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Counties, city awarded \$100,000 grant

Funds will help pay officers' time for seat belt, OWI enforcement

By **KEVIN PASSON**
Editor-in-chief

Shawano County, Menominee County and the city of Shawano were jointly awarded a \$100,000 grant for seat belt enforcement and \$50,000 for OWI enforcement to be used during the first nine months of next year.

Shawano County's share of these grant funds totals \$50,000 for seat belt enforcement and \$30,000 for OWI enforcement, funds that are expected to be accepted by the Shawano County

Public Safety Committee when it meets Dec. 6. If approved, the resolution will be sent to the county board for acceptance Dec. 20.

The funds must be used between Jan. 1, 2024, and Sept. 30, 2024.

Sheriff George Lenzner said the grant is one of many the department receives each year.

"We get quite a lot of grants that we count on each year," he said. "That money is a great help to us."

In 2023, the county received this same Wisconsin Department of Transportation Highway Safety Grant, with funds designated for seat belt, OWI and speeding enforcement. While this year's grant is larger, it does not include funds for speeding enforcement.

"The state awards these funds ev-

ery year all across the state," Lenzner said.

This year, the sheriff's office received 11 grants for a total of \$178,500. These included one federal grant, two local grants and eight state grants.

The \$3,500 federal grant reimbursed the county for bullet proof vest purchases.

A \$1,000 Alliant Energy grant help pay for office supplies, and a \$2,000 Walmart grant to pay for resource officer supplies for school children.

State grants were for:

- \$55,000 for highway patrol enforcement.
- \$35,000 Public Safety Answering Point Grant to fund telecommunication system advancements.
- \$30,000 County Law Enforcement Grant for enforcement, awarded to

counties bordering reservation lands.

- \$20,000 County-Tribal Law Enforcement Grant, for enforcement, applied jointly with Ho-Chunk Nation.
- \$14,000 for recreational patrol enforcement (boat, ATV, snowmobile).
- \$10,000 for drug enforcement reimbursement.
- \$7,000 for funding for officer training.
- \$1,000 for collecting DNA samples for the state.

The funds that are expected to be accepted this month will provide the residents of Shawano County with more than 800 additional hours of law enforcement time on the roadways. No matching dollars are required by Shawano County.

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Shawano County ready for winter weather

Crews responsible for 1,750 miles of state, county, town roads

By **KEVIN PASSON**
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Just as sure as death and taxes, Wisconsin winters mean snow, wind and ice — and that means snowplows.

For the next four months, the Shawano County Highway Department office will be staffed 24 hours a day to monitor the current road and weather conditions and forecasts.

"We staff 24 hours a day from Dec. 1 through April 1 and even started a few days early this year," said Grant Bystol, Shawano County highway commissioner. "We monitor the weather through something called the Maintenance Decision Support System (MDSS), which is set up by the state."

The MDSS enables a storm manager to view hourly weather forecasts and gives recommendations for treat-

ment up to 48 hours before a storm event. Information from MDSS can include temperature, dew points, wind direction and speed, times of expected precipitation, frost forecasts, hourly pavement temperature forecasts for the next 48 hours, pavement treatment recommendations and more.

"We also use the sheriff's department, as they are our eyes and ears on the road," Bystol said. "They've been a great help over the years."

Shawano County crews were out the morning of Nov. 30 to treat ice on the roads.

"We were out today for bridges and overpasses," Bystol said. "With 89% humidity and temperatures around 25 degrees, it made for some slick roads."

Drivers can appreciate the spreading of salt and sand on the roads, but the real thanks comes in when heavy snow starts to accumulate.

Shawano County crews are tasked with clearing 1,750 miles of state, county and town roads. That's the equivalent of driving from Wittenberg to Pulaski 35 times.

"We have 43 trucks to clean those 1,750 miles," said Bystol, who will mark 20 years with the department next year. "We don't always send them all out at once, but that's what we have."

Plows are stationed at three highway department sites across the county — on Highway 29 west of County Road J in the Town of Morris, on East Richmond Street at Industrial Drive in Shawano and on Highway 55 in the Town of Maple Grove.

During severe weather, various employees report to an assigned site to begin their duties.

Road priorities begin with the state highways in the county, per a contract with the state. County roads are next on the list, followed by those town roads the county has contracts to maintain.

Bystol said the state recommends not being out on the roads from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. due to budgetary concerns and the lack of drivers out at that time of the night.

"We don't have day crews and night crews," Bystol said. "We have one crew, so severe weather events mean overtime. If we can keep them off the

roads in the middle of the night, that helps."

A five-year average for snow removal costs is used to help determine each winter's budget.

"If we run over, we need to adjust somewhere else in the budget, maybe in the summer months or maybe somewhere else in the budget," he said, "but we are going to clear the snow no matter what."

The winter of 2023 was a bad year for the budget.

"Last year, we were up 26% over our five-year average," Bystol said. "We had a lot of snow, ice and other weather incidents."

That included a storm at the end of February that dropped 18 inches of snow.

Bystol also recalled the winter of 2018 that saw crews out on the roads every single day in February, on top of their other work responsibilities.

He also reminds drivers to be extra cautious when driving near snowplows.

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Bowler home destroyed by fire

Homeowner taken to hospital, treated for injuries

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One person was injured and a home was destroyed by fire the afternoon of Dec. 2 in Bowler.

Bowler Area Fire District Fire Chief Dan Ladwig said the homeowner was taken to a hospital, but he had no other information as to why the man was treated.

The West Rollman Street home was engulfed in flames when firefighters first arrived just before noon.

"I have the shop (Ladwig's Tire and Lube) right across from the post office," the fire chief said.

Property lines of the post office and the house on fire abut in the back.

"I looked through the yard and saw that flames were flying all around the house already," Ladwig said. "And just then the pager went off."

Joining the Bowler Area Fire District were the firefighters from the Mattoon and Stockbridge-Munsee fire departments.

"We were on the scene until about 4:15 or so," Ladwig said. "The house was bulldozed that day. We were called back before 8 a.m. Sunday, because it was flaring up again."

No official cause has been determined, but Ladwig said he heard from a Shawano County sheriff's deputy that the homeowner fell asleep on the couch, and the fire could have started from a burning cigarette.

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Smoke filled the air as firefighters work to put out a house fire Dec. 2 in Bowler. Fire Chief Dan Ladwig first saw the flames from his business a block away, followed immediately by a page calling crews to the scene. The homeowner was taken a hospital for treatment, but Ladwig had no details. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA



Firefighters controlled the flames of a house fire in Bowler, but as the house was already engulfed in flames when they arrived, it was a lost cause. What was left of the house was razed. Crews from three departments battled the blaze, and Bowler firefighters were on the scene for more than four hours. KEVIN PASSON | NEW MEDIA

Christmas crafts and more



Laure Thibault embellishes the handle of a piece of silverware at the Rescued & Recycled Gems & Gifts booth at the Wittenberg Christmas Craft Fair on Dec. 2. Flatware, dishes, jewelry and other creative items are made from discarded items. The craft fair was held Dec. 1-2, while the village's tree lighting was held Dec. 1 with Santa and Mrs. Claus, cookies, hot cider and caroling.

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Trina Kluck shows of the wreaths and other decorations she had for sale Dec. 2 at the Wittenberg Christmas Craft Fair at the WOW-SPACE in downtown Wittenberg. The owner, designer and creator has been crafting for many years and taking part in area craft fairs just as long.

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Ruth Brabender mans the booth of creations for Korbisch's Christmas Tree Farm (formerly Tannenbaum Acres) at the Wittenberg Christmas Craft Fair on Dec. 2. Matt and Sally Korbisch have owned the farm since 1978.

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Holiday decorations are on display at WOWSPACE Art Park, 114 Vinal St., Wittenberg.

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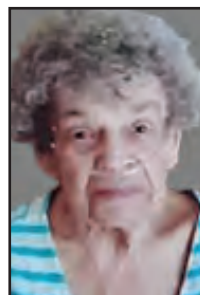
OBITUARIES

Gayle L. Schmidt, 86, of Weston, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital.

Gayle was born on March 4, 1937, in Oakland, California. She was the daughter of Robert and Margaret (Fitts) Johnson.

Gayle met and fell in love with a U.S. Marine, Alan Schmidt, while he was stationed in Oakland. The couple was united in marriage on Aug. 17, 1957. Gayle was previously employed at O'Connor Hospital in San Jose, prior to moving to Wisconsin.

Gayle loved nature and being outside. While her children were young, she would take them fishing



and camping, always taking them to Hole In the Ground Campground and Mount Lassen yearly. Gayle loved feeding and watching the birds, vegetable and flower gardening, as well as crocheting. Throughout the years, Gayle crocheted many afghans for her family and friends. She also made several Christmas sequined stockings for her family.

Gayle was an excellent cook and enjoyed the family reunions where

Gayle L. Schmidt

she would be able to cook to her heart's content. She loved to see everyone enjoy her cooking. Gayle cherished time spent with family and adored her grandchildren.

Above all, Gayle loved the Lord and was a faithful member of Christ Lutheran Church in Wausau. She would often be found attending Bible studies and prayer groups. Gayle found comfort in reading her Bible and would always pray for her children and all those in need.

Gayle is survived by her husband of 66 years, Alan Schmidt; children, Judith Schmidt-Shute, Cynthia Schmidt, John Schmidt and Gary Schmidt; five grandchildren; five

great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Gayle was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Richard Johnson; and sister, Patricia Johnson-Snow.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023, at Schmidt and Schulta Funeral Home in Wittenberg. The Rev. David Westmore will officiate. Burial will be held in St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Wittenberg. Visitation will be on Saturday from 9 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. Memories and messages of support may be shared at schmidtschulta.com.

Patti L. Zeinert, 62, of Bowler, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, Nov. 27, 2023, at her home.

Patti was born on June 10, 1961, in Wausau, the daughter of William and Ruth (Falstad) Hamm.

On Aug. 23, 1997, Patti was united in marriage to Ricky Zeinert in Bowler. He preceded her in death on Sept. 2, 2016.

Patti worked in the kitchen and housekeeping at North Star Casino for many years. Family was very important to Patti, and she loved spending time with them. Patti enjoyed trips up North with Ricky and his family.

Patti is survived by her mother, Ruth Hamm, of Wittenberg; siblings, Rose Hamm, of Appleton,



Michael (Sue) Hamm, of Wittenberg and Gary (Emily) Hamm, of Durand; brother-in-law, Bob Schmidt, of Leopolis; nieces and nephews, Melissa (Rick) Radies, Heather

(Jim) Stuebs, Jennifer (Jed) Sinz, Shawn Hamm, Bill Hamm and Brian (Kristin Raymond) Hamm; many great-nieces and great-nephews; aunts, Verna Wendler, of Wittenberg, and Sylvia Griffith, of Birnamwood; brothers- and sisters-in-law, Darwin (Betty) Zeinert, of Tigerton, Pat Zeinert, of Bowler, Dennis

Trinko, of Bowler and Pat Zeinert, of Wausau; and Ricky's children, Kim (Mark) Kindschi and Jason Zeinert and their families.

Patti was preceded in death by her father, William; husband, Ricky; sister, Jeannie Schmidt; grandparents; and many aunts and uncles.

A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023, at

Schmidt and Schulta Funeral Home, Wittenberg. The Rev. Matthew Christians will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in the Town of Almon. Visitation will be on Saturday, from 1 p.m. until the time of service at the funeral home.

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

Ira M. Shepard

Ira M. Shepard, 91, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023.

Ira was born on March 10, 1932, in the Town of Red Springs. He was the son of the late Harry and Grace (Yokkum) Shepard. Ira enlisted in the United States military and served his country proudly in the Marines, Army and Air Force before receiving his honorable discharge.

In March 1958, he was united in marriage to Mary Tomow. The couple spent 63 wonderful years together before Mary's passing in 2021. Ira worked at North Star Casino for many years as a security guard. He was a true outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing and doing anything outside.

Ira is survived by sons, Michael (Punkin) Shepard and Tom (Linda) Shepard; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is fur-



ther survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Ira is preceded in death by his wife, Mary; sons, Steve and Jim; siblings, Phyllis, Gordon and Ruth; and parents,

Harry and Grace.

A funeral service for Ira will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 4, 2023, at the Swedberg Funeral Home in Shawano with Pastor Paul Johnson officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Monday from 10 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will follow at Red Springs Cemetery. Military honors will be conducted by the Mohican Veterans and the Gresham American Legion Post 390.

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History of Restoration coming alive in show

What is sometimes lost in the story of Menominee Restoration is that many people acted because it was asked of them. Ada Deer, Sylvia Wilber, Shirley Daly, and countless others became involved with the movement to restore their tribe's federal trust status because their parents and community asked them to do so. The leaders of DRUMS, which stands for Determination of Rights and Unity for Menominee Stockholders, put their Creator-given talents to work.

It was a reoccurring theme I encountered when researching for a script that the College of Menominee Nation was producing. A version of that story is being staged as dinner theater at the Menominee Casino Resort on Dec. 17, and the public is invited to witness the celebration.

The Menominee Tribal Legislature joins CMN in supporting the Menominee Pageant Players' Guild's performance of "50 Years of Restoration — Dinner and a Play," which is an original script commissioned for that evening. It will mark the first time the guild has performed a show that was not connected to the annual contest powwow, and it came at the request of tribal legislator Myrna Warrington.



Ryan Winn
Columnist

Warrington is the unsung catalyst behind CMN's theater program's success, having suggested many of the college's most fruitful endeavors. She not only urged the college to create a theater production course more than a decade ago, but she also introduced community member Gerald Sanapaw to the theater department.

In that meeting, Sanapaw, a gifted dancer in his youth, expressed his vision of the Menominee Pageants revival after a nearly 40-year absence, thereby inspiring the revival that continues to this day. Further, it was Warrington who suggested that CMN create what became a reader's theater production of the restoration story in 2018, and now she again acknowledged the power of Menominee theater to convey their story.

In her request, Warrington wrote,

"I'm on the committee to plan activities for the 50th restoration celebration and it would be everyone's dream to have dinner and a shortened version of the termination-restoration play."

The Pageant Players accepted the request, CMN and the legislature lent their support, and the result is a 45-minute show that includes split-stage storytelling with narrators and reenactments, archival images shared on a drop screen, and a live drum group to begin and end the festivities.

What cannot be overlooked is that the theater producers are sharing this story to honor the Menominee people in a way that reflects their values. The DRUMS branch in Keshena emerged from a meeting in Milwaukee, as the federal relocation policy had lured some Menominee out of their homeland with promises of good-paying jobs and urban opportunities. Lloyd Powless and his Chicago counterpart, James White, were part of the movement to restore the tribe's federal trust status, and their invitation to Menominee people living on their ancestral lands helped spark the movement.

The many leaders of DRUMS, both in the community and in the cities, rallied their fellow Menominee to their

cause. They asked for people to join in peaceably assembling, petitioning elected leaders, voting in tribal elections, and marching to Madison to get the governor's attention. Menominee people answered the call and helped convince Gov. Patrick Lucey to visit their community and join their cause.

The leaders asked the Native American Rights Fund and Sen. Ted Kennedy to join them in supporting their restoration legislation. They spoke before a House Subcommittee on Indian Affairs and made their case asking for termination to be overturned.

They even appealed to President Richard Nixon, who not only signed the Menominee Restoration into law, but also stated, "By restoring the Menominee Indian Tribe to Federal trust status, the United States has at last made a clear reversal of a policy which was wrong, the policy of forcibly terminating Indian tribal status."

A condensed version of recent Menominee history will be reenacted at the Menominee Casino Resort on Dec. 17 at 5 p.m. Tickets for the dinner and show cost \$20, and you can call 715-851-0607 to purchase them. Come join us in honoring the story of the heroes of Menominee Restoration.

Legacy of St. Nicholas continues in modern day

Celebrated by Christians worldwide, the Feast of Saint Nicholas is observed annually on Dec. 6. The date was strategically placed on the Church calendar to fall in the season of Advent, a four-week vigil of preparation for the arrival of the Christ child. Did you celebrate St. Nick's Day this year? If so, I hope it was filled with sweet memories and not just another expensive holiday imposition.

St. Nicholas of Myra became a legend by being a shining example of a wealthy man actually living his Christian values. It seems Nicholas had developed quite a reputation as a gift-giver, but he occasionally outdid even himself. As the story goes, he was approached one day by a father in deep distress. The grief-stricken man explained that since he couldn't fund his daughters' dowries, they'd be taken into slavery.

Putting him off, Nicholas said he'd look into the matter, or as we might say, conduct a thorough background investigation. When the father's story checked out, Nicholas supposedly tossed the money through the family's window under cover of darkness. It landed in their shoes, drying near the



Kathleen Marsh
Columnist

fireplace, and tragedy was averted.

Like me, Nicholas believed in happy endings, continuing his philanthropy until his death in Demre, Turkey, on Dec. 6, 346 A.D. He was entombed there, but in 1087, Italian soldiers transferred his remains to Bari, Italy to be enshrined in the Basilica di San Nicola. As a canonized Roman Catholic Saint, Nicholas became the patron of children, sailors, those with financial problems, and fire victims.

Said to exude the Oil of Saint Nicholas, for almost 1,000 years his tomb has attracted pilgrims who buy small bottles of the oil as relics. Jon and I visited the church in 2001; there really is liquid seeping up near his sarcophagus. Alas, an analysis done in 1925 determined it was water, formed

as condensation due to the tomb's underground location. Nevertheless, I had to fight off a very persistent vendor charging only \$20 for a tiny bottle of "genuine St. Nicholas holy oil."

History records that the origin of contemporary St. Nick tradition dates to the 11th Century when Christian nuns in Belgium and France began giving the poor gifts in his name. The custom spread to Germany and Holland where children still put out a shoe filled with hay and a carrot for his horse. In America, they leave shoes in the foyer or hang a stocking in hopes that while they sleep St. Nicholas will stop by with gifts.

I have always loved St. Nick's Day. I vividly remember how as kids we eagerly anticipated it. Just fetching our stockings from the attic was exciting. My artsy-crafty Aunt Loraine Brink made one for each of us, beautiful handmade treasures personalized with our names written in embroidery and decorated with yule symbols. We didn't have a fireplace in the farmhouse so my siblings and I lined up our stockings on the dining room table just before bedtime on Dec. 5.

My schoolmates from more af-

fluent families got presents in their stockings; on the farm we got fruit and candy. Not apples and candy bars, tangerines and hard candy wrapped in cellophane. I'm sure my mother had neither the time nor the money to buy us "real" presents, but that fruit and candy was special because it was purchased in a store, goodies we got only for St. Nick's. Mom was so smart; she knew that saving something for once a year made it not only a special treat but a valued tradition.

I'm glad that, when my kids were young, I continued my family's St. Nick ritual. We had so much fun hanging their handmade stockings over the fireplace. They always seemed surprised and delighted to find fruit and candy in them the next morning. Okay, they also got a book or a game, an inexpensive gift left by a St. Nicholas who had a little more disposable income than my folks did.

Happily, the tradition has passed to my daughter who celebrates St. Nick's the same way with my granddaughter. She's told me that thanks to a family custom passed down for generations, tangerines and hard candy still make happy memories. How sweet is that?

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Hunting season not finished with gun deer hunt

This is for all the lonely hunters, thinkin' that deer have passed them by.

One of my favorite bands of the 1970s, and maybe of all time, is America. Simple name, simple-but-beautiful tunes. I had their "Greatest Hits" album and then the cassette. Classics like "Sister GoldenHair," "Ventura Highway" and "Lonely People" can't be forgotten once they are heard.

I was lucky enough to see America one year in Fond du Lac during Wall-eye Fest, and the lead singer cautioned the crowd of mellow, middle-aged fans not to push and crowd the table for \$20 T-shirts that had the word America screen-printed on the front. He was being sarcastic. I thought that a band this creative and talented could come up with a better design. I didn't buy one, either.

It's funny what you think about when sitting in a deer blind, mid-morning, having seen only a few squirrels and having heard a few shots. The TV news folks are anxious to give us the season's stats: a total nine-day firearms season harvest of 173,942, down 17% from last year. No snow. Hunters can't see the deer, but here's a photo of little Jimmy with his 37-point

Ross Bielema
Columnist



buck he shot in his back yard, and now the weather.

I appreciate any coverage for hunting, because sports involving guns sadly get very little attention, but are these TV reporters aware of all the state's deer seasons? Do they know about the 10-day muzzleloader season? That the archery season (bow and crossbow) are concurrent with all gun seasons and continue until Jan. 7 in some counties, Jan. 31 in others? Please don't write off the unsuccessful nine-day season hunters, because we have much more time (albeit colder hunting) to give deer a dirt nap.

Don't give up until you sink that golden buck and take that pickup ride with pride.

I love the ground blinds, and gave up tree stands years ago (too many of

my friends fell, and my habit of falling asleep while hunting is so much easier from the ground), but they really restrict your vision.

I decided to use my ground blind as a backdrop while gun hunting (at least in one location), so sat on a resin lawn chair and rested my Thompson/Center Contender single-shot pistol in a bipod. I was comfy and stable (at least physically).

Hours of sitting outdoors is the ultimate mental relaxation, the kind of brain yoga everyone needs. No office drama or responsibilities, no home chores. Only the bluejays and red squirrels to scold.

Occasional shots bring hope every few minutes at first, then every 30 minutes or so. As the intervals grow, hope fades. It only takes a flash of a tail or hip to bring it back, but on this day, only a black squirrel makes me smile and break out my camera. He's way too fast for me — this time. A black squirrel against the snow is a thing of beauty.

I've always loved hunting in snow since following my dad's pigeon-toed boot prints on rabbit hunts in northern Illinois when I was maybe 6 or

7. I thought my dad was the smartest guy in the world and the best rabbit hunter, too. It was years later before I realized I was right on count one. You don't realize just how smart parents are until you are a parent yourself.

I am many things, but nobody ever accused me of being organized. What a horrible way to live, knowing exactly where all your tools, books, important papers and guns are. Sure, it's all in the house somewhere, but if I knew exactly where the 5/32-inch Allen wrench was, I wouldn't need to buy a second set and later a third. This is why I don't buy Snap-On.

After the first few cold-weather hunts, the real hunt for warm gloves begins. I need a thick one for my left hand and a thin one for my right. (Thick ones don't fit in trigger guards, do they?)

If you are still hunting during one of these late seasons, as the outdoor magazines call it, I tip my hat to you. You don't give up and you get the real reason we all hunt: to get away from everyone and everything else in the magnificent outdoors. Venison is just a bonus.

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NWTC Health Sciences creates XR lab

Through a \$300,000 grant from Achieving the Dream and the Brave of Heart Fund to address shortage of nurses and systemic inequalities in nursing pathways, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College launches its first Health Sciences Extended Reality Lab.

This state-of-the-art facility will revolutionize the way nursing education is delivered and experienced, offering students a dynamic and immersive learning environment. NWTC was selected among 10 community colleges nationwide to further develop sustainable solutions that accelerate and increase enrollment and completion of nursing credentials.

"Extended reality provides an innovative platform to enhance students' clinical skills, critical thinking and patient care techniques. It's truly the wave of the future in health care education, and it's happening here," said NWTC Dean of Health Sciences Scott Anderson. "This facility represents our ongoing commitment to training highly skilled and

adaptable professionals who can meet the growing demands of the health care industry."

The lab offers eight extended reality stations that provide a variety of simulated experiences.

Students can engage in lifelike clinical scenarios using state of the art technologies such as Meta Quest 2 (headset), HoloLens2 (headset), Acadicus (software) and Microsoft Dynamics 365 Guides (software), allowing them to practice in a realistic and risk-free environment.

"This lab is not replacing the in-person clinical experience, as experience with actual patients is critical to the learning process, but the virtual world offers something the real world does not — an opportunity for mistakes in an environment that is safe for the students as well as patients," said Mitch Luker, NWTC coordinator of nursing simulation. "Students can train on a scenario as many times as needed to fine tune their responses and learn best practices."

Some of the benefits of the ex-

tended reality lab include:

- Broadens learning opportunities. From birthing to mental health simulations, instructors can create scenarios that not every student may normally experience in a clinical setting — expanding their skillset, confidence and empathy as a health care professional.

- Provides personalized training. Simulations can be tailored to students' individual needs so they can focus on difficult concepts and areas in need of improvement.

- Greater access. The flexibility of a virtual setting allows for students to learn new skills when it fits their schedules. Instructors also have ability to train students remotely, also reaching a wider student audience to areas for those who may not have access to traditional training.

NWTC is the largest producer of nursing graduates of any institution within the Wisconsin Technical College System over the last four years. While extended reality helps troubleshoot some of the obstacles that health care training faces today,

this XR Lab will play an instrumental role in as the college continues to fill the pipeline with skilled health care professionals needed in the region.

"As the health care industry continues to combat staffing shortages, it is critical that our graduates are ready to hit the ground running with the skills, confidence and experience needed for their fast-paced careers," said Anderson. "There is no doubt that extended reality will set a new standard for nursing education within our community and beyond."

NWTC's Health Science XR Lab became available to nursing students in fall 2023. Since then, the college has also offered XR training in respiratory therapy, dental, radiography, echocardiography and more.

Looking ahead, the college is actively planning for all campuses and learning centers to have this technology, providing access to high quality, specialized health sciences education to students throughout the region.

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BONDUEL: Community Archives Bake Sale, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bonduel State Bank, 130 N. Cecil St. Pies, cookies and cakes.

BONDUEL: Author book signing, 5-7 p.m., Antlers Supper Club, 120 E. Green Bay St. Meet Ron Faiola, author of "Wisconsin Supper Clubs."

ABRAMS: "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Jr.," 7 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Center, 5852 Maple St. Abrams Spotlight Productions. \$8-\$17 at abramstheater.com.

SATURDAY, DEC. 9

SHAWANO: Christmas Extravaganza Vendor and Craft Fair, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wolf River Lutheran High School, W7467 River Bend Road. Open to the public; more than 30 booths.

SURING: Cookie Walk and Kringle Sale, 9-11 a.m. Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, 11005 County Road M.

BIRNAMWOOD: Christmas Holiday Fair, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Chet and Emil's Banquet Hall, 388 Main St. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive at noon. Vendors, cake and basket raffles, kids crafts and more.

SHAWANO: Celebrate the Season of Christmas, 4:15-9 p.m., St. James Lutheran Church and School, 324 S. Andrews St. 4:15 p.m. Italian dinner and 6 p.m. show featuring Daddy D's. Meal and show \$30; just the show \$15, 715-524-4815, ext. 121, or jumland@stjamesshawano.org.

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SUNDAY, DEC. 10

ABRAMS: "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Jr.," 1 p.m., Nancy Byng Community Center, 5852 Maple St. Abrams Spotlight Productions. \$8-\$17 at abramstheater.com.

SHAWANO: Free Christmas Community Event, 1:30-6 p.m., Wolf River Lutheran High School, W7467 River Bend Road. Kids activities 1:30-4 p.m., Christmas concert featuring Jennie Williamson 4 p.m. Meet Santa and Mrs. Claus, crafts, cocoa and cookies.

TUESDAY, DEC. 12

WITTENBERG: Holiday Cookie Cookoff, 6-8:30 p.m., Northcentral Technical College, 402 N. Genessee St. Learn decorating techniques and decorate cookies to take home, supplies provided. Register at www.ntc.edu or call 715-253-3500, ext. 0.

THURSDAY, DEC. 14

GILLET: Christmas cantata "Hope Awakes in Bethlehem," 7 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, 101 W. Main St. Free-will offering.

FRIDAY, DEC. 15

PULASKI: Tree Stroll, 5-7 p.m., Shippy Park, 200 E. Pulaski St. Meet the decorators of 50 trees decorated by area businesses and community members.

GILLET: Christmas cantata "Hope Awakes in Bethlehem," 7 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, 101 W. Main St. Free-will offering.

SATURDAY, DEC. 16

SHAWANO: Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, 3-7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 100 Presbyterian St. \$15, children 6-12 \$6, 5 and under free. Call 715-526-3329 by Dec. 8 to purchase tickets.

GILLET: Christmas cantata "Hope Awakes in Bethlehem," 7 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, 101 W. Main St. Free-will offering.

SUNDAY, DEC. 17

GILLET: Christmas cantata "Hope Awakes in Bethlehem," 2 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, 101 W. Main St. Free-will offering.



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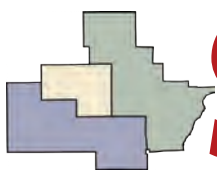
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Chargers battle for hard-fought basketball win

Wittenberg-Birnamwood boys claim victory in season opener

By **DUSTIN RIESE**
Correspondent

In what was a defensive battle most of the night, the Wittenberg-Birnamwood Chargers were locked in a tightly contested game with Antigo to open their 2023-24 hoops season Nov. 27. All it took was a 27-point effort from Jett Rogowski and some timely defense as a late game steal and some clutch free throws sealed the deal in what was a 50-46 non-conference win for the Chargers.

"It was a dogfight tonight, but for our first game, I was proud of the resilience and composure our boys played with," head coach Garrett Rogowski said. "For the first game we did a solid job of keeping them off the 3-point line, but there is always room for improvement. We are going to look at what worked and what didn't work tonight and use that going forward."

The first game of a season is challenging in more ways than one as you are not only facing someone other than

yourself for the first time, but it often takes a little while for either team to settle in.

That was the case in this one as Colton Thomas and Jake Verhasselt gave Antigo an early 4-0 lead as the Chargers struggled to find the bottom of the net. Even after Rogowski went baseline to put the Chargers on the board, they still trailed 5-2 in the early going as neither team was able to do much of anything the first four-plus minutes.

All it took was for one basket to fall to awaken the Wittenberg-Birnamwood offense, and that bucket came from Oliver Fraaza on the inside to make things 5-4 before Rogowski delivered with a pair of buckets to give Wittenberg-Birnamwood the 9-5 lead. Those were the buckets that seemed to open things up for the Chargers' offense as Rogowski, Fraaza and Jaden Clark accounted for the next nine points as Wittenberg-Birnamwood opened up an 18-12 lead.

While those three were doing their

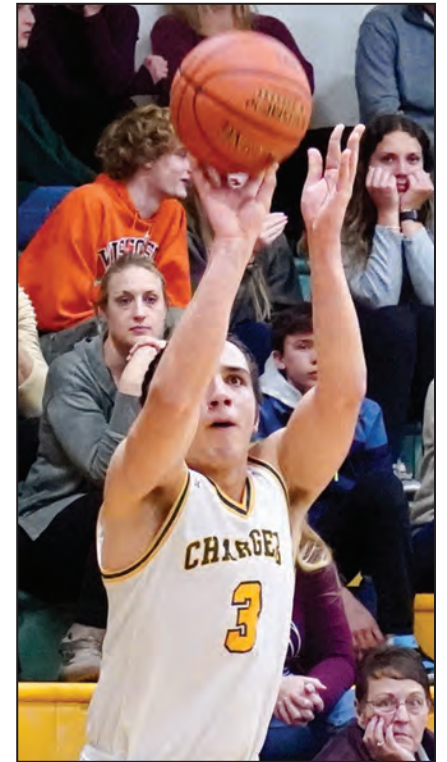
thing for Wittenberg-Birnamwood, Thomas and Jaxon Bussey were doing their thing for Antigo as they continued to keep things close, 18-14. Had it not been for a Hudson Miller three late in the half, Rogowski would have scored the rest of the points for Witt-Birn as the Chargers took a 25-18 lead into the half.

"Offensively, things got off to a slow start for us, but once we started to attack the rim, it opened things up for nice, nice looks," Garrett Rogowski said. "Anytime you can be aggressive and have success with being aggressive, you are making things easier for your offense to get open looks and potentially knock those down."

While the first half was more of a defensive struggle early on, it was the second half that saw both offenses come out strong as once again it was Rogowski setting the tone. After coming away with 11 points in the first half, Rogowski picked his team up when they needed him the most as he scored 16 of his team's 25 points in the second half to finish with more than half of the total points in the game.

"I played with a ton of confidence tonight and that really helped get things going for us," Jett Rogowski said. "Antigo is a great defensive team, and they took a lot away from us offensively. Fortunately, I was able to play to my strength and got to the rim by playing downhill. Credit my teammates for knocking down some tough shots throughout the game as this was a big win for our team."

After opening up an early 29-18 lead and on the verge of blowing things out, it was time for Antigo to get things rolling as they relied heavily on a pair of players in the second half. While both of these players were held quiet in the first half, the same can't be said in the second half with Gus Schussler and Bussey picking up the slack for their team. After being held to 10 combined points in the first half, both of these guys came to life in the second half as they were responsible for 21 of the team's 28 second half points.



Jaden Clark (3) jumps and shoots against Antigo on Nov. 27. Wittenberg-Birnamwood won the non-conference season opener, and Clark added five points to the Chargers' 50-46 victory.

DUSTIN RIESE

Bussey in particular had his moments as he used his quickness to get to the rim and scored six straight points to pull Antigo within five midway through the second half. That opened things up for Schussler, who was not only knocking down his outside shots but also getting to the rim as Antigo pulled within three, 37-34.

"I thought we got away from things a bit defensively for a bit in the second half, and that we could've done a better job keeping them away from the rim," Garrett Rogowski said. "They deserve some credit for that as they did a great job attacking the rim and forced us to make some adjustments as the second half went on."

Those adjustments worked out in the Chargers' favor as they managed to slow down the Antigo surge to maintain their lead throughout the second half. Even with the game getting tight late and the Chargers holding a 48-46 lead, it was the defense that came up huge for Witt-Birn as they managed to steal the inbound pass at mid-court and put the ball in the hands of Fraaza and Keegan Schmid to ice the game from the line. Both of them split their free throw attempts, but those were two clutch points that the Chargers needed as they held off Antigo for the win.



Jett Rogowski (1) dribbles around some Antigo opponents in the team's season opener Nov. 27. Rogowski scored 27 points, including four 3-pointers.

DUSTIN RIESE

Pulaski doubles up Seymour in wrestling match

By **DUSTIN RIESE**
Correspondent

Looking to kick things off with a bang, the Pulaski Red Raiders made the short drive to Seymour for a non-conference wrestling tilt with the Thunder on Nov. 30.

After sitting deadlocked 6-6 three matches in, all it took was two massive Pulaski runs that accounted for 31 of the teams 49 points. That would be more than enough for the Red Raiders in this one as they kicked off their season by doubling up the Thunder 49-24.

“Despite the victory for us, it was an overall sloppy performance all the way around,” head coach Nate Preslaski said. “The first match of the season is typically one of those times when the kids are not at their best, and you just need to overcome that. That is the process of the season as you take your bumps along the way with hopes of improving as the season goes on.”

Leading 6-0 after Ava Peters picked up a forfeit win at 106 pounds, the Red Raiders were tied 6-6 after three matches as Logan Boehnlein and Aidan Peters secured 7-2 and 10-7 decisions, respectively, to tie things up. After that, it was all Pulaski as their next three matches set the tone for what was to come in the match.

Broc Ambrosius started things off with a forfeit win at 126 pounds while Connor Nooyen earned a 13-9 decision over Conner Steffens at 132 pounds. That was followed by another forfeit win by Jake Fredrickson at 138 pounds as the Red Raiders took a 21-6 lead.

After both teams exchanged pinfall victories over their next three matches to make things 27-18, the Red Raiders had another run in them as they wanted to finish things off for good.

That run started at the 165-pound

weight class as Andy Servais recorded yet another forfeit win in what was becoming the theme of the night for the Red Raiders. Moving to 175 pounds, Griffin Vanlannen took Bennett Brow only to make quick work of him 11-2 for the major decision victory.

Another six points was awarded to Elliott Karcz at 190 pounds as he needed just 32 seconds to pin Sam Micolichek as the Red Raiders led 43-18 at this point and secured the match victory. Seymour earned a forfeit win at 215 pounds for their final six points, and that was one of the matches that Preslaski was looking forward to seeing the most.

“Every night, there are certain matches that you circle and get excited to watch as a coach,” he said. The 215 match was one of those as we were looking forward to seeing Cael Leisgang take on Chase Woosencraft. Both are extremely good wrestlers who have the potential to go very far this season. Unfortunately, that match didn’t happen, but that is the nature of this sport.”

Looking to close out the night on a positive note, it was the 285-pound heavyweight match that was set to end the night. In that match, Seymour’s Brock Socha squared off against Pulaski’s Lukas Ruechel. What looked to be a fairly one-sided match throughout, Ruechel started to take things over late and pinned his man with just 17 seconds left in the first period.

“Although our wrestling could’ve been much cleaner tonight as a whole, this is what tends to happen early in the season,” Preslaski said. “You go through struggles early on but clean things up as the season goes on. The kids know what they did well tonight and know what they need to work on, so we should see tons of improvement over the weekend.”

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Second half surge powers Little Chute past Oconto Falls in NEC opener

By **DUSTIN RIESE**
Correspondent

If you want to be the best, you have to beat the best, and that is what the Oconto Falls boys basketball team was trying to accomplish Nov. 28. Coming off a season opening win the week before, the Panthers turned their attention to conference play as they hit the road for their North Eastern Conference opener.

This wasn't your typical NEC opener; instead, it was a matchup against the defending conference champion Little Chute Mustangs, who are once again predicted to compete for the league crown. Despite the Panthers best efforts, it was a second half surge that put the Panthers away as the Mustangs used a 16-0 run to blow things open before outscoring the Panthers 40-14 in the second half to secure the 66-32 victory.

"We knew we were going to be in for a battle tonight, and unfortunately we came up short," coach Ross Kraszewski said. "There is a reason why that team won the league last season. They're a well-coached group filled with shooters, and they made us pay for our mistakes."

If you want to beat a team like the Mustangs, you need to hit them in the mouth, and the Panthers did that right away with Grayson Cahak knocking down an early triple followed by a put back from Jack Adler to keep things tight 6-5 in the early minutes.

That is when the senior duo of Hunter Hermus and Tyler Fischer took over as they combined to score the next 10 points for the Mustangs to help Little Chute open up a 16-9



Alex Haines (3) led Oconto Falls with 11 points against Little Chute in the Panthers' 66-32 loss. He shot 3-for-8 from the floor and 5-for-7 from the free throw line. He also had five rebounds and three steals.
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advantage. Hermus led all scorers with 18 points and Fischer added 17, as they combined to outscore the entire Panthers roster.

In danger of letting this one get away early, Alex Haines took it upon himself to drive the lane and converted on the tough and one finish. Haines was crucial to the Panthers success in the first half. His ability to drive the lane opened things up for Jameson Beaman and others as the Panthers pulled within 18-14. Trailing 26-16 after another Fischer triple, Little Chute was playing for the last shot, but it was Brady Bursa coming away with the steal and going coast to coast to beat the buzzer as the Panthers were within striking distance, 26-18.

Kraszewski was happy where

his team was following the first 18 minutes.

"I thought the kids did a great job responding every time they tried to stretch things out," he said. "This isn't a team you want to fall behind against, and anytime you face a double-digit lead, it will be an uphill battle. For us to continue to battle back and take their best shots goes to show you the character of this group as they will not quit."

Hoping to use that late first half momentum and carry it over into the second half, it was the Mustangs who came out strong as they upped their pressure on defense while also turning up the tempo on offense to secure two quick buckets to give them their largest lead of the night, 30-18.

Beaman responded with a put back bucket of his own, but once again, it was Fischer and Hermus coming through as their ability to get behind the defense and run the fast break led to an 8-2 run with both of those guys responsible for six of those points.

Another bucket from Beaman kept the Panthers close, at 36-22, but eventually you had to think the Mustangs' experience and defensive tenacity would take over. It was at this point in the game when the Panthers not only saw their hopes of an upset bid come to an end, but they couldn't do much of anything the rest of the way as Haines accounted for six of the team's final 10 points down the stretch.

Even with the Mustangs taking Fischer and Hermus out of the game, guys like Nolan Jakubek, Charlie Vandenberg and Sawyer Effa all began to take over down the stretch as the Mustangs ended the game on a 30-10 run.

George Moody and Jackson McDonald scored a pair of late-game buckets to get into the scoring column, but it didn't take away from the fact that the Panthers were handed their first conference loss to fall to 1-1 on the season.

"This is going to be one of the best if not the best defensive teams we see all season," Kraszewski said. "Their ability to get in your face and pressure you the entire court all game long isn't something we typically see, and there is no way to prepare for it until you see the real thing. I thought the kids did a great job taking care of the ball early on, but once they started forcing turnovers and getting out and running, we knew it was going to be a long night."



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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lena dispenses of opponents with ease

Witt-Birn stays perfect with OT win

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

DEC. 1

Bonduel defeats Menominee Indian

Bonduel and Menominee Indian's girls basketball teams kicked off Central Wisconsin Conference-East Division play Dec. 1, with the Bears finishing on top 72-57.

The Eagles were led by Urijah Reeves with 25 points and Ayanna Smith with 17.

Natalie Peters had 13 rebounds for Menominee Indian, and Reeves had 12. Smith and Lena Wausau each had two assists, while Reeves, Wausau, Peters and Aaliyah Corn each had one steal.

Bonduel is 2-2 overall, and Menominee Indian is 1-4.

Bowler trounces Marion

Bowler and Marion also opened conference play Dec. 1, as the two Central Wisconsin North teams squared off at Bowler. The hosts won handily, 53-14.

The Panthers routed the Mustangs 31-3 in the first half and 22-11 in the second half.

Isabella Stevens led Bowler with 21 points. Also scoring in double digits was Natalie Rickert with 12.

Stevens led the Panthers with 12 rebounds, and Weengeetah Mohawk had 10. Stevens also led her team with four assists and four steals.

Bowler improved to 3-2 overall, and Marion fell to 0-4.

Gillett

Gillett lost 37-30 to Crivitz as both teams are going opposite ways in the Marinette & Oconto Conference. Gillett is 0-2, while Crivitz is 2-0. Gillett is also 1-3 overall.

Crivitz led 20-14 at the half and added another point to its overall victory with a 17-16 second half.

Cilena Guns scored 13 points to lead Gillett.

Gresham

Gresham kicked off its Central Wisconsin North contests with a 70-38 defeat of visiting Northland Lutheran. Gresham is 1-0 in league play and 4-1 overall.

The Wildcats led 32-28 at the half and turned up the heat for a 38-10 second half.

Lena

Lena poured it on at home Dec. 1 with another huge win, this time with a 76-3 dismantling of Stockbridge. Lena is 5-0 overall.

Like a few days earlier, every player scored. Eva Brooks led the way with 23 points, followed by Madilyn Thomson with 15 (including three 3-pointers) and Kali Fischer with 10. Whitney Potter scored nine, and Maddy Kushner scored six. Contributing four points was Alabama Lambert, and Hannah Thomson added three. Two points each were scored by Karli Fischer, Haley Van Ark and Kaelyn Cook.

Brooks led with nine rebounds, and Karli Fisher grabbed eight. Kali Fischer led with five assists, and Brooks, Van Ark and Potter each had four steals.

In the Wildcats' first five games, they have outscored their opponents 386-98.

Pulaski

The Red Raiders opened Fox River Classic Conference action with a 57-50 win over Sheboygan South.

Tied at 30 at the half, Pulaski pulled ahead to outscore their guests 27-20 in the second half. Pulaski is 2-3 overall and 1-0 in FRCC play.

Wittenberg-Birnamwood

Wittenberg-Birnamwood and Shiocton took their game to overtime, but Witt-Birn outscored their hosts 5-3 to earn the 64-62 victory. It was both teams' opening action in the Central Wisconsin East.

"This was a tale of halves," Chargers coach Nick Mechelke said. "We came out really well tonight and took a 14-point halftime lead. I have to give Shiocton a ton of credit battling back, and they really kind of punched us right in the face. They knocked down seven 3s in the second half, which mounted a comeback and took us into overtime.

"All I can say is we found a way to get the win in overtime."

The Chargers were led by Melaina Granquist with 24 points. Rory Salvesen knocked down another 17, and Faith Resch added nine.

Granquist set the pace with nine rebounds, with Salvesen grabbing eight and Resch another seven. Resch led the team with six assists and six steals.

Suring

Bunny Cramer scored 14 points and Emma Kristof added 10, but it wasn't enough as Suring lost 49-38 to Oneida Nation in Marinette & Oconto Confer-

ence action.

Surfing is 0-2 in league play and 1-4 overall.

The teams were tied at 16-16 at the half, but Oneida Nation won the second half 33-22 to give them the win.

NOV. 30

Oconto Falls dropped its first North Eastern Conference game of the season, losing 43-33 to Luxemburg-Casco on Nov. 30.

The Panthers are 2-1 overall and 1-1 in the NEC.

NOV. 28

Wittenberg-Birnamwood

Wittenberg-Birnamwood kept their record perfect at 4-0 with a 54-22 blowout at Marathon (0-4) on Nov. 28.

"Again, we got great play from Melaina (Granquist) and Rory (Salvesen). They scored 33 out of our 38 first-half points," Chargers coach Nick Mechelke said. "Those two may get a lot of the glory on the offensive side, but as a team, we played very well on the defensive side of the ball. Our pressure and our team defense leads to them getting some easy baskets."

Witt-Birn led 38-15 at the break. They would go on to outscore Marathon 16-7 in the second half.

"At halftime, I gave the girls a goal, and they responded well," Mechelke said. "My shoutout of the game goes to Kit Stewart and her defensive play tonight. If there was a loose ball, she was on the floor all over it."

Granquist ended the game with 23 points, an assist, seven rebounds and six steals. Salvesen scored 22 points and notched six assists, four rebounds and five steals.

Faith Resch also grabbed four steals.

Lena

Every member of the Lena Wildcats scored as the team improved to 4-0 with a 72-6 trouncing of St. Thomas Aquinas Academy.

Lena outscored their hosts 31-4 in the first half and 41-2 in the second half.

Three Wildcats scored in double digits. They were Eva Brooks with 16, Kali Fischer with 15 and Madilyn Thomson with 11.

Also scoring were: Haley Van Ark with eight; Hannah Thomson with six; Alabama Lambert, Abby Kostreva and Whitney Potter, each with four; and Karlie Fischer and Maddy Kushner, each with two.

Madilyn Thomson led with five rebounds and six steals, and Brooks led

with five assists.

Shawano

Shawano improved to 4-1 with a 72-45 win at Merrill.

Ella Stuber led Shawano with 24 points, including six from the 3-point line. Trinity Popelka added 14.

"Defensive pressure led to scoring for us tonight," coach Ryan Koenig said.

The Hawks cruised to the victory, leading 39-25 at the break and padding their lead by 13 with a 33-20 second half.

Bowler

Bowler triumphed 65-40 over Stockbridge to even its record to 2-2. Stockbridge fell to 0-2.

Marion

Marion's girls are still searching for the first win after the Mustangs lost 31-29 to Tri-County. Marion trailed 11-8 at the half, and while they outscored their hosts 21-20 in the second half, it wasn't enough for a victory.

Menominee Indian

The Eagles fell to 1-3 with a 67-52 loss at Pacelli, which improved to 2-0.

Bonduel

Hailey Zernicke scored 11 points, and Audrey Weier added nine, but Bonduel came up short at Xavier, losing 44-37.

The Bears were in it all the way but just couldn't get past their hosts. Bonduel trailed 21-19 at the half and was outscored 23-18 in the second half.

Also scoring for Bonduel were Juliana Jacobs with six points, Ella Hischke with five, and Ashlyn Kurey, Hailee Thompson and Cierra Schnell each with two.

Bonduel dropped to 1-2, and Xavier improved to 3-2.

Gillett

Gillett dropped to 1-2 overall and 0-1 in the Marinette & Oconto Conference on the young season with its 39-34 loss to Niagara (1-2 overall, 1-0 conference), which captured its first win of the season.

The game was also the conference opener for both schools.

Suring

Suring and Crivitz also played their conference opener in the Marinette & Oconto Conference, with Crivitz finishing on top 74-51.

Suring dropped to 1-3 overall and 0-1 in conference, while Crivitz improved to 2-1 overall and 1-0 in conference action.

Boys basketball season underway

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

DEC. 2

Gresham's boys basketball team fell to 0-2 with a 75-41 loss to Elkhart Lake/Glenbeulah on Dec. 2.

The host Wildcats were outscored 44-27 in the first half and 31-14 in the second half.

DEC. 1

Pulaski defeats Shawano

Pulaski's boys basketball team improved to 2-0 and Shawano dropped to 1-3 after the Red Raiders downed the Hawks 62-51 at Shawano on Dec. 1.

Shawano outscored Pulaski 28-27 in the second half, but it wasn't enough to overcome the 35-23 deficit they faced at the half.

The Hawks were led by Logan Simple's 16 points. Will Verkuilen added 13 points, including a trio of 3-pointers, with Jerzy Bocker and Warner Beyer each adding eight. Crew Weisnicht chipped in four, and Ryan Shanty added two.

Weisnicht led the team with nine rebounds. Bocker grabbed eight, and Simple had seven. Verkuilen had four assists, and Bocker had three steals.

Lena

Lena controlled the game from the beginning as the Wildcats defeated Stockbridge 56-32.

Lena was on top 33-20 at the half and outscored their guests 23-10 in the second half to secure the 24-point win.

Mason Spice led the Wildcats with 17 points. Caleb Schlosser contributed 10 points. Tyler Shallow added another nine, and Anthony Seefeldt added eight.

Lena improved to 2-0.

Oconto Falls

Oconto Falls fell to 0-2 in the North Eastern Conference and 1-2 overall with a 58-55 loss to Luxemburg-Casco.

With the Panthers trailing 31-28 at the half, both teams scored 27 points in the second half as the guests held on for the win.

Jameson Beaman led Oconto Falls with 19 points, including five 3-pointers, and Alex Haines contributed 12 points.

Emerich Skarban led the Panthers with seven rebounds, Haines led with five assists, and Brady Bursa had three steals.

NOV. 30

Lena tops Bowler

Lena's boys basketball team opened their season Nov. 30 with a 61-36 victory over Bowler. Lena is 1-0, and Bowler is 0-2.

Marion

Ryan Malueg scored 17 points, and Parker Miller added 13 to lead Marion over Valley Christian, 50-37.

Marion controlled the game from the beginning with a 17-9 first-half lead and outscored their guests 33-28 in the second half.

Also scoring for the Mustangs were Enea Turrini with eight points, Sam Gueths with seven, Logan Zietlow and Jackson Krohn with two each, and Marcus Wierzba with one.

Marion improved to 3-0.

Tigerton

The Tigers improved to 2-0 with a 70-35 win over Tri-County.

Joey Zimdars paced the Tigers with 17 points, while James Brady added 16 and Maverick Maas scored 10. Zimdars connected on 4-of-8

3-point attempts.

Menominee Indian

The Eagles dropped to 0-3 on the year with an 81-61 loss to Green Bay West.

NOV. 28

Tigerton

Joey Zimdars scored 19 points to lead the Tigerton boys basketball team to a season-opening victory of Faith Christian Academy of Wausau on Nov. 28.

The Tigers led from the beginning, outscoring their guests 34-20 in the first half and 37-18 in the second half en route to a 71-38 win.

Sam Anheuser scored 13 points for Tigerton, and Cameron Carlson added 12. Six other players also scored.

Loghan Wanta led the hosts with 10 rebounds, while Carlson grabbed six. Gavin Kielblock had three assists, with Carlson, Anheuser and James Brady credited with two apiece.

Anheuser led with four steals, with Carlson, Zimdars, Caleb Dahlstrom and Brady each grabbing three.

Pulaski

Forget about saving the best for last. Fans of high school basketball were treated to an exciting game, as Pulaski went to double overtime in its first game of the season to start out 1-0.

The Red Raiders downed the visiting Wittenberg-Birnamwood Chargers (1-1) 51-48 in its season and home opener.

"It was a hard-fought game between both teams," Chargers coach Garrett Rogowski said. "We put ourselves in a good position both at the end of regulation and the end of

the first overtime to win, but hats off to Pulaski. They made some huge plays to stay in it and force a second overtime."

The Red Raiders were led by Colin Schultz with 22 points and Joseph Migal with 14.

Jett Rogowski led the Chargers with 27 points, including a 3-pointer and 8-of-9 from the free throw line. Jaden Clark scored eight points.

Marion

Ryan Malueg scored more than half of Marion's points in a 24-point victory over Tri-County.

The Mustangs won 65-41, including a 30-15 first half and 35-26 second half.

Malueg scored 33 points, and Parker Miller added 17. Four others chipped in the remaining 15 points.

Shawano

The Hawks took a 36-31 lead into the half but couldn't hold it as Merrill fought back to outscore their hosts 39-32 in the second half and earn the 70-68 win.

The teams were separated by a point or two the last several minutes of the game. Leading 68-67 with just seconds remaining, Merrill inbounded the ball, and E.J. Weix connected on a 3-pointer as time expired to give the win to the Bluejays.

It was the season opener for Merrill, while Shawano dropped to 1-2.

Bonduel

Like Shawano, Bonduel held a 36-28 lead at the half but couldn't keep it up in the second half, losing their season opener 74-67 to St. Mary Catholic.

Noah Weier led the Bears with 18 points, Race Anvelink added 11 and Cade Johnson had nine.

Shawano hockey team loses to Waupaca

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

Tyson Lyons and Kaiden Thornborrow were busy in the net combining for 30 saves but letting seven pucks get through as Shawano/Bonduel lost 7-2 to Waupaca in boys hockey Nov. 28.

The Comets didn't wait long to strike, scoring at 2:40 in the first period. It took a chunk of time, but Shawano/Bonduel tied the game at 1-1 at 9:05 with a power-play goal by Gavin Hundt with assists from Blake Knope and Cam Schroeder.

Waupaca wasn't done, as they scored just 45 seconds later to take the lead and then two more goals in the first period to lead 4-1.

"Tough night for us in the home opener," Hawks coach Adam Gafner said. "Unfortunately, we were chasing from the get-go. We talked about having a great start and setting the tone in the first period, and unfortunately, it didn't happen with us getting down 4-1."

Karson Stoss scored the second goal for Shawano/Bonduel at 1:39 in

the second period. Knope got the assist.

But that would be it for the home team. Waupaca scored twice in the second period and once in the third.

"Our in-zone coverage has been an issue against top lines the first two games, and we need to get that fixed," Gafner said. "Similar to the Rhineland game, we spent way too much time in the penalty box."

Waupaca spent 10 minutes in the penalty box on five infractions, while Shawano/Bonduel was called for seven

infractions and served 17 minutes.

Lyons was in the net for two periods, saved 16 and allowed six goals. Thornborrow worked one period, saved 14 and let up one goal.

Shawano/Bonduel had 18 shots on goal.

"Hockey, like all team sports, is a team game," Gafner said. "Right now, as a group, we need to pull together for each other before Northland Pines comes in next Tuesday (Dec. 1)."

The loss dropped the Hawks to 0-2, while the Comets improved to 3-2.

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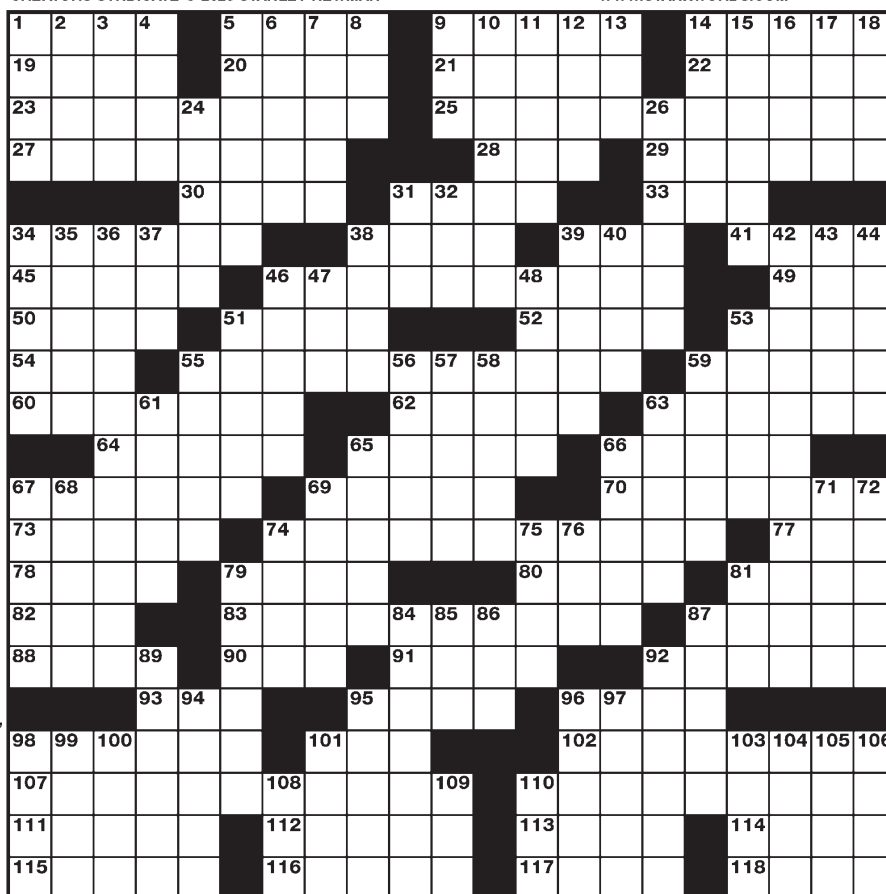
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Christmas crafts featured at Mattoon fair



Karen Schisel took her grandchildren to the Christmas Fair at Shepherd's Watch Christian Academy on Dec. 2. With her are, from left, Evie, Boone and Violet Wegener. In conjunction with another Christmas Fair at the Mattoon Community Center, the events featured vendors, photos with Santa, food and drinks, gift wrapping, gingerbread making, a family photo stand and basket raffles.

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Gerry Schmidt, principal at Shepherd's Watch Christian Academy in Mattoon, wraps gifts for children to give to their parents at the Christmas Fair on Dec. 2. Helping him are his grandsons, Theo and Jordy Schmidt. Mattoon held its Christmas parade and tree lighting the night of Dec. 1.

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Ariana Parmer sports a pair of antlers at her craft table at the Christmas Fair at Shepherd's Watch Christian Academy on Dec. 2. Another Christmas Fair was also held that day at the Mattoon Community Center.

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Santa Claus visits Bonduel



Beckett Bloedorn, 9 months, doesn't seem particularly interested in getting a photograph with Santa Claus on Dec. 2 at The Lumberyard Bar and Grill. The Bonduel Lions Club facilitated Santa's visit, along with a petting zoo and horse-drawn wagon rides. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA



Animals and children come together for a fun time Dec. 2 at The Lumberyard Bar and Grill. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA



While waiting to sit down with Santa Claus, some families hopped on a horse-drawn wagon to enjoy the sunny weather Dec. 2 at The Lumberyard Bar and Grill. LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

Barn quilts featured in international calendar

Jim and Irene Leuenberger and their barn quilt project in Shawano County are featured in an international calendar, the Dull Men's Club Calendar 2024: Unique and Quirky Passions.

They share their inclusion in this special calendar with folks from Nebraska, Indiana, Colorado and New Jersey in the U.S., as well as people from the United Kingdom, China and Wales.

When they started the barn quilt project for Shawano County in 2010, the Leuenbergers had no idea the project would grow so fast, or that the county would become the barn quilt capital of Wisconsin — perhaps of America.

"It became a 'beyond our wildest dreams' thing," Jim Leuenberger said. "When we started, we hoped to do 20 the first year. It turned

out to be 96. Now we have 408, all 8 feet by 8 feet and all in Shawano County, and all will be able to be enjoyed by people from around the country for years to come."

The calendar is produced by the Dull Men's Club (originally men only, women belong now, too).

With a motto of Celebrating the Ordinary, the DMC began producing calendars in 2014. Unlike people who are passionate about a sport, music, cooking, gardening, traveling, etc., the people featured in this calendar have wandered off the beaten path and found unique and quirky passions about ordinary, everyday, mundane things — things some people would consider dull.

The first calendar was only about men who were DMC members. All from the UK, all white, all middle-age or older. The scope

widened after that, with people included who were not DMC members and were not dull but had dull passions. Women were included and a wider array of ages (20 to 97), ethnic groups (Afro-Americans and Asians in addition to whites), and countries (USA, Netherlands, Italy and China in addition to the UK).

The stories are similar to stories in Guinness World Records except, instead of achieving numerical world records, their stories are about finding joy, contentment and freedom from stress.

"At first, we were simply amused by what they were doing. We'd smile, even laugh," said Grover Click from the DMC. "Then we realized what they are doing is not silly. It's sensible. They are on to something. They are content, cheerful, happy. What they are

doing provides a sense of purpose, motivation. It's like *ikigai* in Japan — a reason to jump out of bed in the morning."

What these "dull" people are doing can lead to happiness. As Viktor Frankl points out in his book "Man's Search for Meaning," although having meaning in life does not guarantee happiness, happiness can be, and often is, a byproduct of pursuing meaningful tasks. What's more, having purpose and meaning in life enables one to deal better with life's challenges.

"The calendars are becoming more and more like a book," said Peter Toohey, professor of classics at the University of Calgary and author of "Boredom: A Lively History."

The calendars are available for \$16 on Amazon.

BOOKS AND STUFF

Bridezilla is murdered; Max hunts down killer

When I selected Karen Sue Walker's "Murder in White Lace," I knew it would follow the same old format found in cozy mysteries, but I was ready for something quick and light.

Max Walters returned to her hometown of Crystal Shores, California, almost a year ago. She'd moved to New York to work in one of the big fashion design houses with hopes of working her way up to designer, but so far she'd been relegated to the pattern shop. When her mother was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer, Max came home to care for her.

It has been six months since her mom passed away, but Max is still living above her dad's garage and working at Wedding Belles Bridal Shop. The shop owner has finally taken a vacation, leaving Max in charge.

Max is capable of running the shop, but she could really use an assistant. Especially now. Jennifer Burns is getting married for the third time, and she's an absolute "Bridezilla," making Max cringe at the thought of her final fitting.

Jennifer grew up with nothing, but managed to use two marriages to



climb the financial ladder. Now a successful real estate agent and properties owner, Jennifer has a well-earned reputation for being difficult. She's marrying local musician Chad Stevenson and insists the wedding be perfect. During what was to be her final fitting, she demands Max make major changes to her gown and have it ready by 8 p.m. Eager to get rid of the woman, Max agrees.

She is a little surprised when her friend Andy's wife, Stacy, drops off last-minute cake samples for Jennifer to try. Andy and Stacy will be taking over his family's bakery. Within minutes of donning her gown, Jennifer collapses. She is rushed to the hospital but dies soon after.

Detective Jason Cruz tells her that Jennifer was poisoned, and the suspect list is a long one. Max has a reputation for "finding" things. She chalks it up to being observant and a bit snoopy, but others insist she has a special skill.

When Andy is arrested, Max is certain that he is innocent, but Detective Cruz has warned her to stay out of it. Max tries, but her friends just keep giving her information that simply must be checked out.

Max had been wishing for an assistant, so when a Japanese/American college student arrives and more or less takes over, Max is pleased and confused. Something about Keiko spurs Max to reexamine many of her life choices.

Keiko's presence helps Max juggle running the shop with the news that her old boss wants to hire her back as an assistant designer and the need to find out who killed Jennifer and why.

A conversation with Cruz convinces Max that he doubts Andy's guilt, too. The police believe the texts between Jennifer and Andy are proof of an affair, but Max knows that Andy

is devoted to Stacy. There must be another explanation. When she finally gets to speak with Andy, he tells her that there was no affair. He was planning to surprise Stacy by purchasing her dream home, and Jennifer was his real estate agent.

Max is relieved to confirm her friend's innocence but must face the fact that a murderer is still hiding in Crystal Shores. The case comes to a sudden end when Stacy barges into the shop with plans to kill Max. She'd found the texts from Jennifer and assumed Andy was cheating with her. In a jealous rage Stacy put the poison in the cake samples and almost got away with it.

During a celebration dinner Max announces that she has decided to stay in Crystal Shores and use her many talents to design and create custom gowns and spend time with the best friends a person could have. I'm sure book two will continue in the same vein.

This can be a hectic time of year. Let your public library help you relax with a good book or two. Just go in soon and check it out.



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COURT NEWS

▪ Ger Vue, 32, Wausau, pleaded no contest Nov. 29 to three counts of felony bail jumping and a misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge Katherine Sloma sentenced him to 60 days in jail and levied \$2,282 in fines and court costs.

▪ John F Braz, 50, Shawano, pleaded no contest Nov. 29 to battery or threat to a law officer and misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct, criminal trespass to property, and resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma withheld sentencing on the felony count and placed him on three years of probation, and sentenced him to 60 days in jail and court costs for the misdemeanors.

▪ Destinee A. Long-Reed, 19, Shawano, pleaded no contest Nov. 29 to four counts of felony bail jumping, possession of THC (second and subsequent offense), possession of methamphetamine,

possession of narcotic drugs, and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer and possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma withheld sentencing and placed her on four years of probation with conditions.

▪ Charles R. Terrio, 40, Shawano, pleaded no contest Nov. 30 to possession of methamphetamine and fleeing an officer in his vehicle. Sloma withheld sentencing and placed him on three years of probation with conditions including 90 days in jail.

▪ Timothy A. Duncan, 36, a Marathon County Jail inmate, pleaded no contest Nov. 29 to four counts of felony bail jumping, possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Sloma levied fines and sentenced him to 180 days in jail.

▪ Camellia R. Muhs, 33, Mattoon,

pleaded no contest Nov. 28 to possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor resisting or obstructing an officer. Sloma withheld sentencing and placed her on three years of probation with conditions.

▪ Shawnee E. Gauthier, 48, Shawano, was charged Nov. 27 with two counts of felony bail jumping. Judge William Kussel Jr. set a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for Dec. 7.

▪ Ricky B. Burr, 61, Gresham, was charged Nov. 27 with first-degree recklessly endangering safety. Kussel set a \$10,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Jan. 22.

▪ Landon G. Duffeck, 18, Bonduel, was charged Nov. 28 with feeling an officer in his vehicle, second-degree recklessly endangering safety and two counts of felony bail jumping.

▪ Mark A. Ciboski, 49, Shawano, was charged Nov. 29 with felony bail jumping

and a misdemeanor charge of retail theft. Kussel set a \$250 cash bond, Ciboski waived his right to a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty, and Kussel scheduled a plea and sentencing hearing for Jan. 31.

▪ Darmen L. Cloud, 30, Suring, was charged Nov. 30 with possession of narcotic drugs and misdemeanor counts of bail jumping, disorderly conduct and possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$1,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Jan. 23.

▪ Daniel K. Reiter, 37, Birnamwood, was charged Nov. 30, with possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Kussel set a \$1,000 signature bond and scheduled a status conference for Dec. 1. Reiter failed to appear at the Dec. 1 hearing, and Kussel issued a bench warrant.

PUBLIC RECORD

SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Dec. 4

Deputies responded to 43 incidents, including a disturbance on U.S. Highway 45 in Birnamwood; two theft reports on North Cecil Street in Bonduel; suspicious activity on Maple Street in Birnamwood; burglary on Park Avenue in Mattoon; a fight in progress on state Highway 47-55 in the Town of Wescott; suspicious activity on Elm Street in Birnamwood; disorderly conduct on North Main Street in Shawano; suspicious activity on East Park Street in Bonduel; six 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; two crashes.

Dec. 3

Deputies responded to 24 incidents, including a disturbance on West Lake Crest Drive in the Town of Wescott; a disturbance on East Wall Street in Bowler; a disturbance on County Road M in the Town of Green Valley; harassment on North Genesee Street in Wittenberg; two suspicious activity reports on Elm Street in the Town of Green Valley; suspicious activity on Hillcrest Road in the Town of Green Valley; two 911 calls; eight crashes.

Dec. 2

Deputies responded to 31 incidents, including property theft on U.S. Highway 45 in Aniwa; property theft on Highview Road in the Town of Herman; suspicious activity on state Highway 156 in the Town of Lessor; disorderly conduct on North Main Street in Shawano; suspicious activity on state

Highway 29 in the Town of Maple Grove; five 911 calls; one traffic hazard; three crashes.

Dec. 1

Deputies responded to 39 incidents, including threatening on County Road BB in the Town of Green Valley; criminal damage on Island Lake Lane in the Town of Red Springs; a warrant on North Main Street in Shawano; a disturbance on East Green Bay Street in Shawano; four 911 calls; two reckless driving incidents; four crashes.

Nov. 30

Deputies responded to 27 incidents, including assisting with a fire on state Highway 29 in the Town of Maple Grove; animal bite on Green Valley Road in the Town of Green Valley; noise on South Webb Street in Wittenberg; four 911 calls; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; four crashes.

Nov. 29

Deputies responded to 46 incidents, including a warrant arrest on U.S. Highway 45 in Birnamwood; repossession on East Wood Avenue in Wittenberg; warrant arrest on West College Avenue in Wittenberg; warrant at the Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N. Main St., Shawano; trespassing on North Genesee Street in Wittenberg; property theft on Stony Hill Road in the Town of Pella; assisting with a fire on Edgewater Road in the Town of Waukechon; six extra patrols; one 911 call; two reckless driving incidents; one traffic hazard; seven crashes, two involving deer.

Nov. 28

Deputies responded to 14 incidents, including fleeing and pursuit on Camp 14 Road in the Town of Bartelme; animal bite on Northwestern Avenue in the Town of Angelica; one reckless driving incident; one traffic hazard; two crashes.

SHAWANO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dec. 4

Officers responded to 28 incidents, including a disturbance at Bridge the Gap, 1415 E. Green Bay St.; two truancy reports at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; a disturbance at Shawano Middle School, 1050 S. Union St.; threatening on South Andrews Street; harassment on Prospect Circle; a domestic disturbance near North Franklin and West Fourth streets.

Dec. 3

Officers responded to 15 incidents, including two noise complaints on South Water Street; a vehicle crash with property damage at Rusch Road and East Richmond Street.

Dec. 2

Officers responded to 20 incidents, including two noise complaints at Sturgeon Park, 811 S. Water St.; property theft on South Lincoln Street; property theft on East Green Bay Street.

Dec. 1

Officers responded to 32 incidents, including suspicious activity on East Green Bay Street; suspicious activity on South Andrews Street; assisting with a vehicle crash on County Road B and South Prospect Street; disorderly

conduct on East Green Bay Street; a reckless driving incident on East Green Bay Street; a disturbance at Taco Bell, 1266 E. Green Bay St.; suspicious activity on South Lutz Street; a suspicious vehicle on Woodlawn Drive.

Nov. 30

Officers responded to 26 incidents, including harassment on Estates Lane; three noise complaints on South Water Street; traffic hazard on East Lieg Avenue; drug offenses at the police station, 125 S. Sawyer St.; harassment on West Swan Street; three truancy complaints at Shawano Community High School, 220 County Road B; vehicle crash at Hillcrest Primary School, 1410 Waukechon St.; vehicle crash with property damage at Culver's, 1220 E. Green Bay St.

Nov. 29

Officers responded to 20 incidents, including noise at Sturgeon Park, 811 S. Water St.; property theft on East Green Bay Street; sexual assault at an undisclosed location; drug offenses at the police station, 125 S. Sawyer St.; hit-and-run at Revived Salon, 217 N. Main St.; failure to register as a sex offender at the police station, 125 S. Sawyer St.; property theft at Walmart, 1244 E. Green Bay St.

Nov. 28

Officers responded to 15 incidents, including reckless driving at Pawn Shop, 141 River Heights Drive; shoplifting at Charlie's County Market, 521 S. Main St.; hit-and-run at Pizza Hut, 1209 E. Green Bay St.; traffic hazard at South Airport Drive; noise on South Water Street.



Local children with the Shuffles Studio of Dance provided a dazzling snowflake dance routine during the Santa Parade on Dec. 1 in downtown Shawano.

LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA

Signs of the season at parade



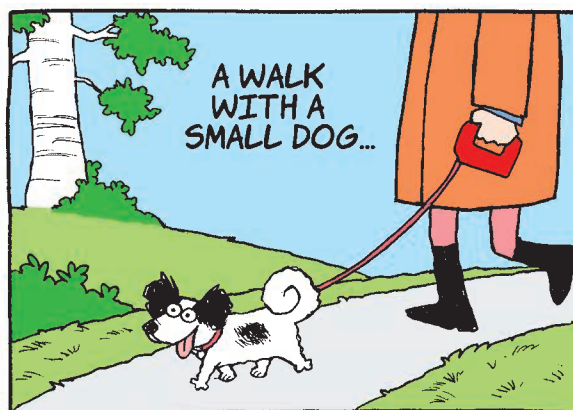
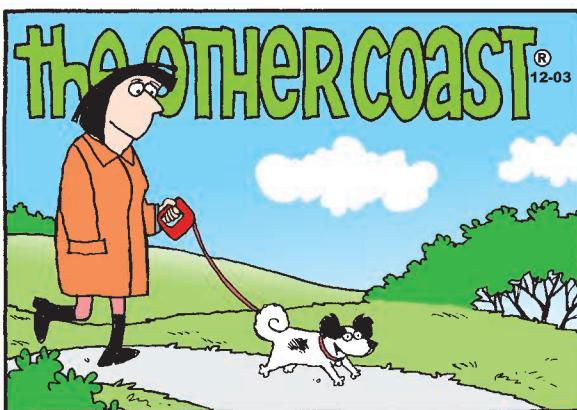
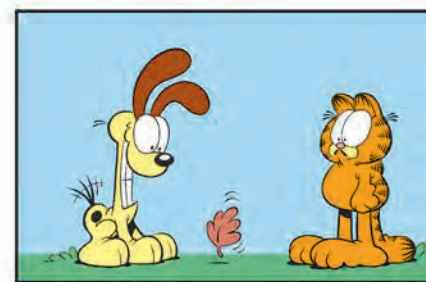
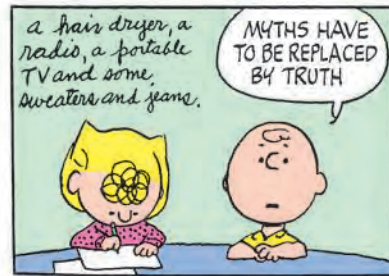
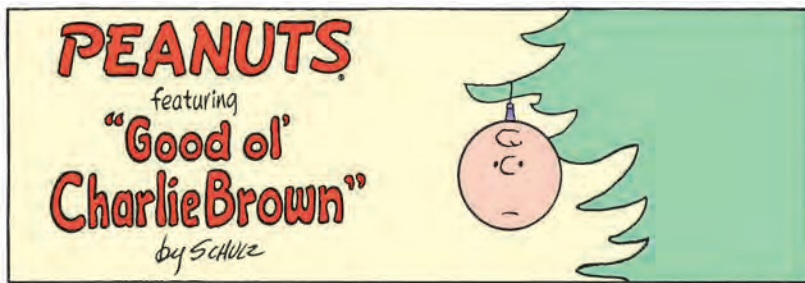
Shawano City Clerk Lesley Nemetz was behind the wheel for the city of Shawano entry in the Santa Parade on Dec. 1.

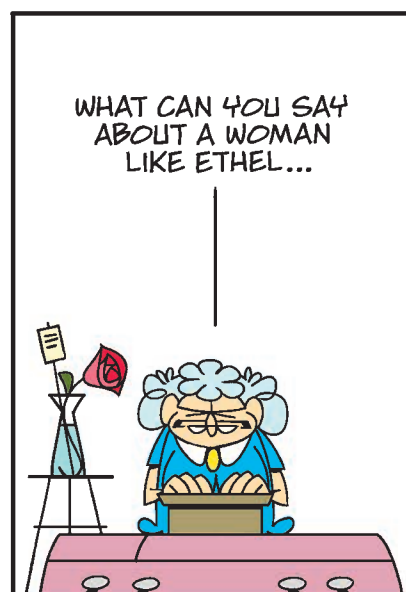
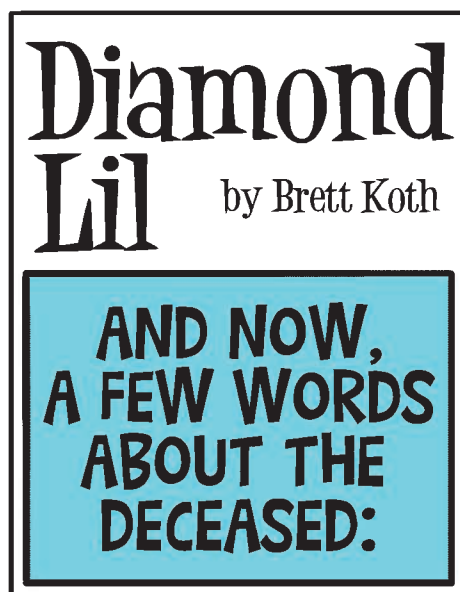
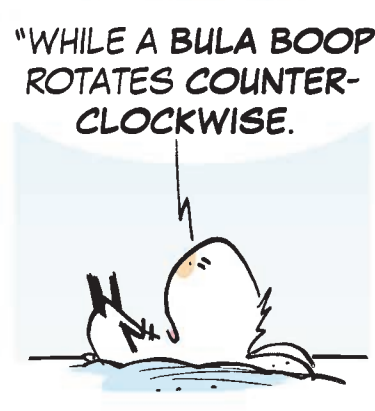
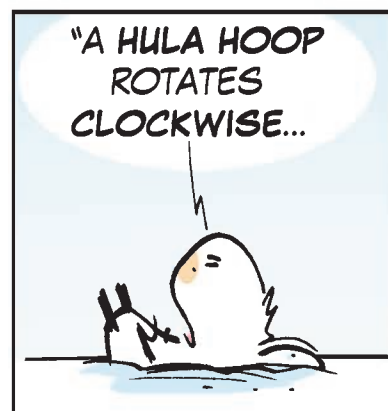
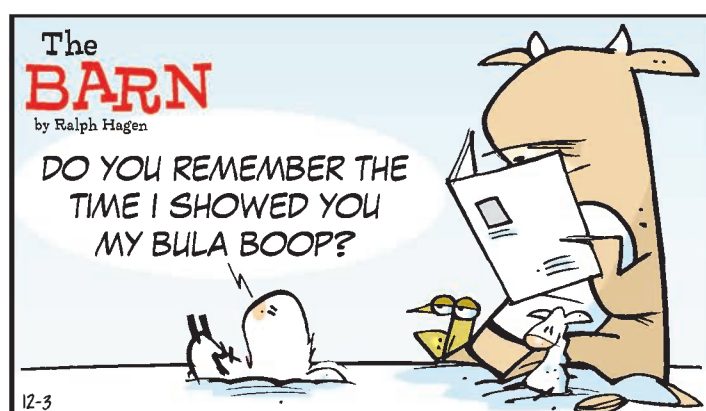
LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA



A vintage fire engine was decked out in hundreds of colorful lights Dec. 1 during the Shawano Santa Parade in downtown Shawano.

LEE PULASKI | NEW MEDIA





ANDY CAPP

by Smythe

12/3

SO, YOU'RE BACK IN UNIFORM. DIDN'T YOU LIKE BEING AN UNDERCOVER COP?

NO. I FOUND IT JUST IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP UP IN THIS TOWN

WHAT WITH? ALL THE CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE?

THE BOOZING

ALES

GOLDSMITH & GARNETT

MY WORD, ANDY. YOU'RE OUT HERE

THAT'S ONE HECK OF A SURPRISE

AND WHY'S THAT?

BECAUSE SOMEONE HAS JUST **STARTED** A BRAWL IN THE ROSE AND CROWN

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DOGS OF C-KENNEL BY MICK MASTROIANNI AND MASON MASTROIANNI

TYPE TYPE

BLING

TICKA TICKA TICKA

TYPE TYPE

LOW BATTERY

I MAY GET THIS WORK DONE AFTER ALL. MY A.D.D. JUST RAN OUT OF BATTERIES.

PHONE POWERING DOWN

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BY MASTROIANNI AND HART

SO I WAS THINKING...

OH, GOOD LORD.

I FIND IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT WE COULD HAVE EVOLVED ALONGSIDE DINOSAURS.

OKAY...

I MEAN, THINK, ONE OF US WOULD HAVE NATURALLY WIPED OUT THE OTHER AS A MATTER OF COURSE.

YET HERE WE ARE.

FOLLOW ME HERE FOR A SEC.

I'D RATHER NOT.

WHAT IF MANKIND RECREATED EXTINCT MEGAFUNA IN THE MISGUIDED HOPES OF PRESERVING AN EARLIER AGE...

AND, THROUGH THEIR HUBRIS, NEGLECTED TO CONSIDER THE SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS...

EVENUALLY LEADING TO THE DEMISE OF THEIR ADVANCED SOCIETY...

OF WHICH WE ARE THE REKINDLING LOST EMBERS OF?!

I MEAN, IT WOULD MAKE A LOT OF SENSE.

WHICH ONE OF MY MUSHROOMS DID YOU EAT?

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8 CBS 8 WFRV 7 WSAW		9 Mission Sat (N) 7 (6:00) CBS Sat		9 Hope-Wild "Dogs on Wheels"		9 CBS Sat (N) 8 Lucky Dog		7 Innovation Nation		7 Mission Unstoppable		7 Hope-Wild "Dogs on Wheels"		Tails of Valor		Recipe Rehab "Fast Food"		College Basketball Illinois at Tennessee From Thompson-Boling Arena in Knoxville, Tenn. (N) (Live)		College Football Today (N) (Live)		College Football Army vs. Navy From Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Mass. (N) (Live)		CBS Weekend News (N)							
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PBS 23 WHRM 33 WLEF 33 WPNE		Wild Kratts "Walk on the Wet-side"		Curious "Dolphin With the Yellow Hat; Do..		Work It Out Wom-bats!		Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood		Viewers' Choice										Viewers' Choice				The Lawrence Welk Holiday Special: Great Moments and Memories							
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	2 Action 2 News at Six (N)		2 Great Dr. Scott, The "Ear Full of Care"						2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	2 (:35) Investi-gateTV		2 (:35) Opry (N)			
	CBS		5 Game Time Thomas Hauser Thomas Hauser	5 Discover Wisconsin	Byron Allen Presents a Merry Soulful Christmas (N)				48 Hours (N)	5 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)	5 (:35) HS Sports Xtra	5 (:05) Friends	5 (:35) Friends		
6 WFRV 7 WSAW		6 NewsCha	7 Inside Edition Weekend (N)							7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	7 (:35) Beat the Odds	7 (:05) The Song "Country Hits"	7 (:35) Opry (N)		
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	College Basketball UCLA at Villanova From Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia. (N) (Live)					College Basketball Notre Dame at Marquette From Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee. (N) (Live)			55 Shazam "Did She Say Nuns?!!?"	11 Beat Shaz-am "Did She Say Nuns?!!?"	55 S.W.A.T. "Buried"	11 Paid Program-ming			
	NBC		23 NBC26 News at 6pm (N)	23 Emeril Forever Pans	Shrek the Halls	Trolls Holiday in Harmony	Dateline NBC		Saturday Night Live Steve Martin; Martin Short; Brandi Carlie From Dec. 10, 2022: Hosts Steve Martin and Martin Short. (N)		23 NBC26 News at 10pm (N)	Saturday Night Live Adam Driver; Olivia Rodrigo Host Adam Driver; Olivia Rodrigo performs. (N) (Live)			
	12 WJFW		12 Magellan Fi-nancial							12 Newswatch 12 (N)					
PBS 20 WHRM 38 WLEF 38 WPNE	(4:00) The Lawrence Welk Holiday Special: Great Moments and Memories		This Land Is Your Land (My Music Presents)			Rick Steves European Christmas				Miss Scarlet and the Duke on Master-piece "The Heir" Eliza is on the verge of earning life-changing money when she offers to help an heir.		(:15) Miss Scarlet and the Duke on Master-piece "The Jewel of the North" Eliza teams up with the Duke, Moses and Patrick Nash to find out who sent her a bomb.			
	62 WACY		NBA G League Basketball Wisconsin Herd at Windy City Bulls (N) (Live)				S.W.A.T. "Next of Kin"		S.W.A.T. "Buried"		The Simpsons	Housewife	Housewife	Mom	
	45 WTPX		Law & Order: SVU "Dare"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law-SVU "Send in the Clowns"		
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CBS 6 WFRV 7 WSAW	1 News-maker 2 Sunr..		CBS News Sunday Morning News, features, weather and commentary. (N)		Face the Nation (N)		1 Green-Gold 2 Retir..		The NFL Today (N) (Live)		NFL Football Jacksonville Jaguars at Cleveland Browns The Browns host the Jaguars in a clash of AFC playoff hopefuls. Cleveland is 5-1 at home. (N) (Live)				(25) NFL Football Buffalo Bills at Kansas City Chiefs A marquee showing between AFC contenders pits the Bills against the Chiefs at Arrowhead. (N) (Live)																			
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK	13 Paid 11 (6:00) News (N)		13 Mountain Faith Living		13 FOX News Sunday (N)		11 Sharyl Attkisson		13 Invest. 11 Fox News (N)		13 Home Remodeler		FOX NFL (Live)		Kickoff (N)		FOX NFL Sunday (N) (Live)		NFL Football Detroit Lions at Chicago Bears Detroit tries for a fourth victory in a row, and second straight season series sweep, over Chicago. (N) (Live)				Postgame (N) (Live)		Herd for the Holidays (N)		13 Sheldon 11 Seinfeld		13 Celeb 11 Jeop-ar..		11 Wheel of Fortune			
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	Sunday Today With Willie Geist (N)		23 Meet the Press (N) 12 Fast: Home Rescue		23 The Race 12 Meet Press		23 Mid-West Outdoors		Paid Program-ming		23 Prostate 12 The Huddle		23 Celebrat (N) 12 Paid		12 Paid Program-ming		PGA Tour Golf Grant Thornton Invitational, Final Round From Tiburon Golf Club in Naples, Fla. (N) (Live)				Figure Skating ISU Grand Prix Final From Beijing.				23 News (N) 12 Paid Prog.		NBC Nightly News (N)							
PBS 20 WHRM 33 WLEF 33 WPNE	Wild Kratts "Bass Class"		Curious George		Work It "Helper for the Day; Race C..		Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood		Washington Week With The Atlantic		Firing Line With Margaret Hoover		Here and Now		Market to Market		Doc Martin		Agatha Christie's Poirot				Father Brown		Death in Paradise		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Mary Berry's Country House Secrets			
12 WACY 46 WTPX	Paid Bones		Paid		Jeffress		Vets-Pe..		Ready..		Outback		Ocean..		Broadw..		Know		Hollywood (N)		Top 10		The Good Doctor		Good Dr "Decrypt"		ModFam		ModFam		Mom		FamFe..	
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW	14 Worship 34 To-morr..		14 Daily 34 In Touch (N)		14 Catholic Mass		14 Sha-lom 34 Key of David		14 Out-door 34 Cath. Mass		14 Mt. Faith 34 Perry Stone		14 Walk-Fit! 34 Mad Dog & M		Paid Program-ming		14 Polka 34 Paid Prog.		14 Paid Program-ming		LIV Golf League Promotions Event, Final Round Elite players from across the globe attempt to earn their place in the 2024 LIV Golf League. (N) (Live)				14 To Be Announced 34 Highway Thru Hell		14 Paid 34 WOW		14 Paid Program-ming		14 Sheldon 34 Family ..		14 Sheldon 34 Family ..	

WEEKDAY

MORNING / AFTERNOON

DECEMBER 11 TO DECEMBER 15

		7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	
ABC	9 WAOW	Good Morning America				Live with Kelly and Mark		The View		News 9	Barry-more	GMA3: What You Need to Know		General Hospital		Tamron Hall		Judge Eboni	Judge Eboni	News 9 WAOW at 4PM		News 9	World News	
	2 WBAY	Good Morning America				Action 2 News	25 Words	The View		Storage Wars	Pawn Stars	Action 2 News	Paid Program	General Hospital		GMA3: What You Need to Know		25 Words	Invest-igateTV+	Action 2 News	Action 2 News	Action 2 News	World News	
	3 WFRV	CBS Mornings				Local 5 Live		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless		News	Bold/Beautiful	The Talk		Let's Make a Deal		Friends/F-Paid	Friends	News	News	News	CBS News	
CBS	7 WSAW	CBS Mornings				25 Words	Paid/F Elite	The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless		News-Channel 7	Bold/Beautiful	The Talk		Let's Make a Deal		The Kelly Clarkson Show		News	Invest-igateTV+	News	CBS News	
	33 WZAW	Business	AgDay	Dateline		Sherri		The Jennifer Hudson Show		Family Feud	Family Feud	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Mathis Court	Mathis Court	Hot Bench	Hot Bench	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Family Feud	Family Feud	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	
	11 WLUK	(4:30) Good Day Wisconsin				Live with Kelly and Mark		Fox 11 Living With Amy		Dr. Phil		Various	Various	The Jennifer Hudson Show		Barry-more	Barry-more	The People's Court		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	W Inside	
FOX	23 WGBA	Today				Today 3rd Hour		Today With Hoda & Jenna		People Puzzler	Scripps	NBC News Daily		Dateline		Tamron Hall		The Kelly Clarkson Show		Family Feud	Family Feud	News	NBC News	
	12 WJFW	Today				Today 3rd Hour		Today With Hoda & Jenna		Neighbor	Neighbor	NBC News Daily		Person, Place	Pictionary	Pictionary	Funny You	Funny You	Jeopardy	Up North at 4	Jeopardy!	News	NBC News	
	20 WHRM	Wild Kratts	Various	Daniel Tiger	Rosie/Rosie	Sesam-eSt/ Nut..	Work It	Donkey Hodie	Pinkalicious	Elinor	Nature Cat	Elementary/ C..	Xavier/Xavier	Old House	Test Kitchen	The Age of Nature		Various		Odd Squad	Arthur	Nature Cat	America	
PBS	33 WLEF	Wild Kratts	Various	Daniel Tiger	Rosie/Rosie	Sesam-eSt/ Nut..	Work It	Donkey Hodie	Pinkalicious	Elinor	Nature Cat	Elementary/ C..	Xavier/Xavier	Old House	Test Kitchen	The Age of Nature		Various		Odd Squad	Arthur	Nature Cat	America	
	33 WPNE	Wild Kratts	Various	Daniel Tiger	Rosie/Rosie	Sesam-eSt/ Nut..	Work It	Donkey Hodie	Pinkalicious	Elinor	Nature Cat	Elementary/ C..	Xavier/Xavier	Old House	Test Kitchen	The Age of Nature		Various		Odd Squad	Arthur	Nature Cat	America	
	32 WACY	Morning Rush				A.Wom..		Midwes..	Sherri		iCRIME		Dateline		The First 48		Chicago Fire		TMZ Live		ModFam	ModFam	Various	Goldbe..
CW	43 WTPX	Various	Xplorati..	Various	F Planet	Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		
	14 WCWF	The National Desk			National Weat	Paid Program	Judge Eboni	Supreme Justice	Hot Bench	Hot Bench	Paternity Court	Court Cam	Law & Order: SVU		48 Hours		Judge Mathis		Pictionary	Person, Place	Jeopardy	Funny You	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon
	34 WYOW	Divorce Court	Divorce Court	The Steve Wilkos Show		Karamo		Maury		Extra		Holly-wood	Blast	Blast	Jerry Springer		Maury		Karamo		The Steve Wilkos Show		TMZ Live	

MONDAY

EVENING

DECEMBER 11

	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 (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	Monday Night Countdown (N) (Live)	NFL Football Green Bay Packers at New York Giants The Giants return from their bye for an outing with the Packers. Green Bay is 2-4 on the road. (N) (Live)					9 (:15) News 9 (N) 2 (:15) Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(:50) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)		(:50) Nightline (N)	
CBS 6 WFRV 7 WSAW	6 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	6 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 7 Inside Edition (N)	Big Brother Reindeer Games Santa invites nine former "Big Brother" players to play "Reindeer Games" for a \$100,000 grand prize. (N) (P)					NCIS "Big Rig" McGee prepares to be a contestant on a popular game show.	6 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N)	(:35) Comics Un-leashed With Byron Allen	
FOX 65 WZAW 11 WLUK	65 Big Bang 11 Jeopardy! (N)	65 Big Bang 11 Wheel (N)	MasterChef Junior: Home for the Holidays The winner is crowned and takes home the ultimate holiday gift -- a \$25,000 grand prize. (N) (F)					65 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	65 Seinfeld "The Pony Remark"	65 Seinfeld "The Pick" 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	65 Last Man 11 (:35) Seinfeld 65 Last Man Stand-ing "Tattoo" 11 (:05) Inside Edi-tion (N)	65 Goldbergs 11 (:35) King
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW	26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	26 FamFeud 12 Wheel (N)	The Voice "Live Semi-Final Performances" The top nine artists perform solo and in trios for their chance at a spot in the live finale. (N) (Live)					Barry Manilow's A Very Barry Christmas (N)		26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N)	(:35) Late Night With Seth Meyers (N)
PBS 20 WHRM 33 WLEF 33 WPNE	PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		To Be Announced			Celebrity Antiques Road Trip		To Be Announced				
32 WACY 43 WTPX	(5:00) NBA G League Basketball		The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Family Feud	Two Half Men	My News at 9 (N)	Tonight (N)	Two Half Men	Housewife	Housewife	Mom
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW	14 Big Bang "The Apology Insuffici-ency" 34 Dish Nat. (N)	14 Big Bang "The Retraction Reaction" 34 TMZ (N)	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Penn & Teller: Merry Fool Us" Celebrating the holiday season with magicians and more.			Masters of Illusion "Cool, Crazy and Close-up" (N)	World's Funniest Animals "Episode 402" (N)	14 Last Man "Out-door Woman" 34 Dish Nation (N)	14 Seinfeld "The Pick" 34 TMZ (N)	14 The National Desk (N) (Live) 34 Family Guy "Mom's the Word"	14 National (N) 34 Family Guy "Secondhand Spoke"	14 Last Man 34 Burgers 14 Extra (N) 34 Bob's Burgers "Mission Impos-slug-ble"

TUESDAY

EVENING

DECEMBER 12

	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 (N)	9 News 9 Pack Attack	Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town		The Great Christmas Light Fight "Heavyweights/1103" The Uszaki, Shotts, Tinnin and Salazar families compete for the \$50,000 grand prize. (N)				9 News 9 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)	(:35) Nightline (N)	
9 WAOW	2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	2 Entertainment Tonight (N)							2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)			
2 WBAY												
CBS	6 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N)	6 Locker Room	NCIS: Sydney "Doggiecino Day Afternoon" Doc Roy and his dog are in a hostage situation. (N)		Big Brother Reindeer Games (N)			FBI True (N)	6 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N)	(:35) Comics Un-leashed With Byron Allen	
3 WFRV	7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	7 Locker Room							7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)			
7 WSAW												
FOX	65 Big Bang	65 Big Bang	The Masked Singer "Holiday Sing-Along" All-new jaw-dropping surprise performances from Season 10 contestants. (N)				65 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N)	65 Seinfeld "The Busboy"	65 Seinfeld "The Visa"	65 Last Man	65 Last Man "The Shortcut"	65 Goldbergs
55 WZAW	11 Jeopardy! (N)	11 Wheel (N)					11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)		11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	11 (:35) Seinfeld	11 (:05) Inside Edi-tion (N)	11 (:35) King
11 WLUK												
NBC	26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N)	26 Packers	The Voice "Recap: Top Nine Performances"		The Voice "Live Semi-Final Results" Amer-ica votes four artists safe; the bottom five compete. (N) (Live)		Found "Missing While Interracial" Gabi searches for Annie; Sir reveals why he kidnapped Gabi. (N)		26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N)	(:35) Late Night With Seth Meyers (N)	
26 WGBA	12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	12 Wheel (N)							12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)			
12 WJFW												
PBS	PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Season of Light: Christmas With the Tabernacle Choir (N)			CLOWN by Quentin Blake	Frontline "The Discord Leaks" Jack Teix-eira's alleged leak of classified documents onto the Discord chat platform. (N)		Miriam and Alan: Lost in Scotland and Beyond		NOVA "Ghosts of Stonehenge" Archaeolog-ical digs reveal new clues as to who built Stonehenge and why.	
20 WHRM												
33 WLEF												
33 WPNE												
32 WACY	Family Feud	Two Half Men	Dateline "After Midnight"		Chicago P.D. "End of Watch"		My News at 9 (N)	Tonight (N)	Two Half Men	Housewife	Housewife	Mom
43 WTPX	Chicago Fire "Always"		Chicago Fire "Wow Me"		Chicago Fire "Just Drive the Truck"		Chi. Fire "Apologies Are Dangerous"		Chicago Fire "The Nuclear Option"		Chicago Fire "Madmen and Fools"	
CW	14 Big Bang "The 21-Second Excitation"	14 Big Bang "The Relaxation Integra-tion"	Inside the NFL Week 14 Recapping the greatest moments from week 14. (N)		Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Alyson Hannigan" (N)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Jordin Sparks"	14 Last Man "The Marriage Doctor"	14 Seinfeld "The Visa"	14 The National Desk (N) (Live)	14 National (N)	14 Last Man "The Shortcut"	14 Extra (N)
14 WCWF							14 Dish Nat. (N)	14 TMZ (N)	14 Family Guy "Fresh Heir"	14 Family Guy	14 Burgers "V for Valentine-deta"	14 Bob's Burgers "The Hurt Soccer"
34 WYOW	14 Dish Nat. (N)	14 TMZ (N)										

WEDNESDAY												EVENING												DECEMBER 13																							
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 8 WBAY				9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)				9 Packers Live 2 Entertainment Tonight (N)				Celebrity Fam "Rosie O'Donnell vs. Billy Porter" Celebrity contestants Rosie O'Donnell and Billy Porter. Rosie O'Donnell, Billy Porter (N)				Celebrity Wheel "Lil Rel Howery, Paula Abdul and Matt Rogers" Lil Rel Howery, Paula Abdul and Matt Rogers compete. Guests Lil Rel Howery (N)				The \$100,000 Pyramid "Matt Walsh vs. Malin Akerman and AJ McLean vs. Howie Dorough" Matt Walsh, Malin Akerman (N)				9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)				(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)				(35) Nightline (N)															
CBS 5 WFRV 7 WSAW				5 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)				5 Green Bay Nation 7 Inside Edition (N)				Survivor Castaways attempt to outwit, outlast and outplay each other for a prize of \$1 million. (N)				The Amazing Race million. (N) (SF)				Teams of two travel the globe to try to win \$1 million. (N) (SF)				5 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)				(35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N)				(35) Comics Unleashed With Byron Allen															
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK				55 Big Bang 11 Jeopardy! (N)				55 Big Bang 11 Wheel (N)				The Masked Singer (N)				Snake Oil (N) (SF)				55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)				55 Seinfeld "The Baby Shower"				55 Seinfeld "The Movie" 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)				55 Last Man 11 (35) Seinfeld				55 Last Man 11 (35) Inside Ed. (N)				55 Goldbergs 11 (35) King							
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW				26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 NewsChannel 12 at 6 (N)				26 Packers 12 Wheel (N)				Quantum Leap "Nomads" Ben leaps into an undercover CIA agent in Egypt. (N)				Magnum P.I. "Extracurricular Activities" Magnum and Higgins investigate an accused professor. (N)				Chicago Med "It's an Ill Wind That Blows Nobody Good" Asher rushes to the hospital in a storm to help a patient.				26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 NewsChannel 12 at 10pm (N)				(35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N)				(35) Late Night With Seth Meyers (N)															
PBS 20 WHRM 33 WLEF 33 WPNE				PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)				Nature "Canada: Surviving the Wild North" Examining Canada's animals and dramatic landscape, from the high arctic to the boreal forests.				NOVA "The Next Pompeii" Assessing the risk of a potential eruption of an ancient supervolcano in Italy.				Great Yellowstone Thaw "Episode 1" Wildlife families brave a fierce winter; how Yellowstone's geology affects bison.				To Be Announced				Frontline "The Discord Leaks" Jack Teixeira's alleged leak of classified documents onto the Discord chat platform.																							
42 WACY 46 WTPX				(5:00) NBA G League Basketball				Blue Bloods "Front Page News"				Blue Bloods "Framed"				Blue Bloods "Inside Jobs"				Blue Bloods "Men in Black"				Blue Bloods "Warriors"				Blue Bloods "Warriors"				Blue Bloods "Warriors"				Blue Bloods "Warriors"				Blue Bloods "Warriors"				Blue Bloods "Warriors"			
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW				14 Big Bang "The Boyfriend Complexity" (N) 34 Dish Nat. (N)				14 Big Bang "The Explosion Implosion" (N) 34 TMZ (N)				Sullivan's Crossing "Sins of the Father" Maggie returns to Boston; Cal searches for closure. (N) (SF)				The Spencer Sisters "The Runaway's Regret" Victoria and Darby have to set aside their differences. (N) (SF)				14 Last Man "The Force" (N) 34 Dish Nation (N)				14 Seinfeld "The Movie" (N) 34 TMZ (N)				14 The National Desk (N) (Live) 34 Family Guy "Baby Got Black"				14 National (N) 34 Family Guy "Herpe, the Love Sore"				14 Last Man 34 Burgers				14 Extra (N) 34 Burgers							

THURSDAY				EVENING								DECEMBER 14				
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 8 WBAY		9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at Six (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	CMA Country Christmas (N)		To Be Announced							9 News 9 (N) 2 Action 2 News at 10 (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)		(35) Nightline (N)
CBS 6 WFRV 7 WSAW		6 Local 5 News at 6:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 6 (N)	6 Local 5 News at 6:30 (N) 7 Inside Edition (N)	Big Brother Reindeer Games (N)		Ghosts UK "Redding Weddy" (N)	Ghosts UK "The Thomas Thorne Affair" (N)	SEAL Team "What's Past Is Prologue" Bravo returns to Afghanistan to keep fighting the Taliban. (N)		6 Local 5 News at 10:00 (N) 7 NewsChannel 7 at 10 (N)	(35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert (N)		(35) Comics Unleashed With Byron Allen			
FOX 55 WZAW 11 WLUK		55 Big Bang 11 Jeopardy! (N)	55 Big Bang 11 Wheel (N)	Hell's Kitchen (N)		LEGO Masters (N) (SF)		55 NewsChannel 7 at 9pm (N) 11 Fox 11 News at Nine (N) (Live)	55 Seinfeld "The Jacket"	55 Seinfeld "The Outing" 11 Fox 11 News at 10 (N) (Live)	55 Last Man 11 (35) Seinfeld	55 Last Man 11 (05) Inside Ed. (N)	55 Goldbergs 11 (35) King			
NBC 26 WGBA 12 WJFW		26 NBC26 News at 6pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 6 (N)	26 FamFeud 12 Wheel (N)	That Clip Show: Holiday Edition (N)		Saturday Night Live A Saturday Night Live Christmas Special A star-studded collection of popular Christmas-themed sketches from "Saturday Night Live."							26 NBC26 News at 10pm (N) 12 Newswatch 12 at 10pm (N)	(35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N)		(35) Late Night With Seth Meyers (N)
PBS 20 WHRM 36 WLEF 38 WPNE		PBS NewsHour Amna Nawaz and Geoff Bennett offer in-depth analysis of current events. (N)		Wisconsin Life	John McGivern's Main Streets	Doc Martin		Agatha Christie's Poirot		Living With Hitler		Great Yellowstone Thaw "Episode 1" Wildlife families brave a fierce winter; how Yellowstone's geology affects bison.				
62 WACY 46 WTPX		Family Feud	Two Half Men	Dateline "Someone Was Out There"		Chicago P.D. "Fractures"		My News at 9 (N)	Tonight (N)	Two Half Men	Housewife	Housewife	Mom			
CW 14 WCWF 34 WYOW		14 Big Bang 34 Dish Nat. (N)	14 Big Bang "The Collaboration Contamination" 34 TMZ (N)	Son of a Critch "Spirit Week" (N)	Children Ruin Everything "Arguments" (N)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? "Alyson Hannigan"	American Joke Off Luke Mones, Matthew Broussard	14 Last Man 34 Dish Nat. (N)	14 Seinfeld "The Outing" 34 TMZ (N)	14 The National Desk (N) (Live) 34 Family Guy "Meg Stinks!"	14 The National Desk (N) (Live) 34 Family Guy "Chap Stewie"	14 Last Man 34 Burgers	14 Extra (N) 34 Burgers "Are You There Bob? It's Me, Birthday"			



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**PACKERS ELEVATE TO NO. 7 SEED
IN PLAYOFF PICTURE**

In the Packers 27-19 victory over the Chiefs, AJ Dillon rushed for 73 yards on 18 carries and snagged a lone catch for 14 additional yards. Dillon's average of 4.1 yards per carry kept the Chiefs honest with their defense and added depth to the playbook. The Packers have an easy schedule the rest of the season: the Giants (4-8) on Monday night, home against the Buccaneers (5-7), at the Panthers (1-11) and Vikings (6-6), and home against the Bears (4-8). That's a combined record of 20-40 or a .333 winning percentage.

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Green Bay holds seventh seed in NFC playoff picture

Packers stun Chiefs to get back to .500

By **LUKE REIMER**
Green & Gold Express

In a building with Taylor Swift, Simone Biles, Tony Shalhoub and Bobby Portis in attendance, it was Jordan Love who was the biggest star as the Green Bay Packers took down the Kansas City Chiefs 27-19 at Lambeau Field on Dec. 3.

In a stand-alone game on Sunday Night Football, Love put together another career performance, as the fourth-year quarterback completed 25-of-36 passes for 267 yards, three touchdowns and no interceptions. This marks the third straight game that Love hasn't turned the ball over. In that three-game stretch, he has recorded 857 passing yards and eight touchdowns.

"The only word that I can think of is extraordinary," said Packers wide receiver Christian Watson, on Love's recent play. "His comfortability, his confidence, his ability to make plays – we are just seeing more and more every single week."

It was Watson who was on the receiving end of two Love's touchdowns this week. Up 7-3 with 10:44 left in the second quarter, Watson broke away from coverage in the back of the end zone and found himself wide open for a nine-yard score to push the lead to two scores.

His second touchdown came in the middle of the third quarter, as Love dropped back and threw a jump ball, which Watson out-jumped the Kansas City defender to bring down.

With Love's recent success, Watson has been just as good, as in that three-game stretch, Watson has recorded 184 receiving yards and four touchdowns.

The offense as a whole outdueled Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes' offense, as the future Hall of Famer was held to just 210 passing yards and one touchdown.

Chiefs running back Isiah Pacheco was the main contributor for the



Quarterback Jordan Love posted his fourth game this season with three touchdown passes and zero interceptions, tied with Brock Purdy of the 49ers for No. 1 in the NFL this season. One of his TD passes went to tight end Ben Sims, who posted his first TD catch in the NFL (1-yard score in the first quarter). He joins tight ends Luke Musgrave and Tucker Kraft as the first rookie tight end trio in team history to each register a TD reception in a season. Per the Elias Sports Bureau, the Packers are the first team in the Super Bowl era to have three rookie tight ends catch a TD pass in a season.

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Chiefs, as he totaled 110 yards and one touchdown on 18 rushes. But, he was ejected late in the game after throwing a punch at Packers defensive back Keisean Nixon.

It was Nixon who made arguably the biggest play of the game though.

With Green Bay up 24-19 in the

middle of the fourth quarter, the Chiefs took over after a made field goal from Packers kicker Anders Carlson. On the first play of the drive, Mahomes dropped back and hit rookie wide receiver Rashee Rice for a nine-yard gain. That play was followed up with a defensive pass

interference from Packers defensive back Corey Ballentine.

On the ensuing play, Mahomes dropped back and threw a floating ball to the right side of the field that was intended for receiver Skyy Moore. Nixon played the ball like he was the receiver and intercepted Mahomes to give the ball back to Green Bay with 5:20 remaining in the game.

"We were watching mannerism tape earlier in the week, and he tapped his knee and they put two off the ball, and I'm like 'Oh, I've seen this before,' and I knew he was going to run it and he ran it," said Nixon, on his interception.

In total, the Packers scored touchdowns on three of its first four drives, with rookie tight end Ben Sims opening the game with his first career touchdown. Green Bay controlled the entire game and with questionable officiating during the second half of the fourth quarter, the Packers' defense swatted down Mahomes' last second Hail Mary attempt to improve to 6-6 on the season.

This was the second time in both quarterbacks' careers that they faced the other team. For Mahomes, it was his first time playing at Lambeau Field, and for Love it was his first time starting a Lambeau game against the Chiefs. The first game against Kansas City for Love came in 2021, when Aaron Rodgers was ruled out with COVID-19. In that game Green Bay lost 13-7, with Love passing for just 190 yards.

"Obviously, I've had this game circled for a long time," said Love. "This was my first start, and I obviously didn't play how I wanted to in the first game. To be able to see these guys and get the victory is huge."

Green Bay now sits at 6-6 on the season, which is tied with the Minnesota Vikings for the second spot in the NFC North, but more importantly, it currently slots the Packers into the seventh seed in the NFC Playoff Picture. That is a far cry from a team that was 3-6 and looking at a top-seven pick in the NFL Draft just three weeks ago.

According to the New York Times Playoff Simulator, the Packers now hold a 70% chance to make the playoffs.

BEAT The Expert

Week 14 Games: Sunday, Dec. 10



Luke Reimer
New Media

Houston @ New York Jets
Minnesota @ Las Vegas
Detroit @ Chicago
Philadelphia @ Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:

Green Bay 31 @ New York Giants 17...Mon., Dec 11

Week 13 Winner : Tie

Robert Buss
Buss Automotive

Jim Wiegand
Tower Clock Eye
Center

Weekly Standings

	Weekly Record	Overall Record
Tim Murphy, New Media.....	3-2	45-20
Jim Wiegand, Tower Clock Eye Center.....	4-1	45-20
Jacob Westendorf, New Media.....	2-3	44-21
Robert Buss, Buss Automotive.....	4-1	42-23
Staff, Iverson's Piggly Wiggly.....	3-2	39-26
Shane Senn, Senn Insurance.....	2-3	37-28
Kevin Passon, New Media.....	3-2	37-28
Staff, Shawano Health Services.....	3-2	37-28
Luke Reimer, New Media.....	1-4	36-29
Staff, Walsh Dental Group.....	3-2	33-32
Sue Moede, Moede & Sons Plumbing.....	4-1	33-32



Jim Wiegand
Tower Clock
Eye Center

This Week's Picks:

Houston
Minnesota
Detroit
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ New York Giants 13



Robert Buss
Buss
Automotive

This Week's Picks:

Houston
Minnesota
Detroit
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ New York Giants 21



Shane Senn
Senn
Insurance

This Week's Picks:

Houston
Las Vegas
Detroit
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 31 @ New York Giants 17



Staff
Walsh Dental Group
Shawano

This Week's Picks:

Houston
Las Vegas
Detroit
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ New York Giants 10



Staff
Shawano
Health Services

This Week's Picks:

Houston
Las Vegas
Detroit
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 21 @ New York Giants 17



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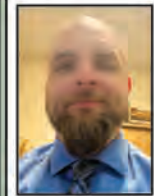
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NOTEBOOK

Giants' defense won't be a pushover

By JACOB WESTENDORF
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Packers' offense vs. Giants' defense

A week after facing a decorated defensive coordinator in Steve Spagnuolo, the Packers will face another on Monday with Wink Martindale locking horns with Matt LaFleur.

The New York Giants' defense has struggled this season, but Martindale has done a good job making chicken salad with the ingredients he has been handed. In addition, the Giants' offense has been dreadful, which has put them in tough spots through the season.

Overall, the Giants rank 28th in the NFL in yards given up per game. This is not the test the Packers faced a week ago with the Kansas City Chiefs defense.

If there's a player on defense to watch, it's second-year pass rusher Kavyon Thibodeaux.

Thibodeaux has 11 sacks on the season and has been relentless in his pursuit of opposing quarterbacks.

The Packers' offense is coming off another strong performance against what is probably the best defense they've played so far this season.

Perhaps the short-term pain is turning into a long-term gain right in front of our eyes.

Jordan Love threw three more touchdown passes on Sunday, and he's thrown eight touchdowns to zero interceptions in the last three games.

Christian Watson had another strong performance with two touchdown receptions. He did leave the game with a hamstring injury that puts his status in doubt for Monday's game. If he is able to play, however, he is starting to look like the player the Packers thought they were getting when the season began.

Romeo Doubs, Jayden Reed and Dontayvion Wicks have all made plays over the last three weeks as well. Doubs had a big fourth-down conversion on a beautiful throw from Love that helped set up Watson's second touchdown of the night.

The pass protection kept Love relatively clean and allowed him to complete 25 passes to nine different receivers against the Chiefs.

The run game is still struggling but looked better on Sunday against the Chiefs. AJ Dillon ran for 73 yards on 18 carries, and looked as explosive as

he has all season.

It remains unclear if Aaron Jones will be back on Monday, but even if he is, expect Dillon to be the team's workhorse as the temperatures continue to dip.

Packers' defense vs. Giants' offense

Patrick Mahomes and Travis Kelce are still one of the best duos in all of football.

The Packers really found a way to limit both of those guys in Sunday's win over the Chiefs.

Mahomes threw for 210 yards and only one touchdown pass. Travis Kelce had 81 yards receiving but was not an overwhelming factor in the game as he usually can be.

Green Bay's pass rush has started to heat up. Lukas Van Ness, Rashan Gary and Preston Smith all had at least 0.5 sacks in Sunday's win. The team as a whole had three sacks against Mahomes.

That goes with the three sacks they had two weeks ago against the Lions.

They'll be facing a Giants offensive line that is dreadful in pass protection. The key of course will be getting to obvious passing situations against a bad offensive line.

The Packers have had their struggles against opposing ground games.

The Packers' defense is coming off another poor performance against the Chiefs. Isiah Pacheco ran for more than 100 yards and averaged more than six yards per carry.

That may not bode well for the Green Bay defense in this matchup because they are facing a team that will be playing a backup quarterback. Even when their starting quarterback is playing, the Giants want to get the ball to their best player.

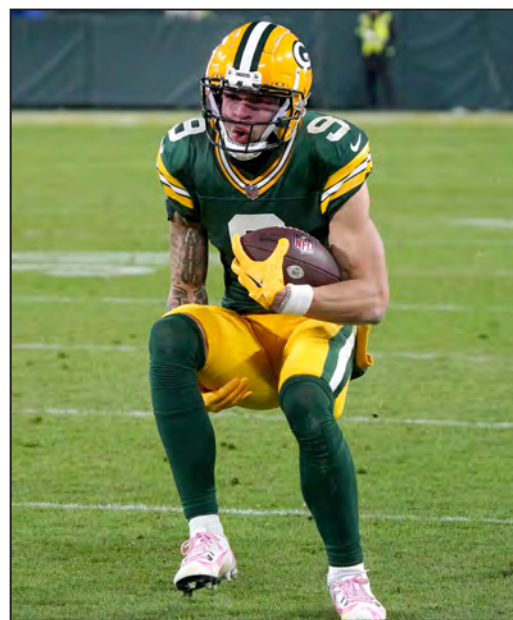
That is Saquon Barkley.

Barkley has been in and out of the lineup with injuries, but he's healthy now, and that could be a problem for a Green Bay defense that is once again at the bottom of the league in defending the run.

Keisean Nixon just had the biggest play of his career with an interception of Mahomes on Sunday night. He is now the only Packers cornerback currently on the roster with an interception.

Special teams

The Packers' kicking game had officially become a problem before



During the fourth quarter of Sunday's upset victory over the Chiefs, Christian Watson delivered a key first down but injured the same hamstring that sidelined him to start the season. With about 3 minutes to play and the Packers nursing a 24-19 lead, Watson caught a little flip from quarterback Jordan Love, turned on the jets and raced around the left edge of the Chiefs' defense. With the first down secured, Watson gave himself up to stay inbounds and keep the clock rolling. Instead, his right hamstring gave way. Watson missed the first three games of the season with an injured right hamstring.

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Sunday's game against the Chiefs.

Anders Carlson was starting to struggle and had missed a kick in every game except for one since the bye week. The Packers expressed confidence in the young kicker again, and he rewarded their faith.

Carlson made all of his kicks on Sunday night, including a 48-yard field goal that ensured the Packers would not lose in regulation. That was the biggest kick of his career to date.

Perhaps that will give him some confidence as the weather continues to turn and kicking conditions become more volatile.

Nixon was only able to return

one kick on Sunday night but got the Packers out past the 25 and into some better field position.

Perhaps he'll get more opportunities in another outdoor stadium that will be subject to the elements.

The Giants were dreadful on special teams a year ago, finishing 28th in Rick Gosselin's annual special teams rankings.

The kicking situation in New York has been rocky with Graham Gano being placed on injured reserve in November.

Randy Bullock has handled kicking duties since then and will likely line up there for the Giants on Monday night.

Taylor relishes another opportunity in Green Bay

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Running back Patrick Taylor has had an on again-off again relationship with the Green Bay Packers.

He first signed as an undrafted free agent in 2020. He has seen stints on the active/non-football injury list, the reserve/non-football injury list, the practice squad and the active roster. He has also been released by the Packers and served about a month on the practice squad of the New England Patriots.

What's your recent timetable been like?

"Well, I was sitting in my apartment in Foxborough with my wife watching the game, and I saw Aaron (Jones) had went down and then Emanuel (Wilson) went down, and my agent had gave me a call. I didn't pick up because I didn't see it. He called my wife. She was sitting on the couch with me and she handed me the phone and said, 'Hey, we're going back to Green Bay,' so I kind of figured that was the case. He called me at halftime, when the Packers were at halftime. Saw the guys went down, and I figured I would be back."

Is there a mental overload having to learn two different offenses in a short period of time?

"In this profession, you get tugged and pulled each which way, but you gotta be ready for your opportunity. I'm a smart guy, so I've been in this offense for four years, so it's not really hard for me to just pick it right back up. I think they're running the same general stuff that they were before I left, so it's pretty easy for me to pick it up."

You still have all your Packers stuff?

"Some people have told me to toss it, but I decided to just hold onto it for the future."

"That's for my kids or friends and family and stuff like that. It's in the storage here in Green Bay, so I guess I'll pull it back out."

What is your role here now?

"I think it's a big opportunity for me to put my talent on display. I just have to not put any added pressure on myself. I've been playing this game for a long time, and I have confidence in my ability and I believe the coaches have confidence in me to put me out there in critical situations and for me to do my job at a high level."

What were your emotions com-



Patrick Taylor (27) rushed for 29 yards on two carries during the Packers' 27-19 win over the Chiefs in Week 13. Most of Taylor's yardage came from a big 24-yard run.

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ing back here?

"It was nice and exciting seeing everybody that I've been here with throughout my four years here, like when I walked through the locker room, seeing all the guys. First guy I saw was Jordan. He was in here. He looked at me and he was like, he knew I was coming back. Being able to just see all the guys, like Aaron and AJ (Dillon) and E and like all the defensive guys. They welcomed me back, so it was pretty cool."

Were you expecting to be back?

"It was in the back of my mind. I was like, 'I might be going back to Green Bay.' I told my wife, 'I might be going back to Green Bay, but we just got here,' but she was extremely supportive through it all. She's heading back here today. She packed up everything in the Foxborough apartment. My dog was up there, too. She shipped him off this morning, so it's been a lot on her plate, and she's definitely my rock, for sure."

So, your stuff was still in storage here?

"Yeah, so like my wife, so Oct. 17th, Oct. 16th, I flew to Foxborough. The 17th I had a workout. The 18th I signed. During that time, my wife was packing up my house here and putting it in storage. She recently got to Foxborough last Tuesday. It's crazy how it works out."

What are you doing now in terms of living arrangements?

"I recently called movers. That's who I was on the phone with not too

long ago. After we get out of here around 3:15, 3:30, I'm going over to meet them at the U-Haul place to pick up my stuff and bring it back to my house here."

Is it like riding a bike, easy to pick everything up again? Have you been in a meeting yet?

"Yeah. I've been in a meeting and everything. The terminology was just different in New England compared to here, so I guess I was able to decipher or clearly separate the two. Once I came here and started to hear the terminology again, it all came back. It was just a refresher."

Do you feel a sense of unfinished business coming back here?

"I would say yeah. I feel like I left on a bad note. I didn't really leave. But I'm excited for the opportunity that I get here moving forward. I think, I always tell myself this: You're just an opportunity away from being a force in this league. So, like I said, I don't put any added pressure on myself. Just going out there and playing the game that I've been playing for 21 years and I'm going to have fun with it."

Your opportunity here?

"I know opportunities are hard to come by in this league, but guys who work hard and show up on time and put the work in and always prepare like they're playing, the opportunity is going to present itself and you're going to perform well. I think that's going to show. A lot of guys over the course of the league, guys who didn't

really get much of a chance or opportunity, they get that one opportunity, which they prepare for, and they're ready for it."

How tough is that to separate the hassles of life from football? You've got to move, and you're also getting ready for a game.

"My faith plays a big part in that. I have extreme faith in God. I build my foundation in Christ, so in those chaos moments, I have joy in it, and I'm at peace. I'm not uptight or stressed out. I try to stay even-keeled through the highs and the lows. When I got cut, there were no lows. I was still high and confident in myself, and I caught on with the Patriots. I know I can play this game at a high level."

Second guess whether to come back? Or couldn't turn it down?

"I think it was an opportunity I couldn't turn down. It was tough leaving how I did. It was the opportunity to come back here and play the game that I love. So, it's exciting to be back."

Can you step in wherever?

"Yeah. Whatever I'm asked to do for the team, I'll do it. I want to be able to help the team win in every aspect that I can whether that's on special teams, running the ball, catching the ball, pass protection."

Surprised how fast Packers called you?

"I mean, I said it: 'Hey, Lauren. We might be going back to the Packers,' but I didn't think it would happen so soon. Literally two minutes, three minutes after I said that, my agent called me and I looked at my wife. He called her. She said, 'Hey, Chris is calling.' I looked at her and then she was like, 'Yeah, we're probably going back to the Green Bay Packers.'"

Did they ask you to come back on practice squad after you got cut?

"No, they didn't. I'd say it left a bad taste in my mouth, for sure, but I know out of everything, nobody owes you anything in this league no matter how hard you work, no matter all the things that you do. It's a performance-based business. If you're not playing well or you're not helping the team, then they'll get rid of you. It left a bad taste in my mouth, for sure, but I'm grateful that it happened. It gave me a different perspective of everything moving forward. But I am grateful for the opportunity to be back here and be back with my boys, and play with the Packer G."

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TIME AND DATE: 7:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11

LOCATION: MetLife Stadium

TV: ESPN

RADIO: Flagship WRNW-FM Milwaukee - 97.3; Packers Radio Network includes WIXX-FM Green Bay - 101.1, WRLO-FM Antigo - 105.3, WLST-FM Marinette - 95.1, and WSAU Wausau - 550 AM and 95.1 FM

2023 RECORDS: Packers, 6-6. Giants 4-8.

HISTORY: The Packers and Giants most famous meetings occurred during the Vince Lombardi era, as two of the gold standard franchises in football met up for NFL Championship games in 1961 and 1962. The Packers owned both games behind strong performances from Paul Hornung and Jim Taylor. The Giants hold the claim of winning the last game Brett Favre ever played for the Packers, a frigid NFC Championship Game that saw temperatures dip well below zero. The Giants won 23-20. They also knocked off Green Bay in 2011, ending a season that saw the Packers go 15-1.

Overall the Packers are 34-27-2 against the Giants. Their most recent meeting came in London in 2022. The Packers blew a double-digit lead and lost 27-22. The last time these two teams locked horns at MetLife stadium, the Packers won 31-13 in December 2019.

COACHES: Packers - Matt LaFleur (fifth season, 53-25). Giants - Brian Daboll (second season 13-15-1)

PACKERS SCHEDULE

Sept. 10 at Chicago W 38-20

Sept. 17 at Atlanta L 25-24

Sept. 24 vs. New Orleans Noon W 18-17

Sept. 28 vs. Detroit 7:15 p.m. L 34-20

Oct. 9 at Las Vegas 7:15 p.m. L 17-13

Oct. 15 BYE

Oct. 22 at Denver 3:25 p.m. L 19-17

Oct. 29 vs. Minnesota Noon L 24-10

Nov. 5 vs. LA Rams W 20-3

Nov. 12 at Pittsburgh L 23-19

Nov. 19 vs. LA Chargers W 23-20

Nov. 23 at Detroit W 29-22

Dec. 3 vs. Kansas City W 27-19

Dec. 11 at NY Giants 7:15 p.m. ESPN

Dec. 17 vs. Tampa Bay Noon FOX

Dec. 24 at Carolina Noon FOX

Dec. 31 at Minnesota 7:20 p.m. NBC

Jan. 7 vs. Chicago, TBD

NFL SCHEDULE

Thursday, Dec. 7

Patriots at Steelers, 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 10

Texans at Jets, Noon

Rams at Ravens, Noon

Panthers at Saints, Noon

Colts at Bengals, Noon

Buccaneers at Falcons, Noon

Jaguars at Browns, Noon

Lions at Bears, Noon

Seahawks at 49ers, 3:05 p.m.

Vikings at Raiders, 3:05 p.m.

Broncos at Chargers, 3:25 p.m.

Bills at Chiefs, 3:25 p.m.

Eagles at Cowboys, 7:20 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 11

Packers at Giants, 7:15 p.m.

Titans at Dolphins, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 14

Chargers at Raiders, 7:15 p.m.

KEYS TO THE GAME

Packers' defense should do well against Giants' QB

By JACOB WESTENDORF

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The Green Bay Packers are coming off their biggest win of the Jordan Love era. The Packers beat the defending Super Bowl champions 27-19 at Lambeau Field to move to 6-6. As of now, the Packers hold the seventh spot in the NFC playoff picture, but they are looking for more.

The Giants are 4-8 and have failed to build on last season's success story where they made the divisional round of the NFC playoffs before getting blown out by the Philadelphia Eagles.

Quarterback Daniel Jones is out for the season with a torn ACL, so the Giants are playing out the string at this point in the year.

Brian Daboll is still a good coach, and they will be at home, so the Packers will have their hands full.

The Packers do not play a team with a record above .500 between now and the end of the season. The team is facing a golden opportunity to make the playoffs and potentially position themselves to make some noise.

If they're going to do that, however, they have to beat the Giants first. Here are the keys to the Packers getting to 7-6.

Packers vs. Saquon Barkley

Saquon Barkley is one of the most dangerous runners in all of football. He requires the defense at all levels to be ready to tackle. He's dangerous in both the run and pass game. He might be the Giants' best pass catcher at this point of his career.

That requires the Packers to be ready in the secondary and on the front. He'll threaten them at all of those levels. One missed tackle can turn a short gain into a touchdown with the ball in Barkley's hands.

With an inexperienced quarterback, the Giants are likely to rely on Barkley even more.

The Packers did not stop the Lions' two-headed monster of David Montgomery and Jahmyr Gibbs, but they did slow them down.

They didn't slow down Isiah Pa-



Outside linebacker Rashan Gary (52) exchanges a high five with cornerback Keisean Nixon (25) as the defense celebrates another big play against the Chiefs. The defense will need to work just as hard against the Giants as they did against the Chiefs, particularly when Saquon Barkley is running with the ball. Continuing with third string quarterback Tommy DeVito under center, the Giants may lean even more on Barkley.

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checo and the Chiefs rushing offense. The only thing that stopped Pacheco from running wild against Green Bay was the game flow. The Packers kept scoring early, forcing the Chiefs to play catch up. Couple that with Pacheco getting ejected for throwing a punch at Keisean Nixon, and you have the formula for how Pacheco was stopped.

The Packers did not do anything special to slow him down.

With all due respect to Pacheco, Barkley is a much more dynamic runner. The Packers will need to be much better to keep him in check.

Packers' pass rush vs. Tommy DeVito

The Packers are coming off a stretch where they've played three high level quarterbacks.

Tommy DeVito is not one of those at this point in his career. He is the Giants' third preferred quarterback this season. Daniel Jones is out for the season with a torn ACL. Tyrod Taylor filled in before being sidelined with an injury of his own.

DeVito wasn't a high draft pick; he's not highly touted. He's someone the Packers should be able to control.

The Packers' pass rush was dominant against the Detroit Lions on Thanksgiving Day. They wrecked the Lions' game plan.

Rashan Gary sacked Jared Goff

three times. Preston Smith has lived in the backfield in recent memory, which would lead you to believe more production should be on its way. Lukas Van Ness did not have the sack production until Sunday night when he dragged Patrick Mahomes to the ground in the first quarter of Sunday's game against the Chiefs.

Gary, Van Ness and Smith all had at least half a sack in Sunday's win over the Chiefs.

They'll need to slow down Barkley as previously mentioned and force DeVito to win the game.

If they can do that, the Packers' secondary should have plenty of opportunities to catch errant passes from DeVito.

Offensive tackles vs. Kayvon Thibodeaux

Another week, another dominant pass rusher squaring off against the Packers' offensive line.

The Packers kept Aidan Hutchinson in check two weeks ago. They did well against Joey Bosa and Khalil Mack as well.

Chris Jones had a nice night against the Packers but didn't ruin the game. The Packers allowed other

pass rushers to wreck the game earlier in the year, but Jones had what could be described as a nice night. That's a win for someone as dominant as he can be.

Thibodeaux is the Giants' best pass rusher and has been since he was drafted two years ago.

The Giants know a thing or two about cobbling together a good pass rush unit. The Packers know about that as well having faced off against Michael Strahan, Justin Tuck and other great pass rushers the Giants have had on their best teams.

Jordan Love's arrow is pointing upward. One of the biggest reasons for that is the pass protection around him has been much better. They're currently ranked second in the NFL in ESPN's pass block win rate statistic. Zach Tom has been a brick at right tackle, while the platoon of Rasheed Walker and Yosh Nijman has masked some of their struggles as well.

Thibodeaux will line up on both ends of the line of scrimmage. All three tackles will get their dosage of him. It's up to them to keep Love clean and allow him to find receivers down the field against a leaky Giants secondary.



Green Bay offensive linemen Zach Tom (50), Jon Runyan (76) Josh Myers (71) and Elton Jenkins (74) will have their hands full against Kayvon Thibodeaux of the Giants. Thibodeaux is the Giants' best pass rusher and has been since he was drafted two years ago. The Packers kept Aidan Hutchinson in check two weeks ago. They did well against Joey Bosa and Khalil Mack as well. Chris Jones had a nice night against the Packers but didn't ruin the game.

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Kelly brings versatility to field

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The Green Bay Packers claimed cornerback Kyu Blu Kelly off waivers from the Seattle Seahawks on Nov. 15.

Kelly (6-0, 191), a rookie out of Stanford, was originally drafted by the Baltimore Ravens in the fifth round of the 2023 NFL Draft. He was released after training camp and claimed off waivers by Seattle. Kelly played in five games for the Seahawks this season.

He started 35 of 38 career games played for the Cardinals from 2019-22, earning second-team All-Pac-12 honors from the conference coaches in each of his last two seasons.

What happened to get you to Green Bay?

I got released from the Seahawks, as you all know, on Saturday. Sunday, I was back home. Monday, the phone call from up in Wisconsin. It happens quick. It happens quick.

Are you used to the mental switchup?

Yeah, my dad played for 12 years luckily, so I have someone in the

business. He said, "It's your rookie year, man. You had a rough year going all over the place, but it's your first place – a year from now might not even be like this. Just stay the course, do what you can and just make sure you make it worthwhile."

How are you absorbing information? Can you contribute quickly?

Going to work every single day. First of all, learning the playbook, make sure I know what I need to do and whatever's asked of me, do it full throttle. That's all you can do. Control what you can control.

Who has the better hands – you or Dad?

Yeah, it's Year 1. So we'll see about four years from now who's got more. I'll make sure I can leap that number, but yeah, he's pretty good.

You have better hands?

Yeah, most definitely. I played receiver. He didn't.

How are you picking up this defense?

Yeah, I got pretty good football IQ. I've been in three defenses now. You see similarities around the



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league. Some people do the same things, different terminology – similar to Seattle, I'd say, as what you guys do here. So, it's coming pretty fast.

Dad prepare you for NFL process?

Similar to what I was saying, this is the nature of the beast, the league. It's the NFL – Not For Long. You could be somewhere and think you're doing well, and business side of things put you somewhere else. It's just that mentality you gotta have being in this business. But it's a great business to be in if you can get into it.

How soon can you play special teams?

Yeah, yeah, no, absolutely. I'm healthy, so wherever I need to go, I can go. That's a good thing.

What's the story of your name?

Definitely. So my dad wanted Blu. We're all in the delivery room. I'm crying, and my mom's not feeling it and wants something with a K. They compromised Kyu Blu.

Ever meet a Kyu?

No, probably never will.

Was Green Bay interested prior to the draft?

Coach Hood was my DB coach at the Senior Bowl. So, that was someone I had connected with, and we had a bunch of draft meetings. He said, "Keep my number." You never know, and here I am. Things like that happen, for sure.

Did you ever meet assistant

head coach and special teams coordinator Rich Bisaccia?

No, but he always got a Christmas card with me on it. He's definitely a friend of my dad's and someone who's really close to the family, and now I'm getting to know him on a coaching level, which is pretty cool.

You're big into designing video games?

I'm the chief creative officer of a video game I'm making and pairing into movie directing, too. It's just something I stumbled in. My dad's friends with somebody who does that. He didn't know a thing about video games. He thought this movie idea would be a great video game, and they kind of streamlined me. I wrote some stuff up. I wrote a few scripts, and they really liked it.

I'm sticking with that, that's my outside-of-football hobby pretty much.

Where did that interest start?

I didn't have to go to school for it. It was just playing a lot of video games. When I wrote the script, they were like, "Who did this?" My dad's like, "My son," and they're like, "Well, we'd like to do some other things with it," but I tried to stay as much as I can into it. They allowed me to be the chief creative officer.

What do you bring?

Just versatility, somebody's who played inside and outside, has special teams background in the league and a healthy body. Whatever they need me to.



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Player	#	Pos	HT	WT	Age	Exp	College
Jaire Alexander	23	CB	5-10	196	26	6	Louisville
Zayne Anderson	39	S	6-2	206	26	1	BYU
Corey Ballentine	35	CB	5-11	196	27	5	Washburn
Karl Brooks	94	DL	6-3	296	23	R	Bowling Green
De'Vondre Campbell	59	LB	6-4	232	30	8	Minnesota
Anders Carlson	17	K	6-5	219	25	R	Auburn
Kenny Clark	97	DL	6-3	314	28	8	UCLA
Sean Clifford	8	QB	6-2	218	25	R	Penn State
Brenton Cox Jr.	57	LB	6-4	250	23	R	Florida
Josiah Deguara	81	TE	6-2	238	26	4	Cincinnati
AJ Dillon	28	RB	6-0	247	25	4	Boston College
Romeo Doubs	87	WR	6-2	204	23	2	Nevada
Kingsley Enagbare	55	LB	6-4	258	23	2	South Carolina
Rudy Ford	20	S	6-0	210	29	7	Auburn
Rashan Gary	52	LB	6-5	277	25	5	Michigan
Malik Heath	18	WR	6-2	213	23	R	Mississippi
Elgton Jenkins	74	G/T	6-5	311	27	5	Mississippi State
Anthony Johnson Jr.	36	S	6-0	205	23	R	Iowa State
Aaron Jones	33	RB	5-9	208	28	7	Texas-El Paso
Caleb Jones	72	T	6-9	370	24	2	Indiana
Kyu Blu Kelly	24	CB	6-0	191	22	R	Stanford
Tucker Kraft	85	TE	6-5	259	23	R	South Dakota State
Jordan Love	10	QB	6-4	219	25	4	Utah State
Isaiah McDuffie	58	LB	6-1	227	24	3	Boston College
Josh Myers	71	C/G	6-5	310	25	3	Ohio State
Royce Newman	70	G/T	6-5	310	26	3	Mississippi
Yosh Nijman	73	T	6-7	314	27	4	Virginia Tech
Keisean Nixon	25	CB	5-10	200	26	5	South Carolina
Matt Orzech	42	LS	6-3	245	28	4	Azusa Pacific
Jonathan Owens	34	S	5-11	210	28	5	Missouri Western
Jayden Reed	11	WR	5-11	187	23	R	Michigan State
Sean Rhyan	75	G	6-5	321	23	2	UCLA
Robert Rochell	22	CB	6-0	193	25	3	Central Arkansas
Jon Runyan	76	G	6-4	307	26	4	Michigan
Ben Sims	89	TE	6-5	250	23	R	Baylor
T.J. Slaton	93	DL	6-4	330	26	3	Florida
Preston Smith	91	LB	6-5	265	31	9	Mississippi State
Patrick Taylor	27	RB	6-2	217	25	3	Memphis
Zach Tom	50	OL	6-4	304	24	2	Wake Forest
Samori Toure	83	WR	6-1	191	25	2	Nebraska
Carrington Valentine	37	CB	6-0	189	22	R	Kentucky
Lukas Van Ness	90	LB	6-5	272	22	R	Iowa
Quay Walker	7	LB	6-4	241	23	2	Georgia
Rasheed Walker	63	T	6-6	324	23	2	Penn State
Christian Watson	9	WR	6-4	208	24	2	North Dakota State
Kristian Welch	54	LB	6-3	240	25	4	Iowa
Daniel Whelan	19	P	6-5	216	24	1	UC Davis
Dontayvion Wicks	13	WR	6-1	206	22	R	Virginia
Eric Wilson	45	LB	6-1	230	29	7	Cincinnati
Colby Wooden	96	DL	6-4	273	22	R	Auburn
Devonte Wyatt	95	DL	6-3	304	25	2	Georgia
Reserve/Injured							
David Bakhtiari	69	T	6-4	310	32	11	Colorado
Tyler Davis	84	TE	6-4	252	26	4	Georgia Tech
Luke Musgrave	88	TE	6-6	253	23	R	Oregon State
Darnell Savage	26	S	5-11	198	26	5	Maryland
Eric Stokes	21	CB	6-0	194	24	3	Georgia
Luke Tenuta	78	T	6-8	314	24	2	Virginia Tech
Emanuel Wilson	31	RB	5-11	226	24	R	Fort Valley State Univ.

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Player	#	Pos	HT	WT	Age	Exp	College
Deonte Banks	25	CB	6-2	200	22	R	Maryland
Saquon Barkley	26	RB	6-0	232	26	6	Penn State
Boogie Basham	45	OLB	6-3	274	25	3	Wake Forest
Daniel Bellinger	82	TE	6-6	255	23	2	San Diego State
Dane Belton	24	S	6-1	190	22	2	Iowa
Ben Bredeson	68	G	6-5	310	25	4	Michigan
Matt Breida	31	RB	5-10	195	28	7	Georgia Southern
Cam Brown	47	ILB	6-5	235	25	4	Penn State
Randy Bullock	46	K	5-9	208	33	12	Texas A&M
Lawrence Cager	83	TE	6-5	220	26	3	Georgia
Parris Campbell	0	WR	6-1	205	26	5	Ohio State
Jashaun Corbin	35	RB	6-0	221	23	1	Florida State
Carter Coughlin	52	ILB	6-3	240	26	4	Minnesota
D.J. Davidson	98	DL	6-5	320	24	2	Arizona State
Tommy DeVito	15	QB	6-2	210	25	R	Illinois
Cor'Dale Flott	28	CB	6-2	175	22	2	LSU
Jamie Gillan	6	P	6-1	207	26	5	Univ. of Ark. at Pine Bluff
Mark Glowinski	64	G	6-4	310	31	9	West Virginia
Eric Gray	20	RB	5-10	211	24	R	Oklahoma
Sean Harlow	65	OL	6-4	284	28	4	Oregon State
Tre Hawkins III	37	CB	6-3	195	23	R	Old Dominion
Isaiah Hodgins	18	WR	6-3	200	25	3	Oregon State
Darnay Holmes	30	CB	5-10	195	25	4	UCLA
Jalin Hyatt	13	WR	6-0	185	22	R	Tennessee
Adoree' Jackson	22	CB	5-11	185	28	7	USC
Casey Kreiter	59	LS	6-1	250	33	8	Iowa
Dexter Lawrence II	97	DL	6-4	340	26	5	Clemson
Bobby McCain	21	S	5-9	196	30	9	Memphis
Nick McCloud	44	CB	6-1	193	25	3	Notre Dame
Micah McFadden	41	ILB	6-2	232	23	2	Indiana
Marcus McKethan	60	OL	6-7	335	23	2	North Carolina
Xavier McKinney	29	S	6-0	201	24	4	Alabama
Evan Neal	73	T	6-7	340	23	2	Alabama
Rakeem Nunez-Roches	93	DL	6-2	305	30	9	Southern Mississippi
Azeez Ojulari	51	OLB	6-3	240	23	3	Georgia
Bobby Okereke	58	ILB	6-2	235	27	5	Stanford
Gunner Olszewski	80	WR	6-0	190	27	5	Bemidji State Univ.
Gervarrius Owens	39	S	6-0	200	24	R	Houston
Tyre Phillips	79	T	6-5	330	26	4	Mississippi State
Jason Pinnock	27	S	6-0	200	24	3	Pittsburgh
Justin Pugh	67	OL	6-5	311	33	11	Syracuse
Jordon Riley	95	DL	6-5	315	25	R	Oregon
A'Shawn Robinson	91	DL	6-4	330	28	8	Alabama
Wan'Dale Robinson	17	WR	5-8	185	22	2	Kentucky
John Michael Schmitz Jr.	61	C	6-4	320	24	R	Minnesota
Sterling Shepard	3	WR	5-10	198	30	8	Oklahoma
Isaiah Simmons	19	S/ILB	6-4	238	25	4	Clemson
Darius Slayton	86	WR	6-1	198	26	5	Auburn
Kayvon Thibodeaux	5	OLB	6-5	258	22	2	Oregon
Andrew Thomas	78	T	6-5	315	24	4	Georgia
Jihad Ward	55	OLB	6-5	285	29	8	Illinois
Benton Whitley	48	LB	6-4	260	24	2	Holy Cross
Reserve/Designated to Return							
Tyrod Taylor	2	QB	6-1	217	34	13	Virginia Tech
Reserve/Injured							
Gary Brightwell	23	RB	6-1	220	25	3	Arizona
Jarrad Davis	57	ILB	6-1	238	29	6	Florida
Joshua Ezeudu	75	OL	6-4	310	24	2	North Carolina
Bryce Ford-Wheaton	6	WR	6-3	220	23	R	West Virginia
Graham Gano	9	K	6-2	202	36	14	Florida State
J.C. Hassenauer	63	C	6-2	295	28	4	Alabama
Daniel Jones	8	QB	6-5	230	26	5	Duke
Shane Lemieux	66	G	6-4	310	26	4	Oregon
Matt Peart	74	T	6-7	315	26	4	Connecticut
Darren Waller	12	TE	6-6	238	31	7	Georgia Tech

All of a sudden, Green Bay looks like a playoff team

By **LUKE REIMER**
Green & Gold Express

The tides have turned after a rough opening to the Packers season. After starting 2-1, Green Bay lost five out of its next six games and found itself at 3-6. The team now find itself at 6-6.

With playoffs then seemingly impossible to come by, many fans were already planning what Green Bay was going to do with a top-seven pick in the NFL Draft.

Will the team take wide receiver Marvin Harrison Jr. out of Ohio State? Will it go after one of the many quarterbacks coming up in the draft? Or will it try to solidify the offensive line with the absence of David Bakhtiari this year?

It seems that that line of thinking can now be thrown out. After three straight wins over the Chargers, Lions and Chiefs, the Packers now find themselves slotted in the seventh seed in the NFC Playoffs picture. Instead of deciding whom to draft, the Packers now need to figure out their game plan to make a run at the Super Bowl.

The Super Bowl still seems like somewhat of a fever dream, but with a remaining schedule of the New York Giants, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Carolina Panthers, Minnesota Vikings and Chicago Bears (all teams with a .500 record or worse), playoffs are a real possibility. And once a team gets to the playoffs, there is only one more thing to achieve, and that is a Super Bowl.

"Obviously, yeah. The goal is to make the postseason," said Packers quarterback Jordan Love. "We are going to take it one week at a time and try to focus on one game and winning those games, but that is the goal - getting in that playoff race."

Now, if you told a Packers fan a month ago that this team has a 70% chance to make the playoffs today, you would have been called crazy. So what has changed over the course of four weeks?

For starters, the offensive line has given Love all of the time in the world to work through his progressions and find open receivers.

On top of that, head coach Matt LaFleur and offensive coordinator Adam Stenavich's inclusion of pre-

snap motion has seemingly confused opposing defenses — much like we saw in Green Bay's win over the Kansas City Chiefs — which has opened holes in both the running and passing games.

Finally on offense, without Aaron Jones, young players have stepped their games up to the next level. Love has not thrown an interception in three games. Christian Watson has recorded four touchdowns in three weeks, and Jayden Reed has become a threat in both the passing and rushing attack.

As for the defense, after early rumblings that defensive coordinator Joe Barry should be fired, the Packers defensive unit has stepped up to the challenge.

On the season, the Packers have only given up 243 points, which ranks 11th in the NFL, and over the three-game win streak have given up just 71 points to three of the best offenses in the NFL. That comes on the back of constantly missing starting defenders. With Rashan Gary playing like a mad man, Devonte Wyatt and Kenny Clark holding down the middle of the line and

Lukas Van Ness starting to come into his own, the Packers' defense is starting to look like what many had pictured at the beginning of the season.

"I think that there is a different mentality that we have taken on," said LaFleur, on what has changed with the team in the past month. "Obviously, it has worked well for us, but it goes back to trusting those guys to be able to go out there to execute the plays that are being called. They have to go out and do it, and they are doing that. That makes it much easier to call those plays."

All in all, the NFL season still has five weeks left of the regular season and things can shift in a hurry, something that LaFleur reiterated to media members after Green Bay's win over the Chiefs.

"It is hard to not get caught up in the results, but you really can't," said LaFleur. "You have to stay committed to your core values, your beliefs, and what you believe it takes in order to win games. Credit to the men in the locker room in just believing in each other, believing in what we are doing and staying together."

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