

2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

Elections, development, school issues dominate past 12 months

By KEVIN PASSON
Editor-in-Chief

The year 2024 was a busy 12 months for the Wittenberg and Birnamwood areas.

From elections to business development, the area saw several changes. Here are the top 10 stories from 2024.

1. Elections resulted in departures, new blood

Wisconsin's legislative maps were redrawn, county supervisory maps were redrawn and former President Donald Trump was elected to a second non-consecutive term, defeating Vice President Kamala Harris.

A new Shawano County Supervisory District 22 saw a primary election in February, followed by Anne Smith and Raymond Rigsby facing off April 2 for the job. Rigsby won the general election.

Also in spring, longtime Supervisor Arlyn Tober, who did not seek another term, walked away from the county board after serving 50 years. He served on every standing committee and every ad hoc building committee in the past five decades. March 27 marked his last board meeting, at which he was honored by the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) and state Rep. Peter Schmidt, R-Bonduel.

Supervisor Jerry Erdmann was also honored by the WCA. Both received a Commendation for Exemplary Service plaque.

2. One TID closes in village of Wittenberg while another opens

The village of Wittenberg closes its first tax incremental finance district (TID) under distress and later approved there creation of another TID for the village's east side.

The first TID encompassed the Marshfield Clinic, Nueske's and the Northcentral Technical College building, according to Village Clerk Traci Matsche. According to consultant Harry Allen, the TID was closed for two reasons. The district is distressed, which means there's more expense than revenue coming in for that district, and that district is past its expenditure period.

In May, village board members agreed to create TID 4, a 57.5-acre site generally comprising of the Wittenberg Business Park.

"Most of this district is what used to be TID 1," said Matsche. "That TID was



Chris Kulas listens as the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School Board votes to hire him on as principal of Birnamwood Elementary-Middle School during its June 24 meeting.

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distressed and closed, so we could create this new TID."

The village expects to spend \$6.95 million in the district. This will include \$4.15 million for the extension of Liberty Drive, inclusive of the underground utilities. The village may consider funding additional infrastructure projects to include all or a portion of \$800,000 for Mohawk Street improvements and about \$500,000 for the build out of infrastructure to support housing developments adjacent to the district such as roadways, sewer and water.

3. Birnamwood Elementary-Middle School gets a new leader

Two years as principal at Birnamwood Elementary-Middle School provided Cole Irish with plenty of experience as an administrator, but he stepped down at the end of June to pursue a principal position

closer to home.

Irish has been the principal at Birnamwood since 2022, but in that time he has been commuting from Plover, which takes up to an hour to drive each direction daily. He was recently hired to take on an elementary school position with the Stevens Point Area School District, a position much closer to home and to his family.

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District did not have to look very far to find a new principal. The board voted unanimously June 24 to promote Chris Kulas, who finished the previous school year as a third-grade teacher at Birnamwood.

4. Veterans memorial wall installed at Washington Park

American Legion Post 502 in Wittenberg dedicated its memorial wall Sept.

14 with more than 200 people present to check out the big addition to the village's Washington Park.

Three slabs of marble boast the names of hundreds of people who fought and died defending freedom in World War I and every war after that up to the present day. However, the wall isn't quite done as two more slabs are on order and will be added next spring.

Besides the marble walls, the area also boasts two eagle sculptures that look like they're watching the hallowed area where residents can come to see their loved ones' names and remember what they did to ensure that they can live free today.

All told, the wall pieces and the eagle sculptures cost the Legion \$85,000, with contributions of \$20,000 each from the

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Bear cub lives off frozen pears during Christmas holiday.

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Wittenberg Village Board and Wittenberg Town Board, as well as a \$25,000 donation from an anonymous donor. Also, each veteran's family had to pay for their individual plaques, and so many expressed interest that the three original walls were not enough to bear the names.

5 Pool closes for repairs, maintenance during summer

Children and adults are once again making the most of the Darwin E. Smith Community Aquatic Center at Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School. The pool, a cornerstone of the community that provides a space for fun, fitness and fellowship, was closed for 17 days in July and August for repairs and maintenance work.

Upgrades and maintenance projects were extensive. They included:

- Removing and replacing six failing filters.
- Replacing rusting railings to the slide and repairing the platform slide.
- Refurbishing cracking cement on the stairs leading to the slide.
- Painting and refurbishing the mushroom.
- Draining and acid washing all three pools and then refilling, rebalancing and reheating them.
- Replacing broken and missing ceiling tiles.
- Replacing many tiles in the pool locker rooms.
- Professionally cleaning the pool deck.
- Professionally cleaning the pool and windows.
- Power washing everything in sight.
- Painting the slide stairs, diving board, slide gate and the inside of the rusted lockers.
- Upgrading the music system.

6 Former Assemblyman from Birnamwood dies

Earl W. Schmidt, 88, of Birnamwood, passed away July 14 at his home accompanied by his wife, Judy, his children, his grandchildren and the beauty of the surrounding woods he called his home for many, many years.



EARL SCHMIDT

The class valedictorian at Birnamwood High School, he went to earn a degree from UW-Madison.

His legal career included district attorney for Shawano and Menominee counties from 1972-74, state representative to the Wisconsin Assembly from 1974-82 and circuit judge for Menominee and Shawano counties from 1983 upon retirement in 2002.

7 Elementary school adding classrooms due to growth

Many school districts in northern Wisconsin are dealing with steadily declining enrollments, but Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District is dealing with the opposite dilemma as its student population is continuing to trend positively.

There's some breathing room at two of the district's three schools, but Wittenberg Elementary-Middle School is looking at having every available classroom space filled to almost overflowing, which is leading the district to look at converting the school's small gym into three classrooms on the first floor and multi-use space on the second floor.

According to Nick Firari, the school's principal, the school is going to need



More than 200 people came out for the dedication ceremony Sept. 14 for the Wittenberg American Legion's memorial wall. Three marble slabs, including the one shown, came all the way from Greece, and two more slabs will be installed next spring due to the high interest of local families to add their loved ones' names.

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three classrooms each for kindergarten, first grade and third grade when, in previous years, two classrooms were sufficient.

8 Speed limit increased for ATVs, UTVs

Drivers of ATVs and UTVs now have the option of going faster on county highways, thanks to change in the law approved by the Shawano County Board of Supervisors in January.

The machines can now be driven at the posted highway speed instead of a maximum of 35 miles per hour, as was the case previously.

However, the county is expected to soon consider some other limits on drivers of ATVs and UTVs. These include the requirement to have a valid driver's license when operating on county roads and prohibiting the drinking of alcohol when driv-

ing on those same roads. The rules would not apply to drivers using recreation trails or riding on private property.

9 County committee recommends new buildings

Citing a need for improved security, technology and efficiencies, members of the Shawano County Ad Hoc Building Committee agreed to recommend the county build new facilities rather than renovate or maintain existing buildings.

All committee members present agreed with the recommendation, which will be forwarded to the county's public property committee. From there, it will go to the full county board.

10 Adolescent wellness center planned on reservation

An adolescent recovery and wellness center could soon find its way to the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. The \$18 million center would be operated by the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council.

A public hearing June 15 to gather input on the adolescent recovery and wellness center showed most supporting the concept, but people were split on the location. The proposed site would be on Elm Road in the Town of Bartelme adjacent to the Mountain Bay Trail, which has a number of homes nearby. Neighbors in that area are concerned about increased traffic, the potential for decreasing property values and whether it is safe for families with children to walk along that road.



Steve Vera replaces tiles at the Darwin E. Smith Aquatic Center during its recent renovation. The pool is celebrating its 25-year anniversary.

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Stockbridge-Munsee tribal member Kim Vele, standing, speaks June 15 at a public hearing at North Star Mohican Casino Resort and said that she will not be shamed into believing that her view that a proposed adolescent recovery center planned for the Town of Bartelme should be placed elsewhere translates to not supporting the concept or need for the center.

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Steve Dreher, director of facilities and grounds for Shawano County, left, discusses the space needs of the Shawano County Courthouse with members of the ad hoc committee tasked with deciding the future of county buildings. The tour was one of three taken of county facilities before members agreed to recommend the county build new facilities. With Dreher, from left, are Sam Crawford, Greg Strayer, Scott Frank and Ty Raddant.

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Officials with the USDA service in Rhinelander successfully rescued a bear cub that for some unknown reason made his home in the backyard of a Mulberry Court home the week of Christmas. Officials said cubs abandoned and rescued after August have a high survival rate in their natural habitat.

NICK FIRARI

Bear cub makes home in couple's backyard

Frozen pears helped keep him close for Christmas

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A 10-month-old bear cub found comfort in a Shawano resident's backyard for four days but was eventually rescued and removed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture service in Rhinelander.

"We first noticed the bear cub under our pear trees, about 20 yards from our home in town on Monday, Dec. 23," Mulberry Court resident Brittney Firari said. "I initially thought it was a pile of leaves or dirt, but as the neighbor dog persistently barked toward it, I had my husband (Nick) walk out to look. As he did, the cub lifted his head toward him."

The couple called multiple places that day to determine what should be done with the cub. They eventually connected with the USDA office in Rhinelander, and officials recommended leaving the cub

ONLINE

To watch a video of the bear cub rescue, visit <https://youtu.be/9js4gbVc3ak?feature=shared>.

for a few days, believing he would leave on his own for nearby woods.

"Obviously, initially we were first concerned about a mother bear being near, but as the hours and days passed, that seemed unlikely," Firari said. "He was very slow moving, unbothered and peaceful. The neighbors never feared letting their dog out, and we never feared going out for the mail or doing yardwork, at a non-threatening distance. We all did keep young children in the neighborhood inside and near for the week."

The cub apparently liked his new home and stayed.

After Christmas, USDA officials called to check on the cub and said they would be there Dec. 27 to

rescue him.

By then, the neighbors had playfully nicknamed the cub Mul"bear"y Pear Bear. With the help of a few sweet treats, the cub was lured into a cage and successfully removed from the neighborhood.

USDA officials estimated the cub to be about 35-40 pounds and said cubs are born in dens in February, leaving the cub to be about 10 months old. They also said cubs abandoned and rescued after August have a high survival rate in their natural habitat.

The frozen pears likely kept the bear close.

"He did wander across Ridlington Street for a three-hour nap between townhouses but later returned to the comfort of the pear trees," Firari said.

It is unclear why or how the bear ended up in the middle of town without his mother.

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Exotic pet surrender event slated for Jan. 11 at high school

J&R Aquatic Animal Rescue in Neenah will hold an exotic pet surrender event from noon to 3 p.m. Jan. 11 in Room 1206 (agriculture wing) at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B, Shawano. Use Door I for entry.

Fish, invertebrates, reptiles, pet birds, small mammals and plants will be accepted with no questions asked. People are asked to bring in their pets in a secure container.

After a brief quarantine period, all surrendered

animals will be available for adoption.

This is for exotic pets, so dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, pigs and chickens will not be accepted. For these animals, contact local shelters or rescues. Also, J&R Aquatic Animal Rescue can not take Wisconsin native wildlife that has been removed from the wild. Animals originating from out of state must include a certificate of veterinary inspection.

Also at the event will be opportunities to meet ani-

mal ambassadors and hear their stories, and photo opportunities with rescued animals at the photo booth.

Joining J&R Aquatic Animal Rescue in hosting the event are the University of Wisconsin Sea Grant/Water Resources Institutes, Waterways Association of Menominee and Shawano Counties, and Menominee County Conservation/Forestry/Zoning Department.

For information, contact John Moyles at adoption@jraar.org.

NWTC collaborates with SWTC on \$3 million Dept. of Energy grant

In a shared effort to strengthen small and mid-sized manufacturing businesses in Wisconsin, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) has partnered with Southwest Wisconsin Technical College (SWTC) on a \$3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

The grant aims to reduce energy costs, introduce innovative technologies and bolster workforce training to ensure Wisconsin manufacturers remain competitive and resilient.

"This opportunity builds on NWTC's long history of supporting manufacturers through innovation and workforce development," said Kathryn Rogalski, NWTC's vice president of Academic Affairs and Workforce Development. "Manufacturing is the backbone of Wisconsin's economy, providing high wages and essential goods. When our manufacturers succeed, our entire region thrives."

SWTC will lead the grant in partnership with NWTC, Madison Area Technical College and the UW-Stevens Point K-12 Energy Education Program. This project, known as the Wisconsin Energy Partner-

ship (WEP), is funded by the DOE's Office of Manufacturing and Energy Supply Chains (MESC) through their Industrial Training and Assessment Center grant (ITAC).

The WEP project focuses on three key initiatives:

- **Innovate industry.** Through hands-on, work-based learning, students will bring the latest innovations and best practices right to the manufacturing floor. Free, course-based energy site assessments will jumpstart conversations about energy reduction, electrification and decarbonization. Over three years, the consortium plans to conduct 30 energy assessments and engage at least 90 students in high-impact learning.
- **Empower the workforce.** Energy considerations are increasingly complex as the world electrifies and digitizes. Through upskilling programs, manufacturers and industries along the supply chain will equip employees with tools to make informed energy decisions. Topics will range from sensors and cybersecurity to energy analytics and HVAC controls. At least 200 incumbent workers will be upskilled with tailored training to fit industry needs

- **Advance pathways.** The biggest concern among Wisconsin employers is the lack of qualified and available workforce with energy expertise. The group will address this by promoting energy career pathways to increase enrollment, with a focus on women and underrepresented populations. They will launch the "Clean Energy Careers" campaign and hold recruitment events to engage these communities.

The WEP aims to identify \$4.88 million in energy savings, reduce energy use by at least 19.5 million kilowatt hours and help manufacturers adopt cleaner energy practices.

With Wisconsin's manufacturers responsible for 31% of the state's energy use, the industry is poised to play a significant role in achieving the state's net-zero energy goals.

To ensure effective implementation of grant initiatives, NWTC has named Alex Lange as the project manager. Wisconsin businesses can begin applying for energy assessment services through the Wisconsin Energy Partnership in early 2025. For information, contact Lange at 920-498-7126 or alexander.lange@NWTC.edu.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Development

Krueger Riverside Project LLC: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: USDA. Rural Development (RD) Rural Business Services (RBS)

ACTION: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business Services (RBS) has made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) with respect to a request for possible financing assistance to for the Krueger Riverside Project LLC for the construction of a renewable natural gas (RNG) facility and an underground pipeline to transport generated RNG. Krueger Farm is located at W8371 Oak Avenue, Shawano and Riverside Farms is located at N6446 Hickory Road, Shawano, Wisconsin Shawano County.

FURTHER INFORMATION: To obtain copies of the EA and FONSI, or for further information, contact: Scott A. Schatschneider, State Environmental Coordinator, 5417 Clem's Way, Stevens Point WI 54482, 715-899-0332, scott.schatschneider@usda.gov. The EA and FONSI are also available for public review at USDA 5417 Clem's Way, Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54482 and the Shawano County Library – Shawano Branch; 128 South Sawyer Street, Shawano, Wisconsin 54166.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed project consists of constructing the following items: Krueger Dairy proposes to construct two anaerobic digester tanks, one hydrolysis tank, Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) process equipment, and operations buildings with an access road. A sand separation building is also proposed at this site to beneficially reuse sand entering the system from bedding materials at the farm. Riverside Farm proposes to construct one anaerobic digester tank, one hydrolysis tank, RNG process equipment and an operations building with an access road. A 3-mile-long transmission line will be constructed to distribute RNG generated at the two farm locations to a proposed meter station for distribution. Alternatives considered by Krueger Riverside Project LLC and RBS included No Action; RBS is considering providing financial assistance for the project described in the EA. RBS has reviewed and approved the EA for the proposed project.

The availability of the EA for public review was announced via notice in the following newspaper: Shawano Leader on December 20th and December 27th, a 14-day comment period was announced in the newspaper notice(s). A copy of the EA was also available for public review at USDA RD by contacting Scott A. Schatschneider, State Environmental Coordinator, 5417 Clem's Way, Stevens Point WI 54482, 715-899-0332, scott.schatschneider@usda.gov. The environmental document is also available for public review at Shawano County Public Library – Shawano Branch; 128 South Sawyer Street, Shawano, Wisconsin 54166. The 14-day comment period ended on January 3, 2025. No public comments were received.

Based on the EA and public comments received, RBS has concluded that the project would have no significant impact (or no impacts) to farmland, formally classified lands, flood plains, wetlands, cultural resources, biological resources, water resources, water quality, coastal resources, social and environmental justice, transportation, aesthetics, human health and safety

No other potential significant impacts resulting from the proposed project have been identified. Therefore, RBS has determined that this FONSI fulfills its obligations under the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR §§ 1500-1508), and USDA Rural Development's Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1970) for its action related to the project.

RD is satisfied that the environmental impacts of the proposed project have been adequately addressed. RD federal action would not result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment, and as such it will not prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for its action related to the proposed project.

Dated: January 3, 2025

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Lorna J. Alberg

Lorna J. Alberg, of Weston, formerly of Wittenberg, went to be with Jesus her Savior on Dec. 27, 2024.

Lorna was born on Aug. 4, 1931, in the Town of Fairbanks, the daughter of Otto and Violet (Seefeldt) Krueger. On May 31, 1952, Lorna was united in marriage to Robert Alberg in Split Rock. They were married for 68 years before Robert's passing.

Lorna graduated from Tigerton High School and the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. She received her bachelor of science degree in teaching and spent many years teaching young children.

She started her career in one-room schoolhouses in Shawano and Morris, and in later years taught second and third grades at Birnamwood Elementary School and Wittenberg Elementary School. She always had a sensitivity for the children who were slower to learn or who had more difficult life experiences.

Lorna was active in Redeemer Lutheran Church, both in Sunday School and in the women's Bible study. In later years, Lorna spent hours reading the Bible and devotionals,



and praying for family and friends. She also enjoyed reading and treasured her collection of books.

Lorna had a servant's heart and provided much support to her husband and family. She was faithfully at her husband's side when he struggled with illness in his later years and was always eager to invest in the lives of her children and grandchildren.

Lorna is survived by three children, Susan Levandoski, of Wittenberg, Jan (Robert) Ostrowski, of Wells, Minnesota, and Peter (Karen) Alberg, of Shirley, Arkansas; eight grandchildren, Diane (Adam) Carlson, Tracy Levandoski, Andrea (Kyle) Waite, Sarah (Miguel) Mejia, Amanda (Andrew) Hagen, Kate Ostrowski (Tom Grode),

Gabrielle Alberg and Matthew Alberg; 12 great-grandchildren, Grace Carlson, Anna Carlson, Austin Frederick, Aiden Frederick, Livia Waite, Hannah Waite, Cristian Mejia, Nick Mejia, Alex Mejia, Andrew Mersman, Alessandra Mersman and Asher Hagen; sisters-in-law, Carole Krueger, Kay Krueger and Margaret Alberg; brothers-in-law, Henry Hoeksema and Bernard Alberg; and many special nieces and nephews who loved their Aunt Lorna.

Lorna was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; a son, Michael; her parents; and three siblings, Duane Krueger, Gerald Krueger and Joyce Hoeksema.

Visitation will be Saturday, Jan. 4, 2025, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Wittenberg, at 1:45 p.m., followed by a celebration of life service at 3 p.m. honoring both Lorna and Robert. A private family graveside service will be held at Forest Home Cemetery, Wittenberg.

Schmidt and Schulta Funeral Home, Wittenberg, is assisting the family with funeral arrangements.

Memories and messages of support may be shared at schmidtschulta.com.

Karlakay 'Karla' L. Kasprzak

Karlakay "Karla" L. Kasprzak, 68, of Clintonville, passed away at The Cottages in Shawano on Thursday morning, Dec. 26, 2024.

Karla was born on Dec. 30, 1955, in Madison as the daughter of the late John and Mary Ann (Martig) Kelley. She graduated from Madison East High School, was married and had three children prior to her divorce.

In 1988, she moved to Shawano with her children and was united in marriage to Paul Kasprzak on Sept. 6, 1991, in Shawano. Karla began working with Frontier Communications in 1990, and the couple moved to Clintonville in 1997. Karla did it all at Frontier, from answering phones, to updating software, to climbing poles and burying lines. She was very flexible for the company. In 2014, she retired due to her onset of Alzheimer's disease and spent the past 11 years battling the disease.

In 2020, she moved to The Cottages where she



was blessed to have great caregivers. Karla will be remembered for her baking and cooking skills. She was always in the kitchen and not afraid to send Paul on ingredient runs to the grocery store whenever they needed something. Her faith led her to become a member of St. Rose Catholic Church in Clintonville.

Survivors include her husband, Paul; children, Jim (Becky) Cross, Heather Cross and Jeff Cross; grandchildren, Athena, Colton and Abbie Cross; two great-grandchildren; and siblings, Chris (Louanne)

Kelley and Marcia (Steve) Demars.

Karla was preceded in death by her parents, John and Mary Ann Kelley; and by siblings John, Paul, Tim, Jeff and Marianne Kelley.

Karla's memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, 2025, at St. Rose Catholic Church in Clintonville with the Rev. Timothy Shillcox, O. Praem, officiating, and inurnment will follow at St. Rose Cemetery in Clintonville. Visitation will be held at the church on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2025, from 9 a.m. until the time of the service.

Karla's family would like to thank the staff at The Cottages and also recognize Candice, Monica and Elijah from Moments Hospice for going above and beyond in their care of Karla. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund will be established by Karla's family.

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory of Clintonville is assisting her family.

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Raymond Marquardt

Raymond Marquardt, 94, formerly of the Tigerton area, passed away Dec. 19, 2024.

Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home, Tigerton.

Gary W. Graper

Gary W. Graper, 78, of Clintonville, passed away Dec. 19, 2024.

Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville.

Clara E. Nolin

Clara E. Nolin, 98, of Shawano, passed away Dec. 15, 2024.

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FARM LIFE FROM A FARM WIFE

Grandmother lived an interesting life

The shocking news met my heart and like lead-pole legs stuck in quicksand. I sank into a nearby recliner, saving myself from face planting onto the floor.

“Grandma? Not Grandma.”

The beloved tender of my soul, fiercely loving each of us kids with a passion, her fire for life could not have been extinguished. No. I wouldn’t believe it. Couldn’t. Too many letters yet to write. Too many cakes to bake. Too many flowers to plant. As much as I tried to deny it, the truth was that Grandma Vita had passed away unexpectedly on May 25, 1972, at the age of 75. I was just a junior in high school.

She’s been gone for 52 years and while I don’t think of her a lot, just lately I’ve been wondering about her more and more. Too often, our older relatives pass away before we discover what their lives were like.

I have a niece who is passionately interested in family genealogy. The line of descent traced from our ancestors fascinates her. The more I find out about my grandma from the research my niece has done, the more



Vita Nohr was no stranger to driving a horse across many acres on the Nohr family farm (now Kay Reminger’s home farm) in the 1920s and 1930s.



I feel a kinship with her. Growing up working hard on her dad’s farm, perhaps to offset her oftentimes demanding lifestyle, my grandma relished reading and writing. She actually finished 12 years of school (in those days,

unusual) and went on to hold a teaching job before marrying my grandfather on June 14, 1917. Just a few years later, after he’d sold the cheese factory he’d operated in rural Antigo, they moved to Marion. Among the stories my niece heard, we discovered when they moved into the farmhouse (where I was raised), the only furniture they’d had to sit on were cheese crates. They may have needed every penny of the sale of the factory

to take over the farm from my great-grandfather August, who as a side note, married my great-grandmother, a woman who happened to be named Augusta. Grandma and Grandpa had only one child — my father — born on April 18, 1920. I’d like to have asked her why just one, Grandma? My niece discovered my dad was only 3 when Grandma, at 26 years old, lost her father due to an infection that started in his

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KAY REMINGER, NEW Media columnist

fingers. Perhaps that had something to do with why she never had any other children. It’s only speculation — this tragedy may have affected her in such a way as to ponder, “Who in the world would handle all of this work if I had any more children?” How that thought wrenches my heart.

In her 30s and 40s, while still actively farming, (including handling horses clearing land) she was ardently involved with the Ladies Aid at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Marion, playing a leadership role. There are news articles mentioning her involvement that included planning, hosting and speaking roles, continuing on into the 1950s when she’d have been entering her own 50s decade.

As I was growing up, I knew of her love of gardening — her fingernails would be blackened from digging in the dirt. She’d plant fire red geraniums in buckets, placing them in the barn windows. Their leaves would be caked with hay dust but still looked beautiful to my small child’s wondering eyes. Flowers in the barn.

She and Grandpa lived with us for a while at the farmhouse until sometime in the 1960s when they moved to their house in town. She’d always welcome all four of us kids with open arms and a heart full of love. Squealing with delight, she’d plant both hands on our cheeks and squeeze, kissing us first on one side then the other.

Something hot and sugary from the oven would be waiting for us; her pineapple upside-down

cake was the best. We’d sit down and share no matter the time of day, and as she ate, her nose would run. This trait got passed down to her only child, my dad, and then to me. To this day whenever I eat, my nose runs.

Her original hair color was auburn, although somewhat haywire, and she kept that until the day she passed. With a touch of scarlet rouge dapped on each cheek, she wore matching lipstick that wove its way past her lips’ boundaries into weather-aged creases. So endearing to me. Her vibrancy belied her age.

Every May 1, us little kids would make up a May basket and ringing her doorbell, run and crouch behind a tree watching her eyes light up as she bent to retrieve it, knowing her littles were somewhere right outside her door.

My dad fashioned a wooden, portable writing table for her that fit on top of her living room chair and she’d write letters of encouragement to people; entertaining them with her stories or to edify or enlighten — she loved to write.

My dearly loved Grandma Vita. A part of you lives on in me.

“If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.” Romans 14:8)

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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Oconto men, from left, Robert Schmit, Sandy McTavish, Douglas Bake and James Lane made a mark on the community when they brought a Sherman tank to Oconto from New Richmond in 1957.

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4 men bring tank to Oconto in 1957

Sherman tank travels from New Richmond after sitting dormant for 8 years

On Monday, Dec. 16, 1957, 67 years ago, four men drove into Oconto with a World War II Sherman tank.

Recalling the event years later, Bob Schmit and Doug Bake said it wasn't easy.

"We heard we could get a tank for nothing to put on display in front of the American Legion Golf Club if we would go and pick it up from where it was," Schmit said. "This one happened to be located 250 miles away. We checked to see what it would cost to hire a trucker to bring it here, and found it would cost \$600. So we figured we could get it running and drive it here for a lot less."

The men had never driven a tank before, but that didn't stop them. Neither did the fact that the tank's gas mileage was less than one mile per gallon. Schmit and Bake had been in the U.S. Army Air Corps in the South Pacific during World War II and had rarely even seen a tank; however, they figured they surely could pilot a tank back home through friendly territory if they could keep a plane aloft with the enemy shooting at them.

Bake, Schmit, Jim Lane and Sandy McTavish left Oconto on Friday night to pick up the tank, which was located in New Richmond, near the Minnesota border. They found it had not been operated in eight years, but they managed to get the engine running using two 12-volt batteries to start it. It ran fairly well, but they

found out later it would have started much better had they used the proper 32-volt battery. The muffler pipes in the engine compartment had rusted away over the years, so open flames shot from the engine.

The men obtained a special permit from the state to drive the 60,000-pound vehicle on the highway back to Oconto.

The first night, they stayed at a garage and parked the tank inside. After they got the tank into the building, the men realized they weren't on solid ground but rather the second story of the garage with only timbers supporting the massive weight of the machine. The building's floor held up as the men worked on the vehicle that night to get it ready for the rest of the trip.

At less than one mile per gallon and, in 1957, not having gas stations open all night, especially on a Sunday, gasoline was a limiting factor. In fact, they ran out of gas outside of a town during the night and went into town hoping to find someone with a fuel truck to assist. Stopping at a bar, the men stated that their Sherman tank had run out of gas only to be met with laughter from the bar patrons in disbelief.

They eventually found someone to help them gas up the tank and were once again rolling through that same town past the tavern where they were earlier met with laughter. One can only imagine the sight and sound of a

60,000-pound tank passing by with no exhaust pipes and flames shooting out the back. The vibrations inside the bar shook everything from the bottles to bar stools.

The men made it to Oconto on Dec. 16, 1957. Florian Heimerman, owner of the Tangiers Supper Club in Oconto, had cast doubt that the men could succeed and promised them the best steak in the house if they returned home with the tank. Needless to say, the men, along with their wives, enjoyed their steak dinners upon their return.

The tank was used in a number of Oconto parades and, for a short period of time, was stored behind Doug Bake's house at 202 Madison St. Doug's son, Bob, remembers his dad giving him and his brother, Dan, a ride to school in the tank, which undoubtedly gave many a memory they would never forget. The Sherman tank made its way to the American Legion Golf Club, its intended destination, where the access hatch was welded shut.

The adventure of these four men who rumbled across Wisconsin to Oconto in that tank 67 years ago today will always be a memorable story to be shared. After the sale of the American Legion Golf Club, the tank was relocated to the rear of the Beyer Home and Carriage Museum grounds and is now part of an ever-growing military memorial display.

Portions of this story are from John Enig's article in the Green Bay Press-Gazette published on Nov. 9, 1986.

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Library officials said that after careful consideration, this decision was necessary due to the increasing and unpredictable cost of this service.

Although Hoopla has been free for patrons to use, Shawano County Library is charged a fee per item checked out; once "Borrow Title" is clicked, the library is immediately billed between \$1.99 and \$3.99 for that item.

This cost-per-circulation model makes the service unsustainable, according to officials.

Digital materials can still be accessed through Wisconsin Public Library Consortium's OverDrive and its accompanying app, Libby. Local staff can help patrons with the program and app for borrowing items from the library.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, JAN. 3

SURING: Recovery Talking Circle, 6-8 p.m. South Branch Community Center, W1281 County Road M.

SATURDAY, JAN. 4

SHAWANO: Northern and Bass Hourly Derby, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bamboo Bar, W5884 Cedar Court. Payout first, second, third every hour based on entries. 24-inch minimum to register northern, 14-inch minimum to register bass. Must fish Shawano Lake only. More info and rules on Bamboo Bar's Facebook page or call 715-201-1158.

NAVARINO: Winter Walk/Intro to Snowshoeing, 9 a.m. to noon, Navarino Nature Center, W5646 Lindsten Road. Join NNC Naturalist for a winter walk through the forests of Navarino; if conditions are favorable participants will go

on snowshoes. NNC members \$5, non-members \$10, families \$20. Arrive early to rent skis.

MONDAY, JAN. 6

SHAWANO: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Room 4, 100 W. Presbyterian St. Information: Dallas Gast, 715-701-5388 or dallasgast8@gmail.com.

TUESDAY, JAN. 7

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

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8

SHAWANO: Chamber Coffee Connection, 8-9 a.m., SweetLife

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

THURSDAY, JAN. 9

BOWLER: Native American Talking Circle, 7-9 p.m., Mohican Family Center, N8605 Oak St. Information: Yvonne Burr, 715-326-0891.

FRIDAY, JAN. 10

SURING: Recovery Talking Circle, 6-8 p.m. South Branch Community Center, W1281 County Road M.

SATURDAY, JAN. 11

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PSEUDOSCIENCES: Sounding like real ones

by Fred Piscop

ACROSS

1 Clenched hand

5 Commandments verb

10 Less green, as bananas

15 "Saturated" nutrients

19 House painter's estimate

20 "Your table's ready" gadget

21 Florida citrus city

22 Spruce up, as a news story

23 Of piers (not hymns)

25 Of a Rolling Stone (not bartending)

27 International accord

28 Fond wishes

30 Push forward

31 "___ too shabby!"

32 Less cooked

33 ___ nous (confidentially)

34 Retentive ability

37 Added staff

38 Diversionary device

41 Eastwood of Hollywood

42 Tosses in one's hand

43 Opera set in Egypt

44 Grafton's ___ for Lawless

47 Tonic partner

48 See 82-Across

49 Of a German tennis great (not handwriting)

52 Saucer crew, for short

53 Real-estate measures

54 ___ pants (baggy trousers)

56 Took back, as a championship

57 Of mouse-o-phobia (not the environment)

59 Distance runner

60 Longfellow title character

61 Read (over)

62 *Beauty and the Beast* girl

63 Turkey seasoning

64 Variety of skiing

67 Schoolyard menace

68 Of shopping (not living matter)

72 Drought enders

73 Pirate's plunder

74 Heaviest inert gas

75 Sturgeon eggs

76 Of pants patches (not new words)

78 Seuss' *If ___ the Zoo*

79 College transcript no.

80 Unfortunate

81 Star pilots

82 With 48-Across, fish dish

84 Brainy

86 What a sure thing isn't

88 Up and about

89 Shorthand experts

90 Software test versions

93 Sources of sugar

94 Very much like

95 Nightly news hour

97 Vital sign

98 Retinal ID check

102 Of lamp dwellers (not ancestry)

104 Of carbonation (not living matter)

107 Aardvark's fare

108 Vintner brothers' surname

109 Blazing

110 New Haven collegians

111 Poet of unexpected rhymes

112 Rembrandt contemporary

113 Grannies

114 Mentally sound

DOWN

1 Slowly vanish

2 Skillet substance

3 Faction within a faith

4 Competed against

5 Not consistent

6 ___ and hearty

7 Hitherto

8 Part of a chicken or chair

9 Give it your best

10 Earned a handy victory

11 More frosty

12 DC donors

13 Yellowstone grazer

14 Hoarse voice

15 Rap sheet listing

16 Get a shelly from a shelter

17 Striped predator

18 Fashion flair

24 Sound of scorn

26 Triple-tier treat

29 Is in debt

32 Incenses

34 John D. MacDonald sleuth

35 Social stratum

36 Capital of Belarus

37 Needing darning

38 More urgent

39 Dutch cheese

40 Half-___ (coffee order)

42 Blacksmith's workshop

43 Be in harmony

44 Actor Rob

45 Frankenstein aide

46 Last word of a 1/1 song

48 Win a point

50 The Beaver State

51 Speak candidly

53 Mets slugger Pete

54 Rolling, as terrain

55 Comrade

58 Voice a belief

59 It's cheese-filled and griddled

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60 Silk substitute

62 Harbor markers

63 Nation south of Egypt

64 Boats like Noah's

65 Pop singer Del Rey

66 French foot

67 Expert golfer's woe

68 British nobleman

69 Hymn instrument

70 Start getting paid

71 Irish poet

73 Dark beer

74 Country singer LeAnn

77 Part of UNLV

82 False tales

83 Gloria of Latin pop

84 One of five popes

85 Childhood malady

86 Fill with joy

87 "Makes sense"

88 Have faith in

89 Give one's OK

90 Got the ball rolling

91 Justice Kagan

92 Camp structures

93 Army instrument

96 Yuletide beverages

97 Either end of a magnet

98 Cornell of Cornell University

99 Brown soft drink

100 Opposed to, nonstandardly

101 NASDAQ counterpart

103 Bodybuilder's back muscle

105 "___ job's worth doing..."

106 California wine, for short

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By **KEVIN PASSON**
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World records, school records, personal records and several athletes competing at state tournaments highlighted 2024's sports year.

Here's a look at some of what made headlines in the past 12 months.

Wrestling

– Oconto Falls senior wrestler Garrett Ganter earned his 100th varsity win Jan. 5 at The Duffy Invitational in Port Washington. Ganter beat Lodi wrestler Drew Lochner in sudden victory overtime to collect his 100th win.

– Shawano's Drake Herm earned his 100th victory during his first-round win at regional action Feb. 10 at Green Bay Preble.

– Several wrestlers moved on to the state tournament, after competing in the WIAA sectionals. Claiming state titles were Brooke Hoffman of Wittenberg-Birnamwood at 185 pounds, Harlow Skeandore of Pulaski at 145 pounds and Taylor Whiting of Lena at 107 pounds. It was Whiting's second consecutive title.

Girls hockey

– The Bay Area Ice Bears advanced to the state tournament. The Ice Bears had a dozen more shots on goal than Central Wisconsin Storm but still came up one goal short, 4-3, in the WIAA state title game March 2.

Girls basketball

– Lena advanced to the state tournament in March but lost the title game in overtime to Albany/Monticello. Kali Fischer swished a pair from the charity stripe to give the Wildcats a 50-45 lead with 35 seconds left in regulation at the WIAA Division 5 girls basketball championship game on March 9 at the Resch Center in Ashwaubenon.

– Lena's Eva Brooks was named to the all-state team by coaches.

– Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Rory Salvesen joins the 1,000 point club.

– Shawano's Leah Nordin breaks the school's all-time scoring record. The previous record of 1,168 points was set in 1989.

Bowling

– Birnamwood's Holly Orgeman placed second at the state bowling meet.

Boys lacrosse

– Pulaski's boys lacrosse team won its first game ever, an 11-5 win over Wayland Academy JV on April 6.

Girls lacrosse

– The Pulaski girls lacrosse team went the entire regular season without a win. That was not the case when the playoffs began.

The No. 16 seeded Red



Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy senior Anthony Seefeldt is the Division 3 state champion in the shot put at the WIAA Track and Field State Championships at UW-La Crosse on May 31 and June 1. He earned the title with a throw of 51 feet, 9.25 inches.

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Raiders defeated the No. 17 West Bend West co-op team 18-8 to advance to Round 2 against the No. 1 seeded University School of Milwaukee Wildcats on May 28.

Shawano Speedway

– On April 13, A.J. Springborn got his first-ever feature win at Shawano Speedway, the victory coming in the IMCA Northern Sport Mods.

– Shawano Speedway's Racing for a Reason fundraiser June 29 collected \$14,217. The funds were presented to HSHS St. Vincent's Child Life Services on July 20.

– Jeffrey Teske won the IMCA sport modifieds championship at the Shawano Speedway in 2024. Other title winners were Jordan Barkholtz, late models; Jordan Bartz, IMCA modifieds; Trent Nolan, IMCA stock cars; and Dalton Nelson, Mighty 4s.

Track and field

– Two relay teams and five individuals represented Shawano at the state Division 1 track meet May 31 at UW-La Crosse.

At the sectional meet in Hudson, the girls 4x800 and 4x400 relay teams each won the gold.

The 4x800 team of Bailey Hendricks, Adalyn Barkley, Lily Guenther and

Grace Chelberg set a new school record of 9:38.95.

The 4x400 team of Maci Beyer, Chelberg, Tela Hopfensperger and Barkley also set a new school record at 4:03.12.

In the triple jump, Barkley set a new school record of 36 feet, 4 inches.

– Three Pulaski girls earned gold medals and several others joined them at the state track meet after posting top times at sectionals.

Emerson Fabry won gold in the 800, and Olivia Sprangers finished in first in the 200. Hallie Morz captured the top spot in the pole vault.

– Three Bonduel athletes advanced to the state track meet after placing in the top four in their events at sectionals. Ryan Westrich took fourth in shot put. Mariah Wondra advanced in two events. She placed fourth in the 3,200 and second in the 1,600 with a time of 5:20.88, another personal record and school record.

– Three athletes from Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy also competed in La Crosse. Eva Brooks won the sectional title in the high jump. Zander Thomson won the high jump, and Anthony Seefeldt placed third in the shot put.



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

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– Gillett was represented at the state meet by Bradyn Wendorff.

– Trent VanDenElzen placed third in the pole vault and was the sole competitor from Suring.

– Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy senior Anthony Seefeldt was crowned the Division 3 state champion in the shot put at the WIAA Track and Field State Championships at UW-La Crosse on May 31 and June 1.

– Junior Eva Brooks placed second in the high jump, notching a height of 5 feet 5 inches.

– In the 200, Olivia Sprangers placed 10th in 25.94. She was 16th in the 100.

– Faith Resch represented the Chargers in three events. She captured third place in the triple jump at 35-07.25 and fourth in the 300 hurdles in 45.07.

Boys tennis

Shawano's No. 1 doubles tennis team of George Buerman and Tristan Sheldon made it to the state meet for the second year in a row after a successful day at WIAA sectionals at the Western Racquet and Fitness Club in Green Bay.

Boys golf

– Bonduel dropped from second place to fourth after the second day of play at the WIAA Division 3 state championship at Blackwolf Run in Kohler. Lena remained in fifth place June 3 and again June 4.

After a 168 on the first day, the Bears had a 351 on the second day for a 519 total.

On June 4, Colin Margelofsky led Bonduel with an 85, followed by Jake Dreyer and Reed Luepke with 88s and Colin Fischer with a 90. Jaxon Bogacz had a 101.

For the two-day combined scores, Dreyer posted a 126. Margelofsky, Fischer and Luepke each had a 131, and Bogacz had a 151.

For Lena, the team scored a 172 on the first day and 348 on the second day for a 520 total, just one stroke behind Bonduel. The Wildcats also finished one stroke in front of St. Mary's Springs' 521.

On June 4, Lena was led by Braden McVane with a 77, followed by Mason Belongia and Drake Dionne each with an 89 and Mason Spice with a 93. Evan VanderZanden scored 98.

For their two-day totals, McVane had a 119, Belongia was at 131, Spice had 132 and Dionne scored 140. VanderZanden scored a 147.

Baseball

– After three playoff games each decided by a single run, Bonduel broke open the bats in the sectional championship game, defeating St. Mary Catholic 6-0 on June 4. The win propelled the Bears to the state tournament June 11 at Neuroscience Group Field at Fox Cities Stadium, Grand Chute, the home of the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers.

– Bonduel's first-ever trip to the state baseball tournament ended in defeat in the Division 3 semifinal game. The No. 3 seeded Bears lost 2-1 to No. 2 seed Kenosha St. Joseph Catholic on June 11.

Shawano Ski Sharks

– The Shawano Ski Sharks won three first-place awards at the National Ski Show Association Division 2 tournament held Aug. 2-4 at Smalley Park in Shawano. The local ballet won with 207 points. Shawano's pyramid team won. Shawano also

won the tow boat driving category.

– Barefoot was the style of the day when the Shawano Ski Sharks and other skiers attempted to break the Guinness World Record for barefoot line skiing. Several attempts were made Sept. 8 on the Wolf River at Smalley Park. The Ski Sharks attempted to break their own world record of 38 barefoot line skiers set a few years ago. Officials have yet to review all of the video, but local skiers are claiming at least 41 skiers, which would set a new record. It's possible that under further review, that number could be more.

Softball

– Billi Vertz retired as Pulaski High School girls softball coach after a successful 20-year run as head coach at PHS and 26 years in coaching.

BABA

– The Little Falls Loggers traveled to the Scandinavia Vikings on Sept. 1 to compete in the 78th Badger Amateur Baseball Association Grand Championship Game. Little Falls won 4-2.

Athletic Hall of Fame

– Shawano Community High School inducted five new members into its Athletic Hall of Fame on Oct. 11. The five inductees were Jim Judd (1964), Dan Schutt (1984), Brian Johnson (1986), Tami Felts-Tady (2000) and Harlan Martin (coach).

– Four more athletes were inducted into the Bonduel Athletic Hall of Fame prior to the start of the Bears football game Oct. 11. The newest members were Alexa (Reinke) Frechette, Jen Dowden, Jim Moeller and Joshua Tebo.

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Girls golf
- Shawano's Sophia Egert was the medalist and won that honor for eight of the nine conference meets this season. She was named Player of the Year for the third time in her four seasons of golf for Shawano.

- Oconto Falls Taylor Miller finished in 10th place at the 2024 WIAA Division 2 state girls golf championships at University Ridge Golf Course in Verona.

Cross country
- Bonduel's Mariah Wondra won the girls race at the Rosholt Invite and in the process broke the Bears school record with a time of 19:08.95. This currently ranks her in the top 10 at state.

- Gillett's Bradyn Wendorf led all area runners with a seventh-place finish in the Division 3 boys race at the state cross country tournament Nov. 2 in Wisconsin Rapids.

- The Bonduel boys team placed 14th among 16 teams. Race Anvelink led the Bears with a 30th-place finish. He was joined by Gage Anderson, Griffin Uelmen, Joah Dworniczak

and Garrett Anderson.

- In the girls event, Wittenberg-Birnamwood placed 11th and Bonduel was 13th.

For the Chargers, it was Rory Salvesson leading the way with a 10th-place finish in 20:07.3. She was followed by Nora Bushman, Harper Krull, Gabrielle Timm and Jayden Zeinert.

Mariah Wondra led the Bears, placing 17th. Also scoring for Bonduel were Teagan Engel, Hailey Berg, Cierra Schnell and Kember Frome.

In Division 2, Shawano's girls team placed 13th out of 16 teams, with Bailey Hendricks leading the way with a 31st-place finish.

She was joined by Adalyn Barkley, Mikelah Powers, Maci Beyer and Anabelle Schroeder.

Rounding out the team were Zoe Sipple and Teagan Powers.

Oconto Falls' Hailey Delzer finished in 49th place.

In the boys race, Shawano's Josiah Kuehl placed 65th, while Menominee Nation's Bryant Waupoose III was 74th.

In the Division 1 girls race, Pulaski's Olivia Stedl placed 94th. In the boys race, Pulaski's Arden Gilen placed 126th.

Volleyball
- Shawano's volleyball team moved closer to victory with each game against Catholic Memorial in the WIAA Division 2 semifinals at the Resch Center in Green Bay, but in the end, the Hawks lost the contest in three straight sets 3-0.

- In Division 3 action, Aquinas ended Bonduel's first trip to the state tournament with a 3-0 score in the semifinals.

Boys soccer
- Shawano's soccer team had five shots on goal in the WIAA semifinals against Sheboygan Falls on Nov. 7 but only managed to score once in their 2-1 loss.

Girls swimming
- Wittenberg-Birnamwood sophomore Kelsie Davis was named Bay Conference Swimmer of the Year at the conference meet Oct. 31 in Sturgeon Bay. She is also a four-time conference champion, winning the 100-yard butterfly, 100-yard back-

stroke and teaming up with Faith Resch, Reese Dickman and Brooklynn Beran to win the 200-yard medley relay and 400-yard freestyle relay. Resch was a four-time Bay conference champion, winning the 50-yard freestyle, 100-yard freestyle and the two relays.

- The Wittenberg-Birnamwood girls swim team placed fifth out of 34 teams at the Division 2 state swim meet Nov. 15 in Waukesha. Swimmers also broke five school records.

Football
- Owen-Withee (12-0) completed an undefeated season by capturing the state 8-player football championship with a 50-36 victory over Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas (10-2) at South Wood County Stadium in Wisconsin Rapids on Nov. 16.

- A pair of touchdowns in each of the first two quarters put Grantsburg in the driver's seat, and Bonduel couldn't come back in a 34-29 loss in the WIAA Division 6 semifinal game at Stanley-Boyd on Nov. 15.



The Wittenberg-Birnamwood foursome of Kelsie Davis, Reese Dickman, Brooklyn Beran and Faith Resch placed fourth in the 200-yard medley relay in 1:50.76 and fourth in the 200-yard freestyle relay in 1:39.99. In front are Dickman, left, and Resch. In back are Beran, left, and Davis.

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Former Oconto athlete to lead Wake Forest football program

By KEVIN PASSON
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From the Blue Devils to the Demon Deacons, former Oconto High School athlete Jack Dickert is the new head coach of the Wake Forest University football team.

Dickert, 41, grew up in Oconto and was a standout athlete there for three years before his family moved to Kohler for his senior year.

"During his time in Oconto, Jake was the starting quarterback on our varsity football team all three years," said Pete Gabrielson, former Oconto football team head coach. "He led the team to the state playoffs in both his sophomore and junior seasons. I remember how, even as a freshman, Jake was able to lead the team and earn the respect and trust of his teammates. It was clear back then that he had something special."

Wake Forest University, a Division 1 school, is in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The Demon Deacons play in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

"I cannot tell you how excited, proud and honored I am to be the head football coach at Wake Forest University," Dickert said in a statement. "It has been an exhilarating journey since my first conversations with Vice President and Director of Athletics John Currie, President Susan R. Wenthe and the athletics and university leadership. My number one priority will be building relationships with our current student-athletes and earning their trust.

"We will have a clear focus on retaining our current roster while adding valuable pieces that fit our program and Wake Forest University. Additionally, I am excited to immerse myself in this special community as throughout this



JAKE DICKERT

process my belief that this is the perfect place for our family and our program only strengthened."

Dickert, who has been a college football coach for 17 seasons, has risen up the ranks, holding experience at nearly every level of the game. He has proven to be a consistent developer of NFL caliber talent throughout his career while also a winner at each of his coaching stops.

In four seasons as the head coach at Washington State, also a Division 1 school, Dickert has had a winning record and gone to a bowl three times while having the Cougars ranked inside of the top-20 each of the last two seasons,

climbing as high as No. 13 in 2023.

Additionally over the last three NFL draft cycles, Dickert has had seven players selected and the three draft picks in 2024 marked the most for Washington State since the 2005 NFL draft.

Dickert had been the defensive coordinator when he took over during the 2021 season as the Cougars' interim coach after Washington State fired Nick Rolovich for refusing a state mandate that all employees get vaccinated against COVID-19. Dickert led the team to a 3-3 finish to earn the permanent job, then went 20-17 in the three seasons since.

Washington State went 8-4 this year, the first since the Pac-12 fell apart, with the majority of its schools scattering to the ACC, Big 12 and Big Ten.

The Cougars are set to play No. 22 Syracuse in the Holiday Bowl on Dec. 27,

but Dickert will not coach the team.

Gabrielson said Dickert's older brother, Jesse, was also on the Oconto football team, and their father, Jeff, was the school district superintendent.

"Those were the days when you still had a freshman football team, and it was very unusual to have a freshman on the varsity team," he said. "I decided to make him the starting quarterback for the varsity program."

Gabrielson said Dickert and his dad would study game films every night leading up the next week's game.

"Jake would look for the other team's weaknesses from the beginning," Gabrielson said. "It was something to see this young guy take the game of football so serious. It was almost like a scholarly pursuit for him."

Dickert would go on to play football at UW-Stevens Point from

2002-06 where he earned All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) honors as a wide receiver his senior season of 2006 and was named his team's wide receiver of the year both his junior and senior seasons.

Dickert earned his bachelor's degree in secondary math education from UW-Stevens Point in 2007 and completed his master's degree in general education, also from UW-Stevens Point in 2009.

Dickert got his start in coaching as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, UW-Stevens Point, in 2007.

"Jake's journey from Oconto to this remarkable coaching opportunity is a testament to his hard work, talent and dedication and we couldn't be prouder of him," Gabrielson said. "We wish him all the best as he takes on this exciting new role."

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Bay Area Ice Bears score 3 shutouts

The Bay Area Ice Bears hosted three teams over the past weekend and shut out each team at the Cornerstone Community Center in Ashwaubenon.

The Ice Bears will host Gentry Academy at 7 p.m. Jan. 3.

Dec. 28
Bay Area 4, Eau Claire Area 0

Abby Mommaerts opened the scoring with two goals in the first four minutes of the second period. Aisling Buchan added

another for a 3-0 lead. Hannah Von Haden scored once in the third period for the final tally.

Assists were credited to Buchan, Elizabeth Zunker, Von Haden, Emily Bill, Faye Brunke and Briana Anundsen.

The Stars were penalized twice for four minutes, while the Ice Bears were called for five infractions for 10 minutes.

Reese Spiering had 18 saves for the Ice Bears, while Amy Thul had 27 for

the Stars.
Dec. 27
Bay Area 7, Warbirds 0

The Ice Bears had 27 shots on goal compared to nine for the Warbirds in the 7-0 shutout.

Scoring in the first period were Tiana Stindt, Faye Brunke and Aisling Buchan. Buchan scored a second time in the second period, and Hannah Von Haden made the score 5-0.

In the final period, Brunke scored again, and

Emily Bill closed out the scoring with a goal at 4:44.

Stindt had three assists in the game, Bill, Von Haden and Brunke had two each, and one each went to Julianne Bradford and Addison Dahl.

Each team was penalized four times for eight minutes.

Reese Spiering had nine saves for the Ice Bears.

Bay Area 10, Rock County 0

The goals were fast and furious with the Ice Bears

running up a 10-0 shutout of Rock County to open weekend action.

The Ice Bears ended the game with 39 shots on goal compared to seven for the Rock County Fury. Reese Spiering had one save for Bay Area, with Kade Kitchenmaster getting six.

Aisling Buchan completed a hat trick with two goals in the first period and the last in the third.

Faye Brunke and Claire Gerarden each had two

goals. Scoring once each were Rachael Beeck, Emily Bill and Jordyn Clarke.

Elizabeth Zunker had three assists. Getting two each were Addison Dahl, Bill, Addison Gady, Briana Anundsen and Olympia Simons. Tiana Stindt, Ava McDonald, Gerarden, Abby Mommaerts, Hannah Von Haden and Brunke each had one.

The Ice Bears were penalized three times for six minutes, while the Fury had a penalty-free game.

Boucher named new coach of Shawano girls softball team

Nathan Boucher will be the new head softball coach at Shawano Community High School, pending formal approval by the Shawano School Board.

He will replace Jude Wachtel who resigned from the position this fall.

Boucher has demonstrated a commitment to coaching the youths of the Shawano community, coaching several youth programs and multiple SCHS teams, said Joel Wondra, high school activities director.

Boucher has served on the Youth Softball board and coached in the youth softball program since

2015. He also coached youth baseball for eight years, including four years in which he served on the Youth Baseball board.

At SCHS, Boucher coaches in the boys basketball program, recently taking over as the JV1 head coach this year after being the JV2 head coach for the previous five seasons.

He has also been the boys JV1 soccer head coach since 2018. Boucher was the varsity soccer head coach at Gresham High School for 13 years and is familiar with the demands of running a varsity program.

“I am excited and

thrilled to be given the opportunity to be the head coach of Shawano softball,” Boucher said. “I am looking forward to being able to have a part in building success in the softball program and helping kids with the sport they love.”

“I’m excited for coach Boucher to become the leader of the SCHS softball program,” Wondra said. “Coach Boucher brings a wealth of coaching experience to the position, and he has demonstrated a commitment to the education-based athletics model. We are excited for the team to continue to

improve and for the program to provide a positive and meaningful experience for our athletes.”

With the first day of practice fewer than four months away, Boucher will be busy preparing for the 2025 season.

“My first task is to connect with players and families to share more about the direction I see our program going in the future,” Boucher said.

In 2025, the Hawks are expected to return eight letterwinners and are looking to build upon last year’s 12-13 overall record and fifth-place finish in the Bay Conference.



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Bonduel boys keep overall record perfect at 9-0

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

Dec. 28
Bonduel 55, Wisconsin Rapids Assumption 29

Ryan Westrich and Carter Moesch each scored 13 points to lead Bonduel over Wisconsin Rapids Assumption 55-29 in the Sentry Classic at UW-Stevens Point.

Moesch connected on three 3-point baskets.

The Bears jumped out to a 27-8 lead at halftime and easily maintained the large lead.

Oneida Nation 75, Bowler 31
St. Thomas Aquinas

Academy 57, Gresham 33
Montello 79, Marion 34

Menominee Nation 64, Wabeno/Laona 46
Oconto 62, Oconto Falls 53

Dec. 27
Gresham 64, Bowler 49

Tomahawk 50, Marion 27
Menominee Nation 56, Crandon 52

Fox Valley Lutheran 56, Shawano 42
Dec. 26

Bonduel 82, Pacelli 42

Five players scored in double digits for Bonduel, which defeated Pacelli 82-

42 in the Sentry Classic at UW-Stevens Point.

The Bears are 8-0 overall this season (4-0 in conference play).

Race Anvelink led the scoring with 18 points including four 3-pointers. Carter Moesch was next with 17 points and three 3-pointers.

Quinn Wesenberg score 16 points, while Ryan Westrich added 11 and Cade Johnson dropped in another 10.

Bonduel held a comfortable 42-22 halftime lead and widened it by another 20 points in the second half.

Shawano girls beat Ashwaubenon

BY NEW MEDIA STAFF

Dec. 28
Gillett 49, Sturgeon Bay 24

Menominee Nation 54, Wabeno/Laona 48
Oconto 64, Oconto Falls 59

Dec. 27

Shawano 58, Ashwaubenon 42

In a hard-fought game, the Hawks pulled away in the second half to defeat Ashwaubenon 58-42 at UW-Green Bay.

Leah Nordin led all scorers with 31 points. Shawano, 7-3 overall,

plays against New London on Jan. 3.

Assumption 54, Bonduel 49

Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah 51, Gresham 42
Crandon 55, Menominee Nation 48

Montello 32, Marion/Tigerton 17

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▪ Clayton E. Thunder, 48, Green Bay, had his probation revoked Nov. 26, and Judge William Kussel Jr. sentenced him Dec. 27 to three years in prison, followed by three years of extended supervision with conditions, for two counts of possession of methamphetamine, victim intimidation, possession of THC (second or subsequent offense), two counts of felony bail jumping and two misdemeanor counts of battery.

▪ Nicholas R. Wetherell, 33, Shawano, was charged Dec. 23 with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia to produce methamphetamine and a misdemeanor count of bail jumping. Kussel set a \$5,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Jan. 21.

▪ Kevin Arnold Brewer, 31, Gresham, was charged Dec. 23 with felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. Kussel set a \$200 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Jan. 28.

▪ John J. Greer, 45, Cecil, was charged Dec. 23 with felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and resisting or obstructing an officer. Kussel set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Jan. 24.

▪ Glory A. Johnson, 37, Denmark, was charged Dec. 23 with possession of methamphetamine, 12 counts of felony bail jumping

and misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct and two counts of resisting or obstructing an officer. Kussel set a \$750 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Jan. 21.

▪ Joseph R. Caldwell, 29, Cecil, was charged Dec. 26 with two counts of second-degree recklessly endangering safety, felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (first offense) and possession of THC. Kussel set a \$4,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Feb. 19.

▪ Danny S. Wedde, 40, was charged Dec. 26 with possession of methamphetamine, felony bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of resisting or failing to stop and possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$1,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Jan. 2.

▪ Tanya M. Dear, 51, Menasha, was charged Dec. 26 with possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs, and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Jan. 14.

▪ Daniel S. Slack, 48, Pulaski, was charged Dec. 26 with six counts of possession of child pornography. Kussel set a \$10,000 cash bond and scheduled a status conference for Feb. 11.

Hypoglycemia risky if unaddressed



REBECCA THAO

Hypoglycemia, a serious condition characterized by dangerously low blood sugar levels, can pose immediate health risks if left unaddressed. Understanding the symptoms and knowing how to respond effectively is essential for ensuring the safety and well-being of those at risk.

Hypoglycemia occurs when blood sugar levels drop too low, potentially leading to various health complications.

“Hypoglycemia can happen for several reasons,” said Rebecca Thao, a pharmacy resident at Aspirus Health. “One common cause is that your body might have too much insulin, particularly if you are on insulin therapy or taking certain oral diabetes medication.”

Insulin is a hormone produced by the pancreas that helps convert sugar into energy. Other contributing factors include excessive exercise and skipping meals.

Early recognition of hypoglycemia is vital. Common signs and symptoms to watch for include shakiness, hunger, fast heartbeat and dizziness.

If you experience any of these symptoms, Thao advises taking immediate action.

“The first step is to check your blood sugar with a glucose monitor if you have one,” she said.

If blood sugar levels are low, follow the “Rule of 15.”

- Consume 15 grams of fast-acting carbohydrates, such as 4 ounces of regular soda (not diet), 4 ounces of orange juice or three to four glucose tablets.
- Wait 15 minutes to allow your body to absorb the sugar.
- Recheck your blood sugar. If it remains below 70 mg/dL, repeat the process.

Regular monitoring of blood glucose levels is essential for many patients, especially those living with type 1 diabetes, taking insulin or certain oral medications. Fluctuations can occur throughout the day due to various factors, and if levels drop below the target range, immediate action is necessary.

“Always be aware of your body’s signals and have a plan in place to respond to low blood sugar episodes,” Thao said.

By recognizing the signs and knowing how to respond, individuals can help safeguard their

health throughout Diabetes Month and beyond.

Learn more at www.aspirus.org/diabetes-care.

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12/27/24, 01/03/25, 01/10/25
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Martha E. Gerdt
DOD 11/16/2024
NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Informal Administration)
Case Number - 24pr71
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE :
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 03/02/1938 and date of death 11/16/2024, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address W5344 Rosemary Court, 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 03/20/2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N Main St, Shawano, WI Wisconsin Room 202 Probate Office.
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12/27/24, 01/03/25, 01/10/25
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Lyle E. Hagen
DOD 09/15/2024
NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Informal Administration)
Case Number - 24pr72
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE :
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 06/18/1948 and date of death 09/15/2024, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address N6832 S. Forest Haven Road, 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 02/28/2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N Main St, Shawano, WI Wisconsin Room 202 Probate Office.
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12/27/24, 01/03/25, 01/10/25
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, OF SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE
Alyssa Johanna Rice
By Alyssa Johanna Rice
Hearing case No.24cv2225
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Alyssa Johanna Rice
To: Carmen Johanna Rice
Birth Certificate: Alyssa Johanna Rice
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County State of Wisconsin
Judge Katherine Sloma
311 N Main St Shawano WI
01/17/2025 8:15 a.m.
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MENOMINEE COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Jeffrey Grignon
NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Informal Administration)
Case Number - 24pr07
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE :
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 11/27/1963 and date of death 08/12/2024, was domiciled in Menominee County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address PO Box 415 Keshena WI 54135, 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 03/20/2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N Main St, Shawano, WI Wisconsin Room 202 Probate Office.
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12/27/24, 01/03/25, 01/10/25
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MENOMINEE COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF John Deck
DOD 05/04/2023
NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Informal Administration)
Case Number - 24pr04
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE :
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 09/26/1945 and date of death 05/04/2023, was domiciled in Menominee County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address N1446 Silver Canoe Lane Keshena WI 54135, 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 02/28/2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N Main St, Shawano, WI Wisconsin Room 202 Probate Office.
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KEITH D. SCHENK
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 24 PR 75
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 11/13/1956 and date of death 10/08/2024, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W16305 Fair-Morr Road Tigerton, WI 54486.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is March 18, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 North Main Street Shawano, 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 Bar Number 1061377
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12/27/24, 01/03/25, 01/10/25
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, SHAWANO COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Omia L. Knudsen a/k/a Omia Louise Knudsen
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 24 PR 78
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 1/28/1962 and date of death 11/17/2024, was domiciled in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N7138 County Rd. V, Cecil, WI 54111.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is March 24, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main Street, Shawano, Wisconsin, Room 202, Probate Office.
Form completed by: Atty. Emily Z. Dunham 1930 Algoma Blvd. Ste. A Oshkosh, WI 54901 920-215-4050 Bar Number 1068948
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12/27/24
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, OF SHAWANO COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE
Kayla Marie Richter
By Kayla Marie Richter
NOTICE and ORDER for Name Change Hearing case No.24cv219
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Kayla Marie Richter
To: Kayla Marie Vandermeuten
Birth Certificate: Kayla Marie Vandermeuten
IT IS ORDERED:
This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Shawano County State of Wisconsin:
Judge Kathrine Sloma
311 N Main St Shawano WI
01/02/2025 Time: 11:15 a.m.
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12/27/24
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, OF SHAWANO COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER
IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE
Jayda Mae Kalz
By Savannah Rachelle Poetter
NOTICE and ORDER for Name Change 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.
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SHAWANO LEADER

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Dec. 29

Deputies responded to 18 incidents, including assisting the fire department on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; trespassing at the Novitiate, W9711 Butternut Road in the Town of Herman; assault on Broadway Road in the Town of Richmond; ATV problem on River Road in the Town of Bartelme; shoplifting at Lakeside Mart, 205 N. War-rington Ave., Cecil; fleeing and pursuit on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; five 911 calls; one welfare check; one reckless driving incident; one crash.

Dec. 28

Deputies responded to 22 incidents, including assisting the fire department on Deer Drive in the Town of An-

gelica; vehicle theft at Dollar General, 472 U.S. Highway 45, Birnamwood; warrant at the Shawano County Human Services Department, W7327 Anderson Ave. in the Town of Wescott; trespassing on Country Lane in the Town of Washington; found property at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St., Shawano; operating without a license at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St., Sha-wano; two 911 calls; three reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; two wel-fare checks; three crashes.

Dec. 27

Deputies responded to 21 incidents, including a scam on Deer Drive in the Town of Angelica; animal bite on Sunset Drive in the Town of Herman; assisting the fire department on County Road Q in the Town of Witten-berg; trespassing on Lake Crest Drive in the Town of

Wescott; illegal burning on County Road A in the Town of Herman; property damage on Lake Drive in the Town of Wescott; assisting the fire department on Derby Lane in the Town of Washington; one 911 call; one welfare check; four crashes.

Dec. 26

Deputies responded to 30 incidents, including tres-passing on Little Road in the Town of Red Springs; warrant attempt on County Road M in the Town of Germania; trespassing on East Street in the Town of Washington; two 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; 13 crashes.

Dec. 25

Report not received by press time.

Dec. 24

Report not received by press time.

Dec. 23

Deputies responded to 18

incidents, including noise on Lakewood Court in the Town of Wescott; noise on Maple Street in Birnamwood; two reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; three crashes.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dec. 29

Officers responded to 30 incidents, including an in-toxicated person at Sharona's Bar, 111 S. Washington St.; juvenile problem on South Union Street; four shoplift-ing calls at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.; restrain-ing order violation at Dairy Queen, 1005 E. Green Bay St.; trespassing on Tristan Drive; assault on East Lieg Avenue; vicious animal on Humphrey Court; four 911 calls; two wel-fare checks; two crashes.

Dec. 28

Officers responded to 18 incidents, including property

theft on East Lieg Avenue; noise on Aspen Court; vicious animal on West Green Bay Street; death investigation at an undisclosed location; trespassing at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 302 S. Main St.; juvenile runaway at an undisclosed location; one crash.

Dec. 27

Officers responded to 21 incidents, including shoplift-ing at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.; scam on South River Street; death investigation at an undisclosed location; found property on South Union Street; property theft at Thornberry Cottage, 132 S. Main St.; custodial interfe-rence on East Lieg Avenue; assault at an undisclosed lo-cation; three welfare checks.

Dec. 26

Officers responded to 18 incidents, including shoplift-ing at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green

Bay St.; property theft at Woodlawn Cemetery, 1115 E. Green Bay St.; property theft on East Richmond Street; two welfare checks; three crashes.

Dec. 25

Officers responded to 11 incidents, including vehicle theft on South Union Street; operating without a license at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.; custodial interference on South Andrews Street; shoplifting at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.; one reckless driving incident; one welfare check.

Dec. 24

Report not received by press time.

Dec. 23

Officers responded to 19 incidents, including warrant attempt at an undisclosed location; shoplifting at Kwik Trip, 1241 E. Green Bay St.; one 911 call; two welfare checks; one crash.

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2024
Readers Poll
Deadline: January 20, 2025
BALLOT #1

Best Goods:

☐ Flower Shop

☐ Grocery Store

☐ Hardware Store

☐ Tile/Flooring

Best Services:

☐ A/C & Heating

☐ Child Care

☐ Chiropractor

☐ Dentist

☐ Insurance Agency

☐ Optometrist

☐ Pharmacy

☐ Real Estate

☐ Tax Service

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2024
Readers Poll
Deadline: January 20, 2025
BALLOT #2

Best Thing To Do:

☐ Bowling Alley

☐ Casino

☐ Happy Hour

☐ Live Music

☐ Meat Market

☐ Night Spot

Best Outdoor Activities:

☐ Bait/Tackle Shop

☐ Golf Course

☐ Lawn/Garden

Best Vehicle Services:

☐ Auto Body Repair

☐ Auto Parts Supply Store

☐ Car Dealer

☐ Vehicle Service Center

☐ Tire Store

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Book series by KT Lee features elite FBI K-9 corps

I was ready for something interesting but not so gruesome, so I selected “A Nose for Mischief” by K.T. Lee. It is the first of the Riverbend K-9s series featuring members of an elite FBI K-9 unit.

Special Agent Alexis Thompson has a lot on her plate. Her hard work and a bit of good fortune have put her in charge of a new K-9 training facility housed in a former municipal airport not far from Chicago.

Early reports show that the program is remarkably successful, but the budget still has little wiggle room. So, when a bad agent was ousted from the program, Alexis has a willing K-9 but no handler for her.

Not long ago, Alexis and her K-9 partner Waffle



were part of an investigation at Future State Energy in Denver. The company claimed to have created powerful batteries for use in electric cars, but investors were claiming fraud. The FBI implemented a raid on the facility.

Alexis was charged with questioning testing engineer Zoey Butler. When Zoey was hired at Future State, she thought she'd found her dream job. Working on test data and spreadsheets made her day until she noticed that none

of the batteries passed her tests.

She rewrote test protocols but got the same disappointing results. The batteries were not capable of doing what Future State claimed. With nothing to hide, Zoey fully cooperated with the FBI but truly knew nothing that would aid in their investigation.

Seeing no future with the company, and knowing her skills were valuable, Zoey quit with plans to find a new job in no time. Sadly, being associated with Future State made her almost unemployable.

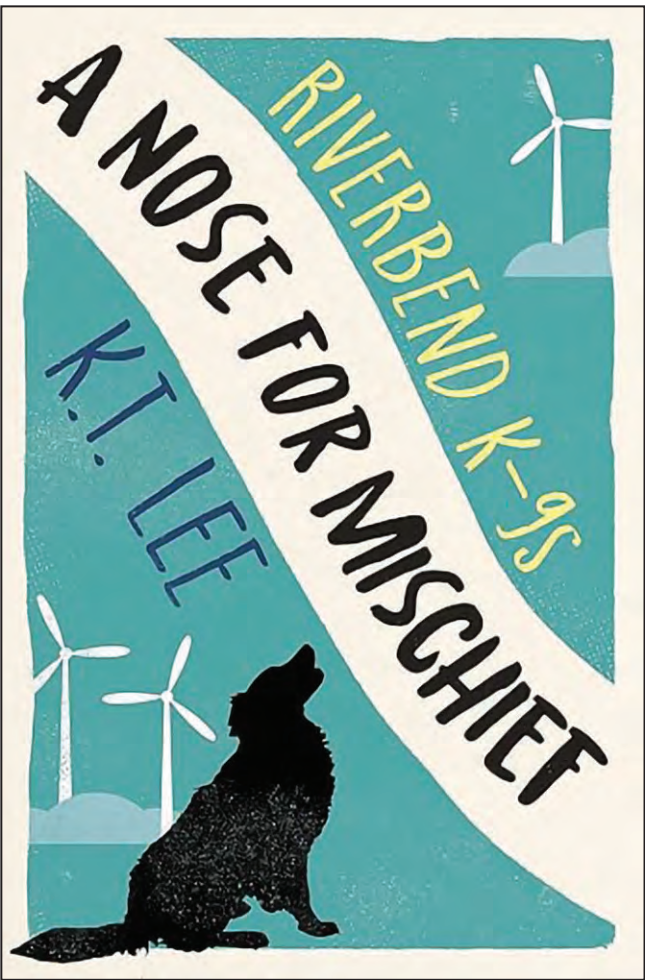
Remembering her encounters with Alexis, Zoey boldly reaches out to the agent. She asserts that since the FBI had created her employment problem,

they should be willing to give her a chance to improve her resume by hiring her. Amazed by the moxie, Alexis agrees to allow Zoey to work at the K-9 facility.

Packing light, Zoey heads for Riverbend. Within a day, Zoey has bonded with Waffle, met Liam Graham and his K-9 Tank and made a positive impression on most of the staff. Soon she's been offered the opportunity to work with an energetic pup named Tasha, and the connection is immediate.

Zoey has just begun her training when she learns that someone broke into the apartment she's shared with her sister. They ransacked Zoey's room and roughed up her sister. After a bit of brainstorming, Alexis, Liam and Zoey conclude that the thieves were after a flash drive that one of the Future State employees had given Zoey and she'd forgotten about.

A quick scan shows it contains incriminating information. Because the new management team has been trying to rehire Zoey, she agrees to return to Future State and get Liam hired as well. They already know that someone in Future State has sabotaged manufacturing and testing, so Zoey doesn't know who she can trust. Even the most innocent comment or



activity could blow their cover.

As the pair carefully digs deeper into employee backgrounds and associations, they find a tiny thread connecting the new CEO with a questionable investor group. With the help of their K-9 companions, Zoey and Liam piece together a plot to defraud investors and put the blame on innocent employees.

The final showdown is low-key and fairly non-violent, with the heroics underscored by a heavy dose of romance. It might not have been high drama, but it was an interesting look at a little-known segment of the FBI and how it functions.

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2024

Readers Poll

Deadline: January 20, 2025

BALLOT #3

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Food/Dining:

☐ Bar

☐ Breakfast

☐ Burger

☐ Coffee House

☐ Dessert

☐ Dinner

☐ Family Restaurant

☐ Fish Fry

☐ Lunch

☐ Pizza

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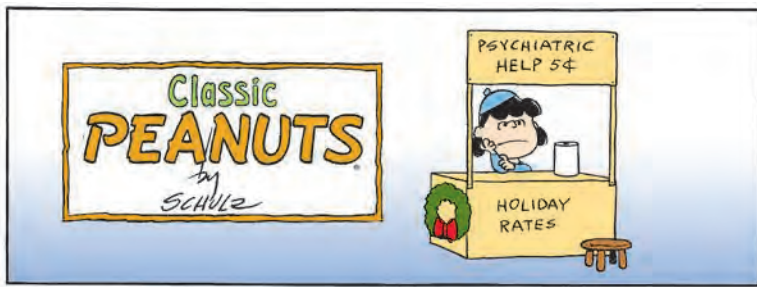
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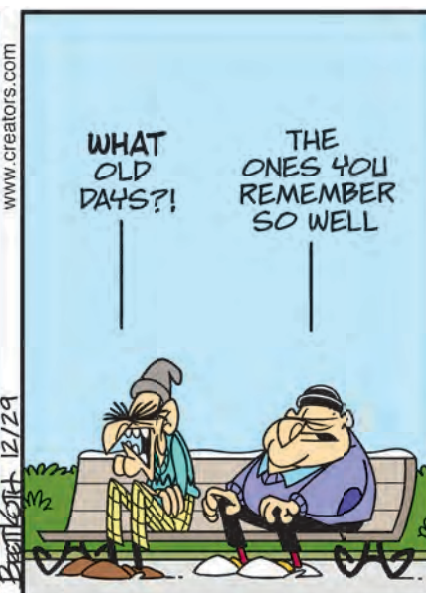
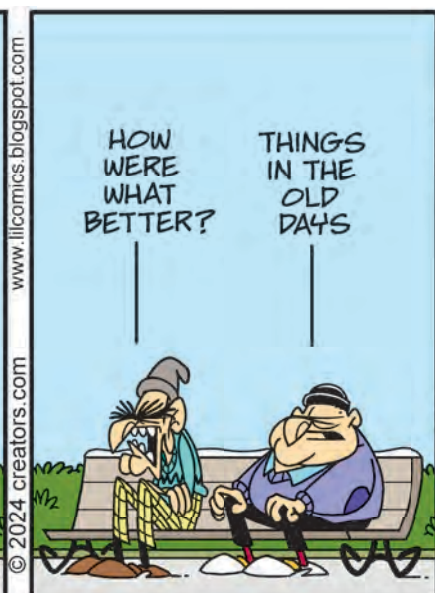
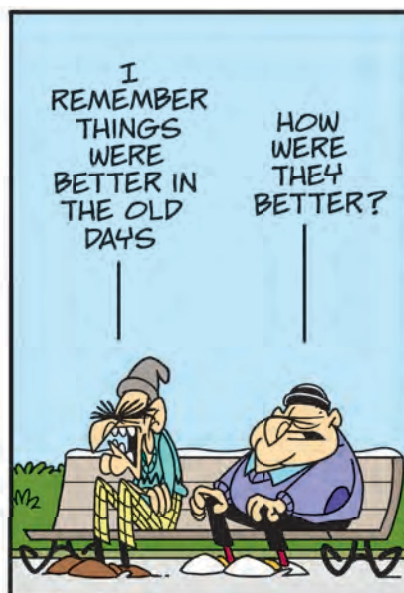
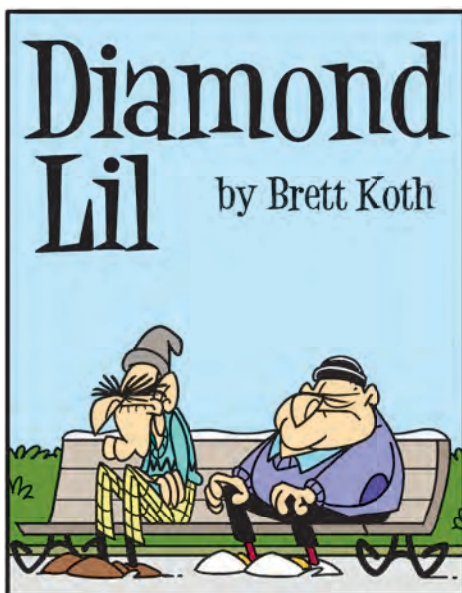
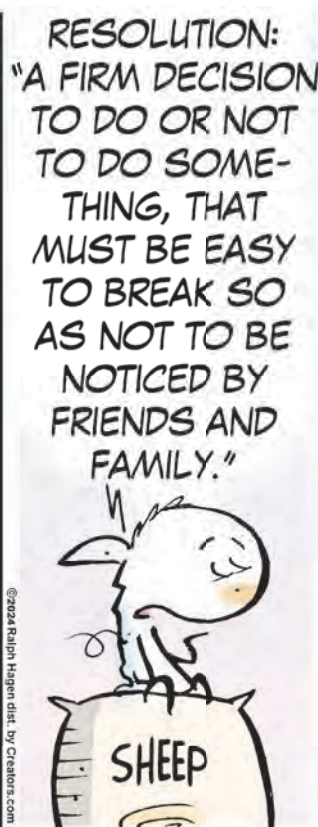
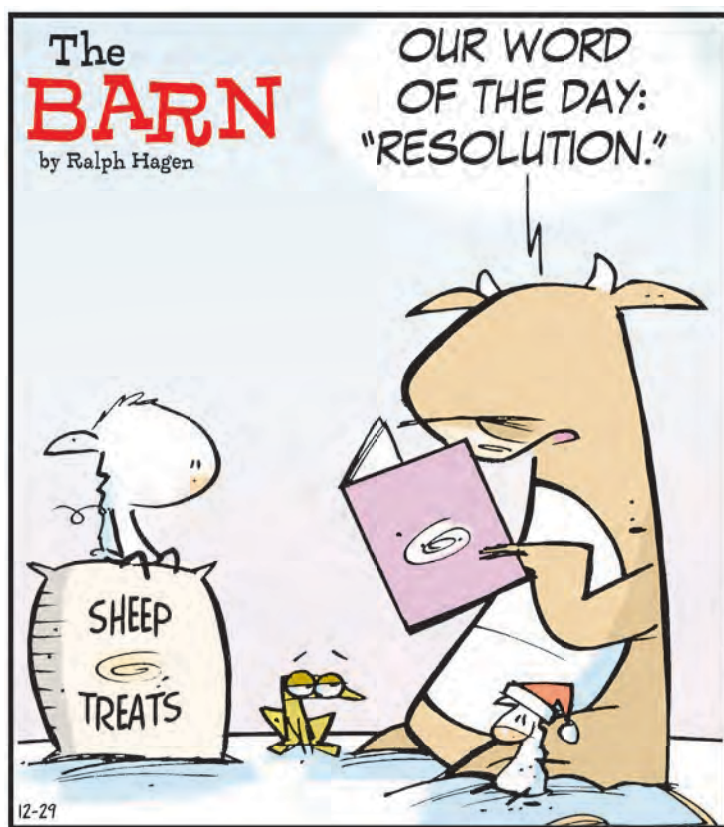
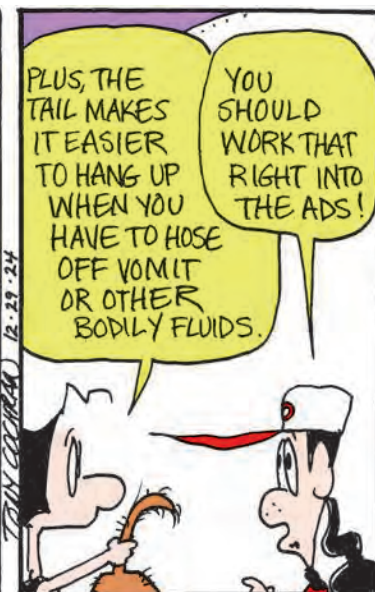
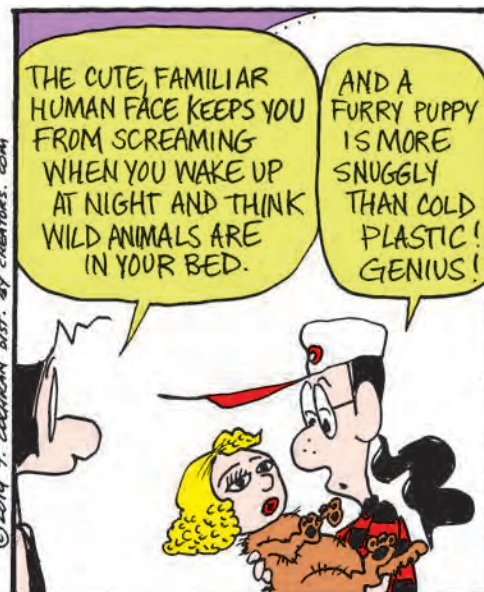
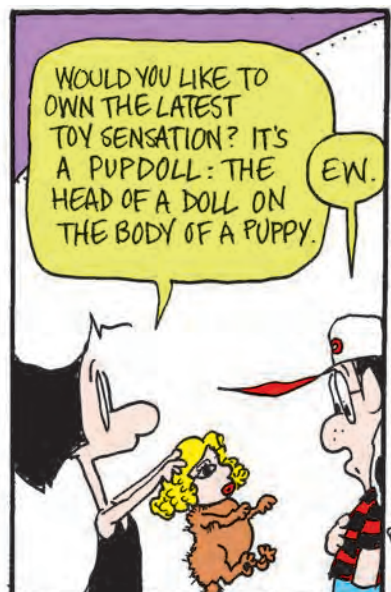
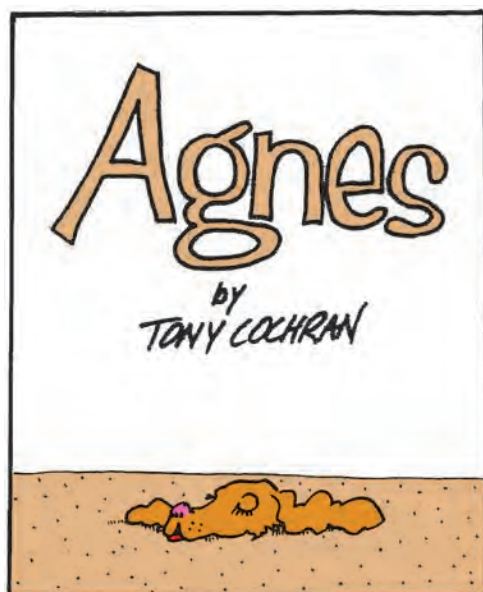
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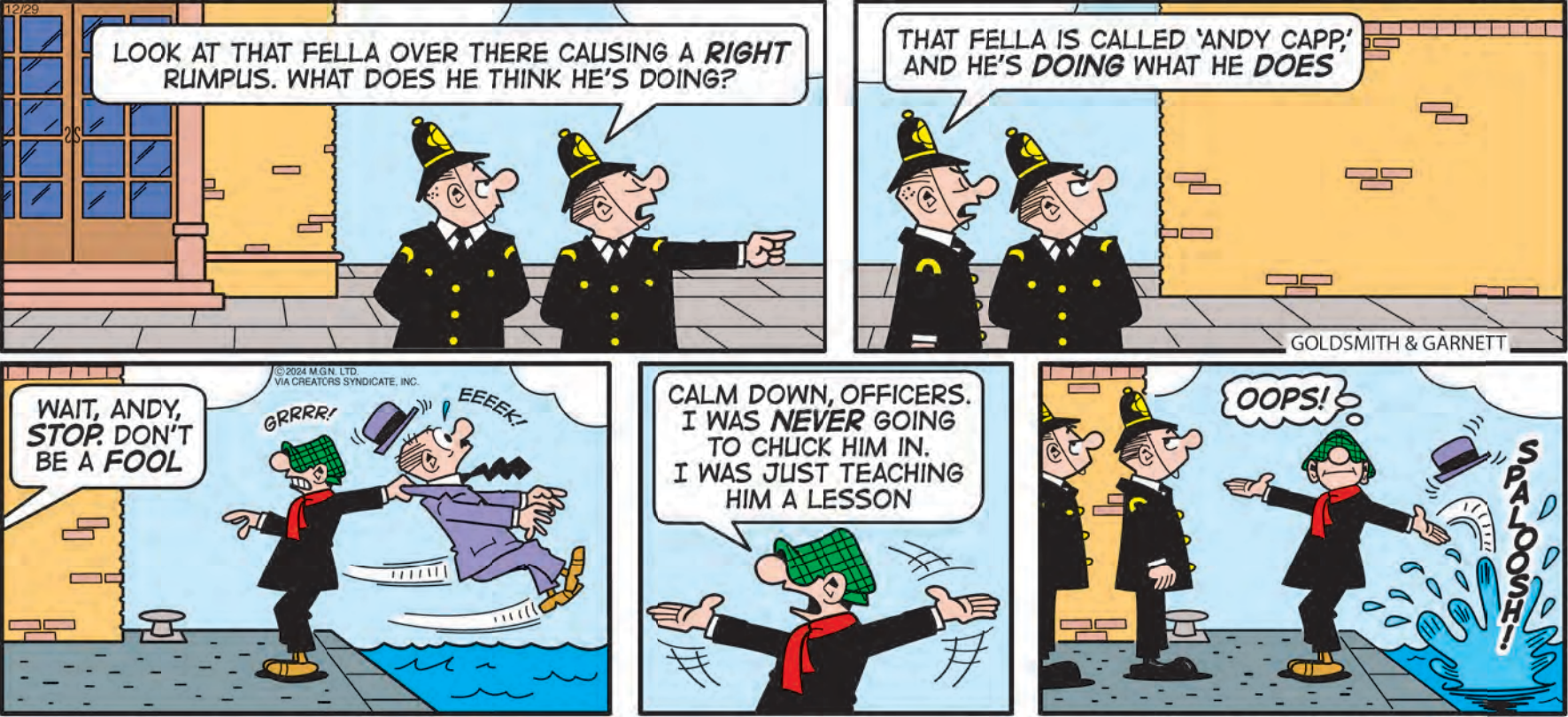
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PLAYOFF BOUND PACKERS 0-4 vs. NFC LEADERS

BY LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

It took two passes on the final drive to burn Green Bay’s timeouts and end a furious comeback for the Vikings to clinch the victory over the Packers on Dec. 29.

The Packers were unable to get revenge for its Week 4 loss, as it dropped its second game of the season to the Minnesota Vikings, 27-25 in Minnesota.

Vikings quarterback Sam Darnold registered the best game of his career. The USC alum completed 33-of-43 passes for a career high 377 yards and three touchdowns.

Vikings superstar receiver Justin Jefferson was the main recipient of Darnold’s big day, as he finished with 92 yards on eight receptions. Receiver Jordan Addison registered 69 yards and a touchdown on six catches, and tight end T.J. Hockenson registered 68 yards

on five receptions, but it was receiver Jalen Nailor who was the X-factor for Minnesota’s offense as he recorded 81 yards and a touchdown on five receptions.

Former Packers and Vikings running back Aaron Jones finished the game with 47 yards on 12 carries.

As for Green Bay, Jordan Love struggled as Minnesota’s defense was relentless in the pass rush, recording three sacks, two tackles for losses and eight total quarterback hits. Love finished the game completing 19-of-30 passes for 185 yards and one touchdown.

Romeo Doubs was the leading receiver for the Packers in the game with 58 yards on seven receptions. Tucker Kraft added 53 yards on two receptions, while Dontayvion Wicks notched 43 yards on four receptions.

“You have to come out and adjust to whatever they might be throw-

ing at you, whether it is something that you have planned for or something that you haven’t,” said Love, on Minnesota’s exotic defenses. “I don’t think we did that well enough, and then it comes down to going out there and making those plays, and we didn’t make those plays.”

Josh Jacobs churned out 69 yards and a touchdown on 17 carries, while Emanuel Wilson added 29 rushing yards and one touchdown on six carries.

In the two teams’ Week 4 matchup, Green Bay found itself down 28-7 after the first half of the game. While last week’s matchup was not as drastic of a deficit, it seemed eerily similar to the first game between the teams.

Led by its stellar defense, Minnesota jumped out to a 20-3 lead through the middle of the third quarter, but again like the first matchup, Green Bay’s roaring comeback provided late game sparks.



Top, quarterback Jordan Love throws a stiff arm to defend himself as he scrambles with the ball against the Vikings on Sunday. Love was 19-of-30 for 185 yards with a touchdown and 91.7 rating. Above, running back Josh Jacobs is shy of the goal line, like the rest of the team when it comes to defeating top-tier opponents this year. At left, coach Matt LaFleur searches for a successful play from his list.

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WEEK 17/DEFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 25 vs. VIKINGS 27



Defensive end Kingsley Enagbare towers over wide receiver Brandon Powell. Enagbare was not as active against the Vikings as he has been in previous games, but he is still in contention to seize the starting spot opposite Rashan Gary.

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No reason Packers shouldn't beat Bears

BY JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

The Green Bay Packers are at the end of the road. Sunday's game in all likelihood will be the final game at Lambeau Field this season. Jordan Love and company are coming off a 27-25 loss to the Minnesota Vikings, which saw them continue a trend of slow starts leading to disappointing finishes against the best teams in the NFC. Because of that loss, they'll now be the sixth seed at best in the NFC playoffs, with a possibility of finishing seventh, and hitting the road to Philadelphia for the Wild Card round.

They'll face a team that they've dominated for the last five years. The Packers are looking to build some momentum going into the playoffs. Here are the keys to doing just that. **Green Bay pass rush** Of all the units that disappointed on Sunday, the Packers' pass rush was probably the most egregious in terms of their disappointment. They did not get near Sam Darnold often enough against an offensive line that had struggled for most of the year. They play another struggling unit this week-end with the Chicago Bears coming to town. Caleb Williams has taken sacks at a record-setting

pace and has a propensity to hold onto the ball. Green Bay is built to feast against teams like that, and they need to do so. The last time these two teams played, the pass rush did not come to life until late in the fourth quarter. This time around, Green Bay needs to pounce on Williams early and often. **Chicago vs. Cancun** The reality of the situation is the Bears are made up of humans. DJ Moore joked before their game against Minnesota that he was most looking forward to vacation. Keenan Allen said that he played for the name on the back of his jersey. The reality from those

comments is that it does not appear Chicago is overly interested in competing to win. They looked lifeless in their loss to the Seattle Seahawks. They were booed by their home crowd and were unable to find the end zone. If the Packers are able to jump out to a lead in this game, the Bears could start thinking about their reservations in Cancun more than they are thinking about beating the Packers. It's not the most common outcome, but in a game where both teams are human, nobody would blame the Bears, mired in a 10-game losing streak, for wanting to be put out of

their misery. **Packers vs. Momentum** The Packers don't have much time to lick their wounds after a tough loss in Minnesota. They have one more game at home before heading to the postseason where they'll face off against another good team. Matt LaFleur said after Sunday's loss that he wanted his team to finish the season the right way and go into the postseason on a good note. To do that, they'll need to play well against the Bears. The good news is, that's something they've typically done. Despite LaFleur's comments to the public, there's

no question that he wants to treat this game like he did the game against New Orleans before Christmas. Josh Jacobs got a lesser workload that night. They rotated a bunch of players in on defense. Jordan Love got most of the fourth quarter off thanks to a 27-0 lead. This week's game could be handled in a similar way if the Packers are able to jump out to an early lead. This is a game where everything is in Green Bay's favor. They have more talent than Chicago. They're at home. They have more to play for. All the ingredients are there to build some confidence before having to hit the road in the postseason.

CHICAGO BEARS AT GREEN BAY PACKERS

TIME AND DATE: Noon, Sunday, Jan. 5
LOCATION: Lambeau Field
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2024 RECORDS: Packers, 11-5, Bears 4-12.
HISTORY: The Bears and Packers have been locking horns since the 1930s. The Packers lead the all-time series 109-76-7. Their last matchup at Lambeau Field came last year when the Packers won 17-9 to clinch their spot in the postseason in Jordan Love's first season as a starter. Their most recent meeting however came down to the final play of the game. The Packers took a late 20-19 lead on a quarterback sneak from Love.

Caleb Williams mounted a comeback drive to get the Bears into field goal range and have a chance to snap a 10-game losing streak to the Packers. Instead, Karl Brooks played the role of hero on the day as Cairo Santos' field goal was blocked as time expired. Perhaps that was the beginning of the end for Matt Eberflus, who has since been fired in favor of Thomas Brown, who started the season as the team's quarterback coach. He was promoted to offensive coordinator with the firing of Shane Waldron before being promoted to interim head coach. **COACHES:** Packers - Matt LaFleur (sixth season, 69-32). Bears - Thomas Brown (interim, 0-4). **PACKERS SCHEDULE** Friday, Sept. 6 at Philadelphia, L 29-34 Sunday, Sept. 15 vs. Indianapolis W 16-10 Sunday, Sept. 22 at Ten-

nessee W 30-14 Sunday, Sept. 29 vs. Minnesota L 29-31 Sunday, Oct. 6 at LA Rams 3:25 p.m. W 24-19 Sunday, Oct. 13 vs. Arizona W 34-13 Sunday, Oct. 20 vs. Houston W 24-22 Sunday, Oct. 27 at Jacksonville W 30-27 Sunday, Nov. 3 vs. Detroit L 14-24 Week 10 BYE Sunday, Nov. 17 at Chicago W 20-19 Sunday, Nov. 24 vs. San Francisco W 38-10 Thursday, Nov. 28 vs. Miami W 30-17 Thursday, Dec. 5 at Detroit L 34-31 Sunday, Dec. 15 at Seattle W 30-13 Monday, Dec. 23 vs. New Orleans W 34-0 Sunday, Dec. 29, at Minnesota, L 27-25 Sunday, Jan. 5, vs. Chicago, Noon **NFL SCHEDULE** Saturday, Jan. 4

Cleveland at Baltimore,, 3:30 p.m. Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m. **Sunday, Jan. 5** Carolina at Atlanta, Noon Houston at Tennessee, Noon NY Giants at Philadelphia, Noon Jacksonville at Indianapolis, Noon Washington at Dallas, Noon Chicago at Green Bay, Noon New Orleans at Tampa Bay, Noon Buffalo at New England, Noon LA Chargers at Las Vegas, 3:25 p.m. San Francisco at Arizona, 3:25 p.m. Kansas City at Denver, 3:25 p.m. Seattle at LA Rams, 3:25 p.m. Miami at NY Jets, 3:25 p.m. Minnesota at Detroit, 7:20 p.m.

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Rita Kristof,
Golden Pond Tenant

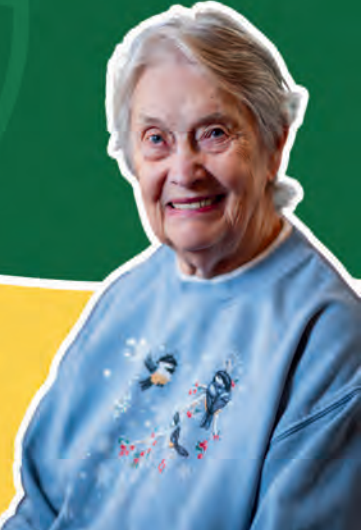


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2024-25

Week 18 Games: Sun., Jan. 5

Minnesota @ Detroit
Miami @ NY Jets
Washington @ Dallas
NY Giants @ Philadelphia

Tie Breaker Game:
Chicago @ Green Bay

Due to time constraints the Monday night game will be included in next week's issue of Green and Gold Express.

Weekly Standings

	Weekly Record	Overall Record
Tim Murphy, NEW Media	4-0	65-19
Mike Warachek, Card & Coin	2-2	61-23
Matt/Rory, Buss Automotive	2-2	60-24
Luke Reimer, NEW Media	4-0	58-26
Jacob Westendorf, NEW Media	4-0	57-27
Tanya Hintz, Shawano Health Services	3-1	54-30
Kevin Passon, NEW Media	3-1	53-31
Margaret Vandembush, The Cottages at Meadowlands	3-1	53-31
Staff, Walsh Dental Group	4-0	52-32
Joan Kamps, The Cottages on Golden Pond	2-2	50-34
Staff, Iverson's Piggly Wiggly	3-1	47-37



This Week's Picks:
Detroit
Miami
Washington
Philadelphia

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Chicago 14 @ Green Bay 32

Week 16 Winner:
Kevin Passon, NEW Media

Week 17 Winner:
Luke Reimer, NEW Media



This Week's Picks:
Detroit
Miami
Washington
Philadelphia

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Chicago 3 @ Green Bay 31



This Week's Picks:
Detroit
Miami
Washington
Philadelphia

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Chicago 21 @ Green Bay 30



This Week's Picks:
Minnesota
Miami
Washington
NY Giants

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



This Week's Picks:
Minnesota
NY Jets
Dallas
Philadelphia

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Chicago 27 @ Green Bay 35



This Week's Picks:
Minnesota
Miami
Washington
Philadelphia

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Chicago 13 @ Green Bay 30



This Week's Picks:
Detroit
Miami
Washington
Philadelphia

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Chicago 17 @ Green Bay 24



This Week's Picks:
Detroit
Miami
Washington
Philadelphia

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Chicago 14 @ Green Bay 28



This Week's Picks:
Detroit
NY Jets
Washington
Philadelphia

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score : Chicago 10 @ Green Bay 34



This Week's Picks:
Detroit
Miami
Washington
Philadelphia

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Chicago 10 @ Green Bay 30



This Week's Picks:
Detroit
NY Jets
Washington
Philadelphia

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Chicago 10 @ Green Bay 24

WEEK 17/OFFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 25 vs. VIKINGS 27



Josh Jacobs carried the ball 17 times for 69 yards and a touchdown, but it wasn't enough to lift the Packers to victory, as Green Bay lost 27-25 to the Minnesota Vikings on Dec. 29. Depending on what happens in Week 18, the Packer could be either a sixth seed or seventh seed wild card team.

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JACOBS CARRIES THE BALL 17 TIMES FOR 69 YARDS AGAINST MINNESOTA



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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	88	Luke Musgrave.....	TE
20	Javon Bullard.....	S	55	Kingsley Enagbare.....	DL	89	Ben Sims.....	TE
21	Eric Stokes.....	CB	56	Edgerrin Cooper.....	LB	90	Lukas Van Ness.....	DL
22	Robert Rochell.....	CB	57	Brenton Cox Jr.....	DL	93	T.J. Slaton.....	DL
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24	Carrington Valentine.....	CB	59	Ty'Ron Hopper.....	LB	95	Devonte Wyatt.....	DL
25	Keisean Nixon.....	CB	62	Jacob Monk.....	C/G	96	Colby Wooden.....	DL
26	Corey Ballentine.....	CB	63	Rasheed Walker.....	T	97	Kenny Clark.....	DL
27	Kitan Oladapo.....	S	71	Josh Myers.....	C/G			



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2	DJ Moore.....	WR	31	Kevin Byard III.....	DB	73	Jake Curhan.....	OL
4	D'Andre Swift.....	RB	32	Terrell Smith.....	DB	75	Larry Borom.....	OL
6	Kyler Gordon.....	DB	36	Jonathan Owens.....	DB	76	Teven Jenkins.....	OL
8	Cairo Santos.....	K	38	Ameer Speed.....	DB	79	Matt Pryor.....	OL
10	Tyler Scott.....	WR	39	Josh Blackwell.....	DB	80	Collin Johnson.....	WR
13	Keenan Allen.....	WR	44	Noah Sewell.....	LB	84	Mercedes Lewis.....	TE
14	Gerald Everett.....	TE	45	Amen Ogbongbemiga.....	LB	85	Cole Kmet.....	TE
15	Rome Odunze.....	WR	46	Scott Daly.....	LS	90	Dominique Robinson.....	DL
17	Tyson Bagent.....	QB	49	Tremaine Edmunds.....	LB	91	Chris Williams.....	DL
18	Caleb Williams.....	QB	52	Darrell Taylor.....	DL	92	Daniel Hardy.....	DL
19	Tory Taylor.....	P	53	T.J. Edwards.....	LB	93	Byron Cowart.....	DL
20	Travis Horner.....	RB	55	Jacob Martin.....	DL	94	Austin Booker.....	DL
22	Elijah Hicks.....	DB	57	Jack Sanborn.....	LB	95	DeMarcus Walker.....	DL
23	Roschon Johnson.....	RB	58	Darrell Wright.....	OL	96	Zach Pickens.....	DL
24	Adrian Colbert.....	DB	64	Jonathan Ford.....	DL	98	Montez Sweat.....	DL
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WEEK 17/DEFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 25 vs. VIKINGS 27



An interception of Vikings quarterback Sam Darnold sparked the Packers' play, but it wasn't enough to overcome a 17-point deficit. Darnold led the way again for the Vikings, throwing for 377 yards and three touchdowns. It was the 13th time in 16 games that he finished with a quarterback rating of more than 100. After the game, Darnold received a hero's welcome in the Vikings' locker room, getting showered with water bottles as his teammates lifted him into the air.

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WEEK 17/OFFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 25 vs. VIKINGS 27



Tight end Tucker Kraft caught two passes for 53 yards, including one for 35 yards, against the Vikings. Like the Week 4 game against the Vikings, the Packers dug themselves a big hole before attempting another big comeback. They trailed 13-3 at halftime and then 27-10 heading into the fourth quarter. Two fourth-quarter touchdowns by the Packers cut the deficit to 27-25 before the 2-minute warning. But the Vikings got two first downs and Sam Darnold, who had a career high in passing, sealed it with a completion to Cam Akers.

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