

A visit with the reindeer



Ray and Penni Johnson of Belle Plaine visited with the reindeer at Franklin Park in Shawano on Nov. 30. The reindeer visit was part of the day's downtown holiday stroll, trolley rides, Small-Business Saturday shopping, horse-drawn wagon rides, visits with Santa, s'mores, music and the traditional tree lighting. Also, 100 businesses and nonprofits decorated Christmas trees that line the park. For more photos, turn to page 4.

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Bonduel housing project underway

Ground was broken in November for a new single-family housing development in Bonduel.

This project marks a significant milestone for the village, as it represents the first substantial single-family home development in more than two decades. The development will include seven homes, offering a variety of floor plans and sizes to meet the needs of different families. The project will complete the Sunrise Court subdivision.

Black Diamond Builders, a construction company based in Green Bay, brings expertise in residential construction to this project.

"They are committed to building high-quality efficient homes that enhance the community's aesthetic appeal," according to the village's Facebook page.

This development will contribute to the growth and vitality of Bonduel, providing much-needed housing options for residents and attracting new families to the area.

A May 2022 Shawano County Housing Market Study indicated 58.6% of the housing in Bonduel was single-family homes, with another 18.6% in buildings with five to nine housing units.

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Feemster bound over in homicide trial

Defense fails to get murder charge dismissed

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

Jordan Feemster will be bound over for trial after Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge William Kussel Jr. ruled there was probable cause during a preliminary hearing Nov. 27 addressing charges of attempted first-degree intentional homicide, battery, criminal damage to property and first-degree recklessly

endangering safety by the use of a dangerous weapon.

Feemster was charged in June after an incident May 24 at the Shawano Square Apartments on East Richmond Street after police spoke with the victim, his girlfriend at the time, and learned about how plans to go out for the night turned almost deadly.

Trisha Fritz, Feemster's attorney, submitted a motion prior to the hearing to dismiss the homicide charge, claiming a lack of probable cause. Fritz claimed her client was the one who tried to stop the assault and was not intending to kill the victim.

"As far as the intent to kill, the state has to prove that these alleged activities would cause death," Fritz said. "There

was no information that my client applied a good deal of pressure on the neck area of the alleged victim. There is no allegation that there was any slashing or stabbing motion. The state failed to allege that my client at any point went toward the victim in the sense that he would have stabbed her during the incident."

Fritz claimed that Feemster put the knife down and even sat with the victim to talk during the incident. She said it's clear that an incident occurred but found the homicide charge to be extreme, saying that, at best, it was recklessly endangering safety.

District Attorney Greg Parker disputed Fritz's claims noting the small wound to the victim's neck indicated that Feemster intended deadly actions, as well as the

victim claiming that he told her he was going to kill her.

"In most cases, judge, when you have recklessly endangering safety, you don't have somebody telling the other person, 'I'm going to kill you,'" Parker said.

Kussel denied the request to dismiss the homicide charge.

According to the criminal complaint, as read by Sgt. Brent Dilge with the Shawano Police Department, the victim in the incident was getting ready to go out for the night on May 24 when Feemster allegedly asked for her phone passcode. Feemster allegedly saw a message from a co-worker and then pushed her into the bathtub and hit her on the left side of her head. After

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Shawano/Bonduel hockey team opens season with wins.

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In comparison to the other villages in the study, Bonduel had the highest demand for owner- and renter-occupied housing.

The estimated total demand for new construction ownership units was 29 units based on a projected 51 additional owner-occupied households by 2030. The estimated total demand for new construction rental housing was 11 units based on the estimated 23 additional renter households by 2030.

Earlier this year, Bonduel was one of 10 rural Wisconsin communities to get help meeting its biggest economic development needs and planning for its long-term goals.

Under the Thrive Rural program administered by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC), each recipient has access to up to \$25,000 in grants, two years of technical assistance in planning and grant writing and other services typically employed by larger communities.

WEDC's Office of Rural Prosperity will partner with local economic development organizations to work with specific communities on projects related to community development, small business development, housing and sustainable energy.

Shawano County Economic Progress Inc. (SCEPI) is working with Bonduel to attract more single-family and multi-family housing, revive its aging downtown and consolidate its municipal offices, which are scattered among multiple sites.



Taking part in the Nov. 22 groundbreaking for a new single-family housing project in Bonduel are, from left, Mike Ward, Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation; Jesse Rankin, director of municipal operations, village of Bonduel; Peter Thilman, Shawano County Economic Progress Inc. chief economic development officer; Kevin Verhagen, Black Diamond Builders; Russ Gehm, village president; Kevin Wagner, Ruekert & Mielke engineering; and Brandon Strayer, PTS Contractors.

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allegedly dragging the victim from the bathroom to the bedroom, Feemster allegedly went to the kitchen and grabbed a knife, and then he put the knife to her side and neck, according to the complaint.

The victim allegedly told Feemster that she loved him and wanted to be with him, claiming Feemster had a history of talking about self-harm. Feemster's mother was allegedly called to help calm him down. The victim got out of the house and

jumped into her vehicle, but Feemster allegedly chased her to the Shawano County Sheriff's Office, where she ran inside for help and he fled, according to the complaint.

Dilge, reading the criminal complaint, testified that Feemster and the victim had known each other for at least eight years, but they had only been dating for a few months. He said the victim showed an officer wounds in her leg and knee area and claimed she was fearful for her life.

Under cross examination, Dilge testified that the pressure the victim felt when the knife was pressed to her neck was a 2 out of 10, with 10 being the most pressure. He also confirmed Fritz's statement that Feemster eventually stopped the assault.

The Shawano Police Department found a knife on the bed and asked the victim if it was the one used to cause a 3-inch laceration on her neck, and she claimed it was. There was also an injury

found on the victim's knee and blood on the victim's shirt, according to the complaint.

Feemster faces a maximum of 60 years in prison for the attempted homicide charge, a maximum of 12½ years for the recklessly endangering safety charge along with a maximum \$25,000 fine, and up to nine months and \$10,000 for the two misdemeanor charges.

Feemster is currently in Dodge Correctional Institution in Waupun, serving a 10-month sentence in

Dodge County after pleading no contest to fleeing and eluding officers and resisting those same officers. A charge of second-degree recklessly endangering safety was dismissed but read into the record for that case.

A \$75,000 cash bond has been ordered once Feemster is back in Shawano County's custody.

Feemster has a number of criminal convictions in Wisconsin. In 2018, he was found guilty of second-degree recklessly endanger-

ing safety, victim intimidation and battery in Brown County. In 2014, he was found guilty, also in Brown County, of false imprisonment, battery and criminal damage to property. In 2010, he was found guilty on a misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct in Brown County.

Feemster has an arraignment at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 14, 2025, in Branch II of the Shawano County Courthouse.

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'Discover Wisconsin' showcasing Native tourism

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

"Discover Wisconsin," the nation's longest-running travel and tourism TV series, will be highlighting Native American Tourism of Wisconsin (NATOW) in its recent episode "NATOW — An Agritourism Adventure."

"Discover Wisconsin" presents an agritourism adventure, visiting 11 tribal territories that comprise

NATOW, whose mission is to revitalize cherished cuisines and cultivation techniques.

"Working with the 'Discover Wisconsin' team has been an absolute pleasure. It is my hope that viewers see the true beauty in one of the many captivating ways that the 11 federally recognized tribes of Wisconsin continue to grow when it comes to food sustainability," said

NATOW Executive Director Kimberlee McGeshick. "They not only give back to their own communities, but to others as well with new and traditional ways in agriculture."

Viewers first get a glimpse into a buffalo farm at Forest County Potawatomi, working to bring back purebred buffalo. At Mole Lake Sokaogon, "Discover Wisconsin" uncovers the

technique behind wild rice cultivation and traditional dishes. For a quick forest tour and look into milling, the TV crew makes a pit stop to Menominee.

The tour continues at Stockbridge-Munsee, offering abundant educational resources and farm-friendly activities. Later, the crew visits the apple orchards of Oneida, managed organically with chickens, and Ho-Chunk,

which has more tasty delicacies — healthy recipes rooted in tradition.

From foodie favorites to fishing hotspots, "Discover Wisconsin" stops by Lac du Flambeau's fish hatchery to learn about the operation and reel in a few trout. After encountering Wisconsin's elk at Lac Courte Oreille's farm, they indulge in sweet maple syrup from St. Croix. The episode concludes at

Bad River and Red Cliff. Both tribes discuss the importance of revitalizing native fisheries and harvesting techniques.

You can stream the episode through www.discoverwisconsin.com, Roku, Apple TV, SmartTV, Google Chromecast, Amazon Fire and YouTube.

To learn more, visit www.discoverwisconsin.com.

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OBITUARIES

Angeline F. 'Angie' Coon

Angeline F. "Angie" Coon, 94, passed away on Friday, Nov. 1, 2024, at her home in Cecil with her children by her side.

Angie was born on Dec 5, 1929, in Cook County, Illinois, to the late James and Edna (Radtka) Margetts. On April 19, 1947, she was united in marriage to Lawrence "Tezzie" Coon in Oxford. The couple spent 69 wonderful years together before Tezzie's passing in 2017.

Angie enjoyed her flower garden and watching the ducks by the lake. In her free time, she enjoyed doing scratch offs and watching the Green Bay Packers. Angie's pride was in her family, and she loved spending time with her great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Angie is survived by her children, Emma (Lee) Ebel, Linda (Jerry) Mar-



kiewicz and John (Linda) Coon; nine grandchildren, Emilee (Stuart) Hoffman, Angela (Bryce) Johnson, Jodi (Chad) Christenson, Robin (Sean) Flynn, Mary (Tim) Scherbarth, Tina Coon, Lawrence (Ashley) Coon, Morgan Coon

and Buddy (Liz) Coon; 14 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; and sisters-in-law, Francis Trojan and Carolyn Coon. She is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Angie was preceded in death by her husband, Tezzie; son, Gary Coon; daughter-in-law, June Coon; grandson, Michael Ebel; great-grandson, Jefferey Coon; siblings, Doris Hedges, Lorraine Evans and Phillip Margetts; and parents, James and Edna.

Services are pending at this time. Inurnment will be in Davis Corners Cemetery in Wisconsin Dells at a later date.

Angie's family would like to extend a special thank you to Heartland hospice for their care in her final days.

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Stanley A. Steenbock

Stanley A. Steenbock, 74, of the Town of Wescott, passed away Nov.

22, 2024, at the Wisconsin Veterans Home, King. Eberhardt-Stevenson

Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville, is serving the Steenbock family.

Mary J. Diels

Mary J. Diels, 85, of the Town of Larrabee, passed

away Nov. 22, 2024. Eberhardt-Stevenson

Funeral Home and Crematory, Marion.

Judith L. Simon

Judith L. Simon, 71, of Clintonville, passed away

on Nov. 22, 2024. Eberhardt-Stevenson

Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville.

Gary A. Zimmerman

Gary A. Zimmerman, 55, of Bear Creek, passed away

Nov. 25, 2024. Eberhardt-Stevenson

Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville.

Daryl C. Krueger

Daryl C. Krueger, 82, of Cloverleaf Lakes, passed away Nov. 27, 2024.

He died peacefully at home with family by his side.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home & Crematory, Clintonville.

Debra E. Schley

Debra E. Schley, 63, of the Town of Bear Creek, passed away on Nov.

26, 2024, at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center, Neenah.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home & Crematory, Clintonville.

Students crown Mary with flowers



Sacred Heart first grade students Aliyah Redmerski, left, and Wyatt Zoellner made pictures of Mary and gave her a crown of flowers after learning the Hail Mary prayer and what each line means.

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Church events offer support for those grieving

The holiday season, often filled with joy and celebration, can be a challenging time for those grieving a loss or navigating personal hardships such as job transitions, relationship changes or other life struggles. To offer comfort and support during this difficult time, a Blue Christmas Service and Navigating the Holidays After Loss support group will be held Dec. 15 at Zion Lutheran Church, 1254 S. Union St., Shawano.

The Blue Christmas Service, beginning at 10:30 a.m., is a contemplative worship experience designed for those

who may find the season overwhelming. This gentle and reflective service provides a space to pause, honor complex emotions and seek hope and healing. A light lunch will follow, leading into the afternoon support group session.

The Navigating the Holidays After Loss support group, held from noon to 1:30 p.m., offers a safe and supportive environment for participants to share their experiences, learn practical tools for managing holiday traditions and discover ways to honor their grief while engaging with the season in meaningful ways.

"This event is for anyone who finds themselves struggling during the holidays," said Nancy Schultz, event coordinator. "Whether you're grieving the loss of a loved one, a job, a relationship or simply feel overwhelmed by life's changes, this day offers a chance to pause, reflect and connect with others who understand. It's about finding hope and peace, even in the midst of sorrow."

Advance registration is required for the lunch and support group. To reserve your spot, contact Schultz at 715-390-4540 or email health@shawanozion.org.

Welcoming the season!



Aniyah Thorne, of Shawano, visits with Santa Claus on Nov. 30 at the new Santa House at the Naberhood Plaza between South Main Street and South Washington Street. Children could visit with the jolly old elf prior to the traditional lighting of the community Christmas tree at Franklin Park.



At left, David Hoffman, left, and Mike Kronke, sing with the St. Jakobi Lutheran Church choir at Franklin Park on Nov. 30. They were the welcoming voices for those who entered the park through its main entrance at East Division Street and South Washington Street for the activities preceding the lighting of the community Christmas tree.
Above, a pair of horses pulled wagons of people around Franklin Park the afternoon of Nov. 30. The rides were sponsored by Wolf River Dental and ThedaCare.
At right, Emmett Schmies was all excited to show off the free book he received at Franklin Park. Goodies were offered by the Optimist Club, the public library, the city parks and recreation department and more.



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The text came in and, brightening up, I noticed it was from my sister-in-law whom I love as a sister. While I usually smile or even laugh out loud, this text had me knit my brows in consternation.

“Wanna come to a Christmas craft party?”

Walking into any craft store has me breaking out in hives. It makes me anxious and frozen and overwhelmed, and my eyes glaze over. It's like I develop a serious case of brain fog. Do I select the curly-ques? Colored glitter or neutral? (Is neutral glitter even a thing?) Studs, spikes, buttons, flowers, symbols? I mean, the choices are endless. Then when/if I do decide, what on earth goes where and how?

I'd much rather sit in a quiet house in front of my computer with a blank Word Doc open.

Reconcile a checkbook.

Clean a calf pen.

Seriously.

So when my sister-in-law invited me, my first instinct was a knee-jerk reaction to say no, but thank you for thinking of me. I always have a place at her table, always, and I know that.

Pondering the invite, I began to consider a thought: “In order to have a friend, you must be a friend” and say yes to some things that I might have a propensity to decline. It could be a matter of blessing God or it may not matter one way or the other to God, but it's a conviction of the heart — not a condemnation, but a gentle nudge.

Now I know that my dear sis is also my dear friend, so I don't have to really work at this relationship. She'd love me whatever my answer, but I felt deep in my heart, to respect this precious woman, I



Kay Reminger
Columnist

should say yes.

Walking into her craft shed, she and her daughters had tables fashioned together, making a large square, so that all the guests were facing each other, very conducive to conversation (and help). The tables were laid with fresh plastic tablecloths to handle any paint or glue drippings. At each place was a rounded-top, flat-bottomed slab of raw, pre-cut pine board — the hat. This was our project.

There were paint brushes and paint, Mod Podge, yarn for brim and tassel, custom-made stickers (thanks to a vinyl-cutting machine), and a variety of other embellishments which made my head spin. There were miscellaneous books of cardstock in a variety of holiday prints and patterns. A crafter would have thought they'd died and went to heaven. I just thought I'd died.

I was wide-eyed lost. Turning to a niece at my left, we made eye contact and started giggling. She and I are the ones in our family who didn't get the creative gene. Oh, she's surely more adept than me, but I was relieved I had a sort of comrade to commiserate with.

There were instructions from the niece in charge (who, like her mama, happens to be stunningly creative) that left me baffled. It was like she was speaking



The finished hats made from pine board sit in a row on a window sill.

KAY REMINGER

Swahili.

We started in. Putting on my big girl pants, I rolled up my figurative sleeves and began to make decisions. I actually started to have some fun.

Glancing around the room, the thought occurred to me that there was a lovely diversity of females present. We each added our own expertise to the whole of creation.

One was a nurse, another a stay-at-home mom who homeschools her two active children. One was an office manager, another a counselor, one a farmer, another one a social worker, one a teacher — almost all were mothers with young children, many with more than one.

I am blessed to have the opportunity to write feature stories. The people I've interviewed have been innovators; visionaries who've forged ahead by grit and strength and a belief that with their unique talents and abilities, they are able to offer a product or service that few others can.

I've had the privilege of interviewing a homesteader, a gal who owns a mobile food truck, an alpaca farmer, a nonprofit that finds homes for stray cats, a tree cutter, a mom with a special-needs child who launched a nonprofit to establish a playground where children of any ability

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Garden pests can wreak havoc on plants in winter

Depending on the severity of the winter, rodents, such as rabbits and voles, can pose problems for certain plants, notably woody trees and shrubs.

Hungry rodents, depending on food availability, may begin to nibble away at the fresh, tender bark of trees and shrubs, creating a girdling effect that, eventually, could kill the plant.

For this reason, many gardeners choose to protect trees and shrubs over the winter season in a number of different ways.

Tree and shrub guards can be purchased at many garden centers and home



Rob Zimmer
Columnist

and garden stores. These may be plastic, metal, wire or other material. You can also make your own by simply coiling chicken wire or mesh around the tree

trunk or base, anything to prevent hungry rodents from accessing that thin outer layer of bark.

There are sprays and repellents available, but these are not trustworthy enough to work for the entire winter keeping pests away from your precious plants. They may require repeated application. A physical barrier is a much better option.

There are also plant tapes and wraps that are available, but, again, these aren't reliable. They peel off and, in some cases, can even damage the plant.

For larger shrubs, wire barriers are

best. You can purchase pre-made shrub barriers out of mesh or wire, or simply unroll the material to create your own. For awkward or large shrubs, you may wish to drive some stakes into the ground first around the plant, then unroll your chicken wire or mesh around that border.

As for how high the barrier should go, the general guideline is about 18 inches over the highest snow line you can estimate. So, for example, if you have experienced about a foot of snow in your backyard, the barrier should reach that height,

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height, plus an additional 18 inches, or a 30-inch high barrier. This ensures that your shrub stems should be protected.

Whether you use ready-made tree guards and barriers or create your own, now is the time to get to work protecting any trees and shrubs, especially young ones, from hungry rabbits, voles and other critters.

Protecting marginally hardy plants from winter is cold is another garden chore best done now in late November or early December.

Many varieties of evergreens or conifers are susceptible to winter burn, caused by drying winds and the harsh winter sun reflecting from the snow. Normally, this happens on south-facing garden beds and borders. Simply wrapping these conifers in burlap or loose canvas shielding is usually all that is needed to protect these plants from the drying effects of winter burn. Keeping plants well watered into late November and early December also helps control the effects of the wind and sun.

Plants such as certain hydrangeas, roses, butterfly bush and Japanese maples can be protected by applying a layer of mulch over the base of the plant, or a chicken wire cage stuffed with fallen leaves. The important thing is



Some varieties of Japanese maples and other ornamental woody plants that are marginally hardy in our area benefit from some extra protection during the winter season.

ROB ZIMMER

not to do this too early. If we apply a thick layer of mulch or leaves too soon, the plants may bake beneath this layer, causing more harm than good.

It is usually not necessary to apply mulch layers or leaves until mid- to late December, whenever we see our first subzero temperatures. The most common mistake gardeners make is completely

covering these plants with mulch or leaves much too early, causing them to literally bake if we reach temperatures in the 40s and 50s in December and January, like we did last year. Be patient and wait for the cold.

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, DEC. 6

KESHENA: Native Artist Arts and Crafts Sale, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Menominee Historic Preservation Culture Museum, W3428 County Road VV West. Beadwork, paintings, baskets, ribbon skirt/shirts, gourds, paintings and carvings.

NAVARINO: Christmas Tree Sales at Navarino Nature Center, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cut your own tree. Trees are untrimmed. Cost per tree \$20, sizes 8 to 20 feet. Location is on Wildwood Road, just south off Townline Road.

SHAWANO: Nativity Walk, 4-6 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 100 W. Presbyterian St. Sanctuary will be transformed with approximately 600 Nativity sets from throughout the world. Open to the public, free-will donations accepted.

KESHENA: Menominee Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting, 5:30 p.m., from Menominee Nation Middle/High School parking lot, N522 State Highway 47-55, to Veterans Park pavilion, followed by tree lighting at park.

SHAWANO: Downtown Santa Parade, 6 p.m., Main Street from Elizabeth Street to Franklin Park, 235 S. Washington St. Theme: An Old-Fashioned Christmas. After the parade, visit Santa in The Naberhood at the Santa House until 8 p.m.

ABRAMS: "Suessical The Musical," 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. Presented by Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. Tickets \$19 for adults and \$17 for senior citizens, youths and veterans at abramstheater.com or 920-826-5852.

WITTENBERG: Christmas Bake and Craft Sale, 3-8 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. Tree lighting 7 p.m. with cookies, hot chocolate and cider along with caroling.

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

SHAWANO: Cookie Walk, 9-11 a.m., Peace United Church of Christ, 208 E. Maurer St. Cookies and candies \$7.50 per pound.

PULASKI: Breakfast with Santa, 9-11 a.m., Pulaski Middle School, 911 S. St. Augustine St. Pancakes, eggs and sausage, pictures with Santa, goody bags, live music and more. Adults \$10, children 12 and under and seniors \$5.

BONDUEL: Craft and Vendor Sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Doc's Harley-Davidson, W2907 State Highway 29. Pictures with Santa, bake sale.

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

OCONTO: Machickanee Players Christmas Artisan Craft Fair, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Park Avenue Playhouse, 408 Park Ave.

GREEN VALLEY: Christmas Cookie and Candy Walk, Bethel Lutheran Church, N6955 County Road BB. \$8 a pound for cookies, \$10 for candy.

GILLET: Santa's Workshop, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, 101 W. Main St. Crafts and vendors' goods, bucket raffles.

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GILLET: Christmas in the Park, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Zippel Park, 150 McKenzie St. Santa visits with children in Expo Hall 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., kids activities, face painting, balloon animals, reindeer games. Caroling 4:45 p.m., lighting of displays and fireworks 5 p.m.

BONDUEL: Christmas in Bonduel, noon to 5 p.m. Santa (sponsored by the Bonduel Lions Club) arrives at the Lumberyard Bar and Grill at noon. Petting zoo and wagon rides available. Activities around the community with tree lighting at 4 p.m. at Village Park.

SHAWANO: Merry Mielke Trivia Challenge, 1-4 p.m., Mielke Arts Center, N5649 N. Airport Road. Hosted by Box in the Wood Theatre Guild.

SHAWANO: Saturdays with Santa, 2-4 p.m., The Naborhood Santa House, 214 S. Main St. Milk and cookies with Santa and the FFA elves.

LENA: Village of Lights, 5-7 p.m., Village Hall, 117 E. Main St. Reindeer Dash 5K run, 4:45 p.m. Tree lighting and Santa arrival, 5 p.m. Horse-drawn wagon rides 5-7 p.m.

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SHAWANO: Nativity Walk, 10 a.m. to noon, First Presbyterian Church, 100 W. Presbyterian St. Sanctuary will be transformed with approximately 600 Nativity sets from throughout the world. Open to

the public, free-will donations accepted.

ABRAMS: "Suessical The Musical," 1 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. Presented by Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. Tickets \$19 for adults and \$17 for senior citizens, youths and veterans at abramstheater.com or 920-826-5852.

PULASKI: The Harmony of Christmas, 2 p.m., Assumption BVM Church, 125 E. Pulaski St. Soprano Dominika Zamara performs accompanied by the Pulaski High School Concert Choir.

MONDAY, DEC. 9

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.

ABRAMS: Machickanee Cross Country Ski Club meeting, 7 p.m., Town Hall, 5877 Main St.

TUESDAY, DEC. 10

KESHENA: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m. Omaeqnome-newak Wetohkatikamek Center, 2700 Mianaceqtawak Road. Information: Mindy Thunder at 715-799-3835 or mthunder@mitw.org.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11

ABRAMS: Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. Silent Auction, noon, abramstheater.com. Ends at 8 p.m. Dec. 15.

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WITTENBERG: Festival of Trees ticketed grand opening, 6-9 p.m., WOWSPACE, 114 Vinal St. Tickets \$20 includes two cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, available at Tavern Front Wittenberg, Refuel Nation and ticketbud.com.

THURSDAY, DEC. 12

GILLET: Community Market, 5-7 p.m., Gillett Public Library, 200-204 E. Main St.

NAVARINO: Santa's Winter Wonderland, 5-7 p.m., Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. \$10 per family. Photos with Santa, lighted Christmas trails, children's activities.

OCONTO: American Legion Post 74 meeting, 6 p.m., Cop-pertown Bar and Grill Banquet Facility, 818 Main St.

ABRAMS: "Suessical The Musical," 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Theater, 5852 Maple St. Presented by Abrams Spotlight Productions Inc. Tickets \$19 for adults and \$17 for senior citizens, youths and veterans at abramstheater.com or 920-826-5852.

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can play like any little kid should be able to play, a young woman who owns a head spa salon, and a restaurateur adding a Puerto Rican flair to a Midwestern establishment. All fascinating people.

These examples, along with all those gals at the craft party, left me with a sweet optimism that this world holds so many wonderful people who care and

want to bring their own beauty and vision to God's good earth, making it a better place for all.

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("Christ gave these gifts to prepare God's holy people for the work of serving, to make the body of Christ stronger." Ephesians 4:12)

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

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While folks string lights and hang ornaments this year, they should make sure to also keep safety top of mind. While the addition of candles, a Christmas tree and decorations spread cheer, they can also bring some hazards.

“As a dedicated holiday decorating enthusiast, I always keep safety first,” said Dr. Cynthia Fisher, ThedaCare family medicine physician. “I encourage everyone to do the same as they embrace the fun and joy of this tradition.”

Fire risks ramp up during the holiday season for multiple reasons. These can include increased use of candles, flammable seasonal decorations, frayed cords and unsafe cooking practices.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, nearly one in five Christmas tree fires start due to lamps or bulbs, and 8% result from

use of candles. Fires also increase during the season due to increased fireplace use and spending more time in the kitchen.

Follow these tips to keep your home safe from fires:

- Inspect holiday lights before you put them up. Replace light sets with broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires or loose connections.
- Turn off holiday lights before going to bed or when you leave the house.
- Don’t use indoor lights outdoors and vice versa.
- Never nail, tack or stress wiring when hanging lights. Keep plugs off the ground, away from puddles and snow.
- Don’t overload extension cords.
- Keep candles away from flammable materials. Place candles at least 12 inches away from anything that burns to ensure children or pets cannot reach them. Never leave candles unattended.
- If using a live tree, cut off about two inches of the trunk to expose fresh wood for better water absorption. Water it daily, and remove it from your home when it’s dry.
- Place your tree at least 3 feet away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources. Ensure doorways are not blocked.
- When cooking or baking, don’t leave the stove unattended. Periodically check the oven to ensure nothing has spilled.

“It’s also important to make sure your home has working smoking detectors, especially near sleeping areas,” Fisher said.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reports 160 people are injured daily during the holiday season, with most incidents involving falls.

“Falls can increase this time of year for lots of reasons,” Fisher said. “In addition to inclement weather, people may work with equipment they might not normally use, such as ladders.”

When using a ladder, make sure it has stable placement, and wear shoes that allow for good traction. Losing your balance on a ladder can cause you to jump versus fall. This could lead to serious orthopedic injuries. If using a ladder at a high height, consider placing crash pads or mats alongside the ladder. Ladders should extend at least 3 feet above your roof or the surface to which you’re attaching lights.

Don’t stand on your toes or the top rung of the ladder. The second rung from the top is as high as you should climb on a step ladder. If you’re at increased risk for falls, consider skipping climbing ladders. Instead, opt for other types of decorating.

Don’t stand on tables or chairs when decorating. Clear pathways of trip hazards, such as clutter, power cords or extra furniture. Fix uneven walkways and steps inside and outside the home.

It’s wonderful to experience the holidays through the eyes of a child. As they take in the joy, ensure young ones stay safe. Risks can include trips and falls around cords, choking hazards with small decorations, cuts from breakable objects and burns.

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Holiday toy tips: Consider safety and avoid scams

Shopping for gifts this holiday season? There are many factors to consider when searching for the perfect present, especially when the recipient is a child. The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) encourages shoppers to keep safety in mind while searching for the best holiday deals.

When buying for a young child either in-person or online, always check for potential hazards. Look on the packaging or for information posted online about product warnings and age grading. Taking a few moments to review labels might reveal:

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alone. Examine products before purchasing to identify any potential unlabeled hazards such as projectiles, small batteries and the risk of breaking or splintering. Toys can sometimes present unexpected danger. Even if your gift will be given to an older child, ask yourself whether a younger child who also lives in the household might access it. Lastly, consider including safety gear with your gift, like a helmet with a

bike or scooter. Every year, many consumers face the common struggle of finding the year's most popular toys still in stock. If your search takes you online, be aware that scammers may take advantage of your gift-giving spirit. Be cautious of unfamiliar websites and sellers, and verify familiar websites are really the platform they appear to be – especially if they advertise popular prod-

ucts at uncommonly low prices. Fake and imposter websites use these tactics to trick you into "buying" an out-of-stock product, but chances are you won't receive anything and will just send money and your payment information to a scammer. Never enter your payment information before confirming a website is legitimate, and be skeptical of third-party sellers of otherwise out-of-stock items.



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Shawano/Bonduel boys hockey opens season with wins over Chequamegon, Rhinelander

Nov. 30
Shawano/Bonduel 8, Chequamegon/Phillips/Butternut 2

Seven players found the net as Shawano/Bonduel scored four goals in each of the first two periods to defeat Chequamegon/Phillips/Butternut 8-2 at the Crawford Center.

Gavin Hundt, the only player with more than one goal, got both of his in the first period. He opened the scoring just 31 seconds into the game with an assist from Jeremy Helmuth. Chequamegon tied the score just 28 seconds later.

Hundt and Helmuth then assisted on a goal by Blake Swedberg at 8:45 to put Shawano back in the lead, a portion they never relinquished again. Waylon Snider scored at 12:10 with help from Wyatt Schroeder, and Hundt had his second goal at 14:55 with help from Max Huntington and Swedberg to put Shawano up 4-1.

The second period was all Shawano.

Huntington scored at 1:10 with an assist from Snider. Kielian Armbuster scored at 7:08 with another assist from Helmuth. Cameron Schroeder scored at 9:31 with a Swedberg assist, and Helmuth scored at 13:09 with an assist from Hundt.

The Eagles picked up their second goal in the third period.

On the penalty side of things, Chequamegon was called for five infractions and served 10 minutes. Shawano had four fouls for eight minutes.

Working in the net for Shawano/Bonduel was Kaiden Thornborrow, who had eight saves.

Eau Claire North 13, Antigo 0

The Antigo/Wittenberg-Birnamwood co-op boys hockey team ended the weekend with a disappointing 13-0 shutout at the hands of Eau Claire North.

The Huskies connected on seven goals in the first period and three more in each of the next two stanzas.

Antigo was called for five penalties for 10 minutes, while Eau Claire North was penalized three times for six minutes.

Richie Veriha worked the net for the Red Robins and had 29 saves.

**Nov. 29
Somerset 11, Antigo 1**

Antigo opened play at Somerset with an 11-1 loss to the host Spartans.

Trailing 1-0, Eli Kassler tied the score at 7:11 in the first period. From there, the Spartans added two



Jeremy Helmuth zeroes in on the puck at the Crawford Center on Nov. 26. Helmuth scored a short-handed goal at 11:14 in the third period. He was one of five Shawano/Bonduel players to score in the 5-1 win over Rhinelander.

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Shawano/Bonduel's Gavin Hundt (53) looks as if he is engulfed by a Rhinelander opponent. Hundt led the team with one goal and two assists.

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Celebrating with their coaches and managers after beating Rhinelander are Gavin Hundt (53), Blake Swedberg (12) and Cameron Schroeder (15).

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more in the first period, two in the second and six in the third.

Antigo players were called for nine penalties for 18 minutes, while Somerset had three infractions for six minutes.

Richie Veriha was busy in the net for Antigo, as he racked up 47 saves. Carson Belisle had eight for Somerset.

**Nov. 26
Shawano/Bonduel 5, Rhinelander 1**

It took until the second period for Shawano/Bonduel and Rhinelander

skaters to shake off the rust and finally start to connect on their shots in the opening game of the 2024-25 boys hockey season.

Shawano won 5-1 at the Crawford Center, with each goal coming from a different player.

Both teams had eight shots in the first period, which ended still in a 0-0 tie.

In the second period, Gavin Hundt scored Shawano's first goal of the year 59 seconds in with assists from Blake Swedberg

and Cameron Schroeder. Max Huntington scored a goal at 9:42 with help from Michael Dillenburg to put Shawano up 2-0 going into the final period.

The Hodags scored at 5:43 in the third period, after which Shawano scored three times.

Swedberg scored on a power play at 8:41 with help from Hundt. Jeremy Helmuth scored a short-handed goal at 11:14, and Schroeder scored with an assist from Hundt at 15:27.

Kaiden Thornborrow

recorded 22 saves for Shawano, and Rhinelander's Asher Rivord had 21.

Rhinelanders were penalized five times for 10 minutes, while Shawano was called for four infractions for 11 minutes.

Wausau East/Merrill United 7, Antigo 1

Antigo's hockey team, with players also from Wittenberg-Birnamwood, lost their season opener 7-1 to Wausau East/Merrill United in Antigo.

Trailing 2-0 after the first period, Antigo's

only score came from Eli Kassler at 0:51 in the second period.

The visitors scored three more goals in the second period and two more in the third to seal the win.

Connor Burton made 21 saves for the Red Robins. Richie Veriha had 24 for the visiting team.

Antigo was penalized three times for six minutes, and Wausau East/Merrill United was called for four infractions for eight minutes.

Ice Bears win all 3 games in Baldwin

**Nov. 30
Bay Area 6, St. Croix Valley 1**

The Bay Area Ice Bears won all three games at a tournament in Baldwin over the Thanksgiving Day weekend.

The Ice Bears beat the St. Croix Valley Fusion 6-1 for the title.

Scoring for the Ice Bears were Emily Bill, Faye Brunke, Ava McDonald (twice), Olympia Simons and Briana Anundsen. The team scored twice in each period.

The Ice Bears were penalized five times for 10 minutes, while the Fusion were called for five infractions for 12 minutes.

Reese Spielung worked the net for the Ice Bears and had 10 saves. Anna Woolley had 27 for the Fusion.

**Nov. 29
Bay Area 3, Black River Falls 0**

The Ice Bears shut out Black River Falls 3-0 to close out play Nov. 29.

Julianna Bradford scored on a power play with an assist from Tiana Stindt at 4:56 in the first period. Emily Bill fol-

lowed up with an even strength goal at 6:59.

Bill scored a second time at 1:34 in the third period with an assist from Bradford.

Black River Falls was penalized six times for 12 minutes. The Ice Bears were called for two infractions for six minutes.

Payton Huntington had 10 saves for the Ice Bears, and Alexa Moore had 20 for Black River Falls.

Bay Area 1, Western Wisconsin 0

The Bay Area Ice Bears opened their 2024-25 season with a 1-0 win over the Western Wisconsin Stars at a tournament in Baldwin.

With the team getting 32 shots on goal, the Ice Bears' Ava McDonald connected on one at 5:42 in the second period for the game's only score.

The Ice Bears were penalized four times for eight minutes, and the Stars were called for three infractions for six minutes.

Payton Huntington had seven saves for the Ice Bears, and Sierra An-dert had 31 for the Stars.

Oconto Falls golfers honored with state award

Four golfers from Oconto Falls High School have been recognized as 2024 Academic All-State honorees by the Wisconsin Golf Coaches Association.

They are Taylor Miller, Olivia Wagner, Kylie Thompson and Addison Kluth.

Students' names are submitted by coaches and must meet the following criteria to be considered for this award:

- The student-athlete

must have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or better.

- The student-athlete must have participated in at least 75% of their team's varsity competitions during the 2024 season.

- The student-athlete must be in good standing regarding athletic and school codes of conduct at their participating schools.

- The student-athlete must be a sophomore, junior or senior.



Members of the Wittenberg-Birnamwood girls basketball team are, from left, Bri Ladika, Harper Rogowski, Rory Salvesen, Faith Resch, Melaina Granquist, Kylee Beversdorf, Ava Brei, Gracie Bushkowsky, Sophia Lemieux and Jayda Moenke. Not pictured is Brianna Krueger, who handled announcing duties prior to the Chargers' 96-20 win over Antigo on Nov. 26.

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Lena's girls basketball team splits games in Rhinelander

**Nov 30
Lena 49, Three Lakes/Phelps 31**

A second-half burst by Lena propelled them to a 49-31 victory over Three Lakes/Phelps at the two-day Tom Kislow Invite in Rhinelander.

Madilyn Thomson led the Wildcats with 17 points, followed by Kali Fischer with 14 and Eva Brooks with 13.

Brooks and Thomson each had nine rebounds, Thomson led with six assists, and Fischer grabbed six steals.

Lena led 16-13 at the break and widened their lead with a 33-18 second half.

Shawano 71, Clintonville 25

**Nov. 29
Crandon 46, Lena 42**

Eva Brooks dropped in 22 points, and Madilyn Thomson added 10, but Lena came up short in a 46-42 loss to Crandon at the Rhinelander invite.

Crandon opened up a 22-16 halftime lead, and Lena's two-point advantage (26-24) in the second half wasn't enough as they

had their only loss of the season.

Brooks paced the Wildcats with 13 rebounds, Hannah Thomson led with four assists, and Madilyn Thomson and Kali Fischer each had a pair of steals.

**Nov. 26
Lena 81, Bowler 27**

Madilyn Thomson scored 22 points as Lena improved to 3-0 with an 81-27 win over Bowler.

Eva Brooks connected on another 19 points, while Kali Fischer scored 11.

The Wildcats wasted little time in jumping all over the Panthers, leading 55-13 at halftime. A 26-14 second half made it a 54-point margin of victory.

Brooks pulled down nine rebounds, and Madilyn Thomson had eight.

Hannah Thomson led Lena with five assists, with Abby Kostreva and Maddy Kushner each adding four.

Madilyn Thomson grabbed six steals. Hannah Thomson and Fischer each had four.

Mosinee 58, Shawano 46

Shawano trailed 32-19 at the half and couldn't come

back enough, as Mosinee returned home with a 58-46 win in the 2024-25 season opener.

The Hawks outscored their guests 27-26 in the second half.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 96, Antigo 20

Wittenberg-Birnamwood coach Nick Mechelke said the Chargers played a great team game against the Red Robins. That's an understatement.

The Chargers were just a pair of baskets away from triple digits as they clobbered Antigo 96-20 in non-conference action.

Melaina Granquist, one of five Wittenberg-Birnamwood girls to score in double digits, led the team with 22 pants. Rory Salvesen scored 22, Harper Rogowski added 19, and Brianna Krueger and Faith Resch each had 11.

Brie Ladika scored eight, Kylee Beversdorf had four, and Sophia Lemieux had one.

The Chargers held a commanding 57-10 lead at the half and outscored the Red Robins 39-10 after the break.

Salvesen led Wittenberg-Birnamwood with five assists, Krueger led with eight rebounds, and Salvesen and Rogowski each had eight steals.

Gillett 52, Wausau East 12

Marion/Tigerton 38, Tri-County 32

Kewaunee 66, Oconto Falls 30

**Nov. 25
Bonduel 44, Sevastopol 30**

Bonduel's girls basketball team defeated Sevastopol 44-30 in a non-conference matchup.

The Bears jumped out to a 25-10 halftime lead and never looked back. Bonduel was led by Audrey Weier with 18 points.

Suring 68, Gibraltar 31

Bunny Cramer scored 33 points to lead Suring over Gibraltar 68-31. Paige Pommerich added 12 for the Eagles. Suring held a commanding 40-12 lead at halftime and added to its margin of victory with a 28-19 second half performance.

Menasha 55, Pulaski 53

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Shawano boys team crushes Clintonville

Nov. 30 Shawano 81, Clintonville 58
Logan Sipple led the Hawks with 31 points as Shawano defeated Clintonville 81-58 over the Thanksgiving Day weekend.
Simple connected on 12-of-20 field goals, including four 3-point baskets. He also made 3-of-4 free throws.
Anderson Schmidt scored 13 points, with Crew Weisnicht getting nine, Jackson Nordin and Will Verkuilen with eight each, Ryan Schwitzer with six, and getting two each were Jerzy Bocker, Ayden Bystol and Parker Beyer.
Sipple pulled down eight rebounds, and Beyer had seven. Verkuilen led with seven assists,

and Beyer had five. Sipple and Bocker each had three steals.
Shawano held a comfortable 42-22 lead at the break and won the second half 39-36.
Nov. 26 Oconto Falls 63, Menominee Nation 61 (OT)
What a way to start the new season.
Oconto Falls had one more basket than Menominee Nation in overtime to claim a 63-61 non-conference win.
The Eagles led 28-26 at the half, but a 30-28 second half by the Panthers left the teams tied at 56-56 at the end of regulation.
Ashwaubenon 86, Shawano 47
Tri-County 58, Marion 36

Athletes earn state volleyball honors

The Wisconsin Volleyball Coaches Association (WCVA) has announced its 2024 WVCA All-State Teams. A total of 226 girls volleyball players statewide represented nearly every conference across all five divisions.
All first team, second team and honorable mention all-state players – as well as all-tournament honorees – are invited to the WVCA Awards Banquet on Dec. 15 at the Monona Terrace in Madison.
Audrey Weier, a senior at Bonduel High

School, was named to the Division 3 first team all-state.
Earning honorable mention status in Division 2 were: Natalie Bystol, a junior from Shawano Community High School; Leah Nordin, also a junior from Shawano; Amber Otto, a senior at Oconto Falls High School; and Lucy Ripley, an Oconto Falls sophomore.
Weier was also named to the WCVA all-tournament team in Division 3. Gracie Buss, a senior from Shawano, was named to the Division 2 team.

Wendorff, Soper named top conference runners

Coming off his seventh place finish at the state cross country meet, Gillett High School junior Bradyn Wendorff was honored as most outstanding runner and named to the Marinette & Oconto Conference first team all-conference boys team, officials announced.
Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy senior Mason Belongia was also named to the first team.
Second team honors were earned by Gillett senior Scott Herroux and Lena/STAA junior Erik Kosch.
For the girls, Gillett sophomore Hope Soper was named most outstanding runner and also named to the first team all-conference. She was joined there by Lena/STAA sophomores Asypynn Anderson and Adrena Rabas.

Second team honors were earned by Gillett junior Sophie Limberg and Suring junior Ginger Gerndt.



Winners of Oconto High School volleyball team awards are, from left, Lucy Ripley, offensive player of the year; Amber Otto, most valuable player; Izzy Otto, service/ace award; and Rylie Shallow, defensive player of the year.

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Oconto Falls athletes earn all-NEC honors

Officials with the North Eastern Conference have announced the names of several all-conference teams, and Oconto Falls players earned several honors.
Golf
Oconto Falls' Taylor Miller, a senior, earned first team honors. Senior Olivia Wagner was named to the second team.
Volleyball

Senior outside hitter Amber Otto, whose season was cut short due to an injury, was named to the first team.
Named to the second team were sophomore outside hitter Ella Vander Velden and sophomore setter Izzy Otto.
Coach Rochell Otto also announced team awards. Izzy Otto earned the service/ace award. Lucy

Ripley was named offensive player of the year, and Rylie Shallow was named defensive player of the year. Amber Otto was named most valuable player.
Girls cross country
Senior Hailey Delzer, a state tournament participant, was named to the first team.
Sophomore Emma Meissner earned second team honors, and honorable

mention status was earned by seniors Ava Hodkiewicz and Josie Holtz.
Boys cross country
Senior Ben Adams made the first team.
Second team honors were earned by senior Evan Yuma, sophomore Isaiah Holtz and senior Griffin Kopke.
Senior Brant Laluzerne earned honorable mention status.

M&O athletes awarded all-conference

Suring High School senior Emma Kristof was named the defensive specialist in the Marinette & Oconto Conference all-conference list for 2024.
Joining here with first team honors were Lena High School seniors Eva Brooks and Peyton Dorow.
Gillett High School sophomore Audrey Pate and Suring sophomore Lexi Remic were named to the second team.
Honorable mention status was earned by Suring freshman Ellayna Skarban.

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Regular business hours will resume Thursday.
Special Holiday Advertising Deadlines for:

Product	Publication Date	Advertising Deadline
Times Herald	Fri, Jan. 3	Noon Thurs, Dec. 26
Shawano Leader	Fri, Jan. 3	Noon Thurs, Dec. 26
Wittenberg Enterprise	Fri, Jan. 3	Noon Thurs, Dec. 26

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Lung cancer possible for non-smokers

While most non-smokers might think they are not at risk for lung cancer, that is not always accurate. While it's true that most cases of the disease are linked to smoking, an estimated 10% to 20% of people with lung cancer have never picked up a cigarette. Nearly 250,000 Americans receive a lung cancer diagnosis each year. Lung cancer is the third-most common cancer in the United States, and it remains the leading cause of cancer death. It's especially important for people with a history of smoking to get screened for lung cancer. At the same time, everyone should know the signs and symptoms of lung cancer. "If something feels

amiss or you're experiencing a new symptom such as cough, shortness of breath or fatigue for a sustained period of time, it's always a good idea to check in with your primary care provider," said Dr. Shaneli Fernando, radiation oncologist with ThedaCare Cancer Care. Each year, approximately 20,000 to 40,000 non-smokers throughout the United States are diagnosed with lung cancer, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). A non-smoker is defined as people who have never smoked or smoked fewer than 100 cigarettes in their lifetime. While some non-smokers develop lung cancer for

no clear reason, researchers attribute many cases to two main culprits: second-hand smoke and radon. Secondhand smoke is defined as exposure to tobacco products. It can cause disease and premature death among people who do not smoke. There's no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke. Even brief exposure can cause immediate harm, the CDC states. Radon is a naturally occurring gas that can leak into homes and is common in Wisconsin. An estimated one in 10 homes in Wisconsin has high radon levels, according to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. The agency recommends people have their

home's radon level tested. If the result comes back high, homeowners can consider installing a radon mitigation system. Factors including air pollution and a family history of lung cancer also can contribute to an increased risk for developing the disease. "Lung cancer symptoms are the same regardless of whether you're a smoker or not," Fernando said. "While the disease often

doesn't have symptoms in its early stages, some people will develop signs." Symptoms include the following: • Coughing: Lung cancer can cause a cough that doesn't go away or gets worse. It also may lead to coughing up bloody or rust-colored phlegm. • Wheezing and shortness of breath: You may develop wheezing — a high-pitched whistle when you breathe, or difficulty drawing a breath. • Infections that don't resolve: This could be a case of bronchitis or pneumonia that doesn't go away or keeps coming back, despite treatment. • Chest pain: The discomfort often worsens with deep breathing,

coughing or laughing. • Hoarseness: Your voice may become quiet or raspy. • Poor appetite and weight loss: You may experience loss of appetite or lose weight without trying. • Feeling tired or weak: You may feel fatigued, even with adequate rest. It can be tricky to pinpoint lung cancer symptoms because many can occur with common illnesses and ailments such as colds, viruses and allergies, Fernando said. "We hope everyone will be aware of their bodies and get medical care for symptoms that are concerning," she said. "Seeing your doctor will help you get the treatment you need."

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

AMENDED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Informal Administration)

Case Number - 24pr70

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Jeffrey Lundmark

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 07/29/1951 and date of death 07/25/2024, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 725 S. Evergreen ST Shawano, WI 54166, USA.

3. All interested persons waived notice. You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate 02/19/2025.

5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N Main St, Shawano, WI Wisconsin Room 202 Probate Office.

Form completed by: James E. Aschenbrenner P.O. Box146, Shawano, WI 54166, USA Phone: 715 524 6258 Bar Number: 1008896

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Notice of Self Storage Sale

All-Stor Self Storage - Shawano located at N5857 Hwy 47-55N/4844 Waukechon SU/1003 Waukechon St., Shawano WI 54166

Please take notice intends to hold a Auction of storage units in default of payment. The sale will occur as an Online Auction via www.storageauctions.com on 12/26/2024 at 10:00AM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials.

Win Fredrick Moore unit #A-02: Mary Prue unit #A-24: Larissa King unit #G-8. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TYLER T. CHANCE SCHREIBER

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)

Case No. 24 PR 73

TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 08/07/1984 and date of death 10/04/2024 , was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin , with a mailing address of N6394 Lake Drive Shawano WI 54166 .

3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is February 19, 2025.

5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street Shawano, WI 54166 , Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office .

Form completed by: Attorney Michael A. Maas Heritage Law Firm, LLC 2050 Riverside Drive Green Bay, WI 54301

920-785-8570

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, OF SHAWANO COUNTY

NOTICE AND ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE

Hailey Fae Kalz

By Savannah Rachelle Peotter

NOTICE and ORDER for Name Chance Hearing

case No.24cv213A

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: Hailey Fae Kalz

To: Hailey Fae Poetter

Birth Certificate: Hailey Fae Kalz

IT IS ORDERED:

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County State of Wisconsin: Judge's name: Judge William Kussel 311 N Main St Shawano WI Date: 01/13/2025 Time: 11:45 a.m.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-526- 9347 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY

Plaintiff: WRHC3 LLC, W5322 Debbie CT Shawano WI 54166 vs. Defendant: Charon Carpenter 802 Sweet ST Shawano, WI 54166

Publication Summons and Notice (Small Claims) Case No 24 SC 00544

Publication Summons and Notice of Filing TO THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. The lawsuit will be heard in the following small claims court: Shawano County Courthouse 715-526-9347 County Board Room, 311 N Main St Shawano, WI 54166 12/10/2024 1:00p.m.

If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court before the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county Ashley Engle 715 853 8371 11/12/24 W5322 Debbie CT Shawano WI 54166

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, OF SHAWANO COUNTY

NOTICE AND ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF:

Jayda Mae Kalz

By Savannah Rachelle Peotter

NOTICE and ORDER for Name Chance Hearing

case No.24cv213B

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

FROM: Jayda Mae Kalz

TO: Jayda Mae Poetter

Birth Certificate: Jayda Mae Kalz

IT IS ORDERED:

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County State of Wisconsin: Judge's name: Judge William Kussel 311 N Main St Shawano WI Date: 01/13/2025 Time: 11:45 a.m.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-526- 9347 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

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LEGAL NOTICE

ONEIDA FAMILY COURT NOTICE OF HEARING

RE: Case #24CU024

Lila Denny vs. Cheyenne Starr, Lela Kaquatosh and Brandon Jourdan

A diligent attempt was made to notify the above Respondent/Mother of a Petition to Establish Third Party Legal Custody filed by Petitioner. A hearing shall take place on Monday, March 17, 2025 at 1:30 pm in the above captioned case at the Oneida Family Court office located at 2630 West Mason Street, Green Bay, WI 54303.

Inquiries for additional information may be directed to: Oneida Family Court PO Box 19 Oneida WI 54155 (920) 496-7200

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Rose Marie Benotch By (Petitioner) Rose Marie Benotch By (Co-Petitioner)

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: Rose Marie Benotch To: Alex Lappen Benotch

Birth Certificate: Rose Marie Benotch

IT IS ORDERED:

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Judge Sloma Place: Shawano County Courthouse, Br.1, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166 January 7, 2024 8:15 a.m. If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-526-9347 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation. WNAXLP

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Mary J. Murawski

D.O.D. 08/22/2024

Order Setting Time to Hear Petition for Administration and Deadline for Filing Claims (Formal Administration)

Case No. 24 PR 69

A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.

THE COURT FINDS: The decedent, with date of birth 12/14/1946 and date of death 08/22/24 was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin with a mailing address of W5449 Lakewood Court Shawano, WI 54166

THE COURT ORDERS:

1.The Petition be heard at the Shawano County Courthouse 311 Main ST Shawano, WI Branch 1, before Circuit Court Judge Katherine Sloma on 01/27/2025 at 9:00 am.

You do not appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.

2.The deadline for filling a claim against the decedent's estate is Feburuary13, 2025.

3. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse 311 Main ST Shawano, WI, Wisconsin Room 202 Register in Probate Office.

4. Heirship will be determined at the hearing on petitions for final judgment.

5.Publication of this notice is notice to any persons whose names and addresses are unknown.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT BROWN COUNTY

CIVIL DIVISION

BCG Equities, LLC 225 S. Executive Dr. Brookfield WI 53005

Plaintiff, vs. Case No.: 2024CV001484 Classification Code: 30301 The amount claimed is over \$10,000.

JANESSA EDWARDS W2673 CHIEF JOSETTE ST KESHENA WI 54135 Defendant.

PUBLICATION SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, To the person named above as a defendant: You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within 40 (forty) days after 11/22/2024, you must respond with a written 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 100 S JEFFERSON STREET COURT GREEN BAY, WI 54305 and to Dobberstein Law Firm, LLC, the plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 225 S. Executive Drive, Brookfield, Wisconsin 53005. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not provide a proper answer within 40 (forty) days, 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 also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Dated this 11/7/2024 day of 11/7/2024 .

DOBBERSTEIN LAW FIRM, LLC Attorneys for the plaintiff

Electronically signed by Jillian E Caggiano Jillian E Caggiano State Bar No. 1101032

MAILING ADDRESS: 225 S. Executive Dr. Brookfield, WI 53005 (262) 641-3715

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing 55 Beattie Place, Suite 110 Greenville, SC 29601 Plaintiff, vs. Lee J. Nicholas 501 S Washington St Shawano, WI 54166-2860 Jane Doe Nicholas 501 S Washington St Shawano, WI 54166-2860 Cottonwood Financial WI LLC DBA The Cash Store c/o CT Corporation System, Registered Agent 301 S Bedford St Ste 1 Madison, WI 53703 The United States of America c/o US Attorney 517 East Wisconsin Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53202 & c/o US Attorney General 950 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Rm B-103 Washington, DC 20530-0001 State of Wisconsin c/o Attorney General 114 East State Capitol Madison, WI 53703 Defendants.

PUBLICATION SUMMONS Case No. 24-CV-000195

The Honorable Katherine Sloma

Case Code 30404 (Foreclosure of Mortgage) The amount claimed exceeds \$10,000.00

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN To each person named above as a defendant: You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. Within 40 days after November 22, 2024 you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, WI 54166-2145 and to Gray & Associates, L.L.P., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 16345 West Glendale Drive, New Berlin, WI 53151-2841. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not demand a copy of the complaint within 40 days, 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 also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated this 13th day of November, 2024. Gray & Associates, L.L.P. Attorneys for Plaintiff Ian J. Thomson State Bar No. 1076280 Case No. 24-CV-000195 16345 West Glendale Drive New Berlin, WI 53151-2841 (414) 224-1987

Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.

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Advisory forecast should be viewed before spreading manure

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

The tool helps determine the potential for manure runoff from a field, depending on weather conditions and soil temperature. Users can access it at <http://www.manureadvisorysystem.wi.gov/runoffrisk/index>.

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

“When applying manure, it is important to have a nutrient management plan that accurately identifies appropriate application rates and locations for spreading,” said Mark Witecha, DATCP soil and watershed conservation section manager. “The runoff risk advisory forecast can help farmers make more informed decisions and mitigate runoff potential by helping determine when the best time to spread is based on both current field conditions and short-term weather forecasts.”

For information about nutrient management planning, visit https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/Nutrient-Management.aspx.

Farmers should contact their crop consultant or county land conservation office for help identifying alternatives to high-risk spreading. Larger farms with a permit can also reach out to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. These professionals can help identify fields where the risk is lower as well as alternative practices, such as stacking manure in a safe location.

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

“Operator error accounts for a large share of the manure spills and incidents that occur between the farm and the field where manure is being applied,” said Kevin Erb, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension conservation professional training program manager. “Taking the time to be safe and maintaining your equipment are two ways to reduce the risk of an accidental manure spill. An accidental spill is not illegal, but failing to properly report and clean it up is.”

All agriculture and livestock operations must report spills or runoff that have the potential to impact surface or groundwater to the DNR’s 24-hour emergency spills hotline at 800-943-0003. Information about planning and prevention is available at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/agbusiness/manurespills.html>.

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2024

Readers Poll

Deadline: January 20, 2025

BALLOT #1

BEST OF SHAWANO LEADER 2024

Best Goods:

☐ Appliances

☐ Carpet/Flooring

☐ Farm and Feed Store

☐ Flower Shop

☐ Furniture/Home Accessories

☐ Grocery Store

☐ Gift Store/Antiques

☐ Hardware

☐ Health Food

☐ Jewelry

☐ Men's Clothing

☐ Women's Clothing

☐ Paint Store

☐ Pet Grooming & Boarding

☐ Plant/Nursery

Best Services:

☐ A/C & Heating

☐ Attorney

☐ Bank

☐ Butcher/Meat Shop

☐ Child Care/Daycare

☐ Chiropractor

☐ Credit Union

☐ Dentist

☐ Electrician

☐ Fitness Center

☐ Gas Station/C-store

☐ Hair Salon/Barber

☐ Insurance Agency

☐ Massage

☐ Pharmacy

☐ Plumber

☐ Real Estate Company

☐ Retirement Community

☐ Travel Agency

☐ Veterinarian

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2024

Readers Poll

Deadline: January 20, 2025

BALLOT #2

BEST OF SHAWANO LEADER 2024

Best Thing To Do:

☐ Casino

☐ Cheese Factory

☐ Happy Hour/Night Spot

☐ Hotel/Motel/Resort

☐ Live Music

☐ Museum

☐ Golf Course

☐ Campground

Best Vehicle Services:

☐ ATV Store

☐ Auto Body Repair

☐ Auto Parts/Supply Store

☐ Boat Dealer/Maintenance

☐ Car Dealer

☐ Vehicle Service Center

☐ Car Wash

☐ Tire Store

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ENTRY FORM

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Clip & Mail Your Ballots To: Shawano Leader Attn: Best Of

1464 E. Green Bay St., Shawano WI 54166

e-mail: advertising@newmedia-wi.com

Deadline: January 20, 2025

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No purchase necessary to win.

Monthly milk production per Wisconsin ow up 5 pounds from last year

Milk production in Wisconsin during October totaled 2.69 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous October, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service Milk Production report.

The average number of milk cows during October, at 1.27 million head, was unchanged from last month but down 4,000 from October 2023. Monthly production per cow averaged 2,125 pounds, up five pounds from last

October. Milk production in the 24 major states during October totaled 18.0 billion pounds, up 0.4% from October 2023. September revised production, at 17.5 billion pounds, was up 0.5% from September 2023.

11/29 & 12/6 /2024

The Town of Green Valley, Shawano County

Request for Bids

The Town of Green Valley, Shawano County, requests bids to add 1.5" of blacktop wear surface to Shawano Line Road in the spring of 2025.

Scope of work will be:

1. Spot repair of current binder mat as needed

2. Prep current binder mat and make ready for new wear surface mat

3. Add gravel shoulders

Please show pricing per line item. Work to be completed by 6/15/2025. The Town of Green Valley reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Send bids to: Town of Green Valley, Janalee Jenerou Clerk, W977 Shawano Line Rd, Gillett WI 54124. Bids will be opened at the Town Board meeting on December 18, 2024 at 6PM at the Community Center N1734 Hwy E, Cecil WI 54111.

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Readers Poll

Deadline: January 20, 2025

BALLOT #3

Best Food/Dining:

☐ Bakery

☐ Bar

☐ Breakfast

☐ Burger

☐ Coffee House

☐ Dessert

☐ Dinner

☐ Family Restaurant

☐ Fast Food

☐ Fish Fry

☐ Ice Cream

☐ International

☐ Lunch

☐ Pizza

☐ Sandwich

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Attn: Best Of

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e-mail: advertising@newmedia-wi.com

Deadline: January 20, 2025

•A minimum of 10 categories on ballot must be completed in order for your vote to count to be eligible to win prizes.

No purchase necessary to win.

11.29 & 12.6

PUBLIC WORKS WATER/SEWER OPERATOR POSITION

The City of Shawano is looking to fill a full-time position for a Public Works Water/Sewer Operator. Standard working hours are Monday through Friday from 7 AM to 3 PM. Applicants must be available for possible overtime and on-call. The position offers a wage of \$29.25 per hour, depending upon qualifications, plus benefits. Employees must either already have or be able to obtain a CDL License within 90 days of employment.

A full job description and application form are available on the City website at www.cityofshawano.com.

This position will remain open for applications until filled, with the first review of applications to occur on December 13, 2024. To be considered with the first round, applications must be received at the address below by **December 13, 2024, at 11:00 AM**.

Please send completed application packets, which include the application, cover letter, and 3 references to:

Shawano City Hall

Attn: Lisa Bruette

127 S. Sawyer Street

Shawano, WI 54166

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12/6 & 12/13/2024

Notice of the Town of Belle Plaine Special Meeting

December 17, 2024, 6:30 P.M.

Belle Plaine Community Center

TOWN OF BELLE PLAINE ORDINANCE REAFFIRMING AND, AS MAY BE NECESSARY, AMENDING THE TOWN OF BELLE PLAINE ZONING DISTRICT MAP TO ESTABLISH THAT TAX PARCEL 10332400100 IS ZONED GENERAL AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.

There has been some confusion as to the zoning district classification of Tax Parcel 01332400100 that arose from a proposed zoning map prepared by Shawano County that mistakenly identified the parcel as Residential District. This proposed ordinance is intended to clarify that the parcel is zoned General Agricultural.

The Town Plan Commission will review the proposed ordinance. It will then make its recommendation to the Town Board. The Town Board, after considering the recommendation, will take action to either adopt the proposed ordinance, amend the proposed ordinance or reject the proposed ordinance. A copy of the proposed ordinance and a map are available for review in the clerk's office during work hours.

Kristine Vomastic Clerk

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11/29 & 12/6/ 2024

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO BIDDERS

CITY OF SHAWANO, WISCONSIN

2025 CIP STREET & UTILITY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

ESTIMATE OF QUANTITIES

1,320 LF of Sanitary Sewer w/ Manholes

1,330 LF of Watermain

34 EA Sanitary Laterals & 34 EA Water Services

220 LF of Storm Sewer w/ Catch Basins

2,600 LF of Concrete Curb and Gutter

12,500 SF of Concrete Sidewalk/Driveway

5,400 SY of HMA Pavement

3 Blocks of Street Grading & Lawn Restoration

Bids for furnishing the above estimate of quantities will be received and accepted by the City of Shawano Department of Public Works (DPW) **ONLY** through QuestCDN.com via their electronic VirtuBid™ online bid service. A virtual bid opening meeting utilizing Zoom™ will be held at the day and time of the bid closing. Below is the bid closing and meeting opening information:

City of Shawano DPW – 2025 CIP Street & Utility Reconstruction Project Virtual Bid Opening

QuestCDN Number: 9420025

Tuesday, December 17th, 2024, 10:00 am Central Time Zone

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88161210774?pwd=SON1GkuOrufpgz40S5b6uuEunQkgEs.1>

Meeting ID: 881 6121 0774

Passcode: 344952

Complete sets of Bidding Documents may be obtained in PDF electronic format by download from the Quest Construction Data Network website, QuestCDN Number: 9420025. All bidders shall bid in accordance with and through QuestCDN.com via their electronic VirtuBid™ online bid service.

The City of Shawano requires Bidders to be pre-qualified for this project in accordance with the Wisconsin Statutes 66.29(2). Qualifications shall be emailed to mpleshek@cityofshawano.com at the DPW office not less than 5 working days prior to the bid deadline. The Owner's decision as to the qualifications shall be final.

A bid bond payable to the City of Shawano in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid shall accompany each bid as a guarantee, that if the bid is accepted, the Bidder will execute and file the Contract, Performance and Payment Bonds, and the Insurance Certificate within ten (10) days after the receipt of the Notice of Award by the City. If the bidder fails to file such a Contract and Bonds within the time set forth above, the Bid Bond shall be forfeited to the City as liquidated damages.

The City of Shawano Common Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informalities in bidding, or to accept the bid which best serves the interest of the City. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after the scheduled opening of bids without the consent of the City.

Published by the authority of the City of Shawano, Wisconsin.

BY: Bruce Milavitz, Mayor

Lesley Nemetz, City Clerk

Matt Pleshek, City Engineer

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Protect yourself from holiday scams

During the winter holidays, many Wisconsinites exchange gifts to bring joy and show their appreciation for others. Unfortunately, scammers also know that gift buying and giving is a holiday tradition and will try to take advantage of consumers' good intentions.

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is asking consumers to remain on

alert for common holiday scams.

Have you received a text message about a failed or delayed package delivery? Knowing that many consumers make their holiday purchases online, scammers send these texts and emails hoping you will click on the link they send. But opening that link will direct you to a convincing copy of a real delivery company's website that asks for your personal in-

formation or an additional "shipping fee."

- DATCP's tips: To check the status of a delivery, go directly to the delivery company's or retailer's website. Don't click the links in a text or email.

An online marketplace like craigslist, eBay or Facebook Marketplace allows users to buy and sell products directly with each other. Whether you are selling or buying, be wary if a user asks you to

pay upfront, requests you move your conversation to text messages or another platform or says they need you to send them a security code – which could give them access to your private accounts.

- DATCP's tips: Keep conversations on the platform they started on. Never send anyone a security code sent to you, for any reason.

Scammers create fake versions of common retail-

ers' websites, then try to trick consumers into making "purchases" on the fraudulent platform. They may use ads, social media posts, emails or text messages to draw users in. By making a "purchase" on a fake website, you are sending money to a scammer and giving them your payment information, which could lead to further fraudulent charges or even identity theft.

- DATCP's tips: Never

open a link you are sent, even for a familiar site. Instead type the address directly into your browser. Before entering any information, closely examine a website's address for unusual phrasing or incorrect spelling, and confirm that "https" (not "http") is at the beginning of the address before entering personal information like your password or credit card number. The "s" stands for "secure."

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Dec. 1
Deputies responded to 17 incidents, including trespassing on Old 47 Road in Bonduel; one welfare check; one reckless driving incident; two crashes, one involving deer.

Nov. 30
Deputies responded to 22 incidents, including a fire assist on Ho Chunk Road in Wittenberg and a fire assist near state Highways 29 and 160 in the Town of Angelica; three reckless driving incidents; one welfare check; two 911 calls; one crash.

Nov. 29
Deputies responded to 34 incidents, including animal bites on School House Road in the village of Tigerton and on Belle Plaine Road in the Town

of Belle Plaine; property damage on Maple View Road in the Town of Lessor; a disturbance on North Main Street in Shawano; four reckless driving incidents; one welfare check; three 911 calls; two crashes.

Nov. 28
Deputies responded to 27 incidents, including attempted burglary on Wolf River Road in Shawano; operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated near state Highway 22 and East Freeborn Street in Cecil and on state Highway 29 in the Town of Belle Plaine; four reckless driving incidents; two welfare checks; two 911 calls; two crashes.

Nov. 27
Deputies responded to 32 incidents, including a sick animal near state Highway 29 and County Road U in Shawano; two 911 calls; four

crashes, two involving deer.

Nov. 26
Deputies responded to 26 incidents, including operating without a license on state Highway 29 in the Town of Waukechon; warrant on South Cecil Street in Bonduel; sick animal on West Vinal Street in Wittenberg; warrant attempt at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano; animal bite on Cherry Road in the Town of Hutchins; two 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; one welfare check; five crashes, three involving deer.

Nov. 25
Deputies responded to 12 incidents, including a warrant attempt at North Star Casino, W12180 County Road A in the Town of Bartelme; two reckless driving incidents; two crashes involving deer.

Nov. 24
Deputies responded to 39 incidents, including a sick animal on state Highway 55 in the Town of Maple Grove; trespassing on Timber Lane in the Town of Almon; found property on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; trespassing on Maple Avenue in the Town of Richmond; animal bite on Broadway Road in the Town of Hartland; one 911 call; four reckless driving incidents; four welfare checks; six crashes, two involving deer.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dec. 1
Officers responded to 12 incidents, including a K-9 call on East Richmond Street; an overdose on East Center Street; two crashes.

Nov. 30
Officers responded to 21

incidents, including disorderly conduct on Airport Road; trespassing on Acorn Street; property theft on West Picnic Street; lost property on Sawyer Street; disorderly conduct on Woodlawn Drive; animal neglect on East Fifth Street.

Nov. 29
Report not received by press time.

Nov. 28
Officers responded to nine incidents, including a scam on Alpine Road; a sex offense near North Main Street and Alpine Drive; trespassing on South Franklin Street;

Nov. 27
Officers responded to 23 incidents, including fraud on East Green Bay Street; found property on Waukechon Street; reckless driving on state Highways 29 and 22; car property damage on East

Green Bay Street; property theft on South Washington Street; one crash.

Nov. 26
Officers responded to 22 incidents, including shoplifting at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.; scam on South Andrews Street; counterfeit at People's Express South, 716 S. Main St.; found property at Huckleberry Harbor; restraining order violation on South Hamlin Street; three crashes.

Nov. 25
Report not received by press time.

Nov. 24
Officers responded to 18 incidents, including a juvenile problem on Acorn Street; assisting the fire department on Prospect Circle; repossession on Engel Drive; one 911 call; one traffic hazard; one welfare check.

COURT NEWS

- Mendell Stokes, 51, Kaukauna, pleaded no contest Nov. 25 to felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor charge of operating while revoked. Judge

William Kussel Jr. levied fines and sentenced him to 120 days in county jail.

- Matthew E. Kaercher, 33, Green Bay, pleaded no contest Nov. 27 to three

counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor charge of operating while revoked. Judge Katherine Sloma levied fines and sentenced him to 120 days

in county jail.

- Sharon J. Rockman, 38, a Wittenberg woman serving time at Taycheedah Correctional Institution in Fond du Lac, pleaded no contest Nov. 25 to four counts of felony bail jumping and misdemeanor charges of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (third offense) and operating while revoked. Kussel levied fines and sentenced her to 180 days in county jail.

- Joshua M. Healy, 39, Tigerton, pleaded no contest Nov. 26 to felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct. Kussel levied fines and sentenced him to 120 days already served in county jail.

- Kellie J. Bohm, 40, Shawano, was charged Nov. 25 with three counts of felony bail jumping. Kussel set a \$2,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Feb. 3.

- Jacob M. Hince, 33, Caledonia, was charged Nov. 25 with second-degree recklessly endangering safety and a misdemeanor count of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (third offense). Kussel set a \$5,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Feb. 4.

- Wendi S. Lenzner, 49, Antigo, was charged Nov. 25 with possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a felony. Kussel

set a \$2,500 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Feb. 11.

- Rupert L. Welch, 59, Wittenberg, was charged Nov. 25 with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fifth or sixth offense) and a misdemeanor count of operating while revoked. Kussel set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Jan. 30.

- Maeghan M. Bouressa, 33, Tigerton, was charged Nov. 25 with battery or threat to a law officer and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct. Kussel set a \$5,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Feb. 11.

12/6/2024

CITY OF SHAWANO
APPLICATION FOR LICENSE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following has applied for a license in the City of Shawano. The application will be acted upon at the December 11, 2024, City of Shawano Common Council meeting at Shawano City Hall, 127 South Sawyer Street, Shawano, WI.

Name and address of applicant:

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Lesley Nemetz
City Clerk
City of Shawano

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12/6 & 12/13, 2024

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Invitation for Bid (IFB)
for
Purchase and Installation of Equipment Package on Two Single Axle Plow Trucks

IFB 2024-01

The Menominee County Highway Department is requesting sealed bids from responsible bidders until Thursday, December 19, 2024, @ 3:00 p.m. CST. The purpose of this IFB is to solicit sealed bids from qualified equipment builders capable of procuring and installing a front plow, wing, box, spreader, hydraulics, controller, light package, and other accessories for two single axle trucks MCHD has purchased and expect to have delivered on December 16, 2024. This work must be completed on or before March 31, 2026.

Bids received after 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 19, 2024, will not be opened or considered. A pre-bid conference will be held on Monday, December 9, 2024, @ 11:00 a.m. CST at the Highway Department - Conference Room located at W2703 Chief Carron Road, Keshena, Wisconsin, 54135. Bids will be publicly opened on Friday, December 20, 2024, at 11:45 a.m. CST. The Highway Committee will formally review all bids and award the project on or about Thursday, January 9, 2025.

A copy of the invitation for bid can be obtained by contacting the Highway Commissioner, at 715-799-3369, jhorton@co.menominee.wi.us, or by checking the County's website at www.co.menominee.wi.us under the Departments-Highway link. — Jim Horton, Highway Commissioner, Menominee County, WI

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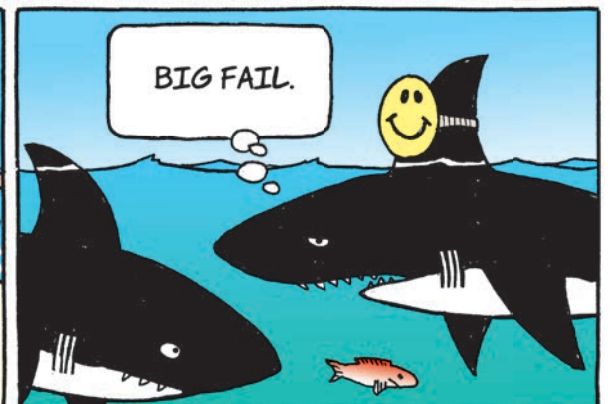
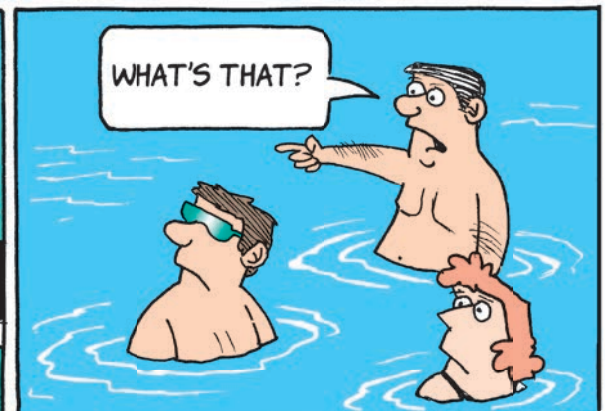
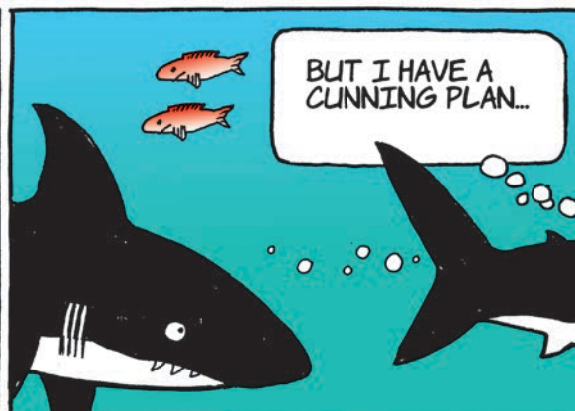
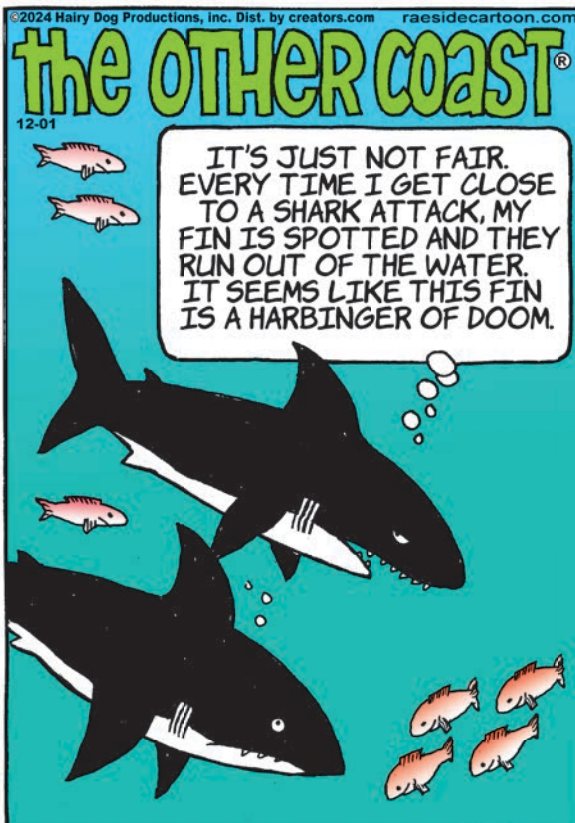


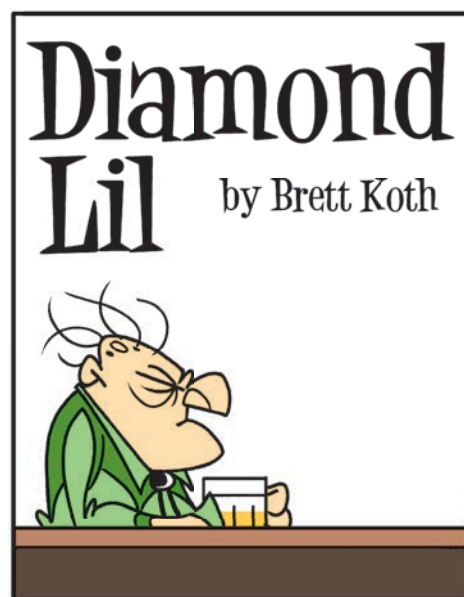
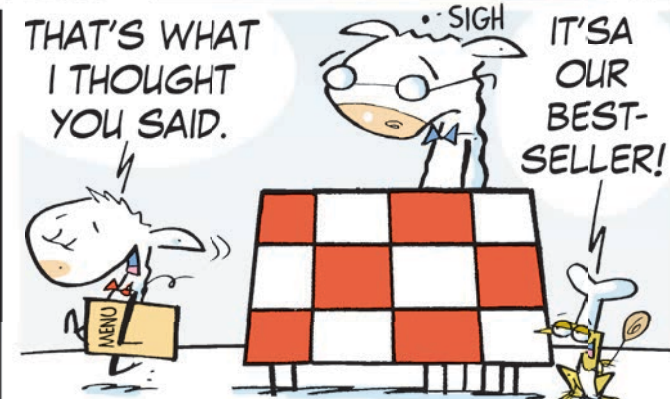
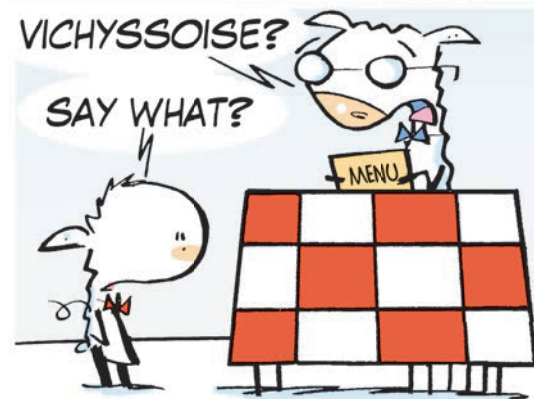
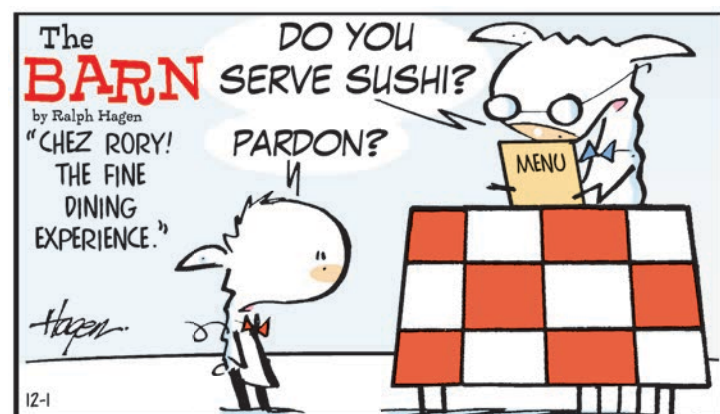
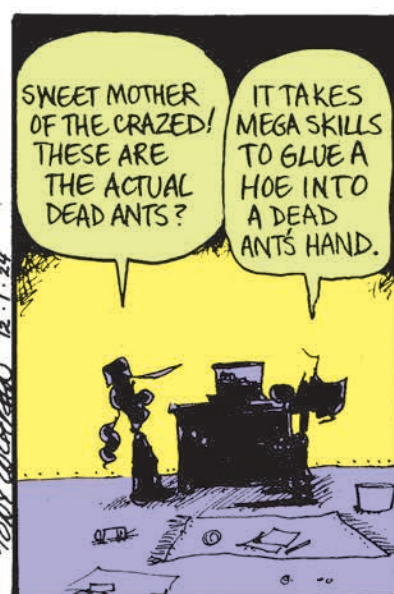
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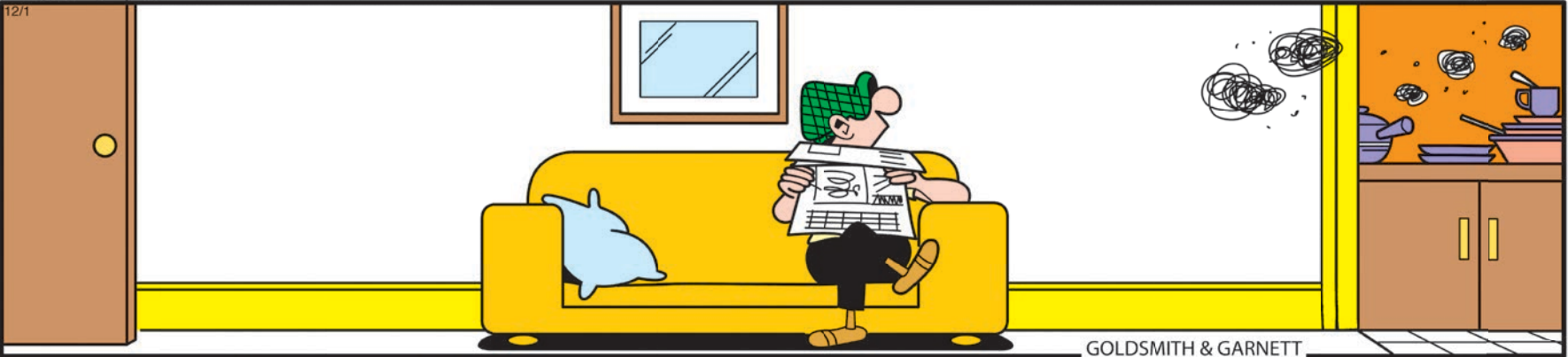
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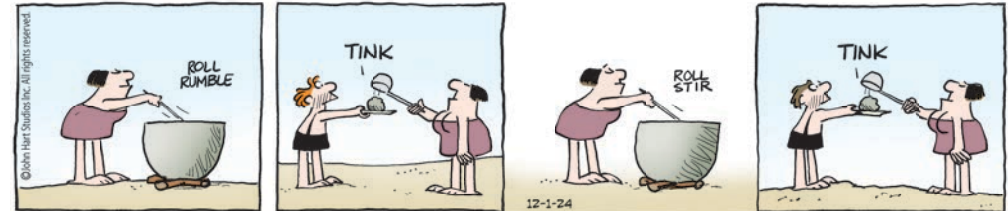
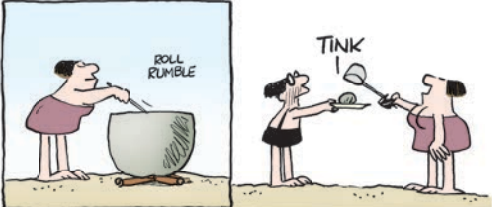
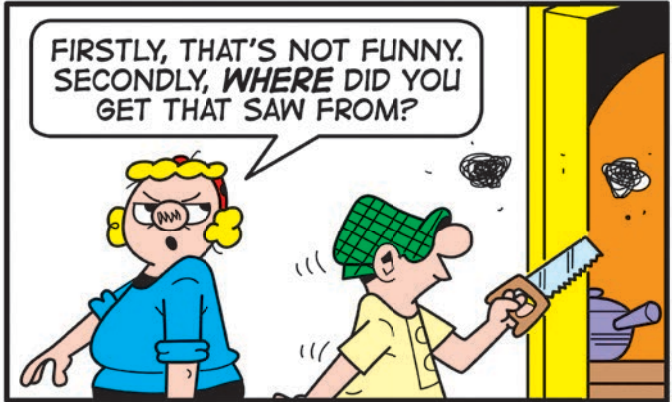


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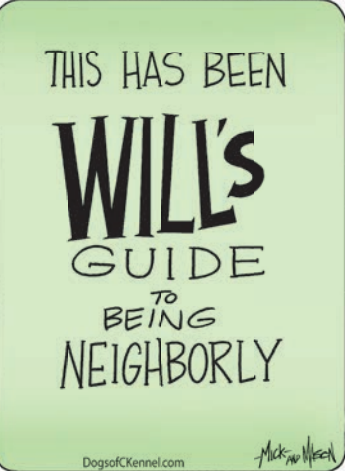
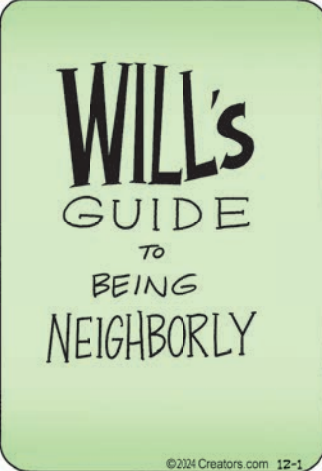
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DOGS OF C-KENNEL

BY MICK MASTROIANNI AND MASON MASTROIANNI





After not getting a turkey leg despite a Thanksgiving Day win in 2023, Green Bay Packers quarterback Jordan Love, left, made sure he got his in 2024 following the Packers 30-17 win over the Miami Dolphins. Joining Love in the celebration are Josh Jacobs (8) and Isaiah McDuffie (58).

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A DELICIOUS THANKSGIVING STUFFING

Packers win on Thanksgiving Day in back-to-back years

BY LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

After a year-long wait, Green Bay Packers quarterback Jordan Love finally received a turkey leg after beating the Miami Dolphins on Thanksgiving Day, 30-17.

Love was neglected of receiving the traditional cooked bird after Green Bay's dominant victory over the Detroit Lions last Thanksgiving. In Thursday's game against the Miami Dolphins, it looked as though Love really wanted a redo on the tradition.

He did so by completing 21-of-28 passes for 274 yards and two touchdowns. For the third straight week, Love did not throw an interception, after starting the season with 10 straight games throwing one.

"It was special," said Love with a smile, talking about receiving the turkey leg. "Obviously the joke is not getting a turkey leg last year. So to be able to come in here, get the win and get the turkey leg after – it was very delicious and it is something to celebrate."

Not only was Love looking for the turkey, but his teammates were seemingly playing for him to win it as well. Tight end Tucker Kraft, who finished the game with 78 yards on six recep-



The 2023 post-Thanksgiving Day cover of Green & Gold highlights the a Fox Sports mistake in not having a turkey leg for Packers QB Jordan Love. NBC made sure Love had a turkey leg after the Packers win over the Dolphins this year.

tions, said it was nice to see Love receive what he deserved after missing out on it last season.

"That was the one thing that was the most important to me was making sure that Jordan got his leg," said Kraft.

Jayden Reed was the recipient of both of Love's touchdown passes, as he finished the game with 24 yards on three receptions. Christian Watson registered 67 yards on two receptions, while Dontayvion Wicks recorded 30 yards on four receptions.

As for the run game, Josh Jacobs continued his stellar first season in Green Bay, as the former Las Vegas Raider to-



Miami Dolphins rookie Malik Washington muffed a punt early in the first quarter that was recovered by Green Bay inside the Dolphins' 10-yard line and led to a quick Packers touchdown.

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taled 43 rushing yards and one touchdown. Chris Brooks ran for 28 yards, while Emanuel Wilson added 20 yards on the ground to help round out Green Bay's three-headed rushing attack.

"We have so many weapons on this team," said Jacobs. "We are so deep at every position, and on any given play, it can be something special if we all can do the right thing. It has been fun; it has been fun playing for a team like that."

On top of Green Bay's strong offensive performance, the defense registered yet another solid showing. With Miami's explosive offense looking strong and healthy over the past few weeks, Green Bay held its opponent to just 17 points. This comes after the Dolphins scored 34 points in each of the last two games.

Forced to pass for the majority of the game, Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa completed 37-of-46 passes for 365 yards and two touchdowns. Defenders Quay Walker, King-sley Enagbare, Lukas Van Ness, Brenton Cox Jr. and Kenny Clark each recorded a sack.

KEYS TO THE GAME

Win needed to break Lions' lock on division

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

The calendar has turned to December, and the Green Bay Packers are coming off a strong month of November.

After starting with a loss to the Detroit Lions, the Packers won their next two games against Chicago and San Francisco.

They finished off with a win over the Miami Dolphins, leading them into what is a massive game at Ford Field against Detroit.

The last time these two teams met, the Lions won in dominant fashion.

Jordan Love threw an

interception to Kerby Joseph, which was returned to a touchdown just before halftime.

The Lions led by as many as 21 points, and the Packers were largely not competitive.

There has been no hangover from last year's loss in the NFC Championship Game. The Lions look like the most dominant team in the NFL.

They're 11-1 and have not lost since September.

The Packers are going to need to play their best game to knock them off, and have any chance at winning the NFC North.

Here are the keys to doing just that.

Packers' run defense vs. Lions' backfield

Jahmyr Gibbs and David Montgomery form one of the best thunder and lightning backfield combinations in all of football.

Gibbs is the lightning version of that and certainly lives up to the phrasing of lightning in a bottle.

Montgomery is the workhorse. His numbers may not be gaudy, but he's been a perfect fit for Detroit's physical offensive identity.

Those two, however, have been given a different nickname for their backfield. Gibbs is referred to as Sonic, while Montgomery goes by Knuckles.

It makes sense, given their identity running through these two men.

The first time these two teams faced off, Montgomery and Gibbs each scored a touchdown. Gibbs looked like he was moving at a different speed than most of

the players on the field. He is as dynamic as it gets out of the backfield.

Green Bay's run defense has been up and down for most of the year.

They did, however, slow down Christian McCaffery and a powerful 49er run game that has typically tormented them in year's past.

Whether that was a by-product of Brandon Allen starting or not is up to you to decide, but that has not mattered in years past.

Detroit is able to stay balanced. Jared Goff is efficient and able to make plays with his arm. He's not simply a game manager for this Lions offense. They do, however, run everything through their run game.

The Packers need to slow that down.

Turnovers

One of the biggest reasons Green Bay was blown out by the Lions in early November was that they

were sloppy.

That included six drops, but most importantly, a big turnover from Love.

Love has taken better care of the ball coming out of the bye week.

He did not throw an interception against Chicago, San Francisco or Miami. The Packers, perhaps not coincidentally, won all three games.

Love's interception by Joseph was returned for a touchdown and gave the Lions a commanding lead at halftime.

With the conditions, and overall health of Love's knee at the time, the Packers were all but buried at that point.

The Lions did recently overcome a game where Goff threw five interceptions. That's proof of how good the Lions are but also proof that there is a crack in that armor.

You can take the ball away from Goff and this

Lions' offense.

Green Bay has not taken the ball away as often since the calendar turned to November.

They'll need to make sure that they take care of the ball on offense, while being opportunistic on the other side of the ball.

Packers vs Lions' second half defense

Aaron Glenn and the Detroit defensive staff have done an excellent job at making adjustments at halftime to slow down their opponents.

Green Bay's offense scored 21 points against San Francisco in their first game after the bye.

They have their moments where they are incredibly effective.

They also do a good job of getting in their own way at times.

Limiting mistakes is crucial, as every point matters in these big games against divisional opponents.

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2024 RECORDS: Packers 9-3, Lions 11-1.
HISTORY: The Lions and Packers have been locking horns since the 1930s.
The Packers lead the all-time series 106-77-7.
Their last matchup between these two teams came at Lambeau Field, where the Lions made a statement, winning 24-14. Jordan Love threw an interception that was returned for a touchdown, and the Lions' offense

was incredibly efficient on the day, completing their first 11 passes on the day.
The last time these two teams met at Ford Field, it was the Packers making a statement of their own that they had arrived.
Love found Christian Watson for a big play on the first play of the game. Rashan Gary had three sacks and a forced fumble.
Jonathan Owens returned a fumble for a touchdown, and the Packers won 29-22.
COACHES: Packers — Matt LaFleur, fifth season, 65-30. Lions — Dan Campbell, fourth season, 35-27-1.
PACKERS SCHEDULE
Friday, Sept. 6 at Philadelphia, L 29-34
Sunday, Sept. 15 vs. Indianapolis Noon W 16-10
Sunday, Sept. 22 at Tennessee

Noon W 30-14
Sunday, Sept. 29 vs. Minnesota Noon L 29-31
Sunday, Oct. 6 at LA Rams 3:25 p.m. W 24-19
Sunday, Oct. 13 vs. Arizona Noon W 34-13
Sunday, Oct. 20 vs. Houston W 24-22
Sunday, Oct. 27 at Jacksonville W 30-27
Sunday, Nov. 3 vs. Detroit 3:25 p.m. L 14-24
Week 10 BYE
Sunday, Nov. 17 at Chicago Noon 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 7:15 p.m. Amazon Prime
Sunday, Dec. 15 at Seattle 7:20 p.m. NBC

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. 5
Green Bay at Detroit, 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 8
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, Noon
New Orleans at NY Giants, Noon
NY Jets at Miami, Noon
Jacksonville at Tennessee, Noon
Atlanta at Minnesota, Noon
Carolina at Philadelphia, Noon
Las Vegas at Tampa Bay, Noon
Seattle at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Chicago at San Francisco, 3:25 p.m.
Buffalo at LA Rams, 3:25 p.m.
LA Chargers at Kansas City, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 9
Cincinnati at Dallas, 7:15 p.m.

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WEEK 13/OFFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 30 vs. MIAMI 17



Green Bay Packers coach Matt LaFleur said having check-down options in the passing game opens up a lot for the team. He specifically pointed to Josh Jacobs (8) and Tucker Kraft (85). "Both those guys are so physical and they're tough to bring down, and when you do bring them down you feel them," he said. "Tuck (Tucker Kraft) is an animal and I think we all, I think you'd all agree with that. Both him and Josh (Jacobs), and it's not just those two guys. I think really, I just love the mentality of our football team. Our guys, they strain for one another. They fight. They block. They try to inflict pain, which, as a coach, you love to see."

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2024-25

Week 14 Games: Sun., Dec. 8
NY Jets @ Miami
Atlanta @ Minnesota
Chicago @ San Francisco
Cincinnati @ Dallas - Mon., Dec. 9
Tie Breaker Game:
Green Bay @ Detroit - Thurs., Dec. 5

Weekly Standings

	Weekly Record	Overall Record
Tim Murphy, NEW Media	5-0	49-16
Mike Worachek, Card & Coin	5-0	47-18
Matt/Rory, Buss Automotive	4-1	45-20
Jacob Westendorf, NEW Media	3-2	43-22
Tanya Hintz, Shawano Health Services	5-0	43-22
Luke Reimer, NEW Media	3-2	41-24
Henry Berner, The Cottages on Golden Pond	4-1	40-25
Kevin Passon, NEW Media	3-2	39-26
Staff, Walsh Dental Group	4-1	39-26
Lois Kawczynski, The Cottages at Meadowlands	3-2	38-27
Staff, Iverson's Piggly Wiggly	4-1	33-32



This Week's Picks:
Miami
Minnesota
Chicago
Cincinnati

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 31 @ Detroit 27



This Week's Picks:
Miami
Minnesota
San Francisco
Cincinnati

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 38 @ Detroit 30



This Week's Picks:
Miami
Minnesota
San Francisco
Cincinnati

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 31 @ Detroit 30



This Week's Picks:
Miami
Minnesota
San Francisco
Cincinnati

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 17 @ Detroit 12



This Week's Picks:
Miami
Atlanta
Chicago
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 27 @ Detroit 24



This Week's Picks:
NY Jets
Minnesota
San Francisco
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 21 @ Detroit 20



This Week's Picks:
Miami
Minnesota
Chicago
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ Detroit 21



This Week's Picks:
Miami
Minnesota
San Francisco
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score : Green Bay 17 @ Detroit 27



This Week's Picks:
Miami
Minnesota
San Francisco
Cincinnati

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ Detroit 27



This Week's Picks:
Miami
Minnesota
San Francisco
Cincinnati

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 20 @ Detroit 28

WEEK 13/DEFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 30 vs. MIAMI 17



Linebacker Quay Walker (7) posted two tackles for a loss for the second straight game, the first time in his career that he has posted multiple tackles for a loss in back-to-back games. Coach Matt LaFleur said Walker has been playing his best ball the last two games. "Collectively, our linebackers are playing pretty well right now, and you saw not only in the run game with Quay, but we're bringing him on blitzes, and he's extremely effective at setting some picks and then getting some pressure on the quarterback himself," LaFleur said. "He's a really talented football player and I think his best ball is in front of him."

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GREEN BAY PACKERS

2	Malik Willis.....QB	29	Xavier McKinney.....S	73	Andre Dillard.....T
7	Quay Walker.....LB	30	Chris Brooks.....RB	74	Elgton Jenkins.....G/T
8	Josh Jacobs.....RB	31	Emanuel Wilson.....RB	75	Sean Rhyan.....G
9	Christian Watson.....WR	33	Evan Williams.....S	76	Kadeem Telfort.....T
10	Jordan Love.....QB	39	Zayne Anderson.....S	79	Travis Glover.....T
11	Jayden Reed.....WR	42	Matt Orzech.....LS	80	Bo Melton.....WR
13	Dontayvion Wicks.....WR	45	Eric Wilson.....LB	85	Tucker Kraft.....TE
17	Brandon McManus.....K	50	Zach Tom.....OL	86	John FitzPatrick.....TE
18	Malik Heath.....WR	52	Rashan Gary.....DL	87	Romeo Doubs.....WR
19	Daniel Whelan.....P	53	Arron Mosby.....DL	89	Ben Sims.....TE
20	Javon Bullard.....S	55	Kingsley Enagbare.....DL	90	Lukas Van Ness.....DL
21	Eric Stokes.....CB	56	Edgerrin Cooper.....LB	93	T.J. Slaton.....DL
22	Robert Rochell.....CB	57	Brenton Cox Jr.....DL	94	Karl Brooks.....DL
23	Jaire Alexander.....CB	58	Isaiah McDuffie.....LB	95	Devonte Wyatt.....DL
24	Carrington Valentine.....CB	59	Ty'Ron Hopper.....LB	96	Colby Wooden.....DL
25	Keisean Nixon.....CB	62	Jacob Monk.....C/G	97	Kenny Clark.....DL
26	Corey Ballentine.....CB	63	Rasheed Walker.....T		
27	Kitan Oladapo.....S	71	Josh Myers.....C/G		



DETROIT LIONS

0	Terrion Arnold.....CB	30	Khalil Dorsey.....CB	69	Al-Quadin
2	Hendon Hooker.....QB	31	Kerby Joseph.....S		Muhammad.....DL
3	Jack Fox.....P	32	Brian Branch.....DB	70	Dan Skipper.....T
4	Emmanuel Moseley.....CB	33	Sione Vaki.....RB	71	Kevin Zeitler.....G
5	David Montgomery.....RB	39	Jake Bates.....K	73	Christian Mahogany.....OL
8	Allen Robinson.....WR	43	David Long Jr.....LB	74	Kayode Awosika.....G
9	Jameson Williams.....WR	46	Jack Campbell.....LB	75	Colby Sorsdal.....OL
10	Kwon Alexander.....LB	47	Ezekiel Turner.....LB	77	Frank Ragnow.....C
12	Brandon Joseph.....S	49	Hogan Hatten.....LS	78	Jonah Williams.....DL
13	Craig Reynolds.....RB	51	Ben Niemann.....LB	84	Shane Zylstra.....TE
14	Amon-Ra St. Brown.....WR	53	Trevor Nowaske.....LB	87	Sam LaPorta.....TE
16	Jared Goff.....QB	54	Alim McNeill.....DL	89	Brock Wright.....TE
17	Tim Patrick.....WR	58	Penei Sewell.....T	91	Levi Onwuzurike.....DL
21	Amik Robertson.....CB	59	Giovanni Manu.....OL	93	Josh Paschal.....DL
23	Carlton Davis.....CB	60	Graham Glasgow.....OL	95	Pat O'Connor.....DL
24	Loren Strickland.....S	62	Michael Niese.....OL	96	Brodric Martin.....DL
26	Jahmyr Gibbs.....RB	66	Myles Adams.....DL	98	DJ Reader.....DL
29	Kinlde Vildor.....CB	68	Taylor Decker.....T	99	Za'Darius Smith.....DL

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WEEK 13/OFFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 30 vs. MIAMI 17



The Packers receiving corps is doing it all lately – catching, running and blocking for others. The Packers scored touchdowns on their first three red zone drives on Thanksgiving Day, bringing their streak of consecutive red zone drives ending in a TD to nine. That is tied for the third-longest streak by Green Bay over the past 20 seasons behind only streaks of 12 and 10 drives in 2020 (per Elias). GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

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WEEK 13/FANS

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 30 vs. MIAMI 17



Flashes were popping throughout the Packers' Thanksgiving Day game against Miami. Attendance was 77,599. So far this season, Green Bay is fourth in highest average attendance at 78,040, with only Dallas, the New York Jets and New York Giants averaging more fans per game.

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WEEK 13/OFFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 30 vs. MIAMI 17



Green Bay Packers quarterback Jordan Love enjoys a turkey leg after the team's 30-17 win over the Miami Dolphins on Thanksgiving Day on NBC. In 2023, Love asked Fox Sports' Erin Andrews about his turkey leg after the Packers defeated the Detroit Lions 29-22. Traditionally, the player or players of the game get a turkey leg or a hunk of turducken after winning an NFL game played on Thanksgiving. John Madden started it in 1989 when he gave the first turkey leg to defensive end Reggie White after the Philadelphia Eagles beat the Dallas Cowboys. In 1997, Madden added turducken (a chicken stuffed into a deboned duck stuffed into a deboned turkey) to the tradition. When Love asked about the turkey, he was told there was no turkey to eat because the only turkey had been torn apart earlier by announcer Greg Olsen. That was not the case. Fox is always prepared for two turkeys on Thanksgiving - one in the booth and one postgame on the field. As it turns out, the turkey they saved for after the game had a Lions logo seared into the turkey as Fox expected Detroit to win, so Fox just dumped the tradition.

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