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Oconto Falls plans to inspect all downtown properties

Main issue safety and enforcing existing zoning code, administrator says

By WARREN BLUHM
Editor-in-chief

The Oconto Falls City Council has given the go-ahead for the city administrator and zoning inspection to inspect downtown buildings and begin more strenuous enforcement for safety and zoning code violations.

The Dec. 13 vote followed concerns voiced by aldermen and the city's Main Street Committee about the need to address ongoing violations, including residential homes in downtown storefronts. The city attorney recommended inspecting all downtown buildings and enforcing the existing ordinance, City Administrator Peter Wills said.

The process can take 30 to 60 days per property, he said.

The current code has no provision for residences in the downtown business district, as is the case for several properties.

"In the late '80s, there was some sort of council action that allowed this to happen," Alderman Marty Coopman said. "I'm not sure what happened — nobody's ever actually produced anything — but there must be some history there."

Wills said the only thing he could find was a reference in city minutes to allowing group housing in the former Mercier Hotel in 2011. No other adjustments to the zoning code exist in writing, he said.

"Even if there was something, it wasn't in the correct form," Wills said. "They didn't do it in a way that amended the ordinance."

The city administrator is recommending that at some point the ordinance be changed to permit second-story residences, but the main thing now is to enforce the code especially for safety issues, such as proper fire exits.

"We're not trying to be punitive so much as the over-arching issue is safety," he said. "We're looking at structures that were built from the 1880s to 1929 that are very close together."

Wills said when he worked in Kiel, an old bowling alley caught fire, and six buildings were destroyed within a half-hour.

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Oconto Falls officials visit fire stations

Zeise Construction hired to build new facility

By WARREN BLUHM
Editor-in-chief

Oconto Falls city officials were scheduled to visit Suamico and Greenville on Dec. 20 to tour recently completed fire stations and get an understanding of what is possible for the city's new facility.

Fire Chief Tim Magnin told the Oconto Falls City Council on Dec. 13 that they want to focus on the most practical uses for their $7 million grant from the state Department of Administration Neighborhood Investment Fund, one of several programs created to distribute federal American Rescue Plan Act funds allocated to the State of Wisconsin.

"We looked at a lot of other departments, but we thought: 'We're going to start looking at too many.' In some of these places, we'd be looking at kind of pretty high-end, full-time service, which would waste our time," Magnin said. "We can spend our time and money on other things; we want to keep the ball rolling."

The plan is to build an approximately 19,000-square-foot fire station at the intersection of Union and Chestnut avenues and Columbia Street, on the south side of Memorial Park. The grant specifies that the department must move into the new building by the end of 2024.

City Administrator Peter Wills acknowledged that after consulting with architectural firm Wendel Five Bugles Design, the Oconto Falls facility will not be on the same scale as the Suamico fire station, which can be seen from U.S. Highway 41 near the County Road B interchange.

"Some of the initial proposals that they were showing us similar to Suamico, the feedback that we had gotten is that would probably cost us about $8.7 million."

The council agreed to hire Zeise Construction to serve as construction manager. Zeise was one of three firms that submitted proposals, including Keller and Miron. Two other companies opted not to submit, Wills said.

"I think they're all good firms," Wills said. "I think the main difference was in management costs. Keller's management costs were about 2.5 times higher than the others, and Zeise provided a more specific list of actual costs."

Magnin said the fire department's committee spent four hours reviewing the fine points of the various proposals. In an informal scoring system, Zeise came in at 100, Miron at 95 and Keller at 65, he said.

"(Zeise) answered everything in the RFP (request for proposals) questionnaire that we wanted; that was the key thing," Magnin said. He added that Zeise is the most local of the three firms, being based in Green Bay, and the company president would be the company's representative on site. "It's a smaller company, but it's a smaller building. We just thought it was a really good fit."

Zeise worked on the Suamico and Kaukauna fire stations, as well as St. Anthony School in Oconto Falls, he said.

Representatives from Wendel Five Bugles Design and Zeise are expected to sit in when city officials hold their next meeting on the project in early January, Wills said.

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CORRECTIONS

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Gillett superintendent on medical leave

By **WARREN BLUHM**
Editor-in-chief

The superintendent of Gillett Public Schools is stepping aside from his duties while he battles a serious health issue.

Superintendent Todd Hencsik posted a Facebook message Dec. 13 revealing that he has been diagnosed with myelofibrosis, a form of bone marrow cancer, and will be undergoing a stem cell transplant.

"This procedure and the subsequent recovery will take approximately one year, but I will be cancer-free afterward," Hencsik said. His leave of absence was scheduled to start Dec. 15.

In October, the Gillett School Board hired Wayne Johnson to serve as interim superintendent while Hencsik is away. Johnson has 18 years of experience as superintendent in four school districts, Hencsik said.

"Most recently, he was interim superintendent of the Tigerton School District, so he understands the dynamic of rural education in Wisconsin," he said. "We are extremely lucky to have him join us during my health issues, so please join me in welcoming him to our team."

TODD HENCSIK

Hencsik joined the Gillett School District in July 2020 to succeed former superintendent Todd Carlson.

He previously served as principal of Campbellsport secondary schools.

"I am extremely proud of the progress we are making with the Gillett School District, and I would like to thank everyone for their support over the past two-plus years," Hencsik said in closing his public announcement. "I look forward to rejoining Gillett as soon as I am cleared to return."

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Library looks to hire general contractor

Lakes Country Public Library's initiative to renovate and expand is entering a new phase, with the library board asking architect Jeff Musson to find a general contractor for the project.

"To qualify for two large grants, we need a more solid estimate on the cost," said Kathleen Marsh, building expansion committee fundraising chairwoman.

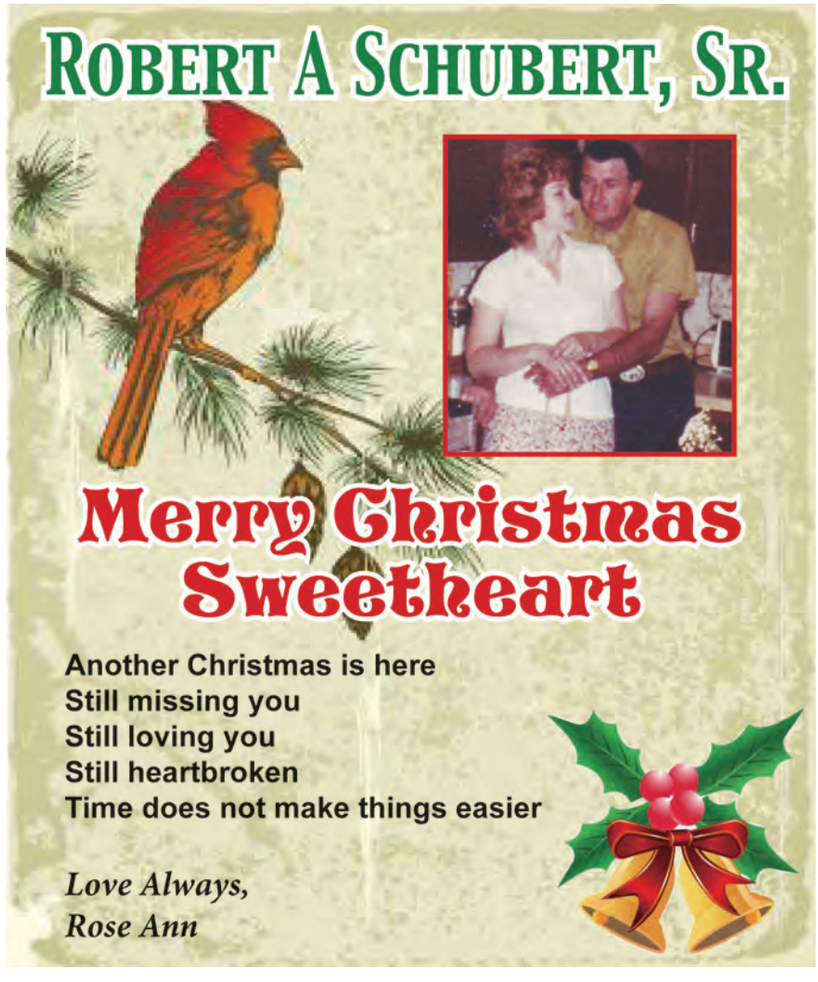
In regard to fundraising, Marsh told the board that the library has received several Required Minimum Distribution contributions, a method of donating that can lower income tax due.

"For those who must take the Required Minimum Distribution from an IRA, the IRS has what is called a qualified charitable contribution," Marsh said. "Your contribution will be excluded from your taxable income if you follow IRS rules that require you to direct your IRA custodian to make the check directly to Lakes Country Public Library."

Marsh also reported that after quickly meeting its October $10,000 donor match, the library needs a little more than $3,000 to meet a subsequent $20,000 match.

"Donations have ranged in size from $10 to $1,000," she said. "We appreciate every donation, no matter its size and are encouraging people to include us on their Christmas donations list."

Contributions may be made in person at the library, online at www.lakescountrylibrary.org or by sending a check to LCPL Building Fund, P.O. Box 220, Lakewood, WI 54138.



OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of Dec. 16

Salvador M. Ortiz, 29, Oconto Falls, was sentenced to four years in prison, followed by five years of extended supervision, for possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that occurred July 21. Judge Jay N. Conley ruled that the sentence is consecutive to other sentences he is currently serving. During extended supervision, Ortiz must maintain absolute sobriety and full-time employment and may have no contact with anyone known to use or sell drugs, among other conditions.

Keith A. Smet, 35, Lena, was placed on three years of probation after a prison sentence was imposed and stayed for a sex registry violation that took place in 2018. Judge Michael T. Judge ruled that probation conditions include 180 days in the Oconto County Jail with Huber Law work-release and good-time privileges, along with 29 days credit for time already served. Smet also must maintain absolute sobriety and enter into, participate in and successfully complete any assessments, evaluations and/or treatment programs directed by the Department of Corrections.

Josenel I. Williamson, 40, Menominee, Michigan, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over on charges of interfering with child custody, and misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct, child neglect, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 31, as well as felony bail jumping and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an alleged Aug. 21 incident. Arraignment was scheduled for Feb. 16.

Beth Tara Johnson, 38, Wallace, Michigan, waived her right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over on charges of possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 23. Arraignment was scheduled for Jan. 12.

Proceedings of Dec. 15

A jury trial was rescheduled for March 8-10 for Alisha M. Kocken, 30, Oconto Falls, on charges of attempted first-degree intentional homicide, first-degree recklessly endangering safety, resisting an officer causing substantial bodily harm, battery to a law officer, aggravated battery, disarming a police officer, and misdemeanor counts of intentionally pointing a firearm at a person, discharging a firearm within 100 yards of a building and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 6. Kocken is accused of shooting and wounding Oconto Falls Police Officer Nicole Blaskowski during an incident at Kocken's apartment complex. A pre-trial motion hearing was scheduled for 9 a.m. Jan. 6.

A jury trial was scheduled for May 2-4 for David SanRoman, 46, Oconto, who is charged with two counts of first-degree sexual assault of a child under age 13, two counts of first-degree sexual assault of a child under age 12 and one count of second-degree sexual assault of a child, all charging him as a persistent repeater, in connection with incidents that allegedly occurred from 2016 to 2020. He also faces two felony bail jumping charges in connection with incidents that allegedly Jan. 17, 2020, and Aug. 24, 2020. A final pre-trial conference was scheduled for April 20.

A Feb. 2 jury trial was scheduled for Steven M. Schmitz, 68, Crivitz, who is charged with three counts of first-degree recklessly endangering safety and one count of misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Feb. 16, 2020. A final pre-trial conference was scheduled for Jan. 17.

A June 29 jury trial was scheduled for Rodger A. Otradovec, 41, Suring, on charges of attempted strangulation-suffocation and misdemeanor counts of battery and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 3, 2021. A final pre-trial conference was set for June 16.

A July 20 jury trial was scheduled for Rachel E. Van, 39, Green Bay, on charges of possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Feb. 7. A final pre-trial conference was scheduled for July 7.

A May 2 jury trial was scheduled for Scott Patrick Keller, 50, Marinette, on charges of possession of cocaine with intent to deliver, possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 19. A final pre-trial conference was scheduled for April 17.

A jury trial was scheduled for March 30 for George E. Gernon, 39, Little Suamico, on charges of possession of narcotic drugs, possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 6. A final pre-trial conference was scheduled for March 21.

A jury trial was rescheduled for May 31 for Bruce J. Carr, 69, Gresham, on charges of possession with intent to deliver THC and maintaining a drug trafficking place, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Feb. 8, 2019, as well as felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (third offense), in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 17, 2021. A final pre-trial conference was scheduled for May 15.

Lakisha M. Nash, 45, Hobart, pleaded not guilty to second-degree reckless endangering safety and fleeing an officer, and operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (first offense), in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 11, 2021. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Feb. 16.

Austin J. Hoffman, 18, Suring, pleaded not guilty to child abuse recklessly causing harm, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 7. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Jan. 12.

Lynn Marie Osmon, 42, Oconto, waived her right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over on charges of child neglect, misdemeanor battery and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 31. Arraignment was scheduled for Feb. 16.

A $10,000 signature bond was set for Heidi Barbara Dorow, 39, Lena, after she was charged with second-degree reckless endangerment and victim intimidation threatening force, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 13. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Jan. 27.

Proceedings of Dec. 14

Eric J. Styczynski, 43, Gillett, was sentenced to 18 months in prison, followed by two years of extended supervision, for soliciting an intimate representation from a minor, in connection with an incident that occurred Jan. 13, and a misdemeanor charge of battery, in connection with a Jan. 10 incident. He was given credit for 265 days already served in the county jail. Judge ruled that among other conditions of extended supervision, Styczynski may not contact the victims and must obtain approval from his corrections agent before going on the internet or entering into a dating relationship.

Jeremy James Johnson, 40, Oconto Falls, was placed on three years' probation after a prison sentence was imposed and stayed for possession of narcotic drugs, in connection with an incident that occurred Feb. 18. Judge ruled that among other probation conditions, Johnson must maintain absolute sobriety and full-time employment and enter into, participate in and successfully complete any assessments, evaluations and/or treatment programs as directed by the Department of Corrections.

Proceedings of Dec. 13

A jury trial was rescheduled for May 16-18 for Michael N. Adams, 44, Milan, Illinois, on a charge of first-degree child sex assault and another related charge, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 25, 2020, and a misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 10, 2020. A motion hearing and final pre-trial conference was set for April 25.

Bond was set at $5,000 cash for Randall R. Kellogg, 33, Suring, after he was charged with child abuse intentionally causing harm, felony bail jumping and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 12. His initial appearance was adjourned until Jan. 12.

Proceedings of Dec. 7

Michael Allen Maleport, 33, Green Bay, was assessed fines, court costs and fees totaling $2,183 for substantial battery intending bodily harm, in connection with an incident that occurred July 25, 2020. Judge Michael T. Judge ordered monthly payments of at least $150 a month commencing Jan. 23.

Geran D. Metko, 37, Green Bay, was sentenced to 180 days in the Oconto County Jail after his probation was revoked on a charge of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of failure to obtain required deer hunting approval, in connection with an incident that occurred Nov. 7, 2021. He received credit for 90 days already served.

Robert J. Trepanier, 58, Oconto, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of battery, criminal damage to property and resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that occurred July 10. The charges were amended from felonies in a plea agreement. Judge Michael T. Judge withheld sentencing and placed Trepanier on one year of probation, with 91 days credit for time served in the county jail.

Carla Renee Cooper, 45, Mountain, pleaded no contest to burglary, in connection with an incident that occurred June 12, 2020, and felony bail jumping and possession of methamphetamine, in connection with an incident that occurred May 20 of this year. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for Jan. 26 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Ramon Mack Guillory, 35, Lake Charles, Louisiana, pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fourth offense), in connection with an incident that occurred April 13. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for Jan. 26 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

A Feb. 7-10 jury trial was scheduled for Joey J. Vandewettering, 60, formerly of Gillett, on charges of attempted first-degree intentional homicide, first-degree reckless endangerment, battery to a law officer and misdemeanor battery, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 1. A bail/bond hearing was scheduled for Dec. 12 and a pre-trial motion hearing for Jan. 25.

Bond was set at $10,000 cash for Jeffrey M. Collard, 52, a Green Bay resident currently serving time at Dodge Correctional Institution in Waupun, on charges of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fifth or sixth offense) and misdemeanor counts of operating while license is revoked, ignition interlock device violation and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 31. His initial appearance was adjourned until Jan. 24.

Proceedings of Dec. 6

A Dec. 13 jury trial was rescheduled to Feb. 21 for Dane L. Ades, 59, Oconto, on charges of strangulation and suffocation, and misdemeanor battery and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Feb. 4. A final pre-trial conference was set for Feb. 9.

Proceedings of Dec. 5

Brandon J. Neumann, 29, Gillett, was placed on three years' probation after a prison sentence was imposed and stayed for bail jumping, in connection with an incident that occurred July 16. Judge Michael T. Judge gave him credit for 141 days already served in the county jail. Among other conditions, Judge ordered Neumann to maintain absolute sobriety and complete all assessments, counseling and treatment deemed necessary by his corrections agent.

Philip J. Zenisek, 36, Kaukauna, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia, in connection with an incident that occurred Oct. 13, 2021. The THC charge was amended from a felony in a plea agreement. Judge Michael T. Judge sentenced Zenisek to 10 days in county jail and assessed fines and costs of $1,203.

A May 2-4 jury trial was scheduled for Leonardo Juarez, 53, an inmate of Green Bay Correctional Institution, on charges of second-degree sexual assault, child enticement for sexual purposes, false imprisonment and exposing himself to a child, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 31, 2018. A final pre-trial conference was scheduled for Feb. 28.

A May 2-3 jury trial was scheduled for Evan T. Rynders, 18, Shiocton, on charges of second-degree recklessly endangering safety and misdemeanor counts of possession of a dangerous weapon by a person younger than 19, carrying a concealed weapon and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred July 16. A final pre-trial conference was scheduled for April 12.

After a preliminary hearing, Sara Julia Petersen, 26, Neshkoro, was bound over on charges of battery or threat to a law officer and misdemeanor bail jumping, disorderly conduct and resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Aug. 27. Arraignment was scheduled for Jan. 12.

Bond was set at $5,000 cash for Christopher L. Stein, 38, Peshtigo, after he was charged as a repeater with possession of methamphetamine, along with a misdemeanor count of operating a motor vehicle while his license was revoked, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Dec. 4. His initial appearance was adjourned until Dec. 15.

Sonkowsky pleads not guilty to child sex charges

By KEVIN MURPHY
Correspondent

An Oconto man charged in federal court with engaging in sexually explicit conduct with a minor and recording it pleaded not guilty Dec. 15 to the charge.

An indictment alleged that Rocky J. Sonkowsky, 32, used the minor for sex between May 25 and June 25, 2021.

On Wednesday, Magistrate James Sickel set Sonkowsky's case for trial on Feb. 22. Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Humble told Sickel that the government's case would take three days to try.

ROCKY SONKOWSKY

If convicted, Sonkowsky faces maximum penalties of 15-30 years in prison, a $250,000 fine, lifetime supervised release and a $5,000 special assessment if found to be indigent.

The government has sought forfeiture of electronic devices involved in the alleged offense.

Sonkowsky is currently in custody in state prison on a probation revocation, according to Humble.

OBITUARIES

Phyllis M. Laska

Phyllis M. Laska, 87, of Suring, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022 with family by her side. Phyllis was born on April 30, 1935, to the late Gordon and Barbara (Buchberger) Langhoff. On Oct. 27, 1956, Phyllis married Norbert Laska. Phyllis was a dutiful housewife and mother. She could make good wine and loved crafting. Phyllis was a comedian, known for making her family laugh with her many stories. She adored her many trips to the casino with her daughter, Mary, to play bingo. Phyllis loved to read and do puzzles. She also spent many years deer hunting, but never shot a deer, resulting in many of her most hilarious stories.

Phyllis is survived by her daughters, Rose, Carol, Mary (Joe), and Kay (Rusty); sons, David (Karen), Charles, and John; 13 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; two sisters, Ramona and Teddy; brother, Butch (Sandy); three brothers-in-law, Jerry (Kate), Michael, and Ray; three sisters-in-law, Loraine, Betty, and Marie. She is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Norbert; son, Alvin; four siblings, Douglas, Junior, James, and Agnes; siblings-in-law, Deloris, Bernice, Margie, Hank, Eugene, Robert, Caroline, Theresa, and Joanne.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, Dec. 29, 2022, at Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring from 9 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held following the visitation at 11 a.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church in Suring with Father Francis Dias officiating. Phyllis will be entombed with Norbert at Forest Home Cemetery in Milwaukee. Gruetzmacher Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com.

The family would like to thank the staffs of ThedaCare Medical Center in Shawano's Emergency Room and Medical Surgery Department for the excellent care and compassion offered to Phyllis and her family during their time of need. Also, to Mountain Ambulance Service for their help and care in transporting Phyllis. Further thanks to Gruetzmacher Funeral Home for their assistance during this difficult time.

Jeffrey "The Legend" Bosanac

Jeffrey "The Legend" Bosanac, 68, of Crooked Lake, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022. Jeff was born on May 24, 1954, to the late Milan Jr. and June (Masch) Bosanac in Milwaukee. He worked at Pawling and Harnischfeger in Milwaukee as a machine operator. Jeff then owned a bar, Jeff's Black Duck, in Muskego near Big Muskego Lake for around 15 years. He could always be found on the water, whether at Big Muskego Lake or Crooked Lake.

Jeff was very passionate about fishing and duck hunting. His nickname "The Legend" stems from his many exploits and passed down to his son, Jason, and granddaughter, Gracie. Jeff moved to Crooked Lake permanently in 2000 and became the "Dump Master." He was a big jokester, often lovingly using his family as the butt of his jokes. Jeff loved the outdoors and animals. All of his hunting and fishing stories will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Jeffrey is survived by his children, Jason (Lori Noonan) Bosanac and Tracy Bosanac; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Germaine "Geri" Hammer; son, Devin Mollica; and brother, Dennis Bosanac.

A celebration of life will be held in the spring. Dates will be announced at a later time.

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

Hearing set on city sewer deregulation

Goal to make rate adjustment process more efficient

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The state Public Service Commission has scheduled a virtual public hearing for Jan. 4 on the city of Shawano's request that the PSC deregulate its sewer utility.

According to the resolution passed by the Shawano Common Council in August, deregulation would give the city "the ability to adjust rates to current economic conditions without permission from the PSC and their time-intensive review and approval process."

The hearing is scheduled to be held via the Zoom virtual conference app at 10 a.m. Jan. 4.

Information supplied to the PSC indicates that the sewer utility currently serves about 3,500 customers. The city does not own a wastewater treatment facility — Shawano Lake Sanitary District owns the Wolf Treatment Facility, which provides treatment to the city utility. The Wolf was built with enough capacity for growth and future excess capacity.

Deregulation request is approved, the city plans to review operating costs, revenues, and debt service coverage every year with the assistance of civil engineering firm Ruekert and Mielke, which the city hired to provide ongoing financial support, along with the city's accounting firm.

Any rate adjustments will be brought to the council for approval, and a resolution would be published before any rate changes are implemented. The process is considered more efficient than going through the PSC, a process that can take months.

The utility sent a notice about the Jan. 4 hearing to city residents, with information included about how to join the virtual session at https://us02web.zoom.us/my/pschearings. Residents can also participate by phone by calling 312-626-6799 and entering the meeting ID 809-513-2930#.

People may also submit comments by Jan. 6 at the commission's website, http://psc.wi.gov, where they can click on the "File a Public Comment" button and refer to docket number 5365-SA-100. Comments are also being accepted via traditional mail at Public Service Commission, Attn: Docket 5365-SA-100 Comments, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, WI 53707-7854.

OBITUARIES

Marguerite R. Moesch

Marguerite Raymunda "Mitzi" (Mason) Moesch, of Shawano, passed away peacefully at home, in the care of her family, in an early morning hour of Dec. 10, 2022.

Mom was born and raised in Shawano, the youngest child of Walter and Gabrielle Mason. She attended Sacred Heart Catholic School and graduated from Shawano High School. Mom married her childhood sweetheart, Duane "Duke" Moesch, and they raised their family across the street from where she grew up. After 57 years of marriage, Dad preceded Mom in death on Sept. 25, 2016.

Mom's life could never be condensed into a few short paragraphs.

Those who remember the young Mitzi Mason will also recall her riding a horse. Most other kids, in those days, parked their bicycle in the bike-rack in front of Dehn's; Mom tied her horse there. Horses were a lifetime love of Mom's. Long after her horse-riding days were through, her attention was always drawn to these beautiful creatures.

Mom was a passionate grower and gardener. She and Dad nurtured large vegetable gardens every summer. There was nearly nothing that Mom couldn't make thrive and grow beautifully. She worked for decades in the family flower business, honing her skills as a gifted florist. She later partnered with her best friend and creative instigator, Dorothy Hofman, opening their own flower shop.

Our mother spoke through her artistic abilities. She leaves behind countless chapters and volumes of beautiful stories carved out of walnut, butternut, oak, ash, maple and mahogany. Mom felted wool into gorgeous bouquets of flowers. She lovingly stitched colorful threads into fabric art. Mom wove the word of God into many of her works. These words helped sustain her and gave her the courage she needed in her last few years.

Mom was always active and set a high standard for herself in her professional life, in her creative pursuits and in retirement. After she and Dorothy closed their shop (but never their friendship), Mom volunteered at Bonduel Elementary School, helping along children who affectionately called her Grandma Mitzi. When she saw the need, she collected funds for brand new winter coats for children at Bonduel Elementary School and Shawano Community Middle School.

She was involved in many volunteer activities at Zion Lutheran Church where she thrived, developing deep faith-based friendships among people who shared her commitment to service. Mom, with the help of many others, made an idea become reality in the "Wee Care" Program at Zion Lutheran Church. This program helps provide the basic necessities to many school children in our area.

Mom loved and treasured her many great friends at Zion. They went above and beyond, bringing our mom smiles, laughs and a shoulder to cry on. The visits, phone calls, texts and cards brought sunshine and happiness to Mom. For that, we are all thankful.

Mom is survived by her children, Maria Moesch, Diane (Dennis Hein) Moesch, Joe (Mary) Moesch and Peter (Mikki) Moesch; daughter-in-law, Julie Moesch. Mom always counted her kids' friends as her own children.

Mom is also survived by her grandchildren, Margarita Moesch, Amanda and Michael Moesch, Neil (Traci) Hutchcraft, Chris (Kailee) Hutchcraft, Gabriel (Cheyenne) Hein, Tonia Hein, Cassie (Guy) Scheffel, Chad (Jess) Moesch, Chelsea (Kyle) Giesen, Mason (Frankie) Moesch and Isaiah (Laura Arens) Moesch; as well as 21 great-grandchildren.

Mom is also survived by a sister, Charlotte Hofman; brother, Wally (Bonnie) Mason; brother-in-law, Jase (Nan) Moesch; numerous nephews, nieces, other relatives and many friends.

Mom was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Duke Sr.; her granddaughter, Camille J. Moesch; her son, Duane "Duke" Moesch Jr.; her sisters, Suzanne Klose and Joanne Vanden Avond; her very special nephew, Buck Hofman; numerous brothers- and sisters-in-law.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, at Zion Lutheran Church in Shawano with the Rev. Scott Ludford officiating. Visitation will be at the church from 9 a.m. until the time of service. There will be a private family burial in the spring.

The family requests that any monetary gifts be made to Zion Lutheran Church "Wee Care" Program.

We would also like to thank Mom's Zion Lutheran Church family for all the love and support given to Mom throughout her illness.

A special and grateful thank you to Scott Glysch for bringing the word of God, Holy Communion and deep comfort to Mom. Your love, encouragement and confidence will forever be appreciated.

Violet Kasper

Violet Erna Kasper, 93, passed away at St. Mary's Hospital Ozaukee on Dec. 14.

Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville.

Edward G. Bak

Edward G. Bak, 69, of the Town of Grant, passed away Monday, Dec. 12, 2022, at his home.

Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home and Crematory, Clintonville.

John Z. Bak

John Z. Bak, 93, of the Town of Grant, passed away on Monday, Dec. 12, 2022, at ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano.

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SCMS teacher fired after sick leave runs out

Sischo recovering from major stroke this year but set back by district's termination

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

A 44-year-old teacher who suffered a stroke earlier this year received a pink slip from the Shawano School District after his sick leave ran out in November.

Aaron Sischo and his fiance tried to appeal to the Shawano School Board on Dec. 19, which met behind closed doors to discuss Sischo's situation. In the end, though, the board upheld the district administration's decision to terminate his employment.

Sischo has spent the last 22 years teaching at Shawano Community Middle School and coaching. On Jan. 2, he suffered a major stroke and has been recovering ever since.

Struggling to speak at times during community comments, Sischo said he really enjoys being a teacher.

"Shawano is the only place I've ever been," he said.

Andrea Cluka, Sischo's fiance, filled in some of the blanks on his situation. Even though Sischo is able to move around well, Cluka said there are some lingering effects from the stroke that made the district's demand that he return to work once his sick leave ended Nov. 28 impossible.

"Physically, he looks great, and we're all grateful for that," Cluka said. "He was diagnosed with aphasia, which is something that affects verbal communication. It also affects his ability to read and some of his cognitive issues — short-term memory issues."

Cluka noted Sischo spent over a week in the hospital after the stroke and has gone through many therapy sessions. An in-home nurse cared for Sischo for a couple of months, but much of the work has fallen on Cluka.

"I can't work," Cluka said. "I can't leave him alone for too long because I don't know if he's going to take the right medication, and I'm not sure if he's going to leave the oven on if he makes something for himself. I can't trust him to go someplace new, to drive someplace new. Those are all things that he's working on in therapy."

Sischo was going through speech therapy locally, but the therapist quit in October, and he has not had any since because the therapist has not been replaced, according to Cluka.

"He's recently started occupational therapy, and we're hoping a new kind of therapy will help other parts of his brain to start to recover," Cluka said. "What we heard from his neurologist is that strokes affect everybody differently. There is no set date for when he is going to be where he is when he recovers."

Cluka noted that Sischo was originally diagnosed with a 100% recovery rate, but that has since dropped.

The district's response to Sischo's needs has not been good, according to Cluka, but the middle school was very kind to him in the months after his stroke. Cluka singled out then-principal Stuart Russ and many of the teachers and other staff members, who sent cards and goodies.

"We got nothing else (from the district)," Cluka said. "We're not looking for anything but an understanding of what he's going through. He has worked so much in the past 22 years that he has been paying with his own sick leave time from Jan. 3 to the end of November. Now we got a letter saying you guys wanted to get rid of him."

Cluka said she felt talking to the board during the closed session would give her and Sischo a chance to "educate" officials in more detail on what he's going through. She said that she tried to reach out to interim Superintendent Kurt Krizan on the issue and never received a response from him.

A photo from last Christmas shows Shawano Community Middle School teacher Aaron Sischo and his fiance, Andrea Cluka during happier times prior to Sischo's stroke in January, which he is still recovering from. FACEBOOK

"You have an employee of over 20 years who suffered a medical condition, and nobody has reached out to us," she said.

Cluka said she and Sischo had initially thought about speaking to the board at its Dec. 5 meeting but decided against it because emotions were high so soon after receiving the termination notice.

During a break in the closed session, Cluka said that the stroke occurred because of all the stress that staff members were feeling under the previous administration. Sischo had no intention of resigning on his own, she said.

"He loves to teach. He loves to coach," Cluka said. "He's supposed to live a stress-free life (after the stroke), but how can he do that?"

The termination also ends Sischo's health insurance, just as he's about to undergo a heart procedure, and Cluka said he doesn't qualify for other benefits, so it's unclear how his recovery is going to proceed from here.

"What they're doing is unethical," Cluka said, suggesting the board needs. "It's legal."

Board president Mike Musolff said he could not comment on the specifics of the Sischo situation after the meeting, but he added that the board was going to do what it could to help the teacher.

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North end of Main Street needs facelift

Council gets first look at ideas to potentially rehabilitate area to entice businesses, visitors

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Shawano's downtown south of Green Bay Street has a clear identity, with new businesses moving in over the last few years and a brand new plaza that is shaping up to be its own hub of activity.

Once someone goes a block north of Green Bay Street, however, the downtown fades. That is something the city of Shawano is looking at changing.

The Shawano Common Council got its first look Dec. 14 into a possible face-lift for the northern stretch of the city with three potential endgames: bookending North Main Street; redeveloping the 200 block of the street; and developing Huckleberry Harbor. According to Zoning Administrator David Moesch, the recommendations came out of a visioning session the city had in October.

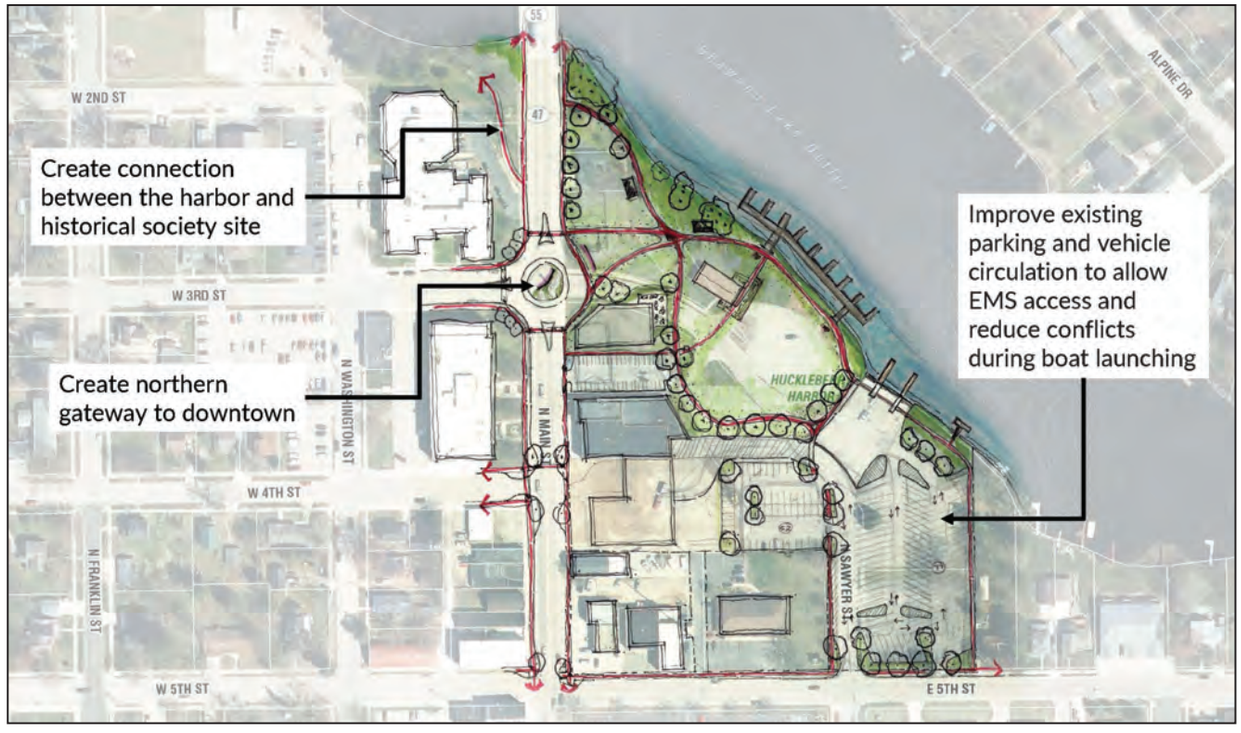
"What they recommended was highlighting the north end of Main Street as a bookend to our downtown plaza on the south end of Main Street," Moesch said. "They also recommended redesigning Huckleberry Harbor and expanding that, as well."

The bookend suggestions include adding a roundabout and gateway at Main and Third streets, adding a restaurant in the area and creating a unified design with the new plaza. Another recommendation urges signage that would note the nearby Shawano County Historical Society facilities.

"They recommended a roundabout to help slow traffic and to enhance the downtown, as well," Moesch said.

As far as redeveloping the 200 block, a feasibility study is being recommended for the end use of the four vacant buildings, which the city purchased last year. There is a recommendation to demolish the buildings and turn the area into mixed-use hub that would include additional housing. A report from Ayers Associates said it appears that upgrading the existing buildings would not be cost effective, and new construction is a better option.

"The cost of rehabbing those buildings is pretty significant," Moesch said.



This map shows some of the areas being considered for possible improvements to revitalize North Main Street and make it look like a part of downtown Shawano. CONTRIBUTED

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Ideas to develop Huckleberry Harbor include relocating and reconfiguring boat parking, moving forward on boat slips and adding trail connections and green space enhancements in the area, as well as abandoning the segment of Sawyer Street that borders the harbor. City officials believe providing enticements around the harbor area might encourage boat tourists to explore the rest of the downtown.

City Administrator Eddie Sheppard told the council that he felt it was important to have someone from outside Shawano take a look at the city and make recommendations on what to do with its blighted areas and potential development spaces. Sheppard noted the plans are far from firmed up but feels they should be discussed in the future.

"It's just another potential way of looking at things in our community," Sheppard said. "For example, Huckleberry Harbor. We've looked at it a number of times in some different ways that are more boat friendly and more waterfront friendly."

The buildings in the 200 block have generated some interest from buyers, according to Sheppard, but the potential cost of improving the existing buildings has held the city back. He said that Ayers Associates took note of other rehab projects, including one in Appleton, that improved the quality of life for the city.

"I think it's just something to put out there and marinate on at this point," Sheppard said. "We'll see where it goes from here."

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CMN, NWTC sign articulation agreement

Document allows NWTC students to continue at CMN as juniors while pursuing bachelor's degrees

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

College of Menominee Nation President Christopher Caldwell, left, and Northeast Wisconsin Technical College President Jeffrey Rafn sign copies of an articulation agreement that further cements a strong relationship between the two schools during a ceremony Dec. 16 at CMN's Keshena campus.
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The College of Menominee Nation and Northeast Wisconsin Technical College have always had a cordial relationship with each other, but the two schools formalized that relationship Dec. 16 with an articulation agreement that allows the tech college students to continue as juniors at CMN in pursuit of a bachelor's degree.

To achieve this, NWTC must enroll in an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science program and complete the requirements to get the associate's degree. A declaration of intent must be completed and submitted to an NWTC advisor, and students must meet with the advisor at least once each semester.

Students must also earn a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade-point average during their time at NWTC and have at least a 2.0 GPA during their final semester prior to transferring to CMN. If these requirements are met, they are guaranteed admission to CMN.

This agreement not only impacts area students pursuing post-secondary education but also students from the Green Bay area. Both schools have campuses in Green Bay, with NWTC's main offices in Green Bay.

CMN President Christopher Caldwell said during a signing ceremony at the college's Keshena campus that NWTC had put a lot of work into fine-tuning the agreement, even as CMN officials were carrying out the wishes of its own board.

"Our board asked us to make sure that we create an opportunity for our own students," Caldwell said. "We know that oftentimes we don't have all of the resources to give them all of the pathways and opportunities that they might want, so we do appreciate these kinds of partnerships, where we can expand our ability to do that."

NWTC President Jeffrey Rafn didn't recall exactly how long the two colleges had been talking with each other but noted that much of the foundation was laid by CMN's founding president, Verna Fowler.

"She told me that, for the Menominee Nation, what was really important was to have relationships before we enter into agreements and work together, and I've always remembered that comment," Rafn said. "So often, when we engage in things, we just really focus on, 'OK, let's get this paper signed. Let's get this piece of work done,' and I think that was a really profound statement that relationships are important."

Caldwell agreed that Fowler made powerful inroads, not only with NWTC but with other tech colleges but with the University of Wisconsin campuses in Green Bay and Oshkosh. Those relationships were very beneficial when he became president, as the other schools helped him to get up to speed on what the schools were doing to make the world a better place.

"One of the things that I appreciated quickly with President Rafn's 26 years at NWTC, he often had a way of cutting to the point of the issue or whether it was something that would work," Caldwell said. "I appreciated that because trying to read the nuances of the behind-the-scenes things, I just didn't have time for that. Cutting to the chase was very important."

Caldwell noted NWTC already has a number of Menominee students in its ranks, and the agreement gives those students the option of coming back home to pursue their bachelor's degrees.

"This is a relationship with mutual benefits on an equitable level," Caldwell said.

Rafn noted that once Caldwell took leadership of CMN, his first actions included reaching out to NWTC, and that was what led to the agreement between the two colleges. He said he admired the work CMN has done to be a major force among tribal colleges.

"This college has grown so much since I first started here 26 years ago, and I've always appreciated its focus on sustainability in forestry and agriculture," Rafn said. "Now, you've put in place bachelor's degrees in education and public administration and business administration. I look forward to not only having your students to NWTC but students coming here for ours as they become more global citizens who understand and can work with other cultures. I think you have something unique to offer here at the College of Menominee Nation that, frankly, can't be offered anywhere else."

Jeannie Otto, who worked at CMN as an instructor before becoming the regional manager of NWTC's Shawano and Oconto Falls campuses, was present at the ceremony and sees the benefits for both schools.

"When I took the role at NWTC, I left saying I would love to have a partnership between the two colleges where we could have students pursue a bachelor's degree and finish up the AA (at NWTC)," Otto said. "For our community members to go seven miles for a four-year degree, and to have that connection point to make this possible, this is the most amazing opportunity to provide our community."

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ABC 9 WAOW 2 WBAY	Good Morning America (N) 🎧 CC		9 Good Morning America (N) CC 2 Action 2 News: This Morning (N)		9 Wildlife 2 Morning	9 oh baby! 🎧 (EI) CC	9 Hearts of 2 Wildlife	9 Saving Pets 2 oh baby!	9 Grio Awards 2 Hearts of	2 Vets Saving Pets 🎧	2 Free Enterprise CC	2 Inside Edition (N) 🎧 CC	SC Featured (N) 🎧 CC	AKC Heroes: 2022 Awards for Canine Excellence 🎧 CC		The Santa Clauses Scott struggles with being Santa Claus. 🎧 CC		9 Financially Sp 2 ET	9 Coldwell Banker	9 Packers 2 Invest.	ABC World News
CBS 5 WFRV 7 WSAW	5 Mission 7 CBS Sat	5 Hope in the Wild 🎧 (EI)	5 CBS Sat 7 Lucky Dog	7 Innovation Nation	7 Mission Unstoppable	7 Hope in the Wild 🎧 (EI)	All In With Laila Ali CC	Did I Mention Invention?	The NFL Today (N) 🎧 CC		NFL Football Cincinnati Bengals at New England Patriots. The Bengals continue pursuit of a second straight AFC North title as they visit the Patriots. (N) 🎧 (Live) CC						NFL Today Postgame (N) 🎧 (Live) CC		The Musial Awards (N) 🎧 CC		5 Christmas 7 Dickens	CBS Weekend News
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	55 Xplor. Planet 11 News	55 Xploration Space	55 Life 2.0 🎧 (EI) CC	55 Sci Q 🎧 (EI) CC	55 Paid 11 Christmas	55 True Crime: Identity Theft	FOX NFL Kickoff (N) 🎧 (Live) CC		FOX NFL Sunday (N) 🎧 (Live) CC		NFL Football New York Giants at Minnesota Vikings. The Vikings play their final regular-season home game in 2022 when they face the Giants. (N) 🎧 (Live) CC							(:25) NFL Football Philadelphia Eagles at Dallas Cowboys. The Eagles set their sights on the first season sweep of the NFC East rival Cowboys since 2011. (N) 🎧 (Live) CC				
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	26 Today 12 (6:00) Today	12 906 Outdoors	12 Today's Homeowner	News-Kids Edition	Earth Odyssey With Dylan	Wild Child CC (DVS)	Harlem Globetrotters	One Team-Sports	26 Blade 12 The Voyager	26 Paid Program 12 Roots Less	Paid Program CC	Paid Program CC	Paid Program CC	Paid Program CC	Chasing Gold: Paris 2024		Pickleball (N) CC		FIS Freestyle Skiing World Cup U.S. Grand Prix, Halfpipe Finals. 🎧		26 Nutriseal 12 Paid Program	NBC Nightly News
PBS 20 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE	Wild Kratts: A Creature Christmas	★★★ Curious George: A Very Monkey Christmas (2009) (EI) *Voices of Elizabeth Daily.* 🎧		Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood CC (DVS)	Best of Sewing With Nancy CC	Quilting Arts 🎧 CC	Growing a Greener World Meadow gardens.	Classic Woodworking "Wenge Tea Box" 🎧	Jacques Pépin: Heart & Soul 🎧 CC	Lidia's Kitchen "Treat Yourself" 🎧 CC	Steven Raichlen's Project Fire 🎧 CC	Taste-MAKERS 🎧 CC	Cook's Country "Endless Dessert" CC	Christopher Kimball's Milk Street	Sara's Weeknight Meals 🎧 CC	Pati's Mexican Table 🎧 CC	Mary Berry's Country House at Christmas Harewood House at Christmas.		Weekends With Yankee 🎧 CC	Welcome to My Farm 🎧 CC	The Lawrence Welk Show "Christmas Reunion 1985" Traditional Christmas carols. CC	
32 WACY	Hearts	oh baby!	Paid	Mak	H2O X5	Out	MidWest	Bensin	World's	World's	SOS: Survive		Sporting	Raised	Offshore	Spanish	Heartland 🎧		Mod	Mod	Gold	Gold
46 WTPX	MacGyver CC		MacGyver CC		The Christmas Sitters (2020) 🎧 CC				12 Pups of Christmas (2019) 🎧 CC				Dognapped: Hound for the Holidays				A Beauty & the Beast Christmas 🎧				Christmas	
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW	14 Outdoor 34 Popstar!	14 Luminess 34 MyPillow	Jack Hanna's Into the Wild	Jack Hanna's Into the Wild	Jack Hanna's Into the Wild	Jack Hanna's Into the Wild	Pet Vet Dream Team CC	Tails of Valor 🎧 (EI) CC	14 Science 34 Live Life-Win	14 Help Now 34 Alan Jackson	14 Luminess 34 Rescue	14 Cook Like 34 Theft	14 Boundless 34 Christmas Mail (2010) *Ashley Scott.* CC		14 WOW - Women Of Wrestling BK Rhythm vs. Americana. (N) 🎧		14 Sports 34 Highway	14 Greatest Sports	14 34	14 Luminess	14 Last Man 34 Burgers	14 Last Man 34 Burgers

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CBS 5 WFRV 7 WSAW	5 USAF Band of the Mid-America 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6	5 Discover Wisconsin 🎧 7 Inside Edition Weekend (N) 🎧	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		5 St. Francis Xavier Cathedral Christmas Eve Mass (N) 7 48 Hours 🎧 CC		7 A Country Fix Christmas Celebration (N)	5 48 Hours 🎧 CC 7 (:35) Beat the Odds	7 (:05) The Song "Amy Grant" 🎧 CC	5 A Dickens Christmas, John Rhys-Davies 7 Opry
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	(3:25) NFL Football Philadelphia Eagles at Dallas Cowboys. (N)	The OT (N) 🎧 (Live) CC	LEGO Masters "Celebrity Holiday Bricktacular: Finale" One team wins $20,000 for charity. 🎧 CC (DVS)				55 The Big Bang Theory 🎧 CC 11 Sounds of the Season A (N)	55 The Big Bang Theory 🎧 CC 11 Sounds of the Season B (N)	Hell's Kitchen "Slipping Down to Hell" Teams create four types of sliders. 🎧 CC (DVS)		55 S.W.A.T. "Lockdown" 🎧 11 Jeopardy! 🎧	11 The King of Queens Problematic Christmas gift. CC
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) CC 12 Inside the Huddle	26 True Crime: Identity Theft 12 Wheel of Fortune 🎧 CC	★★★★ It's a Wonderful Life (1946, Comedy-Drama) *James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore.* An angel saves a distraught businessman from suicide. (DVS)						26 News 12 Newswatch 12 Saturday	26 Appleton Boychoir in Concert (N) 12 Paid Program	12 Paid Program Paid programming. CC	Christmas Eve Mass Christmas Eve mass. (N) 🎧 CC
PBS 20 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE	The Carol Burnett Show William Conrad; the Jackson Five.		Sister Boniface Mysteries "Sister Town" Tragedy strikes in a memorial ceremony. 🎧 CC		Shakespeare and Hathaway -- Private Investigators "Time Decays" A Shakespeare walk becomes a disaster. 🎧 CC		Frankie Drake Mysteries "A Most Foiled Assault" Fierce competition slow the gal's down. 🎧 CC		Christmas in New York: Inside the Plaza New York's Plaza Hotel.		Mannheim Steamroller 30/40 Live Mannheim Steamroller Christmas tour. 🎧 CC	
32 WACY	Family Feud 🎧	Two/Half Men	Byron Allen Presents TheGrio Awards Celebrating Black excellence. (N)				Am Housewife	Am Housewife	The Simpsons	Family Guy 🎧	Family Guy 🎧	S.W.A.T. CC
46 WTPX	A Prince and Pauper Christmas 🎧		Christmas Matchmakers (2019) *Vivica A. Fox, Andrew Rogers.* 🎧 CC				The Search for Secret Santa (2022) *Skye Coyne, Alex Trumble.* 🎧 CC				Beaus of Holly (2020) 🎧 CC	
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW	14 The Big Bang Theory 🎧 CC 34 The Good Doctor 🎧 CC	14 The Big Bang Theory Sheldon wants to learn how to be funny.	Christmas Around the World How Christmas is celebrated. 🎧 CC				14 The Rookie CC (DVS) 34 The Liquidator CC	34 Black Water: Abyss (2020, Horror) *Jessica McNamee.* CC	14 The National Desk (N) (Live)		14 TMZ (N) 🎧 CC	34 To the Rescue 🎧 (EI) CC

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ABC 9 WAOW 2 WBAY	Good Morning America (N) 🎧 CC		The Magnificent Mile Lights Festival Holiday music; Disney characters.		Disney Parks Magical Christmas Day Parade A Christmas parade. (N) 🎧 CC				NBA Basketball Philadelphia 76ers at New York Knicks. Madison Square Garden. (N) 🎧 (Live) CC					NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Dallas Mavericks. American Airlines Center. (N) 🎧 (Live) CC					NBA Basketball Milwaukee Bucks at Boston Celtics. TD Garden. (N) 🎧 (Live) CC			
CBS 5 WFRV 7 WSAW	5 (6:30) Christmas Eve Mass (N) 7 A Baylor Christmas (N)		CBS News Sunday Morning (N) 🎧 CC			Face the Nation (N) 🎧 CC		5 Game Day 7 Retirement	NFL Slimetime (N) CC	We Need to Talk (N) CC	Rodeo From Dec. 14-17, 2022 in Fort Worth, Texas. (N) 🎧 CC		Rogue Invitational From Oct. 27-30, 2022 in Austin, Texas. (N) CC	Rogue Invitational From Oct. 27-30, 2022 in Austin, Texas. (N) CC		The NFL Today (N) 🎧 CC	NFL Football Denver Broncos at Los Angeles Rams. The Broncos square off with the Rams in a Christmas Day contest in the City of Angels. (N) 🎧 (Live) CC				
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	55 Paid 11 Nashville	55 Mountain Faith	55 Fox News 11 Season	11 Sharyl Attkisson	55 Invest. 11 Fox News	55 Paid Program CC	55 Christmas 11 Holiday River Parade and Lighting		55 Paid Prog. 11 Season	FOX NFL Pregame	NFL Football Green Bay Packers at Miami Dolphins. Miami returns home to play Green Bay. The Dolphins are 4-1 at Hard Rock Stadium this season. (N) 🎧 (Live) CC						NFL on FOX Postgame	College Basketball DePaul at Creighton. CHI Health Center. (N) 🎧 (Live) CC				55 Paid Prg. 11 Wheel
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	Sunday Today With Willie Geist (N) 🎧 CC		26 M't Press 12 Athlete	12 Home Remodeler	26 Know 12 Meet Press	26 MidWest Outdoors	26 Paid Prg. 12 Remodeler	26 Paid Program 12 The Huddle	26 Appleton 12 Paid Prg.	12 Paid Program CC	Paid Program CC	Paid Program CC	Paid Program CC	26 12 Dogs 12 Paid	12 Paid Program CC	12 Paid Program CC	12 Paid Program CC	26 Parade 12 Paid Prg.	12 Paid Program CC	12 Paid Program CC	26 News 12 Paid Program	NBC Nightly News
PBS 20 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE	Let's Go Luna!: Luna's Christmas Around	Nature Cat: A Nature Carol Nature Cat is visited by three spirits. 🎧 (EI) CC		Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood CC (DVS)	Washington Week 🎧 CC	Firing Line With Margaret Hoover	Tell Me More With Kelly Corrigan CC	Market to Market 🎧 CC	Buttons: A Christmas Tale (2018, Musical) *Narrated by Robert Redford, Narrated by Kate Winslet.* Two orphan girls discover miracles really can happen.			(:35) The Goes Wrong Show	(:07) Sister Boniface Mysteries "Sister Town" Tragedy strikes in a memorial ceremony.		Shakespeare and Hathaway -- Private Investigators A Shakespeare walk becomes a disaster. 🎧 CC		The Nutcracker and the Mouse King Alan Cumming narrates a holiday story. 🎧 CC		CLOWN by Quentin Blake 🎧 CC	Craft in America "Inspiration" Magic and influence of craft. 🎧 CC	
32 WACY	Pets.TV	Wonder	Paid	Jeffress	Outback	Wildlife	Rock-	Ocean	Grill'n	Know	The List	Broad	Kickin It: Byron		The Good Doctor		The Good Doctor		Mod	Mod	Fam	Fam
46 WTPX	MacGyver CC		MacGyver CC		Best Christmas Ball Ever! (2019) 🎧				A Christmas Princess (2019) 🎧 CC				A Prince and Pauper Christmas 🎧				A Christmas Witness (2021) 🎧 CC				Secret Santa	
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW	14 Worship 34 Tomorrow	14 Daily 34 In Touch	14 Catholic Mass	14 Paid Program 34 Key of David	14 Outdoor 34 Mass	14 Paid Prg. 34 Perry Stone	14 Paid Prg. 34 Mad Do	14 Paid 34 Dickens Cmas	14 Polka Polka 34 Sheldon	34 Young Sheldon 🎧	14 Paid Prog. 34 Big Bang	14 Theft 34 Big Bang	14 Paid 34 12 Dogs	14 True Crime: Identity Theft	14 ★★★ An Officer and a Gentleman (1982) *Richard Gere.*		34 Highway Thru Hell		34 WOW - Women	14 Sounds Season	14 Sheldon 34 Fam. Guy	14 Sheldon 34 Fam. Guy

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ABC 9 WAOW 2 WBAY	(4:00) NBA Basketball Milwaukee Bucks at Boston Celtics.	NBA Countdown (N) (Live) CC	NBA Basketball Memphis Grizzlies at Golden State Warriors. Chase Center. (N) (Live) CC					NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns at Denver Nuggets. Ball Arena. (N) (Live) CC				
CBS 5 WFRV 7 WSAW	(3:30) NFL Football Denver Broncos at Los Angeles Rams. (N) (Live) CC		60 Minutes (N) CC		East New York "Pilot" Amanda Warren gets a promotion. CC		East New York "Misdemeanor Homicide" Two homicide victims are discovered. CC		5 Local 5 News at 10:00 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	5 (:35) Sports Xtra 7 (:35) Investigate TV	5 Osteen 7 Game Time With Boomer	5 Happy Holidays America 7 SEAL Team CC (DVS)
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	TMZ's Merry Elfin' Christmas The biggest stories of 2022. CC (DVS)		55 The Simpsons 11 The Simpsons	(:31) The Great North Animated. Wolf and Honeybee have a fight.	Bob's Burgers "Gene's Christmas Break" CC (DVS)	Family Guy Animated. Mayor West's nativity scene is ruined.	55 Seinfeld "The Truth" 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N)	55 Seinfeld 11 Sounds of the Season B	55 The Goldbergs 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N)	55 Goldbergs 11 Sharyl Attkisson	55 American Housewife 11 (:05) The National Desk	55 American Housewife "The Bromance Before Christmas"
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	Football Night in America (N) (Live) CC		(:15) NFL Football Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Arizona Cardinals. The Buccaneers visit the Cardinals. Tampa Bay won the last meeting 30-27 in 2019. (N) (Live) CC							26 News 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm	26 The Race 12 Outdoorsman International	26 Graham Bensinger 12 Funny You Ask
PBS 20 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE	Craft in America "Home" Meaning and metaphor. CC		All Creatures Great and Small on Masterpiece "The Perfect Christmas" It's Christmas in Darrowby. CC		Call the Midwife "Holiday Special" Poplar prepares for Christmas. (N) CC			Call the Midwife "Holiday Special" Poplar prepares for Christmas. CC			Austin City Limits "The Best of Nanci Griffith" Singer-songwriter Nanci Griffith. CC	
32 WACY	Appleton Boychoir in Concert		12 Dogs of Christmas: Great Puppy Rescue (2012), *D.B. Sweeney*				Mom CC	Mom CC	The Simpsons	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	S.W.A.T. CC
46 WTPX	(5:00) The Search for Secret Santa		The Christmas Thief (2021) *Michelle Borth, Vivica A. Fox.* CC				The Case of the Christmas Diamond (2022, Mystery) *Kelly Daly.* CC				The Spruces and the Pines (2017)	
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW	14 The Big Bang Theory CC 34 The Good Doctor CC	14 The Big Bang Theory Sheldon tries to hold a convention.	Christmas Around the USA Celebrating Christmas. CC				14 WOW - Women 34 Liquidator	34 Chicago P.D. Voight's unit faces a drug kingpin.	14 Truth of God	34 WOW - Women Of Wrestling BK Rhythm vs. Americana.	14 Extra (N) CC	34 Moviefone TV CC

WEEKDAYS MORNING / AFTERNOON DEC. 26

	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
ABC 9 WAOW 2 WBAY	Good Morning America				9 Live 2 News	2 25 Words or Less	The View		9 News 9 2 Inside	9 Drew Barrymore 2 Pawn	9 GMA3: What 2 News	2 Paid Program	General Hospital		9 Tamron Hall 2 GMA3: What You Need to Know		Dr. Phil		9 News at 4PM 2 Action 2 News	2 Action 2 News at 4:30	9 News 9 2 News	ABC World News
CBS 5 WFRV 7 WSAW	CBS Mornings				5 Local 5 7 25 Words	7 Paid Program	The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless		9 News 7 NewsChannel 7	Bold and the Beautiful	The Talk		Let's Make a Deal		5 Friends 7 Clarkson	5 Friends	5 Local 5 News 7 Jdg Judy	5 Local 5 News 7 Jdg Judy	9 News 7 NewsChannel 7	CBS Evening News
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	55 Business First 11 News	55 Ag-Day	55 Dateline		55 Rachael Ray 11 Live with Kelly and Ryan		55 The Jennifer Hudson Show 11 Fox 11 Living With Amy		55 Fam-Feud 11 Rachael	55 Family Feud	55 Blast 11 Varied	55 Daily Blast 11 Jdg Judy	55 Judge Mathis 11 The Jennifer Hudson Show		55 Hot Bench 11 Barrymore	55 Hot Bench 11 Barrymore	55 Judge 11 Peo. Court	55 Judge Judy	55 News 11 Jdg Judy	55 Fam-Feud 11 Jdg Judy	55 Sheldon 11 News	55 Sheldon 11 Varied
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	Today				Today 3rd Hour		Today With Hoda & Jenna		26 12	26 List 12 Neighborhood	NBC News Daily		26 Dateline 12 You Bet	12 Pictionary	26 Tamron Hall 12 Pictionary	12 Funny You Ask	26 12	12 TMZ	26 Fam-Feud 12 Up North	26 Aft. Focus 12 Jeopardy	26 News 12 News	NBC Nightly News
PBS 20 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE	Hero Elementary	Alma's Way	Curious George	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	Rosie's Rules	Donkey Hodie	Sesame Street	Pinkalicious & Peterrific	Dinosaur Train	Elinor Wonders Why	Sesame Street	Rosie's Rules	Ask This Old House	America's Test Kitchen From Cook	Downton Abbey on Masterpiece		Varied Programs		Odd Squad	Arthur	Molly of Denali	BBC World News America
32 WACY	Judge	Relative	Divorce	Divorce	Wom	Grill'n	iCRIME	iCRIME	The First 48		Dateline		Chicago Fire		Sherri		TMZ Live		Mod	Mod	Gold	Gold
46 WTPX	Varied Programs																					
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW	14 National 34 Divor.	34 Caught in Providence	14 Weather 34 M'ry	14 Paid Program	14 Court 34 S. Wilkos	14 Couples Court	14 Hot Bench 34 Karamo	14 Hot Bench	14 Paternity 34 M'ry	14 Paternity Court	14 Law & Order: SVU 34 XTRA	34 Access Hollywood	14 Judge Jerry 34 Sherri		14 Judge Mathis 34 Judge Jerry		14 Pictionary 34 Karamo	14 You Bet Your Life	14 Jeopardy 34 Steve Wilkos	14 Funny You Ask	14 You Bet 34 Judge	14 Sheldon 34 Judge

MONDAY EVENING DEC. 26

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
ABC 9 WAOW 2 WBAY	9 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N) CC	Celebrity Jeopardy! "Quarterfinal 1: Simu Liu, Ego Nwodim and Andy Richter" Simu Liu; Ego Nwodim; Andy Richter. CC (DVS)		The Year: 2022 Events that defined the last 12 months. (N) CC				9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! CC		(:37) Nightline (N) CC
CBS 5 WFRV 7 WSAW	5 Local 5 News at 6:00 7 (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6	5 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) CC 7 Inside Edition (N) CC	The Neighborhood Calvin is honored for his impact.	Bob Hearts Abishola Abishola must keep the peace. CC	NCIS "All Hands" The team discovers terrorists on a boat. CC (DVS)		NCIS: Hawai'i "Rescuers" A Navy petty officer is murdered. CC (DVS)		5 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert "Alicia Keys; Eddie Izzard" Alicia Keys performs; Eddie Izzard. CC		(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden (N) CC
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	55 The Big Bang Theory CC 11 Jeopardy! (N) CC	55 The Big Bang Theory CC 11 Wheel of Fortune (N) CC	9-1-1 "Animal Instincts" A birdwatcher is trapped under a tree. CC (DVS)		9-1-1 "Home Invasion" A man is trapped in an attic. CC (DVS)		55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	55 Seinfeld "The Dog" Jerry dog sits for an unruly canine. CC	55 Seinfeld "The Nap" CC 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) CC	55 Last Man Standing CC 11 (:35) Seinfeld CC	55 Last Man Standing CC 11 (:07) The King of Queens CC	55 The Goldbergs 11 (:35) The King of Queens
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) CC 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N) CC	26 Family Feud 12 Wheel of Fortune "Happy New Year!" (N)	The Wheel "Big Cats & Bigger Brains" Deepak Chopra, Raven-Symoné and more. (N) CC		Dolly Parton: Coat of Many Colors Autobiographical song. CC				26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	34 (:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N) CC 12 (:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon CC		(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers CC
PBS 20 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE	PBS NewsHour (N) CC		State Honors Concert 2022 The culmination of a nine-month journey shared by over 400 of the state's musically talented youth. (N)		The Great American Recipe "If I Were a Recipe" Ten home cooks create dishes. CC		The Great American Recipe "The Daily Dish" Nine cooks present go-to quick meals. CC		Call the Midwife "Holiday Special" Poplar prepares for Christmas. CC			Around the Corner with John McGivern "Mequon & Thiensville" CC
32 WACY	Family Feud	Two/Half Men	Dateline "Deadly Secret" CC		Chicago P.D. "Sanctuary"		My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	Mom CC
46 WTPX	Criminal Minds "The Job"		Criminal Minds "The Witness"		Criminal Minds CC (DVS)		Criminal Minds "Outlaw"		Criminal Minds "The Night Watch"		Criminal Minds "Pariahville"	
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW	14 The Big Bang Theory CC 34 Divorce Court CC	14 The Big Bang Theory CC 34 Divorce Court CC	Family Film Awards Honoring family-oriented filmmaking. (N) CC				14 Last Man Standing CC 34 The Liquidator CC	14 Seinfeld "The Nap" 34 Chicago P.D. "Sanctuary"	14 The National Desk (N) (Live)	14 The National Desk (N) (Live) 34 black-ish CC (DVS)	14 Last Man Standing CC 34 black-ish CC (DVS)	14 Young Sheldon 34 Family Guy

TUESDAY EVENING DEC. 27

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
ABC 9 WAOW 2 WBAY	9 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	9 News 9 Pack Attack 2 Entertainment Tonight (N)	Celebrity Jeopardy! "Semifinal 1: Ike Barinholtz, Iliza Shlesinger and Simu Liu" Ike Barinholtz; Iliza Shlesinger. (DVS)		The Rookie: Feds "Day One" A federal engineer is murdered. (DVS)		The Rookie: Feds "Flashback" Garza's character comes into question. (DVS)		9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!		(:37) Nightline (N)
CBS 5 WFRV 7 WSAW	9 Local 5 News at 6:00 7 (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6	5 Locker Room (N) 7 Locker Room	FBI "Pride & Prejudice" The team investigates a Muslim's murder.		FBI: International "Chew Toy" An NYPD officer is detained for assault.		FBI: Most Wanted "A Man Without a Country" An oligarch goes on a terror spree.		9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert "John Krasinski; Sarah Polley" John Krasinski; Sarah Polley.		(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden (N)
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	55 The Big Bang Theory 11 Jeopardy! (N)	55 The Big Bang Theory 11 Wheel of Fortune (N)	The Resident "No Pressure No Diamonds" Dr. Bell faces negative press. (DVS)		The Resident "Family Day" Nic's dad comes into Chastain. (DVS)		55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	55 Seinfeld "The Library" Jerry has a very overdue library book.	55 Seinfeld "The Yada Yada" 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	55 Last Man Standing 11 (:35) Seinfeld	55 Last Man Standing 11 (:07) The King of Queens	55 The Goldbergs 11 (:35) The King of Queens
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	26 Packers Live 12 Wheel of Fortune "Happy New Year!"	The Wheel "Sky Hooks & The Almighty Book" Taye Diggs, Jalen Rose and more. (N)		Lopez vs Lopez (DVS)	Lopez vs Lopez (DVS)	The Wall "Deck the Wall: A Holiday Spectacular" Holiday-themed trivia questions.		26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers
PBS 20 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE	PBS NewsHour (N)		American Masters "Groucho & Cavett" Dick Cavett and Groucho Marx. (N) (DVS)			Around the Corner with John McGivern "Middleton" Places to work in Middleton, Wis.	The Great American Recipe "Love Language" Eight cooks prepare comfort foods.		Craft in America "Home" Meaning and metaphor.		NOVA "Emperor's Ghost Army" How China's terracotta army was made. (DVS)	
32 WACY	Family Feud	Two/Half Men	Dateline "At the Edge of Town"		Chicago P.D. (DVS)		My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	Mom
46 WTPX	Chicago Fire "Rear View Mirror"		Chicago Fire "Two Families"		Chicago Fire "Leaving the Station"		Chicago Fire "It Ain't Easy"		Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire "God Has Spoken"	
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW	14 The Big Bang Theory 34 Divorce Court	14 The Big Bang Theory 34 Divorce Court	Ocean Emergency: Currents of Hope The plight of the world's oceans. (N)				14 Last Man Standing 34 The Liquidator	14 Seinfeld 34 Chicago P.D. (DVS)	14 The National Desk (N) (Live)	14 The National Desk (N) (Live) 34 black-ish (DVS)	14 Last Man Standing 34 black-ish (DVS)	14 Young Sheldon 34 Family Guy

WEDNESDAY EVENING DEC. 28

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
ABC 9 WAOW 2 WBAY	9 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	9 Packers Live 2 Entertainment Tonight (N)	Celebrity Jeopardy! "Quarterfinal 4: Aisha Tyler, John Michael Higgins and Matt Rogers" Aisha Tyler; John Michael Higgins.		Abbott Elementary "Juice" Melissa clashes with her new aide.	(:31) Abbott Elementary Janine is invited to a Halloween party.	The Rookie: Feds "The Reaper" A search for an international assassin. (DVS)		9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!		(:37) Nightline (N)
CBS 5 WFRV 7 WSAW	9 Local 5 News at 6:00 7 (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6	5 Green Bay Nation (N) 7 Inside Edition (N)	The 45th Annual Kennedy Center Honors Entertainers receive recognition. (N)				The Gift: Kindness Goes Viral With Steve Hartman Examining kindness. (N)		9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert "Michelle Williams; Phil Keoghan; Dierks Bentley" Michelle Williams; winners of Pickled.		(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden (N)
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	55 The Big Bang Theory "The Bus Pants Utilization" 11 Jeopardy! (N)	College Bowl Pregame (N) (Live)	College Football San Diego County Credit Union Holiday Bowl: Oregon vs North Carolina. Bo Nix and the No. 15 Ducks (9-3) play Drake Maye and the Tar Heels (9-4) in the Holiday Bowl. (N) (Live)							55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	55 Last Man Standing 11 The King of Queens	55 The Goldbergs 11 The King of Queens
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	26 Total Packers-Matt LaFleur 12 Wheel of Fortune	The Wheel "Wigs Galore, Dogs & More" Andy Richter, Kate Flannery and more. (N)		Chicago Fire "Every Scar Tells a Story" Javi spends a couple of shifts at 51. (DVS)		Chicago P.D. "The Real You" The team must find an escaped murderer. (DVS)		26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers
PBS 20 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE	PBS NewsHour (N)		Nature "American Arctic" Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. (DVS)		NOVA "The Truth About Fat" The mysteries of fat.		The Great American Recipe "Moveable Feasts" Seven cooks prepare handheld treats.		State Honors Concert 2022 The culmination of a nine-month journey shared by over 400 of the state's musically talented youth.		Wisconsin Home Town Stories: Green Bay The growth of Green Bay.	
32 WACY	Family Feud	Two/Half Men	Dateline "Out of the Darkness"		Chicago P.D. "Seven Indictments"		My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	Mom
46 WTPX	NCIS "Institutionalized"		NCIS "No Vacancy" (DVS)		NCIS A Navy musician is murdered.		NCIS "IRL" (DVS)		NCIS "The North Pole"		NCIS "In the Wind" (DVS)	
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW	14 The Big Bang Theory 34 Divorce Court	14 The Big Bang Theory 34 Divorce Court	Dogs of the Year 2022 The top dog stories of 2022.		World's Funniest Animals Kennedy McMann; AJ Gibson.	World's Funniest Animals Special guest Kelly Stables.	14 Fox 11 News at Nine on CW 34 The Liquidator	14 Seinfeld 34 Chicago P.D. (DVS)	14 The National Desk (N) (Live)	14 The National Desk (N) 34 black-ish "Son of a Pitch"	14 Last Man Standing 34 black-ish (DVS)	14 Young Sheldon 34 Family Guy

THURSDAY EVENING DEC. 29

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
ABC 9 WAOW 2 WBAY	9 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Celebrity Jeopardy! "Semifinal 2: John Michael Higgins, Wil Wheaton and Joel Kim Booster" John Michael Higgins; Wil Wheaton.		The Parent Test "Which Way Is the Right Way?" Families face the yes day challenge.		Celebrity Wheel of Fortune "Nikki Glaser, Tig Notaro and Thomas Lennon" Nikki Glaser; Tig Notaro; Thomas Lennon. (DVS)		9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!		(:37) Nightline (N)
CBS 5 WFRV 7 WSAW	9 Local 5 News at 6:00 7 (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6	9 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 7 Inside Edition (N)	Young Sheldon Mary helps Pastor Jeff. (DVS)	(:31) Ghosts	(:01) So Help Me Todd "Pilot" Margaret hires her son.		So Help Me Todd "Co-Pilot" Two seemingly unrelated cases.		9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert "Dr. Anthony Fauci; Cody Keenan" Dr. Anthony Fauci; Cody Keenan.		(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden (N)
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	55 The Big Bang Theory 11 Jeopardy! (N)	55 The Big Bang Theory 11 Wheel of Fortune (N)	Hell's Kitchen "Wok This Way" The chefs must make dishes using a wok. (DVS)		(:02) Welcome to Flatch "Maniflatch Destiny" (DVS)	Call Me Kat Kat spends time with Max and his nephew.	55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	55 Seinfeld "The Parking Garage" Car lost in mall parking garage.	55 Seinfeld "The Muffin Tops" 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	55 Last Man Standing 11 (:35) Seinfeld	55 Last Man Standing 11 (:07) The King of Queens	55 The Goldbergs 11 (:35) The King of Queens
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	26 Family Feud 12 Wheel of Fortune "Happy New Year!" (N)	The Wheel "A Spin, a Twin & a Win" Chrissy Metz, Clay Aiken and more. (N)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (DVS)		Law & Order: Organized Crime (DVS)		26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers
PBS 20 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE	PBS NewsHour (N)		Wisconsin Life The Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center in Manitowoc is an interactive museum.	Around the Corner with John McGivern "Manitowoc"	The Great American Recipe "Party on a Plate" Special occasion and holiday recipes.		The Great American Recipe "Mix It Up" The cooks swap recipes.		Secrets of Highclere Castle The castle that serves as Downton Abbey.		Nature "American Arctic" Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. (DVS)	
32 WACY	Family Feud	Two/Half Men	Dateline		Chicago P.D. (DVS)		My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	Mom
46 WTPX	Chicago P.D. "Gone"		Chicago P.D. "Closer"		Chicago P.D. "Adrift"		Chicago P.D. "Memory"		Chicago P.D. "House of Cards"		Chicago P.D. "You and Me"	
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW	14 The Big Bang Theory 34 Divorce Court	14 The Big Bang Theory 34 Divorce Court	Popstar's Best of 2022 The most memorable moments from 2022. (N)		Masters of Illusion "Right Before Your Very Eyes"	Masters of Illusion Ed Alonzo; Chris Funk; Joel Meyers.	14 Last Man Standing 34 The Liquidator	14 Seinfeld 34 Chicago P.D. (DVS)	14 The National Desk (N) (Live)	14 The National Desk (N) (Live) 34 black-ish (DVS)	14 Last Man Standing 34 black-ish (DVS)	14 Young Sheldon 34 Family Guy

Arrest warrant issued for Retzlaff

Former campground owner allegedly left Wisconsin without permission

By LUKE REIMER
Reporter

Two bail jumping charges have been filed against Ann Retzlaff after she had allegedly left Wisconsin on Dec. 1.

If convicted, Retzlaff faces fines up up to $10,000 and six years in prison for each count of bail jumping.

According to the criminal complaint, Retzlaff allegedly received a ride from a couple in Reedsburg to a Shell Station in New Buffalo, Michigan. The complaint states that Retzlaff told the couple that she was meeting up with a man named Brian. The complaint also states that Retzlaff had mentioned Holland, Michigan. The Shawano County Sheriff's Department was notified after the woman who had dropped Retzlaff off at the Shell gas station allegedly had an uneasy feeling about Retzlaff, looked her up online and called the sheriff's department.

Retzlaff's bond condition state that she is not to leave the state without prior permission.

Law enforcement made contact with the woman who had given Retzlaff a ride and called the complaint in. Retzlaff allegedly told the woman that she was afraid for her life and she needed to get to a Shell gas station. The woman told law enforcement that Retzlaff said that she had been in the United States Army, was helping to take down a sex trafficking ring and that there was a hit on her head.

ANN RETZLAFF

She went on to say that when she arrived at Retzlaff's residence to pick her up, Retzlaff was carrying a full laundry basket, a printer box, a huge garbage bag, a box with perishable food items and more boxes containing various items.

When the the couple and Retzlaff got to the Shell gas station in New Buffalo, they had dinner at a nearby McDonald's and waited for Brian. The woman said that there was not much conversation when Brian arrived, because the two wanted to leave quickly. The criminal complaint does not say what happened after that.

Retzlaff was in court on Dec. 5 for a bond motion, in which she requested to leave the state to go on vacation with her children. At that court hearing, District Attorney Greg Parker had said that the Shawano County Sheriff's Department had received information from the Sauk County Sheriff's Department that Retzlaff had left the jurisdiction and if that was the case, he would file bail jumping charges.

At that Dec. 5 court hearing, Marathon County Judge Michael Moran said that he would grant Retzlaff her request if she were to provide a detailed itinerary about what where she was going and with who. According to Wisconsin Circuit Court Access, that was granted on Dec. 9.

No court date was set and an arrest warrant was issued for Retzlaff.

A final pre-trial is set for Jan. 12 though, as Retzlaff was charged in May 2021 with one count of fleeing and eluding officers, two counts of second-degree recklessly endangering safety and one misdemeanor count of resisting or obstructing an officer. She was also charged with one misdemeanor count of resisting and failing to stop in Menominee County. She was later charged with bail jumping and disorderly conduct in April after not appearing for court dates in 2021.

In Retzlaff's initial criminal complaint, it was stated that a vehicle that was involved in a high-speed chase was registered in Retzlaff's name in Keshena and continued through the towns of Wescott and Richmond, before ending on state Highway 29. When asking Retzlaff to leave the vehicle, she had allegedly told a deputy that she was "a sovereign citizen" and refused to exit the vehicle. At that point, the deputy had allegedly tried using a slim jim car opening tool to open the door, to which Retzlaff allegedly tried to drive off, just missing from hitting two Shawano County deputies.

The vehicle was eventually stopped, where law enforcement was able to pull Retzlaff out of the car. From there, she was handcuffed and allegedly said that the deputies were taking part in covering up sex trafficking.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

SATURDAY, DEC. 24

GILLETT: Christmas Eve service, 4 p.m., Tabor United Methodist Church, 120 W. Main St.

OCONTO FALLS: Christmas Eve service, 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 501 S. Main St.

BONDUEL: Christmas Eve service, 6 p.m., Zion United Methodist Church, 134 E. Green Bay St.

SUNDAY, DEC. 25

OCONTO FALLS: Christmas Day service, 9:30 a.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 501 S. Main St.

SATURDAY, DEC. 31

SHAWANO: Lions Club Annual Fishing Derby, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bamboo Bar, W5884 Cedar Court, sponsored by Bonduel Lions Club. Cash prizes for heaviest fish. 24th annual winter raffle drawing 5 p.m.

FRIDAY	EVENING											DEC. 30
	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
ABC 9 WAOW 2 WBAY	9 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Shark Tank An update on Beatbox Beverages. (DVS)		(:01) 20/20				9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!		(:37) Nightline (N)
CBS 5 WFRV 7 WSAW	5 Local 5 News at 6:00 7 (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6	5 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 7 Inside Edition (N)	S.W.A.T. "The Fugitive" Hondo is forced to go on the run.		Fire Country "Get Some, Be Safe" A vegetation fire gets complicated.		Blue Bloods "Good Intentions" A man is desperate to find his sister. (DVS)		5 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert "George Clooney; Alex G" Actor George Clooney; Alex G performs.		(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	55 The Big Bang Theory 11 Jeopardy! (N)	55 The Big Bang Theory 11 Wheel of Fortune (N)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (Live)				55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	55 Seinfeld "The Cafe" Jerry tries to help a cafe owner.	55 Seinfeld 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N)	55 Last Man Standing 11 (:35) Seinfeld	55 Last Man Standing 11 (:07) The King of Queens	55 The Goldbergs 11 (:35) The King of Queens
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	26 Family Feud 12 Wheel of Fortune "Happy New Year!" (N)	The Wheel "The Skater & the Dater" Christina Ricci, Tony Hawk and more. (N)		Dateline NBC (N)				26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon		(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers
PBS 20 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE	PBS NewsHour (N)		Washington Week (N)	Tell Me More With Kelly Corrigan PBS Newshour anchor Judy Woodruff.	The Great American Recipe "Family" Dishes inspired by friends and family.		The Great American Recipe "The Great American Recipe" The three remaining cooks compete.		American Experience "McCarthy" The rise and fall of Sen. Joe McCarthy. (DVS)			
32 WACY	Family Feud	Two/Half Men	Dateline "Without a Trace"		Chicago P.D. (DVS)		My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	Mom
46 WTPX	Hawaii Five-0 "Huaka'l Kula"		Hawaii Five-0 "Kahu"		Hawaii Five-0 "Kapu"		Hawaii Five-0		Hawaii Five-0 "Hana I Wa'la"		Hawaii Five-0 "Hookman"	
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Kansas man indicted for child sex assault

By KEVIN MURPHY
Correspondent

A former Keshena man was indicted for allegedly sexually assaulting a minor on the Menominee Indian Reservation in 2019.

Gerald L. Pamaska Jr., 54, also known as "Doon," sexually assaulted a child under the age of 12 on July 25, 2019, the indictment filed Dec. 13 alleged.

If convicted of the charged offense, aggravated sexual abuse, Pamaska faces a sentence of 15 years to life in prison, a maximum of lifetime supervised release and would be listed on the sex offender registry.

An order extraditing Pamaska from Kansas was signed by Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court Judge William Kussel Jr. However, federal court records still list him as an inmate in the Douglas County Jail in Kansas.

No court dates have been set for the case in federal court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

Keshena man faces meth, firearms charges

By KEVIN MURPHY
Correspondent

A Keshena man was indicted this week in federal court on methamphetamine and firearm charges.

Peter D. Boyd, 36, possessed with the intent to distribute at least 50 grams (1.76 ounces) of methamphetamine on Oct. 15, according to the indictment. The indictment also alleged that Boyd possessed a firearm in furtherance of the alleged drug trafficking offense.

Boyd faces penalties of five to 40 years in prison if convicted of the methamphetamine charge and five years to life in prison on the firearms offense. The court could also impose a fine and a period of supervised release.

Boyd is in custody at the Menominee Tribal Detention Facility, according to court records.

No court dates have been set in the case, as of Dec. 15.

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Santa Claus got a visit for Frozen's Elsa, also known as Novah Griepentrog, 5, of Wittenberg during the Bridge the Gap holiday event Dec. 17 at Shawano Lake County Park.

Hudson Bohm, left, 10, and Brooks Bohm, 5, work on coloring some entries for the Bridge the Gap coloring contest, which was part of an overall holiday event held Dec. 17 at Shawano Lake County Park.

Plenty of prizes were up for perusal Dec. 17 for the Bridge the Gap holiday fundraiser held at Shawano Lake County Park.

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OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Supreme Court races need to be watched closely

To the editor:

I can still picture my high school civics class teacher saying,"You can't legislate morality," I remember learning about the U.S. Supreme Court case Brown v. The Board of Education which required equal education for all children, no matter the color of their skin.

I learned about the three equal branches of government that our Constitution lays out. The legislative is the branch which makes the laws we must abide by. Our elected representatives are supposed to pass legislation which is in our best interests. However, presently we have our State Assembly and Senate seats so gerrymandered that those people who were elected may not be fighting for the kind of legislation we would like. When the governor asks them to meet on a timely topic, and they gavel in and out without any discussion, they are not moving any positive legislation forward.

Those who don't have a good understanding of how government works think the executive branch of government can make the changes we want. In the past election, they blamed Gov. Tony Evers and President Joe Biden for high food and gas prices even though they had efforts to put more money in the hands of taxpayers so they could handle the price increases.

The executive branch's job is to carry out the laws. If the proposed laws that come to his/her desk for approval are not in the people's best interest, the governor or president can veto them. If the legislature has not passed the bills which he/she thinks are necessary, they can have an executive order. However, these laws can be overturned by the third branch of government, the judicial.

What goes on in our court system receives the least press. Most people don't know who to vote for so, they don't vote. That should change in the spring election for Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice. Both conservative and progressive candidates will be on the ballot. The public needs to pay attention to what each candidate believes. Which one will uphold abortion rights? Which one will preserve our environment and not bend to corporate profits?

Shawano Community High School has a required civics class for sophomores, while some other schools unfortunately have civics as an elective. It is important that people understand how government works as they cast their ballots and elect the change-makers of the future. Be an informed voter, and encourage our youth to do the same.

Jan Koch, Shawano

Voting key to dealing with this country's problems

To the editor:

Please exercise your right to vote. Your vote is capable of changing many problems. Use it to voice your needs to legislatures. In order for politicians to help you and not just themselves, vote or shut your mouth.

We, as a nation, have become used to having the "freedom" to decide the type of home to buy, the make of a vehicle, how good of an education we obtain — basically how we form our character.

So we must preserve these rights for the future generations to continue the freedoms of democracy. No full-bodied American, by birth or mutualized, should allow, in my opinion, the acts of treason we witnessed Jan. 6, 2021, not just by violent crowds, but by our president at the time.

How many years since the Bible was written, how could those people describe Trump and then events that took place during his term, including his handling of the COVID-19 pandemic? Do we, as people, want violence and no freedom, or is it all right to live as so many third-world countries?

I, for one, like what freedoms I have. Stubborn, outspoken, fairly capable of managing my own affairs. The right to decide what I can or cannot do to my body. As a woman, we need Roe v. Wade. Abortion is a termination induced or spontaneous of pregnancy. Nowhere does it list murder as a type of procedure.

Is it OK to bring a life into the world who grows up unloved and unwanted? Just keep in mind, so many of the mass shooters say, "I never felt loved by anyone. I never felt wanted by anyone." Not good enough. No decent education aids to develop mentally and morally, left to hang by themselves in limbo.

Overcrowding in local jails and prisons in this time is unacceptable. We have birth control readily available in this nation. A cheap cost item, free to some — again, educate these young people. The resources are there, but many people do not know how to obtain them.

The aforementioned comments lead to drug and alcohol addiction, which lead to abuse, theft, violence, human trafficking and so many more criminal activities. Is society too easy toward ways to enable one to live soft? Many complicated welfare programs. I fully realize we need to extend a helping hand to others worse off than ourselves. That does not mean a free ride through life.

Educate the young. Protect the elderly. Educate oneself on subjects that matter to your lifestyle. Analyze the politicians.

Vote.

Donna Walker, Clintonville

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public meeting regarding the City of Gillett's CHAPTER 25 FLOODPLAIN ORDINACE will be held on THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023 at 5:30 PM at the City Hall, 150 N McKenzie Avenue, Gillett, Wisconsin.

At the above time and place, all interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard.

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OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Dec. 18

Deputies responded to 26 incidents, including suspicious activity on U.S. Highway 141 in the Town of Abrams, a disturbance on Pine Woods Road in the Town of Brazeau, animal neglect on Parkway Road in the Town of Brazeau, a structure fire on Bear Paw Road in the Town of Riverview, property damage near County Roads B and M in the Town of Spruce, a death investigation at an address in Suring, one traffic stop, one traffic offense, three miscellaneous traffic incidents, one welfare check; two 911 hangups and three open lines; four crashes, three involving deer.

Dec. 17

Deputies responded to 37 incidents, including a disturbance on North Mill Street in Suring, threatening on County Road J in the Town of Oconto, a snowmobile accident on West Rost Lake Road in the Town of Brazeau, a disturbance on Stable Lane in the Town of Chase, an unwanted party on Green Bay Avenue in Oconto Falls, suspicious activity on Younger Road in the Town of Stiles, suspicious activity on state Highway 22 in the Town of Oconto Falls, a disturbance on South Washington Street in Oconto Falls, suspicious activity on Duame Road in the Town of Stiles, one traffic stop, one traffic hazard, one traffic offense, one citizen assist, one miscellaneous traffic incident; three 911 hangups and one open line; three ambulance calls; eight crashes, two involving deer.

Dec. 16

Deputies responded to 60 incidents, including suspicious activity on Maple Grove School Road in the Town of Oconto, threatening on Arbutus Avenue in Oconto, a death investigation at an address in the Town of Maple Valley, fraud on County Road EE in the Town of Abrams, suspicious activity on East Main Street in Suring, a disturbance on Allen Road in the Town of Little Suamico, a disturbance on Vermeiren Road in the Town of Pensaukee, a disturbance on East Armstrong Street in Gillett, suspicious activity on Yurek Road in the Town of Chase, a noise disturbance on East Armstrong Street in Gillett, five traffic stops, one traffic offense, two citizen assists, four miscellaneous traffic incidents, three welfare checks; seven 911 hangups and three open lines; four ambulance calls; eight crashes, one involving deer.

Dec. 15

Deputies responded to 68 incidents, including a disturbance on Broadway Avenue in Oconto, fire on Executive Circle in the Town of Little Suamico, theft on Duame Road in the Town of Stiles, sexual assault at an address in the Town of Chase, suspicious activity on Sunnyside View in the Town of Chase, a death investigation at an address in the Town of Riverview, an animal bite on Hazelwood Drive in the Town of Little Suamico, a disturbance on East Frontage Road in the Town of Little Suamico, three traffic stops, two citizen assists, two miscellaneous traffic incidents, four welfare checks; two 911 hangups and four open lines; one ambulance call; 12 crashes.

Dec. 14

Deputies responded to 50 incidents, including a wanted person on West Main Street in Lena, a missing person on East First Street in Gillett, threatening on Washington Street in Oconto, theft on Duame Road in the Town of Stiles, threatening on state Highway 22 in the Town of Gillett, suspicious activity on South Shore Drive in the Town of Breed, property damage on Cheryl Lane in the Town of Riverview, sexual assault at an address in the Town of Pensaukee, sexual assault at an address in the Town of Underhill, sexual assault at an address in the Town of Breed, four traffic stops, three traffic hazards, two traffic offenses, two citizen assists; one 911 hangup and three open lines; three ambulance calls; three crashes, one involving deer.

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NOTICE OF ORDINANCE APPROVAL: ORDIANCE NO 22-002

The following Ordinance has been passed by the Common Council for the City of Oconto Falls on December 13, 2022. A full text of said Ordinance may be obtained from the Oconto Falls Clerk's Office located at 500 N. Chestnut, Oconto Falls, WI 54154. Phone: 920-846-4505.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-002; Amend Flood Plain Ordinance Chapter 260 of the City Code

Jenny Friedman- Deputy Clerk

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-PUBLIC FACILIITES
SECOND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING
VILLAGE OF SURING
SURING MUNICIPAL BUILDING
LEARNING CENTER ROOM I
604 E MAIN STREET
SURING, WI 54174
JANUARY 10TH, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Public Notice is hereby given that the Village of Suring will hold a public hearing on January 10th, 2023 at 5:30 PM at the Suring Municipal Building, Learning Center Room I, 604 E Main Street, Suring, Wisconsin 54174. The purpose of the public hearing is to inform the public of the progress on the Street and Utility Improvements project in the Village of Suring, and to request citizen input on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which has partially funded the project. Discussion items will include a review of the current CDBG program activities, the project progress and construction activities, and CDBG program goals. At the public hearing, interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to provide questions or suggestions on the CDBG program.

Residents of the Village of Suring are encouraged to attend especially residents of low-to-moderate incomes. The meeting room is handicapped accessible. Persons needing additional accessibility accommodations should contact the Village Clerk's Office at (920) 842-2333.

Published: 12/23/2022

Agenda:

1. Review of program performance
   - **a.** Project is nearly complete: Street and utility improvement portion of the project is significantly complete and remaining work includes exterior punch list items, which will occur in the Spring. Lift station portions of the project are not started yet started, but anticipated to begin in Winter. Final pay applications are anticipated to be issued in Spring.
   - **b.** The contractor on the project, Peters Concrete, has been paid $728,124.87 for their work on the project. The balance to finish is $1,134,766.04.
   - **c.** CDBG funds have been received in the amount of $628,124.87 with $ $371,875.13 remaining on both contracts.
2. Citizens' views on the program
3. Other CDBG issues

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#1491
December 9, 16 & 23, 2022
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
OCONTO COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 22IN94

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Gilbert J. Haight
DOD 11/9/2022

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 6/25/1954 and date of death 11/9/2022, was domiciled in Oconto County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 5855 Wedgewood Drive, Little Suamico, WI 54141.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 3/3/2023.
5. A claim may be filed at the Oconto County Courthouse, 301 Washington St, Oconto, Wisconsin.

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#1492
December 9, 16, 23, 30, 2022
& January 3 & 13, 2023
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
OCONTO COUNTY
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
Case No. 21-CV-53

Plaintiff:
COVANTAGE CREDIT UNION
-Vs-
Defendant:
DOUGLAS KEMPKE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on June 8, 2021 in the amount of $37,851.88 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:

TIME: January 31, 2023 at 10:00 am

TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the Oconto County Clerk of Courts. (Personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation for the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and encumbrances.

PLACE: Oconto County Courthouse, 2nd Floor, Lobby of the Treasurer's Office, 301 Washington Street, in the City of Oconto and Oconto County

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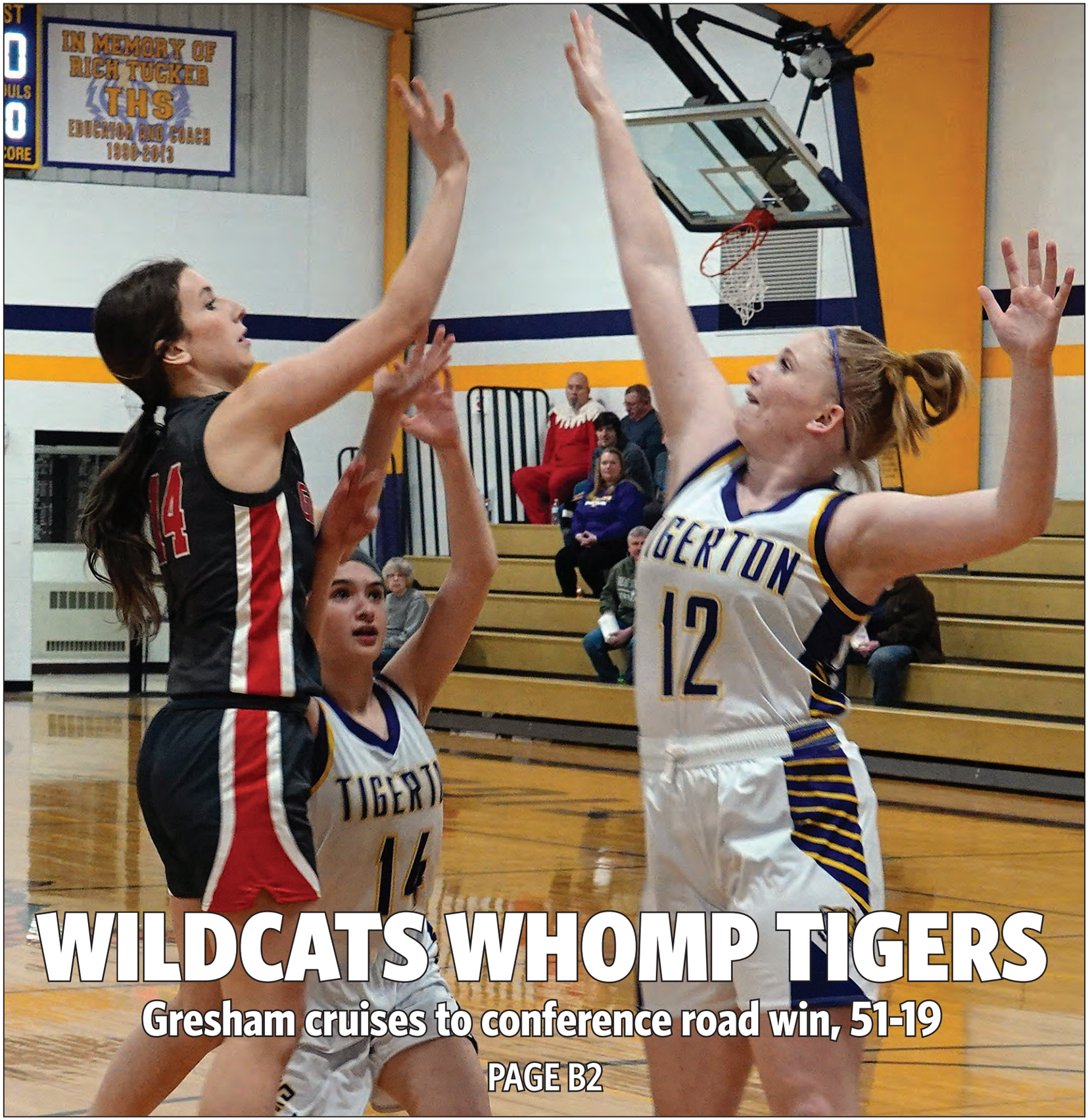

WILDCATS WHOMP TIGERS

Gresham cruises to conference road win, 51-19

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Gresham's Josie Cerveny, left, follows through on a shot attempt as Tigerton's Abby Swartz, right, and Isabell Zychowicz defend during a conference game on Dec. 16 in Tigerton. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Gresham girls too much for outnumbered Tigerton squad

Wildcats cruise to conference road win

By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

The Gresham Community High School girls basketball team overwhelmed an outnumbered Tigerton squad in a Central Wisconsin Conference-North Division matchup on Dec. 16 in Tigerton.

Gresham jumped out to a big lead in the first half before cruising to a 51-19 victory over a Tigerton team that had just five girls available to play.

After having a couple days away from basketball because of winter weather, Gresham used the lopsided game to get a number of players quality varsity experience. While the scoreboard might have suggested Gresham dominated the contest, the Wildcats came away from the contest with mixed feelings.

"I think we need to take away playing when the other team might not be doing their best because we were really slacking tonight, and everybody kind of realized that," said Gresham's Chloe Bohl. "So we all want to improve stuff and make sure we're still hustling, even though the other team might not be doing as well as they normally do."

"Just making sure that we run our plays how we need to, and boxing out — that's a thing we really need to work on, no matter what the game is," said Gresham's Maddie Haffner. "Just playing how we usually do, doing our normal stuff and running it the correct way."

Bohl made the game's first basket before Tigerton's Sienna Breaker tied it. Jessa Jensen and Bohl scored before Haffner connected on a 3-pointer to make it an 8-2 advantage for the Wildcats.

Abby Swartz hit a shot to get the Tigers back within four. Jensen and Rylie Kakwitch combined for Gresham's next three points before Breaker and Isabell Zychowicz matched it for Tigerton.

Gresham seized control of the contest with a 9-0 run. The Wildcats finished the half on a 26-3 run.

The Wildcats applied some full-court pressure early in the contest. The Tigers were forced into a couple turnovers because of it, but several turnovers in their half-court offense is what really bit the Tigers. On the other end, the Wildcats converted a bunch of shots around the rim to run away with the game.

Haffner, Jensen, Bohl and Kakwitch did almost all of the first-half scoring for Gresham.

Haffner knocked down three 3-pointers and tallied 13 of her 15 points in the opening half. Jensen had eight of her 10 points in the first half, while Bohl and Kakwitch each tallied seven of their nine points in the opening 18 minutes.

Gresham opened the second half on an 8-0 run and basically put things into cruise control after that.

Even though the Wildcats left the gym with mixed feelings after taking down a heavily outnumbered Tigers' squad, players were happy to pick up a win.

"It is really nice to (get a win). It gives us a lot of confidence to just go and play hard no matter who we play, and to try our best no matter what," said Haffner.

"We're kind of shooting toward (a) conference (title) right now, so we're all happy that we're improving and winning games, even if they are not the best. But we're all trying to take away different things during the game," said Bohl.

The reasons behind Tigerton only having five players available was due to some players quitting and others having eligibility issues.

The five that played for Tigerton — Breaker, Swartz, Zychowicz, Jessalyn Zimdars and Grace Laatsch — simply went out and did the best they could, despite fighting exhaustion and foul trouble.

Swartz, a senior, said that, "We are what we are" and that the team was going to have to battle through plenty of adversity the rest of the season.

Gresham's Maddie Haffner, left, looks for an open teammate as Tigerton's Isabell Zychowicz defends her during a conference game on Dec. 16 in Tigerton. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

Even though her senior season might not have the kind of memories she was hoping for, Swartz is focused on keeping her head up and leading the team through it all.

"I honestly don't know what I'd do without these girls right now," said Swartz. "It'll be a memorable season for other reasons. I just want to be able to leave a positive note to these girls that even though we're going to go through quite a lot, we're going to see quite a few games kind of like this, or even worse, and it's better to just stay positive — try to learn a few tricks, as our coach likes to say, 'fill our bag of tricks' and just try to move forward as positively as possible."

Breaker ended up leading the Tigers in scoring with 10 points. Swartz chipped in five points.

Gresham	**37**	**14**	**— 51**
Tigerton	**10**	**9**	**— 19**

Gresham (51): Jessa Jensen 0-3 10, Allie Cerveny 0-0 2, Maddie Haffner 0-0 15, Josie Cerveny 0-0 2, Rylie Kakwitch 3-6 9, Chloe Bohl 1-2 9, Cami Gourley 0-0 2, Janay Pecore-Kirkland 0-0 2.
Tigerton (19): Sienna Breaker 1-3 10, Abby Swartz 1-4 5, Isabell Zychowicz 1-2 1, Grace Laatsch 1-2 3.

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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Wrestlers shine at Shawano Holiday Classic

3 girls earn 1st place

By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

Five area wrestling teams had varsity competitors in action at the Shawano Holiday Classic on Dec. 17 in Shawano, with a number of wrestlers turning in strong finishes.

Bonduel's Hailey Berg and Maddy Sokolski and Suring/Gillett's Parker Zahn all placed first in girls competition to earn the top finishes among area teams.

Bonduel's Hailey Berg, top, wrestles Shiocton's Lexi Riehl during the Shawano Holiday Classic on Dec. 17 in Shawano. Berg went on to place first.
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Bonduel

Berg and Sokolski were both dominant on their ways to top finishes. Each one of their eight combined matches ended in a pin.

Berg finished 5-0 on the day in the 120-pound weight class. She had three pins in the first period and the other two pins were in the second period. Her longest match of the day came in the final match, where she pinned her opponent in 2 minutes, 56 seconds.

Sokolski needed to win just three matches in the 145 class. She was especially dominant, with all three pins coming in less than one minute — 45, 38 and 56 seconds.

Kaitlyn Kroening finished third at 107 pounds. She finished 1-2 on the day, with the win coming by pin in 33 seconds.

Jaxon Bogacz (106) led the Bonduel boys with a third-place finish. His two wins were both by pin, with his lone loss being a 6-2 decision.

Donovan Vigue (160) earned a fifth-place finish after also going 2-1. He bounced back from a 13-7 decision loss with back-to-back pins. Parker Perry (170) came in sixth with a 2-2 mark. His wins were by pin and a decision.

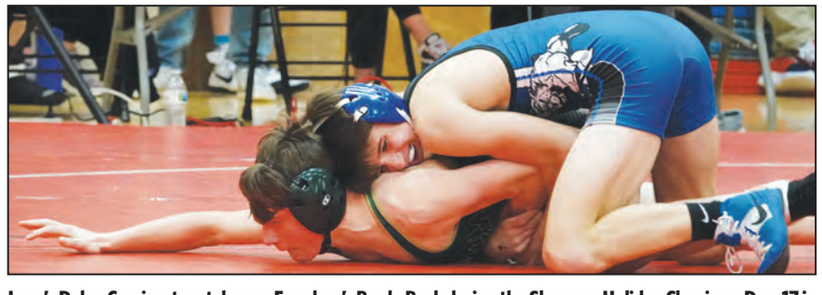
Shawano

While Shawano didn't have any top finishers on the day, several Hawks grabbed second place.

Drake Herm was second at 138 pounds. He won two matches by pin before a technical fall win. Herm was pinned in the first-place match.

Carsen Herm came in second at 160 pounds with a 3-1 mark. He pinned two opponents and picked up a 13-7 decision win before losing by pin in the final.

Caden Young also went 3-1 to take second at 170 pounds. His wins came by technical fall and two decisions. Young was bested 3-1 in sudden victory in the title match.



Lena's Dylan Comins, top, takes on Freedom's Brady Bock during the Shawano Holiday Classic on Dec. 17 in Shawano. Comins won to earn his 100th career high school win, and went on to place second on the day.
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Brady Jones was the fourth and final boys wrestler from Shawano to take second, doing so at 285 pounds. Jones pinned his first two opponents before a 3-1 decision win. He was pinned late in the second period of his title match.

Gwyn Hermann (100), Caitlyn Moede (126) and Macey Nelson (132) all placed second in the girls competition.

Hermann wrestled just twice on the day, with both matches ending in pins. Moede finished 3-1, with two wins by pin and a final one by technical fall. Nelson went 2-1, with all three matches ending in pins.

Onna Hermann claimed third at the girls 126 class. Her two wins were both by first-period pins.

Hallie Wondra (107), Jenna Moede (114) and Piper Novitski (145) all took fourth place. Wondra finished 0-3 on the day, while Moede bounced back from three losses with two wins to cap her day. Novitski had a pair of pins in the first period to start her day before back-to-back losses.

Vivian Waldburger (152) placed fifth for the Hawks, while Courtney Schenk (145) was sixth.

Lena

Dylan Comins led Lena on the day with a second-place finish at 120 pounds. He also earned his 100th career win during his 2-1 day.

Comins started his day with a technical fall win before a major decision win. He was defeated by decision, 9-4, in the final.

Miriam Alberts was the lone Lena girl in action, taking third at 152 pounds. She won by ultimate tiebreaker in her first match and then had a pin in her second match before back-to-back losses ended her day.

Back on the boys side, Lucas Heimke (132) placed fourth. Heimke saw all four of his matches end by pin, going 2-2.

Sam Marquardt (145) finished 3-1 to earn a fifth-place finish. He won by pin to start the day but then lost by pin. He responded with a 5-4 decision win and 5-1 win in sudden victory.

Suring/Gillett

Suring/Gillett had three girls in action at the tournament, with Zahn's top finish leading the way.

Zahn went 4-0 at 152 pounds, with all four wins coming by pin. Two of the pins came in the opening period.

Lillie Taylor (132) took third place after going 2-1. All three of her matches ended by pins. Shylah Hisey (185) came in fifth for the co-op.

Menominee Indian

Ayeva Whiteman was the lone varsity wrestler for Menominee Indian, coming in eighth in the girls 132 class.

Whiteman finished with an 0-3 mark on the day.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Suring downs Lena in low-scoring affair

Eagles began game on 13-0 run

By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

The Suring High School boys basketball team snapped a two-game losing skid and picked up its second Marinette & Oconto Conference win after taking down Lena 49-33 on Dec. 12 in Suring.

Suring jumped out to a 13-0 lead and then withstood a second-half charge by Lena before pulling away late.

During the 13-0 start to the contest, Suring racked up several offensive rebounds, leading to a bunch of second-chance points. Defensively, the Eagles' zone defense flustered the Wildcats into several turnovers.

"I feel like the 13-point lead, it really got us going because I mean if we didn't have that, it might have been harder for us to keep the lead throughout the whole game," said Suring's Trent VanDenElzen, who scored seven of the 13 points at the start of the game and finished with a game-leading 19 points.

"I feel like it was very important because we kind of struggled motivating the rest of the team and getting the game going the rest of the way," said Suring's Maxwell Yancy. "That 13-0 lead definitely led off the whole game for us and kind of created a path for us the rest of the game."

Suring's Mason Ferrell, center, puts up a shot as Lena's Sidney Sylvester, left and Wyatt Dean defend during a conference game on Dec. 12 in Suring.
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VanDenElzen scored the game's first points about two minutes in and followed that up with a 3-pointer about three minutes into action. Yancy and Ethan Lally followed with buckets before VanDenElzen hit a couple free throws. Yancy capped the big run with a basket off an offensive rebound.

Mason Spice finally got Lena on the scoreboard about eight minutes into the game. Baskets from Reed Hosking and Sidney Sylvester capped a 6-2 run for the Wildcats and forced Suring into a timeout.

The scoring slowed after that, with the teams trading one basket over the next three-plus minutes.

Buckets from Mason Ferrell and Quinn Thompson had Suring threatening to run away with the game again, but a Hosking 3-pointer and two free throws from Logan Graef kept Lena in it. Suring ended the half with two free throws from Ferrell and a basket from Lally to make it 25-13.

VanDenElzen tallied Suring's first four points of the second half before Lally connected on a triple to make it 32-16.

Just when Suring appeared to be in complete control, Lena fought its way back into it.

A Caleb Schlosser triple and back-to-back buckets from Anthony Seefeldt highlighted an 8-1 run for the Wildcats.

"We've had a few games we've lost already but we're starting to learn to keep our heads up and keep moving and that'll make strides for us this year," said Hosking of the team's comeback effort.

A basket from Graef brought Lena within seven, but Suring pulled away after that.

VanDenElzen turned in a personal 5-0 run to help the Eagles go back ahead by double digits. Yancy later scored four straight points to give the hosts a 42-29 advantage with under five minutes to play.

"Just mentally. Mentally keeping each other in check and then keeping each other accountable," said Yancy on how the team was able to respond to Lena's second-half push. "Just keep moving the ball around and being basketball players."

Suring coasted to the win after that, with Trent Thompson, Ashtyn Edwards, VanDenElzen and Yancy scoring the team's final few points.

The win got Suring back in the win column. After starting the year 3-0, the Eagles dropped back-to-back games.

"It feels really good since we had a two-game losing streak after we went 3-0," said VanDenElzen of the win. "Now we got another win in conference, so it's a big (confidence) booster for us."

Behind VanDenElzen's 19-point game, Yancy was second on the team with 11 points. Lally chipped in seven points, while Ferrell had six.

The Wildcats left the gym most focused on limiting their turnovers moving forward.

"Stay strong with the ball and take care of the ball. The more we do that, the more shots we'll be able to get off," said Hosking.

Hosking led Lena with seven points on the night. Spice and Seefeldt each added five points.

Lena	**13**	**20**	**—33**
Suring	**25**	**24**	**—49**

Suring (49): Quinn Thomson 0-0 2, Trent Thomson 0-0 2, Ethan Lally 0-1 7, Trent VanDenElzen 8-12 19, Ashtyn Edwards 2-2 2, Maxwell Yancy 5-6 11, Mason Ferrell 2-6 6.

Lena (33): Mason Spice 0-0 5, Evan Vander Zanden 0-0 2, Reed Hosking 0-0 7, Logan Graef 2-4 4, Sidney Sylvester 2-2 4, Wyatt Dean 0-2 2, Caleb Schlosser 1-2 4, Anthony Seefeldt 1-2 5.

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ATHLETE PROFILE: MICHAEL MILLER

Witt-Birn senior a consistent scoring threat

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School basketball team entered the season hoping to continue its success from the previous couple campaigns. Senior Michael Miller figures to play a big role in the team's success, and is off to a strong start this season.

Miller is the team's point guard and is averaging over 10 points per game.

The senior scored 14 points in the team's season-opening game against Pulaski on Nov. 22. He added 10 points in a nonconference win over Antigo on Nov. 29.

Miller tallied nine points in the team's setback to Shawano on Dec. 1. He scored 18 points in a conference victory over Iola-Scandinavia on Dec. 6. The senior scored 12 points in a loss to Bonduel on Dec. 9 and contributed 15 points in a win over Menominee Indian on Dec. 16.

Miller leads the team in assists per game and also pulls down a few rebounds.

Q: When did your interest in basketball begin?

A: My interest in basketball started when I was really young watching my older cousins (Ezra Spencer, Kobe Miller) play. I just wanted to be good enough to play with them.

Q: What is your favorite part about the basketball season?

A: My favorite part of the basketball season is playing home games because of the home crowd.

Q: What has the game of basketball taught you over the years?

A: The game has taught me through the years that it takes a lot of time and experience to develop the confidence you need to play as good as you can. I haven't always had the confidence I have now, but you need to believe you're the best player on the court to actually play that way.

Q: Talk about the work you've put in to become the basketball player you are today.

A: I have played with countless opponents, and I realized playing better kids made you better than anything else. I have played five seasons of AAU and transferred to Wittenberg in fifth grade to have more game experience and have more opportunity at playing better kids and learning from them.

Q: Do you have any individual goals you hope to accomplish this season, and what will it take to achieve those?

A: Really the only goals I have for myself are to compete and have fun and play my best to enjoy my senior season.

Q: Your team is several games into the season now. What are some aspects of the game your team wants to improve on?

A: My team has gotten better so far this season. We feel we need to improve our defense and our decision-making skills on the offensive side.

Q: As a senior, how do you try to lead the rest of your team?

A: Being a senior, I try to set an example on being coachable, and making good decisions on the court, as well as teaching and talking to our younger guys and try to make them better players for our team.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Wittenberg-Birnamwood boys basketball team?

A: My favorite memory would be winning our three home regional games my sophomore year to win regionals.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show and musical artist?

A: Movie — "Spider-Man: No Way Home." TV show — "Friends." Musical artist — Stevie Ray Vaughan

Q: Name one thing about yourself that not many people know.

A: My hidden talent is Guitar Hero.

Q: What are some things you hope to accomplish after graduating high school?

A: I have no plans after high school.

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Michael Miller
Sport: Boys basketball
Position: Point guard
School: Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School
Year: Senior

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Michael Miller brings the ball up the court during a CWC-East game against Bonduel on Dec. 9 in Wittenberg. MORGAN RODE | NEW MEDIA

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ATHLETE PROFILE: MARIAH FISH

Senior does it all for Menominee Indian

The Menominee Indian High School girls basketball team is hoping to turn in a strong season led by a few senior players. Mariah Fish is one of those seniors and leads the team in scoring through seven games.

Fish had scored in double figures in all but one of those seven games. She scored over 20 points against Oconto, Oneida Nation, Pacelli and Manawa and had a 19-point game against Iola-Scandinavia.

Fish is also the team's leader in rebounds and assists per game

Q: When did your interest in basketball begin?

A: This question is always a funny one for me. I had no idea about basketball until I was in second grade when my mom (Shari Kakwitch) signed me up for this event called shoot, dribble, run at Shawano Hillcrest. I told her I didn't even know how to play, but I ended up taking first at it and was a natural. I've loved it ever since.

Q: What is your favorite part about the basketball season?

A: My favorite part of basketball season has to be the playoff games. I feel that's when everyone is in the "do or die" mindset and giving it their all. That's when I think games are the best to play in and watch because of the intensity.

Q: What has the game of basketball taught you over the years?

A: For me it has to be leadership and grit. Nearly every year I've played, I felt the need to lead my team in positive ways and take control of the games.

Q: Talk about the work you've put in to become the basketball player you are today.

A: For most of my beginning years with basketball, I only ever went to open gyms and just shot around on outdoor hoops. But it was in eighth grade when I really took it serious. I trained every day that summer with Aaron Waukau and Norman Kakwitch. Ever since then I have been working in the offseason to prepare myself for the upcoming season.

Menominee Indian's Mariah Fish dribbles during the team's nonconference game against Oconto Falls on Nov. 17 in Oconto Falls.
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Q: Do you have any individual goals you hope to accomplish this winter season, and how do you plan on achieving those?

A: I have one big goal I've been hoping to achieve since eighth, and that is to get my 1,000 points and hopefully first or second team (all-conference). I am close to getting my 1,000. So far I have been letting the game come to me, but my ways of achieving this is by attacking the hoop and taking my open shots when they're present.

Q: Being several games into the season, what are some aspects of the game that your team wants to improve in?

A: We have been trying to improve on our offensive end. Our defense has been pretty good this year, but we are trying to improve with our offense.

Q: As a senior, how do you try to lead the rest of your team?

A: Me personally, I like to encourage them no matter what they do. If they make a mistake, I try to keep them up and help them better it. If they make a good play, I congratulate and let them know how good they're doing. But also, I try to be a role model to them, especially my younger guards.

Q: Before a game starts, do you or the team have any routines or rituals you go through?

A: We don't have any special routines, but we do a lot of joking in the locker room to help bring positive attitudes and getting each other ready for the games.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Menominee Indian girls basketball team?

A: My favorite memory was when we beat Iola at home last season. It happened in crunch time, when Kaysha Wilber pulled off a buzzer beater. I just remember boxing out at the free throw line and getting the board, I looked up the court and saw her way on the other end wide open, so I threw the ball down as hard as I could to her because there was only 5 seconds left, and she made it.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show, and musical artist?

A: Movie — "Walk the Line." TV show — "Survivor." Musical artist — Rod Wave.

Q: Name one thing about yourself that not many people know.

A: Not many people know this, but I am one of the four students in my senior class to be the first from Menominee and Shawano NWTC to graduate high school with an associate degree.

Q: What are some things you hope to accomplish after graduating high school?

A: I obviously want to continue my education and pursue basketball. But my main goal is to achieve my bachelor's in business within the 2-3 year span since I'll already have my associates. I really want to come back at work for my tribe and be a new leader here.

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Mariah Fish
Sport: Girls basketball
Position: Point guard, shooting guard
School: Menominee Indian High School
Year: Senior

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Gillett girls handed 1st loss by Coleman

Tigers held to 4 points in 1st half

By MORGAN RODE
Sports Editor

Gillett's Lily Hansen (3), Cheyenne Krueger (30) and Halle Fisher (11) defend during the team's conference loss to Coleman on Dec. 13 in Gillett.
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Not much went right for the Gillett Secondary School girls basketball team in its Marinette & Oconto Conference battle with Coleman on Dec. 13 in Gillett.

Gillett was limited to just four points in the first half and the Tigers trailed by 19 by halftime. The hosts were able to score at a better clip in the second half, but were never able to truly threaten Coleman in what was a battle between the conference's last two unbeaten teams.

"We obviously weren't ready to play," said Gillett senior Carleigh Kaczmarek, noting the team hadn't played the greatest of competition of late and was dealing with some sicknesses.

"But there was no excuse for us to play like that so we just have to be ready to play Friday (against Niagara), and bring intensity."

Gillett struggled against Coleman's full-court pressure. The problem wasn't so much dribbling up the court as it was simply inbounding the ball. Several early turnovers led to a few buckets for Coleman, but the bigger impact was that Gillett was hardly getting up any offensive shots.

By the time the Tigers scored their first points nearly eight minutes into the game, Coleman was ahead 7-2. It took another seven-plus minutes for the hosts to score again, at which point Coleman led 16-4.

While Gillett's defense limited Coleman to 23 first-half points, only scoring four points of its own proved to be the team's downfall.

"They had very good defense," said Gillett senior Cheyenne Krueger of Coleman. "We don't handle pressure very well and they were right up in our faces. Our offense, we weren't moving enough..."

It took over three minutes for Gillett to score in the second half. Coleman squashed any hopes of a comeback effort by outscoring the hosts 6-2 over the first five minutes.

Gillett finally was able to get into a bit of a rhythm on offense in the middle portion of the second half. The Tigers hit three field goals and a couple free throws over that stretch, with Coleman only hitting a 3-pointer during the time.

Coleman put the game away for good with a 7-0 run after that.

Gillett's Bella Matczak prepares to take a free throw during a conference game against Coleman on Dec. 13 in Gillett.
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The Tigers ended the game on another 8-3 run to alleviate some of the disappointment in the showing overall.

Kaczmarek said the game showed the team that, "We should be working harder, and that's what we want to end up being like at the end of the season is a team like that."

"We're definitely walking out a little bit sore, it definitely wasn't our best game," said Krueger. "We're hoping, or we will next game, give them a run for their money, give them something to work for. It was difficult (tonight)."

Sophomore Cilena Guns hit three of the team's nine field goals in the game and led the team with six points. Sophomore Lily Hansen hit two shots and had five points.

Coleman	**23**	**19**	**— 42**
Gillett	**4**	**18**	**— 22**

Coleman (42): Bre Hanrahan 0-0 2, Alyssa Hoida 2-2 2, Aubrey Bintz 1-2 13, Cameron Zeitler 1-3 6, Madelyn Hinther 1-2 5, Corrin Liptak 0-0 4, Skylar Broderick 0-0 2, Kiersten Jensen 1-2 8.

Gillett (22): Laney DeBauch 0-0 2, Lily Hansen 1-2 5, Kasey Hansen 0-2 0, Halle Fisher 0-0 2, Bella Matczak 1-2 1, Cilena Guns 0-0 6, Carleigh Kaczmarek 2-2 4, Cheyenne Krueger 0-0 2.

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Baiting, feeding bans renewed for Shawano, Waupaca and Marathon counties

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources confirms a wild deer tested positive for chronic wasting disease (CWD) in southwestern Shawano County in the town of Germania.

The deer was a 4- to 5-year-old hunter-harvested buck taken during the 2022 archery deer season. This is the second confirmed wild deer CWD-positive case in Shawano County.

As required by state law, the DNR enacts 3-year baiting and feeding bans in counties where CWD has been detected and 2-year bans in adjoining counties that lie within 10 miles of a CWD detection. The recent detection of CWD in Shawano County results in the renewal of the 3-year baiting and feeding ban in Shawano County and the renewal of the 2-year baiting and feeding ban in both Waupaca and Marathon counties.

Baiting or feeding deer encourages them to congregate unnaturally around a shared food source where sick deer can spread CWD through direct contact with healthy deer or by leaving behind infectious prions in their bodily secretions.

More information regarding baiting and feeding regulations and CWD in Wisconsin is available on the DNR webpage at dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/bait.html.

The DNR asks deer hunters in Shawano, Waupaca, Marathon and Portage counties to assist with efforts to identify where CWD is present on the landscape. Those harvesting deer within 10 miles of the newly detected positive case are especially encouraged to have their deer tested. The collection of CWD samples is essential for assessing the presence of CWD in the deer population across the state.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Grand Canyon University

Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School graduate Wyatt Dickman helped the Grand Canyon swim team a sixth-place finish at the 5k CSCAA Open Water Championships on Dec. 18.

Dickman and three of his teammates turned in a time of 2 hours, 53 minutes, 14 seconds. Dickman was 54th individually with a mark of 1:00:44.94.

Saginaw Valley State University

Shawano grad Tori DePerry continued to produce for the Saginaw Valley State women's basketball team last week.

In a tight loss to Barry on Dec. 17, DePerry played 31 minutes and posted 16 points, 11 rebounds, two assists, two steals and one block.

DePerry then totaled 21 points and 10 rebounds in a setback to Nova Southeastern on Dec. 18.

Bemidji State University

Shawano graduate Brooke Theis played seven minutes during the Bemidji State women's basketball team's loss to Minnesota-Crookston on Dec. 17.

Theis recorded one rebound and one steal while on the court.

St. Cloud State University

Pulaski grad Jasmine Litt played five minutes in the Cloud State women's basketball team's loss to Minnesota-Duluth on Dec. 18.

Litt recorded three points and one assist in her time on the court.

Cardinal Stritch University

Gillett grad Aubrey DeBauch started and played 20 minutes for the Cardinal Stritch women's basketball team during a loss to Holy Cross on Dec. 17.

AUBREY DEBAUCH

DeBauch recorded seven points, five rebounds, two assists and one steal for her team.

Wisconsin Lutheran College

Bonduel graduate Kara Troxel had a big game off the bench in the Wisconsin Lutheran College women's basketball team's loss to Chicago on Dec. 18.

KARA TROXEL

Troxel played 22 minutes and hit all four of her shots, included three 3-pointers and a pair of free throws for a 13-point outing. She also tallied three rebounds and a steal.

Pulaski graduate Trevor Stiede provided a strong game off the bench to help the WLC men's basketball team to a win over Aurora on Dec. 17. In 23 minutes, Stiede recorded 12 points, five rebounds and one steal.

Bonduel graduate Carson Robaidek logged one minute of action in the lopsided win.

RECREATION SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

Chet and Emil's Tuesday Commercial

Team	W	L
Chet and Emil's	33	9
Kautza Excavating	27	15
Schmidt Schulta	23	19
Clark Construction	22	20
White Insurance	16	26

High team scratch games: Chet and Emil's 1,047, Clark Construction 991, White Insurance 940.
High individual scratch games: Tim Lemke 279, Eric Schultz 257, Jeremy Praslowicz 242.
High team scratch series: Chet and Emil's 3,104, Clark Construction 2,868, Kautza Excavating 2,665.
High individual scratch series: Tim Lemke 753, Jeremy Praslowicz 670, Brian Rew 641.

Chet and Emil's Thursday Early Birds

Team	W	L
Rightway Propane	20	12
Schairer Farms	18	14
Stadler Farms	13	19
M and J Harvesting	13	19

High team scratch games: Rightway Propane 622, Schairer Farms 587, Stadler Farms 548.
High individual scratch games: Susan Zeinert 213, Darcy Hille 210, Kim Zeller 184, Barbara Praslowicz 184.
High team scratch series: Rightway Propane 1,853, Schairer Farms 1,667, M and J Harvesting 1,592.
High individual scratch series: Darcy Hille 558, Susan Zeinert 523, Kim Zeller 511, Barbara Praslowicz 484.

Him & Hers Couples — Lakeshore Lanes

Team	W	L
Brothers Pub	45	11
Brothers Pub Too	39	17
Keglers	36	20
Gingerly Salon	35	21
Buss Automotive	32	24
Bust N' Balls	30	26
Lunds Corner Bar	27	29
MW Auto Body	26	30
Pin Heads	25	31
Just 4 Fun	18	38
CDH	14	42
The Farmers	9	47

High individual scratch games: Jesse Metoxen 278, Kevin Zuleger 257, Daniel Poels 256, Kyle VanDerLinden 252, Diane Durkee 247, Natalie Poels 243, Eric Schuh 236, Brad Weisnicht 233, Mary Metoxen 225, Jenni Rindt 222, Ashley Schuh 216, Mary Renik 212.
High individual scratch series: Kevin Zuleger 723, Daniel Poels 694, Jesse Metoxen 668, Mary Metoxen 657, Brad Weisnicht 651, Kyle VanDerLinden 634, Bill Grosskreutz 630, Ashley Schuh 626, Diane Durkee 605, Jessie VanDerLinden 570, Mary Renik 543, Darcie O'Kimosh 532.

Chet and Emil's Wednesday Business

Team	W	L
S and M Tool	26	16
CWAA	26	16
Karcz Lending	25	17
Rew Motors	23	19
Kropf's Meat	19	23
TLC Auto Body	17	25
Chet and Emil's	16	26
Kessen Auto Body	16	26

High team scratch games: S and M Tool 1,179, Rew Motors 1,027, Karcz Lending 1,019.
High individual scratch games: Tyler Krull 275, Dave Schmidt 255, Austin Rekow 235.
High team scratch series: S and M Tool 3,317, Karcz Lending 2,966, Rew Motors 2,705.
High individual scratch series: Jeremy Praslowicz 742, Doug Kunst 717, Adam Karcz 658.

Chet and Emil's Monday Women's League

Team	W	L
Star Campsite	32	20
Cady Home	26	26
Banner Banks	23 1/2	28 1/2
Chet and Emil's	21 1/2	30 1/2

High team handicap games: Star Campsite 751, Cady Home 745, Banner Banks 741.
High individual scratch games: Kim Zeller 218, Tracy Anderson 203, Jen Duranceau 180, Cindy Mortenson 180, Alicia Schinzel 179, Barbara Praslowicz 176.
High team handicap series: Banner Banks 2,167, Star Campsite 2,165, Cady Home 2,114.
High individual scratch series: Kim Zeller 588, Jen Duranceau 506, Barbara Praslowicz 490, Cindy Mortenson 467, Alicia Schinzel 465, Courtney Tryba 456.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

BOYS BASKETBALL

Gillett 67
Bowler 46

Gillett picked up a nonconference win over Bowler on Dec. 17 in Bowler.

Austin VandeCorput and Jesse DeBauch each scored 17 points for Gillett. Ben Matczak knocked down three 3-pointers and had 16 points, while Aydin Franti added eight points.

DeBauch also tallied 10 rebounds and four assists, while VandeCorput had six boards and three steals. Bradin Bjelland also finished with six rebounds. Franti finished with seven assists and seven steals, while Matczak had eight assists.

Beau Brunner led Bowler with 12 points. Tristan Thiex chipped in 11 points, while Emmitt Kietlinski had 10 and Marcus Malone six.

Witt-Birn 64
Menominee Indian 60

Wittenberg-Birnamwood edged Menominee Indian in a Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division battle on Dec. 16 in Keshena.

Mason Meverden hit five 3-pointers and led Witt-Birn with 24 points. Michael Miller added 15 points.

Marshall Fraaza contributed 10 points for the Chargers. Keegan Schmid tallied eight points.

Lloyd Reevis knocked down seven triples and scored 31 points to power Menominee Indian. Isaiah Moss chipped in 17 points.

Wey-Fre 57
Bonduel 56

Bonduel dropped a CWC-East contest to Weyauwega-Fremont on Dec. 16 in Bonduel.

Ryan Westrich scored 12 points to lead Bonduel offensively. Charlie Tauchen and Noah Weier each tallied 11 points.

Westrich and Tauchen each knocked down three 3-pointers for the Bears. Bonduel had 12 triples as a team.

Oconto Falls 76
Marinette 60

Oconto Falls earned its first win of the season after taking down Marinette in a North Eastern Conference matchup on Dec. 13 in Marinette.

Alex Haines scored 20 points to lead Oconto Falls on the offensive end. Caden Birr chipped in 16 points.

Shawano 61
Rhinelander 36

Shawano routed Rhinelander in a nonconference game on Dec. 13 in Rhinelander.

Michael Metcalf-Grassman powered Shawano with 17 points. Brandon Reed was also in double figures, scoring 11 points.

Logan Sipple recorded nine points for the Hawks, while Jacob Landon had eight.

Tigerton 74
Wolf River Lutheran 17

Tigerton eased past Wolf River Lutheran in a nonconference matchup on Dec. 13 in Shawano.

Ryder Graham scored 22 points and had three steals for Tigerton. Sam Anheuser contributed 16 points, seven rebounds and four steals, while Maverick Maas had 12 points and five steals. Joey Zimdars had seven points.

Ethan Carlson and Asher Michaelis each dished out four assists for Tigerton.

Notre Dame 66
Pulaski 51

Pulaski dropped a Fox River Classic Conference contest to Notre Dame on Dec. 13 in Pulaski.

Derek Shaw scored 15 points to pace Pulaski offensively. Brady Wotruba added 14 points, while Colin Schultz had 12.

Dixon Holewinski chipped in seven points for the Red Raiders.

Gresham's Lexi Baddmoccosin-Barnes fires a jumpshot during a conference win over Tigerton on Dec. 16 in Tigerton.
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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bonduel 67
Wey-Fre 11

Bonduel routed Weyauwega-Fremont in a CWC-East contest on Dec. 16 in Weyauwega. The Bears led 35-8 by halftime.

Hailey Zernicke led a balanced Bonduel offensive attack with 14 points. Ella Hischke added 12 points, while Macy Niles and Audrey Weier tallied 11 points each.

Hischke and Weier each grabbed eight rebounds, with Weier also blocking four shots on the night.

Witt-Birn 69
Menominee Indian 27

Witt-Birn eased past Menominee Indian in a CWC-East clash on Dec. 16 in Wittenberg.

Reese Rogowski recorded 30 points, eight rebounds and seven steals for Witt-Birn. She scored her 1,000th career point on the night.

Faith Resch tallied 13 points and five boards for Witt-Birn, while Rory Salvesen had nine points, seven rebounds, four steals and three assists. Melaina Granquist contributed eight points and 10 boards, while Allison Linke had seven points.

Suring 51
Crivitz 35

Suring picked up a Marinette & Oconto Conference victory over Crivitz on Dec. 16 in Crivitz. The Eagles outscored the hosts 27-11 in the second half.

Christine Sleeter recorded 18 points and nine rebounds for Suring, while Bunny Cramer had 11 points, four assists and three steals. Mackenzie Bailey had eight points, 15 rebounds and five assists.

Birdee Cramer posted six points and six boards for the Eagles. Emma Kristof grabbed six rebounds.

Shawano 62
Rhinelander 54

Shawano knocked off Rhinelander in a nonconference game on Dec. 13 in Rhinelander.

Leah Nordin led Shawano with 24 points.

Trinity Popelka scored 12 points, while Abby Bystol added 11 points for the Hawks.

Lena 69
Goodman/Pembine 19

Lena eased to a nonconference win over Goodman/Pembine on Dec. 13 in Lena.

Whitney Potter and Natalie McNurlen each scored 15 points for Lena. Kali Fischer added 12 points, while Eva Brooks had 11.

Claire Brooks chipped in six points for the Wildcats.

Gresham 52
Marion 11

Gresham cruised to a CWC-North win over Marion on Dec. 13 in Gresham.

Chloe Bohl scored 12 points for Gresham, which led 25-2 at halftime. Lexi Baddmoccosin-Barnes added nine points, while Janay Pecore-Kirkland had eight.

Alexis Roe tallied four points for Marion.

BOYS HOCKEY

Antigo 9
Spooner 5

Antigo knocked off Spooner in a high-scoring affair on Dec. 17 in Antigo.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Owen Dickman, who plays for Antigo, scored two goals and was credited with two assists in the contest.

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2	Sunday, September 18	CHICAGO BEARS	7:20 p.m.	NBC
3	Sunday, September 25	at Tampa Bay Buccaneers	3:25 p.m.	FOX
4	Sunday, October 2	NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS GOLD PACKAGE	3:25 p.m.	CBS
5	Sunday, October 9	vs New York Giants (London)	8:30 a.m.	NFL Network
6	Sunday, October 16	NEW YORK JETS	*12 p.m.	FOX
7	Sunday, October 23	at Washington Commanders	*12 p.m.	FOX
8	Sunday, October 30	at Buffalo Bills	*7:20 p.m.	NBC
9	Sunday, November 6	at Detroit Lions	*12 p.m.	FOX
10	Sunday, November 13	DALLAS COWBOYS	*3:25 p.m.	FOX
11	Thursday, November 17	TENNESSEE TITANS GOLD PACKAGE	7:15 p.m.	prime video
12	Sunday, November 27	at Philadelphia Eagles	*7:20 p.m.	NBC
13	Sunday, December 4	at Chicago Bears	*12 p.m.	FOX
14		BYE WEEK		
15	Monday, December 19	LOS ANGELES RAMS	7:15 p.m.	ESPN
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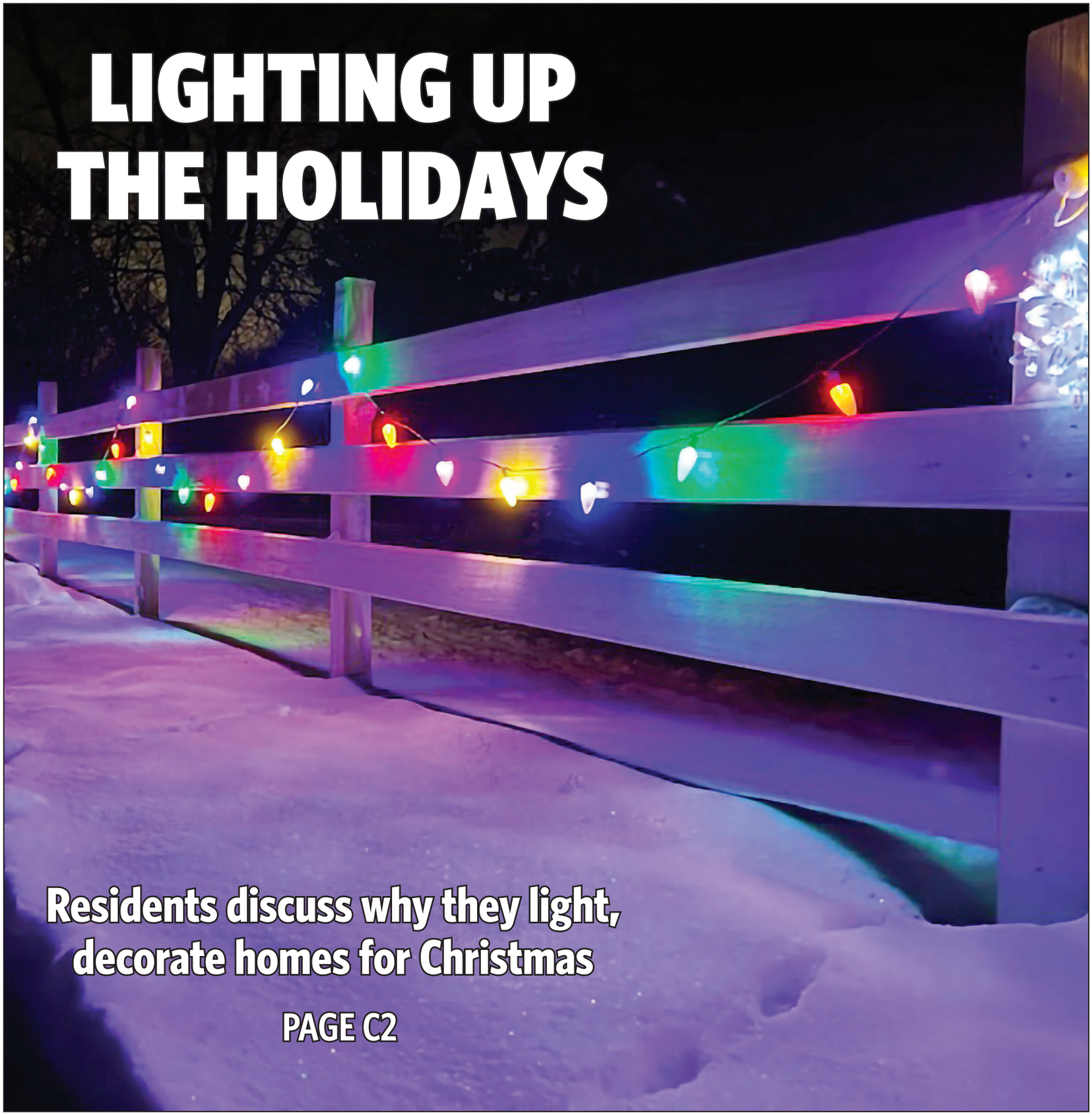

Residents discuss why they light, decorate homes for Christmas

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A long string of lights bring a purple color into the air at Julie Schnider's house on River Road in the Town of Hartland. Schnider said that due to her living on a farm and having a long fence, she is able to add more lights each year to help ring in the Christmas spirit.
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Local residents shine light on Christmas

Christmas light designs range from traditional to driveway

By LUKE REIMER
Reporter

Matt Heling, who lives on East Fifth Street in Shawano, has his house dressed in traditional hanging lights, lights in his bushes and lawn decorations. On a street that is otherwise lights-free, Heling said the he enjoys being a house to bring light into the neighborhood and that he enjoys helping in promoting the Christmas spirit.
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With the recent snow and cold temperatures, the feeling of Christmas has really set in. Along with the winter weather, Christmas lights have started to invade neighborhoods.

That rings true in Bonduel and Shawano, as houses throughout the municipalities light up the night skies to ring in the holiday season. While many homeowners use a basic string of lights that takes an hour or so to set up, five homeowners in the area have taken a different approach, each taking a couple more hours to set up than average.

As opposed to dressing his house in Christmas lights, Shawano resident Jim Hauer wrapped lights around the trees in his front yard that separate his property from his neighbor's. Hauer said that idea came from when he and his family saw another house with a similar display. He added that over the last couple of years that the family has displayed lights like this, there has been a positive reaction from the neighbors.

"We were at a driveway display and saw this type of display on someone's driveway," said Hauer. "We thought it would be kind of a neat way to put lights here. We do it to get in the Christmas spirit and brighten up the neighborhood a little bit."

That idea of brightening up the neighborhood is shared by Matt Heling, who lives on East Fifth Street in Shawano. With many houses not displaying lights in his neighborhood, Heling said that it has been an enjoyable time to provide that extra Christmas spirit.

"We enjoy the season very much and we want to make people very happy when they drive by," said Heling. "It's always great to bring joy in the neighborhood."

In his display, Heling has hanging lights, lights in his bushes and trees and three snowmen lit up in the front yard, with a sign wishing everyone who drives by a merry Christmas. Heling said over the years of living in Shawano, he has added a new decoration each year and looks forward to adding new decorations in the coming years.

"People like what we do," said Heling. "We try to add something different every year. Everything has worked this year."

While yard decorations like Heling's are increasing in neighborhoods, Hartland resident Julie Schnider, who lives on River Road, takes it a step further. Living on a farm, Schnider has a large fence around her property, and she takes advantage of that for Christmas decorations, stringing lights through the fence. Schnider said in the four years she has lived in the house, the lights have gotten bigger and longer each year.

"The first year we only had the fence partially covered," explained Schnider, noting that it takes about three hours to set it all up. "Last year, we just had one side. This year, I decided to do all of it. I have the room to do it and I am proud of my house. I want to share my lights with those passing through."

With her house in an area next to state Highway 29, her lights can be seen by many that drive by. Schnider noticed this after she heard a positive response from local community members.

"In church, the pastor's wife said how beautiful the lights were," said Schnider. "There are teachers that have told me that they have seen my lights and kids tell me that their parents took them to see lights and saw mine. This is something that I love to do."

Going to Bonduel, James Westrich, who lives on Adams Street, dressed his house in regular lights, except instead of just having them hang, the lights form a border around each one of Westrich's windows and garage. He said that he is orienting his lights this way, because of some maintenance over the summer.

"We just redid our porch this summer, and we just wanted to do something a little different (with lights) this year," said Westrich. "We look forward to doing this. We had to redo the lights a couple times this year to get it perfect. There has been a good reaction."

Another Bonduel resident, Lacy Paholke, who lives on Boettcher Lane, stayed in line with having ideas for different styles of lights. In her front yard, there are the traditional hanging lights, but there is also lights hanging from the trees in her front yard, which simulate melting icicles.

"A lot of people have said that they are jealous and want to do something similar next year," said Paholke. "We just like to do to help get the neighborhood into the Christmas spirit. It is just fun to do this with the neighborhood and get the spirit up."

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While many are focused on Santa Claus and presents at Christmas time, it's often forgotten that the day also honors the birth of Jesus Christ. KATHRYN HENNES

Christmas time for giving, caring, celebrating

Merry Christmas to everyone. What does Christmas mean to you? Is it that time of year that you overspend giving the ones you love everything they ask for? Could it be the day you spend with family and give only your time and food? Will Santa come to your wonderfully decorated home?

As a child, I believed in Santa and that he would bring me that special present I would ask him to receive. My children and grandchildren also sat on Santa's lap and told him what was on their Christmas list. They did not get the whole list but maybe one thing on the list. I tried to teach my children and now grandchildren that it is not how much money was spent on the gift but that it was given out of love, just as God gave his son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins.

KATHRYN HENNES

Christmas is a day to share with family and friends. Although some family gatherings may not be pleasant, nonetheless the time spent with loved ones is precious. For the people who have no family to share this day, please know God is sharing this day with you and is always with you so you are never truly alone.

A beautiful wreath hangs on a door. This kind of decorating is commonplace during the Christmas season. KATHRYN HENNES

The spirit of Christmas may be hard to accept for those who have lost a loved one especially so close to the holidays. I know only too well the heartbreak of not seeing their face at Christmas. As time goes on the heart ache will be come less and bearable if you asked God to heal your heart. Your memories of your loved one will remain in your heart even when time moves forward.

Yes, for me it is Merry Christmas, not Happy Holidays or Xmas. I am a Christian. What does that mean? It means I believe that Jesus Christ was born during this season. Who is Jesus Christ? Jesus Christ is the Son of God born to Mary and Joseph. Christians celebrate Jesus's birth on Christmas day. The story is recorded in the book of Luke, chapter 2 verses 1-16, King James version of the Holy Bible. There are many other references to his birth both in the Old Testament and New Testament.

If you are feeling lonely and tired this Christmas season, try putting your hopes and fears in a power greater than yourself God. Let his Holy Spirit comfort you and bring you peace and joy.

From my family to you and your family, may God bless you and give you the spirit of love and kindness during this holiday season.

Remember giving, caring and celebrating with love and kindness will give you hope for future times.

Bless you.

Kathryn Hennes is a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother and lifelong Wisconsinite. Her passion for writing started in high school. She writes inspiring and motivational stories on her many life experiences.

Company helps hunters hear prey again

For hunters, shooters and other outdoors enthusiasts exposed to frequent gunfire or other ear-damaging noise, holiday "Jingle Bells" could eventually become a "Silent Night."

Some of us older hunters and shooters have already noticed a bit of high frequency hearing loss, when we ask our spouses or other family members to repeat themselves or turn up the TV. Although I now use electronic earmuffs for all my trap and pistol shooting, as well as some of my firearms hunting, my wife gets annoyed when my 63-year-old ears seem to confuse soft consonants like F, T, K, and P.

ROSS BIELEMA

That's one telltale sign of hearing loss, said Casey Jost, a licensed hearing instrument specialist at Modern Hearing in New London. Owned and operated by fellow licensed hearing care professional Chad Sorenson, Modern Hearing also has offices in Shawano and Green Bay. Jost also has his own Here to Help Hearing business in Winneconne.

The main reason to wear earmuffs or ear plugs while exposed to loud noises is "preserving your ability to understand speech over time," Jost said.

Fortunately, Jost and other hearing experts offer a variety of hearing protection as well as hearing aids for those with permanent hearing loss.

"I should be wearing hearing protection," said Jost, 42, who will mark his 22nd year in the hearing care business. "I'm a big violator of it."

On a recent white-tailed deer hunting trip to South Dakota, he admitted to firing the brutally loud 7mm Remington Magnum with a muzzle brake. The muzzle brake helps control recoil but also makes a powerful caliber even louder. He dropped the deer at 326 yards, but his brother, Chad, who was standing alongside him as his spotter, had ringing in his ears for two days.

Jost showed his custom earplugs designed for hunters. In a few minutes, he can create a perfect mold of someone's ears by injecting a plastic into the ear canals and later hardening it with a light. The molds are then sent to the DefendEar company and completed in a few weeks. The filtered version allows for normal conversation to be heard but loud noises to be filtered out. They can also be easily plugged as needed for even more noise elimination.

Casey Jost, a licensed hearing instrument specialist at Modern Hearing, shows a pair of his own custom molded earplugs, right, as well as tiny in-the-canal hearing aids that can help restore hearing for those hunters, shooters and others with ear damage. Modern Hearing has offices in Shawano, Green Bay and New London.

ROSS BIELEMA

Although they are comfortable and fit securely, Jost admits he sometimes doesn't use them.

The problem hunters face when afield is they want to hear the woods or pheasant fields but also protect against muzzle blasts. Another option is the electronic earmuff, which allows normal conversation to be heard and may even magnify softer sounds while electronically "clipping" dangerous sounds that exceed about 80 decibels.

I started using Walker's Game Ears many years ago when deer hunting with a single-shot Thompson-Center Contender in .45-70. They would make a squirrel sound like a herd of buffalo but worked well to silence the shot. I made the mistake once of shooting at a doe that surprised me when I was walking to the car and didn't have time to put the muffs on. My ears rang for about 20 minutes.

Those who shoot hundreds or even thousands of rounds, such as trap, skeet or competitive pistol and rifle shooters, must have quality ear protection to avoid profound hearing loss. Since these shooters also need to hear range commands and normal conversation, The DefendEar brand that Modern Hearing sells makes at least three digital custom hearing plugs that reduce wind noise, amplify low volume sounds and clip gunshots.

Firearms are not the only source of hearing-damaging noise for sportsmen. Loud ATVs, snowmobiles, dual-sport motorcycles, chainsaws and even lawnmowers contribute to hearing loss. Loud, steady sounds are actually worse for ears than brief, intense sounds.

DefendEar makes specialty ear plugs for motorsports, heavy equipment operators and even concert-goers, swimmers and surfers.

Jost, in fact, provided specialty musician ear plugs for Cheap Trick guitarist Rick Nielsen when he worked near the band's hometown of Rockford, Illinois.

What causes permanent hearing loss? Continued exposure to sounds over 80 decibels (roughly the sound of city traffic) cause tiny hairs inside the cochlea, a snail-shaped portion of the ear, to lay flat and not respond to vibrations. Others may have damage to the ear's small bones, either through trauma or a congenital defect.

When it's time for a hearing aid, the good news is that technology has made them smaller and more user-friendly. They are mostly rechargeable, so there are no tiny batteries to replace as before, Jost said. They are also easier to conceal, if you choose.

"Any hearing loss is going to be a lot more noticeable than a hearing aid," he said.

Some, like "Shark Tank" investor Daymond John, embrace their hearing loss by wearing a colorful hearing aid. John wears red ones. They now come in many fashion colors.

RIC (receiver in the canal) hearing aids are now used by about 80% of Jost's customers, while the rest use an ITE (in the ear) style. They are wireless, with one side controlling both.

For more information about Modern Hearing, go to www.modernhearingwi.com or call the Shawano office at 715-524-4242.

A thought that counts; a legion of love

KATHLEEN MARSH

Let me start by going on record that I think most parents today do a better job raising their children than my generation did. They, especially fathers, are much more involved in their children's lives, which is great. Given the enormous pressure on parents to work long hours just to make ends meet, they really are doing the best they can.

One thing they do that I believe isn't good for kids is what I label as well-intentioned but misguided — indulgence. Even if they can't afford it, too many parents buy their kids anything they want whenever they want it. That denies children the joy of getting what you want when you earn it, don't expect it or have to wait for it.

Now I suppose you are wondering why I got on my high horse about this. Well, like so many of my friends, I find it impossible to come up with ideas for Christmas gifts that the offspring of our offspring will appreciate. So, like most other grandparents, Jon and I have reluctantly taken the easy way out. We give money, despite the fact this practice totally personifies the term cold hard cash.

To at least soften the practice, I continue to buy one creatively-selected gift to open. I spend a considerable amount of time on this, hoping to get it right. I visualize seeing their eyes light up when they open that one present, but it rarely happens so I should face the truth. I am as lousy at choosing the right gift as they are at faking being pleased.

Please forgive my cynicism; I just cannot help it. Time and time again we are told that it's the thought that counts. Really? Let's be honest here. Nobody hopes for a cheesy, dumb, inappropriate present, something I am obviously very good at selecting. No, it is not the thought that counts. It's the gift that counts.

How I wish I was good at gift-giving. I hope this year I finally get it right, but I am not optimistic. Still, isn't Christmas the season of hope? Aren't we celebrating the birth of Jesus, a cataclysmically hopeful event? His birth heralded the fulfillment of a collective expectation for someone to save the world. So in keeping with the spirit of the season, this year I have made a resolution to stop trying to please the people I love and just love the people I am trying to please. Now there's a thought that counts.

Speaking of ideas that matter, you have probably surmised that I am one of those perennially foolish people who make New Year's Resolutions (NYRs). These pledges usually involve some sort of deprivation: decreased consumption of my favorite foods, avoiding my preferred adult beverages, swearing off using "colorful" language, a firm determination to not care about things I passionately care about. That this means I am doomed to failure is irrelevant; I make resolutions anyway.

Wait — there is one time in my life that I actually kept a NYR. I stopped smoking on Jan. 1, 1969. Okay, there was a relatively minor lapse in the mid-1980s, but I indulged only occasionally and had my last cigarette on July 9, 1987. When I quit in 1969, cigarettes were 35 cents a pack; in 1987, about a dollar. Today they are at least seven times that much. Seven dollars for a product destined, like my NYRs, to quickly go up in smoke. Wow. Talk about money to burn.

I have no idea if they're still available, but I smoked Virginia Slims — the only thing about me that was actually slim back then. I thought smoking that brand made me look sexy and exotic, that it distracted viewers from the extra pounds around my middle. Of course, it didn't, but perception is reality. Then, too, reality is reality. I've saved a ton of money and likely avoided some serious health issues by quitting smoking, so I suppose if I was going to keep one New Year's Resolution, that was the one to keep.

Now another new year is close at hand. You guessed it — I am thinking about making resolutions. I was going to resolve to lose weight (again) until I saw a pertinent post on Facebook this morning. It describes my previous experiences perfectly: "I made an NYR to lose 10 pounds in 2021, and I only have 15 to go." So instead, I decided to follow the advice of another post I saw this afternoon. "Since I am powerless to do anything meaningful about random acts of violence, I am going to commit random acts of love."

In 2023, I resolve to kill with kindness and bomb with benevolence. This could be more doable than quitting smoking or losing weight, certainly more meaningful and fun than doomed-to-failure deprivation. I invite all of you to join my Legion of Love, my Sleeper Cell of Do-Gooders, but why wait until Jan. 1? Let's get busy right now and roll out some good, times two.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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

CLUB NOTES

Shawano Area Writers

The meeting was held in the Vesak Room in the basement of the Shawano Library. Attending were Tom Thorstenson, John Mutter Jr., Manuel Moraleda, Trudy Bosman, Marilyn Kroenke, Barbara King, Twilla Beyer, Wendy Goerl and Svitlana Podgoma.

President Tom Thorstenson called the meeting to order. A motion to approve the minutes was made by John Mutter and seconded by Marilyn Kroenke.

John Mutter read the treasurer's report. At CoVantage Credit Union, the balance in the big CD hasn't changed, $63,138.10. The balance in the small CD is $7,443.61. The membership share account has $10.02. The total at CoVantage Credit Union is $70,591.73.

There was 3 cents in interest on the account at Associated Bank. Mutter withdrew $98.03 for the domain and internet access through Terra Fletcher. Our balance at Associated is now $4,044.53.

The total of both accounts is $74,636.26.

A motion to approve the treasurer's report by Barb King and seconded by Twilla Beyer.

A discussion was held concerning agents and submissions. After four years, Writer's Digest will be putting out the Writer's Yearbook for 2023 listing the top 100 websites for accepting submissions. It will cost $11.99.

Discussion was held about writing a grant. We need to know how much the grant is worth and what it can be used for. We will find out more information for the next meeting.

A meeting was to be held after this meeting to discuss the student writing contest.

A new anthology will be made next year, and members were encouraged to start thinking about the stories they want to submit.

Twilla Beyer began the readings with an essay entitled "Friends Come and Friends Go." Some friends are just with us for a season. When the problem is solved or the need is no longer there, they are not as close. Some friends are longtime friends from which we learn lessons. This might be God's way to get you close to home.

Barb King read from the book "The Children in the Garden." Jaicoby Brawn from the "Don't Bug Me" Pesticide Company finds a secret door behind a set of movable shelves.

Wendy Goerl read from the Heartstone series. Professor Azimov wonders why he is being visited at his home by Silverstone and a couple of his men at night.

Tom Thorstenson wrote a song entitled "You're Not Smelling what I'm Stepping In." He also made two more songs about the Oscar Meyer wiener.

Manny Moraleda shared the poem he entered into the 2024 Wisconsin Poet's calendar. The topic was margins. The poem entitled "Curvy Creek" talks about the time a neighbor in the Philippines tried to steal their land by rerouting the creek between the two properties.

Trudy Bosman followed the prompt of the day on the Writing Digest website: "In the middle of..." She wrote a scary Veterans Day poem entitled "In the Middle of the Night."

Marilyn Kroenke wrote about her experience of taking a test to become an insurance agent. It was entitled "My Introduction to Insurance: It's a Matter of Policy."

The motion to close the meeting was made by Marilyn Kroenke and seconded by Trudy Bosman.

The next Writer's Workshop is Jan. 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Beans and Books.

A cheesy way to do math

Ramona Meidam, left, and Liam Radek, third grade students at Sacred Heart Catholic School, participated in a fun-filled math activity recently involving Cheez-Its to find a specified area. They practiced constructing a square or rectangle with a given area to determine how many square units the shape had. Afterward, they enjoyed a tasty snack.

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Big buck hunted

Kaleb Kaminski is this year's winner of the Oconto Middle School Big Buck Contest. Kaminski shot the 180-pound eight-pointer on opening morning of the gun deer season while hunting with his uncle in the Coleman area.

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Townsend celebrates Thanksgiving

Over 90 people came together for the 13th year to celebrate Thanksgiving Day hosted by St. John Lutheran Church of Townsend on Nov. 24. Pictured are many of the community who attended and enjoyed a Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings, fellowship and a Christian program, rather than spend the time alone.

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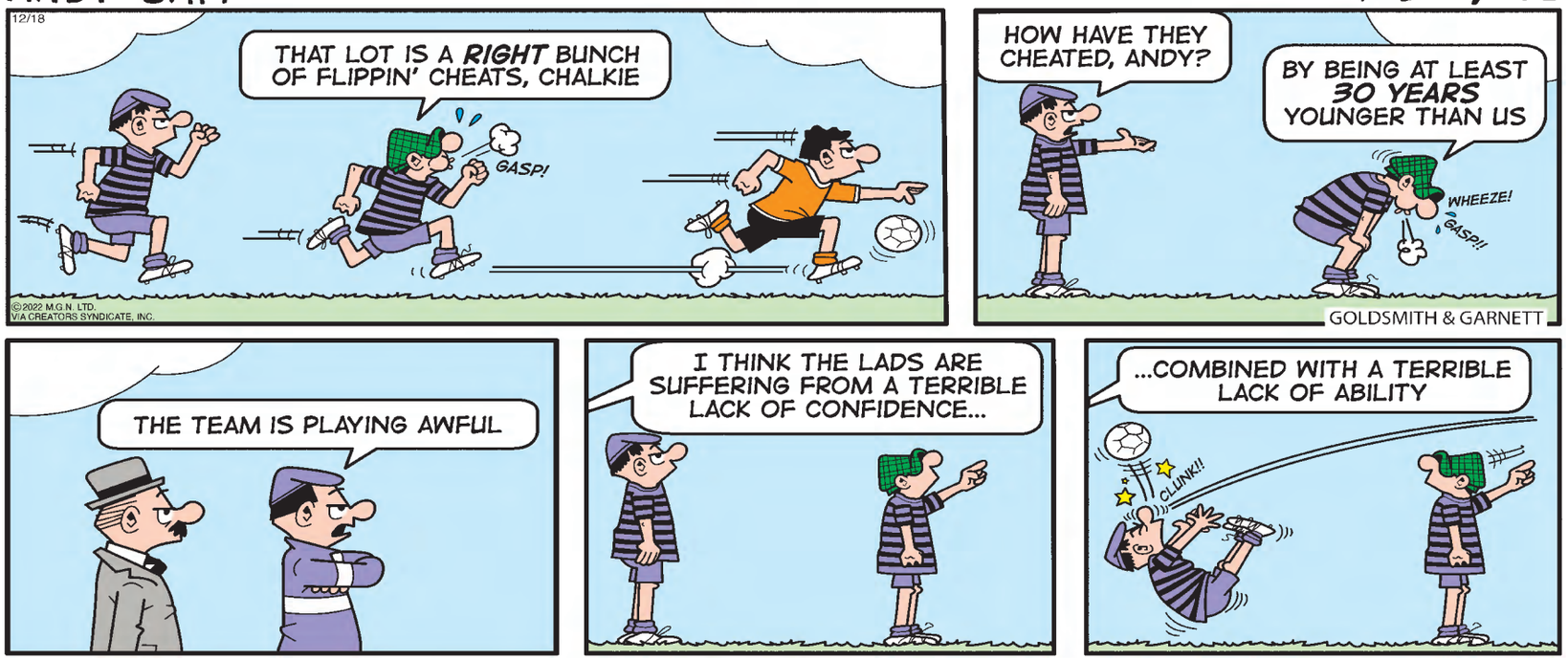

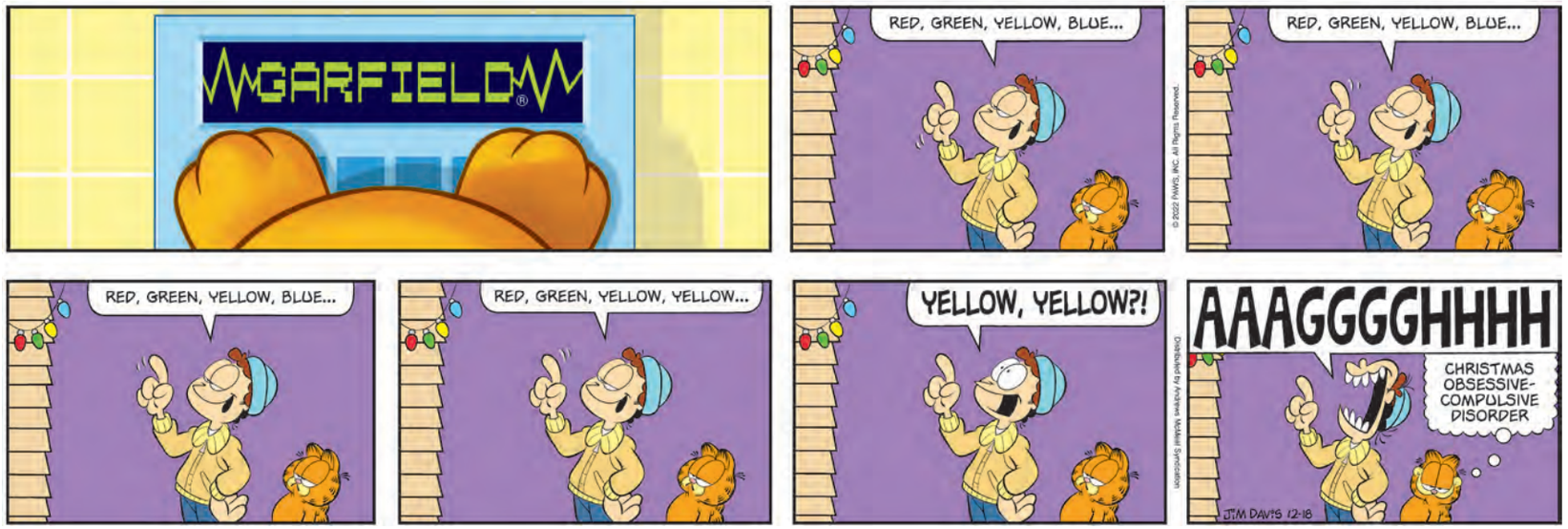

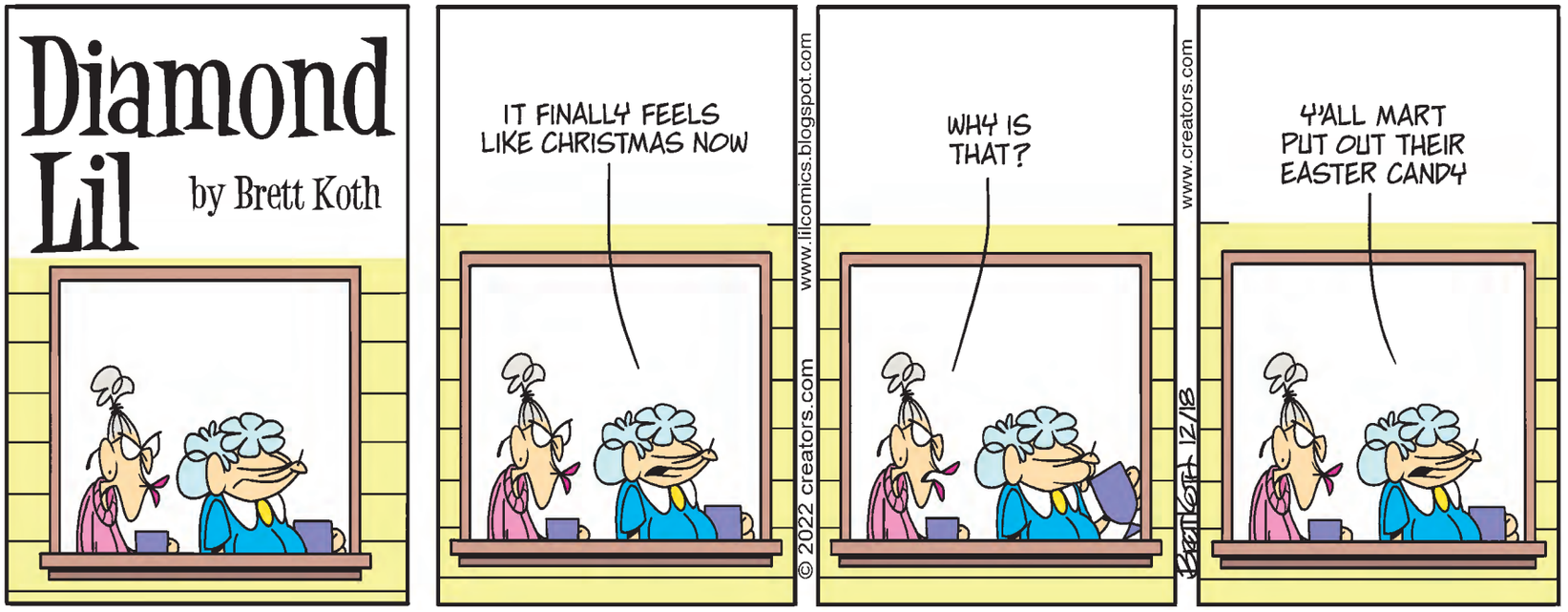

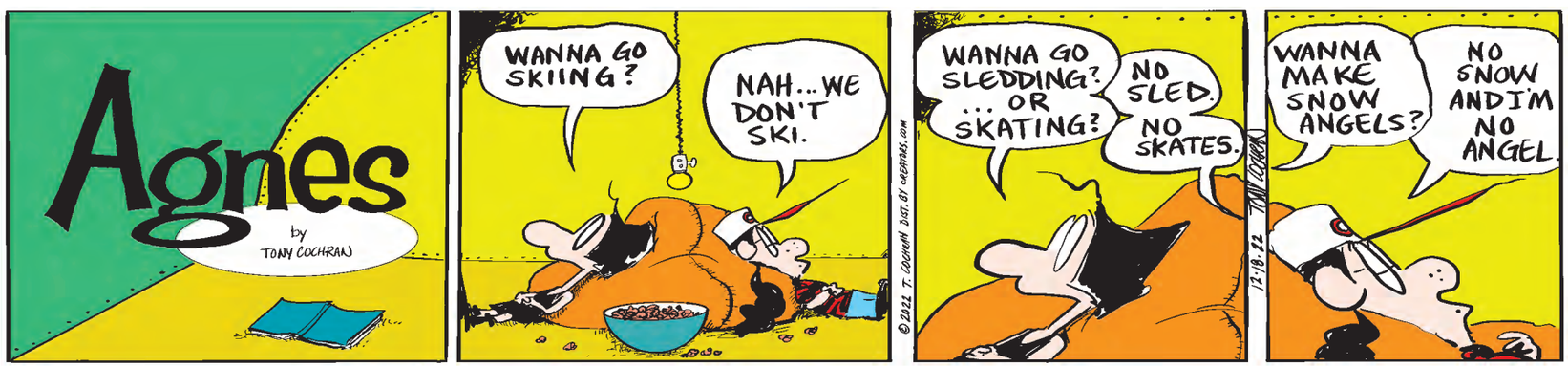

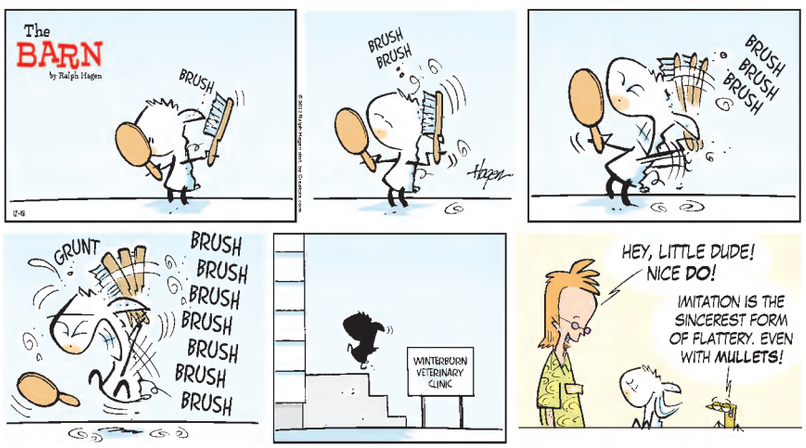

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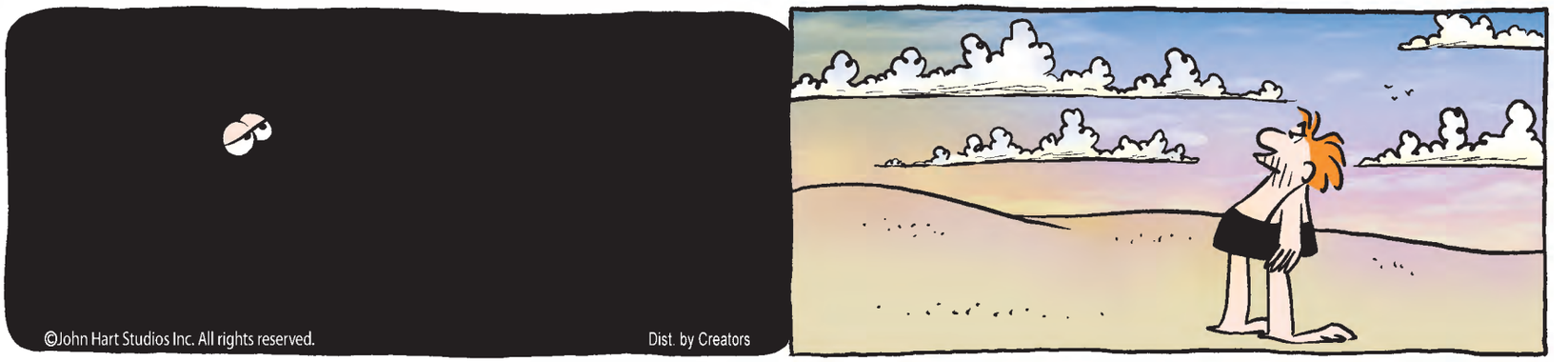
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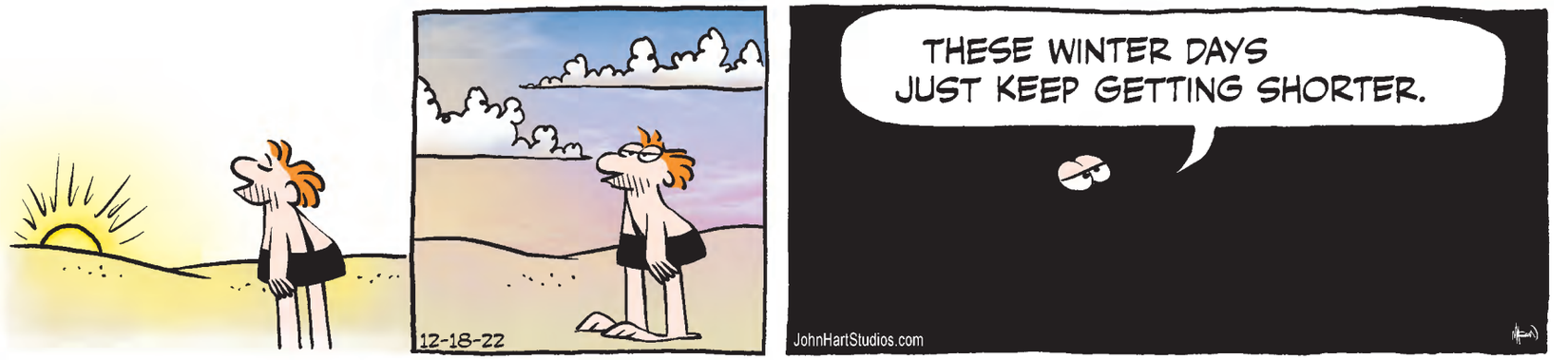
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Sophomores: Isabella Heinke, Josie Holtz, Jonathan Moody, Emerich Skarban, Evan Yuma

Freshmen: Emily Elliott, Chase Klimek, Sylvia Krause, Taylor Whiting

HIGH HONORS

Seniors: Ashlyn Allen, Britney Anderson, Sydney Bell, Grant Bouche, Sheree De Vries, Elsie Desterheft, Madeline Devillers, Quinn Eisch, Arthur Estevao Da Silva, Bennett Ferfecki, Grace Ferfecki, Gabriel Genett, Amber Haines, Molly Haines, Carter Hill, Abigail Hughbanks, Ele Jacobs, Ryan Kaminecki, Matthew Kesler, Morgan Kluth, Hailey Kopke, Logan Kramer, Hanna Krejcarek, Lily Kurek, Caden Leonhardt, Tess Maggio, Helen Marquardt, Morgan Miller, Alexander Notz, Ireland Payette, Dawson Przybylski, Kate Pytleski, Ethan Rennie, Gina Sconzert, Kenadee Seidl, Kloeigh Seidl, Aria Slade, Brailyn St Louis, Madison Uelmen, Kody Vorpahl, Sydney Wierzba, Jenna Wilquet, Jesse Zablocki, Julia Zablocki, Brookelyn Zadow

Juniors: Amber Allen, Kennedy Angus, Jackson Burd, Jordan Cole, Sophia Collar, Kiera Danielczak, Joshua Diedrich, Alex Egan, Ana Feliz, Callie Gagnon, Bailee Gorman, Alex Haines, Brynn Hodkiewicz, Elliot Hytinen, Nathaniel Johns, Evelyn Justice, Alexander Kiiskila-Kone, Allison Kitzman, Antonia Kitzman, Hannah Ludemann, Mya Magnin, Chloe Mahas, Josephine Mills, Grace Molitor, Morgan Moynihan, Emersyn Payette, Samuel Porterfield, Allison Remic, Steven Rhodes Jr., Jesslyn Rose, Abigail Roskom, Ramius Runge, Ellie Sager, Peter Smet, Hannah Sonnenburg, Kyndra Staidl, Summer Stevens, Allyna Timm, Stephanie Vasquez Contreras

Sophomores: Benjamin Adams, Jack Adler, Brielle Behling, Isabelle Blazek, Addison Borst, Cole Bozile, Isaac Bramer, Abigail Budz, Grayson Cahak, Neela Cherry, Hannah Cournoyer, Hailey Delzer, Easton Engel, Luke Gilbertson, Diego Gonzalez, Clara Hanamann, Ava Hodkiewicz, Brooke Hodkiewicz, Arianna Impastato, Hunter Ingram, Erin Jahnke, Aaron Johnson, Jesse Kasal, Dayona Konstanski, Griffin Kopke, Kolten Krueger, Brant Laluzerne, Wyatt Laughrin, Lylia Leja, Madeline Maloney, Miranda Metzler, Mckenzie Miller, Taylor Miller, Danica Mommaerts, Amber Otto, Kylee Peterson, Kara Philhower, Orion Posusta, Kaelyn Rakowski, Aiden Reed, Evan Rennie, Addison Santee, Nora Strock, Maci Tucker, Ashlyn Vandermoss, Olivia Wagner, Jadyn Weslow, Jessica Wolford, Nicole Woosencraft

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Juniors: Nicholas Allen, Autumn Anderley, Austin Anderson, Grace Aprill, Olivia Betts, Shaun Clarmont II, Connor Coffey, Gabril Cornelius, Deyton Duncan, Mckenna Duncan, Lillian Hendricks, Lillian Holley, Olivia Hutchinson, Maya Johnson, Allie Kelter, Brandon Kernan, Brianna Krystof, Koa LeFebvre, Pierson O'Connell, Nicholas Rymer, Damian Thomae, Jayden Virtues

Sophomores: Aiden Adema, Addyson Behnke, Jacob Cole, Mason Cole, Payten Debauch, Jayden Dobizl, Jacob Earley, Jeremy Earley, Chairity Genz, Logan Heimerl, Carolyn Hendricks, Haley Huber, Gunar Lade, Teagun Larmay, Gwendolyn Maggio, Zaira Martinez, Jason Mendez, Alexander Milquette, Elijah Moody, Thor Paneitz, Parker Peterson, Layton Rickert, Kadyn Riel, Ava Salscheider, Mary Schindler, Jacob Sconzert, Hailyn St Louis, Sawyer Steeno, Santana Stimac, Nicholas Trepanier, Fernanda Trevino Hernandez, Destiny VandeVoort

Freshmen: Jameson Beaman, Chase Belanger, Karma Billodeau, Allie Brehmer, Cedric Cain, Amyah Campbell, Dakota Clark, Maxx Dey, Jeliah Fabriga, Grace Ferry, Hunter Filter, Magnus Flynn, Adyson Goddard, Kaden Hines , Emmett Johns, Cole Judkins, Jersie Lipp, Sheridan List, Mackenzie Lotto, Chloey Lucus, Macy Magnin, Alyssa Martinez, Carson McDermid, Austin Mennecke, Gracie Miller, Gretta Ott, Hailey Paul, Isaiah Radart, Taylor Rosina, Hailee Rugg, Erich Schmutzer, Jameson Shipla, Landon Sonderegger, Conner Stanek, Olivia Strock, Gavin Sutrick, Carter Teller, Jacob Trepanier, Vayda VanHulle, Paris Welte, Ethan Zielinski

TIGERTON HIGH SCHOOL

First quarter

HIGHEST HONOR ROLL

Seniors: Skyler Hauser

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Seniors: Michaela L. Gleason, Lenaiah R. Reichert, Abby E. Swartz

Juniors: Carley L. Owen, Elizabeth M. Steuck, Edythe M. Swanke

Sophomores: Kyle A. Brady

Freshmen: Nora Papiernik

Eighth grade: Danika J. Tiller

Seventh grade: Mason Breitenfeldt, Renata E. Nordwig, Mya Smith, Brett Tiller

HONOR ROLL

Seniors: Ryder P. Graham, Madison M. Herres, Asher I. Michaelis, Mckenzie E. Miller

Juniors: Isabella E. Dahlstrom, Samantha Suehring, Jessalyn L. Zimdars

Sophomores: James Schulz, Scott S. Ziemer

Freshmen: Tanner Dent

Eighth grade: Hailey R. Erdmann

B HONOR ROLL

Seniors: Katelyn M. Berry, Tyler J. Dent, Draven X. Harruff, Omarion M. Ramsey

Juniors: Maycee J. Carlson, Mckenzie Hoffman, Ella K. Kryll, Tarja Rostek, Loghan Wanta

Sophomores: Sienna J. Breaker, Jessica Burayi, Gabriel J. Dahlstrom, Drake A. Harruff, Rae Ann E. Strehlow, Isabell Zychowicz, Wyatt Zychowicz

Freshmen: Samuel Anheuser, Lily F. Bloecher, Cohen P. Buss, Caleb A. Dahlstrom, Logan L. Drews, Gavin S. Kielblock, Grace A. Laatsch, Aaliyah S. Lederhaus, Margaret Schulz

Eighth grade: Ashley Awe, Cameron J. Carlson, Myah M. Dent, Presley J. Stewart-Rolfs, Michael G. Weisnicht

Seventh grade: Jaelyn Brady, Roselyn N. Lehman, Mylan B. Maas, Friedrich W. Schulz, Finnley P. Swartz

COLLEGE NOTES

St. Norbert College

The Center for Global Engagement (CGE) announced that two St. Norbert College students have been selected to receive Gilman scholarship awards.

Olivia Waschbisch, of Oconto Falls, received a $4,000 award and will be studying abroad at John Cabot University in Rome, Italy, for the fall 2023 term.

Students selected to receive this award went through a rigorous, competitive application process with the support of their study abroad advisor.

The U.S. Department of State's Benjamin A. Gilman International

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Scholarship Program awards students up to $5,000, or up to $8,000 if they also are recipients of the Gilman Critical Need Language Award, to apply toward their study abroad or internship program costs. About 1,500 U.S. undergraduate students have been selected nationally to receive Gilman scholarship awards from the October 2022 application cycle.

Milwaukee School of Engineering

Nicholas Sherman, from Shawano, was named to the Milwaukee School of Engineering's Honors List for the 2022 fall quarter. Sherman is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in business administration.

Undergraduate students who have earned a grade-point average of 3.2 or higher (out of 4.0) for this quarter are on the honors list.

UW-Milwaukee

The following individuals are among the 1,890 who received a degree and attended University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee commencement exercises Dec. 18 in Milwaukee:

• Oconto Falls: Madison Pecha, Bachelor of Fine Arts; Taylor Tousey, Bachelor of Business Administration

Milwaukee School of Engineering

Jack Stewart, from Hatley, and Grey Tubutis, from Bonduel, were named to the Milwaukee School of Engineering Dean's List for the 2022 fall quarter. Stewart is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering. Tubutis is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in biomedical engineering.

Undergraduate students who have earned at least 30 credits and have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher (out of 4.0) are on the dean's list.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

9 child care providers complete pilot program

Oconto County Department of Health and Human Services has announced that nine Oconto County child care providers completed the Healthy Loving Environment program for 2022.

The following providers successfully completed the Healthy Loving Environment Program: Oconto Area Non-Profit Child Care, Oconto; Little Giggles Childcare, Oconto; Jamie's Child Care, Oconto Falls; Sunshine Child Center Inc., Gillett; Play Days, Gillett; Cuddle Bugs Childcare, Abrams; Building Blocks Childcare Center, Sobieski; Country Kids Family Day Care, Pulaski; and Precious Cargo, Pulaski.

There were a total of 30 participants in this pilot program. Carla Ruechel, child care coordinator, and Heather Blum, environmental health professional, collaborated to develop this new program for Oconto County's child care providers.

The six-month program consisted of environmental health topics about toxic substance storage and handling, lead, radon, mercury, air quality, communicable diseases, food safety and integrated pest management. These topics were delivered to the participants once a month for an hour over Zoom.

Continuing education credit was given to each participant. Monthly incentives were given away for attendance with the help of donations from: the Oconto, Oconto Falls, Gillett and Pulaski fire departments; Bellin Health; Newcap; Oconto County Economic Development; Oconto Lions Club; and Wisconsin Department of Children and Families.

Due to the success of the pilot program, the Healthy Loving Environment program will continue next year.

Tammie LaCount, owner of Country Kids Family Day Care, Pulaski, holds up a sign showing her business has completed Oconto County's Healthy Loving Environment pilot program.

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Oconto schools honored for public relations

The Oconto Unified School District was recently honored by the Wisconsin School Public Relations Association (WSPRA) with two Spectrum Awards of Excellence and one Spectrum Award of Merit for its work in school communications.

WSPRA presented the Spectrum Awards at its annual conference held Nov. 16-18. Oconto earned two coveted Awards of Excellence for social media Rockstar campaign and newsletter publication (Blue Devils Bulletin) and one Award of Merit for high-quality PR for community outreach as Best in the Awards Category.

Spectrum Awards recognize high-quality public relations efforts produced by or on behalf of Wisconsin school districts. This year, this statewide competition honored more than 40 school districts with awards.

"We are proud to be trendsetters for so many school districts, especially smaller ones," said Anindita Anaam, Oconto schools' communications specialist. "It is a great honor to receive accolades for excellence in outreach and public relations. The recognition just reiterates our commitment in keeping our community informed and celebrating staff and student success."

WSPRA's Spectrum Awards were judged by members of other school public relations associations in 20 states, from New York to California. All entries were judged on a 30-point scale in six areas: goals and objectives, research and planning, execution and evaluation, results, language and design.

Otradovec named CMN's CFO on permanent basis

George Otradovec has been named chief financial officer of the College of Menominee Nation.

The CMN Board of Directors confirmed President Chris Caldwell's selection of Otradovec as CFO on Nov. 28. This was a lengthy process in which the president was aided by a search committee made up of representatives from staff, faculty and the board.

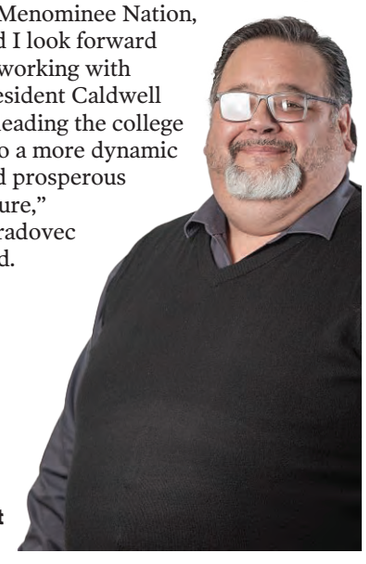
Otradovec has served as interim chief financial officer since July 2020.

"George has been a great asset to the college and will be a key figure in ensuring consistent day-to-day financial operations and long-term fiscal sustainability," Caldwell said.

Under the direction of the president, the CFO directs and oversees the financial actions of the college.

Over his years of working for the college, Otradovec has served in various positions in the finance area with gradually increasing responsibilities. This included stepping in during leadership transitions in the finance area. Otradovec is a Menominee veteran and an alumnus of CMN. He is currently in the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh executive Master of Business Administration program.

"I am very appreciative to be given this opportunity to bring my voice and leadership to the College of Menominee Nation, and I look forward to working with President Caldwell in leading the college into a more dynamic and prosperous future," Otradovec said.



George Otradovec has been serving as the interim chief financial officer for the College of Menominee Nation since 2020, and he was recently appointed to the post permanently.

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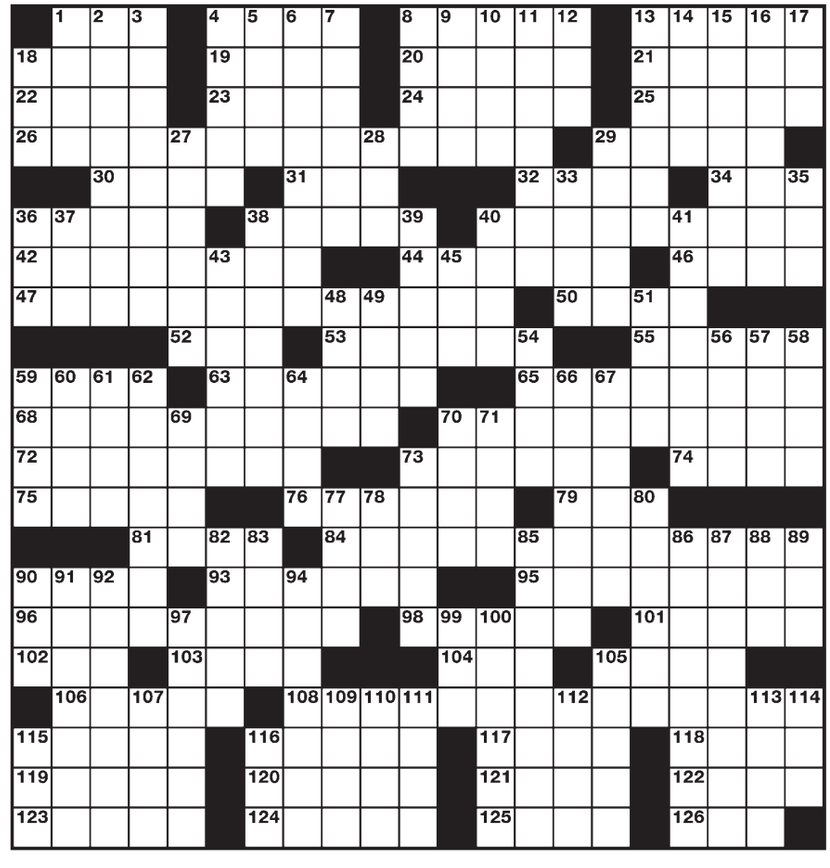

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72 "No food for me, thanks"
73 The Antarctic, e.g.
74 Slangy "Got that?"
75 Scrooge persona
76 Sports setback
79 Antismuggling agcy.
81 Hwys. with tolls
84 Protectors of the First Family
90 Starch in sushi
93 Hawaii senator Mazie
95 Cry of discovery
96 Protectors of those in the rain
98 Bulldozed
101 Caterer's gig
102 *Morning Edition* network
103 Halfway through the day
104 Archaeological site
105 Tusked beast
106 Coffeehouse order
108 Protectors of kids against improper ingestion
115 Pitching scout's tool
116 The good dishes
117 Unwitting accomplice
118 Lay __ thick
119 Biscotti flavoring
120 "My goodness!"
121 Eve's first home
122 Communicate
123 Stir up, as a fire
124 Districts
125 Philosopher Descartes
126 Couture monogram

DOWN

1 Fly sky-high
2 Teamster, for instance
3 Vinegar variety
4 Shinbone
5 Mideast's Gulf of __
6 Vine-covered walkways
7 Serenaded
8 Layered mineral
9 Miles off
10 Cloth measure
11 Begin to flourish
12 Street often near Maple
13 Aquanaut's base
14 Art Deco designer
15 Fireplace sound
16 Largest of the British Virgin Islands
17 __ Lanka
18 Network on the telly
27 Minimal
28 GI show sponsor
29 "Culture" prefix
33 GPS calculations
35 US ally since '48
36 Ocasek of the Cars
37 Santa __, CA
38 Broadcast time
39 Eats nothing
40 Disarrange
41 "Who has an answer?"
43 "You __ have worried"
45 Classic Jaguar
48 Fr. miss
49 Some clock batteries
51 Protector of a toe
54 Convention giveaway
56 A person's
57 Be bold
58 Besides that
59 Exercise in water
60 *Avatar* race
61 Belligerent Olympian
62 Employee at an entrance
64 Soprano managed by Barnum
66 Put into words
67 Walk unsteadily
69 Group for seniors
70 Apple relative
71 "Bone" starter
73 Room design
77 Those: Sp.
78 Marshy area
80 Without
82 A Kardashian
83 Grain tower
85 What successful people make
86 Liveliness
87 Goes over again
88 NL Central team
89 Superlative suffix
90 Become a candidate
91 Fix firmly
92 Long-haul trucker's device
94 Cattle raiser
97 Access granted
99 Tally up
100 Sleeping bag part
105 Good: Fr.
107 Work assignment
109 Bring on board
110 Ancient Andean
111 Sets, as a trap
112 Actor Wilson
113 Straw vote
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Packers running back A.J. Dillon tries to escape a tackle from the Rams during the Dec. 19 home game.

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Packers keep playoff hopes alive

Green Bay to end its year with three opponents at .500 or better

By LUKE REIMER
Reporter

With the Packers 24-12 win over the Los Angeles Rams, Green Bay now holds a 9% chance to make the playoffs.

While 9% does not seem very high, it is up from the 6% that the team was facing last week. Of course, the Packers still cannot afford to lose a game yet this year.

That continues as Green Bay travels to Miami on Christmas Day. Miami has been one of the better teams in the league this year, with its 8-6 record. The Dolphins excel on the offensive side of the ball, recording 370.4 yards per game. Only the Kansas City Chiefs, Buffalo Bills, Philadelphia Eagles and Detroit Lions have recorded more yards per game.

"You win a game and vibes are pretty good," said Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers, on how the team's feelings have changed about making the playoffs. "We have just been practicing better, the energy has been better. We have played a couple of teams that we should have beat — that being said, it's still tough to win in the league. I have said it before, I think we can beat anybody — we can also lose to anybody. When you win a couple in a row, it just gives you some confidence."

The Dolphins possess such a strong offensive attack, due in part to its receivers Tyreek Hill and Jaylen Waddle. Through 14 games, Hill has recorded 1,529 receiving yards and seven touchdowns. What makes Hill so dangerous, though, is his speed. Giving the three-team All-Pro even a inch of space will likely result in a large gain for Miami.

Hill has seemingly turned into the catalyst for this Miami offense, as the Dolphins rank third in the NFL in passing yards at 3,830. While Miami's passing attack may be one of the better passing attack in the NFL, the Packers should be prepared, as Green Bay currently owns the second-best passing defense in terms of yards given up. Only giving up 2,592 yards through the air this year, the passing defense will have its work cut out for them.

That may need to start on the front end of the defense though.

Green Bay Packers Wide Receiver Romeo Doubs extends his arm, indicating a first down during a matchup against the Los Angeles Rams on Dec. 19 in Green Bay.
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Preston Smith, Kingsley Enagbare and Kenny Clark will have to create pressure against Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa. While Tagovailoa has shown a drastic improvement from last year, there are still deficiencies in in his game that Green Bay Packers defensive coordinator Joe Berry should be able to exploit.

Making the playoffs starts with winning this game for Green Bay. After week 15, the Packers still sit in the 10th seed in the NFC. Only Detroit, Seattle and the Washington Commanders sit ahead of Green Bay, as it is looking for a wild card spot. Since the Giants beat the Commanders on Sunday night last week, Packers fans need to root for Washington to lose two more games. Its upcoming schedule includes the San Francisco 49ers, Cleveland Browns and Dallas Cowboys.

Linebacker Preston Smith, right, tries to take down Rams wide receiver Jaylen Waddle during a play at the Packers' Dec. 19 home game.
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Detroit holds a 7-7 record and a head-to-head win over the Packers. Unfortunately for Green Bay, the Lions have the Panthers and Bears upcoming in its next two games. With a combined record of 8-20, it seems likely that Detroit wins both of these games. Assuming Green Bay wins its next two games, the week 18 matchup between the two division rivals could have major playoff implications.

While it may seem unlikely after a five-game losing streak in the middle of the season, Green Bay has a realistic chance of making the playoffs. So far, Green Bay has done its part in making those playoff dreams come true — beating Chicago and Los Angeles. These two teams have a combined record of just 7-21. The Packers' next three opponents have a combined record of 26-16.

"You have to keep the focus on what is right in front of you," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur. "If you look at the totality, all three teams are really good football teams, so I don't want to get too far ahead of ourselves and we just want to be the best that we can be each and every day, each and every game and that starts with Miami."

After losing five games in a row in the middle of the season, it has to feel good for Packers players, coaches and fans to see the team rip off two wins a row. Even though those games weren't against the best teams in the NFL, it should create some sort of momentum for the team, as each game from here on out is a must-win game.

"Momentum is real," said LaFleur. "We hit that lull in the middle of the season, where we lost five straight. It's hard, when it's going one way, to get it going the other way. We all have seen the competitiveness in this league each and every week — it doesn't really matter who you play. Anybody is capable of beating anyone else and there is great examples each week. It just speaks to how competitive this league is."

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#	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	AGE	EXP.	COLLEGE
Active							
2	Mason Crosby	K	6-1	207	38	16	Colorado
6	Dallin Leavitt	S	5-10	195	28	4	Utah State
7	Quay Walker	LB	6-4	241	22	R	Georgia
9	Christian Watson	WR	6-5	208	23	R	North Dakota State
10	Jordan Love	QB	6-4	219	24	3	Utah State
11	Sammy Watkins	WR	6-1	211	29	9	Clemson
12	Aaron Rodgers	QB	6-2	225	39	18	California
13	Allen Lazard	WR	6-5	227	27	4	Iowa State
16	Pat O'Donnell	P	6-4	220	31	9	Miami
18	Randall Cobb	WR	5-10	195	32	12	Kentucky
20	Rudy Ford	S	6-0	200	28	6	Auburn
22	Shemar Jean-Charles	CB	5-10	184	24	2	Appalachian State
23	Jaire Alexander	CB	5-10	196	25	5	Louisville
24	Tariq Carpenter	S	6-3	230	23	R	Georgia Tech
25	Keisean Nixon	CB	5-10	200	25	4	South Carolina
26	Darnell Savage	S	5-11	198	25	4	Maryland
28	AJ Dillon	RB	6-0	247	24	3	Boston College
29	Rasul Douglas	CB	6-2	209	27	6	West Virginia
31	Adrian Amos	S	6-0	214	29	8	Penn State
33	Aaron Jones	RB	5-9	208	28	6	Texas-El Paso
35	Corey Ballentine	CB	5-11	196	26	4	Washburn
38	Innis Gaines	S	6-1	202	24	1	TCU
45	Eric Wilson	LB	6-1	230	28	6	Cincinnati
47	Justin Hollins	LB	6-5	248	26	4	Oregon
50	Zach Tom	OL	6-4	304	23	R	Wake Forest
51	Krys Barnes	LB	6-2	229	24	3	UCLA
53	Jonathan Garvin	LB	6-4	257	23	3	Miami
55	Kingsley Enagbare	LB	6-4	258	22	R	South Carolina
56	Jack Coco	LS	6-2	248	24	R	Georgia Tech
58	Isaiah McDuffie	LB	6-1	227	23	2	Boston College
59	De'Vondre Campbell	LB	6-3	232	29	7	Minnesota
63	Rasheed Walker	T	6-6	324	22	R	Penn State
69	David Bakhtiari	T	6-4	310	31	10	Colorado
70	Royce Newman	T/G	6-5	310	25	2	Mississippi
71	Josh Myers	C/G	6-5	310	24	2	Ohio State
72	Caleb Jones	T	6-9	370	23	R	Indiana
73	Yosh Nijman	T	6-7	314	26	3	Virginia Tech
74	Elgton Jenkins	G	6-5	311	26	4	Mississippi State
76	Jon Runyan	G	6-4	307	25	3	Michigan
78	Luke Tenuta	T	6-8	314	23	R	Virginia Tech
81	Josiah Deguara	TE	6-2	238	25	3	Cincinnati
83	Samori Toure	WR	6-1	191	24	R	Nebraska
84	Tyler Davis	TE	6-4	252	25	3	Georgia Tech
85	Robert Tonyan	TE	6-5	240	28	5	Indiana State
87	Romeo Doubs	WR	6-2	204	22	R	Nevada
89	Marcedes Lewis	TE	6-6	267	38	17	UCLA
90	Jarran Reed	DL	6-3	307	30	7	Alabama
91	Preston Smith	LB	6-5	265	30	8	Mississippi State
93	T.J. Slaton	DL	6-4	330	25	2	Florida
94	Dean Lowry	DL	6-6	296	28	7	Northwestern
95	Devonte Wyatt	DL	6-3	304	24	R	Georgia
97	Kenny Clark	DL	6-3	314	27	7	UCLA
99	Jonathan Ford	DL	6-5	338	24	R	Miami
Reserve/Injured							
21	Eric Stokes	CB	6-0	194	23	2	Georgia
40	Tipa Galeai	LB	6-5	229	25	2	Utah State
52	Rashan Gary	LB	6-5	277	25	4	Michigan
67	Jake Hanson	C	6-4	296	25	2	Oregon
Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner							
75	Sean Rhyan	T/G	6-5	321	22	R	UCLA
Practice Squad							
17	Ramiz Ahmed	K	5-11	193	27	1	Nevada
19	Danny Etling	QB	6-3	222	28	1	LSU
27	Patrick Taylor	RB	6-2	217	24	2	Memphis
34	Micah Abernathy	S	6-0	195	25	1	Tennessee
39	Tyler Goodson	RB	5-9	197	22	R	Iowa
43	Kiondre Thomas	CB	6-0	186	24	1	Kansas State
46	Nick Guggemos	TE	6-5	247	27	1	University of St. Thomas
48	DQ Thomas	LB	6-2	216	24	R	Middle Tennessee State
54	La'Darius Hamilton	LB	6-2	261	24	2	North Texas
57	Tim Ward	LB	6-6	255	25	3	Old Dominion
65	Michal Menet	C	6-4	301	25	1	Penn State
79	Jean Delance	T	6-4	303	24	R	Florida
82	Jeff Cotton	WR	6-2	206	25	1	Idaho
86	Travis Fulgham	WR	6-2	211	27	3	Old Dominion
88	Juwann Winfree	WR	6-1	210	26	3	Colorado
98	Chris Slayton	DL	6-4	307	26	1	Syracuse

DOLPHINS ROSTER

#	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	AGE	EXP.	COLLEGE
Active							
1	Tua Tagovailoa	QB	6-1	217	24	3	Alabama
2	Bradley Chubb	LB	6-4	275	26	5	N.C. State
3	Myles Gaskin	RB	5-10	194	25	4	Washington
4	Thomas Morstead	P	6-4	225	36	14	SMU
5	Teddy Bridgewater	QB	6-2	212	30	9	Louisville
6	Melvin Ingram	LB	6-2	250	33	11	South Carolina
7	Jason Sanders	K	5-11	190	27	5	New Mexico
8	Jevon Holland	S	6-1	210	22	2	Oregon
9	Noah Igbinoghene	CB	5-11	197	23	3	Auburn
10	Tyreek Hill	WR	5-10	191	28	7	West Alabama
11	Cedrick Wilson Jr.	WR	6-2	197	27	5	Boise State
14	Trent Sherfield	WR	6-1	206	26	5	Vanderbilt
15	Jaelan Phillips	LB	6-5	263	23	2	Miami
17	Jaylen Waddle	WR	5-10	182	24	2	Alabama
18	Erik Ezukanma	WR	6-2	206	22	R	Texas Tech
19	Skylar Thompson	QB	6-2	219	25	R	Kansas State
20	Justin Bethel	CB	6-0	200	32	11	Presbyterian College
21	Eric Rowe	S	6-1	210	30	8	Utah
22	Elijah Campbell	DB	5-11	195	27	3	Northern Iowa
23	Jeff Wilson Jr.	RB	6-0	213	27	5	North Texas
25	Xavien Howard	CB	6-1	203	29	7	Baylor
26	Salvon Ahmed	RB	5-11	197	23	3	Washington
27	Keion Crossen	DB	5-10	195	26	5	Western Carolina
28	Kader Kohou	CB	5-10	195	24	R	Texas A&M-Commerce
30	Alec Ingold	FB	6-1	235	26	4	Wisconsin
31	Raheem Mostert	RB	5-10	205	30	8	Purdue
32	Verone McKinley III	S	5-10	195	22	R	Oregon
41	Channing Tindall	LB	6-2	232	22	R	Georgia
42	Clayton Fejedelem	S	6-1	202	29	7	Illinois
43	Andrew Van Ginkel	LB	6-4	242	27	4	Wisconsin
44	Blake Ferguson	LS	6-3	240	25	3	LSU
45	Duke Riley	LB	6-1	227	28	6	LSU
49	Sam Eguavoen	LB	6-1	236	29	4	Texas Tech
52	Elandon Roberts	LB	6-1	238	28	7	Houston
55	Jerome Baker	LB	6-2	225	25	5	Ohio State
58	Connor Williams	OL	6-5	317	25	5	Texas
63	Michael Deiter	OL	6-6	315	26	4	Wisconsin
65	Robert Jones	OL	6-4	334	23	2	Middle Tennessee State
68	Robert Hunt	OL	6-6	335	26	3	Louisiana-Lafayette
71	Brandon Shell	OL	6-5	324	30	7	South Carolina
72	Terron Armstead	T	6-5	305	31	10	University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
75	Greg Little	T	6-5	322	25	4	Mississippi
77	John Jenkins	DT	6-3	340	33	10	Georgia
79	Eric Fisher	T	6-7	312	31	10	Central Michigan
80	Tanner Conner	TE	6-3	232	24	R	Idaho State
81	Durham Smythe	TE	6-6	246	27	5	Notre Dame
84	Hunter Long	TE	6-5	253	24	2	Boston College
85	River Cracraft	WR	6-0	198	28	4	Washington State
88	Mike Gesicki	TE	6-6	250	27	5	Penn State
92	Zach Sieler	DT	6-6	305	27	5	Ferris State
94	Christian Wilkins	DT	6-4	310	26	4	Clemson
96	Justin Zimmer	DT	6-3	292	30	4	Ferris State
98	Raekwon Davis	DT	6-7	335	25	3	Alabama
Reserve/Injured							
0	Adam Shaheen	TE	6-7	248	28	6	Ashland
0	Trill Williams	CB	6-1	206	22	2	Syracuse
29	Brandon Jones	S	6-1	191	24	3	Texas
40	Nik Needham	CB	6-1	196	26	4	UTEP
46	John Lovett	FB	6-2	236	26	2	Princeton
73	Austin Jackson	OL	6-5	320	23	3	USC
74	Liam Eichenberg	OL	6-5	306	24	2	Notre Dame
82	Cethan Carter	TE	6-3	243	27	6	Nebraska
91	Emmanuel Ogbah	DE	6-4	278	29	7	Oklahoma State
93	Trey Flowers	LB	6-2	265	29	8	Arkansas
Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform							
24	Byron Jones	CB	6-1	194	30	8	Connecticut
Practice Squad							
33	La'Mical Perine	RB	5-11	216	24	3	Florida
34	Tino Ellis	CB	6-1	195	25	1	Maryland
35	Ka'dar Hollman	CB	6-0	196	28	3	Toledo
36	Jamal Perry	DB	5-10	182	28	4	Iowa State
48	Jake Bargas	FB	6-2	250	26	1	North Carolina
53	Cameron Goode	LB	6-3	238	24	R	California
57	Brennan Scarlett	LB	6-4	263	29	7	Stanford
61	Lamont Gaillard	OL	6-3	305	26	3	Georgia
62	James Empey	OL	6-3	297	26	R	BYU
70	Kendall Lamm	T	6-5	310	30	8	Appalachian State
76	Kion Smith	T	6-5	311	24	1	Fayetteville State University
86	Braylon Sanders	WR	6-1	194	23	R	Mississippi
87	DaeSean Hamilton	WR	6-1	206	27	5	Penn State
90	R.J. McIntosh	DT	6-4	293	26	4	Miami
95	Josiah Bronson	DT	6-3	300	25	2	Washington
97	Jaylen Twyman	DT	6-2	285	23	1	Pittsburgh
Practice Squad/Veteran Protected							
0	Porter Gustin	LB	6-5	267	25	4	USC

GAME VITALS

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All-time, regular season: 5-10
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All-time, at Dolphins: 2-6
Streaks: The Miami Dolphins have dominated the Green Bay Packers in the all-time series, but the Packers have owned the series of late. Green Bay has won four of the past five games and five of the last seven matchups.
Last meeting, regular season: Nov. 11, 2018, Packers won 31-12 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. Aaron Rodgers threw two touchdowns to Davante Adams, while Aaron Jones rushed for two scores and 145 yards.

SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	TV
Sept. 11	at Minnesota	Loss 23-7	
Sept. 18	vs. Chicago	Win 27-10	
Sept. 25	at Tampa Bay	Win 14-12	
Oct. 2	vs. New England	Win 27-24 (OT)	
Oct. 9	vs. N.Y. Giants	Loss 27-22	
Oct. 16	vs. N.Y. Jets	Loss 27-10	
Oct. 23	at Washington	Loss 23-21	
Oct. 30	at Buffalo	Loss 27-17	
Nov. 6	at Detroit	Loss 15-9	
Nov. 13	vs. Dallas	Win 31-28	
Nov. 17	vs. Tennessee	Loss 27-17	
Nov. 27	at Philadelphia	Loss 40-33	
Dec. 4	at Chicago	Win 28-19	
Bye week			
Dec. 19	vs. L.A. Rams	Win 24-12	
Dec. 25	at Miami	noon	FOX
Jan. 1	vs. Minnesota	3:25 p.m.	CBS
Jan. 7/8	vs. Detroit	TBD	TBD

PACKERS DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

RB: Aaron Jones, A.J. Dillon
QB: Aaron Rodgers, Jordan Love
WR: Christian Watson, Sammy Watkins
WR: Randall Cobb, Samori Toure
WR: Allen Lazard, Romeo Doubs
TE: Marcedes Lewis, Robert Tonyan
RT: Yosh Nijman, Rasheed Walker
RG: Jon Runyan, Royce Newman
C: Josh Myers, Zach Tom
LG: Elgton Jenkins, Royce Newman
LT: David Bakhtiari, Zach Tom

DEFENSE

DE: Dean Lowry, Devonte Wyatt
NT: Kenny Clark, T.J. Slaton
DE: Jarran Reed, Devonte Wyatt
CB: Rasul Douglas, Shemar Jean-Charles
CB: Jaire Alexander, Keisean Nixon
OLB: Preston Smith, Jonathan Garvin
ILB: De'Vondre Campbell, Isaiah McDuffie
ILB: Quay Walker, Krys Barnes
OLB: Kingsley Enagbare, Justin Hollins
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WR: Tyreek Hill, Cedrick Wilson Jr.
TE: Mike Gesicki, Durham Smythe
RT: Brandon Shell, Eric Fisher
RG: Robert Hunt
C: Connor Williams, Michael Deiter
LG: Robert Jones
LT: Terron Armstead, Greg Little

DEFENSE

DE: Christian Wilkins
NT: Raekwon Davis, John Jenkins
DE: Zach Sieler, Justin Zimmer
CB: Xavien Howard, Kader Kohou
CB: Keion Crossen, Noah Igbinoghene
LB: Jaelan Phillips, Andrew Van Ginkel
LB: Elandon Roberts, Sam Eguavoen
LB: Jerome Baker, Duke Riley
LB: Bradley Chubb, Melvin Ingram
S: Eric Rowe, Clayton Fejedelem
S: Jevon Holland, Elijah Campbell

SCHEDULE

Thursday's Game
Jacksonville at N.Y. Jets, 7:15 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Atlanta at Baltimore, noon
Detroit at Carolina, noon
Buffalo at Chicago, noon
New Orleans at Cleveland, noon
Seattle at Kansas City, noon
N.Y. Giants at Minnesota, noon
Cincinnati at New England, noon
Houston at Tennessee, noon
Washington at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 3:25 p.m.
Las Vegas at Pittsburgh, 7:15 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Green Bay at Miami, noon
Denver at L.A. Rams, 3:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Arizona, 7:20 p.m.
Monday's Game
L.A. Chargers at Indianapolis, 7:15 p.m.
Next Thursday's Game
Dallas at Tennessee, 7:15 p.m.

STANDINGS

NFC

East

Team	W	L	T
Philadelphia	13	1	0
Dallas	10	4	0
N.Y. Giants	8	5	1
Washington	7	6	1

North

Team	W	L	T
Minnesota	11	3	0
Detroit	7	7	0
Green Bay	6	8	0
Chicago	3	11	0

South

Team	W	L	T
Tampa Bay	6	8	0
Carolina	5	9	0
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L.A. Rams	4	10	0

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Team	W	L	T
Buffalo	11	3	0
Miami	8	6	0
New England	7	7	0
N.Y. Jets	7	7	0

North

Team	W	L	T
Cincinnati	10	4	0
Baltimore	9	5	0
Cleveland	6	8	0
Pittsburgh	6	8	0

South

Team	W	L	T
Tennessee	7	7	0
Jacksonville	6	8	0
Indianapolis	4	9	1
Houston	1	12	1

West

Team	W	L	T
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L.A. Chargers	8	6	0
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NOTEBOOK

After falling at Philadelphia for their seventh loss in eight games, Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers knew the harsh reality for a team that entered the season with Super Bowl aspirations but had plunged to 4-8.

"Before the Bears week, we knew we had a bye afterwards," Rodgers said after a 24-12 victory over the Rams on Monday night. "Those of us who sometimes peek ahead knew that we had to win five and then have a lot of things go our way. So, we've won two and just about everything we needed to happen has gone our way. Just about, right? So, things are looking up."

Rodgers is right. With a 6-8 record, the Packers' longshot playoff hopes are at least semi-plausible. But their back-to-back wins came over Chicago, which is 16th in the 16-team NFC standings, and Los Angeles, which is 15th.

The challenge will get much, much tougher the rest of the way, starting with Christmas in Miami. The Dolphins are 8-6. They have lost three in a row but they all came on the road against the 49ers, Chargers and Bills – three of the NFL's top teams. They are 6-1 at home.

If the Packers can spring the upset, they'll host must-win games against the Minnesota Vikings (11-3) and Detroit Lions (7-7 but winners of six of their last seven) to close the regular season.

"I do. I do," Rodgers said of his belief the team can run the table. "Now, we're going to play three better football teams, but I do. Definitely."

Seven teams will qualify for the playoffs in the NFC. The Washington Commanders hold that last spot with their 7-6-1 record. The Packers are in 10th place, one-and-a-half games off the pace and on the heels of Seattle (7-7) and Detroit.

To get past the Commanders, Washington will have to go 1-2 in its last three games. Their schedule: at the San Francisco 49ers (10-4), home against the Cleveland Browns (6-8) and home against the Dallas Cowboys (10-4).

Thanks to their dominating defense, the 49ers are red hot and could hand the Commanders one of those losses. Can the Browns with Deshaun Watson back from suspension pull off the upset? Or can the Packers get some help from former coach Mike McCarthy, even though his Cowboys have the No. 5 seed locked up and probably will be going with backups?

Rookie receiver Christian Watson runs down the sideline after a catch in a matchup against the Los Angeles Rams on Dec. 19 in Green Bay.
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"I don't even want to talk like that, to be honest with you," coach Matt LaFleur said. "I think you've got to keep the focus on what's right in front of you. Certainly, if you look at the totality of it, all three teams are really good football teams, so I don't want to get too far in front of ourselves and just want to be the best we can be each and every day, each and every game, and that starts with Miami."

Promising passing game

Perhaps belatedly, the passing game that Green Bay envisioned is coming to life.

During the first half of the season, rookie Romeo Doubs emerged but fellow rookie Christian Watson couldn't stay on the field. Then, Doubs suffered an ankle injury and Watson burst onto the scene with eight touchdowns the next four games.

Entering Monday night, Watson and Doubs had played only 52 snaps together. Back after a four-game absence, Doubs caught all five passes for 55 yards, including a 23-yarder on the final drive. He was wide open on all five completions. Watson didn't find the end zone and had a modest four receptions for 46 yards but drew two penalties.

"It was great to see (Doubs) back out there," LaFleur said. "You can certainly see his route-running ability, how effortless it is when he catches the football. I think we need to find ways to get Christian involved in the game earlier because he has such a big impact on the game. Both those guys, they've come a long way, but I still think there's much more in front of them so that's really, really exciting."

Jones moving up record book

In the first quarter against the Rams, Aaron Jones moved past John Brockington and into third place on the Packers' career rushing list. He's got 5,100 yards.

Quarterback Aaron Rodgers is all smiles after the Packers kept their playoff hopes alive with a win over the Los Angeles Rams.
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Jones has his sights set on something much bigger: No. 1 all-time. Ahman Green holds that distinction with 8,322 yards and Hall of Famer Jim Taylor is second with 8,207 yards.

"It's not something I come in and voice, but if you're not shooting to be the all-time leader then, really, what are you shooting for?" he said. "You're shooting to be the best or the best of all-time here. It's something I've definitely set in my mind. I did it in college. It's something I look to achieve here. Hopefully, I'm here long enough to break that."

Jones also topped 1,000 career carries. Among all players with at least 900 carries in NFL history, Jones ranks fourth with his 5.08-yard average. He trails only Jamaal Charles (5.38), current Browns star Nick Chubb (5.23) and Hall of Famer Jim Brown (5.22). And one more historical nugget: He needs one more touchdown to become the eighth player in franchise history with 60.

Happy returns

With a 14.0-yard average on six kickoff returns with the Raiders from 2019 through 2021, there was nothing to suggest Keisean Nixon would become a game-changing returner for the Packers.

With Amari Rodgers going nowhere fast, the Packers gave Nixon a shot against the Jets in Week 6. His one return went 32 yards.

Who knew a legend would be born?

OK, legend might by hyperbole but, considering the longstanding ineptitude of Green Bay's special teams, what Nixon has done is incredible. He is second in the NFL with a 25.4-yard average. That's not the half of it. He leads the NFL with eight kickoff returns of 30-plus yards (nobody else has more than five) and three returns of 50-plus yards.

"In all my 18 years, I've never once until tonight seen an opposing team's kicker kick away from one of our returners. On purpose. That's fun," Rodgers said. "That's pretty incredible. So, big kudos to (special teams coordinator) Rich (Bisaccia) and his staff and, obviously, Keisean. He's been a big difference-maker for us. You hate to do the what-ifs and the lookbacks, but there's definitely, the way certain players were playing for us, that you wonder how it would have been had things been a little different starting the season."

Q&A WITH CALEB JONES

By BILL HUBER
Correspondent

Caleb Jones was a three-year starter at Indiana but went undrafted, due in part to weighing 370 pounds at pro day. With the Packers, he dropped about 35 pounds to contend for a roster spot. He failed to make the opening 53 but was promoted to the active roster for Week 1. Early in the season, he fell ill with mono and was placed on the non-football illness list. He's back on the active roster for the stretch run.

Q: How are you doing?

A: I'm feeling good. My son had mono and it's been a bit of a struggle with his stamina.

It's definitely one of those things where all credit to Coach Gizzi (Green Bay's strength and conditioning coordinator) and his staff because they were able to keep me in tip-top shape the entire time, even when I was sick.

Q: What led you to finding out? For us, it was Google.

A: Yeah, for the most part. I woke up one morning and wasn't really feeling too good. I figured it was in my best interests to go get checked with the pandemic stuff.

It's been quite a rookie season, going from undrafted to fighting for a roster spot and eventually getting on the 53, only to get mono.

It has been a while ride, that's for sure. There's been a lot of ups and downs but I've kept my faith and I kept my faith in the organization. At the end of the day, it's in their hands. What's in my hands is working as hard as possible.

Q: What's gotten you here? You look back on your college career to now, what's been the key?

A: Discipline. Just finally holding myself accountable is the main thing. I think I let myself make a lot of bad decisions in my years before, back in high school and college, that led me to not really having a handle on my weight and not really having a handle on playing my best ball. I think holding myself accountable and really looking at myself in the mirror and making good decisions has been the deciding factor in being able to keep myself here for a while.

Q: How do you stay disciplined?

A: It seems easy to say. I went to the store before practice for a few things and, on the day-old rack in the dairy section, are a box of crullers and I bought them. I didn't need them. It's hard.

It's tough. It's tough. I got here and I realized the challenge of how it was an uphill battle. Honestly, if I didn't do it, I wouldn't be able to be around here. Once that clicked for me, it kind of made it easy to make the right choices.

Q: How long were you here until you realized that you belonged and, "You know what, I'm just as good as some of these other guys."

A: You never know. One thing (offensive line) coach (Luke) Butkus always says, 'If you think you've got it, you don't got it.' I just try to be the best me. That's all I can do. I can't compare myself to anybody else. All I can do is be the best version of myself every single day and put my best foot forward. That's really all I can do.

Q: Are you having fun?

A: Absolutely. A ball.

Q: When was this your dream? Was football always what you wanted to do?

A: Yeah, it was one of those things where from a very young age that it was always my dream to play in the NFL. I think I lost sight of it maybe in my younger years. I was playing the sport but I was just kind of playing it to have fun. I didn't think about it as, 'Oh, man, I can't wait to play in the NFL.' I re-found that in high school and it started to get real with (college scholarship) offers. I knew then it was going to be a way for me to pay for my schooling and it would eventually maybe pay for my livelihood. It was one of those things where it's always been in the back of my mind.

Q: They didn't need to bring you back to the 53-man roster but they must like what you're doing. So, what's the key for you over these next few weeks?

A: Just trying to get better every day. It's truly a one-day-at-a-time mentality. I don't want to look too far ahead. I don't want to look past anything. I just want to show up every single day and put my best foot forward and try to make myself better and make myself into whatever it is they see in me.

AT A GLANCE

Caleb Jones
Jersey Number: 72
Position: Offensive tackle
Age: 23
Season: Rookie
College: Indiana

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Seattle @ Kansas City
NY Giants @ Minnesota
Cincinnati @ New England
Houston @ Tennessee
Washington @ San Francisco
Philadelphia @ Dallas
Las Vegas @ Pittsburgh
Denver @ LA Rams..... Sun., Dec. 25
Tampa Bay @ Arizona
LA Chargers @ Indianapolis Mon., Dec. 26

Tie Breaker Game:

Green Bay @ Miami Sun., Dec. 25

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NY Jets
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Cleveland
Kansas City
Minnesota
New England
Tennessee
San Francisco
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LA Rams
Tampa Bay
LA Chargers

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

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Detroit
Buffalo
Cleveland
Kansas City
Minnesota
Cincinnati
Tennessee
San Francisco
Philadelphia
Pittsburgh
LA Rams
Tampa Bay
LA Chargers

Tie Breaker Game:
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New Orleans
Kansas City
NY Giants
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Tennessee
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Philadelphia
Pittsburgh
LA Rams
Tampa Bay
LA Chargers

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

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Shawano Seasons Restaurant	10-6	137-87
Bill Huber	10-6	136-88

Weekly Standings	Weekly Record	Overall Record
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Luke Reimer	7-9	134-90
Gene's Floor covering	12-4	131-93
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Morgan Rode	9-7	131-93
Senn Insurance	10-6	118-97

Robert Buss
Buss Automotive

This Week's Picks:

NY Jets, Baltimore, Detroit, Buffalo, Cleveland, Kansas City, Minnesota, Cincinnati, Tennessee, San Francisco, Dallas, Las Vegas, LA Rams, Tampa Bay, LA Chargers

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 28 @ Miami 21

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Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ Miami 31

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Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ Miami 23

Jim Wiegand
Tower Clock Eye Center

This Week's Picks:

Jacksonville, Baltimore, Detroit, Buffalo, Cleveland, Kansas City, Minnesota, Cincinnati, Tennessee, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Las Vegas, LA Rams, Tampa Bay, LA Chargers

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

KEYS TO THE GAME

The Green Bay Packers (6-8) will visit the Miami Dolphins (8-6) on noon Sunday at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami. Fox will televise the game.

History

In a series that dates to 1971, the Dolphins lead 10-5. Miami won the first eight matchups, but Green Bay has won four of the last five. In their last trek to Miami, way back in 2014, the Packers won 27-24 on Aaron Rodgers' 4-yard touchdown pass to Andrew Quarless with 3 seconds remaining.

Coaches

Packers – Matt LaFleur (fourth season, 45-18). Dolphins – Mike McDaniel (first season, 8-6).

When the Packers have the ball

Green Bay's offense has made some progress the last five weeks. From Game 10 through Game 13, the Packers were sixth in scoring during that four-game span. They were limited to 24 points against the Rams but took a knee on first-and-goal at the 1.

The Dolphins are 27th in scoring with 24.6 points allowed per game. They are 23rd in total defense (357.6) and 16th in yards per rush (4.36) and yards per pass (6.63). They are bad on third down (27th) and in the red zone (25th). So, that means the Packers have a chance to roll, right? Not exactly. Miami is second in points allowed at home with just 15.3 per game. That's about half of the 31.5 it allows in road games.

The Dolphins operate out of a 3-4 alignment. The front consists of Christian Wilkins, Raekwon Davis and Zach Sieler. Wilkins, a first-round pick in 2019, is excellent. He has 81 tackles – an incredible number for an interior lineman – and a team-high 14 tackles for losses.

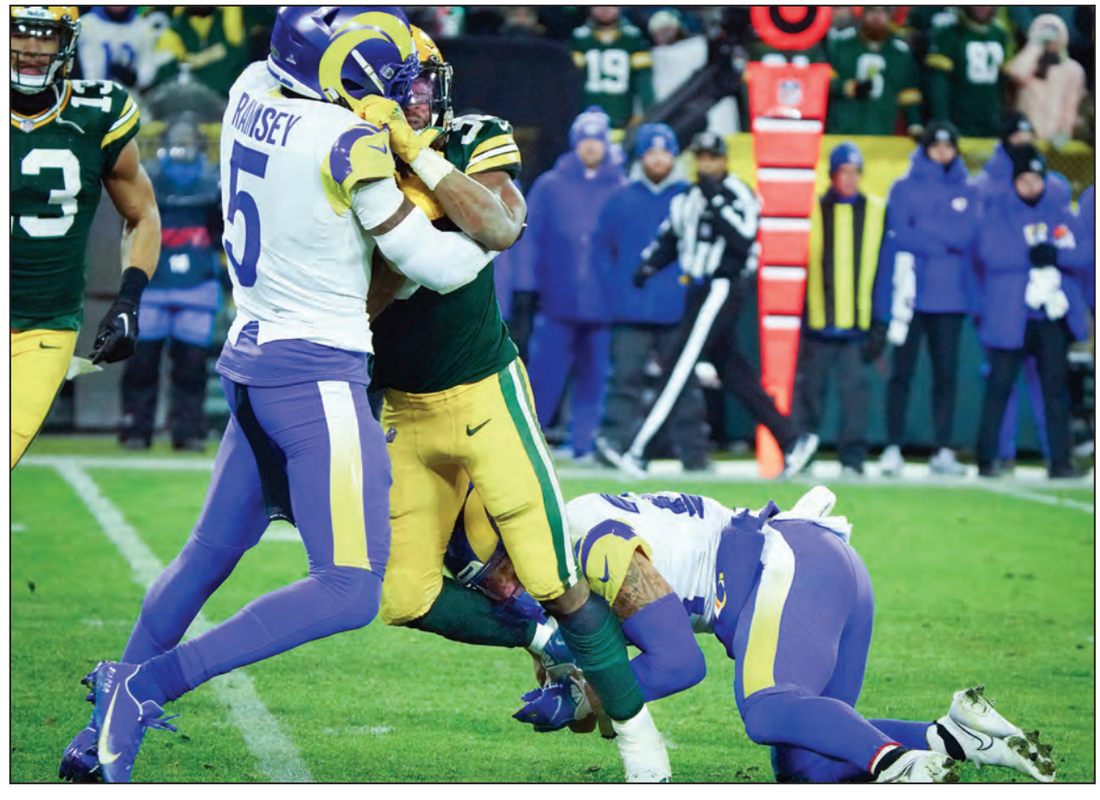
Jalean Phillips and trade-deadline acquisition Bradley Chubb are the outside linebackers, with Melvin Ingram joining them on passing downs. It's a fearsome group. Phillips has a team-high seven sacks and ranks among the NFL leaders with 60 pressures, according to Pro Football Focus. Chubb has eight sacks, including 2.5 in his six games in Miami. Ingram has six sacks. None of them play solely on the left or solely on the right.

Jerome Baker and Elandon Roberts form the tandem at inside linebacker. They lead the team with 89 and 84 tackles, respectively. Baker has four sacks, as well.

Formerly one of the best corners in the NFL, Xavier Howard anchors the secondary. Noah Igbinoghene is the other starting corner and Kader Kohou mans the slot. Howard has had better seasons. He led the NFL with 10 interceptions and 20 passes defensed in 2020 and posted five interceptions and 16 passes defensed as an encore. This year, he has one interception and eight passes defensed. According to PFF and its best guess of coverage responsibilities, he has allowed a 66.7 percent catch rate and six touchdowns. Kohou, an undrafted rookie, is grabby (six penalties).

Eric Rowe and Jevon Holland are the safeties. Holland is a quality starter with 71 tackles, a team-high two interceptions and six passes defensed.

"We're about to go play Aaron Rodgers," Holland said when asked about the playoffs on Monday. "I played Tom Brady last year. We're about to play Aaron Rodgers, who has been in the league for years and arguably one of the greatest quarterbacks to ever play. So, what more do you have to focus on? This is a huge challenge, especially for me. This is Aaron Rodgers that we're talking about. It's AR-12. He's the guy. I'm excited. Definitely. It's Aaron Rodgers, bro. Discount double-check. The whole cheesehead thing."



Running back Aaron Jones fights for extra yardage after contact in a matchup against the Los Angeles Rams on Dec. 19.
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When the Dolphins have the ball

The Packers are coming off back-to-back wins against the Bears and Rams, two teams with feeble passing attacks. The Dolphins' passing attack is not feeble.

Led by quarterback Tua Tagovailoa and rocket-fast receivers Tyreek Hill and Jaylen Waddle, the Dolphins feature one of the top offenses in the NFL. They rank ninth in scoring with 24.6 points per game, thanks to a passing attack that is No. 1 with 7.85 yards per attempt.

Tagovailoa leads the league with a 107.8 passer rating. With speed on the perimeter, it is a passing attack built on big plays. Tagovailoa is No. 1 in air yards per completion (8.53) and No. 2 in air yards per attempt (9.5), which more than offsets his No. 21 ranking in completion percentage (64.8). He's thrown 24 touchdowns vs. five interceptions.

Tagovailoa has some limitations as a thrower, but it helps to have Hill and Waddle. They are so fast that defenses have to play soft, which means some easy completions. Hill is more than just a sprinter. He is a complete player. He ranks second with 109 receptions and 1,529 yards. Five of his eight total touchdowns have covered 45-plus yards. Waddle has 62 receptions for 1,117 yards and seven touchdowns. As a rookie last year, he averaged 9.8 yards per reception. This year, he's averaged a league-high 18.0 yards.

Raheem Mostert, who destroyed the Packers in the 2019 NFC Championship Game while with San Francisco, leads the team with 746 rushing yards. Like Hill and Waddle, he's got game-breaking speed.

Tight end Mike Gesicki has added 25 receptions for 274 yards and three touchdowns. Fullback Alec Ingold, who played at Bay Port and Wisconsin, has chipped in 15 receptions.

The offensive line consists of left tackle Terron Armstead, left guard Robert Jones, center Connor Williams, right guard Robert Hunt and right tackle Brandon Shell. Three-time Pro Bowler Armstead, former Cowboys standout Williams and Hunt are really good players. Shell is the weak link.

Special teams

In Football Outsiders' rankings from before Week 15, Miami was 28th and Green Bay is 30th.

Jason Sanders is 20-of-21 on field goals inside of 50 yards and 1-of-4 from 50-plus. Opponents are averaging 27.6 yards per return on his kickoffs, meaning there will be some opportunities for Green Bay's explosive Keisean Nixon, who leads the NFL in 30-yard kickoff returns despite not taking that job until Week 6.

Veteran Thomas Morestead handles the punting. His net of 40.4 yards isn't too hot but he's got 21 inside-the-20 punts vs. only two touchbacks.

Receiver Cedric Wilson is the punt returner and Mostert is the kickoff returner. Neither have been effective.

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Packers beat Rams to keep playoff hopes alive

Dillon scores 2 TDs

By STEVE MEGARGEE
The Associated Press

A.J. Dillon ran for two scores, Aaron Rodgers threw a touchdown pass to Aaron Jones and the Green Bay Packers kept their playoff hopes afloat with a 24-12 victory over the Los Angeles Rams on Dec. 19 in Green Bay.

Dillon put Green Bay (6-8) ahead for good with a tiebreaking 8-yard touchdown run in the second quarter and also scored from 1 yard out in the third period. He ran for 36 yards on 11 carries before leaving the game midway through the second half to be evaluated for a concussion.

Rodgers went 22 of 30 for 229 yards with a touchdown and interception to win his ninth straight "Monday Night Football" start. The longest "Monday Night Football" winning streak by any starting quarterback is owned by Kenny Stabler, who won 11 straight from 1975-80.

The four-time MVP's lone touchdown pass was a 7-yarder to Jones, who rushed for 90 yards and had four catches for 36 yards.

Rodgers' latest Monday night victory came in freezing conditions. The temperature was 15 degrees with a wind chill of 7 just before the opening kickoff.

The Rams (4-10) have matched the highest loss total by any defending Super Bowl champion. When John Elway retired after leading Denver to consecutive Super Bowl titles in the 1997 and 1998 seasons, the Broncos finished 6-10 in 1999.

Los Angeles played this game without several notable injured players, including three-time defensive player of the year Aaron Donald and All-Pro receiver Cooper Kupp. Quarterback Baker Mayfield made his first Rams start with injuries sidelining Matthew Stafford and John Wolford.

Mayfield had rallied the Rams to a 17-16 victory over the Las Vegas Raiders on Dec. 8, less than 48 hours after they had claimed him off waivers from Carolina. Mayfield wasn't as effective Monday, going 12 of 21 for 111 yards with a touchdown and interception.

He was sacked five times while working behind an offensive line missing center Brian Allen, who injured an ankle on the game's first play from scrimmage.

Green Bay Packers Linebacker Preston Smith celebrates after a big play during a matchup against the Los Angeles Rams on Dec. 19 in Green Bay.
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Preston Smith recorded two sacks for Green Bay.

The Rams also got field goals of 33 and 55 yards from Matt Gay, who also sent an extra-point attempt wide right. Gay's 55-yarder matched the third-longest field goal anyone has ever made at Lambeau Field.

Mason Crosby had a 34-yard field goal for Green Bay while playing his 255th consecutive regular-season game to tie Hall of Fame quarterback Brett Favre for the longest streak in franchise history.

After Gay and Crosby traded field goals early in the game, Green Bay pulled ahead thanks mainly to Dillon, the 6-foot, 247-pound running back whose bruising style thrives in this type of weather.

Facing fourth-and-3 from the 17, the Packers passed up a field-goal attempt and instead handed the ball to Dillon, who ran for 4 yards. Dillon then put Green Bay ahead for good with an 8-yard touchdown run in which he pushed Rams defenders backward for the last yard or so.

The Packers led 10-6 at halftime and broke the game open by scoring touchdowns on their first two drives of the second half. Rodgers' 7-yard touchdown pass to Jones put the Packers ahead 24-6.

Los Angeles cut the lead to 24-12 on Mayfield's 8-yard completion to Tyler Higbee, the first touchdown catch by a Rams tight end this season.

Rams LB Jake Gervase injured an ankle late in the first half.

Packers offensive tackle David Bakhtiari missed a second straight game as he recovers from a appendectomy.

Green Bay Packers Quarterback Aaron Rodgers runs through a line of high fives from his teammates during introductions before a game against the Los Angeles Rams on Dec. 19 in Green Bay.
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ENSURING A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Protecting family finances in the year ahead

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Now is a good time to not only reevaluate your saving and spending, but also commit to creating a more holistic financial plan designed to protect your finances and your family.

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Spice up the holidays with the gift of flavor

(StatePoint) Selecting thoughtful gifts and preparing delicious, home-cooked meals are two ways we show loved ones we care, and now, it's easier than ever to infuse more flavor into the holidays when accomplishing both these tasks.

Whether you're shopping for your favorite foodie or you're hosting and want to add extra oomph to holiday dishes, you can spice things up with The TEN, by McCormick, a giftable and useful kit of 10 staple spices meant to inspire cooks of all backgrounds, from those just dipping their toes into the world of flavor to seasoned kitchen vets. With a unique numbering system, each sleek package has been designed in a way that's easy to store and organize, and includes basil leaves, chili powder, cinnamon, cumin, garlic powder, onion powder, oregano leaves, paprika, parsley flakes and crushed red pepper. Offering culinary inspiration too, an accompanying QR code unlocks ideas, delicious recipes, spice pairings, exclusive videos and more on the McCormick Flavor Maker app.

But there's no need to wait until your gift exchange to let flavor take center stage. To help home chefs get started now, McCormick has partnered with actress, singer and television personality Keke Palmer to share this custom recipe for Bacon and Veggie Quiche using classic McCormick spices included in The TEN.

For more gifting information, visit https://shop.mccormick.com.

BACON AND VEGGIE QUICHE

10 minutes prep time
55 minutes cook time
6 servings
266 calories per serving
Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 small red bell pepper, chopped (about 1/2 cup)
- 1 small yellow onion, chopped (about 1/2 cup)
- 1/2 pound asparagus, trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces (about 1 cup)
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon McCormick Pure Ground Black Pepper
- 1 refrigerated pie crust, (from 14.1-ounce package)

The TEN is a kit of staple spices for cooks of all backgrounds. STATEPOINT

- 6 slices thick-sliced bacon or turkey bacon, crisply cooked and crumbled (about 1 cup)
- 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese, divided (optional)
- 4 large eggs
- 1/2 cup milk or unsweetened, plain non-dairy milk
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Garlic Powder
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Onion Powder
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Parsley Flakes
- 1/2 teaspoon McCormick Crushed Red Pepper

Instructions:

1. Place oven rack in lowest position. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Heat oil in large skillet on medium-high heat. Add vegetables, salt and pepper. Cook and stir 5 minutes until softened. Remove from heat.

2. Prepare pie crust as directed on package for one-crust pie using 9-inch pie plate. Layer vegetable mixture, bacon and cheese in pie crust. Whisk eggs, milk, garlic powder, onion powder, parsley and crushed red pepper in medium bowl until well blended. Pour egg mixture over filling in pie crust.

3. Bake on lowest oven rack 40 to 45 minutes until set and knife inserted in center comes out clean. If necessary, after 15 to 20 minutes of baking, cover crust with strips of foil to prevent excessive browning. Let stand 10 minutes before slicing and serving.

Test Kitchen Tip: For a low-carb pie crust: Mix 2 cups almond flour, 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, 1/2 teaspoon McCormick Garlic Powder and 1/3 cup unsalted butter in medium bowl until dough forms. Press into bottom of a 9-inch pie plate sprayed with no-stick cooking spray. Blind bake crust in preheated 325 degree F oven 10 minutes. Prepare recipe as directed using low-carb crust in place of store-bought crust.

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Resolve to protect finances, family in 2023

Consumers seek stability and preparedness in today's economic environment

(StatePoint) After a holiday season spent racking up credit card bills, many Americans consider making financial resolutions in the New Year. However, now is the perfect time to not only reevaluate your saving and spending, but also commit to creating a more holistic financial plan designed to protect your finances and your family.

Consumers are seeking stability and preparedness in today's uncertain economic environment, according to a recent Consumer Sentiment Tracker study by Lincoln Financial Group. With ongoing inflation and market volatility, 56% of respondents cited protection from risk as being most important to them. When it comes to thinking about their finances, people said they have the greatest interest in protecting their family (39%) followed by their income (26%).

"Our research reinforced the importance of financial solutions that can help consumers navigate through market cycles and protect their loved ones," said David Berkowitz, president, Lincoln Financial Network, Lincoln Financial's wealth management business. "People are not only concerned about having enough to pay their bills, but also saving for retirement and preparing for the unexpected. It's important to have a well-rounded financial plan that can address those risks, protect assets and create positive outcomes for today's families."

To achieve a stronger financial future, don't neglect your finances in 2023 — instead, add a little TLC (Talk, Learn, Commit). Resolve to create a robust financial plan using these three tips from Lincoln Financial:

1. Talk about it. Financial conversations play a crucial role. Be transparent with your loved ones about financial priorities so you can set expectations and work toward your shared financial goals. Initiate ongoing discussions to stay on track with everything from saving for retirement to paying for a long-term healthcare event, which can happen suddenly and be very costly. Also, consider talking to a financial professional who can help identify solutions that best meet your individual needs, as well as drive better outcomes. Lincoln's research found those who work with financial professionals are more likely to prioritize retirement savings (26% vs. 10%).

2. Learn more about tax-deferred investments. Life insurance can be more than just a death benefit, with some types of policies offering income replacement for unforeseen events. It can also protect your financial security from the impact of taxes, market volatility and longevity. It's not just for individuals and families either, but businesses too. Also, consider diversifying your portfolio with an annuity, which can provide protected growth and monthly lifetime income to help cover expenses in retirement and ensure you have a stream of income.

3. Commit to maximizing your workplace benefits. Look into supplemental coverages like disability, accident and life insurance that may be available through your employer. Solutions like these protect against unexpected events that can disrupt your ability to provide for your family or drive you into additional debt. If you have an employer-sponsored retirement plan, make sure you are contributing and getting a match, if offered. Tap into any financial wellness tools offered at work to help provide you with an accurate picture of your holistic financial situation and lower stress.

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