

Black Cat News

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Winter Jokes

by Jesse J

1. What do you call an old snowman?
2. What do mountains wear to keep warm?
3. What do you call it when a snowman throws a temper tantrum?
4. Why did the elf leave its saxophone in the snow?
5. What is the best breakfast cereal to eat in the winter?
6. What kind of math do Snowy Owls do best?
7. How does a North Pole carpenter fix something that's broken?



Answer Key
 1. Water
 2. Snowcap
 3. A meltdown
 4. It liked to play cool jazz
 5. Frosted Flakes!
 6. Owlgebra.
 7. Igloos it together.



Source: fatherly.com

1. Grandma's been staring through the window ever since it started to snow. If it gets any worse I'll have to let her in.
2. Getting a job in the Arctic in the winter is great! Why? When the days get short, you only have to work a 30-minute work week.

Hawkeyes vs Badgers Rivalry

By: Brayden W. and Marcus K.

As of the 2022 season, the Hawkeyes have won 45 games against the Wisconsin Badgers. The Iowa Hawks have had a streak of 10 wins against the Badgers. The Hawkeyes have scored a total of 1620 points against the Badgers.

The Wisconsin Badgers have won 8 of their last 10 games against the Hawkeyes. At home against the Hawkeyes, the Badgers have won 29, lost 19, and tied once. The Badgers have scored a total of 1713. The Badgers score on average 18.03 points against the Hawkeyes.



Wisconsin leads the Heartland Series 49-45-2

Wisconsin Football Season Recap by Will B.

The Wisconsin Badgers went 6-6 this season. They beat Illinois st (38-0), then lost to Washington st 17-14. They then crushed New Mexico St 66-7, then lost to Ohio St 21-52. They lost to illinois 34-10, and beat northwestern 42-7. Wisconsin then lost in OT to Michigan St 28-34. They then beat Purdue 35-24, and beat Maryland 23-10. Wisconsin lost to Iowa 10-23. They beat Nebraska 15-14, and lost their last regular season game with a loss to Minnesota 16-23.

Season leaders:

Passing leader: Graham Mertz INT leader: John Torchio
 Receiving YARDS and TD: Chimere Dike Sack Leader: Nick Herbig
 Rushing Leader: Brealer Allen
 Tackles leader: MAEMANJONGMETA

Famous players from UW teams include:

Melvin Gordon, Russell Wilson, Joe Thomas, Jonathan Taylor, T.J, J.J, and Derrick Watt, Leo Chanel, and James White

| 2021 ROSTER | | NUMERICAL | | | |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------|-----|-------------------------------------|------|
| No. | Name | Pos. | No. | Name | Pos. |
| 89 | Abbott, A.J. | WR | 0 | Braxton Allen | RB |
| 8 | Adair Jackson | QB | 1 | Falon Hickey | CB |
| 46 | Andrzejewski, Ayr | OLB | 2 | Ryanne Hallman | CB |
| 0 | Allen, Braxton | RB | 2 | Chase West | QB |
| 4 | Allen, Markes | WR | 3 | T.J. Bellon | OLB |
| 24 | Anderson, Mattias | WR | 3 | Kendric Pryor | WR |
| 48 | Arnold, Owen | T | 4 | Markus Allen | WR |
| 27 | Ashford, AJ | CB | 4 | Dante Burton | CB |
| 75 | Balcerak, Michael | DE | 4 | Leo Chanel | LB |
| 61 | Barrett, Dylan | OL | 5 | Graham Mertz | QB |
| 88 | Barter, Ben | DE | 5 | Drew Engum | CB |
| 65 | Beach, Tyler | OL | 6 | Chad Healey | RB |
| 11 | Bell, Stryker | WR | 7 | Danny Driess | WR |
| 95 | Bentley, Kameron | DT | 7 | Seamus Latta | OLB |
| 67 | Benzschawel, J.P. | OL | 8 | Allen Berger | RB |
| 8 | Binger, Jason | RB | 8 | Dorian Herwig | CB |
| 28 | Blacklock, Taylor | S | 9 | Scott Helton | S |
| 3 | Bolton, T.J. | OLB | 10 | Stephen Bracey | WR |
| 63 | Borwick, Taylor | OL | 10 | Drew Hill | CB |
| 36 | Bortolucci, Connor | RB | 11 | Stryker Bell | WR |
| 67 | Brouder, Brian | LT | 11 | Alexander Smith | CB |
| 10 | Bracey, Stephen | WR | 12 | Max Lufly | CB |
| 30 | Brown, Logan | OL | 13 | Chimere Dike | WR |
| 79 | Brown, Tommy | DE | 14 | Prentiss Zachman | S |
| 0 | Bross, Logan | OL | 15 | John Torchio | S |
| 41 | Burke, Noah | OLB | 15 | Danny VanDoren | QB |
| 4 | Burton, Donnie | CB | 15 | Jack Dunn | WR |
| 88 | Chandler, Devlin | WR | 17 | Daryl Peterson | OLB |
| 36 | Cheney, Jake | LB | 18 | Colton Witter | S |
| 4 | Cheney, Justin | FB | 19 | Nick Herbig | OLB |
| 5 | Cheney, Logan | LB | 19 | Colby Lewis | S |
| 22 | Crowford, Lloyd | RB | 20 | Isaac Gommels | RB |
| 65 | Cumblin, Clay | TE | 20 | Seneca Nelson | WR |
| 48 | Dalovich, Cole | TE | 21 | Carver Williams | CB |
| 7 | Davis, Doreen | OL | 22 | Loyal Crawford | WR |
| 32 | Davis, Julian | RB | 22 | Jack Van Dyke | K |
| 31 | Dillworth, Jordan | WR | 24 | Haakon Anderson | WR |
| 13 | Dike, Chimere | WR | 24 | Hunter Webster | S |
| 16 | Dunn, Jack | WR | 25 | Jake Ratzliff | LB |
| 82 | Edenring, Quinn | TE | 25 | Isaac Smith | WR |
| 6 | Englund, Devin | CB | 26 | Trayvon Brockhoff | S |
| 82 | Eisenreich, Jack | TE | 27 | AJ Ashford | CB |
| 84 | Ferguson, Jake | TE | 28 | Justin Meyers | K/P |
| 81 | Franklin, Justin | TE | 28 | Andrew Roberts | RB |
| 74 | Farmer, Malachi | OLB | 29 | Brady Schryver | S |
| 3 | Gardner, Russ | LB | 29 | Nate Van Dine | K |
| 18 | Geck, C.J. | OLB | 30 | Tyler Map | WR |
| 39 | Giles, Tavian | LB | 30 | Alex Modier | WR |
| 50 | Green-Hix, Wyatt | OLB | 31 | Jonah Olszewski | WR |
| 29 | Groggins, Mike | WR | 31 | Green Bay, Wis. Notre Dame Academic | CB |
| 20 | Gommels, Isaac | RB | 32 | Julian Davis | RB |
| 2 | Hallman, Ryan | CB | 32 | Marty Stree | OLB |
| 8 | Hartell, Derek | CB | 32 | Jackson Archer | RB |
| 82 | Hennigan, Matt | DE | 32 | Rico Giegler | LB |
| 19 | Herbig, Nick | OLB | 33 | Connor Bortolucci | RB |
| 1 | Hicks, Aaron | OLB | 33 | Jack Cheney | CB |
| 10 | Hill, Donovan | CB | 37 | Riley Newkirk | OLB |
| 97 | Jarvis, Mike | DE | 38 | Andy Wojcik | F |



NFL Award Predictions (made in Nov. '22) by David S. & Landon W.



Offensive Rookie

We have narrowed it down to only two people who are Breece Hall and Kenny Pickett, but we have chosen.....Kenneth Walker. Kenneth Walker has been able to take the starting job and has been having a ton of explosive plays.



Super Bowl

It is very hard to decide who is going to the Super Bowl. But, our conclusion is that the Bills will take the AFC and the Niners in the NFC. The reason we decided that is because the Bills have the best roster in the AFC with Stefon Diggs and Gab Davis at WR. The Niners have Nick Bosa and a lockdown linebacker, Fred Warner. Jimmy G, Deebo, and Elijah Mitchell are the top weapons of the Niners.



Defensive Rookie of the Year

Defensive rookie always gives goosebumps. Quay Walker, a first rounder on the Packers, and Kayvon Thibodeaux is an explosive weapon on the Giants. In conclusion, our best bet is...Sauce Gardener.



Defensive Player of the Year

Defense is a very strong position. Micah Parsons can always have another strong year, Aaron Donald is a great choice, and TJ Watt got injured and is going to miss multiple weeks so he won't win it. We have decided to go with the second year player Micah Parsons.



NFL MVP

Having the top three QB as candidates for MVP is always a good argument. Josh Allen has the healthiest and most dominant offense. Patrick Mahomes could have been a good candidate, but KC lost Tyreek Hill. And Aaron Rodgers, just like Mahomes, has a #1 WR gone..... All in all, we have made the decision that this year's MVP will be.....Jalen Hurts he has helped his team.



NFL OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

There are many good options for offensive player of the year this year in the NFL, but..... Justin Jefferson is our best bet.

NFL Playoffs

 by Evan B.

NFC

In the NFC, I predict that the Cowboys will beat the Buc's 24 - 14. Then the Vikings will lose a close one in overtime to the Giants. The score will be 27 - 24. Lastly, I think that the 49ers will blow out the Seahawks 31 - 10. That will result in round two having the Giants play the Eagles and the 9ers play the Cowboys. First, the Eagles will beat the Giants 35 - 17. Then the Cowboys will pull out a close one against the 49ers. 24 - 23. In the NFC championship, the Eagles will suffer a devastating loss to the Cowboys 10 - 13.

AFC

In the AFC, I predict that the Chargers will beat the Jags 38 - 17. Then the Ravens will get blown out by the Bengals 20 - 3. Lastly, the Bills will barely beat the Dolphins 24 - 21. In round 2, the Chargers will play the Chiefs and the Bengals will play the Bills. The Chargers will then beat the Chiefs in a close one 30 - 27. And the Bills will beat the Bengals 27 - 17. That leaves the Bills and the Chargers in the AFC championship game. The Bills will win 27 - 14.



I finally predict that the Bills will win the Super Bowl in honor of Damar Hamlin!!!

GYMNASTICS

ANYA T.

HISTORY

In 1811, a German guy named Friedrich Ludwig Jahn started the German gymnastics movement and became known as the “father of gymnastics.” He eventually invented the parallel bars, rings, high bar, the pommel horse and vault horse. Charles Beck, Charles Follen and American John Neal brought gymnastics to America in the 1820s. Then, in 1896, gymnastics became part of the Olympics, and men were able to compete. Women were able to compete starting in 1928.

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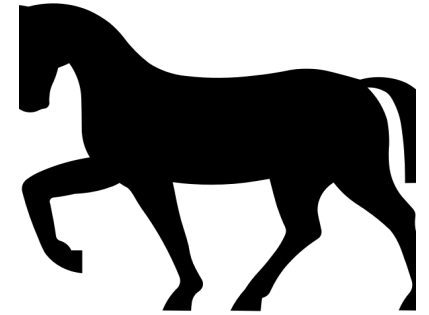
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PLACES TO GO IN OUR AREA

- **Performance elite gymnastics (PEG)**
(La Crosse, WI)
- **AMKM Gymnastics**
(Sparta, WI)
- **Blue Angels gymnastics**
(Galesville, WI)
- **TNT Gymnastics**
(Gays Mills, WI)

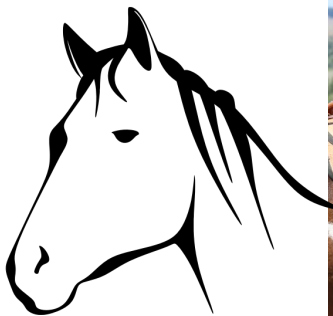
HORSES

by: Brenna P



Fun facts:

- ★ Horses can't breathe through their mouth
- ★ They don't stand when they sleep
- ★ They have 10 muscles in their ear alone!



Horse are very elegant animals. They are mostly for barrel racing, dressage, trail rides, racing, and jumping. Some horses carry carriages. There are so many different kinds of horses – big, small, tall, short, one color, many colors, and slow! Horses are like dogs, you can talk to them, hug them, and have a strong connection with them.

Lessons near us:

- ★ KZ Horse Ranch
- ★ Nyhus Stables and Training
- ★ Sunset Stables
- ★ Willow Springs Farm
- ★ bit-N-bridle
- ★ Flying Horse Stable

Luxury Cars

by Landon R



Rolls Royce

Fun Facts

Daniel Craig, James Bond star, has access or privilege to take any Aston Martin car from the factory for the rest of his life.

The Rolls Royce's have an umbrella holder inside the door.

Rolls Royce's have hood ornaments that when you turn off the car the ornament goes into the hood, but when you you turn on the car it comes out of the hood.

Luxury cars use higher quality interiors than regular cars. They also have features that are not available on regular vehicles, like surround sound and driver assistance. There is a lot more attention to detail in luxury cars than regular cars.

Features

Luxury cars have things like temperature controlled seats, rotating dashes and starlight headliner (ceiling). Some even doors that open backwards at the press of a button.



Ice Fishing

by Isaac A.

What Gear You Need:

- Warm clothes
- Tackle gear
- A pole
- An auger
- A sled
- tip/ups
- Fishing license
- Maybe food/water
- Vexilar



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Safety:

1. Share your fishing plans.
2. Don't fish alone.
3. Talk to the locals (about ice thickness & possible hazards).
4. Follow ice thickness guidelines (see below).
5. Use a flotation suit.
6. Carry a pair of ice picks/rescue claws.
7. Carry a throw rope.
8. Leave the lake before dark.
9. Install proper ventilation.
11. Respect the ice auger.
12. Stay hydrated.
10. Bring a portable power bank battery charger.
13. Layer up.

Source:

<https://www.thesilverlining.com/westbendcares/blog/thirteen-ice-fishing-safety-tips-you-need-to-know>

Ice thickness guidelines:

- 2" or less - STAY OFF!
- 4" - Ice fishing or other activities on foot
- 5" - Snowmobile or ATV
- 8" - 12" - Car or small pickup
- 12" - 15" - Medium truck



Ice Fishing by Landon L.

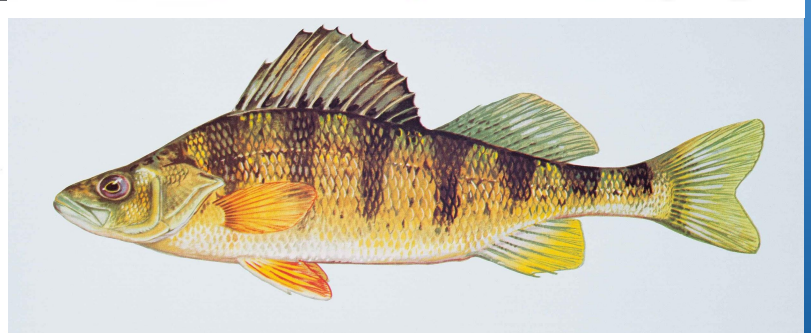
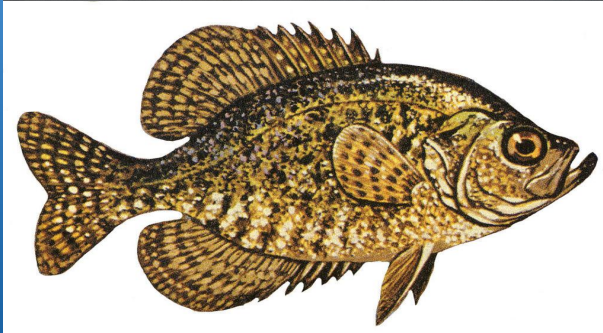
I started ice fishing with family and friends a couple of years ago. We normally go to Lake Onalaska. These are the type of fish we've caught over the years.

Bluegill. The best bait to use is wax worms, small plastics, and red spikes.

Yellow Perch. The best bait to use is small minnows, small plastics, wax worms, and small spoon baits.

Crappie. The best bait is small minnows, small plastics, crappie nuggets, and fake minnow lures.

Northern Pike. The best bait is hot dogs and small Bluegill and big spoon baits.



All About The World Cup

by Silas H., Colton L., Bryson P.

History

The first official World Cup was played in Uruguay in 1930, and since then, the tournament has been held every fourth year (with exceptions for interruptions due to the Second World War). There were, however, unofficial pre-FIFA World Cups already in the late 1800s, in a time when only few national teams existed.

2022 World Cup

In 2022, the final four of the World Cup included Argentina, France, Morocco, and Croatia. France beat Morocco 2-0. Argentina beat Croatia 3-0. Then Croatia took third place, beating Morocco 2-1. Finally, Argentina took 1st place, beating France 4-3 in penalty kicks.



Top Six Players in the 2022 World Cup

1st

Lionel Messi



3rd

Kylian Mbappe



2nd

Robert Lewandowski



4th

Cristiano Ronaldo



5th

Kevin De Bruyne



6th

Mohamed Salah

Elevate Volleyball Club

By Brooklyn H-G

What is it?

Elevate is a volleyball club based in Sparta. It's for girls ages 10U to 18U. Girls need to try out for teams at the beginning of winter.

Elevate 13U Players

- Brenna
- Sydney
- Brylee
- Alivia
- Rylynn
- Klara
- Addison
- Allyson
- Addison
- Stella
- Brooklyn

Games and Practice

- We only have tournaments (weekends)
- There are maybe one or two tourneys each month
- Practices are on Thursdays and Sundays
- The times could change

Things we do at practice

- Drills
- Conditioning
- Games
- Hitting lines
- Serving practice
- Scrimmage
- Passing and setting work
- Team working drills
- Team bonding

Tryouts

Kids must try out.

They test you on every skill in volleyball, including diving.

Positions

- Outside Hitter
- DS
- Inside Hitter
- Middle Hitter
- Setter
- Left Back
- Right Back



Coulee Region Power Volleyball

by Coelle D.

Coulee Region Power Volleyball is a girls' volleyball club offered through West Salem Park & Rec. Our 13U team has 12 amazing players.



Practices are mainly on Sundays at around 1:30-3:00.

We have many tournaments on the weekends. Locations of tournaments are Rochester, Eau Claire, and Wisconsin Dells.

Here is a picture of the 14Y team playing last year in Rochester. We are on the far side.



Lake Geneva Winterfest

by Shea W.

February 1 - 5, 2023

Activities

Did you know that Lake Geneva has ice castles? Well, they do and you can visit them. But, that's not the only thing you can do. You can go zip lining, ride a wind sled, and ski down Wilmot Mt. while also grabbing a bite to eat at the Geneva Chopdown.

Ice Sculpting Contest

There will be a ice sculpting contest with multiple different states participating.

You get to watch the sculpting at 11:00 a.m, Wednesday, February 1st. Then, it concludes on Saturday, February 4, at 1:00.

You can vote for your favorite sculpture at the People's Choice Awards.

