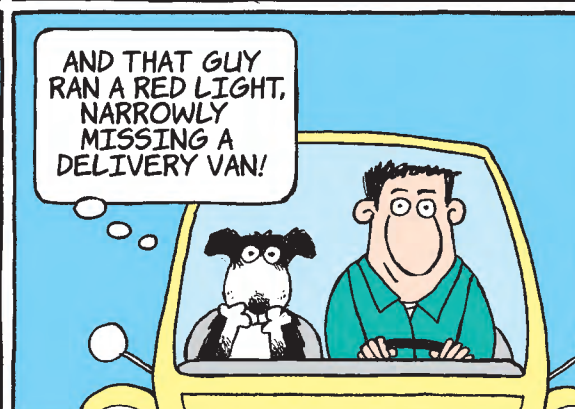
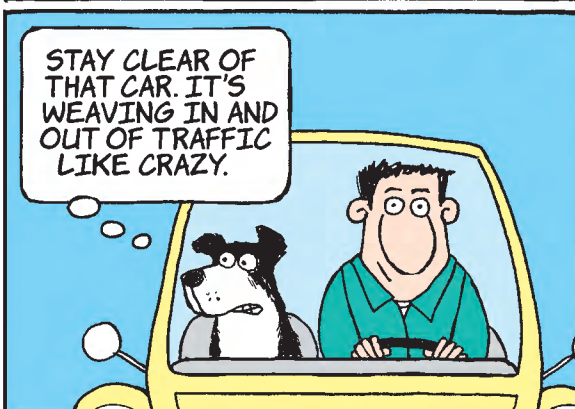
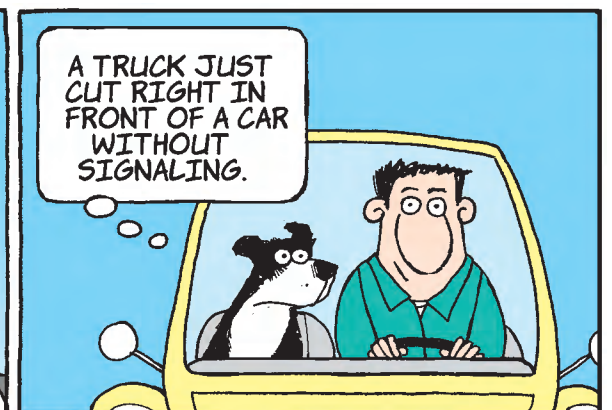
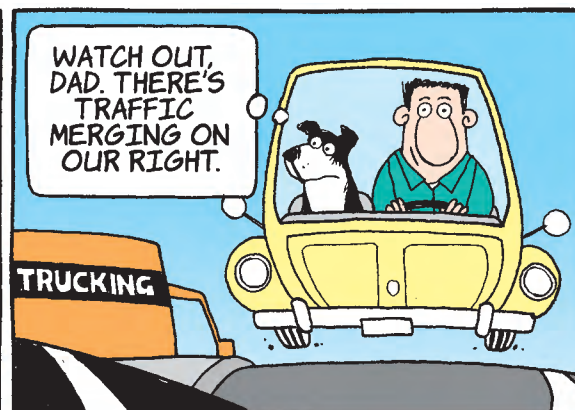
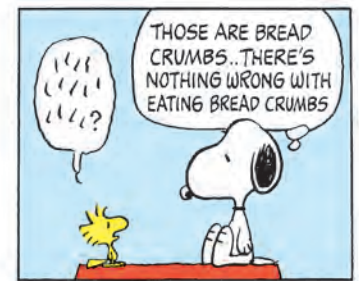
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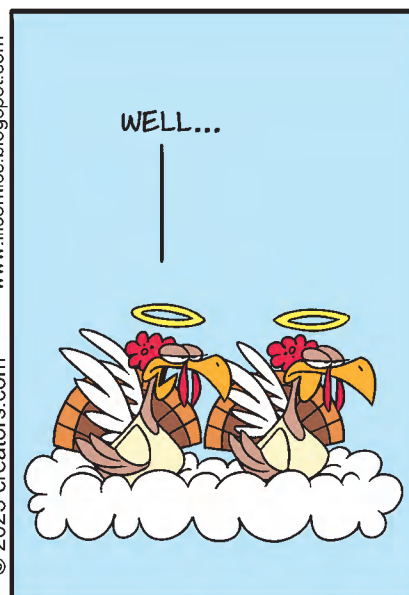
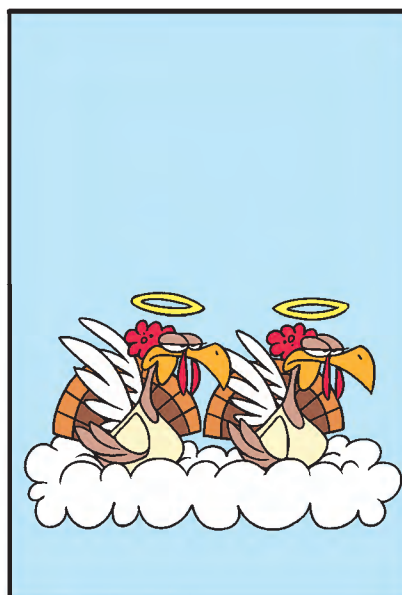
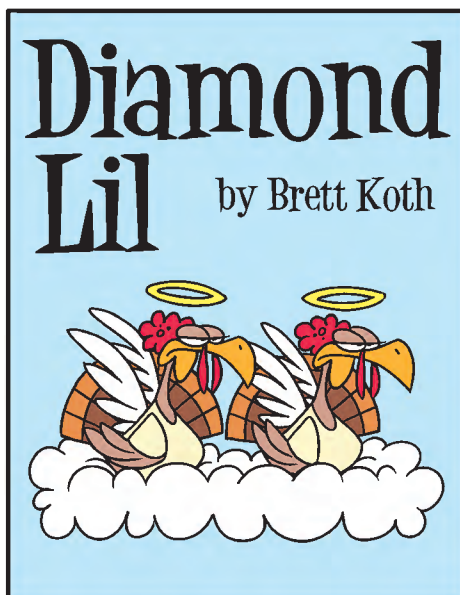
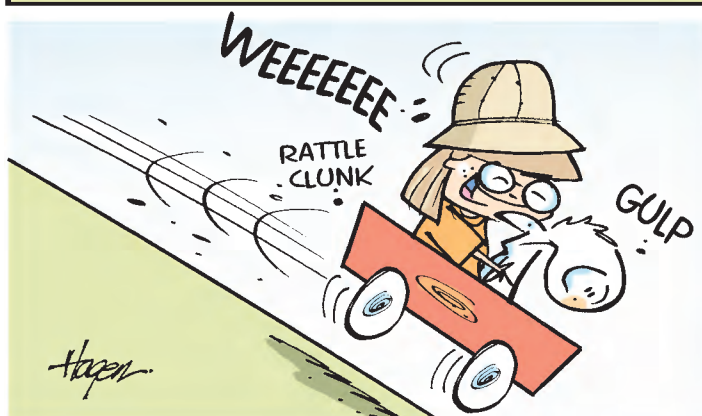
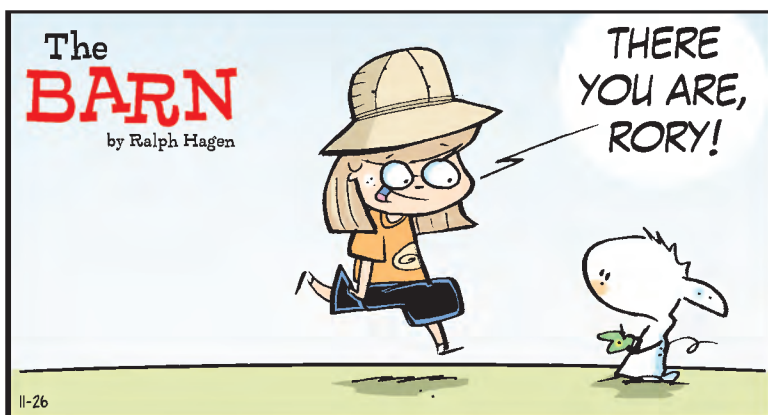
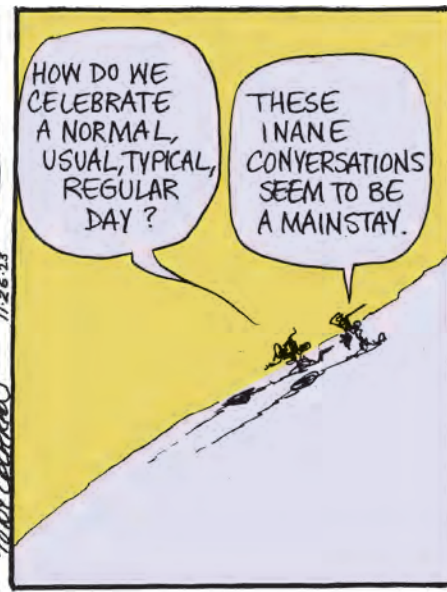
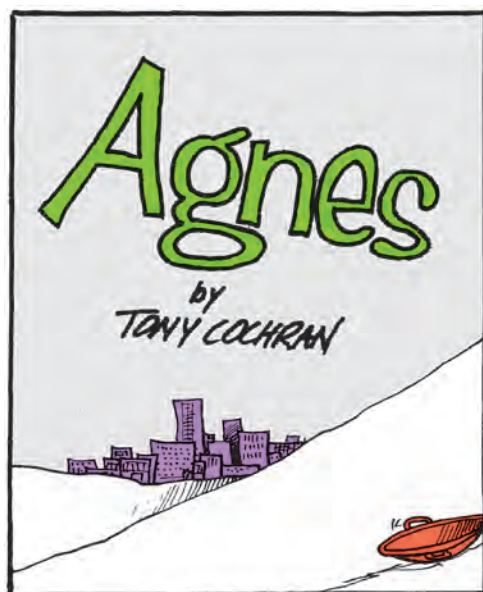


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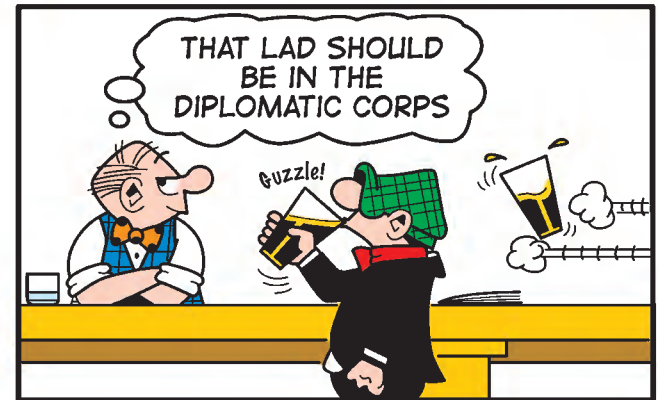
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Cartoon by Chris Madden

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ABC	Good Morning America (N)		3 Good Morning America (N) 2 Action 2 News: This Morning (N)		4 Wildlife 2 Good Morn.		6 oh baby! 2 Hearts of 2 Wildlife		6 College Football Big 12 Championship: TBA vs. Texas From AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas. (N) (Live) 2 College Football Big 12 Championship: TBA vs. Texas From AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas. (N) (Live)						Coll. Foot- ball (N) (Live)		College Football American Athletic Conference Championship: Teams TBA All the action from NCAA college football. (N) (Live)																					
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FOX	65 Planet 11 (6:00) News (N)		65 Xplo-ration Outer Space		65 Super Animals		65 Nature Knows Best		Paid Programing		Paid Programing		Paid Programing		65 Paid 11 Great-est (N)		65 Assem- bly 11 Spo..		College Basketball Marquette at Wisconsin From Kohl Center in Madison, Wis. (N) (Live)		College Hoops (N) (Live)		College Football Mountain West Championship: Teams TBA All the action from NCAA college football. (N) (Live)		Big Ten Preg (N) (Live)													
NBC	26 Today 12 (6:00) Today		12 906 Outdoors		12 The American Athlete		26 Paid 12 Wild Child		Wild Kingdom (N)		Earth Odyssey "Super Senses!"		Harlem Globetrotters "Rare Air"		One Team "Breakin' Barriers"		26 Paid 12 Wild Child		Premier Soccer Nottingham Forest vs. Everton Nottingham Forest is up against Everton at City Ground in matchround 14 of the Premier League. (N) (Live)		PGA Tour Golf Hero World Challenge, Third Round From Albany Golf Club in , Nassau, Bahamas. (N) (Live)		FIS Alpine Ski World Cup Beaver Creek - Men's Downhill (N)		Paid Programing NBC Nightly News													
PBS	20 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE		Wild Kratts "Tardigrade Xtreme"		Curious George		Work It Out Wom-bats!		Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood		Wisconsin's Scenic Treasures: Northwoods		America's Home Cooking: Easy Recipes for Thrifty Cooking		Suze Orman's Ultimate Retirement Guide		Classicalia		From the Heart: A Tribute to Lawrence Welk & the American Dream																			
32 WACY	Hearts of Bones		oh baby!		Paid		Makeov..		Paid		Outdoo..		MidWest		Bensin..		World's Pets.TV		SOS "Desert Heat"		Fisher..		Walleye		Outdoo..		Wingsh..		Heartland		ModFam		ModFam		Goldbe..		Goldbe..	
46 WTPX	Bones		Bones		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Pets.TV		SOS "Desert Heat"		Fisher..		Walleye		Outdoo..		Wingsh..		Heartland		ModFam		ModFam		Goldbe..		Goldbe..							
CW	14 Outdoor 14 WCWF 34 Into Wild		14 Paid 33 Into Wild		Jack Hanna's Into the Wild		Jack Hanna's Into the Wild		14 Into Wild 33 Pet Vet		14 Into Wild 33 Open Rd		14 Pet Vet 33 Res-cue		14 Open Rd 33 Paid Prog.		College Basketball Notre Dame at Miami From Watsco Center in Coral Gables, Fla. (N) (Live)		(:15) College Basketball Duke at Georgia Tech From Mc-Carnish Pavilion in Atlanta. (N) (Live)		14 Cook Like 33 Res-cue		14 Paid 33 Blood-line		14 Walk-Fit!		14 Last Man 33 Burgers		14 Last Man 33 Burgers									

WEEKDAY					MORNING / AFTERNOON										DECEMBER 4 TO DECEMBER 8									
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ABC	9 WAOW	Good Morning America				Live with Kelly and Mark		The View		News 9	Barry-more	GMA3: What You Need to Know		General Hospital		Tamron Hall		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 Wars	Pawn Stars	Action 2 News	Paid Pro-gram	General Hospital		GMA3: What You Need to Know		25 Words		Invest-igateTV+	Action 2 News	Action 2 News	Action 2 News	World News
CBS	5 WFRV	CBS Mornings				Local 5 Live		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless		News		Bold/ Beautiful	The Talk		Let's Make a Deal		Friends/F- Paid	Friends	News	News	News	CBS News
	7 WSAW	CBS Mornings				25 Words		Paid/F Elite	The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless		News-Channel 7	Bold/ Beautiful	The Talk		Let's Make a Deal		The Kelly Clarkson Show		News	Invest-igateTV+	News	CBS News
FOX	55 WZAW	Business	AgDay	Dateline		Sherri		The Jennifer Hudson Show		Family Feud	Family Feud	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Mathis Court	Mathis Court	Hot Bench	Hot Bench	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Family Feud	Family Feud	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	
	11 WLUK	(4:30) Good Day Wisconsin				Live with Kelly and Mark		Fox 11 Living With Amy		Dr. Phil		Various	Various	The Jennifer Hudson Show		Barry-more	Barry-more	The People's Court		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	Tu Inside	
NBC	26 WGBA	Today				Today 3rd Hour		Today With Hoda & Jenna		People Puzzler	Scripps	NBC News Daily		Dateline		Tamron Hall		The Kelly Clarkson Show		Family Feud	Family Feud	News	NBC News	
	12 WJFW	Today				Today 3rd Hour		Today With Hoda & Jenna		Neighbor	Neighbor	NBC News Daily		Person, Place	Pictionary	Pictionary	Funny You	Funny You	Jeopardy	Up North at 4		Jeopardy!	News	NBC News
PBS	20 WHRM	Wild Kratts	Curious/ Curious	Daniel Tiger	Rosie/ Rosie	Sesam-eSt/ Nut..	Work It	Donkey Hodie	Pink/ Pink	Elinor	Nature Cat	Eleme-ntary	Xavier/F Xavier	Old House	Test Kitchen	The Age of Nature		Various		Odd Squad	Arthur / F Arthur	Nature Cat	America	
	36 WLEF	Wild Kratts	Curious/ Curious	Daniel Tiger	Rosie/ Rosie	Sesam-eSt/ Nut..	Work It	Donkey Hodie	Pink/ Pink	Elinor	Nature Cat	Eleme-ntary	Xavier/F Xavier	Old House	Test Kitchen	The Age of Nature		Various		Odd Squad	Arthur / F Arthur	Nature Cat	America	
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	52 WACY	Morning Rush				A.Wom..		Midwes..	Sherri		iCRIME	iCRIME	Dateline		The First 48		Chicago Fire		TMZ Live		ModFam	ModFam	Goldbe..	Goldbe..
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	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	

	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 WAOV 2 WBAY	9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	NFL Football Cincinnati Bengals at Jacksonville Jaguars The Bengals continue picking up the pieces in this prime-time showing against the Jaguars. (N) (Live)					9 (:15) News 9 (N) 2 (:15) Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:50) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)		(:50) Nightline (N)	
CBS 6 WFRV 7 WSAW	6 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	6 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 7 Inside Edition (N)	The Price Is Right at Night (N)		Let's Make a Deal Primetime (N)		NCIS "Bridges" Parker discovers he's a victim of identity theft.		6 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N)	(:35) Comics Unleashed With Byron Allen	
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	55 Big Bang 11 Jeopardy! (N)	55 Big Bang 11 Wheel (N)	Kitchen Nightmares Chef Gordon Ramsay tries to turn around restaurants in crisis. (N) (SF)			55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	55 Seinfeld "The Keys"	55 Seinfeld "The Cheever Letters" 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	55 Last Man "Educating Boyd" 11 (:35) Seinfeld "The Keys"	55 Last Man 11 (:05) Inside Ed. (N)	55 Goldbergs "The Kremps" 11 (:35) King "Secret Garden"	
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	26 FamFeud 12 Wheel (N)	The Voice "Live Top 12 Performances" The top 12 artists perform live for a spot in the semi-final; viewers vote overnight. (N) (Live)			Barmageddon "Blake Shelton's Holiday Bartacular f. Ice T" (N)			26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N)	(:35) Late Night With Seth Meyers (N)	
PBS 20 WHRM 35 WLEF 38 WPNE	PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Great Scenic Railway Journeys 30th Anniversary Special						Broadchurch The body of an 11-year-old boy is found on the beach in Broadchurch.		Broadchurch The mystery around Danny Latimer's death deepens; Hardy and Miller must identify key suspects.	
62 WACY 46 WTPX	Family Feud	Two Half Men	Dateline "The Root of All Evil"		Chicago P.D. "The Other Side"		My News at 9 (N)	Tonight (N)	Two Half Men	Housewife	Housewife	Mom
	FBI "Cops and Robbers"		FBI "Imminent Threat -- Part Two"		FBI "Obligation"		FBI "Sins of the Past"		FBI "Sisterhood"		FBI "This Land Is Your Land"	
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW	14 Big Bang 34 Dish Nat. (N)	14 Big Bang "The Separation Agitation" 34 TMZ (N)	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "The Bill-In-Penn's Head Trick" Joe Monti; Ding Yang; Matt Baker; Arturo Fuenzalida.		Masters of Illusion "Dark, Darling and Twisted" (N)	Funniest Animals Anna Maria Perez de Tagle, Carmen Hodgson (N)	14 Last Man "Educating Boyd" 34 Dish Nation (N)	14 Seinfeld "The Cheever Letters" 34 TMZ (N)	14 National (N) 34 Family Guy "No Country Club for Old Men"	14 The National Desk (N) (Live) 34 Family Guy "3 Acts of God"	14 Last Man 34 Burgers	14 Extra (N) 34 Burgers "Paraders of the Lost Float"

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ABC 9 WAOW 2 WBAY	9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	9 News 9 Pack Attack 2 Entertainment Tonight (N)	Dancing With the Stars "Finale" Professional dancers pair with celebrities to train and compete in ballroom dancing. (N) (SF)		Press Your Luck "Press Your Luck's Holiday Extravaganza II" Holiday-themed prizes and excitement for contestants. (N)		9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)	(:35) Nightline (N)			
CBS 6 WFRV 7 WSAW	6 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	6 Locker Room 7 Locker Room	NCIS: Sydney "Ghosted" (N)		FBI		FBI True "Chasing the Olympic Bomber" After another bombing, a suspicious person in a wig is seen. (N)	6 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N)	(:35) Comics Unleashed With Byron Allen		
FOX 65 WZAW 11 WLUK	65 Big Bang 11 Jeopardy! (N)	65 Big Bang 11 Wheel (N)	Name That Tune		TMZ's Merry Elf!n' Christmas (N)		65 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	65 Seinfeld "Pilot"	65 Seinfeld "The Opera" 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	65 Last Man "The Dad Hat" 11 (:35) Seinfeld "Pilot"	65 Last Man 11 (:05) Inside Ed. (N)	65 Goldbergs 11 (:35) King
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	26 Packers 12 Wheel (N)	The Voice (N) (Live)		The Voice "Live Top 12 Results" America votes eight artists safe; the bottom four compete. (N) (Live)		Found "Missing While Indoctrinated" The team revisits a case involving child trafficking. (N)	26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N)	(:35) Late Night With Seth Meyers (N)		
PBS 20 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE	PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)	This Land Is Your Land (My Music Presents)		The Highwaymen Live at Nassau Coliseum		Broadchurch Fingerprints at the murder scene lead Hardy and Miller to a surprising suspect.	Broadchurch Friends and neighbors come under scrutiny; Beth and Mark take matters into their own hands.					
62 WACY 46 WTPX	Family Feud	Two Half Men	Dateline "Deadly Betrayal"		Chicago P.D. "Closure"		My News at 9 (N)	Tonight (N)	Two Half Men	Housewife	Housewife	Mom
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW	14 Big Bang "The Zazzy Substitution" 34 Dish Nat. (N)	14 Big Bang "The Cognition Regeneration" 34 TMZ (N)	Inside the NFL Week 13 Recapping the greatest moments from week 13. (N)		Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Jeff Davis 17" (N)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Tiffany Coyne"	14 Last Man "The Dad Hat" 34 Dish Nation (N)	14 Seinfeld "The Opera" 34 TMZ (N)	14 The National Desk (N) (Live) 34 Family Guy "A Fistful of Meg"	14 The National Desk (N) (Live) 34 Family Guy "Finders Keepers"	14 Last Man 34 Burgers	14 Extra (N) 34 Burgers "The Wolf of Wharf Street"

WEDNESDAY			EVENING						DECEMBER 6			
	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 WAOW 8 WBAY	9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	9 Packers Live 2 Entertainment Tonight (N)	Celebrity Jeopardy! "Quarterfinal #9: Kyra Sedgwick, Mo Rocca and Amanda Seales" Kyra Sedgwick, Mo Rocca (N)		Celebrity Wheel of Fortune "Lauren Lapkus, Ego Nwodim and Jeff Ross" Lauren Lapkus (N)		The \$100,000 Pyramid "Josh Peck vs. Jeannie Mai Jenkins and Taran Killam vs. Iliza Shlesinger" Josh Peck, Taran Killam (N)		9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)		(:35) Nightline (N)
CBS 6 WFRV 7 WSAW	6 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	6 Green Bay Nation 7 Inside Edition (N)	Survivor Castaways attempt to outwit, outlast and outplay each other for a prize of \$1 million. (N)			The Amazing Race Teams of two travel the globe to try to win \$1 million. (N)		6 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N)		(:35) Comics Unleashed With Byron Allen	
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	55 Big Bang 11 Jeopardy! (N)	55 Big Bang 11 Wheel (N)	The Masked Singer (N)		Snake Oil (N)		55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	55 Seinfeld "Male Unbonding"	55 Seinfeld "The Virgin" 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	55 Last Man 11 (:35) Seinfeld	55 Last Man "Polar Run" 11 (:05) Inside Edition (N)	55 Goldbergs "Muscles Mirsky" 11 (:35) King "Dougie Houser"
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	26 Packers 12 Wheel (N)	Quantum Leap "A Kind of Magic" Ben finds himself on trial for witchcraft in 1692. (N)		Magnum P.I. "Consciousness of Guilt" Katsumoto asks Magnum to help stop a killer from going free. (N)		That's My Jam "Holiday Edition: Fred Armisen & Ana Gasteyer vs. Rachel Dratch & Melissa Villaseñor" Fred Armisen, Ana Gasteyer		26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N)	(:35) Late Night With Seth Meyers (N)	
PBS 29 WHRM 59 WLEF 59 WPNE	PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Wisconsin's Scenic Treasures: Northwoods			Our Birds: An In Wisconsin Special			Broadchurch The townspeople begin to turn against one another; Hardy and Ellie explore a new piece of evidence.		Broadchurch A new suspect in the murder of Danny Latimer comes to light; Beth and Mark visit a local vicar.	
42 WACY 46 WTPX	Family Feud	Two Half Men	Dateline "Lethal Weapon"		Chicago P.D. "Rage"		My News at 9 (N)	Tonight (N)	Two Half Men	Housewife	Housewife	Mom
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW	Blue Bloods "No Questions Asked"		Blue Bloods "Some Kind of Hero"		Blue Bloods "Working Girls"		Blue Bloods "Collateral Damage"		Blue Bloods "Mother's Day"		Blue Bloods "Family Business"	
	14 Big Bang "The Hot Troll Deviation" 34 Dish Nat. (N)	14 Big Bang "The Gyroscopic Collapse" 34 TMZ (N)	2024 Republican Presidential Primary Debate (N) (Live)				14 Last Man "The Puck Stops Here" 34 Dish Nat. (N)	14 Seinfeld "The Virgin" 34 TMZ (N)	14 The National Desk (N) (Live) 34 Family Guy "Vestigial Peter"	14 National (N) 34 Family Guy "Quagmire's Quagmire"	14 Last Man 34 Burgers	14 Extra (N) 34 Burgers "The Silence of the Louise"

THURSDAY			EVENING						DECEMBER 7				
	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 WAOW 8 WBAY	9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Bachelor in Paradise Stars and villains from "The Bachelor" and "The Bachelorette" get another chance to find love. (N) (SF)						9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)	(:35) Nightline (N)		
CBS 6 WFRV 7 WSAW	6 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	6 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 7 Inside Edition (N)	The Price Is Right at Night (N)		Ghosts UK "The Grey Lady" (N)	Ghosts UK "About Last Night" (N)	SEAL Team "Man on Fire" Bravo manages to escape their SUV; plans go awry. (N)		6 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N)	(:35) Comics Unleashed With Byron Allen		
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	55 Big Bang 11 Jeopardy! (N)	55 Big Bang 11 Wheel (N)	Hell's Kitchen (N)		LEGO Masters (N)		55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	55 Seinfeld "The Stakeout"	55 Seinfeld "The Contest" 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	55 Last Man 11 (:35) Seinfeld	55 Last Man "The Ring" 11 (:05) Inside Edition (N)	55 Goldbergs "Han Ukkah Solo" 11 (:35) King "Eggsit Strategy"	
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	26 FamFeud 12 Wheel (N)	Christmas at the Opry (N)				Dateline NBC (N)		26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N)	(:35) Late Night With Seth Meyers (N)		
PBS 29 WHRM 59 WLEF 59 WPNE	PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Around the Farm Table: Celebrate Small Farms (N)			Mary Berry's Ultimate Christmas Guests Angela Hartnett, Monica Galetti			Broadchurch Time is running out to solve Danny's murder; Beth and Mark take an important step.		Broadchurch After weeks of speculation, the events surrounding Danny's death are revealed.		
42 WACY 46 WTPX	Family Feud	Two Half Men	Dateline "What Lies Beneath"		Chicago P.D. "The One Next to Me"		My News at 9 (N)	Tonight (N)	Two Half Men	Housewife	Housewife	Mom	
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW	14 Big Bang "The Desperation Emanation" 34 Dish Nat. (N)	14 Big Bang 34 TMZ (N)	Son of a Critch "The Perfect Storm" (N)		Children Ruin Everything "Week-ends" (N)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Jeff Davis 17"	American Joke Off Luke Mones, Matthew Broussard	14 Last Man "Mike and the Mechanics" 34 Dish Nat. (N)	14 Seinfeld "The Contest" 34 TMZ (N)	14 National (N) 34 Family Guy "Boopa-dee Bappa-dee"	14 The National Desk (N) (Live) 34 Family Guy "Life of Brian"	14 Last Man 34 Burgers	14 Extra (N) 34 Bob's Burgers "Boywatch"

FRIDAY				EVENING						DECEMBER 8			
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ABC 9 WAOW 2 WBAY		9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Shark Tank "Shark Tank" rings in the holiday season. (N)		20/20 (N)			9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)		(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!		(:35) Nightline (N)
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WHERE'S THE TURKEY? FOX PLANNED ON A DIFFERENT OUTCOME FOR THANKSGIVING TRADITION

Green Bay Packers quarterback Jordan Love asks Fox Sports' Erin Andrews about his turkey leg after the Packers defeated the Detroit Lions 29-22 on Thanksgiving Day. Traditionally, the player or players of the game get a turkey leg or a hunk of turducken after winning an NFL game played on Thanksgiving. John Madden started it in 1989 when he gave the first turkey leg to defensive end Reggie White after the Philadelphia Eagles beat the Dallas Cowboys. In 1997, Madden added turducken (a chicken stuffed into a deboned duck stuffed into a deboned turkey) to the tradition. When Love asked about the turkey, he was told there was no turkey to eat because the only turkey had been torn apart earlier by announcer Greg Olsen. That was not the case. Fox is always prepared for two turkeys on Thanksgiving - one in the booth and one postgame on the field. As it turns out, the turkey they saved for after the game had a Lions logo seared into the turkey as Fox expected Detroit to win, so Fox just dumped the tradition. Andrews said the network would make a donation to a charity of Love's choosing.

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Packers take down Lions on Thanksgiving

Green Bay keeps playoff hopes alive

By **LUKE REIMER**
Green & Gold Express

The Green Bay Packers shocked both Detroit and those watching at home as they dismantled the Lions on Thanksgiving Day, winning 29-22 in Detroit.

Packers' quarterback Jordan Love registered another great performance as he completed 22-of-32 for 268 yards, three touchdowns and no interceptions.

In what may have been Love's best game as a starting quarterback, the success started early. On the very first play of the game, Love dropped back and threw a bomb to a streaking Christian Watson, who came down with a jump ball for a 53-yard gain.

"I almost changed that first play call; I was kind of mulling it over a little bit," said Packers' head coach Matt LaFleur. "I texted Jordan (Love) this morning and told him that I was going to change it to something else, and he said he wanted this call. So, I said OK."

That early bomb to Watson helped to set up a quick scoring strike for Green Bay. Four plays later, Love connected with Jayden Reed for a 10-yard touchdown, giving the Packers a 7-0 lead with 12:16 remaining in the first quarter.

Though Detroit also scored on its first possession, Green Bay's defense was the story of the game. The Pack scored on its second possession of the game to give the team a touchdown lead — one that was quickly extended when linebacker Rashan Gary hit Lions' quarterback Jared Goff as he loaded up to throw. The ball was knocked out of Goff's hand before his arm came forward, resulting in a fumble. The fumble was then picked up by Packers defensive back Jonathan Owens and brought back 25 yards for a touchdown, making the score 20-6 just 13 minutes into the game.

That wasn't Gary's only impact on the game, though. The Michigan alum, who tore his ACL on the same field last season, finished the game with five combined tackles, three sacks and



Christian Watson caught five passes for 94 yards and one touchdown against the Lions on Thanksgiving Day. Watson caught a 53-yard pass from Jordan Love on the opening play of the game.

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one fumble recovery. He also forced two fumbles.

"What we were doing up front was really the difference," said LaFleur. "(Gary) had a big day, which was huge for him to come back to the place where, obviously, last year it was a pretty emotional experience. He experienced a different kind of emotion today to have three sacks, and I am just really happy for him and our whole locker room."

After Detroit's opening drive touchdown, Green Bay held the Lions to five straight drives of forcing a punt or a turnover on downs. That allowed the Packers to enter halftime with a 23-6 lead.

Detroit got the ball rolling again right away in the second half though, as they marched down the field, resulting in a David Montgomery 6-yard touchdown plunge. That touchdown was followed up by a successful two-point attempt from Montgomery. That touchdown marked the fourth time Montgomery has scored against Green Bay this season.

After the Packers were forced to punt, the Lions got the ball back on their own 3-yard line. A few plays



Packers quarterback Jordan Love celebrated the team's 29-22 victory over the Detroit Lions. The win kept alive some playoff hopes for Green Bay.

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later, Detroit was facing a fourth-and-four from its own 23-yard line. Lined up to punt, the Lions snapped the ball to an upback in an effort to catch the Packers sleeping and pick up the first down. That wasn't the case though, as Green Bay was all over the fake punt and tackled the ball carrier short of the first-down marker.

"We just know how aggressive

they are," said LaFleur, on the fake punt. "We were kind of alerting for that. Great job by Rich (Bisaccia) and Conner Lewis up in the box calling for it. Rich was obviously well prepared and prepared our guys for it. That obviously was a very critical play in the game."

That translated into a touchdown, as Love connected with Watson on a 16-yard touchdown three plays later.

The Lions made a last-ditch effort late in the game, as Goff connected with receiver Josh Reynolds for a 12-yard touchdown. The ensuing onside kick attempt was recovered by Green Bay though and gave the Packers a 29-22 victory.

The win over Detroit now gives the Packers a 5-6 record, which is good for eighth in the NFC and one spot behind the Seattle Seahawks for the seventh seed. Green Bay will host the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday night this week, as the team looks to continue to climb into the playoff picture.

For whatever it is worth, according to the New York Times Playoff Predictor, the Packers now hold a 45% chance of making the playoffs.

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Week 13 Games: Sunday, Dec. 3



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Seattle @ Dallas...Thurs., Nov. 30

Detroit @ New Orleans

Atlanta @ New York Jets

San Francisco @ Philadelphia

Tie Breaker Game:

Kansas City @ Green Bay

**Week 11
Winner :
Kevin Passon
New Media**

**Week 12
Winner :
Jacob Westendorf
New Media**

Weekly Standings

	Weekly Record	Overall Record
Tim Murphy, New Media.....	3-2	42-18
Jacob Westendorf, New Media.....	4-1	42-18
Jim Weigand, Tower Clock.....	3-2	41-19
Robert Buss, Buss Automotive.....	4-1	38-22
Staff, Iverson's Piggly Wiggly.....	4-1	36-24
Shane Senn, Senn Insurance.....	2-3	35-25
Luke Reimer, New Media.....	4-1	35-25
Kevin Passon, New Media.....	1-4	34-26
Staff, Shawano Health.....	3-2	34-26
Staff, Walsh Dental.....	2-3	30-30
Sue Moede, Moede Plumbing.....	3-2	29-31



Jim Weigand
Tower Clock
Eye Center

This Week's Picks:

Dallas
Detroit
Atlanta
San Francisco

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 27 @ Green Bay 17



Robert Buss
Buss
Automotive

This Week's Picks:

Dallas
Detroit
Atlanta
Philadelphia

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 20 @ Green Bay 24



Shane Senn
Senn
Insurance

This Week's Picks:

Dallas
Detroit
New York Jets
Philadelphia

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 31 @ Green Bay 13



Staff
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Shawano

This Week's Picks:

Dallas
Detroit
Atlanta
Philadelphia

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 23 @ Green Bay 20



Staff
Shawano
Health Services

This Week's Picks:

Dallas
Detroit
New York Jets
Philadelphia

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 17 @ Green Bay 21



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This Week's Picks:

Dallas
New Orleans
Atlanta
San Francisco

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 27 @ Green Bay 30



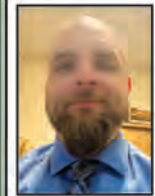
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Dallas
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Final Score: Kansas City 17 @ Green Bay 20



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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 26 @ Green Bay 20



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Dallas
Detroit
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Philadelphia

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 21 @ Green Bay 28

NOTEBOOK

Chiefs' strength lies with defense this year

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

Packers' offense vs. Chiefs' defense

While the Chiefs' offense gets the majority of the attention due to Travis Kelce and Patrick Mahomes heading up that unit, the Chiefs' strength this year has been on defense.

Chris Jones is one of the best interior pass rushers in football, but they will line him up all over the formation in obvious passing situations.

Jones is going to be one of the biggest tests for this Packers offensive line that is coming off a great performance against Aidan Hutchinson and the Lions' pass rush.

Across from Jones is former first-round pick George Karlaftis, who has come on this season. He has seven sacks on the year and has proven to be a great sidekick for Jones in rushing the passer.

In the secondary, Trent McDuffie is playing as well as anyone at cornerback, and he's flanked by L'Jarius Sneed. McDuffie and Sneed combined to hold AJ Brown to one catch for eight yards in their matchup against the Philadelphia Eagles.

Coordinating the defense is former Super Bowl champion Steve Spagnuolo. Spagnuolo is known for coordinating the defense that shut down Tom Brady in Super Bowl XLII.

He's as respected as anyone in his position.

The Packers' offense is coming off what is probably its best performance of the season. That's something you've been able to say for the last three weeks.

Perhaps the short-term pain is turning into a long-term gain right in front of our eyes.

Jordan Love threw three touchdown passes to three different receivers against the Lions. He spread the ball around to all of his pass catchers. Seven different Packers caught a pass on Nov. 23.

Christian Watson had his best game of the season, hauling in a 53-yard pass to start the day and finishing with five catches for 94 yards.

Watson, Jayden Reed and Tucker Kraft all provided touchdown receptions, and the Packers piled up 29 points with 377 total yards.

Love played clean football again, and he looks to be proving that he is the Packers' quarterback of the



Preston Smith forced an incomplete pass from Lions quarterback Jared Goff on a fourth-and-four in the second quarter. The play resulted in Detroit turning the ball over on downs.

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future.

The run game is still struggling, and that may be the case all season. AJ Dillon was flanked in the backfield by James Robinson and Patrick Taylor.

It's likely that will be the team's backfield again when the Chiefs come to town, as Aaron Jones would seem unlikely to play just two weeks removed from a knee injury that he originally thought might cost him the rest of his season.

The Chiefs are likely the best

defense Green Bay will play between now and the end of the season. This is an excellent test for the Packers' young offense.

Packers' defense vs. Chiefs' offense

Mahomes and Kelce are still one of the best duos in all of football.

That is no surprise. The issues in Kansas City have been at the receiver position. Tyreek Hill left before last season, and the Chiefs did not miss a beat, winning Super Bowl XVII.

This season has been a different

story. Mahomes has struggled to build chemistry with Skyy Moore, Kadarius Toney and Rashee Rice, among others.

Rice has had some nice moments with Mahomes, but he's a rookie and prone to the ups and downs of being a young player in the NFL.

Where the Chiefs might lean in this game is on a ground game that just gashed the Philadelphia Eagles for 168 yards.

The Packers have had their struggles against opposing ground

games. They've allowed more than 200 yards rushing in three games this season. Andy Reid knows that, so he'll likely test them early and often.

The Packers' defense is coming off a solid game against Detroit. They held the Lions to 14 points until the final drive of the game when the team began to play soft to help bleed the clock.

Rashan Gary had three sacks and two forced fumbles. The Packers forced three turnovers and held the Lions to 1-5 on fourth-down conversions. That situational excellence is something that has been missing from Green Bay this season.

As great as Mahomes is, he will put passes in harm's way. The Packers don't have an interception against a team's current preferred starting quarterback since Rudy Ford picked off Jared Goff in late September at Lambeau Field.

They'll need to force a turnover or two to slow the Chiefs down.

Special teams

The Packers' kicking game has officially become a problem. Anders Carlson is starting to struggle and has missed a kick in every game except for one since the bye week. He missed two more kicks on Thanks-



Detroit Lions quarterback Jared Goff had three fumbles against the Packers on Thanksgiving Day. In the first quarter, the fumble was recovered by Green Bay's Jonathan Owens and returned 27 yards for a touchdown.

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giving Day, although one was from more than 60 yards. He's missed a PAT in three straight games. The Packers need him to be better. They cannot afford to leave points on the field against the Chiefs.

Keisean Nixon did not have an opportunity to return any kicks against

the Lions. With the indoor stadium that is Ford Field, the Lions were able to kick the ball out of the end zone to avoid him.

That is unlikely to be possible on Sunday. With temperatures expected to dip into the low 30s on Sunday night, Nixon should have some op-

portunities to make some plays.

The Packers coverage units had a big day against the Lions on Thanksgiving. Henry Pearson and Lukas Van Ness snuffed out a fake punt attempt that gave the Packers the ball deep in Lions territory. That proved to be one of the biggest plays of the game.

The Chiefs' special teams is led by coordinator Dave Toub. Toub was the special teams coordinator in Chicago during the Devin Hester era. He is one of the most respected special teams' coordinators in the sport.

The Chiefs have used a variety of returners, but the most dangerous one is Toney, a former first-round draft pick. Toney had a big return in last year's Super Bowl against the Eagles, and he has the ability to take the ball back for a touchdown any time he touches it.

He's been banged up as has Mecole Hardman, so it will be interesting to see how the Chiefs navigate that situation.

Harrison Butker remains one of the best kickers in the sport.

The Chiefs ranked 31st in last year's special teams rankings from Rick Gosselin. Sunday's matchup could prove interesting as these two teams are volatile in this phase of the game.

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VITALS

GREEN BAY PACKERS VS. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

TIME AND DATE: 7:20 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3

LOCATION: Lambeau Field

TV: NBC

RADIO: Flagship WRNW-FM Milwaukee — 97.3; Packers Radio Network includes WIXX-FM Green Bay — 101.1, WRLO-FM Antigo — 105.3, WLST-FM Marinette — 95.1, and WSAU Wausau — 550 AM and 95.1 FM

2023 RECORDS: Packers, 5-6. Chiefs, 8-3.

HISTORY: The Chiefs and Packers are part of one of the most famous games in the history of the NFL.

After winning the NFL Championship Game in 1966, the Packers faced off against the AFL's Chiefs in the first ever version of the Super Bowl.

Max McGee would go on to catch two touchdown passes after Boyd Dowler left the game with an injury, making for one of the most legendary stories in Super Bowl history.

Overall, the two teams have faced off 14 times, with the Chiefs holding an 8-5-1 advantage in the series.

The most recent matchup was in 2021, which was Jordan Love's first career start. The Packers lost 13-7.

The last time the two teams met at Lambeau Field was in 2015 where the Packers won 38-28. Aaron Rodgers threw five touchdown passes.

COACHES: Packers - Matt LaFleur (fifth season, 52-25). Chiefs - Andy Reid (11th season 125-47)

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 W 23-20
Nov. 23 at Detroit W 29-22
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. 30

Seahawks at Cowboys, 7:20 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 3

Colts at Titans, Noon
Falcons at Jets, Noon
Panthers at Buccaneers, Noon
Lions at Saints, Noon
Chargers at Patriots, Noon
Cardinals at Steelers, Noon
Dolphins at Commanders, Noon
Broncos at Texans, 3:05 p.m.
49ers at Eagles, 3:25 p.m.
Browns at Rams, 3:25 p.m.
Chiefs at Packers, 7:20 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 4

Bengals at Jaguars, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 7

Patriots at Steelers, 7:15 p.m.

KEYS TO THE GAME

Packers can use momentum against Chiefs

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

The Green Bay Packers are riding high coming into Lambeau Field for a showdown against the defending Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs.

The Packers won a game in which they were eight-point underdogs against the Detroit Lions at Ford Field on Thanksgiving Day.

Their offense piled up more than 370 yards, with Jordan Love staring down the Lions' pressure and continuing to deliver big throw after big throw.

Christian Watson had his best game of the season. Tucker Kraft found the end zone for the first time.

The Packers didn't turn the ball over, and the offense looked like the one that Brian Gutekunst had to have hoped he'd see sooner rather than later.

The Lions are a good defense, but the Chiefs should provide a much stiffer test. Steve Spagnuolo is one of the best defensive coordinators in football.

For all the fanfare the offense receives, it's been Kansas City's defense that has carried them through the first three months of the season.

The smart bet is that Patrick Mahomes and company will find their form, but this is not a group that is as talented as they have been in recent years.

The Packers have a chance to get back to .500 and set themselves up for a run at the postseason.

Here is what they need to do to beat the Chiefs:

Packers vs. Chief's run game

The Chiefs recently stared the top run defense in football in the face and rammed the ball down their throats for the better part of three quarters.

The Philadelphia Eagles were ranked No. 1 against the run going into the Nov. 20 Super Bowl rematch.

The Chiefs piled up 168 yards



Malik Heath collected 46 yards on his four pass catches. Signed by Green Bay as an undrafted free agent in May, Heath spent one season at Mississippi (2022), two at Mississippi State (2020-21) and two at Copiah-Lincoln Community College (2018-19).

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against them and controlled the game for the better part of three quarters until they wilted late.

Isiah Pacheco is a violent runner who could give the Packers some problems as they've struggled against running backs with his running style.

The Packers' run defense has been up and down this season. They've had some really strong performances, but it's certainly been more bad than good.

As crazy as it sounds, the Packers should want to force Patrick Mahomes to beat them with his inexperienced group of receivers.

At the bare minimum, they cannot allow this running game to make things easy for Mahomes and a struggling passing game.

This will need to be another big matchup between the two interiors on offense and defense.

Joe Thuney, Creed Humphrey and Trey Smith form one of the best interior offensive lines in all of football.

They'll be going up against Kenny Clark, who is coming off one of his best games of the season.

That came primarily in pass rush situations, however. Clark, along with TJ Slaton and Devonte Wyatt, need to hold up at the point of attack; otherwise, the Chiefs will be able to move some guys on their way to a big day on the ground.

Packers' offensive line vs. Chris Jones

The Packers' offensive line held up well last week against Aidan Hutchinson. That's not a normal occurrence. Hutchinson has typically dominated when he's played against Green Bay.

This week, the Packers face another great pass rusher in Chris Jones.

Jones lines up all over the formation but is able to wreck things on the interior, which is where the Packers have typically struggled.

Josh Myers and Jon Runyan Jr. have been inconsistent, to say the least. Runyan is currently rotating

with former third-round pick Sean Ryan.

Myers has played better of late but still has a couple of reps per game that leave you scratching your head.

Rasheed Walker is essentially in an even rotation with Yosh Nijman at left tackle, while Zach Tom has been an anchor on the right side of the offensive line.

They'll need to be aware of where Jones is on the field at all times. He's a game-wrecker, and the Packers have seen first hand what those types of players can do against them.

The passing game made some strides on Thanksgiving, but none of those things is going to matter if the team cannot block.

Jordan Love and Matt LaFleur vs. Spagnuolo

Sunday's game marks a little bit of a full circle moment for Jordan Love. Love's first start of his career came against the Kansas City Chiefs.

That week was a little different. He did not find out that he was starting until the game plan was already in progress. Aaron Rodgers tested positive for COVID-19 and was ruled

out of that week's game.

Love struggled after being thrown into the fire. The Packers didn't score until their final possession of the game.

Matt LaFleur has talked about that game since then. He's stated on several occasions that they did not put their offense in the best position to succeed.

The Chiefs, knowing they were facing a rookie quarterback, threw a ton of pressure at Love. Neither the Packers nor Love were prepared for that, and they struggled as a result.

Spagnuolo is an interesting case as a defensive coordinator, because they run a little bit of everything. The Chiefs will throw a variety of looks at this young Packer offense, and how they respond will determine how the game goes.

That's where it is up to Love, who is a veteran at this point, and LaFleur to help the rest of the young offense navigate through what they are seeing on the field.

LaFleur said that he had regrets from Love's first matchup against Kansas City. Now he'll have a chance to prove he learned something from that day.



AJ Dillon led Packers rushers with 43 yards on 14 carries. He gained another 38 yards on three pass receptions.

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Watson's explosive play needed down the road

By **LUKE REIMER**
Green & Gold Express

During the past two weeks, Packers fans, players and coaches have been witnesses of Jordan Love's best games as the starting quarterback in Green Bay.

Whether that is due to Love's progression as a passer, Green Bay's pass catchers stepping up in big spots or the game plan as a whole, the offense is clicking in Green Bay right now.

That hadn't been exemplified more than in Green Bay's win over the Detroit Lions on Thanksgiving. It seems that the team has found a core weapon in Jayden Reed, as the rookie has shown his athleticism and skill both as a receiver and runner. Romeo Doubs has also been a solid, reliable target to whom Love has been completing passes in big spots. On Thanksgiving though, it was Christian Watson who was the best out of the three.

Now Watson was projected to take a big jump from year one last year to year two this year, but early injuries and inconsistent play quickly hampered those expectations. That seemed to change though, as Watson



Packers wide receiver Christian Watson celebrates after scoring a touchdown against Detroit. The Packers need Watson to continue to perform as he has the past few weeks if they hope to turn things around enough to earn a playoff spot.

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now. It was a big-time performance by him."

That trust is exactly what is going to continue to keep Watson engaged and effective in games. All year long, Love has talked about how he thinks Watson can beat anyone in one-on-one situations, but from a fan's perspective, that was looking dicey. Now, it is no secret that Watson has the talent to take over a game, something that he is probably going to need to do against the Kansas City Chiefs.

The Chiefs have been stingy against the pass this year, as they have given up just 1,708 yards through the air, which is good for second in the NFL. For Green Bay to break that pass defense, the offensive line is going to need to give Love time to set up deep shots to Watson. Once again, Love does not need to throw those bombs to Watson and can settle for other receivers replacing the spot of those safeties and corners who are running with Watson.

That is why it is so important to have your "speed" receivers produce. The No. 1 key in football is to stop the long play, and if that can't be done, it is going to be a long day for the defense.

gashed the Detroit Lions for 94 yards on seven catches and one touchdown.

It was obvious that the game plan was to get Watson involved early, as on the very first play of the game, Love threw a 53-yard bomb downfield, which Watson won on a jump ball. That play was quickly followed up by an eight-yard completion to Watson. On the next drive, Watson saw two targets for two catches and 17 yards.

Getting Watson involved early was not the main reason why the Packers won this game, but it was definitely a winning factor. With Watson's speed and athleticism,

he should be able to command two defenders every time he steps on the field. There is not a corner in this league who can run deep with him, so defenses are going to have to give him safety attention. Once the defense gives him that attention, that opens up so much more for guys like Doubs and Reed to work the middle of the field, something that Packers have been successful doing in the past month.

"We continue to put that work in every week and build that chemistry," said Love. "Obviously Christian's got trust, and he is just going out there and making plays right

Despite wins, questions persist

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

1. Is Christian Watson coming on as the team hoped?

At this point, there's no question that Christian Watson is not having the season that the Packers would have hoped for. One of the reasons the Packers did not pursue a veteran receiver in free agency was the belief they had in Watson and Romeo Doubs to lead the way in the receiver room.

By all accounts, both receivers have been helpful to the young pass catchers as they try and learn Matt LaFleur's offense.

The issue has been production, or lack thereof, on the field.

Watson had an excellent stretch last season where he finished the year with 611 yards, and he had a big performance on national TV against the Dallas Cowboys where he scored three touchdowns.

By the end of the season, he was the Packers' top receiver.

Thursday's game in Detroit could have been a turning point for him

much in the same way that the Dallas game was a season ago. The Packers' offense appears to be at its best when they run through Watson. He is still their most talented receiver.

Watson needs to deliver on those opportunities when his number is called.

He helped set the tone in Thursday's 29-22 win over the Detroit Lions with a 53-yard catch to start the day. That's the version of Watson the Packers need on a weekly basis moving forward.

2. Does a two-game win streak quiet the naysayers about Jordan Love?

For now, it should. This is what the Packers likely envisioned when they started the season with the most inexperienced group around Jordan Love in the history of the NFL.

Love had his struggles. There was a scenario that could have played out this season where Love was one-and-done as the Packers' starting quarterback.

That would have required an absolute disaster, but after consecutive losses to the Las Vegas Raiders

and Denver Broncos, it appeared the Packers were on their way to disaster. Rock bottom had to have been only scoring 10 points against the Vikings — and being largely uncompetitive in their own stadium.

Since then, Love has rebounded. For three consecutive weeks, you could have come out of the game saying Love has played the best game of his career.

That stretch includes a fourth-quarter comeback combined with a 300-yard passing day against the Chargers. Love may have topped that with his three touchdown performance on the road against the Lions.

The Packers were an eight-point underdog. They were truly not expected to win.

Love is proving Brian Gutekunst right and all of the naysayers wrong. It's hard to imagine the Packers not rewarding Love with a contract extension sooner rather than later.

3. What about the late round and undrafted rookies, like Malik Heath, Karl Brooks?

One of the pleasant surprises over the last two weeks is the emergence of Malik Heath.

Heath was one of the darlings of preseason and may have worked his way as high as fourth on the receiving depth chart.

That did not last long. Heath was a healthy scratch in the early portion of the season before surpassing Samori Toure on the depth chart. Toure has been active once since Heath effectively took his place, and that was due to an injury to Dontayvion Wicks.

Heath is a nice role player in the offense. His blocking abilities flashed immediately when he got to training camp.

Last week, he showed off his abilities as a pass catcher. He caught all four of his targets for 46 yards. That performance is not going to set any records, but the Packers finding use from an undrafted free agent is a big development at this point of the season.

On the defensive side of the ball, a sixth-round pick potentially has a claim to the best defensive lineman on the roster not named Kenny Clark.

When Jarran Reed and Dean Lowry were allowed to leave in free agency, the plan was for their snaps to go to TJ Slaton and Devonte Wyatt.

Slaton has had some nice mo-

ments in the run game. Wyatt has had some nice moments as a pass rusher.

In terms of big plays, however, Karl Brooks is the one who has made the most of his opportunities.

Brooks had a forced fumble in Thursday's win over Detroit. He has three sacks on the season and appears to be getting better as the year goes along.

4. What about the other areas of concern — Love throwing the long ball, and AJ Dillon and the running game?

Of course the Packers are not perfect. Two wins in a row covers up some of the issues they've had, but it's important to note that they still exist.

AJ Dillon and the ground game as a whole has struggled all season long. Some of that is attributed to Aaron Jones missing time with various ailments. Even when Jones has been healthy, however, the Packers have not had an individual rusher go over 100 yards on the season.

That's not what was expected when this team came together in late July for training camp. This offense was supposed to be built around a strong run game led by Jones and Dillon. That has not happened.

Dillon is now surrounded by players who were not in Green Bay prior to a week ago Tuesday.

The run game just is what it is at this point. It's hard to imagine it getting appreciably better before the end of the season.

Love's deep ball is improving, but there were some caveats in Thursday's win over the Lions.

Love's first pass of the day was a 53-yard completion to Christian Watson. Watson did well to adjust to a pass that was underthrown.

Later in the game, Love missed another deep pass to Watson, albeit under pressure.

Those are plays that the Packers need to start hitting. Whether its receivers making catches or Love hitting them in stride, they'll need more big plays down the stretch to make a postseason run.

5. Another missed extra point?

Anders Carlson looked to have shaken off his early season issues when he started the season strong. He did not miss a kick prior to the bye week.

That strong start has turned into a bit of a nightmare.

Carlson has missed an extra point



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in three straight games. He's missed a kick in every game except for one against the bye week.

The one week he didn't, Carlson missed the initial field goal before being given another opportunity thanks to a Vikings penalty.

Carlson is officially a problem at this point in the season. The Packers talked about weathering the storm with him, but they're at a point now where every point matters.

Missing a PAT could be the difference between going to the playoffs or sitting at home when the calendar turns to January.

Carlson rebounded nicely from the missed PAT and drilled a 43-yard field goal later in the game. The talent is evident, but as Andrew Brandt says, kickers are like lawyers, you never think about them until you need a good one.

The Packers are thinking about their kicker far too often.

6. How safe is defensive coordinator Joe Barry today?

Over the last 16 games, the Packers have given up an average of 19.5 points per game. Only one of those last 16 games have they allowed more than 25 points, which was Week 4 against Detroit.

For all the gnashing of teeth over



Romeo Doubs is tackled short of the end zone on a failed two-point conversion. Kicker Anders Carlson has missed an extra point kick in three straight games.

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Green Bay's defense, some of which is justified, they just held two high-powered offenses to 20 and 22 points, respectively.

Yes, the Chargers and Lions made

plenty of mistakes to aid the Packers in that way, but that's still impressive considering who they are playing at this point of the year.

The Packers entered their game

against the Chargers with all but one of their preferred starters in their nickel defensive back group on the shelf.

The same was true on Thursday against the Lions.

Rasul Douglas is in Buffalo. Darnell Savage is on injured reserve. Rudy Ford missed the last two games with an injury, as has Jaire Alexander.

That doesn't include Eric Stokes, a former first-round pick who has yet to play a single defensive snap this season.

The Packers' cornerback room is currently anchored by a rookie seventh-round pick (Carrington Valentine), a bargain-bin free agent (Keisean Nixon), and a practice squad player (Corey Ballentine).

Their safeties last week were a bargain-bin free agent (Jonathan Owens) and a seventh-round pick (Anthony Johnson Jr.).

If Joe Barry had a different reputation, he'd likely be garnering more praise than what he's currently getting from the fan base.

With some of the putrid offenses the Packers are set to face down the stretch, it's hard to imagine them performing poorly enough to let Barry go at the end of the season.

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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
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
Kyu Blu Kelly	24	CB	6-0	191	22	R	Stanford
Tucker Kraft	85	TE	6-5	259	23	R	South Dakota State
Jordan Love	10	QB	6-4	219	25	4	Utah State
Isaiah McDuffie	58	LB	6-1	227	24	3	Boston College
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	31	9	Mississippi State
Patrick Taylor	27	RB	6-2	217	25	3	Memphis
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
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
Luke Musgrave	88	TE	6-6	253	23	R	Oregon State
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
Emanuel Wilson	31	RB	5-11	226	24	R	Fort Valley State Univ.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Player	#	Pos	HT	WT	Age	Exp	College
Nick Allegretti	73	G	6-4	310	27	5	Illinois
Felix Anudike-Uzomah	97	DE	6-4	255	21	R	Kansas State
Blake Bell	81	TE	6-6	252	32	9	Oklahoma
Harrison Butker	7	K	6-4	199	28	7	Georgia Tech
Mike Caliendo	66	OL	6-4	301	26	1	Western Michigan
Leo Chenal	54	LB	6-3	250	23	2	Wisconsin
Jack Cochrane	43	LB	6-3	236	24	2	South Dakota
Chamarri Conner	27	DB	6-0	206	23	R	Virginia Tech
Bryan Cook	6	S	6-1	206	24	2	Cincinnati
Mike Danna	51	DE	6-2	257	25	4	Michigan
Matt Dickerson	93	DT	6-5	292	28	3	UCLA
Mike Edwards	21	S	5-10	205	27	5	Kentucky
Clyde Edwards-Helaire	25	RB	5-7	207	24	4	LSU
Neil Farrell	92	DE	6-4	325	25	2	LSU
Blaine Gabbert	9	QB	6-5	235	34	12	Missouri
Willie Gay	50	LB	6-1	243	25	4	Mississippi State
Noah Gray	83	TE	6-3	240	24	3	Duke
Mecole Hardman	12	WR	5-10	187	25	5	Georgia
Darius Harris	59	LB	6-2	238	27	4	Middle Tennessee State
Malik Herring	94	DE	6-3	275	26	3	Georgia
Creed Humphrey	52	C	6-4	302	24	3	Oklahoma
Richie James	17	WR	5-9	185	28	6	Middle Tennessee State
Cam Jones	44	LB	6-2	227	24	R	Indiana
Chris Jones	95	DT	6-6	310	29	8	Mississippi State
Nic Jones	31	CB	6-0	189	22	R	Ball State
George Karlaftis	56	DE	6-4	263	22	2	Purdue
Travis Kelce	87	TE	6-5	250	34	11	Cincinnati
Patrick Mahomes	15	QB	6-2	225	28	7	Texas Tech
Trent McDuffie	22	CB	5-11	193	23	2	Washington
Jerick McKinnon	1	RB	5-9	209	31	10	Georgia Southern
Skye Moore	24	WR	5-10	195	23	2	Western Michigan
Wanya Morris	64	OL	6-6	307	23	R	Oklahoma
Lucas Niang	77	T	6-6	315	25	3	TCU
Derrick Nnadi	91	DT	6-1	317	27	6	Florida State
Charles Omenihu	90	DE	6-5	280	26	5	Texas
Isiah Pacheco	10	RB	5-10	216	24	2	Rutgers
Justin Reid	20	S	6-1	207	26	6	Stanford
Rashee Rice	4	WR	6-1	204	23	R	SMU
Donovan Smith	79	T	6-6	338	30	9	Penn State
Trey Smith	65	G	6-6	321	24	3	Tennessee
L'Jarius Sneed	38	CB	6-1	192	26	4	Louisiana Tech
Jawaan Taylor	74	T	6-5	330	26	5	Florida
BJ Thompson	53	DE	6-6	243	24	R	Stephen F. Austin
Joe Thuney	62	G	6-5	304	31	8	N.C. State
Kadarius Toney	19	WR	6-0	193	24	3	Florida
Tommy Townsend	5	P	6-1	191	27	4	Florida
Drue Tranquill	23	LB	6-2	234	28	5	Notre Dame
Marquez Valdes-Scantling	11	WR	6-4	206	29	6	University of South Florida
Jaylen Watson	35	CB	6-2	197	25	2	Washington State
Justin Watson	84	WR	6-2	215	27	6	Pennsylvania
Tereshawn Wharton	98	DT	6-1	280	25	4	Missouri S&T
Joshua Williams	2	CB	6-3	193	24	2	Fayetteville State Univ.
James Winchester	41	LS	6-3	209	34	9	Oklahoma
Reserve/Injured							
Nick Bolton	32	LB	5-11	237	23	3	Missouri
Jody Fortson	88	TE	6-4	226	27	3	Valdosta State
Nazeem Johnson	13	S	5-10	199	25	2	Marshall
Prince Tega Wanogho	76	T	6-5	308	26	3	Auburn
Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner							
Justyn Ross	8	WR	6-4	210	23	2	Clemson

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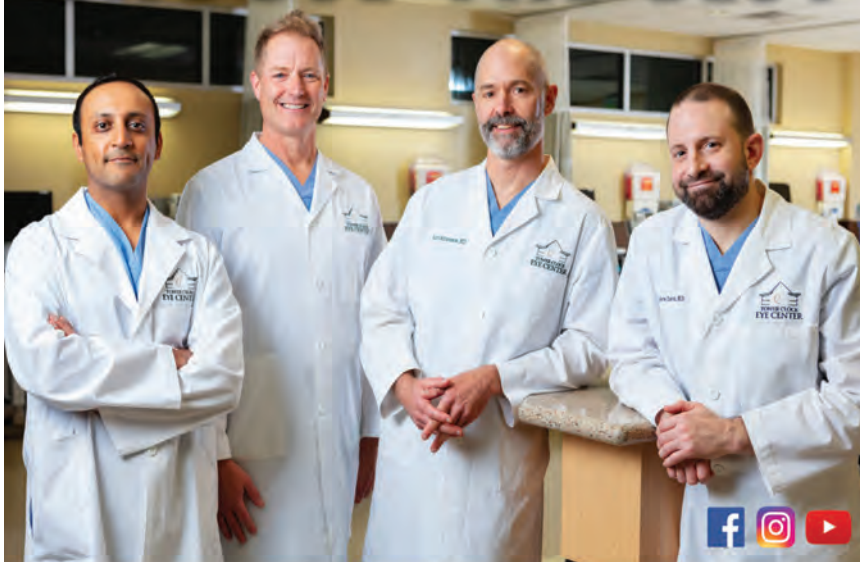
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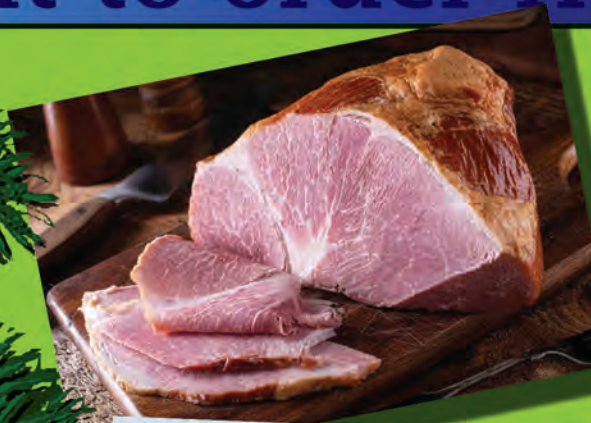
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