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Golden Apple class of 2023 announced

Local educators recognized for excellence

BY KRIS LEONHARDT EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

GREEN BAY - On Feb. 16, the Greater Green Bay Chamber and its program partners surprised local teachers in their classroom as they announced the class of 2023 Golden Apple recipients.

The program recognizes educators in the Greater Green Bay area for professionalism, leadership and innovation.

Through the program, eight individuals and/or teams are selected during a screening process of anonymous applications.

St. Bernard Catholic School Kindergarten Teacher Amanda Boeke was caught off guard as media crews entered her classroom to make the announcement on Feb. 16.

The eight-year veteran said that she "did not



Family members congratulate St. Bernard Catholic School Kindergarten Teacher Amanda Boeke in her classroom on Feb. 16.

Kris Leonhardt photo

think this was going to happen at all. So, it's just amazing. Right now, it's still hard to believe, but

it's really, really great. I've worked really hard and it just, it's an honor."

Boeke said that she al-

ways knew that she was going to be a teacher.

"I actually knew I wanted to be an educator right away

in high school. I just enjoy working with kids and helping them learn and grow. So starting in high school,

I knew that's what I was going to go for and I stuck with that," she recalled.

She also sees the kindergarten age group as a perfect fit for her.

"They don't know a ton coming in. They haven't had a lot of experience with school. So coming in, it's just great to start with that foundation in that building block and teach them new things and see them get excited about learning," she added.

During the application process, Boeke said that she works to build relationships with the students which allows her to be a more effective educator.

"I learn about my students by talking with them constantly. I make an effort to learn their sibling's names, their pet's names and their favorite things. I bring that information I have learned into my teaching, so they can make connections," she explained.

But, Boeke's commitment to the education process extends outside of the

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Ashwaubenon Careers in Technical Education teacher Tom Barnhart estimates that approximately one third of the student body is enrolled in CTE classes. Submitted photo

Ashwaubenon CTE program races full steam ahead

BY WILLIAM SOQUET CONTRIBUTING WRITER

ASHWAUBENON - As Careers in Technical Education (CTE) Month comes to a close, the Ashwaubenon High School (AHS) CTE program is racing ahead.

CTE teacher Tom Barnhart estimates that approximately one third of the student body is enrolled in CTE classes.

"We really adhere to a lot of different career pathways,"

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George Stanley to join Multi Media Channels

BY KRIS LEONHARDT EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

GREEN BAY - In March, George Stanley will join Multi Media Channels (MMC), parent company of The Press Times, as the company's Local News Initiatives Adviser.

In his role, Stanley will work with the Pass it Forward internship program as well as other company initiatives to nurture a healthy community journalism environment in the state.

"We are excited to have George as a part of our editorial team as we know



Stanley

he will enrich and add value to everything we are doing to revitalize local news and take it to the next level,"

said MMC CEO Patrick Wood.

Stanley stepped down as editor of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and regional editor for the USA TODAY Network in January 2023. He led the Journal Sentinel newsroom as editor since 2015 and managing editor since 1997.

The newspaper's work won nearly every major national award for reporting about health, business, education, justice, politics, sports and the environment, including 10 Pulitzer finalists and three Pulitzer Prize winners.

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Genrich, Weininger advance to April 4 election

BY KRIS LEONHARDT EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

GREEN BAY - Current Mayor Eric Genrich and challenger, Chad Weininger, will advance to the April 4 ballot for the Green Bay mayor's seat following the Feb. 21 primary election.

The pair were narrowed from a field including Jane Juza and Paul Boucher.

Results

Jane M. Juza - 505
Chad Weininger - 6,189
Eric Genrich - 6,102
Paul D. Boucher - 279
Write-ins - 17

Unified School District of De Pere

Four candidates will move on to the spring ballot for two seats on the District of De Pere Unified School Board, as Mike LaBouve was eliminated from the race on Feb. 21.

Results

Wolf Hindrichs - 1,274
Mark Meneau - 1,606
Melissa Niffenegger - 1,592
Mike LaBouve - 597
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Write-ins - 42

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Bridging the barriers

HSSD program works to provide for area families

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

HOWARD/SUAMICO – A local program is working to give all students an equitable experience inside the school.

The Giving Tree (TGT) is an organization that focuses on providing access to food, shelter, transportation and other resources for Howard-Suamico School District families.

Student and Family Engagement Coordinator Kourtney Feldhausen said that the program has a long history in the community, which began while watching the struggles of one district family.

“In 2007, there was a family having a rummage sale for the fifth weekend in a row, trying to sell anything to just put food on the table. After years of conversation about students coming to school not having the basics to be successful in school — dinner the night before, meals on the weekends, little to no school supplies, shoes that didn’t fit, no winter apparel, etc. — we decided something needed to be done to help bridge the barriers they were facing,” she explained.

“We started in April of 2008, opening only as a food pantry in an old concession stand at the current Bay View Middle School (the concession stand was

from the old Bay Port pre-2000). It then expanded to an additional closet and an old weight room where we brought in a back-to-school event, a holiday store and started being able to support students and families with other needs.

“Then, in 2016, we moved to a space on Green Bay Community Campus, one of our many community partners, to create a space that ensured confidentiality and dignity for all our students and families.”

“We know the benefits of students coming to school prepared to learn. The importance of families having access to school breakfast and lunch and support to get food in their homes for evenings and weekends is one of the important pieces of TGT,” stated a district release.

“Partnerships with the district’s School Nutrition Department, several grocery stores and other local businesses allows TGT to support and serve students and their families with wrap-around access to healthy food. The food drives the schools and community organizations hold for them also fill their shelves to offer choices to families in their grocery shopping. Collaboration with the School Nutrition department bridges the gap between school and home, ensuring all our stu-

dents have access to the nutrition that will fuel their bodies and minds.



The program adds an educational piece on what it means to be economically disadvantaged, so students can understand why they are helping their classmates, neighbors or friends. **TGT photos**

dents have access to the nutrition that will fuel their bodies and minds.

“Another component is connecting families in crisis to immediate supports. Often many of those families in immediate crisis are experiencing homelessness. Through the district’s social workers, staff and volunteers at TGT, they can provide quick coordination of care to meet the hierarchical needs of students and families.”

Feldhausen said that the success of the program comes from community, collaboration and contribution.

“Angela Klumb is our on-site food pantry supervisor and volunteer coordinator. We work closely then with the five school social work-

ers in connection with our families. We have quite a few volunteers who help at our monthly pantries and our events. Angela also does a great job offering our Youth Service Learning (YSL) students from Bay Port opportunities for monthly volunteering,” Feldhausen explained.

“For our food pantry, we rely on donations to fill our shelves, so we partner with all eight schools and St. John the Baptist. Each month a different school does a food drive for us and then we bring those students into our pantry. They help us with checking expiration dates and stocking the shelves. We make sure we always include an educational piece on what



The Giving Tree (TGT) is an organization that focuses on providing access to food, shelter, transportation and other resources for local families.

it means to be economically disadvantaged prior to the students helping out so they can understand the ‘why’ behind what they are doing and understand that they

are helping their classmates, neighbors, friends.”

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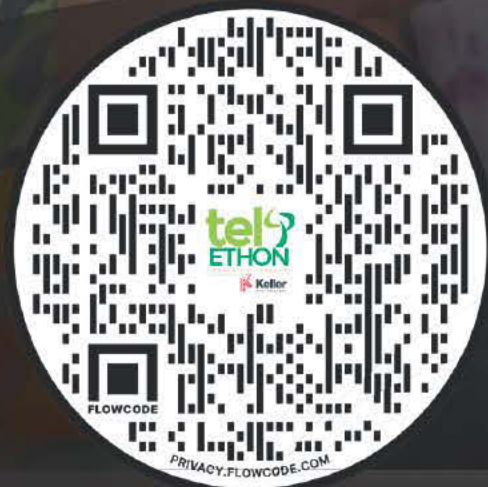
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Krings named Jean Nicolet Chapter, NSDAR outstanding teacher

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

GREEN BAY – The Jean Nicolet Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) of De Pere, Green Bay and north-east Wisconsin has selected Jason Krings as their 2022-23 “Outstanding Teacher of American History.”

Krings is an educator at Green Bay Southwest High School, who said that one of his goals is “to create students who are caring, passionate and make a difference in the world.”

“The kids are the best part of the job, by far. The humor that they bring to life brings me a smile every day,” he added.

The Outstanding Teacher of American History Contest honors full-time teachers of American history in public, private and parochial schools, grades 5-12.

“Krings was selected based on his demonstrated excellence in teaching and incisive knowledge of American history; commitment to his students; fostering a spirit of patriotism and loyal support of our country; relating history to modern life and events; and requiring high aca-

ademic standards from his students,” stated a DAR release.

He will be recognized at the Wisconsin Society DAR State Conference in May, held in Green Bay.



Krings

“DAR recognizes both teachers and students who show a passion for social studies and history. As the winner, Mr. Krings will represent Wisconsin in the society’s competition on the national level. As a service-

based organization, we support our mission of historic preservation, education and patriotism with hours committed to veterans, literacy, commemorative events, student recognition and much more. We wholeheartedly congratulate Mr. Krings on creating lasting memories for his students and peers,” said Wisconsin DAR State Regent Sandra Snow.

Krings’ dossier now advances to the National Society DAR Historian General for national-level competition.

The National Society Historian General announces those winners in April.

National winners will be honored at the DAR 132nd Continental Congress Convention in June, held in Washington, D.C.

VITA works to improve tax literacy in a new way

BY MELANIE ROSSI
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY – By providing free tax assistance for the local community and invaluable volunteer experience for college students, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA) aims to improve tax literacy in a new way.

The VITA program, established by UW-Green Bay and now partnering with St. Norbert College, provides free tax preparation assistance to the local community with the help of IRS-certified college students.

According to Zhuoli Axelton, assistant professor of accounting at UW-Green Bay and the director of the program, its intended recipients are “low- and moderate-income taxpayers (i.e., taxpayers with \$60,000 or less household income), the elderly, individuals with disabilities and limited English-speaking taxpayers.”

After five years of informal community assistance from the college’s faculty and students, UW-Green Bay officially founded the program in 2001.

Axelton said, “The program was established in response to a growing concern that many taxpayers in the local community did not have the financial resources to hire professional tax preparers and lacked the



The VITA program, established by UW-Green Bay and now partnering with St. Norbert College, provides free tax preparation assistance to the local community with the help of IRS-certified college students. **Stock photo**

knowledge and skills to prepare their own tax returns. As a result, they may not claim the tax credits and deductions they were entitled to on the tax return.”

In 2020, VITA started partnering with St. Norbert College in the hopes of creating more student engagement and allowing for more local assistance.

St. Norbert College Professor Amy Vandenberg was instrumental in creating this partnership.

“In spring 2019, [she] joined UWGB VITA program once a week to observe and participate as a quality reviewer during her spring sabbatical,” Axelton said. “Based on her interactions and direct contact with the UWGB account-

ing students, she came away with a clear agenda to have the VITA course added to the St. Norbert accounting program.”

Now, volunteers from both colleges can meet with local taxpayers, and, depending on each taxpayer’s needs, these meetings can be either virtual or in-person.

Each meeting starts with an introduction between the volunteer and taxpayer.

“[The volunteer] may also ask the taxpayer some basic information, such as their name and social security number, to confirm their identity,” Axelton added.

Next, Axelton said, “The VITA volunteer will then ask the taxpayer to provide various tax-

related documents, such as their W-2, 1099 forms and receipts for any deductible expenses. The volunteer will review the documents and ask the taxpayer questions to ensure they have all the necessary information to prepare an accurate tax return.”

With a tax preparation software, the volunteer will then “enter the taxpayer’s information and calculate their tax liability or refund for federal and state,” Axelton said.

“A second VITA volunteer, known as the Quality Reviewer, will check the return for accuracy, completeness and compliance with tax laws and regulations.”

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Future Business Leaders of America Conference returns to Green Bay

BY WILLIAM KOPP
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY – This April, Green Bay residents can expect hotels to be filled with students from around the state.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is bringing its state conference back to Green Bay at the KI Convention Center.

FBLA is a career and technical student organization with over 5,000 members — the largest business-focused student organization in the world — focused on presenting careers in a business and information-related course of action, through events and activities.

Its conference — around 20 years ago — used to always be held in Green Bay, but as times changed, so did its locations.

“In the last 20 years or so we’ve just bounced around the state to many different cities,” said Jennifer Jackson, Wisconsin FBLA state adviser. “Last year we were in the Madison area, COVID in the mix there. We’re very excited to get back to Green Bay. The Green Bay area is extremely welcoming of our students.”

Around the Green Bay area, FBLA students find opportunities to tour business partner’s facilities, business people help judge the competitive events and conduct workshops for the students.

“Discover Green Bay is amazing for us at the state level to work with to coordinate everything

from judges to lodging,” Jackson added. “Our students, you know, we bring an influx of about 2,200 students and advisors into the Green Bay area. Green Bay is just extremely welcoming and the layout of the city is great for bringing staff and students into the area.”

Jackson started off as a local chapter advisor in her previous role as a business teacher in the central Wisconsin area, and after some luck, wound up as the state advisor. She now looks over the entire operation of Wisconsin for both high school and middle school chapters.

What to expect

From students to Green Bay residents, there’s plenty to participate in and watch at the conference.

“For students, they do everything, they compete in our 70-plus competitive events with a chance to earn a bid to go compete at the national conference in June,” Jackson said. “They also have the opportunity to attend workshops, we also have what we call our leadership academy, meant for students who didn’t qualify to attend the state conference in their event. They can continue to grow their leadership skills; we bring in an amazing keynote speaker to train them on how to be great leaders. We also do a future fair — underclassmen can look at universities, technical colleges, military, appren-

ticeships — really helping them figure out what they could do after they graduate.”

Students can also attend 10 different tours ranging from manufacturing to hospitality tourism — including Lambeau Field.

Jackson added, “It’s huge for students, especially those not from northeast Wisconsin. They may have never had the chance to go to Lambeau before. We love seeing our students shine, but also making those connections with business and industry experts.”

At the high school side of things, FBLA is expecting 2,100 students, advisors and chaperones — with about 250 at the middle school level.

“I want to thank the Green Bay area for allowing us to come in and for being so welcoming,” Jackson said. “Not every community is when we’re bringing in this many high school kids, but Green Bay is great about it. If someone in the Green Bay area is curious about [FBLA], consider being a judge, consider reaching out to us to see how you can take in the event. We love to keep adding, to have too many workshops, too many tours to offer our students.”

For those interested in getting more information you can go to <https://www.wifbla.org/> or visit the state conference April 17-18 at the KI Convention Center.

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said Barnhart. “We have a heavy emphasis on engineering, a heavy emphasis on construction trades, a heavy emphasis on automotive and we also have a heavy emphasis on manufacturing.”

Educators at AHS work with a variety of community stakeholders to determine course offerings.

“We offer what we offer because of our advisory board. It’s made up of community members ranging from different types of educational entities, school administrators, community businesses and industries as to how they relate to manufacturing. They are our guiding compass in terms of what we offer and how we get support for what we’re offering,” noted Barnhart.

On-site facilities at AHS include multiple Haas computer numerical control (CNC) machines, a plasma table, a lathe, a vinyl cutter and multiple 3-D printers.

Students also have the opportunity to gain credit through either Northeast Wisconsin Technical College or the University of Wisconsin system in select classes.

According to Barnhart, CTE classes and machines pair well with mathematics.

“All the reasons why you had to solve for X, Y and Z in math class, this is all mathematically modeled on the computers by making a model and then having those models communicate to the different machines. It’s how you program robots, you’re connecting the dots on the Cartesian coordinate system,” he said.

Ashwaubenon also has robust extracurricular

activities in CTE-related fields.

SkillsUSA is an organization which allows students to compete in various disciplines such as welding, CNC machining, architectural drafting, automotive repair and 3-D printing.

Barnhart explained that “students go to these events and compete in these events, but I think the unique thing is that... all of our students have to have a job resume, they are required to dress professionally and they are forced to act like they are working for a client. It’s a great way to teach students how to become a professional in the world of work.”

He noted that SkillsUSA is a popular organization in the Green Bay area, with many high schools having chapters.

Ashwaubenon students have competed in events at Gateway Technical College in Sturtevant, Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton and Northcentral Technical College in Wausau.

Students are currently preparing for the state competition, held at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison on April 25-26.

From there, students can then advance to the national competition, held June 19-23 in Atlanta.

They compete at Gateway Tech near Kenosha, Fox Valley Tech in Appleton and Northcentral Tech in Wausau. State is at Alliant Energy Arena in Madison and nationals are in Atlanta.

Another club that students can be involved in is Formula Student USA.

Held in conjunction with Road America in Elkhart Lake, teams of

students go through the entire process of putting a racecar on the track.

“Since it’s on a go-kart track with safety features, students are able to design, build and actually drive their cars at this event,” Barnhart said.

The experience of the annual test, which is held in May every year, can have a lasting impact on those that participate.

“There are so many kids who take their senior pictures with a car that they design — they can tell that story,” explained Barnhart.

Even for students who are not in any formal clubs, opportunities abound.

Earlier in the 2022-23 school year, approximately 50 CTE students took a field trip to the International Manufacturing Trade Show in Chicago.

It was an experience that Barnhart described as world-class.

“It’s kind of like the Detroit Auto Show, but this would all relate to manufacturing. The students get to see trendy technologies that the world is seeing for the first time at this show. It’s a glimpse into the future of manufacturing for all those students,” he said.

When asked about special events for CTE Month in February, Barnhart shrugged off the notion of a special month.

“We do things special every month. We really try to do things to incentivize learning around here,” he said.

“We’re always trying to do little incentivizing things to get the word out about CTE. My mission is not to graduate students with skillsets; it’s to help students know the pathways and see the benefits.”

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Green Bay Correctional Institution: Growing pains

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Continued from the previous edition

In October 1915, excavation began on a new cell wing, only to be put on hold as inmates were allocated for work on the Green Bay-De Pere concrete road.

Hampered by weather and other projects, work on the wing lasted for six years.

In 1916, work also began on a 22-foot high wall around the facility that was two feet thick at the base, one foot at the top and took seven years to complete.

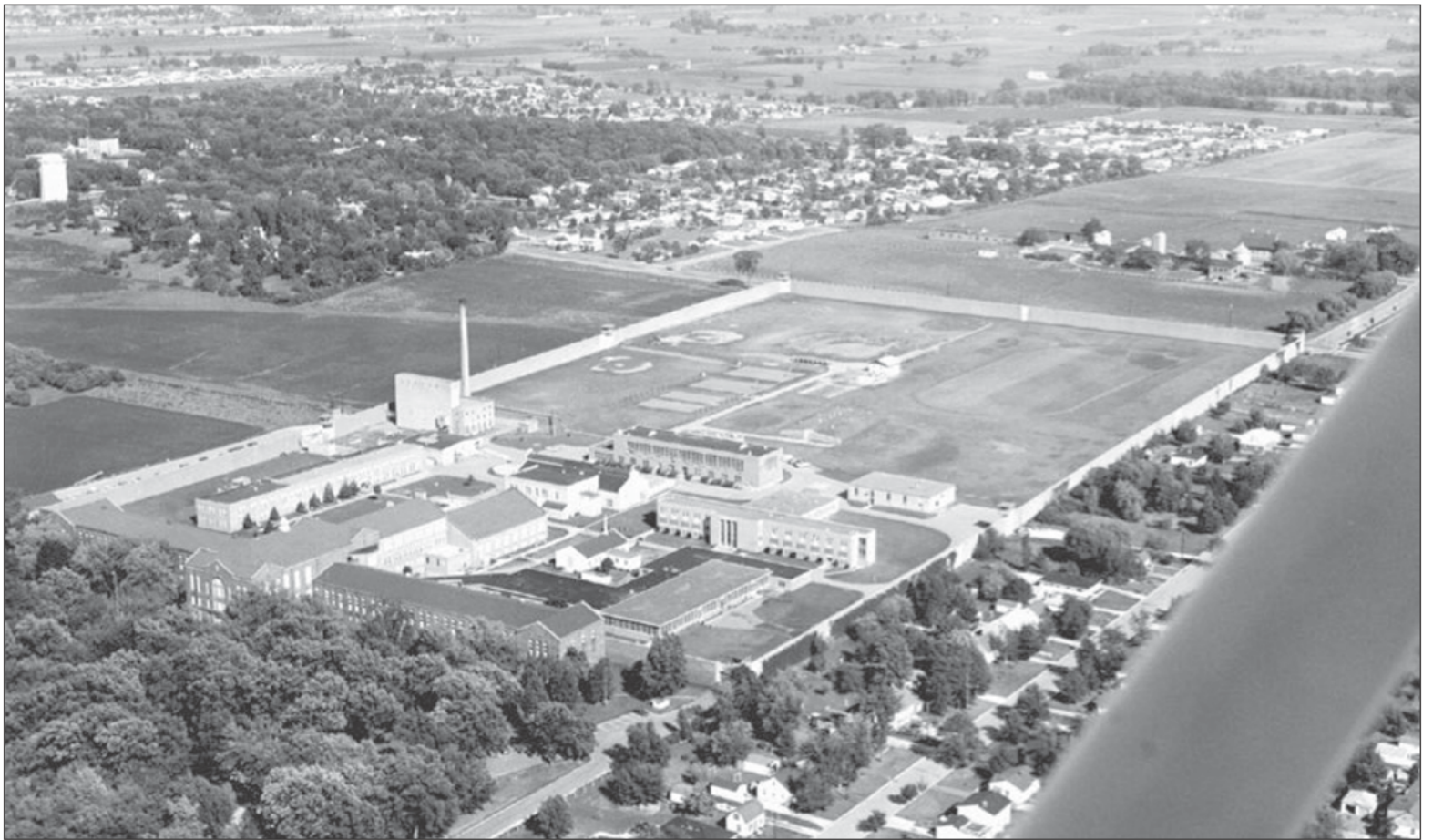
In 1920, the reformatory began construction on what was considered to be one of the largest barns in Brown County at the time, along with two silos from the brick being made at the facility.

"The state reformatory has one of the best herds of cattle in the state and the demand for its milk exceeds the supply," an article in the Press-Gazette stated.

Work was also started on five guard towers to oversee the now 29 acres of property.

By June 1921, the reformatory was up to 364 men and youth in residency.

As contract labor came under question in the state, the reformatory shifted to an education and vocational training focus.



The 1971 riot brought up serious issues in the state reformatory's design.

Neville Public Museum of Brown County photo

Programs were instituted to provide an education in engine repair, auto body work, cabinet making, plumbing and other vocational skills.

The training method was well received and soon picked up by other institutions.

In 1930, discussions on the expansion of the facility were met with resistance, as its location between the growing communities of De Pere and Green Bay became a desirable area for resi-

dency. Area leaders saw the property surrounding the facility as prime real estate.

The Wisconsin Board of Control agreed on the matter and discontinued any expansion on the facility and the Green Bay and De Pere communities were allowed to grow together.

The matter of the facility's location came up once more in the early 1960s, but the reformatory would stay in the town

of Allouez. In 1953, a vocational academy was built and three years later, a new heating plant was constructed.

A decade later, a treatment center including medical, dental and clinical services was added.

In 1968, a new chapel was added, and parole and treatment were emphasized at the facility.

But growing amenities didn't stop the reformatory from having its challenges with the inmates.

On Nov. 12, 1971, 15 reformatory staff members and three inmates were injured during a riot, which also caused extensive damage in portions of the reformatory.

The riot began at 5 p.m. when an inmate threw a chair through a window.

Over 350 area law enforcement personnel came to the aid of the facility, as inmates were subdued by tear gas.

It took 90 minutes for law enforcement and staff to get things under

control; meanwhile, fires had been started in several areas.

Three inmates — deemed the "Milwaukee 3" — were charged in the riots, as public demonstrations in Milwaukee and Madison called for the release of the three, stating they were "political prisoners."

The riot brought up serious issues with the facility's current design.

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Once everything has been reviewed and signed by both the volunteer and the taxpayer, "the returns will be E-filed for federal

and state."

By providing this support through these meetings, Axelton said, "The VITA program helps low-income taxpayers claim important tax credits to boost their income and

promotes tax compliance and equity."

In addition to helping the local community, however, the program also provides benefits to the college students who work as volunteers and who, with a month of training, receive IRS certification.

Axelton explained that the local work can provide students with valuable hands-on experience; through these meetings,

they can improve their communication and problem solving—soft skills necessary for future career success.

The volunteer work also allows the students to support their local community in meaningful and important ways.

Additionally, by doing this community work, students can simultaneously learn more about tax laws and regulations.

"Students receive train-

ing from the IRS, and the knowledge they gain can be helpful for students pursuing careers in accounting, taxation or law. IRS VITA certification is also a great resume builder," Axelton said.

In line with these professional benefits, the students can "network with other volunteers, tax professionals and community leaders," Axelton added. "This networking can be valuable for building pro-

fessional relationships and exploring career opportunities."

With the VITA program's dual benefits—those for local taxpayers and those for student volunteers—an oftentimes arduous process can become simpler, easier and, ultimately, more rewarding.

Until March, anyone interested can create an appointment and find more information at www.uwgb.edu/vita.

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Prevention — treatment — recovery

Brown County board approves opioid plan

BY MICHAEL CALLAHAN
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BROWN COUNTY — The opioid and fentanyl addiction in Green Bay has surged over recent years, that is what Brown County officials said on Feb. 15. The matter was discussed during the February Brown County Board of Supervisors meeting.

“Drug overdose deaths in Brown County doubled between 2018 and 2022, taking a devastating toll on local families, loved ones and Brown County resources,” a meeting memo stated.

This, of course, shows that the overdose can affect people of all ages.

A proposed Opioid Action Plan that outlines how Brown County will allocate its allotment of opioid settlement funds was announced during a press conference held Feb. 13 at the Brown County Medical Examiner’s Of-

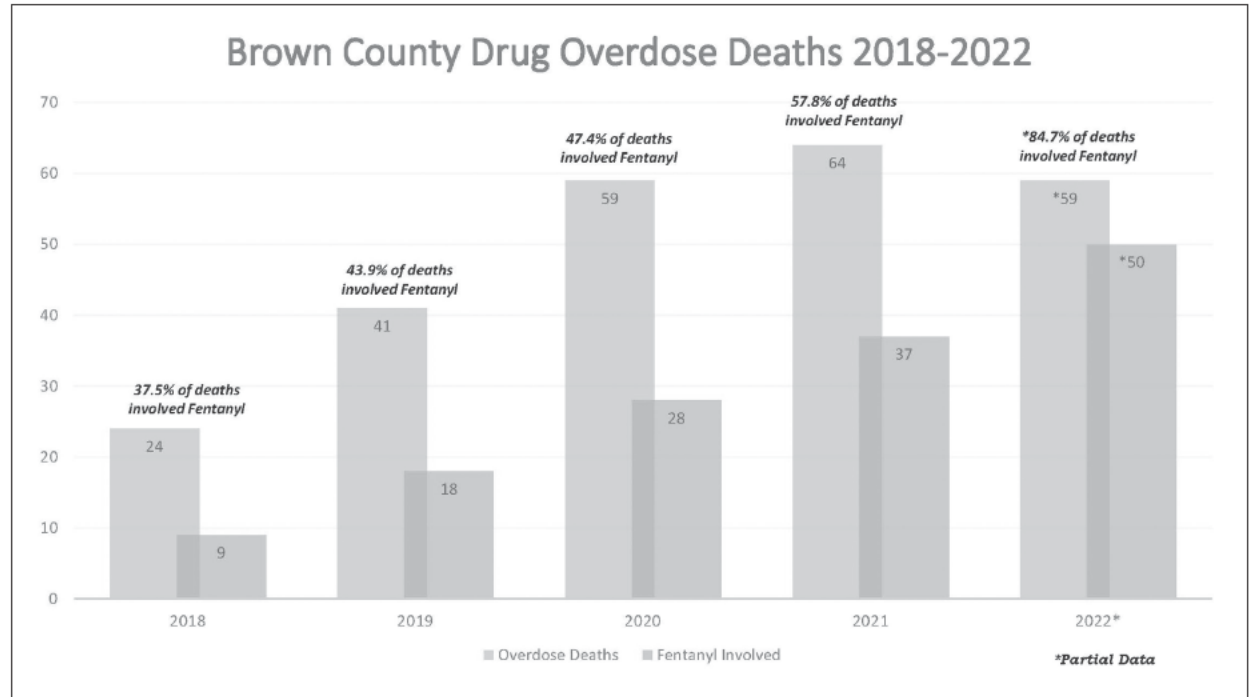
fice, as reported in The Press Times.

Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach told the board that “the money will go to county recovery and law enforcement.”

The memo stated that the county would “allocate up to \$5,575,133 in opioid settlement funds between 2023 and 2032 — to the Brown County and Human Services Department — to be spent on opioid prevention, treatment and recovery efforts approved by its oversight committee.”

They will also allocate over \$3.1 million dollars to the Brown County Sheriff’s Office to be spent on enforcement efforts.

Portage County Corporation Counsel David Hemery explained, “There are two settlements. One is a 2021 settlement that was for \$5.3 million to the county, and there is also a



Brown County image

2022 settlement that is being finalized. That is not a done deal yet, and that is for \$4.07 million for the 2022 settlement.”

In 2022, the Wisconsin Department of Justice announced final approval of an agreement with three major pharmaceutical distributors — Cardi-

nal, McKesson and AmerisourceBergen — and Johnson & Johnson.

District 24 Supervisor Richard Schadewald said, “trust the system,” and referenced Ronald Reagan when he said, “Trust but verify.”

The board ultimately passed the opioid plan.



District 24 Supervisor Richard Schadewald weighs in on the plan during the Feb. 15 board meeting. Michael Callahan photo

Unified School District of De Pere considers new calendar

BY LEE REINSCH
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DE PERE — The Unified School District of De Pere board of education will vote Monday, Feb. 27, during a special meeting on whether to implement a new calendar in the district that could solve a few problems.

The new schedule could eliminate most early-release and late-start days, which tend to cause headaches for parents.

In addition to making parents happy, the change also has the potential to make kids and teachers happy, too. The potential new calendar could:

- Make the school year six days shorter for students.
- End the school year a little earlier (May 31 vs. June 6, 2024).
- Make Spring Break one day longer next year.
- Take the parent hassle of days that start late and end early out of the picture.

• Give teachers a weekly period to hold professional development sessions that doesn’t interrupt the school day yet isn’t held outside of their contracted hours.

The only sacrifice for kids would be the addition of five extra minutes to the school day.

The school year would also start slightly earlier next year (Aug. 31 vs. Sept. 5).

The school district would need to obtain a waiver from the Wisconsin DPI because of the earlier start of the school year.

The committee in charge of coming up with the new schedule did so as a way of remedying the perennial issue of fitting in required teacher development time.

Currently, fitting such development time into the work week is the reason for many early-release and late-start days.

“One thing we did not want to do is we did not

want to negatively impact families, in terms of busing changes and different things,” De Pere High School Principal Nick Joseph, who served on the committee, said at the board meeting this week. “We had a lot of conversations about daycare drop offs, pick up after school, all those things, in terms of their work days.”

The calendar committee had to take into consideration a number of factors, including the needs of families regarding before- and after-school care, the impact on busing and transportation schedules and staff involvement in extracurricular activities.

It also had to keep intact dates of Christmas and spring breaks in order to respect families’ plans.

The new calendar meets the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction requirements for hours of learning per year, which are 437 hours for kindergarten-

ers; 1,060 hours for students in grades 1-6; and 1,137 hours for students in grades 7-12.

The teacher development takes the form of professional learning communities (PLCs). According to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, PLCs allow teachers to learn from each other by studying best practices, sharing expertise and targeting learning deficits in students, among other things.

With the new calendar, PLCs would be held for one hour, one day a week, likely at the end of the day on Wednesday.

Superintendent of Schools, Chris Thompson, indicated that if approved, the calendar would be implemented on a trial basis.

The meeting is 5 p.m. in the district board room.

The public will have a chance to comment before the board votes.

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Meet the candidates for Green Bay Area Public School District

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

GREEN BAY – On April 4, Green Bay Area Public School District voters will choose from four candidates running for two available seats on the school board.

We reached out to the candidates to learn more about them and why they are running.

Following are the responses for all four candidates:



Noah Becker

Please share a brief biography of your education, background and life experiences that qualify you to take a leadership role serving on the Green Bay Area School Board:

I served as the main student board representative for the 2020-21 school year. Through that service, I have gained experience with the board's practices and procedures. Most importantly, I am a recent West High School graduate. With my recent boots-on-the-ground experience as a student, I know about the many things that we're doing well and about the things that need improvement. I hope to bring new leadership and ideas to the board. I was active in politics as the district dealt with the COVID-19 pandemic, and I learned so much from that experience that I would love to bring to the board.

Why are you running for this office and what do you hope to accomplish?

I am running to ensure that budget shortfalls do not negatively affect our teachers, students and families. I am committed to preserving our historic schools and minimizing any building closures. Green Bay West, apart from being my alma mater, is a key part of Green Bay history. The East-West football rivalry is one of the oldest continuous high school football rivalries in the country and many of our families have several generations of West and East graduates. Besides the historical aspect, West High School is important for families who live and

work in the neighborhood. I will vote "no" on any plan that does not preserve all four of our high schools. I plan to keep as many of our schools open as possible as we work through enrollment decline and budget issues.

I will bring new ideas to the table, and I'm willing to consider creative solutions to tackle the enrollment decline and funding issues. I plan to take a direct role in decision-making as a board member. Board members should make decisions based on a wide range of information, not just the administration's recommendations. Elected board members are there to actively represent their constituents and bring forward new ideas. I also would like to evaluate school start times. We know that a later start time, potentially with multiple start time options, is healthier for students, reduces traffic accidents and increases learning and productivity.

Finally, we need to be creatively looking for solutions to increase student achievement. Student achievement is more than a report generated in Madison, and the individual successes of our Green Bay students matters most. We know that the COVID-19 pandemic caused even straight-A students to lose ground, and I will research and work to implement creative solutions to help make up for the ground lost during the pandemic.

What are the top three issues facing the district and how would you approach addressing them?

First, the district is facing a serious budget crunch for two reasons: a state funding formula that has been unfair to Green Bay since at least the 1990s and declining enrollment due to population shifts. There will be recommendations to close and consolidate buildings, but before closing any school I would insist on other changes, such as moving central office functions from downtown to open spaces in our school buildings.

Second, I have heard a lot about student and teacher safety. We need to have safe, respectful schools and invest in mental health support for our students, which will reduce problematic behaviors and drug abuse.

Third, the complexity of our large district can make it difficult for families to navigate the system. I would like to streamline the process for families, especially those with students receiving special education

services. Families should not have to reach out to multiple departments for answers to important questions about their child's education.



Paul Boucher

Please share a brief biography of your education, background and life experiences that qualify you to take a leadership role serving on the Green Bay Area School Board.

I went to both public and private schools growing up in the Green Bay area. I graduated from Green Bay East High School in 1984. Having earned six varsity letters. I attended the University of Wisconsin and attained a bachelor of science degree in sociology. (The Sociology program at UW is considered one of the best top programs in America). While enrolled, I participated in NCAA Athletics as a member of the Big Ten Conference. After graduating I was employed at Georgetown University and was promoted to a position at the Georgetown University Law Center. I have been doing Social Research and collecting data on the local community for decades in the hope of bettering life for all.

Why are you running for this office and what do you hope to accomplish?

I am running because I think that I can make a difference. I believe in the importance of democracy and education and I hope that by participating in the process that my ideas and perspectives will motivate and enlighten the community. I want to change the status quo. We need to drastically change the way we think about, view and act in the educational environment to address the hostility problem that have become the norm. Complacency and Monotony are our worst enemies. Let's not become comfortably numb to the realities that torment us, both locally and abroad – homelessness, poverty, food insecurity, obesity, domestic abuse, violence, political naïveté, apathy.

What are the top three issues facing the

district and how would you approach addressing them?

1) I want to help increase enrollment and graduation rates.

2) Develop and expand the programs associated with diversity, inclusion and female empowerment.

3) I want to grow the athletic programs to elevate our students, faculty and academic achievements to new unprecedented levels. We need to institute programs that will support and enhance the inspirational learning experience. We need to provide students with the opportunities and vision to prepare for their future. Youth athletic programs will allow all students with the tools they need to be healthy, well adjusted community members. Gymnastics, swimming, roller skating and dance for all grade levels will cultivate the mindset of being able and capable to take on any challenges that students may be faced in their future. Morning stretch programs and a light breakfast will prepare students for their day. Designing and building an after school hangout for children to listen to music and sing Karaoke will develop a sense of camaraderie that has been missing. After school art, cooking and music classes will allow for more well-rounded students. More dynamic soft surfaces playgrounds will keep children wanting to go to school.



Lynn Gerlach

Please share a brief biography of your education, background and life experiences that qualify you to take a leadership role serving on the Green Bay Area School Board.

A graduate of UW-Eau Claire (long ago), I began my career as a licensed teacher in Appleton Public Schools at age 21, teaching English and drama. Three years later, as a mother and a U.S. Army wife, I was teaching kindergarten in San Antonio, Texas. Raising my children and supporting my husband's military career, I taught English, speech and drama in five states and coached

cheerleading, debate, forensic speaking and one-act-play competition. When my husband retired from the Army, I began teaching at Notre Dame Academy (NDA) in Green Bay the day it opened. Eventually I became director of admissions and student activities for NDA and then spent three years administering the Professional Development Certificate program for teachers at UW-Green Bay as part of the state's Institute for Learning Partnership. Since 2004, I have worked as a marketing and communication manager and consultant. I've lived in seven states, moved 25 times in my adult life and experienced diverse schools and communities. I now have three grandchildren in college and two in high school. I happen to believe that Green Bay is a uniquely wonderful city, and I have adopted it as my permanent home. Since returning in 2018, I have served one term on Green Bay City Council.

Why are you running for this office and what do you hope to accomplish?

I am running for the Board of Education because citizens have asked me to serve. At this point in my life, I am free to offer my time and energy for the greater good — truly a blessing. While I've never taught in Green Bay public schools, I consider it a privilege to be trusted to help make the hard decisions now facing the district. I have great respect for members of the current board and for administrative leadership, and I count among my friends both current and former district teachers and leaders. I share with teachers the passion for teaching, with parents the concern for their children's well-being and future, and with the community at large a dedication to shaping future leaders.

What are the top three issues facing the district and how would you approach addressing them?

That is probably a debatable point; I can't say for sure these are definitely the top three, but I do believe they're all urgent:

1) The financial challenges facing the district.

2) Declining student population and the challenge of properly assigning resources.

3) The politicization of public schools to win non-school-related political goals.

In addressing all three of these issues, I will take the same approach I took as a member of City Council: Do my research; ask questions; consult a variety of resources; vote my conscience. As for the funding threat, we simply must convince state legislators to reimburse public schools the way they used to. Wisconsin public schools used to be a model for the nation; no longer. We need our property taxes to support the schools that teach all children — at a funding level that allows us to address diverse student needs.

The second issue, declining student population, is on its way to a solution, thanks to wise board decisions. I fully support the work of the consultant hired to assess all our district facilities and have studied the reports. And I am deeply grateful to the citizens serving on the blue-ribbon panel — they are well-chosen, and I stay abreast of their work. The third issue, politicization of public schools for a variety of purposes, is a tougher nut to crack. While I understand that people want to choose sides on hot button issues and try to "win," the truth is that we will never end such distractions and disruptions until we can listen to each other and find common ground on which to cooperate. Much of the anxiety is based on fear, and fear is usually based on lack of knowledge. It's natural for humans to fear what they don't understand or find unusual. We all have to work toward respectful, open-hearted dialogue and mutual learning. I can't think of anything I'd enjoy more.



Laura McCoy

Please share a brief biography of your education, background and life experiences that qualify you to take a leadership role serving on the Green Bay Area School Board.

I am a graduate of New London public schools and have a bachelor of arts degree from UW-Whitewater. Prior to becoming a stay-at-home mom, I worked as a legal assistant in St. Paul and Madison. I have lived in Green Bay for 23-plus years and both my children are graduates of Aldo Leopold Community School and East High School.

In addition to being the current school board president, I have served as past board clerk and treasurer and past member of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards Policy & Resolution Committee. I have also served as a member of district task forces and works groups dedicated to issues ranging from district safety to sustainability.

Within my community, I have volunteered with organizations including my neighborhood association, the Brown County Historical Society, Northeastern Wisconsin Dance Organization and The Wisconsin Historical Records Advisory Board. I am currently the vice chair of the Brown County Human Services Board.

Why are you running for office and what do you hope to accomplish?

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What's next for De Pere's Wilson Park

BY LEE REINSCH
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

DE PERE – What's next for Wilson Park on the city's near west side was the topic of conversation at the most recent meeting of the De Pere Board of Park Commissioners.

Half of respondents to an online survey last year by the parks department said Wilson should remain a place for passive recreation, with gardens, pathways and benches.

The other 50% said it should be a spot of more active recreation, offering things like volleyball courts and swings.

The even divide presents somewhat of a dilemma.

"When we did the [VFW Park] pool survey, we literally had like 70% of the people say we want diving boards," Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry Marty Kosobucki said. "It was a pretty easy conversation; we were going to have diving boards, but here it is, 50/50."

The city received quotes from three design firms to create a plan for the park, including design and further community research, which ranged from \$6,000 to almost \$15,000.

Resident James Anderson said a little upkeep would go a long way toward giving the old park in the city a new lease on life.

"If we would start by simply cutting down all of the brush down on the fence on the far side, open up the park and trim all the trees and do some kind of regular maintenance on



Half of respondents to an online survey last year by the parks department said Wilson Park should remain a place for passive recreation, with gardens, pathways and benches. **File photo**

the park, that would be a step forward and a long way from what it typically looks like," Anderson said.

He reminded the board that not only is the park among the oldest — if not the oldest — park in the city, but it has a historic monument, a bronze placard bearing the Gettysburg Address.

"It's pretty valuable, I think, at least to our community," Anderson said.

Anderson said he knows it's not going to be transformed into a new park overnight. "But at least we will be going in the right direction."

Kosobucki said it's very possible the city could spend a lot of money on a

consultant and get the same responses.

"The thought process was we were hoping that a consultant would come into our community and dig deeper and get different information than what we were able to extract from our community," he said. "I can't tell you that that would happen."

He said there is currently no budget for the project, although \$10,000 was approved for the design. "It's hard to budget for something if you don't even have a plan," he said.

He discouraged the board from considering putting the \$10,000 allocated for design toward construction instead.

"In some capacity our

engineering department would have to be involved," he said.

The engineering department has more work than it can handle and is down two employees.

"Unless we want to put some major road projects on hold so that we can design Wilson Park, it's probably not going to happen," he said.

Several commissioners spoke in favor of the design firm foregoing the further community surveying aspect and instead focusing on improving the park as a greenspace.

Amy Chandik Kunding recalled that what started the conversation about preserving Wilson Park as an urban greenspace was St.

Norbert College expressing interest in purchasing the park land.

"Maybe green space, having public open space is enough for now, that we just as a city say, 'This is important' ... We can do some things within our budget constraints to encourage greater line of sight, greater maintenance and that will be good for right now."

Kosobucki said he would approach the design firms with a revised scope of services for updated estimates.

In other business, the board approved applying for a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources that would pay for about half of the costs to renovate a dock at

the Bomier boat launch. Costs to renovate the launch are estimated to be around \$5,100. If approved, the grant would pay for expenses of up to \$2,549.

Last year the city learned that the dock, built in 1998, violated DNR regulations relating to blocking navigable water.

The board also approved applying for the WDNR to repair the dock at James Street. The dock, built in 2016, is used for the River Tyme tour boat, which runs from May to October. Repairs are estimated at about \$1,308. If selected for the grant, it would cover \$654, half of the total.

Kosobucki said a maintenance staff issue while filling the VFW Park pool for the winter resulted in a water valve being left open and flooding to the lower level of the VFW Aquatic Facility's mechanical room. Insurance covered the damage, which was estimated at \$67,000, according to Kosobucki.

Last year, private donors and businesses gave \$218,000 in donations and in-kind contributions to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry, according to Kosobucki, who called it really impressive.

"That does not happen without the relationships that my staff form with our community," he said. "Ultimately it's about benefiting the community and improving our quality of life."

That sum doesn't include fundraising efforts toward the Nelson Family Pavilion or the Jerry Hasenberg Memorial Tree Fund.

Suamico Village Board approves well bid

BY WILLIAM SOQUET
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

SUAMICO – After tabling a bid for a municipal test well during its Feb. 6 meeting, the Suamico Village Board approved a contract with Lannon-based CTW Corporation at its Feb. 20 meeting.

The initial bid from CTW came in at \$197,958, which was more than what some board members anticipated.

board through our current search for a new superintendent, addressing our issues around literacy and aggressively seeking equitable usage of our district buildings and financial resources.

What are the top three issues facing the district and how would you approach addressing them?

As I have already noted, we are currently working to select a new superintendent. Choosing the individual who will lead our district into the future is one of the primary responsibilities of any school board, and the process is complex and rigorous. I look forward to completing the process and welcoming our new superintendent this coming summer.

Declining literacy rates are a state and nationwide issue, and our district is no different. If elected, I will

The board then sent the bid back to staff to try and come up with ways to find a more economical bid.

Through working with CTW, village staff was able to lower the bid amount to \$147,208.

CTW was the lone bidder for the well.

Village Administrator Alex Kaker said that contractors usually avoid bidding on municipal wells because of tight regula-

tions and reporting requirements.

The factors that went into the reduced bid price included the Village taking on erosion control, a reduced drill bit size for the well and a reduction in labor costs.

New personnel

The board also recognized a promotion and two new hires within the village.

Scott Legois was promoted from an engineer in the fire department to a full-time lieutenant.

Cody Domke was hired in

the Department of Public Works.

He comes to the village from Austin Straubel International Airport.

Kay Magyar was appointed as village treasurer.

She returns to Suamico after previously holding the same position 2004-16.



After tabling a bid for a municipal test well during its Feb. 6 meeting, the Suamico Village Board approved a contract with Lannon-based CTW Corporation. **File photo**

CANDIDATES

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I am running for re-election to the Green Bay School Board because I firmly believe that a strong public school system is foundational to the strength of our community, our quality of life and our economy. I believed this to be true the first time I ran for office and the six years I have served have only reinforced this belief.

I want to continue to advocate for our children, our families, our district staff and the community I am proud to serve. I will continue to expand my relationships with constituents, community leaders and elected officials. These partnerships are essential to strong schools and a healthy, vibrant community.

I will focus on leading our

be asking our new superintendent to make this a top priority. I am committed to including the voices of teachers, parents, students and staff in achieving much-needed change.

Reduced birth rates, the school voucher program and student mobility, as well as the challenges of our state's public school funding formula, have forced us to re-examine the size of our district and how our facilities are being utilized. We've taken steps toward addressing this issue by commissioning a district-wide facilities study and forming a community task force to review the results. I look forward to hearing their recommendations. I remain committed to providing all our students and families with excellent educational services while also respecting the investment of taxpayers.

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NEWS BRIEFS



High school student donates to NICU patients

GREEN BAY – Noah Lukasek, a junior at Manitowoc Lutheran High School, donated \$1,500 worth of baby clothes, books and toys, funded by the auctioning off of his own artwork, for patients and families at Bellin Health’s Family Integrated Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).

“Children and their families go through a lot when they’re in the hospital, and I wanted to find a way to help,” Lukasek said. “God blessed me with a cool talent, and I don’t want to let it go to waste. I encourage everyone to find a talent or activity they enjoy and use it to help others. I am very grateful for all the generous people that bid on my artwork to make this fundraiser possible.”

“We are so thankful for the incredible generosity Noah has shown to Bellin and our NICU families,” Bellin Health Vice President for OB/GYN and Neonatology Deborah Fischer said. “These donations will offer joy and relief during what can be a very stressful time.”

Nonstop flight to Portland offered from ATW

APPLETON – A new nonstop flight service to Portland, Oregon, from the Appleton International Airport (ATW) was announced Feb. 20 in partnership with Allegiant Airlines.



“We are proud to partner with Allegiant to open up more vacation destinations for Wisconsin travelers,” Appleton Airport Director Abe Weber said. “It’s clear consumers in our state and the Upper Peninsula are planning their vacations through the Appleton airport for the convenience of our non-stop flights.”

As the only airport in Wisconsin serviced by Allegiant, ATW is able to offer travelers nonstop flights to airports in Portland, Oregon; Phoenix/Mesa, Arizona; Nashville, Tennessee; Las Vegas, Nevada; Denver, Colorado; Savannah/Hilton Head, Georgia; and various Ft. Lauderdale/Miami, Orlando/Daytona Beach, Tampa/St. Petersburg, Sarasota/Bradenton and Ft. Meyers/Punta Gorda in Florida.



Rockers announce Sunday home game giveaways

ASHWAUBENON – The Rockers have announced a series of giveaways set to take place at each Sunday Rockers game played at Capital Credit Union Park this summer.

The first 500 kids under 12 attending the June 25 game will receive a jersey, sponsored by Capital Credit Union.

Team Apparel will present sunglasses to the first 500 attendees of the July 9 game.

In partnership with Bud Light, a beer bat giveaway is in store for fans 21 and older in attendance at the July 16 game.

Reusable Rockers water bottles provided by EIS Implement will be available for early fans at the July 23 game.

The July 30 game will feature the first-ever Rockers vintage bobbleheads, presented by Festival Foods.

For the last home game of the season Aug. 6 the first 500 attendees will receive a Rockers home jersey lunch bag courtesy of John’s Refrigeration.



Local business owner selected for Big Balloon Build

GREEN BAY – Nicole Koss, co-owner of Glitz and Gilt LLC, has been selected to participate in a Big Balloon Build as a member of a team of international balloon professionals working to create an immersive balloon world next month in Lake Geneva.

Over the course of a week, the 65 selected balloon artists will collaborate to construct a great outdoors-themed balloon display which will cover more than 10,000 square feet and feature more than 100,000 balloons for the public to view and enjoy.

The Lake Geneva Big Balloon Build event will aid two charities — Inspiration Ministries and Inspired Coffee.

Both charities strive to empower people with disabilities to live with greater purpose and achieve their individual best by offering support through job training, coaching and mentorship.

Fresh Ink composition competition at SNC

DE PERE – Entries will be accepted through March 1 for St. Norbert College’s (SNC) annual Fresh Ink Concert and composition competition.

High school and SNC students may submit an application for works in the categories of wind ensemble, jazz ensemble, chamber music and composer-performer. Composers can submit up to two pieces with a recommended length of 10 minutes.

Selected composers will be awarded fellowships and earn invites to SNC Composition Day, which will feature educational sessions and lunch followed by the Fresh Ink Concert.

The Fresh Ink Concert will be held Sunday, April 30, featuring performances by SNC’s ensembles and faculty of the selected compositions and is free to attend.

Fencing improvements approved for WIS 29

BROWN COUNTY – Gov. Tony Evers has approved a \$1.56 million contract for improvements to be made along 8.25 miles of WIS 29 between WIS 156 and I-41 in Brown County.

Planned improvements include the installation of right-of-way fencing — varying by location between four-foot wire fence, six-foot chain link fence and six-foot slatted chain link fence — and a living snow fence made up of rows of shrubs measuring approximately 3,000 feet in length and 10 feet wide.

The right-of-way fencing establishes access controls and enhances safety by preventing accidental access of the highway by off-road vehicles or pedestrians.

The living snow fence is designed to mitigate blowing and drifting, increasing safety and reducing snow removal maintenance costs.

Work is set to begin Monday, Feb. 27 and is expected to conclude in the fall.

WIS 29 will remain open for travel with lane and shoulder closures.



SNC to host Summer Academy of Medicine

DE PERE – In partnership with the Medical College of Wisconsin-Green Bay (MCW), St. Norbert College (SNC) will offer high school students two Summer Academy of Medicine experiences from June 13-16 and June 20-23.

Housed in SNC’s Gehl-Mulva Science Center and led by MCW-Green Bay and SNC faculty, each three-and-a-half-day program will allow students to explore careers in medicine and the biomedical sciences through hands-on active learning in classrooms and laboratories.

The cost is \$800 per participant and includes meals, snacks, housing in SNC’s Gries Hall and evening activities.

A limited number of scholarships are available.

Students entering their junior or senior year of high school are eligible to attend and can find more details and register at snc.edu/academyofmedicine.



Packer Freight joins SmartWay Transport Partnership

GREEN BAY – Packer Freight, a Green Bay-based full-service logistics and freight brokerage company, has announced that it has joined the SmartWay Transport Partnership.

The SmartWay Transport Partnership is a collaboration between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and industry partners with the goal of providing a framework to assess the environmental and energy efficiency of goods movement supply chains.

Packer Freight will contribute to the Partnership’s savings of 336 million barrels of oil, \$44.8 billion in fuel costs, 143 million metric tons of CO₂, 2.7 million short tons of NO_x and 112,000 short tons of PM — the equivalent of eliminating annual energy use in more than 21 million homes.

“As Packer Freight continues to grow, we understand the positive impacts our team can have on the environment. Partnering with SmartWay illustrates our relentless dedication to our shippers, carriers, and community,” said Jake Heim, vice president of business development at Packer Freight.



Registration Open for 2023 Bellin Run 10K and 5K

GREEN BAY – Registration for the 47th annual Bellin Run 10K is now open and for the first time ever in the event’s history, a 5K route will also be offered at the June 10 race.

“We have heard loud and clear that more of our friends and family members want to be a part of the Bellin Run — but that for some, including younger children, the full 6.2-mile distance may not be doable to run or walk,” Executive Race Director Randy Van Straten said. “At the same time, we know there are some speedy runners out there who want to test themselves on a shorter course — and adding this new distance gives them a way to do that while still being a part of our event. No matter what their motivation, adding the 5K distance will get more feet on the street in the name of health and wellness — and that is exactly what the Bellin Run is all about.”

The Bellin Run 10K has covered a generally consistent course through Green Bay and Allouez since its inception in 1977, starting and ending at Bellin Hospital.

The new 5K course will share around the first mile with the 10K course, turn down Beaupre Street and rejoin the 10K course on Libal Street for roughly the final 1.5 miles.

Early registration is \$30 for the 10K and 5K events and \$15 for the half-mile June 9 Children’s Run. Sign up at bellinrun.com.

Free weekly training run/walk events will be held on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. beginning March 29 at Bellin Health Titletown Sports Medicine and Orthopedics to support the training of Bellin Run participants of all levels and abilities.



Nominations open for Protect and Serve Award

GREEN BAY – The Green Bay Packers are accepting nominations through March 15 for the Packers Protect and Serve Award which recognizes Wisconsin law enforcement officers who go above and beyond the call of duty.

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I was Five Feet Tall and 216 Painful Pounds

Join the thousands of success stories from Wisconsin Hypnosis Center

By Lauren Waters

Repeat after me: all hypnosis is self-hypnosis.

What does this mean exactly? It means YOU are in control.

This is what Jay Luck, master hypnotist and owner of Wisconsin Hypnosis Center, reminds the thousands of clients the program has helped in the past 38 years.

"Clients are learning to create a belief in a successful outcome and to believe they're worth it," says Jay. "Because when they begin to believe it, the outcome comes quite easily."

At Wisconsin Hypnosis Center in Appleton and Green Bay, and at Apple Valley Hypnosis in Minnesota, as well as online, Jay's clients learn to think differently.

The ripple effect

"When you're learning to change your mind, you're really hypnotizing yourself to create a different belief that will help you get to your outcome," he says. "So, if you think of the law of attraction, it simply means whatever you think about, you're more likely to attract."

Whether it's wanting to quit smoking, lose weight, gain confidence, or change other struggles, Jay says it's simply that people feel stuck in these bad habits, and it may feel too daunting to try to change.

"The conscious part of our brain wants to have changes. The subconscious part of our brain, however, doesn't want to change because it's comfortable doing what it does," he says. "When you look at changing habits, patterns, and beliefs, that's all we're doing. We're trading old habits for new habits, and the new habits get the results people want."

Jay also shares sometimes when a client comes to the center for hypnosis regarding a certain struggle, it can cause a ripple effect of positive changes in other areas of their lives.

"A lot of the work we do is covert, and what I mean by that is clients have things change in their lives they didn't necessarily come here to change; they just happen to change because of what they learned," he says.

The clients' success stories from Wisconsin Hypnosis Center say it all:

"I used to smoke approximately a pack a day. I have tried to quit well over 20 times and have always fallen off the wagon. After my first session, I had none of the cravings or aggression that I associated with quitting in the past. I had no problems. It [was] easy." —James D.

"At the beginning of this process, I was nervous and scared; however, I have learned a lot about myself. Hypnosis has

strengthened me from within and will be a practice I will remember forever." —Catey F.

"[Since hypnosis] my sleeping has been more consistent and less troubled. I feel less anxious about my sleeping habits." —Richard M.

One success story that is particularly remarkable is from Sandy Halferty, who came to Wisconsin Hypnosis Center for weight loss. Here is Sandy's story in her own words:

HYPNOSIS IS A LIFE-CHANGER

I used to eat a 1-pound bag of potato chips nearly every day, including licking my finger to pick up the last bits at the bottom of the bag. At 60 inches tall, I weighed 216 pounds. I had acid reflux, high blood glucose, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, high body fat percentage, ankle, knee, and hip joint pain and looked like a beer keg with pony keg legs. I was tired, crabby, moody, and depressed.

TAKING THE FIRST STEP

After a friend told me I had become "a bitter old hag", I decided to call a number on an advertisement I had clipped and saved for nearly two years. Not expecting a response on a Sunday night (or maybe hoping not to get one), I was surprised when someone answered the phone. My call was to Wisconsin Hypnosis Center, and it has forever changed my life. The first appointment was for a screening that allowed Jay Luck, master hypnotist, to assess whether he was able to help me. It also gave me an opportunity to assess him and to learn more about what guided self-hypnosis could offer me. The screening was very interesting and informative, and we set up my first session for the next day.

I FELL IN LOVE WITH SELF-HYPNOSIS

During my first session, I listened to a tape. I remember Jay saying, "you did really well, Sandy". And I said, "I will pay you again if I can hear that again". At that time, I was unaware of what happened, but looking back, it is when I fell in love with self-hypnosis.

LEARNED WHAT I NEEDED FAST

We set up my next appointment, and I left with "homework" (a list of questions about my goals) and a CD to listen to every day. Looking back at my answers on the first homework sheet, I am amazed how much I had already learned about what I needed to do after just two sessions. As often happens

when we begin something new, the rest of our life continues to move. My husband suffered a stroke a week after I began my program. The notes on my calendar were "very ill, bleak, horrible day, severe eye pain, headache, tired, angry, crabby, and weary", which showed that I suffered with him.

PEACE, QUIET, PRIVACY, AND 56 POUNDS DOWN

In August, I began exercising a few times each week, and very shortly after, I couldn't resist doing it every day. Soft suggestions on the tapes I had been listening to were translating into behavior changes without even realizing it. I ride a stationary bicycle, walk, do strength training, and yoga. My most significant turning point occurred when I had lost 56 pounds. I was feeling confident and pleased with myself but still felt something was weighing me down. Jay does hypnosis, but he offered me something much better. He suggested I intentionally focus on the action of forgiveness, something totally under my control that I needed to do alone.

LET GO OF USELESS EMOTIONS

During the next nine weeks, I relaxed into a trance and mentally recited the Ho'oponopono prayer (something Jay teaches) every day and night. I never felt lasting improvement by talking about my trauma in detail over and over and trying to figure out why it happened to me. I can never separate myself from what happened, but I have finally let go of the emotional charge of it.

Using the Ho'oponopono prayer for deep, intentional forgiveness during a self-hypnotic trance allowed me to separate myself from the pain of my trauma. I finally found peace. I lost 27.6 more pounds and tons of bitterness and shame from something brutal and horrible I experienced when I was only 17 years old, and I did it in just nine weeks.

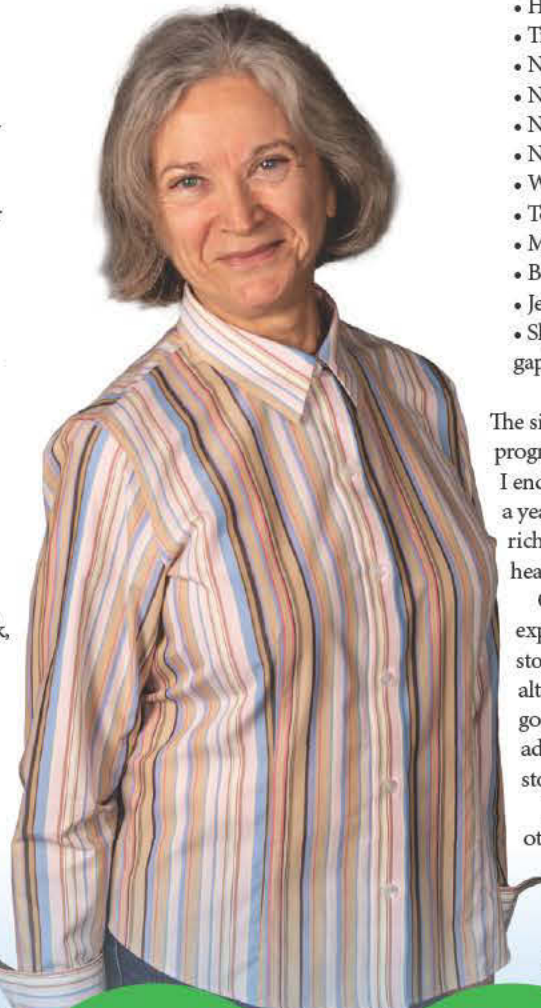
FINAL RESULTS:

- Weight: 120 pounds
- BMI: 23
- A1C: 5.2%
- BP: 123/78
- HDL: 76
- Triglycerides: 58
- No acid reflux
- No joint pain
- No "bitter old hag"
- No bags of potato chips
- Walking 6 miles in 84 minutes
- Top: 38 inches (was 54.5 inches)
- Middle: 28 inches (was 46.5 inches)
- Bottom: 34 inches (was 48 inches)
- Jean size: 4/6 (was size 22)
- Shirt size: 8/10 (was 4X gaping between buttons)

The simple version of my story is I began my program intending to lose 87 pounds, and I ended up losing 96 pounds in just under a year. I gained so much more, including a rich abundance of physical and emotional health.

Guided self-hypnosis needs to be experienced, and my goal for telling my story is to encourage others to see it as an alternative to guide them to getting their goals or just to experience it as an exciting adventure. Thank you for reading my story.

Just like Sandy and thousands of others, Jay says you too can change your life through hypnosis. "Picture yourself five years from now. What do you want to see?" he asks. "I'm teaching my clients to believe in that goal to the point when the belief in it becomes so strong there's no problem getting there."



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On Broadway

On Broadway Executive Director Brian Johnson provides an update on the public market project, as On Broadway presented its "State of the Broadway District," during an event held Feb. 21 at Gather On Broadway. More details on the presentation can be found in the next edition of The Press Times. **Kris Leonhardt photo**



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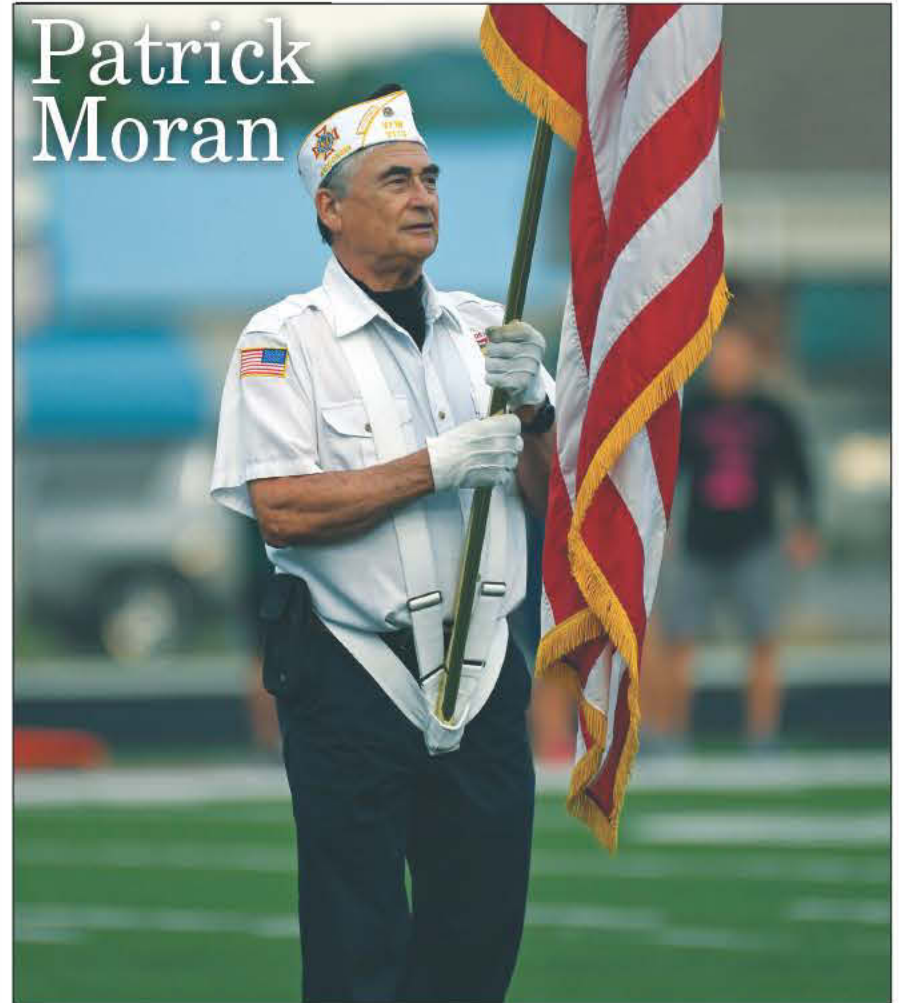
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Local residents gathered at the Chicago Northwestern Depot (now The Depot) to get a glimpse of Dwight D. Eisenhower. The Republican candidate's stop in Green Bay was part of his campaign swing through Wisconsin in October 1952. Eisenhower won a decisive victory against Democratic opponent Adlai Stevenson with 55% of the popular vote in November of that year.
Neville Public Museum of Brown County photo

People of Brown County



Patrick Moran

Eight years ago, Patrick "Pat" Moran became the commander of De Pere Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2113. Founded in 1935, the post established a tradition of serving and supporting northeast Wisconsin veterans, their family members and the community as a whole. Under Moran's leadership the post continues that legacy. As leader of the post honor guard, Moran has rededicated the post to proudly and professionally providing final military funeral honors for deceased veterans, conducting an average of 100 funeral honors annually at locations throughout Brown County. In 2022, he led a post, city of De Pere and local small business coalition to design and install a new veterans monument in the city's VFW Park. Except for time served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam, Pat has lived in De Pere his entire life.
Submitted photo

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Nominees should be active, full or part-time law enforcement officers who demonstrate leadership, dedication and a commitment to bettering their communities and have displayed heroism and/or exhibited extraordinary commitment to public safety, the community and their fellow officers. Award categories include Individual Of-

ficer Award, K-9 Award, School Resource Officer Award and Department Award. A total of 15 awards will be given out — 12 Individual Officer Awards and one of each of the other categories. Each award recipient will receive a \$2,000 grant to benefit their department or a non-profit they are involved with. Visit packers.formstack.com/forms/packers_protect_and_serve_award to submit a nomination.

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STANLEY
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Stanley has participated in several national programs aimed at finding a sound future for local news, including the Table Stakes News Transformation program run by the American Press Institute, Lenfest Foundation and Temple University.

Through Table Stakes, the Journal Sentinel learned to innovate, reach readers they hadn't been serving before and dramatically grow both digital-only circulation revenue and grant-funded journalism projects.

Stanley helped found the O'Brien Public Service Fellowship program at Marquette University's journalism school, which is fully endowed by a \$10 million donation.

In this program, experienced journalists spend an academic year working on a major public service journalism project that they then bring back to their newsrooms.

A student returns with each fellow to their home newsroom for a summer internship paid for by the program.

Stanley is past president of the News Leaders Association and a board member of the Wisconsin Newspaper Association.

Before becoming managing editor of the Journal Sentinel, he was business editor and before that, he was a reporter for the Milwaukee Sentinel, the Wichita Eagle and Ducks Unlimited magazine with an expertise in environmental and conservation reporting.

He started his career at the Lake Geneva Regional News after graduating from the University of Wisconsin.

He and his wife Pam grew up in Allouez. They have five adult children and seven grandchildren.

"I'm excited about working with the Multi Media Channels, the Press Times and the Pass it Forward internship program as foundation stones to strengthen community news coverage in Wisconsin," Stanley said. "For our democracy to work the way it's supposed to, people need to be informed about what's going on at all levels with our schools, law enforcement, roads, zoning, taxes, new developments, you name it. The business models that supported this local reporting are rapidly changing and we've got to find ways to retain and rebuild it."

ELECTION
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Howard village president

Burt McIntyre and J.D. Kopp will move on to the April 4 ballot in the race for Howard village president.

Results

Michele Swaer - 521
Burt R. McIntyre - 1,467
J.D. Kopp - 1,066
Write-ins - 16

Results are unofficial until a full canvassing has been completed.



Amanda Boeke is surrounded by her kindergarten class after the Greater Green Bay Chamber and its program partners surprised her in her classroom. **Kris Leonhardt photo**

GOLDEN APPLE from page 1

classroom door.

"I strive to be a leader and a colleague that people can rely on and go to for help. I have complete confidence saying that I'm a leader. A few years ago, I wouldn't have necessarily said those words. Over the last few years, I have tried to step up within my school. I have taken on different leadership roles and have worked at bettering myself," she said.

Boeke's fellow recipients include Andrew Belter, De Pere High School; Sarah Morgan, Pulaski Community Middle School; Kristen Possley, Bay Harbor Elementary School; Heather Potts, Lineville Intermediate School; Michael Smits, Parkview Middle School; Derek Zahn, Pulaski High School; and the Kennedy Elementary School Special Education Team of Madeline LaBott, Rylee Schmitt and Hope Smeester.

"I know there are a lot of people that, you know, are really grateful for educators, but we just put in so much time and effort behind the scenes. We focus everything on the kids. So it's all about them. We don't do anything for ourselves. So, just being able to be recognized and to recognize multiple teachers is really great," Boeke said.

Over the next seven weeks, The Press Times will highlight the remaining 2023 Golden Apple recipients in front-page spotlights.

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The Subnivean Zone: A world out of sight

Continue from the previous week

Shrews are one of the few mammals that are venomous.

They have a toxin in their saliva that paralyzes their prey, which is particularly important when killing voles or mice which are actually a little larger than most shrews.

high metabolism and eat about 40% of their weight daily.

Although weasels eat primarily rodents such as voles, mice and chipmunks they can kill prey much larger than themselves.

Wisconsin's largest weasel, the long-tailed weasel, only weighs 3-10



Ermine

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Bay Area Birds

BY CHARLIE FRISK
GUEST COLUMNIST



Shrews in turn are preyed on by hawks, owls, snakes and foxes.

I have found dead shrews on trails in the woods and wondered why they were killed and not eaten.

When attacked, shrews produce a foul musky odor from scent glands on their flanks.

The odor does not bother birds or snakes but mammalian predators usually will not eat them.

Wisconsin has three species of weasel that also spend time in the subnivean; the long-tailed weasel (*Mustela frenata*), short-tailed weasel (*Mustela ermine*) and least weasel (*Mustela nivalis*).

They are all larger than voles or shrews but they are long and slender for moving around in tight spaces.

They also have a very

ounces and yet can prey on cottontail rabbits — which can weigh over four pounds.

Foxes and coyotes can hear voles and mice moving under the snow and catch them by leaping into the air and driving their snouts through the snow.

Owls hear rodents and shrews moving under the snow and drive their talons through the snow to catch them.

Great horned owls eat a wide range of prey, but in the winter voles make up the bulk of their diet.

With all of these voracious predators pursuing them, how do the eastern meadow voles survive?

The expression 'they breed like rabbits' explains a lot of it.

Voles are one of the few northern mammals that breed year round.

Voles reach sexual ma-

turity at 25-40 days, have a gestation period of 21 days and can mate immediately after delivering babies, so they can produce a lot of litters.

Each litter typically will have three to six young.

A female meadow vole born in early May will be having its own babies in June.

Their survival strategy is based largely on reproducing faster than the predators can eat them.

The subnivean zone

also provides a protective environment for the plants that feed all of the voles, mice and other herbivores.

The insulation protects the roots from freezing and thawing and enough light can get through the snow that some species of plants continue to photosynthesize through the winter.

Plants such as skunk cabbage, bloodroot, hepatica and marsh marigold actually start growing before the snow melts.

What is the impact of a winter such as we have had this year where there was no snow cover in the Green Bay area for the first three weeks of January?

Animals did not have the snow for insulation so the warm blooded species had to eat more to maintain their body temperature.

Insects, spiders, voles, mice, shrews and weasels were exposed to sight feeders such as hawks, shrikes and blue jays.

Weasels have it much

worse because they turn white in the winter and at that time are called ermine.

With no snow, they stand out like a neon sign and are much easier prey for hawks and owls.

Plants and fungi are not insulated by the snow and are exposed to drying by the cold winter air.

So, not only is snow valuable for all of us winter recreationists, it is also important for the survival of much of Wisconsin's flora and fauna.



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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Be the joy

Dear Reader,
Today I want to share just one thought: Be the joy. It can make the difference in almost everything.

You can spread joy around. You can receive joy. To me, that means putting a smile on your face and going out of your way to say hello to someone. It means putting a spring in your step when you go somewhere. It means having a "giddy up and go get 'em" kind of day. It means looking for the best and the light in everyone. It means seizing each moment with a positive outlook for whatever may come.

Joy. That's something we all want in our lives. But to have it, we've got to live it. So, be the Joy!



PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

Author of "Dear Reader" and "Tapestry of Love and Loss"



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Assessments, are they?

DEAR EDITOR,

In December 2022, the city of Green Bay provided homeowners with taxation on their property.

The previous city-wide assessment was completed in 2008, a 14-year gap with annual adjustments performed in tandem with equalized value percentages, ratio formulae and computerized programs.

When a computer-generated reassessment of 2022 was undertaken, the real estate market was experiencing a market bubble with people paying well over the asking price, a price likely determined by realtors—namely

real estate professionals.

The resulting higher market sales became the basis for the new assessment figures.

This "sales" generated value may not represent the condition of the property, only the comparative concept that all homes of this size must be of the same value.

Since the city assessor's office chose to relegate the reassessment to an appraisal company, and values reflected in a competitive price under the prevailing market conditions; they do not automatically reflect the current value.

On Feb. 1 and 7, Wall

Street Journal ran the articles "Home Prices fall 5 Months in a Row" and "Home-Buying Companies Stuck with Hundreds of Houses as Demand Slows," an indication that assessor/appraiser valuations are not in line with the market condition, the basis for current reassessments.

"The Bottom Line" Experian Credit Report Co., Feb 10, 2022, "Appraisals and assessments both assign value to your property for different reasons and by different methods. Recognizing the difference can help you better understand your home's resale value

and the basis for your property taxes."

Wisconsin Dept. of Revenue prescribes that the annual budget be divided by the city's total assessment and calculate the tax (mill) rate.

Then, your property's assessed value per thousand dollars is multiplied by the mill rate = your tax bill, with other taxing entity's rates added equals your bill.

This sounds confusing and doesn't appeal to common sense.

It's doubtful that major corporations approach budgeting like this, so why wouldn't the governing bodies look to these corpo-

porations to model their processes?

Corporations and governments have a fiduciary responsibility to their stakeholders or citizens.

Local corporations pay taxes and have a financial interest in keeping government taxes at advantageous levels and delivering necessary services.

More could be done partnering with local corporations to everyone's benefit.

Green Bay and Brown County are home to some of the largest, best-known international manufacturing companies with successful leadership.

A makeover of government budgeting would be one starting point and an examination of reliance on property taxes and alternative taxation may help fixed-income and lower-income folks to maintain security in their homes and moderate rental costs.

A proscribed formula restricting the steep increase in property taxes like California's 1970s Prop 13 should be examined.

Fairer, lower taxation often equals better economics for all.

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The 'Super Bowl' of cheese

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

GREEN BAY — The Resch Expo Center was the site of one of the most prestigious dairy industry contests in the country.

The 21st biennial United States Championship Cheese Contest was hosted by the Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association, Feb. 21-22.

Judges from around the country evaluated about 2,250 samples of cheese, butter, yogurt and dry dairy ingredients to name award winners in 118 classes.

"This is the Super Bowl of cheese," explained Tim Czmowski, assistant



Rob Richter, center, of Great Lakes Cheese, judges product during the 21st biennial United States Championship Cheese Contest, held at the Resch Expo Center. Kris Leonhardt photo

chief judge. "We have the best cheese sent in from all over the country — 35 states have entered — and we're here as expert judges to evaluate each of those cheeses very intimately from a perspective of appearance, body, texture, flavor. We spend several minutes on every sample."

The contest is done using blind entries, explained Rob Richter, of Great Lakes Cheese.

"We don't know who produced them; this is blind packaging, so there is no favoritism," he explained.

"For the most part, we are looking at the appearance, the texture, body packaging. And then, we look at flavor, mouth feel and then attributes that are either beneficial, characteristic of the cheese or defects that you might pick up."

"Two judges evaluate it together; their scores are averaged; and then,

the average of those two scores becomes the official score," added Czmowski.

"There will be a best-of-class out of every one of the classes."

Those are then brought forward to determine the top 20, and then the top 20 are scored again by over 40 judges to determine the best cheese.

Czmowski has been judging the contest since 1995 and has been making cheese for over 40 years.

"And, it starts with the most basic food on Earth — milk," Czmowski stated. "It was intended to bring us to nourish us from a child infant into adulthood. We get to fractionate that into a very nutritious various products over thousands of different products that people consume morning, noon and night, and so, to be the best at doing that is really something to be proud of."

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Agent calls lender without client approval: Is this unethical?

DEAR MONTY,

My wife and I are currently looking for homes with an agent.

We have received pre-approval letters from three lenders and are still deciding which way we will go.

Upon providing our agent with our pre-approval letters, all for the same amount and similar interest rates, the agent called our potential lenders and asked how a high HOA fee or high-rise condo restriction would affect our buying power.

We did not authorize this communication.



Dear Monty

BY RICHARD MONTGOMERY
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

We are looking at a mix of single-family homes, townhomes and condos in many different areas.

We have yet to decide on a specific property.

It seems like a premature conversation as a way to steer our search away from properties that he believes could be a waste of his time because they may result in unfavorable

loan terms or lack of approval.


Was our agent's call to lenders and subsequent inquiry ethical?

Monty's answer

Your agent was out of bounds to make those calls without seeking your approval.

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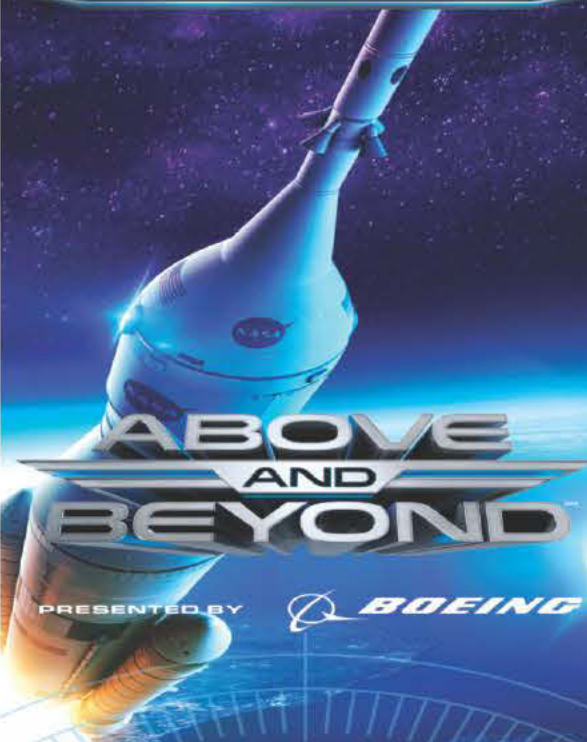


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Red-hot walleye action on the Fox

Hundreds of anglers fished the Fox River below the De Pere dam last weekend, and the walleyes were cooperating.

Social media posts showed many boating fishermen with livewells and coolers packed with fish of various sizes, many of them between 20-28 inches.

A check at Voyageur Park Sunday afternoon found dozens of shore, pier and wading anglers mixed in, trying their luck in the cold, open water before the more restrictive spawning run size and bag limit goes into effect next month.



In the Outdoors

BY KEVIN NAZE
GUEST COLUMNIST

At the time of this writing, a major midweek snowstorm was in the forecast. How much effect that will have remains to be seen, but colder temperatures are expected through the first week of March.

Meanwhile, powerful winds continue to break up what remains of the fragile, honeycombed ice on Green Bay. There were still

plenty of anglers off Lineville Road and Dyckesville last weekend, but everything could have changed by now.

Check for expert, local updates, and use extreme caution if you do choose to head out on the ice. There have been an almost unprecedented number of extreme freeze and thaw cycles with rain in be-



In the last decade, a number of bills — including the Managing Predators Act, the American Wild Game and Livestock and Protection Act, and the Trust the Science Act — were introduced in an effort to remove federal wolf protections. **Stock photo**

tween, making the ice far less stable than it should be this time of the year.

Drifted snow could cover bad spots, making travel on the ice even more risky.

As of Tuesday, the Little Sturgeon Lunkers Fishing Club was still focused on running its 7th annual Fishing Derby Saturday from 4 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 and must be purchased before the event begins. They're available at Rouer's Roadhouse and the Stevenson Pier Mini Mart, both in Little Sturgeon.

There are cash prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25 in four categories (perch, pike, walleye and whitefish) for this luck-of-the-draw contest. All registered fish

earn an entry, and an angler can only win once in each category.

Meanwhile, the Bailey's Harbor Brown Trout Tournament has been set for April 13-16. Fishing is allowed in all Kewaunee and Door County waters of Green Bay and Lake Michigan.

New wolf bill

Eighth District U.S. Congressman Mike Gallagher is one of 21 representatives to co-sponsor the Trust the Science Act, a bill that seeks to give states the right to manage gray wolves without federal interference.

The bill was reintroduced by Seventh District

Representative Tom Tiffany of Wisconsin and Congresswoman Lauren Boebert of Colorado. The legislation follows the scientific recommendation of wildlife experts that wolves should be removed from the Endangered Species List and that their populations should be managed by states.

"The wolf has a place on the landscape," Tiffany said. "But just like other wildlife, it needs to be managed."

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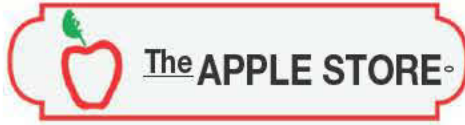
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the Trust the Science Act —were introduced in an effort to remove federal wolf protections.

But no matter what they've been called, none of them have gained enough traction to make it across the finish line.

"I understand the people who have a healthy skepticism on how we're going to get this done," Tiffany said. "We need to be persistent. It often takes a few sessions to get results. We have a broad coalition of people who are intent on getting this across."

One of the key players, Tiffany said, is U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisconsin), who has supported wolf delisting in the past.

"But she needs to do more than just sign on to a bill or say, 'I support wolf delisting,'" Tiffany said. "She needs to go to her leadership just like (U.S. Senator Jon) Tester did in Montana."

Tester, a Democrat, got bipartisan support for a bill signed into law in 2011 that gave Montana control of its wolf population.

On Feb. 13, the Department of the Interior announced that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will

update the status review for the gray wolf throughout the lower 48 states and commence a stakeholder engagement effort. By Feb. 2, 2024, the service intends to submit a proposed rule concerning the listing status under the act.

Kevin Krentz, president of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau, said it's time Wisconsin is allowed to take full control of the management of the state's top predator.

"The science is proven," Krentz said. "Wisconsin's wolves have been recovered, and it's time for the management phase of this Endangered Species Act success story."

Weekly Fishing Report

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Open water fishing returns

With the unseasonably warm conditions here, the Fox River along with its launches opened to fishing last week.

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What tools can you recommend to help protect trusting seniors from scam calls? My 74-year-old mother gets tons of unwanted telemarketing and robocalls on her cell and home phones and has been duped out of hundreds of dollars.

Frustrated Daughter

ey to a scam in 2021 said it started with a phone call — the largest percentage of any method, including email, text and mail.

To help protect your mom from the onslaught of robocall scams, telemarketing and spam calls, here are some tips and tools you can help her employ.



Savvy Senior

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DEAR FRUSTRATED,

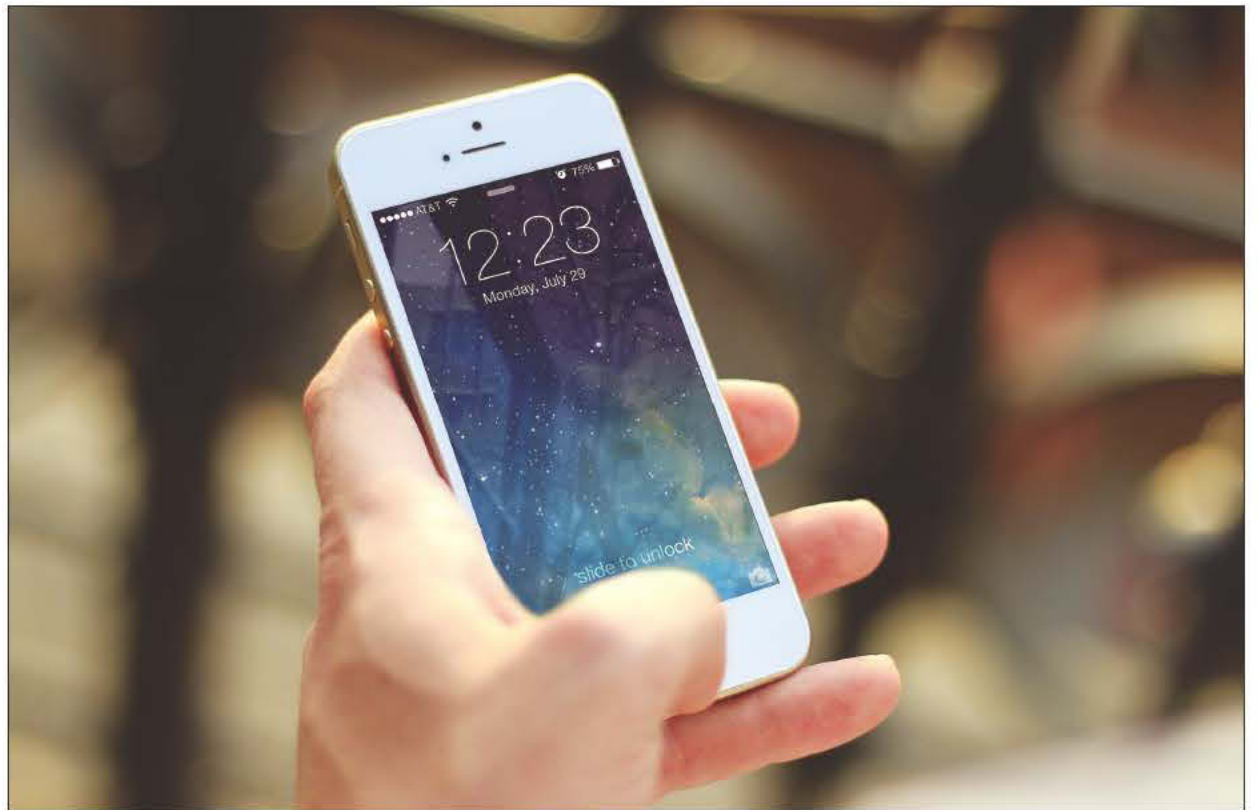
It's a great question. Scammers are always looking for new ways to dupe people out of money, and in the U.S., phone calls remain the primary way swindlers hook older victims.

The Federal Trade Commission recently found that 24% of adults over age 60 who reported losing mon-

Register her numbers

If your mom hasn't already done so, a good first step in limiting at least some unwanted calls is to make sure her home and cell phone numbers are registered with the National Do Not Call Registry.

While this won't stop fraudulent scam calls, it



will stop unwanted calls from legitimate businesses who are trying to sell her something.

To sign up, call (888) 382-1222 from the phone number you want to register, or you can do it online at DoNotCall.gov.

Cell phone protection

Most wireless providers today offer good tools for stopping scam calls and texts.

For example, AT&T has the ActiveArmor Mobile Security app, Verizon provides the Call Filter app and T-Mobile offers the Scam Shield app.

To activate these tools, download the spam-block-

ing app from your mom's carrier on her phone, which you can do at the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

These apps are free to use, but most carriers will also offer upgraded services that you can get for a small monthly fee.

If, however, your mom uses a regional or small wireless carrier that doesn't offer scam/robocall protection you can use a free third-party app. Truecaller (Truecaller.com), Call Control (Call-Control.com), Hiya (Hiya.com) and YouMail (YouMail.com) are all good options to consider.

Built-in call blockers

Many smartphones today also offer built-in tools that can block spam calls.

If your mom uses a newer iPhone (iOS 13 or later), she can completely silence all unknown callers who aren't in her contacts list in the phone settings.

Silencing all unknown callers is an extreme solution that will definitely stop all unwanted calls, but your mom will also miss some legitimate calls too.

However, unknown callers do have the option to leave a voice message and their calls will appear in her recent calls list.

And she can add any number to her contact list to let

them through in the future.

If your mom owns a new Android phone, she can also block spam calls in the phone settings.

Or, if she owns a Samsung Galaxy phone, she can use "Smart Call," which flags suspected spam calls and allows her to block and report them.

She can also block specific reoccurring spam call numbers on iPhones and Android manually.

Home landline protection

To stop scam calls on your mom's home phone set up the "anonymous call rejection" option.

This is a free feature available from most telephone companies; however, some may charge a fee.

It lets you screen out calls from callers who have blocked their caller ID information — a favorite tactic of telemarketers.

To set it up, you usually have to dial *77 from your landline, though different phone services may have different procedures.

Call your mom's telephone service provider to find out if they offer this tool; and if so, what you need to do to enable it.

And if they don't offer it, find out what other call-blocking options they offer.

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**Public Notification
Proposed Street Vacations
of Unimproved Rona Lane
and Unimproved Unnamed
Road located east of
Crestwood Drive and south
of West Mason Street
(SV 22-02)**

The Common Council of the City of Green Bay will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, March 7, 2023**, at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will be held in person in Room 203 of City Hall and virtually through Zoom.

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The hearing is regarding the following:

(SV 22-02) Consideration with possible action on the request to vacate unimproved portions of roadways known as Rona Lane and an Unnamed Street east of Crestwood Drive and south of West Mason Street, submitted by Department of Public Works, on behalf of Oneida Nation, property owner (Ald. J. Brunette, District 12) Public comments will be invited at the public hearing or can be sent in writing to: City of Green Bay Department of Community and Economic Development Attn: Stephanie Hummel, AICP 100 N. Jefferson St., Rm. 608 Green Bay, WI 54301 For additional information, contact Stephanie Hummel at Stephanie.Hummel@greenbaywi.gov or (920) 448-3424.

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Ashwaubenon WNAXLP

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR
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ASH TREE REMOVAL
SERVICES**

Sealed bids for the removal of ash trees will be received by the Village of Ashwaubenon, 2155 Holmgren Way, Ashwaubenon, WI 54304, at the office of the Village Clerk until **10:00 AM on March 20, 2023** at which time they will be opened. The bids will then be forwarded to the March 28, 2023 Village Board meeting for their review. After the Village Board has considered said quotes, an award may be made to the successful lowest responsible bidder or bidders.

All bids shall be submitted on Village bid forms and shall be sealed in an envelope which will be plainly marked **"Bid for Ash Tree Removal – 2023"** and the name of the bidder. Bidders must submit prices for the bid in unit prices, total price and lump sum figures as requested. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained at the Ashwaubenon Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department, 900 Anderson Drive, or sent by mail or email upon request. The Village has the right to

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waive any informality in any bid, the right to reject any or all bids and award multiple bids. Dated this 24th day of February 2023. Timothy Bauknecht, Village Forester Ashwaubenon Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department Published: February 24, 2023 March 3, 2023 WNAXLP

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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR
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PROJECT: 2023 Sidewalk & Parking Lot Improvements Village of Ashwaubenon February 2023

BID DEADLINE: March 16, 2023 10:00 a.m., Local Time

NOTICE

Sealed bids for the above project will be received by the Village of Ashwaubenon until the Bid Deadline. Immediately thereafter, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, online through electronic means. Bids shall be submitted in electronic format through Quest vBid. The bid opening for this project will be conducted using Microsoft Teams. Bidders and other interested parties may call the teleconference number: (715) 318-5006, conference ID: 30485734#, on the day of the bids to hear bids results announced. The teleconference line will be open 15 minutes before bids are due. Bids will be opened after the bid deadline. In general, the project consists of parking lot, sidewalk, and various intersection improvements at multiple locations throughout the Village of Ashwaubenon. The improvements include but are not limited to 15,045 SY of asphalt pulverizing and relaying, 3,700 SF of concrete sidewalk, 1,200 LF of 18" concrete curb and gutter, 200 LF of spot curb and gutter replacement throughout the Village, 2,600 tons of HMA pavement, pedestrian signal improvements, pavement markings, pedestrian improvements, turf replacement, and related items.

Alternate bid No. 1 involves installing chain link fencing, a horizontal sliding gate, and a vertical pivot gate at the Village Hall Public Safety Parking Lot.

Alternate bid No. 2 involves substituting the sliding gate in Alternate bid No. 1 for a vertical pivot gate at the Village Hall Public Safety Parking Lot.

Alternate bid No. 3 involves re-ditching and cleaning the ditch adjacent to the Village Hall Public Safety Parking Lot. Alternate bids No. 4 and No. 5 involve additional asphalt pavement replacement at the Cornerstone Community Center.

Alternate bid No. 6 involves the replacement of the existing parking lot lighting at the Village Hall Public Safety Parking Lot. A formal pre-bid meeting to examine the site will not be held. Contact the Village of Ashwaubenon at 920-492-2308 prior to viewing the public safety parking lot at Village Hall.

A single prime bid will be received for the work.

BID SECURITY

Bids must be accompanied by bid security in the amount of 5% of the maximum bid amount. Bid and bid security may not be withdrawn for a period of 45 days after the Bid Deadline.

Bid security will be retained if the Bidder is awarded the Work and fails to execute the Agreement and furnish 100% Performance and Payment Bonds.

QUALIFICATIONS

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qualification) form, available with the bid documents for this contract must be filed at the Village of Ashwaubenon Public Works Department not later than March 10, 2023, and shall show sufficient ability, equipment and experience to properly perform the contract. The Village of Ashwaubenon's decision as to qualifications shall be final. Pre-qualifications may be emailed in PDF format to Brian Rickert, PE, Director of Public Works, at brickett@ashwaubenon.gov. **RIGHTS RESERVED**

Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities in any bid. **BIDDING DOCUMENTS**

Bidding documents may be obtained in PDF electronic format by download from the Quest Construction Data Network website, accessible via www.AyresAssociates.com by clicking on the "Bidding" link, for a non-refundable fee of \$64.00.

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Bellevue WNAXLP

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR
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Village of Bellevue, WI –
Department of Parks,
Recreation and Forestry
Spring Tree Plantings**

The Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department of the Village of Bellevue, Wisconsin will accept sealed bids for **purchase and planting of street trees** for Spring 2023. Bids will be received by the Village of Bellevue, 2828 Allouez Avenue, Green Bay WI 54311 until 1:00pm on March 13, 2023 at which time they will be opened.

All bids shall be submitted on Village bid forms and be sealed in an envelope which will be plainly marked **"Bid for Village of Bellevue Street Tree Plantings 2023"** and the name of the bidder.

Bid forms and specifications may be obtained at the Village of Bellevue Office (2828 Allouez Avenue Green Bay, WI 54311) or on the Village website at www.villageofbellevuewi.gov

The Village reserves the right to waive any informality in any bid and reject any or all bids. Dated this 17th day of February 2023

Kyle Casper Village of Bellevue Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry Publication Dates: February 24 and March 3, 2023 WNAXLP

Green Bay WNAXLP

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Contract: "PAVEMENT 1-23 S.
VAN BUREN STREET
RECONSTRUCTION"**

City of Green Bay, Wisconsin Proposals will be received and accepted **ONLY** through QuestCDN.com via their electronic VirtuBid™ (vBid) online bid service until 2:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, March 7, 2023** at which time they will be opened for Public Works Improvement Contract:

**"PAVEMENT 1-23 S.
VAN BUREN STREET
RECONSTRUCTION"**

in accordance with the plans therefore, the City of Green Bay Standard Specifications and Construction Standards for Public Works Construction, 2023 Edition, and the special provisions of this contract, all of which are on file in the City Clerk's/Treasurer's Office and the Director of Public Works Office in the Green Bay City Hall.

The work under this Contract includes construction of approximately 1,740 linear feet of 4", 6", and 8" water main including service relays, and water construction

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staking; sanitary spot repairs, 58 linear feet of sanitary sewer construction, installation of 2,540 linear feet of 8" sanitary sewer CIPP lining, including sanitary sewer lateral reconnections, sanitary sewer manhole construction and replacement, and sanitary sewer manhole reconstruction; construction of 1,130 linear feet of 12", 15", and 18" storm sewer, construction of inlet leads, storm sewer laterals, storm sewer inlets, and storm manholes; 2,800 cubic yards of excavation, 2,680 linear feet of curb and gutter, 980 cubic yards of 1 1/4" crushed aggregate base course, 850 cubic yards of breaker run, 850 tons of HMA pavement, 1,650 square feet of concrete sidewalk reconstruction and 7,800 square feet of concrete driveway reconstruction; construction staking, and sod restoration.

The Contract Documents, including plans and specifications, may be examined electronically at www.questcdn.com and downloaded for a fee of \$42.00. Prospective bidders must register with QuestCDN in order to download documents which will add your company to the Planholder List and allow access to vBid online bidding for the submittal of your bid which is required for this project. The charges for bidding documents are non-refundable. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration, downloading digital project information and vBid online bid submittal. The work shall be let in accordance with the following Sections of the Wisconsin Statutes.

1. Section 62.15 regarding public works construction.
2. Section 779.15 regarding lien on contractors.
3. Section 66.0901(2) regarding proof of responsibility.

All bidders shall provide proof of responsibility on the form furnished by the Director of Public Works and it shall be filed with the Director of Public Works not less than five (5) days prior to the time set for opening of bids. Said proof of responsibility shall not be valid if filed prior to one year of the date of opening bids.

In accordance with Section 42-2 of the City of Green Bay Code of Ordinances, any corporation, firm, or individual violating Chapter 133.01 of the Wisconsin Statutes, or any subsequent amendment thereof, shall upon conviction thereof be thereby disqualified as a bidder on any City of Green Bay project for a period of three (3) years from the date of such conviction; however, nothing herein shall be interpreted to preclude such corporation, firm, or individual from completing any and all contracts he/she may already have with the City at the time of such conviction, nor shall this ordinance be applied retroactively to convictions occurring prior to the adoption and publication of this ordinance. This prohibition applies with like force to officers of convicted corporations, firms, or individuals who thereafter have business interest in new corporations or business enterprises of whatever kind or description.

The City of Green Bay, Wisconsin reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in bidding. No bids shall be withdrawn after the opening of bids without the consent of the City of Green Bay, Wisconsin for a period of sixty (60) days after the scheduled time for closing

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bids. All proposals must be submitted through QuestCDN.com via their electronic vBid online bid service provided for that purpose and issued to the specific bidder by the Director of Public Works together a bid bond equal to at least five (5) but not more than ten (10) percent of the bid payable to the City of Green Bay as a guarantee that if his/her bid is accepted, he/she will execute and file the contract and a performance bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the total bid within ten (10) days after the award of the contract. Only the Proposal Pages, Surety Bond, Affidavit of Compliance, Disclosure of Ownership and any Addenda issued shall be submitted. Only Proposals submitted by firms appearing on the City of Green Bay list of plan holders will be opened. In case the successful bidder shall fail to execute such contract and performance bond, the amount of the check or bid bond shall be forfeited to the City as liquidated damages. Published by the authority of the Improvement & Services Committee of the Common Council of the City of Green Bay, Wisconsin.

BY: Mark Steuer, Chairperson
Advertised: February 17, 2023
February 24, 2023 WNAXLP

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**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Contract: "PAVEMENT 2-23
HURON ROAD SIDEWALK
ADDITION"**

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in accordance with the plans therefore, the City of Green Bay Standard Specifications and Construction Standards for Public Works Construction, 2023 Edition, and the special provisions of this contract, all of which are on file in the City Clerk's/Treasurer's Office and the Director of Public Works Office in the Green Bay City Hall.

Work under this Contract shall consist of approximately 16,750 square feet of concrete sidewalk construction, 1,550 square feet of concrete sidewalk and driveway construction, and 170 linear feet of curb reconstruction; 240 linear feet of sidewalk curb retaining wall 6" construction; 1,000 cubic yards of excavation; 220 cubic yards of CABC ¾"; storm sewer manhole replacement and reconstruction, storm sewer catch basin construction, 10 linear feet of storm sewer construction, construction staking, traffic control and restoration. The Contract Documents, including plans and specifications, may be examined electronically at www.questcdn.com and downloaded for a fee of \$42.00. Prospective bidders must register with QuestCDN in order to download documents which will add your company to the Planholder List and allow access to vBid online bidding for the submittal of your bid which is required for this project. The charges for bidding documents are non-refundable. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration, downloading digital project information and vBid online bid submittal.

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Howard WNAXLP

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Green Bay, WI 54313-8923
Sealed bids for the Spencers Crossing 3rd Addition, Village
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Center Parking Lot and Harwood Avenue Watermain Relay will be received by the Village of Howard at the Public Works Facility, 1336 Cornell Road, Green Bay, WI 54313-8923, until **March 6, 2023, at 1:30 P.M., CT**, and shall include the following approximate quantities: 525 L.F. - Sanitary Sewer 1145 L.F. - Watermain 1620 L.F. - Storm Sewer 2,200 C.Y. - Excavating & Grading 7,600 Ton - Crushed Aggregate Base Course 2,950 L.F. - Curb and Gutter 1,000 S.Y. - Concrete Sidewalk 7,500 S.Y. - Restoration 1,800 Ton - Asphalt Pavement The project is scheduled to be completed by **July 31, 2023**. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Bidding Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Instructions to Bidders, General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions, Bid Bond, Agreement, Payment and Performance Bonds, Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Addenda, Certificate of Substantial Completion, and Drawings and Specifications, may be examined at the following locations:

ISSUING OFFICE:
Village of Howard Public Works Facility
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Green Bay, WI 54313
(920)434-4060

Bidding and the award of work will be in accordance with the provisions of Section 61.55 and 66.0901. Each proposal must be accompanied by a Bid bond or certified check equivalent to 5% of the maximum proposal. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive or not waive any informalities in the bids received, and to accept any proposal, which they deem most favorable to the interest of the Owner. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 150 days after the actual date of the opening thereof. Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.questcdn.com. Bidders shall download the digital plan documents for \$30.00 by inputting **Quest project #8400942** on the website's Project Search. Please contact QuestCND.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. No paper plan sets will be provided. Please contact us at 920-434-4060 if you have any questions. Michael Kaster, P.E. Village Engineer
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**Suamico WNAJLP
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Village of Suamico Municipal Services Center 12781 Velp Avenue Suamico, Wisconsin 54313 Sealed bids for 2023 Pond Dredging Project will be received by the Village of Suamico, at the Village Municipal Services Center, 12781 Velp Ave, Suamico, Wisconsin 54313, until 1:00 p.m. Wednesday March 8th, 2023, local time, and shall include the following schedule of approximate quantities: 1437 CY - Pond Dredging 1630 TON - 12" Riprap Placement Misc. Erosion Control and Landscaping Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Bidding Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Instructions to Bidders, Bid Form, Bid Bond, Notice of Award, Agreement Between Owner and Contractor, Notice to Proceed, Performance Bond, Payment

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Bond, Contractor's Application for Payment, Certificate of Substantial Completion, General Conditions of the Contract, Supplementary Conditions, Drawings and Specifications, may be examined at the following location, or can be downloaded from Quest CDN #8402005. Village of Suamico Municipal Services Center 12781 Velp Ave Suamico, WI 54313 Each proposal shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond or certified check equivalent to 5% of the maximum proposal. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, waive or not waive any informalities in the Bids received and to accept any proposal which is deemed most favorable to the interests of the Owner. No Bidder may withdraw their Bid within 90 days after the actual date of the opening thereof. Michelle Bartoletti, Village Clerk Publish 02.17.23 & 02.24.23 WNAXLP

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**Bellevue WNAJLP
VILLAGE OF BELLEVUE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT A PUBLIC HEARING will be held on March 8, 2023 at 6:30 PM at the Bellevue Village Hall located at 3100 Eaton Road for the purpose of obtaining public comment on the following proposed governmental action: **Consider the levy of special assessments under municipal police power pursuant to Sec. 66.0703 Wisconsin Statutes. Proposed assessments for the purposes of street reconstruction on Manitowoc Road (Greenbrier Road to Manitowoc Court).** The special assessment report is available for review during normal business hours at the Bellevue Village Office located at 2828 Allouez Avenue. Signed and dated on February 20, 2023 Karen M. Simons Clerk/Treasurer Village of Bellevue
Posted and notified: February 24, 2023
Published: February 24, 2023
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Green Bay WNAJLP

Public Notification Proposed Amendment to the City of Green Bay Smart Growth 2022 Comprehensive Plan (CPA 23-01)

The Green Bay Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be conducted both in person in Room 604 of City Hall (100 N Jefferson Street, Green Bay, 54301) or virtually. If you wish to participate in the Public Hearing virtually, you may access the meeting by internet or telephone, using the access code below. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84137675822?pwd=L2EyVlpDSIZGZ1FjcmlpWnZlOEVnUT09> Meeting ID: 841 3767 5822 Passcode: 483400 One tap mobile +13126266799,, 84137675822# US (Chicago) +16468769923,, 84137675822# US (New York) Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) +1 646 876 9923 US (New York) Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84137675822?pwd=L2EyVlpDSIZGZ1FjcmlpWnZlOEVnUT09> The hearing is regarding the following proposed amendment to the City of Green Bay Smart Growth 2022 Comprehensive Plan:

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(CPA 23-01) Public hearing on the request to amend the City's Comprehensive Plan for portion of property located at 1577 Langlade Ave (6-299-A & 6H-299-A-8) from residential land use to commercial land use. An image depicting the affected area is available in the office of Community and Economic Development for the City of Green Bay. The proposed comprehensive plan amendment would allow for the future rezoning of the property for development of an automobile sales and service business. Public comments will be invited at the public hearing or can be sent in writing to: City of Green Bay Community & Economic Development Attn: David Buck, AICP 100 N. Jefferson St., Rm. 608 Green Bay, WI 54301 For additional information, contact David Buck at david_buck@greenbaywi.gov or 920.448.3411. ACCESSIBILITY: Any person wishing to attend who, because of a disability, requires special accommodation should contact the City Safety Manager at 920.448.3125 at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting time so that arrangements can be made. Publication Date: February 24, 2023 WNAXLP

Green Bay WNAJLP

Public Notification Proposed Amendment to the City of Green Bay Smart Growth 2022 Comprehensive Plan (CPA 23-02)

The Green Bay Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be conducted both in person in Room 604 of City Hall (100 N Jefferson Street, Green Bay, 54301) or virtually. If you wish to participate in the Public Hearing virtually, you may access the meeting by internet or telephone, using the access code below. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84137675822?pwd=L2EyVlpDSIZGZ1FjcmlpWnZlOEVnUT09> Meeting ID: 841 3767 5822 Passcode: 483400 One tap mobile +13126266799,, 84137675822# US (Chicago) +16468769923,, 84137675822# US (New York) Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) +1 646 876 9923 US (New York) Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84137675822?pwd=L2EyVlpDSIZGZ1FjcmlpWnZlOEVnUT09> The hearing is regarding the following proposed amendment to the City of Green Bay Smart Growth 2022 Comprehensive Plan: (CPA 23-02) Consideration with possible action on a request to amend the City's Comprehensive Plan for properties at 1035 VanderBraak (20-350), 1030 Weise (20-349), and 1119 VanderBraak (20-381, 20-382 & 20-383) - Former ZoZos + parking lot from Com to L/MDR. An image depicting the affected area is available in the office of Community and Economic Development for the City of Green Bay. The proposed comprehensive plan amendment would allow for the future rezoning of the property for development of an automobile sales and service business. Public comments will be invited at the public hearing or can be sent in writing to: City of Green Bay Community & Economic Development Attn: David Buck, AICP 100 N. Jefferson St., Rm. 608 Green Bay, WI 54301

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For additional information, contact David Buck at david_buck@greenbaywi.gov or 920.448.3411. ACCESSIBILITY: Any person wishing to attend who, because of a disability, requires special accommodation should contact the City Safety Manager at 920.448.3125 at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting time so that arrangements can be made. Publication Date: February 24, 2023 WNAXLP

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Public Notification Rezoning property located at 1577 Langlade Ave (6-299-A & 6H-299-A-8) (ZP 23-05)

The Green Bay Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be conducted both in person in Room 604 of City Hall (100 N Jefferson Street, Green Bay, 54301) and virtually. If you wish to participate in the Public Hearing virtually, you may access the meeting by internet or telephone, using the access code below. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84137675822?pwd=L2EyVlpDSIZGZ1FjcmlpWnZlOEVnUT09> Meeting ID: 841 3767 5822 Passcode: 483400 One tap mobile +13126266799,, 84137675822# US (Chicago) +16468769923,, 84137675822# US (New York) Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) +1 646 876 9923 US (New York) Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84137675822?pwd=L2EyVlpDSIZGZ1FjcmlpWnZlOEVnUT09> The hearing is regarding the following: (ZP 23-05) Public hearing on the request to rezone property located at 1577 Langlade Ave (6-299-A & 6H-299-A-8) from the R-1 Low Density Residential District & C1 General Commercial District to C2 Highway Commercial District. Public comments will be invited at the public hearing or can be sent in writing to: City of Green Bay Community & Economic Development Attn: David Buck, AICP 100 N. Jefferson St., Rm. 608 Green Bay, WI 54301 For additional information, contact David Buck at david_buck@greenbaywi.gov or 920.448.3411. ACCESSIBILITY: Any person wishing to attend who, because of a disability, requires special accommodation should contact the City Safety Manager at 920.448.3125 at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting time so that arrangements can be made. Publication Dates: February 24, 2023 and March 3, 2023 WNAXLP

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**De Pere WNAJLP
USDD Board of Education Meeting held on Monday, January 16, 2023**

School Board President David Youngquist opened the meeting with the following announcements: This is a meeting of the Board of Education of the Unified School District of De Pere being held in public. Prior to this meeting notice was given to the public by posting on the District web site and at each of the school buildings. Finally, a copy of the notice was forwarded to The Press Times, the official newspaper of the District. The meeting of the Unified School District of De Pere

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Board of Education was held on Monday, January 16, 2023. Board President Youngquist called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Roll Call: Present – Brittany Cartwright, Adam Clayton, Chad Jeskewitz, Jeff Mirkes, Dan Van Straten, and David Youngquist; Doug Seeman excused. After roll call of Board members, a quorum was declared and the Board proceeded with the special order of business. Public Comment: None Agenda: A motion was made by Jeskewitz and seconded by Van Straten to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote; 6/0. Minutes: A motion was made by Cartwright and seconded by Clayton to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2022 Board Meeting. Motion carried on a voice vote; 6/0. A motion was made by Jeskewitz and seconded by Mirkes to approve minutes from the January 2, 2023 special meeting. Motion carried on a voice vote; 6/0. DPHS Key Club Presentation: Members of De Pere High School's Key Club, Sahith R., Alexandria S., AubreeMae V., and Madie R., updates the Board on high school activities that have taken place since their last presentation and reviewed upcoming events. Key Club has already logged 1035 service hours this school year which is more than 300 hours over last year's total number of volunteer hours. The Board thanked them for their wonderful presentation, their commitment to volunteerism, and wished them well for their last year of high school. Audited 2021-2022 Annual Financial Report: Leah Lasecki with CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP presented the Executive Audit Summary for the 2021-2022 financial year. Lasecki complimented Dawn Foeller, Business Manager and her team for the amazing work they do for audit preparation. The summary indicated that the financial statements are fairly stated and a "clean" audit report was issued. Two improvement findings were reviewed and processes have been revised. The summary highlights the total general fund balance ending June 30, 2022 was \$9,388,845, an increase of \$283,830. A motion to approve the Audited 2021-22 Financial Report will be brought forward at the February 6, 2023 special meeting. Open Enrollment Seats: Jerry Nicholson, Director of Pupil Services, explained that the regular Open Enrollment application period is scheduled from February 6-April 28, 2023. A motion was made by Jeskewitz and seconded by Cartwright to approve the open enrollments seats for the 2023-2024 school year as follows: 20 open spaces for 4K, no open spaces for 5K, no open spaces for grades 1-8, no open spaces for grades 9-12. For special education, no spaces would be available for all levels. Motion carried on a voice vote; 6/0. First Reading of Proposed Policy Revisions: Shelly Thomas, Director of Curriculum, reviewed proposed revisions to Board policies 2522 and 9103 regarding the procedures to be followed when LMC and/or Classroom Materials are being challenged. In Volume 31, No. 2 – Wisconsin Policy Update, NEOLA recommended changes to Policy 2522. The guidelines in this policy are tied into Policy 9130, so both of these policies are being recommended for revisions. Board members offered wording changes in a few locations and the length of time prior to an additional challenge adjusted from either one/five years to three years. VER Employment Handbook Language: Chris Thompson, Superintendent, explained the

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recommended update to the Professional employment Handbook language to allow for VER incentives for long-term District employees who qualify for disability benefits under the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) but do not meet the current requirements to qualify for VER incentives. A motion was made by Clayton and seconded by Van Straten to approve the changes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote; 4/2 – Cartwright and Youngquist opposed. December Financials: Dawn Foeller presented the December revenues and expenditures. A motion was made by Jeskewitz and seconded by Clayton to accept the December financial statements as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote; 6/0. Vouchers: A motion was made by Cartwright and seconded by Clayton to approve vouchers as presented: Checks 1288-1290 in the amount of \$311.96 ACH; Check 14983 in the amount of \$7,200.00; Checks 1291-1302 in the amount of \$1,187.96 ACH; Check 14233 voided in the amount of (\$1,705.00); Checks 14984-15033 in the amount of \$250,500.77 Student Activities & Accounts Payable; Checks 15034-15058 in the amount of \$70,726.03 Accounts Payable; Checks 1303-1320 in the amount of \$1,231.84 ACH; Checks 15059-15110 in the amount of \$200,083.68 Student Activities & Accounts Payable; Checks 15111-15142 in the amount of \$68,782.51 Accounts Payable; Checks 1321-1355 in the amount of \$8,289.06 ACH; Checks 15143-15144 in the amount of \$13,792.21 Payroll; Checks 1356-1389 in the amount of \$3,171.79 ACH; Check 1390 in the amount of \$117,905.68 ACH; Checks 15145-15196 in the amount of \$109,922.61 Student Activities & Accounts Payable; Checks 15197-15198 in the amount of \$2,450.00 Accounts Payable; Checks 1391-1413 in the amount of \$1,735.77 ACH; Checks 15199-15284 in the amount of \$276,028.26 Student Activities & Accounts Payable; Checks 15285-15287 in the amount of \$15,098.07 Accounts Payable; Checks 1414-1454 in the amount of \$6,766.40 ACH. Motion carried on a voice vote; 6/0. Executive Session: The Board took action on a roll call vote to enter into executive session at 7:52 pm pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(f) to consider a student concern. Roll Call: Cartwright, Clayton, Jeskewitz, Mirkes, Van Straten, and Youngquist. A motion was made by Jeskewitz and seconded by Cartwright to adjourn executive session and return to open session. Motion carried on a voice vote; 6/0. Adjournment: A motion was made by Mirkes and seconded by Van Straten to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Education. Motion carried on a voice vote; 6/0. *Approved by the Board of Education on February 20, 2023 Dan Van Straten, Board Clerk Publish 02.24.23* WNAXLP

De Pere WNAJLP

USDD Board of Education Special Meeting held on Monday, February 6, 2023

School Board President David Youngquist opened the meeting with the following announcements: This is a special meeting of the Board of Education of the Unified School District of De Pere being held in public. Prior to this meeting notice was given to the public by posting on the District web site and at each of the school buildings. Finally, a copy of the notice was forwarded to The Press Times, the official newspaper of the District.

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The special meeting of the Unified School District of De Pere Board of Education was held on Monday, February 6, 2023. Board President Youngquist called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Roll Call: Present – Brittony Cartwright, Adam Clayton, Chad Jeskewitz, Jeff Mirkes, Doug Seeman, Dan Van Straten, and David Youngquist. After roll call of Board members, a quorum was declared, and the Board proceeded with the special order of business. President Youngquist asked for a moment of silence for the loss of a De Pere High School student during the past week. Agenda: A motion was made by Jeskewitz and seconded by Seeman to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote; 7/0. Audited 2021-22 Annual Financial Report: A motion was made by Clayton and seconded by Mirkes to approve audited 2021-22 Annual Financial Report as presented at the January 16, 2023, Board meeting. Motion carried on a voice vote; 6/0/1; Seeman abstained. Policy Revisions: The second reading of recommended changes to Board policies 2522 and 9130 was complete. Additional discussion took place regarding the length of time before a complaint can be filed after a committee and the Board have gone through a review process. A motion was made by Seeman and seconded by Clayton to accept the policy changes with the 3 year time period. Motion carried on a voice vote; 5/2; Cartwright and Jeskewitz voting nay. Strategic Planning Process: Chris Thompson, Superintendent, reviewed the Strategic Planning process to date. The Community Conversation will take place at Foxview Intermediate School from Thursday-Saturday, February 16-18. The Administrative Team has been working on updating the vision, mission, equity statement, and is creating pillars and goals for the District. All of this work will continue based on information gleaned from the Community Conversation. Social Work Update: Melanie Brick and Michelle Dahlke, School Social Workers, provided an update on the Hands Across De Pere initiative and the De Pere Christian Outreach Christmas Store. Principal Report: Mark Kirst, Principal along with Kelly Bohman, 1st Grade Teacher and Christine Wautlet, 3rd Grade Teacher at Altmayer Elementary School, shared activities involving the new Illustrative Math program. They shared videos of classroom activities showing authentic problem solving, purposeful dialog, and risk-taking during math unit warmup exercises. This work is being done across all three elementary schools. District Technology Plan: Curt Pieschek, IT Director, along with the Technology Integration Coaches, Cara Krebsbach (Elementary), Meghan Damsheuser (Foxview/Middle School), and Lynnette Peterson (High School), summarized the current state of technology in the District, outlined a 10 year replacement cycle for network and building/classroom technology, outlined a plan moving forward for each building, provided an estimated cost for the next four years, and highlighted the educational impact of this plan. Innovative Grants Timeline: Shelly Thomas, Curriculum Director, reviewed the 2023-24 timeline/process for awarding the Innovative Grants. Grant applications are due February 17, reviewed by the Board March 6-13, and approved by the Board on March 20, 2023.

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VER: A motion was made by Seeman and seconded by Clayton to approve requests for Voluntary Early Retirement after the 2022-23 school year for: Jennifer Block, De Pere High School Spanish, teacher, Val Lukas, Foxview Intermediate School teacher, Peggy Rohan, Reading Support/Interventionist, and Mary Shoberg, De Pere Middle School teacher. Motion carried on a voice vote; 7/0. Resignations: A motion was made by Jeskewitz and seconded by Cartwright to accept resignations for the 2023-24 school year for Amanda Davis, Speech/Language teacher and Heather Trost, Heritage Elementary art teacher. Motion carried on a voice vote; 7/0. Leave of Absence: A motion was made by Seeman and seconded by Van Straten to approve a request for a Leave of Absence for Semester 1 of the 2023-24 school year for Sarah Hardy, De Pere High School F/CE teacher. Motion carried on a voice vote; 7/0. New Contract: A motion was made by Cartwright and seconded by Mirkes to approve a new contract for the 2023-24 school year for Karli Rueckl, District EL teacher. Motion carried on a voice vote; 7/0. Pupil Count: Dawn Foeller, Business Manager, presented to the Board the January 2023 pupil count: Head count: 4498; Membership: 4225; and FTE: 4131. District Enrollment Projections: Chris Thompson discussed the enrollment projections received from the Applied Population Laboratory at UW-Madison. As part of the budget process, enrollment projections are important in developing and recommending a staffing plan. In addition, enrollment projections are used to assist the District in developing a plan for expanding its facilities to accommodate enrollment growth. District-wide enrollment projections point to the district experiencing increased enrollment in the near term. 4K-12 enrollment will likely gain as many as 5 students or lose as many as 220 students averaging a 1.5% decline. The projections do not take into consideration the impact of the Southern Bypass Bridge. Executive Session: The Board took action on a roll call vote to enter into executive session at 9:30 pm pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c) and (f) (Superintendent evaluation and student concerns). Roll Call: Cartwright, Clayton, Jeskewitz, Mirkes, Seeman, Van Straten, and Youngquist. A motion was made by Cartwright and seconded by Clayton to adjourn executive session and return to open session. Motion carried on a voice vote; 7/0. Adjournment: A motion was made by Van Straten and seconded by Jeskewitz to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Education. Motion carried on a voice vote; 7/0. Approved by the Board of Education on February 20, 2023 Dan Van Straten, School Board Clerk Publish 02.24.23 WNAXLP

Name Change 7730

/S/JOHN A. VANDERLEEST
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT BROWN COUNTY. IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Casandra Lynn Jackson By (Petitioner) Casandra Lynn Jackson Notice and order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 23CV130

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above. From: Casandra Lynn

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Jackson (a/k/a Cassandra Lynn Jackson)
To: Casandra Lynn Neuville Birth Certificate: Cassandra Lynn Popowicz
IT IS ORDERED:
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Brown County, State Of Wisconsin: Judge's Name Honorable Judge John P. Zakowski Place Brown County Courthouse, 100 S. Jefferson Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin, 54301 Branch VI, Room 230 Date Wednesday, March 22, 2023
Time 8:15 am
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 920-448-4513 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation. Publish 02.17.23, 02.24.23, 03.03.23 WNAXLP

Ordinances 7740

Suamico WNAXLP
NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION VILLAGE OF SUAMICO, BROWN COUNTY WI
Notice is hereby given that the Suamico Village Board enacted the following ordinance on February 20, 2023: Ordinance 2023-02, an Ordinance repealing and replacing Chapter 19, Floodplain. This complete ordinance may be obtained at the Village Clerk's office, located in the Suamico Municipal Services Center, 12781 Velp Avenue, Suamico WI or via the Village of Suamico's website, www.suamico.org. Michelle Bartoletti, Village Clerk Published: Friday, February 24, 2023. WNAXLP

Suamico WNAXLP
NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION VILLAGE OF SUAMICO, BROWN COUNTY WI
Notice is hereby given that the Suamico Village Board enacted the following ordinance on February 20, 2023: Ordinance 2023-01, an Ordinance adopting the revisions to the "Future Land Use" Map in the 2015 Village of Suamico Comprehensive Plan. This complete ordinance may be obtained at the Village Clerk's office, located in the Suamico Municipal Services Center, 12781 Velp Avenue, Suamico WI or via the Village of Suamico's website, www.suamico.org. Michelle Bartoletti, Village Clerk Published: Friday, February 24, 2023. WNAXLP

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Auctions 7282

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STORAGE UNIT FOR AUCTION: Melissa Fleming Unit B29, Storage unit auction. Unit is located at 1875 County Rd U, Green Bay, WI. Auction will be held at storageauctions.com concluding 3/5. Pleasant Valley 715.226.6200

STORAGE UNIT FOR AUCTION: Moneke Teague's storage unit. Unit is located at 3410 Delmar Lane, Green Bay, WI. Auction will be located on storageauctions.com, auction will conclude on March 2nd, 2023. Pleasant Valley 715.226.6200

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Guns 7264

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You might have OK'd the request had he asked for permission if he explained that gathering additional information would be a good idea.

The agent's motivation could have been that they experienced a loan rejection on a pre-approval because of a high HOA fee. Mortgage lenders have a dual processing system.

The sales team gathers information from potential borrowers and promotes the advantages of their products.

They look for reasons to make the loan.

They pass the applications on to underwriters looking for reasons to turn loans away.

They reject applications for many reasons, and when high HOA fees put a borrower over their limit, it may be one.

On a condominium, most lenders would turn away a non-warranted condo project.

On the other hand, your observation may be right on the money.

Were you happy with the agent until they made the calls? Or were the phone calls a culmination of past comments and actions?

Have you asked the agent? If things had been going well, ask why he felt he should check in with the lenders. Or why didn't they ask you first?

Here are the pros and cons of speaking with the agent.

Pros

The agent may explain their reasoning to your satisfaction:

It may restore your confidence in the agent.

You may feel good having expressed your concerns.

It may strengthen the bond between you and the agent.

Cons

You may continue to suspect the agent is looking after themself.

The agent may take your question as a lack of trust.

The agent may stop working with you.

When you find another agent, they may also be working for themselves.

The ethics

The agent may be right about wasting time.

When they are wasting their time, you are also wasting your time.

Was this simply a lapse in judgment on the agent's part?

You may discern their true intentions if you are with the agent when you ask the question.

Ethics is interesting because, in many situations, ethics are not black and white.

If they stole money from your purse, that is unethical and illegal.

In the case you describe, you must do more investigation. It is a judgment call.

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CORRIGAN
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Shane — who is now wrestling collegiately at UW-Parkside — was a senior at De Pere last year when Brooke was a freshman, allowing the siblings to compete alongside each other.

“Being in the same room as Shane was great,” Corrigan said. “He made quite a name for himself in Wisconsin and all over the country. It was great to have his knowledge passed down to me to help me keep getting better.”

Corrigan said the opportunity to consistently grow and develop in her sport is her favorite part of being a wrestler.

“If you want to pursue it, there’s always a way to get better and keep improving every day.”

Small but mighty

As a female in a heavily male-dominated sport, Corrigan has certainly faced her fair share of obstacles.

But what the 5-foot-3, 100-pound athlete lacks in size, she makes up for in grit and determination.

“Wrestling boys is definitely different from wrestling girls,” Corrigan said. “With the lightest weight [bracket] for high school boys being 106 pounds, it’s difficult being a little undersized. But I know that if I have better technique and if I’m a little faster, I can get the job done.”

Having wrestled the opposite sex for most of her life, Corrigan said facing off against boys isn’t an issue for her.

“I know what I got myself into, and I’d never back down from a match no matter who I’m up against,” she said.

De Pere wrestling coach Zach Hendzel said Corrigan’s commitment is what sets her apart from her competitors.

“Brooke makes it a point to be at practice each day with the goal of being the best wrestler she can be,” Hendzel said. “She has put in countless hours to grow her-



Corrigan dominated the field, picking up two pins in her only two matches at sectionals.

self, and the results speak for itself. She was the very first girls state [wrestling] champion in Wisconsin and she has spoken of many other ‘firsts’ she wishes to accomplish even beyond the high school setting.”

Changing the game

As a female competing in a traditionally male sport, Corrigan is grateful that an all-girls state wrestling tournament in Wisconsin was

established.

“It means a lot to me — and I know it means a lot to other girls around Wisconsin, too — that the WIAA has finally started investing in girls wrestling,” she said. “It gives girls who are thinking about taking up wrestling, or girls who don’t know if they want to continue wrestling, a chance to wrestle other females and not only have to wrestle boys.”

Debuting in 2022, the girls’

Coming off injury, Wells (7-1) had wrestled just five matches heading into sectionals, and he swept his three matches — two by pins and the final he beat Wausau West’s Cayden Kershaw, 10-7. Gibbons placed second at 182 with his loss to Alexander.

Ambrosius (21-12) finished runner-up at 113. He fell in the championship match to Bay Port’s Schlumpf.

Dietzler (35-3) won all three of his matches via pin at 285 to move on to state.

Division 2: Wrightstown Sectional

Seymour had 10 wrestlers

state wrestling tournament came 50 years after the landmark passage of Title IX (1972) and gave young female wrestlers like Corrigan a chance to make history.

“It’s definitely something I will always remember and cherish, as will the other girls who were a part of that special moment for women’s wrestling in Wisconsin,” Corrigan said.

Hendzel is proud of the way Corrigan has embraced her role as a trailblazer in wrestling.

“It is truly amazing to have the opportunity to be right alongside her,” Hendzel said. “Hopefully we will have a true girls team established [at De Pere High School] in the coming years to give Brooke a chance to be a leader to other young females in this incredible sport.”

Looking ahead

As her sophomore season comes to a close, Corrigan is focused on one thing: winning her second state title.

Someday, she hopes to be crowned the first ever four-time WIAA girls state wrestling champ.

If given the chance, Corrigan would like to continue wrestling at the collegiate level.

“It’s definitely been on my mind,” she said. “Seeing all the opportunities open up for women’s wrestling in college has been great. It’s helped the sport grow because girls see that there is actually something they can do after high school. If I get the opportunity, I will take it.”

Hendzel is excited to see what his young wrestler can accomplish, at this year’s state tournament and beyond.

“Brooke sets the standard for the way that wrestlers should conduct themselves — confident, yet hungry and relentless in their drive to be the very best,” Hendzel said. “She is an extremely special wrestler and competitor and I’m looking forward to this year’s state run.”

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Alexander his first defeat of the season.

The sectional match went to sudden death overtime tied at 1-1. Alexander scored two points to escape with a victory to secure the senior’s fourth trip to state.

Alexander doesn’t look at the victory over Gibbons redemption.

“You can’t treat any match differently,” said Alexander, who has a 3-2 career record against Gibbons. “I just trust my coaches, trust what they’re telling you and if I execute what the plan is, good

things will happen.”

Alexander, who missed half the wrestling season due to injury, had a sound mindset going into overtime.

“Frankly, I’m still trying to get back into things, so I wanted to push the pace, try to get him tired, obviously,” Alexander said. “A little different than last year — last year I was trying to get as many points as I could, but I just wanted to drag this one out and see what happens.”

Beckett (42-2) was absolutely dominant on his day, capturing three pins en route to winning the 106 bracket.

Kincade (32-6) won his first two matches at 195 via fall

before being pinned in the title match against Merrill’s Ryder Depies. With there being no need for a wrestleback, Kincade advanced to state.

Alexander loves that he will be going to Madison with some teammates.

“It’s awesome,” Alexander said. “Now I get to room with Brennan, and obviously this is awesome for him, this is his first time coming to state in his high school career. It’s good for me too, because I get a practice partner then. It’s good for everyone.”

Pulaski had 13 wrestlers compete at sectionals with Wells winning the lone title at 220.

compete in a WIAA Division 2 sectional at Wrightstown on Saturday, with one advancing to state.

Ryan Tomazewicz (34-2) swept his three matches at 138. He beat Luxemburg-Casco’s Caleb Delebreaux 7-2 in the final.

Girls advancing

Three local girls will be advancing to the state meet after placing first in Division 1 at the Shawano Sectional.

De Pere’s Brooke Corrigan will return to Madison after winning a state title last year. At 100, Corrigan picked up first-period pins in her only two matches.

Pulaski junior Marna Andre won her only match of the day to advance at 235.

West De Pere’s Bella Bolek won 126 by scoring two falls in her only two matches. The senior is trying to cap her high school career with a state title.

In Division 2, Seymour’s Ava Peters placed second at 107 and advanced to state in her first year competing. She’s the first girls wrestler in Seymour history to qualify for state.

The individual boys’ and girls’ state wrestling tournaments will be held at the Kohl Center on Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 23-25.



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SNC women's hockey falls just short of conference title

BY RICH PALZEWIC
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

DE PERE - With a chance to win the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) title, the St. Norbert College women's hockey team dropped a pair of games to visiting Adrian.

Game one of the two-game series on Feb. 17 went to Adrian, 1-0, at the Cornerstone Community Center.

The next night, a winner-take-all for the conference crown, St. Norbert again fell, 3-2, to No. 6-ranked Adrian.

Gia Avalone scored unassisted 47 seconds into the second period for the game's only tally.

"It was a hard-fought game," St. Norbert coach A.J. Aitken said. "Adrian is a top team in our league, but I thought we played hard and got better each period."

Entering the weekend, the Green Knights (17-4-3 overall, 13-1-1 NCHA) sat three points ahead of Adrian (21-3, 13-2) in the conference standings and needed only two points to claim the Kronschnabel Cup and earn the No. 1 seed for the Slaats Cup Playoffs.

Now that the Bulldogs sit only a point behind St. Norbert, today's game is a winner-take-all contest.

"Adrian defends hard, and their girls work hard to get back (on defense)," Aitken said. "They also have good stick intensity. We can't be denied (tonight). I told the ladies to keep their heads up — we have another crack at this."

The Green Knights started slowly as indicated by their three shots on goal in the first period.

From there, St. Norbert picked up its energy — especially after the Bulldogs took the lead early in the middle period.

"Because most goals happen at the beginning/end of a period, we talk about starting/ending the period strong," Aitken said. "On Adrian's goal, we had some miscommunication from our

defense — we didn't pressure the puck quick enough. [Avalone] made a nice play. I don't think she over-handled it — she shot it and got it by [St. Norbert goalie] Brynn (Waisman)."

Aitken said the second period "was much better" than the first for his team.

"I told the ladies between periods I liked their response after the goal," he said. "When a team scores, you need to grab that momentum back. It was still early in the game [when Adrian scored], but we picked it up."

The Green Knights out-

shot the Bulldogs in the second period, 9-4.

St. Norbert — which had three power-play opportunities on the night — couldn't capitalize on a pair of those man-up advantages in the second period.

"It's basically play-off hockey," St. Norbert senior defenseman Ava Jaschke said. "We didn't start well, but the last two periods were better. We need to put this game behind us and focus on the next one. [Saturday's] game is a championship game, so we must play like champions."

Jaschke said she and her teammates missed some opportunities in game one.

"We had some missed nets and odd-man rushes we couldn't capitalize on," she said. "We have to get pucks on our tape and take more shots."

The Green Knights had one last opportunity on the power play late in the game when Adrian took a penalty with 2:38 remaining.

Getting good pressure, Aitken pulled Waisman with about 40 seconds showing on the clock to gain the extra attacker, but St. Norbert couldn't find the equalizer.

Waisman made 16 saves in net for the Green Knights, which were out-shot overall, 17-14.



St. Norbert's Courtney Hogan (middle) tries to get to the puck before Adrian's Jocelin Hudanish (17) and Karmen Anderson (4) during their game on Feb. 17. Greg Bates photo

Ashwaubenon swimmers place 9th at state

BY PRESS TIMES SPORTS

The Ashwaubenon boys' swimming team finished ninth place in the WIAA Division 2 state meet at the Waukesha South Natatorium on Feb. 17-18.

In Division 1, Bay Port came in 14th place.

Ashwaubenon had one top-five finish in the meet as junior Andrew Hodek placed fourth in the 500 freestyle (4:49.75). He was also 10th in the 200 freestyle (1:49.78).

In the 100-yard breaststroke, sophomore Anthony Hendrickson came

in seventh (1:00.64) for the Jaguars.

The team's 400 freestyle relay — Ryan Jadin, Alexander Smits, Hodek and Brady Wallace — came in ninth (3:24.38). The 200 freestyle relay — Jadin, Hendrickson, Trevor Dietzler and Hodek — was also ninth (1:32.35).

The Jaguars' 200 medley relay — Smits, Hendrickson, Dietzler and Jadin — finished 10th (1:43.47).

Bay Port's best finish at state was in the 500-yard freestyle as senior Turner Long came in sixth

(4:39.91).

Long was also seventh in the 200 individual medley (1:53.18), while teammate and fellow senior William Nicol was 10th (1:56.30).

The Pirates' 200 medley relay — Lawson Meier, Nicol, Asa Sadowsky and Long — placed eighth (1:36.07).

Middleton (288 points) won the Division 1 meet with Bay Port scoring 64.

In the Division 2 meet, Rhinelander (256) edged McFarland (250.5) as Ashwaubenon came in with 102 points.

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Allyson Knutson, Bay Port volleyball, basketball and softball

BY WILLIAM SOQUET
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Name: Allyson Knutson
Parents: Amy and Harvey Knutson
Nickname: Ally
Activities: Volleyball, basketball and softball
Twitter: @allyknutson

Ally has been incredibly active during her time as a Pirate, serving as a middle blocker on the volleyball court, a forward on the basketball court and a center fielder on the softball diamond. She is committed to Smith College in Northampton, Mass. to play softball.

How did the basketball game against Sheboygan South on Feb. 18 go?

"We won by 20 points, 50-30. It went really well. All of us seniors, it was our last conference game, so we were all out on the court together having fun. It was a really fun game. By the end of it, we were having fun together, working together, playing together as a team."

How have you grown as a basketball player during high school?

"Last year was my junior year, and I went through some injuries. I had a concussion for part of the season, and that led to me really not getting any experience as a varsity basketball player. This season, I've had to step into kind of a new role where I have to play a lot more than last year and a lot more than



I ever have. I've learned a lot about myself about being a hard worker. I've never played post before, and this is my first year [doing that]."

What is a favorite moment of your volleyball career?

"Definitely beating Notre Dame two of my three years playing on varsity. Our junior year, we beat them, and we were not favored to win. They were a really good team, second in the conference, maybe third. We were not having the greatest season, and we came into that game ready to play as hard as we could. They beat us out the previous year in the playoffs, so we kind of

took them by surprise and beat them in five [sets]. This year, we beat them as well. Both times, it was a reverse sweep. Super close games, super energetic games, so many fans there. The moment that stands out to me is the last point, there was everyone storming the court and it was so awesome."

What is the hardest part of the middle blocker technique?

"Definitely getting out to the outside when they're running quicker plays. If they're running a chute, it's really hard to get out to the outside, recognize that and get out in time. Our coach really helped

us perfect that this year and that was really a huge focus of our practices, just to run it over and over. I think all us middle blockers really improved in that."

Do matches ever get chippy with other teams' front lines?

"Everything is usually pretty civil because there's a net separating you. A lot of times, we will say to each other 'Oh, I like your shoes.' It's usually pretty good."

What is the best part of your softball game?

"Just that I'm a well-rounded player. I'm going to be playing in college at Smith College, and I have been recruited as just an overall player, as a hitter, as a fielder, I can play pretty much every position. Even though I'm playing the outfield this year, I can go in pretty much anywhere. As a hitter, I'm pretty consistent, I think last year I was in the .400s for batting average. So just my consistency."

Define a successful senior softball season.

"A successful season for me would be to make the most of it and to treasure every game. Last year, I feel like I lost a little steam and lost a little motivation, so this year, just not losing my motivation. And this year, I mentioned to my coach that I want to steal more bases than I did last year. That would be a successful season for me."

What about Smith College made it the right place for you?

"Sophomore year was when I found out about the school, and I thought, 'That's an awesome school.' It's an all-girls school, and it's been a really iconic academic school since the 1800s for women. Then junior year, when I was really driving into the recruiting process, I got in contact with the coach and thought the program was really awesome. The conference they're in is super awesome, they've got schools like Babson, MIT and Worcester Polytechnic Institute that are all really good D-III softball programs. I thought, 'This is my dream school, no way it will happen.' This year, I went up to visit and the coach offered me a spot on the team. I applied and I got in, which was pretty crazy."

If you had to pick only one sport to play, what would you play?

"I would choose softball because I just think it is really a mental game. You can take a bunch of reps in the cage, and it all really comes down to what you're thinking in the moment in the batter's box, what you're thinking in the field. I think it's a game where any team can win on any given day, and you can go out and play one of the best teams in the state and you can win no matter how good of a team you are and how good of a team they are

if you're in the right mental state. I really like that about softball."

Where do you go out to eat after games?

"We like to go to Culver's as a team, especially for volleyball. I always get ice cream there."

Who is at the top of your music playlist?

"Bleachers, Bright Eyes, Elliott Smith and Taylor Swift."

What is a favorite show of yours?

"Recently, I've been watching a lot of *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia* and *Community*. I also really like the original *Spider-Man* series with Tobey Maguire."

What is your favorite season?

"Spring because it's warming up, and it makes me happy that it's warming up."

What are some of your hobbies?

"I play guitar and violin. I listen to music a lot, I collect CDs. I like to read, I read about 100 books in 2021."

Where is a favorite place you've traveled to?

"Probably New York or [Washington] D.C. I love American history, so that was really cool. We got to see 'Hamilton' in D.C."

What is your academic plan in college?

"I'm going to be double majoring in biochemistry and film and media studies."

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it part of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA). Radecki and Flaten set up an advisory committee and recruited local administrators from schools to conduct a study.

There was also an open forum where parents flocked to make their opinions heard.

“There were a lot of families in the area interested in us having a hockey program — not just families from the school, but families in the community, because some of the club teams had so many games and almost too many that families felt their kids were suffering with their academics because there was no control over how many games there would be and what nights they are playing and all of that,” said Radecki, who is now the abbot of St. Norbert Abbey. “Under WIAA, you were going to be limited to something like at that time 20 games, plus your playoffs, so it complimented academics.”

On Oct. 21, 2005, Flaten sent out a press release to media and guests that boys’ hockey had been approved as a WIAA-sanctioned program and its first season back — after 10 years dormant — would be in 2006-07.

“What really put us in that direction was other schools started hockey, St. Norbert College added hockey and it took off and became so successful,” said Flaten, who is now the executive director of business and operations at Notre Dame. “We have that connection with the Norbertines and the school and that was a big, big thing for us. Everything just fell into place. We added it and since that time, De Pere, Bay Port, Ashwaubenon, the cop in Pulaski, all these other schools added it. The time was right.”

Notre Dame was accepted into the Badgerland Hockey League and the team was going to play at the Brown County Ice Arena.

In early 2006, Mike Buchan was hired as head coach. However, before he even coached a game, he left for a college hockey opportunity.

The hiring process was reopened with a short list of candidates.

McCracken, who had previously been coaching club hockey with the De Pere Voyageurs and had just moved back to Green Bay, threw his hat in the ring. On Aug. 28, 2006, McCracken was hired.

Ironically, McCracken and Buchan — who is now the Bay Port coach — will



Cory McCracken (middle) has been the only coach for Notre Dame Academy since boys’ hockey started back up 17 years ago.

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square off in a sectional final for the right to go to state.

Flaten finds it rewarding that McCracken is still the Notre Dame coach after all these years.

“When I said, ‘We landed on our feet,’ I never thought we’d land as strongly as we did,” Flaten said. “I was probably in a real panic situation, saying we came back after 10 years and then unfortunately [the coach left] and I had to find another person. That was the luckiest and good fortune I could probably have to find [McCracken].”

Rough start

That first season in 2006-07 was rough.

McCracken knew it would take some time to get the program running smoothly.

“When I took the job at Notre Dame, it was more of building the program and establishing a culture,” McCracken said. “The first year was the foundation of this is what our program needs to look like, how we want to do things, so just establishing things that still stand today. But there were certainly some moments of questioning, ‘Is this really worth doing long term? Is there going to be a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, so to speak, if we keep working at it?’ We always thought the answer would be yes.”

Despite the 2-17-2 season, administration was 100% behind the new program and its coach.

“It galvanized the school again in another way — the students loved coming to hockey games,” Radecki



Notre Dame Academy’s 1995-96 team was the final season before the school dropped its hockey program.

NDA yearbook photos

said. “The hockey parents are their own breed. They are so devoted and so focused on it; they were enthusiastic. It was just nice to see another element, another positive program for the kids that they could do that.

“As far as the record, in my estimation, do your best. I don’t want to say, ‘This is what you’ve got to do.’”

By the second year, McCracken was starting to see the results he desired. About midway through the season, McCracken’s squad was transforming.

“We started to learn how to win some games that were close games against teams that were very similar to us in competitiveness,” McCracken said. “We finally found a way to win some of those games that in the first year we never had a chance to win.”

In Year 3, Notre Dame knocked off Ashwaubenon twice and took down Fond du Lac — which had won a state title two years earlier — at its own rink.

The next year, the Tritons won their first 15 games of the season and advanced to

state for the first time.

“I felt like once you got to that level, you were on your way,” Radecki said. “You were attracting and working well with talent. We weren’t going to struggle for 10 years to try to achieve something.”

That started a stretch of five straight state semifinal appearances and the program’s first and only state title in the 2011-12 season. During that five-year run, Notre Dame went a combined 129-14-1.

Even to this day, McCracken still uses what he learned as a coach that first season to help him run his successful program.

“One is how to instill a foundation of success within your program, so your culture and your building blocks of what’s a non-negotiable part of having success as a hockey team,” McCracken said. “The second piece would be building some team chemistry and how important the team building experiences and make sure players, no matter what their role is on the team, it’s understanding how impor-



Notre Dame’s 2006-07 team was the first to come back and compete in boys’ hockey. The squad had a tough year, going 2-17-2, but it build the foundation for the program.

tant and impactful they are to the success of your group. Then the third piece is just how hard it is to win vs. really good teams, and that takes a lot of preparation from the coaching staff on pregame and pre-scouting, but also the desire of the players to be in a practice environment every day where they’re going to take steps forward. I think those three things for us, just the development mindset in practice, to take whatever we have and make it better every day in practice, build the culture and the foundation of how the team’s going to drive success and be competitive.”

It’s amazing to think that in McCracken’s 17 seasons as coach, 27 of his career 98 losses came in the first two seasons. That means he’s lost just 71 games in the last 15 years combined.

Just two wins shy of 300 — a milestone that not a lot of hockey coaches have achieved in the state — McCracken can hit that magic number with a victory in a Division 1 state semifinal, if Notre Dame advances that far. McCracken has a career

record of 2-6 in state semifinal games.

Sitting at 25-0 (after victory on Feb. 21), Notre Dame is trying to cap off its first undefeated season in school history and win the program’s second state title.

McCracken and his guys don’t feel any added pressure in the postseason despite having the No. 1 state ranking on their backs all season.

“I think we look forward to that opportunity more than anything else,” McCracken said. “We understand as a coaching staff that there’s only one team that wins the final game at the end of the year; we’d like to be that team every year. So our players approach their start of their season with the goal in mind that they would like to be playing their best hockey and have a chance to win a state championship at the end of the year. We also know it doesn’t define our program and doesn’t define our team as far as how our success is looked at internally.”

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said. “We only on average give up 50 points per game, and defensively we just weren’t on the mark tonight which hurt us. In the first half, I thought we played really, really well, but the pressure got to us in the second half. In the first half, I thought they did a nice job kind of weathering the pressure and taking care of it and the second half, it got to us.”

Meanwhile, Van-

Laanen said Ashwaubenon stepped up its defense for the second half after the high volume of made 3-pointers by Pulaski.

“We had to make sure we got to some of their shooters who were shooting extremely well,” she said. “When a team makes 7 of 11 in the first half from 3, sometimes you think it’s not your night. But I told the kids, we just have to weather the storm and keep executing on offense and try to get some stops on defense.”

Pulaski junior Ella

Hasser scored two points to kick off the second half and, after a timeout, Amenson scored three points for Ashwaubenon.

Another field goal each by Amenson for Ashwaubenon, Olson for Pulaski and Addy Phipps for Ashwaubenon — and a total of six more free throws between the two teams — still had Pulaski up, 38-32.

After Pulaski increased its lead with a 3-pointer from Servais, Ashwaubenon called another timeout with just over 10 minutes left in the game.

The Jaguars came back from their timeout strong and a free throw by Amenson plus a basket each by Guarascio, Hutto and Phipps meant Ashwaubenon was only down two points with just over five minutes to go.

After returning from a timeout called by Pulaski, Ashwaubenon scored four more points — pulling the Jaguars into the lead, 43-41, and prompting the Red Raiders to call another timeout with 2 1/2 minutes left before one team’s season would end.

Ashwaubenon sophomore Olivia Raye increased Ashwaubenon’s lead with two field goals.

Ashwaubenon scored six more points via free throws to clinch the victory.

VanLaanen said that after some rocky games, this second half was probably the best Ashwaubenon has played all season.

“We’ve had a really inconsistent season,” she said. “We’ve played really amazing stretches against some awesome basketball teams, and tonight we ac-

tually put together a complete basketball game. We were very consistent and the second half was probably the best half of basketball we played all year. I’m really proud of our kids because it was all about effort and it was about attitude. I’m really proud of my kids for not hanging their heads and for playing hard and putting us in a position to pull the game off.”

Ashwaubenon will now travel to No. 2-seeded Fox Valley Lutheran on Friday, Feb. 24.

Bay Port sends five boys wrestlers to state

De Pere, Pulaski advance three; four area girls also headed to Madison

BY GREG BATES
SPORTS EDITOR

SHAWANO – Sending 13 boys wrestlers to sectionals, Bay Port had a big opportunity to advance a number of kids to state.

The Pirates ended up advancing five with three champions (Alois Schlumpf, Owen Noel and Jacob Ward) and two second-place finishers (Owen Wathke and Vaughn Campbell) at a WIAA Division 1 sectional in Shawano on Saturday.

De Pere will be sending three boys to state with two champions (Mycah Beckett and Michael Alexander) and one runner-up finisher (Brennan Kincade). Pulaski will also have three competing at state after having one sectional champion (Mason Wells) and two second-place finishers (Trenton Gibbons and Broc Ambrosius).

Ashwaubenon qualified one wrestler to state after being a sectional champ (Troy Dietzler).

Just four days earlier, Bay Port advanced to team state, so to advance five individuals was icing on the cake for

coach Brad Shefchik.

"It's a good day," Shefchik said. "Every sectional is bittersweet, you're going to have some happy, exciting stories, then you're going to have some sad stories whether it's a senior that's getting left behind or an underclassman who had big dreams as a freshman or sophomore or junior. But at the end of the day, we know that going in



Ward

there's going to highs and lows and we accept that, and now that we're at the end of the day, we're happy for our five guys. The good thing is every one of these kids gets

a chance to be a state champ in two weeks [at team state], so you've got the team on the backburner right now for a little bit. It's looming and we've got to be ready for that, too."

Ward defended his 145-pound sectional championship by winning all three of his matches by major decision.

It means a lot for Ward to win another sectional title.

"It's been one of my big goals, being a four-time sectional champ, four-time regional champ, it's only been



Jubilant Bay Port wrestler Owen Wathke jumps into the arms of coach Brad Shefchik during sectionals at Shawano on Feb. 18. Wathke (120) scored a pair of points in the final seconds to win his second-place match 3-2 against Pulaski's Ethan Eggart to punch his ticket to state.

Greg Bates photo

done, I guess five times in Bay Port history, I was told," Ward said. "That's huge to me and that was one of my big goals coming in as a freshman and to succeed. To have fun like I did today, it always means a lot whenever I wrestle."

Ward (37-1) won a state title last year after placing fourth as a freshman and sixth as a sophomore.

As a senior, it's not win a state title or bust for Ward, who will wrestle in college at the University of the Cumberland in Kentucky. He keeps everything in perspective.

"Honestly, I'm just looking to have fun," Ward said. "I'm not looking for necessarily

winning a state championship or going out there and taking first all the time. It's to get better and obviously to get better for college, because that's what I've got going on next year. But just to have fun more or less. I love the sport, I love wrestling, and it's not necessarily a failure, but it's is a goal? Yeah."

Having competed at the Kohl Center in Madison for three state meets, Ward knows what to expect in the big venue with a large crowd.

"I think just having the time, being in the Kohl Center the three years I've been there, having that experience, that opportunity I had is really going to help me in the future," Ward said.

Ward loves having four other wrestlers join him at state.

Schlumpf (36-8) was nothing short of dominant at 113, winning all three of his matches by fall.

Noel (38-6) won the 132-pound weight class by winning all three of his sectional matches, downing Wausau East's Maddox Rye in the final.

In the true second-place match at 120, Wathke (40-7) trailed Pulaski's Ethan Eggert—who placed fifth at state last year at 113 — 2-1. With just seconds left in the match, Wathke, a sophomore, picked up a pair of points to pull off a 3-2 decision.

The Bay Port coaches were

ecstatic as Wathke jumped into the arms of Shefchik after the stunning comeback.

"Pulaski is a really, really tough team and their 120-pounder obviously was probably expected to come out of this, but we knew we had a really tough kid in Owen Wathke, who worked really hard for the last few weeks with this on his mind," Shefchik said. "He set a goal to compete here today, and he came out

here and competed and finished with a really exciting match at the end."

In another exciting showdown for true second place, Campbell injured his left elbow just one minute into his 285 match against Rhinelander's Owen Kurtz. Campbell—even in obvious pain—dug deep and scored a pin at 1:40 to earn a trip to state.

"Wrestling's about toughness and sometimes it's wrestling through a little bit of pain, other times it's coming back out of a bad situation, you're down by points or maybe you're the underdog. But at the end of the day, it's a fight and fortunately, he was able to fight through it and himself [to state]."

De Pere had a strong showing at sectionals. It had four wrestlers compete, with three advancing to state.

Alexander (17-1) won his first two matches by fall at 182 to set up a rematch with Pulaski's Gibbons (37-3) in the final. One week earlier at regionals, Gibbons dealt

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(Through Feb. 21 games)

Fox River Classic

	Conf	Overall
De Pere	17-0	23-0
Sheboygan North	12-5	18-5
Bay Port	12-5	17-6
Green Bay Southwest	9-8	11-12
Notre Dame Academy	9-8	13-10
Ashwaubenon	9-8	13-9
Manitowoc Lincoln	8-9	12-11
Pulaski	5-12	9-14
Green Bay Preble	3-14	5-18
Sheboygan South	1-16	5-18

Bay

	Conf	Overall
Xavier	11-2	21-2
West De Pere	10-4	13-10
Shawano	9-4	18-5
Menasha	8-6	11-13
New London	8-6	15-9
Seymour	6-7	10-13
Green Bay West	1-12	6-17
Green Bay East	1-13	3-21

Packerland

	Conf	Overall
Southern Door	14-1	20-3
Kewaunee	12-3	15-6
Green Bay N.E.W. Lutheran	11-4	18-5
Peshtigo	11-5	17-7
Oconto	8-7	14-8
Gibraltar	5-10	8-14
Sturgeon Bay	4-11	7-15
Algoma	3-12	7-14
Sevastopol	0-15	2-21

AREA LEADERS

Points

Tristian Lynch, N.E.W. Lutheran 23.0
Emmett Lawton, Notre Dame, 21.7
Connor Pytleski, Green Bay Southwest, 21.1

Rebounds

Ethan Wall-Atim, Notre Dame, 10.0
Thomas Michaels, Green Bay Preble, 9.0
Pytleski, 7.6

Assists

Elijah Meerstein, N.E.W. Lutheran, 8.5
John Kinziger, De Pere, 5.6
Drew Tomashek, Ashwaubenon, 4.6

PLAYOFF SEEDINGS

Division 1

No. 1 De Pere plays winner of No. 16 Sheboygan South-No. 17 GB East (Feb. 28) on March 3; No. 8 Bay Port vs. No. 9 Milwaukee King on March 3; No. 14 GB Preble @ No. 3 Sheboygan North, March 3; No. 10 GB Southwest @ No. 7 Marquette, March 3.

Division 2

No. 1 West De Pere plays winner of No. 8 Pulaski-No. 9 Luxemburg-Casco (Feb. 28) on March 3; No. 3 Ashwaubenon plays winner of No. 6 Seymour-No. 11 Marinette (Feb. 28) on March 3; No. 2 Notre Dame plays winner of No. 10 GB West-No. 7 Menasha (Feb. 28) on March 3.

Division 5

No. 4 N.E.W. Lutheran vs. No. 13 Sheboygan Christian, Feb. 28.

Kinziger hits 2,000-point mark



De Pere's John Kinziger has added another notch on his lengthy basketball resume. The senior scored his 2,000th career point on Feb. 17 as No. 1-ranked De Pere downed No. 5-ranked Sheboygan North, 69-42. Kinziger is just the 49th boys' basketball player in state history to hit that milestone and just the sixth Division 1 player. Kinziger, who is headed to Illinois State next year, is the leading scorer for the Redbirds, which improved to 23-0. He finished the game with 16 points.
Greg Bates file photo

Southwest gets by Notre Dame

Lawton hits milestone in loss

BY GREG BATES
SPORTS EDITOR

GREEN BAY – Wanting to ride a little momentum into the postseason, the Green Bay Southwest boys' basketball team pulled off an important win on Friday night.

The Trojans broke a 49-49 by scoring the next five points and never looked back, beating rival Notre Dame Academy in a Fox River Classic Conference (FRCC) matchup, 58-55.

The win snaps a four-game losing streak by Green Bay Southwest.

"It's a good win for us," Southwest coach John Polkowski said. "To get a good win like this late in the season, hopefully you can build momentum off of it. But credit to Notre Dame, it could have gone either way. Things just kind of fell our way at the end."

When Notre Dame needed to hit shots down the stretch, it couldn't convert.

In the final 3 1/2 minutes, the Tritons hit just two shots — both 3-pointers.

"That's kind of been our thing all year, at times we've struggled to shoot it," Notre Dame coach Brian Bobinski said. "We were 20-some percent from 3, so it's going to be hard to win basketball games when you don't make at least a few perimeter shots, especially when they're paying so much attention to Emmett



Green Bay Southwest's Miles Rauschenbach (33) gets a piece of the ball as Notre Dame Academy's Ethan Wall-Atim goes to the basket during their game on Feb. 17.
Greg Bates photo

(Lawton)."

Southwest defenders were fixated on Lawton all night. The conference's leading scorer still ended up with a game-high 24 points.

Lawton came into the game just 14 points shy of 1,000 for his career, and he hit that number in style.

The senior hit a step-back 3-pointer as the first-half buzzer sounded to give him his 998th, 999th and 1,000th points. He was congratulated by his teammates, coaches and crowd for hitting the milestone.

Lawton is just the third player in Notre Dame boys' basketball history to achieve that milestone, joining Ben Bobinski and Chris Mitchell.

"Career goal-wise it was always to lead the team or kind of build the team up to a point where we could win a regional final, because Notre

Dame's never done that, so we've got that goal coming up," Lawton said. "But 1,000 was always kind of in the back of my mind, as you see it on the board and you see my friends — Connor (Pytleski from Green Bay Southwest) just got it a few weeks ago. It means a lot. My teammates gave me some leeway in the first half to do what I needed to do to get past that mental block, and then after that just play basketball."

Lawton's buzzer-beating shot gave Notre Dame a 28-27 lead at halftime.

The game stayed tight throughout the second half as Notre Dame (13-10, 9-8 FRCC) led 42-39.

Eventually, it was Southwest (11-12, 9-8 FRCC) that took a three-point lead before a Lawton 3-pointer tied it at 49-49.

Curtis Danforth hit back-to-back layups to put his team up by four points with 1:41 remaining.

After a Southwest free throw, Max Augustine drained a 3-pointer for Notre

Dame to make it 54-52 with 39.8 seconds remaining.

Gavin Yang hit 3-for-4 from the free throw line to put the Trojans up five, 57-52.

Lawton drained a 3-pointer 3.9 second left to make it a two-point game. Pytleski hit one free throw, and Lawton got a good look from long range as the buzzer went but the shot narrowly missed.

Polkowski liked how his team played after the game was 49-all.

"Our ball control finally kind of tightened up — we were loose with the ball and turnovers have been a big issue," Polkowski said. "Gavin Yang is such a big part in that, finding C.J. Danforth on two dump-off passes and really kind of just opening things up for us, not having to constantly seek something out. Having the lead, you have a lot of the control, and then hitting some late free throws to close the gap. I thought him finishing the way he did was the product of why we won."



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ON THE HARDWOOD



WDP claims conference crown

Phantoms head into playoffs as No. 3 seed

BY RICH PALZEWIC
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

DE PERE – This one was for all the marbles.

In a battle of the top two teams in the Bay Conference, the West De Pere girls' basketball team reigned supreme on a snowy night.

The Phantoms (19-5 overall, 11-1 Bay Conference) won their first conference title since 2021 with a 60-49 victory over New London (18-4, 10-2) at West De Pere High School on Feb. 16.

The Phantoms got 18 points from senior Katie Waukau and 17 from sophomore Faith Walder in the win.

"Our goal before the season was to win a conference championship," West De Pere coach Chris Abaray said. "We have a young squad, so this title is sweet. Last season, we had a chance to win conference against Xavier, but we came up short."

Both teams started slowly from the field.

The Phantoms finally broke the ice 2 minutes, 40 seconds into the game on a bucket by Ella Francois.

From there, West De Pere went up 9-0 before the Bulldogs scored their first points of the game almost six minutes in.

That sparked New London, which proceeded to score 11 of the next 14 points to surge ahead, 13-12.

"We knew this would be a tough game against a good New London squad," Abaray said. "When you're playing against a player like Lizzy Steingraber, you need to be on top of your game — she's almost un-guardable. I think New London is going to be a tough team to beat in the postseason."

Steingraber, a Division



New London's Macy Reybrock runs into wall of West De Pere defenders (l-r) Jocelyn Thomson, Faith Walder and Noelle Runke during their game on Feb. 16. Jason Coisman photo

I commit to the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota," ended with a game-high 20 points before fouling out late.

In a game filled with runs, the Phantoms responded with their own 11-1 run to go up 23-14.

The Bulldogs clawed their way back toward the end of the first half to only trail 26-25 at the break.

After scoring three and two points, respectively, in the first half, Waukau and Walder each came alive from the field after intermission.

Waukau nailed three 3-pointers in the second half and added six free throws down the stretch to help secure the win.

At one point in the second half, Walder scored nine straight points for West De Pere.

"I felt stuck and slow in the first half," Walder said. "I brought more energy and played my game in the sec-



Walder

ond half."

Walder said the whole night felt like a playoff game.

"This was a huge win," she said. "The crowd was great, and it gives us momentum heading into the

postseason."

Early in the second half, the game went back and forth, with the Phantoms clinging to a 33-36 lead. The two-point margin would be the closest New London would get the rest of the way.

"At halftime, I told the girls we needed to get to the paint," Abaray said. "Our guards are fast, and we had to be patient. In the first half, the ball got stagnant — in the second half, we had better movement. We pushed the tempo, and I think we wore New London down later in the game."

West De Pere, which hit nine 3-pointers on the night, ended the game with a 22-13 spurt.

"We have great depth," Abaray said. "It's big when all the girls can do it, but there are nights we only get production from a couple of them."

Sophomores Madisyn Berggren and Ella Francois added 10 and 9 points, respectively, for the Phantoms.

"This was a great test for us," Abaray said. "To have the last game of the regular season be such a big game was great. We have tough teams in our [postseason] regional."

Notre Dame Academy, the No. 1-ranked Division 2 team in the state and two-time defending state champion, is in the upper half of West De Pere's bracket. The Phantoms earned a No. 3 seed in the postseason and will host No. 6 Luxemburg-Casco on Feb. 24.

"I don't think we've played L-C since I've been [head coach] — you have to be ready for anything," Abaray said. "Our girls needed to feel a little pressure tonight, and I think that happened."

GIRLS' BASKETBALL FINAL CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Fox River Classic

	Conf	Overall
Notre Dame	18-0	23-1
De Pere	13-5	15-9
Sheboygan North	13-5	14-10
Bay Port	12-6	13-11
Green Bay Southwest	11-7	15-9
Green Bay Preble	8-10	12-12
Manitowoc Lincoln	6-12	10-15
Ashwaubenon	4-14	9-16
Pulaski	4-14	5-20
Sheboygan South	1-17	3-22

Bay

	Conf	Overall
West De Pere	11-1	19-5
New London	10-2	18-4
Menasha	7-5	15-8
Shawano	6-6	11-12
Xavier	6-6	8-16
Seymour	2-10	5-20
Green Bay East	0-12	0-23

Packerland

	Conf	Overall
Sevastopol	16-0	23-1
Oconto	12-4	18-7
Peshigo	11-5	15-9
Kewaunee	9-7	10-15
Southern Door	7-7	14-11
Algoma	7-9	12-13
GB NEW Lutheran/Prov. Acad.	6-10	11-13
Gibraltar	2-14	4-21
Sturgeon Bay	0-16	2-22

AREA LEADERS

Points

Gracie Grzesk, Notre Dame, 18.1
Ebony Sinclair, N.E.W. Lutheran, 17.2
Trista Fayta, Notre Dame, 16.9

Rebounds

Ellie McDermid, Bay Port, 9.5
Ebony Sinclair, N.E.W. Lutheran, 8.4
Margie Stevens, GB Southwest, 7.8

Assists

Fayta, 6.5
Hope Barington, Notre Dame, 4.1
Elise Smith, GB Preble, 3.5

(Some area teams don't log rebounds and assists.)

PLAYOFF GAMES

Division 1

No. 9 Bay Port @ No. 8 Fond du Lac, Feb. 24 — the winner plays No. 1 Germantown, Feb. 25; No. 12 De Pere @ No. 5 Divine Savior Holy Angels, Feb. 24; No. 14 Green Bay Preble @ No. 3 Kaukauna, Feb. 24; No. 11 Green Bay Southwest @ No. 6 Menomonee Falls, Feb. 24.

Division 2

No. 1 Notre Dame vs. No. 8 Plymouth, Feb. 24; No. 3 West De Pere vs. No. 6 Luxemburg-Casco, Feb. 24; No. 7 Ashwaubenon @ No. 2 Fox Valley Lutheran, Feb. 24.

Division 5

No. 9 N.E.W. Lutheran @ No. 1 Lourdes Academy, Feb. 24.

Ashwaubenon ends Pulaski's season

BY JANELLE FISHER
STAFF WRITER

ASHWAUBENON – The Ashwaubenon girls' basketball team pulled together a strong second half resulting in a 53-43 win over Pulaski in a first round WIAA regional playoff game on Tuesday.

The game marked the third played between the two teams this season, with Ashwaubenon narrowly defeating Pulaski 48-45 on Jan. 13 and Pulaski taking the victory 35-27 just last week, Feb. 16.

"You hate to play a conference rival in a tournament," Ashwaubenon coach Nicky VanLaanen said. "But we're just really, really pleased to be moving on."

Pulaski sophomore Ashley Servais scored the first points of the game with a 3-point basket — her first of four throughout the game and the team's first of seven in the first half.

Pulaski coach Doug



Pulaski's Ellie Mangold (10) tries to dribble around Ashwaubenon's Olivia Raye (1) during their first-round playoff game on Feb. 21. Janelle Fisher photo

McElrone was impressed with how Servais, who averages 2.9 points per game, played in the game.

"I've been on her to be an offensive threat for us

because she can shoot the basketball really well," he said. "And, you know, she did that today, which opens things up for us."

Ashwaubenon, the No.

7 seed, made it onto the scoreboard shortly after Pulaski with a basket made by senior Hannah Hutto.

Ashwaubenon's top scorer Gianna Guarascio made two 3-point shots early on in the first half, with a field goal from Hutto, the team's second top-scoring player, in between.

Servais followed up with her second 3-pointer for Pulaski to pull within 10-8 of Ashwaubenon.

No. 10-seeded Pulaski pulled ahead with two successful 3-point shots — one each from seniors Madeline Christensen and Taylor Olson.

For the next three minutes, neither team scored except for by free throws until Ashwaubenon senior Avery Amenson made her first basket of the game.

Van Laanen was proud of the way the seniors on the team played in what had the potential to be their final high school game.

"Avery Amenson kept us in the basketball game

when we had a few-minute stretch where we weren't scoring and she got to the rim," VanLaanen said. "And Hannah (Hutto) got some loose balls. They refused to have their season and their careers over. So my seniors played like seniors, and I'm really proud of them."

Pulaski was quick to follow with a 3-pointer made by junior Maggie Lardinois and, after a timeout called by Ashwaubenon, a 2-point shot from Olson.

Ashwaubenon's Amenson and Guarascio snuck in two points each before Pulaski called its first timeout of the game with the score at 21-19 in the Red Raiders'

favor.

A field goal for Pulaski and a three-point play for Ashwaubenon brought Ashwaubenon into the lead at 24-23 with a minute and a half to go in the first half. But Pulaski's Christensen and Servais each made a 3-point shot leaving Pulaski ahead 29-24 at halftime.

In the second half, things changed for both teams.

McElrone said that although the first half of the game went well for Pulaski, his team struggled defensively in the second half.

"We played really, really well in the first half defensively," McElrone

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LEVY
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career.

Despite missing most of her sophomore campaign with a torn ACL, Levy helped lead the Lightning to consecutive WIAA Division 1 state titles in 2017 and '18 and graduated as the school's all-time leading scorer and rebounder.

Levy racked up a number of prestigious accolades during her time at Appleton North.

She was named All-USA Wisconsin Girls Basketball Player of the Year as a junior, and the following season she received first-team all-state honors from the Associated Press and Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association and was also a McDonald's All-American nominee.

But Levy said those individual awards didn't mean as much to her as hoisting back-to-back gold balls with her team.

"The biggest things I look back on and am proud of are those state championships," she said.

Making the switch

Levy began her collegiate career with Green Bay's Horizon League rival UW-Milwaukee, making 14 total starts for the Panthers.

However, she ultimately decided to transfer after her sophomore season.

"Going into college basketball, no one knows exactly what to expect," Levy said. "I was really excited to go to Milwaukee and I enjoyed a lot of parts of my experience there, but ultimately it wasn't the right

fit for what I wanted for my career."

She decided on Green Bay because of her familiarity with the program. Levy grew up attending women's basketball games at the Kress Center, had been recruited by the coaching staff when she was younger. Also, several of her AAU teammates also played for the Phoenix.

"Because of that, I knew what I was getting myself into, and [Green Bay] was closer to home, too," Levy said. "I was very comfortable making the switch here, and I was really excited to join the winning culture."

One more year?

Throughout her junior and senior seasons, Levy was a consistent scoring threat and provided an important spark for the Phoenix, whether off the bench or as a starter.

Then, after graduating from Green Bay last spring with a degree in secondary English education, Levy was faced with a big question.

Hang up her shoes and bid farewell to her beloved sport or give college basketball one last go?

Unsurprisingly, Levy chose the latter and opted to use the fifth year of eligibility granted to student-athletes by the NCAA due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"It was really a no-brainer for me," she said. "As soon as I knew we were getting an extra year, I said I was going to take it, because I wasn't ready to be done."

She is now a graduate



Levy has been a leader on the court for Green Bay and a major key to why the Phoenix could be playing in the NCAA Tournament next month.
Greg Bates file photo

student working on her master's degree in applied leadership for teaching and learning, with plans to become a teacher.

'It's been a great season'

Levy has played an instrumental piece in her team's success this season.

The 5-foot-8 guard is leading the Phoenix in scoring (11.4 ppg), field goals made (108) and 3-pointers (48) while shooting 88% from the free throw line and 37.5% from beyond the arc.

According to Levy, the

key to her offensive dominance thus far is simple.

"I'm in my fifth year of college basketball, and ultimately this could be my last year ever of basketball," she said. "I know I've done as much as I can to prepare myself. I just go out there and be confident every day and give my team what they need from me."

Green Bay women's basketball coach Kevin Borseth said Levy is a special player.

"Sydney is a winner. She works hard at what she does," Borseth said. "She

puts a lot of time in on the basketball floor honing her skills and her trade to get herself prepared to play. She's not afraid of anything or anybody, of any competition. On the court, you gotta deal with her, because she's not going to back down to anybody. She's going to continue to do what she does, come heck or high water."

Borseth also praised Levy's ability to make those around her better players.

"Sydney relishes her role of carrying a team as a leader," Borseth said. "Her teammates know that when you play with her, you're going to get a level of high urgency and intensity. That rubs off on them."

Callie Genke, who has played alongside Levy for the past two seasons, echoed similar sentiments.

"Syd brings a lot of leadership, energy and competitiveness to our team," Genke said. "She always wants to be her best and for all of us to bring our best to every game and practice, too."

A major milestone

In Green Bay's conference win against Oakland University on Feb. 5, Levy secured her spot in Phoenix basketball history when she scored her 1,000th collegiate point.

"It was really exciting when it happened," she said. "I had no idea I was close [to 1,000]. I didn't know until my dad told me. I didn't want to make a big deal of it. But I'm very competitive, so it was definitely a big milestone to hit."

Borseth agreed, saying the achievement is a testament to Levy's work ethic

and drive to succeed.

"That's a tough milestone to reach — a lot tougher than meets the eye. So I was very excited for her. She worked hard for it."

However, Levy is more focused on the team's success than her own personal accomplishments.

"I'm just really excited for how our team is performing," she said. "This year has been super fun. We've all come together and we're playing so well right now. It's been a great season."

Finishing strong

With only one game remaining in the regular season, Green Bay has a conference championship and an NCAA Tournament run on the line.

That is Levy's main focus right now — but with the end of her collegiate career in sight, she's also looking towards the future.

"I know I want to coach at some point and teach in high-poverty, high-needs schools," Levy said. "That's a passion of mine."

She hasn't ruled out playing basketball overseas, but it will depend on how her body feels.

As Levy's time with the Phoenix comes to a close, Genke knows her teammate won't be easily replaced.

"Sydney has great energy and is competitive in every practice and game," Genke said. "She's there to push everyone to be their best. Syd is also somebody you can always go talk to if you have any questions about basketball or life. She's always been there for us. We'll miss her a lot."

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Transforming into a dynasty

After dropping hockey in the mid-1990s, Notre Dame resurrected its program and is now a perennial state powerhouse.

BY GREG BATES
SPORTS EDITOR

Cory McCracken vividly remembers his first season as coach of the new Notre Dame Academy boys' hockey team.

It was a rough 2006-07 campaign as the Tritons went 2-17-2.

Notre Dame — which had dropped its hockey program 11 years earlier — was the No. 12 seed in its regional for playoffs and lost to the Sheboygan South co-op, 8-4.

McCracken and assistant coach Silverio Mirao had a chat after the handshake line on their way to the locker room.

"Before we addressed the team, and I looked at Sil and I said, 'We will never be this bad again.'" McCracken recalled. "We weren't. We turned the corner and put an offseason program in. We had the guys that started to buy in, then kids were just filtering back into the program that were coming out of youth hockey that were going to help our numbers in Years 2 and 3."

The second season, Notre Dame improved to 11-10-1. The program was moving in a positive direction.

Now, 17 years after Notre Dame resurrected boys' hockey, it has become a state powerhouse and title contender every season.

This Friday, Notre Dame will try to advance to its 10th state tournament in the last 14 years. The undefeated and top-ranked Tritons will take on No. 3-ranked Bay Port in a Division 1 sectional final at the Cornerstone Community Center.

All the program's success has been under the direction of McCracken, the steadiest of leaders. During his tenure, McCracken has a remarkable record of 298-98-20.

"He's just built the program from the ground up," former Notre Dame athletic director Ken Flaten said. "He reminds me of a lot of what you see with small college coaches that they're responsible for every aspect of the program."

Rich hockey history
George Wrobel started



St. Norbert Abbey Abbot Dane Radecki (center) drops a puck as Notre Dame Academy boys' hockey coach Cory McCracken (left) and former Notre Dame Academy athletic director Ken Flaten prepare for a faceoff. The three leaders were instrumental in bringing back boys' hockey to NDA in 2006-07. Greg Bates photo

boys' hockey at Premontre in 1968 and he later went on to form St. Norbert College's program as well.

Boys' hockey had a rich tradition at Premontre — which merged with Abbot Pennings and St. Joseph Academy to become Notre Dame Academy in 1990 — having really strong teams while competing in the Wisconsin Independent

School Athletic Association (WISAA).

In the first two years of hockey at Notre Dame in the early 1990s, the hockey team won 19 games each season.

"Then the numbers started to dwindle in '92 onward," Flaten said. "In 1995-96 towards the end of that season, we decided that we were going to take a break with the hope of

bringing hockey back as soon as the numbers could support it again."

When Dane Radecki took over as Notre Dame Academy president in 2005, he remembers one letter being on his desk that stated: start a hockey program.

Talk began about reinstating the sport and having

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Corrigan aiming to repeat

BY MALLORY ALLEN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As the WIAA girls' state wrestling tournament heats up, Brooke Corrigan has her eyes on the prize: back-to-back state championships.

The 16-year-old sophomore at De Pere made history at last year's inaugural girls high school state wrestling tournament, taking home Wisconsin's first-ever state title in the sport.

Despite the major success she's seen so early in her high school wrestling career, Corrigan hasn't become complacent.

Instead, she's even more determined than ever to reach the lofty goals she's set for herself — and inspire other young female wrestlers hoping to follow in her footsteps.

A family affair

Corrigan was introduced to wrestling by her father and her older brother, Shane, when she was around 8 years old.

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De Pere's Brooke Corrigan won the 100-pound weight class at a Division 1 sectional in Shawano on Feb. 18. Corrigan is heading to Madison looking to repeat as a state champion. Greg Bates photo

Levy enjoying her final ride

Green Bay senior has stepped up her game

BY MALLORY ALLEN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY — Passionate. Caring. Competitive.

According to one of her teammates, these are the three words that best describe Green Bay women's basketball player Sydney Levy.

Having lived and breathed basketball for more than half of her life, 23-year-old Levy is now a fifth-year senior in her last season of collegiate basketball, unsure where life will take her next.

But Levy isn't dwelling on the unknowns ahead of



Oshkosh native Sydney Levy has had a solid senior season for the Green Bay women's basketball team. She is leading the team in scoring and made 3-pointers. Greg Bates file photo

her. Instead, she's just enjoying the ride and making the most of every opportunity she gets.

High school standout

Soccer was actually Levy's chosen sport as a child; in fact, she didn't even pick up a basketball until she was 10 years old, when her father asked if she wanted to try it out.

"He really got me into basketball, and I just fell in love with it," Levy said. "So, I switched sports and never looked back."

Levy grew up in Oshkosh but attended Appleton North High School, where she had an exceptional prep

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