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Gillett tabs Green Bay firm to handle legal matters

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Alex Sickel, left, gives his first report as Gillett city attorney Jan. 5, as Mayor Josh McCarthy listens in. The city council hired the legal offices of Hinkfuss, Sickel, Petitjean and Wieting as official city attorneys.

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Annexation petition OK'd for new middle school

Land for new school to move from Stiles into city of Oconto Falls

By **WARREN BLUHM**

Editor-in-chief

The Oconto Falls School District's bond rating has been upgraded to A-plus, which likely will help keep the interest rate down as it seeks to borrow money for a new middle school, the school board was told Jan. 9.

Superintendent Dean Hess said calculations used to develop the \$37.6 million referendum question that passed in November assumed that the interest rate on the bonds would be in the neighborhood of 5%. As the district moves toward locking in an interest rate and actually issuing the bonds, Hess said he expects to be able to deliver good news on a rate — perhaps closer to 4%.

The new school is expected to replace aging Washington Middle School, with completion planned for the fall of 2025.

Meanwhile, the process of annexing the property into the city of Oconto Falls officially began this week with the school board's formal approval of an annexation petition. The school district purchased 102 acres in the Town of Stiles a few years ago along County Road I across from the high school as a possible middle school site.

The annexation plan was introduced in December, but before the petition could be submitted, the land description needed to be updated to reflect the school district's sale of 10 acres to the city of Oconto Falls for a new electricity substation.

The updated petition was scheduled to go to the Oconto Falls City Council the night of Jan. 10, when City Administrator Peter Wills said the process of annexing both parcels would continue.

In response to a question from board member Jan Stranz, Wills said

by law the city might have to pay the town what would be lost in property tax dollars for the next five years, but since the land is owned by the school district, it is tax-exempt anyway.

Meanwhile, the school district's design team plans to visit three recently completed middle school projects on Jan. 25, in the Clintonville, Luxemburg-Casco and West De Pere school districts.

"All of them will give us ideas of things that they think went well in their process, as well as any lessons learned," Hess said.

Administrators are working with consulting firm Nexus Solutions to develop a page at ofpanthers.com that can update the community on the progress of the middle school project, similar to the information page that was posted for the referendum.

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High school principal Moore to retire in July

Career includes 20 years in Oconto Falls

By **WARREN BLUHM**

Editor-in-chief

Oconto Falls High School Principal Dan Moore plans to retire after the end of this school year. The school board accepted his retirement request during its Jan. 8 meeting.

Moore has spent a total of 20 years with the school district in two stints, Superintendent Dean Hess said. His tenure included 13 years as principal of Oconto Falls Elementary School, a position he left for an assistant high school principal post in Oshkosh before returning to serve at OFHS.

"I'm happy for Mr. Moore and, by the same token, sad to see him go," Hess said. "He was here when I started with the district in 2015. I appreciate the work that he has done and wish him the best in his retirement."

Hess said Moore is asking that his final date be in July to coincide with when he turns 55, when he is eligible



Oconto Falls High School Principal Dan Moore addresses graduating seniors in May 2021. Moore plans to retire after the end of this school year.

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to be covered under the Wisconsin Retirement System, and to provide transition time to work with his successor.

"We saw that as a win-win," Hess said.

Board President Clint Gardebrecht said there was a similar overlap when former superintendent David Polashek retired and Hess was hired in 2015.

The principal job will be posted within a week, Hess said, and the hiring process should be finished in plenty of time to allow the new principal to transition with Moore.

"We appreciate Mr. Moore giving this to us early enough for us to do that," Hess said.

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Gillett community responds to family in need

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

The Gillett police chief — and a grateful family — are thanking the community for its help in making sure some deserving children had a nice Christmas.

Chief Shane Breitenbach said the department received a letter from an 8-year-old child who lives in the city, asking if someone could help their family during the Christmas season.

“This particular family has been struggling with severe health issues with several members of the family, including the child’s mother,” Breitenbach told the Gillett City Council in his monthly report Jan. 5.

He posted a call for help on Facebook on Dec. 17, posting the boys’ clothing sizes and asking for

any other donations as well.

“The outpouring of love and support for the family was incredible,” Breitenbach said. “On Dec. 23, with the assistance of Gillett Area Ambulance, we delivered all the donations just in time for Christmas. I’m humbled by the wonderful response by the community. I’m very grateful that we were able to play a small part in making this Christmas season all the more special for this family.”

Breitenbach also read a thank-you letter from the boy’s mother.

“There’s no way that I can thank you all for making my son’s wish come true. I recently was just in the hospital and have been in nonstop to fight everything, especially sepsis infections and other illnesses,” she wrote, adding that the community made her boys cry, “because



An ambulance is packed with Christmas presents for a family in need in this photo, which was posted on Facebook just before Christmas.
GILLETT POLICE DEPARTMENT

they didn’t think that they were getting any Christmas presents, and they both just wanted me to focus on getting better. I just want to say

thank you for surprising my baby boys, and I’m going to fight this, no matter how many surgeries, blood tests, IVs or etc. this takes.”

Gillett school to host active shooter training

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

Oconto County Emergency Management plans to hold an Active Shooter Hostage Event Response, or ASHER, training at Gillett Secondary School on Feb. 23, Police Chief Shane Breitenbach told the Gillett City Council on Jan. 5.

The training will include fire, EMS, police and members of the school administration staff, Breiten-

bach said.

“The training will cover an array of topics, including designated safety zones, building structural limitations, tactical response considerations, emergency responder staging and media release protocols,” he said.

The training event emerged from conversations between police, fire and Emergency Management and local superintendents before the school year started, Breitenbach said. The goal is to familiarize everyone

involved with the sheer scope of an active shooter response, as well as the physical structure of the Gillett school campus.

“Our school has a very unique layout, which is very unfamiliar for a lot of people; not so much for us. So in the event that something critical, God forbid, does happen, they have these groups familiar with the inside of the school — how to respond properly and safely,” he said. “When these things happen, you can figure

anywhere between 100 and 150 different units are going to be coming from all over. Where do we put them?”

Fire Chief Kurt Hicks said when a similar training event was held about seven years ago at Oconto Falls High School, about 57 fire vehicles responded, plus ambulances.

“We have to get into triage, and there’s so many things that are involved with this,” Hicks said. “It’s all important that we have some idea of what we’re supposed to be doing.”

Green Bay firm becomes Gillett city attorney

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

The Gillett City Council on Jan. 5 formally hired the Green Bay law firm of Hinkfuss, Sickel, Petitjean and Wieting as its city attorney.

Alex Sickel sat in on the meeting,

the first time in recent memory that a city attorney attended a regular Gillett City Council meeting.

“I look forward to working with the city, and I plan to be available — if not in person, then with the technology, telephone or video conferencing that’s possible these days,” Sickel said.

He said he had met with Mayor Josh McCarthy to discuss a pending development project in the city, and he mentioned a couple of issues that were discussed during the meeting that the law firm could help with.

“Just being here makes the wheels start turning,” Sickel said.

Tim Schmid served as Gillett city attorney for many years. Then Kate Sloma, another attorney in his firm, took over after he retired until she was appointed a Shawano-Menominee County Circuit Court judge in 2020. Hanaway Ross law firm of Green Bay has had the role since then.

Trial rescheduled in officer shooting

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

A jury trial has been rescheduled for May 30 through June 2 for the woman accused of shooting an Oconto Falls police officer.

Alisha M. Kocken, 30, Oconto Falls, has pleaded not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect to 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.

Kocken is accused of shooting and wounding Oconto Falls Police Officer Nicole Blaskowski during

an incident at Kocken's apartment complex on Aug. 6, 2021.

During a Jan. 6 hearing before Oconto County Judge Michael T. Judge, special prosecutors Norman Anthony Gahn and Mark Williamson said a key witness was unable to testify during the trial, which had been scheduled to begin March 8. Judge granted the postponement.

Defense attorney John Miller Carroll said he was still waiting

for items he requested from the Oconto County Jail a month ago, and the state said a recording can be viewed at the jail. Judge ruled that the county Information Services Department should generate a copy and get it to the defense team by Feb. 1.

A telephone conference was set for March 1 to schedule a final pre-trial conference and motions hearing.

OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of Jan. 6

• George K. Watruba, 62, Marinette, pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine in connection with an incident that occurred Sept. 6. Judge Jay N. Conley scheduled sentencing for March 6 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

• Michael James Kriescher, 43, Abrams, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to repeated sexual assault of the same child, first-degree child sexual assault, and one other related charge. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Feb. 16.

• Melvin Sterling Zarda, 28, Crandon, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to two counts of battery or threat to a law officer, two counts of felony bail jumping, and misdemeanor

charges of criminal trespass, resisting or obstructing an officer, battery and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 30. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Feb. 16.

Proceedings of Jan. 4

• Ben E. Noack, 46, Lena, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges of fourth-degree sexual assault and bail jumping, in connection with an incident that occurred April 24, and felony bail jumping, in connection with an incident that occurred June 27. Several other charges were dismissed in a plea agreement. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for March 3 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Proceedings of Jan. 3

• Decarlo L. Denny, 34, Oconto, pleaded guilty to charges of possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor

obstructing or resisting an officer, in connection with an incident that occurred Jan. 7, 2022, as well as felony bail jumping and two misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer, in connection with an incident that occurred March 10. Several other counts were dismissed in a plea agreement. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for March 2 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

• After a preliminary hearing, Ethan Paul Miller, 19, Oconto Falls, was bound over and pleaded not guilty to second-degree sexual assault of a child in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 14. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Feb. 16.

• Troy E. Mucha, 32, Lakewood, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to possession of methamphetamine and

misdemeanor counts of possession of drug paraphernalia and operating a motor vehicle while his license was revoked, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 21. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Feb. 16.

• Jacob Brian School, 36, Oconto Falls, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over on a charge of intimidating the victim of a domestic abuse crime, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 9. Arraignment was scheduled for Jan. 12.

• Tyler Maurice Jubenville, 22, Niagara, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over on charges of bail jumping and misdemeanor possession of THC, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Sept. 12. Arraignment was scheduled for Feb. 16.

OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Jan. 3

Deputies responded to 40 incidents, including harassment on Parkway Road in the Town of Spruce, a death investigation in the Town of Underhill, suspicious activity on Grasse Court in the Town of Stiles, suspicious activity near Mead Avenue and River Island Drive in Oconto Falls, two traffic stops, one traffic hazard, three traffic offenses, one citizen assist, one miscellaneous traffic incident, two welfare checks; two open-line 911 calls; two crashes, one involving deer.

Jan. 2

Deputies responded to 34 incidents, including suspicious activity on East Frontage Road in the Town of Abrams, property damage on Nicolet Road in the Town of Townsend, suspicious activity on North Procupine Lake Road in the Town of Spruce, animal neglect on County Road S in the Town of Little

River, a death investigation in Lena, suspicious activity on West Main Street in Lena, four traffic stops, one traffic offense, two citizen assists, one miscellaneous traffic incident, two welfare checks; one 911 hangup and two open lines; one ambulance call; one crash, involving deer.

Jan. 1

Deputies responded to 44 incidents, including a noise disturbance on Lilac Road in the Town of Little Suamico, a noise disturbance on North Franklin Street in Oconto Falls, an assault on West Crooked Lake Lane in the Town of Riverview, a death investigation in Gillett, a disturbance near state Highway 32 and Gohr Road in the Town of Chase, four traffic stops, four traffic offenses, one citizen assist, one miscellaneous traffic incident, one welfare check; three 911 hangups and two open lines; one ambulance call; six

crashes.

Dec. 31

Deputies responded to 32 incidents, including a vicious animal on County Road HH in the Town of Underhill, a disturbance on Brazeau Avenue in Oconto, fire on Allen Road in the Town of Little Suamico, a disturbance on Pecor Street in Oconto, fireworks near County Road J and Chicken Shack Road in the Town of Oconto, intoxication on County Road EE in the Town of Abrams, four traffic stops, two traffic offenses, one miscellaneous traffic incident, two welfare checks; four 911 hangups and one open line; one ambulance call; one crash.

Dec. 30

Deputies responded to 46 incidents, including suspicious activity on Tibbet Court in the Town of Little Suamico, suspicious activity near East County Line Road and County Road Y in the

Town of Little River, threatening on County Road Z in the Town of Maple Valley, a weapon offense near County Road E and Valentine Road in the Town of Abrams, fraud on South Washington Street in Oconto Falls, 11 traffic stops, one traffic hazard, three traffic offenses; four 911 hangups and two open lines; one ambulance call; seven crashes.

Dec. 29

Deputies responded to 33 incidents, including an unwanted party on Washington Street in Oconto, suspicious activity on Silver Hill Road in the Town of Mountain, suspicious activity near County Roads E and EE in the Town of Abrams, a disturbance on Geano Beach Road in the Town of Abrams, four traffic stops, one traffic offense, one citizen assist, two miscellaneous traffic incidents; three 911 hangups; one ambulance call; five crashes, three involving deer.

SPRING ELECTION 2023

Three-way race to succeed Ragen in Little Suamico

Two incumbents bow out in Oconto Falls School Board race

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Town of Little Suamico, which has become Oconto County's most populous municipality, has a three-way primary election for town chair, with longtime chairman Elmer Ragen opting not to seek another term.

The candidates in the Feb. 19 primary are Dale Mohr, Frank Nowak and incumbent Supervisor David Pribyl. There are five candidates for the remaining two seats on the town board, including Pribyl, Nowak, Douglas Allen Sr., Tracey Krumrei and Liz Paape.

The top two vote-getters for chairman, and the top four for town board, advance to the April 4 ballot.

The Oconto Falls School Board

will have two new faces come April, as both incumbents decided not to run for reelection this year.

Longtime board member Jan Stranz and first-term member Adam Adler filed notices of non-candidacy, indicating they do not plan to seek another term.

Three candidates filed their nomination papers for the two available seats before the Jan. 3 deadline: Carrie Hill, Ginny O'Harrow and Emilie Trudell.

Among other municipal and school board races around the county:

OCONTO FALLS CITY COUNCIL: Devin Wirtz, Ashley Bahrke and Mathew McDermid are running for reelection without opposition.

GILLETT CITY COUNCIL: Half of the six-member council is up for election every year. All three incumbent alderpersons — Matt Stroik, Gary Spaulding and Debbie Rudie — decided not to run for reelection. No one registered to run for Stroik's seat in Ward 1. Jerry Luther

is running to succeed Spaulding in Ward 2, and Irene Drake is running to succeed Rudie in Ward 3. Also, Randy Winkler is unopposed for a new term as multijurisdictional municipal judge.

GILLETT SCHOOL BOARD: Ron Lenz and Nanette Mohr are running for reelection unopposed.

VILLAGE OF LENA: Village President Steve Marquardt is seeking another term, as are Village Trustees Terry Hinds, Robert Borchert and Nicholas Heise. All are unopposed.

LENA SCHOOL BOARD: Lori Dufek is unopposed for reelection.

VILLAGE OF SURING: Leslie Steffek is running for reelection for village president, and there are five candidates for three seats on the Village Board — incumbents Terry Bengston, James Kohlwey and Amber Wozniak, along with challengers Mark Dudenhoeffer and Tina Nieling.

SURING SCHOOL BOARD: Gary Regal, David Lally and Cathleen

Lundgren are all unopposed for reelection.

CITY OF OCONTO: Cheryl A. Young and Steve Brazeau are running for municipal judge, and there are four candidates for two seats on the city council: Rachel Demerath, Bob LeBreck, Garrett Sowle and Riley Sowle.

OCONTO SCHOOL BOARD: School board members Connie Brabant (rural seat) and Doug Thompson (city seat) are unopposed for reelection.

PULASKI SCHOOL BOARD: Jennifer Schwartz is running unopposed for a three-year term in Zone 4, representing the towns of Maple Grove and Lessor. Michael Voelker decided not to run for reelection. In Zone 6 (Village of Hobart, Town of Oneida), incumbent Heidi Melzer, the board president, is challenged by Corey Juelich. Running for a one-year term in Zone 2 (Towns of Chase, Little Suamico, Morgan) are incumbent Alisa Anderson and Dennis R. Kaminski.

OBITUARIES

Vickey Christnot

Vickey Christnot, 60, of Green Bay, passed away peacefully Monday, Jan. 2, 2023, with her family at her side. She was born Jan. 9, 1962, in Shawano, daughter of the late Norman Bubolz and Donna (Jacobson) Bubolz and was a graduate of Gillett High School, Class of 1980.

Vickey worked full time at Walmart for 37 years. She managed several different departments at different times over her career. She was a hardworking, dependable and dedicated employee who will be greatly missed.

Vickey was a gifted athlete, excelling at everything she played. She loved golf, volleyball, softball and horseshoes. More than once did she outdrive the men's longest drive at a golf outing, or be the "ringer vham" of the horseshoe league she was in. She was the first female athlete to compete at the state track meet from Gillett High School. God gifted her with a very special talent.

She loved the outdoors. Fishing was her passion. From the shore, a boat or through the ice, she loved fishing. Many of times people would see her with pole in hand and her gentle voice calling out, "Heeere, fishy fishy fishy," and it worked more often than not. She



was also an avid hunter, camper and tubed down any river. She always looked forward to spending time up north with her family at their cabin.

Vickey was very family oriented

and was cherished by both families. She married Richard Christnot on May 1, 1997, in Green Bay. Although she had no children of her own, when she met her second husband, Richard, he was a single parent with a 7-year-old son. She took Keith under her wing and helped raised him as her own. She now has a successful son and two grandchildren who call her Grandma. She was first and foremost a loving and devoted wife who will be greatly missed by her husband, Richard.

Vickey is survived by her husband, Richard; stepson, Keith J. Christnot; step-grandchildren, Nathan and Jessica Christnot; her mother, Donna Bubolz; and siblings, Robin (Gene) Miller, Karen (Richard) Herzog, Tami (Randy) Umentum and Michael (Karla) Bubolz. She

is further survived by her stepmother, Susan Oesterreich, 10 aunts and uncles, 15 nieces and nephews, 18 great-nieces and great-nephews, and a great-great-nephew.

She was preceded in death by her father, Norman Bubolz; four grandparents; three aunts; and an uncle.

At Vickey's request, she wanted a direct cremation. A gathering for family and close friends will be held at a later date.

Richard and Vickey would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to her families for their prayers, love and support, Donna Bubolz and her entire

family, the Christnot family, her Walmart friends and coworkers, with special thanks to Tom and Shane, her Pauly G's family, with special thanks to Paul

and his wife, Connie.

She was always "Daddy's Little Girl."

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Bingo has a new home at Shawano County Fair

Building was constructed using COVID-19 tourism money

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

With bingo becoming more and more popular each year, the Shawano County Fair will feature a new building for the event at the 2023 fair.

Shawano Speedway and Fairgrounds Marketing and Promotions Manager Brad Luepke said that constructing a new building has been in the works for a while. When at the fairgrounds, the new building will be used in place of the usual tent on the northeast end of the complex.

"Bingo has gotten so big there that we felt that we had to put a nicer, permanent facility up and not just have a tent," said Luepke. "The means came to us, so we were able to do it and obviously it changes the landscape of this place, but it is going to be pretty beneficial to our fair."

Luepke went on to say that the idea was conceived during the COVID-19 pandemic, as the fairgrounds received tourism money that it could only use for certain things, one of those being upgrading the grounds.

"Since we had the resources for it, we thought, 'Let's do it,'" said Luepke.

When talking about bingo, Luepke noted how popular the game is during the fair, saying that it continues to grow each year. While he did not have an explanation for why bingo is so popular, he said that the bingo tent is packed with players from the time it starts to the time it ends. Luepke also theorized that the new building may entice even more fair visitors to play bingo.

"(Bingo) is just something that sort of caught on," said Luepke. "(The building) is just going to be more convenient — it is going to be a nicer facility, and it won't be as dark. It is just going to be a better environment for people to sit in."

He added that the members on

the Agriculture Society Board want to keep improving the fair and are always looking for ways to make the fair better and more enjoyable among visitors. According to Luepke, this new bingo building fits in line with improving the fair.

"This is the first new building that has been put on this property in a long time," said Luepke. "The goal for the Ag Society Board is to always improve in every aspect of what we do here, and this is going to be a big improvement."

When the fair opens and bingo starts, Luepke said that he expects there to be an overall positive response from those who are going to participate in bingo.

"I think that the first session is going to be a battle to see if you can get a table in there or not, because I think it will be full," said Luepke. "The reaction that I have got from the public has been nothing but positive. They are excited for it to be here."

He said that the building has been in the process of being constructed since last year's fair, when it was just a concrete slab. Building the structure came later, though, as the walls and ceiling on the building were finished right before the new year hit. From there, the final step that needs to be completed is the addition of doors.

"The process of building it has been a week, but the process of putting it together has probably been a good year," said Luepke.

"The biggest thing is that we are always trying to get better every year; and whether it is an event or a building, the goal for the ag society is to always improve," said Luepke. "The support that this community gives this piece of property is like no other fair; it is because of them that we do this."



A new building is waiting for garage doors to be placed on it at the Shawano County Fairgrounds. The new building was constructed to house bingo during the Shawano County Fair, something that Shawano Speedway and Fairgrounds Marketing and Promotions Manager Brad Luepke said would be an improvement over holding it under a tent.

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Using COVID-19 tourism money, the Shawano County Fair will have a new bingo building for fair-goers to see and utilize. Constructing a new building falls in line with what Shawano Speedway and Fairgrounds Marketing and Promotions Manager Brad Luepke called improving every year.

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Wilson waives preliminary hearing

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

Jeffrey D. Wilson waived his preliminary hearing on Jan. 5 in relation to the alleged sexual assault of a 6-year-old girl.

Wilson, 65, of Pulaski, was charged July 26, 2022, with one count of first-degree child sexual

assault with a child under 13. He is accused of touching and rubbing the private area of a family friend's 6-year-old daughter on July 13. If convicted, Wilson faces up to 60 years in prison.

Represented by attorney Quinn Jolly, Wilson elected to waive his preliminary hearing, giving a waiver form to Shawano-Menom-

inee County Circuit Court Judge Katherine Sloma.

"We are set for a preliminary hearing this afternoon, and I am told that it is a waiver," said Sloma.

Sloma then asked Wilson questions to ensure that he wasn't influenced into signing the waiver, including if anyone has made threats to him or if he was under

the influence of alcohol or drugs. Answering the questions, Wilson confirmed that he had signed the waiver without influence.

Sloma accepted the waiver, ruled that probable cause was found and bound the matter over for arraignment at 9 a.m. Feb. 3.

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DATCP accepting applications for crop grants

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is accepting applications for 2022 Specialty Crop Block Grants through Feb. 27, 2023.

Eligible projects include those that focus on enhancing the competitiveness of specialty crop industries through research, education or market development. DATCP encourages nonprofit organizations, producer groups,

government agencies, universities and other agricultural organizations to apply. Applications may involve collaborations or partnerships between entities.

DATCP will use a competitive review process to select the most qualified projects. Selected projects will be included in Wisconsin's state plan, which is submitted to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for approval and funding.

Projects can receive grant funds

for up to three years. Typical projects receive between \$10,000 and \$100,000. Eligible project expenses include compensation for personnel, consultant services, materials and supplies. In anticipation of receiving funding, selected project contracts and work will begin in November 2023.

Grant information and application materials, including a video detailing the application process, are available at <https://datcp.wi.gov/>

Pages/Growing_WI/SpecialtyCrop-BlockGrants.aspx. For information, contact Ryan Dunn at ryand.dunn@wisconsin.gov or 608-590-7239.

Since 2007, this grant has provided funding for more than 310 projects, totaling more than \$16.7 million. Specialty crops include fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, nursery crops, herbs and more. Find a full list of eligible crops and information about the program at www.ams.usda.gov/scbgs.



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New Bonduel gym gets community view

Facility to open to public May 15 with only a few items left to be completed

By **LEE PULASKI**
City Editor

Residents of the Bonduel School District got their first glimpse into the new gymnasium at Bonduel Middle-High School that is part of the \$12.5 million referendum approved by voters.

The gym is well on its way to completion, with the target date of May 15 appearing to be easily attainable. Superintendent Joe Dawidziak noted the district wants to have the high school graduation be its first big event in the new facility.

"The last part of the project is the parking lot," Dawidziak said. "That is currently the construction entrance. Landscaping outside and the parking lot will be the last things before we open up, and that's going to be in the April timeframe. There's some minor stuff to be done, but it's beginning to wind down."

Dawidziak noted the timeline would be dependent on when paving companies open up for 2023, as the weather is a factor whenever paving projects are planned.

The gym already has scoreboards installed, along with images of Bonduel's bear mascot. Baskets are already hanging, and the walls are already painted. Work still needs to be done on the floors, and bleachers need to be installed. In the foyer, trophy cases still need to be created, and there is one area that Dawidziak said would be a monitor showcasing outstanding student achievements and other monitors hanging above showing commercials from business sponsors.

There are also plans to set up an interactive display that showcases championship teams from yesteryear.

"In a lot of institutions, particularly at the collegiate level, when you have trophies that are really, really old, they basically digitize them so they don't have to restore them anymore," Dawidziak said. "You can walk up to a screen at places like St. Norbert and if you want to see the 1950 team that won state softball, you'll be able to bring up pictures. You don't have a plaque anymore — everything is just touch screen."

Dawidziak noted that the new gymnasium has a spotlight that will allow athletics to have better opening ceremonies and for any visiting



An image of Bonduel's bear mascot is featured prominently on one of the walls in the new Bonduel Middle-High School gymnasium, with scoreboards and baskets already in place.

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New bathroom facilities adjacent to the gymnasium are still being worked on, but Bonduel School District officials expect everything to be ready by the May 15 opening.

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concerts to look better visually. The lighting system is set up so that all the lights can be dimmed when needed.

"For things like player introductions or the finals of a wrestling meet, you can turn everything down and just have that spotlight,"

Dawidziak said. "It seems like something simple, but we've never had that before, so that'll be a really cool feature."

Dawidziak said he has been getting positive responses from the community members who attended the Jan. 9 open house.

"For us, it's a really big deal," Dawidziak said. "It's certainly going to provide relief with space and how long kids are here at night after school. That was one of the goals and ideas, to give us more space."

He acknowledged that the new gym, in concert with the other two gyms at the school, is expected to remain very busy, not only with school events and athletic practices but also with community activities.

Dawidziak noted that the work at Bonduel Elementary School that was part of the referendum package was recently completed over the Christmas break. The school did not have modern security measures or a layout that would inhibit parents or community members from walking randomly through the building, but that was remedied.

"It's different in a positive way," Dawidziak said. "No longer can you go in the door and have free rein. There's no more of that. It looks awesome."

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DNR, tech college board holdouts resign

Resignations by GOP-appointed members, whose terms expired last year, come after Evers' reelection

By **CHRISTINA LIEFFRING**
The Badger Project

Approximately 20 months after their terms ended, three members of the Wisconsin Technical College System board resigned before the new year, days before Gov. Tony Evers was sworn in for a second term.

The Badger Project obtained the resignation letters of Becky Levzow, Kelly Tourdot and Mary Williams from the tech college system. The three women submitted the letters last week stating they would leave their positions before Jan. 1. Their profiles have been removed from the Wisconsin Technical College System website.

The trio were appointed by former Gov. Scott Walker and joined the board in 2015. Despite their terms expiring in May 2021, all three had refused to step down.

Their announcement comes after Fred Prehn, a Walker-appointed member of the state's Department of Natural Resources (DNR) board whose term also ended in May 2021, announced on Dec. 23 that he would step down. Attorney General Josh Kaul filed a lawsuit to remove Prehn from his position, but the conservative-leaning Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled last June that Prehn could not be removed without cause.

A Republican governor would have been able to appoint like-minded replacements for the holdouts' board seats, but the reelection of Evers ensures Republicans won't be able to approve their preferred candidates.

Ed Miller, a UW-Stevens Point political science professor emeritus, told The Badger Project in an email he was not surprised Prehn resigned after Evers was reelected.

"(State board) holdovers for more than four years find that service is getting a little long," Miller wrote. "Given that serving on a board is a volunteer position, individuals, even when they could continue, find it is time to leave."

Miller also pointed out that DNR board members have more influence on policy than members of the technical college board, "where the decisions are really made by the staff."

"Often donors are awarded the positions (on the technical college board), which are more honorific than



Fred Prehn, shown at a Wisconsin Natural Resources Board meeting on Aug. 11, 2021, announced on Dec. 23 that he would step down from the board, more than 18 months after his term expired.

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influential," Miller wrote.

Prehn had been the decisive swing vote in favor of Republicans on the DNR board.

Reached by phone, Williams, a former Republican state legislator, declined to comment. Levzow, a dairy farmer from Rio, also declined to answer questions, saying she was going out to milk her cows, but added "I am done with the position and I totally enjoyed it and I believe in education." The Badger Project left a phone message with Tourdot, a construction trade association executive from Waukegan, but did not receive a callback.

Senate Majority Leader Devin LeMahieu, R-Oostburg, announced in January 2022 that the state Senate would not hold hearings for the rest of the year on any of Evers' 180 unconfirmed appointees, including five cabinet secretaries. A sixth unconfirmed cabinet secretary, Karen Timberlake from the Department of Health and

Human Services stepped down at the end of Evers' first term.

In a November press conference, LeMahieu said he was willing to refer appointments to Senate Committees, which does not guarantee they will be brought before the Senate for a full vote.

Allowing the past appointee to go beyond the term is unconstitutional by violating the Constitution's allocation of powers and a violation of the statute that created the term, Miller wrote in an email to The Badger Project in September.

"The court majority is just making up the decision to adhere to their partisanship," Miller wrote. "Reflects badly on the court."

In her majority opinion for the court's right-leaning bloc, Wisconsin Supreme Court Chief Justice Annette Ziegler wrote that Prehn could stay past the end of his term until his successor is confirmed by the state Senate.

"This conclusion complies with the plain language of the Wisconsin Statutes and does not raise constitutional concerns," she wrote.

The court's three left-leaning justices disagreed.

"The majority's absurd holding allows Prehn's six-year term on the Board of Natural Resources — which expired over a year ago — to last for as long as Prehn wants it to, so long as he refuses to leave and the Senate doesn't confirm a successor nominated by the governor," Justice Rebecca Dallet wrote in her dissent.

"It's kind of a sad commentary on the way that politics is going these days," Joseph Heim, a UW-La Crosse political science professor emeritus, told The Badger Project in September. "It seems to me it's a groundbreaking tactic that just adds to the overall turmoil in the government in Wisconsin."

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SATURDAY				MORNING / AFTERNOON																		JAN. 14	
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ABC	Good Morning America (N)		Good Morning America (N)		Wildlife Morning	oh baby! (N)	Hearts of Wildlife	Saving Pets oh baby!	Sports Stars Homeowner	NBA Countdown (N)	NBA Basketball Milwaukee Bucks at Miami Heat. FTX Arena. (N) (Live)				Have a Dream Inside Edition	True Crime: Identity Theft	Nutrisearch BOGO!	Paid Program	Paid Prog. Gone Viral	Paid Program	ABC World News		
WACW																							
WBAY																							
CBS	Mission CBS Sat	Hope in the Wild (N)	CBS Sat Lucky Dog	Innovation Nation	Mission Unstoppable (N)	Hope in the Wild (N)	Lucky Dog "Speckles"	Did I Mention Invention?	TBA Paid Program	Inside College Basketball (N)	College Basketball Wisconsin at Indiana. Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall. (N)				To Be Announced						TBA Paid Program	CBS Weekend News	
WFRV																							
WSAW																							
FOX	Xplor. Planet News	Xploration Space	Life 2.0	Sci Q	Theft Life 2.0	Paid Program Sci Q	Paid Prog. Help Now	True Crime: Identity Theft	Identity Theft TBA	Paid Program	To Be Announced				College Basketball Colorado at UCLA. Pauley Pavilion. (N)		TBA Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Sheldon Greatest Sports	Sheldon Greatest		
WZAW																							
WLUK																							
NBC	Today 12 (6:00)	906 Outdoors	Today's Homeowner	Paid Program Saving Pets	Earth Odyssey With Dylan	Wild Child (N)	Harlem Globetrotters	One Team Sports	Paid Prog. The Voyager	Premier League Soccer Brentford vs AFC Bournemouth. (N)				Swimming TYR Pro Series. From Knoxville, Tenn. (N)		PGA Tour Golf Sony Open in Hawaii, Third Round. (N)				Paid Program	NBC Nightly News		
WGBA																							
WJFW																							
PBS	Hero Elementary	Alma's Way	Curious George	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	Best of Sewing With Nancy	Quilting Arts "Surface Design"	Garden Smart "Old and New Plants"	Classic Woodworking "Shaker Box"	Jacques Pépin: Heart & Soul	Lidia's Kitchen "A Frugal Feast"	Steven Raichlen's Project Fire	Taste-MAKERS	Cook's Country "Saucy Italian-Inspired Dinners"	Christopher Kimball's Milk Street	Sara's Weeknight Meals	Pati's Mexican Table	This Old House Dis: connecting the main power.	Ask This Old House	Weekends With Yankee	Modern Pioneering With Georgia Pellegrini	The Lawrence Welk Show "Memories of Nat King Cole" A salute to the songs of Nat King Cole.		
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WACY	Hearts oh baby!	Paid	Mak	Paid	Paid	Out	MidWest	Bensin	World's	World's	SOS: Survive		Silver		Musky	Angling	Heartland		Mod	Mod	Gold	Gold	
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CW	Outdoor Pop-star!	Paid Program 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	Tails of Valor	Science Live Life-Win	Health MyPillow	Luminess Rescue	Cook Like Theft	Boundless ** So I Married an Axe Murderer (1993)	WOW - Women Of Wrestling (N)		Sports Highway	Greatest Sports		The Big Bang Theory	Last Man Burgers	Last Man Burgers		
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ABC			9 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	9 Financially Speaking with Buska Re	Will Trent "Pilot" Will Trent relies on his keen instincts. Ⓢ Ⓜ (DVS)		Will Trent "I'm a Pretty Observant Guy" Will becomes frustrated. Ⓢ Ⓜ (DVS)		Shark Tank An African-inspired home-decor line. Ⓢ Ⓜ (DVS)		9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)	9 (:35) Weird Earth	9 (:05) The Song "Cole Swindell" (N) Ⓢ Ⓜ	9 (:35) Storm of Suspicion (N) Same-day Tape
9 WAOW 2 WBAY			9 Action 2 News at Six (N)	9 Paid Prog.							9 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	9 (:35) Investigate TV		
CBS			9 Game Time With Boomer	9 Discover Wisconsin Ⓢ	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		48 Hours Ⓢ Ⓜ		9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)	9 (:35) HS Sports Xtra (N)	9 (:05) Friends "Cole Swindell" (N)	9 (:35) Friends Ⓢ Ⓜ
9 WFRV 7 WSAW			7 NewsChannel 7 at 6	7 Inside Edition Weekend (N) Ⓢ							7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	7 (:35) Beat the Odds	7 (:05) The Song "Cole Swindell" (N)	7 (:35) Opry (N) Same-day Tape
FOX			9 The Big Bang Theory "The Gorilla Dissolution"	9 The Big Bang Theory Ⓢ Ⓜ	Name That Tune "The Main Event for Big Gold" Chris Jericho; Adam Rippon. Ⓢ Ⓜ (DVS)		Special Forces: World's Toughest Test "Weakness" The recruits arrive for training. Ⓢ Ⓜ (DVS)	9 The Big Bang Theory	9 The Big Bang Theory Leonard tries to ease Penny's mind. Ⓢ		Hell's Kitchen "Wok This Way" The chefs must make dishes using a wok. Ⓢ Ⓜ (DVS)	9 S.W.A.T. "27 David" Ⓜ	9 Seinfeld "The Maestro" Ⓜ	9 The King of Queens Carrie helps Holly with dog walking. Ⓢ
53 WZAW 11 WLUK			11 Jeopardy!	11 Wheel of Fortune Ⓢ Ⓜ				11 To Be Announced						
NBC			23 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) Ⓜ	23 Paid Program	America's Got Talent: All-Stars "Auditions 2" Winners, finalists and more audition. Ⓢ Ⓜ			Saturday Night Live Ⓢ Ⓜ			23 News	(:29) Saturday Night Live Ⓢ Ⓜ		
23 WGBA 12 WJFW			12 Inside the Huddle	12 Wheel of Fortune "America's Game" Ⓢ							12 Newswatch 12 Saturday			
PBS			The Carol Burnett Show Guests: Sid Caesar and Ella Fitzgerald.		Father Brown "The Viper's Tongue" Mrs. McCarthy's life is threatened. Ⓢ Ⓜ	Sister Boniface Mysteries "Lights, Camera, Murder!" A real gun is fired on a local film set. Ⓢ Ⓜ		Frankie Drake Mysteries "Life is a Cabaret" Frankie's search for his lady-friend. Ⓢ Ⓜ		Agatha Christie's Poirot "Hallowe'en Party" A young girl is discovered drowned in an apple-bobbing bucket. Ⓢ Ⓜ	The Suspicions of Mr Whicher A village faces a grave crime so Mr. Whicher investigates. Ⓜ			
20 WHRM 38 WLEF 38 WPNE														
42 WACY			Women's College Basketball: Panthers at Mastodons			Family Feud Ⓢ	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	The Simpsons	Family Guy Ⓢ	Family Guy Ⓢ	S.W.A.T. Ⓜ	
45 WTPX			Law & Order: Special Victims Unit			Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
CW			13 The Big Bang Theory Ⓢ Ⓜ	13 The Big Bang Theory Sheldon considers a change. Ⓜ	Criss Angel's Magic With the Stars "Metamorphosis" Lolo Jones; Frankie Muniz. Ⓢ Ⓜ	World's Funniest Animals Special guest Sara Waisglass. (N) Ⓜ	World's Funniest Animals Kennedy Mann; AJ Gibson. Ⓢ	13 The Rookie Ⓜ (DVS)	13 Crown Vic (2019) Suspense Bridget Moynahan. Ⓜ	13 The National Desk (N) (Live)	13 TMZ (N) Ⓢ Ⓜ		13 To the Rescue Ⓢ (E) Ⓜ	
14 WCWF 34 WYOW			13 The Good Doctor Ⓢ Ⓜ					13 Family Guy Ⓜ (DVS)						

SUNDAY			MORNING / AFTERNOON																		JAN. 15		
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ABC	Good Morning America (N)		This Week W/ George Stephanopoulos		Capitol This Week	Up-Front	Financial UpFront	Packers Hearts of	Coldwell Vets-Pets	Wisconsin Free Ent.	Paid Program	Spanish Super Cup Soccer Final: Teams TBA. (N)					Heroes Paid Prog.	Outdoors Outages	Paid Program Identity Theft	ABC World News 9	News 9		
WBAY																							
CBS	TBA Sunrise 7 Sun.	Sunday Mass	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)			Face the Nation (N)		Game Day Retirement	TBA Paid Program	Paid Program	To Be Announced	Paid Program	Paid Program	PBR Bull Riding Tractor Supply Company Invitational. (Taped)		The NFL Today (N)	NFL Football Wild Card: Teams TBA. (N)					(Live)	
WFRV																							
WSAW																							
FOX	Theft News	Mountain Faith	FOX News Sunday (N)	Sharyl Attkisson	Invest. Fox News	Paid Program	Identity Theft TBA	Paid Program	College Basketball Marquette at Xavier. Cintas Center. (N)				To Be Announced								To Be Announced	Paid Prog. Best of GSL	Paid Program
WZAW																							
WLUK																							
NBC	Sunday Today With Willie Geist (N)		M't Press Athlete	Home Remodeler	Know Meet Press	MidWest Outdoors	Paid Prog. Remodeler	Paid Program The Huddle	Football Night in America (N)		NFL Football Wild Card: Teams TBA. (N)					PGA Tour Golf Sony Open in Hawaii, Final Round. (N)			News Identity Theft	NBC Nightly News			
WGBA																							
WJFW																							
PBS	Hero Elementary	Alma's Way	Curious George	Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood	Washington Week	Firing Line With Margaret Hoover	Here and Now	Market to Market	Agatha Christie's Poirot "Hallowe'en Party" A young girl is discovered drowned in an apple-bobbing bucket.			Bad Move "Deep End"	Father Brown "The Viper's Tongue" Mrs. McCarthy's life is threatened.	Sister Boniface Mysteries "Lights, Camera, Murder!" A real gun is fired on a local film set.		The U.S. and the Holocaust "Yearning to Breathe Free (1938-1942)" Individuals help refugees escape Nazis.			Brothertown History Oral tradition.				
WHRM																							
WLEF																							
WPNE																							
WACV	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					
WTPX	Bones	Bones		NCIS "Docked"		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS "The Wake"		NCIS					
CW	Worship Tomorrow	Daily In Touch	Catholic Mass	Paid Program Key of David	Outdoor Mass	Health Perry Stone	Larry K Mad Do	Paid Program	Polka Polka	Paid Program	Theft Paid Prog.	Paid Program	Paid Program	True Crime: Identity Theft	** The Guilt Trip (2012, Comedy) Barbra Streisand, Seth Rogen.		The Good Doctor "Hello" Shaun is in Andrews' crosshairs.		Paid Prog. WOW	Paid Program	TBA Critics' Choice Awards		
WCWF																							
WYOW																							

SUNDAY												EVENING												JAN. 15			
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			America's Funniest Home Videos			★★★★ Finding Nemo (2003, Children's) <i>Voices of Albert Brooks, Ellen DeGeneres, Alexander Gould.</i> Animated. A clown fish searches for his missing son. Ⓜ (DVS)				The Parent Test "You Have to Make a Superhuman" The parents cope with their own anxiety. Ⓜ (DVS)				9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)		9 Action 2 News at 10 (N)		9 (:35) Entertainment Tonight (N) Ⓜ (DVS)		9 (:35) Entertainment Tonight (N) Ⓜ (DVS)		9 (:35) Weather Gone Viral "Defying Nature"					
9 WAOW 2 WBAY																											
CBS			(3:30) NFL Football Wild Card: Teams TBA. (N) Ⓜ (Live) (DVS)			East New York "By the Book" The opening of Goody's is in jeopardy. (N) Ⓜ (DVS)				NCIS: Los Angeles "Best Seller" Sam's friend is being hunted. (N) Ⓜ (DVS)				East New York "CompStat Interruptus" Four partygoers fatally overdose. Ⓜ (DVS)		9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)		9 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)		9 To Be Announced		9 Sports Xtra		9 (:35) Joel Osteen Ministries			
5 WFRV 7 WSAW																				9 (:35) Investigate TV		9 Game Time With Boomer Esiason Ⓜ (DVS)		9 (:35) SEAL Team Ⓜ			
FOX			The Simpsons		Bob's Burgers Animated. The Belchers are out to a ball game.		The Simpsons Animated. Homer goes on a road trip with Lisa. Ⓜ		(:31) The Great North Animated. The Tobins fall under a spell. Ⓜ		Bob's Burgers Animated. Louise suspects something sinister. Ⓜ		Family Guy Animated. The Griffins' versions of three shows. Ⓜ		55 Seinfeld "The Postponement"		55 Seinfeld Elaine's friend comments on villas. Ⓜ (DVS)		55 The Goldbergs		55 Goldbergs		55 American Housewife		55 American Housewife Anna-Kat steals from a classmate. Ⓜ		
55 WZAW 11 WLUK			Ⓜ (DVS)												11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N)				11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N)		11 (:35) Sharyl Attkisson		11 (:05) The National Desk				
NBC			Lopez vs Lopez Ⓜ (DVS)		Football Night in America (N) Ⓜ (Live) (DVS)		(:15) NFL Football Wild Card: Teams TBA. (N) Ⓜ (Live) (DVS)												26 News		26 News		26 The Race		26 Graham Bensinger		
26 WGBA 12 WJFW																			12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm				12 Outdoorsman International		12 Funny You Ask		
PBS			Escape to the Chateau "The Wedding Season" Wedding season approaches. Ⓜ (DVS)			Miss Scarlet and the Duke on Masterpiece "Arabella's" Eliza thinks Arabella may be a criminal. (N) Ⓜ (DVS)				All Creatures Great and Small on Masterpiece "Honeymoon's Over" James and Helen enter married life. (N) Ⓜ (DVS)				Vienna Blood "Deadly Communion: Part 2" Max and Oskar pursue a killer. (N) Ⓜ (Part 2 of 2) (DVS)		Antiques Roadshow "Filoli Hour 2" Platinum diamond and onyx brooch. Ⓜ (Part 2 of 3) (DVS)		Austin City Limits "Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats; Adia Victoria" Ⓜ (DVS)									
20 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE																											
32 WACY 48 WTPX			Family Feud Ⓜ		Two/Half Men		★★ So I Married an Axe Murderer (1993, Comedy) <i>Mike Myers.</i>				Mom Ⓜ (DVS)		Mom Ⓜ (DVS)		The Simpsons		Bob's Burgers		Bob's Burgers		S.W.A.T. (DVS)						
CW			The 28th Annual Critics' Choice Awards Honoring cinematic and TV achievement. (N) Ⓜ (Live) (DVS)			NCIS Parker is framed for murder.				NCIS "Whiskey Tango Foxtrot" Ⓜ				NCIS "Past, Present and Future"		NCIS "Under the Radar" Ⓜ		NCIS "Anonymous Was a Woman"		NCIS "Once a Crook" Ⓜ							
14 WCWF 34 WYOW														19 WOW - Women Of Wrestling (N)		19 Chicago P.D. "Lines" Intelligence targets a drug-ring leader.		19 Truth of God		19 WOW - Women Of Wrestling (N) Ⓜ		19 Extra (N) Ⓜ (DVS)		19 Moviefone TV Ⓜ (DVS)			

WEEKDAYS										MORNING / AFTERNOON														JAN. 16			
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ABC	Good Morning America				9 Live 2 News	2 25 Words or Less	The View		9 News 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 9 Action 2 News	2 Action 2 News at 4:30	9 News 2 News	ABC World News					
CBS	CBS Mornings				9 Local 5 7 25 Words	7 Paid Program	The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless		9 News 9 NewsChannel 7	Bold and the Beautiful		The Talk		Let's Make a Deal		9 Friends 7 Clarkson	9 Friends	9 Local 5 News 7 Jdg Judy	9 Local 5 News 7 Jdg Judy	9 News 9 NewsChannel 7	CBS Evening News				
FOX	9 Business First 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	9 Ag Day	9 Dateline		9 Rachael Ray 11 Live with Kelly and Ryan		9 Jennifer 11 Living Amy	Varied Programs	9 Family Feud 11 Rachael	9 Family Feud	9 Blast 11 Varied	9 Daily Blast 11 Jdg Judy	9 Judge 11 Jennifer	Varied Programs	9 Hot Bench 11 Barrymore	9 Hot Bench 11 Barrymore	9 Judge 11 Peo. Court	9 Judge 11 Varied	9 News 11 Jdg Judy	9 Family Feud 11 Jdg Judy	9 Sheldon 11 News	9 Sheldon 11 Varied					
NBC	Today				Today 3rd Hour		Today With Hoda & Jenna		26 12	26 List 12 Neighborhood	NBC News Daily		26 Date-line 12 You Bet	12 Pictionary	26 Tamron Hall 12 Pictionary	12 Funny You Ask	26 12	12 TMZ	26 Family Feud 12 Up North	26 Aft. Focus 12 Jeopardy	26 News 12 News	NBC Nightly News					
PBS	20 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	This Old House	Cook's Country	Victoria on Masterpiece		(2:58) Les Misérables on Masterpiece		(:01) Odd Squad		Arthur	Molly of Denali	BBC World News America				
	32 WACY	Judge	Relative	Divorce	Divorce	Wom	Grill'n	iCRIME	iCRIME	First 48	Varied	Dateline		Chi. Fire	Varied	Sherri		TMZ Live		Mod	Mod	Gold	Gold				
	48 WTPX	Varied Programs																									
CW	14 National 14 WCWF 34 WYOW	34 Caught in Providence 34 Divor.	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	14 Sheldon 34 Judge				

MONDAY				EVENING												JAN. 16									
		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 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)		Entertainment To-night (N) 6		NFL Football Wild Card: Teams TBA. (N) 6 (Live) 6										9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N)		9 Action 2 News at 10 (N)		(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! 6 6		(:37) Nightline (N) 6			
9 WAOW 2 WBAY		9 Action 2 News at Six (N)				9 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 6		9 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 6		9 Inside Edition (N) 6 6		The Neighborhood		Bob Hearts Abishola		NCIS "Bridges" An unusual murder of a Calvin and Tina go to Madrid. (N) 6		NCIS: Hawai'i "Rising Sun" Agent Pike is ambushed. (N) 6 6 (DVS)		9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)		9 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)		(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert 6 6	
5 WFRV 7 WSAW		9 Local 5 News at 6:00 (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6		9 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 6		9 Inside Edition (N) 6 6		The Neighborhood		Bob Hearts Abishola		NCIS "Bridges" An unusual murder of a Calvin and Tina go to Madrid. (N) 6		NCIS: Hawai'i "Rising Sun" Agent Pike is ambushed. (N) 6 6 (DVS)		9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)		9 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)		(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert 6 6		(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden 6 6			
FOX		63 The Big Bang Theory 6 6		63 The Big Bang Theory 6		Fantasy Island (N) 6 6 (DVS)		Alert: Missing Persons Unit (N) 6 6 (DVS)		63 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N)		63 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)		63 Seinfeld "The Wink" Wink causes problems for George. 6		63 Seinfeld 6		63 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) 6		63 Last Man Standing 6		63 Last Man Standing 6		63 The Goldbergs 6	
55 WZAW 11 WLUK		11 Jeopardy! (N) 6 6		11 Wheel of Fortune (N) 6														11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) 6		11 Standing 6		11 (:07) The King of Queens 6		11 (:35) The King of Queens 6	
NBC		12 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 6		23 Family Feud		America's Got Talent: All-Stars "Auditions 3" Winners, finalists and more audition. (N) 6 6		Quantum Leap 6 6		12 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N)		12 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)		12 Seinfeld "The Wink" Wink causes problems for George. 6		12 Seinfeld 6		12 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) 6		12 Last Man Standing 6		12 (:07) The King of Queens 6		12 (:35) The King of Queens 6	
26 WGBA 12 WJFW		12 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N)		12 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N)		America's Got Talent: All-Stars "Auditions 3" Winners, finalists and more audition. (N) 6 6		Quantum Leap 6 6		12 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N)		12 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)		12 Seinfeld "The Wink" Wink causes problems for George. 6		12 Seinfeld 6		12 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) 6		12 Last Man Standing 6		12 (:07) The King of Queens 6		12 (:35) The King of Queens 6	
PBS		PBS NewsHour (N) 6 6		Antiques Roadshow "Filoli Hour 3" A vintage LGBTQ& T-shirt collection. (N) 6 (Part 3 of 3) 6		Why Race Matters: MLK Day Special (N)		Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration 2023 The 42nd annual State of Wisconsin tribute and ceremony honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (N)		Independent Lens "The Big Payback" Monetary justice for Blacks. (N) 6 6 (DVS)		All Creatures Great and Small on Masterpiece James and Helen enter married life. 6													
20 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE		Family Feud 6		Two/Half Men		Dateline 6 6		Chicago P.D. "Home" 6		My News at 9		NBC 26 Tonight		Two/Half Men		Am Housewife		Am Housewife		Mom 6 6					
32 WACY 46 WTPX		Criminal Minds "Red Light" 6		Criminal Minds "Wheels Up" 6		Criminal Minds "To a Better Place"		Criminal Minds "Blue Angel" 6		Criminal Minds "Killer App" 6		Criminal Minds "Lucky Strikes" 6													
CW		10 The Big Bang Theory 6 6		10 The Big Bang Theory 6		All American "Feeling Myself" Spencer joins Olivia in her quest. 6 6		All American: Homecoming "Me, Myself & I" Simone reclaims her power. 6 6		10 Last Man Standing 6		10 Seinfeld 6		10 The National Desk (N) (Live)		10 The National Desk (N) (Live)		10 Last Man Standing 6		10 Young Sheldon 6					
14 WCWF 34 WYOW		10 Divorce Court (N) 6 6		10 Divorce Court 6						10 The Liquidator 6 6 (DVS)						10 black-ish 6 6		10 black-ish 6 (DVS)		10 Family Guy 6					

TUESDAY				EVENING						JAN. 17			
		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 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	Entertainment To-night (N) 1 2	The Rookie "Death Notice" A dangerous prisoner needs surgery. (N) 1 2 (DVS)		The Rookie: Feds "Out for Blood" (N) 1 2 (DVS)		Will Trent "Don't Let It Happen Again" A small-town murder. (N) 1 2 (DVS)		9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) 9 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! 1 2		(:37) Nightline (N) 2
CBS		6 Local 5 News at 6:00 7 (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6	6 Locker Room (N) 7 Locker Room	FBI "Hero's Journey" The team must secure a massive bomb. 1 2		FBI: International "Unburdened" A police detective is murdered. 1 2		FBI: Most Wanted "Iron Pipeline" Remy plans for his mother's care. 1 2		6 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 6 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert 1 2		(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden 1 2
FOX		33 The Big Bang Theory 1 2	33 The Big Bang Theory 2	9-1-1: Lone Star (Season Premiere) (N) 1 2 (DVS)		To Be Announced		33 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	33 Seinfeld Elaine's guest arrives for the marathon. 1 2	33 Seinfeld "The Cartoon" 2 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) 2	33 Last Man Standing 2 11 (:07) The King of Queens 2	33 Last Man Standing 2 11 (:07) The King of Queens 2	33 The Goldbergs 1 11 (:35) The King of Queens 1
NBC		6 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 2 6 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N) 2	6 Family Feud 12 Wheel of Fortune "Collette" (N)	Night Court "Pilot" Abby Stone takes over a night court. 1	Night Court Abby pushes Dan to embrace his new role. (N) 2	New Amsterdam "Right Place" Max and Wilder face a dilemma. (N) 1 2 (DVS)		(:01) New Amsterdam "How Can I Help?" (Series Finale) Stories reach surprising conclusions. (N) 1 2 (DVS)		6 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 6 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon 1 2		(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers 1 2
PBS		PBS NewsHour (N) 1 2		Finding Your Roots With Henry Louis Gates, Jr. "Secret Lives" Comics Carol Burnett and Niecy Nash. (N) 1 2		American Experience "Zora Neale Hurston: Claiming a Space" Author Zora Neale Hurston. (N) 1 2 (DVS)				Secrets of the Dead "King Arthur's Lost Kingdom" The legend of King Arthur. 1 2		NOVA "Beyond the Elements: Reactions" Chemical reactions transform the world. 1 2 (DVS)	
WACY		Family Feud 1	Two/Half Men	Dateline "The Investigation" 2		Chicago P.D. "Fallen" 1		My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	Mom 1 2
WTPX		Chicago Fire 1 2		Chicago Fire 1 2		Chicago Fire "The Nuclear Option"		Chicago Fire "Madmen and Fools"		Chicago Fire 1 2		Chicago Fire "Winterfest" 1	
CW		13 The Big Bang Theory 1 2	13 The Big Bang Theory 2	The Winchesters "Art of Dying" John's eagerness worries Mary. 1 2		Mysteries Decoded "Curse of the Con-juring House" Terrifying home in Rhode island. 1 2		13 Last Man Stand-ing 2	13 Seinfeld "The Car-toon" 1	13 The National Desk (N) (Live)	13 The National Desk (N) (Live)	13 Last Man Standing 2	13 Young Shel-don 1
WCWF		13 Divorce Court (N) 1 2		13 Divorce Court 2				13 The Liquidator 2	13 Chicago P.D. "Fallen" 1		13 black-ish 1 2	13 black-ish 2	13 Family Guy 1
WYOW													

WEDNESDAY				EVENING				JAN. 18							
		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 News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N) (H)	The Conners Darlene and Ben get into a fight. (N) (H)	The Goldbergs "Amadofus" Dave Kim returns to Jenkintown.	Abbott Elementary "Fundraiser" (N) (H) (DVS)	(31) Home Economics A natural disaster strikes. (H) (DVS)	Big Sky "That Old Feeling" (Season Finale) Sunny makes a fiery decision. (N) (H) (DVS)		9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) 9 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (H) (H)		(37) Nightline (N) (H)		
CBS		9 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 9 (5:59) NewsChannel 7 at 6	9 Green Bay Nation (N) 9 Inside Edition (N) (H) (H)	The Price Is Right at Night Gifted contestants compete. (N) (H) (H)		Lingo (N) (H) (H)		Tough as Nails "That's a Safety Hazard" The crews must service automobiles. (N) (H) (H)		9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 9 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (H) (H)		(37) The Late Late Show With James Corden (H) (H)		
FOX		55 The Big Bang Theory (H) (H) 11 Jeopardy! (N) (H) (H)	55 The Big Bang Theory (H) 11 Wheel of Fortune (N) (H)	Name That Tune (N) (H) (H) (DVS)		Special Forces: World's Toughest Test (N) (H) (H) (DVS)		55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	55 Seinfeld "The Soup Nazi" Vendor won't serve Jerry's friend. (H)	55 Seinfeld "The Strong Box" (H) 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	55 Last Man Standing (H) 11 (:07) The King of Queens (H)	55 Last Man Standing (H) 11 (:07) The King of Queens (H)	55 The Goldbergs (H) 11 (:35) The King of Queens (H)		
NBC		12 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) (H) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N) (H)	25 Family Feud 12 Wheel of Fortune "Collette" (N)	Chicago Med "We All Know What They Say About Assumptions" Asher and Archer clash with Jack Dayton. (N) (H) (H) (DVS)		Chicago Fire "How Does It End?" Truck and squad clash. (N) (H) (H) (DVS)		Chicago P.D. "I Can Let You Go" Sean O'Neal surprises Upton. (N) (H) (H) (DVS)		12 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (H) (H)		(37) Late Night With Seth Meyers (H) (H)		
PBS		PBS NewsHour (N) (H) (H)		Nature "WildHeart" The 500-year-old Scots pine tree. (N) (H) (H) (DVS)		NOVA "Beyond the Elements: Indestructible" Glass, rubber and plastic. (H) (DVS)		Secrets of the Dead "World War Speed" Amphetamine use during World War II. (H) (H)		Finding Your Roots With Henry Louis Gates, Jr. "Secret Lives" Comics Carol Burnett and Niecy Nash. (H) (H)		Why Race Matters Exploration of issues affecting Wisconsin's black communities; host Angela Fitzgerald.			
WACY		Family Feud (H)		Two/Half Men		Dateline "The Story of Somebody"		Chicago P.D. "Care Under Fire" (H)		My News at 9		NBC 26 Tonight			
WTPX		Blue Bloods "Past Tense" (H)		Blue Bloods "Two-Faced" (H)		Blue Bloods "Rectify" (H)		Blue Bloods "Common Enemies"		Blue Bloods "Strange Bedfellows"		Blue Bloods "Identity" (H)			
CW		11 The Big Bang Theory (H) (H) 11 Divorce Court (N) (H) (H)		11 The Big Bang Theory (H) (H) 11 Divorce Court (H) (H)		Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Alyson's Smart Ass" Donny Osmond; Dani Daortiz; Ben Train. (H) (H)		Kung Fu "Rescue" Mei-Li must make an impossible decision. (H) (H)		11 Last Man Standing (H) 11 The Liquidator (H) (H) (DVS)		11 The National Desk (N) (Live) 11 The National Desk (N) (Live) 11 black-ish "Daddy's Day"		11 Last Man Standing (H) 11 black-ish (H)	11 Young Sheldon (H) 11 Family Guy (H)

THURSDAY					EVENING								JAN. 19			
		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	Ⓢ News 9 WAOW at 6PM (N)		Entertainment To- night (N) Ⓜ Ⓞ	Celebrity Jeopardy! "Quarterfinal 9: B.J. No- vak, Brendan Hunt and Cari Champion" B.J. Novak, Brendan Hunt; Cari Champion. (N) Ⓜ		The Parent Test "Bubble Wrapped Chil- dren" (N) Ⓜ Ⓞ (DVS)		The Chase "Most Shocking Rose Cer- emony Ever" Buzzy Cohen faces game show veterans. (N) Ⓜ Ⓞ (DVS)		Ⓢ News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) Ⓢ Action 2 News at 10 (N)		(:(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! Ⓜ Ⓞ		(:(37) Nightline (N) Ⓞ		
CBS	Ⓢ Local 5 News at 6:00 Ⓢ (5:59) NewsChan- nel 7 at 6		Ⓢ Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) Ⓞ Ⓢ Inside Edition (N) Ⓜ Ⓞ	Young Sheldon Shel- don faces an ethical dilemma. Ⓞ (DVS)		:(31) Ghosts Hetty develops an unusu- al relationship. Ⓞ		:(01) So Help Me Todd Ⓜ Ⓞ		CSI: Vegas Ⓜ Ⓞ		Ⓢ Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) Ⓢ NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)		(:(35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert Ⓜ Ⓞ	(:(37) The Late Late Show With James Corden Ⓜ Ⓞ	
FOX	Ⓢ The Big Bang Theory Ⓜ Ⓞ Ⓢ Jeopardy! (N) Ⓜ Ⓞ		Ⓢ The Big Bang Theory Ⓞ Ⓢ Wheel of Fortune (N) Ⓞ	Hell's Kitchen (N) Ⓜ Ⓜ Ⓞ (DVS)		:(01) Welcome to Flatch Ⓜ Ⓞ (DVS)		Call Me Kat Ⓜ Ⓞ (DVS)		Ⓢ NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) Ⓢ Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)		Ⓢ Seinfeld George conceals his ATM code from Susan. Ⓜ		Ⓢ Seinfeld "The Wizard" Ⓞ Ⓢ Fox 11 News at 10 (N) Ⓞ	Ⓢ Last Man Standing Ⓞ Ⓢ (:(07) The King of Queens Ⓞ Ⓢ (:(35) Seinfeld Ⓞ	Ⓢ The Goldbergs Ⓜ Ⓞ Ⓢ (:(35) The King of Queens Ⓜ
NBC	Ⓢ NBC26 News at 6pm (N) Ⓞ Ⓢ Newswatch 12 at 6 (N) Ⓞ		Ⓢ Family Feud Ⓢ Wheel of For- tune "Collette" (N)	Law & Order "Almost Famous" Price and Maroun take a risk. (N) Ⓜ Ⓞ (DVS)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Blood Out" Velasco takes drastic ac- tion. (N) Ⓜ Ⓞ (DVS)		Law & Order: Organized Crime "Part- ners in Crime" Stabler gets a secret mission. (N) Ⓜ Ⓞ (DVS)		Ⓢ NBC26 News at 10pm (N) Ⓢ Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)		(:(34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Ⓜ Ⓞ		(:(37) Late Night With Seth Meyers Ⓜ Ⓞ		
PBS	PBS NewsHour (N) Ⓜ Ⓞ			John McGivern's Main Streets "Chicago's Lincoln Square, Illinois" (N)	Wisconsin Foodie "Calderone Club: San Giorgio" (N)	Agatha Christie's Poirot "Murder on the Poirot investigates the murder of a shady man. Ⓜ Ⓞ		Orient Express" American business- Bad Move "Shut Up" A rehearsing band interrupts the peace.		American Experience "Zora Neale Hurston: Claiming a Space" Author Zora Neale Hurston. Ⓜ Ⓞ (DVS)						
WACY	Family Feud Ⓜ		Two/Half Men		Dateline "Breakout" Ⓜ Ⓞ		Chicago P.D. "Politics" Ⓜ		My News at 9		NBC 26 Tonight		Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	Mom Ⓜ Ⓞ
WTPX	Chicago P.D. Ⓜ Ⓞ				Chicago P.D. "Life Is Fluid" Ⓞ		Chicago P.D. Ⓜ Ⓞ		Chicago P.D. Ⓜ Ⓞ		Chicago P.D. "Debts of the Past"		Chicago P.D. "End of Watch" Ⓜ			
CW	Ⓢ The Big Bang Theory Ⓜ Ⓞ Ⓢ Divorce Court (N) Ⓜ Ⓞ		Ⓢ The Big Bang Theory Ⓜ Ⓞ Ⓢ Divorce Court Ⓜ Ⓞ		Walker "Buffering" A hostage situation at a server farm. (N) Ⓜ Ⓞ		Walker Independence "Strange Bedfel- lows" Abby starts to question everything. (N) Ⓜ Ⓞ		Ⓢ Last Man Stand- ing Ⓞ Ⓢ The Liquidator Ⓞ		Ⓢ Seinfeld "The Wizard" Ⓜ Ⓢ Chicago P.D. "Pol- tics" Ⓜ		Ⓢ The National Desk (N) (Live)	Ⓢ The National Desk (N) (Live) Ⓢ black-ish Ⓜ Ⓞ	Ⓢ Last Man Standing Ⓞ Ⓢ black-ish Ⓞ	Ⓢ Young Shel- don Ⓜ Ⓢ Family Guy Ⓜ

Lung cancer screening guidelines change

Conkright added that smoking is still the greatest risk factor in developing lung cancer, so awareness, prevention and early diagnosis all play a part in reducing the lung cancer death rate.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, JAN. 13**SATURDAY, JAN. 14**

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18

THURSDAY, JAN. 19

SHAWANO: Shawano Country Chamber of Commerce Membership Celebration and Awards, 5:15 p.m. social, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. program, The Gathering, 2600 E. Richmond St.

FRIDAY			EVENING						JAN. 20			
	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) 9 Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment To-night (N) 1 CC	Shark Tank Guest shark Daniel Lubetzky. (N) 1 CC (DVS)	(:01) 20/20 1 CC					9 News 9 WAOW at 10PM (N) 9 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! 1 CC		(:37) Nightline (N) CC
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) CC 9 Inside Edition (N) 1 CC	S.W.A.T. 1 CC	Fire Country "Mama Bear" A former firefighter looks for revenge. (N) 1 CC			Blue Bloods 1 CC (DVS)		9 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 9 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert 1 CC		(:37) The Late Late Show With James Corden 1 CC
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	55 The Big Bang Theory 1 CC 11 Jeopardy! (N) 1 CC	55 The Big Bang Theory CC 11 Wheel of Fortune (N) CC	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) 1 (Live)				55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	55 Seinfeld Health-club worker be-friends Jerry. 1 CC	55 Seinfeld "The Burning" CC 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) CC	55 Last Man Standing CC 11 (:07) The King of Queens CC	55 Last Man Standing 11 (:07) The King of Queens CC	55 The Goldbergs 1 11 (:35) The King of Queens 1
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 "Collette" (N)	Lopez vs Lopez "Lopez vs Van Bryan" (N) 1 CC (DVS)	Young Rock (N) 1 CC (DVS)	Dateline NBC (N) 1 CC				26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon 1 CC		(:37) Late Night With Seth Meyers 1 CC
PBS 20 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE	PBS NewsHour (N) 1 CC		Washington Week (N) 1 CC	Here and Now	The Suspicions of Mr Whicher Whicher saves a lady from a robbery. (Part 2 of 4)			The Goes Wrong Show "There Is No Escape" Company stages a play about a prisoner.	(:01) 400 Years: Taking the Knee 1 CC			The Caverns Sessions "Cha Wa" A performance by Cha Wa. 1 CC
32 WACY 45 WTPX	Family Feud 1	Two/Half Men	Dateline "The Target" 1 CC		Chicago P.D. "Monster" 1		My News at 9	NBC 26 Tonight	Two/Half Men	Am Housewife	Am Housewife	Mom 1 CC
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW	14 The Big Bang Theory 1 CC 34 Divorce Court (N) 1 CC	14 The Big Bang Theory 1 CC 34 Divorce Court 1 CC	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Penn & Teller Animal Style" Jo De Rijck; Nick Paul; Sachin KM. (N) 1 CC			Criss Angel's Magic With the Stars "Enigma" Donny Osmond and Debbie Gibson perform. (N) 1 CC	14 Last Man Standing CC 34 The Liquidator CC	14 Seinfeld "The Burning" 1 34 Chicago P.D. "Monster" 1	14 The National Desk (N) (Live) 34 black-ish "Chop Shop" 1	14 The National Desk (N) (Live) 34 black-ish CC	14 Last Man Standing CC 34 black-ish CC	14 Young Sheldon 1 34 Family Guy 1

Governor's Business Plan Contest open for 2023

The 20th annual Wisconsin Governor's Business Plan Contest is accepting entries online for the 2023 competition until 11:59 p.m. Jan. 31.

The Wisconsin Technology Council produces the contest to encourage entrepreneurs statewide in the startup stages of tech-based businesses. It links up-and-coming entrepreneurs with a statewide network of community resources, expert advice and mentoring, management talent and possible sources of capital.

Over time, the contest has led to valuable exposure for each year's top business plans while spurring company and job growth in Wisconsin. In 2022, finalists shared in about \$125,000 in cash and service prizes. The contest's major sponsors include the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp.

For their initial entries, contestants will submit a 250-word idea abstract online at govsbizplancontest.com. Contestants will also find business plan templates, startup information, networking contacts and technical resources from a mix of state and national resources on the website.

Contestants who advance to sub-

sequent contest rounds will expand their plan in stages. About 80 volunteer judges drawn from finance, sales, marketing, research and technology sectors across Wisconsin and beyond will score the entries and provide feedback on submissions.

To get started, contestants must create a simple account at www.govsbizplancontest.com. All entries are submitted through the website. Wisconsin residents 18 years old and older are eligible, as are teams from Wisconsin-based businesses, schools and organizations. At least one member of a school team must be 18. Entrepreneurs may also enter multiple ideas, though each idea must be separate and distinct.

Companies or individuals that have not received angel or venture capital for their business plan in its current form are eligible to enter. There is no fee to enter. As with past contests, the 2023 competition will take place in stages:

- In Phase 1, which is open until 11:59 p.m. Jan. 31, the contest will accept idea abstracts on the website. Entries should be roughly 250 words and will be graded by the pool of BPC judges.

The top 50 idea abstracts will advance to Phase 2.

- In Phase 2, which runs from Feb. 20 through 5 p.m. March 13, the top 50 idea abstracts will submit an executive summary. The top 20 executive summaries will advance to Phase 3. A mentored "boot camp" for contestants will be held during this phase.

- In Phase 3, which runs from April 3 through 5 p.m. April 24, the top 20 executive summaries will prepare pitch decks with voiceover audio up

to 15 minutes long. Judges will review the videos and pick three finalists from each of the four categories to advance to the final live presentation round. Mentored practice sessions will be offered to the top 12 in late May.

The top 12, or "Diligent Dozen," will square off with live presentations during the Wisconsin Entrepreneurs' Conference in June 2022.

To enter, become a judge or learn about sponsorship opportunities, visit govsbizplancontest.com.

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GUEST COLUMN

Fearless Forecasters give 2023 best shot

Wisconsin Governor-elect Tim Michels joined the group for lunch last week, celebrating the bright red wave that carried him to victory over incumbent Tony Evers in November's mid-term elections.

Oh, wait.

That only happened in the alternate reality created by the often wrong but never in doubt members of the hapless group known only as Forecasters Anonymous, in the predictions they made at the end of December 2021.

For newcomers to the subject — congratulate yourselves for remaining blissfully unaware to this date of such a pitiful exercise in futility — here's a brief introduction to Forecasters Anonymous. Every year for longer than anyone can remember — even the elder member at age 91 — the group has gathered near the end of one year to make predictions about the next.

Members tend to be household names in southern Wisconsin, long-time leaders in industry, finance, academia and business. Not sure why I get in, although it's probably because I work cheap and have a skill set sorely lacking among other members, namely the ability to make nouns and verbs fit into a coherent (sometimes) sentence.

Members insist on anonymity for good reason, because publicly reveal-



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ing the names behind their sorry predictions would prove embarrassing in the extreme and strip away any carefully crafted images of competence. As Abraham Lincoln said, "Better to remain silent (or, in this case, anonymous) and be thought a fool than to speak and to remove all doubt."

How wrong can one be in a random survey of questions about local, state and national conditions?

Well.

The best among the group got 12 out of 30 questions wrong. That's 60% right. I'm still able to recall, so long ago, the teachers who routinely shook their heads in disappointment as they graded my papers. A 60% score translated to an F, not that I ever received one of those — and, remember, journalists never lie.

So what was the lowest score among Forecasters' members? It was 20 wrong out of 30. That, of course, is a third right — or .333. A score guaranteed to draw the teacher's scorn. On the other hand, as a batting average it would put you in the Hall of Fame. Everything is relative.

Here are a few of the wild misses

for 2022 recorded by the Forecasters:

- The Green Bay Packers did not win the Super Bowl. The victory went to the Rams.

- Home buyers could not get 3-4% mortgages toward the end of the year. The going rate is about 6-7%.

- Gasoline prices? Most believed it would stay sky-high, while falling prices are in the \$3 range.

- There was doubt the Supreme Court would overturn Roe v. Wade, but that's exactly what the justices ruled.

- Almost no one saw season attendance at the Beloit Sky Carp's ABC Supply Stadium games reaching six figures, but the number turned out to be 102,794.

- Would a disabled Tiger Woods play a PGA Tour event? Most said no; the answer is yes.

Enough of the past. Let's look to the future.

Past records of futility aside, Forecasters members have boldly tried again. Here's what the Forecasters see for 2023:

- The U.S. economy will fall into recession. It should be noted, by the way, that members struggled to define what constitutes a recession, so take it with a grain of salt.

- The price of gasoline will be stable, at around \$3.25.

- Mortgage interest rates will dip slightly, to around 5.5%.

- The Dow Jones average will end the year at about 34,000.

- The Astros will win the World Series. Either Philadelphia or Kansas City will win the Super Bowl.

- Former President Donald Trump will be indicted on criminal charges.

- Hunter Biden will not.

- The Republican-backed candidate for Wisconsin's Supreme Court will win in the spring election, maintaining conservatives' 4-3 majority. It's a nonpartisan election, so it's wrong to say the voting pits Republicans and Democrats against each other. Right?

- Both Ron DeSantis and Gavin Newsom will seek their party's presidential nomination.

There's more, but discretion suggests the Forecasters can only stand so much embarrassment. We'll see how it all comes out next December.

Meanwhile, dear readers, the group wishes you a Happy New Year and urges you to live your lives without concern for whatever dire predictions may be heard. After all, they're probably wrong anyway. As the old saying goes, life is what happens while you're making other plans.

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By **WARREN BLUHM**
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The Oconto County Economic Development Corp.'s contract with the county has been renewed for 2023.

OCEDC is the private-public partnership responsible for promoting economic development and tourism in the county.

Among the corporation's duties are to support the expansion and



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retention of existing businesses, increase the level of business investment and job creation, and promote hunting, fishing, trail networks, special events, and various tourist amenities and attractions throughout the county.

The fiscal impact to the county for 2023 is \$335,481, said County Administrator Erik Pritzl, who said OCEDC's economic development efforts in 2022 were particularly strong under first-year executive director Jayme Sellen.

The new contract has one departure from past agreements in that previous contracts split the total amount of money into an economic development pot and a tourism pot, Pritzl said.

"We've use those funds for grant matches in order to bring in more funds to the organization," Sellen said, noting that some years economic development grants are available, while other years there are more tourism dollars out there. "This gives us some flexibility."

Pritzl said that the county used some American Rescue Plan Act dollars to fund OCEDC this year, a one-time funding source. The corporation is working with county officials to develop a proposal for a room tax that would provide a new, more permanent source.

Before the county board acted to approve the contract Dec. 22, Sellen got a vote of confidence from Supervisor Elizabeth Holman, who serves with Sellen on the Oconto Falls Main Street Committee.

"Jayme has done an outstanding job," Holman said. "She has gone very much well above and beyond, and I appreciate all of what she does."

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December 9, 16, 23, 30, 2022
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CIRCUIT COURT
OCONTO COUNTY
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Case No. 21-CV-53

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-Vs-

Defendant:
DOUGLAS KEMPKE

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TIME: January 31, 2023 at 10:00 am

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December 30, 2022 & January 6 & 13, 2023
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Case No. 22IN99

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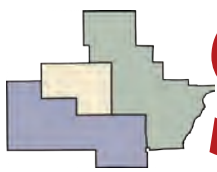
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WITT-BIRN PICKS UP CWC-EAST WIN

Chargers pull away in 2nd half

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Wittenberg-Biramwood's Mason Meverden soars in for a layup during the team's conference win over Manawa on Jan. 6 in Wittenberg.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Charger duo powers team past Wolves

Miller, Meverden
combine for 52 points
in win over Manawa

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School boys basketball team earned a 63-54 Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division win over Manawa on Jan. 6 in Wittenberg behind big games from Michael Miller and Mason Meverden.

Miller led the Chargers with 31 points on the night, making 12 field goals — including three 3-pointers — and four free throws. Meverden hit eight shots, with four 3-pointers and a big three-point play late.

Witt-Birn struggled to get things going offensively early in the game. The team turned to some full-court pressure to get things turned around.

“I think we did really good in that press for the first time this year and it showed on offense and defense,” said Miller. “We were able to get stops early and come back in the first half to get a lead.”

The Chargers trailed 6-1 about 3½ minutes into play before turning to its trapping full-court press.

Meverden knocked down a 3-pointer for the Chargers first field goal with about 13:20 to play in the half, but soon the team trailed 11-4. It was about halfway through the opening half when the press really started to make a difference on each end of the court, and the Chargers went from down seven points to up nine by halftime.

“Right away at the start of the game, we kind of fell down by like seven points, then we started pressuring more, got some easy baskets off some turnovers — it got us going and then we had some more offensive rhythm, hit some 3s and we were up (nine),” said Meverden.

Meverden also hit the Chargers’ second field goal of the contest before Miller caught fire.

Miller buried a 3-pointer with about 9:25 to play in the half and then got an easy basket after a steal on the press.

Manawa pulled back ahead by seven before Meverden knocked down back-to-back baskets, the sec-



Witt-Birn's Michael Miller follows through on a jumpshot during a CWC-East win over Manawa on Jan. 6 in Wittenberg.

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ond one being off another steal.

A Miller 3-pointer was followed by a Meverden triple, giving Witt-Birn its first lead, 22-19.

Witt-Birn's 19-3 finish to the half continued with another Miller basket, before Marshall Fraaza became

the third Charger to hit a field goal. Miller connected on his third triple of the half before Jett Rogowski capped the scoring in the half with a bucket.

As it has with many of its conference games this season, Manawa

continued to play hard in the second half and made Witt-Birn go out and earn the win.

Miller hit Witt-Birn's only field goal in the first seven-plus minutes of the half, but the Chargers' strong defensive effort still had the team up 33-27.

After a timeout, a Miller bucket and two Meverden triples gave the Chargers a 12-point advantage, but the hosts went scoreless for the next couple minutes, allowing Manawa to sneak back within six.

After getting a quick rest on the bench, Miller re-entered the game and promptly went on a personal 6-0 run. The first two baskets came on fastbreak looks before he made a pretty reverse layup in traffic.

“They did good on spacing, which definitely opens up lanes for me to do what I'm probably the best at, which is my dribbling,” said Miller of what his teammates did to get him so many great looks.

Rogowski added a fastbreak basket before Meverden converted a three-point play, which put Witt-Birn up 52-37 with 4:26 to play.

While the score might have indicated the game was just about out of reach, Manawa continued to battle and got the deficit under 10 with just over a minute to play.

Fittingly, a Miller layup helped seal the game, while free throws from Casey Kielman, Rogowski and Miller served as the team's final points in the contest.

“Any time you get a win in your conference that's good obviously. But Manawa, they played Wega (Weyauwega-Fremont) tough, Shiocton tough, they play everybody tough and don't get blown out,” said Meverden. “This just lets us know we're right there with everybody else. We know there's room to improve — we got better with our full-court pressure and some zone defense — and we're just getting better and better by day and when it pays off in a win, it's a big confidence booster.”

Manawa 22 32 — 54

Witt-Birn 31 32 — 63

Witt-Birn (63): Jett Rogowski 1-2 5, Michael Miller 4-5 31, Marshall Fraaza 1-2 3, Casey Kielman 2-2 2, Mason Meverden 1-1 21, Ian Salvesen 1-2 1.

Manawa (54): Tanner Nienhaus 5-6 17, Hunter Schlueter 2-2 4, Trevor Krueger 1-3 11, Nathan Gorman 3-5 17, Brady Zemple 0-0 2, Rohan Hass 1-3 3.

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Saginaw Valley State University

Shawano Community High School graduate Tori DePerry had a big week



TORI DEPERRY

on the court for the Saginaw Valley State women's basketball team.

In a loss to Michigan Tech on Jan. 5, DePerry tallied 31 points, eight rebounds, two assists and a steal across 34 minutes. She hit 11 field goals and eight free throws.

DePerry totaled 18 points, 14 rebounds, two steals and an assist across 34 minutes in a loss to Northern Michigan on Jan. 7.

St. Cloud State University

Pulaski grad Jasmine Litt has played either six or seven minutes in the St. Cloud State women's basketball team's past three games.

Across seven minutes in a win over Northern State, Litt recorded two points. Litt had a block, assist and rebound across six minutes in a loss

to Minnesota State on Jan. 6. In seven minutes and a win over Concordia St. Paul on Jan. 7, Litt had three points, two steals and a block.

Bemidji State University

Shawano graduate Brooke Theis started the past two games for the Bemidji State women's basketball team.

Across 15 minutes in a loss to Upper Iowa on Jan. 6, Theis contributed two points, three rebounds and two steals.

Theis played 19 minutes in the team's loss to Winona State on Jan. 7, tallying four points, three boards, one block and one steal.

Wisconsin Lutheran College

Pulaski grad Trevor Stiede played 37 minutes across a pair of games for the Wisconsin Lutheran College men's basketball team last week.



TREVOR STIEDE

In a win over St. Norbert on Jan. 3, Stiede played 24 minutes — accumulating seven points, two rebounds, one as-

sist and one steal. Stiede posted three points, three steals, two rebounds and one assist across 13 minutes in a win over Rockford on Jan. 7.

Bonduel grad Kara Troxel played in both of the WLC women's basketball team's wins last week.

Troxel had two points, one rebound and one assist across 17 minutes in a victory against the Milwaukee School of Engineering on Jan. 4. She then tallied three points, two rebounds and two assists in a win over Rockford on Jan. 7.

Cardinal Stritch University

Gillett grad Aubrey DeBauch helped the Cardinal Stritch women's basketball team to a 1-1 record last week.



AUBREY DEBAUCH

In a win over Trinity International on Jan. 4, DeBauch posted 10 points, eight rebounds, six assists, one block and one steal. She then had seven points, four boards and two assists in a loss to St. Francis on Jan. 7.

St. Martin's University

Gresham graduate Christian Haffner played 14 minutes off the bench during the St. Martin's men's basketball team's win over Western Oregon on Jan. 7.

During his time on the court, Haffner tallied three points and three rebounds.

UW-Parkside

Pulaski graduate Sheridan Flauger continued to start for the UW-Parkside women's basketball team over the past two games.

Playing 32 minutes in a loss to Grand Valley State on Jan. 5, Flauger had six points, three rebounds, two assists and a steal.

Flauger tallied eight points, three rebounds and three assists across 26 minutes in a win over Davenport on Jan. 7.

Concordia University

Shawano grad Rachel Reed logged two minutes in the Concordia women's basketball team's loss to Lakeland on Jan. 4.

Reed recorded an assist during her time on the court.

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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

Oconto Falls posts perfect mark at home quad

Panthers drop just 2 bouts all night

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Oconto Falls High School wrestling team posted a 3-0 record during a quad on Jan. 5 in Oconto Falls.

The Panthers picked up wins over Clintonville (54-24), Kewaunee (54-24) and Oconto (51-30).

In the opening dual against Clintonville, nine of the 14 weight classes were forfeits. Garrett Ganter (106), Taylor Whiting (113), Landon Magnin (120), Ethan Zielinski (132), Cole Bozile (138) and Jeremy Earley (152) were winners by forfeit for Oconto Falls.

After a double forfeit at 195 pounds and then a forfeit at 220, Brenner Cole earned Oconto Falls' first win of the night with a pin in 1 minute, 10 seconds at 285 pounds.

The Panthers picked up three straight forfeit wins before Hunter Bozile wrestled at 126 pounds. He won by pin in 1:28.

After two more forfeit wins, Parker Peterson won by pin in 2:35 in a 145-pound match. Another forfeit win at 152 capped the Panthers scoring in the match.

Clintonville only scored six points in weight classes wrestled — a third-period pin at 160 pounds — with three forfeit wins bumping up its score.

Ten weight classes were forfeited in the dual between Oconto Falls and Kewaunee. After Kewaunee grabbed the lead with a forfeit win, Oconto Falls won the next seven weight classes.



Oconto Falls' Landon Magnin, back, wrestles during the team's dual win over Kewaunee on Jan. 5 in Oconto Falls.

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Cole won by pin in 1:34 at 285 pounds before Ganter and Whit-

ing had forfeit wins at 106 and 113 pounds, respectively.

Magnin battled and won by pin in 4:30 at 120 pounds before Hunter Bozile had a forfeit win at 126 pounds. Cole Bozile had a quick pin in 1:20 at 132 pounds before Peterson got a forfeit win at 138 pounds.

After a double forfeit and Oconto Falls forfeit, Earley and Quinton McDonald picked up forfeit wins at 160 and 170 pounds, respectively, to cap the scoring in the dual for the Panthers. Kewaunee's points all came on forfeits.

Unlike the two matches proceeding it, the Oconto Falls, Oconto dual had much more wrestling action, with just five forfeits across the 14 weight classes. Oconto Falls won all but one of the weight classes it wrestled.

Cole capped his big night with a 15-second pin at 285 pounds to get Oconto Falls rolling.

Ganter and Whiting took advantage of their lone matches of the night, winning by pins in 2:42 and 1:21 at 106 and 113 pounds, respectively.

After the Panthers took a loss at 120 pounds, Zielinski got the Panthers back on track with a 6-5 decision win at 126 pounds.

Hunter Bozile followed with a pin in 3:34 at 132 pounds. Cole Bozile then won by pin in 2:21 at 138 pounds.

Peterson continued the Panther surge with a 35-second pin at 145 pounds before Earley got a forfeit win at 152 pounds.

After an Oconto Falls forfeit loss, McDonald capped the scoring on the night for the Panthers with a 54-second pin.

The dual ended with Oconto Falls forfeiting the final three weight classes.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Bonduel boys pick up CWC-East win over Manawa

Westrich keeps Bears in it before team's 3-point shooting seals win

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Bonduel High School boys basketball team got a well-rounded effort in a 63-52 Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division win over Manawa on Jan. 3 in Bonduel.

The Bears trailed by as many as nine points in the opening half, but freshman big man Ryan Westrich heated up to give the hosts a halftime lead. Bonduel was trailing by five in the second half when the team caught fire from 3-point land, which helped the team pull away.

"This is just a great confidence booster," said Westrich, who led the Bears with 20 points. "I mean, we just had a game yesterday (beating Sturgeon Bay) and two wins in a row is a lot, a lot of good things. We just got to keep it rolling, keep playing hard and keep winning games."

It was a shaky start to the contest for Bonduel. The visiting Wolves scored on their first four offensive possessions to grab a quick 9-4 advantage.

After Westrich scored the team's first four points, Noah Weier connected on a big three-point play to get the hosts within two. Manawa scored the next five points, only to have Bonduel get it right back on a basket from Owen Springborn and 3-pointer from Cade Johnson.

Westrich hit another shot and Colin Margelofsky knocked down a free throw over the next couple minutes, but the Bears couldn't slow Manawa and were soon facing a nine-point deficit, 24-15.

Triples from Margelofsky and Johnson got the Bonduel offense going again before Westrich carried the team into halftime.

Westrich scored 10 of the team's final 12 points in the half to give the hosts a 33-29 halftime advantage.

A three-point play got Westrich

going before Margelofsky chipped in a bucket. After the Wolves went ahead 29-26, Westrich converted back-to-back buckets before capping a 16-point first half with a 3-pointer right before the halftime buzzer.

"First things first, I got to give credit to all my teammates," said Westrich on what allowed him to be so successful. "They were dribbling and opening lanes which allowed for help defense and easy cuts toward the basket. We all did a pretty decent job of boxing out and I just had to finish from there when I got the ball."

After getting hot late in the half, it appeared that Bonduel might run away with the game in the second half, but it was Manawa that scored 10 of the first 13 points — Johnson hit a 3-pointer for Bonduel's points.

Weier knocked down a shot to put an end to an 8-0 Manawa run, but the Wolves scored the next four points to take a 43-38 lead.

Westrich converted his first shot of the second half to give the team a spark, and then the team caught fire from deep to completely take over the game.

Charlie Tauchen did the heavy lifting with four 3-pointers in a five-minute span.

"When I saw that first one go in, it felt good, so I kept shooting. We all made shots, it was a good team win," said Tauchen. "The first half, it wasn't falling. Second half, I got them falling and we made some plays on defense to get a good win."

Tauchen's first triple was followed by a basket from Weier. Tauchen hit another triple to force a Manawa timeout and then hit another 3 after the timeout to give the Bears a 51-43 advantage.

Manawa scored for the first time in over four minutes, but Margelofsky and Tauchen hit triples to end any thoughts of a comeback.



Bonduel's Ryan Westrich, right, takes a contested shot during a conference win over Manawa on Jan. 3 in Bonduel.

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Westrich and Johnson each converted shots before a few free throws down the stretch finished off the contest.

Bonduel ended up hitting 24 field goals in the contest, with 10 coming from behind the 3-point line. Behind Westrich's 20 points, Johnson and Tauchen each scored 12, while Margelofsky had nine and Weier seven.

"I think the defensive end — they're a great team — we played well on the defensive side and that led to offense.

It was a big win," said Tauchen.

Manawa 29 23 — 52

Bonduel 33 30 — 63

Bonduel (63): Cade Johnson 1-3 12, Colin Margelofsky 1-2 9, Ryan Westrich 1-1 20, Charlie Tauchen 0-2 12, Josiah Basten 1-2 1, Noah Weier 1-2 7, Owen Springborn 0-0 2.

Manawa (52): Tanner Nienhaus 0-0 12, Keither Jepson 0-0 6, Hunter Schleuter 0-0 4, Trevor Krueger 3-4 6, Nathan Gorman 1-5 13, Brady Zemple 0-0 2, Rohan Hass 1-1 9

ATHLETE PROFILE: ELLA WIESE

Pulaski senior wrapping up memorable career

Senior Ella Wiese is wrapping up a strong high school basketball career at Pulaski High School and serving as a leader for the team this winter.

While the team has struggled to rack up many wins, Wiese has been one of the team's top scoring threats and also helps out in every other aspect of the game.

Wiese is coming off a junior season in which she made the Fox River Classic Conference honorable mention team.

Q: When did your interest in basketball begin?

A: My interest in basketball began in first grade when I was watching my sister (Emma) play basketball every weekend, while my dad (Dave) coached her team.

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

A: My favorite part about the basketball season is being able to spend time with my teammates, not only on the court but off the court as well.

Q: What is your favorite thing to do on the basketball court, and why?

A: My favorite thing to do on the basketball court is shooting, because when the ball goes in the hoop it makes the game a lot more fun and competitive. Especially when you're having an "on" day shooting, it definitely makes the game a lot more fun.

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

A: Over the years, the game of basketball has taught me to keep pushing for what you want even if someone tells you that you can't or you're not good enough. In 2020, I tore my ACL and, during that recovery process, I wasn't able to play my entire sophomore season. So with that is where I learned to never give up on yourself and always keep pushing.

Q: Do you have any individual



Pulaski's Ella Wiese looks for an open teammate during the team's nonconference game against New London on Nov. 21 in Pulaski.

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goals you hope to accomplish by the end of the season, and how do you plan on achieving those?

A: One goal that I would like to accomplish before the end of the season is to be shooting 50% or very close to 50% from the 3-point line. I will accomplish this by going to shoot when we don't have practice or go in before practice to shoot.

Q: Heading into the second half of the season, what are some areas in which the team wants to improve?

A: One of the things that we would like to improve on for the second half of the season is being able to run a smoother offense. With a smoother offense, you are able to slow down and not rush ourselves

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Ella Wiese
Sport: Girls basketball
Position: Shooting guard
School: Pulaski High School
Year: Senior

and take bad shots.

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

A: As a senior, I try to lead my team by making sure each person knows where they are supposed to be for each play, and by cheering loud when I am on the bench. Before practice starts, I lead the stretches, and I make sure that everyone is ready for practice.

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

A: Before every game, my teammate Breanna Urben braids my hair during the first half of the JV game.

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

A: My favorite memory while competing on the Pulaski girls basketball team was when we beat Notre Dame in the playoffs my freshman year.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show and musical artist?

A: Movie — "Grown Ups 2." TV show — "Yellowstone." Musical artist — Morgan Wallen.

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

A: One thing that not many people know about me is that I like to drive pickup trucks.

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

A: After high school, I would like to continue to play basketball while studying nutrition and dietetics at a four-year university.

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ATHLETE PROFILE: JACOB LANDON

Senior helping Hawks to successful season

The Shawano Community High School boys basketball team won nine of its first 11 games this winter season and is in the hunt for a Bay Conference title. Senior Jacob Landon has played a big role in the team's strong start and will continue to be a key component of the team's future success.

Through 11 games, Landon has posted averages of 11.4 points, 5.8 rebounds and 3.3 assists.

Landon scored a season-high 30 points in a nonconference win over Pulaski on Dec. 3, and he has six other games in double figures.

He's pulled down at least three rebounds in each contest and has grabbed eight boards on three occasions. Landon also has posted an assist in every game, with five being his season high — a feat he's accomplished three times.

Landon made the all-conference second team as a junior.

Q: When did your interest in basketball begin?

A: My interest began when I first started playing in second grade. I loved to compete with my teammates at an early age.

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

A: I like seeing how our team improves, whether it's game to game or throughout the season. It's great to see our team's hard work pay off.

Q: What is your favorite thing to do on the basketball court, and why?

A: I like to make adjustments on the fly based on what the defense is giving us. I have always been a student of the game, and being able to make these adjustments is a great feeling.

Q: What has basketball taught you over the years?

A: I think basketball has taught me patience and dedication. Many times



Shawano's Jacob Landon goes up for a shot during a nonconference game against Pulaski on Dec. 3 in Pulaski.

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on the court, we have to be patient and work to get a good shot. Years of dedication has taught me that hard work pays off. Patience, dedication and hard work will continue to be a part of my life for years to come.

Q: Do you have any individual

goals you hope to accomplish by the end of this season, and what will it take to achieve those?

A: I really want to end the season shooting 50% or better from three. It will take a combination of shot selection, repetition in practice and atten-

AT A GLANCE

Athlete: Jacob Landon

Sport: Boys basketball

Position: Forward

School: Shawano Community High School

Year: Senior

tion to detail to achieve this goal.

Q: Heading into the second half of the season, what are some areas in which the team can improve?

A: I think transition defense is an area we can improve on. I think it was a big factor in some of our bigger conference games last year, as well as our only conference loss so far this year. It's an area that is mostly based on being aware and hustling.

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

A: I try to teach the younger players on the team. Teaching them makes the team better and gives me a chance to process and reinforce my fundamentals. I also try to be vocal; positivity can go a long ways on and off the court.

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

A: One of my favorite memories was the celebration after I made a layup to send our regional final game into overtime my junior year.

Q: Favorite movie, TV show and musical artist?

A: Movie — "Martian." TV show — "Major League Fishing." Musical artist — Morgan Wallen.

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

A: I wrestled from kindergarten to fourth grade while playing basketball.

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

A: I hope to attend a four-year college in pursuit of a business degree. I would also like to stay around the game — coaching, reffing or playing.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Suring girls come up short against Coleman

Eagles outscored 6-0 in final 2 minutes

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Suring High School girls basketball team appeared poised to hand Coleman its first Marinette & Oconto Conference loss of the season, but was outscored 6-0 in the final two minutes of a 61-54 loss on Jan. 5 in Suring.

After battling back and forth for most of the game, Coleman converted a couple shots to go ahead 55-48 with about 3½ minutes to play.

Suring clawed back to within one point after free throws from Bunny Cramer, Christine Sleeter and Emma Kristof with still 2:10 to play.

The game swung back in Coleman's favor after the visitors hit two free throws with 1:51 to play. The bigger blow to Suring was losing Cramer, who fouled out on the play.

Without Cramer, a strong ball handler and jumpshooter, the Eagles struggled down the stretch.

Suring turned the ball over on its next possession, but Coleman missed the front end of a one-and-one opportunity, leaving the door open for the hosts. The Eagles couldn't capitalize, missing a 3-pointer on the ensuing possession.

Coleman hit a pair of free throws to go up five with about 46 seconds to play. Suring tried working the ball into the paint on the next drive, but Coleman tied up the ball and had the possession arrow to turn the Eagles over again. Two more free throws followed by a missed Suring 3-pointer ended the contest.

"I feel like we had a little too many turnovers. We would try to rush it and kind of forced shots up as the half started to end," said Sleeter of the end of the contest. "We were trying to get all the points (at once) and then we just forced turnovers and went too fast."

It was a tough finish to an otherwise well-played game by Suring.

After falling behind 5-0 early on, a 3-pointer from Macie Reed and bucket from Sleeter sparked a 6-0 Suring run.

The visiting Cougars pulled back ahead and led for the next few minutes before another big Eagles' run.



Suring's Christine Sleeter, middle, prepares to go up for a shot as Coleman defenders swarm her during a conference game on Jan. 5 in Suring.

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Cramer started it off with a 3-pointer before baskets from Sleeter, Mackenzie Bailey and Cramer gave the hosts a 17-15 advantage.

The seesaw battle continued with Coleman pulling back in front, but a strong finish to the half saw Suring take a 31-27 lead into the break. Reed, Sleeter and Cramer all scored on an 8-0 Eagles' spurt.

For about the first nine minutes of the second half, Suring was either ahead or tied with Coleman.

The Cougars used a 7-0 run to grab a 46-41 lead, but a 3-pointer and step-back jumper from Sleeter tied things back up with just under eight minutes to play.

Suring went cold from the field over the next couple minutes, which allowed Coleman to build its 55-48 lead.

All in all, the Suring girls were pleased with their performance against the conference's best team to this point in the season.

"Coleman's a good team, and I don't think many girls expected to be winning at one point in the game, and we were winning" said Bailey. "I think the next time we play them, we'll do a whole lot better because girls will have more confidence playing against them."

Sleeter ended up leading Suring on the court with 17 points, nine

rebounds and four blocks. Cramer contributed 15 points, three assists and four steals, while Bailey had 12 points, 13 boards and four assists.

Reed, who scored six points, assisted on five baskets for the Eagles. Kristof was credited with three steals.

Coleman 27 34 — 61

Suring 31 23 — 54

Coleman (61): Madison Woulf 1-2 1, Aubrey Bintz 7-8 15, Cameron Zeitler 4-4 14, Madelyn Hinthier 0-0 3, Corrin Liptak 1-2 1, Callee Compe 2-3 5, Kiersten Jensen 1-2 22.

Suring (54): Mackenzie Bailey 4-5 12, Bunny Cramer 3-4 15, Emma Kristof 2-2 4, Macie Reed 1-2 6, Christine Sleeter 4-4 17, Hailey VanRens 0-1 0.

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GIRLS HOCKEY

Bay Area 9

Arrowhead 3

Bay Area, which includes Pulaski players, dominated Arrowhead in an Eastern Shores Conference clash on Jan. 7 at Cornerstone Ice Arena in Ashwaubenon.

Pulaski's Faye Brunke scored two goals and added an assist for Bay Area. The Ice Bears improved to 13-1 on the season.

WRESTLING

Herm leads Shawano at invitational

Carsen Herm placed first to lead Shawano to a fifth-place finish as a team at the 66th Fred Lehrke Invitational on Jan. 7 in Schofield.

Herm earned that finish in the 152-pound weight class with a 5-0 record. He won each match by pin.

Shawano's Caden Young placed second at 170 pounds with a 4-1 mark. Andrew Kakwisch (145), Conner Chelberg (182) and Wahkeenayah Waukau (220) all took fourth.

Drake Herm (138) came in fifth for the Hawks, while Dane Hodkiewicz (106) and Mason Theis (195) were both sixth-place finishers.

Tyson Bogacz 1st for Bears at invitational

Bonduel also participated in the Fred Lehrke Invitational on Jan. 7 in Schofield, with Tyson Bogacz leading the team with a first-place finish at 182 pounds.

Bogacz finished the day 5-0, with four pins and an 8-4 decision win in the first-place match.

Jaxon Bogacz (106) and Colin Fischer (145) both lost just once on the day on their way to second-place finishes. Donovan Vigue (160) and Parker Perry (170) both took third.

Kyler Novitski claimed fifth place at 285 pounds for the Bears. Jose Lagunes took sixth at 152 pounds.

Lena 1st at home quad

Lena defeated Oneida Nation (60-0), Suring/Gillett (54-18), Elcho (66-6) and Ripon (54-24) during a quad on Jan. 6 in Lena.

Max Peterson had Lena's lone non-forfeit win against Oneida Nation, winning by pin in 2 minutes, 16 seconds at 145 pounds. Sam Peterson (106), John Hurtado (113), Zach Diedrich (126), Luke Misco (132), Sam Marquardt (138), Miriam Alberts (152), Colt Miller (182), Dylan Mazaba (195) and Dylan Urbanek (220) all won by forfeit.

Against Suring/Gillett, Marquardt (145), Max Peterson (152) and Miller (182) were winners by pin. Sam Peterson (106), Hurtado (113), Diedrich (126), Lucas Heimke (132), Misco (138) and Urbanek (220) won by forfeit.

Urbanek (285) and Dylan Comins (120) won by pin over Elcho, with Sam Peterson (106), Hurtado (113), Diedrich (126), Misco (132), Marquardt (138), Max Peterson (145), Erik Kosch (152), Miller (182) and Mazaba (195) all winning by forfeit. Against Ripon, Diedrich (126), Heimke (132), Misco (138), Marquardt (145) and Urbanek (220) won by pin, while Sam Peterson (106), Hurtado (113), Comins (120) and Max Peterson (152) won by forfeit.

Suring/Gillett finishes 2-2 at quad

Suring/Gillett topped Oneida Nation (36-0) and Elcho (30-18) while falling to Ripon (48-12) and Lena (54-18) at a quad on Jan. 6 in Lena.

In the win over Oneida Nation, Keegan Rattin won by pin at 145 pounds. Parker Zahn (152), Trent VanDenElzen (160), Shylah Hisey (170), Michael Pecnas (182) and Carter Whisman (195) all won by forfeit. VanDenElzen (170) won by pin, while Zahn (152) was a forfeit winner against Ripon.

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Against Lena, Whisman (195) won by pin. VanDenElzen (160) and Hisey (170) both won by forfeit. Rattin (145), Zahn (152), VanDenElzen (160), Pecnas (182) and Whisman (195) won by forfeit against Elcho.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lena 62

Tigerton 3

Lena rolled past Tigerton in a non-conference clash on Jan. 7 in Lena.

Eva Brooks led Lena with 13 points, while Claire Brooks had 10. Kali Fischer contributed nine points.

Whitney Potter added eight points for the Wildcats, while Natalie McNurlen had seven.

Abby Swartz hit Tigerton's only field goal in the contest. Sienna Breaker grabbed six rebounds.

Shawano 36

Seymour 28

Shawano picked up a low-scoring win over Bay Conference foe Seymour on Jan. 5 in Seymour. The Hawks led 19-9 by halftime.

Leah Nordin scored 18 points for Shawano, while Ella Stuber added seven points.

Bonduel 69

Shiocton 39

Bonduel pulled away in the second half to earn a Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division win over Shiocton on Jan. 5 in Bonduel. The Bears outscored the visitors 34-14 in the second half.

Ella Hischke and Hailey Zernicke each scored 13 points for Bonduel. Audrey Weier added 12 points.

Zernicke posted a double-double after also grabbing 10 rebounds. Hailee Thompson contributed seven assists and five steals, while Hischke had six assists. Weier blocked four shots.

Witt-Birn 70

Manawa 46

Wittenberg-Birnamwood rolled to a CWC-East win over Manawa on Jan. 5 in Manawa.

Reese Rogowski continued her big senior season for Witt-Birn by tallying 25 points, nine rebounds, five steals, eight assists and three blocks.

Rory Salvesen added 21 points, five steals and three assists, while Melaina Granquist had 10 points and 11 boards.

Allison Linke and Faith Resch each chipped in six points, with Resch also posting six steals and four assists.

Jami Wendler had three steals for the Chargers.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tigerton 60

Lena 29

Tigerton eased past Lena in a non-conference matchup on Jan. 7 in Lena.

Ryder Graham scored 20 points to power Tigerton on offense. Maverick Maas knocked down four 3-pointers to tally 12 points, while Loghan Wanta had nine points and Colby Wanta and Joey Zimdars six each.

Logan Graef scored 11 points for Lena. Mason Spice chipped in seven points.

Gillett 44

Niagara 41 (OT)

Gillett edged Niagara in overtime of a Marinette & Oconto Conference battle on Jan. 6 in Gillett.

Jesse DeBauch led Gillett offensively with 15 points.

Ben Matczak hit three 3-pointers and tallied 11 points for the Tigers. Austin VandeCorput was also in double figures with 10 points.

Shawano 65

Green Bay East 34

Shawano routed Green Bay East in a Bay Conference matchup on Jan. 6 in Green Bay.

Michael Metcalf-Grassman posted 23 points, four steals and three assists to lead Shawano to victory.

Logan Sipple tallied 15 points for the Hawks, while Brandon Reed had 12 points. Luke Guenther recorded seven boards and six assists, while Jacob Landon, Deacon Carroll and Warner Beyer all pulled down six rebounds. Isaac Weland was credited with three assists.

BOYS HOCKEY

Notre Dame 5

Ashwaubenon 0

Ashwaubenon, which includes Pulaski players, dropped a FRCC matchup to Notre Dame on Jan. 7 at Cornerstone Community Center in Ashwaubenon.

Pulaski's Lincoln Simons stopped 26 shots while defending the net for Ashwaubenon.

Northland Pines 5

Antigo 4 (OT)

Antigo dropped a Great Northern Conference clash against Northland Pines in overtime on Jan. 5 in Antigo.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood's Owen Dickman, who plays for Antigo, scored a goal and assisted on two other scores.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Wisconsin announces hirings of Longo and Tressel

Pair will lead offensive, defensive units

Phil Longo and Mike Tressel, two experienced and accomplished collegiate coaches, have been hired to lead Wisconsin's offensive and defensive units, respectively, UW head coach Luke Fickell announced Jan. 3.

"I'm extremely excited for our players and our program to add Phil and Mike," Fickell said. "I've built a relationship with Phil over the past six years and am happy to finally be able to work side-by-side with him. He's a very innovative and well-rounded football coach. He's a tremendous person and family man and truly cares about his players.

"I've known Mike for 20 years, and he is a great coach and person. He has incredible experience, including a terrific background in the Big Ten. Over the last two years coaching together, I was impressed with his ability to adapt both as a coach on the field and to the culture of a program. We are very fortunate to have both Phil and Mike on staff."

Longo, a 33-year coaching veteran and offensive guru, joins the Badgers' staff as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. Longo arrives in Madison after holding the same position at North Carolina the last four seasons. As an offensive coordinator over the last 14 years, Longo's teams have produced a 118-59 (.667) record, won six conference championships and made nine postseason appear-

ances.

Over the last four seasons, since the beginning of 2019 (Longo's first at North Carolina), the Tar Heels led the ACC with 197.5 rushing yards per game and ranked second in the conference with 102 rushing scores. Through the air, UNC's offense led the ACC in passing yards (14,781), passing touchdowns (131) and passer rating (161.6) over Longo's tenure. The Tar Heels produced five 1,000-yard rushers and five 1,000-yard receivers over the last four years.

Longo tutored quarterback Drake Maye in 2022, helping the freshman earn ACC Player of the Year and Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year honors. He threw for 4,321 yards and 38 touchdowns against only seven interceptions while also leading the Tar Heels in rushing yards (698). Over the previous three seasons, UNC quarterback Sam Howell set 27 school records, including passing yards (10,283), passing TDs (92), pass efficiency (164.2) and total offense (11,292).

Before his stint with the Tar Heels, Longo engineered two successful seasons at Ole Miss, producing top-20 units both years. In 2018, his offense ranked seventh nationally in yards per play (7.1), ninth in total offense (510.5 ypg) and fifth in passing offense (346.4). In 2017, the Rebels averaged 462.3 yards of total offense to rank

second in the SEC and 18th nationally. The offense also produced the conference's best passing game with 328.4 ypg (11th nationally).

"I am elated to be joining coach Fickell and his staff at Wisconsin," Longo said. "The welcome from around the state has been tremendous. My wife, Tanya, and I are excited to get settled in. I can't wait to hit the ground running with our players and staff."

Tressel, who directed the Cincinnati defense the last two seasons, joins the Badgers' staff as defensive coordinator and inside linebackers coach. Tressel had been on staff for the Bearcats since 2020 after moving through the defensive coaching ranks at Michigan State from 2007-2019.

The Cincinnati defense flourished under Tressel in his first season (2021), ranking fifth nationally in scoring defense (16.5) and No. 10 in total defense (318.4). The Bearcats also allowed only 4.5 yards per play to opponents, which was the fourth-fewest in the nation. Then-Cincinnati cornerback Ahmad "Sauce" Gardner emerged as a star, eventually being selected as the No. 4 pick by the New York Jets in the 2022 NFL Draft.

Last season, UC ranked 20th in the nation in scoring defense, 11th in the country in pass efficiency defense and 15th in tackles for loss. The Bearcats' four defensive touchdowns were tied for fourth-most in the country.

In East Lansing, Tressel was Michigan State's linebackers coach from

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2007-19. Tressel added the title of co-defensive coordinator for two seasons (2016-17) before becoming defensive coordinator for two seasons (2018-19), in addition to being the assistant head coach in 2019. He coached safeties in 2020, his final season in East Lansing.

During his time at MSU, Tressel coached 20 players who earned 35 All-Big Ten honors along with eight All-Americans and two major award winners. He was a nominee for the Broyles Award in 2018, which honors the nation's top assistant coach.

Known for constructing some of the best defenses in the nation, Tressel helped coach the Spartans to final FBS Top 10 rankings in total and rushing defense on six occasions. MSU also ranked among college football's top 10 in scoring defense four times and was the FBS leader in rushing defense in 2014 and 2018.

"I'm beyond excited to join the Wisconsin football family and look forward to carrying on the tradition of elite defenses here in Madison," Tressel said. "This is a program I've always admired, and it's great to be back in the Big Ten. I'm most excited to be able to work with the tremendous young men here. They have already demonstrated to me great work ethic, intelligence and ability."

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High team scratch games: S and M Tool 1,053, Karcz Lending 1,043, CWAA 991.

High individual scratch games: Dave Schultz 269, Stephan Miller 234, Brett Nelson 227.

High team scratch series: Karcz Lending 3,081, S and M Tool 2,939, Kropf's Meat 2,775.

High individual scratch series: Paul Hanke 627, Tyler Krull 617, Doug Kunst 588.

Lakeshore Masters — Lakeshore Lanes

Team	W	L
Golfside	100	28
Farmall Fanatics	86 1/2	41 1/2

Dearco Distributors	76	52
Brother's	72 1/2	55 1/2
Launching Pad	70 1/2	57 1/2
Bamboo	64	64
Northern Advantage	60 1/2	67 1/2
Lakeshore Lanes	58	70
Rosie's Railway	50	78
Shawano Auto Sales	47	81
Pin Pricks	43	85
Full Service Tents	40	88

High team scratch games: Lakeshore Lanes 735, Brother's 727, Golfside 722.

High individual scratch games: Bryant Rankin 280, Ed Brusky 279, Todd Schertz 269, Tom Hoffman 267, Brian Schultz 267, Carson Malueg 254, Cody Lindal 253, Carl Malueg 246, Mark Schachtschneide 244, Kyle Ready 244.

High team scratch series: Farmall Fanatics 2,035, Brother's 2,009, Lakeshore Lanes 1,961.

High individual scratch series: Brian Schultz 727, Mark Schachtschneide 724, Carl Malueg 708, Ed Brusky 697, Bryant Rankin 694, Todd Schertz 693, Carson Malueg 691, Tom Hoffman 670, Cody Lindal

663, Kyle Ready 660.

Chet and Emil's Monday Women's League

Team	W	L
Banner Banks	7	1
Chet and Emil's	4	4
Star Campsite	3	5
Cady Home	2	6

High team handicap games: Cady Home 756, Banner Banks 730, Chet and Emil's 728.

High individual scratch games: Tracy Anderson 241, Cindy Mortenson 202, Barbara Praslowicz 190, Jen Duranceau 189, Kim Zeller 184, Christy Clark 170.

High team handicap series: Chet and Emil's 2,166, Cady Home 2,151, Banner Banks 2,138.

High individual scratch series: Tracy Anderson 583, Barbara Praslowicz 512, Kim Zeller 504, Cindy Mortenson 503, Jen Duranceau 498, Christy Clark 437.

Chet and Emil's Tuesday Commercial

Team	W	L
Clark Construction	5	1
Kautza Excavating	4	2
White Insurance	4	2
Chet and Emil's	3	3

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High team scratch games: Chet and Emil's 1,080, Kautza Excavating 1,001, Clark Construction 1,000.

High individual scratch games: Andy Hegewald 258, Doug Kunst 249, Tim Lemke 248.

High team scratch series: Chet and Emil's 3,120, Kautza Excavating 2,897, Clark Construction 2,793.

High individual scratch series: Jeremy Praslowicz 711, Doug Kunst 691, Tim Lemke 662.

Chet and Emil's Thursday Early Birds

Team	W	L
Rightway Propane	29	15
Schairer Farms	25	19
Stadler Farms	18	26
M and J Harvesting	16	28

High team scratch games: Rightway Propane 598, Schairer Farms 580, M and J Harvesting 550.

High individual scratch games: Kim Zeller 224, Susan Zeinert 187, Darcy Hille 170, Patricia Stadler 161.

High team scratch series: Rightway Propane 1,755, Schairer Farms 1,635, M and J Harvesting 1,584.

High individual scratch series: Kim Zeller 598, Susan Zeinert 545, Darcy Hille 457, Patricia Stadler 447.

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BESTSELLER ROCKS ON

Stepheni Curran gets praise,
nominations for her books

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Stepheni Curran, of Gresham, continues to influence children with her "Rock On, Kindness!" books. She will be making a presentation Jan. 14 at The Children's Museum of Green Bay.

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'Rock' star author still spreading kindness

Curran making presentation at Children's Museum of Green Bay this weekend

By LEE PULASKI
City Editor

To most folks, the rocks that are scattered on the ground are just pieces of the landscape, but to Gresham author Stepheni Curran, they're magic.

Curran has two books in the "Rock On, Kindness!" children's series, both generating a lot of attention. The first book, "Pass it On!" follows a 7-year-old girl who has a hobby of painting rocks and hiding them to bring happiness to others, including her five best friends, who differ from her in a variety of ways. The second book, "Even When Your Heart Hurts!" involves a 9-year-old boy who paints kindness rocks for his friends as a way of celebrating his grandfather, who passed away.

The idea of painting rocks and gifting them to others has gained attention far and wide. Curran has been recognized by Orange Hat Publishing, the publisher for the "Rock On, Kindness!" books, as a top seller in 2019 and was an honorable mention in the top sellers' list for 2022. "Pass it On!" was nominated for the TCK Publishing Reader's Choice Awards in 2020, while the sequel was nominated for the honor in 2022.

"I was really excited to be nominated and to learn that my second book met the criteria," Curran said. "They have a panel that evaluates your book to see if it meets the criteria. The criteria is based on the content of your book, the quality of your book based on the content and illustrations. I was really excited to even be accepted into the contest because that, in and of itself, is an accomplishment."

Winners are also judged by how effectively they promote their books, and Curran said that effort was put on hold when her father was diagnosed with colon cancer.

"My priorities shifted," she said. "I wasn't able to do the promotional piece to get as many votes to be in the contest. I did pretty well in the contest, but you have to market it more than I did, and because my dad was sick, I wanted to help my dad, obviously."

Through it all, Curran had made progress in promoting the books not



Stepheni Curran's "Rock On, Kindness!" books sit on top of a shelf at 'Til the Cows Come Home in Shawano.

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AT A GLANCE

WHAT: "Rock On, Kindness!" book event

WHEN: 10:30 a.m. to noon Jan. 14

WHERE: The Children's Museum of Green Bay,
1230 Bay Beach Road, Green Bay

only across the United States, but also in other countries. Her latest event is coming up Jan. 14, when she will hold a book event at The Children's Museum of Green Bay beginning at 10:30 a.m. The event is her 77th in the state and the second time she has graced the halls of the museum.

"I've learned to make these interactive," Curran said of her book events. "My target audience is usually our elementary children, and our youngest is usually 4K (4-year-old kindergarten). Knowing my audience, making it interactive, making it fun and also having some kind of carryover activity is key. I like to do rock painting, but sometimes rock painting isn't the best choice given the location."

When that's not an option, Curran turns to friendship bracelets, crafts to donate to skilled nursing facilities or veterans organizations and more.

"I've done so many kindness carryover activities, depending on where I'm presenting," Curran said.

Curran is also proud of her best-seller status with Orange Hat, noting that she's competing with some key people, including former Milwaukee Brewers pitcher Brent Suter, who published "The Binky Bandit" in 2022.

"I don't have the advertising he gets," Curran said with a laugh. "It's hard to compete with a professional baseball player because they promoted it on the Milwaukee Brewers page and in the stands. It was pretty much no contest there."

While she plans to add on to the "Rock On, Kindness!" series, she's currently working on a different book for her third published work. The book examines social and emotional learning cores, a key factor for Curran who works during the day as a speech-language pathologist. It is currently under peer review, according to Curran.

"It's for an elementary audience; the target is third through fifth grade," Curran said. "It's basically about

promoting self-confidence and self-esteem and to make sure kids are figuring out what their strengths are and their own personal challenges instead of comparing themselves to others."

Curran said the new book will also be published through Orange Hat, noting how she likes the company for its policy of allowing the author to have more say regarding the illustrations that are in her books.

"I think it's important, when you're doing a children's book, that the illustrations really add to the storyline and children use the pictures to make sense of the story, as well," Curran said.

For those unable to attend the museum event, Curran's books are available locally at 'Til the Cows Come Home, 154 S. Main St., Shawano, and Bayshore Books, 302 Collins Ave., Oconto. The books may also be purchased online through Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Ingram Content Group, Orange Hat Publishing, Target and Walmart.

Moccasin game offers joy, good healing

It's called the Moccasin Game, or Mahkaesen Mianaceqtan in the Menominee language. On a cool evening in December, I tried my hand at the game held in the College of Menominee Nation's Culture Building.

CMN Indigenous Wellness Director Beth Waukechon coordinates the monthly event, which is both free and open to the public. After beginning with a prayer, she invited the 20 of us gathered to enjoy a meal and thanked us for making the



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time to spend with one another. Waukechon stated: "You could be any place else in the world tonight, but you chose to be here."

Traditionally a men's game, the Moccasin Game was created to be played by as few as four people. The players remove their moccasins, placing them in two lines that are parallel to one another and thereby offering cover to hide a stone under. In the modern version, the footwear is replaced by fabric squares cut in a rectangular pattern known as "moccasin pads," while the stones are replaced by ball bearings.

The modern game is open to everyone. It begins by positioning two people across from one another. Then, determined by a coin toss, one person is the hider, taking a ball bearing and placing it under one of four game pads in front of them. The person directly across is the striker, intent on correctly choosing which pad is covering the bearing. The striker is advised by a group of hunters, meaning multiple sets of eyes watch as the hider works their sleight of hand. Once a selection is made, the player taps the pad with the striking stick before flipping it over to reveal what lies beneath.

Each side starts out with 10 counting sticks, surrendering them to one another based upon which-ever player earns them. In the game at CMN, each turn was worth four



College of Menominee Nation President Christopher Caldwell watches as Naneque LaTender hides the ball bearing. Bryant Doud, Daniel Grignon, Kaniyow Kihs, and Jennifer Gauthier watch the action.

RYAN WINN

counting sticks. Game points were awarded when a team earned 20 counting sticks, the tally was kept by using thicker "soldier" sticks that are positioned on the side of the blanket.

The games' singers were Bernard "Jr." Doud's family and their friend, Ho-Chunk tribal member Lawrence "Larry" Walker Jr. Doud and Walker Jr. played their hand drums and sang while their respective teams hid the ball. Doud described the game as, "Something that brings us joy and good healing." His sentiment was evident to all, as laughter frequently lent emphasis to the action.

After watching a few rounds, I was called to the blanket to try my hand at the game. I didn't last long as either the hider or the seeker, but I made the room laugh when I tried striking a pad while holding

the stick backwards.

I joined Guy Reiter as a hunter, and he tried to teach me how to spot the slightest change in my opponent. "It's a game of idiosyncrasies. If you really pay attention, you'll see it."

After we each had a turn, two of Doud's sons faced off against one another. The rivals laughed, teased, and impressed with their mastery, proving the Moccasin Game to be as enjoyable to witness as it is to play.

Once the games concluded, some participants won raffle items gifted to them by the event's sponsors — CMN, Menominee Vocational Rehabilitation Program, UW-Extension in Menominee County, and Menikanaehkem.

Before we left for the night, Walker Jr. spoke up to say how much he appreciated everyone

playing the game that "belongs to all of us." He said the game was about the "enjoyment of each other." Then the former Ho-Chunk tribal legislator suggested he bring his tribe over to wage a friendly competition. Laughter ensued, with no firm date offered for the inter-tribal match.

The final two games to be held at CMN this winter will be on Jan. 20 and Feb. 17 from 5-7 p.m., with a meal provided to everyone who attends. Come try your hand at a friendly game of Mahkaesen Mianaceqtan. You're guaranteed a good time, even if you hold your striking stick backwards.

Ryan Winn teaches courses in communication, English, and theater at College of Menominee Nation. For more information about the school visit www.menominee.edu.

"You could be any place else in the world tonight, but you chose to be here."

BETH WAUKECHON, College of Menominee Nation Indigenous wellness director

New year's resolution: Hunt for yourself

By the time you read this, odds are good that you've already stopped using your new gym membership, moved the Peloton exercise bike to the basement or garage and put a price tag on the treadmill for your next yard sale.

Don't feel bad. It's only human nature to break New Year's resolutions faster than the price of gas changes.

I started making personal resolutions before July 2022, when I completed plans to semi-retire. Collecting Social Security made me feel old, but getting a little back from all those decades of paying in felt good. My



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full-time employer let me stay on and continue doing search engine optimization duties for our business-to-business e-commerce website that provides promotional products in multiple countries.

Like all retirees, there are plans for traveling, relaxing and spending more time doing all the things I've wanted to do for myself, but never had the time.

For the past 6½ months, I've discovered that I am busier than ever and actually seem to have less time for myself, even though I officially work only two days a week.

I did take more time to deer hunt this year, spreading my hunting between my old haunts near my rural New London home at a muzzleloader club acreage and a new and promising site near Clintonville where a bow-hunting club has property.

My goal was to shoot a deer with a recurve bow, but my 63-year-old body said no. Drawing two different bows in the 42- to 45-pound draw range soon had both my shoulder muscles aching. The day I saw the biggest buck I've ever seen afield found me with the Bear Kodiak Magnum bow in hand, but he didn't come in bow range. I soon switched to my Ten Point crossbow, but the buck never returned.

I've often found myself deer hunting in late season when the snow piles up, collapsing my ground blinds, and the cold gnashes at my fingers and toes. Dec. 8, opening day of the statewide antlerless season, saw me tucked in a ground blind near home. Four does appeared, and the biggest



Ross Bielema shot this large adult doe Dec. 8 during the four-day statewide antlerless season, using his Thompson-Center Encore .50-caliber muzzleloader in rural New London.

ROSS BIELEMA

dropped within 100 yards of where my .50-caliber Thompson-Center Encore muzzleloader hit her, breaking my previous two-year streak of going without venison.

The large doe was so heavy that I could not load it in the van single-handedly, so I had to get my neighbor to help — a nice problem to have. The co-owner of Northwoods Meats in New London, Mike Trewin, estimated the doe at 130 pounds but a friend of mine guessed it was closer to 150.

It's only natural that some guys have tried to turn fishing, hunting and other traditionally solo sports into a competition. I understand the idea of competitive fishing. It's certainly generated more revenue for boating and tackle companies geared toward bass and walleye angling, but it's miles away from a relaxing day of semi-napping in a johnboat or on a dock with a rod in hand.

The same is true of hunting. Sure, those at deer camp like to have a friendly contest for the largest (or maybe even smallest) deer, but the never-ending push for bigger antlers

— fueled by the high-profile deer hunting shows, special cover crops and minerals aimed at growing larger antlers and the two main record books — seems to dilute the fun of just sharing time in the woods with family and friends.

Don't get me wrong, I'd love to have a deer in the Pope and Young Club record book for a bow kill or Boone and Crockett Club book for an even better rack from bow or gun, but any deer I kill is a trophy to me. It represents wild, unprocessed and organic meat killed at my own hands. It is essentially the same venison our ancestors harvested and ate. Antlers make great knife handles, but a 200-pound forkhorn would have been considered a better and more valuable trophy than a 150-pound 12-pointer back then.

I've been reading more articles about hunting for yourself. You only have to satisfy yourself in this sport. There are no scoreboards or cheering crowds when you make a decision to shoot. Like all hunter ethics, these decisions occur when you are

typically alone, or perhaps with a son, daughter, father, mother, grandparent or friend.

Hunters sadly can be a selfish bunch, feuding with neighbors over "my" deer and occasionally bending the law to put that trophy buck on the wall. The non-hunting public will determine our future, since hunters remain less than 20% of the population. Hunting for food is generally accepted by most non-hunters. Remaining an ethical hunter is a goal for all of us.

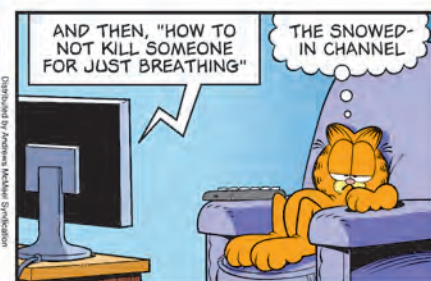
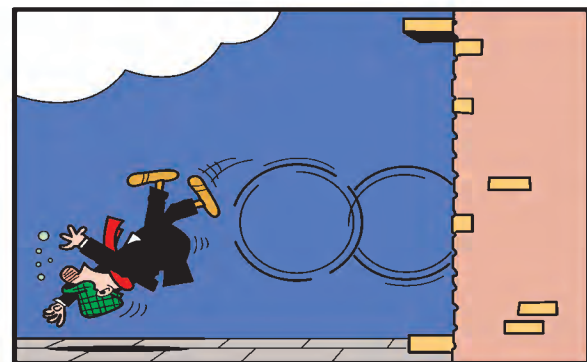
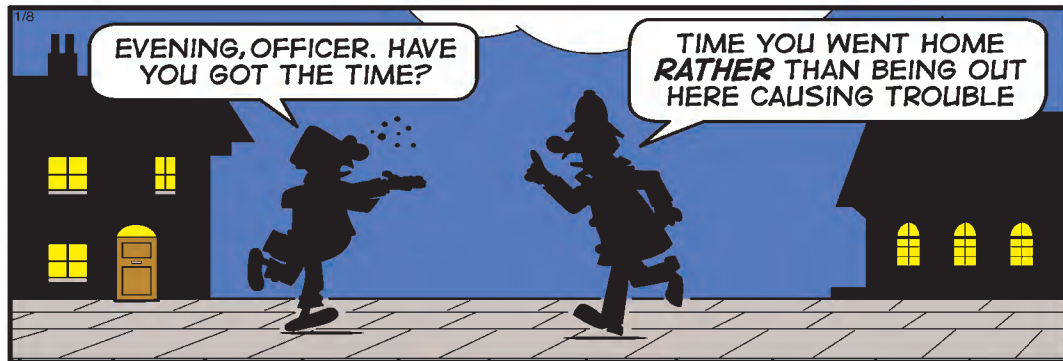
My first buck, a scraggly 7-pointer shot in 1978 with a shotgun slug at 89 yards, remains my best trophy. There are better animals on my wall, but none so meaningful.

Make a resolution to hunt for yourself this year and not lose sleep about making the record book. I've already made my own record book many times. Each deer creates its own memories and satisfies my own measure of success.

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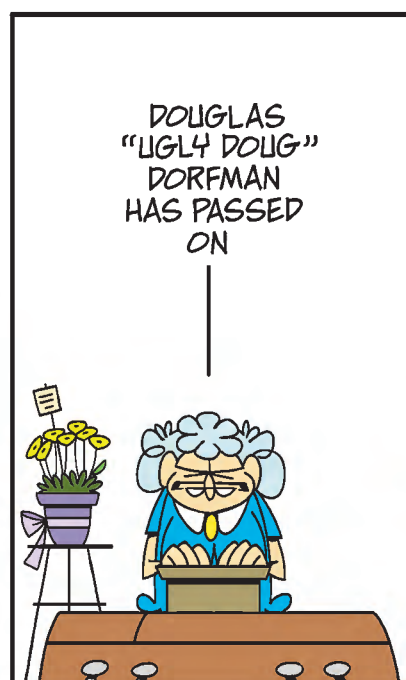
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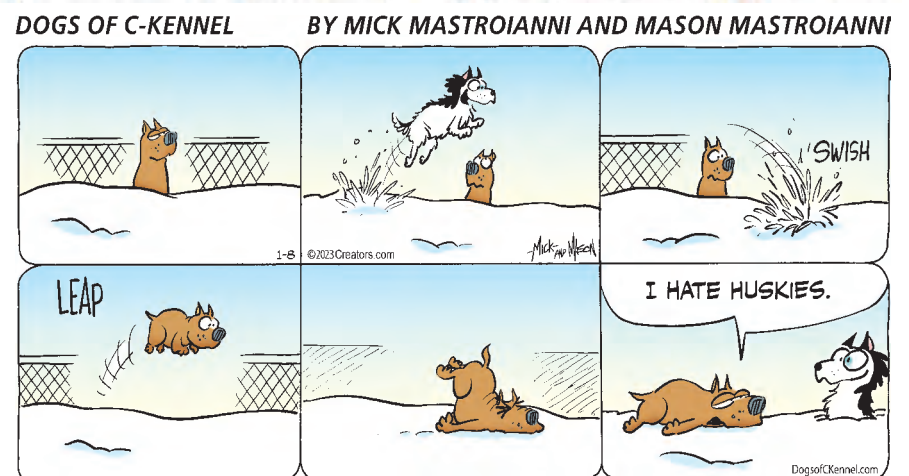
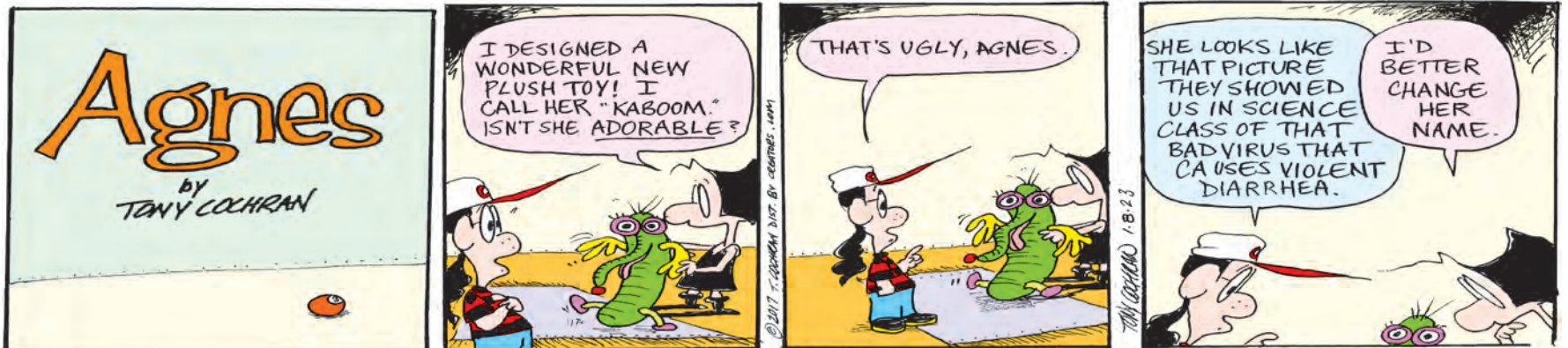


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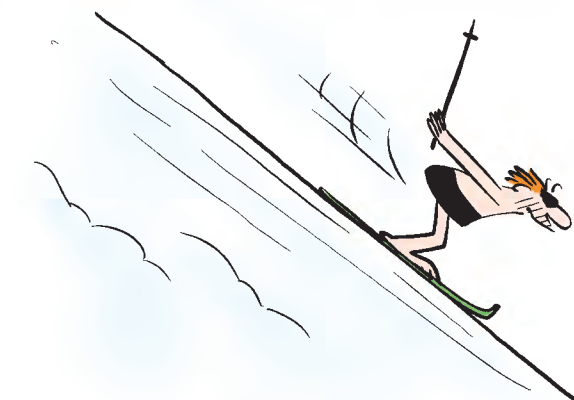
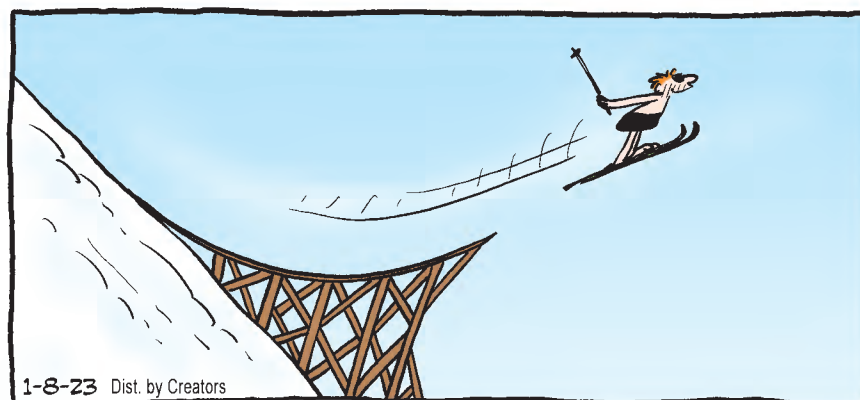
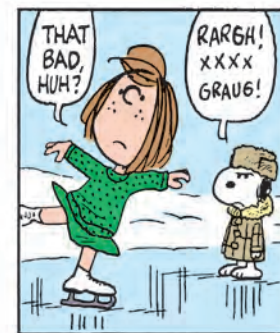


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AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Mursau, Schmidt get to work in state Assembly

Northeast Wisconsin's representatives in the state legislature are getting right to work, according to a pair of press releases.

Rep. Jeff Mursau was sworn into office for another two-year term representing the 35th Assembly District. During the 2023-2025 legislative session, Mursau will again serve as the chairman of the Assembly Committee on Forestry, Parks and Outdoor Recreation. Mursau will also serve on the Assembly committees for agriculture, education, sporting heritage and tourism.

"I appreciate the confidence from my colleagues to be a lead on forestry issues and outdoor recreational activities," said Mursau. "I asked to serve on these legislative committees because they impact the issues that are important to the people I represent. I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pass legislation that will positively impact my neighbors in northern Wisconsin."

Anyone wanting to speak with Mursau regarding his committee work or matters before the legislature can contact his office at Rep.Mursau@legis.wi.gov or 608-266-3780.

Peter Schmidt, the 6th Assembly District's newest representative, was recently named the vice-chairman for the Assembly Committee on Rural Affairs, according to a press release from his office. Schmidt, a farmer from Bonduel, will also serve on committees that address agriculture, transportation, environment and consumer protection.

"Voters of the 6th District, along with the rest of Wisconsin, deserve life, liberty and happiness as our founding fathers outlined," Schmidt said in his press release. "Government has grown too big and intrusive, and we need to treat all life with respect and dignity."

UW-Extension workshop looks at farmland leasing

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension is providing the opportunities for owners of farmland and agricultural producers to find out about land rent realities and options in a workshop Jan. 17. Registration is not required, and all interested persons are encouraged to attend.

The workshop will begin at 2:30 p.m., in the Cecil Village Hall, 111 E.



Rep. Jeff Mursau, signs the Assembly book to start a new two-year term on Jan. 3 at the state capitol in Madison.

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Hofman St., Cecil. If in doubt about weather issues on that day, contact the Shawano County Extension office at 715-526-6136.

Crops/Soils Educator Scott Reuss will lead the discussion of the details that should be considered when negotiating a farm rental contract, and why having a contract is important. He will also detail some of the advantages and disadvantages of different types of annual or multi-year leasing contracts. Current data regarding land rental rates in the multi-county area will be shared and discussed, as well.

Although a written contract is not a legal requirement, it does allow for protections for both parties and allows the producer involved to more readily access crop insurance and governmental programs. Many different things can go into a contract, but the most important center on timing, payment processes, restrictions and opportunities for flexibility when unusual cropping conditions occur.

Contract templates of multiple types will be available as handouts, ranging from extremely simple to more complex arrangements. The discussion will focus on basic cropland rental situations, but can expand to building leases, grazing land and other situations which attendees are interested in discussing.

For information, contact Reuss at 715-732-7510 or scott.reuss@wisc.edu. If unable to attend a program, another source of farmland leasing information is <http://www.aglease101.org>.

Library invites reading of 'Fire Keeper's Daughter'

Shawano County Library is inviting the community to read Angeline Boulley's award-winning novel "Fire Keeper's Daughter" as a community between Jan. 16 and Feb. 25. An online challenge will also be available in Beanstack to track reading and participate in other related activities.

"Fire Keeper's Daughter" is the story of 18-year-old Daunis Fontaine, part Ojibwe, who delays her college plans to take care of her ailing mother. Daunis witnesses a murder and becomes part of an FBI investigation into a new drug due to her knowledge of chemistry and Ojibwe traditional medicine.

The book is available to check out from Shawano County Library in a variety of formats. The title is available as a book, including large print, as well as an audiobook. A downloadable audiobook version is available through hoopla and an ebook is available through Overdrive.

Community members can log into

their Beanstack account at shawano-library.beanstack.org to participate in additional activities related to the book. Beanstack activities available are virtual Ojibwe Storytelling with Mike Wiggins and a deep dive of medicinal herbs.

For information, call 715-526-3829.

Suring historical society plans business meeting

The Suring Area Historical Society Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 17 at the Suring Village Hall, 604 E. Main St., Suring.

The meeting will just be a business meeting, as there is no speaker scheduled.

For information, contact Helen Heimerl at 920-842-2400.

Annual meeting planned for literacy council

The annual meeting for the Marinette and Oconto Counties Literacy Council will be at 1 p.m. Jan. 17 at the Literacy Office, 447 N. Business Highway 141, Coleman.

An agenda will be sent to all board members and others interested in attending. For information, call 920-897-4422 or email moliteracy2012@gmail.com.

Moonshine permeates the family tree

Every cloud has a silver lining. While there's precious little "silver" in the COVID-19 pandemic cloud, the emergence of virtual meetings is one, especially useful in small group settings where you are part of a closed loop operating within a defined time period. With such a clear-cut structure, participants must be present and listening. That can generate conversations that might never have occurred otherwise.

For example, during a family siblings Zoom session, the subject of Uncle Romy's moonshine business popped up. I'd heard a fuzzy narrative of this intoxicating piece of family lore, but a more complete picture emerged when my brothers fleshed out the story. Now, family stories being what they are, memories differ. It's possible some of the details are embellished, but as my sister Carol says, "Never let the truth get in the way of a good story."

Uncle Romy was one of my favorite uncles, though he called me "Kat" and teased me a lot. He was actually my father Hilard's uncle, but the Holschuh brothers, Ivo and Romy, were more



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like brothers to him. They each had a separate farm but were close enough to share equipment and the cost of renting a threshing machine. They also helped one another baling hay, harvesting grain and making silage. That made the job easier and faster and included a family get-together at the end of long laborious days, complete with sandwiches, beer and lots of BS.

Uncle Romy's farm was on Highway 114, south of Sherwood where we lived. When the highway was built, the new road divided his home from the barn so he had to cross a busy thoroughfare to do chores. I loved going there; Aunt Bonita was lively with a sunny disposition. Since she and Uncle Romy had only sons, I was the daughter she borrowed for a week during the summers of my ninth and 10th years. Mostly we worked, but somehow it was fun doing things

there I hated to do at home.

At night we ate popcorn while Uncle Romy taught me an essential family skill — how to play sheephead. As I mastered this German card game, I sipped from a bottle of soda, savoring a treat reserved for special occasions at our farm. The best part was I had a bed all to myself, a decadent luxury impossible at home since I shared a bed with my older sister, Marge.

One day when I was there, I crossed the highway to pet the horses. My teenage cousin, George, motioned me over. Swearing me to secrecy, he used his well-worn work boot to push away some straw which revealed a hidden trap door in the floor. He chuckled as he pulled it up, then directed my attention to a contraption hidden below. He laughed loudly when I asked what it was. "Why, it's a moonshine still, Kat. It works, too."

Moonshine? Moonshine was a bright light cast by the moon on a cloudless night. Uncle Romy's criminal activity as a Prohibition moonshiner was totally lost on me. George was so excited to show me the still that I nodded and put my index finger over my lips. His secret was safe. Decades later during our family Zoom conversation, it came up.

My brother, Joe, whose family owns the original homestead, reminded us that during the Great Depression farmers were hit hard as agriculture prices went into free fall. Many farmers lost everything, including land tilled for generations. With so much misery in

the country, it wasn't surprising that there was a high demand for illegal hooch.

Desperate times call for desperate measures; the Holschuhs were not above pursuing a business opportunity. What I didn't know was my father was an active participant. His job was to pick up a key moonshine ingredient — sugar. He periodically hitched his team to a hay wagon and went to the train depot to pick up a shipment. To avoid detection, Dad loaded the sacks and carefully spread hay over his precious cargo, then hauled the contraband to Uncle Romy's farm.

Someone surely caught on; he used the same procedure every time. He was never arrested, probably because moonshiners had tacit community support, which included law officers who appreciated a ready source of cheap liquor. Evidently though, Dad wasn't one to broadcast the details of his illicit deeds because that was the first I'd ever heard of it.

The repeal of Prohibition in 1933 ended my father's gambit on the wrong side of the law. He went on to earn his living legally, working the land, totally dependent on the vagaries of Mother Nature and milk markets. Ironically, in the grand scheme of things, dairy farming is still an even riskier proposition than making moonshine.

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Green Bay faces another offseason of uncertainty

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Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers, left, walks off the field with receiver Randall Cobb after a loss to the Detroit Lions on Jan. 8 in Green Bay.

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Green Bay falls one win short of playoffs

Rodgers not ruling out retirement

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

After losing to the Philadelphia Eagles during week 12, the Green Bay Packers dropped to 4-8 and talk of Jordan Love starting for the rest of the year began to surface.

The team then inexplicably went on a four-game win streak, and with losses from the Seattle Seahawks and Washington Commanders, found themselves in control of its fate, before losing in week 18.

"It was frustrating at times, but ultimately some really beautiful moments," said Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers, reflecting on the season after the week 18 loss to the Detroit Lions.

Starting in training camp before the season, the Packers had a picture of what the team was, as Rodgers was back at practice on a two-year deal. The worry though was where the production was going to come from on offense with Davante Adams gone.

General Manager Brian Gutekunst brought in veteran Sammy Watkins and drafted three rookies, Christian Watson, Romeo Doubs and Samori Toure to help fill that role. Even though there were doubts, many thought that the combination of those three with Aaron Jones, A.J. Dillon and Rodgers would be enough.

"I feel like obviously losing Davante was a big deal, but we didn't fill that void, and I mean no one can," said Rodgers. "I think that there is a lot of good, young talent on the team and if certain guys make the jumps from year one to year two, this offense could look a little different."

Going back to Rodgers' quote about the season, the Packers started on a frustrating moment — getting blown out by division-rival Minnesota Vikings. The beautiful quickly followed though, as Green Bay won three straight games.

Even though Davante Adams wasn't there, the Packers were winning games, hopes were high and this seemed like another playoff team.

The season turned upside down and frustration set in when Green Bay traveled to London. A loss to the New York Giants overseas was quickly fol-



Green Bay Packers running back Aaron Jones, right, fumbles as he is hit by Detroit Lions defensive end John Cominsky, center, during the first half of a game on Jan. 8 in Green Bay.

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lowed by four more losses, to the New York Jets, Washington Commanders, Buffalo Bills and Detroit Lions.

During the five-game losing streak, almost everything came into question — the quarterback situation, the running back usage, the defensive scheme, the special teams — Green Bay looked like a shell of the team that started 3-1. Everyone was writing the Packers off, and rightfully so, but the Packers were still mathematically alive to make the playoffs.

The Packers snapped their losing skid with a hard-fought overtime victory over the Dallas Cowboys, and more than just the Dallas Cowboys, former head coach Mike McCarthy.

After the game, Rodgers told fans that, "we're not dead yet." Rodgers knew throughout the entire season that the Packers could not be counted out, until the team was mathematically eliminated, telling reporters that he believes in the team after each loss throughout the season.

Even though Green Bay's win over Dallas was followed by two losses to the Tennessee Titans and Philadelphia Eagles, a silver lining started to appear in the form of Christian Watson. In the three-game stretch, Watson caught six

touchdowns and added another one week later against the Bears.

In what had become a stagnant offense, Watson provided the spark that the Packers needed at the exact time that the team needed it. He became a focal point in the offense, catching 31 passes from the Dallas game forward.

While the offense was finding its footing, the defense was finding itself as well. With the losses of Rashan Gary and Eric Stokes, the team overcame the challenges and started forcing turnovers during the four-game win streak. The biggest moment for the Packers defense this season came when it intercepted Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa on three straight possessions to end the week 16 game.

Finally the Packers scored 41 points against the Vikings, before setting up a week 18 matchup with the Detroit Lions with the playoffs on the line. From the beautiful momentum of the Packers win streak, the season quickly ended back with frustration. While the defense was providing stops throughout the game, the offense turned back to what it had looked like during the five-game losing streak, scoring just one touchdown.

"I do commend our locker room

and the guys for their ability to overcome adversity throughout the course of the season, but I think ultimately we dug ourselves in too big of a hole, and the margin for error in this league is so small and if you don't capitalize on opportunities and you make mistakes — then you're going to lose," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur.

The loss, while predictable, still felt somewhat heartbreaking, as a team that was counted out by everyone except the players and coaches had a win-and-you-are-in opportunity. There was hope and with Rodgers at quarterback, anything could happen.

Now Green Bay faces a reality of not having Rodgers anymore, an idea that he is not discounting, creating yet another offseason of uncertainty in Green Bay.

"It's a feeling, do I feel like I have anything left to prove to myself? Do I want to go back and gear up for another grind? Or is it time? Is it time to step away? Is it time for another voice to be leading this team?," said Rodgers. "I think I need to get away and contemplate those things, and those are real to me."

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Packers season ends at hands of Lions

Rodgers' future up in the air

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

In what could be Aaron Rodgers' last game at Lambeau Field, the Green Bay Packers saw their magic run out to the Detroit Lions, losing 20-16 and ending Green Bay's playoff hopes.

This is the first time in head coach Matt LaFleur's four-year tenure that the Packers have missed the playoffs.

"To have an opportunity to go to the playoffs at home and not being able to get it done in that fashion is extremely disappointing," said LaFleur, following the game.

Rodgers finished the game with 205 passing yards and a touchdown pass on 17 completions. Christian Watson was the main benefactor of Rodgers, as the rookie receiver recorded 104 receiving yards on five catches. Allen Lazard added another 41 yards and a touchdown.

For the Lions, quarterback Jared Goff completed 23 out of 34 passing attempts for 224 yards and no touchdowns. Both of Detroit's touchdowns came by way of former Packer running back Jamaal Williams, who added another 72 yards on the ground.

The Packers, who have been averaging 140.5 rushing yards over the four-game win streak, garnered just 103 yards on the ground in this game. Aaron Jones led the way against Detroit with 48 yards on 12 carries. A.J. Dillon added another 33 yards on nine carries, snapping his streak of five straight games with a rushing touchdown.

"We didn't block movement very well," said LaFleur, on the team's inability to get a strong run game going.

Green Bay immediately marched down the field to open the game, with a defensive pass interference penalty putting the Packers on Detroit's 5-yard line. The drive stalled though, as Jones and Dillon combined for rushes of just one yard. That was followed up by an incompletion intended for Dillon, leading to Mason Crosby's first field goal of the game.

After trading possessions, which included a failed fourth-down rush from Lazard, the Packers were able to work down the field again on the back of a 27-yard reception from Watson. On third-and-five from Detroit's 20-yard line, Lions pass



Green Bay Packers wide receiver Allen Lazard, left, reaches for a pass against Detroit Lions cornerback Jerry Jacobs during a game on Jan. 8 in Green Bay.

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rusher Aiden Hutchinson bull-rushed Packers tackle Yosh Nijman, sacking Rodgers for a loss of 11 yards.

Up 6-3, the Packers once again had their drive stalled at the Lions 24-yard-line after another Hutchinson sack on third-and-five resulted in a loss of six yards. Crosby once again finished the drive for the offense, making a 48-yard field goal.

With 1:16 left in the first half, Goff led the Lions down the field, throwing for 55 yards on 10 plays to bring the ball to the Green Bay 37-yard line with five seconds left. As the Lions were setting up for a field goal, the Packers called timeout and Packers cornerback Rasul Douglas attempted to stop the long snapper from snapping the ball.

A small fight followed, leading to Douglas being called for a 15-yard unnecessary roughness penalty, thus giving the Lions an easy 33-yard field goal make to enter halftime.

"The first half, I think we had a lot of opportunities that we let go away," said Rodgers. "Obviously the first

drive was a good drive, and I think we had four drives inside their territory and just didn't come up with enough points — didn't convert on third down."

Douglas was not the only one who seemingly lost his composure in this game, as linebacker Quay Walker was ejected from the game following him pushing a Lions staff member who was attending to an injured player. With the ejection, Walker became the first player in 15 years to be disqualified from two games in the same season.

"I don't know, but that is unacceptable," said LaFleur when answering why players lost their composure in this game. "I've got a much higher standard for our players than to do silly things like that. I mean we've had a guy get ejected twice. I don't think I have ever seen that in my career."

Down 20-16 with just under six minutes remaining, Rodgers tried to lead a charge to take the lead late.

Facing third-and-10 from Green Bay's own 33-yard line, Rodgers was met with pressure up the middle and as a result he heaved a pass down the right sideline, intended for Watson, which was intercepted by Lions safety Kerby Joseph. That was the last pass that Rodgers threw in the game, and it could be Rodgers last throw as a Packer.

With the season over and the future in question, Rodgers exited the field by walking to the locker room with Randall Cobb next to him, embracing each other. While he is under contract for another season, Rodgers said that he will take some time to figure out his immediate future.

"It's a little raw right now," said Rodgers. "It's just a little bit after the game, so I'm going to take the emotion out of it and have conversations and see where the organization's at and see how I feel after some time has passed."

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PACKERS REPORT CARD

By **BILL HUBER**

Correspondent

Green Bay Packers coach Matt LaFleur's first three teams each won 13 games. His first two teams reached NFC Championship Games.

His fourth team will watch the playoffs from home.

The offense never found its way after the offseason trade of Davante Adams. The defense rarely played to the preseason hype. The special teams improved as the season went on but couldn't deliver a game-turning play in the finale.

Here is a unit-by-unit report card, supplemented by stats from Pro Football Focus.

Quarterbacks

The numbers are pretty incredible. In winning MVP honors in 2020 and 2021, Aaron Rodgers' season averages were 69.6% completions, 4,200 yards, 42.5 touchdowns and 4½ interceptions. In 2022, he completed 64.7% of his passes for 3,490 yards with 25 touchdowns vs. 11 interceptions.

In his healthy seasons, he matched his career low in touchdowns, missed his career high in interceptions by one and had a career-worst 91.5 passer rating. Unbelievably, he threw almost as many interceptions as his first three seasons under LaFleur combined (13). For the first time in his career, he didn't have a single 300-yard game. He finished 16th in rating and 23rd in yards per attempt.

Everybody expected the passing of offense to endure growing pains without Adams. Those pains never went away. During the final eight games, Rodgers never reached even 240 yards. In the last five games — the four-game winning streak and the loss to Detroit — he threw five touchdowns vs. three interceptions.

There's more to playing quarterback than completing passes. LaFleur consistently praised Rodgers for his ability to get the team into the right play at the line of scrimmage. That skill is why older quarterbacks hold so much value.

Still, at the end of the day, a quarterback needs to be that rising tide that lifts all boats. This year's boat was sunk by a Detroit defense that ranked among the worst in the league in just about every important statistical area.

Grade: C

Running backs

Aaron Jones rushed for a career-high 1,121 yards, good for ninth in the league. It was a struggle at times down the stretch but he played in all



Green Bay Packers receiver Christian Watson signals for a first down during the team's game against the Miami Dolphins on Dec. 25 in Miami.

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17 games. His 5.3-yard average eclipsed his career mark of 5.1, which already was among the best in NFL history. His 59 receptions not only set a career high but were just one off the team lead.

On the other hand, he had a career-low two rushing touchdowns and career-high five fumbles. His final fumble of the season was a season-changer. On Sunday, Green Bay was leading 9-3 late in the first half and driving to at least another field goal when Jones fumbled on a screen. Rather than building on their lead, the Lions drove to a field goal to make it a three-point game at intermission.

AJ Dillon also played in all 17 games. As a runner, his 770 yards, 4.1 average and seven touchdowns were on par with last year. He wasn't nearly as good as a receiver, though, going from 34 receptions in 37 targets for 313 yards to 28 receptions in 43 targets for 206 yards. His yards per target plunged from 8.5 to 4.6 and his drops from zero to five.

Grade: B

Receivers

In the long run, maybe trading Adams, drafting Christian Watson in the second round and Romeo Doubs in the fourth round, and allocating Adams' cap money elsewhere will pay off. It didn't this year, though.

Allen Lazard, who was hyped as a No. 1 receiver by Rodgers, led the team with 60 receptions and 788 receiving yards and was second with six receiving touchdowns. Doubs was fourth on the team with 42 receptions (for 425 yards and three touchdowns) and Watson was fifth with 41 receptions (for 611 yards and a team-high seven touchdowns). The lone free-agent addition, Sammy Watkins, was a bust who sucked up too many snaps before he was released in December.

Combined, Lazard and Doubs caught 102 passes, and Lazard and Watson had 1,399 yards and 13 touchdowns. By himself, Adams caught 100 passes for 1,516 yards and 14 touchdowns.

It's not just the numbers. Rodgers and Adams had tens of thousands of practice and game reps to draw upon

in key situations. Need a critical conversion on third-and-8? With a wink and a nod, they made it happen. Rodgers had that connection with Lazard and Randall Cobb but they don't have Adams' talent; Watson and Doubs have the talent but not the experience.

Watson provided a game-breaking element and could be a star if he can stay healthy; following offseason knee surgery, he missed time with hamstring, ankle and hip injuries as well as a concussion. He and Doubs dropped five passes. Lazard dropped four.

The under-the-radar good: Lazard and Watson are tremendous blockers. The under-the-radar bad: Combined, every Packers receiver forced 13 missed tackles, led by Cobb and Watson with four apiece. Nine individuals had more than Green Bay's total.

Watson and Doubs are building blocks; Lazard and Cobb are headed to free agency.

Grade: C-minus

Tight ends

Green Bay's tight ends played exactly to the scouting report.

Robert Tonyan finished third on the team with 53 receptions, which he turned into 470 yards and two touchdowns. Possessing some of the best hands in the NFL, he finished first among tight ends in catch percentage (84.1) and second in drop percentage (1.9). Coming off a torn ACL, he didn't provide much of an explosive element and went 11 games between touchdowns.

Marcedes Lewis, the NFL's oldest tight end, blocks better than just about any tight end in the league. Josiah Deguara is a tight end on the depth chart but the fullback in reality. There weren't many explosive runs that didn't include one or both making the key block.

Tonyan and Lewis are set to be free agents. Given Green Bay's flirtation with the Raiders' Darren Waller at the trade deadline, it would appear the team is looking to upgrade. Lewis will turn 39 in May. He's played 17 seasons, tied with Tony Gonzalez and Jason Witten for most by a tight end in NFL history. He wants that record.

Grade: B

Offensive line

With David Bakhtiari and Elgton Jenkins coming off torn ACLs, uncertainty was the word of the day entering the season. Jenkins made his debut in week two and started 15 games. Bakhtiari made his debut in week three and started 11 games.

When the team became convinced Bakhtiari's three-times-repaired knee

could handle the weekly rigors, it made a big offensive line switch in moving Jenkins from right tackle to left guard, Jon Runyan from left guard to right guard and Yosh Nijman inserted into the lineup at right tackle. The more they played, the better they got.

Bakhtiari is a marvel. Despite limited practice reps and a three-game absence due to an appendectomy, he didn't allow a sack all season.

Jenkins, who was signed a contract extension late in the season, allowed two sacks and 12 pressures in five starts at right tackle and one sack and five pressures in 11 starts at left guard.

Center Josh Myers, a second-round pick in 2021, has been disappointingly mediocre. His pass protection has been fine; his run blocking has been ho-hum.

Runyan, a sixth-round pick in 2020, hadn't played a right-side snap in his life until the big line switch. Not surprisingly, it was a struggle at times for him. He should be better with a full offseason to work on the footwork.

Nijman has gone from undrafted practice squad player to an above-average starter. A shoulder injury factored in his allowing two sacks to Aidan Hutchinson in the finale.

The Packers drafted three linemen. Third-round pick Sean Rhyan didn't play and was suspended for the final six games for performance-enhancing drugs. Seventh-round pick Rasheed Walker didn't play, either.

Fourth-round pick Zach Tom, on the other hand, was one of the team's unsung heroes for delivering consistently strong performances on short notice at left tackle, left guard and right tackle. He'll contend for a starting job in 2023.

Grade: B

Defensive line

When it was time to go get the quarterback, the veteran tandem of Kenny Clark and Jarran Reed was up to the task. Clark had four sacks and was tied for 11th with 45 pressures. Reed, who was signed in free agency, had 2½ sacks and was 25th with 33 pressures.

The other veteran, Dean Lowry, had his consecutive-games streak snapped at 101 when he was put on injured reserve for the final two games. He had a half-sack after recording a career-high five last year. He's headed to free agency.

First-round pick Devonte Wyatt had 1½ sacks. The sacks and five of his eight pressures came in the four games after the bye. His athleticism is obvious, and a year of seasoning could set him up for a breakout season next year. Second-year player T.J. Slaton was one of the stars of the week 17 rout of Minnesota. The Pack-



Green Bay Packers linebacker Preston Smith (91) and defensive lineman Kenny Clark (97) chase down Miami Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa (1) during a game on Dec. 25 in Miami. GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA

ers need that consistently.

The key here is run defense. There needs to be an attitude adjustment and a resolve that nobody is going to run against that group.

Grade: C

Outside linebackers

Rashan Gary's torn ACL changed everything. The Packers were one of the healthiest teams in the league but Gary was on the short list of players who the team simply couldn't afford to lose.

In nine games, Gary had six sacks and 38 pressures in 191 pass-rushing snaps. Of the 101 edge defenders with at least that number of pass-rushing opportunities, Gary finished second in PFF's pass-rushing productivity, which measures sacks, hits and hurries per pass-rushing snap.

In 17 games, the other veteran starter, Preston Smith, had 8½ sacks and 42 pressures and was 51st in pass-rushing productivity. In nine games with Gary, Smith had 26 pressures. In eight games without Gary, he had just 16.

Gary's injury meant a lot of playing time for fifth-round rookie Kingsley Enagbare. He had three sacks but just one after Gary went down. He finished 63rd in pass-rushing productivity. Justin Hollins was claimed off waivers from the Rams and had 2½ sacks in five games.

Grade: D-plus

Inside linebackers

The Packers re-signed All-Pro De'Vondre Campbell in free agency and used a first-round pick on Quay Walker. Combined with the additions of Reed and Wyatt on the defensive line, Green Bay's run defense was supposed to be strong. Instead, the Packers finished 28th in yards allowed per carry.

Campbell, who missed four games with a knee injury, was good but not great. Playing three fewer games than

last season, he produced 50 fewer tackles, two fewer passes defended and two fewer forced fumbles but missed seven more tackles. He did match last year's total of two interceptions; one of those was a huge one in the victory at Miami. A solid starter, his 2021 seems like an outlier.

Walker led the team with 119 tackles and was impressive with seven passes defended and three forced fumbles. He was great at times; he's got a chance to be great, period. His season ended with an ejection during the fourth quarter of the season-ending loss to Detroit, a penalty that set up the Lions for the game-winning touchdown.

Grade: C-plus

Cornerbacks

Entering the season, Jaire Alexander, Rasul Douglas and Eric Stokes had a chance to become the best cornerback trio in the NFL.

Alexander mostly did his part. With five interceptions and 14 passes defended, he finished one interception from the NFL lead and one pass defended from the top 10. He thrives on competition, which is why he delivered big-time performances vs. Miami's Tyreek Hill and Minnesota's Justin Jefferson down the stretch.

With Alexander out with a significant shoulder injury last year, Douglas was signed off Arizona's practice squad and saved the season. His four interceptions and 13 passes defended were about on par with last year's five interceptions and 13 passes defended but his play-to-play performance wasn't the same. His catch rate went from 50.8% to 67.1%, and officials frequently busted him for overly physical play.

Stokes was terrible after an all-rookie-caliber debut. In 2021, he gave up a 51% catch rate and had a forced-incompletion rate of 19%. Before his 2022 season ended with an ankle

injury in week 9, Stokes allowed an 84% completion rate and had a forced-incompletion rate of just 4%.

Keisean Nixon started three games in the slot late in the season before the Packers turned to Darnell Savage in that role and let Nixon focus on returns.

Grade: B-minus

Safeties

It was a typical season for steady Adrian Amos. In fact, he set career highs with 102 tackles and seven tackles for losses. He had one interception after four consecutive seasons of two, and five passes defended, down from eight last year. As always, he got his man to the turf. Amos will turn 30 in April and is headed to free agency.

Former first-round pick Darnell Savage went from starter and every-down player to the bench before being thrust into a key role for the final games. His good is great and his bad is terrible. Unfortunately, there's been more bad than good. Few players in the NFL are worse tacklers than Savage. That's a problem at any position but especially so at safety.

Rudy Ford, mostly a career-long special teams player, proved to be a valuable member of the defense. He started six games in his first five seasons but six games for the Packers. He picked off three passes and forced a fumble. He is unbelievably fast and a decent tackler.

Grade: C

Special teams

Rich Bisaccia's units got better and better as the season progressed.

Nixon was the star of the show. Taking over on returns at midseason, he emerged as the NFL's best kickoff returner with a 28.8-yard average and five returns of 50-plus yards. He is fast and tough — a good combination that allowed him to run through arm tackles.

Mason Crosby had a nice bounce-back season by making 25-of-29 field goals (86.2%). Crosby's leg is significantly below average — he statistically was the worst kickoff man in the NFL — but he's such an asset in the cold. While it was adventure for the Vikings' Greg Joseph and the Lions' Michael Badgley, Crosby was mostly money in the bank.

Veteran addition Pat O'Donnell finished only 30th in net average (38.9 yards) but successfully limited opposing returners and had 24 inside-the-20 punts vs. an NFL-best one touchback.

Undrafted rookie snapper Jack Coco will face a challenger in camp. O'Donnell saved his bacon on some low snaps.

Grade: B

NFL PLAYOFF GUIDE

By **DAVID BRANDT**

The Associated Press

The NFL's week 18 saved its best drama for the final game of the weekend.

The Detroit Lions — eliminated from playoff contention earlier Sunday when the Seahawks beat the Rams — pushed past their disappointment and played the role of a spoiler, rallying to beat Green Bay 20-16 on Sunday night. The win denied quarterback Aaron Rodgers and the Packers a spot in the postseason.

Instead of Green Bay, it's the Seahawks who will be the No. 7 seed in the NFC. They'll travel to face division rival San Francisco in next weekend's wild-card round.

The rest of next weekend's schedule is also set: In the AFC, it'll be the Miami Dolphins at the Buffalo Bills, Baltimore Ravens at the Cincinnati Bengals and Los Angeles Chargers at Jacksonville Jaguars. In the NFC, the Minnesota Vikings will host the New York Giants and the Tom Brady-led Tampa Bay Bucs host the Dallas Cowboys.

The Lions' upset win capped a weekend that saw the Dolphins make it back to the playoffs for the first time since 2016. The surprising Jaguars also return to the postseason for just the second time since 2007.

Seven of the 14 teams that qualified for the playoffs didn't make the field last season, including the Seahawks, Ravens, Jaguars, Chargers, Dolphins, Vikings and Giants.

Among those headed home: The New England Patriots and six-time Super Bowl-winning coach Bill Belichick, eliminated after a loss to the Bills.

The Lions didn't have much to play for against the Packers other than pride, but that was enough. They were knocked out of playoff contention when Seattle's Jason Myers kicked a 32-yard field goal to beat the Los Angeles Rams 19-16 in overtime.

The No. 1 overall seed in the AFC was claimed by Kansas City with its 31-13 win over Las Vegas on Saturday. The NFC's top spot was taken by Philadelphia, which beat the New York Giants 22-16 on Sunday.

The AFC bracket could still be affected by the cancellation of the Jan. 2 Bills-Bengals game. The Bengals avoided a coin flip for home field after beating the Ravens 27-16, but there still could be a neutral field AFC championship game if the Bills line up against the Chiefs.

Wild Card schedule

Saturday: Seattle Seahawks at San Francisco 49ers, 3:30 p.m., FOX; Los Angeles Chargers at Jacksonville Jaguars, 7:15 p.m., NBC.

Sunday: Miami Dolphins at Buffalo Bills, noon, CBS; New York Giants at Minnesota Vikings, 3:30 p.m., FOX; Baltimore Ravens at Cincinnati Bengals, 7:15 p.m. NBC.

Monday: Dallas Cowboys at Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 7:15 p.m. ESPN/ABC.

Playoff format

This is the third straight year of the current NFL playoff format, which includes the top seven teams from both the AFC and the NFC.

The four division winners in both conferences automatically get the top four seeds, regardless of record, and then the top three teams with the best record that didn't win their division are the wild-card selections. That's why it's fairly common for a wild-card selection to have a better record — but worse playoff seeding — than a team that finished as a division winner.

The No. 1-seeded team in each conference gets a bye into the second round — that's the Chiefs and Eagles — while No. 2 hosts No. 7, No. 3 hosts No. 6 and No. 4 hosts No. 5 during wild-card weekend.

The NFL has a re-seeding policy after each playoff round. That means that no matter how the bracket

started, the lowest-seeded team will always travel to the higher-seeded team.

There are four rounds to the playoffs: The wild-card round is during the upcoming weekend, the divisional round is Jan. 21-22, the conference championship games are on Jan. 29 and the Super Bowl is scheduled for Feb. 12 in Glendale, Arizona.

Changes due to Bills, Bengals cancellation

It was an eventful week for players and fans, who watched in horror on Jan. 2 as Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin collapsed on the field and had to be given CPR before leaving the field in an ambulance. A few days later, those same players and fans have watched with joy as Hamlin recovers.

That made it much easier to focus on Week 18 and now the playoffs.

The Bills-Bengals game had major playoff implications in the AFC, so the cancellation of the game due to Hamlin's injury could force some changes depending on playoff results.

The AFC Championship Game will be played on a neutral site if the Chiefs and Bills reach that point.

Buffalo's 35-23 win over New England on Sunday coupled with Kansas City's 31-13 victory at Las Vegas on Saturday means the No. 1 seed Chiefs (14-3) can't host the conference title game against the Bills (13-3) because the teams played an unequal number of games.

NFL owners approved a resolution on Jan. 6 that implemented new rules for this postseason in response to the cancellation of the Bills-Bengals game.

AP Pro Football Writer Rob Maaddi and AP Sports Writer Alanis Thames contributed to this report.

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Pack's linebacker Quay Walker apologizes after his 2nd ejection

By **STEVE MEGARGEE**

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Packers linebacker Quay Walker apologized via social media after getting ejected from Green Bay's regular-season finale for shoving a Lions team physician.

"I reacted off of my emotions again and take full responsibility of making another stupid decision," Walker tweeted Jan. 9. "Since then I've ques-

tioned myself on why did I do what I did when the trainer was doing his job!! I was wrong!!"

The incident occurred Jan. 8 during Detroit's go-ahead touchdown drive midway through the fourth quarter of a 20-16 Lions victory that prevented the Packers from reaching the playoffs. Walker was close behind two Lions staffers as they attended to Detroit running back D'Andre Swift, Walker's former Georgia teammate.

Lions team physician Sean Lynch put his left hand on Walker's right elbow to move him away from the staffers so he could check on Swift as well. Walker shoved Lynch in the back. Packers rookie defensive tackle Devonte Wyatt - who also played at Georgia with Walker and Swift - later appeared to bump his left shoulder into Lynch's back but wasn't penalized.

Cameras showed a visibly frustrated Walker head to the locker room.

"I understand I have to face everything that comes with the decision I've made, and I'm definitely paying for it now," Walker tweeted. "Also to explain my frustration in the tunnel. I wasn't upset about being kicked out, I just knew I messed up again and was wrong for what I did and couldn't believe I did it again. To the Detroit Lions and to the entire training staff, including the person I did that to, I'm sorry."



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