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Teacher Tim Ploeger, center, cuts the ribbon Aug. 29 at the career and technical education addition to Bowler School as students Derek Schreiber, left, and Logan Windorski look on.

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Shepherd's Watch opening top story for 2023

Efforts to turn farm waste into renewable energy also ranks on Enterprise's story list

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Although the western side of Shawano County tends to be quieter than neighbors further east, there were plenty of events that made headlines in the past year in Wittenberg, Birnamwood and other communities.

Mattoon's revitalization of a former elementary school and the reopening of its doors as a learning institution made the top story of 2023 for the Wittenberg Enterprise and Birnamwood News. Coming up close behind was Matsche Farms working with DTE Vantage to turn farm waste into renewable natural gas.

A sex offender fugitive caught near Birnamwood, access to the Birnamwood Public Library and Wittenberg establishing a policy on profanity also made for some interesting news in the area.

Here's a look at the top 10 stories for 2023:

1. Mattoon opens Shepherd's Watch Christian academy

Shepherd's Watch Christian Academy opened its doors in fall 2023, taking up residence in a former elementary school that was part of the Antigo School District but closed due to budget issues several years earlier.

Gerald Schmidt was hired to lead the school. He came into the position with 40 years of teaching experience through the ministry and in school. Entering his 41st year in teaching, Schmidt had been a principal for 33 of those years.

"I have a desire to 'Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it,'" said Schmidt, reciting Proverbs 22:6. "That has been my mindset, and I can honestly say that I gave that a thought when I was sitting in a classroom in sixth grade. When we discussed that chapter, for whatever reason that stuck with me. I feel that the parents in Mattoon have that desire also."

Schmidt had estimated in February that the school would have 30 students when it opened in the fall, but it wound up with 17, which he attributed to the school not being in the state voucher program. He hopes to have that ironed out in 2024.

2. Biomass processing plant opens in Birnamwood

Since Feb. 16, Detroit-based DTE Energy's DTE Vantage subsidiary and Matsche Farms, Inc. in Birnamwood have been processing waste from Matsche cattle into renewable natural gas.

The road to the initiative began before the COVID-19 pandemic, cost millions to see through and can only work with large-scale dairy farms to



The central hallway at Shepherd's Watch Christian Academy in Mattoon was cleaned and shined in anticipation of the first day of classes Sept. 5.

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Tanks and snow sit on the DTE Vantage facility near Matsche Farms, Inc. in Birnamwood. The biomass processing plant opened last month and takes waste from Matsche cattle and turns it into natural gas for use in vehicles out in California.

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economically feasible. Five thousand head is the floor; for Heather Matsche, it was a natural fit for an industry and the world looking at the next horizons.

“How are we saving the planet? We’re trying to be green and go green,” she said. “We feel better when we can improve and be sustainable in our industry. We’re looking at the environmental side of it as well; we’re just as concerned as everybody else ... you have to do the small steps.”

The scientific process at the site with three employees and 75 contractors over the course of a year relies on what is known as anaerobic digestion to work. This places manure in a sealed reactor which then breaks down the non-essential components to produce the final fuel. The gas is then sent to California for use in vehicles, and the process does end up being carbon-neutral.

3. Fugitive caught at Birnamwood outskirts

The Marathon County Sheriff’s Office, in a joint effort with multiple law enforcement agencies, arrested Shawn D. Clark on July 11. The suspect previously featured on the Shawano County Sheriff’s Office Facebook page “Wanted Wednesday” series was found in a secluded hideout near County Road D

and County Road OO in the Town of Norrie, near Birnamwood.

Clark was previously sought on an active felony warrant issued by the Wisconsin Department of Corrections for a sex offender registration violation. Upon apprehension, further investigations have led to Clark being referred to the Marathon County District Attorney’s office on multiple charges. These include felon in possession of a firearm, resisting arrest, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and felon in possession of a concealed knife.

The Marathon County Sheriff’s Office reported in a press release that it was the community’s support that proved instrumental in identifying Clark’s hidden location. The clandestine fort was built on private property in an effort to evade arrest by law enforcement, according to the release.

According to court records, Clark pleaded no contest in Marathon County to a charge of first-degree child sex assault of someone under age 13 in 2018 and was in the middle of five years of probation.

4. Birnamwood library access debated

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood School Board voted unanimously June

26 to have the community access the Birnamwood Public Library, which is part of Birnamwood Elementary-Middle School, outside of school hours so there would not be an intermingling of adults and children during the school day.

The board learned that an option was presented to the Shawano County Library Board earlier this month that would put a wall up between the community section and the area where children would get their books. The library board rejected that option, according to Superintendent Garrett Rogowski.

“I think this is a big deal,” he said. “You don’t want to lose the community library. We’ve had some parent concerns that patrons of the Birnamwood Public Library, which is a joint school and public library, that the library is open most school days at 11 a.m. and that it produces a risk for our students.”

Patrons are able to walk in the library and not always be monitored due to the large size and L-shape of the facility, Rogowski said. Locking access from the school is out, he said, as it’s not wise to expect young children to have electronic access cards to enter the library. So that was where the

idea of the wall came in, something that could be pulled away during non-school hours so that children who come in with their parents could access the children’s books.

5. Village board cracks down on profanity

The Wittenberg Village Board added profanity to its list of public nuisances after passing an ordinance Oct. 3 and banning it from any outdoor displays on residents’ property.

There had been a lot of chatter about the issue in previous meetings, most of it surrounding a flag in a yard near downtown that read: “Trump 2024: (Expletive deleted) Your Feelings.”

Profanity will now be listed under public nuisances offending morals and decency. Other items listed under the category include gambling devices, illegal drinking, unlicensed sale of liquor and beer, continuous violation of village ordinances and disorderly houses, meaning places to promote prostitution or gambling.

Violation of the profanity ordinance will result in a penalty of up to \$500 per offense, plus the village’s costs to prosecute the offender. The village code allows for each day that a violation like the Trump flag occurs to be

considered a separate offense.

6. Tech ed, ag programs in Bowler expand

The Bowler School District held ribbon-cutting ceremonies in August for two additions located behind the school for career and technical education, as well as agriculture. The project cost \$3.4 million, with the district borrowing \$3 million that will be paid back over 10 years, while the rest came from grants.

Career and technical education programs have been a big focus for schools in Shawano County, and the new 3,800-square-foot facility is expected to provide plenty of space for middle and high school students to learn about automotive technology, welding, machine tooling, fabrication and more.

The agriculture facility, totaling 4,500 square feet, includes a new greenhouse, along with facilities for aquaponics, an area for livestock animals and classrooms.

The Bowler School Board approved borrowing the money in 2022 after considering the rising costs of building materials and deciding that doing the buildings as a joint project rather than separately would be fiscally sound.

7. Woman charged with pointing gun at kids

A Wittenberg woman was arrested after allegedly pointing a firearm at a group of children on May 9 in Wittenberg.

Mindy S. Leeder, 35, was charged with one count of first-degree recklessly endangering safety and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. According to the criminal complaint, Shawano County sheriff deputies were dispatched to 401 S. Mill St. in Wittenberg for a report of a weapons offense. The caller stated that a woman was at Pond Park and was pointing a firearm at multiple kids. When arriving on scene, one deputy was shown a video of Leeder as she allegedly pulled a gun from her waistband and pointed it at one of the children, who was recording the video.

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

In an interview with Leeder, deputies claim she stated that she could hear her daughter yelling when the daughter was at Pond Park. Upon hearing the yelling, Leeder stated that she wanted to walk over to the park to see what was going on. She also stated that it is common for her to take



This flag in a yard near Wittenberg Public Library set off a discussion Sept. 19 with the Wittenberg Village Board about having a policy where profanity could not be visible on any displays outside — including flags, window decorations and more.

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a concealed firearm with her when leaving the residence, as she has a valid concealed carry permit. She also confirmed that the firearm was loaded. At this time, the case is headed for trial in 2024, with Leeder's next hearing scheduled for Feb. 21.

8. Texas Jay's wage lawsuit dismissed

A dancer has dismissed the lawsuit she brought against a strip club north of Birnamwood that she alleged denied her minimum wage pay in an unlawful attempt to classify her as an independent contractor.

Debra Weiss, who danced at Texas Jay's North in 2018-19, filed suit with about 10 unnamed plaintiffs in federal court in 2021. The club and its owner/manager, John A. Urban, were the named defendants.

Weiss alleged that she was treated as an employee of the club because for

the club's financial benefit it controlled the days and shifts she worked; clothing she wore and her performance; forced her to pay fees for each shift worked; and the tips by requiring her to share them with club bartenders, bouncers and DJs.

According to her suit, Weiss performed for and entertained out-of-state customers, particularly those from the Chicago area. She wasn't paid by the club, but danced on stage, on tables and entertained customers in VIP rooms for tips, all while semi-nude. Since her income was derived from tips, the club was subject to the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act that applied to "tipped employees," according to the complaint.

9. WBHS gets new principal for 2023-24

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood School Board approved the hiring



MEGAN ROTHMEYER

of Megan Rothmeyer in April to be the principal of Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School after Stuart Russ was hired to be principal at Oconto Falls High School.

A University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point graduate, Rothmeyer got

her first teaching position at Wausau West High School, taking over the school's journalism program. From there, Rothmeyer got certified in journalism from the University of South Florida and received her master's degree in professional development from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. That led her to Horace Mann Middle School in Wausau.

"I have been with the Wausau School District, teaching some form of English, for the last 18 years," said Rothmeyer. "Within the Wausau School District, I have taken on a lot of different leadership roles. Some of my leadership roles in Wausau include being the English Department chair, a sixth-grade team leader, a summer school principal for our fifth-to-sixth grade transition program and there are a lot of different committee-type leadership roles that I do, too."

As a 2001 Witt-Birn graduate, Rothmeyer said that she is excited to get back to her roots in the area.

10. Wittenberg gets new fire chief

James Sterk, who has been a volunteer firefighter with the Wittenberg Fire Department, was named as the new fire chief after a vote from the fire department's board, as well as the firefighters themselves on Jan. 7.

Sterk comes into the position with 15 years of experience with the department. In his time working in the department, Sterk started as a lieutenant, working his way up to captain, then to battalion chief before becoming the assistant chief.

"I moved here in the late-'90s," said Sterk. "I am in the trucking industry as a driver trainer for Wausau Chemicals. I have been with our department since 2008. Our chief resigned and then the firefighters took a vote, and majority ruled on that one."

In regard to the coverage area that Sterk is overseeing, he said that with the inclusion of Mutual Aid Box Alarm Systems, the Wittenberg Fire Department can be called to assist anywhere across the state. In immediate local areas, Sterk said that the coverage area includes both the village and Town of Wittenberg, Elderon and Franzen.

Man faces nearly 80 gun-related charges

Search warrant executed after altercation at family's farm in Birnamwood

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

A Birnamwood man has been charged with 79 felonies after a search warrant at his home resulted in the seizure of a cache of long guns and handguns, many of them

manufactured without serial numbers.

Kyle J. Matsche, 34, faces 71 counts of possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a felony, seven counts of selling or possessing a firearm silencer, and one count

of possession of narcotic drugs. He is also charged with misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and possession of drug paraphernalia.

During an appearance in Shawano-Menominee County Court on Dec. 26, Judge William Kussel Jr. set bond at \$750,000 cash and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Dec. 28 before Judge Katherine Sloma. Matsche waived the time limits for such a hearing when he appeared before Sloma, who scheduled a status conference for Jan. 30.

According to the criminal complaint, officers were called Dec. 19 to Matsche Farms on County Road N in the Town of Almon, where Kyle Matsche was allegedly having a physical altercation with several family members. The family said he appeared to be under the influence of drugs, and they were trying to restrain him and had taken two guns away from him because he was talking about harming himself, the complaint said.

The responding officer saw an AR-style rifle and a pistol similar to a Glock but with no serial number and was told Matsche builds the guns as a hobby. Because Matsche was convicted of felony bail jumping on several occasions between 2008 and 2010, he is prohibited by law from possessing firearms.

The officer obtained a search warrant for Matsche's home, looking for ghost guns manufactured without identifying serial numbers or markings, along with any tool to make firearms. The search yielded another 46 long guns, 23 handguns and 1,315 pounds of ammunition.

Also confiscated were a digital scale and a bag of drug paraphernalia that both tested positive for the presence of fentanyl, according to the complaint.

The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms advised it would take over the case after Shawano County authorities seized any firearms, ammunition, any firearm-manufacturing components and protective gear, according to the complaint.

Bowler School District awarded USDA grant as part of collaborative distance learning initiative

The Bowler School District will receive \$23,898 for distance learning technology upgrades from a USDA Rural Development, Rural Utility Services Distance Learning and Telemedicine (RUS-DLT) grant.

In total, two Wisconsin distance learning consortiums — Northern Wisconsin Educational Communications System (NWECS) and Embarrass River Valley Instructional Network Group (ERVING), in partnership with Northwood Technical College — have been awarded \$999,480 to facilitate their \$1.5 million NWECS-ERVING Collaborative Distance Learning Initiative.

The ERVING Network will receive an additional \$100,000 for content and curriculum. Bowler School District is taking part as a member of ERVING.

The initiative aims to replace outdated, end-of-life technology that impedes course delivery and to provide support for mental health telemedicine services across 30 rural school districts. The implementation of advanced distance learning technologies will enable Northwood Tech and both the NWECS and ERVING consortiums to further extend and enhance educational opportunities within the rural communities they serve.

Replacing the outdated equipment will improve class interaction between sites, as well as help eliminate class downtime due to technical difficulties. These updates plus additional technology equipment in classrooms also increases the capacity for distance learning courses.

"The USDA Rural Development, Rural Utility Services Distance Learning and Telemedicine (RUS-

DLT) Grant is an exciting opportunity for the Bowler School District to update technology resources for students to engage in distance learning," said Glenda Butterfield-Boldig, Bowler School District administrator. "It also provides opportunities for our students to receive quality high school and college education courses that may not otherwise be available to students in our district."

Overall, the NWECS-ERVING Collaborative Distance Learning Initiative will equip 38 individual sites throughout Douglas, Ashland, Barron, St. Croix, Bayfield, Dodge, Florence, Marinette, Sawyer, Iron, Forest, Juneau, Taylor, Wood, Price, Waupaca, Shawano and Portage counties with the latest interactive video distance learning equipment. K-12 students will have better access to high school credit, college credit and enrichment programming.

For information on the ERVING distance learning programming, contact Jamie Lane, ERVING director, at 920-676-3017 or ervingnetwork@gmail.com.



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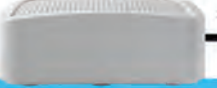
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Wet tradition continues in Shawano



ABOVE: Costumes are often a part of the fun and festivities at the Shawano Polar Plunge, as a trio of pirates make their way off the Wolf River channel on Jan. 1.

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RIGHT: Towels are a good thing to have after making the dive at the Polar Plunge, but plenty of folks were covering up before jumping off the docks behind The Lighthouse on New Year's Day.

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BALLOT #2

Best Thing To Do:

- ☐ Bowling Alley _____
- ☐ Campground _____
- ☐ Cheese Factory _____
- ☐ Happy Hour _____
- ☐ Live Music _____
- ☐ Meat Market _____
- ☐ Night Spot _____

Best Outdoor Activities:

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

Best Vehicle Services:

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- ☐ Auto Parts Supply Store _____
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BALLOT #3

Food/Dining:

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

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Flowers and foliage vary by hybrid, making collection of African violets fun and enjoyable.

ROB ZIMMER



African violets increasing in popularity

Coming in 2024, the Year of the African Violet will arrive. Celebrate this special designation by increasing your African violet collection or growing your first in the coming year.

Like many of the classic house plants of the mid-1900s, African violets are seeing a resurgence in popularity as more and more new gardeners and house plant growers try their hand at these beautiful, petite and elegant flowering beauties.

Traditionally grown and shared as flowering plants throughout the years, African violets are seeing a big increase in popularity. There are several African violet shows in the area that showcase the variety and beauty of these beloved traditional favorites.

While African violets tend to have a reputation of being touchy house plants, they simply have a few special needs that must be met for them to perform at their best.

As is the case with most plants, overwatering tends to be the biggest issue with African violet care. Light requirements are also important when considering placement of African violets in your home.

African violets grow best in medium light. Light that is too bright will scorch the plants and lead to browning and dryness. Too little light will prevent the plant from growing much and often cause rot.

Placement in a north- or east-facing window is ideal, or grow beneath timed growing lights where conditions can be controlled.

African violets like to be somewhat moist, but never soggy. Use of a special African violet potting mix



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is recommended to help maintain correct moisture. Regular potting soil may hold too much water.

Growing African violets in special African violet pots is also a way to help control moisture levels.

Watering from the bottom in a special watering tray or display is the preferred watering method for African violets. This allows the plant to soak up the moisture from beneath to the roots where it is needed and not drench the crown of the plant, which is tender and can easily rot.

Because African violets like a bit of humidity, it is recommended to grow them over a shallow dish of pebbles in water and mist regularly with a spray bottle.

To keep African violets blooming regularly, remove spent flower stems and old leaves regularly. Simply pinch them off at the base to trigger new leaves and flowering stems to form.

There are so many wonderful varieties of African violets to enjoy. Many have stunningly variegated leaves and large, ruffled, layered blooms in many colors of the rainbow.

Enjoy exploring these wonderful house plans as the Year of the African Violet arrives.



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Trust in the good hand of God when traveling

The text popped in and through instant tears I read: "Mom, I made it!"

Our daughter, flying home this past November for deer hunting and staying through Thanksgiving, was heading back to Texas on a flight out of Appleton, with a one-hour layover in Chicago. Getting her to the airport around 9:30 that morning, it hadn't started snowing. Yet.

Watching the weather intently, we noticed a storm had started brewing a few days earlier in Texas no less, heading north right about the time our daughter would be heading south. Lovely.

Keeping in touch via text messaging, we monitored her progress. Also, she had shared her flight plan with me so I could see the virtual plane on a map making its way slowly north — the one our daughter was to board at 10:50 a.m.

1:01 p.m.: "This plane is still not here." I could sense her disappointment without hearing her voice.

"It's not for sure canceled yet but it keeps getting pushed back and pushed back. I've rebooked. My new connect-



Kay Reminger
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ing flight in Chicago is 3:15 p.m."

At 1:09 p.m., she texted her plane just got there, two-hours plus past the original time. Her rebooked connecting flight was at a gate right next to where she'd land, which was handy. The next text message was ominous.

"Mom, they have to de-ice the plane. Pray I make this new connection, it'll be tight."

Immediately, I started praying and to comfort her I sent her the prayer exactly as I was talking to God: "Father, move your hand swiftly over the plane; heat, holy heat. Father God, in the natural, make happen supernaturally. Delay the departure from Chicago so that your daughter will be seated and ready."

Before praying, I felt anxious helplessness. After praying with conviction, I knew deep in my innermost being that he would intervene. It was a reassurance, a settled-ness, a knowledge that I was not begging my father, for he is my daddy and a child does not have to beg for favor. I had no clue what he was up to, but oh I knew his good hand was on this.

Her next text was, "Just landed in Chicago. Still on the plane. Totally missed my connection. Dang. I have to rebook." (She wouldn't have to.)

My heart sunk, but again, overriding this was a certainty that he was moving. I cannot explain it, but what happened next proved it.

"Mom. I'm still on the plane and my app isn't working so I have to talk to a human once I get into the airport."

I kept praying, thanking him for intervening, that she will get where she needs to go without having to stay overnight at O'Hare. I checked again.

"Flight AA1674 - en route."

Oh-no-oh-no.

Then a text ... "Mom, can you check that flight again?? It just said delayed but idk if that's right."

I checked again. I blinked. Read it twice making sure I could comprehend what I was reading: "Flight AA1674 to Dallas - delayed 15 minutes."

The next text from Jess literally made me burst into tears. "Mom. I made it! Mom, I cannot! Oh my gosh, God is real!"

There was no reason why this flight, which had been posted as en route was in fact, delayed 15 minutes, enough time for my daughter to sprint at a dead run, from one plane to the next. The flight attendant at first thought she wasn't supposed to be on, but she figured it out and let her board.

Had her app worked while waiting to get off the plane, she'd have scheduled a flight she wouldn't have needed. God saw and assisted his daughter. However, little did we know, the saga would continue.

Later that night, just after 7 p.m., as she was riding with a friend from DFW to Tyler, I received a heart-sinking text: "I think I might have lost my wallet. Mom. Ugh. I can't find it in my bag. I called Appleton airport, and their lost and found is closed."

Calling her immediately, we discussed options and after assuring her this stuff happens to people all the time (her response: "But not to me!"), we hung up, promising to stay in touch and to pray.

"Here we go again, Father God! We need yet another favor from you, that some kind soul would have discovered the wallet and turned it into airport security. Father, we know again, Your good hand is on her and this situation." That same sense of assurance settled upon me; his holy spirit quieting my heart.

Mid-morning next day, she called. "Mom. They found my wallet! In O'Hare!"

We were speechless. She made arrangements for it to be delivered to her home. Had she needed to rebook in Chicago, she'd have had no means to pay for food or a flight; her credit cards, debit card weren't in her possession, and she didn't realize it until she was on her way to Tyler. But he knew.

God is always in control; trust him, he is so good.

("For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is perfect toward Him." 2 Chronicles 16:9)



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On Dec. 27, 2023, we lost our beloved husband, father and grandfather. Paul Dale Dibley was a man of faith, family and community.

Paul was born on Aug. 16, 1950, in Milwaukee to the late Chester and Elizabeth (Purdy) Dibley. His brother, John, was born a couple years later, completing their little family. They were raised with a strong love for God and the Catholic faith, attending Catholic grade and high schools. Catholic faith was so important, Paul thought of being a priest but always knew he wanted a family. Clearly the next best thing was dentistry, so he obtained his DDS from Marquette University School of Dentistry. Many declarations of "Oh God" were heard during a tooth extraction, so it worked.

Having crossed off obtaining his "godly vocation" from his list it was time for a family. On Aug. 18, 1973, he married the love of his life, Geraldine Gmoser, and moved to Shawano to start his four-decade long career in dentistry. It was at Arlington Dental



Kristen, and son, Brian. His family was his pride and joy and always a priority. You could always find him coaching their sports, taking them on family vacations (are we there yet?) and spending countless days on the boat. He got a twinkle in his eye watching his kids scream in excitement (and a little fear) as he whipped them around on the tube.

The only title Paul cherished more than dad was pappy. Nothing made him happier than getting down on the ground and playing with his twin granddaughters, Gabriella and Madelyn, granddaughter McKenzie

Clinic where he turned many a patient into a friend and where his employees were family.

In 1975 his first daughter, Laura, was born, soon to be followed by his second daughter,

and grandson Deacon. As with his own children, he was at every activity and made sure college would be taken care of. The feeling was mutual, there was no happier place to be than at Grammy and Pappy's house.

Shawano was a very special place for Paul, and it was important for him to contribute to it. One avenue was his children's school and family church, Sacred Heart Catholic, as well as Shawano Rotary Club. He served Sacred Heart in many facets including Parish Council president, lector and head of multiple parish picnics. He was one year shy of his goal of serving Shawano Rotary Club for 50 years in almost every capacity including president.

Paul loved traveling internationally with his wife and friends and never missed a Packer game (unless his grandkids wanted his attention).

Left with huge holes in their hearts are his wife of 50 years, Geraldine; daughters, Laura (Leroy) Steinbacher and Kristen Hooker; son, Brian

(Nikki) Dibley; grandchildren, Gabriella, Madelyn, McKenzie and Deacon; brother, John Dibley; sisters-in-law, Kathleen Evans and Karen (Ronald) Lundean; friends like family, Richard and Ellen Wiese. He is further survived by many nieces, nephews and friends.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, Chester and Elizabeth Dibley; in-laws, Edward and Zita Gmoser; brother-in-law, Lawrence Evans; great-nephew, Matthew Baska; and many beloved dogs.

A funeral Mass was held for Paul on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2024, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Shawano. Burial was held at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery.

A memorial fund will be set up in Paul's name to benefit Shawano Rotary and other organizations close to his heart.

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Nicolette R. Laux

Nicolette Renee Laux
Jan. 16, 1983 — Nov. 15, 2023

This past week, Nicolette Laux passed from the mortal realm, and while I'm sure the angels were dancing with delight to add such a spirited soul to their ranks, those left stuck in our finite, physical existence mourn her departure as we struggle to understand why such an ugly disease can ravage such a beautiful person. While our time on earth is relatively short in the context of our humanity and its inherent mortality, our hearts ache for reunion perhaps more so than anything else. Living this side of Eden is hard, especially when bad things happen to good people. It's hard to make sense of as



we yearn for an existence back in the Shire, not one spent in the shadow of Mordor.

Nicki was a person of vibrance. You just couldn't be around her without

feeling a magnetic pull or being infected by her easy and genuine laugh. It seemed as if she was also waiting to smile, even when the chips were down. She fought cancer valiantly, but it was the way that she lived — not how she died — that will be her legacy to friends and family.

And to some degree, it was the support she received in the last year that defined the best of Rabun including the efforts to get her home where she took her last breaths of mountain air while saying her temporary good-byes.

When something like this happens, it reminds us of how insignificant so many other worldly things are. While the tears are falling, we lean into our faith and we recognize the absolutely precious nature of life. We draw nearer to one another in an attempt to capture that which seems lost, albeit in a very temporary sense.

Nicki will by now have been made new and in the loving embrace of

God, but we will take our moments to memorialize one lost too soon in our opinion, but one who lived life to the fullest.

Nicolette is survived by her father, Scott Laux; sisters, Peri Laux and Annie Marler; brother-in-law, Ben Marler; nephew, Archibald Marler; grandmother, Shirley Hertz; and life partner, Jason Patsios.

Written by: Roger Glenn, guest columnist of The Clayton Tribune
Beck Funeral Home, in Clayton, Georgia, is honored to serve the family of Nicki. If there are any questions, please call 706-782-9599. An online memorial register book is available at www.beckfuneralhome.com.

Ruthmary A. Sekaney

Ruthmary Ann Sekaney, of Shawano, died on Dec. 24, 2023, at Aster Assisted Living in Clintonville. She was 84 years old.

She was born Dec. 3, 1939, in Antigo, a daughter of Marland "Blackie" and Virginia (Godleske) Malzahn. She married George Sekaney on Sept. 3, 1960, at Peace Lutheran in Antigo. He preceded her in death in 1992.

She was a graduate of Antigo High School class of 1957.

Ruthmary was employed at the Wausau and River Falls Public Libraries. She also worked at Minnesota Manufacturing Center Research Library.



She enjoyed researching family genealogy, reading and old-time music. She also played piano and organ and enjoyed gardening. A loving mother, she especially loved

spending time with and spoiling her grandchildren.

Survivors include three daughters, Diane (Mike) Wendorff of Shawano, Kathryn (Tom) Kuse of Shawano and Rebecca (Todd) Riske of Clinton-

ville; four grandchildren, Teal (Alex) Evans, Tyler Wendorff, Hunter Staniforth and Isabelle Riske; a sister, Patricia Hansen of Show Low, Arizona; four sisters-in-law, Nancy Matuszewski of Bryant, Sharon Prange of Sheboygan, June Christensen of Green Bay and Mary Ann Sekaney of Bryant; brother-in-law, Jim (Carol) Sekaney of Wausau. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins, including special niece, Beth Hoerman, and cousins, Lois Mary Fischer and Chuck (Dee) Malzahn.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two infant daughters, Laura and

Janet; and her only son, Corey, at age 4; brothers-in-law, Paul Sekaney, Emil Matuszewski, Sheridan Prange and Chris Christensen; sisters-in-law, Elaine (Elmer "Mert") Schroepfer, Grace (Hank) Semph and Mable (Don) Graves.

A memorial gathering was held Wednesday, Jan. 3, at the Bradley Funeral Home in Antigo. A private burial took place in Elmwood Cemetery, Antigo.

A special thank you to Aster Assisted Living and Moment's Hospice for their loving care of Ruthmary.

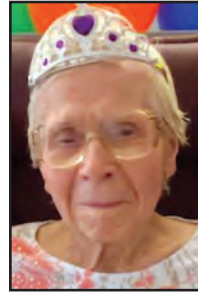
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Deloris B. DeBuhr

Deloris B. DeBuhr, 102, of Embarrass, formerly of Gresham, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2023, at The Pines Post Acute and Memory Care, Embarrass.

Deloris Bernice DeBuhr was born July 20, 1921, in Howards Grove, daughter to the late Gustav and Viola (Brumsted) Walk. After graduating from Howards Grove High School in 1938, Deloris was united in marriage to Donald DeBuhr on Sept. 1, 1938, in Iowa. She enjoyed her role as a stay at home mom for their growing family.

During Don's working years, the family lived in the Milwaukee area until retirement, when they built



a home near Gresham. Deloris loved to host and entertain friends and family in her home. She was an excellent cook, baked her own fresh bread and canned much of the bounty

produced by her large garden. Deloris and Don traveled often in retirement and even went to Europe among many other places. The couple enjoyed square dancing over the years.

Faith in Christ was the foundation

of her life; Deloris studied the Word and prayed often as a devoted Christian. She will be remembered for her honesty and forthright way she would let others know what was on her mind, as well as her funny, witty, sense of humor. The love she had for her family was boundless and her family is happy that she's now in her father's house.

She is survived by one son, Ronald DeBuhr; daughter-in-law, Farrel DeBuhr; grandchildren, Dean (Jo) DeBuhr, Dan DeBuhr, Angie (Scott) Kale, Ken Barkow Jr., Klint (Heather) Barkow, Kia (Cory) Christopherson and Kristine (Adam) Kersten; great-grandchildren, Deidre, Derrick, Neal,

Heidi, Klay, Kolton, Madi, Caleb, Gavin, Paige, Kameron and Beverly.

Deloris was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Donald; daughter, Karen Barkow; son-in-law, Ken Barkow Sr.; siblings, Kermit, Alice and Jean; and another daughter in infancy.

Inurnment will take place privately at Zion Rest Cemetery, Gresham.

The family will hold a celebration of life in spring/summer of 2024.

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

An online guestbook is available at eberhardtstevenson.com.

Barbara C. Newman

On the morning of Sept. 21, 2023, Barbara C. Newman passed away peacefully at hospice in Rockledge, Florida.

Born Aug. 31, 1946, she was 77 years old.

She was preceded in death by her son, Richard Newman.

She is survived by her two daughters,

Nadine O'Neil (Newman) of Florida and Laura Newman of Georgia; and her grandchildren, Heather Greer, Daphne Newman, Nick Olson (Newman), Rita Heuer and Devin Newman.

She was a Menominee Tribal police officer. She also was a domestic violence advocate.

Michael E. Blumreich

Michael E. Blumreich, 68, formerly of Tigerton, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023.

Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Tigerton.

Larry A. Krolow

Larry A. Krolow, 83, of Clintonville, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2023. Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Tigerton.

Gunhild Haugnes' 'Freydis' tells an epic tale

For those of us who grew up surrounded by the forests of Wisconsin, it is hard to imagine the harsh, nearly treeless landscape that is Iceland and Greenland. Gunhild Haugnes makes it all come alive in "Freydis," the first of her Daughters of Freya saga.

Historically, Viking raider Eirik Raude (aka, "Eirik the Red") discovered Greenland and founded a colony there. He now lives there with his wife, Tjodhild, sons Leif, Torvald and Torstein, and his illegitimate daughter, Freydis.

As the story opens, we find short-tempered and impulsive 17-year-old Freydis on one of her early morning rambles. Today Freydis meets the old crone, Trojborg Lillevolen. The woman is feared as a witch because she can predict the future.

She tells Freydis that her half-brother Leif is returning from a great journey to the west. They have rescued several Icelanders from a shipwreck. Among them is a beautiful young woman, Gudrud, and a handsome young man, Sverre.

Freydis is immediately smitten by Sverre, and soon the two are in a heated love affair. Leif has found a new land with a mild climate, lush pastureland and thick forests. He has named it Vinland. Many want to accompany Leif to the new land, but he explains that he

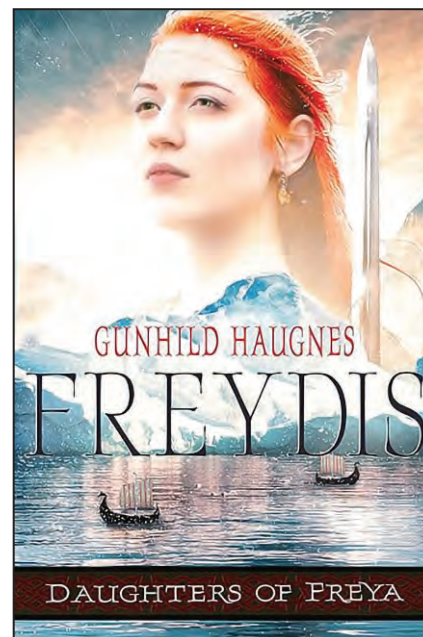


can't leave until he has converted all of Greenland to Christianity.

While Eirik and Freydis remain true to the old Norse gods, Tjodhild and many others embrace the new faith, causing friction in Brattalid. About the time Freydis discovers she is pregnant, Sverre announces that he is returning to Iceland without her.

In her fury, Freydis summons her "goddess" and curses Sverre. She reluctantly agrees to marry Torvard of Gardar. He's always loved her, but she's indifferent toward him. She gives birth to Einar but sees Sverre in his eyes and cannot love him, so when the opportunity to travel to Vinland comes, she convinces Torvard to leave the child with his parents and join the group.

Vinland is all they'd hoped for. Soon Freydis has taken a lover and becomes pregnant. When the native people attack, it is Freydis, breasts bared and screaming, who chases them off. After one of the Icelanders steals their ship



to explore further south, Freydis tries to convince their leader to lend them their ship so they can return to Greenland, but a terrible fight ensues.

Enraged, Freydis smashes the skull of Sverre's sister, locks the Icelanders in the longhouse and sets sail for Greenland. She is in labor but a huge storm washes all their trade goods, her lover and her baby overboard.

Once Freydis was hailed for driving off the natives, but now she is despised for her violent behavior. She continues

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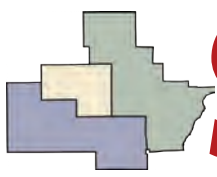
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to take visiting sailors as lovers, but to her surprise, Torvard still loves her and they have a daughter, Brita.

When Torvard dies, Einar throws Freydis out of Gardar, so she asks to live in what was Tjodhild's house. When Brita marries and leaves for Iceland, Freydis is summoned to Trojborg's deathbed. She reveals information about Freydis's mother and entrusts her with a satchel where she confines an evil serpent. It must never be freed.

She tells Freydis that she must make amends for her wrongdoing before she can find peace. Then she will endure another 30 years alone. Freydis does her best to right the many wrongs she has done.

By then she is well into her nineties and ready to journey into the next realm, so she shares her life story and secrets with a young girl. That girl is to go to Iceland and tell everything to Brita. With that finished, Freydis steps onto an ice floe and embarks on her final journey of exploration.



YEAR IN REVIEW

Fans, athletes celebrated the best of sports achievements in 2023

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The past 12 months have seen a variety of firsts, some state titles and plenty of impressive competitions by local high school athletes, as well as a few non-school related top stories.

Here's a look at some of those individuals and teams that made the headlines in 2023.

Wrestling

Bonduel High School's Maddy Sokolski capped off a perfect wrestling season with a state title in the girls 138-pound weight class during the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Individual State Tournament, which ran Feb. 23-25 at the Kohl Center in Madison.

Sokolski didn't surrender a point in any of her four state matches, with a 7-0 decision over Middleton's Mattie Papenthien in the final being the only win not to come by pin.

"I'm feeling really overwhelmed with all the support from my family, and my boyfriend, my teammates and friends," said Sokolski minutes after winning it all. "I'm really grateful to be down at Madison this year, it's really a cool environment."

Oconto Falls High School freshman Taylor Whiting won the girls state title at 107 pounds.

It marks the fifth straight year a Whiting won a state title after Taylor's older brother, Clayton, won four titles during his high school years. After winning her first title, she made her way into the crowd for an emotional embrace with her older brother.

Whiting capped off a 4-0 run at state with a 4-0 decision win over Wausau West's Savannah Danielson in the title match.

"It's an amazing feeling, a lot of stress came off a little bit here," said Whiting of accomplishing her goal of keeping the family state title streak alive. "I'm excited to keep going, learn more, train more."

At the boys tournament, Witten-



Oconto Falls' Taylor Whiting reacts after winning the girls 107-pound title during the 2023 WIAA state individual wrestling tournament on Feb. 25 at the Kohl Center in Madison.

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berg-Birnamwood's David Gauderman and Shawano's Caden Young each placed second in their weight divisions. Pulaski's Trenton Gibbons placed third.

Basketball

On the basketball court, the Marion boys team claimed its first conference title (Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division) in 55 years.

Tennis

On a different court, Shawano's Tristan Sheldon and George Buerman competed at the boys tennis state meet.

Track and field

Bowler High School senior Emmitt Kietlinski won a state title and nearly claimed a second during the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic

Association Track and Field State Championships, held June 2-3 at Veterans Memorial Stadium Complex in La Crosse.

Kietlinski, who was representing the Gresham/Bowler co-op, opened state competing in the Division 3 high jump competition June 2. He won the event after clearing 6 feet, 6 inches.

Kietlinski then took part in the triple jump competition on June 3, finishing second after a top leap of 44-9/4.

"This was very special to me," said Kietlinski. "First off, I'm just so thankful for the opportunity to come here and how well I've done here the past three years. It means a lot to me, and I'm really happy that I got a first and a second in my very last time here at state — it's something I'll always remember."

Weeks later, Kietlinski placed



Bonduel's Maddy Sokolski raises her hand after winning the girls 138 weight class title during the 2023 WIAA state individual wrestling tournament on Feb. 25 at the Kohl Center in Madison.

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second in the high jump at the Nike Outdoor Nationals on June 17 at Hayward Field at the University of Oregon.

Kietlinski cleared 6 feet, 9 inches to earn the second-place finish.

Kietlinski competed in the triple jump at the national meet on June 18, placing 23rd.

He earned that finish after a top leap of 42-2/4. He posted his top mark on his first of three attempts in the first flight of competition. The top nine advanced to the finals.

To qualify for the Nike Outdoor Nationals, Kietlinski had to meet certain standards in each event. The high jump standard was 6-4, while the triple jump mark was 44-6.

"Competing in the national was the biggest meet of my career," said Kietlinski. "I'd seen Hayward Field meets on television, so it was extra special to compete on that track."

There were jumpers who were state champions from all over the U.S. and it was neat to talk to and compete with guys from all over the country.”

Back at the state track and field meet, Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Reese Rogowski claimed four top-10 finishes. Teammate Faith Resch took a third-place award.

Gillett's Alex Peterson was part of three top-five finishes, while Suring's Christine Sleeter earned a pair of top-five finishes.

Golf

On the golf course, the Lena High School boys team placed fifth in Division 3 at the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association State Boys Tournament on June 5-6 at Blackwolf Run - Meadows Course in Kohler.

Lena had a team score of 370, which is 82 shots over par, on the first day of competition. Lena posted a team score of 373 on the second day, giving the team a two-day total score of 743.

Braden McVane led the Wildcats over the two-day competition and ended up placing seventh as an individual with a total score of 165.

“The first round I struggled around the greens and wasn't too happy with my score, but the second day I came around and played some good golf,” said McVane. “It definitely feels good to have placed seventh out of the many guys.”

Mason Belongia was Lena's next finisher, taking 26th overall after a total score of 185.

Mason Spice turned in a two-day total of 194 to finish tied for 36th place as an individual.

Drake Dionne finished five shots back of Spice. Dionne's 199 placed him 39th as an individual.

Evan VanderZanden was Lena's fifth golfer, taking 50th as an individual after a two-day total of 217.

While most of the Wildcats weren't thrilled with the rounds they produced, the fifth-place finish as a team was an accomplishment, especially for making the school's first-ever state appearance.

“We had no expectations coming into the tournament so a fifth is pretty cool in all our eyes, but I know we all have a lot more to show for ourselves and I think we can improve for next year,” said Dionne.

In the fall, Pulaski's Vivien Ninham tied for 31st place at the WIAA State Girls Division 1 golf meet at University Ridge Golf Course in Verona on Oct. 9-10.

After the first day, she was tied for 24th place with an 85, 13 above



Gresham/Bowler's Emmitt Kietlinski competes in the high jump during the WIAA Track and Field State Championships on June 2 at Veterans Memorial Stadium Complex in La Crosse. FILE | NEW MEDIA

par. Ninham shot the same 85 on the second day, giving her a total score of 170, 26 above par.

Hockey

Pulaski High School's Briana Anundsen, Olympia Simons and Faye Brunke helped the Bay Area Ice Bears girls hockey team win the state title on March 4 at Bob Suter's Capitol Ice Arena in Middleton.

Bay Area capped a special winter season with a 3-0 win over Superior/Northwestern in the championship game. The Ice Bears topped the Middleton co-op 4-1 on March 2 in the state semifinal.

“Being a part of this team means a lot to me,” said Brunke. “It really

is a special thing, and it's an amazing feeling knowing we as a team won the state title. This team has put so much effort and hard work into practices, games and the offseason, and truly every single player got us to this point.”

“Being part of this year's team has been so special to me,” said Simons. “This team is a co-op high school sport, which means we don't typically get a lot of recognition and some of our achievements can go unnoticed. This year, after we qualified for state, we finally started to get a lot of recognition through our schools and got to feel the true high school sport experience.

“We were posted on our school's

social media, more students came to watch our game, teachers congratulated us. This state title has been so memorable, and I wouldn't want to share this success with anybody else but these teammates. We all worked so hard to get to this point and to finally see all of our hard work pay off has been so amazing.”

Legion baseball

Coming off a very successful regular season, the Wittenberg 16U Legion team turned their attention to the state tournament in Waupun in late July. Looking to start their double elimination tournament with a bang, Wittenberg rode the arm of Hayden Miller to pick up an 8-3 win over Campbellsport.

“I thought we played a very good defensive game as an entire unit,” coach Jeff Miller said after defeating Campbellsport. “We had a solid pitching performance across the board against a very good hitting team. Fortunately, we were able to string together some timely hits late which helped us take care of business today.”

After coming away with an impressive opening round win, Wittenberg turned their attention to the La Crosse A's and their 20-3-2 record. Wittenberg found out the hard way how good this La Crosse team is as a pair of three-run innings proved too much in the 12-4 defeat.

Following their tough loss to La Crosse on July 22, Wittenberg was put in a win or go home situation July 23 as that was their motto the rest of the way.

Apparently that was enough motivation for them as they dominated Germantown 9-1 to book a spot in the semifinal match on July 24. They then proceeded to knock off Tomah in their most dominating performance of the week as they advanced to face Seymour with a 16-4 victory.

Wittenberg came out strong by not only scoring in the first inning but opening up a 4-1 lead as they appeared to have the game in hand. Seymour did a great job rallying back and pulled within 4-3 and even had the tying run on second base in the seventh before coming up short in the end.

Already with an impressive weekend under their belt, Wittenberg took the field for the final time in 2023 as the La Crosse A's awaited them for the state title.

La Crosse gave Wittenberg their lone loss up to this point at the state tournament, knocking them off 12-4 on July 22, and this was no different as the A's took care of Wittenberg

11-0. Wittenberg's dream season came to an end with a state runner-up finish.

After seven weeks of American Legion baseball this summer, the Pulaski Legion squad saw its season come to an end at the AA State tournament in Ashwaubenon.

In its first game, Pulaski played Region 1 winner River Falls. Despite River Falls taking the victory 11-1, this game was much closer than it seemed as a series of errors led to countless unearned runs that ultimately doomed Pulaski in the end.

Needing a win on Saturday to keep their season alive, Pulaski took on the New London Clippers in a win-or-go-home game. Despite their offense putting up much better numbers and pushing across six runs, it was their pitching that let them down as the Clippers plated nine runs to send Pulaski home 9-6.

Shawano Speedway

Cody Hudson, a member of Shawano Area Ag Society, which oversees the fairgrounds, told the Shawano County Board Aug. 23 that scale issues are taking away from the importance of the track to the community.

A winning driver was recently dis-

qualified after his race when it was discovered his car weight did not meet regulations, and he forfeited his winnings.

"The race track brings so much stuff to the community. They bring a lot of revenue to the area," Hudson said. "There is so much more to be talked about. There is even talk about wanting to close the track down. We want to keep seeing racing going."

Social media has been buzzing with rumors and comments after Mike Thorne announced in late July he was told via letter from the Ag Society he was no longer welcome at the track. Thorne, who declined to speak to the media, said in several social media posts he simply asked questions posed by fans, and the Ag Society executive board took it out on him.

Cross country

Several local teams and individuals earned titles in three divisions at the 2023 Boys & Girls State Cross Country Championships at The Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids on Oct. 28.

In the Division 1 girls race, Olivia Stedl of Pulaski placed 123rd with a time of 20:44.8.

In the Division 2 girls race, Sha-

wano placed sixth.

Bailey Hendricks ended up in 24th place in 19:56.7. She was joined by Grace Chelberg in 51st, Lilly Guenther in 53rd, Adalyn Barkley in 86th and Macy Beyer in 96th.

Oconto Falls' Hailey Delzer placed 57th with a time of 20:33.7, and Brooke Hodkiewicz was 75th in 20:52.2.

In Division 3, Bonduel placed sixth as well.

Mariah Wondra ran to 40th place in 20:41.9. She was joined by Teagan Engel in 62nd, Ashley Kurey in 66th, Joselyn Bohm in 71st and Cierra Schnell in 111th.

In Division 2 boys racing, Shawano placed 10th and was led by Will Chelberg in fourth place with a time of 16:07.9. Also scoring for the Hawks were Ethan Onesti in 11th, Josiah Kuehl in 93rd, Andon Chelberg in 97th and Connor Chelberg in 141st.

Oconto Falls' Ben Adams placed 38th with a time of 17:03.4.

In the Division 3 boys race, Bonduel took 13th and was led by Ben O'Brien in 19th place in a time of 16:57.3. Race Anvelink placed 87th, Oliver Chitwood was 120th, Griffin Uelmen was 122nd and Gage Anderson placed 128th.

Gillett's Bradyn Wendorff finished

in 27th place in 17:10.6.

Football

When a team reaches Level 3 of the high school football playoffs, there are no more easy games.

This is the point when the eight best teams in their respective divisions get together to compete for their spot in the state semifinal games. Wittenberg-Birnwood has not only been one of the best teams in the state all season, they have continued to do it in a variety of ways that helped them race out to a 10-1 record through 11 games.

The Chargers were in for a tough task as the No. 3-seeded Wrightstown Tigers came to town after pulling off an upset against Southern Door in Week 2.

The Tigers' rushing attack set the tone on offense while their defense forced three Wittenberg-Birnwood turnovers to lead them to a 41-17 victory, ending the Chargers' season.

"It just wasn't our night tonight," coach Jason Rieck said. "We made far too many mistakes in this game, and that is something we haven't done much this season. You can't do that this late in the season, especially against a team like Wrightstown."

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Pulaski grinds out gutsy win versus Menasha

By **DUSTIN RIESE**
Correspondent

It may not always be pretty, but a win is a win when it comes to high school basketball.

That is what the Pulaski girls endured Dec. 28 against Menasha as things were far from pretty, but the Red Raiders did what they needed to do.

After going scoreless for the first seven minutes of the game and having only four points in 11 minutes, the Red Raiders' offense struggled to get things going as they were held to just 11 first half points. Fortunately, it was their defense that kept them alive as the offense got rolling for 36 second-half points including a late-game 17-4 run to close things out for the 47-39 victory.

"This is a good win for us, but it wasn't pretty," head coach Doug McElrone said. "We have been working to get better on offense all season, and we were terrible offensively during the first half. To come back with 36 points in the second half shows what we can do offensively as long as we do what we do best."

The Pulaski offense was in all kinds of trouble early. That has been an issue at times for the Red Raiders this season as Aria Bilke and Hannah Neubert were having their way on the inside to help open up the 8-2 lead. Even with Olivia Sprangers grabbing a pair of quick buckets to pull within 10-6, it was the Blue Jays' ability to grab the offensive rebound that proved to be the difference early as they led 15-6 late in the first half.

"Menasha has a bigger team, and we don't have much size," McElrone

said. "One thing we do have is a ton of heart. We played terribly for a majority of the first half, but we were only down six. It could've been worse, but this isn't unfamiliar territory as we have been in those spots before."

It took nearly the entire first half for Maggie Lardinois to get her first bucket as her triple pulled the Red Raiders within 15-9 before fellow senior Ellie Mangold made things 15-11. The Red Raiders entered the locker room trailing 17-11. Mangold loved the effort her teammates played with and knew they wouldn't panic despite their early game offensive struggles.

"We played with a ton of energy from the start despite the shots not falling," she said. "Once the second half got going, we saw those shots start to fall. Once that happens, you can see our energy level continue to increase, and that is when we are at our best on both sides of the ball."

Like in the first half, the size advantage for Menasha was an issue as Neubert continued to dominate on the offensive glass for some easy buckets and helped push the Blue Jays lead out to 22-14. Then the Red Raiders' defense started to sink their teeth in, which has been their calling card all season. Whether it be finding a way to rebound or simply forcing a ton of turnovers, Pulaski used an 11-4 run to pull within 26-25, capped off by the Lily Urben layup.

McElrone knows how important defense is to his team and loved the way his girls stuck with the plan.

"We didn't necessarily change our game plan defensively, but we did do some things to change the look



Maggie Lardinois is left alone as she fires up a three. Lardinois struggled early on but finished with a team-high 15 points.

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we gave Menasha," he said. "We did more trapping throughout the course of the second half and made them work for every bucket. Once we put them into uncomfortable positions, we started to get out and run, which is what we need to do in order to have success offensively."

Trailing 29-26 following a pair of

Menasha free throws, Lydia Gwidt used a nice post move to pull the Red Raiders within one before another Urben steal and finish gave the Red Raiders their first lead of the game 30-29. That lead didn't last long as Bilke and Neubert went on to score the next six points to put Menasha back in front 35-30.

From there, it was all Pulaski as their defensive pressure helped slow down the Menasha while also leading to 15 second-half turnovers. While the Red Raiders weren't perfect, they did what they needed to do and closed out the game on a 17-4 run.

"We have a very small team, so when we play a big team like Menasha, we need to find ways to make plays," Mangold said. "Our wing defenders are crucial to the success of our defense, and when they have active hands like they showed in the second half, we have a good chance to beat anyone."

Several of those points came from Lardinois who had 15 points with 13 coming in the second half. Her biggest three points came moments after Mangold tied things up 36-36 as another steal led to a fast break and the corner three from Lardinois to put the Red Raiders in front for good 39-36.

"We talked about our offense at the half, and we knew we needed to step it up," Lardinois said. "We have a really close team so no matter the situation, we are going to stick together and be there for each other. Once we started to hit some shots in the second half, the confidence started to come back and we got into the groove we wanted to play with from the start."

Shawano hockey team lose twice in Antigo

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

Antigo's hockey team, which includes players from Wittenberg-Birnamwood, defeated Shawano/Bonduel 3-1 Dec. 28, the second day of a tournament in Antigo.

The first two goals scored came in the second period. First, Owen Dickman scored at 7:57 with an assist from Eli Kassler. Then, at 14:28, Collin Tiedemann scored with an assist again by Kassler.

Antigo went up 3-0 in the third period on a Kassler goal at 10:40, with an assist from Liam Burt.

Max Huntington scored Shawano/

Bonduel's only goal at 11:35, with an assist from Hunter Jones.

Shawano/Bonduel players were called for 11 fouls and served 30 minutes in the penalty box. Antigo served 16 minutes on eight infractions.

Kaiden Thornborrow recorded 36 saves on 39 shots on goal for the Hawks, while Nolan Bunnell made 27 saves on 28 shots on goal.

Shawano/Bonduel

Shawano/Bonduel lost 9-0 to Amery in its first game of a holiday tournament in Antigo.

The Warriors scored three goals in the first period and six more in the

second in their shutout win.

Shawano/Bonduel players spent 18 minutes in the penalty box on nine infractions, while Amery was called seven times and served 22 minutes.

In the net, Kaiden Thornborrow made 19 saves on 25 shots on goal, and Dylan Prochaska made 19 saves on 22 shots.

A pair of goalies made all 21 saves for the Warriors.

Antigo/Wittenberg-Birnamwood

At its home tournament, Antigo lost 5-3 to D.C. Everest.

D.C. Everest led 2-0 after the first period. Antigo's first goal came at

2:34 in the second period on a shot by Owen Dickman and an assist by Nolan Bunnell. D.C. Everest scored in the second period to lead 3-1.

The team traded goals in the third period with D.C. Everest scoring first. Dickman notched his second goal of the day at 5:52 with an assist by Eli Kassler. After the final goal by D.C. Everest, Kassler's scored at 14:40 with help from Dickman and Liam Burt.

Bunnell worked the net for Antigo, notching 46 saves on 51 shots on goal. Griffin Bunnell was in the net for D.C. Everest and made 25 saves on 28 shots.

Shawano fends off Clippers at Sun Drop Shootout

By **DUSTIN RIESE**
Correspondent

Unlike the girls, wins have been hard to come by for the Shawano boys as they entered the Sun Drop Shootout on a three-game losing streak and sitting at 2-8 overall on the season. Looking to get back on track against a talented Sturgeon Bay squad, the Hawks found themselves locked in a battle that went down to the final minutes of regulation.

Led by the guard combo of Logan Sipple and Will Verkuilen, who combined for more than 40 points, it was the Hawks who made just enough plays down the stretch and held off the Clippers 67-62. It was the Hawks' first win in a couple of weeks and just their third win of the season.

"The boys did a good job of coming out with high energy right from the start of the game," head coach David Ambrosius said. "Defensively, I thought we did a good job of pressuring Sturgeon Bay and forcing them to play our tempo, which was especially crucial down the stretch."

When it comes to Sipple, he has had an incredible start to the season as he was the Hawks' offense in the early going. Had it not been for a pair of Verkuilen free throws early, Sipple would've scored every point for his team as he was responsible for 10 of the teams first 12 points to give the Hawks a 12-6 lead. Whether it be his ability to knock shots down from distance or using his athleticism to create steals and get to the rim, the Clippers began to take him away offensively, which forced other players to get involved.

It was looking like Ayden Bystol would be one of those players as he found himself grabbing four quick points to push the lead to 16-8 with Crew Weisnicht using his size down

low to make things happen. While it was the Sipple show for the Hawks early on, Calvin Richardson began to assert himself for the Clippers offensively as he led all scorers in the first half with 17 points.

Richardson was especially good from distance as he connected on three late first-half triples to take what was nearly a double-digit deficit early on and gave the Clippers a 31-29 lead.

The Sipple and Richardson show continued the rest of the first half, but it was the Clippers who managed to hold strong as they headed into the locker room leading 36-31.

Once the second half began, it was more of the same for the Clippers as a quick triple from Daniel Lodl gave Sturgeon Bay their largest lead of the night 39-31, and had the Hawks searching for answers. Fortunately, those answers came from the Verkuilen and Sipple duo as those scored 12 of the Hawks' next 14 points as Shawano used a 13-1 run to retake the lead 43-40.

"Logan and Will did a great job of attacking to start the game, and I think it helped get both of them into a rhythm early in the game," Ambrosius said. "When those two are playing together at that level, it makes us a completely different team, and I think we showed that this afternoon. If they can continue to play at that level, big things are going to come for us the rest of the way."

As expected, the Clippers wouldn't go away quietly, with Jackson Starr putting Sturgeon Bay back on top 45-44. That seemed to motivate the Hawks and their offense as Verkuilen and Sipple continued to do their thing on the offensive end, which opened up the paint for Weisnicht to get to the line or finish at the rim. Following a second two-hand slam from Sipple



Ayden Bystol (14) drives for the basket in Shawano's 67-62 win over Sturgeon Bay in the Sun Drop Shootout on Dec. 26 at the Kress Center on the UW-Green Bay campus.

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to open up a 53-45 lead, it was the Clippers who responded as Richardson knocked down his fifth triple of the game to keep his team within striking distance.

From there, it became a game of execution, and despite what was an overall great afternoon for the

Hawks, execution down the stretch wasn't ideal. Not only was their defense not getting the stops they needed and allowing the Clippers to get to the free throw line, but the Hawks were failing to sink free throws on their end, allowing the Clippers to keep things close 57-54.

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Shawano girls rout Ashwaubenon

By **DUSTIN RIESE**
Correspondent

The Shawano Girls basketball team has gotten off to a great start this season, and that continued Dec. 26 as they ran their record to 10-3 this season. Facing off against the Ashwaubenon Jaguars as part of the 15th annual Sun Drop Shootout, it was the Hawks getting back to their roots, making the Jaguars uncomfortable throughout.

With the Hawks leading 26-21 after one half of play, it was their defense, in particular their full-court pressure, that changed the outcome of this game as they opened the second half up on a 26-8 run. From there, Shawano took care of business as they downed Ashwaubenon 64-37 for another big win.

"Today was a great win for the girls as they played with great communication," head coach Ryan Koenig said. "I love our aggressiveness, especially in the second half as we were able to turn them over a ton, which led to a lot of easy buckets."

It was a tale of contrasting styles in the first half as the Jaguars lived and died by the triple early on. Gianna Guarascio stretched the defense to help the Jaguars open a 4-0 lead that they eventually pushed to 10-7.

When it came to the Hawks, they were all about working the ball inside as Brynlie Boyles and Leah Nordin got the offense going. Nordin especially was a matchup nightmare as her size and ability to follow up missed shots helped her grab nine first half points and lead all scorers in the game.

Not only was Nordin making an impact on the inside, but so was Abby Bystol, who also added nine points in the first half, with most coming in the



Shawano's Ella Stuber (3) shoots from the edge in the Sun Drop Shootout at the Kress Center on the UW-Green Bay campus.

DUSTIN RIESE

paint. They were responsible for 10 of their team's 13 points at one point to give the Hawks a 17-16 lead, only to see Guarascio put Ashwaubenon back on top 21-17 with another triple.

It was at that point when the Hawks began to make some adjustments on the defensive end as they closed out the first half on an 8-0 run to take a 26-21 lead. Bystol and Nordin were responsible for six of those

points as they combined for 18 first half points.

"We switched defenses late in the first half to take away the 3s they were hitting, and we managed to get some stops and get a lead before half-time," Koenig said. "Once we took that away from them, you started to see them panic a bit more, and that played into our hands as the game went on."

Looking to build on that lead, the Hawks continued to do what they do best as they fed Nordin inside for four quick points. Throw in a corner three from her a few moments later, and she was responsible for seven of the team's first eight points to begin the second half as the Hawks opened up the 34-21 lead.

That was only the beginning for Shawano as Ella Stuber, Trinity Popelka and Bystol all got things going as the Hawks used a 26-8 run to begin the second half to grab the 52-29 lead.

"We got much more aggressive on the defensive end during the second half, which helped force them into tough spots," Koenig said. "We communicated on defense in the second half, which is key for us to get stops and turnovers."

Looking to put an end to the Hawks run was Bella Daul who connected on a rare second half three to make things 52-32 at that point. That was about as close as the Jaguars would get the rest of the way as the Hawks started to unload their bench late in the game, and outscored the Jaguars 12-5 down the stretch.

Reserves Marissa Tomashek, Morgan Evans and Maci Beyer all scored late. However, the play of Bystol and Nordin set the tone from the start, and Koenig knows those will be the ones to lean on the rest of the way.

"Abby was a big boost as she has missed the last two games," he said. "She came out and played really well today. Leah played well, too, and made some great offensive moves to keep us in the first half and lengthen the lead in the second. Both are going to be key pieces for us to keep our success going, and I love the confidence they are showing on the court."

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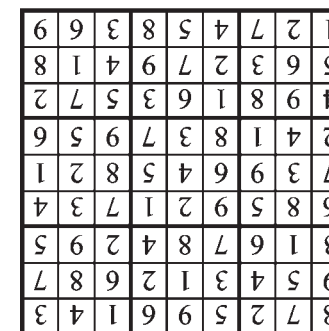
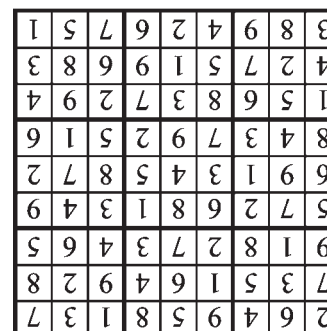
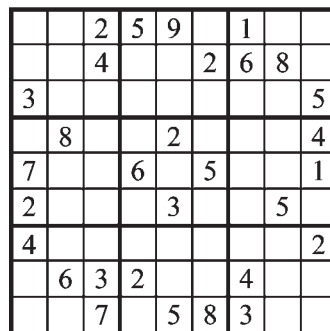
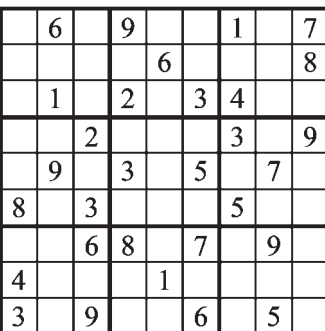
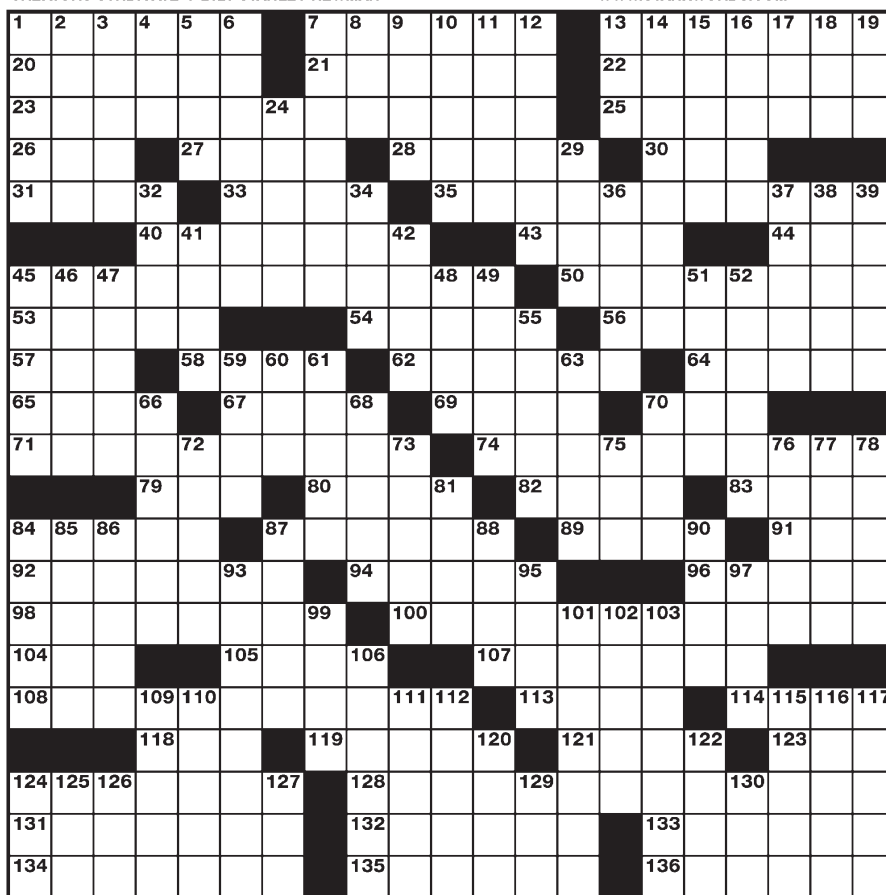
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▪ Aaron M. Shawanokasic, 35, Neopit, pleaded no contest Dec. 29 to two counts of possession of narcotic drugs, felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of operating a motor vehicle while his license was revoked. Judge William Kussel Jr. withheld sentence, levied fines and placed him on 3 1/2 years of probation with conditions.

▪ Xa Vang, 36, Wausau, pleaded

no contest Dec. 29 to possession of methamphetamine. Kussel withheld sentencing and placed him on three years of probation with conditions.

▪ Scott P. McKeever, 61, Bonduel, was charged Dec. 26 with two counts of possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), misdemeanor disorderly conduct and two counts of misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$1,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Jan. 3.

▪ Russell A. Tourtillott, 63, Shawano, was charged Dec. 26 with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense) and a misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Kussel

set a \$1,500 cash bond, and a status conference was later scheduled for Jan. 30.

▪ Glory A. Johnson, 36, Denmark, was charged Dec. 27 with 16 counts of felony bail jumping, battery by prisoners and throwing or discharging bodily fluids at a law officer, along with misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct. Kussel set a \$3,500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Jan. 3.

▪ Sharon J. Rockman, 37, Wittenberg, was charged Dec. 27 with 12 counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (third offense) and operating

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▪ Kellie J. Bohm, 39, Shawano, was charged Dec. 28 with felony bail jumping. Sloma set a \$5,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for March 11.

▪ Britney M. Gavitt, 32, Wittenberg, was charged Dec. 29 with possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), 18 counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$17,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Jan. 5.

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SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Jan. 1

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Dec. 31

Deputies responded to 29 incidents, including suspicious activity on East Hofman Street in Cecil, a disturbance on East Green Bay Street in Bonduel, five 911 calls, four reckless driving incidents, nine crashes.

Dec. 30

Deputies responded to 29 incidents, including suspicious activity on Maple Drive in Bonduel, trespassing on Butternut Road in the Town of Herman, a disturbance on Old 47 Road in the Town of Lessor, three 911 calls, one traffic hazard, four crashes.

Dec. 29

Deputies responded to 29 incidents, including threatening on Witt-Birn Townline Road, operating while intoxicated near County Road M and U.S. Highway 45 in Tigerton, property theft on Oak Street in Tigerton, suspicious activity on East Hoffman Street in Cecil, three reckless driving incidents, two traffic hazards, one crash.

Dec. 28

Deputies responded to 21 incidents, including a disturbance on Knoke Street in Gresham, an animal bite on Mutzy Lane in Bonduel, vehicle fire near state Highway 29 and Redwood Drive in the Town of Maple Grove, a disturbance at Ho-Chunk Casino Resort, N7198 U.S. Highway 45, Wittenberg; two 911 calls, one traffic hazard, two crashes.

Dec. 27

Deputies responded to 18 incidents, including operating while intoxicated near state Highway 22 and East Freeborn Street in Cecil, property theft

on Forest Lane in the Town of Pella, property damage on U.S. Highway 45 in Birnamwood, automobile theft in Wittenberg, one reckless driving incident, a fight in progress on Pine Street in Eland, operating while intoxicated near U.S. Highway 45 and Basswood Lane in the Town of Wittenberg, drugs near state Highway 47-55 and Curt Black Road in the Town of Wescott, two 911 calls, one reckless driving incident, one crash.

Dec. 26

Deputies responded to 34 incidents, including lewd and lascivious behavior on South First Street in Bonduel, property theft on Evergreen Road in the Town of Belle Plaine, a disturbance on Swamp Road in the Town of Green Valley, one traffic hazard, one reckless driving incident, three crashes.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jan. 1

Officers responded to 25 incidents, including a warrant arrest at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.; reckless driving on North Main Street; vehicle crash on Smalley Street; harassment at Quality Inn and Suites, 104 N. Airport Drive; found property at Shawano Ambulance, 220 N. Main St.; bail jumping at the police station, 125 S. Sawyer St.; noise on South Union Street.

Dec. 31

Officers responded to 12 incidents, including operating while intoxicated on South Lincoln Street; found property at CoVantage Credit Union, 604 S. Main St.; restraining order violation on East Richmond Street; noise on South Smalley Street.

Dec. 30

Officers responded to 17 incidents, including noise on Madison Way; vehicle crash with deer on Bay Lakes Road; drug offenses at an undisclosed location; vehicle crash on East Lieg Avenue.

Dec. 29

Officers responded to 25 incidents, including an ATV problem at Lakeshore

Lanes, 210 N. Airport Drive; operating while intoxicated on East Green Bay Street; fight in progress at The Store, 404 E. Green Bay St.

Dec. 28

Officers responded to 18 incidents, including a death investigation at an undisclosed location; shoplifting at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; drug offenses at Quality Inn and Suites, 104 N. Airport Drive; vehicle crash at Aldi, 1253 E. Green Bay St.; fraud on Dallman Lane; harassment on Engel

Drive; shoplifting at Family Dollar, 413 S. Main St.

Dec. 27

Officers responded to 15 incidents, including property theft at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; sexual assault at Four Seasons, 201 N. Airport Drive; noise on Madison Way; harassment at the police station, 125 S. Sawyer St.; vehicle theft on East Wood Avenue; property theft on East Randall Street; operating without a license on South Main Street.

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- ☐ Chiropractor _____
- ☐ Dentist _____
- ☐ Insurance Agency _____
- ☐ Optometrist _____
- ☐ Pharmacy _____
- ☐ Real Estate _____
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BALLOT #2

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- ☐ 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 _____
- ☐ Fish Fry _____
- ☐ Lunch _____
- ☐ Pizza _____
- ☐ Sandwich _____

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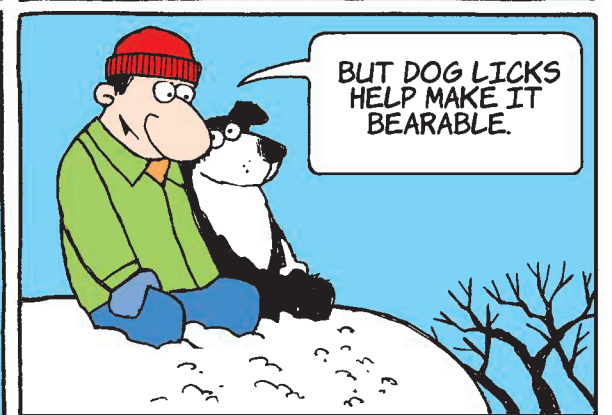
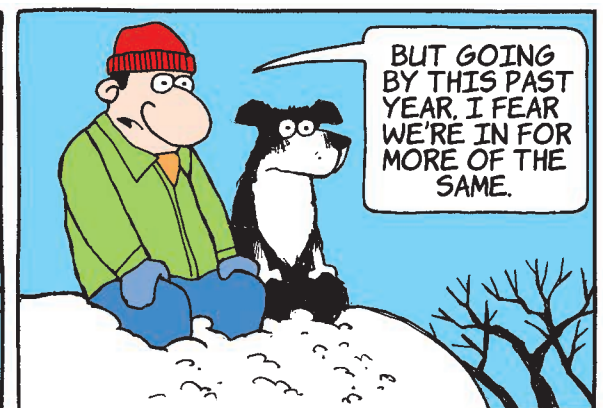
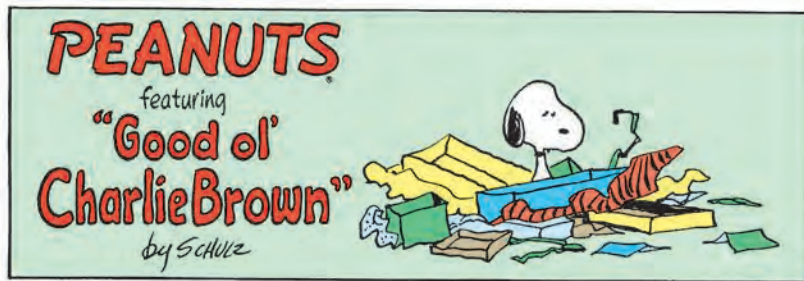
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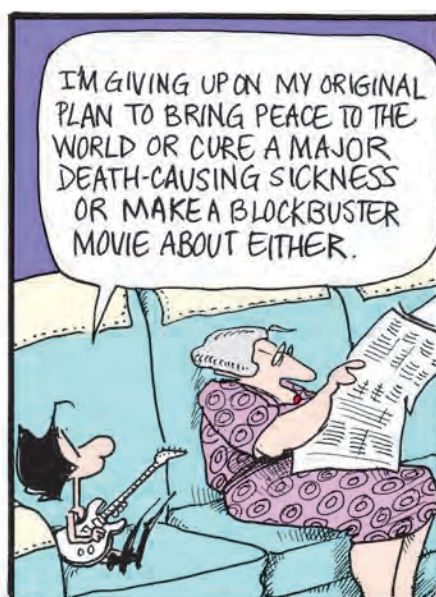
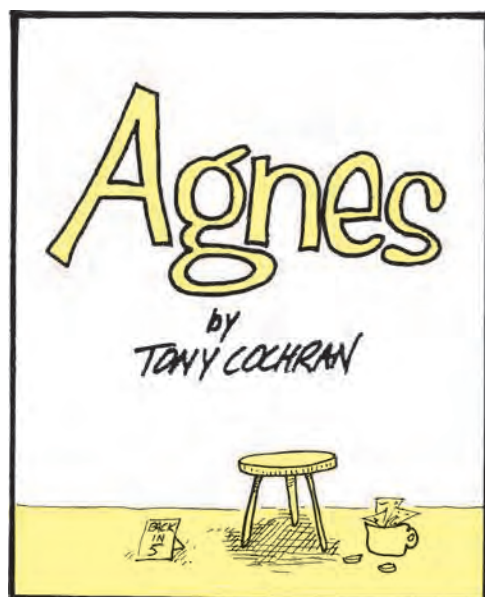
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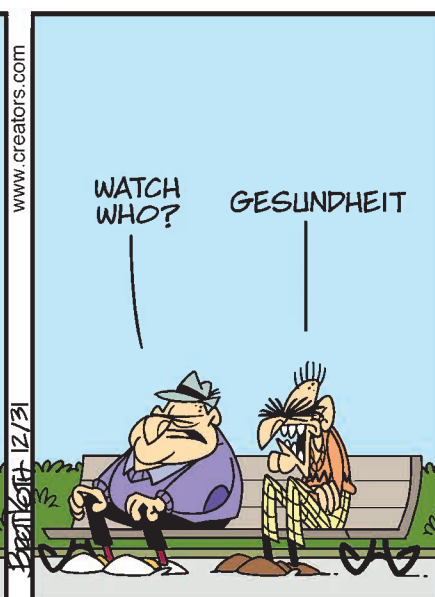
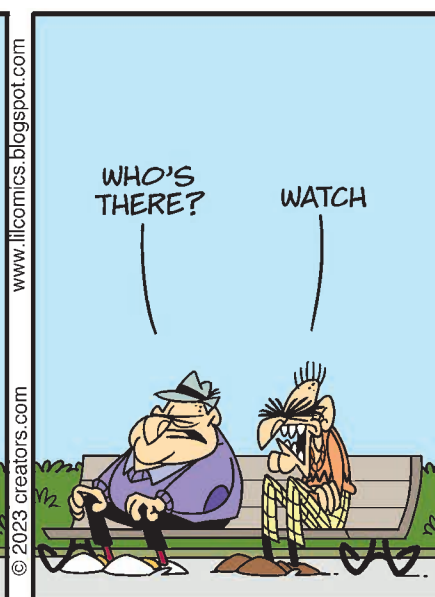
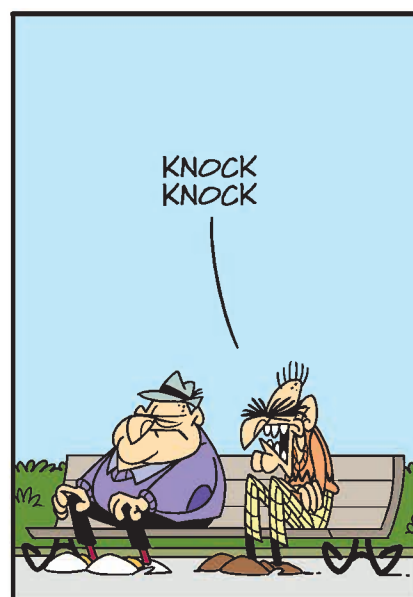
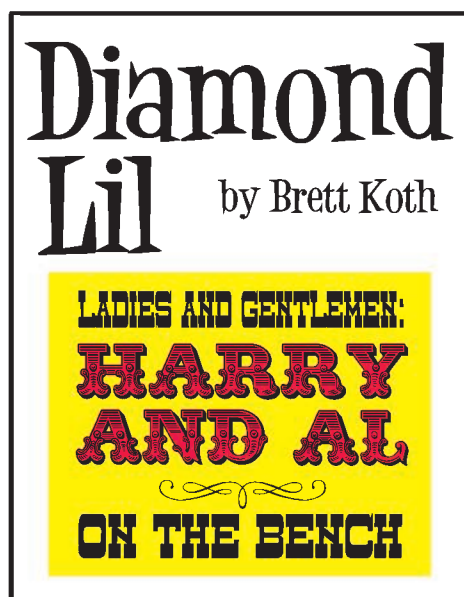
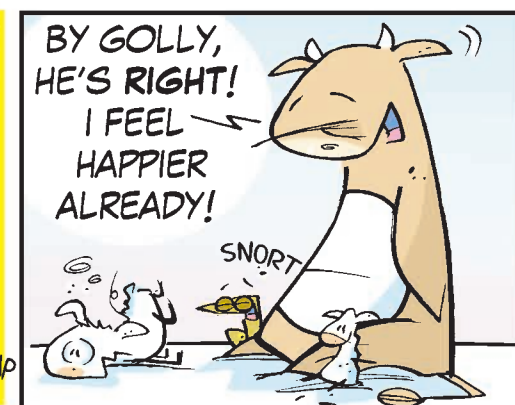
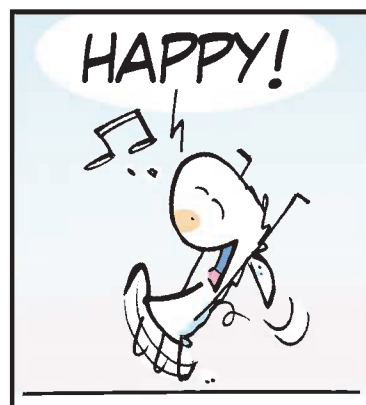
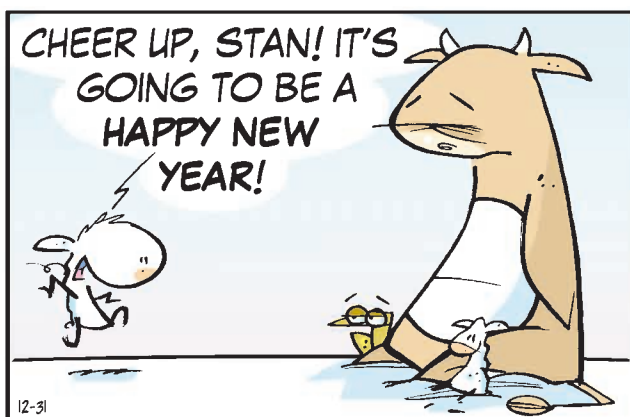
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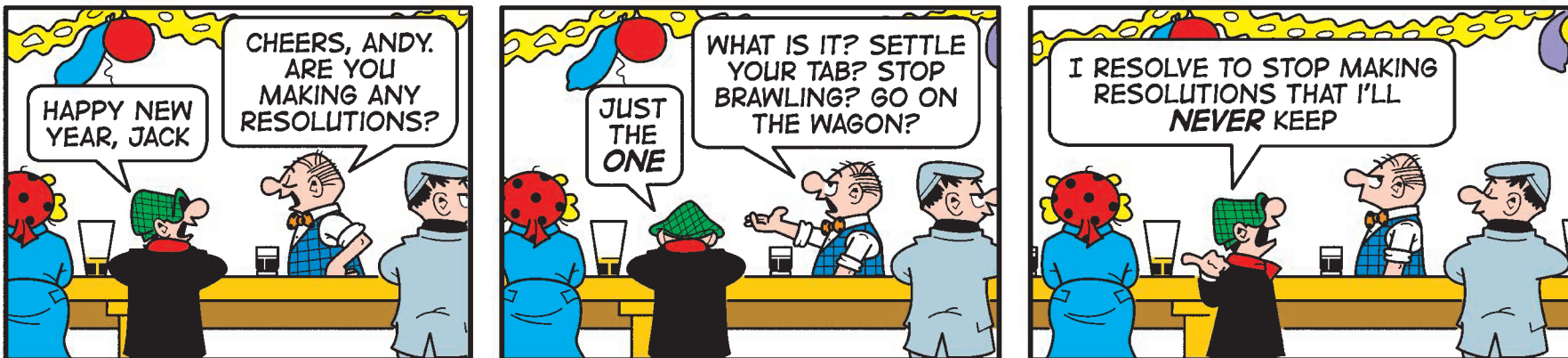




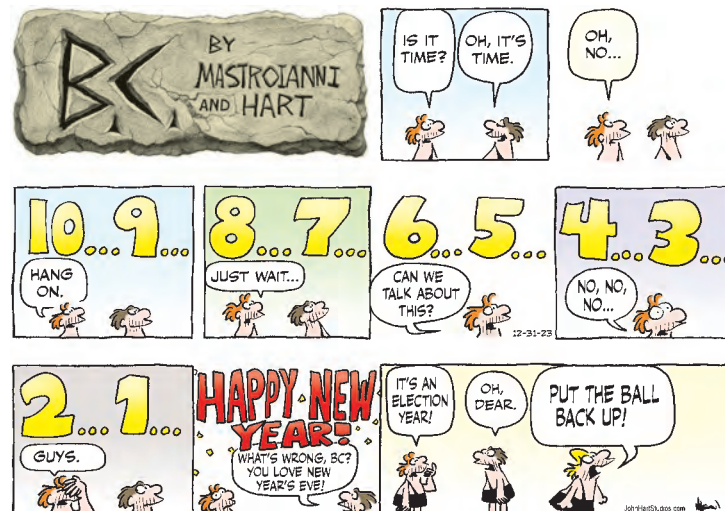
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MORNING / AFTERNOON

JANUARY 6

	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	Good Morning America (N)		1 Good Morning America (N)		1 Wildlife 2 Good Morn.		1 oh baby!		1 Hearts of 2 Wildlife		1 Vets-Pets 2 oh baby!		1 Sports (N) 2 Fame		1 Outdoors 2 Paid		1 Prostate 2 Ideal Prostate		1 Great-est 2 Paid Prog.		1 Sports 2 Weather Gone Viral "Monsoon Madness"		Monday Night Countdown (N) (Live)		NFL Football Teams TBA Football action from around the National Football League. (N) (Live)																	
9 WAOV 2 WBAY																																										
CBS	1 Mission		1 Hope in the Wild (N)		1 CBS Sat (N) 7 Lucky Dog (N)		7 Innovation (N)		7 Mission Unstoppable (N)		7 Hope in the Wild (N)		Tails of Valor		Recipe Rehab		College Basketball Mississippi State at South Carolina From Colonial Life Arena in Columbia, S.C. (N) (Live)		College Basketball TCU at Kansas From Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence, Kan. (N) (Live)		College Basketball UNLV at San Diego State From Viejas Arena in San Diego. (N) (Live)		7 TBA 7 Broadcasters		CBS Weekend News (N)																	
6 WFRV 7 WSAW	7 (6:00) CBS Sat																																									
FOX	1 Planet		1 Xplo-ration Outer Space		1 Super Animals		1 Nature Knows Best		1 Paid 1 Super Animals		1 Paid 1 Nature		1 Paid 1 Lose 7 lbs in 7 Days		1 Paid Programming		Paid Programming		College Basketball St. John's at Villanova From Finneran Pavilion in Villanova, Pa. (N) (Live)		1 Car-cass 1 Dog Chal.		1 Mu-sic City Trucks		1 Builds 1 Dog Chal.		1 Detroit Muscle		1 Mad Dog 1 Heroes		1 Big Bang 1 Great-est		1 Shel-don 1 Game S..		1 Shel-don 1 Whee							
5 WZAW 11 WLUK	1 (6:00) News (N)																																									
NBC	1 Today		1 906 Outdoors		1 The American Athlete		News-Kids Edition (N)		Wild King-dom		Earth Odyssey		Harlem Globetrot-ters		Wild Child (N) (SP)		1 Paid Program 1 Wild Child		1 Paid Program 1 Earth Odyssey		High School Football All-American Bowl From the Alamodome in San Antonio. (N) (Live)		PGA Tour Golf Sentry Tournament of Champi-ons, Third Round From The Plantation Course at Kapalua in Lahaina, Hawaii. (N) (Live)		Who Stole 1 Paid Prog.		NBC Nightly News															
2 WGBA 12 WJFW																																										
PBS	Wild Kratts "Snowy Owl Invasion"		Curious George		Work It Out Wom-bats!		Daniel Tiger's Neighbor-hood		Best of Sewing With Nancy		Love of Quilting "Mostly North"		Garden Smart		The American Wood-shop		Pépin "Cooking for the President"		Lidia's Kitchen "Welcome to My Kitchen"		Taste-MAKERS "Triple J Shrimp"		Cook's Country "New Mexican Bounty"		Ameri-ca's Test Kitchen "French Pastries"		Milk "The Middle Eastern Kitchen"		Sara's "Fish Whis-perers"		Mexican "Chachi's Champo-ton Kitchen"		This Old House		Ask This Old House		Rick Steves' Europe		Moveable "Asian Cui-sine in San Diego"		The Lawrence Welk Show "Roses (Raina English)"	
2 WHRM 3 WLEF 3 WPNE																																										
32 WACY	Hearts of		oh baby!		TBA		Makeov..		TBA		Outdoo..		MidWest		Bensin..		World's		Pets.TV		SOS		Fisher..		Walleye		S.W.A.T.		Heartland		ModFam		ModFam		Goldbe..		Goldbe..					
46 WTPX	Bones				Bones				Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU							
CW	14 Out-door		11 Paid 11 Into Wild		Jack Han-na's Into the Wild		Jack Han-na's Into the Wild		Jack Han-na's Into the Wild		Jack Han-na's Into the Wild		14 Into Wild 14 Res-cue		14 Into Wild 14 Paid Prog.		College Basketball Pittsburgh at Louisville From the KFC Yum! Center in Louisville, Ky. (N) (Live)		College Basketball Miami at Wake Forest From Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Winston Salem, N.C. (N) (Live)		College Basketball		11 Great-est 11 Res-cue		14 Cook-Like 14 Blo..		14 Porta-ble Oxy-gen		14 Last Man 14 Burg-ers		14 Last Man 14 Burg-ers		14 Last Man 14 Burg-ers									

SATURDAY				EVENING								JANUARY 6			
		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30		
ABC 9 WAOW 8 WBAY		(3:30) NFL Football Teams TBA (N) (Live)	Monday Night Countdown (N) (Live)	NFL Football Teams TBA Football action from around the National Football League. (N) (Live)						9 (:15) News 9 (N) 2 (:15) Action 2 News at 10 (N)	9 (:50) Weird 2 (:35) Invest. (N)	2 (:05) The Song "Barenaked Ladies" (N) 2 (:35) Opry (N)	9 (:50) Storm of "Hurricane Hampered"		
CBS 6 WFRV 7 WSAW		5 To Be Announced 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	7 Inside Edition Weekend (N)	CSI: Vegas		48 Hours		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 7 (:05) The Song "Barenaked Ladies" (N)	5 (:35) Friends 7 (:35) Opry (N)		
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK		55 The Big Bang Theory "The Table Polarization" 11 Jeopardy!	FOX College Hoops Tip-Off (N) (Live)	College Basketball Ohio State at Indiana From Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall in Bloomington, Ind. (N) (Live)				55 World Chase Tag 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N)	11 Seinfeld "The Dinner Party"	Beat Shazam "Hip Hop or Country?" Band teachers, cousins, and a married couple complete.		55 S.W.A.T. "Veritas Vincit" 11 Seinfeld "The Pie"	11 The King of Queens "Business Affairs"		
NBC 23 WGBA 12 WJFW		23 NBC26 News at 6PM (N) 12 Magellan Financial	23 Paid Program 12 Wheel of Fortune "Winter Hide-away"	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.				Saturday Night Live		23 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 (N)	Saturday Night Live Jason Momoa; Tate McRae Host Jason Momoa; Tate McRae performs.				
PBS 29 WHRM 33 WLEF 33 WPNE		Celebrity Antiques Road Trip "Baroness Oona King and Dame Jenni Murray" Baroness Oona King and Dame Jenni Murray go head-to-head around London.		Agatha and the Midnight Murders			The Suspicions of Mr Whicher "The Murder at Road Hill House" When a horrific murder sparks a national scandal, Inspector Jack Whicher is sent to investigate.			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.			
62 WACY 46 WTPX		Family Feud	TBA	NBA G League Basketball				S.W.A.T. "Veritas Vincit"		The Simpsons	Housewife	Housewife	Mom		
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW		14 Big Bang 34 Good Dr	14 The Big Bang Theory "The Friendship Turbulence"	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit			Law-SVU "She Paints for Vengeance"		Law-SVU "The Longest Night of Rain"		Law-SVU "Redemption in Her Corner"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		
		14 Big Bang 34 Good Dr	14 The Big Bang Theory "The Friendship Turbulence"	*** I Am Chris Farley ('15) Christina Applegate, Mike Myers, Adam Sandler. Friends, family and colleagues discuss the life and career of comic Chris Farley. (P)				14 The Rookie "Fire Fight" 34 Liquidator "Belly Up"		34 TMZ (N)		14 The National Desk (N) (Live)	34 *** Air Force One ('97) Gary Oldman, Harrison Ford.	14 TMZ (N)	

SUNDAY					MORNING / AFTERNOON																		JANUARY 7											
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CBS 6 WFRV 7 WSAW	9 News-maker 9 Sunri..		9 Sunday Mass		CBS News Sunday Morning News, features, weather and commentary. (N)			Face the Nation (N)			9 Green-Gold 9 Retir..		The NFL Today (N) (Live)		NFL Football Teams TBA Football action from around the National Football League. (N) (Live)				(25) NFL Football Teams TBA Football action from around the National Football League. (N) (Live)															
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	55 Paid 11 (6:00) News (N)		55 Mountain Faith Living		55 FOX News Sunday (N)		41 Sharyl Attkisson		55 Invest. 11 Fox News		55 Paid Programming		FOX NFL Kickoff (N) (Live)		FOX NFL Sunday (N) (Live)		NFL Football Teams TBA Football action from around the National Football League. (N) (Live)				(25) NFL Football Teams TBA Football action from around the National Football League. (N) (Live)													
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	Sunday Today With Willie Geist (N)		23 Meet Press (N) 12 Fast: Home Rescue "Ultimate Bayou House"			23 The Race 12 Meet Press		23 Mid-West Outdoors		23 Paid 12 Wisconsin		23 Transform 12 Hud..		Paid Programming		Paid Programming		Paid Programming		Paid Programming		AMA Supercross Series Monster Energy Series, Round 1 From Angel Stadium in Anaheim, Calif.				PGA Tour Golf Sentry Tournament of Champions, Final Round From The Plantation Course at Kapalua in Lahaina, Hawaii. (N) (Live)				23 News (N) 12 Paid Prog.		NBC Nightly News (N)		
PBS 29 WHRM 33 WLEF 33 WPNE	Wild Kratts "Desert Elves"		Curious George		Work It "The Sleepover; Secret Tunnels"		Daniel Tiger "Tiger Family Trip"		Washington Week With The Atlantic		Firing Line With Margaret Hoover		Here and Now		Market to Market		Doc Martin "Paint it Black"		Agatha Christie's Poirot "Wasps' Nest"		Agatha and the Midnight Murders		You Are Cordially Invited "Highclere Castle"		**** Sunset Boulevard '50) Gloria Swanson, Erich von Stroheim, William Holden. An opportunistic young screenwriter is doomed when he is seduced by an aging silent-screen star.				Treasures With Betty Hughes "Greece"					
42 WACY 46 WTPX	Paid Bones		Paid Bones		Jeffress		Vets-Pe..		Ready..		Outback		Ocean..		Broadw..		Know		Access Hollywood		Top 10		The Good Doctor		The Good Doctor		ModFam		ModFam		Mom		TBA	
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW	14 Worship 14 To-morr..		14 Daily 30 In Touch (N)		14 Catholic Mass		14 Shalom 34 Key of David		14 Outdoor 34 Cath. Mass		14 Mt. Faith 34 Perry Stone		14 Polka 34 Mad Dog & M		34 Paid Programming		Women's College Basketball Duke at Virginia From John Paul Jones Arena in Charlottesville, Va. (N) (Live)				14 Paid Programming 34 Noel		14 Paid Programming		14 ** Friends With Kids '11) Adam Scott, Jon Hamm, Jennifer Westfeldt.		34 Highway Thru Hell		34 WOW The WOW Factor		34 Paid Programming		14 Sheldon 34 Family .. 14 Sheldon 34 Family ..	

WEEKDAY

MORNING / AFTERNOON

JANUARY 8 TO JANUARY 12

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ABC	9 WAOW	Good Morning America				Live with Kelly and Mark		The View		News 9 Barry-more		GMA3: What You Need to Know		General Hospital		Tamron Hall		Judge Eboni	Judge Eboni	News 9 WAOW at 4PM		News 9		World News	
	2 WBAY	Good Morning America				Action 2 News	25 Words	The View		Storage Wars	Pawn Stars	Action 2 News	Paid Pro-gram	General Hospital		GMA3: What You Need to Know		25 Words		Invest-igateTV+	Action 2 News	Action 2 News	Action 2 News	World News	
CBS	5 WFRV	CBS Mornings				Local 5 Live		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless		News	Bold/ Beautiful	The Talk		Let's Make a Deal		Friends/F- Paid	Friends	News	News	News	CBS News		
	7 WSAW	CBS Mornings				25 Words		Paid/F Elite	The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless		News-Channel 7		Bold/ Beautiful	The Talk		Let's Make a Deal		The Kelly Clarkson Show		News	Invest-igateTV+	News	CBS News
FOX	55 WZAW	Sunrise 7 at 5AM		Sunrise 7 at 6AM		Sherri		The Jennifer Hudson Show		Family Feud	Family Feud	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Mathis Court	Mathis Court	Hot Bench	Hot Bench	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Family Feud	Family Feud	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon		
	11 WLUK	(4:30) Good Day Wisconsin				Live with Kelly and Mark		Fox 11 Living With Amy		Dr. Phil		Various		Judge Judy	The Jennifer Hudson Show		Barry-more	Barry-more	The People's Court		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Fox 11 News at Five		
NBC	25 WGBA	Today				Today 3rd Hour		Today With Hoda & Jenna		People Puzzler		Scripps		NBC News Daily		Dateline		Tamron Hall		The Kelly Clarkson Show		Family Feud	Family Feud	News	NBC News
	12 WJFW	Today				Today 3rd Hour		Today With Hoda & Jenna		Neighbor		Neighbor		NBC News Daily		Person, Place	Pictionary	Pictionary	Funny You	Funny You	Jeopardy	Up North at 4	Jeopardy!	News	NBC News
PBS	25 WHRM	Wild Kratts	Curious/ Curious	Daniel Tiger	Rosie/ Rosie	Sesame Street	Work It	Donkey Hodie	Pinkalicious/ ..	Elinor	Natu-reCat/	Eleme-ntary	Xavier Riddle	This Old House	Cook's Country	Various		Various		Odd Squad	Arthur	Natu-reCat/	America		
	35 WLEF	Wild Kratts	Curious/ Curious	Daniel Tiger	Rosie/ Rosie	Sesame Street	Work It	Donkey Hodie	Pinkalicious/ ..	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/ Rosie	Sesame Street	Work It	Donkey Hodie	Pinkalicious/ ..	Elinor	Natu-reCat/	Eleme-ntary	Xavier Riddle	This Old House	Cook's Country	Various		Various		Odd Squad	Arthur	Natu-reCat/	America		
CW	32 WACY	Morning Rush				A.Wom...	TBA	Sherri	iCRIME		iCRIME		Dateline		The First 48		Chicago Fire		TMZ Live		ModFam	ModFam	Goldbe..	Goldbe..	
	45 WTPX	Various	Xplorati..	Various	F Planet	Various	Various	Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various			
	14 WCWF	The National Desk		National Weat	Paid Pro-gram	Judge Eboni	Supreme Justice	Hot Bench	Hot Bench	Paternity Court	Court Cam	Law & Order: SVU		48 Hours		Judge Mathis		Pictionary	Person, Place	Jeopardy	Funny You	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon		
	34 WYOW	Divorce Court	Divorce Court	The Steve Wilkos Show		Karamo		Maury		Law & Order: SVU		Dateline		Jerry Springer		Maury		Karamo		The Steve Wilkos Show		TMZ Live			

MONDAY

EVENING

JANUARY 8

	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 WAOW at 6PM (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Pretty Baby: Brooke Shields						9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (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 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 7 Inside Edition (N)	NCIS "Unusual Suspects" NCIS investigates the death of a ride-share driver.	NCIS "Butterfly Effect" The NCIS team investigates a potential bioterror attack.		NCIS "Stranger in a Strange Land" NCIS works to solve the murder of a Marine private.		6 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N)	(35) Comics Un-leashed With Byron Allen		
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	55 Big Bang 11 Jeopardy! (N)	55 Big Bang 11 Wheel (N)	To Be Announced				55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	55 Seinfeld "The Stand-In"	55 Seinfeld "The Absstinence" 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	55 Last Man "Yass Queen" 11 (35) Seinfeld "The Stand-In"	55 Last Man "The Favourite" 11 (35) Inside Edition (N)	55 Goldbergs 11 (35) King
NBC 25 WGBA 12 WJFW	25 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	25 FamFeud 12 Wheel "Col-lette Show You the World" (N)	America's Got Talent: Fantasy League "Qualifiers 2" The qualifiers continue; five acts move on to the semifinals; one act receives the golden buzzer. (N)				The Irrational "Zero Sum" Alec and the team take on a kidnapping case.		25 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	25 (35) Tonight Show "Cher; Mike Birbiglia; Offset" Guests Cher, Mike Birbiglia (N) 12 (35) Tonight Show (N)	25 (35) Meyers John Oliver, Aaron Jackson 12 (35) Meyers	
PBS 25 WHRM 35 WLEF 38 WPNE	PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Antiques Roadshow "Alaska Native Heritage Center Hour 1" A 1969 Rolex Oyster cosmograph; an English bass violin; Susan Butcher's 1990 Iditarod trophy. (N) (SP)		Antiques Roadshow "New York City Hour 1" An unpublished Art Spiegelman book proposal; headboard from the set of "The Godfather: Part II."		The Cost of Inheritance: An America Reframed Special (N)		All Creatures Great and Small on Masterpiece "Broodiness" James and Helen dream about the future; Mrs. Hall takes a leap of faith. (SP)		The Yorkshire Vet Julian Norton treats a cat with a badly swollen eye.	
32 WACY 45 WTPX	Family Feud	TBA	Dateline "Tangled Web"		Chicago P.D. "Chin Check"		My News at 9 (N)		To Be Announced		Housewife	Mom
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW	FBI "Appearances"		FBI "Closure"		FBI "Little Egypt"		FBI "The Lives of Others"		FBI "American Idol"		FBI "An Imperfect Science"	
	14 Big Bang "The Agreement Dis-section"	14 Big Bang "The Sibling Realignment"	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Magic Is Sexy" Cash; Aleš Hrdlicka; Henry and Klaus; Jonah Babins.		Masters of "Trial by Fire, Quick Change, and the Uncanny"	Funniest Animals "Episode 416" Carmen Hodgson, Devon Werkheiser	14 Last Man "Yass Queen"	14 Seinfeld "The Absstinence"	14 The National Desk (N) (Live)	14 National (N)	14 Last Man "The Favourite"	14 Extra (N)
	34 Dish Nat. (N)	34 TMZ (N)					34 Dish Nation (N)	34 TMZ (N)	34 Family Guy "Underage Peter"	34 Family Guy "The Heartbreak Dog"	34 Burgers "Lob-sterfest"	34 Bob's Burgers "The Belchies"

TUESDAY

EVENING

JANUARY 9

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30										
ABC	9 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	9 News 9 Pack Attack	Celebrity Jeopardy! "Semifinal #2: Steven Weber, Katie Nolan and Dulé Hill" Steven Weber, Katie Nolan (N)		Only Murders in the Building "The Sting" (N)		(45) Only Murders in the Building "Twist" (N)		(15) Only Murders in the Building "To Protect and Serve" Detective Williams starts to have doubts about the case. (N)		9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (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	NCIS: Sydney "Extraction" Evie is pulled back into her past as an undercover cop. (N)		FBI		FBI: Most Wanted "False Flag" The team discovers a link to a recent case.		5 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)		(35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N)		(35) Comics Unleashed With Byron Allen									
5 WFRV	7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)																					
7 WSAW																						
FOX	55 Big Bang	55 Big Bang	Name That Tune (N)		The Floor (N)		55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N)		55 Seinfeld "The Fire"		55 Seinfeld "The Andrea Doria"		55 Last Man "A Moving Finale"		55 Last Man "11" (05) Inside Ed. (N)		55 Goldbergs "Oates & Oates"					
55 WZAW	11 Jeopardy! (N)	11 Wheel (N)																				
11 WLUK																						
NBC	26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N)	26 Packers	Night Court "Form Fetish" (N)	Extended Family "The Consequences of Gaming" (N)	La Brea "Sierra" The survivors must find a new home after a dinosaur attack. (N) (SP)		Found "Missing While Eccentric" The team helps a confused and battered young woman. (N)		26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N)		26 (35) J. Fallon Kenan Thompson, Kel Mitchell (N)		26 (35) J. Fallon (N)		26 (35) Meyers Hilary Duff, Ben Marshall		26 (35) Meyers					
26 WGBA	12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	12 Wheel "Collette Show You the World" (N)																				
12 WJFW																						
PBS	PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Finding Your Roots "Forever Young" Actors Valerie Bertinelli and Brendan Fraser explore their family histories. Guests Valerie Bertinelli, Brendan Fraser (N)		Independent Lens "Beyond Utopia" Stories of families attempting to escape oppression in North Korea. (N)				Treasures With Bettany Hughes "Greece" Bettany travels to Greece and explores Athens, Nafplio and Sparta.				NOVA "Arctic Drift" A research expedition in the Arctic brings clarity to predictions of global change.									
22 WACY	Family Feud	TBA	Dateline "Twisted Tale"		Chicago "Now Is Always Temporary"		My News at 9 (N)		To Be Announced		Housewife		Housewife		Mom							
46 WTPX	Chicago Fire "Kind of a Crazy Idea"		Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire "Superhero"		Chi. Fire "The Hose or the Animal"		Chicago Fire "A Real Wake-Up Call"		Chicago Fire "Scorched Earth"											
CW	41 Big Bang "The Wildebeest Implementation"	41 The Big Bang Theory "The Bow Tie Asymmetry"	Inside the NFL Week 18 Recapping the greatest moments from week 18. (N)		Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Mark Ballas" (N)		Whose Line Is It Anyway? Alyson Hannigan"		41 Last Man "A Moving Finale"		41 Seinfeld "The Andrea Doria"		41 The National Desk (N) (Live)		41 National (N)		41 Last Man "41 Burgers"		41 Extra (N)			
44 WCWF									44 Dish Nation (N)		44 TMZ (N)		44 Family Guy "Take a Letter"						44 Burgers "Synchronized Swimming"			
44 WYOW	44 Dish Nat. (N)		44 TMZ (N)																			

WEDNESDAY				EVENING								JANUARY 10			
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 WAOW at 6PM (N) 9 Action 2 News at Six (N)	9 Packers Live 2 Entertainment Tonight (N)	NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball New Orleans Pelicans at Golden State Warriors From Chase Center in San Francisco. (N) (Live)				9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) 9 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)	(35) Nightline (N)				
CBS 6 WFRV 7 WSAW		9 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	9 Green Bay Nation 7 Inside Edition (N)	The Price Is Right at Night (N)		Raid the Cage "Old Friends vs. New Family" Best friends of 30 years take on a pair of new parents. (N)		FBI True "Oklahoma City: Catching an American Monster" A devastating explosion rips through Oklahoma City. (N)		9 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		59 Big Bang 11 Jeopardy! (N)	59 Big Bang 11 Wheel (N)	I Can See Your Voice (N)		We Are Family (N)		59 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	59 Seinfeld "The Raincoats"	59 Seinfeld "The Little Jerry" 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	59 Last Man 11 (35) Seinfeld	59 Last Man 11 (05) Inside Ed. (N)	59 Goldbergs "The Fake-Up" 11 (35) King "Road Rayge"		
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW		26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	26 Packers 12 Wheel "Collette Show You the World" (N)	Chicago Med "Does One Door Close and Another One Open?" Shocking information threatens the future of OR 2.0.		Chicago Fire "Red Waterfall" Hermann encounters a psychic with a grave warning.		Chicago P.D. "A Better Place" The team scrambles to get ahead of Richard Beck's attack.		26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N)	26 (35) Meyers Maluma, Tony Shalhoub 12 (35) Meyers			
PBS 29 WHRM 59 WLEF 59 WPNE		PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Nature "Big Little Journeys: Home" A baby turtle in Canada and a young bush baby in South Africa search for new homes. (N)		NOVA "High-Risk High-Rise" Risks of sky-high buildings, including the threats presented by wind, fire and earthquakes.		Secrets of the Dead "Van Gogh's Ear" Details about the night of Dec. 23, 1888, when Vincent van Gogh cut his ear.		Finding Your Roots "Forever Young" Actors Valerie Bertinelli and Brendan Fraser explore their family histories. Guests Valerie Bertinelli, Brendan Fraser		Antiques Roadshow "Alaska Native Heritage Center Hour 1" A 1969 Rolex Oyster cosmograph; an English bass violin; Susan Butcher's 1990 Iditarod trophy.			
42 WACY 46 WTPX		Family Feud	TBA	Dateline		Chicago P.D. "Thirty Balloons"		My News at 9 (N)	To Be Announced		Housewife	Housewife	Mom		
		Blue Bloods "Mistaken Identity"		Blue Bloods "Ties That Bind"		Blue Bloods "The Bogeyman"		Blue Bloods "Unfinished Business"		Blue Bloods "Manhattan Queens"		Blue Bloods "Open Secrets"			
CW 14 WCWF 54 WYOW		14 Big Bang "The Engagement Reaction" 54 Dish Nat. (N)	14 Big Bang "The Conjugal Configuration" 59 TMZ (N)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Greg Proops 10"	Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Mark Ballas"	Family Law "All Happy Families" Abby receives a lucrative offer from her former firm.		14 Last Man "Wrench in the Works" 59 Dish Nat. (N)	14 Seinfeld "The Little Jerry" 59 TMZ (N)	14 The National Desk (N) (Live) 59 Family Guy "Run, Chris, Run"	14 The National Desk (N) (Live) 59 Family Guy "Road to India"	14 Last Man 59 Burgers	14 Extra (N) 59 Bob's Burgers "Food Truckin"		

THURSDAY				EVENING								JANUARY 11													
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 WAOW at 6PM (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)		Entertainment Tonight (N)		Press Your Luck "Royalty!!!" (N)		Press Your Luck "A Spiritual Experience" Contestants try to take home the grand prize.		Press Your Luck "Go Big or Go Gnome" Contestants hope to take home the big bucks.		9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)		(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)		(35) Nightline (N)									
CBS 6 WFRV 7 WSAW		9 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)		9 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 7 Inside Edition (N)		Young Sheldon		Ghosts "Weekend From Hell"		SEAL Team "Head On" Bravo Team is presented with a mission in South America. (N)		SEAL Team "Violence of Action" High stakes missions make the team's problems more obvious. (N)		9 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		65 Big Bang 11 Jeopardy! (N)		65 Big Bang 11 Wheel (N)		Hell's Kitchen (N)		Gordon Ramsay's Road Trip (N)		65 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)		65 Seinfeld "The Raincoats"		65 Seinfeld "The Comeback" 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)		65 Last Man 11 (35) Seinfeld		65 Last Man "Mysterious Ways" 11 (05) Inside Edition (N)		65 Goldbergs "Pretty in Pink" 11 (35) King "Educating Doug"					
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW		26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)		26 FamFeud 12 Wheel "Collette Show You the World" (N)		Law & Order "Open Wounds" A senator is gunned down at his daughter's wedding.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "All Pain Is One Malady" Benson and Stabler work together on a revenge-for-hire case.		Law & Order: Organized Crime "With Many Names" OCCB and SVU close in on a callous and desperate suspect.		26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)		(35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N)		26 (35) Seth Meyers 12 (35) Seth Meyers (N)									
PBS 28 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE		PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Wisconsin Life "Snow, Skis and Stories"		Wisconsin Foodie "Keowaydin Farms/ Driftless Curiosity"		Doc Martin "Wild West Country" Doc Martin's medical career is still under scrutiny; Louisa focuses on her new career.		Agatha Christie's Poirot "The Tragedy at Marsden Manor" A man's younger wife insists a ghost inhabits a tree in the garden.		Secrets of the Royal Palaces "Hampton Court" How St. James' Palace doctors killed their queen; why a young African prince was buried in Windsor.		Nature "Big Little Journeys: Home" A baby turtle in Canada and a young bush baby in South Africa search for new homes.											
62 WACY		Family Feud		TBA		Dateline "Manson"		Chicago P.D. "Conventions"		My News at 9 (N)		To Be Announced		Housewife		Housewife		Mom							
46 WTPX		Chicago P.D. "Signs of Violence"		Chicago P.D. "Due Process"		Chicago P.D. "Trouble Dolls"		Chicago P.D. "Safe"		Chicago P.D. "The Right Thing"		Chicago P.D. "The Other Side"													
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW		14 Big Bang 34 Dish Nat. (N)		14 Big Bang "The Wedding Gift Wormhole" 34 TMZ (N)		Son of a Critch "Details Are Scanty" (N)		The Conners "The Separation of Church and Dan"		The Conners "Miracles"		Children Ruin Everything "Therapy" (N) (SP)		14 Last Man "You've Got Male (or Female)" 34 Dish Nat. (N)		14 Seinfeld "The Comeback" 34 TMZ (N)		14 National (N) 34 Family Guy "Bookie of the Year"		14 National (N) 34 Family Guy "American Gigg-olo"		14 Last Man "Mysterious Ways" 34 Burgers "Moody Foodie"		14 Extra (N) 34 Bob's Burgers "Dr. Yap"	



WIN-AND-IN

PACKERS ROLL TO 33-10 WIN OVER
VIKINGS TO BRING IN THE NEW YEAR

Aaron Jones (33) sprays Jordan Love (10) after the Green Bay Packers defeated the Minnesota Vikings 33-10 on New Year's Eve. Now, if the Packers beat the Chicago Bears on Jan. 7, the team will make the playoffs. There are also several scenarios for the Packers to back into the playoffs if they lose to Chicago.

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Love, Packers destroy Vikings 33-10

Green Bay is one win away from the playoffs

By LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

The year came full circle for the Green Bay Packers as they beat the Vikings at home during the 2022-23 season on Jan. 1., and once again on Dec. 31 during the 2023-24 season.

The most recent of those games proved to be the biggest of the current season, as Green Bay went into Minnesota and destroyed its longtime rival to a tune of 23 points, 33-10.

Quarterback Jordan Love registered another great performance for the Pack, as the first-year starter completed 24-of-33 passes for 256 yards and three touchdowns.

As has been the case in victories for the Packers over the recent seasons, Aaron Jones was the sparkplug for the offense. Jones rushed for 120 yards on 20 carries.

As for the receiving game, second-year receiver Bo Melton became the first receiver to record 100 yards for Green Bay, as he logged 105 yards and one touchdown on six receptions. Jayden Reed also broke Sterling Sharpe's record for most receptions in a season by a rookie in this game.

"That is God – that is all God," said Reed, on his historic rookie season, which includes 10 touchdowns. "I put my faith in God and just work hard and have a different mindset. Just being coachable. I am a very coachable kid; I think I am mature for my age. That is all it really takes. People being around you that trust you and great teammates and coaches that push you to go hard every day. That is just how it happened."

For the Vikings, rookie quarterback Jaren Hall was given the reins, as he started the game. Completing 5-of-10 passes, Hall was pulled at halftime in favor of Nick Mullens. Mullens completed 13-of-22 passes for 113 yards and one touchdown.

The Packers defense was stingy against the run, as Vikings rushers combined for just 67 yards. Without Jaire Alexander and Eric Stokes, Green Bay also held Minnesota's superstar wide receiver Justin Jefferson to just 59 yards on five receptions.



Jordan Love is all smiles as the Packers easily defeated the Minnesota Vikings 33-10 on New Year's Eve. Love went 24 for 33 for 256 yards and three touchdowns in what many are calling his finest game of his first year as the starter in the post-Aaron Rodgers era. Love will enter the Jan. 7 win-or-go-home showdown against the Bears on an incredible tear. He's thrown 16 touchdowns vs one interception over the last seven games. He's tied for first in touchdowns as well as interceptions over that span, and his passer rating of 109.9 is second-best. In fact, Love's 3,843 passing yards and 30 touchdowns would rank No. 1 in Bears history. His 30 touchdowns vs. 11 interceptions would give him the second-best touchdown-to-interception ratio in Bears history.

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After both teams traded punts, Green Bay started its first scoring drive. Jones, Melton, tight end Tucker Kraft, Reed and running back A.J. Dillon all got touches, as Anders Carlson knocked a 34-yard field goal through the uprights to give Green Bay an early 3-0 lead.

Two plays later, Green Bay's defense, which has been heavily criticized over the past few weeks for its poor performance, forced Hall into an interception by way of Corey Ballentine. The Packers immediately capitalized on the turnover, as Love threw a 33-yard dart to Reed in the end zone to take a 10-0 lead.

Green Bay then forced Minnesota to punt on its next drive, and Love and the offense took back over at their own 26-yard line. Jones and Dil-

lon picked up a combined 24 yards, Melton picked up 28 yards and a 15-yard face mask penalty on Minnesota set Green Bay up with a fourth-and-one from the Vikings 24-yard line. On the ensuing play, Love dropped back and floated a pass toward the left sideline intended for Melton. As Melton was going to the ground, the ball bounced out of his grasp, and the Packers turned the ball over on downs.

From there, the Vikings marched down the field for a field goal. That was quickly followed up with a 10-play 75-yard drive from Green Bay that culminated in a two-yard rushing touchdown for Love.

Minnesota took back over with 39 seconds left in the half. On the second play of the drive, Packers

linebacker Preston Smith sacked Hall and forced a fumble, which in turn was recovered by Packers rookie Karl Brooks to set up a first-and-10 from the Vikings 37-yard line with 26 seconds left. Green Bay once again capitalized on the turnover, as Love connected with Reed for a 25-yard touchdown.

"That was all Jordan trusting me in making a play," said Reed, on his second touchdown. "I tried to run the best route that I could. Jordan trusted me, and I ran through the smoke and scored."

Coming out of the half, Minnesota was immediately forced to punt the ball. Green Bay once again capitalized on the opportunity, with Love connecting with Melton for a nine-yard touchdown.

Down 30-3, Minnesota was once again forced to punt, but on the return, Packers receiver Samori Toure muffed the punt and the Vikings recovered at the Green Bay seven-yard line. Two plays later, Johnny Mundt scored the first touchdown of the game for the Vikings. Carlson then added another field goal to put the dagger in as Green Bay took home a 33-10 victory.

With the win, Green Bay finds itself in second place in the NFC North and seventh in the NFC. That means that all Green Bay needs to do is win its final game of the season against the Chicago Bears to make the playoffs.

"This is the exact position that we have been working for all off-season – all through training camp – to put ourselves in a position to make the playoffs," said Love. "Like I said, it hasn't been easy all year, a lot of highs and lows, a lot of adversity, and we didn't have any expectations coming into the year. So I think everybody is continuing to work and continuing to find ways to get better."

According to the New York Times Playoff Simulator, Green Bay currently has a 68% chance to make the playoffs. If they were to win, that number would go up to 100%.

If Green Bay were to lose and the Seattle Seahawks were to win, then Seattle would get into the playoffs. If both teams were to lose, then the playoff picture becomes a little murkier. The NFC South has yet to be decided, with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Atlanta Falcons and New Orleans Saints all still mathematically alive in the hunt.

BEAT The Expert

Week 18 Games: Sun., Jan. 7



Luke Reimer
New Media

Minnesota @ Detroit
New York Jets @ New England
Dallas @ Washington
Philadelphia @ NY Giants

Tie Breaker Game:
Chicago @ Green Bay

**Week 16
Winner :**

**Robert Buss
Buss
Automotive**

Weekly Standings

	Weekly Record	Overall Record
Jacob Westendorf, New Media	4-1	60-25
Tim Murphy, New Media	4-1	59-26
Jim Weigand, Tower Clock Eye Center	4-1	58-27
Robert Buss, Buss Automotive	5-0	58-27
Shane Senn, Senn Insurance	4-1	51-34
Staff, Iverson's Piggly Wiggly	4-1	50-35
Kevin Passon, New Media	4-1	49-36
Staff, Shawano Health Services	4-1	49-36
Sue Moede, Moede Plumbing	5-0	48-37
Luke Reimer, New Media	2-3	47-38
Staff, Walsh Dental Group	3-2	44-41



Jim Weigand
Tower Clock
Eye Center

This Week's Picks:

Detroit
New York Jets
Dallas
Philadelphia

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Chicago 17 @ Green Bay 23



Robert Buss
Buss
Automotive

This Week's Picks:

Detroit
New York Jets
Dallas
Philadelphia

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Chicago 20 @ Green Bay 24



Shane Senn
Senn
Insurance

This Week's Picks:

Detroit
New York Jets
Dallas
NY Giants

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Chicago 27 @ Green Bay 34



Staff
Walsh Dental Group
Shawano

This Week's Picks:

Minnesota
New York Jets
Dallas
Philadelphia

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Chicago 14 @ Green Bay 27



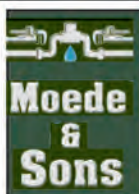
Staff
Shawano
Health Services

This Week's Picks:

Detroit
New York Jets
Dallas
Philadelphia

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Chicago 14 @ Green Bay 21



Moede & Sons
Plumbing
Shawano

This Week's Picks:

Detroit
New York Jets
Dallas
NY Giants

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Chicago 10 @ Green Bay 28



Staff
Iverson's
Piggly Wiggly

This Week's Picks:

Detroit
New England
Dallas
Philadelphia

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Chicago 17 @ Green Bay 27



Jacob Westendorf
New
Media

This Week's Picks:

Detroit
New England
Dallas
Philadelphia

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Tie Breaker Game:

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NOTEBOOK

Bears can't be taken for granted, but Packers should be able to tame them

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

Packers' offense vs. Bears' defense

All eyes are going to be on Jordan Love as he looks to finish off a strong debut season as Green Bay's starting quarterback.

Love got his first taste of this rivalry in his first start of the season and played well, throwing three touchdown passes, including two to Romeo Doubs.

Love has shaken off an early-season slump to assert himself as one of the better quarterbacks in all of football.

Love's season hit a turning point in early November when the Packers beat the Los Angeles Chargers 23-20. Love threw for 300 yards that day, but the rest of the offense took off from there.

Love and the offense would win their next two games against the Detroit Lions and Kansas City Chiefs, with the offense putting up points in bunches.

Despite missing some of his best weapons, Love has continued to improve as the season has gone along.

Christian Watson missed time after injuring his hamstring against Kansas City. Jayden Reed and Don-tayvion Wicks have been banged up down the stretch of the season. Luke Musgrave has missed time with a lacerated kidney.

That hasn't mattered much as Green Bay's offense has ascended into the top-10 of the league in terms of DVOA.

One of the biggest reasons for the offensive improvement is the stability along the offensive line.

The group was in flux early in the year with David Bakhtiari only being able to play one game before a knee injury sacked his entire season.

Rasheed Walker has shaken off some early struggles and been really consistent since the calendar turned to November.

Walker was splitting time with Yosh Njiman at times during the season. That competition appears to be over, with Walker winning. He took all of the snaps at left tackle against



Kenny Clark (97) and Quay Walker (7) tower over Vikings quarterback Jaren Hall (16) during the first half of the Dec. 31 game in Minnesota. Hall was replaced at the start of the second half. While not taking the Chicago Bears for granted, Green Bay should be able to keep their rivals on their backs in the regular season finale Jan. 7.

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Carolina.

Whether he's the team's tackle of the future remains to be seen, but he's one of the biggest reasons for Green Bay's improvement.

Zach Tom won the right tackle position early in the year and has been rock solid all season long. He's one of the team's best players.

The run game has been one of the

biggest disappointments on the season. Aaron Jones became the team's first 100-yard rusher on the year two weeks ago in Carolina.

Jones is clearly this team's best

running back and should be able to handle a full workload. AJ Dillon's usage has been limited since he broke his thumb in a Monday night game against the New York Giants.

Patrick Taylor has been the team's primary third running back but does not have a role carved out in the offense.

Chicago's defense was in a transition after head coach Matt Eberflus made it through his first year evaluating his team.

They spent a bunch of money this offseason, namely on two inside linebackers. Philadelphia's T.J. Edwards and Buffalo's Tremaine Edmunds both signed in Chicago this offseason. Both have played well. Edmunds leads the team in interceptions, while Edwards leads the team in tackles.

Jaquan Brisker and Jaylon Johnson help form a group that is not short on talent but suffered through some growing pains a season ago.

The defense has improved as the season has gone on, and there is one big acquisition that could be pointed to for that.

If there was something you'd want to draw up for Love in his first start, it'd be facing a team with a pass rush as putrid as Chicago's was a season ago. That remained true in the season opener. Love was only sacked once in the season opener.

The Bears were the worst team in the NFL in 2022 at sacking the quarterback, and after passing on all of the pass rushers in the draft, they made a big splash at the trade deadline. They traded a second-round pick for Montez Sweat.

Sweat has quickly become one of the best players on the defense and looks like someone the Bears can build around for the future.

The goal will be to find him a running mate. The Bears signed Yannick Ngakoue at the beginning of the season. He had four sacks on the season but is dealing with a broken ankle that will keep him sidelined for Sunday's game.

This is not the same defense Green Bay rumbled through in the season opener. They've gotten better, and can make life difficult for opposing offenses.

Packers' defense vs. Bears' offense

This could be the final game for Justin Fields as the Bears' preferred starting quarterback. It looks likely that the Bears, thanks to a trade with the Carolina Panthers, will be picking in the top-2 of April's draft.

Because of that, they'll be in position to select Caleb Williams or Drake Maye.



Aaron Jones carried the ball 20 times for 120 yards against the Vikings on Dec. 31. It marked the second straight week he's carried for more than 100 yards in a game. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

The Bears could forgo that opportunity and choose to build around Fields, but that is a distinction he has not earned. Despite the investment in the offense this offseason, Field has not taken the jump as a passer the Bears could have hoped for.

He's a gifted runner. He's a good weapon, but the same mistakes have been made continuously. He takes too many sacks and turns the ball over at a high clip.

The Bears' passing offense is ranked toward the bottom of the

NFL. Keeping him as the team's quarterback of the future is not justifiable at this stage.

That being said, Fields could be showcasing himself for his new team and could have a chip on his shoulder as he's never beaten the Packers.

He ran for 59 yards in the first meeting between the two teams, but he turned the ball over twice, including throwing a pick-six to Quay Walker that essentially ended the game.

The Bears gave him a new

weapon this offseason, adding former Carolina Panthers' wide receiver DJ Moore in a trade that moved the Bears eight back eight spots in April's draft.

Moore has emerged as the team's number one receiver and has gone over the 1,000-yard mark for the season.

He was quiet in his first game against Green Bay, hauling in two passes for 25 yards.

Cole Kmet is the team's second best weapon at this point in the year and has been a steady target for Fields in the middle of the field.

The biggest investment that Chicago made on offense this offseason was in trying to protect Fields.

Darnell Wright has had his ups and downs in his rookie season. Teven Jenkins has been in and out of the lineup. The Bears' offensive line is better than it was a season ago but still has some struggles.

Special teams

Green Bay's special teams is not as bad as it was in 2021 when they were one of the laughingstocks of the NFL.

Despite the investment both in their special teams' coordinator and roster spots used on specialists, the Packers have not improved nearly enough to meet the investment that they've made in their special teams.

They are the most penalized unit in football and seem to make at least one major miscue per week.

Anders Carlson will be looking for a strong finish within the field goal operation. He has lacked consistency through the season but could have some confidence being two weeks removed from kicking a game-winning field goal against the Carolina Panthers.

Rich Bisaccia is unlikely to be on the hot seat after receiving a promotion for 2023, but this unit should be under a microscope as the season comes to a close.

The Chicago Bears were 24th in Rick Gosselin's special teams rankings in 2022.

Cairo Santos returned for a second season as the Bears' kicker and was recently rewarded with a contract extension that will keep him in the Windy City for the next four seasons.

The return game does not boast the ghosts of Chicago past like Devin Hester. Velus Jones and Tyler Scott have split kick return duties, with neither having much to boast about.

Trent Taylor has been the team's primary punt returner with a long return of 31 yards.

KEYS TO THE GAME

Packers' defense needs to keep Bears ground game in check

By JACOB WESTENDORF

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Just like the season begins, so it too shall end. The Green Bay Packers and Chicago Bears will face off in the final game of the season at Lambeau Field.

Green Bay's season has turned into what it could have hoped for. They have to feel good about having their quarterback of the future. Their offense has seen growth from all of their young players.

The defense is another story, and one that will be revisited whenever Green Bay's season officially ends.

The Bears are going to miss the playoffs again and feel like a franchise at a crossroads. Do they keep Justin Fields and build around him? Do they select one of the top quarterbacks in the draft with the pick they'll receive from Carolina?

Fields is showcasing himself in this game, whether it is to keep his job in Chicago or for a new team. The Bears will be ready. They've lost nine straight games to Green Bay, and are likely tired of hearing about those trends.

Here are the keys to the Packers continuing that streak to finish the season.

Packers' defense vs. Bears' run game

The Chicago Bears' strength of their offense is their ground game. Khalil Herbert, D'onta Foreman and Roschon Johnson have all had strong moments throughout the season.

In addition to their backfield, the Bears have the legs of Fields at their disposal. For all the questions about Fields' arm, those questions do not exist about his legs. Fields ran for 1,143 yards a season ago.

He's not going to go over 1,000 yards this year, but is the team's leading rusher with more than 600 yards gained on the ground.

He's as dynamic as any quarterback when he takes off to run. He ran for 59 yards the last time these two teams met.

The Packers' run defense has been dreadful again in 2023. They made changes in personnel but are still near the bottom of the league.



The Packers' defense needs to rein in the Chicago Bears' run game, like they did with Minnesota's Ty Chandler (32). Chandler picked up 40 yards on the ground, and all Minnesota rushers gained only 67 yards. The Chicago Bears' strength of their offense is their ground game. Khalil Herbert, D'onta Foreman and Roschon Johnson have all had strong moments throughout the season. In addition to their backfield, the Bears have the legs of Fields at their disposal.

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They've given up more than 200 yards rushing four times this year.

This offseason, the Packers jettisoned Dean Lowry and Jarran Reed to give more snaps to Devonte Wyatt, T.J. Slaton, and two late-round draft picks Colby Wooden and Karl Brooks.

It hasn't mattered.

The Packers are still one of the worst defenses in football against the run. Chicago wants to run the ball.

Slowing down this ground game and making Fields beat them with his arm is one of the biggest keys to Green Bay winning this game.

Jordan Love vs. Montez Sweat

The first time these two teams

met, Jordan Love was essentially playing 7-on-7. He sat in the pocket, scanned the field and found open receivers.

He threw three touchdown passes on the day and reminded all of Chicago that just because the old quarterback was gone, it does not mean things were going to change anytime soon.

The Bears' pass rush, which was bad in 2022, was not good to start 2023.

They've made a big acquisition at the trade deadline that has changed the equation. Montez Sweat was sent to Chicago for a second-round pick, and he has been a menace since arriving in Chicago.

Sweat is a dynamic pass rusher that Chicago did not have the first time these two teams met. Zach Tom and Rasheed Walker have been solid down the stretch of the season, but Sweat is the type of pass rusher that can wreck a game.

If Love and the rest of the offense can keep him off balance, they'll should be able to navigate Chicago's secondary.

Packer's young receivers vs. Bears' secondary

Speaking of that secondary for Chicago, the Bears have a budding star in Jaylon Johnson. He has been excellent in a contract season for

Bo Melton (80) caught six passes for 105 yards and a touchdown against the Vikings. He and the other young Green Bay receivers have to make some plays against an improving Chicago secondary.

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him. The Bears have yet to reward him with a contract extension, but he's as capable of stepping up to cover a team's top receiver as any corner in football.

Perhaps the good news for Green Bay is that they don't really have a true go-to receiver. Dontayvion Wicks, Romeo Doubs, Jayden Reed and Christian Watson have all had their time in the sun as the team's top wideout in 2023.

The reality is that Green

Bay's offense does not move the ball on the ground. They've relied on Love's arm more than they likely would have wanted to in his first season as the team's starting quarterback.

Conversely, Chicago's run defense has been stout. They're second behind San Francisco in total yardage given up on the ground and third in opponent yards per carry.

The Packers did not run the ball all that well the first

time these two teams met, either. Aaron Jones ran for 41 yards on nine carries and was the leading rusher on the day.

Green Bay's run game hasn't gotten much better since then, and Chicago's run defense has. That means they will likely have to move the ball through the air with Love and his young receiving corps.

It'll be up to one of their young guys to make some plays against an improving secondary.

THE VITALS

GREEN BAY PACKERS VS. CHICAGO BEARS

TIME AND DATE: 3:25 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7

LOCATION: Lambeau Field

TV: Fox

RADIO: Flagship WRNW-FM Milwaukee - 97.3; Packers Radio Network

2023 RECORDS: Packers, 8-8. Bears 7-9.

HISTORY: The NFL's oldest rivalry in the history of the NFL dates back to 1921. The Packers lead the all-time series 106-95-6.

The Packers have won the last nine games against the Bears, including a 38-20 victory at Soldier Field in the season opener this year. The last time the Packers and Bears faced off at Lambeau Field, Green Bay won 27-10 on Sunday Night Football.

Matt LaFleur is a perfect 9-0 against Chicago.

COACHES: Packers - Matt LaFleur (fifth season, 55-27). Bears - Matt Eberflus (second season, 10-23)

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 27-19

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 W 33-10

Jan. 7 vs. Chicago, FOX

NFL SCHEDULE

Saturday, Jan. 6

Steelers at Ravens, 3:30 p.m.

Texans at Colts, 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 7

Jaguars at Titans, Noon

Vikings at Lions, Noon

Falcons at Saints, Noon

Jets at Patriots, Noon

Buccaneers at Panthers, Noon

Browns at Bengals, Noon

Bears at Packers, 3:25 p.m.

Cowboys at Commanders, 3:25 p.m.

Broncos at Raiders, 3:25 p.m.

Eagles at Giants, 3:25 p.m.

Seahawks at Cardinals, 3:25 p.m.

Rams at 49ers, 3:25 p.m.

Chiefs at Chargers, 3:25 p.m.

Bills at Dolphins, 7:20 p.m.



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Green Bay finds itself in a familiar position

By **LUKE REIMER**
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For the second straight season, the Green Bay Packers find themselves in a win-and-in situation against a division rival who is mathematically eliminated from the playoffs.

This time though, Green Bay hosts the Chicago Bears, rather than the Detroit Lions, which defeated the Packers and crushed their playoff dreams last season.

"We understand what we have in front of us, and it really means nothing unless we take care of business next week in Lambeau," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur, after the Week 17 victory over the Minnesota Vikings. "We were in a similar situation a year ago and couldn't get it done, so we know it is going to be a tremendous challenge."

While the circumstances are eerily similar, many things about the 2023-24 Green Bay Packers are different compared to the 2022-23 Green Bay Packers.

First of all, there is a different

quarterback attempting to lead the team to the Super Bowl. While the team is in the same spot as it was last year, there seems to be a different aura surrounding this year's team. All of last season, the Packers were expected to make the playoffs, as everyone knew what Aaron Rodgers could do on a football field. This season though, that feeling changed. Nobody knew what Jordan Love could do on a football field.

All season, it really seemed like the Packers were a team that could maybe win some games, but once again did not have expectations. While every team's goal is to win a Super Bowl, this Packers' season was really to see what Love could do. Yes, there is still a lot of work to do, but the question on if Love can actually be the starting quarterback of the Green Bay, seems to somewhat be answered. Instead of this being a "let's see what we have" season, it has quickly turned into a "win-and-we-are-in" season.

That really started to become a reality on Christmas Eve. After Green Bay lost to the Tampa Bay Bucca-

neers, its last hope was really to win the remainder of its games to make the playoffs, with a little help from other teams. But, as fate would have it and just like the previous season, the teams that needed to lose lost and Green Bay beat who it needed to beat to set themselves up with a prime opportunity.

Along with Love having question marks surrounding himself, the offense as a whole had those same question marks. General manager Brian Gutekunst assembled the youngest offense in the NFL this season and with injuries surrounding Christian Watson and inconsistency surrounding Romeo Doubs, fans were wondering who would be the player that could break out on the Packers.

"Even though we had a lot of young guys coming into the start of the season, you could just see how many playmakers we had on offense and how deep our skill positions were," said Love, reflecting on training camp. "I was excited about it, so that is exactly why I said that the sky's the limit. We had no expecta-

tions, and the main thing is that we continue to work every day and find ways to improve."

Players like Jayden Reed, Tucker Kraft, Bo Melton and Love were not playing for the team last year, and it has become increasingly obvious that they have become the go-to guys in this offense. With help from Aaron Jones, Dontayvion Wicks and Malik Heath, this Green Bay team certainly looks like it has a better opportunity to make the playoffs than the team last year.

Much like last season, a Green Bay Packers season that looked like it was doomed in the middle of the season has all of a sudden turned into basically a playoff game in Week 18. This season's team has already exceeded expectations, but if it can beat Chicago on Sunday, the 2023-24 season may go down as one of the most memorable in Packers' history.

"We know that it is going to be a great challenge. We know that we are going to get (the Bears) best shot, and I am sure that they would love nothing more than to knock us out of the playoffs," said LaFleur.

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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 McDuffie	58	LB	6-1	227	24	3	Boston College
Bo Melton	80	WR	5-11	189	24	1	Rutgers
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	28	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
Benny Sapp III	48	S	5-11	200	23	R	Northern Iowa
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
Patrick Taylor	27	RB	6-2	217	25	3	Memphis
Zach Tom	50	OL	6-4	304	24	2	Wake Forest
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
Eric Stokes	21	CB	6-0	194	24	3	Georgia
Luke Tenuta	78	T	6-8	314	24	2	Virginia Tech
Samori Toure	83	WR	6-1	191	25	2	Nebraska
Emanuel Wilson	31	RB	5-11	226	24	R	Fort Valley State Univ.

CHICAGO BEARS

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Tyson Bagent	17	QB	6-3	213	23	R	Shepherd
Andrew Billings	97	DL	6-1	311	28	7	Baylor
Josh Blackwell	39	DB	5-11	180	24	2	Duke
Khari Blasingame	35	FB	6-0	233	27	5	Vanderbilt
Larry Borom	75	OL	6-5	333	24	3	Missouri
Jaquan Brisker	9	DB	6-1	200	24	2	Penn State
Ja'Tyre Carter	69	OL	6-3	311	24	2	Southern
Dylan Cole	55	LB	6-0	240	29	7	Missouri State
Nate Davis	64	OL	6-3	316	27	5	Charlotte
Gervon Dexter Sr.	99	DL	6-6	312	22	R	Florida
Tremaine Edmunds	49	LB	6-5	250	25	6	Virginia Tech
T.J. Edwards	53	LB	6-1	242	27	5	Wisconsin
Dan Feeney	67	OL	6-4	310	29	7	Indiana
Justin Fields	1	QB	6-3	228	24	3	Ohio State
D'Onta Foreman	21	RB	6-0	235	27	5	Texas
DeMarquis Gates	43	LB	6-2	221	27	1	Mississippi
Trenton Gill	16	P	6-4	219	25	2	N.C. State
Kyler Gordon	6	DB	6-0	200	24	2	Washington
Rasheem Green	94	DL	6-4	279	26	6	USC
Khalil Herbert	24	RB	5-9	212	25	3	Virginia Tech
Elijah Hicks	22	DB	5-11	200	24	2	California
Travis Homer	20	RB	5-10	202	25	5	Miami
Eddie Jackson	4	DB	6-0	206	30	7	Alabama
Teven Jenkins	76	OL	6-6	321	25	3	Oklahoma State
Jaylon Johnson	33	DB	6-0	196	24	4	Utah
Quindell Johnson	26	DB	6-2	208	24	R	Memphis
Roschon Johnson	23	RB	6-0	225	22	R	Texas
Braxton Jones	70	OL	6-5	310	24	2	Southern Utah
Jaylon Jones	31	DB	5-11	190	26	2	Mississippi
Justin Jones	93	DL	6-3	309	27	6	North Carolina State
Velus Jones Jr.	12	WR	6-0	200	26	2	Tennessee
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Mercedes Lewis	84	TE	6-6	265	39	18	UCLA
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DJ Moore	2	WR	5-11	210	26	6	Maryland
Lucas Patrick	62	OL	6-3	313	30	7	Duke
Nathan Peterman	14	QB	6-2	225	29	7	Pittsburgh
Zacch Pickens	96	DL	6-4	300	23	R	South Carolina
Dominique Robinson	90	DL	6-5	253	25	2	Miami (Ohio)
Jack Sanborn	57	LB	6-2	234	23	2	Wisconsin
Cairo Santos	8	K	5-8	175	32	9	Tulane
Patrick Scales	48	LS	6-3	226	35	8	Utah State
Tyler Scott	13	WR	5-11	185	22	R	Cincinnati
Noah Sewell	44	LB	6-2	253	21	R	Oregon
Terrell Smith	32	DB	6-0	207	24	R	Minnesota
Equanimeous St. Brown	19	WR	6-5	214	27	6	Notre Dame
Tyrique Stevenson	29	DB	6-0	204	23	R	Miami
Montez Sweat	98	DL	6-6	262	27	5	Mississippi State
Trent Taylor	15	WR	5-8	178	29	6	Louisiana Tech
Robert Tonyan	18	TE	6-5	240	29	6	Indiana State
DeMarcus Walker	95	DL	6-4	280	29	7	Florida State
Cody Whitehair	65	OL	6-3	316	31	8	Kansas State
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Reserve/Injured							
Yannick Ngakoue	91	DL	6-2	246	28	8	Maryland



Guard Sean Rhyan (75) blocks against a rush of Vikings players during the New Year's Eve contest in Minnesota. Rhyan is sharing his duties with Jon Runyan Jr. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

Rhyan shares duties, concentrates on one game at a time

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Guard Sean Rhyan was drafted by the Green Bay Packers in the third round in 2002 after playing his college ball at UCLA.

Rhyan was named a starter at offensive tackle for the Bruins going into his freshman season. He started all 12 of UCLA's games and was named a Freshman All-American by the Football Writers Association of America and USA Today.

He saw his first NFL action on Nov. 6, 2022, playing a single special teams snap in a Week 9 loss to the Detroit Lions. On Nov 25, Rhyan was suspended six games for violating the league's substance abuse policy, effectively ending his season.

You played a lot against the Panthers. How'd it go?

Good, good. I had a couple mistakes here and there, but I guess mistakes are part of the game – little silly ones – but it's definitely good playing the game, having a good amount of snaps, being able to feel the flow of the game a little bit more. It was good.

What's this been like?

It's been good. You know, I think each week just kind of focusing on getting 1% better, focusing on one thing each week, and then just trying to be there and do what's best and help the team. Whether that be stepping in here or there or, when I do get my opportunities, to make the most of them.

I realize you're playing on Sunday to win Sunday's game, but big picture?

Yeah, you know, my grandma used to say if you look too far in the future, you're never going to see what's in front of you. So, I'm just going week to week, day to day. I'm not trying to think too far in the future. As a team, too, we're just trying to go 1-0, focus on this week. What the future holds, I don't know. But all I know is this week we've got the Vikings, and I'm excited to get after them a little bit.

No thinking about being a starter next year?

Yeah, obviously, thinking in the future, yeah, it'd be nice to be a

starter, but, you know, as things are right now, me and Johnny (Runyan) are rotating and I think it's given us an edge.

During the game, we were playing Derrick Brown, and I went in there for the second series and he goes, 'Man, why do you guys keep switching guards? I can't get used to any of you.' I go, 'Oh, well, perfect.'

So, it's great. Obviously, starting is everyone's goal. Their first goal in the NFL, I think, is to get into that starting role. So, obviously, my eyes are set on that, but this year I think, right now, rotating I think is helping us a little bit, but it's enough to kind of keep us going in the right direction.

Brown's a hell of a player too. He's never been a Pro Bowl guy, but he's right there.

I mean, he's a hell of a player. It's kind of surprising to me why he isn't. I don't really know how any of it works, but I have heard like records come into play, but that guy's a real good player. Plays hard, big old boy, strong. It was fun playing against him. Everyone's good in the league, but I like it when we get in the film room and we go, 'Hey, we got Derrick Brown. This guy's a good player.' I was like, 'Well, if he's such a good player, let's get after him and see what we can do.'

Is that a measuring stick for you, or have you played enough ball in your life that measuring sticks aren't your thing?

Well, let's see here, this will be my ninth season playing football. So, when I do get those guys, it's like, I don't look at it as a bad thing, I look at it as a good thing. This guy is one of the best in the league, and I get to go against him, I can't ask for anything more. Just because if you do ... when I do well against those players, it's a little bit of a confidence boost in a way.

I'm doing the right things, treating myself the right way and doing all that. So, it's kind of almost a reassurance thing. It's not like I'm scared or, 'Oh, snap,' you know? We got whoever's in front of us. It's the NFL. You know, I'm striving to kind of try to become one of those guys. So, it's fun. It's a journey I like to take."



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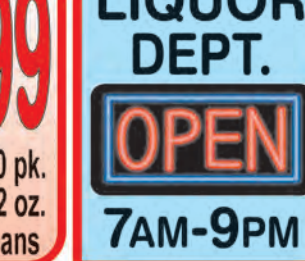
  

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