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De Pere Park Commissioners approve plans for Wilson Park

BY LEE REINSCH CONTRIBUTING WRITER

DE PERE - Members of the De Pere Board of Park Commissioners approved a preliminary design for the update of the city's oldest park.

After its makeover, Wilson Park, located on the west side at the corner of Fourth Street and College Avenue, will be a haven for families and students that will capitalize on foliage and quiet activities.

The passive design park will feature a winding crushed-gravel path leading past a memorial tree and a water feature to the historic bronze Gettysburg Address plaque.

The plaque will be moved from the north edge of the park to a place of heightened prominence.

"Right now, it's very easy to walk by it without noticing it," De Pere Park Commissioner

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The park is currently home to two swing sets, about three dozen trees and the two memorials - one is a weeping crabapple tree planted in honor of St. Norbert College student Jessica Martin, who died suddenly in 2004, and the other is a 107-year-old concrete and bronze Gettysburg Address plaque. Kris Leonhardt photo

Cruise ship makes stop in Port of Green Bay

BY PRESS TIMES STAFF

GREEN BAY - The passenger cruise ship Ocean Navigator arrived at the Port of Green Bay on June 14, and was welcomed by Discover Green Bay, with assistance from the city of Green Bay, Brown County, The Port of Green Bay, Downtown Green Bay, Inc., On Broadway Inc. and C&M Presents.

American Queen Voyages returns to Green Bay after two successful visits in 2022.

"We're so pleased that passengers of the Ocean Navigator and officials from American

Queen Voyages enjoyed their stop in Green Bay in 2022," said Discover Green Bay President/CEO Brad Toll. "We heard great feedback on the community and the convenience of landing at the Port of Green Bay and Leicht Park. Many we spoke to said Green Bay was the highlight of their trip, and we plan to have that be the case again for passengers this year."

Excursions included guided tours of the Neville Public Museum, The Automobile Gallery, Captain's Walk Winery and the

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The event features some kites used for performances and stunts and other kites as large as buses that float in the air. Submitted photo

Let's go fly a kite

BY ANNIKA MORSCHAUSER CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY - As a way of giving back to the community and fundraising for all the free programs they provide, Family & Childcare Resources of northeast Wisconsin hosts an annual Fly a Kite Fest event.

Family & Childcare Resources is a non-profit organization that promotes healthy child development, supporting parents and childcare providers in several ways.

For parents, there are support groups, classes and seminars to attend in order to help build their ability to take care of their children.

With each year the Fly a Kite event has taken place, the size of it grows, hence the location change to Nicolet Airport this year.

Lauren Waters, Outreach and Communications Specialist, explained, "We wanted to

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A stronger sense of belonging

BY MELANIE ROSSI CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY - On June 19, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) and Oneida Nation held a signing agreement ceremony to renew their charter partnership for the future.

For over a decade, the partnership has worked to support the economic and workforce development needs of the Oneida Nation, specifically through academic collaboration and higher education.

"Our collaboration with the Oneida Nation is very important



On June 19, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College and Oneida Nation held a signing agreement ceremony to renew their charter partnership for the future. Mike Hollihan photo

to us," Dr. Sara Lam, NWTC's vice president of Diversity, Equi-

"We want to create a stronger sense of belonging among Oneida faculty, staff and students and make sure that we're an environment that really affirms their identities and culture and that really supports their well-being and is where they can thrive." - Dr. Sara Lam, NWTC

ty & Inclusion, said. "One reason why our partnership is so important is because NWTC exists on Oneida land, so we really do feel like we are Oneida Nation's college too. We want Oneida students, faculty and staff to feel that way - that they're at their

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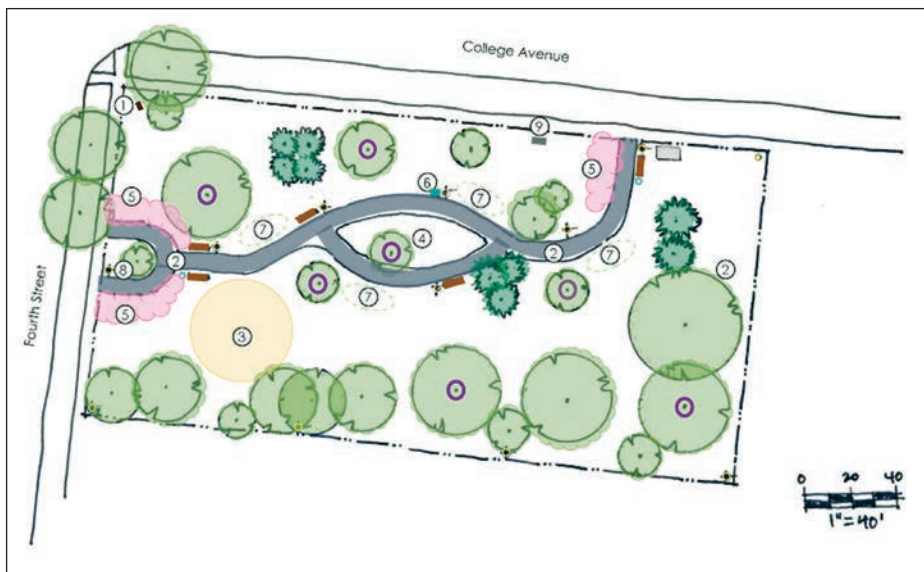
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Ryan Jennings said. A hammock grove, featuring stands for visitors to pitch their own hammocks, was especially well received.

Wilson Park is a 0.51 acre minipark designed to serve people within walking distance of it.

It's the site of the former First Ward School, as listed on an 1889 plat map.

The school moved, and in 1924, the City purchased the land from the school district for use as a park.

It currently has two rusting swing sets, about three dozen trees and the two memorials.

One is a weeping crabapple tree planted in honor of St. Norbert College student Jessica Martin, who died suddenly in 2004, and a 107-year-old concrete and bronze Gettysburg Address plaque.

The late U.S. Representative and member of the De Pere Board of Education, James Hughes Jr. (1883-1940), donated the plaque in 1916, and it was positioned to face the school that once stood there.

The park is surrounded

on three sides by property owned by St. Norbert College.

Other amenities the new design will feature include benches, tree-mounted lighting known as moon lighting and knolls designed to be inviting to sit on.

De Pere Alder Amy Chandik Kundering suggested the design include tables, in addition to benches, so students might bring their laptops and school work.

The board rejected a more active-concept park featuring a playground and sport court.

Westside De Pere resident Joe Nicks, one of those who brought the neglected state of Wilson Park to the attention of the City in 2021, spoke in favor of the passive-concept choice.

He said De Pere needs a greenery-based park, as most parks in De Pere are dominated by activity hubs such as playgrounds, pools or ball fields.

He said in 1924, the city created another green park — Dodge Park — near the intersection of Third and Fourth streets, in what was then almost the outskirts of town.

Dodge Park existed for

16 years, until 1940 when a new park board sold it to an oil company for \$300 to erect a gas station.

"I hope we don't go that route," Nicks said.

He also spoke strongly in favor of preserving the plaque, which he called a "museum-quality piece".

"This is a tremendous asset to Wilson Park," he said.

He urged the board to preserve and spotlight it or donate it to someone who will treat it with the kind of respect it deserves.

The original GRAEF designs didn't include moving or highlighting the plaque, but a future rendition will.

Chandik Kundering also spoke in favor of the passive-concept design, stating that not every park needs to have a playground.

She added that those resources could be better used elsewhere.

The land in the park will be re-graded and a mulberry and two buckthorn trees will be removed, along with a leaning chain link fence and the old swing sets.

The upgrades are estimated to cost between \$125,000 and \$200,000.

Closing equity gaps for Indigenous students

BY MELANIE ROSSI
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY – The Indigenous Ways of Knowing (IWOK) Report, published this spring, uses Indigenous voices and perspectives as the main source to build pathways to post-secondary education for indigenous learners.

Nicolet College and Native communities in northern Wisconsin partnered together — with the support of the Lumina Foundation's All Learning Counts grant and the Wisconsin Indian Education Association (WIEA) — after identifying the need to "prioritize postsecondary education for Native learners," the report stated.

According to the Lumina Foundation, "The rate of postsecondary credential completion for the 25,000 American Indians in Wisconsin was 26% in 2019, far below the overall state's rate of 55%."

One of the main barriers to raising this percentage is postsecondary education's lack of cultural relevance for Indigenous students, compelling Nicolet College to find ways of granting credit for prior learning for Indigenous experiences, as well as shape new curriculum



To attempt to quantify the vast width of Indigenous knowledge into focused curriculums, the elders suggested following a clan structure.

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based around this knowledge.

To gain this information, the IWOK report compiled the perspectives of elders from seven different Native tribes in the area on the best ways to incorporate Indigenous culture into postsecondary education.

Nicolet College administrators, such as Laura Wind-Norton, associate vice president of academic services, partnered with tribal representatives to establish these new courses.

In order to combine existing educational structures with Native ways of learning, Wind-Norton said, "We have to bridge a very traditional Euro-Western education sys-

tem... [with] indigenous knowledge and Indigenous Ways of Knowing."

With the hopes of prioritizing Indigenous perspectives, the Nicolet administrators stepped back, allowing the tribal elders to lead discussions.

"We, as the non-Native folks on this project, took a step back," Wind-Norton said. "Everything that was developed was developed by those Indigenous knowledge-holders; the folks that we have on the project, a lot of them have a wide variety of educational backgrounds, but they are also highly respected folks within each of their own communities."

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National Railroad Museum, as well as a drive-by viewing of Lambeau Field.

Discover Green Bay also offered a Mobile Visitor Center for passengers who sought information on the area during their after-

noon free time. The ship departed Green Bay on June 15, and will make its next stop on June 28.

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New North Summit keynote speaker Corey Behnke was born in Green Bay but saw his dreams develop far from the northeast Wisconsin region as he pursued a career in acting.

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Power of place: Embracing lifestyle savings

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

This story is part of our series from the 2023 New North Summit, focused on the "Power of Place."

GREEN BAY – Keynote speaker Corey Behnke was born in Green Bay but saw his dreams develop far from the northeast Wisconsin region as he pursued a career in acting.

"Let me tell you about the power of this place. I was born in Green Bay, Wisconsin. I grew up with three grandfathers who love the Green Bay Packers. My great grandpa had an orchestra, and they played on the ferry from Ludington to Manitowoc in the '20s and '30s," Behnke explained.

"My family moved to Los Angeles and then to North Carolina, and I graduated in North Carolina (School of the Arts) to pursue my journey as an actor. I thought I wanted to be an actor from when I was six years old until I was 25.

"When I wasn't working as an actor — how many actors have said that — a lot. I needed a job. So, I started freelancing as a production assistant. In 2003, I secured a job as a production assistant for New Year's Eve in Times Square.

"I walked into a broadcast truck... and it's funny when you think you're going to do something your whole entire life and then your whole entire life

changes. That's what happened."

He worked his way up as a livestream broadcast producer "...and created the first official Times Square webcast."

"For 23 years later the show is still going strong, with over six million people watching around the world. Now, the last two years, we actually distribute the feed from Green Bay to the entire world," he explained.

After working for other companies, he left in 2015 with what he calls a "really heavy non-compete."

He then co-founded Live X — a livestreaming production company headquartered in New York City, with a newly built remote facility in downtown Green Bay — and Cheesehead TV.

In August of 2018, Live X produced a fully-remote livestream of a sporting event from Pebble Beach, Calif.

"This was the start of our remote broadcast journey," he recalled.

Behnke said that the livestream broadcast of the event saved the client 60% of what they paid the year before.

"This journey found me in Milwaukee in 2020," he added.

"It was Milwaukee that opened my eyes to the enormous possibility. Remote previously had been about 10% of our business."

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With each year the Fly a Kite Fest has taken place, the size continues to grow, hence the location change to Nicolet Airport this year.

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have more professional kite flyers coming, and we wanted to have more attendees and more kids' activities and things like that, so we knew that we needed more space... The Nicolet Airport is, I think, about 65 acres of open land, so we can really spread out this year, which we're really excited about."

The nonprofit works with the Wisconsin Kites Association to provide professional kite flyers for the event, bringing in around 30-40 professional kite flyers each year.

Waters said, "We also have people come from five different states to donate their time for the

whole weekend of Kite Fest and they keep coming back every single year."

The kites bring all different types of kites.

There are kites used for performances and stunts and others as large as buses that float in the air.

One kite even drops candy.

Apart from the kites' area, there will be an area for the public to fly their own kites as well as a kite decorating tent for kids.

In addition to kites, Fly a Kite Fest will have many other fun and exciting activities for kids and adults, such as arts and crafts and carnival-like games such as ring toss.

There will be different

types of shows that involve magic, science and comedy all performing in the main tent at different times throughout the day.

Total Self Defense will be there for karate demonstrations.

While you're there, keep an eye out for special guests such as Princess Tiana, Spider-Man, McGruff the Crime Dog and mascots from around the area who will be walking around during the earlier portions of the event.

The best part is that it's free as Waters said, "We wanted to keep it free so that all families could enjoy it."

Family and Childcare Resources of N.E.W. will host the 10th annual Fly a Kite Fest on June 24,

10 a.m.-4 p.m., at Nicolet Airport, 245 Bins Ct., Green Bay.

Parking will be available at Celebration Church on Humboldt Road, as there is no parking at Nicolet Airport.

Shuttles will be running throughout the event to get people to and from the church and airport.

"It's just a fun day for everyone. Adults like seeing the kites. They like doing the raffles. And then kids like all the kids' activities and decorating their kites. There's just something for everyone," Waters added.

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Green Bay area sees big tourism year

BY ANNIKA MORSCHAUSER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY – The year 2022 had been an impressive one for tourism in the greater Green Bay area, as Discover Green Bay reports with assistance from Tourism Economics, who tracks all the data needed to produce these figures.

Discover Green Bay is the official destination marketing organization for Green Bay and the surrounding area of Brown County.

Their goal is to increase the amount of tourism in order to fuel the economy of Green Bay and Brown County as a whole.

Tourism Economics provides Discover Green Bay with these results as they use hotel, cell phone, credit card and other types of data to come up

with accurate numbers for a report like this.

Reports show that there was a 20% increase from 2021, and that six million people directly spent \$765 million dollars during their visit to Brown County, meaning that money was going straight into our community.

This was spent across different industries as around 25% went to food and beverage, 21% to accommodations and 20% to retail.

State and local taxes saw \$96 million dollars collected from tourism.

All of this money is positively affecting the community by investing in its businesses, directly supporting 7,567 jobs and ultimately creating improvements for the community.

“It is really really im-

pactful and important for (tourism) to grow in the future,” Nick Meisner, vice president of digital marketing and communications stated.

The causes behind this substantial increase are assumed to be from the end of the pandemic, meaning people are looking to travel.

Meisner said, “Definitely just coming out of the pandemic there is a greater demand for travel, and the Midwest is seen as a more desirable destination, a safe place to visit, a good place for families and things like that.”

Another cause could be how Discover Green Bay has changed some things in their marketing strategy in order to attract more visitors.



Meisner

Meisner mentioned that they’ve been focusing more on digital marketing and growing their brand which could be a contributing factor in the increase of tourism.

Discover Green Bay also does their part in commu-

nicating and working with different events to ensure that event spaces are being filled and advertised.

Events at the KI Convention Center, Titledown, downtown and other events in the area for example all contribute to tourism.

“Those [events] are all really big factors as to where people are making the decision to spend their free time and spend their vacation time,” Meisner added.

Discover Green Bay continues to work in hopes that these numbers will continue to grow, as Meisner mentioned, “This year specifically, we’re hitting our goal where we want to be. I think we’ll continue to see growth in tourism in the greater

Green Bay area... We are excited that some of our numbers, our data, are back to, at or above 2019’s impact, so that’s a good sign...”

They work at promoting and selling the Green Bay area to not only families and tourists but to larger events such as those involving sports, meetings, concerts and more.

Wisconsin in general had also seen an increase in tourism in 2022 and had surpassed previous records as \$23.7 billion dollars had impacted the economy, seeing 111.1 million visits.

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Fire at Velp Ave Storage

The Howard Fire Rescue and Packerland Fire District (Howard, Suamico, Pulaski) responded to a fire on June 19 around 7:45 a.m. at Velp Ave. Storage, 1751 Velp Ave, Green Bay. The structure was a multi-unit personal storage building with nine overhead doors. The facility offers storage units for rent and is located in the village of Howard. Units arrived on scene at approximately 8 a.m. and the alarm was upgraded to include units from Hobart, Brown County Rescue, Green Bay Metro Fire, Ashwaubenon and De Pere Fire. The building sustained heavy fire damage and its contents sustained heavy smoke and water damage. The fire is still under investigation.

Mike Hollihan photo



Fire crew geared for stop at Lambeau

After fighting fires in Minnesota, as well as the oats fire in Oscoda, Michigan, Ashwaubenon High School 2010 graduate Steve McCall, front row far right, and members of the Ruby Mountain Hotshots, based in Elko, Nev., recently took a detour on their way back to their home base to have this photo taken at Lambeau Field.

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K-9 Ole retires after nine years serving Ashwaubenon

BY JANELLE FISHER
CITY PAGES EDITOR

ASHWAUBENON – Ole, Ashwaubenon Public Safety's first K-9, was honored in a retirement ceremony of sorts June 14 as his career came to a close and the career of the department's next K-9 began.

Captain of Investigations Brian Amenson took the opportunity to reflect on how far the K-9 program has come over Ole's nine years in service.

"The goal was to have the program operational in November of 2014, and in the fall of 2014, the program was operational," he said. "Ashwaubenon's first K-9 Ole joined our public safety team and the program has been very successful and an extremely helpful tool in the deterrence and prosecution of criminal activity in the village of Ashwaubenon."

That success, Amenson said, is due largely to Ole and his dedication to the job.

"This program is nothing without a fantastic K-9, obviously," he said. "We have been fortunate over the last nine years to have Ole as part of our Ashwaubenon Public Safety team. Ole has been a servant to the community, and we will forever be grateful for him and his dedicated service to all of us."

Chief of Public Safety Brian Uhl said that just over the last year, K-9 Ole and Officer Matt Teske was were deployed more than 100 times; assisted in 25 arrests when Ole indicated/alerted to vehicles, buildings and other places; and aided in the apprehension of 11 people on tracks which led to those suspects.

Although the numbers are impressive, Uhl said the extent of Ole's impact on the department and the community is immeasurable.

"How do you summarize that almost-10-year lifespan and the impact that a K-9 has on the community?"



Officer Mack Teske took K-9 Ole on a last walk from the department after his retirement ceremony held at Ashwaubenon Village Hall June 14. Community members, supporters of Ashwaubenon's K-9 program and law enforcement officials from surrounding departments came out to celebrate K-9 Ole's nine years of service.
Janelle Fisher photo

How many drugs are taken off the streets because we have a K-9 in the community?" Uhl questioned. "What does that bring to our community? It brings safety. It brings security. What does that bring to our officers? It brings safety. It brings peace of mind knowing that a K-9 is close by and can as-

sist them with their traffic stops, that can assist them with apprehending suspects that flee. We live in a dynamic community. Lambeau Field is here, we have over 2,000 hotel rooms here, so it doesn't bring in always the most law-abiding citizens. So to have a K-9 unit, it's just immeasurable, the impact it has in our community."

It's an impact which Uhl said has not gone unnoticed or unappreciated, as evidenced by the community members and law enforcement officials who came out

to celebrate Ole's retirement.

"We can see that not only by the people that are in this room, but if you go back and look at the donation wall and how many people feel so strongly about having a K-9 that they donate their hard-earned dollars to the program. We are very pleased with K-9 Ole and the work that he has done with Officer Teske, and we're looking forward to continuing that success."

K-9 Ole will live out his retirement with Officer Mack Teske, who has been Ole's handler for the past

five years.

"Ole will be 11 next month, actually a month from now, so it's time for him to retire. He's done his service," Teske said. "Me and Ole have done a lot together. I'm not going to retire, but he's going to retire and get to be a stay-at-home dog, enjoy life and relax hopefully for a few more years to come."

Teske will also serve as the handler for the department's next K-9, an 18-month-old Belgian malinois named Vice.

"Ole's the old man on campus now," Teske said. "We're slowly introducing them to each other, integrating them, and hopefully the new K-9 will learn some ways from Ole and go from there... Having two dogs, you kind of compare them both but you've got to get over that, you've got to get around that. Ole was 11 years old — a seasoned vet. He knew everything. He's what we call a turnkey dog. He kind of went with the flow and did what you needed him to do. And now, coming over to an 18-month-old, pretty much a puppy that has a mind of its own... that, itself, is a challenge. The drive is a lot higher and a little more apt."

STUDENTS

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Combining Western structures with Indigenous knowledge, in the hopes of granting credit for prior experiences and knowledge, led to some organizational challenges.

In attempt to quantify the vast width of indigenous knowledge into focused curriculums, the elders suggested following a clan structure.

They divided themselves into four separate clans, each focusing on a different way of knowing: Native culture, history, language and governance.

"The Indigenous knowledge-holders decided which clan they felt like they had the most to contribute to," Wind-Norton said. "It was a lot of discussions, a lot of elders sharing stories, and, really, a lot of relationship-building."

Paul Ninham, former elected councilman in the Oneida Nation, was one of the Indigenous knowledge-holders who worked in the governance clan.

"I ended up hearing a lot of stories, maybe too many stories," Ninham said. "It was all based on what I believe, and what a lot of other folks believe, is important information that is relevant to the position of an elected official for their respective council... There is a set of skills that a person needs. There is perseverance involved in there. But in your toolbox you need to understand how tribal governments work... and why we work the way we do."

"So we started picking apart some of those things and pinpointing... What tribal governments deal with, what [they] are charged with doing... and what is the information that [an elected council member] needs to know and understand to make those big decisions for each of their tribes. So we started going through that information, and the information is immense."

According to the report, the discussions in the governance clan, and each of the others, centered around

three main goals: identifying the topics that could become part of the curriculum, determining how to translate lived experience into college credit and developing a rubric for assessment.

Wind-Norton said they are hoping for the first round of course offerings to begin this fall.

"We are still in that implementation phase... We are starting to do more of an intentional infusion of that knowledge — the Indigenous ways — into other pieces of our curriculum across the college," she said.

She added, "It's about closing some of those equity gaps that we know exist for indigenous students... Indigenous students haven't got as much attention, and in a district with three sovereign nations within our local college district, they are a very important part of our population... It's about making sure the students know that this college is their college too and they can see themselves reflected in the curriculum."

PARTNERSHIP

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college when they're at NWTC.

"We want to create a stronger sense of belonging among Oneida faculty, staff and students and make sure that we're an environment that really affirms their identities and culture and that really supports their well-being and is where they can thrive."

Throughout their partnership so far, NWTC and Oneida Nation have been able to collaborate on a variety of projects, all designed to address priority areas of the Nation's students, workforce and community.

"We had an Adopt A School program, where our employees would go volunteer at K-12 schools that have a large number of Oneida students attending so the students can start building a connection with the college earlier on in their education and so that the employees of our

college can have more of an understanding and more of a connection with Oneida students as well," Lam said. "We have a career coach who works very closely and spends a lot of time at the Oneida high school to help students verify what their goals are for the future, in terms of their career and academic plans and then support them in finding a college and getting into a college program that will help them meet those goals."

The collaboration has also included a service learning project in one of NWTC's trade courses, the possibility for dual enrollment to receive early college credit by Oneida high school students and a NWTC staff person who can "serve as a point of connection for Oneida students," Lam added.

After a decade of collaboration, the renewal ceremony allowed both NWTC and Oneida Nation to reaffirm their commitment to work together by updating their

goals and priorities.

"With this renewed partnership we will be working together to identify the upcoming workforce development goals for Oneida as they look into their future so that we can be more targeted in where we focus our efforts," Lam said.

While the pandemic halted the partnership's ability to host in-person meetings, both parties felt that, by being able to personally connect again, now was the time to look into renewal and re-assessing the collaboration's main priorities.

The renewed charter will focus on areas such as the Oneida Nation's workforce development in the areas of health sciences, the trades and engineering; student accessibility; the expansion of dual-credit opportunities for younger students interested in higher education; and academic preparation for work in the construction trades for Oneida's new housing development project.

SUMMIT

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But, COVID-19 changed all of that.

At one time, all live production was done on-site, which often meant moving to New York or Los Angeles.

Today, with remote options, Behnke said his company can now focus on "lifestyle savings."

"What about raising the family? What about not spending all your time on a commute?" he inquired about living in places such as Green Bay.

"Something that I fully embrace for our company

is this idea of lifestyle savings. You know, fishing for walleye is important. And, gardening for me is important. My first three seasons of gardening — about the last three years — it's been incredible. Not that you can't garden in New York City, but I've never had sunlight, so I always thought it was terrible, and turns out I'm not terrible.

"And being available to family and friends, right? I spent a lot of those 20 years not being available to the people that I love, people that I care about. And so some of those things are 'why Green Bay?' and some

of those things are, you know, it's a very special place, unique like no other.

"And people love to work here and so many people are in industry. They work in a local news station, and then they have to go somewhere else. They work at their first place out of college and then they have to go somewhere else. What if they don't? It's an amazing place. A new remote workforce can be anywhere, so why not the new normal?"

Watch for more on the Power of Place in next week's edition of the Press Times.

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De Pere leaders work toward affordable living

BY LEE REINSCH
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DE PERE – The city of De Pere is launching an effort to make living there more affordable.

The common council recently approved a resolution to devote at least 75% of monies from incremental funding districts toward a handful of programs aimed at giving homeowners and homebuyers a reason to stay in De Pere.

Last year, the city received more than \$1.9 million from the incremental funding after the west-side industrial TID No. 6 was closed.

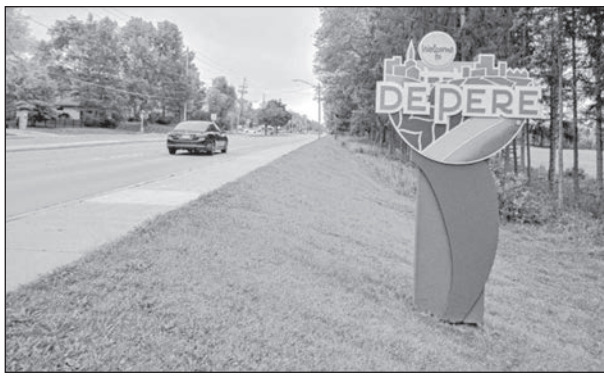
In March of 1998, the city established Tax Increment District Number 6 (TID No. 6) and in February of 2021, extended it for a year for the purpose of improving affordable housing in the City.

Resolution No. 23-53 states, “The city believes it is in the public interest to offer programs to incentivize constructing new and renovating existing housing units in the city to improve housing affordability and make improvements to the existing housing stock in the city.”

It notes that De Pere’s Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 2010, includes efforts to increase housing affordability in the community, as does its 2010 downtown master plan, for affordable housing stock around and in the downtown areas.

The programs include:

- Deeper Roots affordable housing stock improvement program (\$500,000);
- Look Up Downtown upper story residential activation and renovation pro-



The city of De Pere is launching an effort to make living there more affordable. **File photo**

- gram (\$150,000);
- Habitat for Humanity Rock the Block Program (\$400,000); and
- Residential lot purchase program and affordable housing units in multi-family tax increment development program (\$1.18 million).

Deeper Roots

Deeper Roots is aimed at making older housing stock more accommodating to current lifestyles.

Nearly 47% of the homes in De Pere were built before 1980, according to the city.

The program offers 0% interest, 10-year loans for half of the cost of improvements, up to \$20,000.

Funds from the closing of TID No. 6, as well as funding from the city, will fund the program.

The city says Deeper Roots will encourage people to stay in De Pere by clearing some of the cost barriers to upgrades, rather than moving.

Rather than buy or build outside the city, potential homebuyers, especially young families, may be more likely to buy a home in De Pere that needs a few changes to make it fit them.

The program is open to people earning 100% or less of the Brown County median income (\$63,200 for one person or \$72,200 for two, up to \$119,100 for eight people) for homes assessed at 120%

of the median assessed value.

Alder Jonathon Hansen questioned the income limit of 100% of the median versus the home value of 120% of the median assessed value.

He asked if there were any thoughts about bumping the income limit to 120%.

“I just wonder if there are not going to be as many people eligible that are going to benefit from the program,” he said.

Development Services Director Dan Lindstrom said parameters are the ones typically recommended for similar programs, and they could always revisit them if demand indicated a need to do so.

“The big factor is we were trying to not open it up to community-wide,” he said. “We were trying to really target the near downtown neighborhoods as much as we possibly can... when you look at the assessed values, that is the target that we are really, truly hitting — those near downtown neighborhoods.”

Of the \$500,000 allocated to Deeper Roots, \$100,000 is funded through the city’s allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and \$400,000 from the Affordable Housing Fund.

Look Up Downtown

Look Up Downtown in-

volves matching grants of up to \$6,000 per unit for improvements to second stories of downtown buildings to convert or renovate current non-residential units into residential units.

Grants are up to \$6,000 per unit for improvements, up to five units.

The program is open to property owners and those interested in buying downtown properties.

Grants will be available until the total amount reserved for the program, \$150,000, is gone.

Rock the Block Program Habitat for Humanity Rock the Block Program is a week-long event teaming together residents, municipalities, community partners and donors to fix up homes for low-income homeowners and improve community spaces.

Usually about 150 volunteers work on 20 to 30 projects over an area of a few blocks in an effort to beautify neighborhoods and boost property values.

The program provides affordable repairs and maintenance to properties.

If they’re able, homeowners can participate in prep work and work with volunteers.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Green Bay manages the project.

The cost of the program is approximately \$400,000-per-project, with \$200,000 to projects on the east and west sides of the river.

Residential lot purchase program

The lot purchase program reserves lots in existing and new developments and subdivisions for affordable units.

The city would purchase lots in a proposed subdivision to sell to non-profit or other organizations at a

reduced rate for affordable housing construction.

The lot purchase program could be offered in conjunction with lower interest rates and deferred special assessments.

“If the developer is receiving the benefit of the city borrowing at lower interest rates and deferred special assessments, the community would receive the benefit of more affordable new homes within the community,” Lindstrom said in a May 2023 memo to the common council.

Affordable Housing Program

The Affordable Housing Program would offer incentives to developers to include affordable units as defined by WHEDA and community development block grant (CDBG) rent limits, in multi-family residential or mixed-use developments.

It could resemble the WHEDA Section 42 program but “at a local level with fewer reporting requirements,” the memo said.

Those eligible could include those at 80% of the county median income, and rents would be no higher than WHEDA rent limits or 30% maximum of a tenant’s income.

Other business

In other business, the board approved a funding for two programs:

- “Experience De Pere” Downtown Business Recruitment Grant — \$150,000.
- Brownfield Property Acquisition and Remediation Program — \$410,000.

The board also approved soliciting bids from consultants to create a locally funded revolving loan program with the revolving loan program that was formerly associated with a CDBG.

OBITUARIES



Mr. Timothy Brunette, 75, lifelong resident of the Village of Howard, died Sunday, June 18, 2023, with his family at his side. He was born, November 24, 1947, in Green Bay, to Emanuel “Jargo” and Edwina (Fritsch) Brunette. Tim was a man of family, community, and adventure. His life was like an award-winning novel. A life of great love, a beautiful family, and a community that made everywhere feel like home.

Tim joined the St. John Baptist Choir, just to meet Kathy Van Donsel. His love story went on with Kathy and they were married on June 29, 1968. His family soon grew to six, with four children, then to eight, with each child’s spouse, and finally to 19, adding 11 grandchildren. Tim left behind the legacy of family. He was a man that had everything when his family was by his side. He was a present husband, partner, father, grandfather, and friend. Tim showed pride in his family that stuck together, accomplished great things, and never stopped dreaming. His legacy lives on with the stories his children and grandchildren share because of the sacrifice of time he gifted his family.

As Tim’s family grew so did his community. Tim and Kathy owned and operated the Watering Hole in Howard together for many years. Tim was known in the community as the first person to step up, give back, and support community growth. His intellectual contributions are uniquely dispersed throughout the community of Howard. His support was unwavering; being a friend, neighbor, or stranger to Tim made no difference. He would make time for anyone who needed it. Tim’s contagious tenacity and gentle demeanor uplifted everyone. He saw a community full of people that could accomplish anything they put their minds to. He never stopped going, growing, or supporting.

Tim developed a travel thumb as he got older. His children and grandchildren had him chasing across the country for all sorts of events. He was a man filled with pride for every place he was able to travel and every event he was able to attend. As a man with such intellect and desire to be the life of the party, he began to settle down. He found his travel partner, Leann, and they shared stories of the friends and family they made during their travels to Arizona. Tim gratefully accepted and extended his family to include Leann’s siblings, spouses, children, and grandchildren. Together they conquered the challenging adventure of attending as many community, children, and grandchildren’s events as they could; they were successful. The quiet life did not come without a fight from them both. Tim still knew how to be the life of the party, but learned to enjoy the peace life has to offer. Tim grew his family one more time; his dog Emmie stuck by his side to snag leftovers and give endless cuddles until she couldn’t. As his life has come full circle, he now has re-joined with his wife Kathy.

Survivors include his significant other, Leann; four children and their spouses, Benjamin and Kari Brunette, Marguerite and Eric Dunning, Blaine and Teresa Brunette, Francis and Tara Brunette, all of Green Bay; his grandchildren, Logan, Mason, Erin, Mia, Breanne, Emily, Alex, MacKenzie, Alexis, Hailey, Talyn; his brother and sisters and their spouses, Barb Brunette, Lynn and Jack Twet, Jane Knight; many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by wife, Kathy Brunette; parents, Jargo and Edwina Brunette; siblings, the twins, brother, Tom Brunette, brother-in-law, Norris Knight.

Friends may gather at Blaney Funeral Home, 1521 Shawano Ave., from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27. A Parish Wake service will be held at 8 p.m. Visitation will continue on Wednesday, June 28 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 2597 Glendale Ave., (The entrance is directly across from BP gas station on Glendale Ave.) from 10 to 11 a.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Entombment will be in Shrine of the Good Shepherd Mausoleum. To send online condolences, please go to www.BlaneyFuneralHome.com.

A memorial fund has been established in Tim’s name. The family extends a special thank you to Aurora Hospital, nurses and doctors, and all his wonderful family and friends who helped care for Tim.

Howard-Suamico School Board stresses advocacy in getting things done

BY MELANIE ROSSI
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GREEN BAY – During their June meeting, the Howard-Suamico School Board focused on transitioning from their 2022-23 budget into the budget for 2023-24.

All board members expressed gratitude for the advocacy of the community and legislators in helping them to receive their needed funds — especially in order to host events such as Bay Port’s High School Commencement, which was held on June 11.

Howard-Suamico School District Superintendent Damian LaCroix said, “We are grateful to the community and never take for granted the fact that we can’t do what we do — we can’t accomplish what we did yesterday — without community support.”

LaCroix explained that community support and organization also play a large role in the recent start of the district’s summer school program.



During their June meeting, the Howard-Suamico School Board focused on transitioning from their 2022-23 budget into the budget for 2023-24. **File photo**

“We kicked off a summer school program,” he said. “Dozens and dozens of staff members and thousands of families... When you think about organizational capability, that is not the norm for us to have the magnitude of a summer school program that we have... It is a real benefit to our families.”

Assistant Superintendent of Operations Michael Juech recognized staff members at the Howard-Suamico Education Foundation and Ben Rodgers, the district’s grant writer,

for their impact in generating more revenue for the district.

“When we tell our story, it is critical that we share what we are doing as a community and an organization to help our learning and enhance our learning,” Juech said. “Advocacy has been a huge effort when it comes to the budget and the Board.”

The board’s 2022-23 advocacy priorities included an increase in special education aid, inflationary increase in general revenues, revenue limit equity and

on-going school safety aid.

Juech explained that Howard-Suamico’s advocacy, especially to their legislators such as Senator Robert Cowles, has had a noted effect when compared with other districts.

“Those advocacy efforts can’t be taken for granted because a lot of other organizations aren’t doing it... It’s critical that we can have these conversations,” he said.

When speaking on the 2023-23 budget, Juech explained that the district’s work on updating their facilities, as a result of the referendum, are a big reason why the costs for facilities are \$100 million more than they usually would be.

The final budget for the 2022-23 year was approved in the amount of \$199,892,988.

“We don’t take for granted — and I hope no one takes for granted — the stewardship that we have with those funds on the part of the community, so

Ashwaubenon School District officials express concerns over budget

BY KANA COONCE
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ASHWAUBENON — With deliberations over Governor Tony Evers' biennial state budget underway, Ashwaubenon School District officials have expressed concerns with certain provisions contained within it.

As of now, Evers' budget proposal would designate \$2.6 billion in funding for schools statewide and raise districts' revenue limit by \$350 per pupil in the budget's first year and \$650 per pupil in the second year.

"[The budget] does things to increase school funding, which is important and good," said Ashwaubenon School District Assistant Superintendent of Schools Keith Lucius at the school board's June 14 meeting, adding that the last state budget did not increase schools' budgets.

"I think we have a very good budget. This is a year where we haven't had to cut any programs, and that's directly due to the referendum," he said.

However, the currently proposed state budget does not address inflation — last year's, this year's or next year's.

"It's really challenging, and we've been under budget constraints for almost 30 years now," he said.

In the 23 years that Lucius has worked for the district, they have had to make cuts ranging from a more typical \$100k-\$200k to "as much as \$800k."

Cuts, he said, have been made in areas ranging from reducing support staff and cutting back on the number of librarians across all five of the district's schools to increasing staff's overall responsibilities throughout the district.

In addition, the district doesn't have much left in the way of cuttable expenses before class sizes are affected — a factor which Lucius said the community values and which the district tries to maintain.

"We focus the budget on small class sizes," he said, adding that staffing accounts for roughly 85% of the district's budget, "but we're struggling with current limits."

Due to the limited funds with which to adequately pay staff — especially compared to the private sector — the district has struggled to maintain its teaching force.

Ashwaubenon is not the only school district in the state facing funding chal-



Ashwaubenon School District officials and students' families alike have expressed concern that the achievement gap is not being met. **Kris Leonhardt photo**

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In April, the Southeast Wisconsin Schools Alliance asked lawmakers to raise spending to \$1,150 per pupil over the next two years, according to WPR.

"Not every school district has the same supportive community to pass a referendum," said Lucius.

Even with the community's support, in order to keep up with inflation, the district would require state funding of \$880 per student — roughly \$150 more than is currently being proposed.

In addition, while public schools are seeing only a 3.2% budget increase, voucher schools are seeing a 32% increase, which Lucius argues doesn't make logistical sense.

"There are several things that [public schools] provide... that several of those [voucher] schools don't provide," said Lucius.

Included are buses, which public schools are required to provide free of charge even to voucher students; special education programs; and English-learning programs.

"They're expensive, but they're services that those students need," he continued. "When voucher students are unhappy with their voucher program, they're sent back to public school. [Often, they] need more services than the private school was willing to provide." By law, it falls on the public school to provide those services. "The more expensive students are all coming back to the public school, and the voucher students are getting 10 times the funding."

Educators have also expressed concerns about the provisions put forth in Wisconsin Republicans' proposed literacy program, which would require public schools to

shift from a "balanced literacy" teaching approach to a "science of reading" approach.

In addition, third-grade students who do not meet a state-mandated minimum literacy level would be required to be held back. In order to minimize the number of students held back, lawmakers have proposed that schools implement programs to support struggling students.

"There aren't a lot of resources that we have as a district," said Lucius. "[These lawmakers] have all these rules that they want in place, but they're not funding them. They're not funding the support programs that they want in place."

While Wisconsin currently still ranks in the top third of the country in education, it has fallen from 11th to 25th in educational spending since 2002 and currently sits at 5.6% below the national spending average.

Officials and students' families alike have expressed concern that the achievement gap is not being met.

"When lawmakers say things like, 'Well, test scores are falling behind in Wisconsin,' well, I think [Wisconsin's achievement gap] is a big indicator of that," Lucius said. "This is something that takes time. We need to see that impact five years down the road."

While the Ashwaubenon school district remains financially afloat for now, the future remains uncertain.

Lucius urges taxpayers to consult lawmakers about the choices that will impact them and their children's futures. "I would hope people talk to their elected officials and ask questions and understand what they're doing and why."



On June 15, Howe Elementary Community School accepted a \$150,000 check from Brown County United Way as part of the Community School Initiative. Pictured from left are: Amy Kallioninen, Howe Elementary Community School principal; Robyn Davis, Brown County United Way, president/CEO; and Vicki Bayer, interim superintendent of the Green Bay Area Public School. **Kaity Coisman photo**

Brown County United Way provides Community Schools support

BY KAITY COISMAN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY — A partnership between Brown County United Way and the Green Bay Area Public School District provides the ability to grow the Community Schools Initiative and support local scholars and families.

Howe Elementary Community School recently accepted a \$150,000 check from Brown County United Way as part of the Community School Initiative, which will go "... toward strengthening and building academic and social-emotional supports for scholars at Howe Elementary Community School."

Howe Elementary School is known as "a neighborhood hub that supports students, families and neighbors by providing access to community supports such as academic, emotional, health and social services."

Principal of Howe Elementary Community School Amy Kallioninen explained, "Our goal as a school is to have the best educational experience possible and to wrap around them and to help them be as successful students and community

members as possible. And with this large, generous gift, our work continues so that when our kids arrive at school they really have the best chance possible. We are really looking at ways to use these partnerships to leverage and reduce the barriers that these kids come into school with. It will really make a great impact not only for our kids but for our families and our staff, so I am just so appreciative. And really this investment means that our kids get to be able to be stronger scholars, healthier students and just have a better shot at schooling and life in general."

The donation finds its basis in the vision of Brown County United Way, which is "to help ensure that all neighborhood residents have ready access to strong systems of community support that will provide opportunities for economic growth, employment security, social connectedness, empowerment and self-advocacy."

The contribution to Howe Elementary Community School will provide some specific resources for students, staff and families in the school district.

"One of the big major impacts is we have been able to partner with the Howe resource center to have a mental health counselor and all year — we have had a waiting list — a full waiting list of students that needed to access mental health supports, so one of the large things we are going to be able to do is add an additional mental health counselor through our partnership with the resource center," stated Kallioninen. "The other things that we are going to do is look at how to deeper address attendance, we have some attendance concerns... We have some training for home visiting for our teachers to have a little additional training going in. Research will show that the more we are in the neighborhoods with our kids and families the more comfortable they are to come to school."

A Community School is a neighborhood hub that supports students and families by providing access to academic, emotional, health and social services.

For more information, visit https://howe.gbaps.org/about_us/community_school.

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we want to make sure that we're respecting that and putting the best pieces forward," Juech said.

Additionally, the board noted that they were able to invest \$1.8 million into a 5% teacher base salary increase, a number which includes 462 teachers and other staff.

For the 2023-24 school year, there will be a \$1,000 retention bonus for all full-time staff members and a \$500 retention bonus for part-time employees.

The board is already preparing the budget for

the 2023-24 year and is making adjustments when more information and data become available.

The board will hold the Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting on Sept. 25.

The Budget and Tax Levy Meeting will be held on October 30.

Additionally, the board noted vaping as an issue that still needs to be addressed.

Board Member Vanessa Moran recognized it as both a school and community issue but also expressed that "when [the students] are here, it needs to be controlled."

In-school adult supervision and consistency were identified as keys to begin addressing the problem, as well as the importance of parent partnerships.

Board President Greg Klimek said, "Typically when administration is aware of it, it's dealt with pretty quickly and pretty soundly. For the most part when students and families are working in partnership with administration, the issue is addressed and goes away... We're going to try to put in some really specific action steps at Bay Port next year to really improve on that."

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Seymour Woman's Club awards scholarships

SEYMOUR – The Seymour Woman's Club has awarded scholarships to four Seymour Community High School seniors. Each recipient will receive \$1,000 after they complete an academic semester.

The recipients are Emily Brinkman, Olivia Herb, Carleigh Leisgang and McKenna Mueller.

Brinkman plans to attend UW-Platteville to study chemistry and forensic investigation. She was a member of the track and field, cross country and dance teams. She was active in Student Senate, SALSA and band, serving as drum major.

Herb will attend UW-Stevens Point, majoring in chemistry and minoring in environmental science. She was a member of the track and field team and the swim team, serving as captain. She was also active in FBLA and S-Club, serving as President.

Leisgang has been accepted in the UW-Green Bay Nurse Scholar program. She was a member of the dance team and S-Club. She also had lab experience at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas.

Mueller has been granted direct admission to the Masters of Occupational Therapy program at Carroll University. She was on the soccer team, serving as captain for three years. She was active in SALSA, Students Taking Action Now, and the Seymour High School Leadership Committee.

One dead in motorcycle crash

BELLEVUE – The Brown County Sheriff's Office and the Green Bay Fire Department responded to a report of a single motorcycle crash on Main Street at Verlin Road in the Village of Bellevue at approximately 8:21 p.m. on June 18.

Preliminary investigation shows an operator of a 2005 Harley Davidson motorcycle was traveling north on Main Street, approaching Verlin Road, when the operator lost control and laid the motorcycle down.

The motorcycle then struck the center median and rolled, ejecting the operator off the motorcycle.

There was an independent witness to the crash.

The operator of the motorcycle was a 37-year-old female from the Village of Howard.

She was transported from the scene in critical condition and pronounced deceased at an area hospital. Her name is being withheld pending family notification. No further details to be released at this time.

UW-Green Bay names Martin as dean of CAHSS

GREEN BAY – Following a nationwide search, current UW-Green Bay Professor Ryan Martin has been named as dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (CAHSS).

Prof. Ryan Martin has been at UW-Green Bay since 2005 after earning his PhD in Counseling Psychology from the University of Southern Mississippi.

In that time, he has served as chair of the undergraduate Psychology program; chair of the Masters program in Sport, Exercise, and Performance Psychology; and associate dean for the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

"He embodies the collaborative and creative spirit of CAHSS and has a proven record of bringing people together within CAHSS, across the university, and in the community," Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Kate Burns said. "Dean Martin's future vision for CAHSS is compelling and I am looking forward to working with him."

The dean of the College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences is responsible for budget, personnel, curriculum, strategic planning and decisions, and for working with diverse constituencies to promote the University and these programs. Dean Martin will provide academic and administrative leadership and oversight of the programs in the College, and work in a collaborative fashion with the Deans of the College of Health, Education & Social Welfare; the Austin E. Cofrin School of Business; and the College of Science and Technology on matters of mutual concerns.

"I'm thrilled to accept this position," said Martin. "I believe strongly in the important role the arts, humanities and social sciences will play in the future of northeastern Wisconsin. In our work, you'll find the solutions to social problems and the sources of cultural enrichment that our communities deeply desire."



Saturday, June 24, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Guests can enjoy a variety of fun activities throughout the day, including kids' games and crafts, face and arm painting, temporary tattoos, a coloring contest and more.

Meet Zuri and Nigel at the Giraffe Feeding Experience, which will be open for the duration of the event, and stop by the Giraffe Merchandise Sales Tent to browse a selection of giraffe crafts and other items — including paintings made by the zoo's very own giraffes.

Proceeds from the day's activities will once again support giraffe conservation efforts, with funds raised going directly to the Giraffe Conservation Foundation in Africa.

All sales from the merchandise tent and Giraffe Feeding Experience, as well as from carousel rides and other select activities.

Three of the four giraffe species in Africa are threatened with extinction and require greater protection and management in the wild.

The Giraffe Conservation Foundation is the only non-government organization in the world that concentrates solely on the conservation and management of giraffes in the wild throughout Africa.



Kapla awarded Spring WBF Scholarship

BROWN COUNTY – The Wisconsin Bankers Foundation (WBF) has announced Ashton Kapla, originally from Pulaski, a graduate of Northeast Wisconsin Technical College and current student at UW-Green Bay, as a 2023 Spring Scholarship winner.

Each year, the Foundation awards four \$2,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors, current college students, or adults pursuing higher education at an accredited Wisconsin college, university, or technical college.

Recipients are chosen based on their academic achievements, community involvement, career goals and financial literacy.

Kapla is currently employed as a teller at Premier Community Bank in Pulaski. Given his experience in the banking industry and as a tutor at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College.

Kapla aims to become an accountant and teach business courses to high school students.

"The Wisconsin Bankers Foundation is honored to recognize Ashton with our annual Spring Scholarship," Foundation Chair Rose Oswald Poels said. "His keen understanding of the importance of financial literacy will benefit him for years to come. We wish Ashton the very best in his future endeavors."



Celebrate World Giraffe Day with the NEW Zoo

SUAMICO – The NEW Zoo and Adventure Park is inviting the public to take part in its annual World Giraffe Day celebration, sponsored by the NEW Zoological Society, on

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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Fifteen minutes of fame

Dear Reader,
I recently viewed a colored sketch that Andy Warhol made of Marilyn Monroe. His 15 minutes of fame statement came to mind. Whether it is 15 minutes, 15 months or 15 years, fame is fleeting, for stars like Marilyn and ordinary people alike.



Our lives take place in a nanosecond of a universe that is 13.7 billion years old. We experience temporary highs and lows as the "it girl" in high school plays, the college sports star with the promise of professional glory, or the shrewd business person who amasses a bundle of money. From the macro view, none of these achievements is more than a hill of beans.

And then the sunset comes and we get old. If things went well, we are recognized by our peers, devoted to our families, and loved by those we know and love in return. We aspire to a sense of fulfillment and the belief that what we thought and did mattered.

Fifteen minutes of fame, or 15 minutes of oblivion – at the end of the day, it hardly matters. What does matter is our values, our character, and the kindness we shared with others. Time cannot tarnish this ineffable reality of connection and impact on another human being.

PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

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



BE OUR GUEST

Partnering on initiatives that benefit Oneida Nation region

BY TEHASSI HILL
ONEIDA NATION
CHAIRMAN

"I wish to extend our appreciation to the Wisconsin State Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance for approving a number of funding priorities of the Oneida Nation," stated Oneida Nation Chairman Tehassi Hill. "A huge thank you to Senator Rob Cowles (R-Green Bay), Representative Joy Goeben (R-Hobart) and Representative John Macco (R-Green Bay), for authoring and advocating on budget motions that represented Oneida Nation priorities. And, a special thank you to Senator Eric Wimberger (R-Green Bay) who, as a committee member, helped support and shepherd the proposals through the budget committee process."

The Oneida Nation has a proud tradition of partnering with area stakeholders on programs and initiatives that benefit the Oneida Nation and the region.

On Thursday, June 8, the State Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance approved four initiatives funded with tribal gaming revenues that included partnerships amongst the Oneida Nation, area local governments, UW-Green Bay and the Northeast



Hill

Audubon Society.

Healing to Wellness Court Program

Provides \$259,100 annually for grants to the Oneida Nation to support a voluntary post-conviction program for adults that will provide various court, substance abuse treatment and community-based supports. The program represents a collaborative effort of criminal justice stakeholders working together to break the cycle of substance abuse, recidivism, and the negative effects it has on the individual, their families and the general community.

Oneida Nation, UW-Green Bay and Northeastern Audubon Society Collaboration

Provides \$175,000 an-

nually for grants to Oneida Nation provide for a robust volunteer recruitment and coordination program to carry out the bird monitoring effort on recently restored Oneida Nation grasslands, marshes, and forests to evaluate the success of this restoration. It will also include a public education and outreach program on the cultural and conservation aspects of the program which have improved water quality within the project's watershed.

National Estuarine Research Reserve System

Provides \$110,100 annually to the Oneida Nation for grants to support coordination between the National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERR) under the federal Office for Coastal management, the Great Lakes Intertribal Council and UW-Green Bay.

ation between the National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERR) under the federal Office for Coastal management, the Great Lakes Intertribal Council and UW-Green Bay.

Oneida Nation & UW-Green Bay STEM Camps

Provides \$109,300 annually for University of Wisconsin-Green Bay programming for educational programs developed in partnership with the Oneida Nation to serve youth in dual enrollment college courses and summer science, technology, engineering and mathematic (STEM) camps.



Savvy Senior

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Can I collect Social Security from my ex-spouse?

DEAR SAVVY SENIOR,

Is it possible to collect Social Security benefits from my ex-spouse?

We were married for 12 years but have been divorced for almost 20 years now.

Never Remarried

DEAR NEVER REMARRIED,

Yes, depending on your specific circumstances, you may very well be eligible for divorced spouses Social Security benefits.

Here's what you should know.

Who's eligible?

A divorced spouse can collect a Social Security retirement benefit on the earnings record of their ex-husband (or ex-wife) if you are at least age 62, were married for at least 10 years, are unmarried and are not eligible for a higher benefit based on your own earnings record.

In order to collect, your former spouse must also be at least 62 and eligible for Social Security benefits.

But he doesn't have to be receiving them in order for you to collect divorced spouse's benefits, as long as you've been divorced for at least two years.

Even if your ex is remarried, it won't affect your right to divorcee benefits, nor will it affect your ex's retirement benefits or his current spouse's benefits.

Benefit amount

A divorced spouse can receive up to 50% of their ex's full Social Security benefit, or less if they take benefits before their full retirement age, which is 66 for people born in 1945-54, but is gradually increased to age 67 for people born in 1960 or later.

To find out your full retirement age and see how much your benefits will be reduced by taking them early see SSA.gov/benefits/retirement/planner/agereduction.html.

Keep in mind though, that if you qualify for benefits based on your own work history, you'll receive the larger of the two benefits.

You cannot receive benefits on both your record, and your ex's work record too.

To find out how much your retirement benefits will be, see your Social Security statement at SSA.gov/myaccount.

And to get an estimate of your ex's benefits, call Social Security at 800-772-1213.

You'll need to show your marriage certificate and divorce decree to prove your marriage lasted at least 10 years along with his Social Security number to get it.

Other factors to know

You also need to be aware that working can affect your divorced spouse's benefits.

If you start taking benefits while working, and are under full retirement age, your benefits will be reduced \$1 for every \$2 you earn above the annual limit, which is \$21,240 in 2023.

In the year you reach full retirement age, however, the annual limit increases to \$56,520 and the reduction lowers to \$1 for every \$3 above that limit.

See SSA.gov/pubs/EN-05-10069.pdf for more details.

Another factor that can reduce your divorced spouse's benefits is receiving a pension from an employer that did not withhold Social Security taxes (like a government).

This is a rule know as

Government Pension Offset (see SSA.gov/benefits/retirement/planner/gpo-calc.html) which can reduce your benefits by two-thirds of the amount of your pension.

Divorced survivor's benefits

You also need to know that when your ex-spouse dies (and if you were married for 10 or more years), you become eligible for divorced survivor benefits, which is worth up to 100% of what your ex-spouse was due.

Survivor benefits are available to divorced spouses as

early as age 60 (50 if you're disabled).

But if you remarry before 60, you become ineligible unless the marriage ends.

Remarrying after age 60 will not affect your eligibility.

Also note that if you are receiving divorced spouses benefits when your ex-spouse dies, you will automatically be switched over to the higher paying survivor benefit.

For more information visit SSA.gov/benefits/retirement/planner/applying7.html and click on "Benefits for Your Divorced Spouse."

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Fiberglass Solutions honored with Growth Award

BY JANELLE FISHER
CITY PAGES EDITOR

GREEN BAY – Fiberglass Solutions, a Green Bay-based business specializing in custom fiberglass reinforced plastic products, was recently honored as the recipient of the Greater Green Bay Chamber's Growth Award.

The Growth Award is intended to recognize a local company which has demonstrated significant or continuous growth over at least three years and under current ownership.

For Fiberglass Solutions and Ben Bertram, who bought the business with his wife Amy just five years ago, growth has manifested in more ways than one.

"It's been a pretty wild ride and it's vastly exceeded any of our expectations for where we thought we'd be," he said. "We had two employees when we first bought it, plus ourselves, and we were about a 9,000-square-foot facility over on the north side of Green Bay. And now we've got upwards of 20 employees and a 34,000-square-foot facility over on the west side of Green Bay."

While Bertram said there were several factors which made that growth possible, he emphasized how important the employees have been to the process in their willingness to do the job at hand and their openness to tackling new projects.

"There's a lot of contributors, I think," he said. "Really, it was just getting the right people in the right

seats. We've got a really great group of employees... When you think about fiberglass, it's as I tell everybody when they interview — it's itchy and it stinks. To say it's less than ideal on most days would be pretty accurate. But we've got a great group of people around us and they really came in here and took off. People call and ask, 'Hey, can you do this?' And the answer is yes. And then we go out to the guys in the shop and say, 'Alright guys, we committed to this. How are we going to do it?' They're a group of people that just get stuff done."

Another contributor to the growth of Fiberglass Solutions, Bertram said, is a priority that carried over from the former owners.

"The other reason is just customer service," he said. "People call and need things in a pinch, and we could drop everything and help them out. The previous owners, Ken and Mary (Glowacki), really focused on making sure their customers were happy, and we just kind of try to take that to the next level and make sure we keep up that level of service."

Bertram said that one part of the business he hopes to see continue to grow is the manufacturing side of things.

"When we bought the business, we didn't really have a manufacturing arm — it was mainly custom projects and then service and repair," he said. "We traveled to wherever cus-



From left, Dylan Weiler, Amy Bertram, Ben Bertram, Patrick Raymaker and Zach Nischke attended the Greater Green Bay Chamber's Business Recognition Luncheon Awards and Showcase as the recipients of the Growth Award. Submitted photos

tomers would take us and we really kind of expanded from regional to nationwide to assist our customers wherever they may call from, but we want to continue to grow the manufacturing side of the business. Green Bay is really a manufacturing town, and we really like that that side of the business, too, provides a little more stability and allows us good opportunities to train our employees and get more predictable outcomes in the long run."

Whatever the future holds for Fiberglass Solutions, Bertram said the goal is to maintain a pattern of growth.

"We're definitely going to have to watch the economy here and see what it does," he said. "We definitely want to continue to grow."



When Ben and Amy Bertram bought Fiberglass Solutions just five years ago, it had only two employees and a 9,000-square-foot facility. Since then, it has expanded to a 34,000-square-foot facility with more than 20 employees.

Helping an aging parent and investing in real estate



Dear Monty

BY RICHARD MONTGOMERY
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR MONTY,

We plan to build an addition to our current home. Our home is a ranch home with a walkout lower level consistent with the neighborhood pattern in size and amenities. The expansion would be on the main floor only and allow us to house an aging parent in a small apartment, plus add addi-

tional living space and another bedroom to the main floor. We just learned that a neighbor a few doors away recently passed away and willed the house to their children. It appears they are planning on selling it, as it needs a lot of repairs and updates. It occurred to us that it could be an alter-



native plan to the addition. Please give us a top-level overview of those two options.

MONTY'S ANSWER

The addition to the current home is more intensive than the neighboring home project. An addition likely involves an architect, multiple plan revisions and integrating the expansion into the house to avoid appearing like an addition with material choices and builder selection also gobbling up time. With the remodeling project, most, if not all, of the factors in the addition project are avoided. The one major decision

with a remodel is to engage a builder or a general contractor or find sub-contractors on your own. This decision may depend on local market conditions. If all the builders are months behind, it suggests the sub-contractors will also be behind. Finding high-quality sub-contractors in a builder's market could be difficult. If contractors and subs seek work, being the contractor becomes a potential option.

Preparation

Each job is quite different. Does the addition fit in your location? The permits for the expansion are

likely to be numerous and consume time. Then, there will be more inspections required because everything is new construction. An addition will require excavation and a foundation exists with the remodel. There will be fewer permits and inspections with the remodel.

Materials

Everything will be brand new with the new construction, from the foundation to the roof. While remodeling, even a major remodel will require significantly fewer materials. With remodeling, the older the home, the higher the material cost. The materials themselves will likely be similar or identical.

Duration

The addition will take far longer to complete than the remodel. The factors described earlier are many, and some take longer to complete. For example, the foundation work involves

coordinating multiple sub-contractors and then a few days after the pour to cure before removing the forms for backfill.

The market

The fear with the addition is creating an overbuilt home for the neighborhood. Whether or not overbuilt comes into play depends on the area. With the remodeling project, the fear of overbuilding is negligible. Bringing a neglected property into conformance with the existing homes has few downsides.

Summary

There are many outside considerations in deciding which route is best for you. Do you have any time constraints? Either on taking care of your parent or with the time you can devote to the project. Are material costs stable, going higher or contracting? Are you on a budget, or is money a factor? The decision boils down to a personal choice.

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America in Bloom puts Howard on display

Howard Commons Activity Complex to enhance beautification, community engagement efforts

By Janelle Fisher
City Pages Editor

Floral displays, landscaping, urban forestry, environmental awareness and heritage have been on display in Howard this week, as the village played host to two advisors from America in Bloom, a nonprofit organization aimed towards promoting the beautification of communities nationwide through the use of flowers, plants, trees and other environmental and lifestyle enhancements.

Advisors Leslie Pittenger and Sue Amatangelo spent June 20 and 21 touring Howard's parks, natural spaces and establishments — all part of the America in Bloom evaluation process for participating communities

"Every year, a number of communities across the United States sign up to be a part of America in Bloom. We chunk them out by population categories and usually two advisors will go out to the population categories and take a look at every community that's within that population category," Amatangelo said. "We work with the mayor, the city council, the chamber — you name it — within the community. What we try to do is help communities see a better way to maybe do things in their community. Usually it's just the community wants to become a better place to live, work and play — it's a great place now but they want to do even better, so we try to help them get to that level."

To help communities be the best they can be, Amatangelo said a number of categories and topics are considered.

"We look at a number of different areas," Amatangelo said. "We look at floral. We look at urban forestry. We also look at historic preservation. We look at environmental efforts, the community's vitality. What is the overall impression of your community when we walk in? And what are you doing for anyone else coming in from out of town, what's their first impression of your community and how can you do that better?"

Amatangelo said performing evaluations is a mutually beneficial process for both the communities being evaluated as well as the advisors visiting each community.

"There's a number of ways that we try to help communities," Amatangelo said. "We also, as advisors, learn from communities too, because every community has something great going on, if not numerous things. So we find new opportunities, new places to go for information, and it's all a real win-win situation."

After all the participating communities have been evaluated, some will take that winning even further with the awarding of national recognitions.

"At the end of our time together, [communities] will come to a national symposium where all the communities get together and we'll hand out national awards," Amatangelo said. "The day after you [they] arrive back home, [they'll] receive an evaluation report, and in the evaluation report



[they] will receive some recommendations, some ideas, all the things [they're] doing well, things that maybe need a little TLC, and we try to provide areas and ways for [them] to get to where [they] want to be in those areas. When we have the opportunity to see a community and then come back five years later, the results are just amazing."

Pittenger said something as simple as getting a fresh set of eyes on things can help communities notice areas with room for improvement they may not have considered before or recognize the beauty in what they're already doing.

"What happens in a lot of communities is you've lived there for a long time and you kind of have blinders on and you don't see a lot of things because it's always been that way," Pittenger said. "There's a lot of growth happening, but the nice thing about having two people come in is it's a fresh set of eyes to tell you 'this could be improved on' or 'oh my gosh, this is amazing, you really need to build on that.'"

Amatangelo said that perhaps the most valuable part of the process is not the evaluation itself, but the way people, government and businesses come together as a result to make their community the best it can be.

"The best part about all of it is it tears down the walls or the silos in communities between the municipality, the residents and the businesses," she said. "It gets everybody working together as one. You get a lot more done that way."

Helping to get things done in Howard is a grant from CN EcoConnexions From the Ground Up grants program, facilitated by America in Bloom and funded by Canadian National (CN) Railway to support collaborative community greening projects that enhance landscapes in communities neighboring CN rail lines.

"The way the grant opportunity was written and the project we have here at Howard Commons, it was such a natural fit," Ben Rodgers, grant writer for the village of Howard, said. "In the grant world, you don't want to go building things to fit an opportunity, you want your resources — what you're working on — to fit the grant. And when we got together with Paul (Evert) and Geoff (Farr) and started talking about the logistics of what's happening here and then there's this opportunity that aligns perfectly with it, it was a no-brainer to apply."

Rodgers said the Howard Commons Activity Complex, which is set to open in August and will feature a pavilion, activity building, skating rink, amphitheater, beer garden and splash pad among ample landscaping, is not only something which checks all the boxes in terms of what

▲ America in Bloom Advisors Sue Amatangelo and Leslie Pittenger spent two days touring Howard's parks, natural spaces and establishments — including the nearly-completed Howard Commons Activity Complex — as part of their evaluation of the village. Janelle Fisher photos

America in Bloom looks for in a thriving community, but is also something the village hopes will set them apart from other communities and be a point of pride for Howard residents.

"A lot of communities, even in this area, are just residential areas, with maybe a big box store, a town hall and a fire department, or they contract those services out, and that's kind of it. There's no singular space," Rodgers said. "There's no real point of pride. There might be some athletic fields and a ballpark and then that's kind of it. We're going above and trying to build something to encourage people, encourage activity, investment, everything like that."

What Howard hopes to achieve with the Howard Commons Activity Complex, Rodgers said, is to keep people engaged and interested in what Howard has to offer and sustain the growth the village has seen in recent years.

"Howard is a growing community in the state of Wisconsin, and not a lot are. If you look at populations with 10,000 or more people, according to U.S. Census data, Howard's like in the top 10 in the state of Wisconsin for a growth percentage. I mean, you're looking at the reason why. And if you take your foot off the gas and you kind of let those plans fall to the wayside, you're going to see that percentage decline. We want to keep people interested in the community."

Pittenger said Howard's perseverance is admirable, especially when there are often many reasons to let big plans fall to the wayside.

"It's so easy to take your foot off the gas," she said. "People will easily say, 'Well that costs too much money. We don't have it in the budget. We're short staffed.' It's easy to do that, but the communities that continue to keep their foot on the pedal, I think, are the ones that really make a difference and move forward like [Howard] is doing."

Just a few hours and a few steps into their tour of the village, both Pittenger and Amatangelo agreed, "[Howard] is definitely a model community." **CP**

▼ The Howard Commons Activity Complex is set to open in August and will feature a pavilion, activity building, skating rink, amphitheater, beer garden and splash pad among ample landscaping. Ben Rodgers, grant writer for the village, said he hopes the new space will be a point of pride within the community.



Pets of Brown County



Meet Benny, a golden retriever who resides in Green Bay with his humans, who are training him to be a hunting dog. Benny is currently working towards his junior hunting certification, with two ribbons already under his belt — or under his collar. This past Saturday, Benny also celebrated his second birthday! Janelle Fisher photo

Celebrate summer with Sail and Paddle

By Avery Wageman
Contributing Writer

Green Bay nonprofit Sail and Paddle is celebrating summer and sailing as a part of the global Summer Sailstice event on June 24.

From beginners to experts, young and old, Summer Sailstice is an opportunity for the community to test the waters in Sail and Paddle's kayaks and catamarans.

"It's all about getting out on the water, having fun, sailing and enjoying life on the summer solstice," said Becky Paul, board treasurer at Sail and Paddle.

Intro to Sailing and Intro to Kayaking courses will be conducted from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., as an opportunity for people who have little to no experience sailing or kayaking to give it a shot and learn the basics from a certified instructor.

Skills taught at this session include understanding wind directions and sailing angles, steering the tiller and sailing a figure eight.

For those that are self-certified or have completed Sail and Paddle's Basic Sailing One course, kayak and sailboat rentals will be available from 1-4 p.m.

Adults scouting out date night ideas can register for Couple's Night, an introductory sailing lesson for couples to learn to sail a catamaran together from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

As the sun sets on the longest day of the year, participants will be given a \$15 gift certificate for drinks at the nearby Paradise North Distillery.

Throughout the summer, Sail and Paddle hosts a wide array of events and courses for anyone eight years of age and older, to expand accessible sailing for the Green Bay community.

For those that enjoy the Summer Sailstice event, or



▲ Sail and Paddle, a Green Bay-based nonprofit, will celebrate the longest day of the year with a Summer Sailstice event.

want to broaden their sailing skills, can register for Basic Sailing One, a three-session course that builds on the skills cultivated in the Intro to Sailing session.

Students may then continue on to Basic Sailing Two, and subsequently, Intermediate Sailing, both of which are also three-session courses. Additionally, students gain access to sailing rentals throughout the summer upon completion of Basic Sailing One.

Sail and Paddle also offers several classes catered specifically to women. After completion of the Basic Women's Sailing course, women can move on to Intro to Racing to learn the rules and strategies of sailboat racing, or to Women's Cruising, a more leisurely approach to learning advanced boat handling skills. All women's courses are structured into five, three-hour sessions.

Throughout the summer, there are several opportunities for kids to try out sailing in addition to Sail and Paddle's courses. STEM camps are offered to kids ages 8-13, and

Narwhal Kids Club gives kids who have completed week one of STEM camp or Basic Sailing One a chance to build their skills and get more sailing experience.

Courses can also be tailored to people with disabilities with one-on-one sessions to better meet individuals' specific needs. Paul explained that sailing can even be a therapeutic activity for some.

In pursuit of making their sailing resources more accessible to the community, Sail and Paddle offers scholarships and financial assistance for students who may not be able to pay full price for registration.

"We provide fellowships to individuals that are unable to afford the full class," said Paul. "We do ask for individuals to contribute what they can or to list what they can contribute to the class, because, you know, we are a nonprofit. But, we remove the barriers of financial restriction."

The admission fee is \$55 for the Summer Sailstice Intro to Sailing and Intro to Kayaking event, \$50 for kayak rentals, \$60 for sailboat rentals and \$140 for Couple's Night.


For more information about courses, prices, registration, and more, check out <https://www.gbsail.org/>. **CP**




▲ Summer Sailstice offers individuals the opportunity to test the waters in Sail and Paddle's kayaks and catamarans, regardless of their skill level or age. Submitted photos

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FOOTLIGHTS THEATRE brings 'The Laramie Project' to Green Bay

Cast hopes to bring people to the table and start conversations

By Janelle Fisher
City Pages Editor

Actors with Footlights Theatre took to the stage at Green Bay's Tarlton Theatre this week in a play certain to tug at the heartstrings of all who attend.

The Laramie Project is a production put together by the Tectonic Theater Project and its founder Moisés Kaufman detailing what went on in the town of Laramie, Wyoming, leading up to and following the murder of Matthew Shepard, a 21-year-old college student who was beaten and

left for dead, later succumbing to his injuries, for being gay.

Kaufman and his group traveled to Laramie after the murder and conducted interviews with more than 200 individuals — both directly related to the case and just regular citizens of Laramie — to create a play highlighting the extremes of both hatred and compassion that can coexist in any seemingly average community.

Adam Elmergreen, who is both a member of the cast and production coordinator for the show, said the show really puts a microscope on the town of

Laramie and the variety of perspectives that came out as a result of Matthew Shepard's murder.

"It follows the town of Laramie, Wyoming, leading up to and after the murder of Matthew Shepard, who was a young gay man, a college student," he said. "It really just follows the town, specifically, and how they handled the situation leading up to the murder and after the murder itself, focusing more on after the murder. It also follows in regards to the trial that occurred and basically how the town really went because they had such national focus on them... With Wyoming being a very conservative area, the play itself really reflects a wide view of perspectives in regards to the situation itself. So it will cover people that were absolutely devastated by it, all the way to people who had very strong religious beliefs."

That wide range of perspectives to consider, Elmergreen said, is something that Footlights Theatre was looking for

▲ Footlights Theatre opened their performance of 'The Laramie Project' at Green Bay's Tarlton Theatre June 21 and will continue to have performances through June 25. Submitted photos

when selecting a show.

"One thing Footlights Theatre really focuses on specifically is doing plays that kind of challenge the area and challenge the mindset," he said. "Really, what they're looking for is inviting conversation into the community so people just have a complete understanding. This play really delivers that in the sense that you're witnessing all the viewpoints in regards to a very unfortunate, ugly situation."

Although Footlights Theatre is a relatively young theater group, Elmergreen said intentionally taking on challenging topics and starting conversations has been a priority from the beginning.

"[Footlights Theatre] is a newer theater group — they've been around for a little over maybe a year at this point. This

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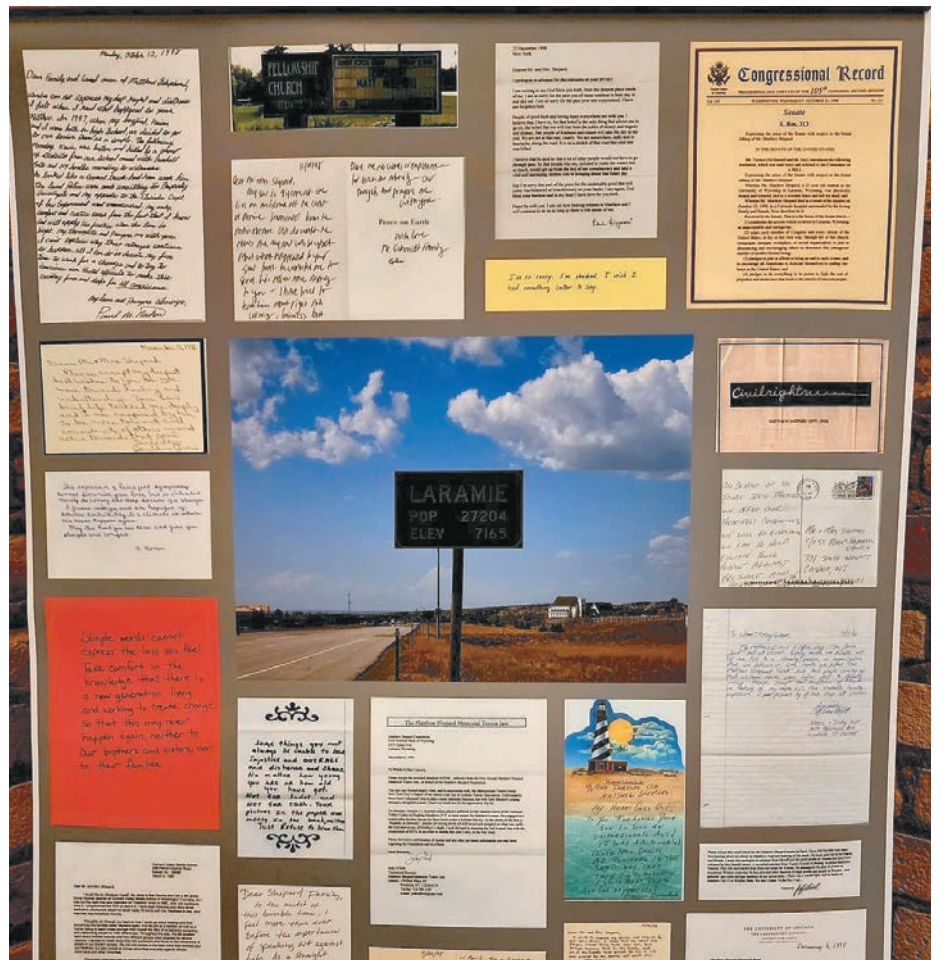
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is actually only their third show," he said. "They look for specific scripts that, like I said, are a little bit more challenging — not the staples that you see. They invoke thought. They invoke emotion... Their role is really to get a community talking about different issues and events and hopefully lead to positive conversation about that."

The Laramie Project, Elmergreen said, hits a current source of significant discourse head-on.

"I think Footlights really was looking at the state of the country right now, the United States," he said. "What so many students are going through, over 400 anti-LGBTQI+ laws that are on the books right now in a variety of different states... They really wanted to bring a focus back to the heart of the LGBTQI+ community, you know, you're dealing with people. You're dealing with human beings. You're dealing with people that are just looking for love and acceptance and that's really what *The Laramie Project* is about — love and acceptance and hope. And when you walk away from it, you really are thinking of that exactly — that the LGBTQI+ [community] just really needs acceptance. Nobody's looking for anything special. No one's looking for anything other than just acceptance and love, and that's really what *The Laramie Project* comes down to."

After Matthew Shepard's death in 1998, his parents, Dennis and Judy Shepard, started the Matthew Shepard Foundation with the goal of honoring Matthew's life and aspirations by inspiring individuals, organizations and communities to embrace the dignity and equality of all people.

Following Saturday's performance, *The Laramie Project's* audience will have the opportunity to speak with Dennis Shepard.

"He'll be doing a talkback at our Saturday, June 24, show," Elmergreen said, "He'll be doing a talkback and leading the audience in regards to questions, anything they have talked about in the play itself, the origin of the play, how it came about. It really is a time for the community to really show up and be open to that type of conversation, no matter what your religious or political belief is, just to come and sit and talk and really learn

▲ Elmergreen said the setup of the Tarlton Theatre lends itself nicely to encouraging people to make conversation with those around them.

from each other."

During the rehearsal process, which Elmergreen said has been quite emotional due to the content of the show and the backgrounds of the cast, the Footlights Theatre group had the opportunity to speak with Dennis without an audience — an experience which Elmergreen said stirred up emotions with many in the troupe.

"I would say 50% of the cast represent the LGBTQI+ community, and the other 50% are just obviously allies of the LGBTQI+ community, so there's good representation from straight, gay, trans, all within this production. There are very vetted and talented actors in this show," he said. "I cry every day after. It's just unbelievable — a very powerful play... A lot of times during rehearsals, cast members will walk out in tears. After Matthew Shepard's father had a talkback with just the cast last week, that was hard to sit through. It really was. People were crying on the spot when it was over. We had people walk out from tears. He really did an amazing job bringing a lot of facts and will continue doing that on Saturday. He brings a lot of facts and statistics with him, and they're heartbreaking. One of the things that really caught me was just the fact that how the country is right now in regards to LGBTQI+ riots, it's actually in worse shape than it was when the murder happened with Matthew Shepard. There were just so many things he brought to the table that even I was unaware of about the state of the country right now. I think it's amazing that his foundation really works to lead the conversation and to be able to get everybody at the table to talk and try to understand each other."

The venue for the show, Elmergreen said, is set up in a way to literally get everybody at the table and create a space for open conversation.

"The nice part about the theater where it's at, which is the Tarlton Theatre, is it's a place where people sit together

▲ The cast of 'The Laramie Project' had the opportunity to talk with Dennis Shepard, Matthew Shepard's father, during a rehearsal last week. Elmergreen said the discussion stirred up emotions with many of the cast members.

at tables and you have the opportunity to dialogue and talk and speak with one another," he said. "I'm really hoping they play engages people to come and experience something they may not understand and walk away maybe not changing their mind — that's not necessarily the goal — but just having a deeper understanding of where LGBTQI+ people are coming from and the stories they go through and the hardships they go through in this day and age."

Elmergreen said that if he were to give one reason people should come to see the show, it would be just that — to try to deepen their understanding of what people around them may be facing.

"From my side of things, it's really to try to be educated on something they may not quite understand," he said. "I know from my perspective, I always want to learn things. It's so easy in this day and age to jump online or whatever the situation may be and criticize something without having really any foundation or fact for it. I think people of a religious or maybe a conservative nature would feel really comfortable coming to the *Laramie Project*, because the production itself gives a perspective from all angles, and it wraps it all together in just a simple message of acceptance and love, and you walk away with a lot of hope — and I think anybody from any political or religious perspective will walk away with a little bit more hope." CP

There are still opportunities to catch a showing of *The Laramie Project* June 23 and 24 at 7:30 p.m. and June 25 at 1 p.m.

Find more information and tickets at footlightstheatregb.org.

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LIVE MUSIC

Sunday, June 25

Empire Strikes Brass • Leicht Memorial Park, Green Bay. High-energy brass, funk and rock music, part of the Levitt AMP Green Bay Music Series. 4 p.m. Free. Visit downtowngreenbay.com for more details.

Wednesday, June 28

Concert in the Park - Bay Area Big Band • Ashwaubenon Community Center, Ashwaubenon. 40s and '50s swing music. 11:30 a.m. Find more information on the Ashwaubenon Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department Facebook page.

Jazzin' Up Wisco Wednesday • Stillmank Beer Company, Green Bay. Jam session with The Standard Collective. 6:30 p.m. See Stillmank Beer Company's Facebook page for more details.

De Pere City Band • Voyageur Park, De Pere. Concert with the theme "Let's Dance." 7 p.m. Free.

Thursday, June 29

Hannah Rose • Captain's Walk Winery, Green Bay. Classic country hits and original songs. 6 p.m. Follow Captain's Walk Winery on Facebook for more details.

The Dirty Martinis • The Public Haus, Green Bay. Live music, part of the Shipyard District's Shanty Series. 6 p.m. Free admission. For more information, visit shipyarddistrict.org.

Cathy Grier • Green Bay Botanical Garden, Green Bay. Blues music, part of the Sanimax Concert Series. 6 p.m. \$26 per family (two adults and two children), or \$13 for adults, \$11 for seniors, \$5 for children ages 3-17 and free for ages 2 and under. For more information, head to gbbg.org.

Saturday, July 1

Civic Symphony of Green Bay • Austin Straubel Airport, Green Bay. Live concert with family-friendly activities. Festivities begin at 12 p.m., concert begins at 3 p.m. Free. For more details, see gbcivic.org.

Micheal Grabner • WINEaLOT Vineyards, Greenleaf. Unique sound rooted in the traditions of country, folk and rock and roll. 2 p.m. (All minors must be accompanied by an adult) Visit winealotvineyards.com for more details.

Thursday, July 6

I Am Hologram • WINEaLOT Vineyards, Greenleaf. Songs you know, songs you don't know and songs you should know, including songs from his latest album. 5 p.m. (All minors must be accompanied by an adult) Visit winealotvineyards.com for more details.

Charms • Captain's Walk Winery, Green Bay. Classic rock and alternative tunes. 6 p.m. Follow Captain's Walk Winery on Facebook for more details.

Ongoing

Jazz, Blues, and Brews • Copper State Brewing Co., Green Bay. Tuesdays at 6 p.m. No cover charge. Visit Copper State Brewing Co.'s Facebook page for more information.

Titletown Tuesdays • Titletown Brewing Co., Green Bay. Weekly concert series featuring local musicians, tacos and beer. Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. No cover charge. Follow Titletown Brewing Co. on Facebook for more details.

Vinyl Night • Captain's Walk Winery, Green Bay. Bring your favorite album and add it to the queue. First Wednesday of every month from 6-9 p.m. Follow Captain's Walk Winery on Facebook for more details.

Farmers' Market Series • Gather on Broadway, Green Bay. Artisanal food, craft cocktails, craft beer and live performances by original touring bands. Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Free. Visit gatheronbroadway.com for more details and a line-up of performers.

Original Beer+Original Music • Zambaldi Beer, Green Bay. Live performance by a different local musician each week. Thursdays at 6 p.m. No cover charge. Follow Zambaldi Beer on Facebook for more information.

Friday Night Acoustics • Badger State Brewing Company, Green Bay. Fridays at 7 p.m., through April. No cover charge. Visit Badger State Brewing Company's Facebook page for a complete line-up of musicians.

Distilled and Chilled - Saturday Summer Music Series • Paradise North Distillery, Green Bay. Live music. Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. No cover charge. See Paradise North Distillery's Facebook page for more information.

ON STAGE/SCREEN

Sunday, June 25

Macbeth • Whitney Park, Green Bay. Performance of one of Shakespeare's darkest and most well-known tragedies. 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Free. Visit playbyplaytheatre.org for more details.

Ongoing

The Laramie Project • The Tarlton Theatre, Green Bay. Play presenting a deeply complex portrait of a community's reaction to the murder of a young man and the sudden media storm surrounding the town and its residents. June 23 and 24 at 7:30 p.m., June 25 at 2 p.m. \$20. Find more details and purchase tickets at footlightstheatre.org.

BayFest • Meyer Theatre, Green Bay. Show by Let Me Be Frank Productions about the premier music festival in Northeast Wisconsin. June 23, 24, 29, 30, July 1, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, August 3, 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. August 3 and 5 at 1 p.m. \$35. See meyertheatre.org

for more details and to purchase tickets.

ComedyCity Improv Show • ComedyCity, De Pere. Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. (18+) See thegreenroomonline.com for more details.



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Green Bay Arts Unlimited Meetings • Kroc Center, Green Bay. Artist demonstrations, meeting, networking and fellowship. Second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Visit gbartsunlimited.wixsite.com for more details.

Justice for All: The Legacy of Chief Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson • Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. Exhibit presenting the career of Wisconsin's first woman justice through archival photos, video clips, stories and quotations. Open through June 30. Included with museum admission. Visit shirleyabrahamson.org/the-exhibit for more information.

Exploring, Experimenting, Emerging • The Art Garage, Green Bay. Exhibition featuring 2023 NWTC Artisan Center Residents Carlie Petersen, Amber Hendricks, Christine Vansickle, Chelle Diederich and Chue Lo. Open during gallery hours through July 1. For more information, visit theartgarage.org.

Flowing • newARTSpace, De Pere. Traveling exhibit featuring undergraduate artists from all 13 UW schools, partnered with water professionals to create artistic creations inspired by water. Open through July 15. Find more information at water.wisc.edu/the-flow-project/2023-cohort.

AUTO/FOCUS • newARTSpace, De Pere. Exhibit featuring the photographs of Henry Horenstein and Tania Nelson. Open through July 15. Visit newartspace124.com for more details.

Common Ground - Opening Reception • The Art Garage, Green Bay. Exhibit highlighting what is unique about northeast Wisconsin. Open during gallery hours through July 29. For more information, visit theartgarage.org.

Beyond Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience • Resch Expo, Ashwaubenon. Immersive display of more than 300 of Vincent Van Gogh's greatest works. Open through Aug. 10. \$20+. Find more details at vangoghgreenbay.com.

BLOW UP II: Inflatable Contemporary Art • Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. Explore the medium of inflatable art with figurative, conceptual and abstract imagery through large-scale inflatable sculptures, conceived by nine artists and art collectives, which connote fun and whimsy, are familiar yet strange and challenge the definition of art. Open through Oct. 28. Included with museum admission. Find more details at nevillepublicmuseum.org.

Rail Ties • National Railroad Museum, Ashwaubenon. Exhibit bringing together loaned objects and objects from the museum's collection with stories of the people who owned and used them. Open during normal museum hours through Dec. 31. Included with daily admission. Find more details at nationalrrmuseum.org.

FOOD/DRINK

Tuesday, June 27

Summer Uncorked: The Art of Wine Tasting • Green Bay Botanical Garden, Green Bay. Branch out from your current wine go-tos with an emphasis on pinot noir and chardonnay. 6 p.m. \$35. For more details and to register, head to gbbg.org.

Wednesday, June 28

Beer Garden • Voyageur Park, De Pere. Live music, food trucks, craft beer, kids' entertainment and outdoor activities. 4:30 p.m. Free to attend. Find more details at deperewi.gov.

Friday, June 30

Cream Puffs • The Flour Pot, De Pere. Learn how to make an airy, delicious choux pastry for cream puffs, plus go home with a dozen cream puffs of your own. 5:30 p.m. \$50. See flourpot-llc.com for more details and to sign up.

Saturday, July 1

Chicken Tetrastini • The Flour Pot, De Pere. Learn how to make the Italian-American casserole and take home a dish to serve the family or freeze for later. 10:30 a.m. \$50. See flourpot-llc.com for more details and to sign up.

Friday, July 7

Beat the Heat • The Tarlton Theatre, Green Bay. Hot sauce and pepper challenge. 7 p.m. \$25 to participate, free to observe. (Contestants must be 18+) See The Tarlton Theatre's Facebook page for more information and to sign up.

Ongoing

Cruise In Thursdays • WINEaLOT Vineyards, Greenleaf. Evening of cool cars, wine/beer and food. Thursdays from 4-8 p.m. (All minors must be accompanied by an adult) Visit winealotvineyards.com for more information.

Saturday Night Buffet • Hilly Haven Golf Course, De Pere. Rotating themed menu of food and desserts. 4-8 p.m. Visit hillyhaven.com for more details.

Afternoon Tea • Cultivate Taste Tea Salon, Green Bay. Sundays at 12 p.m. \$50 per person. Follow Cultivate Taste Tea Salon's Facebook page for more details and to purchase tickets.



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Seymour Farmers' Market • Woodland Plaza, Seymour. Local vendors, small businesses, crafters and food trucks. Tuesdays from 2:30-6:30 p.m. Visit Seymour Market's Facebook page for more details.

Farmers' Market on Broadway • Broadway District, Green Bay. More than 110 local vendors offering fresh produce, baked goods, carry out foods, coffee and teas, meats, cheeses, flowers and plants, handcrafted goods, soaps and more. Wednesdays from 3-8 p.m. Visit downtowngreenbay.com for more details.

Oneida Farmers' Market • N7332 Water Circle Pl., Oneida. Outlet for fruits, vegetables, pre-packaged honey, maple syrup and related items, flowers, plants, sweet grass and more. Thursdays from 12-6 p.m. Follow Oneida Farmers Market (Wisconsin) on Facebook for more details.

Market on Military • Green Bay Plaza, Green Bay. Sale of locally-grown, -raised, -made, -created and -crafted goods. Thursdays from 2-7 p.m. Visit militaryave.org for more information.

Downtown De Pere Farmers' Market • George Street Plaza, De Pere. Local growers and makers, plus weekly featured musicians. Thursdays from 3-8 p.m. See definitelydeperere.org for more details.

Titletown Night Market • Titletown, Ashwaubenon. Mix of food, drinks, local shopping and live entertainment. Thursdays from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Head to titletown.com for more information.

Saturday Farmers' Market • Downtown Green Bay, Green Bay. Fresh, locally-grown produce, artisanal baked goods, carry out foods, coffee and teas, meats, cheeses, flowers and plants, handcrafted goods and more from more than 100 local vendors. Saturdays from 7 a.m.-12 p.m. Visit downtowngreenbay.com for more details.

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Ongoing

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Tuesday Night Rides • Pete's Garage, Green Bay. Road ride and opportunity to meet other cyclists in the community while getting in some riding during the week. Tuesdays at 6 p.m., through Sept. 26. Free. See Pete's Garage's Facebook page for more details and route info.



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Buy one, get one free admission, plus discovery stations and garden tours. Through Aug. 30. Head to gbbg.org for more details.

Think and Drink Trivia • Zambaldi Beer, Green Bay. Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. (21+) Follow Zambaldi Beer on Facebook for more details.

Getaway Wednesdays • Green Bay Botanical Garden, Green Bay. Buy one, get one free admission, plus discovery stations and garden tours. Wednesdays from 9 a.m.-8 p.m., through Aug. 30. Head to gbbg.org for more details.

Yoga Wednesdays • WINEaLOT Vineyards, Green Leaf. Yoga class led by Tiffany Pavak of Karma Yoga. Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. \$10 per person. Visit winealotvineyards.com for more details.

Learn to Square Dance • Oak Park Place, Green Bay. No experience needed. Couples, families and solo dancers welcome. Second and fourth Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. First lesson is free. Follow the Green Bay Square Dance Club on Facebook for more details.

5 Stand, Skeet and Trap Shooting • Brown County Sportsmen's Club, Green Bay. All are welcome. Open shooting on Wednesdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and Saturdays from 12-4 p.m., league shooting on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Visit skeetandtrap.com for more information.

LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

Saturday, June 24

Bonsai Planting Workshop • Roots on 9th, Green Bay. Plant a Bonsai tree. Plant, pot, soil and basic care provided. 10 a.m. \$38. For more details and to register, head to rootsgb.com.

Queerly Beloved Book Club • Lion's Mouth Bookstore, Green Bay. Discussion of 'One Last Stop' by Casey McQuiston, led by local author Sawyer Cole Hobson. 1 p.m. Free. Head to lionsmouthbookstore.com for more details.

Beer Baron Cemetery Walk • Woodlawn Cemetery, Allouez. Learn about the interesting and intoxicating local history surrounding Brown County's beer and brewery beginnings. 2 p.m. \$15. Visit browncohistoricalsoc.org for more details and to purchase tickets.

DIY Backyard Games Workshop • Board and Brush, Green Bay. Choose from several backyard games to make, including wooden dice, dominoes and more. 6 p.m. \$88. See boardandbrush.com for more details and to register.

Tuesday, June 27

De Pere Historical Society Photo Show • West De Pere High School, De Pere. Special photo show presented by Mc Kim Boyd and Joe Seroogy, highlighting Kasey Kolb's history in De Pere with Ford's Bakery. 6:30 p.m. \$2 donation per person appreciated.

Aromatic Herbs: Growing, Cooking and Sachet-making • Brown County Library - Central Branch, Green Bay. Learn tips on growing and harvesting as well as how to enhance the flavor and color of foods with herbs to create healthy, tasty low-salt recipes, plus fill a sachet with dried herbs and flowers. 6:30 p.m. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

Thursday, June 29

Will and Estate Planning Seminar • Woodside Lutheran Home Chapel, Green Bay. Discussion with attorney Devin C. Shanley from Peterson, Berk and Cross, S.C. about the importance of creating a comprehensive estate plan. 12 p.m. RSVP by June 26 by calling (920) 634-3636 or emailing amackenzie@woodsidelh.org.

The Hitchhiker's Guide to Fantasy Book Club • Lion's Mouth Bookstore, Green Bay. Discussion of 'Project Hail Mary' by Andy Weir, led by Michael Wienckowski. 6 p.m. Free. Head to lionsmouthbookstore.com for more details.



GREEN BAY AREA RETIRED MEN'S CLUB

TUESDAYS AT 8:30 A.M.
BROWN COUNTY LIBRARY -
CENTRAL BRANCH, GREEN BAY

Weekly meeting with coffee, donuts and speakers. The speaker for June 27 is Carmen Maraca to talk about NEW Zoo operations. Dues are \$20 per year. Prospective members welcome. Visit gbretiredmensclub.com for more details.

Ongoing

Opening the Heart for Health and Wholeness • Celestial Sound, Green Bay. Five-session course focused on using guided meditation, frequency attunement and the sound of the gong to release and transform emotions in order to open the heart for health and wholeness. Spring, summer and fall registration open now. \$250 per course. Find more details and sign up at celestialsoundgb.com/classes.

Iridian Moon • The Artemystic, Green Bay. Drop-in resource center for LGBTQ+ teens in the Green Bay area. Mondays at 11 a.m. Free. Find more details at wiartemystic.com.

Holistic Mystic-Sound Bath Meditation • The Artemystic, Green Bay. Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Book an appointment at holisticmysticmagic.com.

FAMILY/KIDS

Saturday, June 24

Community Science: Garden and Biodiversity Explorers • Brown County Library - Central Branch, Green Bay. Learn why it's important to have a variety of different plants and animals in nature with staff from the Cofrin Center for Biodiversity. 10 a.m. Free. (Ages 5-10) Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

Sunday, June 25

Princess Party • Green Bay Botanical Garden, Green Bay. Two fairy-tale princesses will lead a variety of activities including story time, song and dance, etiquette lessons, crafts and photos. 1-3 p.m. Included with daily admission. For more details, head to gbbg.org.

Monday, June 26

Kids' Day Bubble Wrap Stomp Storytime • Brown County Library - Central Branch, Green Bay. Celebrate Green Bay Kids' Day with high-energy stories and songs followed by a bubble wrap stomp to fireworks music. 10:15 a.m. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

Tuesday, June 27

The Art of Picture Book Illustration • Kennedy Park, Green Bay. Explore and experiment with the artistic techniques of watercolor, collage and line drawings used by illustrators like Eric Carle, Mo Willems and Lois Ehlert. 2 p.m. Free. (Ages 6+) Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.



RAIL TIES THROUGH DEC. 31 NATIONAL RAILROAD MUSEUM, ASHWAUBENON

Exhibit bringing together loaned objects and objects from the museum's collection with stories of the people who owned and used them. Open during normal museum hours. Included with daily admission. Find more details at nationalrrmuseum.org.

Wednesday, June 28

Summer in the City: Jim Lenz Comedy Science Show • Brown County Library - Central Branch, Green Bay. Blend of comedy, drama, audience participation and a love of science. 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Free. (Ages 5+) Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

Thursday, June 29

Zines for Teens Workshop • Brown County Library - Central Branch, Green Bay. Learn about zines, see samples and create your own using a mix of mediums on any topic. 1 p.m. Free. (Ages 11-17) Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

Beautiful Oops and More Creative Mistakes • Brown County Library - Kress Family Branch, De Pere. Program for young artists combining stories and a trio of art projects that explore the way mistakes inspire creativity. 2 p.m. Free. (Ages 6-10) Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

Friday, June 30

Garden STEM and the Five Senses: An Edible Garden Exploration • Brown County Library - Central Branch, Green Bay. Learn about the plants growing in the library's garden, create a model showing how plants absorb water through osmosis and make an aromatic sachet of herbs and petals to take home. 10 a.m. Free. (Ages 5-10) Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

Mischief and Magic Show • Brown County Library - East Branch, Green Bay. Playful banter, silly jokes and audience participation. 1:30 p.m. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

Wednesday, July 5

Kahoot Trivia • Brown County Library - Pulaski Branch, Pulaski. Play by yourself or with a partner in Kahoot trivia on a variety of topics like Disney, Harry Potter, Star Wars or superheroes. 4 p.m. Free. (Ages 10-18) Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

Thursday, July 6

Local Author Storytime • Children's Museum of Green Bay, Green Bay. Storytime with local author Jolene Hedtke. 11:30 a.m. Included with museum admission. See the Children's Museum of Green Bay's Facebook page for more information.

Ongoing

STEAMworks Camp: STEAM Explorers • Children's Museum of Green Bay, Green Bay. Drive robots, design circuits, explore virtual worlds, create masterpieces and more. 1-3:30 p.m., Monday, June 26-Thursday, June 29. \$130. (Ages 7-10) See the Children's Museum of Green Bay's Facebook page for more information.

CityDeck Family Shows • CityDeck, Green Bay. Family-friendly shows put on by Mischief and Magic. Every other Monday at 6 p.m., through



TUESDAY NIGHT RIDES

TUESDAYS AT 6 P.M., THROUGH SEPT. 26.
PETE'S GARAGE, GREEN BAY

Road ride and opportunity to meet other cyclists in the community while getting in some riding during the week. Free. See Pete's Garage's Facebook page for more details and route info.

August 21. Free. See downtowngreenbay.com for more details and complete line-up of shows.

Daytime Playtime • Fusion Athletics, Green Bay. Toddler open gym. Mondays from 9-11 a.m. \$5 per child. (Ages 6 and under) Follow Fusion Athletics Green Bay on Facebook for more details.

Children's Story Time • Green Bay Botanical Garden, Green Bay. Nature-themed stories and activities. Tuesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m. through Aug. 29. Included with daily admission. Find more details at gbbg.org.

Wiggle, Move and Giggle • The Children's Museum of Green Bay, Green Bay. Games, music and movement activities for toddlers. Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. \$8. (Ages 5 and under) Visit gbchildrensmuseum.org/programs for more information.

ComedyCity Family Fun Show • ComedyCity, De Pere. Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. Find more info at thegreenroomonline.com.

COMMUNITY EVENTS/RESOURCES

Friday, June 23

Laundry Love Event • Corner Coin Laundry, Green Bay. Free laundry washing for neighbors in need. 5:30-9 p.m. For more information, head to laundrylovegreenbay.org.

Sunday, June 25

Holy Cross Picnic • Holy Cross Catholic Church, Green Bay. Polka mass followed by food, drinks, live music, silent auction and children's games. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit holycrossgb.org for more information.

Jerry Parins Cruise for Cancer Ride • Vandervest Harley-Davidson, Green Bay. Motorcycle ride followed by raffles, auctions, music, food and beverages. 11:30 a.m. \$20 per driver, \$15 per passenger. Visit cruiseforcancer.org for more details.

Optifest • Tundra Lodge, Green Bay. Live music by Gil Sans, benefiting House of Hope and Camp Lloyd, put on by the Monday Noon Optimist Club. 6 p.m.

Ongoing

Green Bay Mike and Key Club Field Day • Four Seasons Park, Hobart. Observe ham radio operators in action. Starting at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 24, and operating continually until 3:59 p.m. on Sunday, June 25.

Green Bay Area Retired Men's Club • Brown County Library - Central Branch, Green Bay. Weekly meeting with coffee, donuts and speakers. Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. The speaker for June 27 is Carmen Maraca to talk about NEW Zoo operations. Dues are \$20 per year. Prospective members welcome. Visit gbretiredmensclub.com for more details.

Alzheimer's Association Fundraiser • Body Works and Laser, Howard. Make a cash donation to the Alzheimer's Association and receive a service for \$15. Offer valid during the month of June. For more information, visit bwlcbg.com.

Alzheimer's Fundraiser • D2, Hobart and Airport Green Bay. Make a donation to Alzheimer's and receive an Alzheimer's flower to put your name on and hang on the wall. Promotion will run through September.

Veterans Supporting Veterans • St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Green Bay. Veterans are invited to come together to talk, share stories, and find connections with other Veterans. First Wednesday of the month at 9 a.m. Free. Email mpeters@seasgb.org or call (920) 499-1546 ext. 109 for more information.

Gamblers Anonymous • Annunciation Parish, Green Bay. 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Thursdays, 9 a.m. Saturdays. Free. Contact Brandon at 920-676-9498 or greenbaywisconsin.ga.com.

Alcoholics Anonymous • The Bridge, Green Bay. Free. Find a schedule of meetings and more information at thebridgeofgb.com.

Al-Anon • Support group for people affected by someone else's drinking. Visit al-anon.org/meetings for a complete list of meeting locations and times or call (920) 430-1420.

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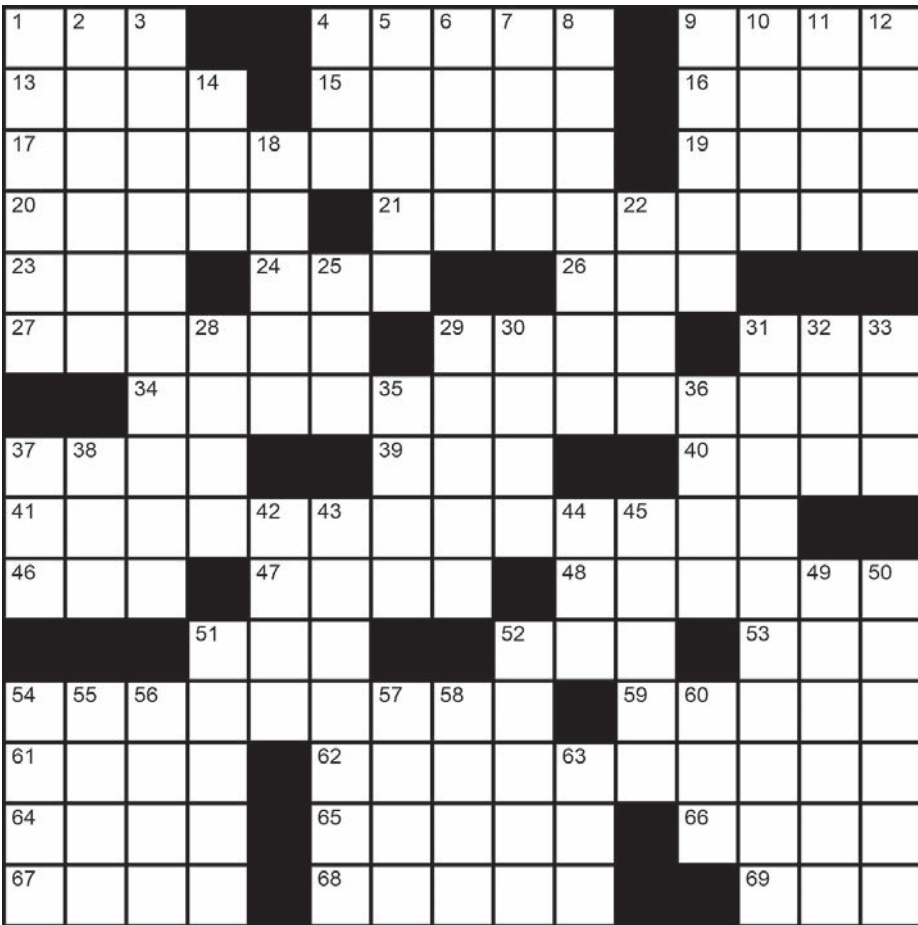
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by Matt Jones

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Crossword answers on page 7. No peeking!

Across

1. Trevor Noah's soon-to-be former gig, briefly
4. Winner of the 2022 World Series
9. Bring together
13. Eight, in France
15. "For real"
16. 1890s gold rush city
17. "Umbrella Academy" actor
19. Font style, for short
20. Collect little by little
21. Wrinkly "Dick Tracy" villain in a Ned Flanders flashback
23. Mizuho Bank currency
24. Put to the test
26. Scand. nation, at the Olympics
27. Green Starbucks offering
29. Watch
31. Third word in many limericks
34. Cold War-era treaty of 1955
37. "Allow me"
39. Hobart hopper
40. Italian coffee brand that doesn't look so well?
41. Add-on that adds new objects and characters to a game
46. Concert souvenir
47. "Don't block my path" noise
48. "Fifty Shades of Grey" star Johnson
51. Iceland-to-Ireland dir.
52. Multi-PC hookup, for short
53. "Criminal Minds" org.
54. Down-to-the-wire election
59. "The Things We ___ Love" (Isy Suttie podcast)
61. "Back to you," on a walkie-talkie
62. Glass sheet
64. Philosopher Descartes
65. Best-case
66. Part of NAFTA, for short
67. "Star ___: Lower Decks"
68. Dapper
69. Mag execs

Down

1. Place to "hit" for a workout
2. "2001: A Space Odyssey" star Keir
3. Person of few words
4. Formic acid producer
5. Excessively sentimental
6. Main land vehicle for the Teen Titans (it makes sense 'cause of the letter)
7. "Chunky" pasta sauce brand
8. Pirates' place
9. Plastic restaurant freebie that may be serrated
10. "This is ___ drill"
11. Computer debut of 1998
12. Prefix before kinetic
14. Mowry of "Sister, Sister"
18. "Home ___ Range"
22. "That is sooooo nasty"
25. Like the fish in poke bowls
28. "Pet" plant
29. Racecar engine sound
30. "This ___ you ..."
31. Where to see stars in Hollywood
32. Knee injury site, briefly
33. Unclean quarters
35. Indy 500 winner Luyendyk
36. Selection
37. ___ Gala (annual NYC event)
38. Battle weapon
42. Thomas who drew Santa Claus
43. Comedian/rapper Zach seen in "Epic Rap Battles of History" and "The Crossword Show"
44. Activity that makes squeamish parents cover their kids' eyes, for short
45. Root beer brand
49. Crashed into at 90 degrees
50. TV networks and radio stations, e.g.
51. Animated movie series with Gingy
52. ___ the half (was ahead)
54. Wrongful act, legally
55. "Skinny Love" band Bon ___
56. "Bob's Burgers" keyboard-playing son
57. Verdi opera set in Egypt
58. Online tech review site
60. ___-Locka, Florida
63. Former West Coast beer brand, briefly

arts & entertainment

HIGHLIGHTS

by Janelle Fisher

Laundry Love Event

Friday, June 23 | Corner Coin Laundry, Green Bay

Free laundry washing for neighbors in need. Quarters, soap and dryer sheets will be provided. Each individual can wash up to two loads and each family can wash up to five loads. Bringing bedding is encouraged and will not be included in the load limits. Sign-in will run from 5:15-8:15 p.m. Laundry will be done from 5:30-9 p.m. on a first come, first served basis. For more information, head to laundrylovegreenbay.org.



Jerry Parins Cruise for Cancer Ride

Sunday, June 25 | Vandervest Harley-Davidson, Green Bay

Registration begins at 9 a.m. and costs \$20 per driver and \$15 per passenger. The ride will start at 11:30 a.m. Bucket raffles, live auctions, music by Acoustic Mayhem, food and beverages will follow. All proceeds go towards helping local families battling cancer. Visit cruiseforcancer.org for more details.



Macbeth

Sunday, June 25 | Whitney Park, Green Bay

Performance of one of Shakespeare's darkest and most well-known tragedies, put on by Play-by-Play Theatre. Shows are free to attend and will begin at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Lawn chairs and blankets are encouraged as limited seating will be available at the park. Food and drinks will be available from El Bistro Taco food truck, Tropical Gelato Ice Cream and Captain's Walk Winery. Visit playbyplaytheatre.org or downtowngreenbay.com for more details.

Beer Garden

Wednesday, June 28 | Voyageur Park, De Pere

Food trucks, craft beer, kids' entertainment and outdoor activities. Live music will be provided by Courtney Paulson and Jackson Mankowski. Park Playground Program parkees will run games and other activities for kids. Festivities begin at 4:30 p.m. This event is free to attend. Net proceeds will benefit the De Pere parks system. Dogs are welcome. Find more details at deperewi.gov.



Into the Past *brought to you by the Neville Museum*



This illustrated postcard of the Beaumont Hotel was distributed by the Rotograph Company, out of New York, to promote the city of Green Bay and the massive four-story building with balconies over the entrance and awnings adorning the windows. The Beaumont Hotel was situated on the northeast corner of Main and North Washington Streets for over a century. Israel G. Beaumont and Alfred Pelton began the construction of the hotel in 1860. It was razed in 1963 and replaced with a more modern hotel. **Rotograph Co. Historical postcard**

A cool take on jerky

BY KAITY COISMAN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

DE PERE – On June 12, a De Pere woman relaunched a new jerky product that stands out for its uniqueness in the industry.

Fridge Jerky creator Kelly Schwartz started her self-run, woman-owned business after years of making jerky and meat-centric dishes for friends and family.

Schwartz only thought to start her business when one of her friends asked where they could buy it.

“I grew up in rural Door County, and so much of my childhood was grilling and cooking over open campfires. My parents used to marinate and cook a beef dish that I would always inhale. As I grew into adulthood, I wanted to make that flavor accessible for my family and for others,” Schwartz explained. “I also showed horses throughout my youth across the state and country, and many times we didn’t have time for full meals, so I’d reach for high-protein jerky products and wish they had different flavor profiles. Most at the market at the time were way too sweet for me. I experimented and my OG flavor idea was born.”

The variety of flavors includes OG, Mushroom OG, Smoldered, Teriyaki and some spicy alternatives, each with its own inspiration. “The OG flavor comes from my childhood cooking over an open fire and spending time in our beautiful Wisconsin outdoors. There’s just something about that nostalgia that marinates into my heart,” said Schwartz.

“The more I’ve cooked I realize I love spicy food, so of course I added some heat to my OG recipe and created spicy flavors. Smoldered is probably my most ‘emotional’ recipe if you could categorize it as that. I really wanted to pay homage to our house fire, and frankly, so much of my home was destroyed by smoke and soot, that a smoky flavor fits into the dark humor my family has used to cope over this past year. It’s become a quick favorite of those who have supported my business throughout the years... As I expand and declare my love for mushrooms and solidify my mushroom jerky recipe, I’m learning how many people just love it. So many people want a jerky experience without the meat component. No meat doesn’t have to equal no flavor, so I’m kicking the flavor up and making moist mushrooms.”

As the best recipes were formed, Schwartz knew that her jerky was one that she wanted to stick out from the rest.

“My jerky is made without preservatives and sugar, (teriyaki has some sugar in it) so it’s really appealing to those who want to live clean, mindful, healthier lifestyles without compromising the flavor. In addition, I keep it in the refrigerator (hello Fridge Jerky) in my opinion that keeps it moist and flavorful. Also, I mentioned



Fridge Jerky creator Kelly Schwartz started her self-run, woman-owned business after years of making jerky and meat-centric dishes for friends and family. **Submitted photo**

I grew up in rural Wisconsin, and whenever we had cuts of meat, we ate the fat (I know it’s weird, but it’s the best part), especially marinated fat. So, I keep the fat on my jerky which adds to the delicious flavor,” she said.

The brand continues to expand with the help of a polarizing tagline, “I Like My Meat Moist” which Schwartz knew encapsulated her brand of jerky. “I was trying to think of an edgy way to describe what the Fridge Jerky experience entails. I had created a list of words I felt encompassed my product and just let my brain wander. I actually woke up in the middle of the night with the idea and quickly wrote it down... It’s a way to declare we don’t have to accept dry meat, and literally, we or I like my meat moist. I hope that it’s memorable and that people can start using

the word moist without secretly wincing,” Schwartz said.

As Fridge Jerky launches, Schwartz has many aspirations for her business and where it will go in the future.

“I always joke that I want moist meat to be a household name. I want people to choose Fridge Jerky to fuel their families. Jerky fits into so many lifestyles and fitness categories: high protein, low carb, fasting, keto, paleo, horse shows and weekends camping, hiking, hunting, even a morning or afternoon snack at your desk and vegetarian and vegan with mushrooms. I’d love to be a priority choice for humans, knowing it’s made in the tundra land with local products, love and gumption,” Schwartz said.

For more information, visit <https://fridgejerky.com>.



Zahn is Wisconsin VFW Scout of the Year

Logan Zahn, Eagle Scout from BSA Troop 117 of Seymour, was the recipient of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) District 8 Scout of the Year award. He moved on to the state level competition and on June 8 was awarded the 2023 VFW Scout of the Year for the state of Wisconsin. His application now moves on to the national competition. Zahn is a student at Seymour High School, where he lifeguards and is a member of the varsity soccer team, His Eagle project was creating an oak savanna at Mosquito Hill Nature Center. His application now moves on to the national competition. Logan’s parents are Staci Sievert Zahn and Steven Zahn. Pictured from left: Lisa Wolfinger, Eighth District Auxiliary president; Eagle Scout Logan Zahn; State Scouting Chairman Henry McKenna; and Eighth District Commander Richard Verheyen.

Submitted photo



Seymour FFA student wins state award

Brooke Mullen, at right, of the Seymour FFA, was recently named the 2023 state winner in Diversified Horticulture. Mullen has worked at Kailhofers Greenhouse and Flowers for the past three years. Through her Supervised Agricultural Experience, or SAE, Mullen has been able to increase her knowledge of the horticulture industry, specifically in areas of plant systems, floral design elements, greenhouse maintenance and plant care. Mullen will find out this summer if she is selected as one of four national finalists. If selected, Mullen will compete at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind., in November. Mullen’s FFA advisor is Aaron Kilsdonk.

Submitted photo

Division of Community Housing
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ACCEPTING BIDS

The Stockbridge-Munsee Division of Community Housing is accepting bids for the construction of two (2) small homes approximately 700-900 sq ft. The homes are designed to have one bedroom, on 1-level with no basement, and have a room that serves as a storm shelter. Homes will share a lot in the Taconic subdivision on the Stockbridge Munsee Reservation in Bowler, WI 54416

BID DEADLINE: Thursday, June 29th, 2023 @ 2:00 PM CDT

For all bid inquiries and instructions please call Housing office: (715) 793-4033

- Bid set and site viewing available upon request
- Bidder and proposal requirements are included in bid set

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Anglers get up-close look at cruise ships

Salmon and trout trollers on Lake Michigan had unique angle



In the Outdoors

BY KEVIN NAZE
GUEST COLUMNIST

Imagine for a minute that you're on a Lake Michigan fishing trip a long way from home, and you have no idea that massive cruise ships are coming to visit.

That kind of surprise makes for a unique memory, especially when the ship passes through an armada of charter and private boats a Paul Bunyan cast away.

The 452-foot HANSEATIC inspiration that dropped anchor off Algoma Tuesday and the 666-foot Viking Polaris that arrived last Friday absolutely dwarfed even the largest charter fishing vessels.

My plan for Tuesday was that if this tired soul woke

up in time, I'd fish solo for a few hours and then shoot some photos of the ship coming in, zooming with my large lens to show the city water towers and lighthouse in the background.

After that, I'd hoist some of the large salmon we've been catching as I slowly motored around the ship. The international passengers would have a cool photo opportunity.

But you know what they say about the best-laid plans? When your first line in gets a sizzling strike as soon as you set the rod in the holder, you know you're late. All I needed was one photo fish, and this one was surely hooked well.

Drag screaming, rod pulsing, calm water and a colorful sky a half-hour before sunrise, it felt like heaven on earth — even with just a few hours of sleep.

Guests had reeled in all the fish in three previous trips in recent days, so it felt good to feel the burn on the forearms, yet relax, with no pressure to produce. This one was as good as in the box.

Several minutes into the fight, the fish came to the surface, thrashing, then peeling out more line. The boat was turning, and with other vessels in the trolling path, the bungee cord that serves as auto pilot in these situations needed fixing. I also had to grab the net from the bow and get it ready.

You know what happens next, don't you? Since the fish had gone down and was taking line, I stuck the rod in a holder and went for the

net. Suddenly, what was obviously a solid "king" salmon was back on top. Before I could reel up the slack, it shook the hook.

Gone!
Not the way I wanted to start the trip.

Quickly, I reset the flasher and fly combo after cranking the downrigger ball up from 60 feet. Back down it went. Two other rods went in, one with a Dipsy Diver and another behind a surface planer.

All was quiet for the next hour. I pulled the Dipsy and put in another rigger, and kept trolling. Tired, I zoned out for a bit, which was likely the cause of a massive tangle of both riggers that wasn't discovered until much later.

A friend called. We weren't that far apart on the water, so I headed his way. Soon we were fishing within hollering distance, and one of my re-rigged

rods started jumping, followed almost immediately by a rainbow trout clearing water with a series of leaps.

"Woo-hoooooooooooo!" we both hollered, almost in unison, something we'd done since first fishing together on the lake as high school buddies in the late 1970s. But then it was gone.

Miles away, the HANSEATIC appeared like a giant. I pulled lines, organized gear and then began powering into position for some photos.

As I got close, I could see there were boats on the upper deck and sides of the massive ship that would make my old 18-footer look tiny.

Humble pie was served in multiple portions that day, but it was still a trip I'll never forget.

Great Lakes derby

The 48th annual North-eastern Wisconsin Great

Lakes Sport Fishermen Salmon Derby is set for June 30 through July 2 in Manitowoc.

There are prizes for the top five fish in each division, daily prizes, and a Super Derby boat tournament.

Meanwhile, the 41st annual Kewaunee/Door County Salmon Tournament begins a 10-day run on July 14.

All tickets sold are also one chance at a 9.9 Yamaha outboard motor that will be given away after the tournament's conclusion.

Water levels update

Green Bay and Lake Michigan water levels have declined five inches in the past 12 months, but are still five inches above long-term averages.

Levels are nearing the end of their seasonal rise, and are projected to gain an inch yet by mid-July.



Algoma's David Tebon landed a dandy Chinook salmon June 16, the date of the inaugural visit of the Viking Polaris, a 666-foot cruise ship built in 2022. Kevin Naze photo

Weekly Fishing Report

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The good news and the bad news

Fishing on Green Bay is a good news/bad news proposition.

The good news: several of the structures I fished last week appear to have less alewives than a week ago.

The bad news: the bite has not improved much.

I found fish on Vokes Reef, Vincent Point, along Bayshore, Barrett Point and Macos Reef, but only got a few to bite.

There are some fish starting to work deeper into the mud, so I'm hoping our mud bite takes off soon.

I know of fish taken

last week around Genos Reef, in the weeds of Charles Pond, on Peninsula Shoal, Oconto Shoal and in the rock/weed structure near County Park No. 2 launch.

Night crawlers and leeches jigged or rigged on slip bobbers was the best technique.

Musky have been active around the west shore weed edges, and smallmouth bass have also been active along the rocks of the Oconto River.

Perch are starting to pick up, with decent catches in Oconto in weeds.

Patience seems to be the key to connecting with these fish.

In the lower bay, a few walleyes are going by University Bay, the east shore, kidney and across the channel in Deadhorse Bay.

Trolled crankbaits were best for these fish.

Shore fishing by Metro launch is still giving up a nice mix bag of bass, perch, walleye, cats and pike.

If you go, please be safe and take a kid fishing.

Capt. Jerry Ruffolo
Anglers Plus
Guide Service
(920) 973-2868

People of Brown County



Wesley Damys moved to Green Bay from Florida about 10 years ago. A first-generation Haitian American, his parents hail from the Caribbean Islands. Damys said Green Bay has been a good place for him and his wife to raise their four children and that he likes the different seasons here as opposed to the forever-heat offered in the Southeast. He is the proprietor of two "Caribbean Cruiser" food trucks, a business he started in 2018. Damys, who learned to cook from his mother, Venette, said they sell a lot of jerk chicken bowls and island-style shrimp tacos. Caribbean Cruisers has a slogan: "Bringing island flavors to the Frozen Tundra." You can find out where the truck is going to be by checking Facebook at caribbeancruisergerb. Josh Staloch photo



Packers host youth flag football

A player makes a catch during the NFL youth flag regional football tournament hosted by the Packers on Friday, June 15, and Saturday, June 16. The tournament included 56 NFL Flag teams from 8u to 17u for boys and girls from eight different states. Tori Wittenbrock photo

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May 8, 2023
**ORDER OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
 FOR SIDEWALK REPAIRS UNDER
 SECTION 66.0907, WISCONSIN STATUTES**

The Board of Public Works of the City of De Pere, Brown County, Wisconsin, has found that certain sidewalks on the following streets were unsafe, defective or insufficient, to-wit:
 East Side of the Fox River, South of Charles Street and West of S. Ontario Street/Jordan Road.

The Board of Public Works orders that all defective sidewalks identified on the attached property and repair listing be removed and replaced or otherwise corrected as identified therein and in accordance with the standards set forth and the established grade.

All owners of property fronting on said streets are ordered to remove and replace that portion of the sidewalk in need for repair and abutting their premises on or before the 30th day of June, 2023. If any owner fails to comply with this order, the City of De Pere shall cause the work on their sidewalk to be done by contract and shall charge the cost as a special tax against their lot or parcel. Lots or parcels with special charge costs in excess of \$1,000 will have the option of paying such sidewalk replacement expenses in up to five (5) annual installments, together with interest at a rate of 3.96%.

A copy of this order shall be mailed to each owner or their agent, and shall be published in the official newspaper.
 Dated at De Pere, Wisconsin, this 8th day of May, 2023

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
 CITY OF DE PERE, WISCONSIN
 Eric P. Rakers, P.E.
 City Engineer

CITY OF DE PERE PROJECT 23-05 SIDEWALK AND CURB REPAIR 2023 SIDEWALK REPAIR ORDERS	PARCEL ID	LOCATION	OWNER	Horizontal Displacement		Vertical Displacement		Surface Imperfections			Total Panels
				Panels (5'x5')		Panels (5'x5')		Panels (5'x5')			
				4-inch	6-inch	4-inch	6-inch	4-inch	6-inch	8-inch	
ED-371-G-24	608	Bornier Street	Jordan M Birschbach	20	4						24
ED-124-23	1421	Rebman Street	Kenneth & Samantha MacDonald								24
ED-248	403	S. Huron Street	Pennetx Properties, LLC	20							20
ED-1423-2	0	Bolles Street	James H Golueke	13							13
ED-371-M-113	1503	Hockers Street	Darryll L & Sharon L Hillmann	11							11
ED-703	603	S. Superior Street	Kerry & Diane M Carmody	11							11
ED-94	833	Fox River Drive	Michael A & Anne Marie Trulley	11							11
ED-1435-F	1209	Bruss Street	Tracy M Tordeur	11							11
ED-1423-A	825	Bornier Street	Adam & Hannah Weingarten	9							9
ED-371-G-33-A	447	Cook Street	Brian & Becky J Steiner	9							9
ED-1423-19	832	Bornier Street	Chelsea M Young	9							9
ED-181	334	S. Superior Street	Eben Ehard	9							9
ED-R28	3001	Ryan Road	Unified School District of De Pere-Altmyer	4				1		4	9
ED-1117	201	S. Erie Street	Christopher Redmann	8							8
ED-124-9	1402	Rebman Street	Gerald A & Debbie L Mecikalski	8							8
ED-124-S-35-1	1211	Robin Street	Jill Clarksen	8							8
ED-91	815	Fox River Drive	PTF, LLC	8							8
ED-237	402	S. Erie Street	Aaron B Melchert	7							7
ED-714	802	Merrill Street	Brian L & Taylor B Sell	7							7
ED-682	633	S. Michigan Street	Daniel J & Natalie J Hall					5			7
ED-371-M-91	1422	Cook Street	Joseph P Turner	6		1					7
ED-1435-G	1215	Bruss Street	Robert J White	7							7
ED-371-M-74	1020	Star Street	Sarah C Chevalier	7							7
ED-1423-3	808	Bolles Street	James H Golueke	6							6
ED-371-G-10	825	Virginia Drive	Adam & Christina Pickering	6							6
ED-680	645	S. Michigan Street	Kayla Beyer	5		1					6
ED-371-M-100	1023	Silver Street	Matthew J Daanen, ETAL					6			6
ED-371-M-62	1306	Cook Street	Patrick S & Amy S Knuth	6							6
ED-1435-J	1102	Bruss Street	Sheila Eagle					6			6
ED-1430	731	S. Michigan Street	Alexander P & Rebecca A Vissers		1			3	1		6
ED-124-18	814	Jordan Road	Bart R & Kim M Drage Revocable Trust of 2022	5							5
ED-371-M-120	1026	Cardinal Street	Brian L & Jennifer L Compton	5							5
ED-672	602	S. Superior Street	Caleb W & Samantha L Stein	5							5
ED-1111	232	S. Ontario Street	Courtney R Kleist	5							5
ED-1461	1024	Fox River Drive	Howard Christopher R & Brooke C Revocable Trust		1			4			5
ED-261	504	S. Huron Street	Jeffery D & Jill M Austinson			1		4			5
ED-371-M-19	906	Silver Street	Kyle E Kudick, ETAL	4	1						5
ED-932	518	Lewis Street	Maxwell J McHugh	4				1			5
ED-124-S-3	1318	Hockers Street	Raymond Colazo	5							5
ED-1450	903	Fox River Drive	William M Dorsch & Laura K Hacker Dorsch	1	2	2					5
ED-942	621	Lewis Street	Andrew J Minczeski	4							4
ED-371-M-115	1019	Bluebird Street	Gary C Rich	2	1	1					4
ED-270	403	S. Michigan Street	Gerald T & Peggy A Brey			1		3			4
ED-1469-2	631	Cook Street	James Big Spruce, LLC	4							4
ED-371-C-304	452	S. Good Hope Road	Jessica J Fleischman	1					3		4
ED-249	402	S. Huron Street	Joan F Quigley	3		1					4
ED-689	608	S. Huron Street	Jonathan A Williams & Zhuoyi Zhao	4							4
ED-2703	722	Killamy Trail	Marlen J & Lana M Weisenberger	1	1	1	1				4
ED-1118	920	Lewis Street	Matthew A & Ruthanne C Rohloff	1	3						4
ED-1435-O	1220	Bruss Street	Michael C Dombrowski, ETAL	4							4
ED-1142	327	S. Ontario Street	Nathan N Watermelon	4							4
ED-371-A-6	438	S. Good Hope Road	Nathan T Carlson, ETAL			2				2	4
ED-124-S-9	1301	Rose Lane	Renwen Yu			3		1			4
ED-692	628	S. Huron Street	Robert P & Sandra P Manders	2	1	1					4
ED-371-M-72	1019	S. Erie Street	Shane L & Jenna L Smith	3				1			4
ED-206	903	Chicago Street	Thomas W & Jan E Christensen								4
ED-1128-F-16	1101	S. Erie Street	Lambert Enterprises, LLC	3							3
ED-F0004-B	1220	S. Erie Street	Ramonda Holdings, LLC	1		1		1			3
ED-371-G-19	814	Virginia Drive	Barbara A Stern			3					3
ED-371-M-73	1311	Hockers Street	Brenda L Eisenmann	3							3
ED-371-M-52	902	Robin Street	Brent S Meyer		2			1			3
ED-124-I-57	1156	Tanager Trail	Breanna M Conard						3		3
ED-2777	809	S. Melcorn Circle	Chad Mishleau					3			3
ED-1120	314	S. Ontario Street	Cody R Phelan	2				1			3
ED-371-C-603	453	N. Good Hope Road	Daniel L & Karen A Simons Investments, LLC	2				1			3
ED-1128	303	S. Erie Street	David A & Katanee T Burt	3							3
ED-1199	446	Wilcox Court	David B & Virginia A Reinardy	2		1					3
ED-371-B-48	440	N. Good Hope Road	David L Kahara	1	1	1					3
ED-371-M-26	1440	Mayfair Street	Dean G Graff	3							3
ED-371-M-37	1506	Geneva Street	Douglas J & Nea L Maurer	1	2	2					3
ED-371-B-22	457	N. St Bernard Drive	Douglas Reich		2				1		3
ED-1047	203	S. Huron Street	Emily R Castrop						3		3
ED-371-M-89	1011	Robin Street	Green Bay Holdings, LLC			3					3
ED-1203-Q-19	938	Mansion Street	James & Angela Schiffer	3							3
ED-1128-F-10-1	1190	S. Erie Street	Jose Luis Quintanilla	1	2						3
ED-371-M-25	907	Silver Street	Kenneth G & Annette L Gajeski Living Trust of 2006	1	2						3
ED-1035	315	S. Huron Street	Kneeland James A Revocable Trust, ETAL	1	1	1					3
ED-371-G-20	818	Virginia Drive	Mark J & Lisa M Smits	2	1						3
ED-124-17	834	Jordan Road	Mary L Zaborski Revocable Trust	2		1					3
ED-1460	1012	Fox River Drive	Natalie A Stankevych Revocable Trust of 2022	1				2			3
ED-124-I-10	1131	Silver Street	Roger C & Colette B Ihde Revocable Trust	3							3
ED-2626	781	N. Melcorn Circle	Samuel L & Peggy L Whitcomb			1	2				3
ED-236	501	S. Huron Street	Strauss Holdings, LLC	3							3
ED-243	433	S. Huron Street	Sue E Premo, ETAL	3							3
ED-1435-N	1214	Bruss Street	Thomas J & Victoria L Brawner	3							3
ED-664	650	S. Michigan Street	Unified School District of De Pere			1		1	1		3
ED-1128-6-1-B	1175	S. Erie Street	De Pere Housing Authority			1	1				2
ED-1423-B	715	S. Superior Street	Hope Lutheran Church								2
ED-371-B-23	461	N. St Bernard Drive	Darin P & Colonsay E Selby						1		2
ED-273	405	S. Wisconsin Street	Patrick T & Peter T Boersma	2							2
ED-216	415	S. Erie Street	Allan J Callahan	1	1						2
ED-124-I-107	1002	Tanager Trail	Apolinar & Ashley Garcia	2							2
ED-371-C-607	473	N. Good Hope Road	Ashley K Phillips			2					2
ED-1203-N-12	428	N. St Bernard Drive	Benjamin J & Theresa M Pelkey			1			1		2
ED-124-S-8	1323	Rose Lane	Bradley D & Clair E Harrison	2							2
ED-1203-Q-16	920	Mansion Street	Brandon Gaura	2							2
ED-371-M-29	914	Bluebird Street	Breanna R Wojcik	2							2
ED-232	514	S. Erie Street	Brenen Burningham	1		1					2
ED-2718	2152	Ryan Road	Brian J & Kelsey J Duchek			2					2
ED-371-B-42	433	N. Good Hope Road	Brian L Nuthals			2					2
ED-371-B-40	425	N. Good Hope Road	Bryan R & Jo Ellen Randolph					2			2
ED-688	602	S. Huron Street	Christopher B & Teri M Lyga	2							2
ED-R27	2730	Ryan Road	Craig A & Valerie M Oestreich	1		1					2
ED-1128-7	1211	S. Erie Street	Daanen & Janssen, Inc.	1						1	2
ED-371-M-8	842	Jordan Road	Darrin J White, ETAL	2							2
ED-371-M-3	1425	Mayfair Street	Daryl L Carter	1		1					2
ED-371-A-21	465	S. Good Hope Road	David J & Jamie Schenian			1	1				2
ED-1203	462	Wilcox Court	David R & Sherry L Janus	1		1					2
ED-1202	460	Wilcox Court	Dennis J Allie, ETAL	1					1		2
ED-371-M-9	1421	Cook Street	Diane G Wolf			1	1				2
ED-124-20	822	Jordan Road	Donald W & Paula M Kiley	2							2
ED-1435-M	1208	Bruss Street	Douglas R & Melissa S Vandevelden	2							2
ED-371-M-32	1444	Mayfair Street	Drewiske Betty M Revocable Trust	2							2
ED-1038	202	S. Erie Street	Gatewood Irrevocable Trust	2							2
ED-1128-F-9	1210	S. Erie Street	Gerald R DeGroot			2					2
ED-371-A-10	414	S. Good Hope Road	Glenn R & Kara L Schroeder					2			2
ED-F0032	460	N. Good Hope Road	Greater Northland Properties, LLC			2					2
ED-371-M-123	1014	Cardinal Street	Heather A Dondlinger	2							2
ED-371-M-122	1018	Cardinal Street	James E & Cindy A Parfitt	1	1						2
ED-1435-B	801	S. Erie Street	Jeremiah J Healy	2							2
ED-2770	2172	Trailside Lane	Jerry Jeffrey Gallegos			2					2
ED-707	645	S. Huron Street	Joey C Marschie			2					2
ED-1453-1	918	Fox River Drive	John E & Elizabeth E Ogard	1		1					2
ED-371-C-613	445	N. Good Hope Road	JPT Properties, LLC			2					2
ED-1479-1	1403	Mayfair Street	Julie Staeven	1		1					2
ED-371-A-20	443	S. Good Hope Road	Karen Coenen	2							2
ED-371-M-18	910	Silver Street	Kathleen M Feldhausen	1	1						2
ED-371-B-55	412	N. Good Hope Road	Keith R & Melody A Orde			1		1			2
ED-3037	2585	E. Scarlet Oak Circle	Kenneth H & Sharon M Holmes			2					2
ED-371-G-2	709	Virginia Drive	Kenneth J & Kathryn J Stephenson	1				1			2
ED-113	720	S. Michigan Street	Luke Zebroski	1				1			2
ED-124-I-101	1132	Jordan Road	Mark A & Nicole F Waffle			2					2
ED-371-C-303	450	S. Good Hope Road	Mary Jo Palmbach			2					2
ED-167	312	S. Michigan Street	Mary Schmitt					2			2
ED-695	646	S. Huron Street	Matthew J & Erin E Manders	1				1			2
ED-1201	454	Wilcox Court	Matthew J Jacobs					2			2

CITY OF DE PERE PROJECT 23-05 SIDEWALK AND CURB REPAIR 2023 SIDEWALK REPAIR ORDERS	PARCEL ID	LOCATION	OWNER</
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LEGALS

Legals 7700

Bellevue
VILLAGE OF BELLEVUE LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

The following liquor license application has been received by the Village Clerk of the Village of Bellevue for the period beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024: **COMBINATION "CLASS A" INTOXICATING LIQUOR AND CLASS "A" BEER**
 Target Store T-1483, 2050 Lime Kiln Road, Jena Eagolski-Laes, Agent Dated this 19th day of June 2023.
 Karen M. Simons
 Clerk-Treasurer Published: June 23, 2023 WNAAXLP

Legals 7700

Bellevue
VILLAGE OF BELLEVUE RESOLUTION NO. V-24-2023
Date of Enactment: June 14, 2023
CU 2023-0004

Please take notice that the Village of Bellevue granted a "Conditional Use Permit" for property located at 1241 Bellevue Street, Parcel B-452, to allow a property management and development company within the LI - Light Industrial District, pursuant to Chapter 500-200 of the Village of Bellevue Zoning Code, on June 14, 2023.
 The full text of the resolution may be obtained at the Bellevue Clerk's Office, 2828

Legals 7700

Bellevue
VILLAGE OF BELLEVUE RESOLUTION NO. V-25-2023
Date of Enactment: June 14, 2023
CU 2023-0005

Please take notice that the Village of Bellevue granted a "Conditional Use Permit" for property located at 1920 Verlin Road, Parcel B-553, to allow for an automotive repair business within the HI - Heavy Industrial District, pursuant to Chapter 500-200 of the Village of Bellevue Zoning Code, on June 14, 2023.
 The full text of the resolution may be obtained at the Bellevue Clerk's Office, 2828 Allouez Avenue, Bellevue, WI 54311. Clerk's phone: (920) 468-5225. Publish: June 23, 2023 WNAAXLP

Legals 7700

De Pere
T-Mobile USA is proposing to modify an existing wireless telecommunications facility on an existing water tank located at 937 Cedar Street, De Pere, Brown County, WI. The modifications will consist of collocating antennas at a centerline height of 140ft on the existing 150ft water tower. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding

the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending such comments to: Project 6123003464 - SA EBI Consulting, 6876 Susquehanna Trail South, York, PA 17403, or at (757) 354-7566. Publish 06.23.23 WNAAXLP

Legals 7700

Howard
The Village of Howard Board of Trustees has received the following renewal 2023-2024 Class A beer and liquor license applications:

Establishment Applicant
 LTB Shell DBA Townline Shell 1773 Cardinal Lane Timothy Bui-Agent
The Village of Howard Board of Trustees has received the following renewal 2023-2024 Class B beer and liquor license applications:
Establishment Applicant
 Barley's Deerfield Diner, 1780 E. Deerfield Ave. Bobbi Rudolph-Agent
 Boehmer's II LLC DBA B2's, 4054 Shawano Ave. Eric Boehm-Agent
 Boehmer's Bar, 2318 Velp Ave. Eric Boehm-Agent
 Pho Lodge, LLC DBA Pho Lodge- 445 Cardinal Ln. #101 Vah Thao-Agent
 The Watering Hole, 2107 Velp Ave. Benjamin Brunette-Agent
 The Village Board will consider the license

Legals 7700

De Pere
SECTION 00 11 13 JUNE 16, 2023 - JUNE 23, 2023 CITY OF DE PERE ADVERTISEMENT TO BID PROJECT 23-12 2023 PLAYGROUND SURFACING

Online bids will be received and accepted for Project 23-12 2023 Playground Surfacing via the online electronic bidding service through QuestCDN.com, until 1:00 PM, Thursday, July 6, 2023, at which time they will be publicly accepted, displayed and read aloud.
 Project 23-12 for which proposals are being sought includes the following approximate quantities:
 • 4,200 SF Poured in Place Rubber Playground Surface or Playground Grass System
 Complete digital project bidding documents are available for viewing and/or downloading at www.QuestCDN.com or may be examined at the office of the Director of Public Works. Digital plan documents may be downloaded for \$22 by inputting Quest project #8552180 on Quest's Project Search page. Project documents must be downloaded from QuestCDN which will add your company

Bids and Request for Proposals 7705

De Pere
SECTION 00 11 13 JUNE 16, 2023 - JUNE 23, 2023 CITY OF DE PERE ADVERTISEMENT TO BID PROJECT 23-12 2023 PLAYGROUND SURFACING

to the Planholder List and allow access to vBid online bidding for the submittal of your bid. Bidders will be charged an additional fee of \$42 to submit a bid electronically. The QuestCDN website can also be accessed through the City website at www.deperewi.gov/projects or by pressing the Projects icon at the bottom of any City website page. 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 questions.
 Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid, payable to the City of De Pere, as a guarantee that if the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute a contract and furnish a contract bond as set forth in the General Conditions of the City of De Pere. In case the bidder fails to file such contract and bond, the amount of the bid bond shall be forfeited to the City of De Pere as liquidated damages.
 The letting of the contract is subject to the provisions of the following Wisconsin Statutes: Section 62.15 regarding Public Works. Section 66.0901(3) regarding Prequalification of Contractor. Each bidder shall pre-qualify by submitting proof of responsibility on forms furnished by the Director of Public Works. Such forms shall be filed with the Director of Public Works no later than 4:00 PM, Thursday, June 29, 2023. Prospective bidders

Bids and Request for Proposals 7705

Green Bay
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS Contract: "SEWERS 1-23 MINI-SEWERS"


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, July 11, 2023** at which time they will be opened for Public Works Improvement Contract: "SEWERS 1-23 MINI-SEWERS"
 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 approximately 2,700 linear feet of 6" mini-storm sewer, inlets, inlet leads, and other storm sewer appurtenances, 4,100 square feet of 6" concrete sidewalk and driveways, 1,100 square feet of 4" concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter, concrete and asphalt pavement replacement, and terrace 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

Notice of Rate Increase
Water Customers of the Luxemburg Municipal Water Utility

This is to give you notice that the Luxemburg Municipal Water Utility will file an application on June 28, 2023, with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC), for authority to increase water rates. Rates for general service will increase 8.0 percent. The increase is necessary to reduce the existing deficiency in present rates. The request is being made under Wis. Stat. 196.193. Rate increases granted under this statute do not require a public hearing. The effect of the increase for some selected customers is shown below. Public Fire Protection and Wholesale rates (if applicable) will also increase 8.0 percent.

Customer Classification	Meter Size	Gallons	Existing Monthly Rate	Revised Monthly Rate
Average Residential	3/4	4,000	\$16.59	\$17.91
Large Residential	3/4	6,200	\$22.40	\$24.18
Commercial	1	19,300	\$59.71	\$64.44
Industrial	4	286,700	\$667.63	\$720.70
Public Authority	1 1/2	51,700	\$138.35	\$149.28

Luxemburg Municipal Water Utility anticipates that this rate increase will go into effect on August 15, 2023. If you have any questions about the rate increase request, call the Luxemburg Municipal Water Utility at (920) 845-2722.
 Publish 06.23.23 WNAAXLP


2022 Howard Water Utility Drinking Water Quality Report

The Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is now available online and takes you inside the world of your high-quality drinking water. Is our water safe? Yes, it is! Howard has some of the highest quality drinking water in the nation. Last year, and in years past, your tap water meets and exceeds every federal and state drinking water health standard. We commit to provide you with useful information, and this report summarizes the quality of the water provided to our customers in 2022.

To view the annual drinking water quality report & learn more about your drinking water go to <http://www.villageofhoward.com/DocumentCenter/View/9011/2022-Water-Quality-Report-PDF>

If you would like a paper copy of the report mailed to you, please call (920) 434-4060.
 WNAAXLP

NOTICE
CITY OF GREEN BAY
HOUSEHOLD TRASH OVERFLOW COLLECTION

During the week of July 10-14, 2023, City of Green Bay residents may place up to FOUR (4) 32-gallon plastic bags of "overflow" household trash next to your City-issued trash cart (**if your cart is full**) for free curbside collection. The "overflow" trash bags must be placed next to your trash cart at the curb **by 6 a.m. on your collection day.**
If more than four (4) trash bags or other items are placed next to your cart for collection, they will be picked up and you will be charged accordingly.
 The following items will **NOT** be collected:
 • **NO** construction, remodeling, or demolition waste
 • **NO** electronics
 • **NO** appliances
 • **NO** move-out debris
If any of these items are left at the curb, they will be picked up and charged accordingly.
 City of Green Bay residents may bring bulk household items to the drop off sites listed below.
 Construction, remodeling, demolition waste, household trash, move-out debris, and recycling items are **NOT** allowed at these locations.
BE PREPARED TO SHOW YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE/PROOF OF RESIDENCY IN THE CITY.

<u>EAST SIDE LOCATION</u> 1820 Mills Street Green Bay, WI 54302 (Entrance on Deckner Ave.)	<u>WEST SIDE LOCATION</u> 519 S. Oneida Street Green Bay, WI 54303 (Entrance on Redwood Dr. off W. Mason St.)
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Hours of Operation:
 Monday–Thursday, 7 a.m.–3 p.m.
 Friday, 7 a.m.–6 p.m.
 2nd & 3rd Saturday of each month, 7 a.m.–12 p.m.

Residents also have the option to take their waste, including construction, remodeling, and demolition waste, to the Brown County Transfer Station located at 3734 W. Mason Street. Dumping fees will apply, and you may be required to wear a high-visibility safety vest or shirt. For hours, current pricing, and other questions, please visit www.browncountyrecycling.org.

For more information, residents may contact the Department of Public Works – Operations Division at (920) 448-3535 during summer office hours from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 7:30-11:30 a.m. on Friday, visit our Facebook page, or visit the City's website at www.greenbaywi.gov/publicworks.
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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 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: June 23, 2023 June 30, 2023 WNAXLP

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Contract: "SEWERS 2-23 BASIN REPAIRS"
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, July 11, 2023** at which time they will be opened for Public Works Improvement Contract: "SEWERS 2-23 BASIN REPAIRS"

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 approximately 360 linear feet of 8", 10", and 12" sanitary sewer relay including sanitary sewer reconnections, sanitary spot repairs, sanitary manhole construction, replacement, and reconstruction, 9,070 linear feet of 8", 10", 12" and 18" CIPP lining, storm spot repair, storm manhole replacement, concrete and asphalt pavement reconstruction, and restoration.

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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 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

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Bellevue

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VILLAGE OF BELLEVUE Notice of Public Hearing PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held on July 12, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. at the Bellevue Village Hall located at 3100 Eaton Road for the purpose of obtaining public comment on the following proposed governmental action:
CU 2023-0006 - Consider/Discuss/Act on the request by Vang Moua, Owner, for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a Transient Residential Use on property located at 2144 Klondike Road (Parcel B-2229). All interested Village of Bellevue residents are welcome to attend. Signed and dated this 21st day of June 2023. Karen M. Simons Clerk/Treasurer Village of Bellevue Posted and notified 6-21-23 Published 6-23-23 and 6-30-23 WNAXLP

Bellevue

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VILLAGE OF BELLEVUE Notice of Public Hearing PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held on July 12, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. at the Bellevue Village Hall located at 3100 Eaton Road for the purpose of obtaining public comment on the following proposed governmental action:
PDD 2023-0002 – Consider/Discuss/Act on the request by Colin Meisel, Ruekert-Mielke, Inc., Petitioner, on behalf of Jerry Froelich, Wenlukid Farm, Owner, for approval of the creation of a Planned Development District (PDD) with an underlying Zoning District of B-2 – General Business District, including a car wash and auto detailing/repair shop as permitted uses, generally located on the northeast corner of Eaton Road (CTH JJ) and Servant Way (Parcels B-55-3 and B-55-4). All interested Village of Bellevue residents are welcome to attend. Signed and dated this 21st day of June 2023. Karen M. Simons Clerk/Treasurer Village of Bellevue Posted and notified 6-21-23 Published 6-23-23 and 6-30-23 WNAXLP

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NOTICE OF JOINT REVIEW BOARD MEETING REGARDING 2023 ANNUAL REPORT FOR TAX INCREMENTAL DISTRICTS (TIDS) IN THE CITY OF GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Pursuant to Wis. Stats. §66.1105, the Joint Review Board (JRB) of the City of Green Bay will meet on Thursday, June 29, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. in order to discuss the 2023 Annual Report regarding the performance and status of each Tax Incremental District (TID) within the City. This meeting will be conducted both in person in Room 604 of City Hall (100 N Jefferson Street, Green Bay, WI 54301) and virtually. If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, you may access the meeting by internet or telephone, using the access code below. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87301643079?pwd=LzFmZ3VPTEN6cjK5Uj>

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QwcmRld1Y0dz09 or via phone: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago), +1 646 876 9923 US (New York), +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC) Meeting ID: 873 0164 3079 Passcode: 931407 The meeting is open to the public. Public comments will be taken at the meeting or can be sent to: Neil Stechschulte, Executive Director, Redevelopment Authority of the City of Green Bay e-mail: neil.stechschulte@greenbaywi.gov mail: City of Green Bay, DCED; 100 N. Jefferson St., Rm. 608; Green Bay, Wis. 54301 phone: (920) 448-3400 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 forty-eight (48) hours before the scheduled meeting time so that arrangements can be made. Copies of the 2023 Annual Report will be provided upon request. They will also be posted on the City website: <https://greenbaywi.gov/129/Meetings-Agendas-Minutes>. Dated this 20th day of June 2023 Neil Stechschulte, Executive Director Redevelopment Authority of the City of Green Bay Publish 06.23.23 WNAXLP

Luxemburg

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VILLAGE HALL, 206 MAPLE STREET, LUXEMBURG TUESDAY, July 11, 2023 6:00 P.M.
A request for a rezone by Kristen Heurkens for parcel 31-146-J-8 (201 West Haven Court) for rezoning the property from Commercial to Residential-1. The purpose of this request is to rezone the property and then combine parcels 201 and 205 West Haven Court as one Residential-1 lot. The Planning Commission will meet to discuss the plan/site development at 6:00 p.m. and will hold a public hearing at 6:15 p.m. for public input on the request. After each public hearing, the Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the Village Board at their monthly Board meeting that same evening. MiLissa Stipe, Clerk/Treasurer Publish 06.24.23 WNAXLP

Suamico

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VILLAGE OF SUAMICO NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SUAMICO BOARD will conduct a public hearing on Monday, July 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Village Board Room at 12781 Velp Avenue, Suamico, Wisconsin, to hear public comment regarding a proposed ordinance to amend § 3 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Suamico, Wisconsin, pertaining to impact fees upon land development pursuant to § 66.0617 of the Wisconsin Statutes, pursuant to the Public Facilities Needs Assessment and Impact Fee Study, dated June 20, 2023 a public facilities needs assessment prepared for the Village, including but not limited to proposed amendments to the impact fee amount for parks. This public hearing is being held pursuant to the requirements of Wis. Stat. § 66.0617(3). The public is invited to attend the public hearing and to provide input. The proposed ordinance to amend § 3 of the Municipal Code, as aforesaid, together with a copy of the revised public facilities needs

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assessment pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 66.0617(3) and (4)(b), i.e., the Public Facilities Needs Assessment and Impact Fee Study, dated June 20, 2023, are available and open for inspection by the public in the Office of the Village Clerk at Suamico Village Hall, 12781 Velp Avenue, Suamico, Wisconsin 54313, during normal business hours, and at the following website address: www.suamico.org. The proposed draft form ordinance is subject to revisions following the public hearing and the further consideration by the Village Board of Trustees. Dated this 23rd day of June, 2023. Michelle Bartoletti, Clerk Village of Suamico Publish 06.23.23 WNAXLP

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Ashwaubenon

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Ashwaubenon Board of Education Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, May 10, 2023 CALL TO ORDER: Board President VanLaanen called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm
ROLL CALL: Board Members Present: VanLaanen, Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke; Board Members Excused: All present; School Choice Advisory Representative: Matthew Rotter
DECLARATION OF QUORUM: Quorum present
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge was recited
ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Moved VanDeKreeke, seconded by Vyskocil to adopt the agenda as presented. Aye 5 (VanLaanen, Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0
ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: In accordance with W.S. 19.85(1) (c) an executive session is being held for the consideration of employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. (Staff Compensation)
ELECTION OF OFFICES:
1. **Election of Offices**
a. **President:** VanLaanen nominated Vyskocil for Board President, seconded by VanDeKreeke. There were no other nominations. Aye 5 (VanLaanen, Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0 to elect Vyskocil as Board President.
b. **Vice President:** VanLaanen nominated VanDeKreeke for Board Vice President, seconded by Garrigan. There were no other nominations. Aye 5 (VanLaanen, Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0 to elect VanDeKreeke as Board Vice President.
c. **Clerk:** VanLaanen nominated VandeWalle for Board Clerk, seconded by VanDeKreeke. There were no other nominations. Aye 5 (VanLaanen, Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0 to elect VanDeKreeke as Board Clerk.
d. **Treasurer:** VanLaanen nominated Garrigan for Board Treasurer, seconded by VanDeKreeke. There were no other nominations. Aye 5 (VanLaanen, Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0 to elect Garrigan as Board Treasurer.
e. **Member At Large:** will be VanLaanen
ESTABLISH BOARD MEETING TIME AND PLACE
1. **Annual Meeting/Budget Hearing:** July 12, 2023; 6:00 pm in the District Office; 1055 Griffiths Lane.
2. **Monthly Board Meeting:** Second Wednesday of the

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month (with exception to dates listed below); 6:30 pm; District Office - 1055 Griffiths Lane; Green Bay WI.
a. **October 2023:** October 2023 meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 25, 2023.**
b. **March 2024:** Taste of Ashwaubenon is scheduled for the week of March 11, 2024. The March 2024 meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 20, 2024. CITIZENS AND/OR DELEGATIONS:** No topics presented
CONSENT AGENDA: Moved by VanLaanen, seconded by VanDeKreeke to approve Consent Agenda items 1-5 as presented. Aye 5 (Vyskocil, VanLaanen, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion Carried 5:0.
1. Minutes of the regular meeting held on Wednesday, April 12, 2023
2. Minutes of the executive session held on Wednesday, April 12, 2023
3. The schedule of checks written 4/04/23 to 5/01/23
4. Staffing: hirings, resignations, retirements, leave of absences
5. Board financial reports for March
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Special Recognition
• **Jaguar Excellence Awards:** 95 Jaguar Excellence Awards were handed out.
• **Rodney Millett:** Rodney Millett, 3rd grade teacher at Valley View Elementary School, was awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Meemic Foundation to help enhance a "Media Room or Reading Nook" for students.
• **Ashwaubenon School District Art Show:** Great work by our district Art teachers on the District Wide art show at the Performing Arts Center.
• **AHS Civics Team:** The senior civics squad of Lilly Marto, Janet Parise, Haylie Dumoulin, and Truman Thor look to take home the state title at this year's Wisconsin Civics Games on Friday at the State Capitol. Eric Mommaerts and Cortney Lemens lead in advising this great group of students. Good luck on Friday to our AHS Civics team!
• **Parkview Band and Choir Concerts:** The Parkview Band and Choir students and directors did an amazing job at their recent concert.
• **ASD #StrongerTogether Mini Conference:** On Monday, April 10, the Ashwaubenon School District hosted our first every homegrown mini-conference. On this day, over 250 Ashwaubenon staff members participated in nearly 60 breakout sessions.
• **Ashwaubenon Nordic Ski Team:** Nick Senger - introduce team and the coaches on their State Championship. Bernie Rocheleau shared the accomplishments of this year's team. The boys' team were conference champs and the girls' team were runners up. This is the 25th anniversary of the Nordic Ski Team.
• **Guys and Dolls Recognition:** Ashwaubenon High School's musical production of Guys and Dolls is being honored by the Fox Cities PAC Center Stage High School Musical Awards program. The entire cast and production were honored as Outstanding Ensemble. AHS seniors, Olivia Weyenberg and Luke Calaway, were selected for Outstanding Performance in a Lead Role; AHS junior, Aren Damayo, was selected for Outstanding Performance in a Supporting Role; and AHS students, Isabelle Garrigan and Vincent Vue, were chosen to perform with the Center Stage Ensemble in the opening number of the ceremony. Luke will be representing the Wisconsin delegate at the

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 Jimmy Awards in New York this June.
 • **Al Vandenberg Track Invite:** On Friday, the Ashwaubenon High School Track team will be hosting the Al Vandenberg Track Meet. Also, at this time, we will be naming the AHS track after longtime head coach Al Vandenberg.
 • **Mandy Schroeder** On Friday, May 12th it is National School Communication Day. Mandy does an outstanding job of leading our school communication with all of our stakeholders. Her work is not limited to just communications as she also leads many of our state reports along with our student information system called PowerSchool. Congratulations Mandy.
DISCUSSION ITEMS:
 1. **Alumni Association Scholarship Update:** Mark Williams provided an update on the Alumni Association. In 2023, they were able to provide 10 scholarships totaling \$11,500.
 2. **Standards Based Grading:** Andy Bake provided the board an update on the work being done with the District's future grading process. Through the District's work with Tom Schimmer, we are developing a reliable grading system that better communicates and informs students and parents. The new grading system is a slow and methodical process and will be implemented overtime. He explained the next steps and that it will take 2-3 years of work before we are doing this process well!
ACTION ITEMS:
 1. **Dance Trip:** Nick Senger presented the request for the Dance Team to travel to Orlando, Florida from February 29, 2024 through March 6, 2024. Moved VandeWalle, seconded by VanLaanen to approve the 2024 Dance Trip as presented. Aye 5 (Vyskocil, VanLaanen, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.
 2. **Open enrollment IN Applications:** Weyers presented the recommendation for the 2023-24 open enrollment IN applications. Moved VanLaanen, seconded by VandeWalle to approve 253 applications and deny 37 applications for 2023-24 Open enrollment into Ashwaubenon as presented. Aye 5 (Vyskocil, VanLaanen, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.
 3. **Open enrollment OUT Applications:** Weyers presented the recommendation for the 2023-24 open enrollment OUT applications. Moved VanLaanen, seconded by VandeWalle to approve 38 applications and deny 6 (due to age ineligibility and duplicates) for 2023-24 open enrollment out of Ashwaubenon as presented. Aye 5 (Vyskocil, VanLaanen, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.
 4. **Staffing Layoffs:** Weyers reminded the board that they approved the preliminary non-renewals for purpose of lay-offs at the April board meeting. The board being asked to approve the final non-renewals for the purpose of lay-off as recommended:
 • **Amy Kopp** – partial lay-off of 0.04 FTE from her teacher position at Valley View and Cormier. This is down from the 0.08 approved by the board in April.
 • **Chris Dinse** – Partial lay-off of 0.20 FTE from his Parkview music teacher position. This is down from the 0.30 approved by the board in April.
 • Kurt thanked the community for their support for the referendum in April. The community support has helped to prevent this list from being larger. Moved VanLaanen, seconded by VanDeKreeke to approve the staffing layoffs as

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 presented. Aye 5 (Vyskocil, VanLaanen, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.
 5. **Professional Staff Handbook Update:** Weyers presented the changes to the Professional Staff Handbook for board approval. Moved VanLaanen, seconded by VandeWalle to approve the professional staff handbook updates as presented. Aye 5 (Vyskocil, VanLaanen, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.
BOARD & SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS: Shared letter from the Pioneer staff; thanked Brett, Keith, Megan Oberstadt, Cassie, Nick and Dirk for their work on post-prom; Parkview will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on Friday, May 12th
FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS & TOPICS: The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 6:30 pm in the District Office Board Room.
ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved VanDeKreeke, seconded by VanLaanen to adjourn executive session at 8:08 pm. Aye 5 (Vyskocil, VanLaanen, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.
ADJOURNMENT TO OPEN SESSION: Moved VanLaanen, seconded by VanDeKreeke to adjourn to open session. Aye 5 (Vyskocil, VanLaanen, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.
ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION:
 6. Moved by VanLaanen, seconded by VanDeKreeke to approve a 5% salary increase for all salary staff in the district to include co-curricular positions effective the 2023-24 school year. Aye 5 (Vyskocil, VanLaanen, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.
ADJOURNMENT: Moved VanLaanen, seconded by VanDeKreeke to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. Aye 5 (Vyskocil, VanLaanen, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.
 Respectfully submitted, Brett VandeWalle Publish 06.23.23 WNAXL

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Ashwaubenon Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 12, 2023
CALL TO ORDER: Board Clerk Vyskocil called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm
ROLL CALL: Board Members Present: Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke; Board Members Excused: VanLaanen; School Choice Advisory Representative: Matthew Rotter
DECLARATION OF QUORUM: Quorum present
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The pledge was recited
ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Moved VanDeKreeke, seconded by Garrigan to adopt the agenda as presented. Aye 4 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0
ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: In accordance with W.S. 19.85(1) (c) an executive session is being held for the consideration of employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.
CITIZENS AND/OR DELEGATIONS: no topics presented
BOARD APPOINTMENTS:
 1. **Board Appointments**
 a. **AHS Graduation** - Sun., June 11, 2023, at 1:30 pm (Jennie, Jay and Brian)
 b. **8th Grade Graduation** -

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 Tues., June 6, 2023, time 6:30 pm (Jennie, Brian)
 c. **5th Grade Graduation**
 1. Valley View – Fri, June 2, 2023, at 1:30 pm (Matt, Jennie, Brett)
 2. Pioneer – Thurs., June 1, 2023, at 6:00 pm (Jennie, Matt)
 d. **WASB Convention** - January 17-19, 2024 (Jennie, Brett, Michelle)
 e. **CESA 7 Meeting** - May 10, 2023 at 6:30 pm (Brian)
CONSENT AGENDA: Moved VanDeKreeke, seconded by Garrigan to approve Consent Agenda items 1-6 as presented. Aye 4 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0
 1. Minutes of the regular meeting held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023
 2. Minutes of the Board of Canvassers meeting held on Thursday, April 6, 2023
 3. The schedule of checks written 3/07/23 to 4/03/23
 4. Staffing: hirings, resignations, retirements, leave of absences
 5. There were 2 co-curricular approved
 6. Board financial reports for February
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
 • **Jaguar Excellence Awards:** 75 Jaguar Excellence awards where handed out to staff.
 • **School Board Elections:** Congratulation to Jennie Vyskocil and Brian VanDeKreeke on being elected back to the school board for another term.
 • **Referendum Update:** Thank you to our wonderful community for supporting our operational referendum. To pass an operational referendum at 61% is very rare. Across the state this spring, only 58% of referendums passed. We can all celebrate the amount of trust that we have built in our community over the years.
 • **Golden Apple Winners:** Congratulations to Teachers of Distinction Amanda Paul and Taylor Ratzburg, Congratulations to Michael Smits for being names a 2023 Golden Apple winner.
 • **Brian Carter:** Congratulations to Brian Carter for being named a 2023 Herb Kohl Fellowship Leadership recipient. This award recognizes 16 outstanding school leaders throughout the State of Wisconsin.
DISCUSSION ITEMS:
ACTION ITEMS:
 1. **AHS Track Naming:** Moved VanDeKreeke, seconded by VandeWalle to approve the naming of the high school track to "Al Vandenberg Track" as presented. Aye 4 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0.
 2. **Extended Contracts:** Moved Garrigan, seconded by VanDeKreeke to approve the Extended Contracts as presented. Aye 4 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0.
 3. **Preliminary Layoffs:** Lucius stated that the board is receiving a list of preliminary non-renewals for layoff purposes for review and approval. These preliminary non-renewals must be approved by the board by April 30th. The recommended preliminary non-renewals for layoff purposes are as follows:
 • Amy Kopp – Partial lay-off of 0.08 FTE from her music teacher position at Valley View and Cormier
 • Chris Dinse – Partial lay-off of 0.30 from his middle school music teacher position
 Moved VanDeKreeke, seconded by VandeWalle to approve the Preliminary Layoffs as presented. Aye 4 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0.
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 • Weyers shared a number of thank you cards with the board. He spoke about the emails he has received from residents who participated in the community conversation. They thanked the district for inviting them to be a part of the strategic planning process.
 • Vyskocil recognized Keith Lucius and Kurt Weyers for their work on the referendum. She stated that the bulk of the work fell on these two. She stated she is grateful for everything that Keith did to pass this referendum.
FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS & TOPICS: The May regular board meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 6:30 pm** in the District Office Board Room.
ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved VanDeKreeke, seconded by VandeWalle to adjourn executive session at 7:11 pm. Aye 4 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0.
ADJOURNMENT TO OPEN SESSION:
ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION:
 4. **Staff Compensation:** Discussed compensation for support staff. Moved by VanDeKreeke, seconded by VandeWalle to
 • increase pay for all hourly positions by \$2.00 an hour beginning the 2023-24 school year with Noon Duty increase effective March 24, 2023
 • increase certified substitute teacher pay by \$12.00 per day beginning the 2023-24 school year
 Aye 3 (Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Abstain 1 (Vyskocil), Nay 0. Motion carried 3:1:0
ADJOURNMENT: Moved VanDeKreeke, seconded by VandeWalle to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm. Aye 4 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0.
 Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Vyskocil Publish 06.23.23 WNAXLP

De Pere WNAXLP
USDD Board of Education Business Meeting held on Monday, May 15, 2023
 School Board President Adam Clayton 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 Board of Education was held on Monday, May 15, 2023. Board President Clayton called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Roll Call: Present – Brittany Cartwright, Adam Clayton, Jeff Dickert, Melissa Niffenegger and Dan Van Straten.; Chad Jeskewitz and Jeff Mirkes excused. After roll call of Board members, a quorum was declared, and the Board proceeded with the order of business.
Agenda: A motion was made by Van Straten and seconded by Cartwright to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote; 5/0.
Public Comment: One parent addressed the Board regarding a concern.
Proclamation: President Clayton read the proclamation acknowledging the accomplishments of student athletes who achieved a state championship which includes the Boys Basketball team, Ice Bear Hockey team and Brooke Corrigan, Wrestling.
Hope Squad: Jennifer Beyers, High School Hope Squad Advisor introduced Hope Squad members Jessica Rolain and Shala

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 Rahman who reviewed the activities for Hope Week and other events from the school year sponsored by Hope Squad. Melanie Brick with Foxview student Mackenzie Cherney discussed the Hope Squad activities at Foxview.
Innovative Grant: Occupational Therapists Patty McCormick, Tracy Kopetsky, and Michelle VandeWettering presented their Innovative Grant "Ready Body Learning Minds Motor Lab" and shared videos and activities along with the impact on student learning and achievement.
 Innovative Grant: Jennifer Beyers, High School Art Teacher introduced Digital Art students Greta VanDyck and Jayden Hulce to explain the Sublimation Printing process. They shared examples of projects including coffee mugs, puzzles, key chains, and coasters.
Principal Report: Nick Joseph, High School Principal introduced Renee Jadin-Rice, High School Assistant Principal and Melanie Brick, Social Worker to discuss the work the high school team as been doing for the fifth year of the Allies in Mental Health Education project along with the first year of the Community Wellness Screening. They have submitted a grant for the 2023-24 school year – July decision – and plan to expand screening and continue mental health education.
Minutes: A motion was made by Cartwright and seconded by Van Straten to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2023, Board Meeting. Motion carried on a voice vote; 3/0/2; Dickert and Niffenegger abstained. A motion was made by Cartwright and seconded by Van Straten to approve minutes from the April 24, 2023, organization/special meeting. Motion carried on a voice vote; 5/0. A motion was made by Dickert and seconded by Van Straten to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2023 special meeting. Motion carried on a voice vote; 3/0/2; Cartwright and Niffenegger abstained. A motion was made by Van Straten and seconded by Niffenegger to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2023 special meeting. Motion carried on a voice vote; 4/0/1; Cartwright abstained.
Student Handbooks: An amended motion was made by Niffenegger and seconded by Cartwright to keep the existing wording on page 22 of the handbook packet. Motion failed 2/3; Clayton, Dickert and Van Straten voted nay. A motion was made by Dickert and seconded by Van Straten to approve the Student Handbooks with changes from May 1 meeting as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote; 3/2; Cartwright and Niffenegger voted nay.
Task Force Ad Hoc Committee: A motion was made by Cartwright and seconded by Niffenegger to approve Task Force Ad Hoc Committee Responsibilities and Meeting Plan as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote; 5/0.
Open Enrollment: A motion was made by Dickert and seconded by Cartwright to approve the open enrollment applications based on the decisions approved in January 2023. Motion carried on a voice vote; 5/0.
Task Force Ad Hoc Committee: A motion was made by Cartwright and seconded by Niffenegger to approve a Task Force Ad Hoc Committee Responsibilities and Meeting Plan as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote; 5/0.
CESA 7 Contract: A motion was made by Van Straten and seconded by Cartwright to approve the 2023-2024 CESA 7 contract at an estimated cost of \$1,595,780.95. Motion carried on a voice vote; 5/0.

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Public Address System: A motion was made by Van Straten and seconded by Niffenegger to approve awarding Camera Corner a contract to replace the Public Address (PA) systems at all six buildings at a cost of \$106,922.54 to be paid through Fund 46. Motion carried on a voice vote; 5/0.
Roth 457 Addition: A motion was made by Dickert and seconded by Niffenegger to approve adding a post-tax (Roth) option to the District's current 403(B) and 457 plans. Motion carried on a voice vote; 5/0.
2023-24 Preliminary Budget: Dawn Foeller, Business Manager discussed the preliminary budget assumptions for the 2023-24 school year. The Board will vote in June on a preliminary budget and in October on a final budget.
Health Care Third Party Administrator: A motion was made by Van Straten and seconded by Cartwright to approve a Third-party Administrator (TPA) for health care benefits for the 2023-24 fiscal year with UMR United HealthCare. Motion carried on a voice vote; 5/0.
April Financials: Dawn Foeller presented the April revenues and expenditures. A motion was made by Dickert and seconded by Niffenegger to accept the April financial statements as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote; 5/0.
Vouchers: A motion was made by Dickert and seconded by Cartwright to approve vouchers as presented: Checks 1815-1821 in the amount of \$680.00 ACH; Checks 1822-1872 in the amount of \$9,034.34 ACH; Checks 16352-16377 in the amount of \$45,255.66 Student Activities & Accounts Payable; Checks 16378-16407 in the amount of \$37,675.55 Accounts Payable; Checks 16408-16410 in the amount of \$14,010.63 Payroll; Checks 16411-16479 in the amount of \$165,297.59 Student Activities & Accounts Payable; Checks 16480-16512 in the amount of \$231,558.96 Accounts Payable; Check 1873 in the amount of \$114,605.68 ACH; Checks 1874-1901 in the amount of \$2,424.86 ACH; Checks 16513-16583 in the amount of \$166,159.73 Accounts Payable; Check 16584 in the amount of \$1,100.00 Accounts Payable; Checks 16585-16587 in the amount of \$12,483.01 Accounts Payable; Checks 1902-1912 in the amount of \$1,547.01 ACH; Checks 16588-16589 in the amount of \$1,352.00 Payroll; Checks 1913-1952 in the amount of \$3,390.47 ACH; Checks 16590-16651 in the amount of \$150,143.59 Student Activities & Accounts Payable; and Checks 16652-16685 in the amount of \$61,208.28 Student Activities & Accounts Payable. Motion carried on a voice vote; 5/0.
Executive Session: The Board took action on a roll call vote to enter into executive session at 8:45 pm pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1) (c) and (f) (Staffing and Student Concern). Roll Call: Cartwright, Clayton, Dickert, Niffenegger and Van Straten. A motion was made by Cartwright and seconded by Van Straten to adjourn executive session and return to open session. Motion carried on a voice vote; 5/0. A motion was made by Van Straten and seconded by Cartwright to approve a contract for Brian Thielhelm, De Pere High School Assistant Principal for the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried on a voice vote; 5/0. A motion was made by Dickert and seconded by Niffenegger to approve new contracts for the 2023-24 school year for Alisha Enderby, De Pere High School Science teacher, Amanda Kinney, Foxview Intermediate School Music

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 teacher, Amanda Sabor, Dickinson Elementary School .50 FTE Reading Teacher and contract FTE increases for Jared Pankow, De Pere Middle School Spanish teacher (.67 to 1.0) and Allia Stewart, Physical Education teacher (.73 to .88).
Adjournment: A motion was made by Dickert and seconded by Van Straten to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Education. Motion carried on a voice vote; 5/0. Approved by the Board of Education on 6/19/2023 Tracy Schrader, District Secretary Dan Van Straten, School Board Clerk Publish 06.23.23 WNAXLP

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USDD Special Board of Education Meeting held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023
 School Board President Adam Clayton 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 website & 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 special meeting of the Unified School District of De Pere Board of Education was held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023. Board President Clayton called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Roll Call: Present – Adam Clayton, Chad Jeskewitz, Jeff Mirkes, Dan Van Straten, & Brittany Cartwright. Jeff Dickert arrived at 6:15 & Melissa Niffenegger was excused. After the roll call of Board members, a quorum was declared, & the Board proceeded with the order of business.
Agenda: A motion was made by Jeskewitz & seconded by Van Straten to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote; 5/0.
AFS Students' Presentation: Kim Thompson, AFS Coordinator, discussed the history of AFS & her connections to the organization dating back to when she was an AFS student. She then introduced Olivia Touvila Baat from Sweden & Sofia Daher from Brazil who spoke about their experiences & thanked the school district & the community for the opportunity.
Motion to Approve Proclamation: Adam Clayton read the Proclamation acknowledging the achievement of State Champions in the Extra-Curricular Activities of FBLA students in Business Calculation, Cyber Security, & Insurance & Risk Management, AP Economics Team for National Economics Challenge, & State Solo & Ensemble students. Motion carried on a voice vote; 6/0
Motion to Approve Strategic Plan: Chris Thompson provided updates on the mission, vision, new pillars (core values), objectives, & goals. Goals will be reviewed throughout the process & reports provided to the Board every 3-6 months. Motion carried on a voice vote; 6/0
Innovative Grant, Vertical Workspaces for Math Classrooms: Abbey Turchyn, High School Math Teacher, presented a demonstration & asked the Board members to participate. She discussed how the project is used to engage the students in new subjects & how it increases the collaborative efforts of the students. Data was collected from the student & presented showing the effectiveness of the project.
USDD Literacy Instructional Framework: Kathy VanPay & Nick Joseph, Curriculum Directors, & Jessie Specht, Reading Specialist,

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 presented. Discussed the 5 essential elements key to reading success: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, & comprehension. An in-depth description of the current Literacy program was provided by Specht along with a look at next year's plans.
Motion to Approve CESA 8 Service Agreement: Jerry Nicholson, Dir. of Pupil Services, presented. The contract with CESA8 & the services they provide was reviewed. Motion carried on a voice vote; 6/0
Motion to Approve Purchase of iPads & Mac Minis: Curt Pieschek, Dir. of Technology, presented the plan to replace iPads & iMac Minis due to their age & inability to receive security updates. The old ones will be sold. Quotes for the purchase were provided. Motion carried on a voice vote; 6/0
Update on Budget Assumptions: Dawn Foeller, Dir. of Business, presented the budget assumption that will be used to develop the 2023-2024 budget. Enrollment, revenue limits, staffing, the State budget, & staff benefits were discussed.
Adjournment: A motion was made by Jeskewitz & seconded by Mirkes to adjourn the special meeting of the Board of Education. Motion carried on a voice vote; 6/0.
Approved by the Board of Education on June 19, 2023 Joanne DiSalvi, Executive Assistant Dan Van Straten, School Board Clerk Publish 06.23.23 WNAXLP

Name Change 7730
 /S/JOHN A. VANDERLEEST
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT BROWN COUNTY.
 IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Michael Schubert Hedden By (Petitioner) Michael Schubert Hedden
Notice and order for Name Change Hearing
 Case No. 23CV532

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 From: Michael Schubert Hedden
 To: Michael Joshua Hedden
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 This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Brown County, State Of Wisconsin: Judge's Name John Zakowski Place 100 S Jefferson St Green Bay, WI 54301 Branch 6 Room 230 Date July 11, 2023 Time 8:15 am
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 The following is a summary of Ordinance 23-08, entitled REPEALING AND REENACTING SECTION 6-11 OF THE DE PERE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING TELEPHONIC/VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING ATTENDANCE; adopted on a vote of 7-1 on June 20, 2023 and effective June 24, 2023. A complete copy of the ordinance is available in the Clerk's Office at 335 S. Broadway St., De Pere, WI or by calling 920-339-4050 or online at <http://www.deperewi.gov/>. Section 6-11 is hereby repealed and reenacted to provide that any member(s) of a city governmental body may attend the meeting by

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 telephone or video conferencing and may count toward the official quorum of the governmental body. Publish 06.23.23 WNAXLP

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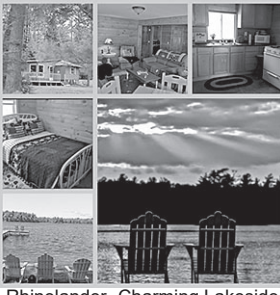
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Get to Know your Green Bay Rockers

Hernandez hit the game-winning home run in the bottom of the 8th inning, bringing in three runs to take the lead in their game against the Lakeshore Chinoooks on Monday, June 20, for a final score of 7-5.



Hernandez

Name: Carlos Hernandez
Position: Catcher
Jersey Number: 31
Hometown: I'm originally from Venezuela. I moved about five years ago to Buford, Georgia, and I go to school in Anderson, South Carolina.

School: Anderson University

Career Highlight: Hitting a two-run home run last year at school to tie the game and then winning conference at the end of season against our rival!

How many seasons have you played with the Rockers? This is my first season.

How/why did you get started playing baseball? I started playing baseball when I was five

years old, and nobody in my family had played the sport before. I tried soccer first, and then I tried tennis, and as a kid I liked neither one. One day my parents took me to the baseball field and I stayed there.

Who is your biggest supporter? My biggest supporters are definitely my parents and my girlfriend. They've been with me all this way, through all of the ups and downs and never fail to support me.

What is your favorite baseball memory? Scor-

ing the winning run last Saturday.

What are some of your hobbies? I go to the gym. I play some PS4. I like going to the movies whenever I have some free time.

Favorite song? It's got to be my walk-up song, "Asi Mismo" by Gustavo Ibarra, a Venezuelan rapper.

Biggest phobia? It's got to be snakes! I hate snakes!

What is one place you would like to visit?

I would definitely like to go back to my country. I haven't been able to go back in about five or six years since I moved here, and it's a really special place, so I would love to go back.

What is the best advice you've ever gotten?

Never give up. If I go back to my story, there are so many times that I could have easily just quit, but I'm still here, and just the experiences that I have had after telling myself "just one more try," and "one more try" is just phenomenal.



UW-Green Bay women's basketball hosts the 2023 Prevea Fore Hoops Golf Classic fundraising event at Thornberry Creek at Oneida on Tuesday, June 20. The funds raised from the 18-hole event will financially support the team in terms of travel and equipment.

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Nicolet NATIONAL BANK PRESENTS **Senior Spotlight**

Jadyn Johnson, Seymour High School Soccer

Parents Names: Julie and Chad Johnson
Instagram: @jadynjohnson7
Position: Center Defender
Other sports: Basketball, Golf

This season, Jadyn's team was able to place 3rd in the Bay Conference, set behind a ranked West De Pere team and a tough Menasha team. This season they also tied with, at the time, a ranked Winneconne team. Their 2023 season ended at regionals.

What was it like playing West De Pere and Menasha? How did the rest of your season go?

Every time we played those two tough conference foes we were able to keep it close the entire game. As a team, we were able to work hard and grow as a team and set us up for regionals, where we won against Freedom. Sadly, we ended our season at the regional finals against Plymouth, the newly state champs. I am beyond proud of this team and everything we have accomplished this year.

How and when did you get started playing soccer?

I started playing soccer when I was five and have

played soccer ever since. My passion for soccer only grew over the years as I was able to create lifelong friendships and grow my knowledge and abilities. I played at TASK till I was in fifth grade where I wanted to move onto a higher level team. I then played for FCGB for a year. After that year, I decided that I wanted to stay with my Seymour teammates and went back and played for my local club team. In seventh grade, we moved up to a state level team where we stayed for the rest of the year. This team, was now made up of Seymour and Freedom girls and it was a great way to be able to play with different girls and still some of my same teammates throughout the whole year. Club soccer provided me with the tools for high school soccer.

What is your favorite part about the sport?

My ultimate, favorite part about the sport is the amount of challenges it brings and ways to overcome it and the dramatic effect it has on your work ethic. Of course, half of my favorite part is that but also the friendships that come along with it.



Who has been the most influential person in your life?

Outside of soccer, the most influential people in my life have been my entire family and Mrs. Schmidt, one of my high school teachers. Inside of soccer, my brother, Coach Reid,

my high school Coach Steve Seefeldt, my assistant high school Coach, Taylor Olson, my club soccer coaches, Brady Mueller and Greg Sprangers.

What, to you, is the most challenging part of being a high school athlete?

The most challenging part of being a high school athlete would be being able to manage my time to spend time with my family and friends, work on homework and improve my soccer abilities.

Do you have any plans to continue playing soccer after high school?

Yes, I will continue my soccer career at Ripon College.

What is the most important relationship that you have made while playing soccer?

The most important relationships that I have made while playing soccer would be the relationships with my coaches and teammates.

Can you speak a little bit about the teamwork aspect of soccer and how that relates to your responsibilities on an individual level as an athlete?

The teamwork aspect has a detrimental effect on the ability to grow as a player and as a team. If there are selfish people on your team, you will ultimately lose the respect out of the entire team and coaches. It also affects the accomplishments of the team and the most important part is the

ability to have fun while playing soccer. Working together as a team can only help increase your chances of winning.

How do you like to spend your free time outside of soccer?

I love to spend my free time outside of soccer spending time with family and friends, going on vacations, playing other sports, swimming.

What is your favorite sport other than soccer?

Golf
What is your favorite subject in school?

Math
What will be your major in college?

Business
What do you plan to do for a career?

I plan to move on to a marketing career at any company that is willing to have me.

Are you looking forward to anything in particular this summer?

I am looking forward to cherishing my time with my friends and family, but also improving my soccer abilities before leaving for college.

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touching bags, throwing the ball properly, getting in their stance, the way it's supposed to be," said Brad Vandebush, head coach of the 5th-7th grade A's, when asked what he wants his girls to walk away with. Many of the coaches for the 5th-7th grade girls' softball teams wanted their girls to not only walk away with the skills of how to play softball but also life skills and experiences they could take with them.

"Teaching kids that don't know what they're doing, they learn something every single time we are here, but they learn life lessons too: how to play together as a team, how to work together and fight through some adversity, and they're not sitting at home on their phones, so that's a plus too... Just to know that they had the ability to try something, and whether they succeeded or not, they were able to be a strong enough person to go out there and try it and not wonder if they would have done good if they would have tried it," Vlies said.

All of the girls are from the Green Bay area. Players Abby Albrecht, Callie Brown and Aria Artus all say that their favorite part about playing in the program is meeting new people and creating new friendships. Each of the girls has been playing for a different number of years; eight, six and three respectively, but each of them is learning and refining the basics of their play.

The girls have been able to remember some of the funny moments and ac-



Pictured left to right are Callie Brown, Abby Albrecht, Alaina Kozlowski and Raegan Rentmeister after their game on Wednesday, June 14.

complishments they have had along the way. Nora Rentmeister is a player for the 5th-7th grade Pirates and she recalled a moment during the last game when she almost slipped while making a play on the ball, but still caught it and got the out for her team. She was excited by her success and laughed at her close-call tumble.

Many of the coaches were able to find proud moments and good memories over their time coaching youth softball. Some of them include winning a game 15 to nothing and watching beginners get their first hit.

"You get the kid that has never played before. You get them to take an at bat and hit a ball and get excited that they got on base, or they made a play in the field and secure an out for the team, I guess those are

some highlights... when those kids get a hit and they're running down to first base and you see the smile on their face that makes it worth it. That makes the practices, and the time that we put in, the two hours that we put in to come out and get the fields ready or to be out here, that makes it worth it because that kid is going to remember that. Those smiles and those cheers, those are the things that really make it worth it and worth coming out for," said Co-Coach of the fifth-seventh grade Brewers Bob Weidner. The program continues with games and tournaments throughout the rest of June and into mid-July.

To learn more about Green Bay Optimist Club: Youth Softball Program go to their website at www.gboptimist.com/softball/



Professional men race in Downtown De Pere on Monday, June 19. The event was part of the Tour of America's Dairyland — the largest competitive road racing series in the country.

Rich Palzewic photo

De Pere hosts Tour of America's Dairyland bike races

BY RICH PALZEWIC
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

DE PERE — The Tour of America's Dairyland (ToAD) — the largest competitive road cycling series in the United States — made a stop in De Pere on Monday, June 19.

ToAD is an 11-day competition that started on June 15 and ends on June 25.

This was De Pere's first time hosting a race in the series' history — which began in 2009.

With more than 500 competitors from around the globe competing in eight different categorized races, fans were treated to a day of fun and excitement, with speeds topping 35 mph on the mile-long course in Downtown De Pere.

The day started with novice races and ended with professional men.

Unlike road events, where competitors typically race on country roads away from heavy traffic, ToAD utilizes a format called criterium racing — or crits for short.

Competitors race on a closed-off course, typically in a downtown area to attract foot traffic and those wanting to see bike racing in an exciting format.

De Pere's course had 11 turns and utilized parts of Front, George, Superior, James and William streets and a portion of Broadway — all along the scenic Fox River.

The downtown area, closed off to traffic, also had food trucks and live music.

"It was exciting to

watch," Joy Sandwood from Appleton said. "My nephew raced in the novice event, so I came to support him. He didn't win or anything, but it was awesome to see him compete. It's a bit nerve-wracking to watch, though."

With tight corners and downhill sections, crashes can occur out of nowhere — with racers often being inches from one another.

"I remember when Appleton and Green Bay hosted races like this years ago," Kaukauna's Bob Sheldon said. "I was in the area today visiting my financial planner and was wondering what all the commotion was, so I stayed and watched for a bit."

For more information and to view results, visit tourofamericasdairyland.com.

Blizzard fighting to clinch first playoff spot since 2019

BY MALLORY ALLEN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

ASHWAUBENON – As the old saying goes, “It’s not how you start that’s important, but how you finish.”

That’s the mantra the Green Bay Blizzard are living by as the team begins to close out its 2023 Indoor Football League (IFL) season, with major playoff implications hanging over their heads.

After a disappointing 2-4 start to the year, the Blizzard have hit their stride on both sides of the ball and climbed their way back into the postseason race.

Now sitting at fifth place in the IFL’s Eastern Conference with a 6-5 record, Green Bay must secure some important wins in their remaining four games in order to sneak into one of the top four spots in the conference and earn a playoff bid, their first since 2019.

Offensive prowess

One of the keys to Green Bay’s late-season surge has been its offense finding a more consistent tempo.

The Blizzard have notched victories in four of their last five games – including three key wins over conference rivals – and are scoring an average of 57.9 points through their seven previous contests.

Offensive Coordinator Matt Behrendt attributed this to his players ‘clicking’ as a unit and fully recognizing their potential.

“We’ve been in a really nice rhythm as of late. You can just tell the vibes on the offensive side of the ball are a lot different than they were,” Behrendt said. “I knew we had a very talented group from the jump, and once they realized how explosive and dangerous they were, we started seeing instant success.”



Allaah Sessions and Trévon Claybourne made a tackle for the Blizzard in their game against the San Diego Strike Force.

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Quarterback and Wisconsin native Max Meylor has taken a commanding lead over the Blizzard offense, stepping in flawlessly for the team’s starting QB Ja’rome Johnson, who was placed on short-term IR in mid-May.

In his five games under center, Meylor has scorched the opponents’ defenses both with his arm and his legs, recording 23 total touchdowns (14 passing, nine rushing) and 886 all-purpose yards while throwing only one interception.

Wide receivers Marquise Irvin and Steve Newbold have also been crucial to Green Bay’s recent offensive

flourish, providing Meylor with consistently reliable targets on the outside and in the slot.

The pair have combined for 12 touchdowns and more than 400 receiving yards in the past month of the season.

Running back Terrence Smith has proven himself to be a deadly threat in the Blizzard backfield, with 10 of his 18 touchdowns coming in the team’s five latest contests.

Also deserving of credit for all this success is Green Bay’s offensive line, which has been vital in creating holes for Smith and protecting the quarterback, with the line giving up only two sacks so far – the fewest in

the league.

However, Behrendt said neither he nor his offense are content to stick with the status quo.

“The best thing about this group is the expectations just continue to grow each week. We need to continue to compete and keep building as we make this end of the season run.”

Defensive lockdown

Just as critical to the Blizzard’s recent playoff push has been high-quality play from its defense.

Through their last five games, Green Bay has held its opponents to scoring just under 10 fewer points per game, on average, in comparison to the first six

games of their season.

Making big defensive stops, especially on third and fourth downs, is an area where the team has seen major improvement.

Second-year veterans Trévon Claybourne and Shawn Steele II, along with rookie standout Ravarius Rivers, have stepped up to provide a commanding presence in the Blizzard secondary, with this trio of defensive backs leading the team in tackles.

“We’ve had less mental errors [lately] on the back end in the secondary,” said Head Coach Corey Roberson. “They’ve been able to grasp an understanding of what we’re trying to do. It just took them a little lon-

ger to get there.”

As a whole, the Blizzard defensive unit has seemed to find its groove through the last five games with an almost back-to-the-basics approach – making more stops, putting more pressure on the opposing quarterbacks and forcing more turnovers.

“Linebacker play has been much better as well,” Roberson continued, acknowledging the renewed energy Allaah Sessions – a second-year playmaker who re-signed with the Blizzard midway through this season – has brought the defense.

“Our defensive line is playing together instead of as individuals. Everyone is believing, and it shows.”

Looking ahead

Green Bay will close out its regular season with four games on the road, including all-important conference match-ups versus the Sioux Falls Storm (6/23), Tulsa Oilers (7/1) and Quad Cities Steamwheelers (7/8) before their season finale against the Tucson Sugar Skulls (7/15).

In order to secure a playoff bid, the Blizzard – who are currently in fifth place in the Eastern Conference – must move up at least one spot into the top four.

Roberson’s message to his team as they fight for the chance to compete for a United Bowl Championship in Las Vegas on Aug. 5, is simple: keep getting a little better every day.

“We need to continue to focus on us. Control the controllable, and that’s making our team better each day. Focus on going 1-0 every day, at every practice, every week,” Roberson said. “If we take care of us, everything else will play itself out.”

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has chosen for her career.

“I love working in sports and have always known that was the direction I wanted to go. My goal after school is to work in professional sports, preferably the NFL if I get the opportunity. In undergrad, I majored in Sport Management at UW-La Crosse and am currently working towards my Master of Science in Sport Science with Sport Administration and Sport Security certificates.”

This year was an especially important one in Kupsh’s career. On Jan. 2, Tulane won the Cotton Bowl, triumphing over USC in a hard-fought game, by just one point with a final score of 46-45. Kupsh had the rare experience of also getting a ring to commemorate the exciting win for the Green Waves.

“It was an incredible experience getting to witness such a historical season being on the field for every home game, and it was exciting when I learned I’d be getting rings to commemorate that season and knowing that the athletic department truly saw our value



Coach Hayden Kupsh on the sideline.

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and hard-work in executing game days.”

Although her experience now has taken her all over the country, Kupsh said her love of sports started in her hometown.

“Growing up in Green Bay and seeing how much fun the Packers brought to the community, I decided a long time ago that I wanted to pursue a career in sports. Being at Tulane is giving me a great Division I collegiate athletics experience that I didn’t think I’d have,” said Kupsh.

Kupsh said that she discovered quickly how fast she would have to learn to adapt, given the versatility of her role with the team.

“My role does get stressful sometimes because we do so much planning and preparation prior to games and events, but nobody can plan what the game itself will look like so we have to be able to adjust in time-sensitive situations and game breaks,” said Kupsh.

However, the stress that comes as part of Kupsh’s job is also accompanied by some rewarding and unique experiences. “One of the most fun experiences at Tulane was being able to work the AAC Championship game and assisting with the trophy presentation after we won. Being down in New Orleans, I was also able to volunteer to help with

the on-field promotions at the Sugar Bowl Kickoff game at the Superdome in September where Florida State beat LSU by one.”

As expected, Kupsh said that being able to be a part of something big is important for not only herself, but the school’s legacy as a whole.

“I think my favorite part of working with the athletic department has been to witness some of the most historic moments in collegiate athletics. The football team’s success was the greatest single-season turnaround in FBS history and more recently, Tulane’s baseball team made the NCAA tournament with the most losses of any team to ever do so, after making a run in and winning the AAC tournament.”

“My favorite thing about attending college out of state has been getting to meet so many new people and experience things that are very different from the Midwest. My least favorite part is being so far away from family and friends and things I’ve grown up being so familiar with.”

According to Kupsh, living in the South is a very different experience than what she has been accustomed to in the Midwest. From the weather, to the culture, to football, she said she has had a variety of unique experiences that have shaped much of her current outlook.

“One of the most fun things I’ve experienced since being down here, outside of Tulane and sports, was probably getting to celebrate Mardi Gras. I had heard of it and seen pictures but the amount of parades and festivities throughout the full 40-day celebration was insane and so much fun to be a part of,” said Kupsh.

After all her time in both Wisconsin and Louisiana, Kupsh said she is looking forward to what is to come next for both herself and her career.

Roots Run Deep

Although Kupsh said that she wouldn’t trade her experience at Tulane for anything, her Green Bay roots will always run deep.

“I miss having all four seasons - the humidity and heat down south gets old quickly. I also really miss being home for Packer game days in the fall,” said Kupsh.

Local family's generosity creates a home for traveling athletes

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GREEN BAY – Over the course of the past few years, Lori and Scott Roethlisberger have extended their generosity to the athletic community of Green Bay by opening their home up to young prospective athletes from around the country.

Entering the 2023 athletic year, this will be the Roethlisbergers' sixth season billeting a Green Bay Gamblers player, and their fifth season hosting a player for the Green Bay Rockers.

Over their five years as a Gambler billet, they have hosted about nine players, and approximately 10 players during their four years as a Rockers host, each over various lengths of time.

The Roethlisbergers' generosity, however, supersedes their recent contributions to the athletic world.

"We had been hosting foreign exchange students for about a decade. We loved our exchange kids. One night we saw our hockey friend Lynn DesJardin, who is the Housing Coordinator for the Gamblers and she said they were talking about us billeting a player. Went home and discussed it and said we'll try it for a year," said Scott about the family's beginning as a host family.

"As for baseball, I work part-time for the Rockers and during the Covid season Andrew Johnson and John Fanta asked because they were in need of families. We had a great experience with the Gamblers, so we tried a season with the Booyah, now called the Rockers."

Because hosting a young athlete comes with



Scott and Lori Roethlisberger stand with their first Gambler player, Dylan. Submitted Photos

responsibilities, the Roethlisbergers said that their experience breeds a good balance in their relationship with these athletes. According to Scott and Lori, one of the most important lessons they have learned is about making everyone feel comfortable and welcomed.

"For most of the players it's their first experience to be away and in someone else's home. So making them feel right at home and part of your family right away takes away some of the nerves and anxiety they may have," said Scott.

"Also, we need to be that parent in so many aspects for these young athletes — good or bad — communication is key. The players do become a part of your family when they are here."

Although it may seem that hosting an athlete for each of these sports

would not be too different, Scott and Lori explained that each experience is a very different process.

"Between the two programs, there are some differences mainly being the age of the players, current educational standing and the type and duration of their seasons. Gambler players can be season long or short term as an affiliate for a couple days or weeks. Rocker players are usually either full season, half season or short term contract (usually around 10 games)," said the Roethlisbergers about the different experiences they have had hosting for the Gamblers and Rockers.

"For the Gamblers, most players are of high school or post high school age looking to play Junior hockey to move on to a college program. Their season starts in September and ends in May. As for the Rockers, a vast majority of the players are



Scott and Lori, far right, stand with their first Booyah baseball player Ben and his family.

coming from their college programs. Big difference is the players are here late May to mid August, 72 games in about 76 days, so very little downtime for them."

The Roethlisbergers said that their experience hosting has made them very familiar with the process, what is expected of them and how to make things run as smoothly as possible.

"Players can come from all over the globe. You need to provide them with a room, meals and really incorporate them into your household. Need to have some household rules to go along with the team's rules. Players do have more downtime during the week as most games are on the weekend. It's pretty much the same as providing a family household with a room, meals and welcoming them to your family."

As might be expected, the commitment the Roethlisbergers make to these athletes extends well beyond the time spent in their household. Scott said that the relationships they forge with these young athletes last far beyond the season they spend in Green Bay.

"The players and their families become your hockey/baseball families. We are in touch with a vast majority of our players through the years. We continue to follow their progress in school and their athletics endeavors."

The Roethlisbergers said that they will forever treasure the experiences they have had billeting for the Gamblers and becoming a host family for Rocker players, and that they hope others are inspired to reach out and do the same, by offering their home.

"If you love sports and have the space in your house and in your family to help an athlete pursue their goals, it is such a rewarding endeavor. Your family receives season tickets, too. Not only the time you spend with your players, but the great friendships you make with the other host families is invaluable. There are currently six families who do the double hosting duties. They have become some of our closest friends and always a great go-to if there may be an issue you aren't sure how to handle."

Scott and Lori said that they are excited for the remainder of the 2023 athletic season, and they look forward to seeing what else the future of Green Bay athletics will bring them.

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"My parents have always been my biggest supporters. From traveling out of state for a game to watching my games in the pouring rain, they have always been there for me. My dad gives me advice on how to improve and my mom makes sure I'm prepared for game days, so between what they do for me, I am always ready to go."

Wettstein said she also has her parent's to thank for her start in soccer, and for always supporting her athletic decisions.

"I started playing soccer at five years old because my parents told me I could either play soccer or softball and I chose soccer," she recalled.

Although soccer is now Wettstein's primary sport, her athletic career is well-rounded.

"I have played basketball since second grade and played all four years of high school," said Wettstein.

Aside from her partents,

Wettstein's coach, Andy Steger, is also a big supporter.

"Alli was the dynamic force behind our defense this year. Where most teams play with four defenders, we played with three because Alli could cover that much ground," said Steger.

"She is a very bright player who is an incredible athlete. Our team had only given up two conference goals and seven overall goals while Alli was on in our defensive line."

Finding balance

There are not many athletes better suited than Wettstein to speak about the dedication it takes to balance the responsibilities of being a student-athlete.

"Being a big time commitment, I've had to miss out on many events for soccer. For instance, I was at a tournament in Kansas during my 8th grade promotion. Additionally, my junior year I had a club game the day of De Pere's first homecoming, and this year

I had a high school game the day of my senior prom. With club soccer, I traveled a lot and had late practices which caused me to miss out on a lot of time with my friends and family during summer," she said.

"Balancing my academics and athletics can get challenging at times. It definitely takes some time management skills to do well in both. I have had a handful of late nights, especially around finals week, where I have lots of studying and homework to do after I get home from my training."

In addition to her academic schedule, Wettstein said that her athletic schedule can be grueling at times as well.

"During soccer season I dedicate around 25 hours a week to soccer. Between practices, games, film, walk throughs, weight lifting, the hours add up quickly," said Wettstein.

However, her training is not exclusive to the soccer season. Her work extends far into the off season as well.

"When I am in season, I definitely try to make it a point to get more sleep than when I am out of season. I also eat a lot more pickles and smoothie bowls during the season because it's an essential part of my pregame routine. Ever since tearing my first ACL, weight training has been important to me so I do training in and out of season as well. When it is not high school soccer season, I am playing a combination of high school basketball, AAU basketball and club soccer, so I am always staying active in the off season," she explained.

In order to take some of her mind off of the stress of school and sports, Wettstein said that she has a variety of ways that she likes to spend her free time.

Life outside of sports

"Outside of school and sports, I like to spend a lot of my time with my family and friends. Together we like to get ice cream, have a fire, go swimming or just hang out. My family and I

also like to travel whenever we can," Wettstein said.

In recognition of the importance of her life outside of sports, Wettstein said that she is anxiously anticipating her future in college and her career.

"I am majoring in biology on a pre-physician assistant track to become an orthopedic physician assistant."

Wettstein said that her most recent injury has been a bit of a setback, and is one of the most difficult obstacles she has had to work through in her athletic career.

"The biggest challenge I faced playing soccer was tearing both of my ACLs. It was especially hard this year being my last season of high school soccer since I know I could've helped my team in the playoffs."

However, this is not the first time Wettstein has had to deal with a major injury. Unfortunately, she has some experience with what it takes to overcome this type of injury.

"During my sophomore year, my recovery from

ACL reconstruction had its ups and downs. There were some days I lacked motivation and confidence in myself, but I knew I had to push through all of the negative emotions and just focus on the big picture which for me was returning to soccer as strong as I could be. Trusting in myself and having mental and physical strength are what help me make sure I am performing at my best," said Wettstein.

Yet, Wettstein said she is thankful for everything soccer has taught her, and she will continue to cherish every moment, good and bad that she has experienced while on the field.

"One of the most valuable things soccer has taught me is to always stay strong. Even though something may seem hard at the moment, if you just keep pushing through you'll come out not just a better player but a better person as well," Wettstein added.

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Alli Wettstein named FRCC Defensive Player of the Year

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SPORTS REPORTER

DE PERE – After an impressive season with the De Pere girls soccer team, eighteen-year-old Allison Wettstein has recently been named Defensive Player of the Year for the Fox River Classic Conference, in addition to earning First Team All Conference.

The Redbirds had an impressive season, only allowing two goals throughout all of conference play. They finished first in the FRCC with a record of 8-0-1 with a total of 34 goals scored on

the season. Their season ended with a disappointing 4-5 loss to Bay Port in their WIAA Sectional game on Thursday, June 8.

Overcoming injury

Wettstein has become one of the many young athletes in the Green Bay area who has had to overcome not only the physical struggles that accompany an injury, but also the mental challenges that often plague those who have suffered a setback in their sport.

After years of hard work and dedication to her soccer career, Wettstein was recently injured with a torn ACL in her knee, in one of the last games of her high school career.

However, Wettstein's performance all season speaks to her innate talent

and work ethic, and her post-injury outlook is a testament to the strength of her character.

"I completely tore my ACL, completely tore my meniscus, and fractured my femur in my second to last conference game this season. With surgery and nine months of recovery coming up in my future, my goal is to always stay committed to the process. I already know a little bit of what the process is going to look like since my sophomore year I tore my other ACL and meniscus, but staying mentally and physically strong is going to lead me to a successful recovery," said Wettstein.

A major injury such as this can often be extremely detrimental to not only a young athlete's physical well-

being, but can pose many mental challenges as well.

"Having torn my ACL toward the end of my senior soccer season, I am not playing soccer in college my freshman year. However, I have not yet decided if I want to play once I recover from my injury," she said

After a slight derailment of her plans, Wettstein said she is still looking forward to what the future holds for her, knowing her life is not defined by her athletic performance.

Support system

However, Wettstein also acknowledged that her strength of character would not have come without the stability of her family's support system.

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The Green Bay Optimist Club

Catcher Raegan Rentmeester and batter Callista Brown face-off in their youth softball game for Optimist Softball League.

Jason Coisman photos

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The Youth Softball Program is all about the girls learning the fundamentals of softball, but many of the girls come into it with varying skill levels. There are 240 youth players and their families involved in the program ranging in grades, 4k to middle school.

"Programs include introduction to the sport of softball... pitching instruction, recreational summer leagues, fall league and supporting highly competitive team opportunities for those interested," remarked the Green Bay Optimist Club website. Co-Coach of the 5th-7th grade Brewers Kevin Vlies said, "Everybody is different, everybody has different abilities. We have to work with the kids on how to adapt to those different abilities. How to move up with the more advanced kids and how to stay down lower with the not-so-advanced kids, so they teach me how to adapt to different levels of play."

"In this league, mostly just the fundamentals, the basics, we have some girls that haven't even played baseball at these ages; they got a little later of a start. So just the basics, running the bases. Make sure they are

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Ashwaubenon graduate becomes a part of something big

BY TORI WITTENBROCK
SPORTS REPORTER

ASHWAUBENON – Hayden Kupsh, a 2018 Ashwaubenon High School graduate, has made her way in the college football scene through her experience as a graduate assistant at Tulane University.

Transition time

Although she was looking for something new, Kupsh said she was not expecting the opportunity for this position to come so fast.

"I was working with the Green Bay Rockers at the time and started looking into grad school options and found the open position at Tulane in New Orleans. It was a pretty quick interview process, and it was only a couple weeks after I found the position that I actually moved down to Louisiana," said Kupsh.

Kupsh began her work with the team, prepared to take on a wide variety of responsibilities.

"I am a Fan Experience and Game Presentation Graduate As-

sistant within the Athletics Marketing department. I direct the game presentation of women's basketball, baseball and am the marketing contact for women's golf and track and field/cross country. I also assist with football game days including the in-game activations and pregame activities."

A rewarding experience

At just 23 years old, Kupsh said she is excited about the path she

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Kupsh celebrates after a big win and a job well done.

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