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Primitive Gatherings stitches together incredible gift



Primitive Gatherings owner Lisa Bongean (holding the check) along with her staff and WES students and staff rejoice over the \$12,705 gift to the school on Jan. 28.

By Becky LaDue
The staff from Primitive Gatherings (PG) quilt shop and retreat center visited Winneconne Elementary School (WES) last week and presented some incredible gifts resulting from the store's annual holiday event.

Owner Lisa Bongean explained that PG extends a \$10 discount during the holiday shopping season if a customer

donates to the annual cause of its selection. This year PG chose WES and was able to donate \$12,705 worth of product and gift cards to the school, including a specialized outdoor swing for the 4K-kindergarten playground, 3 large coding robots and 5 smaller robots for the tutor room, 10 pairs of headphones, 80 - \$50 Amazon gift cards for teacher needs, all items that WES

teachers placed on Donor's Choose wish lists, and other various supplies.

"Small amounts add up," shared Bongean as she addressed the elementary staff. "We wanted to do something that stays right here where we can see it making a difference. We hope you enjoy it!"

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Schaffer to represent Packers at Super Bowl event

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Winneconne's Brody Schaffer showcased his football skills to anybody able to watch the Wolves roll to the WIAA Division 4 state semifinals last fall.

Now, he'll get a chance to perform on a national stage.

Schaffer will be one of 32 high school football players from across the country and one international player participating in Nike's The Next Ones event this weekend ahead of Super Bowl LIX in New Orleans. Schaffer will represent the Green Bay Packers at the event after being chosen by the team to make the trip.

Schaffer is scheduled to leave for



Courtesy of the Green Bay Packers

Winneconne High School junior Brody Schaffer will represent the Green Bay Packers at Nike's 'The Next Ones' skills-based competition ahead of Super Bowl LIX in New Orleans on Saturday. Schaffer was one of 33 athletes chosen for the event.

New Orleans on Thursday and will participate in the skills-based competition on Saturday night. All participants will also get to experience the behind-the-scenes preparation for Super Bowl LIX.

"I am incredibly blessed and truly grateful for the opportunity to represent the Green Bay Packers at Nike's The Next Ones event in New Orleans," Schaffer said in a press release from the Packers. "Being one of 33 players selected is an amazing opportunity. I cannot wait to get out there and compete. Not only am I honored to represent the Packers, but I am also grateful to be able to represent the Winneconne community and the great state

of Wisconsin."

This is the second year of 'The Next Ones' with last year's event having taken place in Las Vegas.

According to Mara Allen, who works in media communications for the Packers, Nike representatives create a list of players for each state they believe would be the best talent to compete. That list is shared with the Packers and the two collaborate on choosing one athlete from the list.

Last year, the Packers were represented by Owen Streb, an offensive lineman from Catholic Memorial High

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