

Former Lakewood fire chief in custody

Thomson charged
with embezzling
thousands intended
for department use

BY WARREN BLUHM
News Editor

The former Lakewood fire chief who resigned in May after being suspended by the town board has been charged with embezzling close to \$100,000 from the nonprofit organization that holds donations and fundraising proceeds for the fire department.

Christopher E. Thomson, 42, of Lakewood, has been charged with 10 counts of the unauthorized use of Lakewood Fire Department Association's identifying information or documents, 10 counts of uttering a forgery, one count of theft in a business setting and one count of fraud against a financial institution.

The theft in a business setting charge carries a potential penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$25,000 fine if convicted. Each of the other 21 counts carries a maximum of six years and \$10,000.

During a Nov. 21 hearing in Oconto County Circuit Court, Judge Jay Conley set bail at \$10,000 cash and adjourned Thomson's initial appearance until 10 a.m. Dec. 12.

According to the criminal complaint, Thomson was named treasurer of the Lakewood Fire Department Association (LFDA) in January 2020. The association is a separate entity from the department itself. Thomson became fire chief in 2022 upon the retirement of the former chief.

The Lakewood Town Board placed Thomson on unpaid administrative leave on May 13, and he resigned as chief shortly thereafter, the complaint said. Because LFDA bylaws dictate that only department members may serve on the association board, Thomson became ineligible to serve as treasurer but did not step down until Sept. 3.

Thomson provided “a litany of excuses” for not returning the association’s checkbook and other financial records, according to the complaint. The LFDA’s

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With Mrs. Claus looking on, Santa Claus poses for a picture with Hattie and Calvin Coopman during the Nov. 30 Avenue of Lights celebration at East Side Beach in Oconto Falls. See story and more photos on Page 2.

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'Village of Lights' underway in Lena

The “Village of Lights” preparation is underway in Lena. This traditional holiday kickoff is scheduled for Dec. 7.

Start the evening by stopping at the Lena Village Hall, then travel to local businesses that will be sponsoring specials, providing treats and inviting everyone to join in on a game of “Blizzard Bingo.”

Visit all the participating businesses to get your card signed and earn a chance to win a gift card.

The Lena Public Library will be waiting and ready for you to write a letter to Santa, and Christmas movies will be shown.

At 4:45 p.m., the third annual Reindeer Dash 5K Run will start with pre-registration at Lena High School. The run is spon-

sored by the Lena High School baseball program.

The village Christmas tree lighting ceremony will take place at 5 p.m. at Village Hall, as the Reindeer Dash runners begin their race.

At 5 p.m., Santa arrives at the Lena Village Hall by fire truck so the reindeer can rest up for Christmas.

Don't forget the horse drawn wagon rides, sponsored by Saputo, to see all the light displays in Lena from 5-7 p.m.

Christmas trees, wreath, poinsettia sales, cookie decorating and much more will help to make this event extra special. Linda Hinds, promotions committee chair, is heading the event.

For information, call the village hall at 920-829-5226.

Can you find Lena's Elf on the Shelf?

The Elf on the Shelf is ready to begin his holiday journey to the local businesses in Lena.

Follow the “Elf” around the village starting Dec. 7 — the kickoff of the Village of Lights. Find Elf daily as he travels around the village to a different location each day. Record all businesses correctly on the official contest sheet; return the sheet to the village hall with your name and phone number for a chance to win a prize.

The Elf on the Shelf runs Dec. 7-20. Stop in at the Lena Village Hall to pick up the official contest sheet. Completed sheets must be returned to the village hall by 9 a.m. Dec. 23, with a drawing for prizes to follow.

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Avenue of Lights heralds Christmastime



The lights display at East Side Beach is among many signs of the season every year in Oconto Falls.

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Windy, cold weather made the crowd a little smaller than in past years, but the atmosphere was still festive Nov. 30 as the Oconto Falls Lioness Club's annual Avenue of Lights was turned on for the first time.

A group of nine Oconto Falls High School choir students, led by their teacher Abbygaile Jadin, bundled against the cold in the East Side Beach shelter and led more than 50 people through a series of Christmas carols as Lioness members served up cookies and hot chocolate.

Highlights included "Jingle Bells," a rendition of "Joy to the World" with several students sharing the words in American Sign Language, and, of course, "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" as an Oconto Falls Fire Department engine made its way down North Main Street

bringing the jolly old elf and Mrs. Claus.

The Clauses took their appointed seats in the shelter and greeted a line of kids who came to have their pictures taken and share their hopes and dreams for the Christmas season.

The Avenue of Lights has brightened North Main Street in Oconto Falls for more than a decade. The display was scaled down somewhat in 2023 after the emerald ash borer devastated many of the trees along the street, but the display has bounced back this season.

In addition to brightly lighted trees along both sides of the street, a collection of standing lights covers the green space at East Side Beach, including animated displays of Santa and his reindeer and a hungry penguin leaping for a fresh fish.

The display will be lighted nightly through the holiday season.



Members of the Oconto Falls High School Choir sing Christmas carols at East Side Beach on Nov. 30 for the crowd awaiting the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus and the lighting of the annual Avenue of Lights display.

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Buck is among the crowd of people patiently awaiting Santa's arrival in Oconto Falls on Nov. 30, accompanied by his humans, Jacob Peterson and Alli Raddatz.

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Winter Wonderland opens for season



Lights shimmer in the Oconto River from the Winter Wonderland display at Holtwood Campground in Oconto on Nov. 29, the night the popular display opened for the season. The route through the park has been adjusted this year because of ash tree removal in progress, but the display remains open 5-11 p.m. daily through Jan. 12.



Wreaths line the fence on Brazeau Avenue overlooking the Oconto River for the annual Deck the Fence memorial project. It is run by the Oconto Woman's Club.

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Legion Auxiliary supports Veterans Memorial



When Abrams American Legion Auxiliary Machickanee Unit 523 held its sixth annual Golf Scramble at Patriot Golf Club, the organization chose to donate \$7,000 in in proceeds to Oconto County Veterans Memorial (OCVM), to honor and recognize all the veterans in Oconto County. From left, are Clarence Davister, Post 523 adjutant; Jillian Wilson, Post 523 dual member; Betty Stevens; Julie Nielsen, Auxiliary chaplain; Bob VanLanen; Pauline Grundman, Post 523 dual member; Jacqueline Blachuta-Jones; Jen Whiting, Auxiliary treasurer; Alan Caelwaerts, OCVM director holding the symbolic check with Ashley Drzewiecki, Auxiliary president; Laura Davister; Danielle Zahn; Lacey Cochart; and Edward Weigelt, OCVM president. OCVM thanked Abrams Auxiliary Unit 523 and the volunteers who made the donation possible, as well as people of the community who participated.

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'Tis the season to deck the halls

The village of Lena is full of Christmas spirit and invites its residents to join in the holiday fun. Dig out those outdoor Christmas decorations and get decorating for a chance to win in the Village Christmas Outdoor Decorating Contest.

- There are several categories:
- Spirit of Christmas: Best overall light display that captures the spirit of Christmas.
 - Griswold: Excessive use of lights and decorations.
 - Daytime Visual: Looks

- as good during the daytime as nighttime.
- Christmas Themed: Carries a theme. Examples are nativity, Disney, etc.
 - Traditional Christmas: The best version of what you would see on a Christmas card.
 - Natural Christmas: A

house with a natural glow. Decorate your trees and natural aspects of your yard. Judging will be done on the weekend of Dec. 14. Winners will be announced Dec. 18. For more information, call Linda Hinds at 920-604-2810.

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current president gave Thomson an ultimatum Sept. 20 either to return the records or risk law enforcement involvement. Once the president had the records, "he quickly noticed that all the receipts were missing from the binder and the check sequence was off." In talking with the Laona State Bank, he was given copies of 11 checks totaling \$6,606.80 that had been made out to and cashed by Thomson or his wife, the complaint said. Oconto County Sheriff's Deputy Andrew Dryja, who conducted the initial investigation, then received a text from Thomson saying, "well I just wanted to say goodbye my friend I f—ed up and I need to leave. Thanks for always standing by me." The complaint states that Dryja spoke with Thomson a short time later to get assurance he was camping with his family and was not going to harm himself. The next morning, Sept. 21, Thomson called Dryja and admitted he took "about \$20,000" from LFDA and used the money to pay bills and other expenses. "He went on to say that he needed help but was too ashamed to ask for it," the complaint said. Later that day town officials alerted Dryja that \$47,700.45 appeared to be

missing from two LFDA certificates of deposit that Thomson had controlled, and also that between \$24,000 and \$25,000 in cash from a recent corn roast fundraiser had been given to Thomson in his role as treasurer but apparently never deposited, according to the complaint. At that point, the case was assigned to sheriff's investigator James Plotkin, who found, the complaint said:

- 12 payments totaling \$5,444.16 from the LFDA account to Thomson's personal cellphone company.
- eight car payments

from the LFDA account on Thomson's personal loan.

- 10 LFDA checks totaling \$7,752.64 made out to Thomson that required dual authorization with forged endorsement signatures. "Thomson admitted to writing himself checks in an amount totaling, \$20,000, due to financial hardship, when confront about such by association board members," according to the complaint. The association vice president reported that Thomson apparently falsified entries into the LFDA's annual financial reports for 2021 through 2023. It was estimated

from those reports that Thomson took about \$18,875 without consent or authorization in 2021, \$25,557 in 2022, and \$39,267 in 2023. Thomson had reported in the 2023 report that the department's major expenses were new radios for \$8,650 and turnout gear for \$13,650, but those invoices actually were never paid and had to be covered by the town board, the complaint said. Thomson was arrested Nov. 15 and has been in custody at the Oconto County Jail since then.

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"Commercial Buildings in General Commercial District (C-1) Zoning Ch 480-8 windows on the first floor shall not be obscured or block more than 50% of the window by merchandise, signs may cover up to 25%. Any other non-transparent materials are prohibited from blocking, or covering the first-floor windows either from interior or exterior. Violations are subject to forfeiture and requirement to be removed, subject to ongoing penalty for non-compliance. "A full text of said Ordinances may be obtained from the Oconto Falls Clerk's Office located at 500 N. Chestnut, Oconto Falls, WI 54154. Phone: 920-846-4505. Thank you, City Administrator Peter Willis,

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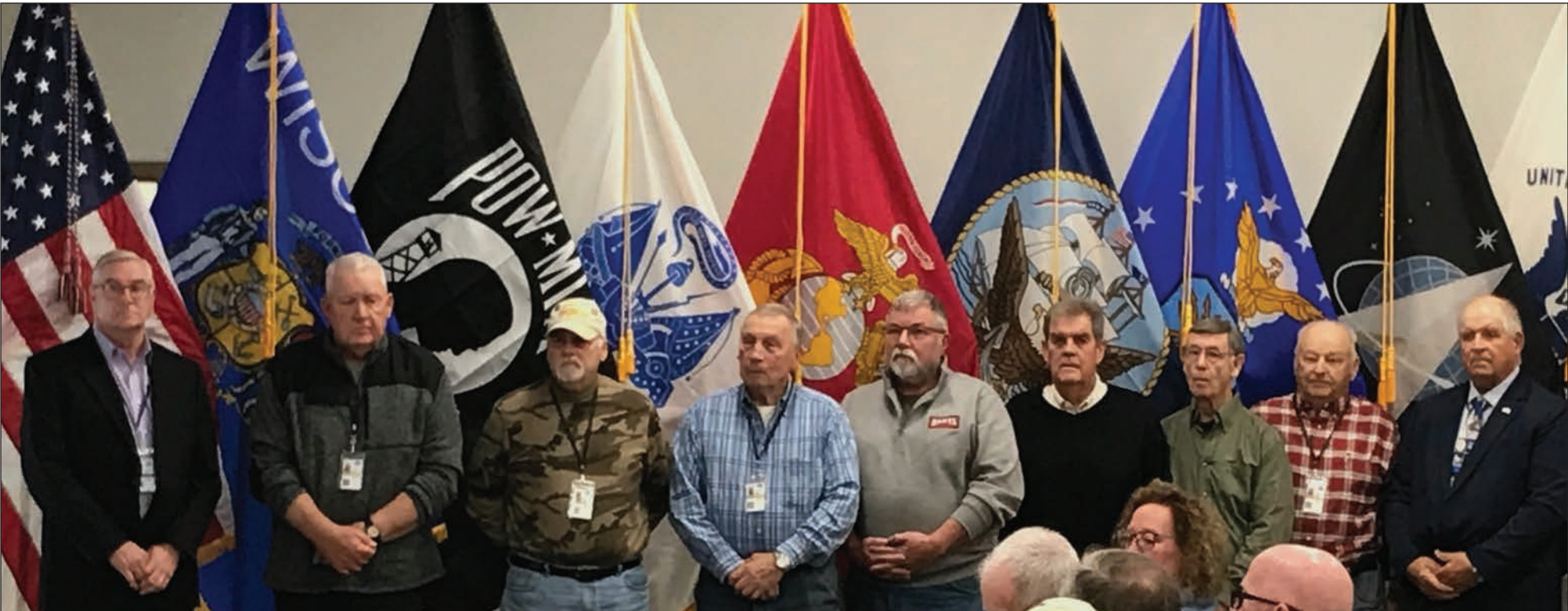
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Public servant veterans saluted



Members of the Oconto County Board and administration who served in the military were recognized at the start of the board's Nov. 21 meeting. From left, are County Administrator Richard Heath and Supervisors David Christianson, Richard Pillsbury, Tim Cole, Mike Beyer, Tom Bitters, John Matravers, Robert Wolf and David Behrend.

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☐ Hardware Store

Best Services:

☐ A/C & Heating

☐ Child Care

☐ Chiropractor

☐ Credit Union

☐ Dentist

☐ Electrician

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Best Thing To Do:

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☐ Campground

☐ Cheese Factory

☐ Happy Hour

☐ Live Music

☐ Meat Market

☐ Night Spot

Best Outdoor Activities:

☐ Bait/Tackle Shop

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

“Wanna come to a Christmas craft party?”

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

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

Reconcile a checkbook.

Clean a calf pen.

Seriously.

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

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

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



Kay Reminger
Columnist

should say yes.

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

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

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

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



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

KAY REMINGER

Swahili.

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

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

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

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

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Garden pests can wreak havoc on plants in winter

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

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

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

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



Rob Zimmer
Columnist

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

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

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

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

For larger shrubs, wire barriers are

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

ROB ZIMMER

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

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

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

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, DEC. 6

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

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

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

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

SHAWANO: Nativity Walk, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 100 W. Presbyterian St. Sanctuary will be transformed with approxi-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUNDAY, DEC. 8

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

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

MONDAY, DEC. 9

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

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

TUESDAY, DEC. 10

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

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11

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

NEOPIT: Recovery talking circle, 6-8 p.m. The Circle House, W6715 Shawpokasic St. Information: Mindy Thunder at 715-799-3835 or mthunder@mitw.org.

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

THURSDAY, DEC. 12

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

To quote Leo Buscagila: "Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God." Thomas A. Edison once said, "If we did all the things we are capable of, we would literally astound ourselves."

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

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

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Holiday decorating fun but should also be safe

Decorating for the holidays is a fun activity many people take part in during the season. Decking the halls can help us connect to family traditions, create beauty for others to enjoy and light up the chilly, dark, wintry nights.

While folks string lights and hang ornaments this year, they should make sure to also keep safety top of mind. While the ad-

dition of candles, a Christmas tree and decorations spread cheer, they can also bring some hazards.

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

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

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

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

Follow these tips to keep your home safe from fires:

- Inspect holiday lights before you put them up. Replace light sets with broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires or loose connections.
- Turn off holiday lights before going to bed or when you leave the house.
- Don't use indoor lights outdoors and vice versa.
- Never nail, tack or stress wiring when hanging lights. Keep plugs off the ground, away from puddles and snow.
- Don't overload extension cords.
- Keep candles away from flammable materials. Place candles at least 12 inches away from anything that burns to ensure children or pets cannot reach them. Never leave candles unattended.
- If using a live tree, cut off about two inches of the trunk to expose fresh wood for better water

absorption. Water it daily, and remove it from your home when it's dry.

- Place your tree at least 3 feet away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources. Ensure doorways are not blocked.
- When cooking or baking, don't leave the stove unattended. Periodically check the oven to ensure nothing has spilled.

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

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

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

When using a ladder, make sure it has stable placement, and wear shoes that allow for good traction. Losing your balance on a ladder can cause you to jump versus fall. This

could lead to serious orthopedic injuries. If using a ladder at a high height, consider placing crash pads or mats alongside the ladder. Ladders should extend at least 3 feet above your roof or the surface to which you're attaching lights.

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

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

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

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Holiday toy tips: Consider safety and avoid scams

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

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

- A suggested minimum age or age range for using the product.

- Small parts, sharp edges, magnets and other choking or suffocation hazards.
 - Flame resistance (especially important for toys with fabrics).
 - Safety verification from ASTM International, including art materials with ASTM D4236 labeling or toys that meet ASTM F963 safety standards.
- Don't rely on labeling

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

The second period was all Shawano.

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

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

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

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

Eau Claire North 13,
Antigo 0

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

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

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

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

Nov. 29
Somerset 11, Antigo 1
Antigo opened play at Somerset with an 11-1 loss to the host Spartans.

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



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

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

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

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

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

Nov. 26
Shawano/Bonduel 5,
Rhineland 1

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Kaiden Thornborrow

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

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

Wausau East/Merrill
United 7, Antigo 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ice Bears win all 3 games in Baldwin

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bay Area 1, Western Wisconsin 0

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

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

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

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

Oconto Falls golfers honored with state award

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

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

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

- The student-athlete

must have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or better.

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

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

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



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

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Lena's girls basketball team splits games in Rhinelander

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

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

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

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

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

Shawano 71, Clintonville 25

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

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

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

had their only loss of the season.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mosinee 58, Shawano 46

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

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

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

Wittenberg-Birnamwood 96, Antigo 20

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gillett 52, Wausau East 12

Marion/Tigerton 38, Tri-County 32

Kewaunee 66, Oconto Falls 30

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

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

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

Suring 68, Gibraltar 31

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

Menasha 55, Pulaski 53

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Shawano boys team crushes Clintonville

Nov. 30 Shawano 81, Clintonville 58

Logan Sipple led the Hawks with 31 points as Shawano defeated Clintonville 81-58 over the Thanksgiving Day weekend.

Simple connected on 12-of-20 field goals, including four 3-point baskets. He also made 3-of-4 free throws.

Anderson Schmidt scored 13 points, with Crew Weisnicht getting nine, Jackson Nordin and Will Verkuilen with eight each, Ryan Schwitzer with six, and getting two each were Jerzy Bocker, Ayden Bystol and Parker Beyer.

Sipple pulled down eight rebounds, and Beyer had seven. Verkuilen led with seven assists,

and Beyer had five. Sipple and Bocker each had three steals.

Shawano held a comfortable 42-22 lead at the break and won the second half 39-36.

Nov. 26 Oconto Falls 63, Menominee Nation 61 (OT)

What a way to start the new season.

Oconto Falls had one more basket than Menominee Nation in overtime to claim a 63-61 non-conference win.

The Eagles led 28-26 at the half, but a 30-28 second half by the Panthers left the teams tied at 56-56 at the end of regulation.

Ashwaubenon 86, Shawano 47

Tri-County 58, Marion 36

Athletes earn state volleyball honors

The Wisconsin Volleyball Coaches Association (WCVA) has announced its 2024 WVCA All-State Teams. A total of 226 girls volleyball players statewide represented nearly every conference across all five divisions.

All first team, second team and honorable mention all-state players – as well as all-tournament honorees – are invited to the WVCA Awards Banquet on Dec. 15 at the Monona Terrace in Madison.

Audrey Weier, a senior at Bonduel High

School, was named to the Division 3 first team all-state.

Earning honorable mention status in Division 2 were: Natalie Bystol, a junior from Shawano Community High School; Leah Nordin, also a junior from Shawano; Amber Otto, a senior at Oconto Falls High School; and Lucy Ripley, an Oconto Falls sophomore.

Weier was also named to the WCVA all-tournament team in Division 3. Gracie Buss, a senior from Shawano, was named to the Division 2 team.

Wendorff, Soper named top conference runners

Coming off his seventh place finish at the state cross country meet, Gillett High School junior Bradyn Wendorff was honored as most outstanding runner and named to the Marinette & Oconto Conference first team all-conference boys team, officials announced.

Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas Academy senior Mason Belongia was also named to the first team.

Second team honors were earned by Gillett senior Scott Herroux and Lena/STAA junior Erik Kosch.

For the girls, Gillett sophomore Hope Soper was named most outstanding runner and also named to the first team all-conference. She was joined there by Lena/STAA sophomores Asypynn Anderson and Adrena Rabas.

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



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

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Oconto Falls athletes earn all-NEC honors

Officials with the North Eastern Conference have announced the names of several all-conference teams, and Oconto Falls players earned several honors.

Golf

Oconto Falls' Taylor Miller, a senior, earned first team honors. Senior Olivia Wagner was named to the second team.

Volleyball

Senior outside hitter Amber Otto, whose season was cut short due to an injury, was named to the first team.

Named to the second team were sophomore outside hitter Ella Vander Velden and sophomore setter Izzy Otto.

Coach Rochell Otto also announced team awards. Izzy Otto earned the service/ace award. Lucy

Ripley was named offensive player of the year, and Rylie Shallow was named defensive player of the year. Amber Otto was named most valuable player.

Girls cross country

Senior Hailey Delzer, a state tournament participant, was named to the first team.

Sophomore Emma Meissner earned second team honors, and honorable

mention status was earned by seniors Ava Hodkiewicz and Josie Holtz.

Boys cross country

Senior Ben Adams made the first team.

Second team honors were earned by senior Evan Yuma, sophomore Isaiah Holtz and senior Griffin Kopke.

Senior Brant Laluzerne earned honorable mention status.

M&O athletes awarded all-conference

Suring High School senior Emma Kristof was named the defensive specialist in the Marinette & Oconto Conference all-conference list for 2024.

Joining here with first team honors were Lena High School seniors Eva Brooks and Peyton Dorow.

Gillett High School sophomore Audrey Pate and Suring sophomore Lexi Remic were named to the second team.

Honorable mention status was earned by Suring freshman Ellayna Skarban.

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27 "___ can do it!"

28 By surprise

29 Comic's collection

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31 1900, on cornerstones

33 Nest egg plans

34 Prized violin

36 Peak from which Moses saw the Promised Land: Abbr.

38 Colorful bit of candy

40 Bathtub residue

41 "At once!"

44 Condiments served in bowls

47 Fairy tale menace

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51 Potato bag

52 Sailboat pole

53 Nonstick cookware brand

54 Preserves in brine

56 Indira Gandhi's father

59 For the reason stated

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65 Soother in sunblock

66 Drain, as strength

67 Becoming smitten

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91 Farming prefix

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16 Not-so-happy realization

17 Poker buy-in

18 Thomas Hardy heroine

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35 Necessity

37 Blissful places

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Teah Rae Benser, 44, of Pound, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2024, at an area hospital with her family by her side.

She was born June 30, 1980, in Green Bay to Rick and Gail (Tappa) Benser. She graduated from Oconto Falls High School, class of 1998.

Teah always had a love for children and would light up around them. Be-



cause of this, she enjoyed teaching pre-kindergarten and thrived in her position as director of Kinder Care in De Pere. In her free time, Teah enjoyed scrapbooking, chatting with friends and spending time with family, especially her nieces and nephews.

In her early 20s, Teah was diagnosed with a rare genetic disorder, Alpha-1 antitrypsin (AAT) defi-

ciency. This affected her liver and lungs, making it hard for her to breath and causing her a lot of pain. Despite these challenges, Teah was always willing to serve and help others. She truly was an angel with a heart of gold. She will be remembered for her kindness and generosity.

Survivors are her parents, Rick and Gail;

siblings, Greg (Heather) Block, Jessica (Eugene) Beaumia, Rebecca Benser, Jeremy Block, Nickolas (Jaelyn) Benser; nieces and nephews, Kassidy, Bryanna, Quinn, Brandon, Collin, Trenton, Makayla, Jazymne, Chloe, Jaeda, Nevaeh and Brielle; and five great-nieces and -nephews.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents

and two brothers, Derek and Liam.

Visitation will be held after 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024, at Jones Funeral Service until 11:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at noon Saturday at St. Anthony Catholic Church, with Father Walter Stumpf officiating. Burial will take place at St. Anthony Cemetery in Oconto Falls.

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Lloyd D. Johnson

Lloyd David Johnson, 68, of Gillett, passed away peacefully at home on Nov. 30, 2024, surrounded by his family.

He was born Oct. 22, 1956, in the town of Sago-la, Michigan, to Donald and Ileen (Bozile) Johnson. Donald passed away when Lloyd was a young child. Later, Ileen moved back to Oconto County where she met and married Richard Koebach.

Lloyd graduated from Oconto Falls High School with the class of 1976.

On April 21, 1979, he married the love of his life, Linda Earley, in Oconto Falls at Grace Lutheran Church. They were blessed with two children, Roy and Catherine.

Lloyd was a hard working man. He worked at Frigo Cheese in the warehouse and for a New Franken-based construction company. He found his calling at S&M Machine where he spent the next 37 years in maintenance.

In his younger years, Lloyd enjoyed spending time with his family camping and fishing.

Later in life, his passion was classic cars and trucks. He loved working on them and admired the nostalgia. He also enjoyed stopping at the local tavern for Packers numbers and a cold one.

Lloyd is survived by his wife of 46 years, Linda; son, Roy (Jeni) Johnson; and daughter, Catherine (Fred) Toutloff. He is further survived by other relatives and friends.

A special thank you to the amazing teams at Unity Hospice and the eighth floor staff at Bellin Hospital.

Lloyd's wishes are no formal funeral services but rather a celebration of life, which will be held on Dec. 14, 2024, at the Blue Spruce in Lena from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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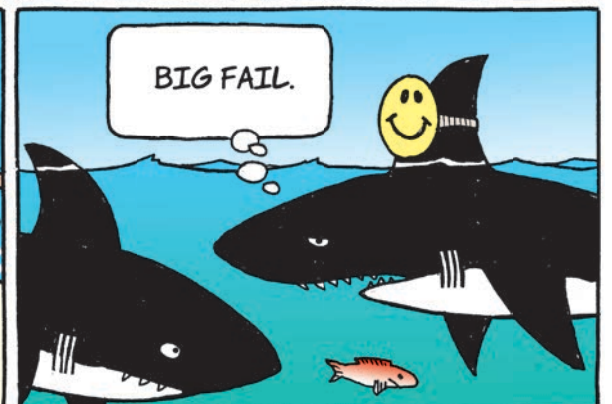
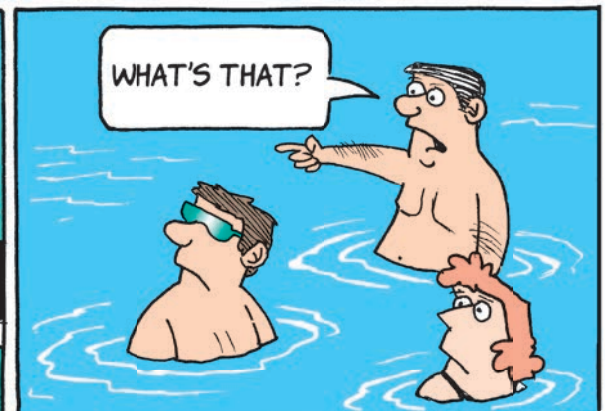
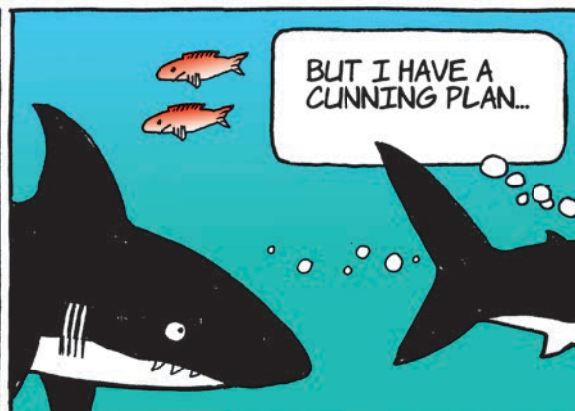
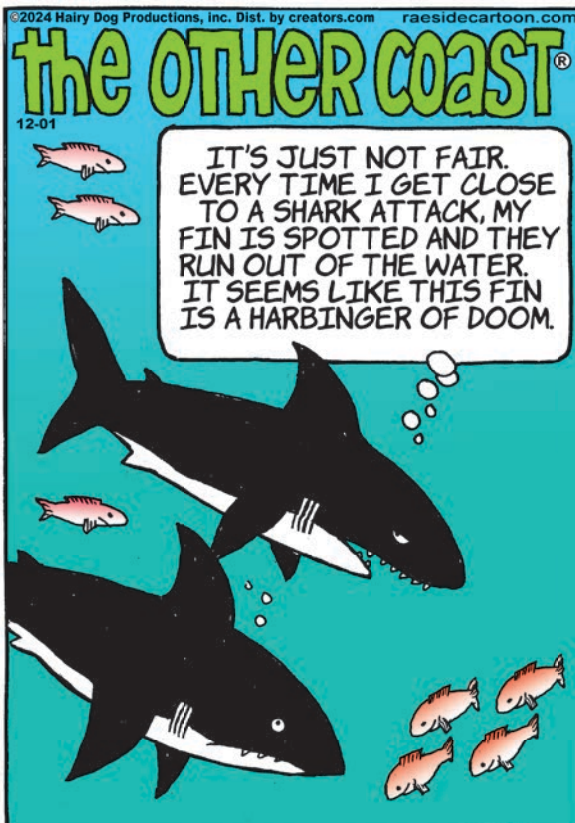


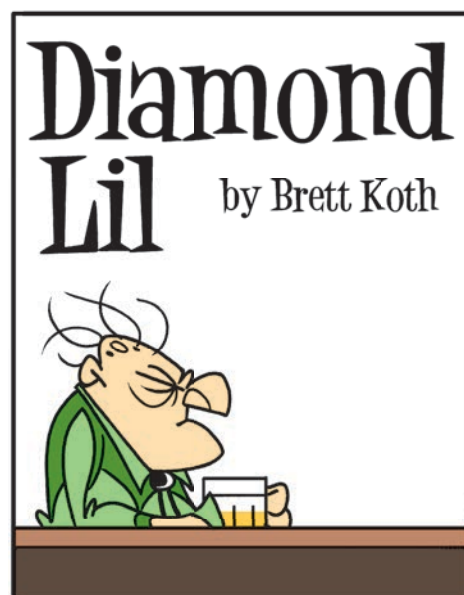
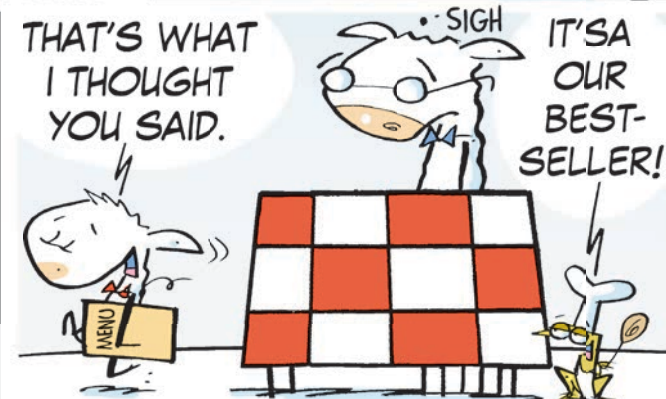
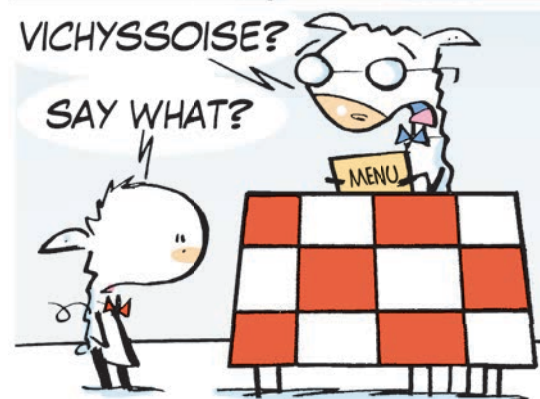
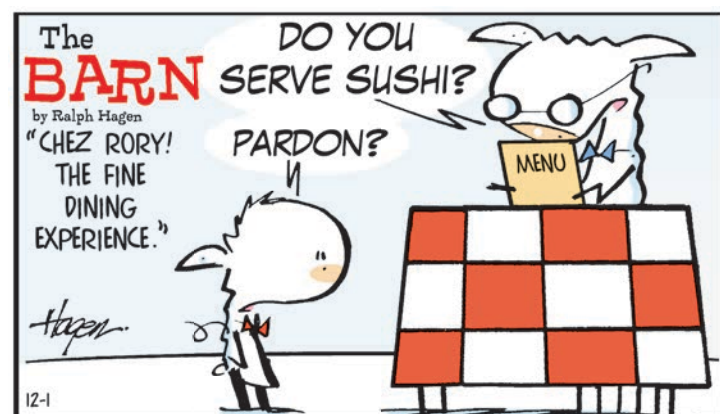
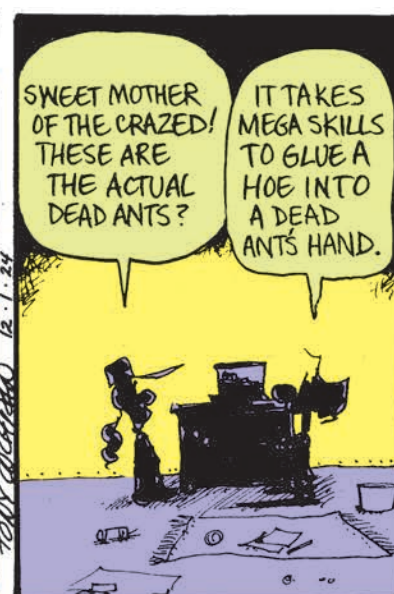
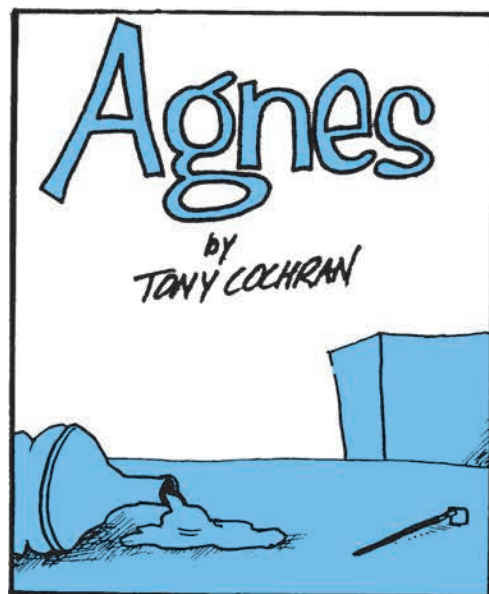
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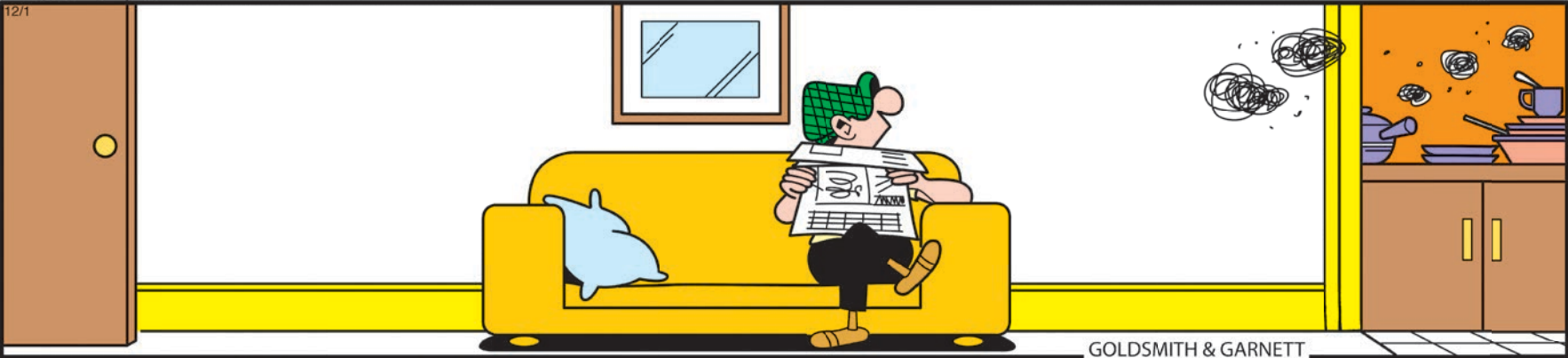
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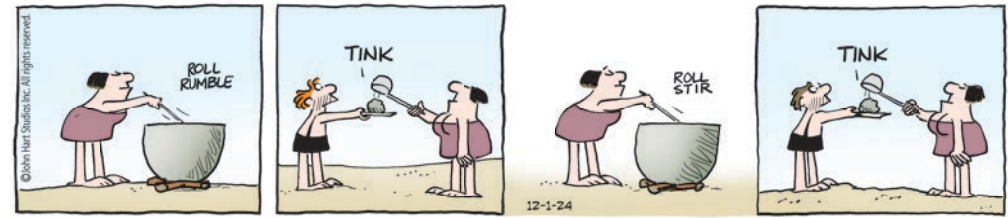
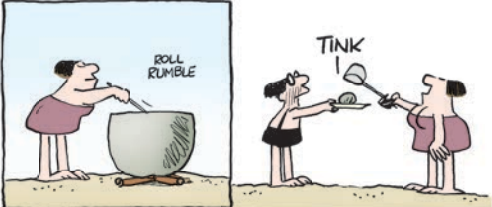
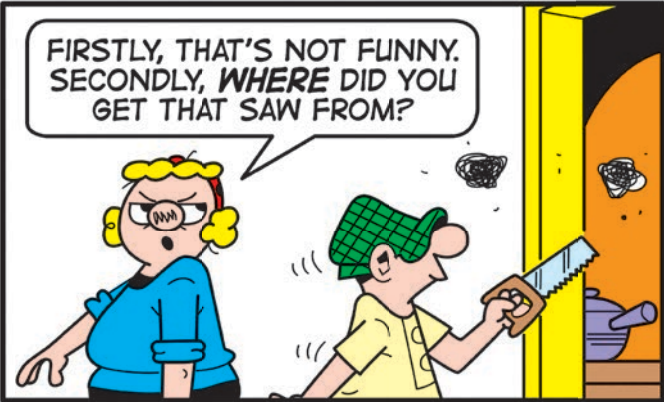


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After not getting a turkey leg despite a Thanksgiving Day win in 2023, Green Bay Packers quarterback Jordan Love, left, made sure he got his in 2024 following the Packers 30-17 win over the Miami Dolphins. Joining Love in the celebration are Josh Jacobs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

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A DELICIOUS THANKSGIVING STUFFING

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

BY LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

KEYS TO THE GAME

Win needed to break Lions' lock on division

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

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

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

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

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

Jordan Love threw an

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

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

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

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

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

Here are the keys to doing just that.

Packers' run defense vs. Lions' backfield

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Packers need to slow that down.

Turnovers

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

were sloppy.

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

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

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

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

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

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

You can take the ball away from Goff and this

Lions' offense.

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

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

Packers vs Lions' second half defense

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

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

They have their moments where they are incredibly effective.

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

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

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LOCATION: Ford Field
TV: Amazon Prime, WGBA-TV NBC 26 Green Bay
RADIO: Flagship WRNW-FM Milwaukee — 97.3; Packers Radio Network includes WIXX-FM Green Bay — 101.1, WRLO-FM Antigo — 105.3, WLST-FM Marinette — 95.1, and WSAU Wausau — 55.0 AM and 95.1 FM
2024 RECORDS: Packers 9-3, Lions 11-1.
HISTORY: The Lions and Packers have been locking horns since the 1930s.
The Packers lead the all-time series 106-77-7.
Their last matchup between these two teams came at Lambeau Field, where the Lions made a statement, winning 24-14. Jordan Love threw an interception that was returned for a touchdown, and the Lions' offense

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

Noon W 30-14
Sunday, Sept. 29 vs. Minnesota Noon L 29-31
Sunday, Oct. 6 at LA Rams 3:25 p.m. W 24-19
Sunday, Oct. 13 vs. Arizona Noon W 34-13
Sunday, Oct. 20 vs. Houston W 24-22
Sunday, Oct. 27 at Jacksonville W 30-27
Sunday, Nov. 3 vs. Detroit 3:25 p.m. L 14-24
Week 10 BYE
Sunday, Nov. 17 at Chicago Noon W 20-19
Sunday, Nov. 24 vs. San Francisco W 38-10
Thursday, Nov. 28 vs. Miami W 30-17
Thursday, Dec. 5 at Detroit 7:15 p.m. Amazon Prime
Sunday, Dec. 15 at Seattle 7:20 p.m. NBC

Monday, Dec. 23 vs. New Orleans 7:15 p.m. ESPN
Sunday, Dec. 29, at Minnesota Noon FOX
Week 18 vs. Chicago TBD
NFL SCHEDULE
Thursday, Dec. 5
Green Bay at Detroit, 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 8
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, Noon
New Orleans at NY Giants, Noon
NY Jets at Miami, Noon
Jacksonville at Tennessee, Noon
Atlanta at Minnesota, Noon
Carolina at Philadelphia, Noon
Las Vegas at Tampa Bay, Noon
Seattle at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Chicago at San Francisco, 3:25 p.m.
Buffalo at LA Rams, 3:25 p.m.
LA Chargers at Kansas City, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 9
Cincinnati at Dallas, 7:15 p.m.

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WEEK 13/OFFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 30 vs. MIAMI 17



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

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

Weekly Standings

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



This Week's Picks:
Miami
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Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 31 @ Detroit 27



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Miami
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San Francisco
Cincinnati

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



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



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



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Tie Breaker Game:
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Tie Breaker Game:
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WEEK 13/DEFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 30 vs. MIAMI 17



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

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



DETROIT LIONS

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

PACKERS 30 vs. MIAMI 17



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

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PACKERS 30 vs. MIAMI 17



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

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THE MOMENT

PACKERS 30 vs. MIAMI 17



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

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