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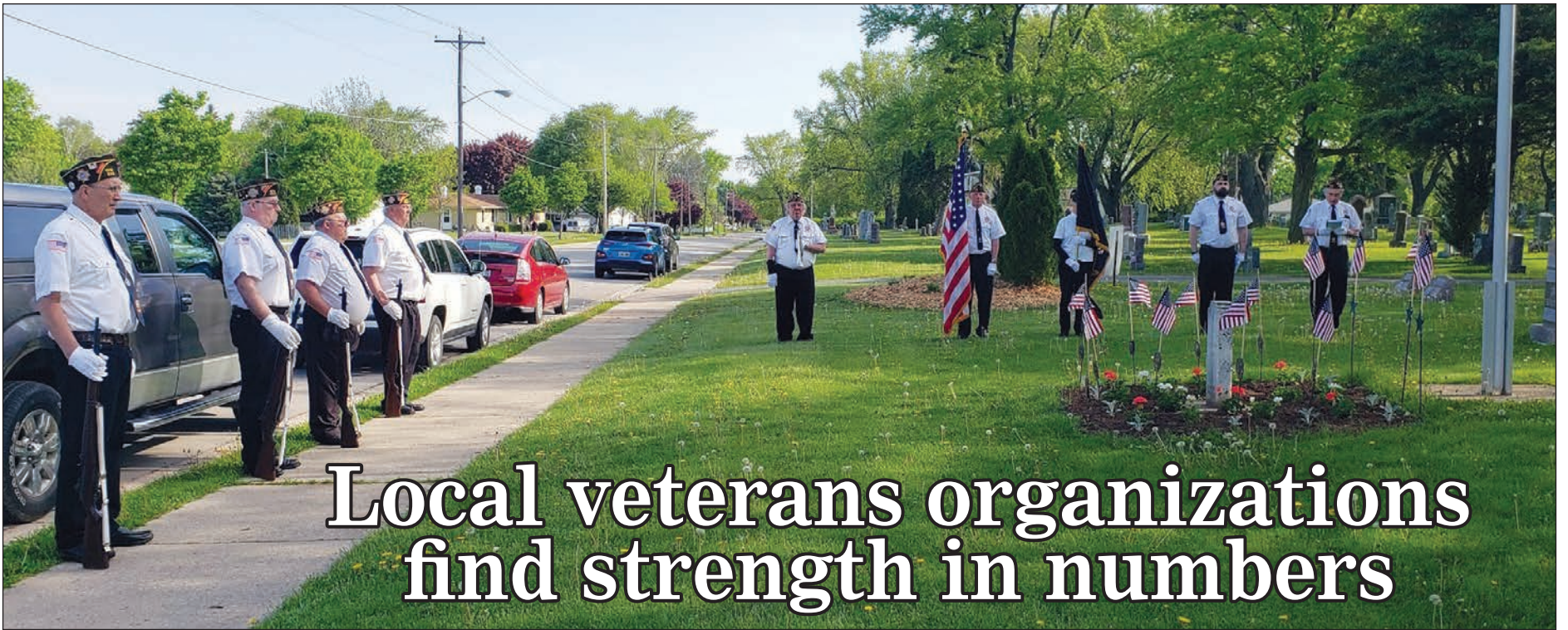


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Local veterans organizations find strength in numbers

One of the many activities open to veterans who join a veterans organization is joining a Post Honor Guard. Pictured is the De Pere VFW Post 2113 Honor Guard performing final military funeral honors for a deceased veteran. All veterans are honored this way as a lasting tribute to their family for the veterans service to their country, their community and their family that they served throughout their life with faith, honor and distinction. Submitted photo

BY MELANIE ROSSI CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BROWN COUNTY/ KEWAUNEE COUNTY - "Membership is strength" for Wisconsin's veterans organizations, and the stable

rate of growth in the Veterans of Foreign Wars' (VFW) Eighth District acts as evidence of that strength.

The Eighth VFW District of Wisconsin covers the state's northeastern counties, including both Brown

and Kewaunee counties.

While recent years have seen the amount of posts in the district drop from 28 to 27, Bruce Sorensen, membership chairman of the Eighth District, said, "the last four years we have

hit 100% membership each year, or more."

These numbers become all the more impressive when taking into account the steady decrease in the number of Wisconsin's veterans.

According to the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics, from the years 2000 to 2020, Wisconsin had a 31% decrease in its number of veterans.

For the next few decades, the U.S. Department of Vet-

erans Affairs projects that the total Veteran population in the United States will decline from 19.5 million in 2020 to 13.6 million in 2048.

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Leading the way in clean energy

BY KRIS LEONHARDT/ MIKE HOLLIHAN PRESS TIMES STAFF

GREEN BAY - City and state sustainability leaders held a press conference on June 22 at Green Bay's East River Emilie Park to highlight the city's work with climate and sustainability goals, while noting financial incentives infusion from the Inflation Reduction and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

"The partnership that's been enlivened between the city of Green Bay and the state of Wisconsin and our federal officials and Biden administration, Senator (Tammy) Baldwin,

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Heritage Hill looks to identify unknown soldier

BY ANNIKA MORSCHAUSER CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY - Heritage Hill is a privately-administered state park of 56 acres that started in 1977, consisting of 26 historical buildings from the Green Bay area that have either been constructed or relocated there over the years to maintain, preserve and be used them for educational purposes.

One specific piece of history that has been on the site longer than Heritage Hill has is the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Heritage Hill Executive Director Michael Telzrow explained the known history of the unknown soldier as well as what they're looking to accomplish in the future regarding the remains.

"In 1816, Fort Howard was established in the area where TitleTown is today. At that time, the area was swampy

and caused the soldiers to suffer mosquito transferred diseases such as malaria. In hopes to improve conditions for soldiers, in 1820 a military officer named Joseph Smith made plans to move the fort to the area where Heritage Hill resides today. With approval



The unknown soldier's remains were found in 1924. By that time the land had been turned into a reformatory. Michael Telzrow photo

from his superiors, he began the construction of Camp Smith and later relocated it to the privately owned land of John Lawe. The camp lasted around two years as it was soon put to an end as Smith was relieved of duty and court-martialed because of the construction of the camp," Telzrow relayed.

The land was later bought by someone who planned on turning the area into agricultural land, so it was made known that if there were any wanted remains in the cemetery there that they should be claimed.

This along with other evidence and records shows the likelihood of there being a cemetery at Camp Smith.

Human remains were found in that area in 1921, 1924, 1938, 1940, 1993 and 2011.

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Green Bay native elected Packers Hall of Fame president

BY KAITY COISMAN CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY - A Green Bay native has been elected as the new president for the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame.

On June 12, it was announced that Don Sipes would head the non-profit organization, along with Hall of Fame Vice President Randy Brice, Treasurer Mark Higgins new executive committee members Tom Murphy, Perry Kidder and John Smits and board of director members Steve Ninham and Mike Harlan.

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and other folks that have allowed for us to begin to make some real progress on the climate action front," Green Bay Mayor Eric Genrich stated.

Genrich commended the new partnership between the city of Green Bay and the AmeriCorps and Serve Wisconsin program at the state level, stating that it has made it possible to establish the first municipally organized Conservation Corps in the state of Wisconsin, led by Maria Otto, who is our conservation corps coordinator."

Genrich said that the group has done some work removing invasive species and replanting native species to assist in erosion control, as well as other work in parks and greenways

"This area in particular has been a focus of their work over the spring and leading into the summer here, removed an incredible amount of buckthorn. I don't know how many pounds and if we've weighed it. But this has been a big project and it's just a really nice example of the kinds of things that have been possible because of their presence here.

"In addition, you know, because we've received this support from the federal government and from the state level, we've been able to get serious about comprehensive energy planning.

"We've had a sustainability commission within the city of Green Bay, I think going back to the 2017-18 timeframe, and we've developed a lot of momentum



Green Bay Public Works Resiliency Coordinator Melissa Schmitz speaks about the city's work in clean energy during a press conference held June 22 at Green Bay's East River Emilie Park. **Mike Hollihan photo**

as a result of that establishment and discussions within the community. But, until we started to receive this infusion of federal funds to make possible — the Conservation Corps and our comprehensive energy planning — it was really difficult for us to take the action that is necessary."

Director of the Wisconsin Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy Maria Redmond spoke on the local governments which have stepped forward to initiate these projects, commending the work that Green

Bay has initiated.

"So in 2019, Governor (Tony) Evers made the goal and set the goal of 100% carbon-free electricity consuming new state by 2050. And in April of last year, we published the state's first clean energy plan with a focus on creating a blueprint of how are we going to get to that goal of 100% carbon-free electricity consumed in the state," she recalled.

"We created four pathways. We worked with many, many stakeholders, including our cities and our local governments to create

four pathways. These pathways are to deploy clean energy technology, maximize and optimize energy efficiency, innovate and modernize our buildings and industry; and, throughout all that we want to center this work and prioritize environmental justice. Also, ensure that we're building out a workforce and ensure that there's lead by example (actions).

"So our local governments are really without any legislation, without any support. Our local gov-

ernments have been leading the way."

Redmond also emphasized the importance of the bipartisan support, stating "I don't think we would be standing here right now if it wasn't without the landmark investment that we've seen on the federal level to help push forward our local and state efforts."

Green Bay Sustainability Commission Chair Seth Hoffmeister called the work "important first steps" in sustainability action.

"It's wild to me to think about five years ago and the

moment that we're in right now and just how unimaginable it seemed," Hoffmeister stated.

"But folks here in Green Bay realize that we didn't have the luxury to wait around for somebody else to act on climate when we came together. We organized our community and we set our city on a path to 100% clean energy. Now, five years later, we can finally say that we are acting on climate.

"And the city of Green Bay is developing a plan that will ensure our community is a place where we can continue to grow and thrive for generations to come."

Green Bay Public Works Resiliency Coordinator Melissa Schmitz said that the city, along with its partners, began the process of developing a clean energy plan last year.

"And, this will be a roadmap for the next five to 10 years for the city to work towards its climate goals. Through this planning project, we are identifying key areas where we can leverage the federal funding directly for municipal operations, and also where the city can educate residents and businesses on available funding for upgrades to their homes and businesses and vehicles.

"The first funding is going to make it possible for the city to fund solar and fleet upgrades as public demonstrations and will directly address the financial constraints that we all currently face when considering investment in energy efficiency and renewable energy."

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from the Green Bay Packers that supports the preservation and education of Green Bay Packers artifacts from the duration of the team since the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame was established in 1967.

Sipes describes their mission as "...Safeguarding the legacy of the Green Bay Packers by preserving, honoring and procuring and maintaining team artifacts and memorabilia related to this great football team and its fans... but our plan is to also educate."

The Hall of Fame can be found on the main floor of the Atrium across from 1919 Kitchen & Tap.

One of the new ideas that Sipes plans to put in place is the Legacy Series — educational experience starting at Green Bay East High School this fall to teach the students about the history, people and artifacts of the Green Bay Packers.

The Legacy Series also includes a bus painted with Curly Lambeau's face on the side produced by local artists.

Sipes said that the goal is "... to educate them about the difference between now and then and where it started and things in that nature to teach them a little bit until they get interested. And get interested in coming to the Hall of Fame, too, to see more of the artifacts that we have."

Sipes has been a board and executive member for Green Bay Packers Hall of



New Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame Inc. President Don Sipes with some of his Packers memorabilia. Submitted photo

Fame Inc. since 2003, but his love for Packers football started long before his time as a board member.

As a kid, Sipes would collect football cards with the help of his dad which turned into his love for preserving artifacts later in life.

"I met up with some of the people that are on the Hall of Fame; that were also collectors, and when I came back, I started to look at things and said, 'Wow this is some really old stuff here.' Which is really interesting to me, so I started to think, 'I need to preserve this stuff for Green Bay' because a

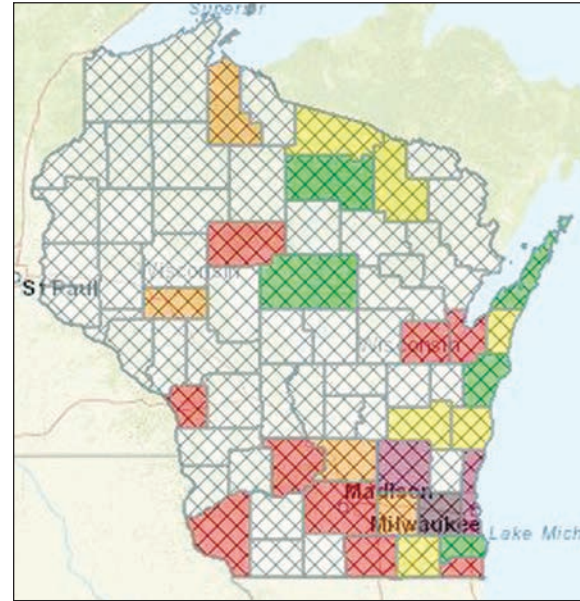
lot of people are kind of from out of town... and time gets taken away, so you need to preserve this stuff... so when I met some of the people that were on the Hall of Fame they said, 'Wow you should be on the Hall of Fame (board),'"

Now ready to start making some bigger decisions on behalf of the organization Sipes said, "I feel like just being on executive committee you get a vote for when we make decisions, and the president kind of brings that to you, so we have a lot of ideas out there that are going to really improve us I think

both in the community and in with the Packers. We have a good relationship now with the Packers... I just thought I had a lot to give for the Hall of Fame and I guess they thought that, too." With big plans in mind, Sipes is working to bring all of the ideas to educate and preserve to the Green Bay Community and possibly other cities as well.

Outgoing Hall of Fame President Tom Konop will serve in a past president role for one term.

To keep up with Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame, donate or schedule a tour, visit packershalloffame.com.



Air quality in Brown and Kewaunee counties ranged from moderate to unhealthy on June 27. For updates, visit <https://airquality.wi.gov> screenshot

A hazy shade of summer

BY MIKE WARREN
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

WISCONSIN — Hot, dry and hazy. Those have been the words most often used to describe Wisconsin's summer weather so far. To make matters worse, there appears to be no end in sight to the latter.

Hundreds of wildfires burning in northern parts of Canadian provinces are sending a seemingly endless supply of haze and smoke to Wisconsin and beyond. And this may just be the beginning.

"A lot of these fires that are burning are in areas where they either can't extinguish the fires because they're in such remote ar-

eas, or they just don't have the staff," said the Wisconsin DNR's Ron Schneider, during a June 27 conference call with Wisconsin media outlets. "They've brought in firefighters from France, from Italy, Australia, Mexico, so they have a lot of partners helping them to extinguish these fires, but it looks like we're going to have — as long as we have this northerly flow from the air that goes from the northern provinces in Canada down through the Midwest — we're going to be seeing this smoke."

"The only thing that we can hope for is the fires are extinguished, which may

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SCW, HFSC kick off summer backpack drive in Green Bay

BY KAITY COISMAN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY – School Choice Wisconsin (SCW) and Hispanics for School Choice (HFSC) hosted a backpack drive on Sunday, June 25, at the Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church Parish Festival, to distribute backpacks and school supplies to members of the Green Bay community.

SCW and HFSC were also collecting supplies for fu-

ture backpack drives across the state.

The backpack giveaway is the first of four events in Wisconsin.

There will be other giveaways this summer in Milwaukee, Kenosha and Madison.

Director of Hispanics for School Choice Nataly Andrade coordinated the drives for all four cities.

“Our goal is to give out approximately 500 backpacks and school supplies

(in all four cities) to low-income families, but it is really open to the public, anyone who attends the event that comes with an adult and is K-12 can receive a backpack,” said Andrade.

The backpack drive started as a small event nine years ago in Milwaukee and this will be the fourth year that the event has been planned for all four cities.

Each of the students that came received, “a backpack with a couple school sup-

plies, colored pencils; pencils; erasers; inside of it.”

Andrade continued to explain that “it’s all donation-based. We actually had United Health Care donate the biggest donation so we could run this backpack drive, and it is completely free for our families. All they have to do is show up and complete a small questionnaire with their information and they would receive a backpack.”

With the drive being

donation-based it was on a first-come, first-served basis for anyone looking to receive a backpack and school supplies.

HFSC knows that “money is always tight for low-income families and the recent inflation rates only amplify things,” but they are driven to “empower

parents by advocating for high-quality options for education.”

You can join SCW and HFSC at any of the following backpack drives in the other cities, or if you are interested in donating or need more information, visit <https://schoolchoicewi.org/2023-backpack-event/>.



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been turned into a reformatory.

The unknown soldier's bones and skull, along with parts of a wooden coffin and a piece of cloth that had been recorded as a military button, were all found in the gravel pit by reformatory inmates.

According to the superintendent at the time, Earl Eklund, this was not the only time human remains had been found.

They stored any remains found in the laboratory at the reformatory.

The tomb for the unknown soldier was created in 1940, with Eklund overseeing its complexion.

Telzrow highlighted the possibility of there being more remains from soldiers since the unknown soldier's remains are suspected to be from Camp Smith's cemetery as he added, "We think it is very important that if in fact this is a military burial site it ought to be marked properly with the proper respect as well."

The remains of the unknown soldier have not

been disturbed or looked at since their entombment.

Currently, Heritage Hill is looking into some ways to research more and possibly identify the remains, however that is ultimately up to the state to decide and carry out.

Telzrow mentioned how the most intriguing part of the unknown soldier is the button that is hopefully entombed with the remains although it's unknown whether it is or not.

That button could be a helpful piece in identifying the remains.

Telzrow stated, "As historians here we want to be telling an accurate story. And the other thing is that if it is in fact an unknown soldier and we have the potential technology to identify the soldier I think that would be a just thing to do to bring an identity to an anonymous individual who ultimately gave their life and service to their nation..."

Every Memorial Day there is a ceremony held to honor the service of the unknown soldier, further symbolizing all

the unknown soldiers out there that have not been discovered or identified as well as those who have.

"I think the unknown soldier to me is a symbol of those individuals, not just soldiers, who shaped and helped build the country. And they served in anonymity, they weren't famous people. When they died, there was little fanfare, they received a relatively quick burial and in a lot of cases were forgotten if there wasn't a tombstone or if the tombstone was removed," Telzrow added.

The future of the remains is uncertain, however, whatever is done will be done out of respect as Telzrow concluded, "... our primary goal is to at least bring recognition and the proper honor to individuals who gave their lives and service to their nation so to me that's very important. So, we're at the very beginning stages of how to approach a project like that. We don't have anything concrete to offer at this point, but it is on our radar, and it is something we want to look at."

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be months before some of the Canadian forest fires are extinguished, or a change in the weather pattern which would take the main flow of the air, instead of that northerly flow, maybe more of a western or southwest pattern, like we normally see in summer in Wisconsin."

Schneider also mentioned this has become an above-average year, and early season, for forest fires in Canada, which is facing the same high fire dangers and drought situations like we are here in Wisconsin.

For those reasons, the DNR is keeping its firefighters here, and not sending aid to Canada.

"We did send some firefighters to Michigan to help them with a 2,400-acre fire," Schneider said. "We do have a compact with Ontario and Manitoba, and part of the reason why we didn't send any firefighters to Canada yet is because of our drought here in Wisconsin. Typically we're not very busy with fires in June in Wisconsin, but this year due to the drought, we are using all of our resources from Wisconsin DNR to take care of Wisconsin first."

"Hopefully we keep get-

ting more rain and then eventually we can assist our partners to the north."

Most unhealthy smoke impacts have been felt across much of eastern Wisconsin, in particular along the Lake Michigan shoreline, according to the DNR's Craig Czarnecki.

"In the Milwaukee area we are seeing some very unhealthy AQIs (Air Quality Indexes) there. In fact, Milwaukee is currently experiencing some of the highest levels of air pollution, not just in the U.S., but across the globe, right now," Czarnecki said, during the same June 27 conference call.

Some of the thickest smoke plumes of the summer were seen moving north to south across the Badger State during the late morning hours of June 27, when the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources issued a 48-hour Air Quality Advisory for the entire state.

"Go inside if you have any symptoms, things like coughing and shortness of breath" Czarnecki added.

"If you do have a respiratory or cardiovascular health condition that puts you at greater risk and need to spend time outside, a well-fitting N95 mask may be helpful," said Mark Werner from the Wisconsin Depart-

ment of Health Services. "Air conditioning can be helpful, but not everyone has access to air conditioning, so if you have a neighbor or relative who doesn't have air conditioning, it's a good idea to check on your neighbors and relatives who you think may be more at risk."

"People with heart or lung disease, older adults, and children should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion and consider avoiding all physical outdoor activities; everyone else should reduce prolonged or heavy exertion and consider avoiding prolonged or heavy exertion," read the DNR's Air Quality Advisory.

"There's a few things people can do to protect themselves from the wildfire smoke," says Czarnecki. "I guess the big one — if you don't have to be outside, the best way to avoid wildfire smoke is to stay indoors. And in your home, make sure your doors and windows are closed, so you can keep that wildfire smoke and those particles outside. And then run your air conditioning on recirculate if you can, to help circulate some of that fresh air."

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In the Eighth VFW District of Wisconsin, however, despite a natural decline in membership over time, the last few years have been marked by stability.

"Say, for example, a member passed away," Randy Hansen, quartermaster of the De Pere VFW Post 2113 said. "We did seem to find another veteran who is willing to join the VFW, and so it has stayed about the same. Our VFW Post in De Pere has about 78 members, and that's been stable for about three years."

For both Hansen and Sorensen, the key to maintaining this membership has been community outreach and recruitment efforts, especially to younger veterans.

"Our specific thing is our adopted unit, the 432nd [Battalion], and what we do to support them when they're deployed," Hansen said. "So we do that for both the soldiers who are deployed and the families who are left behind. Besides that we also do military funeral

honors — even if they're not a member of any organization we do honors for them."

Hansen added that the De Pere VFW Post 2113 has also worked with the De Pere girls softball team, bought a new monument in partnership with the city council and parks' department, has led the Memorial Day parade for the last 35 years and created a scholarship with Northeastern Wisconsin Technical College, which is open for student veterans or their family members.

Sorensen said, "Young veterans are not inclined to join the VFW because there's that old stigma that all the VFW does is sit around in their VFW post, drink and tell war stories. That's no longer true, and I can attest to that."

Making young veterans aware of the active community work done in the VFW as well as proving to them the benefits they can receive through joining has helped to maintain the organization's stability.

Sorensen said, "We do

have recruiting events... Putting up booths and helping [young veterans] understand the value of what our organization does for them — they may not appreciate it right now because when you're young you feel pretty invincible."

According to Sorensen, just being a member of the VFW — not even an active one — is a benefit in itself.

"The VFW actually has a legislative group that resides in Washington D.C., and what they do everyday is share legislation that is going before Congress to be approved, they hawk that and determine if that is going to have a negative or a positive effect on the VA benefits," he said.

"When you raise your right hand and join the military, the government promised you that they were going to take care of you and your family once you served your time in the military. Therefore, we lobby to make sure our benefits stay in place... We have to lobby with our voice, and our voice is really the size of our membership, so we

need to keep our membership strong so that the politicians' ears stay open."

Hansen added, "All veterans organizations have the common goal that maintains a strong national defense and to represent the interests of the entire uniformed services and their families and survivors by promoting compensation benefits, so what they get when they join us is not so much what can we do for them now as what can we do for them in the future for them and their families, and when they pass, their family survivors."

"By participating in a lot of the City of De Pere's events and promotions, we're also educating [the public] on what a veteran is, and how we can support them, so they get to take a part in that. It really does take a family of veterans to support other veterans"

Promoting their "family of veterans," Wisconsin's Eighth District has been able to keep their numbers up, maintaining the access to benefits that membership can provide.

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Nicolet Avenue home added to state register of historic places

BY PRESS TIMES STAFF

DE PERE – The Wisconsin Historical Society recently announced that the Edward F. and Jean Kohl House, located at 815 Nicolet Ave., De Pere, has been listed on the State Register of Historic Places.

The house is a two-story, single-family structure designed by Harry Williams and constructed in 1940 for the Kohl family.

Williams, a Green Bay architect, was just nine years in on his design business at the time.

According to the listing, he later became one of the most successful architects practicing in the area in the era.

While he completed mostly residential work, he is also credited with designing the Green Bay Packers' Office and Training Building during the Vince Lombardi years, as well as a lakeside cottage for Curly Lambeau in 1940.

"Edward Kohl was born in Sheboygan in 1906. Following high school, he graduated from UW-Madison. After working for the H.C. Prange Co. (depart-



The house is a two-story, single-family structure designed by Harry Williams and constructed in 1940 for the Edward and Jean Kohl family. **Kris Leonhardt photo**

ment store) in Sheboygan, he moved to Green Bay in 1928 to continue working for Green Bay H. C. Prange department store," a 2017 De Pere Historical and Architectural Resources Survey compiled for the De Pere His-

toric Preservation Commission stated.

Kohl was working at Prange's when the De Pere house was constructed.

"Rising two stories and side-gabled in form, this Neoclassical Revival-style house is clad with brick

and brick quoining trims each corner. Dominating the symmetrically arranged, primary (south) entrance elevation is a gabled two-story portico with a series of four, square-wooden supports. The portico pediment is

sheathed with clapboard and trimmed with dentils below; additional dentil trim runs beneath the roof's eave. Beneath the portico and along the first floor, the central doorway is flanked with narrow sidelights and topped with

a transom, all of which is set within a wooden surround beneath a soldier brick header. A single, rectangular window, is located to either side of the entry, while a series of three double-hung sash occupy the second level beneath the portico," the register listing detailed.

In April 1949, Kohl announced plans to construct his own women's clothing store at 515 S. Monroe Ave.

The one-story shop opened in September of that year, offering everything from "lingerie to lipstick."

At that time, it was touted as the first store of its kind to be located outside of the downtown business district.

Kohl passed away in 1970 at the age of 64.

Today the Nicole Avenue home is privately held by a local owner.

The State Historic Preservation Office at the Wisconsin Historical Society administers the state register.

To learn more about the register program, visit www.wisconsinhistory.org.

Creating a community while providing a basic need

BY ANNIKA MORSCHAUSER CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY – A local nonprofit is creating a community environment while providing a basic need for those without access.

Laundry Love is an organization that sets up free events in laundromats for community members to wash their clothing and bedding.

There are over 300 initiatives throughout the country that provide this service, some of which

are nonprofits, including the one in Green Bay.

The initiative in Green Bay was started by Natasha Atkinson, lead director, and her mom, Jean, back in April of 2018.

They were looking for a way to contribute to the community by starting a nonprofit that addressed a need within Green Bay.

"We set out to find something that we could do in our community that wasn't necessarily reinventing a new wheel but

that was very helpful to neighbors, especially in the area of basic needs and something that someone wasn't already doing," Atkinson explained.

The nonprofit consists of a small team of volunteers that make up the staff.

They hold a free laundry event every fourth Friday from 5:30-9 p.m. at Corner Coin Laundry, located on Mather Street in Green Bay.

They provide a home-cooked meal, quarters, laundry detergent, dryer sheets and neighborly love and care, such as conversation and support for everyone who attends.

Atkinson added, "We've learned that the laundromat is one of the most diverse places in the city, and it's amazing to watch the community come together in the laundromat. And friendships have been started or relationships have been sparked and everyone gets to know everyone else. That's been a really beautiful thing."

In addition to the Laundry Love events, they hold other events and hand out laundry bundles, which have soap pods and dryer sheets in them, to other organizations that can distribute them to com-



Laundry Love hosts free laundry events every fourth Friday from 5:30-9 p.m. at Corner Coin Laundry, located on Mather Street in Green Bay. **Submitted photo**

munity members.

Before COVID-19, they held an event called Elder Love where they'd go to senior living apartments and help them with their laundry, as laundry can be rather expensive in those buildings and because they might not be physically able to collect and haul their laundry to the washers and dryers.

The nonprofit is currently looking into starting a new event called Veteran Love.

Atkinson said that these events couldn't have happened without the support, donations and volunteers from a variety of people within the community, including Corner Coin Laundry for open-

ing their doors to host the events.

They accept donations of detergent, soap pods, dryer sheets, money which gets turned into quarters, food for meals and anything else that could be of use.

But it's more than just laundry as Atkinson said, "We see neighbors from all walks of life, so that means we see some of our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness. We see neighbors who are single parents. We see elderly neighbors who quite frankly often come and they're just lonely. They want to come and connect with us and eat with us. Sometimes our Laundry Love events are merely for a

person to make a connection with someone else."

They can see the impact their nonprofit has had on those who attend the events.

"For our organization, being able to provide clean clothing for our community and our neighbors who have that need offers our community and neighbors dignity. It offers neighbors a way to maybe get or keep a job. It offers children opportunities to go to school and not worry about that issue... We're here to make an impact on this basic need that affects so many things in a person's life," Atkinson added.

For more information, visit <https://www.laundrylovegreenbay.org>.

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Pulaski High School gets visit from Tournament of Roses Parade officials

BY MELANIE ROSSI
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PULASKI – As a result of their selection into the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade, the Pulaski High School and Middle School band and choir programs welcomed the parade's president and executive vice president to the village, June 27 to July 1.

The esteemed parade — which will take place on Jan. 1, 2024 — accepts only 15 bands per year, and Pulaski High School's Associate Director of Bands and Director of Jazz Studies Michael Guerrero said that the school began applying as early as last May, stating the process "was quite a stringent one."

"It's a multifaceted application process involving a video of the band performing, photos of the band, letters of recommendation and a performance resume," he added. "In the fall of that year (2022), we found out we were accepted for the 2024 parade."

The schools' band had been selected for the parade three times in the past.

This year, however, the Red Raider Choir was also selected — the first time the Pasadena Tournament of Roses music committee has ever invited a choir to the parade.

As part of the Tournament process, Guerrero said, "the participants of the parade are encouraged to come and visit to know, first of all, the students and participants that are going to be sharing their abilities and talents with the world, and to get to know the community and the families, and the culture... The school and the community needs to then organize all of that and invite and welcome them to be part of that community for a short time."

Coming to visit Pulaski will be the Tournament of Roses President and Leading Lady, Alex and Paula Aghajanian, as well as the Executive Vice President and his spouse, Ed and Lisa Morales.

While the president visits every community selected



Pasadena Tournament of Roses President Alex Aghajanian and Leading Lady Paula Aghajanian were welcomed by hosts and students from the Pulaski High School music program at Austin Straubel International Airport in Green Bay on June 27, where roses were presented to Paula. **Mike Hollihan photo**

for the parade, the executive vice president's visit to Pulaski is a "special treat."

Guerrero said, "Pulaski was chosen by the Tournament of Roses to also host the future Tournament of Roses president... and that's a special treat that we've never had before."

During their week-long visit, the presidents will be spending time with the band and choir programs, as well as helping to fundraise for the upcoming trip. "The reason we chose this week," Guerrero said, "is because we have a June concert on the 29th, and we wanted them here for that so they could see the kids perform and we could play for them."

"We planned an event for Wednesday night, 'Polka with the President,' which is a fundraiser. One of the primary tasks when they go out into the communities is to utilize their presence and their influence to help raise funds for the participants' trip."

Being selected as part of the Tournament of Roses Parade provides only benefits, Guerrero said.

"From a community perspective, when you perform

at a world class event... It's New Year's Day, it's broadcast globally on national and global television, and it puts you, the community and the program in a national presence that is very rare — the only other comparable to that would be like the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade... It spreads knowledge, awareness and appreciation for the program.

"Number two," Guerrero added, "is that the

Tournament of Roses family community out there really, really treats all of the students, performers and participants with the highest degree of admiration, respect and appreciation."

Last December, the band and choir were able to participate in a "Familiarization Tour", where they could view the parade as spectators, tour the facilities and prepare for their own time in the spotlight

this upcoming winter.

"While we were up there... it was very student-centered, very friendly and welcoming," Guerrero said.

For the students, the ability to participate in the parade fulfills the Pulaski music department's philosophy of "paying it forward," said Guerrero.

"Some of the students that participated in the audition process are not participating in the event —

they're not going on the trip to be part of the parade. So they worked and put themselves out there and strived to do their best for others. That selflessness aspect of the program is very important. The group that is preparing to go out there right now is paying it forward for potentially a future generation of students. And if that opportunity presents itself again down the road, that would be wonderful."



Traffic jam

An early morning traffic jam held up June 24 farmers' market visitors at the intersection of Main Street and Morrow Street in Green Bay as these waterfowl showed their imprinting skills — a natural means for them to develop life skills while remaining under protection — following their guardians. The photo was taken Saturday shortly before 8 a.m. **Gloria Morgan photo**

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NEW Zoo Animal of the Month: Curly in “Lambeau World”



Zoo Animal of the Month

BY FREDDY MOYANO
GUEST COLUMNIST

NEW Zoo & Adventure Park Assistant Zookeeper Brent Koerner said that newly arrived, three-banded male armadillo, Atlas, came from the Dallas Zoo in Texas.

He weighs about three pounds and Koerner said that he is “curious and constantly tries to figure things out.”

Koerner said the NEW Zoo has had armadillos before, but they have not had one for a while.

“Our previous armadillo, Rollie, passed away a year ago, which made us a good fit to bring in another one. They are great ambassadors for groups visiting and learning about them,” he explained.

“He is mostly nocturnal. He came to us at the end of May. He is called three-banded because of the three bands on the armor that allow him to curl into a full ball.

“They are the only armadillo species that can

curl into a complete ball.” He said that they adopt the full ball position as a defense mechanism against predators in South America, where this species comes from.

“When they are rolled into a strong ball, it takes more than just human force to open it. The only predator who can pierce through their armor is the jaguar,” Koerner said, adding that keratin is the main material for the armor — the same protein that is present in our human nails and hair.

“Believe it or not, these guys can swim,” Koerner said.

He said that when they become in contact with a water source, such as a river, they will inflate their stomach and intestines with air and this will help make them buoyant, float and be able to swim wherever the current takes them.

They are able to hold their breath for up to six



Atlas weighs about three pounds and zoo staff said that he is “curious and constantly tries to figure things out.”

Freddy Moyano photo

minutes.

Koerner said these armadillo species are mainly native to Argentina, Brazil and Bolivia.

Their primary diet consists of insects.

He said their hairy belly (reminiscent of an opossum) will attract insects such as crickets, worms, spiders and as they crawl

on the belly of the armadillo, he will curl into a ball and eat them.

Koerner also said these mammals are omnivores, eating plants and seeds as well.

His constantly moving nose revealed this prehistoric-looking creature relies primarily on smell and less on vision to sur-

vive in the wild at night when they go out and feed.

“They have a great sense of smell. Their tongue is like the one of an anteater, long and sticky,” Koerner added, a tool that helps them in the feeding and hunting process.

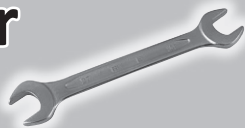
An armadillo can live up to 20 years and takes

shelter in burrows.

“Their pointer, middle and ring finger fuse into one. They don’t take on their own burrows and rather they occupy abandoned ones,” Koerner stated.

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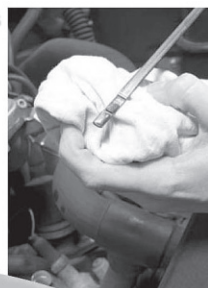
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Preble graduate succeeds in military with values learned at home

BY RICK BURKE
FOR THE PRESS TIMES

LEMOORE, Calif. – Lt. J.G. Nikolas Lamal, a native of Green Bay, provides medical readiness while serving with Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Lemoore at Naval Health Clinic Lemoore.

Lamal, who joined the Navy 14 years ago, served for 13 years in the enlisted ranks as a hospital corpsman and earned the rank of chief petty officer.

Today, Lamal serves as an environmental health officer.

“My grandfather served in the Navy during WWII and I wanted to carry on the family tradition,” said Lamal. “I was also looking for a reason to get out of my hometown and see the world.”

Growing up in Green Bay, Lamal attended Preble High School and graduated in 2008, and graduated from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 2021.

He said that skills and values similar to those found in Green Bay are important to succeed in the military.

“I learned that no one will ever give you anything,” said Lamal. “You got to put the work in to get it yourself.”

These lessons have helped Lamal while serving in the Navy.



Lt. J.G. Nikolas Lamal joined the Navy 14 years ago, served for 13 years in the enlisted ranks as a hospital corpsman and earned the rank of chief petty officer. Vanessa White photo

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“Our mission remains timeless — to provide our fellow citizens with nothing less than the very best Navy: fully combat ready at all times, focused on warfighting excellence and committed to superior leadership at every single level,” said Adm. Mike Gilday, chief of naval operations. “This is our calling. And I cannot imagine a calling more worthy.”

Lamal said that he is most proud of having the opportunity to mentor junior sailors and take them under his wing. “Then to hear from them years later, showing their appreciation to me in helping them be successful in their career and personal goals,” he said.

“Being in the Navy means having the opportunity to serve the population and having the ability to assume the call that others will not be able to.”

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Chuck Sindelar, on left, Tom Erdman, on right, holding a golden eagle.

Tom Erdman photo

Wisconsin's other eagle

Our national symbol, the bald eagle, appeared to be headed toward extinction by the middle of the 20th century.

Bald eagles had suffered from habitat loss and hunting but it was the widespread use of the insecticide DDT that nearly pushed them over the edge.

Although many species of birds were harmed by DDT, it was the species that fed on fish, or fed on birds that fed on fish, that developed the highest levels of DDT contamination.

Feeding on fish was a greater problem than feeding on terrestrial animals because runoff would concentrate the DDT in rivers and lakes.

DDT would bioaccumulate in the tissues of animals of all kinds and biomagnify the higher up the species was in the food chain.

Top of the food chain species like bald eagles, brown pelicans, peregrine falcons and osprey all made the Federal Endangered Species List during the time DDT was being used in the U.S.

All of those species fed on fish except the peregrine falcon, which fed extensively on birds that fed on fish.

DDT use was banned in Wisconsin in 1970, and the U.S. in 1972.

Today, all of those species have recovered to the point that they are no longer listed as threatened or endangered.

Bald eagles nest at Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary and are frequently seen along the Fox River. Just below the De Pere Dam is a particularly good location to view bald eagles.



Bay Area Birds

BY CHARLIE FRISK
GUEST COLUMNIST

However, few people other than serious birders realize Wisconsin has another eagle species, the golden eagle.

Most people, including myself, think of the golden eagle as a western species that you might see in the Badlands or Black Hills of South Dakota or in Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming.

Golden eagles do not nest in Wisconsin but there is a wintering population.

The golden eagles wintering in Wisconsin come mostly from a population that nests in the Canadian arctic.

Although wintering golden eagles have been found throughout Wisconsin, the largest population is found in the Driftless area of southwest Wisconsin and in open grassy areas on the bluffs along the Mississippi River.

Golden eagles have a similar size and appearance to the bald eagle, but their behavior and genetics are quite different.

Bald eagles are found only in North America, golden eagles are circumpolar, meaning that they are found around the world, but only in the northern hemisphere.

Bald eagles feed primarily on fish and carrion (animals that they find dead). Golden eagles feed mostly on terrestrial prey; rodents, rabbits and even animals as large as deer,

mountain goats and sheep, although like the bald eagle they are not adverse to feeding on carrion.

In Wisconsin golden eagles feed extensively on wild turkeys during the winter.

Biologists in Wisconsin that trap golden eagles to fit them with radio transmitters for migration studies use domestic breeds of turkeys that are brown like the wild birds to attract golden eagles to the trap.

Local bird expert Tom Erdman says that golden eagles fly more like buteos, the soaring hawks, than like bald eagles.

Erdman also maintains that golden eagles are more closely related to buteos like red-tail hawks than bald eagles, whose closest relatives are several species of sea eagles.

There is little difficulty in telling adult golden eagles from adult bald eagles, the golden eagles are brown all over with a gold sheen on the back of the head.

Adult bald eagles have a white head and tail.

Immature bald eagles create the confusion; most do not acquire their white head and tail until they are about four years old.

Experts like Erdman have little trouble telling the two species apart, but for the rest of us it can be a little problematic.

Habitat is important. Bald eagles are most

often found around lakes and rivers.

Golden eagles are most often found in more open grassland environments.

Both bald and golden eagles are frequently found feeding on road-killed deer.

Bald eagles soar with their wings quite flat, and during flapping flight, the wing beat seems quite ponderous.

Golden eagles soar with the wings slightly tipped up, not so much as a turkey vulture, but noticeably different from a bald eagle.

During flapping flight the wing beat pattern of a golden is a little more rapid, more like that of a red-tail hawk.

Golden eagles' feet are feathered down to the talons, bald eagles lack feathers on the feet, but even in photos, this can be difficult to see.

Immature bald eagles show mottled white feathers on their underside, whereas golden eagles appear solid dark, except for a whitish spot where the secondaries meet the primaries.

Like the bald eagle, the golden eagle population is increasing.

The banning of DDT helped, but not to the same degree as with the bald eagle.

Preventing people from killing them was the most important factor.

The Federal Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act of 1940 banned the killing of eagles.

Until that time people could legally kill eagles for their feathers, to protect livestock, because they thought it would help fish and game popula-

tions or just because they thought it was exciting to kill something that big.

In 1972, the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act was amended to protect all hawks and owls.

This helped protect eagles as well because many eagles were killed by people who thought they were shooting at large hawks.

If you see a large brown soaring bird, don't automatically assume it is an immature bald eagle.

You might just be looking at a golden eagle.

Study the habitat, flight pattern and pattern of white on the underside and if you are lucky, you might be looking at a Wisconsin golden eagle.

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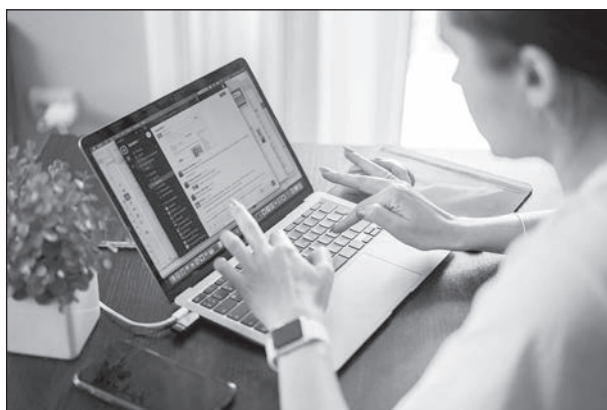
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FEMA launches virtual internship program

BROWN COUNTY – Applications are being accepted for the FEMA Region 5 Virtual Internship Program.

Applicants should be students living in or attending colleges or universities in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin.

Those accepted into the program will get hands-on training in the growing field of emergency management and learn about FEMA programs and services.

“FEMA is best positioned to help people before, during and after disasters when our workforce reflects the communities we serve,” said FEMA Region 5 Regional Administrator Tom Sivak. “We’re looking for energized young people who can offer diverse ideas and backgrounds, while building critical emergency management skills to address the increasing disaster risks that threaten our nation now and in the future.”

Applications for the fall program will be accepted until July 10, or until 100 applications have been submitted.

Accepted interns should plan to work 5-15 hours per week in disaster response and recovery, flood risk reduction, grants, human resources, media relations or individual and community preparedness.

For more information and how to submit an application, visit USAJOBS - Job Announcement.

Contact fema-r5-info@fema.dhs.gov with any questions.



Dimensions Living Green Bay earns National Quality Award

GREEN BAY, Wisc. (June 26, 2023) – Dimensions Living® Green Bay has been recognized as a 2023 recipient of the Bronze - Commitment to Quality Award by the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) for its commitment to improving the lives of seniors and individuals with disabilities with quality care and services.

The AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program is a three-level program aimed at helping organizations improve their performance and the quality of life and care of their long-term care residents and team members.

“Earning this award is a milestone to be proud of,” said Cathy Bergland, AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award board chair. “It’s at this point that providers see what is possible by committing to the process of improvement. Congratulations to Dimensions Living Green Bay for this achievement.”

Bronze-level providers must demonstrate their ability to implement a sustainable performance improvement system.

“As a recipient of the Bronze - Commitment to Quality Award, our team has begun moving forward in achieving advanced levels of performance that meet the Silver - Achievement in Quality Award criteria,” said Dimensions Living Green Bay Executive Director Tara Bronkhorst. “I am honored to lead our team in continuous quality improvement that elevates our residents’ health and wellness.”



Sen. Jacque named WSFCA State Legislator of the Year

BROWN COUNTY – State Sen. André Jacque (R-De Pere) was named as the Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association’s (WSFCA) 2023 State Legislator of the Year.

As a member of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, Sen. Jacque authored the bipartisan Public Safety PTSD Coverage Act, which now provides mental health coverage under workman’s compensation for first responders and other public safety officers whose jobs require them to rush toward, rather than away from danger.

“I am deeply honored to be recognized by these dedicated men and women who protect our families,” Sen. Jacque said. “Those who put their lives on the line to protect us are true heroes, and they deserve all the support we can give them.”

Previously, the compensation was only provided to workers by the state for mental harm or emotional stress if an injured employee could show that it was caused by an incident beyond the day-to-day mental stresses experienced by similar employees.

First responders are routinely subjected to catastrophic incidents involving severe injury and death at a rate much greater than the general workforce. Unfortunately, the state only provided workers compensation for mental harm or emotional stress if an injured employee shows that it was caused by an incident beyond the day-to-day mental stresses which similar employees experience.

“Firefighters and other first responders were held to that same standard,” Sen. Jacque said. “So, although the regular stress they face is unimaginable to the average Wisconsin worker, the State Supreme Court ruled it is no greater than that of the average first responder, so they were not eligible for mental health treatment under workers compensation.”

Sen. Jacque’s bill, which was signed into law in 2021, eliminated that requirement for public safety professions and established that repeated, everyday exposure to dangerous and high-stress events are just as capable of triggering PTSD as a single traumatic event.

“Increasing suicide rates for first responders suffering from PTSD are now outpacing on-duty deaths,”

Sen. Jacque said. “This condition can be treated effectively, and it is critical that the men and women we depend on have access to treatment.”

SNC to hold tours during Wisconsin Private College Week

DE PERE – St. Norbert College (SNC) will offer student-guided tours of its campus and give students and their families a chance to meet with staff from the office of admission during Wisconsin Private College Week, July 10-14.

Tours can be scheduled any day during Private College Week and will include a meeting with an admission representative.

To schedule an appointment during Private College Week or find more information about the event, visit snc.edu/go/pcw.

The morning of Friday, July 14, SNC will offer College Planning Day, a more structured group program of presentations and tours.

Register for College Planning day at snc.edu/go/college-planning-day.



New docks at Green Bay Metro Boat Launch

GREEN BAY – Five new docks were installed June 21 at Green Bay Metro Boat Launch.

With the addition of these docks, all 10 launch lanes are now open.

Funding for the new docks are funded, in part, by a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grant.

Lambeau Field fundraising opportunities

GREEN BAY – Nonprofit volunteer groups are needed to help with post-game cleaning, recycling, seat rental and ticket scanning at Lambeau Field for the 2023 season.

Organizations can earn between \$300-\$1,000, depending on the group assignment.

Examples of eligible groups include church groups, college and high school athletic teams and organizations, booster clubs and volunteer fire departments.

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Tank Elementary decisions postponed

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

GREEN BAY – During its June 26 meeting, the Green Bay Area Public School (GBAPS) Board postponed a resolution regarding the future of Tank Elementary School indefinitely, by unanimous vote.

“The board did ask for an update for us to check on the feasibility,” GBAPS Interim Superintendent of Schools and Learning Vicki Bayer said, “so that’s what I would like to share.”

“Fort Howard has increased their special education programming substantially, including midway into this past school year, which results in fewer students fitting into those classrooms. So the question was, can we move Tank in its entirety over to Fort Howard without having to make any modifications? And my answer to that would be no.”

“The recommendation I would have is that the board directs us to look into the feasibility of an addition on Fort Howard; to explore that, including, I believe it was President McCoy who had suggested maybe we consider a community space over at Fort Howard. But definitely, an addition for classrooms would be needed.”

An alternative, which Bayer did not recommend, was moving the special education out of the building.

The district will further



Denise Gaumer Hutchison, center, is presented with the Friend of Education Award for her contributions to the students and families of Green Bay public schools. She is pictured with GBAPS Board Member Andrew Becker and Interim Superintendent of Schools and Learning Vicki Bayer. **GBAPS photo**

investigate what modifications might look like, along with cost implications, and bring them back to the board.

Boundary analysis and equity consultant RFP

Following discussion and two modifications, the board unanimously approved the request for proposals (RFPs) language for a boundary analysis & equity consultant.

The conditions include

presentations to the board in August, with selection by the board that same month.

Board of education recognitions

Several recognitions were also presented during the meeting.

Denise Gaumer Hutchison received the Friend of Education Award for her contributions to the students and families of Green Bay public schools through various roles in the district.

The award is presented to an “individual, organization or group whose leadership, acts or supports have significantly benefited the Green Bay Area Public School District, its employees and/or students.”

“Denise is a passionate supporter of the district and all the students and families it serves. Her contributions will have a lasting impact on our District and community,” Board President McCoy stated.

Dr. Judy Wiegand received the Shining Star Award, which recognizes “the brightest stars are those who shine for the benefit of others.”

“Dr. Wiegand was a stabilizing force, whose presence ensured that the good work of our education team and schools continued. She was a champion for student success, and worked tirelessly to ensure academic achievement was at the center of our decision-making,” McCoy said about Wiegand.

Dr. Jeffrey Rafn was also recognized with the Champion of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Award, which recognizes “an individual, organization, or group whose leadership, acts or support have demonstrated outstanding commitment and made significant contributions in advancing diversity, equity and inclusion within the Green Bay Area Public School District and/or the greater Green Bay community.”

Rafn is the president of the Northeast Wisconsin Technical College and will retire on July 1.

“Dr. Rafn’s commitment over the years to Green Bay Area Public School District students has resulted in our students having greater access to dual credit courses and removal of barriers to higher education,” McCoy said. “Dr. Rafn, your legacy will be one of commitment to ensuring that all truly means all. We are grateful for your leadership and partnership in developing pathways for all students to find success.”

McCoy also recognized Bayer for her time leading the district, as the new superintendent — Dr. Claude Tiller, Jr. — begins his role on July 1.

“She led us through some difficult and challenging times and set our district on a course for the future and that didn’t come without a steep cost,” McCoy stated.

Suamico to purchase fire/rescue boat

BY MELANIE ROSSI
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

SUAMICO – During its June 19 meeting, the Suamico Village Board voted 6-1 to accept a \$200,000 anonymous donation that will be used to buy a fire/rescue boat for the village fire department.

Fire Chief Joe Bertler introduced the topic and provided additional information that was requested at the last meeting.

Bertler said that while the anonymous donation would cover the cost of the boat, insurance would cost \$400-per-year, the training class to operate the boat — where they would start by sending two people — would cost about \$500 and the cost of annual maintenance, which would include changing the oil and the filters, at a total of around \$1,000-per-year.

“The first year or two the costs would be covered by the donation,” Bertler said.

Continued maintenance of the boat would be able to be covered with raised funds for continued years.

The past few years, the fire department received between three to six calls from stranded boaters in the bay of Green Bay that



During its June 19 meeting, the Suamico Village Board voted 6-1 to accept a \$200,000 anonymous donation that will be used to buy a fire/rescue boat for the village fire department. **Suamico Fire Department photo**

the Suamico department has responded to.

Purchasing the new fire/rescue boat would allow the fire department to respond to calls farther out in the bay that their current boat is unable to reach.

“In most of these calls, we were requested to respond, and our capabilities were limited because of the boat size that we currently have,” Bertler said. “With the dinghy boat we could only go 50 yards out. People think

they’re closer to shore than they actually are a lot of times, so they are, in essence, usually 200, 300 yards out, and our boat does not have that capability at this time.”

The need for the boat, the board discussed, does not come from the number of calls received by the fire department, but the inability of their current boat to respond to the calls that they do get.

Bertler said that while they would need to alter their ordinance, they

would charge for any boat that needed to be towed; there would be no charge for emergencies and rescues.

Because of the fire department’s current boat, they already do annual training for their officers, besides sending a few operators to receive more advanced training for working the larger boat.

The work of the department would not be drastically different.

Bertler said, “It is not a new service; we are al-

ready responding to calls on the bay of Green Bay and the river.”

While considering approving the donation, the village board trustees questioned fitting the price of maintenance and a replacement fund into the village budget and debated whether the boat could be given back if it proves to be not needed.

Village President Sky Van Rossum said that he would prefer a clause in the agreement that allows for the boat to be given back or returned, which would prevent the village from paying for the asset if it ends up proving unnecessary.

Trustee Michelle Eckert questioned whether the larger boat would take workers away from responding to calls on the land, and Bertler responded that the new boat would expand the department’s capabilities, but the workers would be taken from land.

While noting that accepting the donation for a new boat would add more responsibilities budgetarily, the board approved accepting the donation of \$200,000 to be used for a search and rescue boat.

The 6-1 vote approved

that the money will be used toward a new boat, but the board and Bertler will still need to approve at a future meeting which boat the village will buy.

Discussion on water rates

Additionally, the board discussed the increased water rates for the village, which went into effect on June 14.

Based on the average number of gallons used by a single family — 11,000 gallons per quarter — the water rates will increase a customer’s bill 11.54%.

In 2022, the Suamico Water Utility filed to increase the rates because of its declining rates of return on investment.

According to Finance Director/Treasurer Kay M. Magyar of the village board, “An increase in the water revenues was needed due to a 6.59% increase in gross plant investment and a 17.21% increase in operating expenses since the last conventional rate case in 2019.”

The rates will not be applied until the third quarter billings in September; the residents’ current bills — which will be due July 20 — will remain at the old rates.

Old photos provide gems, mysteries

BY GENE KEMMETER
GUEST COLUMNIST

How much history is being left in the confines of the cell phone?

People everywhere are taking photos with their cell phones. They're at events, on vacation, attending ballgames. They take selfies of themselves and others. They take videos.

The photographers and videographers usually pass their phones around for others to view and send a text with the photos and maybe the videos to others on their cell phone contact list.

What happens to those photos on cell phones or even digital cameras?

Are they downloaded to more permanent storage, printed out so others may view them when they want or simply forgotten and left to reside on the camera?

Approximately 200 years ago, the camera was invented to record people, places and events, but cameras were relatively rare and bulky instruments.

Many people have seen the old portraits and photos of the Civil War.

Less common were scenes of everyday life.

Many of the photos were tintype or on glass-plate negatives.

Many families have boxes of photos and negatives that are passed down from older family members upon their deaths.

Scanning them to digital reproductions is a tedious and time-consuming job.

Scanning all those photos can initially be



Peter Kemmeter leans on the front of his car during a six-month trip with a friend to visit western states from July 1931 to February 1932. Note the early Wisconsin license plate across the grill of the vehicle.
Peter Kemmeter photo collection

met with enthusiasm, but progress soon bogs down as one discovers a lot of picture-takers neglect to write down who people are or where the photo was taken.

As a family historian, I've experienced that, and I'm guilty of failing to list the names of individuals and describe the activity on every photo.

Often that was due to others wanting to see the pictures as soon as they arrived or the photos getting out of the

order they were taken and then the negatives needing to be checked to put the photos back in order. Other chores often meant delays.

Identifying digital photos is more difficult. They have no back side to identify them.

An easier method seems to be downloading them to a computer and using the File Explorer program on Microsoft Windows to identify each individual photo, grouping them by date,

numbering each in order and by subject matter.

Organizing photos by years and months can be helpful, although not easily done with prints unless the date is listed somewhere on the photographic print.

Digital photos are usually marked by the date the photo was taken, information accessible by right-clicking on the individual photo and checking properties.

My father, Peter Kem-

meter, used to talk about his trip as a young man with a friend, Hillard Prange, in the 1930s, working at various places as they made their way west through South Dakota, Yellowstone National Park, Oregon, California and then back to Wisconsin via St. Louis and Chicago, the old Highway 66 route.

The trip always reminded me of the premise of the old *Route 66* television series starring Martin Milner and George Maharis, Glenn Corbett later replacing Maharis. The show featured the pair of young men traveling along Highway 66 in a Chevrolet Corvette, working as they traveled, coming upon a new adventure each week.

However, my father and his friend didn't make the trip in a Corvette.

They made the trip in my father's 1930 Ford Model A Coupe, and he took photos along the way, documenting some of their itinerary. They were kept in an envelope marked "Western Trip."

He took a couple of similar photos of Mount Rushmore in the Black Hills of South Dakota, with only the head of George Washington partially carved out of the mountain.

On the back of one of those photos he wrote: "Gutzen Borglum is carving a monument in the mountain." The sculptor's first name is actually Gutzon.

My father told his children that his car had a difficult time climbing a road to Mount Rushmore, and Borglum used a chain to pull their car up so they could get a closer view of his work.

There are photos of the Big Horn Mountains in Wyoming; the Yellowstone River and Falls from Artist Point in Yellowstone National Park; and Crater Lake and the Columbia River in Oregon.

The two young men stayed in Oregon with my father's uncle, so there are photos of relatives and trips to the Oregon coast, including photos of a beached dead whale. One of the photos is dated Aug. 30, 1931, at Rockaway Beach with a note: "Aunt Theresa and I warming up ocean water."

There are also photos of Cannon Beach, Tillamook Lighthouse, a five-masted ship in Astoria and the Twin Rocks at Rockaway Beach.

The pair later headed to California and took photos of the Rose Bowl parade on Jan. 1, 1932, in Pasadena, Calif.

A Feb. 10, 1932, article in the *Oshkosh Daily Northwestern* newspaper, "Menasha Young Men Met Movie Stars on Visit to California," details the last part of their journey.

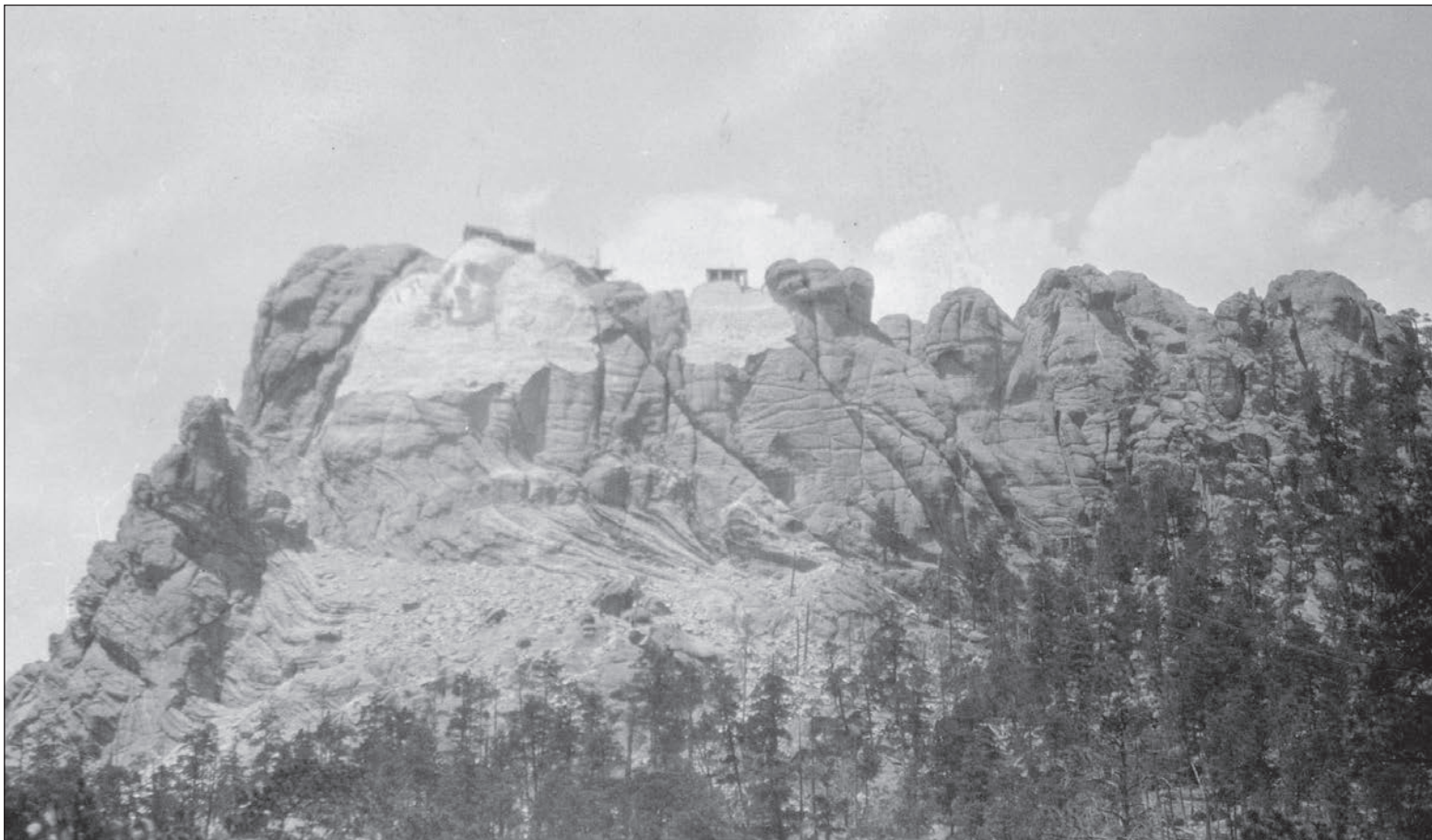
"Peter J. Kemmeter and Hillary Prange, Menasha young men, have returned from a six-months' auto tour of the western and Pacific coast states. The entire journey covered over 15,000 miles and the route included 17 of the beautiful and picturesque western states, most of the national parks and many other of the scenic and beauty spots of the west."

The story said they were entertained by Frank Albertson, star of Fox Movietone and Warner Brothers First National Pictures, who accompanied them on a tour of First National studios and a dinner at the Brown Derby café.

My father also received a photo from Albertson, signed "For Pete, From the Pajama Kid, Frank." Albertson made appearances in more than 200 movies and television shows between 1923 and 1964. He also has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

His more notable roles were Sam Wainwright, the businessman fond of saying, "Hee-Haw," in the 1946 movie *It's a Wonderful Life* and Tom Cassidy, the wealthy rancher, who provides the \$40,000 in cash that Janet Leigh's character steals at the beginning of the 1960 movie *Psycho*.

Not really much of a star in the Hollywood sense, but always a star to my father, who treasured his visit west.



The head of George Washington was all that was visible on Mount Rushmore in the Black Hills of South Dakota when this photo was taken July 15, 1931. Gutzon Borglum began sculpture work Oct. 4, 1927, on the national monument which contains the 60-foot high heads of Presidents Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln. Originally, Jefferson was supposed to be on Washington's right, but unstable rock prompted a shift in the design. The cleared area to the far right is where Lincoln's head is located, with Roosevelt between Jefferson and Lincoln.

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I was Five Feet Tall and 216 Painful Pounds

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By Lauren Waters

Repeat after me: all hypnosis is self-hypnosis.

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

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

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

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

The ripple effect

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HYPNOSIS IS A LIFE-CHANGER

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

TAKING THE FIRST STEP

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

I FELL IN LOVE WITH SELF-HYPNOSIS

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

LEARNED WHAT I NEEDED FAST

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

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

PEACE, QUIET, PRIVACY, AND 56 POUNDS DOWN

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

LET GO OF USELESS EMOTIONS

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

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

FINAL RESULTS:

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

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

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

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BY ANDY MUELLER
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One of my favorite childhood memories was an annual tradition of picking wild strawberries at my cousin's farm in Waldo.

Sprawling fields of green, dotted with crimson, shining in the sun made me feel like I was in a dream.

All of my aunts, uncles, cousins and my family would hit the ground running at the crack of dawn with baskets in hand, full of eager anticipation for what was about to take place.

"First child to fill the basket wins" signaled the start of every strawberry-picking contest since I could remember.

Every year I would tell myself I was going to win, and every year I would not even come close.

My plan was simple: move faster than everyone else.

Sounded like a good plan at the time, but in hindsight I realized that the strategy of putting two strawberries in the basket and one in my mouth proved to be, wait for it... unfruitful.

I may not have won the basket-filling contest, but even with a sour belly from over indulging, the fact that I ate as many berries as humanly possible kept a crimson stained smile from ear to ear all the way home.

Wild strawberries are different than the farm-raised strawberries you see in the supermarkets and roadside stands on just about every street corner this time of year.

Wild strawberries are quite a bit smaller and grow in woodlands and roadsides in late spring and early summer.

When fully ripe, they're super sweet and bright and make a perfect snack out of hand or in any recipe you would normally use farm-raised strawberries in.

If you can't find wild strawberries, choose the farm-raised strawberries from roadside stands if at all possible because they go from the ground to your table in a much faster time frame.

As with any and all produce, the faster you can get it from the garden to your table, the better it will be.

This recipe uses farm-raised strawberries picked fresh and perfectly ripe, plump and beautiful.

As always, I like to give a tip or two in every column, but I can't take credit for this one.

I don't know who the first person who tried this was, but whoever you are — thank you.

We normally remove the stem by taking a paring knife and digging out the stem, but it's putzy, time-consuming and a waste of strawberry goodness.

Try pushing a drinking straw through the bottom point in the center and push toward the stem and as you keep pushing, not only does the stem come out but so does the firm

white core which isn't the most desirable part of the berry.

Give this recipe a try and have yourself a berry good time.

Strawberry Parfait

In a mixing bowl add:
3 cups diced strawberries (use the straw method to remove the stems)

Zest of one small orange

Juice of one small orange

1 tablespoon honey

Stir the mixture to evenly coat the berries, let marinate while you make the filling.

1 eight-ounce package softened cream cheese

1/4 cup honey
2 tablespoons powdered sugar

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

2 cups whipped cream topping

Gently fold in all the ingredients with a spatula until smooth.

Using any type of glass jar, mug or even serve it in a bowl for guests to help themselves, layer the bottom the strawberry mixture then top it with a layer of the filling, repeating until filled to the top.

Top with a dollop of filling, dust with grated orange zest and a sprig of fresh mint.

Enjoy!



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The 2023-24 royalty of the Oneida Nation was crowned June 20 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Green Bay. Pictured from left are Miss Oneida Kaylee Schuyler, Junior Miss Riley Aguirre and Lil Miss Milah John. **Oneida Nation photo**

Oneida Nation crowns royalty

BY PRESS TIMES STAFF

ONEIDA NATION – The 2023-24 royalty of the Oneida Nation was crowned June 20 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Green Bay.

Kaylee Schuyler was crowned Miss Oneida from four candidates.

Schuyler will be attending UW-Green Bay this fall. Riley Aguirre was crowned as Junior Miss Oneida.

Aguirre will be attending Green Bay Southwest High School this fall.

Lil Miss Oneida is Milah John. Oneida Royalty are the

Nation’s official ambassadors and will represent Oneida at various public events this summer and throughout the year.

Royalty will be introduced to the community at the Oneida Pow Wow where they will lead the procession of Indigenous royalty.

“Oneida Royalty are selected for the qualities of beauty from within and their knowledge of the Oneida culture and traditions. These young women have responsibilities to share their knowledge of Oneida culture and traditions as they wear the crown,” an Oneida Nation release stated.

Shimon named PCMS associate principal

FOR THE PRESS TIMES

PULASKI – Brenda Shimon has been selected as the new associate principal of Pulaski Community Middle School (PCMS.)

She replaces Erin Adams, who served seven years in the role.

“We are thrilled to have her join our PCMS family, as she brings with her a wealth of knowledge and expertise in working with students, staff, families and curriculum,” said PCMS principal Pat Fullerton. “Brenda’s dedication and passion for education are truly commendable, and we are excited to witness the positive impact she will have on our school community.”

She worked for the Southern Door School District for 25 years starting as a middle school science teacher and then transitioned to director of pupil services.

Her last five years were spent as middle school principal and PK-12 curriculum director.

“Brenda’s experiences with curriculum, instruction, assessment and student services will be a great addition to both at the middle school and district level. She has a passion to meet



Shimon

each and every student’s needs and will carry on our work with Professional Learning Communities. We are eager to bring her on board in PCSD,” added Jenny Gracyalny, assistant superintendent of teaching and learning.

Shimon is a 1992 graduate of Southern Door High School and a graduate of St. Norbert College with a bachelor’s degree in science and education.

She obtained her masters for licensure in principalship, curriculum and pupil services from Viterbo University.

“I was attracted to PCMS because of the focus on students and PCMS having inclusive connections with the community,” Shimon stated.

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Every year, the Department of Transportation regional office hosts a "Take Your Kid to Work" event that combines fun activities and learning. This year, the office combined an outing to the De Pere lock with a demonstration on boat safety from a Department of Natural Resources warden. About 46 kids and 24 adults attended to learn the history and operation of the DePere lock — noted as the busiest lock of all 17 locks on the Fox River. Lock tenders talked about how the locks are vital to navigate the sharp drop in elevation of the Fox River. From Menasha to Green Bay, the river drops 168 feet in elevation.

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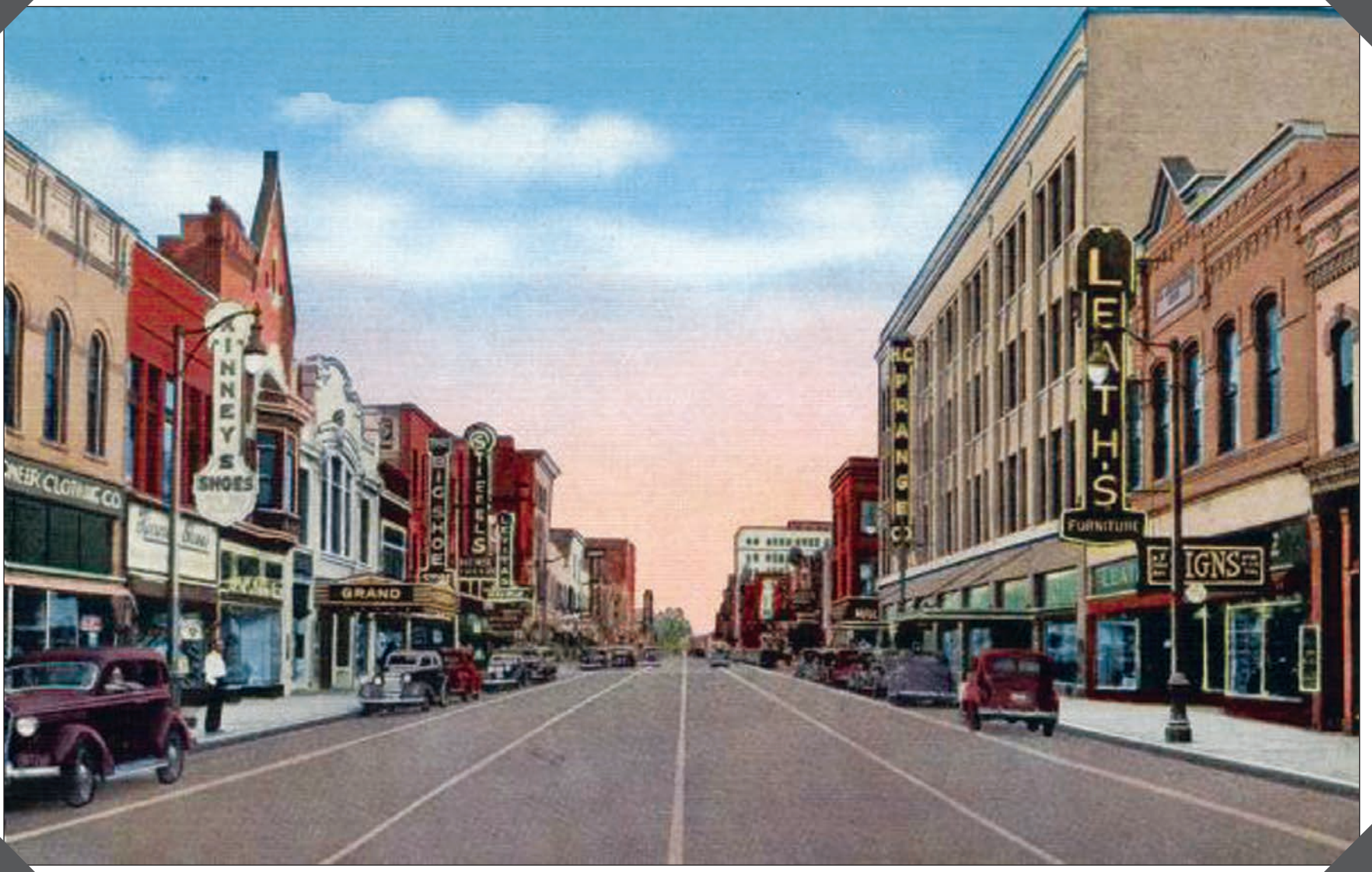
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Allison Henry



Tuesday evenings are hectic for Green Bay's Allison Henry. If you've tried to navigate the Vickery Village area of Suamico on the second day of the work week recently, you understand why. Henry, along with her business partner Allyson Schermetzler, owns Suamico Creamery and Tunes on Tuesdays brings a crowd that is ice cream-friendly to say the least. Henry said that a recent and exceptionally warm Tuesday saw the shop, which has figured out a way to infuse Swedish Fish with ice cream, nearly run out of product. Henry, along with her husband Ben, are raising a son here in Green Bay and she said they love being part of the Vickery Village community, which her in laws, Ben's parents, have played a major role in revitalizing.

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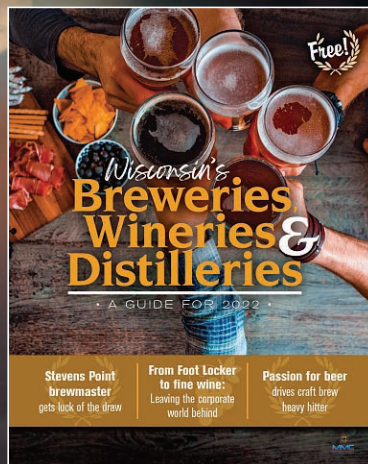
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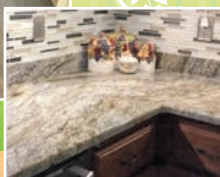
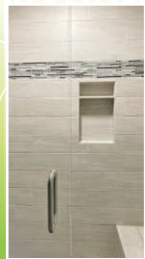
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Can a homebuyer that waived a home inspection sue?



Dear Monty

BY RICHARD MONTGOMERY
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DEAR MONTY,

We lived in our first home for about three years and sold it almost two years ago. We had three offers.

The highest offer was at our list price, and they waived the inspection. The other two bids were lower but required an inspection.

So we accepted the highest price. We had a plumbing issue a year after we bought the house and had it repaired.

In the seller condition report, we reported the problem.

We furnished the plumber's receipt, stating that the plumbing was in good condition.

They threatened to sue us, saying we tried hiding and fraudulently under-represented the issue be-

cause the sewer backed up for them.

Do they have any ground to stand on?

MONTY'S ANSWER

The laws regarding real estate issues vary from state to state.

Whether you furnished them with a home inspection or the repairing plumber's inspection needs to be clarified.

It also needs to be explained what your problem was.

Suppose we assumed a sewer backup happened two years before they bought the house.

It is to be determined if that knowledge would influence a buyer.

Finally, the cause of both sewer backups is unknown.

The answer may lie in the sewer

The municipality or nature may have caused your sewer backup.

Unusual rainfall or flooding can overload municipal systems.

It is also possible that nature can interfere in other ways.

Tree roots and shifting or settling soil conditions also create backups.

Humans are often the cause of blockage in a variety of different ways.

Understanding the source of the backup would be something an attorney may research.

The fraud defense

What was your relationship with the plumber? Are you related or friends?

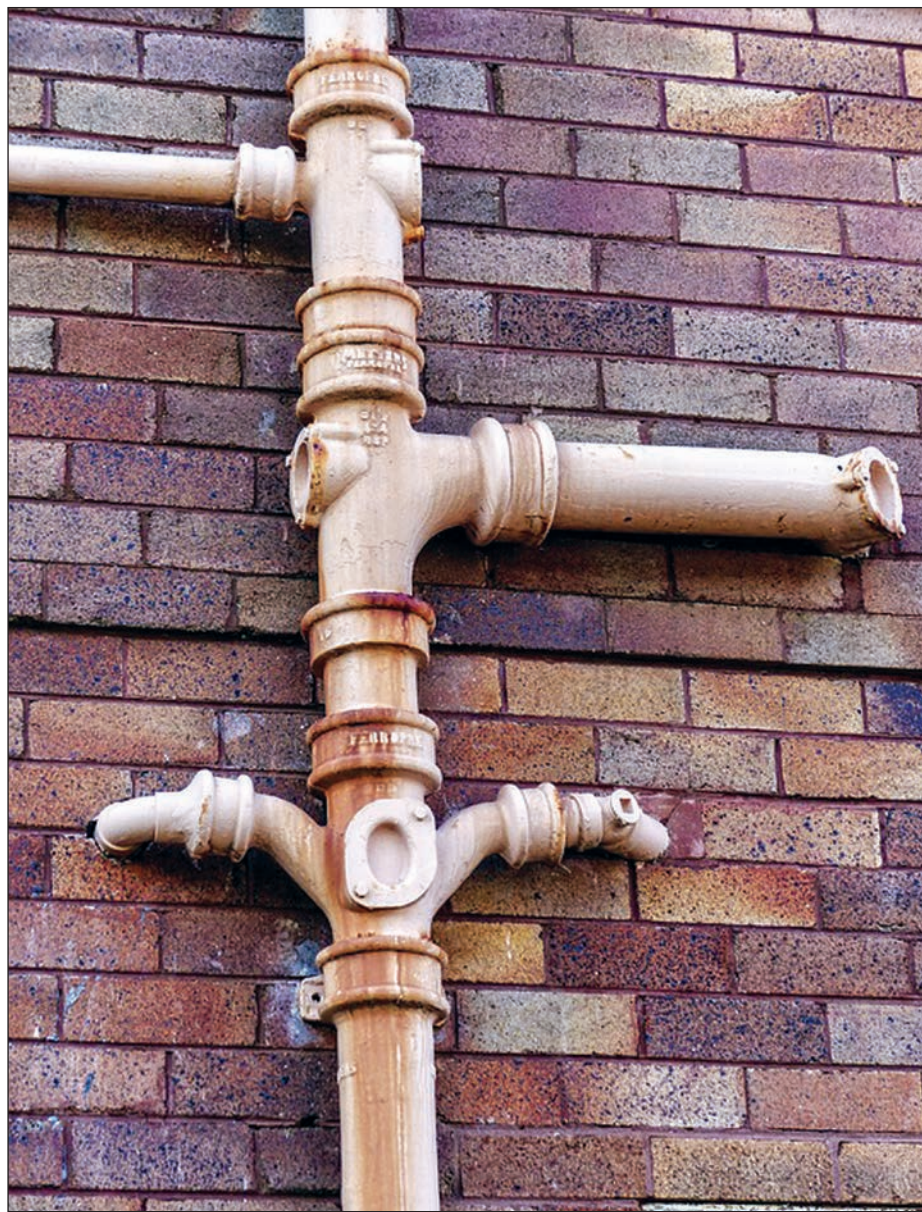
Where would a buyer come up with the idea that there was fraudulent activity?

The most likely source would be a neighbor.

This writer recalls an insect infestation a seller never disclosed.

Still, the next-door neighbor remembered noticing the pest control truck regularly.

Some states may have a deadline for filing certain types of claims.



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Your typical options

Ignore them and wait for a legal notice.

Pros
a.) It may be an idle threat.

b.) No financial outlay on your part.

Cons
a.) Worrisome, drains energy.

Communicate directly with them.

Pros
a.) Sometimes can have a positive outcome.

Cons

a.) May compromise your position or escalate either party's resolve.

Seek a legal opinion now.

Pros
a.) Learn qualified information.

b.) May reduce anxiety.

Cons
a.) May spend money needlessly.

b.) May increase anxiety.

The message is clear

There may be other options and other information that would influence this response.

This writer is not an attorney and has seen no documents in either party's possession.

There is a lesson for sellers, buyers and real estate agents.

Sellers should always consider home inspectors to report the condition of

their home and counter the inspection back into offers that waive inspections.

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Happy 4th of July

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Amidst the 4th of July festivities is a time for reflection and gratitude. Americans take a moment to remember the sacrifices made by those who fought for independence and to honor the ideals upon which this nation was founded.

The 4th of July remains as an integral part of American culture serving as a day to honor the past, celebrate the present, and envision the future. As we come together in parades, firework displays and family gatherings, we pay tribute to the principles of freedom and independence that define our nation. This day reminds us that the United States of America, built on the dreams and determination of its people, continues to strive for a more perfect union.

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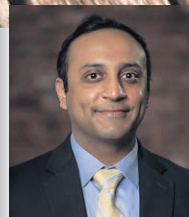
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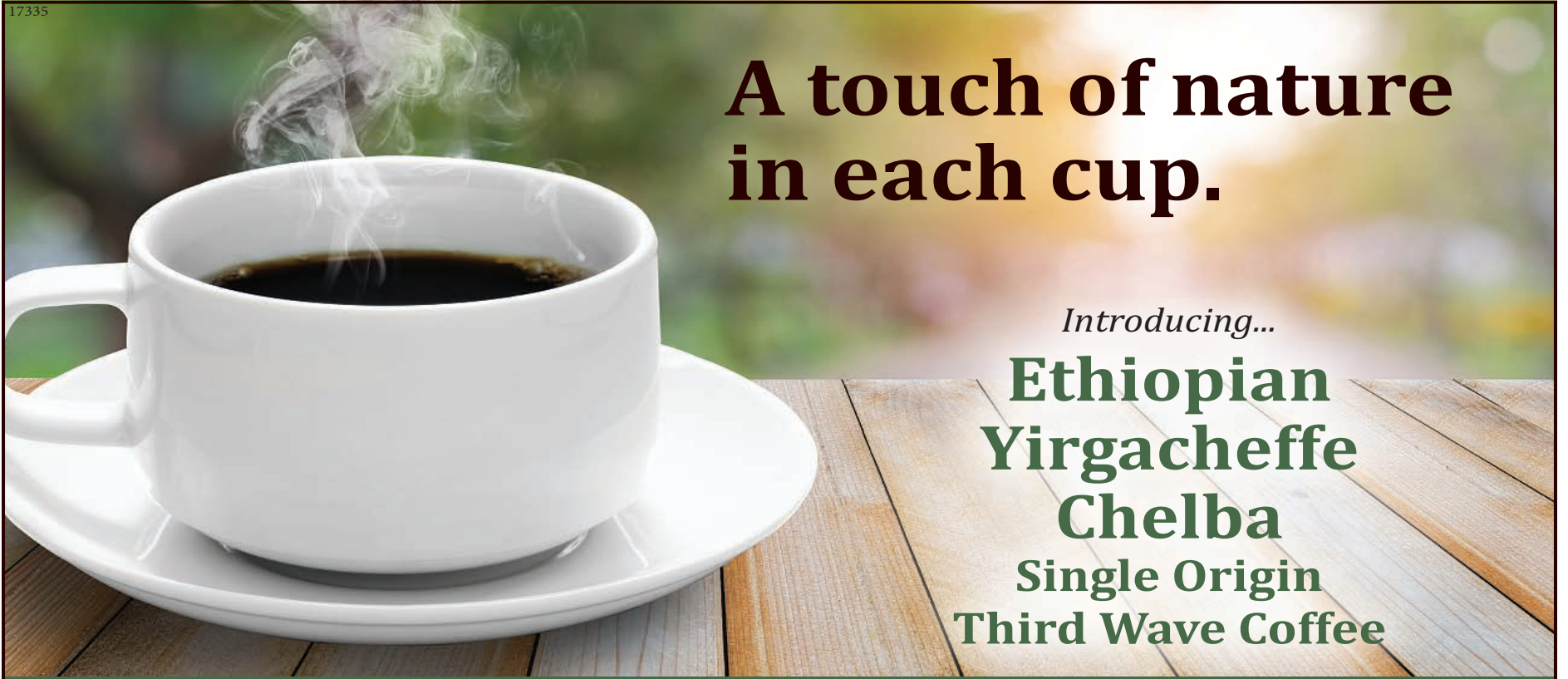


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Health insurance options after a spouse retires



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DEAR SAVVY SENIOR,

My 63-year-old wife, who's doesn't work, is on my health insurance plan through my employer.

When I retire next month and go on Medicare, what are our options for getting her health coverage until she turns 65?

Is there some kind of Medicare coverage for dependent spouses?

Need Insurance

DEAR NEED,

Unfortunately, Medicare does not provide family coverage to younger spouses or dependent children when you qualify for Medicare. Nobody can obtain Medicare benefits before age 65, unless eligible at a younger age because of disabil-

ity. With that said, here are your best options for covering your wife.

Affordable Care Act

In most cases, your best choice is to get your wife an individual health insurance policy through the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Health Insurance Marketplace (a.k.a. Obamacare).

The Marketplace offers comprehensive health coverage, and she won't be denied coverage or charged extra for preexisting health conditions.

And thanks to the American Rescue Plan and Inflation Reduction Act, the Marketplace now provides enhanced subsidies through 2025.

If your income falls be-



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low the 400% poverty level after you retire — anything below \$73,240 for a couple or \$54,360 for a single in 2023 — your wife will be eligible for a tax credit that will reduce the amount you'll have to pay for her policy.

The Marketplace also ensures that households with incomes above that 400% poverty level will not have to pay more than 8.5% of their income for a benchmark policy.

To see how much subsidy you may be eligible for, use Kaiser Family Foundation calculator at KFF.org/interactive/subsidy-calculator.

To shop for Marketplace plans in your state, visit HealthCare.gov or call (800) 318-2596.

Or, if you want some extra help, contact a Marketplace-certified agent or broker at HealthCare.gov/find-assistance.

COBRA

Another option is the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA), which is a federal law that would allow your wife to remain with your company insurance plan for at least 18 months after you make the switch to Medicare. But not every employer plan is COBRA eligible.

Contact your employer benefits administrator to find out if yours is one of them.

You also need to be aware that COBRA is not cheap,

requiring you to pay the full monthly premium yourself.

But, if you've already met or nearly met your employer plan's deductible or out-of-pocket maximum for the year, and don't want your wife to start over with a new plan; or if you find your employer's health plan to be more affordable than the Marketplace plans, it makes sense for your wife to keep her current coverage under COBRA.

Short-term health insurance

If you can't find an affordable Marketplace plan and COBRA is too expensive, the next option is short-term health insurance.

These plans, which are not available in every state,

are cheaper, bare-bones health plans that provide coverage for 1-12 months and may be renewed for up to three years in some states.

But be aware that short-term plans don't comply with the ACA, so they can deny sick people coverage, they don't cover preexisting conditions and they can exclude coverage essentials like prescription drugs.

To find and compare short-term health plans, try sites like eHealthInsurance.com or PivotHealth.com.

Healthcare sharing ministries

One other coverage option you should know about is healthcare sharing ministries (HCSM).

These are cost-sharing health plans in which members — who typically share a religious belief — make monthly payments to cover expenses of other members, including themselves.

HCSMs are cheaper than paying full out-of-pocket costs for traditional health insurance but be aware that HCSM's are not health insurance.

They don't have to comply with the consumer protections of the ACA.

They can also reject or limit coverage for having pre-existing health issues and can limit how much you'll be reimbursed for your medical costs.

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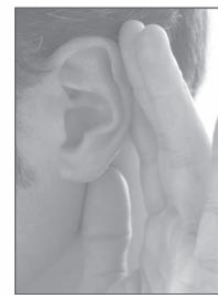
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OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The following decisions were rendered by the City of Green Bay's Zoning & Planning Board of Appeals at a public hearing on Monday, June 19, 2023, in consideration of the following petitions for variance from the zoning code of the municipal ordinance.

1.(Appeal 23-15)
Consideration with possible action on the variance request submitted by Kyle Bunker and Richard Bunker, property owner and applicants, to create a primary residence within the front yard setback in a Low-Density Residential Zoning District (R1) in the 400 Block of S Huron Road (Parcel 21-7785-1) (Ald. J. Hutchison, District 2).

To grant the variance as requested for a primary residential building to be built 22 feet off the front yard setback as the applicant did satisfy the required variance findings by the Board of Appeals: Preservation of Intent, Exceptional Circumstance, Preservation of Property Rights, Absence of Detriment, and Hardship.

2. (Appeal 23-16)
Consideration with possible action on the variance request submitted by Tom and Nancy Dudek, property owners and applicants, to create an accessory building within a Floodway District at 2468 West Point Road (Ald. J. Brunette, District 12).

To deny the variance requested for an accessory building within a Floodway District at 2468 West Point Road as the applicant did not satisfy the required variance findings by the Board of Appeals: Preservation of Intent, Exceptional Circumstance, Preservation of Property rights, Absence of Detriment, and Hardship.

3.(Appeal 23-18)
Consideration with possible action on the variance request submitted by Ben Vanderkinter, property owner and applicant, to create a wider parking stall within the front yard setback at a single- or two-family residence at 3035 Brook Park Drive (Parcel 21-3718) (Ald. J. Grant, District 1).

To deny the variance requested for a wider parking stall within the front yard setback at a single or two-family residence at 3035 Brook Park Drive as the applicant did not satisfy the required variance findings by the Board of Appeals: Preservation of Intent, Exceptional Circumstance, Preservation of property rights, Absence of Detriment, and Hardship.

Chapter 44-142 Green Bay Zoning Code - Finality of decisions of Zoning Board of Appeals.

All decisions and findings of the Zoning Board of Appeals, on appeal or upon application for a variance after a hearing, shall in all instances be final administrative determinations and shall be subject to review by court as may be provided by law.

a.) Expiration of variance. If construction has not begun or if the variance has not been acted upon within twelve (12) months of the approval date, the variance shall expire.

b.) If the use ceases to exist or ceases to be conducted for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months, the variance shall expire.

Building Permits Required - all applicants that are granted a variance shall obtain the required building permits which may require a site plan and/or building plan approval prior to construction. Publish 06.30.23 WNAXLP

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The Village of Howard

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Board of Trustees has received the following renewal 2023-2024 Class B beer and liquor license applications:

Establishment Applicant
Julie's Café West & Catering LLC, 2130 Velp Ave. Yaricza Vargas - Agent

The Village Board will consider the license applications on July 10th, 2023 at 6:30 pm. All license applications are open to public inspection from 7:30 am-5:00 pm, Monday through Thursday Friday 7:30 am to 11:30 am at Howard's Village Hall, 2456 Glendale Avenue. Publish 06.30.23 WNAXLP

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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

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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 to the City as liquidated damages.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS Contract: "SEWERS 2-23 BASIN REPAIRS"

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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

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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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NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

Notice is hereby given that on June 27, 2023, the Common Council of the City of Green Bay, Wisconsin (the "City") adopted multiple initial resolutions including the five initial resolutions below under

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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.

EAST SIDE LOCATION

1820 Mills Street
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WEST SIDE LOCATION

519 S. Oneida Street
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(Entrance on Redwood Dr. off W. Mason St.)

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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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and pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes authorizing the issuance of negotiable, general obligation bonds of the City in the following not-to-exceed principal amounts for the following purposes: (1) \$10,965,000 for street improvements, including, but not limited to, construction of and improvements to streets; (2) \$1,575,000 for sewerage improvements, including, but not limited to, sanitary sewer and storm sewer improvements; (3) 525,000 for parking lots and other parking facilities; (4) \$1,340,000 for parks and public grounds, including but not limited to construction of and improvements to various park facilities and buildings, replacement of playground equipment, and parking lot improvements; and (5) \$1,505,000 for buildings for the housing of machinery and equipment, including, but not limited to, garage and fuel system repairs for the Department of Public Works. If within 30 days after the adoption of the foregoing

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resolutions there is filed in the office of the City Clerk a petition for referendum on one or more of said resolutions conforming to the requirements of Section 8.40 of the Wisconsin Statutes, signed by electors numbering at least 10% of the number of votes cast in the City for governor at the last general election, then the resolution or resolutions for which such a petition is filed shall not be effective unless adopted by a majority of the City's electors voting at such referendum. If no such petition is so filed with respect to one or more of the foregoing resolutions, then the resolution or resolutions for which no such petition is filed shall be effective without a referendum. Publication Date: June 30, 2023 /s/ Celestine Jeffreys City Clerk WNAXLP

Meetings and Public Hearings 7720

Ashwaubenon WNAXLP
ASHWAUBENON SCHOOL DISTRICT
July 12, 2023

Meetings and Public Hearings 7720

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN, to qualified electors of the Ashwaubenon School District, that the Annual Meeting of said District for the transaction of business will be held in the Board Room at the Ashwaubenon District Offices, 1055 Griffiths Lane, beginning at 6:00 pm, on Wednesday, July 12, 2023. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the business to be transacted at the annual meeting of said District is as follows: (1) to hear a budget report for the fiscal year of said District ending June 30, 2024, (2) to adopt a tax levy for the fiscal year of said District ending June 30, 2024, (3) to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at said meeting according to the law. Brett VandeWalle, Clerk July 1, 2023 Publish 06.30.23 & 07.07.23 WNAXLP

Bellevue WNAXLP

VILLAGE OF BELLEVUE
Notice of Public Hearing
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held

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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, Ruckert-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-

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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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given, that on **Tuesday, July 18, 2023** at 7:35 PM or as soon thereafter as can be heard, a public hearing will be held by the Common Council of the City of De Pere to act on the request to rezone the following property: **Parcels WD-534, WD-535, WD-533-1, and WD-536 at 822-828 Main AV and 823-827 Oak ST**, approximately 236.9 feet west from the Main AV and Eighth ST intersection, from R1-45 (Single-Dwelling Detached) to MX3 (Corridor Mixed-Use). The public may attend the meeting either in person in the Council Chambers (2nd Floor City Hall, 335 S Broadway ST, De Pere WI) or electronically. Electronic or telephonic access to the meeting is below: Computer/smart phone accessing <https://www.gotomeet.me/DePere> OR dial by phone: United States (Toll Free): 1-866 899-4679 United States: +1 (312) 757-3117 Access Code: 154-883-285. **A map of the proposed rezoning is available by emailing Peter Schleinz at pschleinz@deperewi.gov.** Dated this 27th day of June, 2023. BY ORDER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL James G. Boyd Mayor Carey E. Danen City Clerk Publish 06.30.23 & 07.07.23 WNAXLP

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PUBLIC HEARING
WIFI FIBER OPTIC BACKBONE PROJECT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CV PROGRAM
The City of Green Bay, Wisconsin received a Community Development Block Grant CV award from the Department of Administration, State of Wisconsin. The City used these funds on a WIFI Fiber Optic Backbone project to provide broadband and wireless access in LMI neighborhood parks in the City of Green Bay. This access will assist those who do not have access to WIFI for things like remote work, remote school, and other needs due to the COVID pandemic. The broadband installation is complete. A public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 5:00 pm in Room 604 of City Hall, 100 N. Jefferson Street, Green Bay, WI to receive testimony on this project. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Views and comments received during the hearing will be considered and reported. If persons attending require special accommodations or translation of this notice, please contact the Community and Economic Development Department at (920) 448-3400. Publication Date: June 30, 2023 WNAXLP

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Board of Education Work Session: 6/12/2023 @ Immediately Following Special Board Meeting (Monday, June 12, 2023) Members present Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Miltz, Lynn M Gerlach **Meeting called to order at 5:10 p.m.** **A. Welcome** The Board of Education met in the Green Bay Area Public School District Office Building located at 200 S. Broadway, Green Bay, WI54303. The open session meeting took place in room #331 located on the 3rd floor. Some individuals

BUDGET PUBLICATION, 2023-24
Required Published Budget Summary Format

The Ashwaubenon School District Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing will be Wednesday July 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM. The Public meeting will be held in the Board Room of the District Office, 1055 Griffiths Lane in Ashwaubenon. Budget books are available at the District Office or online at <https://www.ashwaubenon.k12.wi.us/district/annual-budget.cfm>

GENERAL FUND	Audited 2021-22	Budget 2022-23	Budget 2023-24
Beginning Fund Balance	5,806,603.75	4,491,144.53	4,699,322.11
Ending Fund Balance	4,491,144.53	4,699,322.11	4,699,322.11
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers-In (Source 100)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Local Sources (Source 200)	14,871,559.20	14,166,340.02	16,928,554.02
Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)	9,733,161.91	9,883,688.00	10,637,598.00
Intermediate Sources (Source 500)	16,673.60	15,773.00	15,773.00
State Sources (Source 600)	11,164,969.76	12,004,342.98	12,536,744.56
Federal Sources (Source 700)	1,838,090.31	1,599,190.00	390,467.00
All Other Sources (Source 800 + 900)	28,238.95	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	37,652,693.73	37,466,156.42	40,514,136.58
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Instruction (Function 100 000)	21,066,418.83	20,924,387.78	22,017,640.00
Support Services (Function 200 000)	12,676,735.54	12,000,929.37	13,409,574.58
Non-Program Transactions (Function 400 000)	5,224,998.58	4,540,839.27	5,086,922.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	38,968,152.95	37,466,156.42	40,514,136.58

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2021-22	Budget 2022-23	Budget 2023-24
Beginning Fund Balance	266,317.47	349,918.89	350,615.79
Ending Fund Balance	349,918.89	350,615.79	349,038.18
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	7,025,860.73	6,845,352.47	7,058,925.87
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	6,942,259.31	6,844,655.57	7,060,503.48

DEBT SERVICE FUND	Audited 2021-22	Budget 2022-23	Budget 2023-24
Beginning Fund Balance	2,103,604.80	309,831.96	3,915,958.50
Ending Fund Balance	3,895,958.50	3,915,958.50	3,935,958.50
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	2,000,000.00	600,000.00	600,000.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	207,646.30	580,000.00	580,000.00

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2021-22	Budget 2022-23	Budget 2023-24
Beginning Fund Balance	5,851,535.33	1,749,998.92	499,998.92
Ending Fund Balance	1,749,998.92	499,998.92	23.92
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	579,782.93	0.00	25.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	4,681,319.34	1,250,000.00	500,000.00

FOOD SERVICE FUND	Audited 2021-22	Budget 2022-23	Budget 2023-24
Beginning Fund Balance	653,323.90	1,306,647.80	1,286,997.55
Ending Fund Balance	1,306,647.80	1,286,997.55	1,086,997.55
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	2,587,454.67	1,422,104.38	1,385,343.55
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	1,934,130.77	1,441,754.63	1,585,343.55

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND	Audited 2021-22	Budget 2022-23	Budget 2023-24
Beginning Fund Balance	240,504.82	481,009.64	417,834.26
Ending Fund Balance	481,009.64	417,834.26	417,834.26
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	1,277,746.84	883,550.01	1,008,213.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	1,037,242.02	946,725.39	1,008,213.00

Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

ALL FUNDS	Audited 2021-22	Budget 2022-23	Budget 2023-24
GROSS TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	53,770,750.69	48,529,292.01	51,248,196.61
Interfund Transfers (Source 100) -- ALL FUNDS	3,056,729.26	3,210,800.27	3,385,047.00
Refinancing Expenditures (FUND 30)	0.00	0.00	0.00
NET TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	50,714,021.43	45,318,491.74	47,863,149.61
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- NET TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR YEAR		-10.64%	5.62%

PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY

FUND	Audited 2021-22	Budget 2022-23	Budget 2023-24
General Fund	14,625,720.00	13,936,530.00	16,638,744.00
Referendum Debt Service Fund	2,000,000.00	600,000.00	600,000.00
Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Expansion Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Community Service Fund	695,000.00	635,000.00	747,800.00
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	17,320,720.00	15,171,530.00	17,986,544.00
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- TOTAL LEVY FROM PRIOR YEAR		-12.41%	18.55%

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 joined via zoom and the meeting was live-stream broadcasted on the Green Bay Area Public School District YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrBxEp_9xzauvGy_UydBvV9g.
B. Roll Call
Members present: Lynn Gerlach, Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz
Also present: Vicki Bayer, Interim Superintendent of Schools; Angela Roble, Chief Financial Officers; Melissa Thiel-Collar, Legal Counsel; Lori Miron, Chief Human Resources Officer; Josh Patchak, Chief Operations Officer; Kinsey Lehr, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education; Lori Blakeslee, Director of Communications and Public Relations; Sara Noah, Executive Director of Finance; Lynette Kiehna, Director of Food Service
2. Open Forum
A. Public Forum
 There were four individuals who spoke during the Public Forum:
 • Leah Weakley - Green Bay, WI - Wequiock Survey & Budget
 • Lisa Kardish - Green Bay, WI - FMP
 • Paul Kardish - Green Bay, WI - FMP
 • Jessica Medina - Green Bay, WI - Wequiock
3. Education
 There were no agenda items under Education.
4. Operations
A. Preliminary 23-24 Budget Presentation
 Angie Roble, Chief Financial Officer, and Sara Noah, Executive Director of Finance, presented the attached 2023-24 Preliminary Budget. Discussion ensued regarding projecting staffing to align with enrollment, reduction of 105 full time equivalent positions within the last year, special education reimbursement funding, transfer from fund 10 to fund 27, increase in voucher payment effects, private school special education reimbursement rate, projections with state budget proposal, budget cut proposal to office of school safety and Speak Up Speak Out resource, ESSER funds and how they are utilized, salary increases for 23-24, next steps, October 23-24 Budget Proposal, and Budget Process.
B. Review and Approval of Meal Price Recommendations for 2023-2024 School Year
 Lynette Kiehna, Director of Food Services, presented the attachment. Discussion ensued regarding proposed increase in meal price and free and reduced meal applications. This item will be brought forward for formal action at the Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2023.
C. Facilities & Referendum Updates
 Josh Patchak, Chief Operations Officer, reviewed the attachment. Discussion ensued regarding efficiency of putting together the proposal, reason for hiring outside agencies, sites for 4K-8 schools, evaluating vendor applicants and reference checks, Board Member representation on committee of finalist presentations, and next steps following selection of vendor. The proposed RFP will be brought forward for formal action at the Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2023.
5. Policy and Governance
A. Policy 185 - Advisory Committees
 Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, reviewed the attachment. Discussion ensued regarding rapid turnaround on draft of this policy, advisory committee member selection process, participation application and selection process, diversity, equity, inclusion, and

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 belonging by including community and group participation, identifying groups to reach out to and representation needed. This item will be brought forward for formal action at the Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2023.
B. Policy 823 - Access to Public Records
 Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, reviewed the attachments. Discussion ensued regarding record schedules. This item will be brought forward for formal action at the Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2023.
C. Policy 200 Series
 Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, reviewed the attachment. This item will be brought forward for formal action at the Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2023.
D. Policy 210 - Administrative Team Goals
 Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, reviewed the attachments. This item will be brought forward for formal action at the Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2023.
E. Policy 211 - Administrator Ethics
 Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, reviewed the attachments. This item will be brought forward for formal action at the Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2023.
F. Policy 221 - Recruitment and Appointment of Superintendent
 Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, reviewed the attachments. Discussion ensued regarding the Board establishment of a process to recruit and appoint a Superintendent and including Legal and Human Resources advisory in policy. This item will be brought forward for formal action at the Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2023.
G. Rule 221 - Guidelines for Recruitment and Appointment of Superintendent
 Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, reviewed the attachments. This item will be brought forward for formal action at the Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2023.
H. Policy 222.1 - Administration Compensation
 Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, reviewed the attachments. Discussion ensued regarding compensation comparisons. This item will be brought forward for formal action at the Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2023.
I. Rule 222.1 (1) - Administration Salary Guidelines
 Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, reviewed the attachments. Discussion ensued regarding policy language around compensation and communication in a team approach and request for position review. This item will be brought forward for formal action at the Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2023.
J. Policy 222.2 - Superintendent's Termination of Employment
 Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, reviewed the attachments. This item will be brought forward for formal action at the Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2023.
K. Policy 222.21 - Superintendent and Member of the Administration Resignations
 Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, reviewed the attachments. This item will be brought forward for formal action at the Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2023.
L. Policy 222.22 - Nonrenewal or Layoff of Members of the Administration/Administrative Reorganization
 Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal

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 Counsel, reviewed the attachments. Discussion ensued regarding reduction in force. This item will be brought forward for formal action at the Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2023.
M. Policy 223 - Administrative Professional Development Opportunities
 Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, reviewed the attachments. Discussion ensued regarding orientation, framework guidance on budget, and contract negotiations. This item will be brought forward for formal action at the Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2023.
N. Policy 223.1 - Administrator Orientation
 Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, reviewed the attachments. This item will be brought forward for formal action at the Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2023.
O. Policy 223.2 - Professional Consulting
 Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, reviewed the attachments. This item will be brought forward for formal action at the Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2023.
P. Policy 224 - Board-Superintendent Relations
 Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, reviewed the attachments. This item will be brought forward for formal action at the Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2023.
Q. Policy 225 - Superintendent Evaluation
 Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, reviewed the attachments. This item will be brought forward for formal action at the Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2023.
R. Policy 225.1 - Supervision and Evaluation of Members of the Administration
 Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, reviewed the attachments. This item will be brought forward for formal action at the Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2023.
S. Rule 225.1 - Development and Evaluation Plan for Instructional and Non-Instructional Administrators
 Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, reviewed the attachments. This item will be brought forward for formal action at the Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2023.
T. Policy 251 - Line and Staff Relations
 Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, reviewed the attachments. Discussion ensued regarding policy language and chain of communication. This item will be brought forward for formal action at the Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2023.
U. Policy 252 - Effective Schools and Participative Leadership
 Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, reviewed the attachments. Discussion ensued regarding implementation of effective school correlates. This item will be brought forward for formal action at the Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2023.
V. Policy 252.1 - Administrative Committees and Councils
 Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, reviewed the attachments. Discussion ensued regarding committees convened by the Superintendent. This item will be brought forward for formal action at the Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2023.
W. Rule 252.1 - Administrative Committees and Councils Guidelines
 Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, reviewed the attachments. This item will be brought forward for formal action at

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 the Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2023.
X. Policy 253 - Policy Implementation
 Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, reviewed the attachments. This item will be brought forward for formal action at the Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2023.
Y. Policy 253.3 - Student Handbooks
 Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, reviewed the attachments. Discussion ensued regarding handbooks. This item will be brought forward for formal action at the Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2023.
Z. Policy 254 - Consultants to the Administration
 Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, reviewed the attachments. This item will be brought forward for formal action at the Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2023.
AA. Policy 255 - Staff Job Descriptions
 Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, reviewed the attachments. This item will be brought forward for formal action at the Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2023.
BB. Policy 260 - Temporary Administrative Arrangements
 Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, reviewed the attachments. Discussion ensued regarding definition of interim and competitive process for hiring. This item will be brought forward for formal action at the Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2023.
CC. Policy 270 - School District Reports
 Melissa Thiel Collar, Legal Counsel, reviewed the attachments. This item will be brought forward for formal action at the Regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2023.
6. Agenda Setting
A. GBAPSD Board Meeting Schedule
 The attached schedule reflects upcoming Board of Education meetings.
7. Adjournment
 Motion to adjourn made by Laura Laitinen-Warren, seconded by Nancy Welch. Motion carried with all Board members voting in favor by jointly reciting "aye."
Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m. Publish 06.30.23
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 BETH WAVRONEK
 1246 MAIN GREEN BAY WI 54311
 LYLE CARDWELL
 2091 W MUIRWOOD DR
 GREEN BAY WI 54313
 LEAH WEAKLEY
 3467 YORKSHIRE RD
 GREEN BAY WI 54311
 CHELSEA FAASE
 2137 WOODCREST DR
 GREEN BAY WI 54304
 SHANNON STRAHFELDT
 220 S ROOSEVELT ST
 GREEN BAY WI 54301
 MARIA LARA
 2532 HUNTINGTON WAY S
 SUAMIC WI 54173
 SUMIT RINGWALA
 3917 N SECRET GARDEN
 CT DE PERE WI 54115
 JON SHELTON
 1045 S WEBSTER AVE
 GREEN BAY WI 54301
 QUINNE HAUGEN
 4800 NICOLET DR GREEN
 BAY WI 54311
 CASEY HICKS
 1019 EMILIE ST GREEN BAY
 WI 54301
 PHUONG HUDSON
 1642 HIDDEN FALLS
 DE PERE WI 54115
 GABRIELA PARRA
 1429 DAY STREET GREEN
 BAY WI 54302
 LESLIN CHILELGUIZMAN
 918 HERMAN ST GREEN
 BAY WI 54302
 JAENETTE SANDOVAL
 654 SUNNYCREST GREEN
 BAY WI 54302
 AMANDA GARCIA
 331 S VAN BUREN ST
 GREEN BAY WI 54301
 GRATZIA VILLARROEL
 1350 MCCORMICK ST
 GREEN BAY WI 54301
 SANDRA JOHNSON
 427 S FOX CROFT DR
 DE PERE WI 54115
 ESTELA PUENTE
 2122 JEN ROAD DR GREEN
 BAY WI 54311
 SANDRA GULO
 850 ABRAMS GREEN BAY
 WI 54302
 STEPHANIE GUZMAN
 2711 MALCORE DR GREEN
 BAY WI
 RODOLFO HERNANDEZ JR
 2218 NICOLET APT 4
 GREEN BAY WI 54311
 ILIANA HERRERA
 2711 MALCORE DR GREEN
 BAY WI 54302
 KARI KNITT
 1015 BEAVER DAM DR
 GREEN BAY WI 54304
 LETICIA ROQUE
 844 LINDEN DR #2 GREEN
 BAY WI 54311
 MARIA PEREZ
 2456 HEMLOCK GREEN BAY
 WI 54311
 SHARA CHERNIAK
 1315 VILLA PARLE CIRCLE
 #2 GREEN BAY WI54302
 KELLY WUNDERLIN
 2019 MEADOW LINKS DR
 NEW FRANKEN WI54229
 SRIDEVI BUDDI
 3000 E. APPLE HILL BLVD
 APPLETON WI 54913
 MARC SEIDL
 3903 ST CROIX CIR E
 GREEN BAY WI
 KATE JANIAC
 3751 N HOLLAND NEW
 FRANKEN WI 54229
 KATEESHA MITCHELL
 1201 DOBLON ST GREEN
 BAY WI 54302
 MISSY SNYDER
 819 HARRISON ST GREEN
 BAY WI 54303
 ROGELIO CONTRERAS
 1272 REED ST GREEN BAY
 WI 54303
 KRISTINA SHELTON
 1045 S WEBSTER AVE
 GREEN BAY WI 54301
 LEAH MEDDENDORP
 939 CHANCELLOR LN
 GREEN BAY WI 54311
 AMBER SCHULTZ
 3451 WIGGINS WAY GREEN
 BAY WI 54311
 TYLER SCHULTZ
 3451 WIGGINS WAY GREEN
 BAY WI 54311
 JESSICA JANTZ
 1200 SPARTAN RD NEW
 FRANKEN WI 54229
 RENE PRINGLE
 2534 MARY JO DRIVE
 GREEN BAY WI 54311
 SANDY KOZLOWSKI

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 3778 EGRET DR GREEN
 BAY WI 54311
 JESSICA MEDINA
 3891 SCOTCHMAN CIR
 GREEN BAY WI 54311
 SAMANTHA JOHNSON
 1344 WILLOW CREEK PKWY
 GREEN BAY WI54311
 ROSA FAUSTINO
 319 GRAY ST GREEN BAY
 WI 54303
 KEVIN FLOGEL
 1170 GARLAND ST GREEN
 BAY WI 54301
 JESSICA VILLARROEL
 1604 AMY ST GREEN BAY
 WI 54302
4. Adjournment
 Motion made by McCoy, seconded by Lyerly, that the Public Engagement Session be adjourned. Motion carried, all voting 'Aye'. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.
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Green Bay WNAXLP
Regular Board of Education Meeting: 5/22/2023 @ 5:30 p.m. (closed session) @ 6:00 p.m. (open session) (Monday, May 22, 2023)
Members present
 Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
 Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.
1. Meeting Access
A. Convene in Open Session
 The Board of Education met in the Green Bay Area Public School District Office Building located at 200 S. Broadway, Green Bay, WI 54303. The open session meeting took place in room #331, the closed session meeting took place in room #337, both of which are located on the 3rd floor. Some individuals joined via zoom and the meeting was live-stream broadcasted on the Green Bay Area Public School District YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrBxEp_9xzauvGy_UydBvV9g.
B. Roll Call
Members present: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
Also Present: Vicki Bayer, Interim Superintendent; Josh Patchak, Chief Operations Officer; Melissa Thiel-Collar, Legal Counsel; Kinsey Lehr, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education; Angie Roble, Chief Financial Officer; Lori Miron, Chief Human Resources Officer; Lori Blakeslee, Director of Communications and Public Relations; Judy Wiegand, Interim Deputy Superintendent; Maisie Socha, ICSC Representative; Halle Dessart, ICSC Representative
C. Convene in Closed Session at 5:30 p.m.
MOTION: That the Board convene in Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1) (c) – Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1)(f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations to wit: to consider the administration's recommendation for termination of staff member(s).
 Motion by Bryan Milz, second by James Lyerly.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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 Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
 The Board convened into closed session at 5:32 p.m.
D. Convene in Open Session at 6:00 p.m.
 The Board convened into open session at 6:04 p.m.
2. Opening Activities
A. Welcome
 The Board of Education met in the Green Bay Area Public School District Office Building located at 200 S. Broadway, Green Bay, WI 54303. The meeting took place in room #331 which is located on the 3rd floor. Some individuals joined via zoom and the meeting was live-stream broadcasted on the Green Bay Area Public School District YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrBxEp_9xzauvGy.UydBvV9g.
B. Pledge of Allegiance
 Board of Education members stood, faced the flag, and recited the pledge of allegiance.
C. Mission Statement
 Laura Laitinen-Warren recited the district mission statement, "we educate all students to be college, career and community ready, inspired to succeed in our diverse world."
D. Land Acknowledgement Statement.
 Laura McCoy read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.
3. Open Forum
A. Intra-City Student Council Report
 The ICSC Representatives provided a good news update to the Board.
B. Public Forum
 The following individual spoke during the Public Forum:
 • Lisa Kardish - Green Bay, WI - Facilities Master Plan
 • Lisa Knuth - Green Bay, WI - Facilities Master Plan
 • Paul Kardish - Green Bay, WI - Facilities Master Plan
 • Daniel Mueller - Combined Locks, WI - Daniel Mueller Concern
 • Amy Mueller - Combined Locks, WI - Concern
 • Jim Schmitt - Green Bay, WI - Opposition to Relocating Da Vinci School
 • Michael Krutz - Green Bay, WI - Facilities
4. Consent Agenda Approval
A. Consent Agenda Approval
MOTION: That the Consent Agenda Items, as presented, be approved.
 Motion by Laura Laitinen-Warren, second by Nancy Welch.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
 The below Consent Agenda items were approved:
 B. Bills
 C. Financial Report
 D. Gifts
 E. Minutes
 F. Personnel Action
5. Items Withdrawn from Consent Agenda
 No items were withdrawn from the Consent Agenda.
6. Presentations
A. Legislative Update
 James Lyerly gave a brief Legislative Update regarding the State Budget.
7. Action
A. 2023-24 Fee Schedule
MOTION: That the 2023-24 Fee Schedule, as presented, be approved.
 Motion by Nancy Welch, second by Laura Laitinen-Warren.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
B. Policy 112.1 - Strategic Planning
MOTION: That Board of Education Policy 112.1 - Strategic Planning, as presented, be approved.
 Motion by Nancy Welch,

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 second by Laura Laitinen-Warren.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
C. Policy 113 - Non-Discrimination in District Programs, Activities and Operations
MOTION: That Board of Education Policy 113 - Non-Discrimination in District Programs, Activities and Operations, as presented, be approved.
 Motion by Nancy Welch, second by Laura Laitinen-Warren.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
D. Policy 130 - School District and School Board Legal Status
MOTION: That the revisions to Board of Education Policy 130 - School District and School Board Legal Status, as presented, be approved.
 Motion by Nancy Welch, second by Laura Laitinen-Warren.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
E. Policy 131 - School Board Elections
MOTION: That Board of Education Policy 131 - School Board Elections, as presented, be approved.
 Motion by Nancy Welch, second by Laura Laitinen-Warren.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
F. Policy 133 - School Board Vacancies
MOTION: That the revisions to Board of Education Policy 133 - School Board Vacancies, as presented, be approved.
 Motion by Nancy Welch, second by Laura Laitinen-Warren.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
G. Rule 133 - Procedures for Filling School Board Vacancies
MOTION: That the revisions to Board of Education Rule 133 - Procedures for Filling School Board Vacancies, as presented, be approved.
 Discussion ensued regarding contingency plans.
 Motion by Laura Laitinen-Warren, second by Nancy Welch.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
H. Policy 153 - Board Self-Evaluation
MOTION: That Board of Education Policy 153 - Board Self-Evaluation, as presented, be approved.
 Motion by Laura Laitinen-Warren, second by Nancy Welch.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
I. Policy 154 - School Board Advocacy
MOTION: That Board of Education Policy 154 - School Board Advocacy, as presented, be approved.
 Motion by Laura Laitinen-Warren, second by Nancy Welch.

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 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
J. Policy 162 - School Board Member Orientation
MOTION: That Board of Education Policy 162 - School Board Member Orientation, as presented, be repealed.
 Discussion ensued regarding the repeal.
 Motion by Laura Laitinen-Warren, second by Nancy Welch.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
K. Policy 163 - Board Member Development Activities
MOTION: That Board of Education Policy 163 - Board Member Development Activities, as presented, be approved.
 Motion by Laura Laitinen-Warren, second by Nancy Welch.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
L. Policy 165.1 - School Board Member Conflicts of Interest
MOTION: That the revisions to Board of Education Policy 165.1 - School Board Member Conflicts of Interest, as presented, be approved.
 Motion by Laura Laitinen-Warren, second by Nancy Welch.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
M. Policy 171.1 - Public Notification of Board Meetings
 Discussion ensued regarding speakers list.
MOTION: That Board of Education Policy 171.1 - Public Notification of Board Meetings, as presented, be approved.
 Motion by Nancy Welch, second by Laura Laitinen-Warren.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
N. Rule 181 - Basic Procedures for Board Meetings
MOTION: That Board Debate C2 A and B, Speakers List to "already spoken" is omitted from this policy.
 Motion by Bryan Milz, second by Andrew Becker.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
O. Rule 187 - Public Participation at Board and Committee Meetings
MOTION: That Board of Education Rule 187 - Public Participation at Board and Committee Meetings, as presented, be approved.
 Motion by Nancy Welch, second by Laura Laitinen-Warren.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
P. Policy 188 - Virtual Meetings and Board Member Participation in Meetings via Technology
MOTION: That the revisions to Board of Education Policy 188 - Virtual Meetings and Board Member Participation in Meetings via Technology, as presented, be approved.
 Motion by Nancy Welch, second by Laura Laitinen-Warren.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
Q. Policy 383.2 - Curricular Dogs in the School Setting
 Discussion ensued regarding roles and responsibilities of the curricular dog, volunteers vs. employees handling curricular dogs, obtaining liability insurance, addressing mental health, curricular dogs vs. therapy dogs, and revisiting the policy at a later date.
MOTION: That Board of Education Policy 383.2 - Curricular Dogs in the School Setting be renamed as 383.2 - School Dogs in the School Setting, as presented, be approved.
 Motion by Lynn M Gerlach, second by Andrew Becker.
 Motion Fails
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Nancy Welch, Lynn M Gerlach
 No: Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz
MOTION: That Board of Education Policy 383.2 - Curricular Dogs in the School Setting, as presented, be approved.
 Motion by Nancy Welch, second by Laura Laitinen-Warren.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
8. Discussion
A. Facilities Master Planning Taskforce Recommendation and Referendum Updates
 Josh Patchak, Chief Operations Officer, presented the referendum project attachment.
 Discussion ensued regarding referendum projects throughout the District, West Stadium Project, roof studies and viability of solar panels, 2022 referendum and relation to Facility Master Plan.
 The Board reviewed the attached May 22 Board Memo in regards to the Facilities Master Planning Task Force Recommendations.
 Discussion ensued regarding options to move forward on June 5, looking at qualitative data, next steps, state budget effects on projected budget deficit, representation of entire District, improving access for students, Equity Analysis RFP, Boundary Task Force, IB Program continuity, and demographic data.
9. Agenda Setting
A. GBAPSD Board Meeting Schedule
 The attached schedule reflects upcoming Board of Education meetings.
10. Adjournment
 Motion to adjourn made by James Lyerly, seconded by Bryan Milz.
 Motion carried with all Board members voting in favor by jointly reciting "aye."
 Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Publish 06.30.23
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 Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
P. Policy 188 - Virtual Meetings and Board Member Participation in Meetings via Technology
MOTION: That the revisions to Board of Education Policy 188 - Virtual Meetings and Board Member Participation in Meetings via Technology, as presented, be approved.
 Motion by Nancy Welch, second by Laura Laitinen-Warren.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
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MOTION: That Board of Education Policy 383.2 - Curricular Dogs in the School Setting be renamed as 383.2 - School Dogs in the School Setting, as presented, be approved.
 Motion by Lynn M Gerlach, second by Andrew Becker.
 Motion Fails
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Nancy Welch, Lynn M Gerlach
 No: Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz
MOTION: That Board of Education Policy 383.2 - Curricular Dogs in the School Setting, as presented, be approved.
 Motion by Nancy Welch, second by Laura Laitinen-Warren.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
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10. Adjournment
 Motion to adjourn made by James Lyerly, seconded by Bryan Milz.
 Motion carried with all Board members voting in favor by jointly reciting "aye."
 Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Publish 06.30.23
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4:15 p.m.
1. Meeting Access
A. Convene in Open Session at 4:15 p.m.
 The Board of Education met in the Green Bay Area Public School District Office Building located at 200 S. Broadway, Green Bay, WI54303. The open session meeting took place in room #331, the closed session meeting took place in room #337, both of which are located on the 3rd floor. Some individuals joined via zoom and the meeting was live-stream broadcasted on the Green Bay Area Public School District YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrBxEp_9xzauvGy.UydBvV9g.
B. Roll Call
Members present
 Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
C. Convene in Closed Session at 4:15 p.m.
MOTION: That the Board convene in Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1)(a) and (f) - Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations; to wit: for the purpose of holding hearings under Wisconsin Statute 120.13(1)(c) and (e)3
 Motion by Lynn M Gerlach, second by James Lyerly.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
 The Board convened into closed session at 4:17 p.m.
D. Convene in Open Session at 5:00 p.m.
 Andrew Becker joined at 5 p.m.
Members present
 Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
Also Present:
 Vicki Bayer, Interim Superintendent; Josh Patchak, Chief Operations Officer; Melissa Thiel-Collar, Legal Counsel; KinseyLehr, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education
2. Action Items
A. Employment of Staff
MOTION: That the employment of staff, as presented, be approved.
 Motion by Bryan Milz, second by Laura Laitinen-Warren.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
B. Resignation of Staff
MOTION: That the resignation of staff, as presented, be approved.
 Motion by Bryan Milz, second by Laura Laitinen-Warren.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
C. Transfer of Staff
MOTION: That the transfer of staff, as presented, be approved.
 Motion by Bryan Milz, second by Laura Laitinen-Warren.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
 Mr. Whisler and Mr. Slowey were welcomed by the Board

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 of Education.
D. Southwest Baseball/Softball Construction Services
MOTION: That IEI General Contractors, Inc. be awarded the bid for the Southwest Baseball/Softball Construction Services in the amount of \$4,245,852.50, as presented, be approved.
 Motion by Bryan Milz, second by Laura Laitinen-Warren.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
3. Adjournment
 Motion to adjourn made by Lynn Gerlach, seconded by James Lyerly.
 Motion carried with all Board members voting in favor by jointly reciting "aye".
Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m. Publish 06.30.23
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Green Bay WNAXLP
Special Board Meeting: 6/5/2023 @ 4:30 p.m. (closed session) @ 5:00 p.m. (open session) (Monday, June 5, 2023)
Members present:
 Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
 Others Present:
 Vicki Bayer, Interim Superintendent; Josh Patchak, Chief Operations Officer; Melissa Thiel-Collar, Legal Counsel; Kinsey Lehr, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education; Angie Roble, Chief Financial Officer; Lori Miron, Chief Human Resources Officer; Lori Blakeslee, Director of Communications and Public Relations; Judy Wiegand, Interim Deputy Superintendent; Claudia Henrikson, Executive Director of Student Services; Viva Winkler, ICSC Representative; Jennifer Duarte Castillo, ICSC Representative
Meeting called to order at 4:31 p.m.
1. Meeting Access
A. Convene in Open Session
 The Board of Education met in the Green Bay Area Public School District Office Building located at 200 S. Broadway, Green Bay, WI54303. The open session meeting took place in room #331, the closed session meeting took place in room #337, both of which are located on the 3rd floor. Some individuals joined via zoom and the meeting was live-stream broadcasted on the Green Bay Area Public School District YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrBxEp_9xzauvGy.UydBvV9g.
B. Roll Call
Members present
 Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
C. Convene in Closed Session at 4:30 p.m.
MOTION: That the Board convene in Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1) (c) – Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1)(f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except wherepar. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved

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in such problems or investigations to wit: to consider the administration's recommendation for termination of staff member(s) Motion by Lynn M Gerlach, second by James Lyerly. Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
 The Board convened into closed session at 4:35 p.m.
D. Convene in Open Session at 5:00 p.m.
 The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:02 p.m.
2. Action Items
A. Employment of Staff
MOTION: That the employment of staff, as presented, be approved. Motion by Nancy Welch, second by Laura Laitinen-Warren.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
B. Resignation of Staff
MOTION: That the resignation of staff, as presented, be approved. Motion by Nancy Welch, second by Laura Laitinen-Warren.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
C. Retirement of Staff
MOTION: That the retirement of staff, as presented, be approved. Motion by Laura Laitinen-Warren, second by Nancy Welch.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
D. Transfer of Staff
MOTION: That the transfer of staff, as presented, be approved. Motion by Laura Laitinen-Warren, second by Nancy Welch.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
E. Southwest Stadium Entrance
MOTION: That Northeast Asphalt, Inc., be awarded the bid for the stadium entrance and asphalt project at Southwest High School in the amount of \$641,475, as presented, be approved. Motion by Laura Laitinen-Warren, second by Nancy Welch.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
F. Facilities Master Planning Task Force Recommendations
 Vicki Bayer, Interim Superintendent, reviewed the declining enrollment and history on why the District is facing a budget deficit and budget cuts that have occurred over the past year to address the deficit. James Lyerly asked to suspend the rules to permit members to introduce an overview of the motions intended to be made for purposes of providing background to the board for such subsequent proposed action. James Lyerly, Andrew Becker, and Nancy Welch read into record the proposed resolutions they prepared. Discussion ensued on school structures, offering an option of a school for medically fragile and transition students, K-8 potential at the Washington Middle School or

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Webster Elementary School site, K-8 potential at Washington Middle School for the Fine Arts Pathway, John Dewey Academy of Learning enrollment numbers, wait list, and educational environment, rental of facilities by community partners for child care, specialized programming and pathways, closure of District Office Building, third party district office staffing analysis, and November 2022 Referendum projects.
MOTION: That the resolution related to the Facility Master Planning Task Force Recommendations pertaining to creating a referendum question, as currently presented, be approved. Motion by Andrew Becker, second by Bryan Milz.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
MOTION: That the resolution related to the Facility Master Planning Task Force Recommendations pertaining community impact of repurposing schools to 4K-8 facilities and proposed school boundary changes, as currently presented, be approved. Motion by James Lyerly, second by Bryan Milz.
 Discussion ensued on the role and work of the Facility Master Planning Task Force, establishing a task force policy, deadline for study, and posting for action.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
 Discussion ensued regarding community schools options and child care options within school buildings.
MOTION: That the resolution related to the Facility Master Planning Task Force Recommendations pertaining to Wequioc Elementary School, as currently presented, be approved. Motion by James Lyerly, second by Lynn M Gerlach.
 Discussion ensued regarding use of city forest and park adjacent to Red Smith, student count and cost per pupil, savings with Wequioc closure, cost of transportation, and insurance policies on buildings.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Laura McCoy, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
MOTION: That the resolution related to the Facility Master Planning Task Force Recommendations pertaining to Tank Elementary School, as currently presented, be tabled to the June 26 Regular Board Meeting. Motion by Andrew Becker, second by Nancy Welch.
 Discussion ensued regarding capacity at Fort Howard, educational adequacy, bussing, and exploration of community school.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Yes: Andrew Becker, Laura Laitinen-Warren, Nancy Welch, James Lyerly, Bryan Milz, Lynn M Gerlach
4. Adjournment
 Motion to adjourn made by Bryan Milz, seconded by Nancy Welch.
 Motion carried with all Board members voting in favor by jointly reciting "aye".
Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m. Publish 06.30.23
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West De Pere WNAXLP
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST DE PERE REGULAR BOARD MEETING WESTWOOD ELEMENTARY

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SCHOOL
May 17, 2023
5:30 PM
 Board members present: Fuss, Van Deurzen, Borley, Van Den Heuvel, Dorn
 Board members excused: None
 The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Board President Fuss followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. President Fuss stated that the area news media had been notified of the meeting as required by open meeting law and state statutes. It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Scott Borley to accept the agenda.
 Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.
 The Board recognized the High School Forensics Team for bringing home 12 golds, 3 silvers and a bronze at the State meet. Coach Natalie Buhl, and team members Jessica Gauthier and Lauren Rastall were in attendance to represent the team. The Board congratulated them on a job well done.
 Whitney Eidahl, Occupational Therapist at Westwood Elementary, presented to the Board a presentation about the motor lab that was recently created at Westwood. She was joined by Daniele Radtke, 2nd Grade Teacher, and Patty McCormick, Physical Therapist. They explained the program and it's benefits for students. The Board thanked them for the information and all their hard work to provide amazing opportunities for students. The meeting was opened to the floor to enable district residents to bring items of general concern to the attention of the Board. No concerns were presented. It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel that the April 12, 2023 regular meeting minutes be approved as presented. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.
 It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel that the Treasurer's Report be approved. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.
 It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Scott Borley that previously paid bills to Vos Electric, VDH Electric, and Best Built be approved. Motion carried. Ryan Van Den Heuvel abstained. Voting Yes: 4 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.
 It was moved by Ryan Van Den Heuvel and seconded by Scott Borley that previously paid bills be approved excluding bills from Vos Electric, VDH Electric, and Best Built. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.
Old Business
 It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel to adopt the following policies as previously presented:
 • 3155 Fund Balances
 • 5400.01 Equal Educational Opportunity (reviewed-no changes)
 • 5400.9 Enrollment and Placement of Homeless Children and Youth
 Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.
New Business
 Committee Chair, Scott Borley gave a verbal update regarding the Finance Committee Meeting. Committee Chair, Barbara Van Deurzen reviewed the May 10, 2023 Curriculum and Policy Committee report.
Board Reorganization
 Superintendent Krueger conducted the nominations for the president process. Scott Borley nominated Jenni Fuss for President. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Ryan Van Den Heuvel and seconded by Scott Borley to elect Jenni Fuss President.
 Voting Yes: 4 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.
 Jenni Fuss assumed control

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of the meeting as Board President.
 Barbara Van Deurzen nominated Ryan Van Den Heuvel for Vice-President. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Scott Borley to elect Ryan Van Den Heuvel Vice-President. Voting Yes: 4 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.
 Scott Borley nominated Barbara Van Deurzen for Clerk. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel to elect Barbara Van Deurzen Clerk. Voting Yes: 4 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.
 Ryan Van Den Heuvel nominated Scott Borley for Treasurer. There being no further nominations, it was moved by Ryan Van Den Heuvel and seconded by Barbara Van Deurzen to elect Scott Borley Treasurer. Voting Yes: 4 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.
 Discussion centered on committee appointments. President Fuss agreed to serve as delegate and legislative contact to the Wisconsin Association of School Boards and Barbara Van Deurzen agreed to serve as alternate delegate. President Fuss appointed Scott Borley to continue as the CESA 7 Representative. Board committee appointments were made as follows:
Budget/Finance Review
 Scott Borley (Chair)
 Jason Dorn
Policy & Curriculum
 Barbara Van Deurzen (Chair)
 Ryan Van Den Heuvel
 It was moved by Ryan Van Den Heuvel and seconded by Barbara Van Deurzen to confirm Amundsen Davis [Robert Burns] as our legal firm for 2023-2024 and (CLA) CliftonLarsonAllen LLP as our auditors for 2023-2024. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0
 Scott Borley abstains. Motion carried.
 It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Barbara Van Deurzen that the Press Times be named as the official newspaper for the posting of legal notices and minutes. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.
 It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel to approve the presented financial depositories for 2023-2024. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.
 Mrs. Corey Wollin, advisor to the Youth Apprenticeship Program at the High School, shared with the Board an overview of the program and student participation.
 Amy LaPierre, Director of Curriculum, along with several math teachers in the district, presented to the Board their recommendation for a new K-6 math curriculum.
 It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel to approve the K-6 Math Curriculum/Materials as recommended. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.
 It was moved by Ryan Van Den Heuvel and seconded by Barbara Van Deurzen to approve the renewal of the vision and dental insurance as recommended by administration. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.
 It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel to approve the school fees for the 2023-2024 school year as recommended by administration. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.
 It was moved by Ryan Van Den Heuvel and seconded by Barbara Van Deurzen to approve all applications of resident students to attend a nonresident district and deny all 4K-12 applications to attend the School District of West De Pere for the 2023-2024 school year due to no spaces available with the exception of those siblings guaranteed enrollment per

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Board policy #5008.
 Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.
 It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel to approve the CESA 7 contract for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.
 It was moved by Ryan Van Den Heuvel and seconded by Scott Borley to approve the staffing items as presented. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.
 The Board was presented with various reports and communications: such as updates, various thank you's, invitations, and calendar items. Discussion Followed.
 It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Scott Borley at 6:30 PM that the Board adjourn into closed session as previously stated. Voting Yes: Van Den Heuvel, Dorn, Borley, Fuss, Van Deurzen Voting No: None Motion carried.
 The Board reconvened at 7:56 PM.
 It was moved by Ryan Van Den Heuvel and seconded by Barbara Van Deurzen at 7:57 PM that the meeting be adjourned. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.
 Barbara Van Deurzen Clerk Publish 06.30.23 WNAXLP

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Ashwaubenon WNAXLP
VILLAGE OF ASHWAUBENON ORDINANCE O6-1-23
 The Village of Ashwaubenon has amended Sec. 6-11-456(B), Chapter 6, Article 11 of the Ashwaubenon Municipal Code relating to special events.
 A full text of the Ordinance may be obtained or reviewed by contacting the Office of the Village Clerk of the Village of Ashwaubenon at 2155 Holmgren Way, Green Bay, Wisconsin, 54304, Phone (920)492-2302. The full text of the Ordinance may also be reviewed on the Village of Ashwaubenon's website under Ordinances at www.ashwaubenon.gov. This ordinance summary is published pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 61.50(3). Dated this 27th day of June 2023. /s/Kris A. Teske, Village Clerk (Run) June 30, 2023
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ASHWAUBENON ORDINANCE O6-2-23
 The Village of Ashwaubenon has amended Secs. 6-2-114, Definitions and 6-2-144, Exemptions of Article 2, Soliciting and Direct Sales, Chapter 6, Businesses, of the Ashwaubenon Municipal Code.
 A full text of the Ordinance may be obtained or reviewed by contacting the Office of the Village Clerk of the Village of Ashwaubenon at 2155 Holmgren Way, Green Bay, Wisconsin, 54304, Phone (920)492-2302. The full text of the Ordinance may also be reviewed on the Village of Ashwaubenon's website under Ordinances at www.ashwaubenon.gov. This ordinance summary is published pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 61.50(3). Dated this 27th day of June 2023. /s/Kris A. Teske, Village Clerk (Run) June 30, 2023
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VILLAGE OF ASHWAUBENON ORDINANCE O6-4-23
 The Village of Ashwaubenon has amended the existing PUD language for the Rear Yard Building Setbacks provision for 2661 S. Broadway.
 A full text of the Ordinance may be obtained or reviewed by contacting the Office of the Village Clerk of the Village of Ashwaubenon at 2155 Holmgren Way, Green Bay, Wisconsin, 54304, Phone (920)492-2302. The full text of the Ordinance may also be reviewed on the Village of Ashwaubenon's website under Ordinances at www.ashwaubenon.gov. This ordinance summary is published pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 61.50(3). Dated this 27th day of June 2023. /s/Kris A. Teske, Village Clerk (Run) June 30, 2023
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City of Seymour WNAXLP
 Ordinance No. 2023-103
 ATV-UTV Usage in the City of Seymour
 Sec. 70-89 ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE AND UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLE USE
 (1) PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to establish all-terrain vehicle and utility terrain vehicle routes in the City of Seymour and to regulate the operation of all-terrain and utility terrain vehicles in the City of Seymour.
 (2) AUTHORITY. The City Council of the City of Seymour, Outagamie County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority to adopt this All-Terrain Vehicle and Utility Terrain Vehicle ordinance under Wis. Stats. 23.33(8)(b) and (11).
 (3) DEFINITIONS. For this Ordinance, "all-terrain vehicle" and "utility terrain vehicle," otherwise referred to as "ATV" and "UTV" herein shall have the meanings set forth in Wis. Stat. sec. 23.33.
 (4) DESIGNATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE AND UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLE ROUTES. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 23.33(4)(d)(4), except as otherwise provided in Wis. Stats sec. 23.33(4), no person may operate an all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle on any road, freeway, or highway in the City, except on those roadways that are designated as all-terrain vehicle and utility terrain vehicle routes by Ordinance.
 (a) All roads with in the city limits are open to all terrain and utility terrain vehicles unless otherwise set forth herein. Routes may be closed by the City without notice.
 1. ATVs/UTVs are not permitted on County Highway G east of N. Mainline Drive.
 2. ATVs/UTVs are not permitted on State Highway 54.

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3. ATVs/UTVs are not permitted on State Highway 55 north of Bronson Road.

(b) City established route(s) do not include public properties, cemeteries, or City-owned parks including parking lots unless otherwise set forth herein. Securing permission for the operation of ATVs and UTVs outside of the City's designated routes from any other public entity or private landowner is the obligation of the ATV / UTV operator.

1. ATVs/UTVs are allowed at the City of Seymour clean land fill area located at 445 Municipal Drive for the sole purpose of discarding yard waste materials.

(c) The routes do not include private roads or driveways nor any private property in the City. The City shall retain the right to close any City street to ATV/UTV operation for special events or street construction/repair without notice.

(d) The City retains the right to close any route designated for ATV and UTV use within the City at any time for any reason and without notice.

(5) OPERATION OF ALL-TERRAIN AND UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLES.

(a) Operators must abide by all traffic laws set forth under Chapter 346 of the Wisconsin Statutes, notwithstanding the provisions of 346.02(11), Wis. Stats., or any additional restrictions of the Ordinance.

(b) The maximum speed limit on all designated routes shall be thirty-five (35) miles per hour. Operators shall reduce speed whenever the posted speed limit is less, or as required by Wisconsin Statutes, or as conditions warrant.

(c) ATVs/UTVs shall be operated on the extreme right side of the roadway on the paved surface.

(d) All operators shall ride single file.

(e) An ATV/UTV may not be operated within the city limits, other than for snow removal, between the hours of 11:00 pm and 5:00 am.

(f) ATVs and UTVs shall be operated in compliance with all applicable Wisconsin laws, order, regulations, restrictions, and rules, including Wis. Stats. 23.33, and Chapter NR 64, Wis. Admin. Code.

(g) Operators are required to have headlamps (white light) and tail-lamps (red light) turned on at all times. However, no off-road auxiliary lighting on ATVs or UTVs shall be used on segments approved for ATV/UTV use.

(h) All operators shall have a valid motor vehicle operator's license.

(i) All operators who were born after January 1, 1988 and are over the age of 12 are required to complete an approved ATV/UTV Safety Course, and carry the safety certificate with them while riding on public lands.

(j) All operators and passengers under the age of 18 shall wear a helmet approved by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

(k) No person may operate an ATV/UTV with a passenger if the vehicle is not intended or designed for carrying a passenger.

(l) All operators shall carry liability and/or other insurances consistent with the current requirements of s. 344.62, Wis. Stats. Proof of insurance shall be able to be provided to law enforcement upon demand. For purpose of this subsection, an ATV/UTV defined in s. 6.22(3)(a).

(m) Cruising Prohibited. No person shall, while

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operating an ATV or UTV, engage in the practice of cruising on any authorized road. Cruising is defined as running all or part of the length of a roadway multiple times per day, back and forth, for any other purpose than departing or arriving at their residence or place of lodging.

(n) Radios or Electric Sound Amplification Devices. No person may operate, park, stop, or leave standing an ATV/UTV vehicle while using a radio or other electric sound amplification device emitting sound from the vehicle that is audible under normal conditions from 75 feet or more unless the electric sound amplification device is being used to request assistance or warn against an unsafe condition.

(6) PERMITS

(a) Permits. All City of Seymour residents owning and operating an ATV or UTV on city roads are required to obtain a local ATV/UTV permit from the City Clerk's Office located at 328 N. Main Street. An ATV/UTV decal will be issued for this purpose and shall be plainly displayed on the exterior of the machine.

(1) Fee. The fee is \$25 per household. Each ATV/UTV must have its own decal.

(2) Expiration. The permit is non-expiring.

(3) Non-Residents. Non-residents are not required to obtain a local ATV/UTV permit to operate an ATV/UTV in the City of Seymour.

(7) SIGNAGE. The City as a unit of government that designates the routes, may be responsible by state statute to maintain proper route signs.

(a) Routes shall be marked with uniform ATV/UTV route signs in accordance with s. NR 64.12(7), Wisconsin Administrative Code.

(b) The City of Seymour will be the maintaining authority for City roads designated as routes, shall install appropriate signs.

(c) Outagamie County shall maintain County Highways designated as routes per County Ordinance 50 - 353.

(8) ENFORCEMENT. This ordinance shall be enforced by any law enforcement officer authorized to enforce the law of the State of Wisconsin.

(9) PENALTIES. The penalties under Wis. Stats. 23.33(13)(a) are adopted by reference.

(10) SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the City of Seymour in Outagamie County would have passed the provisions of this ordinance irrespective of whether or not one of more provisions may be declared invalid. If any provision of this ordinance or the application of any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to other person's circumstances shall not be deemed affected.

(11) EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication and proper signage as required by law.

Adopted this 26th day of June, 2023
Published: June 30, 2023
Effective: July 1, 2023
CITY OF SEYMOUR
Ryan Kraft, Mayor
ATTEST:
Christy Stover,
Clerk-Treasurer
Publish June 30, 2023
WNAXLP

De Pere WNAXLP

CORRECTION

Ordinance 23-08, entitled REPEALING AND REENACTING SECTION 6-11 OF THE DE PERE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING TELEPHONIC/

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VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING ATTENDANCE, was voted on by the De Pere Common Council on June 20, 2023 and received a vote of 6-1. It did NOT become effective June 24, 2023 as was noticed in the original published summary, because the vote was not unanimous. A second reading of the ordinance will occur at the July 18, 2023 Common Council meeting. 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/>. Publish 06.30.23 WNAXLP

Green Bay WNAXLP

At the regular meeting of the Green Bay Common Council held on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 the following ordinances were adopted. The ordinances in their entirety may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office, 100 N. Jefferson Street, Green Bay, WI. Second Reading for Adoption 1. Miscellaneous Ordinance No. 06-23

a. An ordinance adopting an amendment to the Smart Growth 2022 Comprehensive Plan of the City of Green Bay related to property located at **2132 Deckner Ave.**

2. Zoning Ordinance No. 12-23

a. An ordinance rezoning property located at **2132 Deckner Ave (#21-2284-2)** from varied-density residential district (R3) to a public institutional district (PI). Publish 06.30.23 WNAXLP

Howard WNAXLP

ORDINANCE 2023-06 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RECREATING SECTION 36-326(2) and 36-326(3) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF HOWARD FOR USER CHARGE SYSTEM FOR THE SANITARY SEWER UTILITY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF HOWARD, BROWN COUNTY, WISCONSIN, HEREBY ORDAINS THAT SECTIONS 36-326(2)(a) and 36-326(3) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF HOWARD, BE REPEALED AND RECREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. 36-326(2)(a) POLICY AND USER CHARGE SYSTEM

2. a. Category A Sewage: The term "category A" means normal or domestic strength wastewater having the following:

1. Organic concentrations of biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) no greater than 77 pounds per million gallons (mg/l), total suspended solids (TSS) no greater than 179 mg/l, phosphorus (P) no greater than two mg/l, and total Kjeldahl nitrogen (TKN) no greater than 21 mg/l.
2. Monthly facilities charge for all customers shall be ~~\$7-00~~ **\$9.00** per month. Second meter charge per month shall be \$2.00 per month.
3. Volume charge for residential customers shall be ~~\$6-30~~ **\$8.30** per 1,000 gallons used each month and volume charge for all non-residential customers shall be ~~\$7-30~~ **\$9.30** per 1,000 of gallons.

SECTION 2. 36-326 (3) POLICY AND USER CHARGE SYSTEM

3. Category B (Industrial Customers) Sewage: (BOD>77mg/l, TSS>179mg/l, P>2mg/l, TKN>21mg/l):

Monthly Facilities Charge: Same as for Category A customers

Volume Charge: Same as for Category A customers.

Surcharge per lb. over Domestic Strength Sewage:

July 2023	Jan. 2023
BOD (\$/lb.) \$0.40	\$.35
TSS (\$/lb.) \$0.43	\$.38
P (\$/lb.) \$2.10	\$2.05

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TKN (\$/lb.) \$0.65 \$.60

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect for sewer invoices billed after June 30, 2023 upon its adoption and publication.

Adopted this 26th day of June, 2023.

Burt R. McIntyre, Village President
Christopher A. Haltom, Village Clerk
Date of Publication: 6/30/2023
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In the Outdoors

BY KEVIN NAZE
GUEST COLUMNIST

July is knocking on the door, a month known to produce some of the heaviest salmon of the season on Lake Michigan.

What size will it take to win the biggest contests this summer?

A 50-boat tournament at Kewaunee large weekend provided an early glimpse, with a 28.12-pound Chinook ("king") the heaviest weighed.

Team MVP won the Blue Door Tournament Series 2023 Offshore Challenge with 93.07 pounds, including a 23.43-pound lake trout. Second place weighed 87.55, including the top king. Three other 20-pound-plus lakers were weighed, including fish of 22.67 and 22.09 pounds.

You can watch a video of the weigh-in at www.facebook.com/Bluedoortournamentseries.

We'll get another look at big fish this weekend during the 48th annual Northeastern Wisconsin Great Lakes Sport Fishermen Salmon Derby at Manitowoc.

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

Get the details at www.newglf.org.

As always, the heaviest salmon of the season will most likely be hooked during the two busiest events of the summer, the 41st annual Kewaunee/Door County Salmon Tournament July 14-23, and Salmon-A-Rama 2023 — the latter a four-state, multi-species contest — July 15-23.

Learn more at www.salmon-a-rama.com.

Kings of all sizes are being caught, from very young ones weighing a pound or two on up to 20-pound-plus fish that have been in the lake a few years.

Most of the fish seem to be running in the 5-to-15-pound range.

So far, there have been only a small number of verified 30-pound-plus giants.

Many trollers are fishing 40-90 feet down in 80-180 feet of water the first and last couple hours of daylight.

In between, the top 80 feet of the 150-to-350-foot-plus depths have produced mixed bags of trout and salmon.

After a steady diet of north and east winds much of the past month, anglers are hoping to see a shift to offshore winds soon to produce currents that upwell some cooler water to the near-shore area.

Meanwhile, panfish and bass are cruising the weed edges on the inland lakes and pike, bass, panfish, catfish and other species are available on Green Bay and Lake Michigan tributaries.

Smallmouth bass action on the waters of Green Bay has been decent, often in 8-15 feet of water with jig and plastic combos, crankbaits, live bait, spinnerbaits and topwaters.

Yellow perch catches over deeper mud and offshore reefs on Green Bay typically heat up with the weather in July.

So far, there's been a lot



The Fourth of July holiday weekend is typically one of the busiest of the summer at Green Bay and Lake Michigan boat launches. Chinook salmon are providing many of the thrills along the lakeshore. **Fishin' Magician Charters photo**

of sorting through smaller fish in the bays and harbors.

Another wolf bill

U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin's "Northern Great Lakes Wolf Recovery Act" would expand the definition of Minnesota's "threatened" wolf population to include wolves in

Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

The bill will allow wolves to be killed if they threaten humans, pets or livestock.

Baldwin has long supported common sense efforts to delist the gray wolf in Wisconsin because the science shows that the population has recovered.

She said her bill would allow agriculture, Tribal, scientific and impacted communities to come together to create a solution that works for Wisconsin.

Also included in the bill is the creation of a regional wolf advisory committee with a goal of working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on a new proposal to remove wolves from the endangered list and draft a new monitor-

ing plan for wolves in the Great Lakes region.

Earlier this year, U.S. Rep. Tom Tiffany teamed up with U.S. Rep. Lauren Boebert of Colorado to introduce the "Trust the Science Act" which aims at removing all wolves from the endangered species list.

Lakes AOC meeting

The Great Lakes Areas of Concern (AOC) Conference will be held Sept. 13-14 in Green Bay, bringing together partners from across the U.S. and Canada, including government agencies, elected officials, researchers and other stakeholder groups.

The 2023 conference is hosted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Association and Wisconsin

DNR Office of Great Waters.

One of the presentations will be on the value of long-term species monitoring data using the bald eagle in a case study.

Learn more about the conference at www.uwgb.edu/great-lakes-areas-of-concern-conference.

Water levels update

Green Bay and Lake Michigan water levels have dropped six inches in the past 12 months and are down 30 inches since the record monthly high in 2020.

Lake levels are still four inches above the long-term average and are three feet higher than the all-time monthly low set in 1964.

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You never know what you are going to catch

Fishing in Green Bay for walleyes and perch is on the upswing, as fish are starting to set up in their typical summer locations.

Trolling and jigging took walleyes during the last week, with jigging Wapsie Lures Ripper minnows in Purple Goby being my No. 1 presentation. Some days a more aggressive lift was needed to trigger bites and other days a one-foot lift was best.

Two Mile Reef, Point Comfort, Vincent Point, Kidney, College Reef and Geanos Reef put out fish.

For trolling, a combination of No. 7 Flicker Minnows and No. 5 Salmo Hornets worked best.

Perch fishing was excellent in Oconto, with rock/weed areas around CP2 and the north shore putting out perch, including jumbos up to 15 inches.

Minnows, crawler pieces and soft plastics on small jigs worked best.

Smallmouth bass fishing was good in Door County, as Egg Harbor and Fish Creek rock structures put out as many as 50 fish per morning for some knowledgeable anglers.

Casting Ned rigs, tubes and jerk baits all caught fish.

Musky fishermen continued to put nice fish in the net, as casting bucktails, Swimmin' Dawgs,

Medusas and surface baits took big fish.

The west shore weed edges, Pensaukee Shoal, Chadoirs area rock/weed area and Geanos Reef were best areas for these fish.

Musky fishing has been slow but a few are being caught trolling alewife colored cranks and casting bucktails.

Shore fishing by Metro remains the same; you never know what species you are going to catch.

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Blizzard QB Max Meylor has made the most of his moment to shine

BY MALLORY ALLEN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

ASHWAUBENON – It was Saturday, May 13, just after 3:30 p.m.

The Green Bay Blizzard were hosting the San Diego Strike Force at the Resch Center in Ashwaubenon for their annual “Faith & Family Day.”

Five minutes and 59 seconds remained in the first quarter.

Then came the words no Blizzard fan wanted to hear about their team’s starting quarterback.

“Oh no...” said play-by-play announcer Joey Bonadonna, worry laden in his voice. “Ja’rome Johnson is down. He’s in serious pain, holding his knee.”

Johnson an electric, explosive dual-threat rookie QB who had made a quick name for himself through the first six weeks of the 2023 Indoor Football League (IFL) season limped off the field in obvious distress, clutching his right knee.

Although the circumstances certainly weren’t ideal, back-up Quarterback Max Meylor knew he’d been given his opportunity to prove what he could do — and he was determined to make the most of it.

Wisconsin made

25-year-old Meylor was raised by his parents, Joen and Dave, in Mount Horeb, a small town about 20 miles southwest of Madison as the younger brother of two sisters, Maddie and Olivia.

“I started flag football in third grade and moved to tackle in fourth grade. That’s when I started playing quarterback. It just came easy to me,” Meylor said. “My dad never pressured me to play, but I grew up watching football and just loved it.”

He attended Lindenwood University in Missouri from 2016-2018 as a dual-sport athlete, competing for both the football and basketball teams.

Meylor then transferred to the UW-Whitewater, where he graduated in 2022 with a degree in Occupational Safety and Health.

While at UW-Whitewater, he led the Warhawks to several conference titles, as well as an appearance in the 2019 Division



Meylor takes a snap during his first Indoor Football League start versus the Iowa Barnstormers on May 20.

Submitted photo

III Football Championship game and the 2021 playoff semi-finals.

Meylor said the connection that he shares with Blizzard Offensive Coordinator Matt Behrendt — who won three national championships as a quarterback at UW-Whitewater — is “really special.”

“Coach Behrendt is a well-known guy there, so I knew all about him, of course — he’s on the walls everywhere in our [Whitewater] locker room,” Meylor said. “I’ve always really respected him. He’s a winner and he does things right. I’m happy to be a part of this team with him.”

Behrendt sang similar praise for Meylor, saying, “It’s definitely great to see a fellow Warhawk succeed at the next level. It’s easy to tell why Max was so successful in college and why it’s translating to the pros. He’s just super coachable and loves to get better.”

Getting his shot

Meylor and Johnson battled through training camp for the QB1 spot, and both saw time dur-

ing Green Bay’s season opener against the Frisco Fighters on March 19.

But ultimately it was Johnson who earned the starting job, and for the next five games, Meylor saw no action.

“It was pretty tough mentally, just to stay locked in,” he said of being forced to sit on the sideline rather than competing on the field.

“But I knew that if I got my shot to play, I’d have to be prepared, and if I didn’t have the right mindset at practice every day, I wouldn’t be. I just had to believe in myself and trust that I’d be ready to perform and show everyone what I could do if the time came.”

Low and behold, Meylor’s time came on May 13, when Johnson was hit hard by two Strike Force linemen and suffered an MCL tear midway through the first quarter.

Meylor said he recalls the moment vividly. “I was in the back of our bench area messing with the iPad, watching film from the game, when I heard a couple guys yell to me, ‘Max! Grab your helmet!’

I just remember thinking, ‘Oh my God, here we go.’”

Despite the immense pressure suddenly thrown on him, Meylor was calm and collected as he jogged over to Behrendt and the offensive huddle.

“I just had to get a couple throws in. I knew I had practiced every day for months, waiting for my moment to come, and I was ready to go out there and win that game for my team.”

Meylor tossed two TDs and rushed for another en route to a 61-50 victory over San Diego.

With Johnson placed on short-term injured reserve (IR) and sidelined for the foreseeable future, the now 3-4 Blizzard were entering a new era with Max Meylor at the helm.

As he prepared to make his first start the next weekend versus the Iowa Barnstormers, Meylor acknowledged the weight he felt knowing that the trajectory of Green Bay’s season was resting largely on his shoulders.

“It was nerve-wracking for sure,” he said. “But at the same time, I was just so excited to play. I’d wait-

ed a long time to make my first start and really showcase what I can do. It was a lot of fun to be out on the field with my teammates and get a win in front of an awesome Green Bay Blizzard crowd.”

Proving himself

Since Meylor took over as quarterback in mid-May, the Blizzard have won four of their last six games — including three key conference victories — and are in contention for an Eastern Conference playoff bid.

In his time under center, Meylor has scorched the opposing defenses both in the air and on the ground, notching 1,196 all-purpose yards and 30 total touchdowns (19 passing and 11 rushing) with only two turnovers.

“Our offense has not missed a beat with Max at the reins. It’s not easy at all to replace a guy like Ja’rome [Johnson], with everything he can do and how explosive he is. But Max has been preparing for this all year long,” Behrendt said. “The way he goes about practice and how he’s continuously

growing and adjusting to this game as a quarterback is great to see. We know how lucky we are to have two really good QBs that can command the offense.”

Meylor has been just as valuable for the Blizzard out in the Green Bay community as he is on the field, already attending more than a dozen appearances at schools, youth football camps and other local events so far this season.

“Doing appearances means a lot to me. I truly enjoy them. Just watching the kids get so excited to see us is incredible. It’s cool to have the chance to brighten their days and change their lives,” Meylor said. “The schools and organizations we work with give our team so much support, so I love being able to do the same thing in return.”

Regardless of how the Blizzard season ends, and which quarterback starts once Johnson is healthy again, Meylor has more than proved his talent and skill at the professional level, and he’s looking forward to whatever the future has in store for him.

Notre Dame Academy becomes a 2023 WSN Cup Winner

BY TORI WITTENBROCK
SPORTS REPORTER

GREEN BAY – Notre Dame Academy has recently been named one of three Wisconsin Sports Network (WSN) Cup Winners for the 2022-23 season.

The award has been proudly received by a myriad of teams from all over the state of Wisconsin

for the past 15 years.

This year marks NDA’s first Cup in a while, their last win being a decade ago in the 2012-13 season. This is also the school’s fourth WSN Cup overall for the Medium School Division.

The 2022-23 athletic season has been big for NDA, winning three state championships. The Tritons won state titles for

boys cross country at the end of the fall season, also performing well in boys soccer (runner-ups) and girls cross country (third place) for a total of 351 points overall.

The winter season also showed exceptional athletic performances from the school with two additional state titles. Girls basketball and boys hockey won state for a total of

239.1 points on the season.

NDA’s spring season was a bit of a battle for the Tritons, earning 167 points, finishing eighth overall in the standings. However, the boys tennis team made an appearance at state and boys track finished sixth.

The school finished ahead of a range of other athletically talented teams for the Medium

School Division title. Edgewood, Whitefish Bay, West Salem and McFarland were close behind in the final standings.

“Notre Dame Academy and our school community is very honored and proud of earning this achievement,” said NDA Athletic Director Matthew Koenig. “Our athletes and coaches work extremely hard throughout the year

to be the best they can be and they should all take pride in this accomplishment.”

Koenig said that this award is a big accomplishment for the school as a whole, and getting here has been a tremendous group effort.

“This is an overall department award and all 500 of our athletes played a part in this honor.”

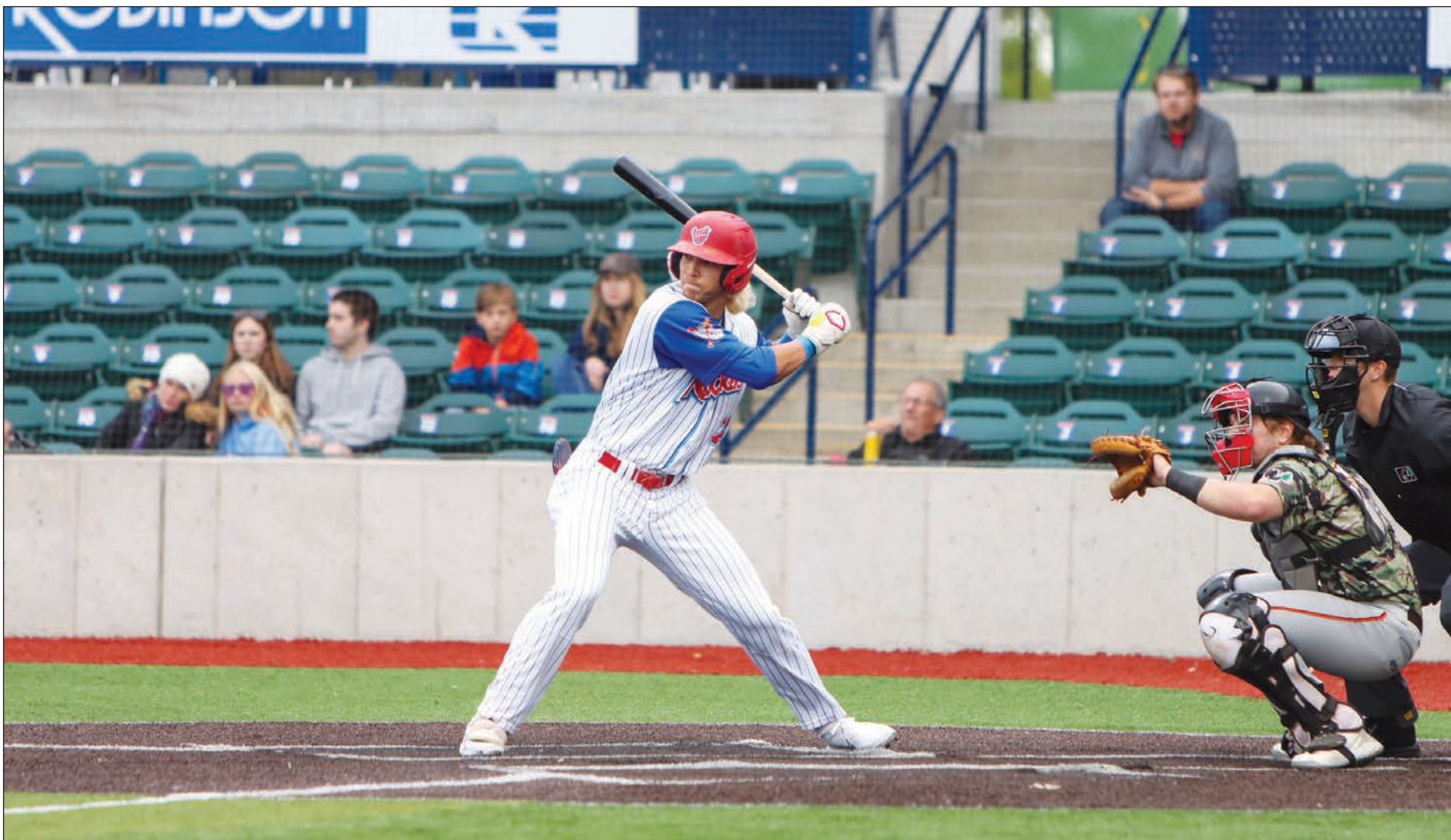
Green Bay Youth Rugby in action



Green Bay Youth Rugby's youngest players hit the field at Ledgeview's Willow Creek Park on June 21. The soon-to-be first and second graders practiced some rugby basics through games and drills before putting their new skills to the test in a scrimmage. Thea VanNieuwenhoven (with ball) evades opponents Jet Winters and Hayvin Fakhouri as she pushes towards the end of the field in a scoring run. **Janelle Fisher photos**



Everly Gray takes a pass from teammate Jet Winters (in green) with Delta Strawn and Philip Pullin (in orange) hot on their heels.



Kyle West at bat in a game for the Green Bay Rockers.

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Kyle West continues to lead Green Bay through first half

BY GUS BAYLOW
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

ASHWAUBENON — Four star infielder/outfielder Kyle West (West Virginia), hadn't played in front of a crowd of near 2,000 people in his college career prior to joining the Rockers this summer, after starting out his career at the University of Charleston.

That all changed, however, after the first Firework Friday of the season at Capital Credit Union Park on June 2, where in front of 1,603 people, West recorded his fourth consecutive multi-hit game at the time and finished 2-5 with a run scored and RBI against the Wausau Woodchucks.

Even if it was a bigger crowd than what he's used to, the adjustment became very minimal for the DII All-American, as he fed off the jubilant fans to fuel his hot start at the plate and lead the Rockers offensively once again.

"To be able to experience the fireworks with my guys is like a surreal moment," West said. "I've always grown up with it being the same game no matter what. You just have to stay consistent and not ride the emotional roller coaster."

Playing on the biggest stage is nothing new for West, however, as his roots of excelling at the highest level go back to his two-year career with the Golden Eagles, posting a .374 career batting average in 100 games played, with 30 homers and 102 RBIs to put himself as one of the best DII players not just in the

Mountain East Conference where he played, but in all the country.

As West continued to showcase his talents at an All-American level at Charleston, West knew he could elevate his game to the next step in the summer and pressed his coaches about wanting to get that pro-ball experience while still in school.

That's when he found the Northwoods League and the Green Bay Rockers, who he had heard about through several connections with his college coaches, and after looking up the facilities and atmosphere of Rockers games, West became all-in with trying to lead Green Bay to enormous success in 2023.

"All I heard about was how sick the facilities were, and they didn't lie," West said. "If anything, they underestimated what they have going here. It's great and so far it's probably the best that I played in throughout the Northwoods League.

Along with playing with the Rockers this summer, West has received numerous opportunities to move up in the college ranks after recently announcing his decision to enter the transfer portal.

Despite several schools across the country reaching out to the Hedgesville, W. Va. native, one school was on his mind throughout the entire process, with that team being the one he idealized growing up during his entire childhood.

When he sat down with the West Virginia baseball program, he quickly realized the opportunity

he had in front of him and wasted no time in terms of deciding, knowing that a life-long dream was about to come true.

"I thought it would have been a perfect opportunity to join and get the experience that I was wanting to get out of high school, but two years later," West said, "it really drives home what it means to play in front of your home state and in front of the people who support you and I think it's going to be an incredible experience being able to play for the state that I grew up and was born in."

Getting to play for a team in West Virginia that had one of its best seasons in recent years excites West, but for now, all he's focused on is bringing the Rockers more success as they remain one of the top teams in the Northwoods League 20 games in.

Having the opportunity to play every night has allowed West to improve each game for Green Bay, and now as the Rockers enter the heart of their 2023 season, getting as many chances as possible to get better continues to be most important for the future Mountaineer in Kyle West.

"The best part about this is you will play every night," West said. "I think the most accomplished feeling would be to play 95% of the games and to not feel worn out by the end of it because it goes to show how well you take care of yourself and your body."

There is certainly no doubt that West will only continue to excel as he

continues to get more playing time, and as he prepares for the rest of this summer, staying locked in and finishing strong are what West is

most excited about heading into the rest of this season.

"My goal looking forward is to be able to finish the main stretch of

this season strong and to finish the way I started," West said. "That would be having good health and good spirits and continue to win."

Get to know your Green Bay Rockers

Name: JoJo Jackson
Position: Right Field
Jersey Number: 23
Number of seasons with Rockers: First
Hometown: Atlanta, Georgia
School: Georgia State University

Career Highlight: In the conference tournament, when we were playing Georgia Southern — one of our rivals — I hit the go-ahead-bomb in the first inning.

What is your favorite baseball memory? I have many good baseball memories with teammates, but my favorite baseball memory is when I had my little nephew go out and throw the first pitch in one of my high school games.

Who has been the biggest influence in your baseball career? I would say it's really been my mom and my dad because over the years they have put so much time and effort into me day-in and day-out. My dad usually works with me on the more physical side of things like working out and training, and my mom helps me out with the mental side of things. She taught me that baseball is a game of failure and you need that mental stability and peace in order to continue in this game because you've got to



Jackson

be willing to be happy with the wins and the losses.

What is your favorite way to celebrate after a big win? A nice meal and something sweet.

How do you like to spend your free time? I either like watching movies or going to hit. I'm a real simple guy.

What is your favorite restaurant in Green Bay? I'd say 1919. I've had

a few good meals from there.

What is your favorite TV show? For my favorite TV show right now, I'd have to say *Barry*.

What is your go-to pregame snack? It has to be Skittles — the purple pack.

Who is your favorite singer/band? Young Nudy! He's a rapper out of East Atlanta.



De Pere High School senior Claire Bjorge, with ball, missed all of her junior season due to a torn ACL in her right knee. Bjorge is healthy and back to playing full-time.

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Almost one year removed from knee injury, Bjorge returns to game action

BY RICH PALZEWIC
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

DE PERE — It took almost a full year, but Claire Bjorge is back doing what she loves — playing basketball.

After tearing the ACL in her right knee on July 21 of last year, the De Pere High School girls' basketball senior recently took part in her first game action in almost a year at a summer league game on June 12.

"I thought I'd be a lot more scared to play, but I trust the knee — it's going great," she said. "I figured I'd be timid and not as aggressive, but I seem to be more aggressive now — it's a little weird."

Bjorge said she'll never forget that fateful day when she tore her ACL.

"I was in Minneapolis at

an AAU tournament when it happened," Bjorge, who missed all of her junior season at De Pere, said. "I drove into the lane and did a Euro step into a jump stop — my knee buckled and gave out."

Initially, Bjorge said the trainer onsite didn't think it was anything serious.

"I was hoping for the best," she said. "I saw someone the next day, and that trainer thought it was a hamstring tear and I'd be out for a week. After that, I was warming up for another game, and it gave out again when I changed directions."

Bjorge said upon returning home, she received the bad news via an MRI.

"I was told it was a full tear of the ACL and a partial tear of the MCL," she said. "It wasn't a hamstring

issue. It was hard to soak it in and accept it. Luckily, everyone around me was super supportive."

Missing her junior season

Bjorge burst onto the high school basketball scene as a freshman for the Redbirds, where she averaged 10.7 points per game.

During De Pere's state run during her sophomore campaign, Bjorge pumped in 15.7 points per outing.

"It was hard knowing I'd have to sit out my entire junior year," she said. "I couldn't do much for about six weeks (after the surgery), but then I slowly started lifting weights and rehabbing. (The rehab) got more intense as the days went on. I followed my Bell-in program and did that to the best of my ability."

Once the season started, Bjorge said it was even harder to watch her teammates play.

"When practice started, all I could do was cheer for them," she said. "Late in the season, I participated more — did some free throws and non-contact things. Once I started improving, I thought maybe I could squeeze in playing (a game), but it just wasn't smart — I wasn't ready at all. I had no intention of playing as the season wound down."

Finally cleared

Bjorge said she began practicing with her AAU team, the Purple Aces, in April.

"I still couldn't do 5-on-5 stuff, but I slowly progressed from 1-on-1 to 5-on-5 as time went along," she

said. "It was going well, but I didn't play in an early season scrimmage in Minneapolis — just to be safe."

Bjorge said she plans to continue with her AAU team and keep getting stronger.

"Before I tore my ACL, I didn't think lifting was that important," she said. "After the injury, it's changed my mindset on that. My dad harps on me to lift, and now I realize how important it is to keep things strong. I stretch before games better, too."

Bjorge said she's "very much looking forward to her senior season."

"I can't wait — our team is looking really good," she said.

College recruiting

Bjorge said before her injury, her recruiting process

was ramping up.

"Recruiting took a pause after the injury," she said. "It scares you because you don't know what coaches are going to think or if they will completely ghost you. Most of them who were recruiting me before the injury have been positive and understanding — it's been good to get back into the recruiting part. I hope to commit before August."

Bjorge has Division I offers from Evansville and North Dakota and Division II offers from Maryville and Minnesota-Duluth.

"I used to think I wanted to go to a bigger school, but I don't care as much anymore about what division it is — I just want what's best for me and my future," she said.

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the Wisconsin Woodchucks in the Northwoods League.

He also served as the pitching coach for three seasons at Northwest Missouri State and was an assistant coach at John Carroll University in Ohio and SNC.

Bischel was an academic all-conference first baseman and pitcher at St. Norbert (2000-03) and earned all-conference honors and served as the team captain as a senior.

Overall, Bischel has a 314-156 record (.668) as an NCAA coach, including

nine winning seasons and eight conference championships (four at Central Michigan, four at Northwood).

"Jordan Bischel is the perfect fit to lead the University of Cincinnati baseball program, and we are thrilled to welcome him and his family to UC," UC Director of Athletics John Cunningham said in a statement. "As a head coach, he has won conference championships and consistently guided his teams to the postseason. He's a proven program builder and winner who has found success at every

level. He is a leader who will demand the best on and off the field of our student-athletes. We couldn't be happier to have him as our head coach."

In five seasons as head coach at CMU, Bischel sported a 102-32 MAC record and posted three consecutive 40-win full seasons.

"It's an incredible honor, humbling and a great opportunity to be the baseball coach at the University of Cincinnati," Bischel said at his introductory press conference on June 21. "We (my family) wanted to stay in the Midwest. My job is being a baseball coach, and

this is a baseball city. In the Big 12, if you're competing for a conference championship, you're competing nationally."

According to UC's athletic department website, Bischel signed a six-year contract to become the 33rd head coach in program history.

"I'm not going to have a rule book of 110 things my players have to do, but I do have one rule — 'Do the right thing,'" Bischel said. "In my 11 years as a head coach, I've learned if you do the right thing, other things will follow — the winning will take care of itself."

He said Bearcats baseball will be similar to what he tried to install at CMU.

"Our pitchers are going to attack hitters and throw strikes and we'll play sound defense," Bischel said. "Baseball can be boring — they finally put the pitch clocks in — and three hours of watching strikeouts and walks isn't a lot of fun for me. We'll play fast fastball."

Bischel said a manager he used to coach against gave him the ultimate compliment — something he said he hopes to continue at UC.

"He said to me, 'Your

team was the most difficult team to prepare for the entire season,'" he said. "We want other teams to hate playing us because of how we get after you. We want to play with energy, enthusiasm and excitement. If you come to a game next year and we aren't the most energetic team you see all season, you can come directly to my office, and we'll get that fixed. My teams have sometimes been compared to softball teams with how energetic we are."

Bischel said he always thinks about things he can do better.

Nicolet NATIONAL BANK PRESENTS **Senior Spotlight**

Michael McIntee, Notre Dame Academy Hockey

Parents: Merrilee and Mike McIntee
Instagram: @michael.mcintee
Twitter: @MichaelMcIntee4
Position: Defense

During Michael's time with the team, they went undefeated for the third time in state history and won state.

How did you get started playing hockey?

I first became familiar with hockey when I was six years old and decided to go to the learn to skate program for free. After doing those a few times, I joined the learn to play hockey program and once I got a hang of everything I joined youth hockey. I first started playing for the Manitowoc Breakers and played one year of mites before I started playing up a birth year to challenge myself more.

What is it like being the captain of your team? What do your responsibilities look like?

Being captain of the team this year was a fulfilling but

challenging experience. I learned that it is essential to understand that every player on the team will look up to you through the good and the bad of a practice, game, workout, etc. Creating a stoic persona helped to mitigate these waivers in confidence and helped us tremendously to be consistent. Responsibilities as captain include, playing a vital role in leading your team on and off the ice, creating a positive team culture and ensuring effective communication among the players and coaching staff.

Is there a coach you have had that has made a significant impact on your hockey career?

A coach that left a very positive impact on me was Cory McCracken. He helped me advance not only as a hockey player but also as a person. He taught me the importance of discipline, leadership and respect. In the hockey world he is extremely well respected and has helped many players get to the highest levels of the game. One lesson he notably taught me was that success is created through



McIntee

a daily process. You need to constantly improve day after day to get where you want to be.

What are you looking forward to about playing junior hockey next year?

I am looking forward to having more freedom with

my time and to continue to improve and showcase my skills. I am also looking forward to meeting new people and expanding my network. I will also be doing an on-line business on the side with my free time.

What is the most important relationship

you have made through hockey?

The most important relationship I have made has been with my teammates. They have been some of my best friends throughout the years and our relationships will last a lifetime. I have gone through my lowest lows and highest highs with them. It is more of a brotherhood.

Who is your biggest supporter?

My biggest supporters are my mom and dad. They offered me encouragement and belief which helped to build confidence and resilience. Also, they provided practical assistance like driving me to practice and games along with spending thousands of dollars to keep me on the best teams. Having parents as the biggest supporters is a valuable asset, and their love is forever cherished.

Do you play any other sports outside of hockey?

No, I only like to do casual sports like fish and golf. I also began fly fishing.

What is your favorite TV show to binge watch in your free time?

I honestly don't watch TV shows anymore, but when I did I loved watching The Office.

Who is your favorite musical artist?

My favorite artist is Kanye West because of his creativity and persistence. He proved that creativity is more important than competitiveness by changing music forever.

What do you plan to do for a career?

I would like to be a pilot or provide value within business and be an entrepreneur. Although, there is so much opportunity online to make money and the market changes so frequently that it is too soon to decide that.

What is your favorite place to travel to?

My favorite place to visit is Fort Myers, Fla., because my sister lives there. She will always bring me to the best local restaurants and shops.



Byczek defends the goal for the Ice Bears, making a big save for her team.

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Because her involvement in hockey has been so competitive, Byczek has dedicated all of her athletic attention to it as her sole sport, although she has previous experience running track as well.

This past season was Byczek's final with the Ice Bears. The eighteen-year-old recently graduated from Bay Port High School, and said she is ready to move forward with her life.

"I have decided that I want to focus on my degree and career, so I will not be playing in college, unfortunately," said Byczek. Her plans are to attend Northern Michigan University in the fall, pursuing a degree in Accounting.

However, Byczek still has plans to continue to be involved in the hockey community.

"I am looking forward

to being able to teach the skills that I have learned throughout the years to other players," said Byczek of her plans to impart her knowledge and experience of the sport onto others.

"I plan to always stay on the ice as much as I can. I want to start coaching and working with some younger skaters — especially girls. I think it's important for younger girls that play hockey to also have female coaches to learn from and look up to."

Byczek has learned a lot of important lessons throughout her time on the rink. Despite never having any physical injuries, she said she has learned the importance of overcoming mental slumps.

"I am fortunate that I have never gotten any injuries. At times though I have had confidence issues on the ice. It is hard to get through those bumps,

but as years passed I feel I got more comfortable and confident in myself."

This season, the Ice Bears finished their regular season with a record of 20-3 and an overall record of 24-3 after going undefeated in the state tournament.

Byczek was a large part of this season's performance with a .955 save percentage. Byczek allowed just 20 goals on the season, saving 420 of the 440 shots on goal that she faced. She had 12 shut-outs on the season, one of which came in the state tournament. Byczek totaled 1,364 minutes on the ice this season in 24 games played.

Byczek also received the honor of being named Girl Hockey Player of the Year as a part of the Northeast Wisconsin High School Sports Awards.

"It means a lot to be named female player of the year. It's a great accomplishment for me and



Byczek poses with her hockey gear as she prepares for her senior season. **Submitted photos**

I feel it is a reflection of the work the Ice Bears put in this season. I never could have gotten this title without my teammates and all of the coaches I worked with this year," said Byczek.

Byczek's coach, Joe Gerarden, also had a lot to say about how well-deserved this award was,

given her work ethic and innate talent.

"It was an absolute pleasure coaching Anna this season. Her consistent work ethic and ability really helped with our team's success," said Gerarden. "Off the ice she was a scholar athlete, worked with our youth and has great leadership

qualities."

Outside of her athletic talent, Gerarden also spoke positively about her presence as a person.

"She always has a calm presence and stays humble. The award is well-deserved and we couldn't be more proud of her representation of the Ice Bears," said Gerarden.

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Anna Byczek wraps up hockey career with phenomenal season performance



Byczek, in goal, defends the net in an important game for her team this season.

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BY TORI WITTENBROCK
SPORTS REPORTER

GREEN BAY – Anna Byczek is approaching the end of her hockey-playing days, but not before finishing up her season as a goalie with the Ice Bears with a stellar performance.

Byczek has worked long and hard — for the vast majority of

her life — to perfect her skills on the ice.

“I have been skating since I was three years old, but transferred from figure skating to hockey around eight years old. I decided I wanted to switch when my neighbors put in an ice rink next door one winter, and we played hockey almost every day that we could,” said Byczek.

Throughout all her years of playing hockey, Byczek said that one of the most important experiences she had is the relationships she has gained from the sport.

“My favorite part about playing hockey is the relationships I have built over the years. I have played for many different teams at all levels and have made so many friends and learned from some

great coaches,” said Byczek.

“When my family first moved here, I had to build completely new relationships and didn’t know a single person. Everyone on the Ice bears was so welcoming to me and the coaching staff was amazing. I made a lot of great friends this past year.”

Although Byczek has been playing hockey for years, she said that

it still comes as a shock to some people when they learn she plays such a male-dominated sport.

“Many people are pretty shocked when I tell them I play hockey. When I played boys last year, many people wouldn’t even realize I was a female at first,” said Byczek.

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Jordan Bischel, right, stands with University of Cincinnati (UC) Director of Athletics John Cunningham. Bischel, a 1999 Notre Dame Academy graduate, was recently named the head baseball coach at UC.

University of Cincinnati Athletics photo

Former Green Bay Bullfrogs manager lands at University of Cincinnati

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GREEN BAY – Former Green Bay Bullfrogs Manager Jordan Bischel has been a winner every place he’s coached, so his latest move shouldn’t come as a surprise.

Bischel, a 1999 Notre Dame Academy graduate who played collegiately at St. Norbert College (SNC), recently accepted the head baseball job at the University of Cincinnati (UC).

The Bearcats, who finished 24-33 last season as members of the

American Athletic Conference, will begin play in the Big 12 Conference this summer.

Bischel’s latest move comes on the heels of a successful five-season run as head coach at Central Michigan University (CMU).

Bischel led the Chippewas to four Mid-American Conference (MAC) championships — two regular season and two tournament — and three NCAA regionals.

CMU went 177-80 (.689) during his tenure.

Before his hires at UC and CMU, Bischel spent four seasons at Division II Northwood Univer-

sity in Midland, Michigan, where he turned that program around.

He helped lead the team to a 137-76 overall record and was named the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Coach of the Year in both 2017 and 2018.

He also had success at Midland University in Fremont, Nebraska, where the team was a combined 74-45 under his leadership in two seasons.

Bischel also managed the Bullfrogs — now known as the Rockers — for four seasons (2009-12) and spent another season managing

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