

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Mary, Joseph, a shepherd and his flock surround the baby in a manger in a display at St. John Lutheran Church in Gillett.

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Plea hearing postponed in child sex exploitation court case

Defense attorneys plan to file motion to dismiss for double jeopardy

BY WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

A plea hearing for a Peshtigo man charged with exploiting and sexually assaulting teenaged girls in Oconto County was postponed Dec. 11 after his attorney said the defense was preparing a motion to dismiss on double jeopardy grounds.

Zachary A. Zastawniak, 24, was sentenced in September to 25 years in federal prison, followed by 25 years of extended supervision for child sex exploitation.

He faces 26 felony charges in Oconto County Circuit Court: two counts of using a computer to facilitate a child sex crime, three counts of second-degree sexual assault of a child, three counts of child enticement, soliciting a child for prostitution, trafficking of a child, two counts of threatening to communicate derogatory information, five counts of felony bail jumping and eight counts of possession of child pornography.

According to the criminal complaint, a 15-year-old girl said she had sent Zastawniak explicit images of herself, and he later threatened to post them online unless she came to a hotel room and had sex with him.

In the federal case, Zastawniak was accused of sexually exploiting numerous minor girls in Oconto County and northeast Wisconsin, coercing them in sex acts, some of which he recorded.

During what had been scheduled as a plea hearing before Judge Jay Conley, attorney Stephanie Rock said her colleague, Kirk Obear, was in the process of preparing a motion to dismiss the local charges on grounds of double jeopardy, the legal doctrine that a person cannot be tried for the same crime more than once.

"We have received an offer from the state ... Attorney Obear is essentially doing some intensive research on grounds for a motion to dismiss based on potential

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Suspect who fled to Texas offered plea



Oconto County court security officer Tony Mossakowski wheels James Bullock into the courtroom Dec. 11 for a pre-trial conference.

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Bullock scheduled back in court Feb. 17

BY WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

A Suring man who was arrested in Texas after he allegedly fled the state to avoid trial on child sex abuse charges has been given two months to consider taking a plea offer.

Michael James Bullock, 41, appeared before Oconto County Circuit Judge Michael Judge on Dec. 11, when defense attorney Eric Maciolek said he had received the state's plea offer the day before and had not yet had time to discuss it with his client.

Judge scheduled a status conference for Feb. 17.

Bullock had been scheduled to stand trial beginning July 31 on two counts of repeated sexual assault of a child, as well as several counts stemming from allegedly stationing a hidden camera in a bathroom and recording intimate video of a young

woman showering.

Bullock was free after posting a total of \$40,000 cash bond, with a condition of his bail being that he wear a GPS ankle bracelet at all times. The criminal complaint alleges that on July 2 the woman who owns the house where he was staying found the bracelet hanging from a hook in the bathroom.

Investigators said the inside of the bracelet was coated with a Vaseline-like substance, making it slippery. Bullock also left his cellphone behind and had run it through a factory reset, according to the complaint.

Two weeks later, the suspect was spotted at an RV park in Texas by a citizen who happened to see an Oconto County Sheriff's Office social media post asking for information about Bullock's whereabouts.

When Bullock was brought back into an Oconto County courtroom on Aug. 5, Judge revoked his bail and set a new cash bond of \$1.5 million. The defendant remains in custody.

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Ready to read some down home tales?
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Lakewood teen dies after ATV crash

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

A 15-year-old Lakewood boy was killed Dec. 7 in an all-terrain vehicle accident. The victim was identified in his obituary as Clark L. Lightfoot, a sophomore at Wabeno High School whose family moved to Lakewood from Pulaski last summer. Oconto County Sheriff Todd Skarban said in a news release that his office's emergency dispatch center was notified at about 8:17 p.m. that the accident had occurred in the area of the 17000 block of West Wheeler Lake Lane

in the Town of Lakewood. Deputies responded to the scene and found an all-terrain vehicle on its side up against several trees in the ditch with damage. The preliminary investigation indicated that Lightfoot was traveling west on a snow-covered and slippery road surface, when the ATV failed to negotiate a curve, left the road and struck several trees in the ditch. Family members and first responders attempted life-saving measures, but the boy died at the scene as a result of injuries sustained in the crash.

A funeral was held Dec. 13 at Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring. (See Page 20.) Skarban said an ongoing investigation into this ATV accident is being conducted and led by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Oconto County Sheriff's Department and the Brown County Medical Examiner's Office. The sheriff's department also received assistance from the Lakewood/Townsend and Mountain Area ambulance services, Eagle III and the Lakewood, Mountain and Townsend fire departments.

Storytelling about the holidays



Audrey Naliborski, librarian at Assumption Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, reads "Twas the Night Before Christmas" to children Dec. 14 at the Pulaski Museum as Mrs. Claus watches. Museum visitors got to see the new Christmas-themed exhibit, enjoy some coloring with the children and get photos with Mrs. Claus. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

Cruisers Yachts expands reach in southern U.S.

MarineMax will now be the authorized dealer for Cruisers Yachts in several key regions in the southern United States. MarineMax will represent Cruisers Yachts in the Florida Panhandle, west Florida, eastern Texas and Alabama in 11 locations. This will allow luxury yacht enthusiasts in these areas to access the latest models from Cruisers Yachts and will have access to MarineMax's customer support. This change reflects Cruisers Yachts' ongoing commitment to enhancing the customer experience nationwide, providing greater convenience and accessibility in regions with growing demand for luxury yachting. This expansion builds on a long-standing partnership between the two companies. "We are excited to enhance our market presence and expand our dealership locations through our partnership with MarineMax," said Dan Zenz, vice president of sales. "These key regions are vital to delivering unmatched



Cruisers Yachts' newly released 57 FLY is among the product lineup that will be accessible to residents in southern states through MarineMax, a new authorized dealer for the Oconto-based company. CRUISERS YACHTS

service and support for our valued customers, and we look forward to welcoming new boating enthusiasts in these communities to the Cruisers Yachts family." MarineMax will offer the full lineup of Cruisers Yachts models ranging from 34-60 feet — starting with the sporty GLS series, luxurious Cantius lineup and the newly released 57 FLY. This territorial expansion also positions MarineMax to support Cruisers Yachts customers more comprehensively, providing convenient access to sales centers, finance and insurance, expert service teams and knowledgeable staff in these new regions. Founded in 1953, Cruisers Yachts is headquartered in Oconto and is known as the world's premier American builder of sport and luxury motor yachts from 34-60 feet. Cruisers Yachts' parent company MarineMax Inc. is the world's largest recreational boat and yacht retailer. For more information on Cruisers Yachts, head to www.cruisersyachts.com.

Edna M's expected to open during new year

Facility to be housed in former Hardee's building in Oconto Falls

By WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

A plan to open a food manufacturing facility at a former Hardee's restaurant is "pushing past the finish line," the project leader reported to the Oconto Falls City Council on Dec. 10. Mike Faucett, who has been appearing before the council regularly for several months, announced in October that six individual investors and one corporation were in the process of forming a new company named Edna M's, with the intention of producing private-label food products.

"They were able to get funding and everything together so they're not going to have liens on the building," Faucett said Dec. 10. "I look at it from a business plan standpoint, being able to go in with a clean slate, not having any big debt overhanging this new venture." The project continues to be on course to start business Jan. 1, get the required permits and begin production as soon as possible during the new year, he said. "I'm optimistic about the group," Faucett said. "It's a good time to be starting a business, and I'm

looking forward to seeing what they do." The Hardee's restaurant at 782 N. Main St. closed at least a decade ago; the building housed a microbrewery for a short time but has been vacant for several years. The property is currently owned by Messenger Property Management LLC of Appleton, for which Faucett serves as the registered agent. The city continues to seek a buyer for an adjacent property that once served as a gas station and convenience store.

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double jeopardy issues, so we need to make a record of that," Rock said. "He is in the middle of completing that motion." The move came as a surprise to Conley, who said he had been informed just prior to entering the courtroom that attorneys had agreed to postpone the plea hearing. "I understand that the defense has got to seek to be effective, and they want

to cover all their bases, and I think that's fine," District Attorney Hannah Schuchart said. "I explained that to the victim representative as well, and they're understanding of that." "This is all news to me," Conley said. "I will note just as a starting point, I certainly haven't researched that double jeopardy question, but I'm very aware that there's a

separate sovereigns doctrine, and usually I don't think the state is bound by what federal authorities have done and the other way around." That said, Conley agreed to schedule a motion hearing for 9 a.m. Feb. 7 to consider the defense arguments. "Let's not waste any more time on this," the judge said. "If you want to file that motion, file that

motion and let's hear it on that day." According to court filings, Schuchart's plea offer is for Zastawniak to enter pleas to six counts — soliciting a child for prostitution, two counts of second-degree sexual assault of a child, threatening to communicate derogatory information, trafficking of a child and felony bail jumping — in exchange for dismissing the other 20

charges. The state would recommend that he be sentenced to 20 years in prison, followed by 15 years of extended supervision, to run concurrently with the federal sentence and with a pending Brown County case. Zastawniak pleaded guilty in February 2020 to child sexual exploitation, and Brown County Judge Timothy Hinkfuss

approved a deferred judgment agreement, in which the charges were suspended as long as he committed no further offenses. That agreement was revoked in September 2023 after the new allegations surfaced. Hinkfuss is scheduled to sentence Zastawniak on the original charge on Jan. 10.

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OBITUARIES

Guenter Woosmann



Guenter Franz Gustav Woosmann, 86, of Gillett, passed away on Monday, Dec. 9, 2024, with family by his side.

Guenter was born on Aug. 31, 1938, to the late Erich and Berta (Meckelburg) Woosmann in Elbing, Germany. Guenter joined the German navy at 19 years old and served for six years. While in the navy, he traveled to the Great Lakes Naval Base in Chicago and met his wife, Olga Mantai.

They eventually settled in Chicago and moved to Gillett in 1975. Guenter worked for Midcentral Tool/S&M Machining in Oconto Falls for over 30 years. He was a member

of Faith United Lutheran Church in Gillett where he faithfully attended.

Guenter is survived by his wife, Olga; children, Heike (Mark) Logic, Mike (Jackie) Woosmann and Rainer Woosmann; grand-

children, Alex, Claire, Zach, Erika, Luke, Lauryn, Nicholas, Dylan and Noah; three great-grandchildren, Easton, Brinley and Ellie.

He was preceded in death by his son, Jeff.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024, at Faith United Lutheran Church in Gillett from 11 a.m. until the funeral service at noon with Pastor Steven Stoll officiating. Guenter will be interred at Wanderer's Rest Cemetery following the services.

Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established for Serenity Gardens, Gillett.

The family would like to thank the angels of Serenity Gardens and Unity Hospice for the wonderful care and compassion shown to Guenter. He always said, "They take such good care of me here." Thank you to Pastor John Laatsch for all the friendship and ministry over the years.



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Deadline: January 20, 2025 **BALLOT #1**

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☐ Flower Shop _____

☐ Grocery Store _____

☐ Hardware Store _____

Best Services:

☐ A/C & Heating _____

☐ Child Care _____

☐ Chiropractor _____

☐ Credit Union _____

☐ Dentist _____

☐ Electrician _____

☐ Insurance Agency _____

☐ Gas Station/C-Store _____

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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 _____

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Daniel G. Lyons

Daniel G. Lyons, 72, Green Bay (formerly Kelly Lake), passed away at home Oct. 13, 2024. Dan peacefully began his next journey in the company of his dearest friends Ben, Lynne and Peter.

Dan was born Dec. 1, 1951, at Mount Sinai Hospital, Milwaukee, to Austin and Lorraine (Shade) Lyons.

Dan graduated from Pius XI Catholic High School in 1971 and later attended Milwaukee Area Technical College for machine shop.

Dan married the love of his life, Phyllis (Wagner) Binon, Feb. 21, 1988, at Little Church of the West in Las Vegas. Phyllis preceded him in death Aug. 22, 2006. They loved vacationing at Rost Lake and Kelly Lake and spent countless hours fishing together at many nearby lakes. Phyllis had the love and expertise in fishing and shared it with Dan. It became one of his favorite pastimes following Phyllis' death.

Dan began a career he



loved at Western Building Products in Milwaukee, May 1976, spanning over 30 years, retiring December 2006. Dan was a highly skilled, knowledgeable and valued employee as production assembler and trainer instrumental to the foundation of the company, always dependable with an exceptional work ethic. Many coworkers still remember Dan fondly.

In high school, Dan started learning enough about car motors that he drove his own Pontiac at Great Lakes Dragway in Union Grove and raced

other cars as well on the drag strip. From there, his interest in racing increased.

He helped many friends who raced at Hales Corners, Slinger, Beaver Dam, Cedarburg and Kaukauna. Dan developed an interest in building car engines that spanned his lifetime and spent many hours with others building motors in a friend's garage. Attending high school with Alan Kulwicki may have sparked his lifelong interest in full engine builds and car racing.

Dan was a huge fan of NASCAR all his adult life but really got the itch to travel when he bought a pickup and camper and started traveling to as many tracks as possible every season. As soon as the schedule came out, he began jotting down race dates and locations and then mapping out how he could get to the most tracks in each trip.

Then he'd return to Wisconsin for some four-wheeling, car shows and fishing before he set out

again. Although he was a fan of many drivers, he had most seriously followed Wisconsin's Matt Kenseth, but when Matt left the NASCAR Cup circuit, he followed Chase Elliott.

He also enjoyed hunting, ice fishing, walking, bike riding and lifting weights.

He loved fireworks and donated to Biner's Boomers at Kelly Lake. He also donated to pay for the original ATV/UTV signage for Town of Spruce and helped put it up and also sponsored many trophies for Kelly Lake's Rusty Nutz Car Show.

In January 2023, Dan was in an auto accident, which soon led to his being unable to live on his own anymore. He would move

in with his dear friends Ben and Lynne in Green Bay. Dan never lost the urge to get up and go, and until March 2024, went with Ben every weekend on "the big truck milk route."

He looked forward to this, even setting an alarm to make sure he would be up when Ben was ready to go. He helped clean the truck, read gauges, wrapped hoses and more. People at the milk plants still share their memories of him with Ben. They even nicknamed him "Big Man." He loved helping Ben on the farm every chance he got.

He will be deeply loved and missed by Ben Peer (Lynne), Peter Cherney and Alexis Cherney.

Dan is survived by his brother, Ron (Joan); nephews, Ron Jr. (Karen) and Mike; and niece, Jean. He is also survived by many cousins throughout the state.

Words cannot express our gratitude to Aurora Hospice and their entire team but especially his RN Angela and CNA Luann. Your care helped Dan to more months than ever expected and helped me keep my sanity those last six months. You too are deeply missed (even by Kinky and Who).

Memorial donations in Daniel's name may be directed to Aurora Hospice.

Arrangements for a service have not been made but would likely be in the summer at Kelly Lake.

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- ☐ Breakfast
- ☐ Burger
- ☐ Coffee House
- ☐ Dessert
- ☐ Dinner
- ☐ Family Restaurant
- ☐ Fish Fry
- ☐ Lunch
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Gift cards favored tool for fraudsters

Gift cards are a convenient way to celebrate special occasions, but they are also a favored tool for fraudsters.

When someone asks you to pay for a product, service or debt with a gift card, it's a major red flag for fraud.

Fraudsters often pressure victims to purchase gift cards, claiming it's the quickest way to settle a debt, pay a fine or avoid legal trouble. Once you share the card numbers and PIN, the scammer drains the funds, and recovering the money becomes nearly impossible.

"I was standing in line at a local retailer behind someone who was requesting a very large amount of their gift cards to make a payment," said Chris Mueller, vice president and compliance officer at Forward Bank. "The service desk staff did their best to persuade them not to send out the cards, and I did my best to help them get this across. It's not easy to stop this from happening."

One common scam is the "imposter scam,"

where fraudsters pretend to be someone you trust — a government official, family member or even a tech support representative. They claim an urgent situation, such as unpaid taxes or a loved one in need, then demand immediate payment through gift cards.

According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), scammers most commonly requested cards from major retailers like Target, Amazon and Google Play.

"Many of these scams are targeting our senior population," said Natalyn Jannene, assistant vice president of marketing at AbbyBank. "They are playing on an individual's

love for their family members or lack of confidence in technology issues. Family can pull together and watch out for each other to prevent the scam itself or the gift cards from being sent."

If anyone asks for payment via gift cards, it's almost certainly a scam. Report such instances to the FTC immediately and contact the retailer to see if they can freeze the card's funds before they're used. Be skeptical of urgent requests involving gift cards, and always double-check with trusted sources.

Other common scams occurring throughout the year are tech support scams. These could lead to

gift cards being requested as payment.

If a caller says your computer has a problem, hang up. A tech support call you don't expect is a scam — even if the number is local or looks legitimate. These scammers use fake caller ID information to look like local businesses or trusted companies.

If you get a pop-up message on your device to call tech support, ignore it. Some pop-up messages about computer issues are legitimate, but do not call a number or click on a link that appears in a pop-up message warning you of a computer problem.

"By raising awareness, we can help prevent more people from falling victim

to this growing form of fraud," said Andrew Henning, Northwestern Bank. "Stay informed, stay vigilant, and protect your money."

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FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Traditions abound during Christmas season

Rising early I have a morning routine that suits my getting-up-before-the-crack-of-dawn-gets-pants-on farming background. Drinking a glass of water to hydrate after the night, I don warm clothes and head outside to fire up.

In our house we have a rule — the first one up fires up. This farmer man of mine, for years too numerous to count, arose every morning at 3:30 a.m. to trek out to the barn to begin yet another day of chores. Now that we have animals on the farm that need only feeding and cleaning, my husband gets the luxury of sleeping in.

All this being said — I'm usually the first one up.

Starting my coffee, I head to the back room for stretching exercises, trying to accommodate an aging body that bucks these stretches every chance it gets. That done, I hydrate with yet another eight ounces before pouring a hot cup of coffee and heading to my quiet corner, where I meet with Jesus for our morning talk/listen/read session. He's very detailed, guiding me specifically as I meditate on his word.

With our tree up, lamps are hushed for a time as I sip my coffee and sit with the gentle lights of Christmas. One morning after inviting him in, as time went by I noticed he produced a magnificent sunrise. The morning quietly yawning its way in, the season's dawn was especially lovely as it reflected the lights of the tree.

Sitting just before daybreak with only the tree lights on is just one of many Christmas traditions held dear to me through the



years. My mind took an adventure down memory lane, pausing at high school.

Playing clarinet for my entire school career, I learned much from Larry Schuster. He was the greatest, and talented. Grabbing any one of our instruments and with a flick of his thumb to clear the reed, as an example, played the measure to perfection. His no-nonsense persona as he taught was clear. As a result we didn't mess around and as a by-product, had tons of fun while we learned.

My fondest memories were the Christmas programs we put on with everyone slicked up in their concert dress and posture and ready to go as a result of endless, productive rehearsals. My favorite? "Sleigh Ride." I loved the expertise of the percussionists as they reproduced a horse's clop-clop-clopping.

With all the traditions of Christmas, attending church is at the top of my memory bank. Way back when I was a kid going to St. John's in Marion, we had candlelight services where all lights were out save for the flickering candles held by each one, young and old, while we sang "Silent Night." So tender to my heart.

Watching our own little ones open our gifts to them was better than opening anything I was given. When all three were snug in their beds on Christmas Eve, my husband and I went out to our porch room and hauled



Dawn comes to the Reminger home with the lights from the Christmas tree offering a gentle glow before the sun comes up.

KAY REMINGER

in anything that needed to be assembled or tucked under the tree, giggling quietly with each other (or arguing quietly, depending on the difficulty of assembly — just keeping it real here) so no little body would wake up.

One year during the church's Christmas program, our middle one

dressed the part and sang "Little Drummer Boy" as he made his way down the aisle, tapping on a snare drum held by a string around his neck. He could not carry a tune — it was brutal. He did it.

My husband recalls serving at Midnight Mass back in the day when he

was a small boy. They wore black garments with white vestment overlays and a big red bow fastened around their necks. They'd go up to the manger after and gaze in wonder at the nativity set — the same one there to this day, which is at least 80 years old.

My husband and I were

brought up with a knowledge of the reason we celebrate Christmas, and we instilled that while raising our own family. Jesus had a birthday. That's why we rejoice.

God left everything comfortable, put skin on and came to earth — a barn destination — on a mission to save his beloved children from certain death. During creation, he created everything for us and had a right relationship with humans. Then Adam chose sin. Because God is a loving God, he gives us a choice, whether to follow our way or his way.

God in his infinite agape love, fashioned a way back to him through his Son. He conquered death by rising on the third day and has gone on ahead of us, seated again at the right hand of the Father. He not only saved me from death but showed me how to live. The blood of Jesus makes me so clean I squeak. His gift of everlasting life is offered to all. It's a choice.

Christmas traditions are heartwarming, but the reason for this blessed season is the best tradition of all.

("And what is God's living message? It is the revelation of faith for salvation, which is the message that we preach. For if you publicly declare with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will experience salvation." Romans 10:9, Passion Translation)

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

Milkweed designated as Perennial of the Year

As the 2024 gardening season winds down, preparations are already made for a vibrant, fun and festive 2025.

Several gardening organizations and plant marketing agencies have announced Plants of the Year for 2025, as well as hot gardening trends and more.

Today, we'll talk about one of the perennial plants of the year for 2025.

The National Garden Bureau, in its annual showcase of plants of the year, has selected the milkweed family as its chosen featured perennial.

That's right, it's the Year of the Milkweed, according to the bureau.

Rather than selecting just one variety, the group has chosen to spotlight the entire milkweed family, including all of those native to our area.

Here in our area, a num-



ber of native milkweed species grow well. This group of perennial native plants is highly prized by gardeners and property owners for the benefits it provides, most notably for monarch butterflies.

Monarchs use milkweeds as the host plant for their caterpillars. The only plants monarch caterpillars will feed upon are members of the milkweed family.

Orange milkweed, often sold commercially as "butterfly weed," grows well here in our area, especially in areas with sandy soil. This is a nice, compact and well-behaved milkweed species featuring bright,

neon orange flowers.

Swamp milkweed, sometimes called red milkweed, grows best in moist soils, especially along area waterways. It is quite prevalent at areas such as Navarino Wildlife Area, on the many flowages. Its beautiful, two-toned blooms in light and dark pink, are prized by just about every pollinator species.

Common milkweed is well known by most in our area for its large, ball-shaped bloom clusters, heavily fragrance and large, broad leaves. For smaller landscaped areas, common milkweed can be a bit aggressive and needs to be kept in check.

However, for those who have plenty of space to let it spread, it is a wonderful plant, attracting monarchs, bumblebees, hummingbirds and many more.

In deciduous woodlands,



Native orange milkweed is one of the most beautiful members of the milkweed family in glowing, neon orange.

ROB ZIMMER

poke milkweed is found. This is the only milkweed that grows well in the shade. Its unique, green and white fireworks blooms are elegant in the shade.

Many other milkweed

species can be found throughout the area, as well.

Enjoy exploring the many different varieties of plants in this family as the Year of the Milkweed gets

underway in 2025.

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

Thanksgiving rekindles memories of food storage counting

At Hilrose Dairy Farm in Sherwood back in the 1950s, the Christmas holidays began in earnest the day after Thanksgiving.

I loved that time of year. The harvest was over; life took on a slower pace. The coal and wood room that would keep the furnace going was filled to the brim. Food to carry us through winter was preserved and stored.

The house was clean from top to bottom. But that didn't mean there wasn't work to do.

My mother's philosophy was that as long as the work had to be done, why not try to make it fun? That made sense to me. In fact, that attitude is deeply embedded in my psyche. As a teenager, I tweaked it a little by adding that if you can't make work fun, you should at least try to learn something from it.

Case in point. It was the Friday after Turkey Day in 1952 when one of those no-fun tasks I was



Kathleen Marsh
Columnist

assigned in my seventh year of life on earth became a perfect opportunity to practice my arithmetic and writing skills. On a much-anticipated day off from school, I planned to spend the afternoon reading Little Golden picture books, playing with my nun doll and scanning the Sears catalog toy section to start my Christmas wish list.

I was just settling in when my mother directed me to fetch a pencil and tablet and follow her down to the basement. I moaned and groaned, loathing even the thought of going down there. But I had learned years earlier that saying no to Mom was not an option.

In the winter months, our basement was dark

but dry, staying slightly above freezing. In other words, it was the perfect place to store perishable foodstuffs. By the time I reached my teens, I thought it would have been the perfect place to film an Alfred Hitchcock horror film. I'm convinced that basement is the reason why I'm severely claustrophobic.

As I cautiously descended the old cement stairway, I forced my short chubby legs to navigate the steps in order to stay right behind my mother. When we reached the landing, Mom explained our mission. We were going to compile a list of all the food stored down there. She would be the counter; I would be the recorder.

As we tallied the sausages, hams and sides of bacon hanging from hooks in the ceiling, their sweet smokehouse smell conveyed delicious promise. For some reason, it reminded me of

a recent visit to Pfund's Cheese Factory where Dad hauled his milk. But this had been a special trip to check our rented freezer locker. After inspecting the large compartment bursting with freezer-wrapped packages of beef, pork and chicken, Dad locked the frosty door and pocketed his key. I was all smiles when he bought a gallon of butter pecan ice cream before heading home.

My attention was drawn back to the present when my nose puckered. Mom was digging around with a large fork in two crocks that held Dad's famous sauerkraut. Yuk! How could anybody eat that? Moving on, she checked a nearby medium-size crock that held carrots packed in sand, then several smaller ones containing rendered lard.

Lastly, she examined the burlap sacks of potatoes, rutabagas and apples stacked high on the sidewall. Seeing no

signs of spoilage, she paused while I catalogued each entry.

Mom then opened the door to one of two floor-to-ceiling cupboards. Its shelves held rows and rows of vegetables, packed and pressure-cooked in Mason jars. There were green and yellow beans, peas, sweet corn, beets and pickles; all grown in our half-acre garden and preserved over the summer.

The other cupboard contained fruit: strawberries and raspberries picked in our patches; applesauce from fruit grown in our orchard; cherries picked on our annual outing to Door County. I volunteered to count my favorites: peaches and pears purchased in crates at Mueller's Grocery Store a half-block away. All were beautifully "put up" in a light sugar syrup. After I'd recorded everything, we went back upstairs to

start supper. I'm not sure why that memory lingers. Was it because seeing all that food made me feel safe, that I had what is now called food security? Was it because I'd helped with the gardening, gathering and canning and felt pride in accomplishment? Was it because Mom made me feel grown up by trusting me with an important job?

I think it's all that, and something more important. Helping her made me feel needed, doing my part to ensure we had enough food to see us through to spring. The satisfaction in knowing that I was contributing was just as important as the satisfaction from eating all the meals Mom would serve that winter. How delicious is that?

Kathleen Marsh is a lifelong educator, writer and community advocate. She has published eight books, four on the history of Townsend, where she and husband Jon are happily retired on the beautiful Townsend Flowage.

Shop on Main, chamber planning visit from Santa

The Shop on Main and the Oconto Area Chamber of Commerce is inviting families to join the festive fun at its Santa's Visit event Dec. 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

One of Santa's jolly helpers will greet visitors at The Shop on Main, 821 Main St., Oconto, with a special number, ensuring everyone gets their turn to meet the one and only

Santa Claus. In partnership with the chamber, families can enjoy a hands-on holiday experience with free make-and-take crafts at the chamber's festive craft station.

As an extra treat, every child will receive a free LED Christmas Wand, perfect for lighting up the season. Supplies are limited. "This event is all about

spreading joy and creating lasting memories for families in our community," said Samantha Routheau, chamber president. "From meeting Santa to the excitement of crafting and

giveaways, it's a perfect way to celebrate the season together." For information, contact ocontoareachamberofcommerce@gmail.com or call 920-604-0074.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, DEC. 20

SURING: Recovery Talking Circle, 6-8 p.m. South Branch Community Center, W1281 County Road M.
GILLET: "Gloria: The Wonders of His Love" musical, 7 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, 101 W. Main St. Free-will offering; dessert reception to follow.

SATURDAY, DEC. 21

BONDUEL: Learn Safe and Responsible Snowmobile Class, 10 a.m. to noon, Bonduel High School, 400 W. Green Bay St. Folder pickup for Dec. 30 class. Contact Kerry Higgins 715-851-3173.

SHAWANO: Saturdays with Santa in the Naberhood, 2-4 p.m., Naberhood, 214 S. Main St. Santa with Park and Rec.
GILLET: Kids Christmas Musical "Really Really Really Good News," 7 p.m., Hillside Assembly, 5890 State Highway 22 West.
BOWLER: Lonestar in concert, 8 p.m., North Star Mohican Casino Resort, W12180 County Road A. 21 and older show. Tickets \$45 and \$55. For ticket information, call 715-787-3110. Doors open 7 p.m.
SUNDAY, DEC. 22
SHAWANO: Skate with Santa, noon to 2 p.m., Craw-

ford Center, 251 S. Waukechon St. Open to the public.
GILLET: "Gloria: The Wonders of His Love" musical, 2 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, 101 W. Main St. Free-will offering; dessert reception to follow.
MONDAY, DEC. 23
SHAWANO: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Room 4, 100 W. Presbyterian St. Information: Dallas Gast, 715-701-5388 or dallasgast8@gmail.com.
TUESDAY, DEC. 24
GILLET: Traditional Christmas Eve service with Holy Communion, 2 p.m., Tabor

United Methodist Church, 120 W. Main St.
BONDUEL: Christmas services, 2, 4 and 7 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church, 240 E. Green Bay St.
BONDUEL: Christmas Eve Hymn Sing with Holy Communion, 4 p.m., Zion United Methodist Church, 134 E. Green Bay St.
BONDUEL: Traditional Christmas Eve service with Holy Communion, 6 p.m., Zion United Methodist Church, 134 E. Green Bay St.
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Thunder at 715-799-3835 or mthunder@mitw.org.
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25
BONDUEL: Christmas service, 9 a.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church, 240 E. Green Bay St.
THURSDAY, DEC. 26
BOWLER: Native American Talking Circle, 7-9 p.m., Mohican Family Center, N8605 Oak St. Information: Yvonne Burr, 715-326-0891.
FRIDAY, DEC. 27
GILLET: "Gloria: The Wonders of His Love" musical, 7 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, 101 W. Main St. Freewill offering; followed by

dessert reception.
SURING: Recovery Talking Circle, 6-8 p.m. South Branch Community Center, W1281 County Road M.
SATURDAY, DEC. 28
SHAWANO: Bonduel Lions Club Fish Derby and Meat Raffle, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bamboo Bar, W5884 Cedar Court.
GILLET: "Gloria: The Wonders of His Love" musical, 2 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, 101 W. Main St. Freewill offering; followed by dessert reception.
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Cowden takes first place in round-robin wrestling format

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

Brillion, the site of a Dec. 13 girls wrestling tournament, was one of the first such tournaments when it was held four years ago. There were 23 participants that year; on Dec. 13, there were 171.

Among the wrestlers were 18 from Shawano Community High School.

Jacey Cowden placed first in a four-person round robing bracket.

Adalyn Barkley and Vivian Waldburger each place third in their weight divisions. Lily Tomas placed fourth, and Jenna Moede was fifth.

“I was proud of the fight they all had. Even though the girls are not placing, they are doing some really good things and are improving with each match,” coach Mike Homan said. “Adalyn and Vivian continue to work hard, and that hard work has paid off. They both ran into some very stiff competition on Friday night. This was Jacey’s first week of wrestling and she did a great job winning her four-person bracket.”

Wittenberg-Birnamwood

Brooke Hoffman captured first place at 185 pounds to score 26 points for the Chargers.

Overall, the team placed 14th with 44 points.

Andrea Powell took sixth place scoring 12 points for the team. Brendan Resch and Faith Weso

each scored three points for the team.

Dec. 12

Shawano’s girls wrestling team hosted Menasha and Pulaski, coming up short in both matches.

Menasha 48, Shawano 16

Shawano wrestlers getting wins were Kendall Knope, Jozlyn Bocker and Vivian Waldburger.

“The girls wrestled tough and just came up short,” coach Mike Homan said. “Kendall has been doing a great job this season, and she is learning quick.”

Knope pinned Bryn Keberlein in 30 seconds.

Waldburger finished on top with an 8-0 major decision.

“Vivian controlled the match from the start and wrestled well,” Homan said.

Pulaski 33, Shawano 30

Despite the team losing by three points, Shawano had several wins. They were from Knope, Bocker, Jenna Moede, Maddie Miller and Lily Tomas.

Bocker had a quick pin in 23 seconds.

“She is aggressive, and it really paid off in this match,” Homan said.

Tomas secured a pin in 1:41.

“There were some other tight matches that we just came out on the other end of,” Homan said. “The girls are working hard to get better and will continue that.”



Shawano Community High School junior Leah Nordin has broken the girls basketball all-time scoring record of 1,168 points, which was held by Christi Burden since 1989. A recognition ceremony was held at the Dec. 13 game against Xavier. Nordin still has the rest of this season and all of next year to continue scoring.

Nordin breaks all-time scoring record in Shawano

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

Shawano Community High School junior Leah Nordin is the new all-time scoring leader for girls basketball.

Last week, she topped the record of 1,168 points, which was held by Christi Burden since 1989.

“She is very competitive and works on her skills year-round,” coach Ryan Koenig said. “It’s been a pleasure to coach her and see her development through our Hoops Wisconsin program in third grade until now.”

A special recognition ceremony was held the

Dec. 13 home game against Xavier, which Shawano won 56-43.

Nordin also announced her commitment to Wisconsin, which beat out four other teams in her final five, Marquette, Butler, Illinois State and Belmont.

The scoring record is another of many accomplishments for the 6-foot-2 guard and forward.

As a sophomore in the 2023-24 school year, she was ranked third among 2026 graduates by Prep Hoops Wisconsin and fourth by the Wisconsin Junior All-Stars.

She was named to the WIAA second team

all-state and was a unanimous selection to the Bay Conference first-team all-conference.

Nordin was named to the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Division 2 all-state team as a sophomore and the academic all-state team as a freshman and sophomore.

She led the Bay Conference in scoring both of her seasons.

In her freshman year, she was awarded honorable mention status all-state, was named to the Bay Conference first team all-conference, was co-defensive player of the year,

earned honorable mention status by the WBCA Division 2 and led the Bay Conference in points per game, rebounds per game and steals per game. Nordin has the SCHS records for the most rebounds in a season (228), most steals in a season (91), most points in a game (40) and most points in a season (554 in her sophomore year, which broke the record of 477 she set in her freshman year).

“We are happy for her accomplishments as an individual and teammate and look forward to many more in her last two seasons,” Koenig said.

Nordin leads Shawano in win over Xavier

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

Dec. 14
Peshtigo 39, Oconto Falls 38

Dec. 13
Shawano 56, Xavier 43

In a night that focused a lot of attention on star player Leah Nordin, the junior stayed true to lead the Hawks to a 56-43 win over Xavier.

Nordin led Shawano with 23 points. Ella Stubbier, Trinity Popelka and Anna Dreier each scored eight.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 66, Shiocton 29

Melaina Granquist led the Chargers with 16 points and 11 rebounds in a 66-29 win over Shiocton.

“I’m very proud of this group tonight,” coach Nick Mechelke said. “We played great defensively and kept extending our lead. My shoutout goes to Kylee Beversdorf tonight. She played extremely great defensive. She had that lockdown mentality on their best shooter.”

Beversdorf contributed seven rebounds, an assist

and three steals.

Rory Salvessen was the assist leader with six, while Harper Rogowski led with four steals.

Oneida Nation 66, Marion/Tigerton 20

Heidi Krueger’s eight points led Marion/Tigerton in their 66-20 loss to Oneida Nation.

The hosts were out-matched throughout the night, trailing 32-9 at the half and then outscored 34-11 after the break.

Amherst 46, Menominee Nation 36

Bonduel 59, Manawa

24
Pulaski 51, Sheboygan South 33

Dec. 12
Lena 62, Crivitz 45

Eva Brooks scored 30 points and pulled down 20 rebounds to lead Lena to a 62-45 Marinette & Oconto Conference win.

The result wasn’t really in doubt as the Wildcats built up a 15-point lead at halftime and then played even with their guests the second half.

Madilyn Thomson

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Wittenberg-Birnamwood’s Brooke Huffman won first place in the 185-pound weight division at a tournament in Brillion on Dec. 13.

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Above, Shawano wrestlers watch a double dual with Shawano, Pulaski and Menasha on Dec. 12. Shawano beat Menasha but lost to Pulaski. Below, Cash Panske started Shawano off well by earring a technical fall with a score of 18-3 at 113 over his Pulaski opponent.

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Shawano was simply outmatched when it came to wrestling Pulaski on Dec. 12. The Red Raiders won 64-14 despite some valiant efforts by Shawano wrestlers.

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Shawano encounters tough day on the mats

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Shawano’s boys wrestlers competed in Bay Port on Dec. 14 in one of its largest tournaments of the year.

“It was a tough day of wrestling with many great wrestlers at this tournament,” coach Mike Homan said.

There were 32 teams competing at the tournament.

Bright spots for the Hawks included a 12th-place finish by Kian Morstad, Kody Popelka placed 13th, and Austin Stickney placed 14th.

After a Dec. 19 match in West De Pere, Shawano will host multiple schools at this weekend’s Holiday Classic.

Dec. 12

Shawano hosted Menasha for a conference dual and then took on Pulaski in a nonconference matchup.

Shawano 39, Menasha 33

Shawano started the dual at 285 pounds, then picked up forfeits at 113, 120 and 126.

The Hawks’ first win was at 132 by Dane Hokie-wicz with a fall in 3:42.

Shawano lost at 138 and 144 but got back on the board at 150 with a fall by Kody Popelka in 2:54.

“Dane and Kody wrestled great matches that were back and forth,” coach Mike Homan said.

WRESTLING,
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GIRLS BB, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 15

scored another 14 points for Lena. She also had 12 rebounds. Thomson led the team with seven assists and four steals.

Lena improved to 3-0 in conference action and 7-1 overall.

Gillett 50, Wausaukee 3

Gillett stayed perfect at 3-0 in the Marinette & Oconto Conference and 6-0 overall with a 50-3 win over Wausaukee.

Green Bay NEW Lutheran/Providence Academy 78, Bowler 37
Wrightstown 66, Oconto Falls 46

Dec. 10
Shawano 58, Green Bay Preble 26

Shawano is 4-3 on the season with a 58-26 win over Green Bay Preble.

Leah Nordin led the way with 34 points.

The Hawks were up 25-16 at halftime, and a dominant second half led to the 32-point victory.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 69, Weyauwega-Fremont 55

Rory Salvesen scored 26 points and Melaina Granquist added 21 as Wittenberg-Birnamwood topped Weyauwega-Fre-

mont 69-55.

“We shot very well tonight from the floor, just struggled defensively tonight,” coach Nick Mechelke said. “I was very proud of how well Melaina (Granquist) played tonight on both sides of the floor.”

The Chargers led by seven at halftime and added another seven to their margin of victory in the second half.

Harper Rogowski scored 12 points for Wittenberg-Birnamwood. Granquist had four 3-pointers, while Salvesen connected on three of

them.

Granquist led with 12 rebounds. Salvesen had seven assists, and Rogowski had five steals.

Pulaski 44, New London 31

A strong second half powered the Red Raiders to a 44-31 win over New London.

Pulaski was trailing by a point at halftime but used a 22-8 second half to collect its second win of the season.

Olivia Sprangers led Pulaski with 15 points, while Lydia Gwidt scored 11.

Bonduel 46, Menomi-

nee Nation 31

Bowler 49, Stockbridge 28

Wild Rose 59, Gresham 19

Dec. 9
Gillett 39, Oneida Nation 36

Gillett came from behind to beat Oneida Nation 39-36.

Trailing 17-14 at the half, the Tigers won the second half 25-19 to earn the win.

Cilena Guns led the way with 12 points. Maggie Kaczmarek added 11, and Hope Soper scored 10.

Lena 42, Niagara 36

Lena found a little extra in the second half as the Wildcats defeated Niagara 42-36.

The teams were tied 13-13 at halftime, but Lena won the second half 29-23 to earn the victory.

Eva Brooks led the team with 11 points, while Madilyn Thomson and Kali Fischer each scored 10.

Thomson set the pace with 11 rebounds, Brooks led with four assists, and Fischer had three steals.

Oconto Falls 66, Southern Door 33

Suring 75, Wausaukee 14



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Panther boys win in back-to-back games

Dec. 14
Oconto Falls 73, Peshtigo 41
Jameson Beaman poured in 24 points including six 3-pointers and pulled down 12 rebounds to lead Oconto Falls to a dominating 73-41 win over Peshtigo.
Brady Bursa scored another 17 points and had 10 rebounds, while J.J. Pytleski scored 16 points including three 3-pointers.
Evan Yuma led the Panthers with three assists. Bursa had four steals.
Dec. 13
Oneida Nation 47, Gillett 37
Gillett managed to stay even with Oneida Nation with a 17-17 halftime score, but the home team pushed harder in the second half to earn the 47-37 win.
Niagara 63, Lena 37
Mason Spice scored 16 points in Lena's 63-37 loss to Niagara.
Niagara had little trouble with the Wildcats, leading 39-19 at halftime adding six more points to their margin of victory in the second half.
Suring 67, Wausaukee

47
Michael Bailey scored 18 points to lead Suring to a 67-47 win over Wausaukee in Marinette and Oconto Conference action.
Taylor Booth Stoffregen and Dayne Ermis each scored 14 points for the Eagles.
Oconto Falls 47, Wrightstown 43
Wrightstown pulled back from a nine-point halftime deficit, but Oconto Falls held on long enough to earn the 47-43 victory.
Jameson Beaman led the Panthers with 12 points, and J.J. Pytleski scored 10.
Pytleski led the team with 13 rebounds, Brady Bursa had three assists, and Bursa, Chase Carrièreau and Emerich Skarban each had a pair of steals.
Port Edwards 60, Gresham 41
Pulaski 77, Sheboygan South 64
Dec. 12
Wittenberg-Birnamwood 76, Shiocton 64
Wittenberg-Birnamwood defeated Shiocton

76-64 in Central Wisconsin East Conference action.
"We had valuable contribution from everyone tonight," coach Garrett Rogowski said. "It was fun to watch the boys play together and move the ball effectively vs. both man and zone defenses. In addition, we shot very well from the free throw-line. A great conference win tonight."
The game was tied at 32-32 at halftime, but the Chargers pulled ahead in the second half.
Jett Rogowski led Wittenberg-Birnamwood with 30 points including four 3-pointers and 8-of-10 free throws.
Hudson Miller scored 15 points including three 3-pointers. Zandyr Barke had 10 points including one 3-pointer and 3-of-4 free throws.
Bonduel 77, Manawa 35
Bonduel controlled Manawa throughout the game, winning 77-35.
Quinn Wesenberg led the Bears with 21 points including three 3-pointers. Cade Johnson had 10

points that included a pair of 3-pointers, and Race Anvelink scored 17 points with two 3-pointers.
White Lake 70, Marion 38
Menominee Nation 45, Amherst 28
Dec. 10
Bonduel 81, Kewaunee 60
Bonduel improved to 3-0 with an 81-60 win over Kewaunee.
Quinn Wesenberg led Bonduel with 23 points, followed by Race Anvelink with 22 and Carter Moesch with 12.
Wesenberg went 4-for-4 for free throws. Moesch had three 3-pointers.
The Bears led 46-22 at halftime. Kewaunee outscored Bonduel in the second half 38-35.
Lena 62, Bowler 58 (OT)
Lena used an 11-7 overtime period to defeat Bowler 62-58.
The game was evenly matched throughout with Bowler up 28-26 at the half and Lena winning the second half 25-23 to force overtime.
Lena was led by Mason

Spice and his 31 points. Caleb Schlosser added 11.
Four Bowler players scored in double digits. They were Derek Schreiber with 19, Chase Stevens with 13, and Jameson Paiser and Brandon Slater with 10 each.
Tigerton 72, Stockbridge 35
Tigerton improved to 3-1 overall with a 72-35 win over Stockbridge.
James Brady led the Tigers with 16 points and seven rebounds. Joey Zimdars had 11 points and four steals. Gavin Kielblock scored 10 points.
Sam Anheuser and Maverick Maas led the team with six assists each. Ethan Carlson led the team with five steals.
Maas and Brody Miller each had six rebounds.
Crivitz 56, Gillett 45
Gillett was in the hole by 12 points at halftime and couldn't dig themselves out of it, losing 56-45 to Crivitz.
Jesse DeBauch led the Tigers with 19 points, while Ryan Pensis scored 15.
DeBauch also led the

team with 12 rebounds and eight assists. DeBauch, Pensis, Brandon Slatky and Brody Holla each recorded one steal.
Oconto Falls 65, Luxemburg-Casco 45
Jameson Beaman scored 30 points and Brady Bursa added 13 as Oconto Falls defeated Luxemburg-Casco 65-45.
Luxemburg-Casco led 29-28 at the half, but the Panthers poured it on in the second half, outscoring their hosts 37-16.
Wild Rose 69, Marion 18
Elijah Schema scored eight points to lead Marion in its 69-18 loss to Wild Rose.
Schema and Braylon Mielke each had six rebounds, Breckyn DeWhurst had two assists, and Sawyer Kamba had a pair of steals.
West De Pere 78, Shawano 60
Oneida Nation 38, Suring 30
Rhineland 63, Wittenberg-Birnamwood 59
Dec. 9
Appleton East 49, Pulaski 46

Dickman scores six goals against Medford

Dec. 12
Shawano/Bonduel 2, Stevens Point Pacelli 1
Blake Swedberg's goal halfway through the third period was the game winner as Shawano/Bonduel topped the Stevens Point Pacelli Cardinals 2-1.
Blake Knope kicked off the scoring with a power play goal at 12:01 in the first period. Jeremy Helmuth and Cameron Schroeder assisted.
The Cardinals tied the game at 16:47 in the second

period, which is where it stayed until Swedberg's goal with help from Grace Lammers.
Shawano/Bonduel had 35 shots on goal compared to Pacelli's 29. Kaiden Thornborrow recorded 28 saves.
Antigo 7, Medford 3
It was Owen Dickman's night as he scored six goals in Antigo's 7-3 win over Medford.
He started the scoring out 54 seconds into the first period with an even

strength goal. At 4:50, Liam Burt scored with a Dickman assisting to put Antigo up 2-0. Medford scored about four minutes later to close out the first-period scores.
Dickman, with assists by Burt and Alex Brittenham, scored at 15:17 in the second period to put Antigo on top 3-1.
That goal late in the second opened the floodgates for Dickman who scored four times in fewer than five minutes in the

third period.
Burt and Brittenham assisted on the even strength goal at 2:31. Brittenham helped again at 2:53. At 6:32, Dickman scored again, with help from Carson Rhode. Finally, at 7:02, Rhode and Brittenham assisted Dickman on his sixth goal.
Medford scored twice after that.
Richie Veriha had 24 saves for Antigo, while Jacob Doyle had 18 for Medford.

Dec. 10
Waupaca 6, Shawano/Bonduel 3
The Shawano/Bonduel boys hockey team hung close to Waupaca through most of the first two periods, but a flurry of three goals at the end of the second period and in the third period sealed a 6-3 win for the Comets.
The teams were close in overall shots on goal, with Waupaca having 36 and Shawano/Bonduel at 31. Kaiden Thornborrow

had 30 saves for Shawano/Bonduel.
Shawano/Bonduel was down 2-0 when Waylon Snider scored with a Blake Swedberg assist at 6:52. Waupaca got the goal back two minutes later, but a goal Gavin Hundt goal (with a Michael Dillenburg assist) at 16:05 made it 3-2 Waupaca's favor as the period ended.
Dillenburg assisted Max Huntington on a goal at 2:28 in the second period to tie the score at 3-3.

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"It was huge that they both ended up securing falls."
Next, Shawano sent freshman Kian Morstad out at 157, and he secured a fall in 1:55.
"Kian has been doing such a good job for us on the mat," Homan said. "He

always moves forward and continues to attack his opponents. There is a lot to be learned from the way Kian wrestles."
At 165, Marcus Brezgel won 9-5 in a tough back-and-forth match. Shawano dropped the final three

matches, but the damage had already been done, and the Hawks managed to escape with a win.
"The kids wrestled hard, but we have a lot of work to do to get ready for the rest of the season," Homan said.

Pulaski 64, Shawano 14
Shawano was simply outmatched when it came to wrestling Pulaski.
"We had some good matches but were not able to gain any footing after the first few matches,"

Homan said.
Cash Panske started Shawano off well by earning a technical fall with a score of 18-3 at 113.
"Cash has been doing a good job this season, and we look for him to keep it going," Homan said.

Dylan Gartner won his match 6-4. He gave up an early takedown but came back with two takedowns of his own and controlled the last 30 seconds of the match to earn the win.
Kian Morstad also won by fall in 2:00.

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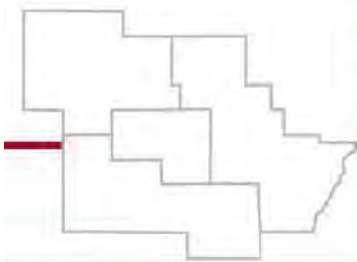
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Product	Publication Date	Advertising Deadline
Times Herald	Fri., Jan. 3	Noon Thurs., Dec. 26
Shawano Leader	Fri., Jan. 3	Noon Thurs., Dec. 26
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NEW MEDIA INC.

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OBITUARIES

Clark Lester Lightfoot, 15, of Lakewood, was called to rest in the Lord's arms on the evening of Saturday Dec. 7, 2024, as the result of a single ATV accident.

Clark was born March 27, 2009, in Minocqua, son to loving parents Seth and Naomi (DeWilde) Lightfoot. Clark attended Glenbrook Elementary School in Pulaski, followed by Pulaski Middle School and high school up until his freshman year. Clark was an outstanding and active athlete in the Pulaski School District, participating in many sports including rugby, football, baseball, wrestling and golf. Clark participated in Pulaski's ice fishing club, enjoying his love for the outdoors.

The summer of Clark's freshman year 2024, at



age 15, he and his parents moved to Lakewood, where he attended Wabeno High School starting his sophomore year. Clark worked at the popular local ice cream shop in Lakewood, Northern Delights. Clark played for Wabeno's JV and varsity football team in the fall and had just joined the Wabeno

wrestling team. Clark especially enjoyed shop class and aspired to become a lineman following in his father Seth's footsteps and mentioned possibly being a weatherman if he knew "what the benefits were."

Clark is survived by his loving parents, Seth and Naomi Lightfoot of Lakewood; siblings, Nadia and Mason Trinh of Pulaski, Hunter and Sayge Stojadinovic of Onalaska; great-grandparents, Clark and Yvonne Williams of Strum; grandparents, Mike and Kath Lightfoot of Alma, and Doreen DeWilde of Two Rivers. Clark is survived by his aunts and uncles, Nate Lightfoot of Arcadia (Ben and Grace), Jason and Rachel Thron of Windsor, Colorado (Tegan and Ava).

He was preceded in

death by his great-grandparents, James and Marcy Lightfoot, Shirley Poeschel, Margaret and Lester Strohm; and his grandfather, Edward DeWilde.

Clark was an active outdoorsman and loved fishing and hunting. He was greatly fond of, and loved, his home in Lakewood where he made memories boating, swimming, fishing, hunting, making new things and enjoying all that nature had to offer with his family and friends. He enjoyed all things life had to offer him, no matter how big or small, with the biggest smile on his face, living life to the fullest.

Clark had a remarkable faith and connection to the Lord, and was confirmed and participated in the youth group at Mount Olive Lutheran in Suamico.

Philip E. Reed

Philip E. Reed, 82, of Legend Lake, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024.

Philip was born April 1, 1942, to the late Wallace and Freda (Vorpahl) Reed on the family farm in Gillett. On Feb. 1, 1964, Philip married Janice Heath of South Branch, and the couple raised five children.

He was a self-employed logger for Reed Forest Products and retired in 1999. He was a talented woodworker and builder, helping his family build their homes and making many pieces of furniture.

Philip spent his retirement as a full-time grandpa and babysitter.

He adored his family and loved spending time with them. His faith was very important to him. Philip greatly enjoyed playing his guitar and making music with his siblings as "The Vibrations." He also enjoyed riding his Honda Goldwing motorcycle and regularly meeting with his motorcycle friends, "The Fossils."

Philip is survived by his wife of 60 years, Janice; children, Lowell Reed, Jolene Reed and Heather



(Donnie) Trainor; grand-

He is a child of God and an overwhelmingly loved son, grandson, nephew, cousin, teammate and friend to all of those in his life.

Life can be short, but that doesn't matter when you spend every day doing what you love, with whom you love, and that is exactly what Clark spent his life doing. Clark will leave all of those in his life with unforgettable and irreplaceable memories that will last a lifetime. No words can describe how much he will forever be missed and loved. Clark has been laid to rest and called home to the arms of the Lord in heaven. He will be buried in Lakewood.

Visitation was held Friday, Dec. 13, 2024, from 9 a.m. to noon at Gruetzmacher Funeral Home, 116 S. Krueger St.,

Suring. A private memorial service followed at 12:30 p.m. for close family and friends. The service was livestreamed from Gruetzmacher Funeral Home's Facebook page. The burial will follow at Lakewood Forest Cemetery, Lakewood.

Flowers, cards and donations may be mailed to the Gruetzmacher Funeral Home, P.O. Box 223, Suring, WI 54174, where they will be passed on to family, or mailed directly to the Lightfoot residence at P.O. Box 225, Lakewood, WI 54138.



Karen Reed. He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his children, Yvette (Lonnie Peterman) Reed and Michele (Paul Hudson) Reed; grandson, Wyatt Schroeder; siblings, Wally Reed and Vivian Pearse.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2024, at the Gillett Library Community Center, 204 E. Main St., Gillett, from 9 a.m. until the memorial service at 11 a.m.

Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com.

The family would like to thank Shawano Health Services and its staff for the care and compassion shown to him and his family over the years.



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Legals WNAXLP

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Notice of Amended Ordinances & Resolutions
Town of Oconto Falls
Ordinance 18 Slow No Wake
Resolution 26 Records Request Fees
Ordinance 36 Town Fee Schedule

As published in the Minutes of the December 9, 2024 regular Town Board Meeting, Ordinance 18, Slow No Wake, and Ordinance 36 Fee Schedule were amended. Resolution 26, Records Request Fees was removed due to overlap and duplication with Ordinance 36, Fee Schedule.

A printed copy of the ordinances can be obtained by contacting the clerk at townofocntofallsclerk@gmail.com or can be viewed on the town website under Ordinances/#18 or #36.

Susan L. Mogged
Town of Oconto Falls, clerk

1bc96578 12/20/24, 12/27/24
Oconto Falls Municipal Utilities
Oconto Falls, Wisconsin
Substation Construction
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the Oconto Falls Municipal Substation Construction will be received by Oconto Falls Municipal Utilities, at the office of Forster Electrical Engineering, located at 550 N Burr Oak Ave, Oregon, WI, until 1:00 PM local time on January 7th, 2025 at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project consists of constructing a new distribution substation.

Bids will be received for a single Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum basis, with additive alternate bid items as indicated in the Bid Form.

A pre-bid meeting will be conducted at the substation site – 400 S. County Road I Street in Oconto Falls, WI, 54154, at 1:00 PM on December 2, 2024.

Prospective bidders are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting. The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Forster Electrical Engineering, Inc. at 550 N Burr Oak Avenue Oregon, WI 53575. Prospective Bidders may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office upon payment of a deposit of \$100 for each set or \$40 for an electronic version. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office. Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Owner: Oconto Falls Municipal Utilities
By: Greg Kuhn
Title: General Manager
Date: November 21, 2024

Legals WNAXLP

eb1913e3 12/20/24, 12/27/24, 01/03/25
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT OCONTO COUNTY
CREDIT ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION Plaintiff,
vs.
JULIE MILANOWSKI Defendant.
Case No. 24CV000142

AMENDED SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
TO: JULIE MILANOWSKI
13419 STATE HIGHWAY 32 64
MOUNTAIN WI 54149-9802

You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is also served on you, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within Forty (40) days after December 20, 2024, you must respond within the answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is: CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, OCONTO COUNTY, 301 WASHINGTON ST., OCONTO WI 54153-1699 and the Kohn Law Firm, Plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 735 N. Water St., Suite 1300, Milwaukee, WI 53202. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If no Complaint accompanied this Summons you must respond within the said 40 day period with a written demand for a copy of the Complaint by mailing or delivering said written demand to the court and to the Plaintiff's attorneys at their respective addresses listed above.

If you do not provide a proper answer to the Complaint or provide a written demand for said complaint within the 40 day period, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin December 2, 2024.

KOHN LAW FIRM S.C.
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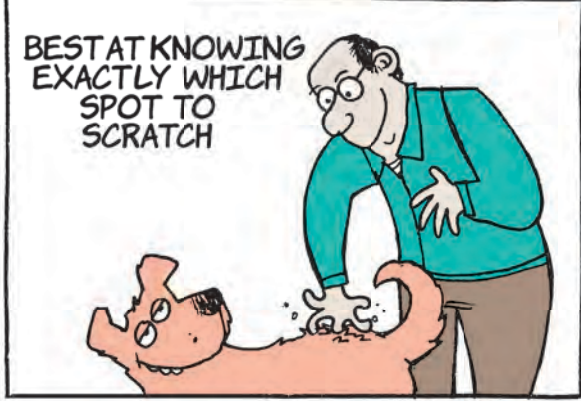
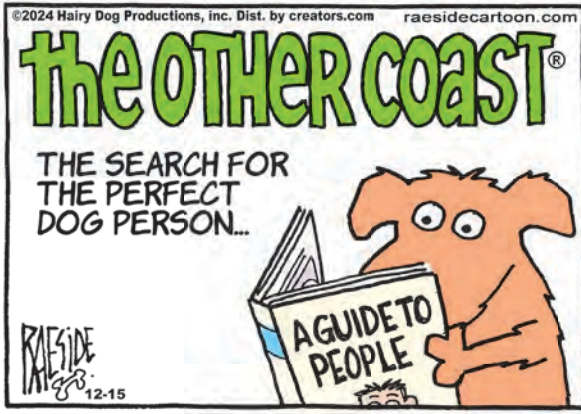
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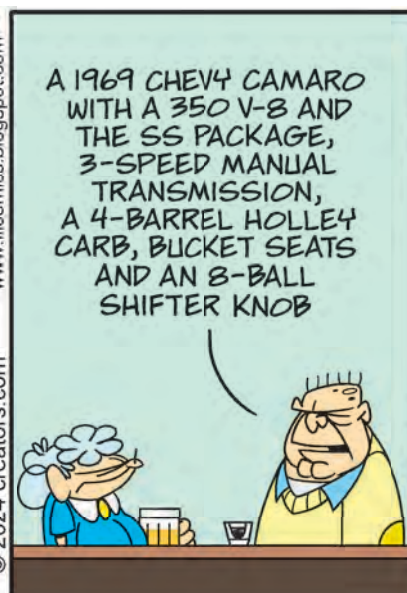
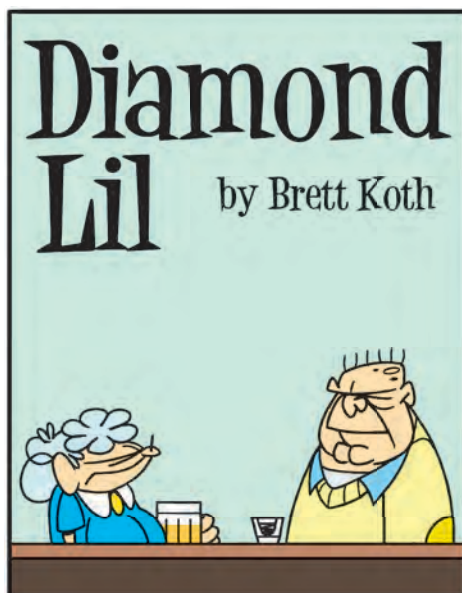
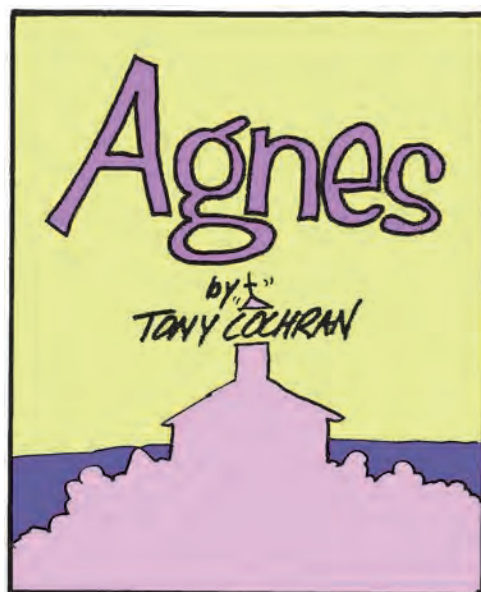
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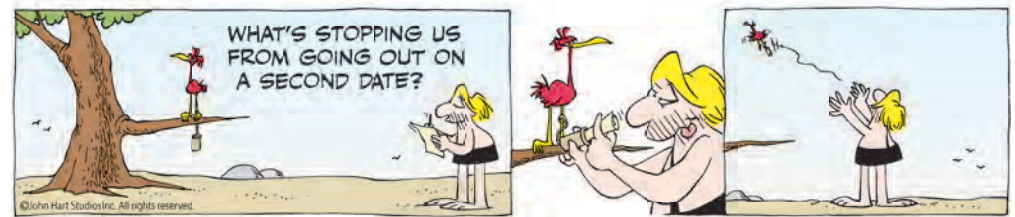
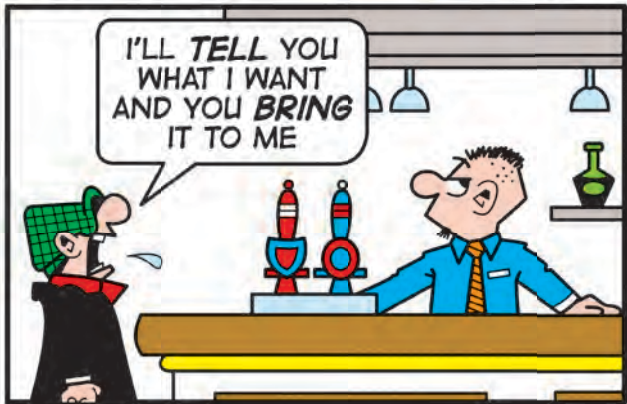
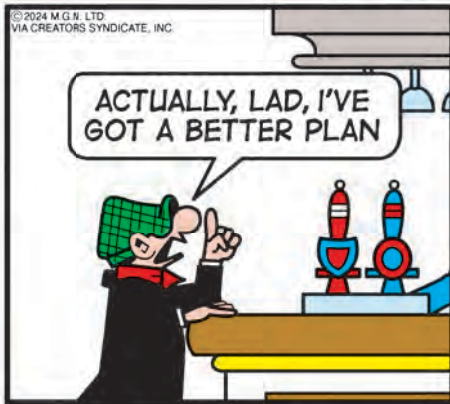
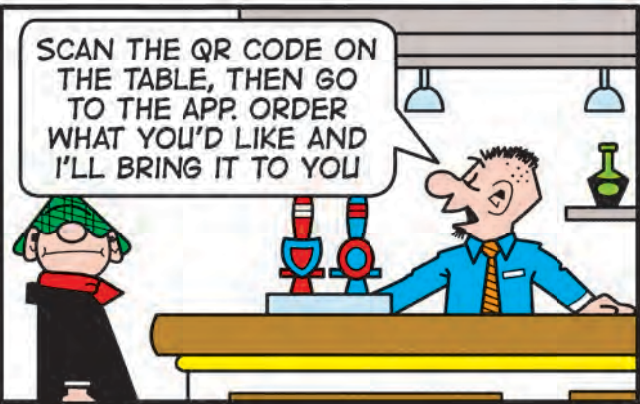
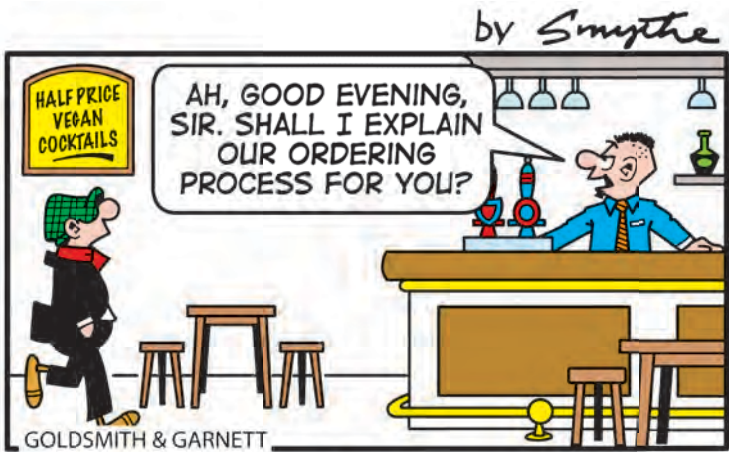
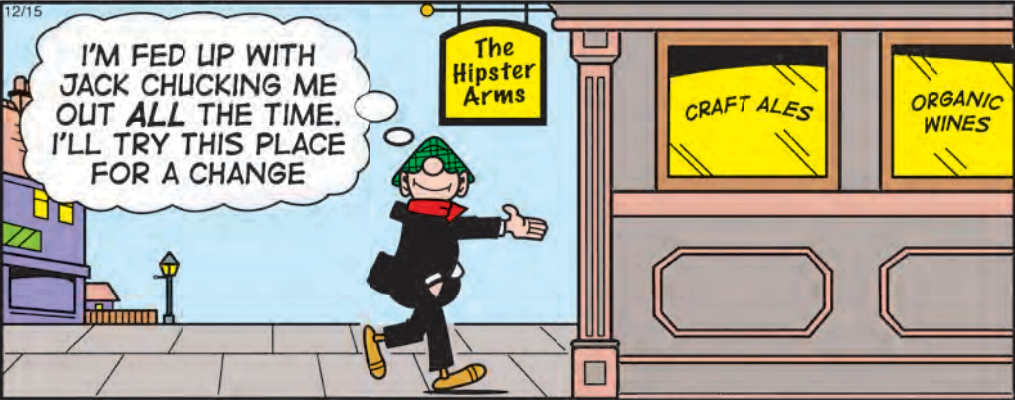
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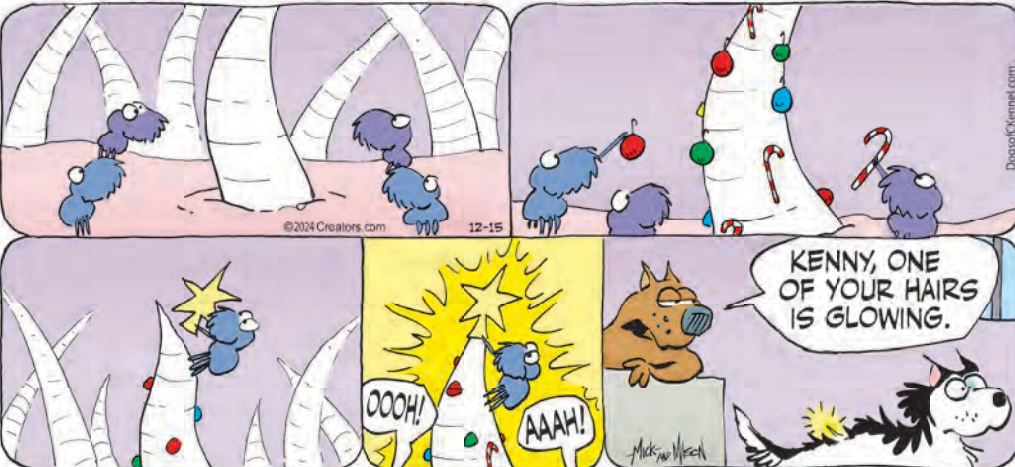




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BY LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

The Green Bay Packers completed the season sweep over the NFC West with a 30-13 win against the Seattle Seahawks on Dec. 15 in Seattle.

With four wins over the NFC West, Green Bay has now defeated two entire divisions this season, including the AFC South, with wins over the Tennessee Titans, Indianapolis Colts, Houston Texans and Jacksonville Jaguars.

The Seahawks have often had one of the best home-field advantages in the NFL due to the overwhelming crowd noise. That home-field advantage seemed to quickly dissipate in this game, as Green Bay opened the game with a 10-play, 63-yard drive. For the majority of the drive, Josh Jacobs carried the team, recording 44 total yards and capping it off with a touchdown.

As has been the theme in recent weeks, Jacobs continued to be the catalyst in the offense, as the former Raider logged 94 rushing yards and the aforementioned

touchdown on 26 carries. Through the passing game, he added 42 receiving yards on four receptions.

Jayden Reed recorded 27 yards on three touches, Emanuel Wilson nine yards on three touches and Chris Brooks six yards on one touch.

Like we saw last season, Jordan Love continued to bring his game to the next level as the winter months have come around. In this game, Love completed 20-of-27 passes for 229 yards and two touchdowns.

Assisting him in the passing game was Romeo Doubs. Doubs, in his first game back since being diagnosed with a concussion on Nov. 24, caught three balls, totaling 40 yards and both of Love's touchdown passes. Christian Watson added another 56 yards on three receptions. Rounding out the pass game was Tucker Kraft (two receptions for 34 yards), Reed (five receptions for 34 yards) and Dontayvion Wicks (two receptions for 14 yards).

While the offense was certainly rolling for Green Bay in this game, the defense was just as good,



if not better. Holding the Seahawks to just 13 points, Green Bay came away with seven sacks and two interceptions.

Linebacker Kingsley Enagbare led the team with two sacks, while Edgerin Cooper, Rashan Gary, Brenton Cox, Devonte Wyatt and Karl Brooks each added one. Cooper also added an interception, along with Carrington Valentine, who played in relief of Jaire Alexander.



Top, running back Josh Jacobs rushed for 94 yards and a touchdown - his ninth in the last five games - while the defense came up big when it mattered. Above, cornerback Carrington Valentine picked off a pass deep in his own end zone, one of two Packer interceptions on the day, to preserve a 17-3 halftime lead, while quarterback Jordan Love (left) threw for 229 yards and two TDs with a passer rating of 123.8.

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Saints looking to be spoiler for Packers

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

The Green Bay Packers are back at home after a two-week road trip in which they split between Detroit and Seattle.

The Packers made a statement with a big win over the Seahawks on Sunday Night Football, winning 30-13 and controlling most of the game.

The New Orleans Saints are invading Lambeau Field now, with the Packers having a chance to get to 11 wins and clinch a playoff berth with a victory on Monday Night Football.

If they're going to do that, here are three things

they need to ensure they win.
Jordan Love vs. Saints' defense

The last time the Packers played the Saints was just over a year ago; Jordan Love was probably swimming upstream.

The Packers were 1-1, and Love was set to make his first home start for the team.

Now? He's firmly entrenched as the starter and one of the top players in the league at his position.

Last year's start had him tied up in knots for three quarters.

New Orleans' defense, which Matt LaFleur called "salty," was pitching a shutout through three

quarters.
Love and the offense responded with 18 unanswered points, including a touchdown pass to Romeo Doubs, to give them an 18-17 lead late in the fourth quarter.

A missed field goal by the Saints ensured that the Lambeau faithful would walk away happy.

This time around, the Saints' defense is not what it used to be, but they still have shown plenty of fight.

Jayden Daniels is likely to win offensive rookie of the year, and the Saints just held Washington's offense to 20 points.

Love has been excellent since the bye week in taking care of the ball; he will need that to continue in Monday night's game as a way to not give the Saints any momentum toward stealing a win.

Special teams
When the Saints fired Dennis Allen, they turned to their special teams' coordinator Darren Rizzi to be the interim head coach.

Rizzi, to his credit, has gotten his team to play hard for him in what has otherwise been a lost season.

Rizzi's team came within mere yards of beating the Washington Commanders on Sunday, losing on a failed two-point conversion.

Rizzi was New Orleans' special teams coordinator when the Saints marched into Lambeau Field a year ago and, frankly, took it to Green Bay's special teams.

They returned a punt for a touchdown and held Green Bay's return unit in check.

The Packers' special teams showed some cracks

in their armor in Sunday's win over Seattle.

It was a poor performance from Daniel Whelan. They struggled in kick coverage. Jayden Reed muffed a punt.

Simply put, the way to beat inferior teams is to not give them any hope.

Edgerrin Cooper
Edgerrin Cooper is coming off a big performance against the Seattle Seahawks. He was all over the field with countless big plays, including an interception that all but sealed Sunday night's win over Seattle.

The key for Cooper now is whether he can stack big performances.

Sunday was his first game back after a brief absence with a hamstring injury.

As Cooper got back into the lineup, Quay Walker

exited with a high-ankle sprain.

It remains to be seen how the Packers will deploy their linebackers later in the season without Walker.

Earlier in the year when Walker was injured, Eric Wilson and Isaiah McDuffie were the primary players on the field, with Cooper playing spot duty.

This week against the Saints, however, Cooper should be getting more time on the field.

Cooper will still have opportunities to make plays on running backs coming out of the backfield like Alvin Kamara and Kendre Miller.

He's also shown an ability to make plays down the field in coverage, and the Saints are likely to want to push the ball into the middle of the field.

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NEW ORLEANS SAINTS AT GREEN BAY PACKERS

TIME AND DATE: 7:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23

LOCATION: Lambeau Field

TV: ESPN

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

2024 RECORDS: Packers 10-4, Saints 5-9.

HISTORY: The Saints and Packers used to be must-see TV when Aaron Rodgers and Drew Brees were at the controls.

Those two met five times, with Rodgers holding a 3-2 edge in that series.

Overall, Green Bay leads the series 18-10, with the most famous meeting likely coming in September 2011.

The Packers had just won the Super Bowl and won a 42-34 shootout against the

Saints at Lambeau Field that was decided on a late goal line stand.

The Saints were the team that Jordan Love got his first start at home against last year. They looked like they were going to spoil the party, leading 17-0 in the fourth quarter before Love and the offense found its sea legs.

The Packers scored 18 unanswered points, and the Saints missed a field goal late, giving the Packers an 18-17 victory in their home opener.

COACHES: Packers — Matt LaFleur, fifth season, 66-31. Saints — Darren Rizzi, interim, 3-2.

PACKERS SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 6 at Philadelphia, L 29-34

Sunday, Sept. 15 vs. Indianapolis W 16-10

Sunday, Sept. 22 at Tennessee W 30-14

Sunday, Sept. 29 vs. Minnesota L 29-31

Sunday, Oct. 6 at LA Rams W 24-19

Sunday, Oct. 13 vs. Arizona W 34-13

Sunday, Oct. 20 vs. Houston W 24-22

Sunday, Oct. 27 at Jacksonville W 30-27

Sunday, Nov. 3 vs. Detroit L 14-24

Week 10 BYE

Sunday, Nov. 17 at Chicago W 20-19

Sunday, Nov. 24 vs. San Francisco W 38-10

Thursday, Nov. 28 vs. Miami W 30-17

Thursday, Dec. 5 at Detroit L 34-31

Sunday, Dec. 15 at Seattle W 30-13

Monday, Dec. 23 vs. New Orleans 7:15 p.m. ESPN

Sunday, Dec. 29, at Minnesota Noon FOX

Week 18 vs. Chicago TBD

NFL SCHEDULE

Thursday, Dec. 19

Denver at LA Chargers, 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 21

Houston at Kansas City, Noon

Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 22

New England at Buffalo, Noon

NY Giants at Atlanta, Noon

Detroit at Chicago, Noon

Arizona at Carolina, Noon

LA Rams at NY Jets, Noon

Philadelphia at Washington, Noon

Cleveland at Cincinnati, Noon

Tennessee at Indianapolis, Noon

Minnesota at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.

Jacksonville at Las Vegas, 3:25 p.m.

San Francisco at Miami, 3:25 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Dallas, 7:20 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 23

New Orleans at Green Bay, 7:15 p.m.

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WEEK 15/DEFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 30 vs. SEATTLE 13



Green Bay defensive lineman Rashan Gary (52) and linebacker Edgerrin Cooper (56) converge on Seattle quarterback Geno Smith. Linebacker Kingsley Enagbare led the Packers with two sacks, while Cooper, Gary, Brenton Cox, Devonte Wyatt and Karl Brooks each added one. Smith left the game midway through the third quarter with an injured knee.

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2024-25

Week 16 Games: Sun., Dec. 22

LA Rams @ NY Jets
Detroit @ Chicago
Minnesota @ Seattle
Tampa Bay @ Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:
New Orleans @ Green Bay - Mon., Dec. 23

Weekly Standings

	Weekly Record	Overall Record
Tim Murphy, NEW Media	3-2	57-18
Mike Worachek, Card & Coin	4-1	55-20
Matt/Rory, Buss Automotive	5-0	54-21
Luke Reimer, NEW MEDIA	4-1	50-25
Jacob Westendorf, NEW Media	3-2	50-25
Tanya Hintz, Shawano Health Services	3-2	48-27
Marilyn Kielman, The Cottages at Meadowland	4-1	46-29
Staff, Walsh Dental Group	1-4	45-30
Kevin Passon, NEW Media	4-1	45-30
Daniel Bechard, The Cottages on Golden Pond	3-2	44-31
Staff Iverson's Piggly Wiggly	4-1	40-35



This Week's Picks:
LA Rams
Detroit
Minnesota
Tampa Bay

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: New Orleans 10 @ Green Bay 21



This Week's Picks:
LA Rams
Detroit
Minnesota
Tampa Bay

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: New Orleans 21 @ Green Bay 28



This Week's Picks:
LA Rams
Detroit
Seattle
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: New Orleans 20 @ Green Bay 28



This Week's Picks:
LA Rams
Chicago
Minnesota
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: New Orleans 14 @ Green Bay 31



This Week's Picks:
LA Rams
Detroit
Minnesota
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: New Orleans 10 @ Green Bay 27



This Week's Picks:
LA Rams
Detroit
Seattle
Tampa Bay

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: New Orleans 17 @ Green Bay 24



This Week's Picks:
LA Rams
Detroit
Seattle
Tampa Bay

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score : New Orleans 14 @ Green Bay 34



This Week's Picks:
LA Rams
Detroit
Minnesota
Tampa Bay

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: New Orleans 3 @ Green Bay 40



This Week's Picks:
LA Rams
Detroit
Minnesota
Tampa Bay

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: New Orleans 21 @ Green Bay 27



This Week's Picks:
LA Rams
Detroit
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Tampa Bay

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: New Orleans 27 @ Green Bay 20



This Week's Picks:
LA Rams
Detroit
Minnesota
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Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: New Orleans 21 @ Green Bay 31

WEEK 15/OFFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 30 vs. SEATTLE 13



Romeo Doubs scored two touchdowns against Seattle, his first game back after missing two due to a concussion he suffered against San Francisco. The first came on Green Bay’s second drive, when the 6-foot-2, 204-pound receiver pushed through two Seattle defenders for a 13-yard touchdown. It gave the Packers a 14-0 lead after the first quarter. Later, he snagged a 22-yard pass at the back of the end zone to help put away the Seattle Seahawks 30-13 at Lumen Field.

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PACKERS

2 Malik Willis.....QB

7 Quay Walker.....LB

8 Josh Jacobs.....RB

9 Christian Watson.....WR

10 Jordan Love.....QB

11 Jayden Reed.....WR

13 Dontayvion Wicks.....WR

17 Brandon Mcmanus.....K

18 Malik Heath.....WR

19 Daniel Whelan.....P

20 Javon Bullard.....S

21 Eric Stokes.....CB

22 Robert Rochell.....CB

23 Jaire Alexander.....CB

24 Carrington Valentine.....CB

25 Keisean Nixon.....CB

26 Corey Ballentine.....CB

27 Kitan Oladapo.....S

29 Xavier McKinney.....S

30 Chris Brooks.....RB

31 Emanuel Wilson.....RB

33 Evan Williams.....S

39 Zayne Anderson.....S

42 Matt Orzech.....LS

45 Eric Wilson.....LB

50 Zach Tom.....OL

52 Rashan Gary.....DL

53 Arron Mosby.....DL

55 Kingsley Enagbare.....DL

56 Edgerrin Cooper.....LB

57 Brenton Cox Jr.....DL

58 Isaiah McDuffie.....LB

59 Ty'Ron Hopper.....LB

62 Jacob Monk.....C/G

63 Rasheed Walker.....T

71 Josh Myers.....C/G

73 Andre Dillard.....T

74 Elgton Jenkins.....G/T

75 Sean Rhyan.....G

76 Kadeem Telfort.....T

79 Travis Glover.....T

80 Bo Melton.....WR

85 Tucker Kraft.....TE

86 John FitzPatrick.....TE

87 Romeo Doubs.....WR

89 Ben Sims.....TE

90 Lukas Van Ness.....DL

93 T.J. Slaton.....DL

94 Karl Brooks.....DL

95 Devonte Wyatt.....DL

96 Colby Wooden.....DL

97 Kenny Clark.....DL

NEW ORLEANS

SAINTS

0 Ugo Amadi.....S

1 Alontae Taylor.....CB

3 Jake Haener.....QB

4 Derek Carr.....QB

5 Will Harris.....DB

6 Willie Gay Jr.....LB

10 Marquez

Valdes-Scantling.....WR

11 Cedrick Wilson Jr.....WR

14 Kool-Aid McKinstry.....CB

17 Dante Pettis.....WR

18 Spencer Rattler.....QB

19 Blake Grupe.....K

20 Peter Werner.....LB

21 Jamaal Williams.....RB

25 Kendre Miller.....RB

27 Shemar Jean-Charles..DB

31 Jordan Howden.....DB

32 Tyrann Mathieu.....S

33 Jordan Mims.....RB

36 Rico Payton.....CB

41 Alvin Kamara.....RB

43 Matthew Hayball.....P

45 Nephi Sewell.....LB

46 Adam Prentice.....FB

48 J.T. Gray.....DB

49 Zach Wood.....LS

50 Khalel Saunders.....DT

51 Cesar Ruiz.....C/G

53 Jaylan Ford.....LB

55 Isaiah Foskey.....DE

56 Demario Davis.....LB

58 Anfernee Orji.....LB

62 Lucas Patrick.....OL

66 Shane Lemieux.....C/G

67 Landon Young.....T

70 Trevor Penning.....T

74 Olisaemka Udoh.....OL

75 Taliese Fuaga.....T

78 Erik McCoy.....C/G

81 Kevin Austin Jr.....WR

83 Juwan Johnson.....TE

84 Mason Tipton.....WR

85 Dallin Holker.....TE

87 Foster Moreau.....TE

90 Bryan Bresee.....DT

92 Tanoh Kpassagnon.....DE

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WEEK 15/OFFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 30 vs. SEATTLE 13



Green Bay wide receiver Jayden Reed evades Seattle cornerback Josh Jobe. Reed collected 61 yards from scrimmage against the Seahawks, 27 rushing on three carries and 34 receiving yards on five catches. Reed has had three 100-yard games this season, the last being in Week 9 against the Detroit Lions. But, in the last four weeks, Reed's usage has been minimal. He has only totaled eight catches for 73 yards and two touchdowns.

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WEEK 15/OFFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 30 vs. SEATTLE 13



Josh Jacobs carried the ball 26 times for 94 yards and caught four passes for 42 yards as Green Bay dominated Seattle 30-13 in a Sunday Night Football game. The Packers improved to 10-4, while Seattle dropped to 8-6. Both teams remain in the hunt for the playoffs, the Packers most likely as a wild card team and the Seahawks possibly as division champions or another wild card team. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

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WEEK 15/OFFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 30 vs. SEATTLE 13



Green Bay wide receiver Christian Watson caught three balls for 56 yards against Seattle. Watson has an incredible 387 receiving yards in his last 13 receptions for a whopping 29.8 yards per catch. For the 2024 season, he has 29 catches for 620 yards for a 21.4 yards per catch average.

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WATSON ON A ROLL

RECEIVER PULLING DOWN AN AVERAGE OF 29.8 YARDS PER CATCH IN LAST 13 RECEPTIONS



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Santa visits with excited children during a Christmas holiday event.
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“Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus”

The most beloved editorial of the season

Francis Pharcellus Church was working the editorial desk of the New York Sun one day in September 1897 when a forlorn letter arrived from a little girl named Virginia O’Hanlon — not a letter to Santa Claus, but a letter just as important.

“Dear Editor, I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus,” she wrote. “Papa says, ‘If you see it in The Sun it’s so.’ Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?” Church went right to work on a response, and the unsigned edi-

torial has become one of the most beloved and often-reprinted newspaper editorials of all time: Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men’s or children’s, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of

grasping the whole of truth and knowledge. Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would

be extinguished. Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that’s no proof that they are not there. Nobody can

conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. You may tear apart the baby’s rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. No Santa Claus! Thank

God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.





To Our Readers:

Nothing is as touching or colorful as a child’s thoughts at Christmas. Within these pages you will find the Christmas messages of many children in our community. Their poignant thoughts and heartfelt wishes have been reproduced as submitted (spelling errors included) to most accurately express the thoughts and personalities of the writers. Many will bring a chuckle, a tear or perhaps a long lost memory of your own to mind. Whichever it is, we are certain you will enjoy the following pages.

Merry Christmas

Mrs. Lela Schwitzer’s 1st Grade Class Bonduel Elementary

Dear Santa, Hello! Thank you for the presents last year. My class has been reading fables and learned not to be greedy. I do not want to be like the farmer with the golden eggs. I tried really hard to be good this year. For Christmas I would like football gloves and a soccer ball. I would be happy with whatever you bring me. Love, Logan Almario.

Dear Santa, Hello! Thank you for the presents last year. My class has been reading fables and learned not to be greedy. I do not want to be like the farmer with the golden goose! I was really good this year. For Christmas I would like football gloves, hot wheel cars, and an iPhone. I would be happy with whatever you bring me! I can’t wait for Christmas, and I hope it snows a lot. Love, Wyatt Bohm.

Dear Santa, Hello! What are you doing now? My class has been reading fables and learned not to be greedy. I do not want to be like the two mean sisters in The Rough-Faced Girl. I made some mistakes this year and I am sorry. For Christmas, I would like Legos, a coloring book, and Rcar. I would be happy with whatever you bring me! I will leave you milk and cookies! Love, Bennett Dietz

Dear Santa, Hello! Thank you for the gifts last year. My class has been reading fables and learned not to be greedy. I do not want to be like the farmer with the golden goose or Cinderella’s stepsisters. I was really good this year. For Christmas I would like hot wheel cars, a big nerf gun, and a hot wheel set please. I would be happy with whatever you bring me!!!! I can’t wait for Christmas. Goodbye Santa! Love, Karter Doecker.

Dear Santa, Hello! How are you doing? My class has been reading fables and learned not to be greedy. I do not want

to be like the two mean sisters in the Rough-Face Girl. I tried really hard to be good this year. I would love v-bucks and v-bucks for my brother. Goodbye Santa! Love, Leonardo Hofacker.

Dear Santa, Hello! Thank you for the presents last year! My class has been reading fables and learned not to be greedy. I do not want to be like Cinderella’s sisters! I was really good this year. For Christmas I would like squish mallows, Legos, and hot wheel cars. I would be happy with whatever you bring me! I can’t wait for Christmas, and I hope it snows a lot. Goodbye! Love, Luke Hyzer.

Dear Santa, Hello! How are you? Thank you, Santa, I love you! My class has been reading fables and learned not to be greedy. I do not want to be like the farmer with the golden goose! For Christmas I would like a X-box, Walmart truck, and a hot wheel set. But I will be happy with whatever you bring me! I am excited for Christmas! I like the deep snow because it’s so fun to sled in! Bye Santa! Love, Wilder Kaquatosh.

Dear Santa, Hello! Thank you for the presents last year!! My class has been reading fables and learned not to be greedy. I do not want to be like Cinderella’s sisters. I was really good this year! For Christmas I would like PS5 games and PS4 v-bucks. I would be happy with whatever you bring me. I can’t wait for Christmas, and I hope it snows a lot. Love, Boston Kralovetz.

Dear Santa, Hello! Thank you for the presents last year! My class has been reading fables and learned not to be greedy. I do not want to be like Cinderella’s sisters! I made some mistakes this year and I’m sorry. For Christmas I would like squish mallows, an iPhone, and a soft blanket. I would be happy with whatever you bring me! I can’t wait for Christmas, and I hope it snows a lot. Love, Jade Lagunes Escobar.

Dear Santa, Hello! How is your year going? My class has been reading fables and learned not to be greedy. I do not want to be like Cinderella’s sisters. I made some mistakes this year and I’m sorry. For Christmas I would like squish mallows, a soft blanket, and Legos. I would be happy with whatever you bring me! I can’t wait for Christmas, and I hope it snows a lot! Love, Freya Matrisch.

Dear Santa, Hello! How is your year going? My class has been reading fables and learned not to be greedy. I do not want to be like Cinderella’s sister! I tried really hard to be good this year. For Christmas, I would like a Barbie and new markers. I would be happy with whatever you bring me! I can’t wait for Christmas. I will leave you milk and cookies. Love, Briella Mincheski.

Dear Santa, Hello! Thank you for the presents last year! My class has been reading fables and learned not to be greedy. I do not want to

be like the farmer with the golden goose eggs. I was really good this year. For Christmas I would like PS5 games, football gloves, and nerf guns. I would be happy with whatever you bring me! I can’t wait for Christmas! I hope it snows a lot. Love, Harrison Moesch.

Dear Santa, Hello! Thank you for the presents and I hope that you are well. My class has been reading fables and learned not to be greedy. I do not want to be like Cinderella’s sisters! I was really good this year! For Christmas I would like PS5 Games, new shoes, and an iPhone. I would be happy with whatever you bring me! I can’t wait for Christmas because I will leave you milk and cookies. Love, Avianah Olson.

Dear Santa, Hello! Thank you for the presents last year! My class has been reading fables and learned not to be greedy. I do not want to be like two stepsisters in the girl with the Red Slippers! I was

really good this year. For Christmas I would like a soft blanket, new markers, and an iPhone. I would be happy with whatever you bring me! I can’t wait for Christmas because I will leave you milk and cookies! Love, Melany Peters.

Dear Santa, Hello! Thank you for the presents last year. My class has been reading fables and learned not to be greedy. I do not want to be like the farmer with the Golden Goose. I was really good this year! For Christmas, I would like a football, football gloves, and a Barbie. I would be happy with whatever you bring me. I can’t wait for Christmas, and I hope it snows a lot! Love, Lennon Polczinski.

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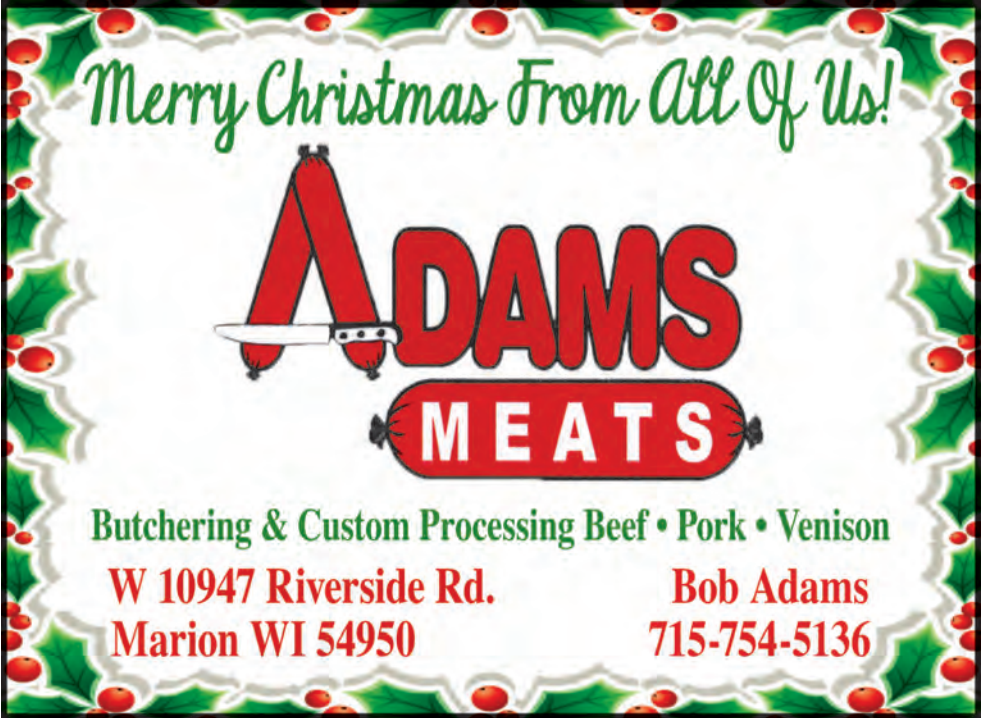
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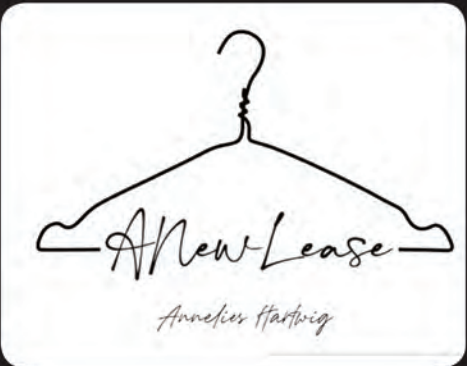
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American Girl doll, a barbie camper, and an iPhone. I would be happy with whatever you bring me! I cannot wait for Christmas. I will leave you milk and cookies!
Love,
Everly Prochaska.

Dear Santa,
Hello! Thank you for the presents last year! My class has been reading fables and learned not to be greedy. I do not want to be like Cinderella's sisters. I was really good this year. For Christmas I would like a PS5, iPhone, and a truck. I would be happy with whatever you bring me! I can't wait for Christmas. I hope it snows a lot.
Love,
Ezra Ryan.

Dear Santa,
Hello! What are you doing right now? I hope you are well. My class has been reading fables and learned not to be greedy. I do not want to be like the wolf in Sheep's clothing. I tried really hard to be good this year. For Christmas I would like Legos, PS4 games, and the Astro Bot Rescue Mission game. I would be happy with

whatever you bring me. I can't wait for Christmas. I hope it snows a lot!
Love,
Arthur Seefeldt.

Dear Santa,
Hello! How are you doing? My class has been reading fables and learned not to be greedy. I do not want to be like the wicked step sisters. For Christmas I would like a cat and a squish mallow. I would be happy with whatever you bring me! I can't wait for Christmas. Thank you for the presents last year.
Love,
Jorge Melgar.

Dear Santa,
Hello! How are you doing? My class has been reading fables and learned not to be greedy. I do not want to be like the farmer with the golden eggs. For Christmas I would like Roblox. I would be happy with whatever you bring me. I can't wait.
Love,
Memphis Sheehan.

Dear Santa,
Hello! Thank you for the presents last year! My class has been reading fables and learned not to be

greedy. I do not want to be like the farmer with the Golden Goose with the golden eggs. I made some mistakes this year and I'm sorry. For Christmas I would like Roblox, squish mallows, and basketball shoes. I would be happy with whatever you bring me! I can't wait for Christmas! I will leave you milk and cookies. Love,
Everett Springborn.

Dear Santa,
Hello! Thank you for the presents last year. My class has been reading fables and learned not to be greedy. I do not want to be like Cinderella's sisters! I made some mistakes this year and I'm sorry. For Christmas I would like a PS5, Roblox, and puzzles. I would be happy with whatever you bring me. I can't wait for Christmas! Goodbye!
Love,
Mason Watters.

Dear Santa,
Hello! How are you? I hope that you are well. My class has been reading fables and learned not to be greedy. I do not want to be like the farmer with Golden Goose. I was really good this year.

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For Christmas I would like an iPhone, hot wheels, and a nerf gun. I would be happy with whatever you bring me! I can't wait for Christmas, and I hope it snows a lot! Love, Brian Wetherall.

Dear Santa, Hello! Thank you for the presents last year! My class has been reading fables and learned not to be greedy. I do not want to be like the wolf in the Little Red Riding Hood. I made a really big mistake and I'm sorry. For Christmas I would like a cat, a PS5, and games for the PS5. But I will be happy with whatever you bring me! I can't wait for Christmas. I hope it snows a lot! Please bring an ornament of Rudolph. Love, Liam Ebert.

Dear Santa, Ho! Ho! Ho! I hope that you are healthy and happy. I really enjoyed last Christmas with my family and students. Thanks for our gifts! We try really hard to Be Kind at Bonduel Elementary School. Our first graders read fables and learned lessons, especially

not to be greedy like Cinderella's sisters, the farmer with the golden goose and Medio Polito (little half-chicken) who was turned into a weathervane for not being kind. If you can Santa, can you please send my students the gifts on their lists? They are good kids who sometimes make mistakes, but always say they are sorry and try to do better. Of course they will be happy with whatever you bring them. We all wish you and Mrs. Claus a happy holiday and safe travels. Mrs. Lela Schwitzer

Oconto Falls Elementary School - Four Year Old Kindergarten - Mrs. Jackson's Classes

Matthew - hopes Santa will bring him a Godzila Robot for Christmas.

Dominik - Dominik likes decorating the Christmas Tree

Caleb - Loves the blue ornaments on his Christmas Tree.

Keonnah - wants to get a Barbie House for Christmas.
Fiona - loves to decorate a her house for

Christmas.

Nora - likes to make craft projects for Christmas.

Kanylah - want a pizza for Christmas

Wyatt - hopes he gets to eat chicken and Christmas Cookies for Christmas

Hadley - loves to drink Hot Chocolate when her family celebrates Christmas.

McKenna - is excited because Santa always comes and leave presents.

Sawyer - wants a Barbie for Christmas and she wants to eat macaroni and cheese too!

Owen - likes climbing the ladder to decorate his BIG Christmas Tree so Santa will bring him presents.

Selena - wants a Yoyo and a doll for Christmas. She LOVES all the decorations.

Camryn - Loves cutting down the tree and bringing it home to decorate with her whole family.

Daniel - says his favorite part of Christmas is seeing Santa Claus.

Kensi - Likes seeing the lights outside her windows at night.

Vivian - wants a new book for Christmas

Malakai - Likes to go on a long journey to visit his family for the holidays.

Holden - Loves Christmas presents

Lennon - loves decorating everywhere for Christmas and she hopes she gets a squishy

Reese - likes to decorate and eat gingerbread for the holidays.

Graham - likes to celebrate Jesus' birthday

Bobby - likes to light the lights and eat the candy at Christmas time

Talon - wants Santa to bring him some presents

Wade - LOVES to build gingerbread houses with all his brothers at Christmas time.

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Haven likes presents in stockings at Christmas time.

River likes to color Santa pictures at Christmas.

Abe likes having hot cocoa and decorating

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his Christmas tree. Presley loves to decorate her Christmas tree at home.

Anna likes everything about Christmas time.

Claire likes when it snows for Christmas.

Georgia likes having a Christmas tree at her house.

Lincoln's favorite thing about Christmas in presents.

Marshall likes when Santa comes at Christmas.

Dixie likes getting presents.

Mollie likes to decorate the Christmas Tree.

Wyatt likes having a stocking.

Elijah wants a Packer helmet for Christmas.

Nigel likes putting the star on his Christmas tree.

Kendall likes putting ornaments on the Christmas tree.

Amiah like to help decorate the tree.

Korben likes getting a tree and presents.

Rayna likes to decorate the Christmas tree.

**Mrs. Eckstein's Class 3A
Bonduel Elementary**

Dear Santa Claus,
I think I am a good kid. What I want for Christmas is an iPhone16, and I want a Sephora gift card. Another thing I want for Christmas is Hot Cheetos and blue Takis. The last thing I want is books.
Love,
Hannah
Dear Santa,

I have been good lately. Can I please have a Stanley? Can I also have 10 Mini Brands and 4 Makeables?
-Abbie

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like thousands of Roblox and Pokémon cards.
Love,
Chelsea

Dear Santa,
Santa, I like Christmas. It is my favorite holiday. How is Mrs. Clause? Can I have Pokémon, like 10,000 v bucks, and I football cards? Also, an Air soft gun nerf gun. Thank you for the time with you and Merry Christmas.
Lincoln

Dear Santa,
I think I was good this year. Were you good this year? Are your elves doing fine? I don't know if you can get this but, I want a baby golden retriever. I want a coloring thing or whatever. I want a small present. Mabey a few squishmellows. I also want a new bag and coloring set. I don't know what else I want. Merry Christmas!
Love,
Allison

Dear Santa,
How's your year been going? I am having a great time. I've been good this year. This year I would like a Hoverboard, iphone16, make up set, phone case, Barbie house, boy Barbie house, boy Barbie clothes, and candy.
Love,
Ella

Dear Santa,
I think I was good this year. How are you? I really want a stitch stuffed animal. I am really excited for Christmas this year. Are you? I really want

a dog. What kind of Christmas cookies do you want this year? I also want a squish mellow. Hope you have a jolly Christmas!
Love,
Ashlynn

Dear: Santa
I like what you do. We would not have Christmas if you didn't exist! Without Christmas, we would not like Winter, maybe.
Love,
Elliott

Dear Santa,
I've been nice. Will you give me 100,000 vbucks to my account at my Mom's, and every NFL mini helmet. I also like football cards.
From
Skyler to Santa

Dear Santa,
I went to the Nutcracker. I got to see some of the people. In my opinion I have been very good. Is Snowflake a girl name? For Christmas, I want an Manchin, a pool, and a fence. Please make my godmother's wedding good.
From
Lily

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa, hope you and Mrs. Clause have been fantastic. I have been good this year, and I am really excited for Christmas. I have been wanting some stuff. Here is my list: Socks, nail polish, phone case (flower one please) And I want squishmallows, color pencils, leggings, and jala-peño Cheetos. I would love these things.
Love,
Kenna

Dear Santa,
I have been good. How are you doing? I can't wait for Christmas. I would really like a long suit coat and dress suit for Christmas, so I can



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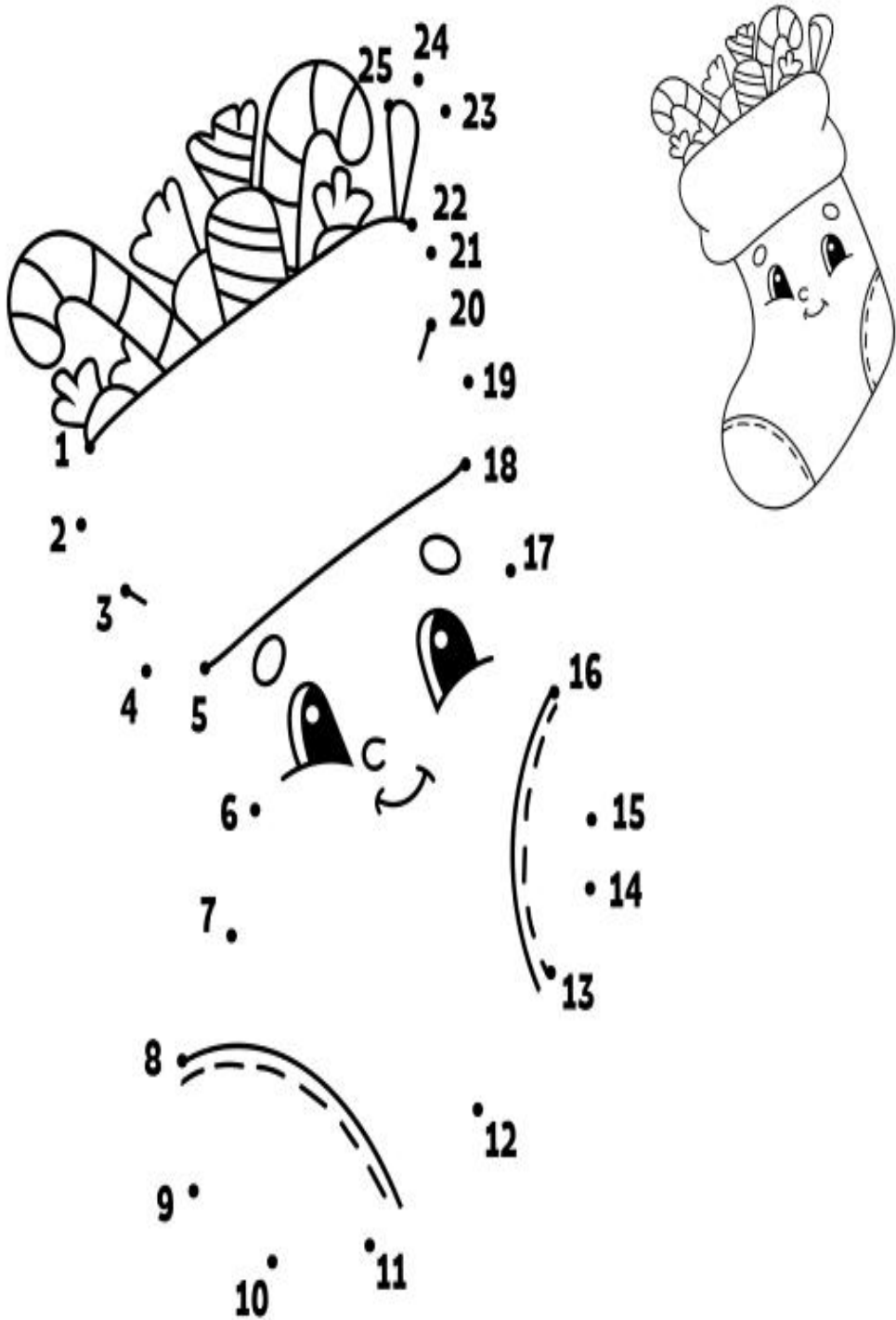
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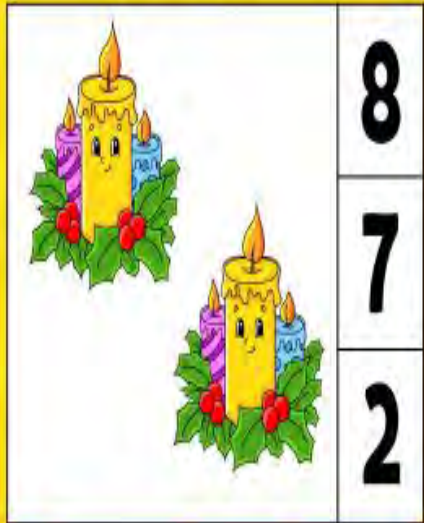
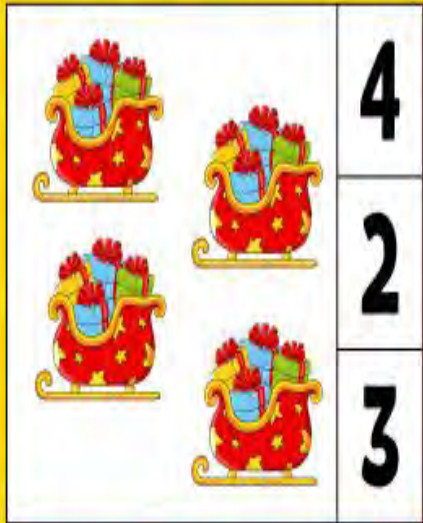
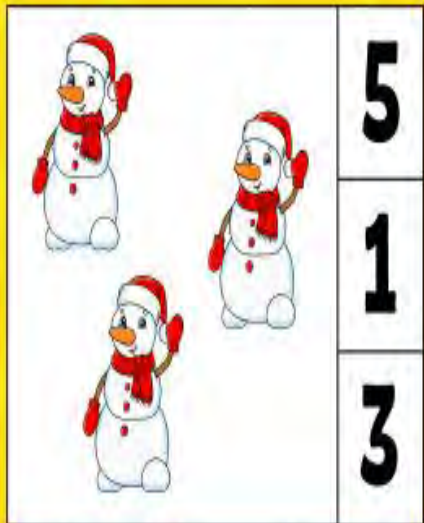
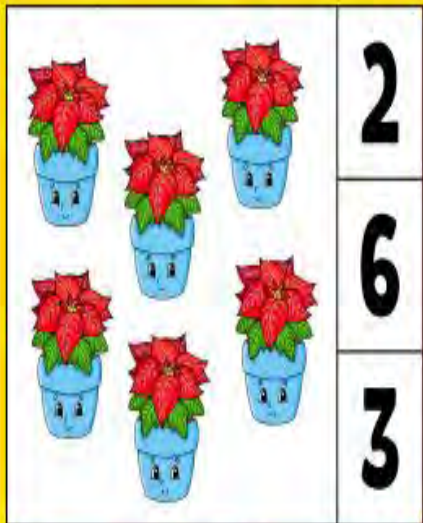
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like a Bears football helmet that I can wear. I also would appreciate it if you could give me a good Christmas with my family. Thank you, Keegan Koeller

Dear Santa,
Please correct me if I spelled it wrong, but we will be going to Georgia for Christmas so please don't go to our house. Thank you and please say hi to the reindeer and give them a scratch behind the ear. A treat for me and for Christmas can I have a baby reindeer? Love Charlotte Patterson

Dear Santa
I have been good. I am doing amazing. I hope you are having a great time. This is what I want. I want an iphone16 pleaseeeee, and then you can get make-up. Brynlee

Dear. Santa/St. Nick,
Can I have farming simulator 23 for Christmas also can I have 10,000 v-bucks? Can I have a flatbed trailer with a truck that makes noise please. Also can you bring Joy to the world and have a merry Christmas

and help people that are sick and help the people that are bad. Merry Christmas and have a great year. Emmet, Am I on the nice list?

Dear Santa,
I was good this year. How are you? It was my birthday a few days ago. I went swimming. I want more hot wheels. I also want a pet turtle. My sister wants a bunny. From Fisher.

Dear Santa,
Hey man, how are you? How is the elf? I want a ps4 and football stuff and Pokémon. From Ethan

Dear Santa,
How are you doing this year? I have been good this year. I would like crystal necklaces and the necklace that holds memories. By Aushra.

Dear Santa
I've been a good boy. I want 30,000. And a Ps4 gif card. I want boxing gloves. From, Camden

Dear Santa,
I have had a really good year with my

mom and dad, and my 2 fish, and my dogs and a horse. Love, Aprielle

Dear Santa
I've been good lately. Can I get Legos, 5 feastables, and Nike kicks. Martin

**Mrs. Hertzfeldt's Class 3B
Bonduel Elementary**

Dear Santa,
How have you been? Thank you for the live terap. Can I please have a bagpipe. Have a safe flite and a Merry Christmas. From, Lane L.

Dear Santa,
How are you and the elves? How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? Thank you for everything you gave me last year!!! Can you please get me a NFL team football. Sincerely, Decker

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? How are the elves, Rudolph, and Mrs. Claus? Thank you for the gifts that you got me last year. I want a Balti-



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ents. What I want this
year is a little Christ-
mas tree, slime, Squish
mallows, a lot of make-
up, and a bike. That's
all. I like your Elves.
Love,
Nadia.

Dear Santa,
How are you today?
hope you or not sick.
Get there safe. Is Mrs.
Claus ok? I liked all
the gifts last year that
you gave me. Can you
please give me a my
little pet Shop a adopt
me, and can you also
give me mini brands.
Merry Christmas!
From,
Carmen

Dear Santa,
How are your elves,
reindeer and Mrs.
Claus? Thank you
for the coloring set
and stuffy last year.
What I want for
Christmas is a stuffy.
From,
Evelyn

Dear Santa,
How are you and the
elves? Are the reindeer

okay? Oh, and thank
you for last year's gifts.
I loved them! This year
can I please have mini-
verse/minibrands, bar-
bies, lol dolls, 3dpen,
and rollerskates.
Lyla
PS. Hermie
is very cute

Dear Santa,
How are you doing.
How is Mrs. Claus?
Thank you for last
year's gifts. I was hop-
ing for some slime and
a reborn I know that I
have 5 but I really want
one. Santa, I hope I am
not on the naughty list!
Love,
Brooklyn

Dear Santa,
How are you feeling-
sad, mad, or happy?
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presents last year. I
would footballs, foot-
ball jersey, a gaming
controller, a phone,
and gaming chair. How
are the elves doing?
Merry Christmas,
Henry

Dear Santa,
How are you? How
are the elves? How
is Mrs. Claus? Thank
you for last year's
gifts. Santa I would like
roller blades, coloring
books, and a candle.
Love,
Kyla

Dear Santa,
How are you (good
bad)? Thanks for the
big Pokemon stuffy. I
would like a computer
or a drone or a mini
fridge this year. And for
the closing I'm going
to press the x like in
google chrome.
From,
Wyatt

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa?
How are the elves?
How is Mrs. Claus?
Thank you for the gifts
last year. I like the
game cube. This year
I would like a squishy
and a phone case for
my phone, and Poké-
mon cards. Thank you,
ho ho ho,
Merry Christmas,
Remington

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa?
Thanks for the gifts.
Can I have roblox, a
nfl football, nfl jersey,
candy, and football
gloves? Thanks for ev-
erything. I am staying
up late this year to see
you and the reindeer.
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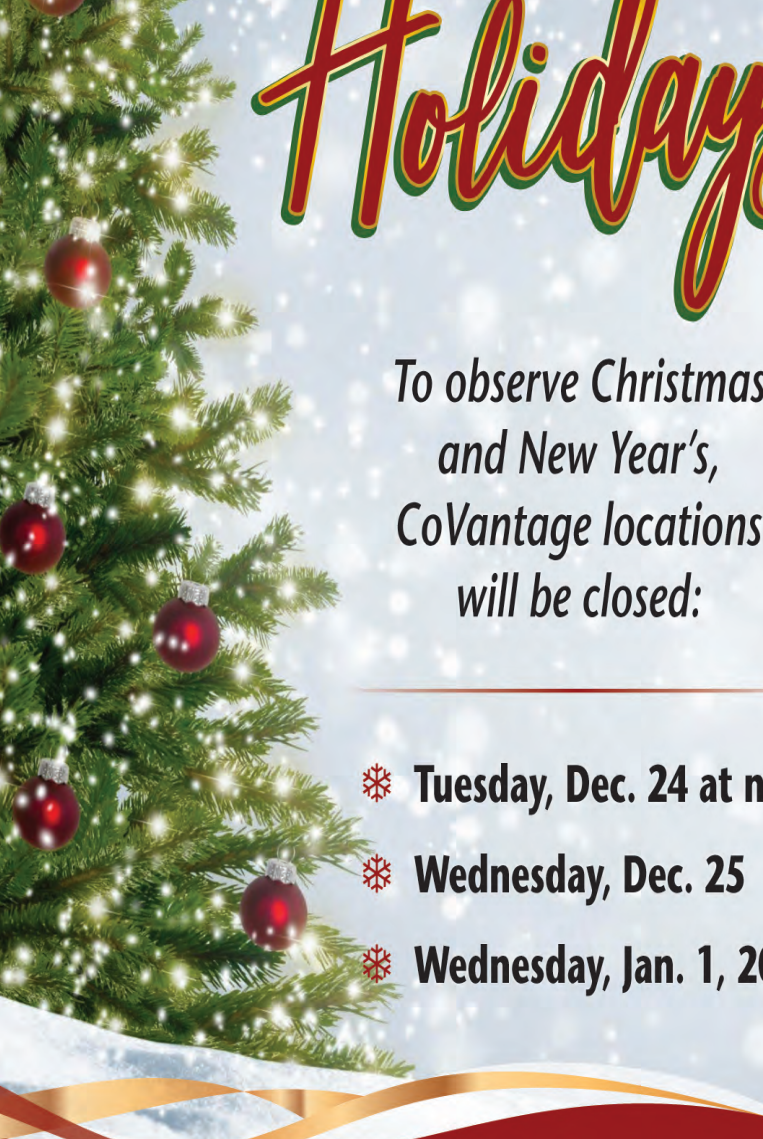
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. Can I please have
prime, slime, Oreos,
a punching bag, and
some weights please?
From,
Sawyer

What Christmas Means to Me
Christmas means to me having fun with my family, opening toys, clothes, and fun things. Jesus' birth is on Christmas.
Gavin

Dear Santa,
Do you like giving
presents to kids? For
Christmas I want a big
unicorn stuffed animal.
Merry Christmas!
Anna

Dear Santa,
How are you? Are the
elves, okay? Thank
you for last year' gifts.
Would you like cookies
and milk? And carrots
for your reindeer? I
would like purple Dori-
tos, a mini Christmas
tree with ornaments,
and a squishmallow.

Thank you!
Gaoju

Dear Santa,
Thank you for m
presents last year.
I want an electric
scooter this year.
Awaehsasaeh

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Dear Santa,
Do you have red
clothes because of
Coca-Cola? I am
asking you because I
see that on YouTube.
Thank you for all my
presents. I'm so happy.
I have been cleaning
a lot. I want a box of
Pokemon cards and a
PS portal.
From
River, Grade 4

Dear Santa,
What do you eat at
the North Pole? I eat
spicy and healthy
food. Thank you for my
Christmas present last
year. I loved them. My
favorite presents were
the fish tank and the
toy fish. For Christmas
this year, I would like a
lot of spicy chips and
a phone. At school, I
help anyone that gets
hurt. I'm working on be-
ing more quiet in class

and I do what's right
without anyone telling
me to do it. I wish my
great grandma was still
here to see me.
From
Violet, Grade 4

Dear Santa,
What do the elves do
in the toy shop? How
does the sleigh fly? In
school I like to help my
classmates. Thank you
Santa for the gifts that
you gave us the past
few years. I got Minny
stuff. I loved them,
thank you. This year,
I want a phone and
Touch Land, the spray,
for Christmas. Thank
you Santa!
Sincerely,
Kira Grade 4

Dear Santa,
I've always wondered.
Why do you say ho,
ho, ho? What is your
favorite cookie? Mine
is double chocolate
chip. Thank you for my
jewelry from last year.
And, thank you for my
baby brother. I think I
should get a present
because I am helping
my mom. I would like
makeup, a photo ph-
rame, and Touchland.
From, Londyn Grade 4

Dear Santa,
How do your elves
make the toys? Where



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deer when the North Pole is so cold? Thank you for my Christmas presents from last year. I loved the new tablet that you brought me. This year I should receive a present because I help my classmates and my parents. In school I'm trying to be more brave by answering questions in class. For Christmas this year, I would like a board game and a blanket. Sincerely, Yaretzi Grade 4

Dear Santa,
Do you help make the toys? I try to be nice as best as I can. Thank you for my Christmas presents from last year. This year, I would love a box of Roblox Characters.
From,
Taran Grade 4

Dear Santa,
Do any of your elves get cold in the winter? How do you stay warm? I get cold in the winter. My trick is a header. It is so warm. Or, my blanket. I love my blanket. Thank you for my Christmas presents last year. I loved them. I used those shows for a long time. Santa I don't want anything for Christmas.



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I just want a safe flight to Mexico. I am excited to see my grandparents!
Sincerely,
Jayzaline Grade 4

Dear Santa,
What do your reindeer look like? How does the sleigh fly? What kind of snack do you like? Thank you for my Christmas presents last year! I love them. Thank you for bringing me a comfy beanbag! I help my family and friends and my teacher. And my year was so great. I love helping! This year, I would like some spicy chips and another Touchland.
From
Keya. Grade 4

Dear Santa,
How big is the North Pole? How do you make all of the toys? How did you name all the reindeer? What kind of cookie do you like the most? I like peanut butter and chocolate chip cookies! Thank you for my Christmas presents last year. I loved them so much! I played with the horse barn and the horses a lot. I am nice to my classmates. I try to be nice to my sister. I am working hard at school, especially

in Social Studies and Math. I pick up garbage at home. This year for Christmas, I would really like a computer and pet stuff for my dog and cat.
Thank you, Santa!
From,
Charlotte Grade 4

Dear Santa,
What is your favorite cookie? Mine is a sugar cookie. Do you help make the toys? Why do you have elves? How old are you? Do you like candy canes? How tall are your elves? Is Dancer big or small? Thank you for my nerf gun and the coloring book. And I love having a Santa. I would be sad if there was no Santa, Clause or Mrs. Clause. I think I should get a gift because I help my classmates and help clean our house. I would like a RC race car that goes 40 miles per hour and a Xbox with a custom controller that is red and white.
Sincerely,
from Wyatt Grade 4
Dear Santa,
Do any of your elves ever steal candy canes? What do your reindeer look like? What's your favorite reindeer? Thank you for my Christmas pres-

ents last year. I loved them. I play with the pikachu squish mello all the time. My year is good because I am working hard at school. I would really like a nerf gun and an electric scooter.
Sincerely, Nicholas Grade 4

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing well and are ready for Christmas. Also I hope your reindeer are getting plenty of rest before Christmas night. Santa, I always wanted to know how you fly in the sky. Thank you for the presents I received last Christmas. I am so thankful for you because you are so kind for staying up all night to give us all the presents. I know there are people that don't have a house, so please bring them some love and joy this holiday season. This year I have been behaving well, so I should be on the nice list. I hope you could leave me an electric scooter under my christmas tree this year because I've been a good big sister and because I've been good this year too.
Sincerely,
Honor. Grade 4



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Sincerely,
Bree Grade 4

Dear Santa,
Do you make the toys? Do you like Coca-Cola? Thank you for giving poor children what they need, and for giving me happiness. I help my friend but I get in a little trouble at home. I would like a Nintendo Switch Family, and two Nintendo Switch games, and a case for the Nintendo Switch, Fortnite, and Mario Kart 8 deluxe. I would also like lots and lots of happiness.

Please and thank you, Santa. Thank you for bringing my mom and my sister together and being happy. Thank you.
From,
Justin Grade 4

Dear Santa,
Do any of your elves ever take candy canes? How do you fly on your sleigh? How old are you? What cookies do you like? Thank you for my Christmas presents last year. I loved them! I still use my TV. My year is going great. I think I should get a present because I have been good and nice. I have been helping my Aunt Tessa with her new baby! This year, I would like a new Bible and Bible tabs.
Sincerely,
Carmyn Grade 4

Dear Santa,
Do your elves steal candy canes while working? Do you help make candy? Why do you say ho ho ho? I have been a good boy. I deserve a present, maybe two because I bring a friend a snack every day. Thank you for the lego set I got last year. This year I

would like a RC car and a RC boat.
From,
Gunnar Grade 4

Dear Santa,
Do you help your wife make cookies? What are your favorite cookies? Thank you for my Christmas presents last year. I love my gifts for Christmas. Thanks Santa. I am as nice as possible in school. I want an electric score and a PS5 microphone this year.
Sincerely,
Lee Grade 4

Dear Santa, What does the North Pole look like? Is it big? My house is big. Thank you for my Switch. It is fun to play and has a lot of games. I love it. My year has been hard because my grandpa died, but I am doing well in school. I would like a TV for Christmas so I can watch it. I want my sister and brother to get something too. I also want a hover-board.
From
Braydon Grade 4

Dear Santa,
How many presents do you deliver in a night? If you got another rein-

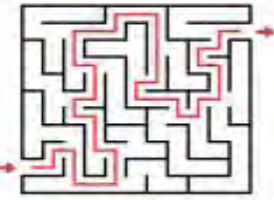
deer what would you name it? What's your favorite cookie flavor? Mine's sugar cookies. I'm thankful for the presents last year because they made me smile and they made me happy. Thank you.

I'm so thankful. I don't need any presents for christmas because my parents work hard and all I want for christmas is to spend time with my family and for peace for the world. I would like to receive

it's more of a wish but I hope you can make it come true. I want to receive something that makes me feel better because I am kind of sick.
Sincerely,
Mylah Grade 4

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