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Attorney shortage slows Noriega-Avila case

Case involving reported sexual assault of stepchild continued to February

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Justice is still on hold in a sexual assault case as Pedro Noriega-Avila continues to wait for an attorney through the public defender's office.

A Dec. 21 status conference showed that there is still no counsel for the defendant after his previous attorney withdrew from the case. Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge William Kussel Jr. received a report from the public defender's office two days earlier indicating there were no attorneys available to take the case.

Kussel noted during the conference that a shortage of attorneys has been a problem for the courts in Wisconsin



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for some time; but this is especially true in the case of Noriega-Avila, who speaks little English and requires an interpreter for court hearings.

"There is a general shortage of attorneys taking cases, not only with Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court but I understand throughout the state there's a shortage of attorneys taking these cases," Kussel said.

Noriega-Avila was initially charged in 2016 with one count of sexual assault of a child under age 13, two

counts of sexual assault of a child and two counts of incest with a child by stepparent. Court records show that Noriega-Avila appeared for his initial hearing in June of that year, paid a \$5,000 cash bond and then did not return for the next hearing.

Noriega-Avila was missing from the court for almost five years until his arrest in Arizona in 2021. Law enforcement responded to a U.S. Border Patrol station on March 13, 2021, regarding the warrant issued by the Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court for Noriega-Avila, and the defendant was already in custody when officers arrived. Noriega-Avila was brought back to Shawano County in July 2021.

Noriega-Avila remains in the

Shawano County Jail on a \$500,000 cash bond. He has been incarcerated for more than two years, mainly because of the difficulty in finding an attorney the first time around. It took until late 2022 before Sara Stertz was found to defend the case.

The defendant's trial was set to start in August, but the day before it was due to commence, Stertz withdrew from the case for two reasons — disagreement on defense strategies and the fact that she was in the late term of pregnancy.

Another status conference was scheduled for 3 p.m. Feb. 14 in Branch II of the Shawano County Courthouse.

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Shawano County Board approves landfill closure date

City will only operate site as transfer station starting in 2026

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

Shawano County is getting out of the landfill business.

The Shawano County Board on Dec. 20 approved a resolution approving the closure of Unit 5 of Phase 2 of the Shawano Landfill at the end of 2025. The resolution also addressed new per diem payments for the Shawano Solid Waste Management Board (SWMB) beginning in 2024.

"This is basically the first step to formally closing the landfill, and the MOU (memorandum of understanding) that's referred to in there will

have to be worked out, just what those fine details will be," County Board Chairman Tom Kautza said. "But, this actually first establishes now a final date that we will be out of the landfill business."

Effective Dec. 31, 2025, Unit 5 of Phase 2 of the Shawano Landfill, located on Rusch Road in the city of Shawano, will no longer accept waste, with the area then transitioning solely to a transfer station.

"I think the resolution here explains it pretty well," Supervisor Randy Young said. "It's something we've been working awhile, a little give and take from both sides."

Supervisor Arlyn Tober wondered

where the towns, especially those in the western part of the county, will be able to take their garbage.

"Can they just haul it straight over without coming to the transfer station?" he asked.

Kautza said towns will be able to take their trash to the location of their choosing.

"At that time, it will be up to everybody to decide what they would like to do — if they want to bring it to the transfer station, if they want to take it directly to Ringle, or if they're goofy enough and they want to haul it to Milwaukee, they can pay to haul it all the way down there. It's up to them," he said. "They're on their own, and the

county is completely out of it then."

Capping of this section in the Shawano Landfill will be completed as soon as possible thereafter or within 18 months after official closure, as required by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Officials with the SWMB, Shawano County and the City of Shawano expect to execute an agreement that will address future capping costs for this section and management restructuring of the Shawano Landfill Transfer Station.

Per diem payment for the SWMB are to be paid by funds acquired through tipping fees, effective Jan. 1, 2024.

Drowning victim's body recovered from Lulu Lake

A 78-year-old man was found dead at Lulu Lake early Christmas Day morning, the Shawano County Sheriff's Office said.

According to Lt. Jesse Sperberg, concerned family members called the

sheriff's office Dec. 24 saying the man was missing around 4:30 p.m.

He went fishing on Lulu Lake that day and had not returned home.

People found his vehicle near a boat landing and some ice fishing gear on

the lake.

Deputies and the Shawano Area Fire Department found an open hole in the ice near the fishing gear. Rescue and recovery efforts stopped at nightfall and restarted early Dec. 25.

The Shawano County Dive Team, Tigerton and Pulaski Police and Shawano County Coroner's Office helped.

The Sheriff's Office had not released the name of the ice fisherman as of press time.

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Restoration movement honored at feast

Menominee remember what it took to bring back tribal status, look toward future

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Community members feasted Dec. 21 at the Menominee Casino Resort as the Menominee Nation celebrated the 50th anniversary — one day early — of the arrangement that restored the tribe's status to be federally recognized.

"There are so many people that were involved and are still involved fighting to make sure we still remain a sovereign nation here in our ancestral homeland," said Menominee Tribal Legislator Joey Awonohopay.

The Menominee lost their status as a Native American tribe in 1961 through the Termination Act, but the Restoration Act, signed into law Dec. 22, 1973, returned what tribal members had lost. It took a lot of work by members of the tribe to make that happen — members like Sylvia Wilber, who joined other tribal members for the feast.

"It wasn't always pleasant," said Menominee Tribal Legislator Myrna Warrington. "I know Sylvia gave up a lot of time at home with her family and things like that. She was benefiting the tribe by sacrificing that time away, and that was really hard for her. We're really grateful, and if you look around, if they had not put up that fight, we wouldn't have our college, we wouldn't have the schools and all of these other places the tribe has worked hard to get. We would not have our tribal status, and we wouldn't have our lands back."

For Warrington, it's important that she and other tribal members pass on to younger generations the history about what happened to the tribe and what people did to bring the Menominee back to life. She pointed out that Restoration saw a number of violent periods, including from members of the tribe, which Warrington finds sad.

"I think it's kind of taken for granted that it's here, but it's only through the hard work of the Restoration Committee that we do have it," she said. "I hope that the schools can develop curriculum to make sure the kids know all this stuff."

Following a prayer in the Menominee tongue, Awonohopay noted that language was one of the key things being fought for, as it was almost driven to extinction by American policies designed to assimilate Na-



College of Menominee Nation President Christopher Caldwell points out some of the parallels of the college's 30th anniversary and the 50th anniversary of the Restoration Act that returned the Menominee's status as a federally recognized tribe.

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tive Americans and try to extinguish tribal traditions.

"From the first conversations that took place around the kitchen tables through the Restoration Committee to the first legislature, there have been so many great works that have done by so many hardworking, dedicated wonderful people and elders of our tribe," Awonohopay said. "It was their sweat, their tears that's why we're celebrating 50 years of Restoration. Very soon it will be 75 years, and a lot of your children will be here."

Christopher Caldwell, College of Menominee Nation president, noted that the college, which celebrated its 30th anniversary this year, has gone through highs and lows but has been resilient through the years because of the example set by those who fought for Restoration.

"Now, it's our responsibility for what we have to do so that we can be sitting here and listening to others about the next 50 years," Caldwell said.

While there have been 50 years where the Menominee could conduct their own affairs as a sovereign nation, Awonohopay doesn't believe that the peace will last forever.

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Sacred Heart giving exceeds expectations



Principal Gary Cumberland is turned multiple colors by his students Dec. 22 at Sacred Heart Catholic School.

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The Rev. Edward Looney is zapped by multiple shots of silly string Dec. 22 at Sacred Heart Catholic School from students selected to represent fifth through eighth grades as a celebration for collecting thousands of hygiene products during the Christmas season.

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Autumne Gee, admissions and development director at Sacred Heart Catholic School, introduces Jennifer Laude Bisterfeldt, Safe Haven executive director, at an event Dec. 22 where it was announced that the school exceeded its hygiene collection item goal three times over for Safe Haven and Shawano Area Matthew 25.

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OBITUARIES

Richard A. Pluger

Richard Allen Pluger, 75, of West Allis, passed away on Monday, Dec. 18, 2023, at Aurora Zilber Family Hospice in Wauwatosa. He fought a tough battle of Alzheimer's disease along with a recent onset of aspiration pneumonia.

Richard Allen Pluger was born on Nov. 5, 1948, in Shawano to Arvin and Maude "Betty" Pluger. He married Joanne Koerber on Feb. 10, 1968, and divorced after 21 years. Together, they had three daughters. After graduation, he worked at Menard Steel Casting Company for many years. Richard was an avid outdoorsman, especially enjoying hunting and



fishing. He was an excellent handyman and was the best father and grandpa. His grandchildren adored him and he loved spending time with them.

Survivors include his former wife, Joanne; three daughters, Jodi Szutkowski, Clintonville, Sherry (Tom) Ewald, Marion, and Sherryl Cruz, West Allis; grandchildren, Ashley Pluger, Kyle Ewald, Sarah Szutkowski and Kayla Szutkowski;

great-grandchildren, Lilianna Pluger and Emily Pluger; siblings, Janice Trattles, Shawano, James Pluger, Leopold, and Dennis (Cindy) Pluger, Clintonville; half-sisters, Charlotte Hauschultz, Christine Rasmussen, Carol Grunewald and Dawn Stueck; former sister-in-law, Ruth (Ron) Stanis; and nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Arvin and Betty Pluger; a brother, Arthur Pluger; a son-in-law, Joseph Szutkowski; nieces, Pamela and Mary Jean Pluger; brothers-in-law, Terry Trattles and Henry Grunewald; and former in-laws,

Robert and Ruby Koerber.

Richard's funeral service will be held Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in the Town of Pella with the Rev. Lois Graper officiating. Interment will follow at the church cemetery. Visitation will be held at the church on Wednesday from 9 a.m. until the time of the service.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund will be established by Richard's family.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory of Clintonville is assisting his family. www.eberhardtstevenson.com

Regis M. Westphal

Regis Marie Westphal, 96, went home to her Lord on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023, at Woodlands Senior Park in Fond du Lac.

Regis Marie Raaths was born at home on the farm July 13, 1927, in the Town of Angelica, first daughter of Harold and Marie (Kroening) Raaths. Dr. Shippey was the attending physician. Regis was baptized Aug. 7, 1927, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Zachow, and confirmed there on July 28, 1940, by Pastor A. Habermann. She attended Clover Leaf Grade School and the Pulaski High School, where she graduated in May 1945.

She was employed as society editor of the Shawano Evening Leader, then she moved to Bonduel in 1947 when she married Lothar M. Westphal at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Zachow. They lived near Bonduel until 1955 when they moved to Winneconne and lived there until 1963. They then moved to Highway K near Eden.

When Regis was 47, she returned to school and became a practical nurse, working at St. Agnes Hospital for 18 years.

Her husband, Lothar, died in July 1984, and two years later, Regis



sold their little 19-acre hobby farm and moved to Boyd Street in Fond du Lac. After 25 years, she moved into assisted living at St. Peter's Place, Fond du Lac. Two years ago, she moved to her final

residence at Woodlands Senior Park, Fond du Lac.

Regis was active in her church and in the community. At St. Paul's in Winneconne, she taught sixth grade catechism. At St. Peter's Lutheran Fond du Lac, she sang in the church choir, served on the Altar Guild and served as the secretary or treasurer for the Gleaners. She was also a member of the Winnebago Lutheran Academy Auxiliary where she served as secretary or treasurer and helped in the WLA kitchen for 1963-2008.

In the community, Regis was active in bowling for 50 years. She enjoyed her gardening and quilting and served on the park and recreation committee in Winneconne. For

15 years, she was a caregiver after retirement from St. Agnes.

She was always experimenting with her flowers. Her huge gardens with abundant crops of raspberries, asparagus and apples were a delight for all palates.

A book or two were always handy, especially biographies and autobiographies, and many years of attending Bible classes at her churches.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Marie Raaths; her husband, Lothar Westphal; three sisters, Marie Sauer (Rev. Joel), Faye Bonnin (Gilbert) and Gordis Beilfuss (Wally); one brother in-law, Leonard Banasynski.

Regis is survived by four children, Randall J. (Joyce), Riley (Peggy), of Fond du Lac, Rachel (Ted) Schmitz, Berlin, and Rebecca (Bruce) Bowe, Fond du Lac; 11 grandchildren, Matt (Sue) Schmitz, Fond du Lac, Jacob (Nicole) Schmitz, Bloomington, Minnesota, Stephanie (Rev. Phil) Janke, Fond du Lac, Renee (Rev. Michael) Kober, Lawrenceville, Georgia, Rachel (Rev. Bradley) Kerkow, Mankato, Minnesota, Jodi (Josh) Schoemann, West Bend, Ryan

(Nora) Westphal, Chicago, Illinois, Greta (Rev. Dave) Backus, Appleton, William (Amy) Westphal, Kimberly, Tony (Hayley) Bowe, Rochester, Minnesota, and Travis (Alyssa) Bowe, Beaver Dam; 27 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Karen (Earl) Brassow, Kimberly, and Ruth Banaszynski, Kaukauna; other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be Friday, Dec. 29, from 9:30-11 a.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 1600 S. Main St. Fond du Lac.

Funeral services will be Friday, Dec. 29, at 11 a.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac. The Rev. Stephen Sauer will officiate, and burial will be in Bethel Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the staff at Woodlands Senior Park for their care and compassion for Mom over the past two years.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials be made to St. Peter's Church and WLA Scholarships Fund.

Twohig Funeral Home has been entrusted with Regis's arrangements. Additional information and guest book can be found at www.twohigfunerals.com.

Jerry J. Becker

Jerry Joseph Becker, 85, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023, in Shawano. Jerry was born Dec. 16, 1938, in Shawano to the late Joseph and Amthilda (Priem) Becker.

On Oct. 1, 1977, he was united in marriage to Patti Kmecheck at St. Michael Catholic Church in Suring. He worked as a dairy farmer for most of his life before driving bus. In

Jerry's free time, he enjoyed driving his red golf cart, pontoon boat and boating on Big Lake in Gresham. His apple pie and chocolate chip cookies were his famous dishes. Jerry loved visiting family in Texas. He enjoyed spending time at the ocean, at his farm, with animals and driving around in his pickup truck.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 46

years, Patti Becker; children, Vicki Becker and Mary Becker; two dogs, Daisy and Rosey; special friends, Blan and Sandy; cousin, Bobby Hammer; and other cousins.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Amthilda Becker.

No services will be held at this time.

The family would like to extend a

special thank you to Dr. Born and the staff at Shawano ThedaCare hospital for all the wonderful care given to Jerry.

www.swedbergfuneralhome.com



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Ione Olga (Christian) Fahrenkrug, 97, Neenah, passed away Dec. 17, 2023, at Park View Health Center, Oshkosh, surrounded by her family.

She was born March 29, 1926, in Neenah, to the late John and Edna (Langner) Christian. Ione was united in marriage to Carl J. Fahrenkrug on Feb. 11, 1950, in Menasha. They celebrated 40 years of marriage before Carl's passing on March 30, 1990. She was a 1944 graduate of Neenah High School. She worked as a bookkeeper until she married.

Carl and Ione settled in Sheboygan for one year before moving back to Neenah to raise their 10 children. They remained in Neenah until 1987, when they moved to their retirement home in Cecil.

Ione was an adventurous traveler,



lent seamstress, enjoyed her flower garden, hiking and playing, cards and going to the casino with her women friends. Ione was a devoted sports fan of her favorite Wisconsin teams.

Ione will be missed by her children, Michael (Donna), Kathryn, Pat (Mike Anderson), Steve (Jean), Don (Julie), Barb (Dave Clausen), Tom (Paula), Brian (Marilyn) and Jim (Lisa Weadge); daughter-in-law,

camping and birding throughout the United States, Canada and other countries. She passed her love of the outdoors to her children and grandchildren.

She was an excel-

Cindy; 15 grandchildren, Chad, Angie Cain (Josh), Paul (Kelly), Brendan, Ryan, Bailey (Sean Wilson), Sam, Jake (Jennifer), Nick (Elizabeth), Zach (Jamie), Derek (Becca), Lydia, Jared, Mary Ndiaye (Mouhamadou), Brandon; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Ione was preceded in death by her husband. Carl; son David; brothers- and sisters-in-law, Franklin Fahrenkrug, Evelyn Fahrenkrug Vanden Brook, Carola (Elof) Nygren, Gretchen (Edward) Howley, Myron (Rita) Fahrenkrug, Mary (Sylvester) Zielinski, Maurelia (Clarence) Godhardt, Edmund (Helen), Vernon (Arlene) Fahrenkrug and Dorothy (Elmer) Chouinard.

A celebration of life will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023, at Congregational United Church of

Christ, 1511 Nicolet Blvd., Neenah, by the Rev. Jeannie Douglas. Visitation will be held at 9:30 a.m., with service to follow at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to Park View Health Center, 725 Butler Ave., Oshkosh, WI 54901-8149, to the activities department for the garden and aviary. Ione loved spending time in the gardens and watching the birds in the aviaries.

Our family extends a special thanks to the staff at Park View Health Center for their many years of compassionate care for "Grandma."

The Kessler-Fahrenkrug Funeral Home, 304 S. Commercial St., Neenah, is assisting the family. Online condolences can be made at www.kesslerfh.com.

Prostate health issues should not be ignored

Prostate health can be one of those topics that is difficult to talk about, or even think about.

"As men get older, it's common for the prostate gland to enlarge," said Dr. Andrew Maes, a urology specialist for ThedaCare. "One sign this might be happening is that you need to use the bathroom at night more often, or you might have a harder time starting urination."

The prostate is a gland that is part of the male reproductive system. It is about the size of a walnut and it sits below the bladder, which is why it can cause problems with urination if it enlarges. In that case, patients also might feel a more frequent or urgent need to urinate, and they might have a urine stream that starts and stops, or is rather weak generally.

"These symptoms are more than annoying; they can also cause problems with the bladder, urinary tract or kidneys, and it can create uncomfortable problems such as blocked urinary flow," Maes said. "That's why

you should see your provider if you begin to notice these changes."

Without treatment, symptoms will worsen over time. An enlarged prostate can cause infections of the urinary tract or bladder, can create a sudden inability to urinate or lead to kidney damage.

"When you visit your physician, a few things will take place," Maes said. "We will perform a digital rectal exam to check the size of your prostate. We also will send a urine sample to the lab to rule out any infections that can cause similar health problems."

Providers also will conduct a blood test to check your prostate-specific antigen (PSA) level, which can increase when someone has an enlarged prostate. PSA levels also can rise when people have an infection, had a recent surgery, or have prostate cancer.

"For an enlarged prostate, generally medication is often the first treatment option," said Maes.

"Prescription medication can relax the muscles around the neck of the bladder, as well as the muscle fibers in the prostate."

Medication also can also help shrink the size of the prostate. If medication is not effective, or if there are already severe symptoms, another option is minimally invasive surgery.

Prostate cancer is one of the most common cancers in men. It is normally contained to the prostate gland and grows slowly, though some forms can be aggressive and spread to other parts of the body.

While screening can pose the risk of overdiagnosis and treatment of a cancer that may not become deadly, men who have a history of cancer in their families may want to get regular screenings. The American Cancer Society recommends men talk with their provider and make decisions about screening based on the available information and their understanding of the risks and benefits.

The organization offers the following recommendations about when to begin screenings:

- Age 50 for those who are expected to live at least 10 more years and have average risk of prostate cancer.

- Age 45 for men at high risk, which includes those with a father or brother who were diagnosed with prostate cancer younger than age 65, and Black and African-American men, who have a higher risk of developing an aggressive type of prostate cancer.

- Age 40 for those males who have had more than one first-degree relative with prostate cancer younger than age 65.

"Always discuss your family history with your provider," Maes said. "Other types of cancers in your family, including breast, ovarian or pancreatic cancer, can mean you are also at higher risk for prostate cancer."

Decisions about screening should continue as a man's health status evolves over the years.

Shawano County deputies get new 3-year contract

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

Shawano County deputies will begin the new year with a new three-year contract with the county, following approval of the deal by the county board Dec. 20.

Updates and revisions to the collective bargaining agreement primar-

ily related to wages.

The contract includes a 7% pay raise in 2024 for patrol officers and detectives. Wages will increase 6% in 2025 and 4.5% in 2026.

"The county's labor attorney worked on this contract," Sheriff George Lenzner said. "I think it's a fair contract. It's very similar to other counties in our area our size."

The contract will be effective from Jan. 1, 2024, to Dec. 31, 2026.

Starting wages for a new deputy in 2024 will be \$28.24 per hour. That rate will be \$29.93 in 2025 and \$31.28 in 2026. Pay increases are planned again at six, 18, 30 and 84 months.

A new detective will receive \$34.81 per hour in 2024, \$36.90 in 2025 and \$38.56 in 2026. An hourly

increase is in place at 24 months.

Wages for the school resource officer and court services officer deputies will be at the same rate as the patrol position.

"It's within budget for next year. It's within what we had put in the budget," said Tom Kautza, board chairman. "The union was happy with it. They ratified it."

Sacred Heart Student Council having active year

Members share their stories with church parishioners

Sacred Heart Catholic School Student Council members hosted December's Hospitality Weekend for Sacred Heart Parish the weekend of Dec. 2-3.

Members were asked to volunteer to get in front of the congregation at each Mass and share information about the Student Council, such as what this opportunity offers them, events they've sponsored, activities they have organized, fundraisers they have led, service work the group has completed, and what things they have coming up.

After Mass, student council members handed out treats they had made.

Sacred Heart's Student Council has been busy this school year with making Christmas cards for veterans, organizing a food drive for the



Sacred Heart Catholic School Student Council members handed out treats to parishioners after the 10:45 a.m. Mass on Dec. 3. From left, are Lily Gee, secretary, eighth grade; Libby Wojnowiak, eighth grade; Ramona Meidam, fourth grade; Holly Gee, fifth grade; and Evelyn Ross, seventh grade.

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local pantry, raising funds through a Pajama Day for Feed my Starving Children, making tie blankets for nursing home residents, decorating

the school's Christmas tree at Franklin Park and organizing a Halloween party for the school.

The group is also collaborating

with school administration for the Christmas Spirit Week activities and dress-up days, as well as Catholic Schools Week events and activities.

Tavern League donates to Safe Haven



The Wisconsin Tavern League presented a \$250 donation to Safe Haven at the fourth annual Shawano-Menominee County First Responders Ball of the Badges on Nov. 10 at North Star Mohican Casino Resort. Pictured are, from left, Amanda Gauthier, of Wisconsin Tavern League; Jennifer Bisterfeldt, Safe Haven executive director; Karli Dallmann, Safe Haven administrative assistant and volunteer coordinator; and Rachel Bleser, Safe Haven community engagement specialist.

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Sheriff's office provides fingerprinting services for general public

The Shawano County Sheriff's Office provides fingerprinting services to the general public or those applying for professional licenses.

The cost for fingerprinting is \$25 for two cards. An acceptable identification to request fingerprinting is needed.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 30

SHAWANO: Bonduel Lions Club Fishing Derby and Meat Raffle, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bamboo Bar, W5884 Cedar Court.

SHAWANO: Worship service, 5 p.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1254 S. Union St.

ABRAMS: Machickanee in the Moonlight, 5:30-8 p.m., BlackBerry Ramble Trail, 6625 Timberline Road. Hike, snowshoe or cross-country ski. Bring headlamps or flashlights; the trail will not be lighted. Socialize at the trailhead.

SUNDAY, DEC. 31

SHAWANO: New Year's Eve service, 9 a.m. Zion Lutheran Church, 1254 S. Union St.

MONDAY, JAN. 1

SHAWANO: Polar Plunge for Charity, 2 p.m., The Lighthouse, W6440 Gumaer Road.

THURSDAY, JAN. 4

OCONTO: Historical Society Speaker Series, 6:30 p.m., Beyer Home and Carriage Museum, 915 Park Ave. Presentation about the 1871 lynching of Louis Nohr. Free admission, light refreshments to be served.

SATURDAY, JAN. 6

SHAWANO: Northern and Bass Tournament and Meat Raffle, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bamboo Bar, W5884 Cedar Court.

Head out to state parks On New Year's Day

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) encourages Wisconsinites to join the DNR at one of several First Day Hikes scheduled at state properties on New Year's Day.

Participating in a First Day Hike is a healthy, refreshing way to kick off the new year.

From Richard Bong State Recreation Area in Kenosha County to Straight Lake State Park in Polk County, First Day Hikes are scheduled near most corners of Wisconsin.

Several properties offer one- to three-mile guided hikes led by property naturalists or local experts. These hikes have a specific start time and gathering spot, providing a great introduction to winter adventuring for beginner hikers or those new to exploring Wisconsin's natural areas. Experienced hikers are invited to share their knowledge and help build the state's outdoor community. Some guided hikes are pet-free, so please check with the property before bringing your furry friends.



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Social media tips for when loved one dies

Dear Savvy Senior:

How do I go about canceling a person's social media accounts when they die? My wife passed away a few months ago and her social media accounts are still active.

Sad Spouse

Dear Sad:

I'm very sorry for your loss, but this is a smart move on your behalf and one that often gets overlooked. Social media is part of many people's daily lives, but when a person passes away, their dormant accounts can become vulnerable to scammers who can hack into them and even steal your deceased loved one's identity.

Here's a rundown of how you can cancel or change many different social media accounts after a loved one dies.

- Facebook: If your wife used Facebook, you can either "memorialize" or "delete" her account.

A memorialized account serves as a place where family and friends can share memories to celebrate the deceased person's life, with the word "Remembering" shown next to the deceased person's name. Once an



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Columnist

account is memorialized, content the person shared is still visible on Facebook to the audience it was originally shared with. However, the user's profile will not show up in public spaces such as people you may know, ads or birthday reminders.

To memorialize your wife's profile simply go to facebook.com/help/contact/234739086860192. If you'd rather have her account removed, go to facebook.com/help/contact/228813257197480.

To memorialize her account requires proof of death (via death certificate, obituary or memorial card), but if you wish to delete the account, you'll also need to verify that you're an immediate family member, legal

representative or executor, unless you're the legacy contact on her account.

- Instagram: The policy on a deceased user's Instagram account is the similar to Facebook's, which owns Instagram. You can either memorialize or remove the account at help.instagram.com/264154560391256. But just like with Facebook, you'll need to provide proof of death and relationship to the deceased.

- X (formerly Twitter): To deactivate an X account, go to help.twitter.com and type in "How to contact X about a deceased family member's account" in the search bar and follow the prompts. After you submit your request, X will email you with instructions for providing more details, including information about the deceased, a copy of your ID, and a copy of the deceased's death certificate.

- YouTube and/or Google: To close these accounts, simply go to support.google.com/accounts/troubleshooter/6357590 and fill out their form and upload scans of the

death certificate and your ID.

- Pinterest: To remove a Pinterest account, email care@pinterest.com with the deceased user's account username, proof of death and proof of relationship to the deceased.

- LinkedIn: To remove a deceased person's LinkedIn profile, submit a request at linkedin.com/help/linkedin/ask/ts-rdmlp. You'll need to provide the name and URL to the profile; the relationship you have to the deceased; the email address; date of passing; and link to an obituary.

- Snapchat: To delete this account, simply login to the account and click "Delete My Account" and follow the prompts.

- Tumblr: Send an email to support@tumblr.com requesting to remove the account of the deceased person with their Tumblr username, proof of their death, and proof of your relationship to the deceased.

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El Jefe offers traditional, unique tastes

Restaurant name tribute to grandfather of Sergio Hernandez

By LYNN ZAFFRANN
Correspondent

The new El Jefe Mexican Bar and Grill, 201 N. Airport Road, Shawano, almost didn't happen.

"El Jefe came about, the opportunity was there for us, but honestly, at first I refused," Perla Hernandez said. "I didn't want any more. But my husband, Sergio, always had this idea, like in the back of his head. He wanted to do something very different. So that's why it all started."

The Hernandezes already owned three El Tequila restaurants, one each in Shawano, Antigo and New London. They had a busy life with the restaurants and Perla Hernandez's nursing job. They have three boys, Christian, 17, Matteo, 14, and Julian, 11, who keep them busy.

Perla Hernandez changed her mind, and the couple took over the vacant restaurant in the Shawano Four Seasons Hotel. They took down a wall, put in booths and tables and décor reminiscent of their favorite restaurants in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

Customers who have recently dined at the new restaurant may be surprised to hear that El Jefe is still perfecting its menu.

"It's been a work in progress," Perla Hernandez said. "Because everything happened so quickly, and in the middle of this opening and remodeling, we had a trip to Italy that was planned a year ago."

"Bad timing," added Sergio Hernandez, with a laugh.

"It's working out great," Perla Hernandez said. "We're just taking it slowly. That's why we don't have the menu finalized. We're still working on it. I think we're almost done."

"We don't want to compete with El Tequila," Sergio Hernandez said.

"From the beginning, we said that if we're going to open something, we're going to make it completely different from El Tequila but also stay true to our flavors and show people that Mexican food isn't just tacos and burritos," Perla Hernandez said. "There can be so much more flavor and diverse ingredients."

At El Jefe, they have noted that there seem to be some favorites from the number of customers ordering



The Shawano Woman's Club celebrates its annual Christmas party at the new El Jefe Mexican Bar and Grill, 201 N. Airport Road, Shawano. The open area easily accommodates the 45 club members. Owners Perla and Sergio Hernandez took over the space in early summer. They had walls removed and added decor similar to restaurants they visit in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

LYNN ZAFFRANN

certain dishes.

"For favorite plates now, we see puerco relleno, made with pork, sweet potato puree, ancho pepper sauce, sausage, vegetables and pecans," Perla Hernandez said.

Another dish that is popular since they opened is pollo adobado, chicken made with plantain puree and a citrus sauce.

"We think that when people see 'pepper,' the food is going to be spicy, but nothing on the menu, honestly, is going to be spicy," she said.

"People in town are very afraid to try different things, you know," Sergio Hernandez said.

Perla Hernandez said this has been one of their biggest barriers.

"They don't know a lot of the flavors we use," she said. "But yesterday, we offered a young octopus, grilled. The feedback we received was amazing. Honestly, I haven't received any bad feedback. We always like to hear the good or the bad. Our goal is to make it right."

"We travel quite a lot, we've seen a lot, we've tasted quite a lot of food throughout the world, actually."

"The inspiration came from back

where we're from. We normally go back to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, every year. Every time we go there, we have the best food, the best flavors, and I think that's what inspired us to the theme and to the food at El Jefe."

The Hernandezes moved to Shawano in 2008. Sergio Hernandez said the first El Tequila was opened in Antigo, and two years later, another restaurant was opened in New London before the family came to Shawano.

Perla Hernandez said her husband practically grew up in the restaurant world.

"I started at 13, washing dishes," Sergio Hernandez said.

"His dad was an immigrant worker, from Mexico," Perla Hernandez added. "He would work at a factory (in Chicago) but also decided to open a restaurant in the late 1980s. Sergio came from a good background of restaurants, he knows what it is, and I kinda got involved with it when I met him, and started learning from the bottom up."

Sergio Hernandez noted that the owner of a former Hardee's building in Antigo gave him a land contract.

"That was the only spot that gave

us the opportunity," he said.

Perla Hernandez recalled the challenges of the early years, noting her oldest son was 5 years old, and her second was only five months when the first restaurant opened and had to stay at the restaurant while his parents worked.

The word "El Jefe" translates to "Boss."

"A lot of people think it refers to Sergio, but in reality, when you walk into El Jefe, you see very personal pictures of our family," Perla Hernandez said. "And all of them are of his grandpa. Sergio was raised by his grandparents in Guadalajara, Mexico, because it was so hard on his parents working in Chicago."

"His grandfather was Jesus Hernandez. I had the privilege of meeting him. He was always busy with his agave farm, dealing with his cows. El Jefe is a tribute to his grandfather."

Perla Hernandez now works mostly at El Jefe, while continuing her position as a nurse at ThedaCare.

"I was kinda thrown into this again," she said, smiling. "But I'm also backing Sergio up, for whatever his dreams are."



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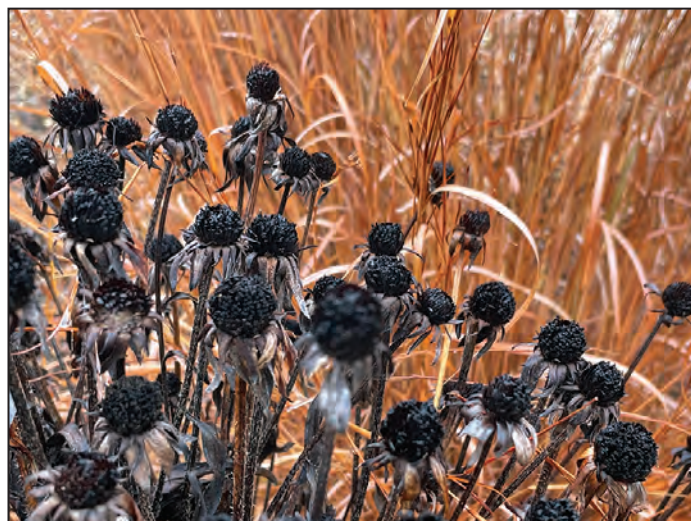
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ROB ZIMMER

Texture brings beauty to gardens in winter

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There are many great ways to bring texture to the winter garden in the shape and form of the plants we include in our landscapes.

While they look beautiful all through spring, summer and fall, many of these plants stand out exceptionally well during the winter season.

Texture brings pleasing interest, movement and motion, contrast, gracefulness and flow to the garden, especially once the snow begins to fly.

Some of the best garden plants that bring incredible texture to the garden are ornamental grasses. Providing, of course, that you don't cut them back in the fall, ornamental grasses provide winter-long beauty, grace and elegance, as well as vertical interest in the garden.

Many grasses also feature gorgeous color, even in the winter, in shades of metallic gold, copper and bronze. The feathery plumes of many grasses make them stand-out texture beauties in the winter garden.

The seed heads of many garden plants — especially sunflowers, purple coneflowers and black-eyed Susans, as well as old-fashion favorites like Queen Anne's lace and goldenrod, along with bee balm, turtlehead and others — bring much beauty and texture to the winter garden.

Conifers, of course, are another source of texture in the winter garden. The needles and scaly fronds of many conifers are standouts in the winter garden. Be sure to include



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conifers in gold and powder blue, as well as the standard shades of evergreen.

Even the berries and fruits of many of our garden plants provide winter beauty and texture.

Round clusters of berries in red, blue and purple bring a burst of color as well as their unique texture. Berry-producing trees and shrubs such as juniper, highbush cranberry, ninebark, chokeberries and others are great additions to the winter garden.

Don't forget the trees when it comes to planning for texture in the garden. The ruffled, feathery bark of white birch, river birch and yellow birch is beautiful in all seasons.

Shagbark hickory, hackberry, hawthorne, black cherry and others feature distinct bark textures that are perfect for the winter garden.

Other sources of texture for the winter garden come in the form of our adornments and hardscape. Natural rock, brick and woodwork all provide great opportunities to add additional texture to the garden to last all through winter.

Seasonal adornments such as boughs, wreaths, swags and porch pots featuring evergreens and birch logs, pine cones and other natural elements add to the texture and beauty of the winter garden.

Master naturalists learn about world around them

As we approach the end of the year, it is a time of reflection. As a result, we often set new goals for ourselves. Get in shape. Learn something new. Help out the world in some way. The problem is we don't always know how to go about accomplishing these goals. What if I were to tell you I know a great way to achieve all three?

Join me in becoming a Wisconsin master naturalist. A master naturalist is a certified volunteer who helps take care of Wisconsin's natural resources. You prepare by completing a 40-hour training program consisting of a series of expert-led, classroom sessions and field experiences focusing on a broad understanding of geology, ecology, wildlife, plant communities, water, aquatic life, human connections and environmental education.

I completed this training last summer. The words "training program" may sound scary, but let me tell you there is nothing to be afraid of. In fact, it was like summer camp for nature-loving adults. I enjoyed climbing rock formations, foraging the forest floor, wading barefoot through a cool stream to check for water quality, and viewing the night sky using powerful telescopes. My two favorite topics were witnessing bird banding and catching butterflies for data collecting.

There were 18 Wisconsin master naturalist training programs offered this year at various locations throughout the state with a variety of scheduling options. Although each training session is unique based on the location, field experiences and guest experts, the key concepts remain consistent. Training programs for 2024 are listed at <https://wimasternaturalist.org/trainings/volunteer-training>.

I completed my training at Beaver Creek Reserve in Fall Creek, a reserve with over 400 acres of woods, rivers, and marshes. Beaver Creek Reserve also has a butterfly house and Hobbs Observatory. It was a great opportunity to learn there. The best part of the training was the instructors; they were friendly, kind and patient. They brought in very knowledgeable experts to help.

Part of the training is to participate in a group capstone project. I chose to catch butterflies and record data about them. We set out armed with clipboards and butterfly nets. I hadn't held a butterfly net in 50 years. It was like going back in time.



Participants in a Wisconsin master naturalist class held last summer in Fall Creek discuss water quality.

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There was no problem finding butterflies; the problem was catching them. We chased the butterflies through the prairie, jumping over tall grasses, swinging our nets left and right, but to no avail. So humiliating. Our classmates thought we were quite entertaining. I don't remember having this problem when I was younger.

Eventually, we caught enough butterflies to collect the data we needed. We even captured a giant swallowtail, the largest butterfly in North America.

Once trained, master naturalists volunteer 40 hours of service and complete eight hours of advanced training each year to maintain certifi-

cation and receive a recognition pin. You will be given access to a website that lists all of the advanced training and volunteer opportunities available and people to help you at any time.

The volunteer opportunities are split into these three categories: education/interpretation, citizen science and stewardship. Education/interpretation supports opportunities for learning such as making brochures or teaching a small group about butterflies. Citizen scientists gather data such as bird banding or bat monitoring. Stewards help take care of Wisconsin's land and water such as pulling invasive plants and maintaining trails.

As a retired teacher, I thought about volunteering in the education/interpretation area, but the reason I chose to become a master naturalist is to try new things out in nature. If you've read my other columns, you know I'm a bird nerd; therefore, some activities I hope to do are to help in bird counts, participate in bird banding and assist on birding tours.

You will be able to find something that you enjoy doing, too. There are a wide variety of volunteer opportunities in each of those three categories, and next year more core subject areas will be added including sections on weather and climate, natural history and a section devoted to fostering the sense of community in the master naturalist network.

I feel so honored to be a part of this community of people who care for Wisconsin's natural world. As Margaret Mead once said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

So this year, as you are contemplating your new year resolutions, consider becoming a Wisconsin master naturalist. You will get plenty of exercise, learn new things, meet like-minded people and help to make our part of the world a better place.

Lisa Jansen is a Wisconsin master naturalist, nature writer, and award-winning photographer. She specializes in raising awareness of birds and butterflies of the Midwest.

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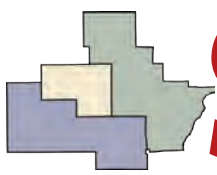
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Pulaski holds on as buzzer beater falls short

By **DUSTIN RIESE**
Correspondent

In what was their final game until the new year, the Pulaski Red Raiders (5-3) faced off against the Manitowoc Lincoln Ships (3-4) for what was another classic Fox River Classic Conference contest Dec. 22. With both teams looking to get on a roll after an up-and-down start, this was one of those games that went down to the wire.

Trailing by nine late in the second half, Edward Bolchen put the Ships on his back as he connected for several triples as part of his game-high 26 points. That included a four-point play with less than a minute to go as the Ships pulled within one of the Red Raiders. Looking to ice the game at the free throw line, Pulaski missed a pair of free throws as Manitowoc had a chance to win the game, only to see Bolchen's buzzer beater fall short as Red Raiders held on for the 55-54 win.

"This was a good win for us tonight," head coach Jeff Polkowski said. "Manitowoc shot the ball well from distance tonight and did a great job making us work for our points. We have a lot of improvements to make, but can head into the holidays with some positive momentum."

In a time where the 3-point ball has changed the game of basketball, both teams came out on fire from distance with Dixon Holewinski opening the game with a triple followed by the Bolchen triple. In fact, the first three made buckets for Manitowoc came from beyond the arc as the Ships opened up an early 9-5 lead. Pulaski continued to answer with Ethan Schmidt connecting on another step back three to pull within 9-8, only to have Bolchen hit from distance again as the Red Raiders were down 14-8.

That was the largest deficit they would face in the game as they got away from the 3-point game and started to work the ball inside and closed out the first half on an 18-8 run.

Polkowski was impressed with how the defense, in particular the press, took over as that changed the course of the first half.

"Our press was effective early on in the game," he said. "It was great to



Bryce Wotruba takes the contact and tries to convert on a layup against Manitowoc on Dec. 22.

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see the players make the adjustments in practice this week and see them transfer it to the game."

Colin Schultz and Dylan Dorn played a huge role in that as Schultz led the Red Raiders with 18 points while Dorn added 12. Dorn especially played a big role in the first half, scoring six of 10 for Pulaski at one point to give the Red Raiders a 23-22 lead before Pulaski extended their lead to 26-22 at the half.

Looking to build off their strong finish to the first half, it was the Red Raiders who came out strong again as Schmidt connected for a corner three to finish with 10 points and gave the Red Raiders three double-digit scorers in the game.

That three was mixed with a

corner three by Nathan Jossie to push the lead to 37-30, but it was the Schultz show early on in the second half as the junior guard took over. At one point, Schultz scored seven consecutive points for the Red Raiders and had 10 of 13 overall during the second half as he was on a mission and helped give the Raiders their biggest lead of the game, 43-35.

"Colin let the game come to him, and he helped give us an edge that ultimately held Manitowoc," Polkowski said. "Collectively, everyone responded this evening with getting a win going into winter break."

On the verge of falling behind by double digits, Bolchen took over the game down the stretch and put the Ships on his back to lead the



Nathan Jossie battles a Manitowoc player in the Fox River Classic Conference game Dec. 21.

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comeback. Whether from the free throw line or from distance, Bolchen wouldn't let the Red Raiders pull away as he had Manitowoc within 51-47 late. Following a pair of Schmidt free throws, all the focus went to Bolchen who found Brayden Steinbecker inside for the 3-point play to make things 53-50.

The biggest play of the game came five minutes later and it was after the Red Raiders took a 55-50 lead on a pair of free throws. Needing points in a hurry, Bolchen was left alone on the wing and connected for another fade away three to pull within 55-53. To make matters worse, he was fouled on the play and proceeded to hit the free throw as Pulaski's lead was cut to 55-54.

With less than 10 seconds to go and the ball in their hands, Pulaski had a chance to go up by three, but a pair of missed free throws from Holewinski gave the Ships one last chance to steal the victory. Fortunately, the Red Raiders defense put enough pressure on the Ships to force a tough shot as the Bolchen buzzer beater came up short and the Red Raiders held on for the win.

Bonduel boys fight back to beat Peshtigo

Wittenberg-Birnamwood struggled early on and never challenged St. Mary Catholic in a 76-47 loss Dec. 22.

"Never really in it tonight," coach Garrett Rogowski said. "Had three out with illness and injury but still didn't execute well on either end of the floor. Shooting percentage had to be low."

The Chargers trailed 36-16 at the break and were outscored 40-31 after that.

Jett Rogowski led Witt-Birn with 17 points, and Oliver Fraaza added 12.

Next up is a Jan. 2 home game against Amherst.

Thursday, Dec. 21

Bonduel

Peshtigo took a 30-29 lead going into halftime, but Bonduel poured it on in the 44-18 second half to earn the 73-48 non-conference win.

At the basket, Bonduel was led by Cade Johnson with 20 points, Owen Springborn with 13 and Race Anvelink with 11.

The Bears improved to 6-1 overall.

Lena

Lena earned its first Marinette & Oconto Conference win of the season with a 57-45 victory over Oneida Nation.

The visitors led 27-22 at the break, but the Wildcats scratched back in the second half, 35-18.

Mason Spice led Lena with 23 points.

Lena improved to 1-3 in conference action and 4-4 overall. Their next game is Jan. 5 at home against Gillett.

Bowler

Still in search of its first win of the year, Bowler did not find it when they hosted Port Edward, losing 80-20 in non-conference play. Bowler is 0-8 overall.

Gillett

Ben Matczak scored 29 points, but it still wasn't enough for Gillett as the

Tigers lost 74-70 to Florence in non-conference action.

Jesse DeBauch added another 16 points for Gillett, and Aydin Franti poured in 14 more.

Florence led by five at the half, and Gillett had a one-point advantage in the second half.

Marion

The Mustangs suffered their second loss of the season, losing 62-49 to Northeast Wisconsin Christian Home School.

Trialing by three at the break, Marion steadily fell behind until they were outscored by another 10 points in the second half.

Marion is 8-2 overall.

Shawano

The Hawks dropped to 1-3 in the Bay Conference and 2-8 overall after a 67-53 loss to New London.

Suring

Suring remains winless at 0-5 in the Marinette & Oconto Conference after losing 56-34 to Coleman.

Trent VanDenElzen led the Eagles with 14 points.

Suring was outscored by 15 points in the first half and seven in the second.

Next up for Suring is a Jan. 5 home game against Niagara.

Tigerton

Tigerton is on a four-game winning streak and is 6-1 overall after defeating Rosholt 42-28.

James Brady led the Tigers with 14 points.

Logan Wanta had 11 boards, and Brady had 10. Brady, Joey Zimdars and Sam Anheuser each had two assists, and Maverick Maas had four steals.

Tuesday, Dec. 19

Bowler

Bowler dropped to 0-7 overall after its 46-28 loss to Rosholt in non-conference action.

Gillett

A 75-69 loss to Manawa dropped Gillett to 4-2 overall this season.

Manawa led 37-28 at the half, while Gillett outscored their hosts 41-38 in the second half.

Jesse DeBauch led the Tigers with 26 points, followed by Thomas Carmody with 19, Aydin Franti with 13, Ben Matczak with nine and Bradin Bjelland with two.

Lena

Lena took it on the chin in a 52-35 non-conference loss to Goodman/Pembine.

Mason Spice was the only Lena player to score in double digits, knocking down 16 on the night.

Goodman/Pembine was the better team in each half, outscoring their hosts 28-19 in the first half and 24-16 in the second.

Marion

Marion's first loss of the season came at the hands of Port Edwards in a 66-52 final score. It was a non-conference game, so Marion, 8-1 overall, remains unbeaten in the Central Wisconsin Conference-North Conference at 3-0.

Port Edwards doubled up on the Mustangs, 38-19, in the first half. Marion's 33-28 advantage in the second half wasn't enough for the win.

Parker Miller led the Mustangs with 21 points, followed by Enea Turini with 14 and Ryan Malueg with 11. Miller connected on five 3-pointers, and Turrini had three.

Malueg and Miller each had nine rebounds, Miller had three assists and three steals.

Pulaski

Colin Schultz scored 15 points to lead Pulaski on the scoreboard, but the Red Raiders finished just shy of a win, losing 75-72 to Bay Port.

Also scoring in double digits for Pulaski were Ethan Schmidt with 14,

Dylan Dorn with 14 and Dixon Holewinski with 11.

Pulaski led 42-39 at the half, but Bay Port's 36-30 second-half performance was enough for them to declare victory.

Chargers beat Hawks

Wittenberg-Birnamwood used a strong second half to defeat Shawano 55-51 in non-conference action.

"Nice win for the boys tonight," coach Garrett Rogowski said. "Down nine at the half and got solid contributions from everyone. Had over 20 deflections in the second half."

The Chargers improved to 4-3, while the Hawks dropped to 2-7.

Monday, Dec. 18

Bonduel

Bonduel used an overtime period to come out on top of Clintonville, 55-54, in a non-conference game.

Race Anvelink led Bonduel with 22 points, including six 3-pointers. Noah Weier led with seven rebounds, Colin Margelofsky had six assists, and Cade Johnson and Weier each had two steals.

Clintonville led 24-21 at the half, but Bonduel outscored their guests 29-26 in the second half to send the game into OT. A 5-4 overtime score gave the win to the Bears.

Gresham

Nolan Pecore's nine points were the most by any Gresham player as the Wildcats lost 69-39 to Wausaukee in non-conference action.

Wausaukee won both halves, leading 36-22 at the break and outscoring Gresham 33-17 in the second half.

Shawano

Logan Sipple scored 13 points and Ryan Shanty added 11 as the Shawano boys were crushed 78-38 by Appleton North in a non-conference game.

Appleton North led 34-16 at the half and outscored the Hawks 44-22 in the second half.



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Rocky third period spells defeat for Shawano hockey

By **DUSTIN RIESE**
COrrespondent

It's not always about how you start a game but how you finish it.

For the Shawano/Bonduel boys hockey team, Dec. 19 was one of those nights where you not only start poorly, but finish poorly, too, leading to a less than appealing result.

After falling behind by a pair of goals in the first period, the Hawks did a great job bouncing back in the second to tally two goals of their own, but after allowing three more, continued to trail 5-2. Then came the third period, which could go down as a period to forget as the Hawks allowed four more goals to fall to the Stars 9-2 in Badgerland Conference action.

"Once again, we started slow and fell behind by multiple goals," head coach Adam Gafner said. "While the energy and focus were there, discipline was an issue. We have to stop taking penalties as three of their first four goals came on the power play. That puts your defense in a tough spot and one you don't want to be in too often."

It didn't take long for the Stars to open up the scoring as they were pressuring Dylan Prochaska right from the start. After coming away with a big kick save early in the opening period, the puck bounced right to Mason Weyers, who put it home to put the Stars in front for good 1-0. They managed to hold that lead until the later stages of the first period, when a costly penalty resulted in a power play opportunity and a Will Cote goal to give the Stars a 2-0 lead after one period of play.

Things continued to get worse for the Hawks in the second period as their inability to get much of anything going against Elliot Reichenbacher in



Cameron Schroeder fires a shot far post in Shawano/Bonduel's 9-2 loss gains the Fox Cities Stars on Dec. 19.

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goal – mixed with a defense that was facing constant pressure throughout the night – led to another rough period. Spencer Winnekens made things 3-0 just over four minutes into the second period.

Winnekens was just getting started as he connected for a power play goal a few minutes later, with Blayke Adamovich following suit less than three minutes later as the Stars connected for three power play goals in the first two periods and opened up a 5-0 lead.

Needing offense in a hurry, the Hawks finally started to move the puck inside the Fox Cities blue line and began to put pressure on Reichenbacher, who faced just nine shots in the first 30 minutes. In a span of one minute, the Hawks picked up

not one, but two even strength goals to pull closer as Maxwell Huntington and Cameron Schroeder lit the lamp to bring the Hawks within 5-2 after two.

Gafner was proud of how his team continued to fight despite facing such a large deficit early on.

"I thought we did a great job battling through the end of the second period to pick up those goals," he said. "We had multiple chances to add on and make things 5-3 but couldn't find the back of the net. From there, they took over and put us away."

Hoping to use that late period momentum to their advantage, Kaiden Thornborrow remained between the pipes after taking over for Prochaska

midway through the first period, and the results were not much better as he came away with 24 saves in just over a period of action. Eighteen of those saves came in the final 17 minutes. While the 18 saves is what stands out, when you face 21 shots, things aren't going to be pretty as Adamovich, Aiden Eckes and Weyers all lit the lamp for even strength goals to stretch the lead out to 8-2.

That sparked another goalie change with Tyson Lyons coming in to close things out and picking up nine saves on 10 shots in five minutes. The lone shot he failed to save resulted in the ninth and final goal of the game for the Stars with Braeden Process finishing things off for the Stars.

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PHS lacrosse coaches hired

Pulaski High School has hired its head coaches and assistant coaches for its new boys and girls lacrosse programs.

Coaches are Rich Thomson, boys head coach; Nick Feira, boys assistant coach; Jon Judkins, girls head coach; and Ryan Freckman, girls assistant coach.

"We are excited for this opportunity for our Pulaski High School student athletes," said PHS athletic director Janel Batten. "These four coaches will share their passion for the game with our students, and we are looking forward to watching them compete this spring."

The Pulaski Community School District Board of Education on May 24 approved a recommendation to make boys and girls lacrosse a WIAA-sanctioned provisional club sport.

This is after the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control approved the addition of lacrosse as a sanctioned sport in December 2022.

Play will begin in spring 2024.

Lacrosse is a competitive sport, the modern version of the North American Indian game of baggataway, in which two teams of players use long-handled racket-like implements (crosses) to catch, carry or throw a ball down the field or into the opponents' goal.

Athletes of any size can play as speed and agility, not necessarily size, are key skills for success in the sport.

Thomson is a Level 3 lacrosse coach and longtime official. He is a co-founder of Kimberly Lacrosse and is president of the Bay Valley Lacrosse Association, which runs youth lacrosse in the Green Bay, Fox Valley and central Wisconsin areas. He's also the commissioner of Pulaski Youth Football. Thomson is married to Amy, and the couple have three children, Anika, a PHS graduate; Ricky, a PHS freshman; and, Marissa, a Lannoye Elementary fifth-grade student. They live in Hobart.

Judkins has lived in Pulaski since 2014. The Green Bay Preble gradu-

ate is married to Stacy. They have a son, Maxwell, and, a daughter, Emma. He coached the girls club team last season and coached the U8-U10 co-ed team and the U12



RICH THOMSON



NICK FEIRA

men on the PHS boys lacrosse team. He has been coaching with the Pulaski lacrosse program since 2020.

Freckman lives in Hobart with his wife, Kassie, and two children, Hai-



JON JUDKINS



RYAN FRECKMAN

Coach Judkins in the girls inaugural season as a club team."

The team will play its home games at Four Seasons Park in Hobart.

ley, a PHS junior, and Ethan, a PHS sophomore.

"I am relatively new to the sport," he said. "I have played many sports over the years but never lacrosse."

"When my daughter asked about playing, I must admit, I was a little apprehensive with fear about injuries. Soon after my daughter picked up a lacrosse stick, it was clear that she was hooked, and that is when I had the opportunity to help

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Pulaski names volleyball coaches

Pulaski High School has two new volleyball coaches.

Kaitlin Skarban is the new head varsity coach. She replaces Bethani Thibodeau, who retired at the end of the recent season. Laura Lojpersberger is the new JV1 coach, replacing Danny Emmerich, who is stepping away from coaching.

"We are thankful to have had Coach Thibodeau and Coach Emmerich here at Pulaski the last few years and are grateful for her leadership within the volleyball program," said PHS athletic director Janel Batten. "We are fortunate to have both Coach Skarban and Coach Lojpersberger take over as coaches as they are also both teachers at Pulaski High School. We are excited to have them and Coach (Brianna) Karcz to move the program ahead."

Skarban's journey in volleyball began at Denmark High School and playing club for Green Bay Power as a defensive specialist/libero and outside pin hitter. She further honed her skills while attending the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, where she was recruited and played one year before switching her focus

to academics.

She stayed involved with the sport by participating in the college club team as well as playing intramurals.

Her coaching career began in the Madison area in 2017, where she coached and taught math at McFarland High School for three years. Here is where she discovered her love of coaching and the mentorship of young athletes.

During her time in Madison, she also coached club volleyball for Capital Volleyball Academy.

Skarban has also coached JV2 Volleyball at Pulaski the past two seasons. She joined the coaching staff at One Wisconsin Volleyball Club in 2021. At One Wisconsin, Skarban has coached at the Premier Level, leading both 13s and 16s teams, and 17s at the national level.

Skarban believes in development of the whole athlete through fostering a positive and supportive environment where athletes can thrive both on and off the court.

"I am very excited to step into the role as varsity head coach; leading a volleyball program within the

school district I teach has been a career goal of mine," she said.

She added that coaching is not only a means to share a passion for the game and help players develop skills but also a meaningful mentorship extended beyond the classroom to help young athletes develop and embrace the intangible things that come with being part of a team to carry with them on and off of the court.

"Pulaski has some of the best student-athletes in the area," Skarban said. "Together we can establish a program that serves as a symbol of accomplishment, character and camaraderie. Volleyball is the fastest-growing sport in the country, and I look forward to supporting the growth of the Pulaski program across all levels for the years to come."

Skarban has taught at PHS since 2020. She earned bachelor's of science degrees in secondary math education and physics from UW-Whitewater. She lives in Sobieski with her husband, Mitch, and newborn daughter, Sadie.

Lojpersberger was a three-sport athlete in high school and played four years of volleyball at Green Bay East as a middle hitter.

She played junior varsity as a freshman and three years of varsity. She played volleyball and basketball for four years at Northland College. In volleyball, she was a team captain, an all-tournament team player, an all-conference player, an academic all-conference player and was in the 1,000-kill club at Northland.

Lojpersberger is a Green Bay East graduate. She earned her bachelor's degree from Northland College and master's degree from Grand Canyon University. She has taught for 12



KAITLIN SKARBAN

years starting at Harvest Preparatory Academy in Yuma, Arizona. She spent six years with the Suring School District and one year with the Gillett district prior to coming to Pulaski, where she is currently

in her third year.

She started her coaching career with middle school volleyball at Harvest Prep, where she also taught middle school basketball and soccer. At Suring, she coached the freshmen team for one year and then was the junior varsity coach/varsity assistant for four years.

She also coached middle school basketball her first year and then junior varsity basketball after that. At Gillett, she coached middle school volleyball and helped out with the high school teams as a volunteer coach and practice player.

She is excited and grateful for the opportunity to coach at the JV1 level.

"I am looking forward to getting back into coaching after having a few years off," Lojpersberger said. "I absolutely love being in the gym, being part of the team, sharing my knowledge of volleyball, and building relationships with the student-athletes."

"I am excited to see what Coach Skarban will do with the program, and I hope to support that vision as best I can."

She is married to Joe Lojpersberger, and the couple have four children, Maddux, 7, Cullen, 5, Atlee, 4, and Teegan, 9 months.

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Shawano girls win fourth straight wrestling tourney

Wrestling at the Rhinelander Hodag Scramble on Dec. 21 gave Shawano its fourth straight tournament victory, outscoring their opponents 106-86.

"These girls are really starting to mold together, and they are learning more and more each week," coach Mike Homan said. "It is very exciting to watch them grow so much."

Onna Hermann took first place.

"She has been wrestling some tough competition, and today was no different," Homan said. "She had a tough semifinals and finals match and came out on top. She has started to open up her technique more and more, and it shows when she is wrestling good competition."

At 126 pounds, Caitlyn Moede took first place, and all five matches were falls.

"Caitlyn is one of the wrestlers that always looks to improve even when she wins," Homan said. "She did some really good things and is continuing to learn more takedowns in the neutral position. When she wrestles like she did today, she is very tough to beat."

Jenna Moede took second. She wrestled well during the day but came up short in her finals match.

At 138 pounds, Ali Lemerond took third. Vivian Waldburger and Courtney Schenk each finished third as well.

Breleigh Thornock placed in fourth, and Maddie Moesch took fifth.

Lauren Harkey and Adalyn Barkley each finished in sixth place.

Shawano boys place sixth at Hodag Scramble

Shawano's boys wrestling team finished in sixth place at the Rhinelander Hodag Scramble on Dec. 21. The Hawks scored 138 points, compared to 235 for their opponents.

Drake Herm earned a first-place title for Shawano.

"Drake continues to wrestle well and had a strong showing today," coach Mike Homan said. "He was great on his feet as usual and continued to push the pace in his matches. He is a lot of fun to watch when he wrestles."

Owen Montour placed third for Shawano.

"Owen had a good day today," Homan said. "He wrestled well and improved since last week. Owen beat an opponent last week at the holiday classic 6-2; today he tech-falled that opponent and followed it up with a third-place finish."

Dylan Gartner and Dane Hodkiewicz each took fourth. Connor Chelberg took fifth.

Chris Hammen-Jung, Austin Stickney and Kody Popelka each placed ninth.

Rounding out the team, Mason Theis and Brayen Boivin each placed 11th, Jorel Matchopatow took 12th, and Drew Chelberg and Jack Deitz each placed 13th.

Red Raiders wins by a single point in overtime over Manitowoc Lincoln

Friday, Dec. 22 Pulaski

The Red Raiders scored one more point in overtime against Manitowoc Lincoln, and that's all that mattered as Pulaski went home with a 46-45 win.

Manitowoc Lincoln held a one-point edge at the break, but the score was tied at 40-40 at the end of the second half. A 6-5 OT period gave Pulaski the win.

Ashley Servais led Pulaski with 13 points, and Maggie Lardinois scored 12.

Shawano

Shawano improved to 9-3 overall as they doubled up on Green Bay East, 72-36.

Leah Nordin scored 26 points, and Morgan Evans scored her first varsity points.

Thursday, Dec. 21 Bowler

Bowler improved to 6-4 overall with a 58-48 win over Port Edwards in non-conference action.

Next up for the Panthers is a Jan. 4 home game against Gresham.

Eagles beat Wildcats

Menominee Indian defeated Gresham 61-50 and improved to 4-6 overall, while the Wildcats lost only their second game of the year and fell to 7-2.

Oconto Falls

Oconto Falls lost a nail-biter to Wrightstown, 52-51, in North Eastern Conference action.

The loss dropped the Panthers to 4-3 in league play and 6-3 overall.

Suring

Suring's overall mark dropped to 4-7 with a 66-29 loss to Florence. Suring was outscored 39-11 in the first half and 27-18 in the second.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood

It was another dominating night for Wittenberg-Birnam-

wood as they defeated non-conference foe D.C. Everest 61-36.

The Chargers held a 15-point lead at the half and extended it by another 10 points in the second half.

Melaina Granquist led Witt-Birn with 18 points, followed by Faith Resch with 15 and Rory Salvesen with 14.

Granquist also led the Chargers in rebounds with seven. Brie Ladika and Salvesen each had four assists, and Salvesen had four steals.

"Tonight was about fighting to the end," coach Nick Mechelke said. "We are battling (a) sick bug right now, and I told the girls we just have to keep fighting and battling. I am extremely happy how the girls responded. We got excellent minutes from everyone tonight. A good win heading into the holiday break."

The Chargers improved to 9-1 overall.

Tuesday, Dec. 19 Bonduel

It was a low-scoring game, but Bonduel came out on top, defeating Sevastopol 39-34 in non-conference action.

Suring tops Bowler

Suring bested Bowler by three points in each half to earn a 58-52 win in non-conference action.

Suring outscored the visitors 30-27 in the first half and 28-25 in the second.

Isabella Stevens led Bowler with 17 points.

Gillett

Cilena Guns scored 14 points and Maggie Kaczmarek added 12, but Gillett came up short as they dropped a 52-47 game to Coleman.

The Tigers dropped to 2-4 in Marinette & Oconto Conference action (3-5 overall), while Coleman moved into a tie for the conference lead with Lena, both at 6-0.

Coleman won the first half, 21-15, while Gillett was tops in the latter half, 32-31.

Lena

Lena had no troubles staying at a perfect 10-0 overall and 6-0 in Marinette & Oconto Conference action with a 67-24 win over Wausaukee. The Wildcats outdid their hosts 35-11 in the first half and 32-13 in the second.

Eva Brooks' 26 points were best for Lena, with Madilyn Thomson scoring 13 and Kali Fischer adding 11.

Brooks also led with 15 rebounds, and Madilyn Thomson had 11. Brooks, Madilyn Thomson and Hannah Thomson each had four assists, while Fischer and Madilyn Thomson each had six steals.

Oconto Falls

Maddy Maloney scored 16 points and Rylie Shallow added 11 as Oconto Falls defeated Clintonville 51-37 in North Eastern Conference action.

The Panthers led 27-21 at the half and extended the lead by another eight points with a 24-16 second half.

Pulaski

The Red Raiders had just enough in the tank to beat Bay Port 53-50 in a non-conference game.

Tied at 24-24 at the break, Pulaski used a 29-26 second half to declare victory.

Olivia Sprangers led Pulaski with 18 points, and Ellie Mangold scored 14.

Shawano

The Hawks played a close game against New London in the first half, trailing only 27-24, but they couldn't find their groove in the second half, as the hosts outdid Shawano 26-12 to earn the 53-36 non-conference win.

Shawano couldn't get a single player in double digits, the highest scoring coming from Brynlie Boyles with nine.

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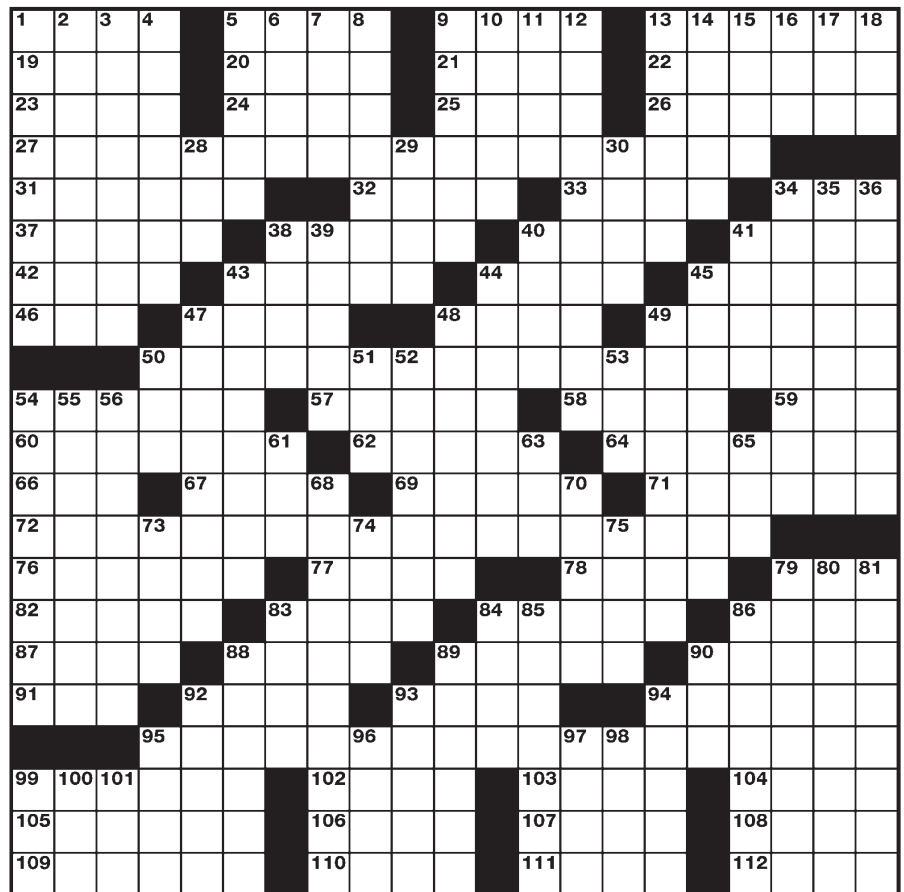
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• Brett M. Williams, 35, Stanley, pleaded no contest Nov. 29, 2022, to misdemeanor charges of fourth-degree sexual assault, criminal trespass to property and disorderly conduct. The first two counts were amended from felonies in a plea agreement. Judge William Kussel Jr. levied fines and sentenced Williams to nine months in jail on Dec. 19.

• Richard J. Krystof, 30, Green Bay, pleaded no contest Dec. 18 to felony bail jumping, attempted battery or threat to a law officer and misdemeanor counts of operating a motor vehicle while his license was revoked and resisting or obstructing an officer. Judge Katherine Sloma levied fines and sentenced him to 180 days in jail for the bail jumping case, and for the other counts, she imposed and stayed a prison sentence and placed him on three years of probation with conditions.

• Chad W. Meyer, 40, Appleton,

pleaded no contest Dec. 21 to substantial battery intending bodily harm and misdemeanor counts of battery and bail jumping. Kussel withheld sentencing and placed him on three years of probation with conditions.

• Dennis W. Hogan, 26, Denmark, pleaded no contest Dec. 19 to burglary to a building or dwelling and possession of THC (second and subsequent offense). Sloma withheld sentencing and placed him on seven years of probation with conditions.

• Damian R. Terrio, 18, Green Bay, was charged Dec. 18 with four counts of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and causing injury and misdemeanor counts of operating while revoked and possession of THC. Kussel set a \$20,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Jan. 25.

• Jeremy W. Heise, 38, Suring, was charged Dec. 19 with possession

of narcotic drugs, possession of methamphetamine and possession of paraphernalia to produce methamphetamine. Sloma set a \$7,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Feb. 12.

• Richard J. Alsteen, 40, Shawano, was charged Dec. 19 with substantial battery intending bodily harm, physical abuse of an elder person and misdemeanor disorderly conduct. Kussel set a \$2,000 cash bond, and on Dec. 21, Sloma bound him over after a preliminary hearing and scheduled arraignment for Jan. 9.

• Joseph L. Soulier, 19, Keshena, was charged Dec. 20 with two counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (second offense). Kussel set a \$750 cash bond, and on Dec. 21, Sloma scheduled a status conference for Jan. 8.

• Matthew W. Netzel, 39, Birnamwood, was charged Dec. 21 with two counts of felony bail jumping and

six counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. Kussel set a \$1,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Dec. 28.

• Brian L. Pamonicutt, 55, Shawano, was charged Dec. 21 with three counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of theft of movable property. Kussel set a \$1,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Dec. 28.

• Brad L. Schmidt, 48, Shawano, was charged Dec. 21 with strangulation and suffocation and misdemeanor counts of battery and disorderly conduct. Kussel set a \$10,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Feb. 12.

• Latasha M. Teller, 33, Shawano, was charged Dec. 21 with possession of narcotic drugs, misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia and six counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. Kussel set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Dec. 29.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Dec. 25

Deputies responded to 27 incidents, including disorderly conduct on County Trunk A in the Town of Bartelme, four 911 calls, three traffic hazards, one crash involving deer.

Dec. 24

Deputies responded to 22 incidents, including operating while intoxicated near Oak and Maple avenues in the Town of Richmond; fireworks on Woods Road in the Town of Wescott; bail jumping on Highview Road in the Town of Herman; two 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; four welfare checks.

Dec. 23

Deputies responded to 35 incidents, including operating while intoxicated near Bonduel and South Warrington streets in Cecil; criminal damage on Fairview Road in the Town of Pella, suspicious activity on Railroad Street in the Village of Birnamwood, a disturbance on County Road T in the Town of Waukechon, a disturbance on Riverside Drive in the Town of Wescott, suspicious activity near County Road A and Lyndhurst Road in the Town of Herman; four 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; three traffic hazards; one crash.

Dec. 22

Deputies responded to 23 incidents, including a disturbance on High Street in the Village of Bernamwood, disorderly conduct and suspicious activity on West Rollman Street in Bowler; four 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; two crashes.

Dec. 21

Deputies responded to 34 incidents, including property damage on Elm Road in the Town of Birnamwood, noise on state Highway 22 in Cecil; intoxication on Main Street in Gresham; criminal damage on Spaulding Street in Tigerton; criminal damage on County Road B in the Town of Waukechon; four 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; one crash.

Dec. 20

Deputies responded to 29 incidents, including found property on state Highway 22 in the Town of Washington; found property on state Highway 29 in the Town of Herman; property theft on Maple Leaf Circle in the Town of Belle Plaine; assisting with a fire on County Road MMM in the Town of Richmond; bailjumping at Higher Wire, N6017 Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; one reckless driving incident; four crashes, one involving a bird.

Dec. 19

Deputies responded to 18 incidents, including an animal bite on Oak Street

in Tigerton; operating while intoxicated on County Road K in the Town of Waukechon; two 911 calls; two crashes.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dec. 25

Officers responded to 15 incidents, including a disturbance on West Swan Street; animal neglect on South Lincoln Street; a reckless driving incident on Military Road; a disturbance on West Eagle Street;

Dec. 24

Officers responded to 13 incidents, including suspicious activity on Willow Lane; suspicious activity on South Sawyer Street; reckless driving near state Highway 22 and Hillcrest Drive.

Dec. 23

Officers responded to 12 incidents, including a vehicle crash at East Richmond and South Cleveland streets; suspicious activity on Estates Lane.

Dec. 22

Officers responded to 19 incidents, including operating while intoxicated near South Maiden Lane and East Richmond Street; a juvenile problem at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; criminal damage on South Sawyer Street; suspicious activity on South Sawyer Street; juvenile problem at Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St.; vehicle crash at Waukechon and East

Richmond streets; property theft on Woodlawn Drive; suspicious activity on Prospect Circle.

Dec. 21

Report not received by press time.

Dec. 20

Officers responded to 24 incidents, including a juvenile problem at Hillcrest Primary School, 1410 Waukechon St.; two truancy calls at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; juvenile problem at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; juvenile problem at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; tobacco problem at Shawano Community Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; warrant arrest on Waukechon Street; operating without a license on South Lincoln Street; fraud on South Maiden Lane; juvenile problem at Olga Brener Intermediate School, 1300 S. Union St.; found property at police station, 125 S. Sawyer St.; intoxicated person on South Main Street.

Dec. 19

Officers responded to 18 incidents, including drug offenses on East Lieg Avenue; found property at the police station, 125 S. Sawyer St.; shoplifting at Shoe Sensation, 180 Woodlawn Drive; two truancy calls at Hillcrest Primary School, 1410 Waukechon St.; vehicle crash at Walgreen's, 401 E. Green Bay St.; warrant arrest on Oshkosh Street.

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Week	Date	Opponent	Time	TV
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2	Sunday, September 17	at Atlanta Falcons	12 p.m.	FOX
3	Sunday, September 24	NEW ORLEANS SAINTS	12 p.m.	FOX
4	Thursday, September 28	DETROIT LIONS	7:15 p.m.	FOX
5	Monday, October 1	at Los Angeles Raiders	7:15 p.m.	ESPN
6	Sunday, October 8	DIV. WEEK		
7	Sunday, October 15	at Denver Broncos	8:25 p.m.	FOX
8	Sunday, October 22	MINNESOTA VIKINGS	12 p.m.	FOX
9	Sunday, October 29	LOS ANGELES RAMS	12 p.m.	FOX
10	Sunday, November 5	at Pittsburgh Steelers	12 p.m.	FOX
11	Sunday, November 12	LOS ANGELES CHARGERS	12 p.m.	FOX
12	Sunday, November 19	at Detroit Lions (Thanksgiving)	12:30 p.m.	FOX
13	Sunday, November 26	KANSAS CITY CHIEFS	12:30 p.m.	FOX
14	Monday, December 3	at New York Giants	7:15 p.m.	FOX
15	Sunday, December 10	TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS	12 p.m.	FOX
16	Sunday, December 17	at Carolina Panthers	12 p.m.	FOX
17	Sunday, December 24	at Minnesota Vikings	7:30 p.m.	FOX
18	Monday, December 31	CHICAGO BEARS	12 p.m.	FOX

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BALLOT #1

Best Goods:

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

Best Services:

- ☐ A/C & Heating _____
- ☐ Child Care _____
- ☐ Chiropractor _____
- ☐ Dentist _____
- ☐ Insurance Agency _____
- ☐ Optometrist _____
- ☐ Pharmacy _____
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Award winning author Alex Kava has crafted at least 17 gripping stories. Many feature FBI profiler Maggie O'Dell and search-and-rescue professional Ryder Creed. "Lost Creed" takes us to the dark and terrible world of human trafficking.

Sixteen years ago, 11-year-old Brodie Creed disappeared from a rest area on Highway 80 in Nebraska. That event destroyed the Creed family, but her older brother Ryder has never stopped searching for his sister.

At 18, Ryder had enough and enlisted in the Marines. Ryder was working as a K-9 handler in Afghanistan when an explosion ended his military career. Once settled in Florida, Ryder uses his deep respect and love of dogs to establish a business training dogs and damaged veterans to work together in search-and-rescue missions.

Along the way, Ryder acquired a savvy business partner/mentor named Hannah. She runs the sprawling compound, but more importantly, she keeps Ryder's mental health on track.

Ryder is in the final phase of training Jason Seaver and Scout. The pair does very well, but Ryder needs Jason to put more trust in Scout's abilities. (Later we learn that by trusting Scout, Jason finds the body of a missing child hidden in her mother's chest freezer.)

A call from Maggie O'Dell suddenly changes Ryder's focus. Her team has raided a remote farmhouse in Nebraska and arrested the owner, Elijah Dunn, for human trafficking. When they find the place sanitized, O'Dell and Detective Tommy Pakula know that Dunn was tipped off. Dunn insists on working with O'Dell, saying that he isn't sure if Brodie was sold or buried.

O'Dell knows it is risky, but asks Ryder to bring his "super-sniffer" terrier, Grace, to Nebraska to look for the victims taken from the house. Between what Dunn tells her and his coded notebook, it doesn't take long to find the first body submerged in a



Jan Jones
Columnist

AT A GLANCE

BOOK: Lost Creed (Ryder Creed K-9 Mysteries, Book 4)

AUTHOR: Alex Kava

PUBLISHER: Prairie Wind Publishing

YEAR PUBLISHED: 2019

NUMBER OF PAGES: 310

lake.

Things go very wrong when the search takes them to a field. Grace alerts on where they find the body of an animal. As a trooper removes it, the animal explodes. Someone booby-trapped the burial site.

In the chaos, Dunn is shot by the sheriff. Now they will never know more about the missing victims.

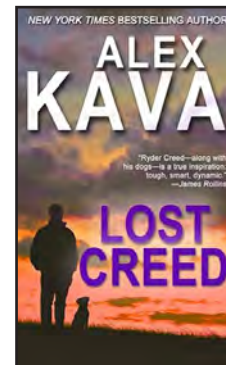
As this search is taking place, a girl named Charlotte has just been moved to "the Christmas house," the last stop before she is disposed of. Charlotte has no sense of time, but knows she's been captive for years, enduring drugged stupor, starvation, beatings and deprivation.

As the drugs leave her system, Charlotte finds notes from previous victims. Her strong will to live returns. She finds the hidden scissors and stabs her captor, but will anyone find her before it is too late?

Detective Pakula does a property search and uncovers other people and properties near Dunn's farm. Soon Pakula and a wide-ranging team raid all the properties. Miraculously, Pakula finds Charlotte alive, leading to an astonishing revelation.

The case has sparked Ryder's need to help others learn the fates of their missing loved ones. While he continues to work with disaster and war recoveries, we know that trafficking victims will be his new focus. The endings may not all be happy, but at least he can offer closure.

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BALLOT #2**Best Thing To Do:**

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

Best Outdoor Activities:

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

Best Vehicle Services:

- ☐ Auto Body Repair _____
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BALLOT #3**Food/Dining:**

- ☐ Bar _____
- ☐ Breakfast _____
- ☐ Burger _____
- ☐ Coffee House _____
- ☐ Dessert _____
- ☐ Dinner _____
- ☐ Family Restaurant _____
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- ☐ Pizza _____
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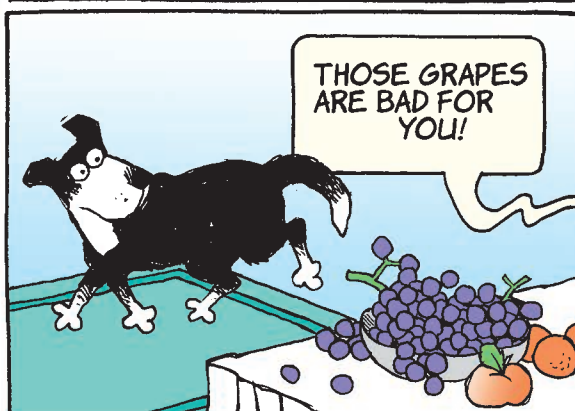
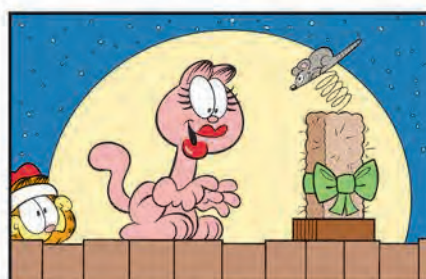
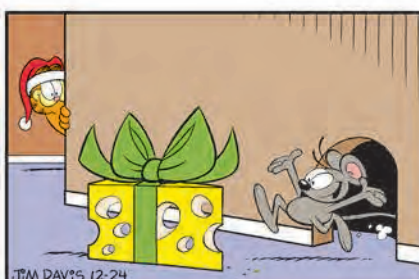
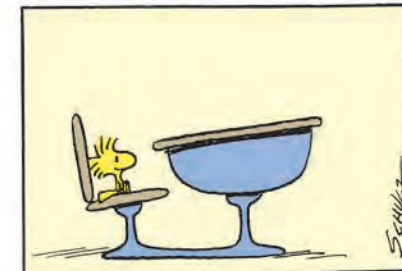
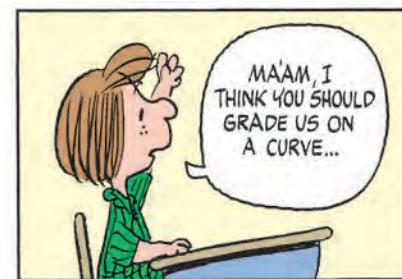
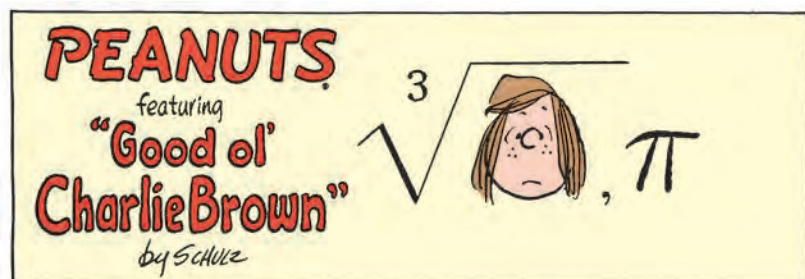
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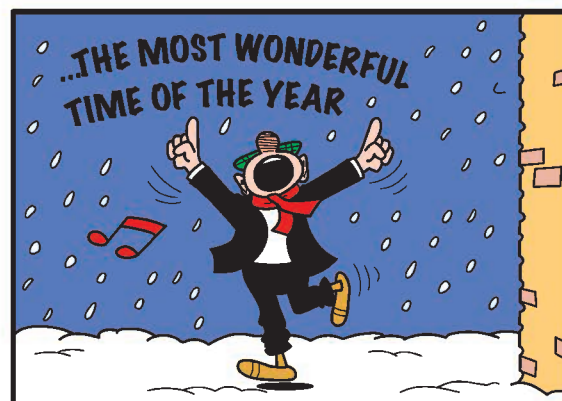
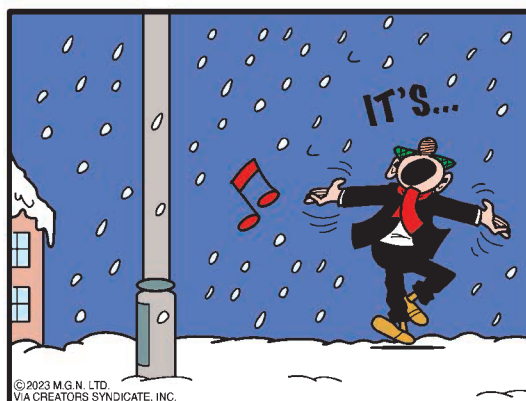
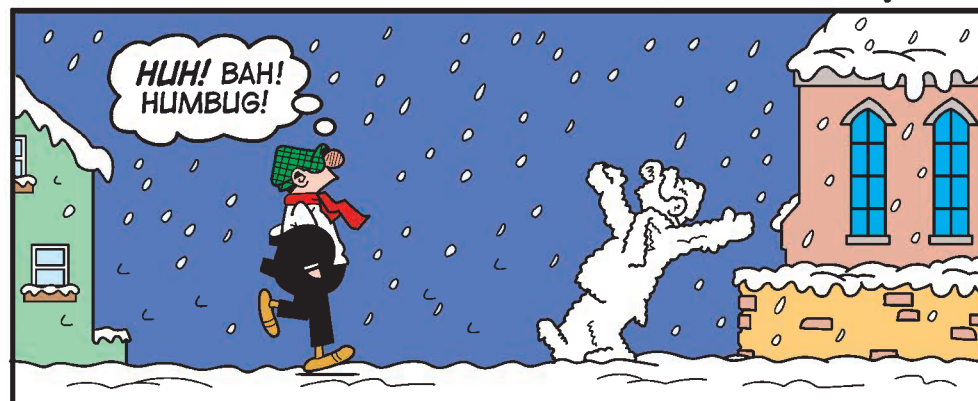
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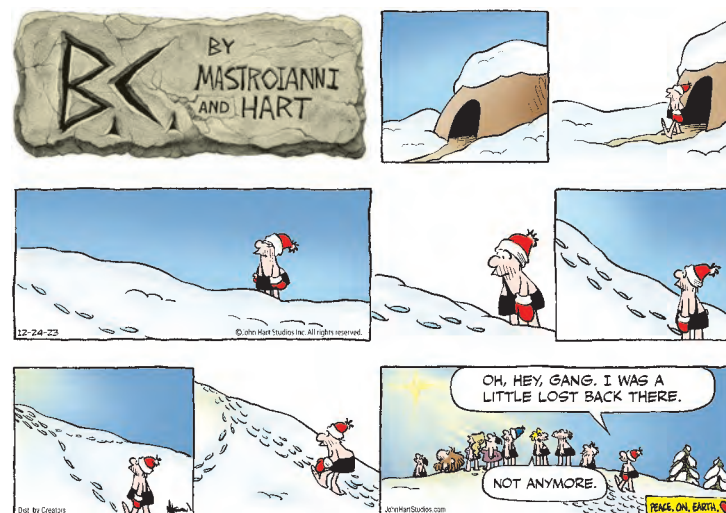
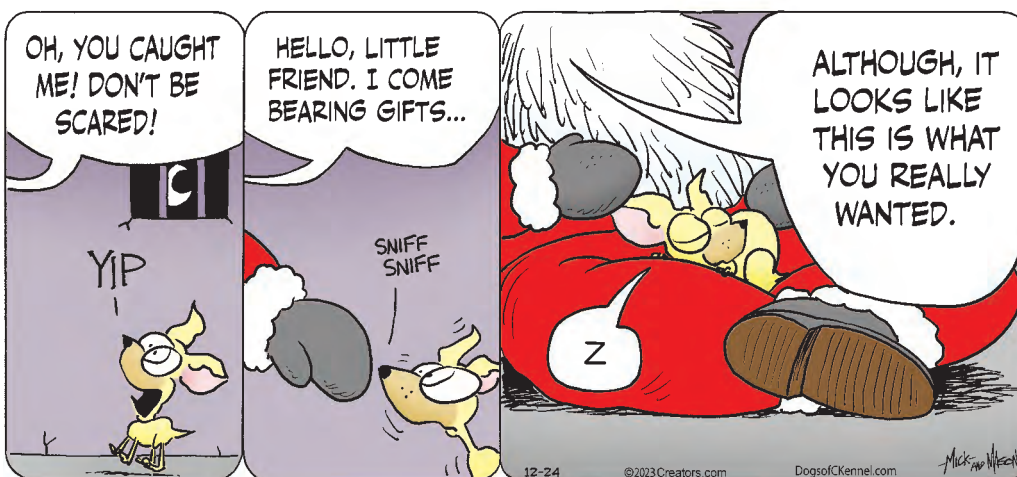




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		CBS 3 WFRV 7 WSAW		3 Mission.. 7 (6:00) CBS Sat		3 Hope-Wild "Muskrat Love"		3 CBS Sat (N) 2 Lucky Dog		7 Innovation Nation		7 Mission Unstoppable		7 Hope-Wild "Muskrat Love"		Tails of Valor		Recipe Rehab		3 TBA 7 Paid Prog.		PBR Bull Riding Unleash the Beast - Albany (N)		College Basketball (N) (Live)		College Basketball Creighton at Marquette From Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee. (N) (Live)		College Basketball UCLA at Oregon From Matthew Knight Arena in Eugene, Ore. (N) (Live)		3 Paid 7 Game Time CBS Weekend News (N)							
		FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK		55 Plan-et.. 11 (6:00) News (N)		55 Xplo-ran Outer Space		55 Super Animals		55 Nature Knows Best		55 Paid 61 Prostate Health		Paid Programming		Paid Programming		Paid Programming		Women's College Basketball Ohio State at Michigan From Crisler Center in Ann Arbor, Mich. (N) (Live)		College Basketball Baylor at Texas From Moody Center in Austin, Texas. (N) (Live)		55 Milovats' Christmas 61 43rd Tejano Music Awards (N)		55 Big Bang 61 Sports		55 Big Bang 61 Greatest		55 Sheldon 61 Jeopard.. 55 Sheldon 61 Wheel							
		NBC 23 WGBA 12 WJFW		23 Today 12 (6:00) Today		12 906 Outdoors		12 The American Athlete		23 Prostate Health 12 Eart..		Wild Kingdom "Eager Beavers"		Earth Odyssey "River Cruise"		Play It "Show & Sail"		One Team "Don't Wait"		23 Prostate 12 Wild Child		Premier League Soccer Nottingham Forest vs. Manchester United From The City Ground in Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, England. (N) (Live)		Premier League Goal Zone (N)		The Men in Blazers Show (N)		SuperMotocross Preview Show (N)		Chasing Gold: Paris 2024 Paid Programming NBC Nightly News							
		PBS 29 WHRM 38 WLEF 38 WPNE		Wild Kratts "Let the Rhinos Roll!"		Curious George		Work It "The Tree-boothood Photo Al..		Tiger "Daniel Shares His Tigertas..		Sewing "30 Min-ute Doll Clothes,..		Love of Quilting "Arrow Point"		Garden "Four Different Types of Daffodils"		Wood-shop "Su-zy's Barn Woodsh..		Jacques Pépin "La Cocina Ole"		Doody Chase "Faith"		Taste "Ko Hana Rum; Kuniia, Hawaii"		Cook's Country "Jamaican Feast"		Test Kitchen "Hearty Alpine Fare"		Milk Street TV "Cook What You Have"		Sara's Weeknight Meals "Festive Feasts"		Pati's Mexican Table "Escaramuza"		This Old House Old House "Winter Prep; Miter Sa.. Rick Steves' Europe My Farm "Welcome to My Winter Wonderl.. The Lawrence Welk Show "50th Anniversary Special (Rocky Rockwell)"	
32		WACY		Hearts of oh baby!		Paid		Makeov..		Paid		Outdoo..		MidWest		Bensin..		World's		Pets.TV		SOS		G League Wisconsin Herd at Raptors 905		Heartland		ModFam		ModFam		Goldbe.. Goldbe..					
49		WTPX		Bones		Bones		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law-SVU "Plastic"		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law-SVU "Part 33"		Law-SVU "Brothel"		Law & Order: SVU		Law-SVU "Missing"											
		CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW		14 Out-door 34 Into Wild		14 Paid 34 Into Wild		14 Into Wild 34 Into Wild		14 Into Wild 34 Into Wild		14 Into Wild 34 Pet Vet		14 Into Wild 34 Open Rd		14 Pet Vet 34 Res-cue		14 Open Rd 34 Paid		College Basketball Pittsburgh at Syracuse From JMA Dome in Syracuse, N.Y. (N) (Live)		College Basketball Queens at Duke From Cameron Indoor Stadium in Durham, N.C. (N) (Live)		Pre-Game (N) (Live)		College Football Barstool Sports Arizona Bowl: Toledo vs. Wyoming Wyoming (8-4) makes back-to-back Arizona Bowl appearances, this time matching up with Toledo (11-2). (N) (Live)											

SATURDAY			EVENING								DECEMBER 30			
		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC 9 WAOW 2 WBAV		9 To Be Announced 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	Monday Night Countdown (N) (Live)	NFL Football Detroit Lions at Dallas Cowboys AT&T Stadium hosts a Saturday night showdown in the NFC playoff race between the Cowboys and Lions. (N) (Live)						9 (:15) News 9 (N) 2 (:15) Action 2 News at 10 (N)	9 (:50) Weird Earth 2 (:50) InvestigateTV	2 (:20) The Song	9 (:50) Storm of 2 (:50) Opry (N)	
CBS 5 WFRV 7 WSAW		5 Game Time Marshall Faulk Marshall Faulk (N) 7 NewsCha (N)	5 Wisconsin "Touring Tosa" 7 Inside Edition (N)	NCIS: Sydney "Ghosted" The team goes on a wild chase to catch a killer.		48 Hours (N)		48 Hours (N)		5 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	5 (:35) HS Sports Xtra 7 (:35) Beat the Odds	5 (:05) Friends "The One With the Secret Closet" 7 (:05) The Song	5 (:35) Friends 7 (:35) Opry (N)	
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK		College Basketball Ohio State vs. West Virginia From Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse in Cleveland. (N) (Live)			TMZ's Merry Elfin' Christmas Guests Shaquille O'Neal, Tiffany Haddish			55 World Chase Tag 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N)	11 Seinfeld "The Barber"	Beat Shazam "Let's Get Busy!" A mother/daughter team; an aunt/nephew team.		55 S.W.A.T. "Lockdown" 11 Paid Programming	11 The King of Queens "Buy Curious"	
NBC 25 WGBA 12 WJFW		25 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Magellan Financial	25 Paid Program 12 Wheel of Fortune "Happy New Year!"	Password "Holiday Special: Jon Cryer, Meghan Trainor, Keke Palmer and Jimmy Fallon" Meghan Trainor, Jon Cryer		Dateline NBC		Saturday Night Live Michael B. Jordan; Lil Baby From Jan. 28, 2023: Michael B. Jordan; Lil Baby performs.		25 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 (N)	Saturday Night Live Timothée Chalamet; boygenius Host Timothée Chalamet; boygenius performs.			
PBS 20 WHRM 35 WLEF 39 WPNE		Celebrity Antiques Road Trip "Natasha Kaplinsky and Michael Buerk" Newsreaders Natasha Kaplinsky and Michael Buerk embark on an adventure around Sussex.		Father Brown "The Serpent Within" Sullivan's dream of leaving Kembleford is ruined when he is arrested for receiving stolen goods.		Death in Paradise The team investigates the murder of a renowned calypso singer's husband.		Jamaica Inn The net tightens on the smugglers and Jem begs Joss to give up his anonymous superior.		Doc Martin "S.W.A.L.K." Louisa plans a special evening for Martin's birthday, which doesn't go according to plan.		Agatha Christie's Poirot "The Plymouth Express" An heiress's decision to travel by train complicates Poirot's investigation.		
62 WACY 46 WTPX		Family Feud	Two Half Men	Someone They Knew		S.W.A.T. "Local Heroes"		S.W.A.T. "Lockdown"		The Simpsons	Housewife	Housewife	Mom	
		Law & Order: SVU "Blackout"		Law & Order: SVU "Dearly Beloved"		Law & Order: SVU "The Good Girl"		Law & Order: SVU "Exchange"		Law & Order: SVU "Diss"		Law & Order: SVU "Assumptions"		
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW		(3:30) College Football Barstool Sports Arizona Bowl: Toledo vs. Wyoming From Arizona Stadium in Tucson, Ariz. (N) (Live)		I Am Burt Reynolds (N)				13 The Rookie "A.C.H." 39 Liquidator "Bail-lift Booty"	39 TMZ (N)	13 The National Desk (N) (Live)	33 ★★ The Gift Ann Michelle Fitzgerald, George Eddington.	13 AWLO Tonite	14 TMZ (N)	

SUNDAY				MORNING / AFTERNOON																DECEMBER 31			
	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	
ABC WAOV WBAY	Good Morning America (N)		Ⓜ This Week (N) Ⓜ Action 2 News: This Morning (N)		Ⓜ Capitol Ⓜ This Week	Ⓜ Up-Front	Ⓜ Financial Ⓜ Up-Front	Ⓜ Packers Ⓜ Hearts of	Ⓜ Cold-well Ⓜ Vets-Pets "T..	Ⓜ TBA Ⓜ Dr. Scott	Ⓜ Paid Programming	Ⓜ Paid Programming	AKC National Dog Championship (N) (Live)					Ⓜ Sports (N) Ⓜ Paid		Ⓜ Boon-dock Ⓜ Paid	ABC World News (N)	Ⓜ News 9 (N) Ⓜ 2 News (N)	
CBS WFRV WSAW	Ⓜ Wisconsin Ⓜ Sunr..	Ⓜ Sunday Mass	CBS News Sunday Morning News, features, weather and commentary. (N)			Face the Nation (N)		Ⓜ Green-Gold Ⓜ Retir..	The NFL Today (N) (Live)		Ⓜ NFL Football (N) (Live) Ⓜ NFL Football Atlanta Falcons at Chicago Bears NFC sides continue their march towards an unexpected playoff berth as Atlanta visits Chicago. (N) (Live)						Ⓜ (:25) NFL Football (N) (Live) Ⓜ (:25) NFL Football Cincinnati Bengals at Kansas City Chiefs (N) (Live)						
FOX WZAW WLUK	ⓂⓂ Paid ⓂⓂ (6:00) News (N)	ⓂⓂ Mountain Faith Living	ⓂⓂ FOX News Sunday (N)	ⓂⓂ Sharyl Attkisson	ⓂⓂ Invest. ⓂⓂ Fox News (N)	ⓂⓂ Home Remodeler	FOX NFL Kickoff (N) (Live)		FOX NFL Sunday (N) (Live)		NFL Football (N) (Live)					Postgame (N) (Live)	NASCAR Race Hub: Season Preview (N)		ⓂⓂ Sheldon ⓂⓂ Paid Prog.	ⓂⓂ To Be Announced ⓂⓂ Holiday River Parade			
NBC WGBA WJFW	Sunday Today With Willie Geist (N)		ⓂⓂ Meet the Press (N) ⓂⓂ Fast: Home Rescue		ⓂⓂ The Race ⓂⓂ Meet Press	ⓂⓂ Mid-West Outdoors	Paid Programming	ⓂⓂ Paid ⓂⓂ The Huddle	ⓂⓂ Paid Programming	ⓂⓂ Paid Programming	Paid Programming	Paid Programming	Paid Programming	Paid Programming	Paid Programming	Paid Programming	Paid Programming	Paid Programming	ⓂⓂ Heroes (N) ⓂⓂ Paid	ⓂⓂ TBA ⓂⓂ Paid Program	ⓂⓂ Packers ⓂⓂ 2 Paid Prog.	ⓂⓂ NBC Nightly News (N)	
PBS WHRM WLEF WPNE	Wild Kratt "Mystery of the North P.	Curious George	Work It Out Wombats!	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	Washington Week With The Atlantic	Fir-	Tell Me "Del Seymour" Del Seymour	Market to Market	Doc Martin "S.W.A.L.K"		Agatha Christie's Poirot "The Plymouth Express"		Father Brown "The Serpent Within"		Death in Paradise		Craft in America "Play" (SP)		Craft in America "Miniatures"		State Honors Concert 2023		
WACY WTPX	Paid Bones	Paid	Paid Bones	Jeffress	Vets-Pe..	Ready..	Outback	Ocean..	Broadw..	Know	Hollywood (N)		Top 10		The Good Doctor		The Good Doctor		ModFam	ModFam	Mom	NBCNe..	
CW WCWF WYOW	ⓂⓂ Worship ⓂⓂ 34 To-morr..	ⓂⓂ Daily ⓂⓂ In Touch (N)	ⓂⓂ Catho-lic Mass	ⓂⓂ Sha-lom ⓂⓂ 84 Key of David	ⓂⓂ Out-door ⓂⓂ 34 Cath. Mass	ⓂⓂ Mt. Faith ⓂⓂ 34 Perry Stone	ⓂⓂ Polka ⓂⓂ 34 Mad Dog & M	ⓂⓂ Paid Programming	Women's College Basketball Clemson at North Carolina From Carmichael Arena in Chapel Hill, N.C. (N) (Live)				ⓂⓂ Paid Programming ⓂⓂ 34 12 ...	ⓂⓂ Paid Programming	ⓂⓂ Last Man Standing	ⓂⓂ Last Man Standing	ⓂⓂ Big Bang ⓂⓂ 34 High-way	ⓂⓂ The Big Bang Theory	ⓂⓂ Paid ⓂⓂ 34 WOW	ⓂⓂ Paid Programming	ⓂⓂ Sheldon ⓂⓂ 34 Family ..	ⓂⓂ Sheldon ⓂⓂ 34 Family ..	

SUNDAY				EVENING				DECEMBER 31					
		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
ABC		The Year: Countdown to 2024 (N)		Dick Clark's Primetime New Year's Rockin' Eve With Ryan Seacrest 2024 "Part 1" Ryan Seacrest, Rita Ora and Jeannie Mai host New Year's Eve festivities in New York and Los Angeles. (N) (Live)			9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) 2 Small Towns		Dick Clark's Primetime New Year's "Part 2" Ryan Seacrest, Rita Ora and Jeannie Mai host festivities. (N) (Live)		Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve With Ryan Seacrest 2024 "Part 1" Ryan Seacrest, Rita Ora, Jeannie Mai and Dayanara Torres host New Year's Eve festivities. (N) (Live)		
CBS 5 WFRV 7 WSAW		5 (3:25) Football 7 (3:25) Football	New Year's Eve Live: Nashville's Big Bash Celebrating the new year with country music superstars; Elle King and Rachel Smith host. (N) (Live)			5 Positively Wisconsin 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)		New Year's Eve Live: Nashville's Big Bash Celebrating the new year with country music superstars; Elle King and Rachel Smith host. (N) (Live)					
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK		Hell's Kitchen "A Hellish Food Fight" The infamous blind food taste test returns.		The Simpsons "A Mid-Childhood Night's Dream"	Krapopolis "Wife Swamp"	Bob's Burgers "Fight at the Not Okay Chore-ral"	Family Guy "The Stewaway"	55 Seinfeld "The Barber" 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N)	55 Seinfeld "The Non-Fat Yogurt" 11 Year In Review	55 Goldbergs "Game Night" 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N)	55 Goldbergs 11 (:35) Attkisson	55 Housewife 11 (:05) National (N)	55 American Housewife "Kids These Days"
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW		Football Night in America (N) (Live)		(:15) NFL Football Green Bay Packers at Minnesota Vikings The Vikings continue their stretch against NFC North foes in this prime-time tilt with the Packers. 26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)									
PBS 20 WHRM 35 WLEF 38 WPNE		Agatha Christie: Lucy Worsley on the Mystery Queen "Unfinished Portrait" Agatha Christie's later life and how personal happiness impacted her writing for the better.		Call the Midwife "Holiday Special" As Christmas approaches, life starts to return to normal in Poplar after a terrible train crash.			Call the Midwife "Holiday Special 2023" Delicate situations cause uncertainty for the midwives just two weeks before Christmas.		NEXT at the Kennedy Center "Cynthia Ervo & Friends: A New Year's Eve Celebration" A musical celebration to ring in the New Year; performers include Cynthia Ervo. (N)		Austin City Limits "Cimafunk and The Tribe" Afro-Cuban rocker Cimafunk performs with his nine-piece band.		
32 WACY 45 WTPX		Family Feud	Two Half Men	12 Dog Days Till Christmas ("14) Vincent Giovagnoli, Reginald VelJohnson.			Forensic Files	Forensic Files	The Simpsons	Forensic Files	Major Crimes "Before and After"		
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW		Scooby-Doo, Where Are You Now! Guests Iain Armitage, Jerry Beck		Christmas With The Chosen: Holy Night			14 WOW Welcome Back (N) 34 Liquidator	34 The Good Doctor "Spilled Milk"	14 Truth of God	34 WOW - Women Of Wrestling	14 Paid Programming	14 Paid Programming 34 Moviefone TV	

WEEKDAY

MORNING / AFTERNOON

JANUARY 1 TO JANUARY 5

		7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
ABC	9 WAOW	Good Morning America				Live with Kelly and Mark		M The Rose Parade / The View		News 9	Barry-more	M Football/GMA3-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	M The Rose Parade / The View		Storage Wars	Pawn Stars	Football/News	Paid Program	General Hospital		GMA3: What You Need to Know		25 Words	Invest-igateTV+	Action 2 News	Action 2 News	Action 2 News	World News
	3 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-Retire	Friends	News	News	News	CBS News
CBS	7 WSAW	CBS Mornings				25 Words	Paid/F Elite	The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless		Good/News	Bold/Beautiful	The Talk		Let's Make a Deal		The Kelly Clarkson Show		Hall-Fame/..	Invest-igateTV+	News	CBS News
	53 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	M Season	M Season	M Review	M Winter	Live with Kelly and Mark		Fox 11 Living With Amy		Dr. Phil		Various	Judge Judy	The Jennifer Hudson Show		Barry-more	Barry-more	The People's Court		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Year/News	Winter/Inside
FOX	23 WGBA	Today				Today 3rd Hour		M Rose Par./To-day-Hoda		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		M Rose Par./To-day-Hoda		Neighbor	Neighbor	NBC News Daily		Person, Place	Pictionary	Pictionary	Funny You	Funny You	Jeopardy	Up North at 4	Jeopardy!	News	NBC News
	23 WHRM	Wild Kratts	Curious/ Curious	Daniel Tiger	Rosie/W Rosie	Sesame Street	Work It	Donkey Hodie	Pinkalicious	Elinor/ Elinor	Natu-reCat/	Eleme-ntary	Xavier Riddle	This Old House	Cook's Country	Various		Various		Odd Squad	Arthur	Natu-reCat/	America
PBS	33 WLEF	Wild Kratts	Curious/ Curious	Daniel Tiger	Rosie/W Rosie	Sesame Street	Work It	Donkey Hodie	Pinkalicious	Elinor/ Elinor	Natu-reCat/	Eleme-ntary	Xavier Riddle	This Old House	Cook's Country	Various		Various		Odd Squad	Arthur	Natu-reCat/	America
	33 WPNE	Wild Kratts	Curious/ Curious	Daniel Tiger	Rosie/W Rosie	Sesame Street	Work It	Donkey Hodie	Pinkalicious	Elinor/ Elinor	Natu-reCat/	Eleme-ntary	Xavier Riddle	This Old House	Cook's Country	Various		Various		Odd Squad	Arthur	Natu-reCat/	America
	32 WACY	Morning Rush				A.Wom...		TBA	Sherri		iCRIME	iCRIME	Dateline		The First 48		Chicago Fire		TMZ Live		ModFam	ModFam	Goldbe..
CW	43 WTPX	Various	Xplorati..	Various	F Planet	Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various	
	14 WCWF	The National Desk		National Weat	Paid Program	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		Law & Order: SVU		Dateline		Jerry Springer		Maury		Karamo		The Steve Wilkos Show		TMZ Live	

MONDAY

EVENING

JANUARY 1

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
ABC 9 WAOW 2 WBAY	9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	2023 Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony (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 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 7 Inside Edition (N)	NCIS "Turkey Trot" A shooter causes chaos at an annual Thanksgiving 5K.		NCIS "Big Rig" McGee prepares to be a contestant on a popular game show.		NCIS "Old Wounds" Parker becomes emotional about a con man from his past.		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)	M*A*S*H: The Comedy That Changed Television (N)				65 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	65 Seinfeld "The Masseuse" 11 Year In Review	65 Seinfeld "The Little Kicks" 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	65 Last Man 11 (:35) Seinfeld	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 Family Feud 12 Wheel of Fortune "Happy New Year!" (N)	America's Got Talent: Fantasy League "Qualifiers 1" Judges Simon Cowell, Heidi Klum, Howie Mandel and Mel B each build a roster of their favorite acts. (N) (P)				The Irrational		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)		Great Performances "From Vienna: The New Year's Celebration 2024" The Vienna Philharmonic rings in the New Year at the Musikverein in Vienna. (N)			Great Performances "From Vienna: The New Year's Celebration 2024" The Vienna Philharmonic rings in the New Year at the Musikverein in Vienna.			Agatha Christie: Lucy Worsley on the Mystery Queen "Unfinished Portrait" Agatha Christie's later life and how personal happiness impacted her writing for the better.		Craft in America "Play" From puppets to pinatas to unicorns, exploring the intersection between play and artistry.	
42 WACY 46 WTPX	Family Feud	TBA	Dateline "The Women & Dirty John"		Chicago P.D. "Memory"		My News at 9 (N)	To Be Announced		Housewife	Housewife	Mom
	FBI "Obligation"		FBI "Sins of the Past"		FBI "Sisterhood"		FBI "Privilege"		FBI "Torn"	FBI "God Complex"		
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW	14 Big Bang "The Cohabitation Formulation" 34 Dish Nat. (N)	14 The Big Bang Theory "The Gates Excitation" 34 TMZ (N)	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "The Princess and the Wizard" Benjamin Barnes; Hara; Helen Coghlan; Daniel K.		Masters of Illusion "Knives Out and Other Strange Magic"	Funniest Animals "Episode 418" Carmen Hodgson, Devon Werkheiser	14 Last Man "HR's Rough n' Stuff" 34 Dish Nat. (N)	14 Seinfeld "The Little Kicks" 34 TMZ (N)	14 The National Desk (N) (Live) 34 Family Guy "Da Boom"	14 National (N) 34 Family Guy "Papa Has a Rollin' Son"	14 Last Man 34 Burgers	14 Extra (N) 34 Bob's Burgers "Crawl Space"

TUESDAY

EVENING

JANUARY 2

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
ABC	9 News 9 (N)	9 News 9 Pack Attack	Celebrity Jeopardy! "Semifinal #1: Utkarsh Ambudkar, Mira Sorvino and Lisa Ann Walter" Utkarsh Ambudkar, Mira Sorvino (N)		Only Murders in the Building "True Crime; Who Is Tim Kono; How Well Do You Know Your Neighbors" Neighbors bond over their love of true crime; Mabel's secretive past starts to be unraveled. (N) (P)				9 News 9 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)	(:35) Nightline (N)	
9 WAOW	2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	2 Entertainment Tonight (N)							2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)			
2 WBAY												
CBS	5 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N)	5 Locker Room	The Price Is Right at Night (N)		Raid the Cage "Best Friends" Two pairs of best friends compete. (N)			FBI	6 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N)	(:35) Comics Un-leashed With Byron Allen	
6 WFRV	7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	7 Locker Room							7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)			
FOX	55 Big Bang	55 Big Bang	Name That Tune "TV Stars & Chart Top-pers" Lisa Loeb; Jesse McCartney; Corbin Bleu; Craig Ferguson. Guests Lisa Loeb (N)		The Floor "Let the Duel Begin" One play-er's mind freezes spectacularly against the clock. (N) (P)			55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N)	55 Seinfeld "The Cigar-Store Indian"	55 Last Man	55 Last Man	55 Goldbergs "Pre-venta Mode"
55 WZAW	11 Jeopardy! (N)	11 Wheel (N)						11 Fox 11 News at 9pm (N)	11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	(:35) Seinfeld	(:05) Inside Ed. (N)	11 King "Head First"
11 WLUK												
NBC	23 NBC26 News at 6pm (N)	23 Packers Live	Night Court "The Roz Affair" (N)		America's Got Talent: Fantasy League					23 NBC26 News at 10pm (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N)	(:35) Late Night With Seth Meyers (N)
23 WGBA	12 NewsChannel 12 at 6 (N)	12 Wheel of Fortune "Happy New Year!" (N)								12 NewsChannel 12 at 10pm (N)		
12 WJFW												
PBS	PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Finding Your Roots With Henry Louis Gates, Jr. "Born to Sing" Singers Ciara and Alanis Morissette examine their family histories. Guests Ciara, Alanis Morissette (N) (SP)			American Masters "HOPPER: An American Love Story" A look into artist Edward Hopper's work, life and relationships. (N)			A Citizen's Guide to Preserving Democracy (N)		Wisconsin Home Town Stories "Stevens Point"	
23 WHRM											NOVA "Decoding the Great Pyramid" Archaeological research sheds light on some of the mysteries of the Egyptian pyramids.	
33 WLEF												
33 WPNE												
32 WACY	Family Feud	TBA	Dateline		Chicago P.D. "House of Cards"		My News at 9 (N)	To Be Announced	Housewife		Housewife	Mom
43 WTPX	Chicago Fire "Sharp Elbows"		Chicago Fire "When Tortoises Fly"		Chicago Fire "Short and Fat"		Chicago Fire "The Beating Heart"		Chi. Fire "The Path of Destruction"		Chi. Fire "Not Everyone Makes It"	
CW	14 Big Bang "The Toast Derivation"	14 Big Bang "The Tenant Disassociation"	Inside the NFL Week 17 Experts recap the greatest moments from week 17. (N)			Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Greg Proops 10"			14 Last Man "Three for the Road"	14 Seinfeld "The Package"	14 The National Desk (N) (Live)	14 Last Man
14 WCWF									14 Dish Nat. (N)	14 Family Guy "Candy, Quahog Marshmallow"	14 Burgers	14 Burgers
34 WYOW	14 Dish Nat. (N)	14 TMZ (N)										14 Extra (N)
												14 Bob's Burgers "Sacred Cow"

WEDNESDAY			EVENING						JANUARY 3				
	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)	NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at New York Knicks From Madison Square Garden in New York. (N) (Live)				9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)		(:35) Nightline (N)		
CBS 5 WFRV 7 WSAW	5 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	5 Green Bay Nation 7 Inside Edition (N)	The Price Is Right at Night (N)		Let's Make a Deal Primetime (N)		FBI True "Waco: The Deadliest Siege" A raid on a compound in Waco, Texas, goes horribly wrong. (N)		5 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)	I Can See Your Voice "Premiere: Lauren Alaina, Nikki Glaser, DeRay Davis, Cheryl Hines, Adrienne Bailon-Houghton" (N) (SP)		We Are Family "Family Reunion" The first three celebrity reveals hit the stage. (N) (P)		55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	55 Seinfeld "The Conversion"	55 Seinfeld "The Fatigues" 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	55 Last Man "Cabin Pressure" 11 (:35) Seinfeld "The Conversion"	55 Last Man "The Best Man" 11 (:05) Inside Edition (N)	55 Goldbergs "Dave Kim's Party" 11 (:35) King "Fat City"	
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	26 Total Packers 12 Wheel of Fortune "Happy New Year!" (N)	Chicago Med		Magnum P.I. "Ashes to Ashes" Magnum and Higgins reexamine a fatal arson investigation. (N)		Magnum P.I. (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 55 WLEF 58 WPNE	PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Nature "The Serengeti Rules" Five scientists recall stories of their adventures in the wilderness in the 1960s.		To Be Announced		NOVA "Arctic Drift" A research expedition in the Arctic brings clarity to predictions of global change.		Finding Your Roots With Henry Louis Gates, Jr. "Born to Sing" Singers Ciara and Alanis Morissette examine their family histories. Guests Ciara, Alanis Morissette		American Masters "HOPPER: An American Love Story" A look into artist Edward Hopper's work, life and relationships.		
42 WACY 46 WTPX	Family Feud	TBA	Dateline "Twisted in Texas"		Chicago P.D. "You and Me"		My News at 9 (N)	To Be Announced		Housewife	Housewife	Mom	
	Blue Bloods "Guilt"		Blue Bloods "Hidden Motive"		Blue Bloods "Long Lost"		Blue Bloods "Tangled Up in Blue"		Blue Bloods "Silver Linings"		Blue Bloods "Unwritten Rules"		
CW 14 WCWF 54 WYOW	14 Big Bang 54 Dish Nat. (N)	14 Big Bang "The Reclusive Potential" 54 TMZ (N)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Maile Brady"	Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Jeff Davis 17"	Family Law "Acting Out" Daniel reveals that he has feelings for Martina.		14 Last Man "Cabin Pressure" 54 Dish Nation (N)	14 Seinfeld "The Fatigues" 54 TMZ (N)	14 National (N) 54 Family Guy "Peter, Chris & Brian"	14 National (N) 54 Family Guy "A Shot in the Dark"	14 Last Man 54 Burgers	14 Extra (N) 54 Bob's Burgers "Sexy Dance Fighting"	

THURSDAY			EVENING						JANUARY 4			
	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)	The Golden Bachelor "The Golden Wedding" Gerry Turner and Theresa Nist walk down the aisle to begin their next chapter. (N) (Live)			General Hospital: 60 Years of Stars and Storytelling (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	5 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	5 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 7 Inside Edition (N)	Young Sheldon	Ghosts "The Tree"	Ghosts UK "Bump in the Night" (N)	Ghosts UK "Perfect Day" (N)	SEAL Team "Close to Home" Jason seeks refuge at home; Bravo joins British forces. (N)		5 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 "A Hell's Kitchen Special Delivery" The chefs face challenges to win the coveted black jackets. (N)		We Are Family "Family Reunion" The first three celebrity reveals hit the stage.		55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	55 Seinfeld "The Stall"	55 Seinfeld "The Checks" 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	55 Last Man "Sibling Quibbling" 11 (:35) Seinfeld "The Stall"	55 Last Man 11 (:05) Inside Ed. (N)	55 Goldbergs "Body Swap" 11 (:35) King "Richie's Song"
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	26 Family Feud 12 Wheel of Fortune "Happy New Year!" (N)	Law & Order		Transplant (N)		Dateline NBC		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 55 WLEF 58 WPNE	PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Wisconsin Life "Pedal to the Metal"	WI Foodie "Applefest/ Hauser's Superior View Farm/Red Cliff Fish Co."	Doc Martin "Paint it Black" Martin has his second assessment; Buddy is missing; Ken's arrival brings bad news for Al and Bert.		Agatha Christie's Poirot "Wasps' Nest" Hastings' (Hugh Fraser) hobby helps Poirot (David Suchet) solve a case.		Secrets of the Royal Palaces "Windsor" Exploring some of the more gruesome stories of Windsor Castle history.		Nature "The Serengeti Rules" Five scientists recall stories of their adventures in the wilderness in the 1960s.	
42 WACY 46 WTPX	Family Feud	TBA	Dateline "As Night Fell"		Chicago P.D. "Stepping Stone"		My News at 9 (N)	To Be Announced		Housewife	Housewife	Mom
	Chicago P.D. "Before the Fall"		Chicago P.D. "Lines"		Chicago P.D. "Buried Secrets"		Chicago P.D. "Silence of the Night"		Chicago P.D. "Fighting Ghosts"		Chicago P.D. "White Knuckle"	
CW 14 WCWF 54 WYOW	14 Big Bang "The Zamecki Incursion" 54 Dish Nat. (N)	14 Big Bang "The Comet Polarization" 54 TMZ (N)	Son of a Critch "Pope Visit"	The Conners "Keep on Truckin"	The Conners "Tangled up in Blue"	Children Ruin Everything "Parenting" (N) (SF)	14 Last Man "Sibling Quibbling" 54 Dish Nation (N)	14 Seinfeld "The Checks" 54 TMZ (N)	14 The National Desk (N) (Live) 54 Family Guy "Hot Pocket-Dial"	14 National (N) 54 Family Guy "Brokeback Swanson"	14 Last Man 54 Burgers	14 Extra (N) 54 Bob's Burgers "Bed & Breakfast"

FRIDAY				EVENING						JANUARY 5			
	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 2 WBAY	9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Shark Tank (N)		20/20 (N)				9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!		(:35) Nightline (N)	
CBS 6 WFRV 7 WSAW	6 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	6 Wisconsin Huddle 7 Inside Edition (N)	The Greatest @HomeVideos Guests J.B. Smoove (N)		Fire Country		Blue Bloods		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 Wisconsin 11 Wheel of Fortune "Happy New Year!" (N)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown The Superstars of World Wrestling Entertainment do battle in elaborate, long-running rivalries. (N) (Live)				55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	55 Seinfeld "The Marine Biologist"	55 Seinfeld "The Chicken Roaster" 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	55 Last Man 11 (:35) Seinfeld	55 Last Man 11 (:05) Inside Ed. (N)	55 Goldbergs "A Fish Story" 11 (:35) King "Mammary Lane"	
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	26 Family Feud 12 Wheel of Fortune "Happy New Year!" (N)	Dr. Death (N)				Dateline NBC		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 55 WLEF 58 WPNE	PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Washington Week With The Atlantic (N)	Here and Now (N)	Maigret "Maigret Sets a Trap" In the summer of 1955, a young woman is stabbed to death -- the fourth to be killed in a few weeks.			Mr. Bean "Mr. Bean"	Independent Lens "A Day in the Life of America" Film crews in all 50 states capture life in America over a 24-hour period.			Songs at the Center "Rod Abernethy, Murphy, Andrew Farris"	
42 WACY 46 WTPX	Family Feud	TBA	NBA G League Basketball Greensboro Swarm at Wisconsin Herd (N) (Live)				My News at 9 (N)	News	TBA	Housewife	Housewife	Mom	
CW 14 WCWF 54 WYOW	Hawaii Five-0 "Ka Makau Kaa Kaa"		Hawaii Five-0 "Kuleana"		Hawaii Five-0 "Ua ola loko i ke aloha"		Hawaii Five-0 "Umia Ka Hanu"		Hawaii Five-0 "Hoa 'inea"		Hawaii Five-0 "Ke Koa Lokomaika'i"		
	14 Big Bang "The Herb Garden Germination" 54 Dish Nat. (N)	14 Big Bang "The Monetary Insufficiency" 54 TMZ (N)	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "2 Dead in Tonight's Episode" Alexandra; Artem; Anthony Dempsey; Rune Carlsen.		Masters of "Giant Drill, Magic on Edge, Floating Objects"	Funniest Animals "Episode 417" Carmen Hodgson, Devon Werkheiser	14 Last Man "Urban Exploring" 54 Dish Nation (N)	14 Seinfeld "The Chicken Roaster" 54 TMZ (N)	14 National (N) 54 Family Guy "The Peanut Butter Kid"	14 National (N) 54 Family Guy "Scammed Yankees"	14 Last Man 54 Burgers	14 Extra (N) 54 Burgers	



SOLID GAME

AARON JONES HELPS
LIFT PACKERS TO
VICTORY

A Packers offense riddled with injuries at every skill position turned to a familiar face during the Christmas Eve must-win encounter with the Carolina Panthers. And Aaron Jones did not disappoint. Green Bay's seventh-year running back put his own recent injuries in the past during his finest performance of the season, 21 carries for 127 yards, to catapult the Packers to a 33-30 win over the Panthers at Bank of America Stadium.

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Packers survive scare from Panthers, 33-30

Green Bay playoff chances up to 28%

By **LUKE REIMER**
Green & Gold Express

Carolina Panthers quarterback Bryce Young was unable to get a snap off as the Panthers found themselves in field goal range as the game clock ticked to zero in Charlotte on Christmas Eve.

Down 30-22, the Carolina Panthers took over at their own 30-yard line with 5:47 left in the game. Eight yards came out of the first two plays, before Young connected with receiver D.J. Chark for 20 yards. After an unnecessary roughness penalty was called on Packers defensive back Anthony Johnson Jr., Carolina took its next snap from the Packers 42-yard line.

On the ensuing play, Young connected with receiver (and former Minnesota Viking) Adam Thielen for a 17-yard gain. The drive came to an end after Young connected with Chark again for a 10-yard touchdown. Raheem Blackshear capped the scoring off with a converted two-point conversion to tie the game.

Green Bay took back over on its own 25-yard line. After two Aaron Jones rushes brought up a third-and-4, Packers quarterback Jordan Love launched a deep pass down the left side line. Romeo Doubs went up for the contested catch and came down with the pass. As he came down with the pass, it appeared the Doubs bobbled the ball out of bounds, after his knee had hit the ground. Carolina challenged the play, but it was ruled in favor of Green Bay.

From there, Love connected with Tucker Kraft for a 20-yard gain and after a few more rushes by Jones, Carolina was forced to call its timeouts. Green Bay eventually found itself in a third-and-12 situation from the Carolina 15-yard line. Patrick Taylor rushed forward for one yard and Green Bay ran the clock down as much as it could. With 22 seconds left, Packers rookie kicker Anders Carlson hit the go-ahead field goal.

Chark once again made an impact on Carolina's final drive, taking a pass for 20 yards. That was followed up by Thielen making a 22-yard reception, before Young was unable to get a snap off in time to end the game.



Romeo Doubs had four receptions for 79 yards and one touchdown Sunday in the Green Bay Packers' 33-30 win over the Carolina Panthers. The Packers won a key replay review on Doubs' 36-yard catch late in the game that set up their winning field goal.

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"The bottom line is that we had a couple of plays at the end of the game to propel us to take the win," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur.

Love finished the game completing 17-of-28 passes for 219 yards and two touchdowns. Both Doubs, who finished with 79 yards, and Dontayvion Wicks were on the receiving end of Love's scores. It was Jones, though, who was the main driving force for the Packers this week. In what was probably his best performance of the year, Jones registered

127 rushing yards on 21 carries. Though Jones was a force on the ground, A.J. Dillon and Love both recorded rushing touchdowns.

"That's how he's been," said Doubs, on Jones' performance. "He has been that dude. Aaron's had some trials and tribulations throughout the course of this year, but I am not surprised that he played the way that he did, because that is how he always plays."

On the Panthers' side of the ball, Young, who was the first pick in the past NFL draft, put on the best per-

formance of his young career. The Alabama product recorded 312 passing yards and two touchdowns. Running back Chuba Hubbard finished with 43 yards and one touchdown on 16 carries. Ihmir Smith-Marsette added another rushing touchdown for the Panthers.

With the win, Green Bay now sits at 7-8 on the season, which is currently good for the ninth seed in the NFC. With 8-7 records, both the Los Angeles Rams and the Seattle Seahawks occupy the sixth and seventh seeds, respectively.

BEAT The Expert

Week 17 Games: Sun., Dece. 31



Luke Reimer
New Media

New York Jets @ Cleveland ... Thurs., Dec. 28
Detroit @ Dallas Sat., Dec. 30
Atlanta @ Chicago
Cincinnati @ Kansas City

Tie Breaker Game:
Green Bay @ Minnesota

Week 16 Winner :

**Jacob
Westendorf
New Media**

Weekly Standings

	Weekly Record	Overall Record
Jacob Westendorf, New Media	5-0	56-24
Time Murphy, New Media	5-0	55-25
Jim Wiegand, Tower Clock Eye Center	4-1	54-26
Robert Buss, Buss Automotive	5-0	53-27
Shane Senn, Senn Insurance	5-0	47-33
Staff, Iverson's Piggly Wiggly	3-2	46-34
Kevin Passon, New Media	3-2	45-35
Staff, Shawano Health Services	4-1	45-35
Luke Reimer, New Media	4-1	45-35
Sue Moede, Moede & Sons Plumbing	5-0	43-37
Staff, Walsh Dental	4-1	41-39



Jim Wiegand
Tower Clock
Eye Center

This Week's Picks:

Cleveland
Dallas
Chicago
Kansas City

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 17 @ Minnesota 20



Robert Buss
Buss
Automotive

This Week's Picks:

Cleveland
Dallas
Chicago
Kansas City

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ Minnesota 31



Shane Senn
Senn
Insurance

This Week's Picks:

Cleveland
Dallas
Chicago
Kansas City

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 20 @ Minnesota 27



Staff
Walsh Dental Group
Shawano

This Week's Picks:

New York
Dallas
Chicago
Kansas City

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ Minnesota 28



Staff
Shawano
Health Services

This Week's Picks:

Cleveland
Dallas
Chicago
Cincinnati

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 21 @ Minnesota 17



Moede & Sons
Plumbing
Shawano

This Week's Picks:

Cleveland
Dallas
Chicago
Kansas City

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 21 @ Minnesota 17



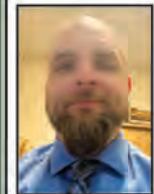
Staff
Iverson's
Piggly Wiggly

This Week's Picks:

Cleveland
Dallas
Atlanta
Kansas City

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ Minnesota 21



Jacob Westendorf
New
Media

This Week's Picks:

Cleveland
Dallas
Atlanta
Kansas City

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ Minnesota 21



Luke Reimer
New
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This Week's Picks:

Cleveland
Dallas
Atlanta
Cincinnati

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score : Green Bay 17 @ Minnesota 24



Tim Murphy
New
Media

This Week's Picks:

Cleveland
Dallas
Chicago
Kansas City

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 17 @ Minnesota 34



Kevin Passon
New
Media

This Week's Picks:

Cleveland
Dallas
Atlanta
Kansas City

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 21 @ Minnesota 17

THE VITALS —

Green Bay Packers at Minnesota Vikings

TIME AND DATE: 7:20 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31

LOCATION: US Bank Stadium

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, 7-8. Vikings 7-8

HISTORY: The Packers lead the all time series 65-58-3. While the Chicago Bears may be the Packers' biggest rival historically, Minnesota has been far more competitive since Brett Favre took over as the Packers quarterback in 1992.

Matt LaFleur has never lost to the Bears since Green Bay hired him in 2019. His record against Minnesota is a much more modest 5-4.

The Packers have split the season series each of the last three years with the Vikings since sweeping them in 2019.

The two teams met earlier in October, where the Packers lost 24-10 on a gloomy day at Lambeau Field.

The last time these two teams met at US Bank Stadium, the Packers lost 23-7 in the 2022 season opener, in a game they were never truly competitive.

COACHES: Packers - Matt LaFleur (fifth season, 54-27). Vikings: Kevin O'Connell (second season 19-12)

PACKERS SCHEDULE

Sept. 10 at Chicago W 38-20

Sept. 17 at Atlanta L 25-24

Sept. 24 vs. New Orleans Noon W 18-17

Sept. 28 vs. Detroit 7:15 p.m. L 34-20

Oct. 9 at Las Vegas 7:15 p.m. L 17-13

Oct. 15 BYE

Oct. 22 at Denver 3:25 p.m. L 19-17

Oct. 29 vs. Minnesota Noon 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 W 17-19

Dec. 11 at NY Giants 7:15 p.m. L 24-22

Dec. 17 vs. Tampa Bay L 34-20

Dec. 24 at Carolina W 33-30

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

Jan. 7 vs. Chicago, TBD

NFL SCHEDULE

Thursday, Dec. 28

Jets at Browns, 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 30

Lions at Cowboys, 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 31

Titans at Texans, Noon

Falcons at Bears, Noon

Dolphins at Ravens, Noon

Saints at Buccaneers, Noon

Patriots at Bills, Noon

Cardinals at Eagles, Noon

Panthers at Jaguars, Noon

Raiders at Colts, Noon

Rams at Giants, Noon

49ers at Commanders, Noon

Steelers at Seahawks, 3:05 p.m.

Bengals at Chiefs, 3:25 p.m.

Chargers at Broncos, 3:25 p.m.

Packers at Vikings, 7:20 p.m.

KEYS TO THE GAME

Biggest challenge will be fighting Flores' schemes

By JACOB WESTENDORF

Green & Gold Express

The Green Bay Packers are in the thick of the playoff race, but the message is simple: They need to win the rest of their games, or they'll be lamenting two losses to the New York Giants and Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

They'll travel to US Bank stadium, a place they've struggled recently, losing the last two games.

The Vikings, like the Packers, are in the thick of the playoff race, despite having lost Kirk Cousins for the rest of the season the last time these two teams met up.

That day led to a 24-10 Vikings win, and the Packers' season was in a full tailspin. They've rebounded nicely, to make this game matter.

If the Packers are going to exorcise the demons of US Bank Stadium, here are the three keys to victory.

Green Bay defense vs. Justin Jefferson

Justin Jefferson missed the last matchup between these two teams with a hamstring injury that knocked him out for more than a month.

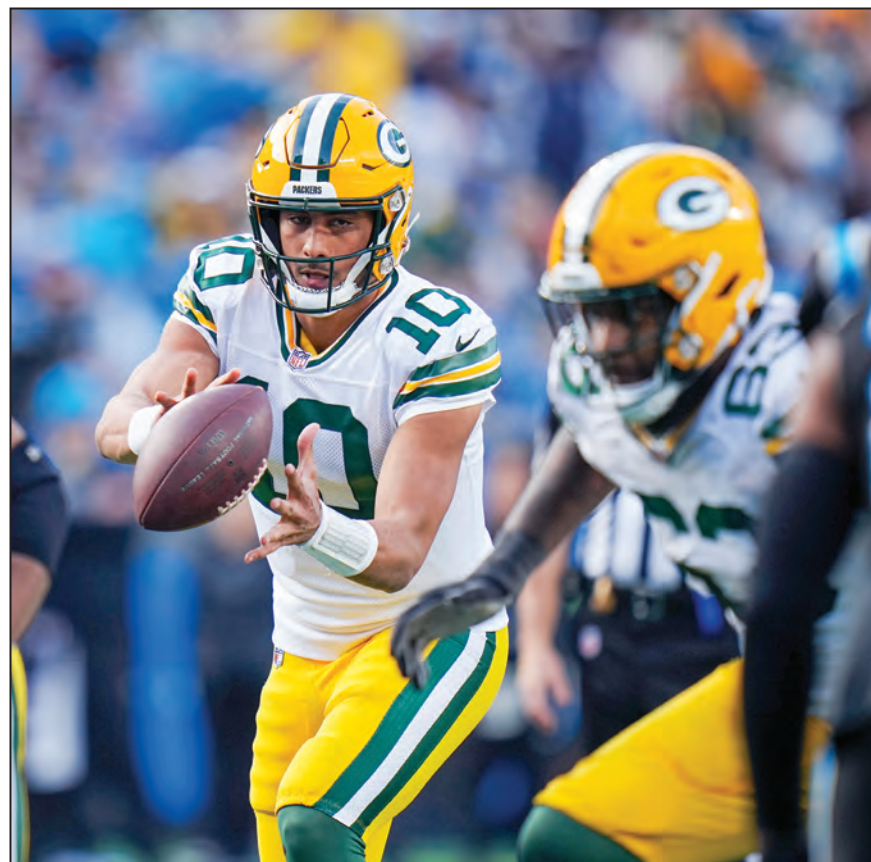
The last time Jefferson faced Green Bay, he was a relative non-factor. His most famous moment of the game was getting angry and Jaire Alexander stealing his signature celebration after breaking up a pass intended for him.

Alexander's status for this game remains unclear. He's missed the last seven games with a shoulder injury. Could he return for a marquee matchup against the league's best receiver? That's anyone's guess at this point.

Even if Alexander does play, it takes a total team effort to stop a guy like Jefferson.

Eric Stokes has returned from his hamstring injury and struggled in his return. Carrington Valentine has had some up and down moments as a rookie.

Embattled defensive coordinator Joe Barry, who may be coaching for his job, will need to figure out the best way to attack Jefferson and this diverse Vikings offense.



Jordan Love continues to string together big-time performances for a team that needs its offense to do everything it can to help carry a porous defense. Love finished the day against Carolina 17-28 for 218 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions. He added a touchdown run to give him 30 total touchdowns for the season. It wasn't the gaudiest of numbers, but Love did that despite missing his top three receivers.

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Packers offense vs. Brian Flores

They don't give the NFL Coach of the Year award to assistant coaches, but if they did, that award would be a runaway to Brian Flores.

Flores took over a defense that was at the bottom of the league a season ago under Ed Donatell, and has catapulted them to the top half of the league.

That has been true despite not having the marquee talent at many key positions outside of Danielle Hunter.

Flores' complex scheme involves where he could send as many as eight rushers or as few as three.

He's done a good job confusing some of the league's best quarterbacks throughout the course of the season.

The last time these two teams met, the Packers scored 10 points.

Their only touchdown came after the score was 24-3.

The Vikings' defense is tough. They've battled all season through various quarterback changes and offensive ineptitude to keep things afloat.

Perhaps the biggest feather in Flores' cap was winning a game 3-0 against the Las Vegas Raiders.

The Packers are going to need more than the 10 points they scored last time against this team. Jordan Love has been magnificent at taking care of the ball during this six game stretch. He'll need to continue that trend as the Vikings smell blood when turnovers become available to them.

It'll be up to Matt LaFleur and Love to try and outfox Flores in this battle between two NFC North opponents.

Packers' pass rush vs. Nick Mullens

The general NFL fanbase has probably grown an appreciation for Cousins this season. Cousins was playing as well as he ever had when he ruptured his Achilles on Oct. 24, ending his season.

The Vikings have since given way to three different quarterbacks. Jaren Hall initially took over for Cousins before ceding the position to Josh Dobbs.

Dobbs played above his head for a few weeks before hitting a wall and getting benched during the team's 3-0 win over the Las Vegas Raiders.

Dobbs has been a healthy inactive ever since, with Hall backing up former San Francisco 49er Nick Mullens.

Mullens played against Green Bay in November 2020 during the COVID-19 affected season. The Packers won that night 34-3.

Mullens has had some highs since taking over as the starting quarterback, but his lows are incredibly low. He has a propensity to turn the ball over and take some horrendous sacks.

The quartet of Devonte Wyatt, Kenny Clark, Preston Smith and Rashan Gary have formed one of the better pass rushing groups in football in terms of pressure rate.

That doesn't account for the recent ascension of Lukas Van Ness or Karl Brooks.

The Packers will need to get after Mullens against an offensive line that has been better than recent years in terms of pass blocking.

If they can do that, Mullens will put the ball up for grabs.



Keisean Nixon (25) of the Green Bay Packers tries to escape from a trio of Carolina Panthers at Bank of America Stadium on Dec. 24 in Charlotte, North Carolina. ASSOCIATED PRESS



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NOTEBOOK

Playing average might be enough for a victory over Minnesota

By JACOB WESTENDORF
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Packers' offense vs. Vikings' defense

The last time these two teams met, Green Bay's offense was in a tailspin. They had just been shut down by a Broncos defense that had recently given up 70 points. Prior to that, the Raiders had held the Packers to 13 points.

This Packers offense is different. They hit a turning point in late November with a 23-20 win over the Los Angeles Chargers.

Jordan Love's first 300-yard game as a passer appeared to take a lid off this offense.

Since then, they've performed well in every game save for a Monday night performance against the New York Giants.

Love has turned the ball over three times in the last six games, and has surpassed a 100 passer rating in seven games this season.

Any questions about the Packers' long-term future at quarterback appear to be answered.

This is a bit of a different test.

Minnesota's defense is not the group that it was under Mike Zimmer that used to give Aaron Rodgers and company fits, but they have been much better in 2023 than they were in 2022. Brian Flores is likely to be one of the hottest candidates for a head coaching gig when the 2023 season ends.

The Vikings are led by Danielle Hunter as one of the top pass rushers in football. He has 15.5 sacks on the season and is headed toward a career year.

Harrison Smith is still around as a veteran presence as the team essentially breaks in an entirely new secondary.

Josh Metellus was a thorn in Green Bay's side the first time these two teams met. He recently signed a contract extension in Minnesota, and will be around for the foreseeable future. He snatched a ball away from Jayden Reed for an interception in the team's first meeting.

Unfortunately for Minnesota, injuries and turnovers have been their bugaboo this season on the offensive



Tucker Kraft (85) caught four balls for 60 yards against the Carolina Panthers. On the season, Kraft has 22 catches for 276 yards, a 12.6 average.

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side of the ball. Kirk Cousins is out for the rest of the season. Justin Jefferson has been in and out of the lineup.

The defense has picked up the slack. They shut out the Las Vegas Raiders two weeks ago in a game where had they allowed any points, they would have lost.

Green Bay's offense is on a roll, but the Vikings could relish a chance to effectively end Green Bay's season.

This will be the matchup that decides the game.

Packers' defense vs. Vikings' offense

Joe Barry is on the hot seat. There's no question about that. After the Packers lost 34-20 to the Tampa

Bay Buccaneers, Matt LaFleur was asked whether he would relieve Barry of his duties.

LaFleur is sticking by his embattled defensive coordinator and hoping for a late season surge toward the postseason.

Green Bay has not done anything particularly well in terms of slowing teams down, and their longest standing trend is the inability to stop the run game.

The good news is Minnesota is one of the worst teams in the NFL in the run game.

They average 98 yards per game on the ground. That is good for 23rd in the NFL. They've been missing Alexander Mattison and relying on Ty Chandler to carry the load in the

backfield.

The Packers are built to get after opposing passers. If the pass rush does well, the defense has a chance. If it doesn't, they have struggled severely.

Rashan Gary and the rest of his crew will have their hands full as Christian Darrisaw is one of the best left tackles in football.

Nick Mullens has a tendency to hold the ball and take some horrendous sacks. That could give the Packers opportunities to make plays on the quarterback.

This team is only one game removed from allowing Baker Mayfield to become the first visiting quarterback to post a perfect passer rating at Lambeau Field.

This game could feature two of the very best at their positions going head-to-head.

Jefferson has bounced in and out of the lineup with a hamstring and chest injury. He should be good to go for Sunday's action.

Jaire Alexander, Jefferson's biggest nemesis, has struggled with injuries of his own. He's missed time with a back and shoulder injury. His situation remains unclear.

The Packers have some help in the return of Eric Stokes. He's played two games since being activated from injured reserve before their loss to Tampa Bay.

He's been up and down in those two games, which is to be expected considering his injury situation prior to being activated.

Minnesota's receiving corps is wounded with Jefferson sitting on the sidelines but still has some talent. Jordan Addison has had some nice moments as a former first-round pick.

TJ Hockenson is a dangerous player at tight end. KJ Osborn, the team's third receiver, made some plays when Jefferson was out of the lineup as well.

Special teams

The Packers' kicking game has been up and down all season. Anders Carlson has yet to find any sort of consistency.

Carlson's big leg has flashed at times. Other times, he looks like a golfer who mis-hits his wedge. The ball doesn't always explode off of his foot. Despite that, Carlson has been given a vote of confidence. The team will be sticking with him for the rest of the season.

As these games get bigger, the bigger the kicks will be for Carlson. An indoor environment should give him some confidence to kick without worrying about any elements.

Keisean Nixon just has not been the weapon on special teams he was a year ago. The temperatures at Lambeau Field have not allowed for shorter kickoffs. Nixon has not had one kick that even looked like he might return for a touchdown. There are still signs of electricity, but right now his signature play of the season was fumbling a punt that turned the tide of a game against the New York Giants.

Minnesota's special teams has Greg Joseph kicking for them. He's been rock solid for most of the year.

Ty Chandler has been the primary returner during the season, but has taken a step back with an increased role being given to him on offense.

Kene Nwangwu has taken on that role and has a long return of 38 yards on the season.

Minnesota's special teams ranked right in the middle of the pack according to Rick Gosselin's special teams rankings in 2022.

Average might be enough to have a big advantage. The Packers are ranked toward the bottom of the league in special teams DVOA once again, calling into question if their investment in Rich Bisaccia is paying off.



Green Bay Packers coach Matt LaFleur talks with Romeo Doubs on the sideline of the Dec. 24 game against the Carolina Panthers. A 36-yard catch by Doubs set up the game-winning field goal. ASSOCIATED PRESS

Senior VP of Officiating discusses on-field calls

Pro Football Writers of America pool reporter Joe Person's interview with NFL Senior Vice President of Officiating Walt Anderson

Question: Two plays, the first one being the Carolina challenge on the Green Bay catch by 87 along the Carolina sideline. Looking at that just on the FOX replays, the ball ended up on the ground, on the turf next to 87. For what it's worth, Dean Blandino said it should have been overturned. What did you guys see on the replay review?

Anderson: "The ruling on the field, obviously, is where we start. It was a catch and the receiver maintained control throughout the process as he was going to the ground. We actually did see the ball touch the ground, but we also saw that he had control of the ball in his left hand. The left hand never came off the ball and there were no available shots that show that he actually lost control of the ball in his left hand even though the ball touched the ground. The ball is allowed to touch the ground as long as there's not evidence that he lost control and we didn't

think it was clear and obvious that he did. And since the ruling on the field was a catch, we stayed with the ruling on the field."

Question: And, did you see at the end of the play that the ball being out of his control on the ground, and if so, how did you kind of come to grips with that?

Anderson: "You mean eventually, right after the process?"

Question: No, I mean kind of as he was completing the catch, the ball was out of his control next to him."

Anderson: "We did not see a view that showed that he lost control of the ball in his left hand until he was actually maybe beginning to get up. At that point, the process was over."

Question: Okay, thank you. And then secondly, on the final play of the game, Walt, there's the completed catch, Carolina coming down to try to spike the ball and stop the clock. Why did that play not go up to you guys in New York for review?

Anderson: "There are two parts of the replay rule that are in effect at the end of the game in this situation. Replay can stop

the game and restore time only if there are two or more seconds to be added to the game. But, as part of the same rule, we can assist the on field officials. What the officials were doing was they were getting together. What they ruled was that the ball was snapped with one on the clock, but by the time the ball hit the ground, they had zero. And they asked us if we could confirm that and we did confirm that to them, that in fact the clock actually went to zero just as it was leaving the quarterback's hand, so it was clearly at zero when it hit the ground. And we could confirm that to the crew."

Question: So, you guys did look at that because that was not communicated on the field here at the stadium?

Anderson: "Yes, because that's in the replay assistance rule. And so, as the officials were having their conference, they were communicating with us telling us, 'Here's what we're ruling on the field. We're ruling that the ball was snapped with one but it went to zero before it hit the ground.' And we could confirm that indeed that was what had occurred."



Green Bay Packers running back Aaron Jones carried the ball 21 times for 127 yards, to catapult the Packers to a 33-30 win over the Panthers at Bank of America Stadium on Dec. 24. It was the Packers' first 100-yard rushing or receiving performance this season.

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Jones nominated for Ground Player of the Week

Green Bay Packers running back Aaron Jones has been nominated for the FedEx Ground Player of the Week following Green Bay's 33-30 victory at Carolina on Christmas Eve.

In just his second game back from a three-week absence due to a knee injury, Jones rushed for 127 yards on 21 carries, turning in the Packers' first 100-yard rushing or receiving performance this season.

It was Jones' 18th career 100-yard outing and first since Green Bay's Week 17 victory over Minnesota last season.

The other nominees for this week's award are Chicago's Khalil Herbert (112 yards, TD) and the L.A. Rams' Kyren Williams (104 yards, TD).

"I think I showed that Week 1 and I just haven't been healthy to get out there and show it again," Jones said. "Finally getting back healthy, I feel like I showed people a lot of the doubters, people who may be saying, 'Oh, he's getting too old, blah, blah, blah.' It felt good."

Like last week against Tampa Bay, Jones came out of the gates hot. He recorded 82 of his 121 rushing yards on the first two series in the first quarter. He ran for 38 yards and caught an 8-yard pass on Green Bay's first possession, a seven-play, 80-yard drive that ended with a Dillon 1-yard touchdown run.

Jones then busted a season-long 39-yard run on his first carry up the right sideline to start the next series.

Jones and the offensive line continued to wear down the Panthers' front in the third quarter, with the 5-foot-9, 208-pound running back gaining 24 yards on four straight carries to set up Love's 5-yard touchdown pass to receiver Romeo Doubs on the first play of the fourth quarter.

"That's how he's been. He's been that dude," Doubs said. "It's easy outside looking in to speak on what he's done. He's had some trials and tribulations throughout the course of this year, but I'm not surprised that he played the way he did because that's how he always plays."



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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	26	5	Michigan
Malik Heath	18	WR	6-2	213	23	R	Mississippi
Elgton Jenkins	74	G/T	6-5	311	28	5	Mississippi State
Anthony Johnson Jr.	36	S	6-0	205	24	R	Iowa State
Aaron Jones	33	RB	5-9	208	29	7	Texas-El Paso
Caleb Jones	72	T	6-9	370	24	2	Indiana
Tucker Kraft	85	TE	6-5	259	23	R	South Dakota State
David Long Jr.	30	CB	5-11	196	25	5	Michigan
Jordan Love	10	QB	6-4	219	25	4	Utah State
Isaiah McDuffie58	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
Darnell Savage	26	S	5-11	198	26	5	Maryland
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
Eric Stokes	21	CB	6-0	194	24	3	Georgia
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	23	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
Luke Tenuta	78	T	6-8	314	24	2	Virginia Tech
Emanuel Wilson	31	RB	5-11	226	24	R	Fort Valley State Unvi.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Player	#	Pos	HT	WT	Age	Exp	College
Jordan Addison	3	WR	5-11	175	21	R	USC
Hakeem Adeniji	78	T	6-4	315	26	4	Kansas
Brian Asamoah II	33	LB	6-0	226	23	2	Oklahoma
Mekhi Blackmon	5	CB	5-11	178	24	R	USC
Andrew Booth Jr.	23	CB	6-0	194	23	2	Clemson
Garrett Bradbury	56	C	6-3	300	28	5	North Carolina State
Blake Brandel	64	G	6-7	315	26	3	Oregon State
Jonathan Bullard	90	DL	6-3	290	30	8	Florida
Camryn Bynum	24	S	6-0	200	25	3	California
Andre Carter II	55	OLB	6-6	256	23	R	Army
Ty Chandler	32	RB	5-11	204	25	2	North Carolina
Lewis Cine	6	S	6-2	199	24	2	Georgia
Christian Darrisaw	71	T	6-5	315	24	3	Virginia Tech
Sheldon Day	52	DL	6-1	294	29	7	Notre Dame
Andrew DePaola	42	LS	6-1	229	36	9	Rutgers
Joshua Dobbs	15	QB	6-3	220	28	7	Tennessee
Troy Dye	45	LB	6-3	225	27	4	Oregon
Akayleb Evans	21	CB	6-2	198	24	2	Missouri
Myles Gaskin	37	RB	5-10	199	26	5	Washington
Jaren Hall	16	QB	6-0	207	25	R	BYU
C.J. Ham	30	FB	5-11	250	30	7	Augustana (S.D.)
Jordan Hicks	58	LB	6-1	236	31	9	Texas
T.J. Hockenson	87	TE	6-5	248	26	5	Iowa
Danielle Hunter	99	OLB	6-5	263	29	9	LSU
Ed Ingram	67	G	6-3	307	24	2	LSU
Lucky Jackson	81	WR	6-0	186	26	R	Western Kentucky
Theo Jackson	25	S	6-1	198	25	2	Tennessee
Trishton Jackson	9	WR	6-1	191	25	2	Syracuse
Justin Jefferson	18	WR	6-1	195	24	4	LSU
Pat Jones II	91	OLB	6-4	264	25	3	Pittsburgh
Greg Joseph	1	K	6-0	206	29	4	Florida Atlantic
Alexander Mattison	2	RB	5-11	215	25	5	Boise State
Josh Metellus	44	S	5-11	207	25	4	Michigan
Nick Mullens	12	QB	6-0	210	28	5	Southern Mississippi
Johnny Mundt	86	TE	6-4	233	29	6	Oregon
Byron Murphy Jr.	7	CB	5-11	190	25	5	Washington
Nick Muse	34	TE	6-5	252	25	2	South Carolina
Jalen Nailor	83	WR	6-0	190	24	2	Michigan State
Kene Nwangwu	26	RB	6-1	210	25	3	Iowa State
Brian O'Neill	75	T	6-7	310	28	6	Pittsburgh
Josh Oliver	84	TE	6-5	259	26	5	San Jose State
K.J. Osborn	17	WR	5-11	203	26	4	Miami (Fl.)
Ivan Pace Jr.	40	LB	5-10	231	23	R	Cincinnati
Harrison Phillips	97	DL	6-3	307	27	6	Stanford
Brandon Powell	4	WR	5-8	181	28	6	Florida
David Quessenberry	76	T	6-5	310	33	6	San Jose State
Chris Reed	62	G/C	6-3	314	31	8	Minnesota State
Dalton Risner	66	G	6-5	312	28	5	Kansas State
Jaquelin Roy	93	DL	6-3	305	23	R	LSU
Austin Schlottmann	65	C	6-6	300	28	5	TCU
Harrison Smith	22	S	6-2	211	34	12	Notre Dame
NaJee Thompson	11	CB	5-11	205	23	R	Georgia Southern
Khyiris Tonga 95	DL	6-4	338	27	3	BYU	
Jay Ward	20	S	6-1	188	23	R	LSU
Jaylin Williams	38	CB	5-10	195	23	R	Indiana
D.J. Wonnum	98	OLB	6-5	258	26	4	South Carolina
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Kirk Cousins	8	QB	6-3	205	35	12	Michigan State
Marcus Davenport	0	OLB	6-6	265	27	6	Texas-San Antonio
Malik Knowles	n/a	WR	6-2	196	23	R	Kansas State
William Kwenkeu	47	LB	6-1	235	26	2	Temple
Dean Lowry	94	DL	6-6	296	29	8	Northwestern
James Lynch	92	DL	6-4	295	24	4	Baylor
Olisaemeka Udoh	74	OT	6-6	320	26	5	Elon

Pack faces biggest game of the season

Victory over Minnesota Vikings increases playoff chances to 62%

By LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

When Green Bay's schedule was released, it looked like the biggest game of the season was going to be the Week 17 game against the Minnesota Vikings.

That has come to fruition, as Green Bay, which currently sits at a 28% chance to make the playoffs, according to the New York Times Playoff Predictor, has the opportunity to greatly improve those chances with a win.

Making the playoffs would be thought of as a success for this season. With the youth of the offense and the change at quarterback, many thought that this season would be a rebuilding year, with Green Bay finishing closer to the bottom of the league than the top. It seems like that line of thinking has since been squashed, as there is no doubt that Jordan Love has what it takes to be a starting quarterback in the NFL.

Also, Green Bay has shown it can beat some of the better teams in the league, like the Detroit Lions and Kansas City. Putting those two things together and it looks like Green Bay is in a better position than many thought.

With pieces like Romeo Doubs, Jayden Reed, Jaire Alexander, Aaron Jones, Rashan Gary and Tucker Kraft, it really looks like Green Bay has a team that can make the post-season. That all comes to play this week as Green Bay takes on the Minnesota Vikings, in as close to a do-or-die game as one team can be.

"Everything is at stake, and we are going into a great environment next week in Minnesota against a really good football team," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur. "It is going to be a really great challenge, but this is what we prepare for all year, every day, every week, so we will be excited about that opportunity."

Green Bay played the Minnesota Vikings during Week 8 at Lambeau



Field, a game the Packers lost 24-10. The Vikings look drastically different since then, as Kirk Cousins was hurt in that game. Josh Dobbs looked like he was going to save Minnesota's season, but after a string of poor performances, NFL fans have seen Nick Mullens start recently for the Vikings. It is no doubt that Green Bay has a better chance of winning with Mullens starting, but with Justin Jefferson and Ty Chandler hitting their strides, Minnesota's offense is nothing to scoff at.

The Vikings' defense has been worse against the pass this season than the run, so it appears that Love will need to be the focal point of the offense this week. That can't eliminate the run game though, as Green Bay needs to capitalize off of the performance that Jones registered last week. Once the run game gets going, Love should be able to settle in and utilize the middle of the field to open up the deep shots down the sidelines.

"We know exactly what is out in front of us," said Love. "We have to finish the season off, and we have to win these last two games, so like I said, we are going to do the same thing we have been doing all season and take one game at a time. We know to keep those (playoff) hopes alive and to give ourselves a chance, we have got to win these last two. We all know what is in front of us, and we know what we are capable of, so we are just going to go finish this thing and take it one game at a time."

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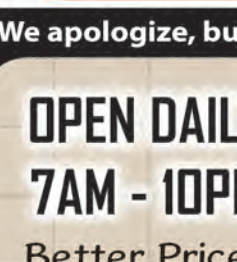
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