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GBCI: Reform or brick-and-mortar issue?

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

GREEN BAY – As state legislators continue an ongoing conversation surrounding the future of the Green Bay Correctional Institution, much of the discussion revolves around what is most needed — brick and mortar or reform.

It's a debate that goes back 50 years.

In the early 1970s, Gov. Patrick Lucey commissioned a "Task Force on Offender Rehabilitation" to study prison reform.

When the final draft came in, so did a recommendation on closing the facility, along with other simi-

lar institutions, and replacing them with community-based treatment centers — a concept that Lucey supported.

A group called "Citizens United to Keep the Reformatory Open" formed shortly after, and petitions began circulating in the area, joining hundreds of cities around the state.

In July 1979, the reformatory was renamed the "Green Bay Correctional Institution."

"The term correctional institution as a title is more in keeping with the modern, rehabilitative approach as opposed to the old, archaic term

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As state and local legislators continue an ongoing conversation surrounding the future of the Green Bay Correctional Institution, much of the discussion revolves around the debate on what is needed most — brick and mortar or reform. **Shane Fitzsimmons photo**

Veterans supporting veterans

BY RICK COHLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BROWN COUNTY – The Brown County Veterans Court held its first session in March of 2012.

"I was reading a vets magazine and there were two articles in there," former Brown County Executive Tom Hinz said. "One was about a Vietnam Vet who helped with the American Disabilities Act and the other was about a veterans treatment court started in Buffalo, N.Y. Hinz, Brown County Veterans Service Officer Jerry Polus, along with Brown County judges Kendall Kelly and Donald Zuidmulder were impressed by what they heard during a visit to a veterans court in Oklahoma.

"One of the participants told the court 'I was a Marine and I did some dumb things when I got out of the service and if it wasn't for this program I'd be dead.' Another guy said 'I came into this program and hated everyone in here. But I soon found out it's veterans supporting veterans and I've now been sober for 13 months.' That's the key: veterans supporting veterans."

Hinz has a long service in law enforcement, serving as an assistant chief in the Green Bay Police Department, then as Brown County Sheriff before being elected county executive.

Brown County Veterans Service Officer Joe Aulik pointed out that veterans have had unique experiences that the general population never have, they have unique traumas that the general population will never experience and they have unique benefits that the general population cannot access.

"Just basic training alone can shake your world," Aulik said. "Sometimes people can't navigate that. That's when they encounter law enforcement, encounter our office, or suicide prevention and that's why we

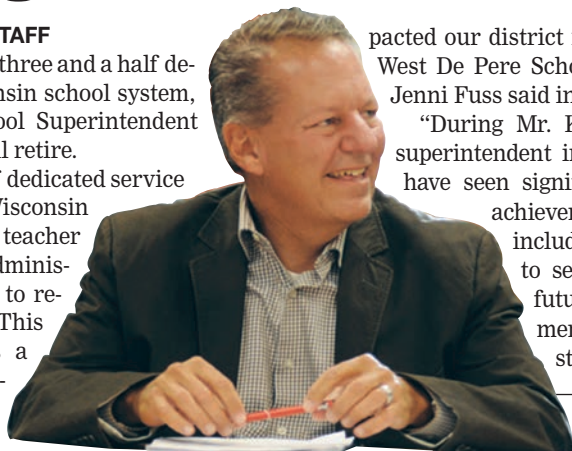
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Krueger to retire at end of school year

BY PRESS TIMES STAFF

DE PERE – After three and a half decades in the Wisconsin school system, West De Pere School Superintendent Dennis Krueger will retire.

"After 34 years of dedicated service to the children of Wisconsin — four years as a teacher and 30 years in administration — he plans to retire in July 2024. This decision concludes a chapter of leadership and commitment that has im-



acted our district in numerous ways," West De Pere School Board President Jenni Fuss said in a release.

"During Mr. Krueger's tenure as superintendent in West De Pere, we have seen significant progress and achievements. Some of such include but are not limited to securing property for future growth, management of several construction projects and

opening a new school, leading the West De Pere community through a pandemic, creating and implementing the District's Strategic Plan, improving communication through web design/app implementation, leading process improvements, fostering a culture of 'leading your learning' and building relationships within the district/community."

Krueger left his position in the School District of New London for West De Pere in 2019, where he replaced John Zegers.

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After 34 years of service to Wisconsin schools — four years as a teacher and 30 years in administration — Dennis Krueger will retire in July 2024. **File photo**

Green Bay Police Department works to reduce car thefts

BY SHANE FITZSIMMONS/ KRIS LEONHARDT
PRESS TIMES STAFF

GREEN BAY – In an effort to lessen the numbers of auto thefts involving Hyundai and Kia vehicles, the Green Bay Police Department (GBPD) partnered with local car dealerships to provide a mobile anti-theft software upgrade clinic at Leicht Memorial Park on Wednesday, Nov. 15.

During the clinic, mobile service technicians were on hand to install anti-theft software upgrades in qualifying vehicles.

"We are doing an antitheft system update to prevent people breaking into cars, that way cars are up to date with their soft-

ware," said Broadway Technician Jose Flores.

"Hyundai developed that software, it's to help customers have peace of mind."

Tatum Haney was one of the clinic attendees looking for peace of mind.

"I just got this new car. I literally just got it around the beginning of October and I was kind of checking in and making sure that I got any security upgrades on it — anything like that. Just want it to not take a vacation without me, so that'd be great," Haney stated.

Since January 2023, the Green Bay Police say that they have "opened investigations into the theft, or attempted theft, of 182

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Tatum Haney, right, checks in with Chelsy Hardy of Dorsh Kia. Dorsh Kia and Bergstrom Hyundai of Green Bay volunteered staff to provide the free service to vehicle owners. **Shane Fitzsimmons photo**

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are here to help them.”
He also pointed out that while in the military, there is a rigid structure to life.
“When you come out you lose that structure, that camaraderie; you lose your mission,” he added.

Veterans Court is overseen by Brown County Circuit Judge Beau Liegeois who served eight years in the Wisconsin National Guard as a military lawyer.

Judge Liegeois said he considers it an honor to preside over the court.

“This program gives individuals who served in our armed forces the opportunity to rehabilitate them in the community instead of just sitting in jail,” Judge Liegeois said. “We integrate local, state and federal veterans’ resources into the court so that everyone is at the table.

“The No. 1 benefit of this program is putting families back together. A lot of these veterans were disconnected from their families because of the underlying treatment issues and once they get their life sorted out they start rebuilding these relationships and it’s just awesome to see that develop over the months.”

There are a few differences between the Veterans Court participants and those in the other treatment court programs, according to Treatment Court Case Manager Blake Artis who notes most other participants are being given the second chance the treatment court provides because everyone deserves a second chance.



The Northeast Wisconsin Veterans Treatment Court honors its 82nd graduate. Veterans Court is overseen by Brown County Circuit Judge Beau Liegeois who served eight years in the Wisconsin National Guard as a military lawyer.

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“Only in this court have the participants made a decision before they had all these issues to do something honorable for their country,” Artis said.

Another difference is that each participant is assigned a mentor from a group of volunteer veterans.

“The mentor gives them someone to who has shared some of the same experiences,” Hinz said. “You are a support person for that individual. You don’t have to match up Army to Army it’s just that having been in the service you can relate.”

Each Friday, participants appear before Judge Liegeois. At a recent session, a participant named Robert addressed the court.

“When I started I was just like anyone else, he said. “I really didn’t care what happened to me. I was a little stressed about the requirements of the court but throughout the system and through my ‘OCD’ of preparedness I was able to build a structure.” Robert

agrees with Judge Liegeois in that it allowed him to rejoin his family. “I was divorced from my wife due to my drinking, but after the court I ‘remarried’ my wife and got all six of my kids back in the house,” Robert recalled.

While the court’s purpose is to help veterans have a productive life, it’s not a cakewalk.

They still must abide by all the rules of their probation.

“The Department of Correction’s role is to make sure they are abiding by their rules of supervision,” Brandon Anderson of the Wisconsin Department of Corrections said. “In addition to normal supervision requirements, agents will work closely with a client on supervision to develop a case plan, targeting needs found in the assessment all guided by evidence-based practices.”

The specialty courts are unique in that in addition to normal supervision, agents

act as liaisons and are also part of the specialty court teams.

“We’re part of the team,” Anderson continued. “We make recommendations based on incentives, rewards, program completion or termination discussions.”

It usually takes about 15 to 18 months to complete the program which has about a 75% success rate of keeping participants out of future trouble with the law.

Court participant Robert wants all veterans who are struggling to know that help is available to them if you’re willing to put forth the effort.

“There are a couple avenues they can take,” he continued. “One being the illegal substance avenue and the other to open up and being able to speak to people; being able to accept help and change.”

For more information, visit www.browncountywi.gov/departments/veterans-services or www.newvtc.org.

Scarlet Divas work toward revival

BY COLLIN PEREZ
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GREEN BAY – Red Hat Society has been around since 1998 to support women in, “the pursuit of fun, friendship, freedom, fitness and the fulfillment of life-long dreams.”

“When I am an old woman, I shall wear purple, with a red hat which doesn’t go and doesn’t suit me.” - Jenny Joseph

The founder of the Red Hat Society Sue Ellen Cooper was inspired by the poem, which brings about the way the society runs — women older than 50 wear red hats, and anyone younger wears pink.

The Scarlet Divas formed on Sept. 29, 2004, in Green Bay.

Jane Neverman, Margaret Sampson and Marilyn Rabideau were the founders of this particular group.

“Thus, 18 women of a certain age each paid \$5 dues to me, Marilyn Rabideau, for a beginning balance of \$90 in our treasury. Jane sent dues in to register us with the national organization and Gigi Saharsky agreed to make attractive name tags for each of us,” Rabideau recalled.

By May 2005, the group reached 54 paid members.

The leader of a Red Hat group is called “queen,” but the Scarlet Divas have two they call co-queens.

“Our group is a little different in that we’ve lasted longer than most groups.

Partly because we share the leading of it, at each meeting we ask for volunteers to be queen(s) the next time. Sometimes it’s a struggle, sometimes people say, ‘I’ve done it so often,’ but that’s the way it goes,” said Rabideau. “I really think that has helped us to maintain, unlike some of the others. I’m glad a lot of the women have had fun in it and I hope we can do it a little longer.”

Group membership hasn’t dropped below 20 in the 19 years they’ve been around.

They typically meet the first Wednesday of each month, although that had changed to various days to accommodate a new volunteer secretary, Nellie DeBaker.

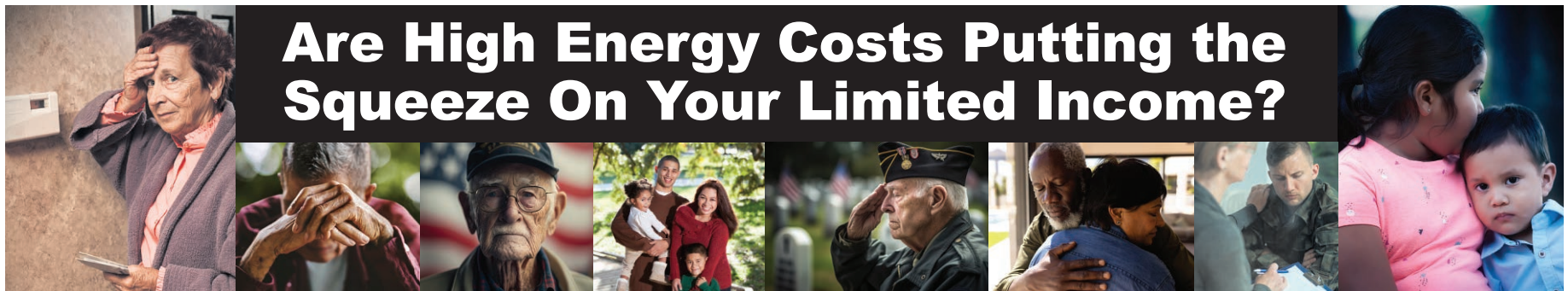
Crafts of various sorts, card groups and book clubs were also held consistently until COVID-19.

There were no meetings held during the time and the group has seen the toll it’s taken on their members, but is attempting a revival of sorts.

Monthly meetings have started back up, with members eating out at various restaurants.

There is also an attempt to revive other activities.

“I think we’re surviving; we’ve got over 20 members paid this fall. I think we’ll be okay for probably another few years,” said Rabideau. “I can see where eventually our group will die out too, but that’s okay, we’ve had fun.”



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Lighting the bridgeway

On Nov. 16, the Oneida Nations hosted their annual "Light the Bridgeway" event, complete with trees adorned in lights and a wagon of holiday singers led by a horse drawn carriage. The countdown began at 5:59 p.m. with everyone in hushed whispers waiting for the decorated trees to flood the walkways with light. Families explored the area and took opportunities to get photos with the lights. **Mickey Schommer photos**



Read, lead, succeed



Green Bay Packers Place Kicker Anders Carlson visited two Green Bay elementary schools — Elmore and Fort Howard — on Nov. 14 to read "The Cool Bean" to students. The event was part of a Green Bay Packers-sponsored book fair in which students were able to choose three books to take home. **Shane Fitzsimmons photos**



Fort Howard Elementary students pose with their three new books provided by the Green Bay Packers-sponsored Scholastic Book Fair. Second grade teacher Eilish Regan, center back, said "They're really excited to see the Packers player and it's awesome to see how excited the kids are picking different kinds of books and then being able to take them home."



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The NFL Draft: Rolling out the red carpet

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The 2025 NFL Draft will take place in Green Bay in the area around Lambeau Field and Titledown on April 24-26, 2025. We continue our coverage of the planning already taking place.

GREEN BAY — “There are about 33 different committees right now — about 33-34 give or take,” said Discover Green Bay President/CEO Brad Toll, “and some of those will not get started probably until 2024. Once we know what the layout is going to be, they will probably get started then.”

“We have some that are already working and talking; Beautification is one of those,” Toll explained.

“Each of the different areas like GBI downtown and Definitely De Pere, and different areas of the city — Military Avenue — that represent a particular area and neighborhood associations, we really encourage them to look at the community and what kind of things, you know, ‘We talked about ripping that garden out and redoing it,’ and maybe now’s a good time to do that so that when the Draft comes, it’s a beautiful garden and what you want to have done. It might be putting in some bulbs that pop out early in the spring because it’s the end of April. So, as the leaves are starting to pop, what kinds of things can we do to make certain that our community is (ready.)”

“It won’t be as green as it is in July, but what can we do to make April look really nice. That’s about the time that we’re pulling out some



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Kris Leonhardt photo

of the dried things from the fall that maybe didn’t get cut down or whatever, we’re kind of doing that spring cleanup. So as a community, what can we do to plan? Do that spring cleaning the middle part of April, so when we have thousands of visitors that come into the area, we look great.”

Some of the other committees in the organizational process include Destination Marketing Organizations, Public Affairs, Ticketing, Hotels, Retail, Community Projects, Marketing & Promotion, Communication Internal, Communication External, Experiences for Prospects, Arts & Family Entertainment, Finance, Welcoming, Volunteers, Business Connect, Hospitality/Concessions, NFL Digital & Social Covering Draft, Youth Football, Local Community Development, NFL Environmental, Travel to Wisconsin, Logistics, Security/Public Safety/Command Center, Highways & Road Construction, Transportation and Permits & Road Closures, with several other committees branching from these.

Toll said that organizers have also been talking with

previous host cities such as Cleveland, Nashville and Kansas City.

“We’re visiting with the ones who have hosted. We’ve been talking with Detroit, so we know a little about the timeline because they are a year ahead of us; they will have the Draft in 2024,” Toll said, adding that even with that Draft half of a year out, some of the things are still getting moved around.

Toll added that the majority of the work on the 2025 Green Bay Draft will not be initiated until next year.

“They start working with us when that draft is complete. This team from the NFL — their events team — they do the Super Bowl, they do the (NFL) Combine, they do the Drafts. So there are two Super Bowls, two Combines and a Draft before the Draft in Green Bay,” Toll explained.

Regardless of that timeline, local committees are already in the process of getting the planning started as they prepare to “roll out the red carpet” for the 240,000 visitors expected to attend.

Next week: A bucket list destination.

ANTI-THEFT

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Hyundai and Kia vehicles of 265 total auto thefts, which is approximately 69% of all reported cases in Green Bay this year.”

“Since January Green Bay has had a significant increase in the number of stolen cars, or attempted stolen,” explained GBPD Patrol Captain Clint Beguhn.

“We’re up about 70% for the year... it’s following a nationwide increase. Everybody is seeing these, especially with Kias and Hyundais, where there’s a flaw in the system where people are able to start the cars without the key in them. They have to manipulate the ignition to do so and do some damage (to be) able to steal the cars that way.

“So, we are able to partner with Bergstrom and Dorsh; they were able to send some of their technicians out here to install anti-theft software upgrade to the cars. We used the opportunity to have a lot of discussions with the drivers about steering column locks — the benefits of that — what they can do and then just normal safety things about trying to keep your car in the garage if you’ve got one, well-lit area. Try not to keep your valuables in there; somebody might break your window to steal it — those kinds of



Broadway Automotive technician Jose Flores preforms an anti-theft system update to a Hyundai vehicle. Steering column locks were also made available to vehicle owners.

Shane Fitzsimmons photo

things — trying to reduce the overall rate of victimization.”

Beguhn said that the department is seeing many times that there is damage to the ignition “where they started to break it, got scared off or something.”

“It started near the west side [and] it spread throughout the city. There’s no neighborhood that hasn’t been really affected at some time during the past year, and we just do whatever we can to reduce it.”

The Green Bay Police Department is asking anyone

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Keeping others in step

On Nov. 13-14, Bellin Run and Women's Half Marathon organizers invited area runners to donate their gently worn, used and new sneakers. In partnership with Sneakers4good, the program collects used shoes and provides them to micro-entrepreneurs in 27 developing countries. They then clean and resell the shoes in support of their small business. Sneakers4Good will donate a set amount to the Bellin Run, Bellin Women's Half and their charity partners for each pound of shoes collected. Linda Maxwell, Bellin Run assistant race director, stated that additional benefits of the program include keeping usable shoes out of our landfills while providing proper footwear to those in developing countries.

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Lieutenant governor helps celebrate volunteers

On Nov. 15, Wisconsin Lieutenant Governor Sara Rodriguez was on hand at the New Community Shelter to help recognize the volunteers that donate time to provide services to people experiencing homelessness and individuals and families who may otherwise go hungry. New Community Shelter is a Brown County emergency shelter that is open year round to provide refuge to homeless adult men and woman.

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Give-A-Kid-A-Book: A small piece of the puzzle

BY BRYNN SCHINTGEN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BROWN COUNTY – Though they technically accept donations year-long, the "Give-A-Kid-A-Book" campaign organized by the Friends of the Brown County Library kicked off this month.

The campaign, which is similar to Toys for Tots, aims to put books in the hands of children all across Brown County.

They have partnered with the Salvation Army, so anyone who shops with Toys for Tots can also receive books through Give-A-Kid-A-Book.

"We are accepting [donations] from now until Dec. 10, through a partnership with the Salvation Army, so we are using the same distribution as Toys for Tots," explained Meg Deem, a coordinator for the campaign.

"Our goal is to get each kid two books; we have 75 volunteers who help shop, and 25 who work behind the scenes."

Deem also mentioned that the Friends of the Brown County Library accept donations all year round at any Brown County Library.

They are also accepting donations at the Green Bay branch of Nicolet Bank, Barnes and Noble and most YMCAs in the Green Bay Area.

"[People] can either donate books, or donate funds at the Central branch of the Brown County Library. We also have an Amazon wish list on our website," Deem said.

Links to sign up to volunteer for the campaign are also on their website.

"Distribution will be on Dec. 19-21, and we have put an estimated 375,000 books into the hands of children across the county over the 35 years this campaign has existed."

She added that the recipients of the books can range from newborns to kids in high school.

"This year, we will have an estimated 10,000-12,000 books which will be distributed to 5,000-6,000 kids," Deem added.

Deem stressed the importance this campaign has on the community and believes



Organizers believe that having access to books will make kids lifelong readers in school and beyond. Stock photo

that having access to books will make kids lifelong readers in school and beyond.

"The big thing we're seeing is a decline in kids who are reading proficiently in the third grade. If left unaddressed, this can affect edu-

cational success throughout life," she stated.

Deem said that even businesses are worried about this decline in reading proficiency, as there was a summit two years ago in which area businesses discussed what they

can do to help this problem.

"Give-A-Kid-A-Book is a small piece of that puzzle," she said.

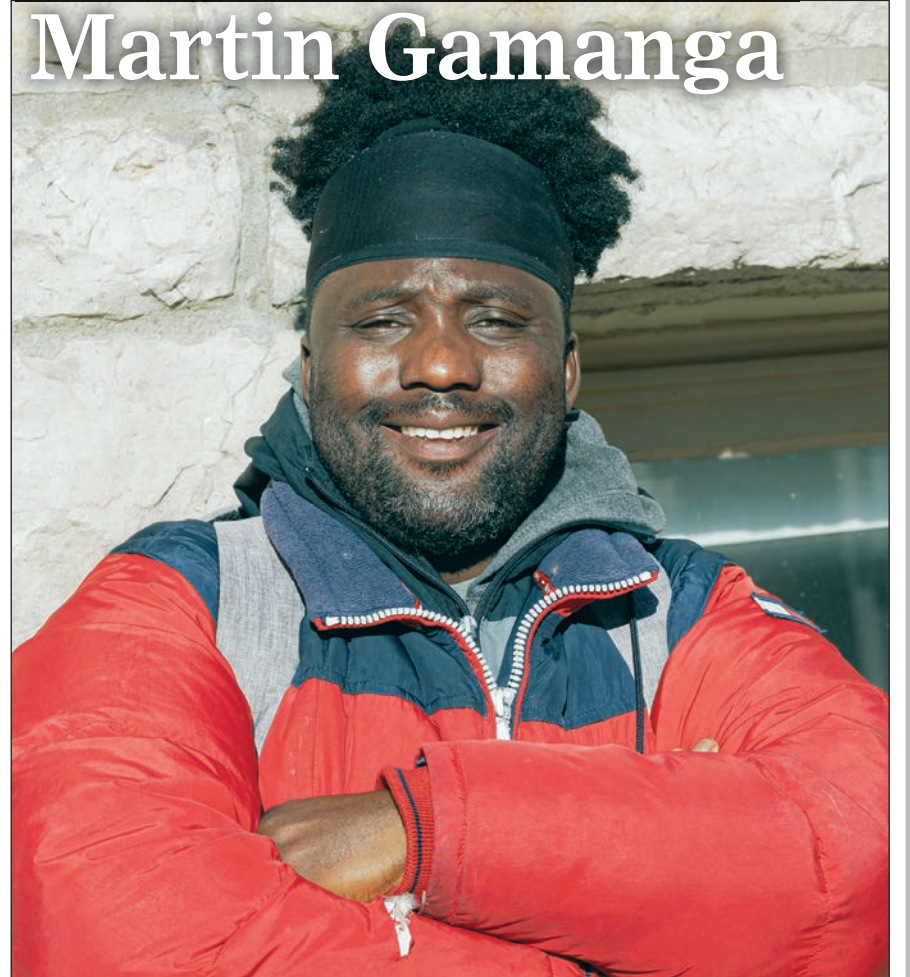
"Talking with parents about what kinds of books their kids like, and shopping with them is the most fulfilling part of the campaign.

"This year, we had a partnership with Tank Elementary School where kids talked about why books are important. This year, several kids read their essays at the kickoff event — it's something extra the kids are doing — they aren't getting graded for it, but it's so cool to hear just how much good access to books means to them."

For more information, visit www.browncountylibrary-friends.org/GAKAB.

People of Brown County

Martin Gamanga



At the age of 14, Martin Gamanga migrated to the United States as a refugee to escape Civil War in Sierra Leone. First arriving in Maryland, his family eventually settled in Green Bay. The origins of his last name stem from the Mende tribal language, in which "gama" means to repeat. He tells his friends that he tends to go over things again, and again because he is following the traditions of his name. Gamanga is passionate about family, children and sports. He currently works at a group home and has aspirations become a diplomat. Overall, he finds Green Bay to be a good place to live. In fact, he recently read an article naming our city as one of the top 10 places to live. "I am happy that I live in Green Bay," he said.

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St. Norbert College 125: New direction

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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In October 1930, St. Norbert held a dedication ceremony for their radio station WHBY's new transmitter and power station on what was the southern limits of West De Pere at the time along U.S. Highway 41.

Over the upcoming years, the station struggled to obtain a license to broadcast at 1,000 watts and by 1935, the station had only gained the rights to operate at 250 watts.

However, a new opportunity presented itself to purchase a 1,000-watt station from the Gillette Rubber Company in Eau Claire.

Moving the station — WTAQ — to Green Bay would necessitate the installation of a directional antenna to not interfere with nearby stations.

The station came at a price tag of \$30,000.

The application was approved by the FCC in August 1935, and Green Bay became home to WTAQ as well.

"After the radio station was completed in 1931, no additions were made to the holdings until the following summer when the summer home of John Raskob was purchased and converted into a preparatory school," a July 1934 *Green Bay Press-Gazette* article stated.

"A house of the order was established there at the



In August 1947, Abbot S.M. Killeen, center, was elected to assist Abbot B.H. Pennings, right, with administrative duties. They are pictured with Abbot Hubert Noots, Rome, abbot general of the order.

Press-Gazette photo

same time with the Very Rev. M.J. McKeough as prior and headmaster of the school.

"A few months later came the announcement that the order had also taken over the Columbus

Community Club and the St. Willebrord's Parish at Green Bay."

The increasing demand for rooming facilities forced the college to take some action in the mid-1930s and a home was purchased on Grant Street to use as a dormitory called the "Villa."

A year later, an apartment building was purchased on Reid Street and converted into a dorm called the "Lodge."

In 1937, funding was provided by Dr. John Minahan to construct a stadium on U.S. Hwy 41 north of the city.

That same year, the college began requiring freshman and sophomore students, who are in good physical condition, to include

a Basic Military Science course in their program of study, stating that "military courses include valuable information and training for civilian life, emphasizing as they do the alertness, courtesy and neatness expected of an officer, as well as valuable experience in executive responsibility, management of personnel, tactics and supply."

St. Norbert College was also home to one of three R.O.T.C units in the state at that time.

By 1948, of the 761 students enrolled, only 15% were planning to enter the priesthood.

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GBAPS looks at the cost of closing the district office

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

GREEN BAY — It will cost the Green Bay Area Public School District (GBAPS) more money to close and relocate operations from the current district office than the district will take in for it sold.

That's what the board of education members were told during their Nov. 13 work session.

On June 5, the Facilities Task Force presented recommendations to the board to "address declining enrollment, aging facilities and a projected budget deficit."

One of those recommendations was to sell the current central office building at 200 South Broadway Street and reallocate district staff to other existing buildings.

"The Joint City School District paid \$1 to the city of Green Bay for the transfer, along with repayment of the 'outstanding indebtedness owing on said property' which at the time was \$275,000.00. The pool in the basement was closed on Oct. 10, 1978. In 1979, the district spent \$1,710,000 on remodeling of the Broadway Central Offices," a district planning guide stated.

"In August 1979, the school district purchased two parcels of property adjacent to the Central Offices, at least one of which included a house at 229 Chestnut Street that was demolished for parking.



Closing the building would cause the relocation of operations and education administrative teams; the board of education room; Auto Shop; Mechanical, Paint, Wood (pictured), Plumbing, and Electrical Shops; technology, the Welcome Center, storage and other departments.

GBAPS photo

"The Joint City School District officially dissolved and became the Green Bay Area Public Schools in July 1982. The city was to transfer all titled real estate within the school district to the new Green Bay Area Public Schools.

"The city of Green Bay officially transferred the 200 South Broadway property, along with all school properties owned by the city, to the Green Bay Area Public School District in 1986. The total paid to the city was \$8,053,011.75; however, it was unclear what portion of this was solely for the central offices.

"Over the past 10 years

more than \$10 million has been spent on the district office building, including the replacement of the entire HVAC system, all windows and other energy improvements as the district looked to become more energy efficient. The District was able to complete much of this work through the Non-Recurring Energy Exemption to Revenue Limits. The District was able to address these facility needs without raising the tax rate. The current square footage of the building is 137,515."

Closing the building would cause the relocation of operations and education administrative teams; the

board of education room; Auto Shop, Mechanical, Paint, Wood, Plumbing, and Electrical Shops; technology, the Welcome Center, storage and other departments.

The recommended list price has been estimated at \$2,925,000.

The estimated cost to renovate West High School to house the operations and education teams and the Board of Education, occupying approximately 44,000 square feet was estimated somewhere between \$20,000,000 - \$26,000,000.

Construction of Auto Shop, Mechanical Shop, Paint Shop, Woods Shop,

Plumbing and Electrical Shops, garage and storage space for trades would come to about \$1,000,000.

A renovation to move technology would cost \$434,501 - \$1,536,156

GBAPS Board Member Andrew Becker said that there were a lot of pieces to

think about following the presentation to the board.

"When I have talked about closing this building, it's about more than just savings and maybe the savings aren't as great as we thought and currently there's none if we just move everything

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of reformatory,” Superintendent Elmer Cady stated, as he took the position as administrator of the Division of Corrections.

Fast forward to November 2023 and the same discussion is taking place.

“There is a path to closing facilities that we think is best which is creating criminal justice reform on a bipartisan basis that will lower our prison population to the point that it will enable us to seriously consider closing a facility that is the preferred direction,” Department of Corrections Secretary Kevin Carr recently told the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

“Now that’s over here. There are others who have another path that they would like to take, which involves the building of a new facility for upwards of \$750 million. You know, that is another path that some might want to take. It’s not our preferred path, but that doesn’t mean that there isn’t room for us to have a frank and honest discussion about how certain outcomes could be achieved that met the goals of all the parties involved.”

State Rep. David Steffens is calling for an “honest, real discussion about replacing a facility” backed by architectural and operational and engineering independent studies that indicate a closure is needed.

“The list of things that need to be done under their scenario will take probably 10 to 15 to 20 years to fully implement themselves, and that’s if they work at all. But remember that over the last decade, two decades we’ve had very little reduction in prison population, it’s remained pretty stable,” he

told Fox 11 News during a recent Town Hall.

A Wisconsin “Prison Point-in-Time” report shows that the Wisconsin prison population has held steady over the last two decades.

A November 2020 Wisconsin DOC master facilities plan developed for the State of Wisconsin Division of Facilities Development and Management stated, “Due to the age of the [Waupun and Green Bay] facilities and their location on tight, walled sites, upgrades will be difficult, disruptive and costly. Unless upgrades include extensive demolition and reconstruction of existing housing, program and support services buildings, they will not begin to achieve the safety, security, efficiency and flexibility found in modern correctional institution design”

Studies indicate that 76% of the Green Bay facility needs remodeling or replacement.

A release from the governor’s office said that “decommissioning the site would require a substantial reduction in Wisconsin’s prison population while separate upgrade projects for acute capital needs are challenging to complete due to its existing building structures and would likely require razing and replacing existing structures.”

Addressing staff and safety concerns

Earlier this year, the Wisconsin DOC placed the Green Bay Correctional Institution on “modified movement” status due to lack of staff and safety concerns.

On Nov. 14, Carr announced “sweeping measures” to help ensure staff safety and restore “regular movement” at the institution, including pay increases.

“We’ve spent the last five years working to address the decade-long chronic staffing challenges we inherited at our correctional institutions because we want to ensure every person in these institutions is safe, whether they’re DOC employees or folks living in our care,” said Gov. Tony Evers.

“At the same time, we also want everyone in our care to have the support, programming and rehabilitation they need to be successful, and clearly adequate staffing resources is critical for that important work to continue.”

“Ensuring the safety of our correctional staff and the individuals in our care continues to be the Department of Corrections’ top priority,” Carr added. “I’m optimistic that with the steps we’re taking today and the pay raises the governor secured through the biennial budget that we will be able to continue our work of incrementally increasing safe movement and programming at our institutions with the necessary staffing resources.”

The department will identify potential capital planning options to consider “in the absence of a significant reduction in institution vacancy rates and chronic staffing pressure.”

“We will be closely monitoring these efforts and evaluating their effectiveness toward relieving staffing pressure, and I will accept the department’s recommendations for capital project options if these efforts are unsuccessful in reducing the vacancy rate and adequately improving staffing numbers given the structural challenges and limitations of our correctional institutions,” Evers stated.

Howard approves 2024 budget

BY JANELLE FISHER
CITY PAGES EDITOR

HOWARD – The 2024 budget for the village of Howard was unanimously approved by the village board at its Nov. 13 meeting.

The approved budget includes \$8,241,582 in the general village levy — with \$6,303,420 in the general fund, \$322,800 in the debt service fund and \$1,615,362 in the capital projects fund.

Major changes to the budget include the addition of rescue services at a cost of \$1 million (funded by state shared revenue increases, fire insurance

shared tax increases and a FEMA SAFER Grant), an increase in budgeted building inspection fees, ambulance services fees, a 3.5% increase in salaries and wages to adjust for cost of living increases and increased employee contributions to health insurance premiums.

The total levy represents a 1.84% increase over last year’s total levy, which came in at \$8,092,996.

The proposed 2024 tax rate amounts to \$3.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value — a \$0.01 decrease over last year’s \$3.51 rate — however

the tax levy for the Pulaski School District has not yet been remitted to the village and the state school tax credit has not yet been delivered to the village from the state and both items will affect the village’s total tax rate.

Also included and approved with the 2024 budget is the borrowing of \$5.4 million to extend water north of the village border and \$3.2 million to allow the future extension of sewer to the property on the north side of Glendale which was recently annexed into Howard.



A six-point buck passed within 20 yards of the hunter’s hideout just after sunrise opening morning of the 2023 gun deer hunt. Kevin Naze photo

What constitutes a successful hunt?



In the Outdoors

BY KEVIN NAZE
GUEST COLUMNIST

If you ask 10 deer hunters what makes a hunt a success, you might be surprised at the variety of answers.

Most dream of a chance at the kind of buck that graces the covers of outdoor magazines, but that’s

only a reality for a small percentage of deer hunters each year.

If shooting a buck is the only measure of a successful hunt, hundreds of thousands of men, women and youths fail each fall. But it’s really not a failure.

For a growing number, it’s a choice.

Many would rather target an adult doe for the venison if a mature buck doesn’t provide an opportunity.

That allows the yearling bucks — those spikes, forks and small basket racks that are most abundant — a chance to survive the season and live to put on pounds and inches next year.

At the same time, there are hunters who target the first legal buck they see, or a young deer — a buck fawn or doe fawn — in its first year.

That’s their right, and they don’t deserve the shaming you sometimes hear in conversations or read on social media.

Hunting is about so much more than what we shoot, or choose not to shoot.

Spending time in nature, unwinding from the stresses of an often chaotic world, is high on the list for many hunters.

Tradition is big too, whether gathering with family and friends or holding a solo vigil in a spot where you used to hunt with someone who now is here only in spirit.

Deer hunting means different things to different hunters. As long as it’s done ethically, legally and safely, we should all be able to respect each other’s choices.

Safe hunting

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Holiday Wreath Program

GREEN BAY – The Green Bay Metro Fire Department will be hanging holiday wreaths on all of its fire stations this week as part of a public awareness campaign that will last through Jan. 1.

The wreaths will initially be lit with all green lights.

One light will change to red for every residential fire that occurs during the holiday season.

The program is intended to educate the public on fire safety.

An average of seven residential fires occur during this season each year, usually caused by careless cooking.

The fire department offers these tips for staying safe during the holiday season:

Make sure smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are installed on every level of your home and outside each sleeping area. Check them once a month to make sure they are working properly and change the batteries annually.

Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop. Use turkey fryers outdoors and away from wooden decks and garages.

Keep holiday decorations and any other flammable items at least three feet from open flames and heat sources.

Replace any strings of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read the manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands that can safely be connected.

Keep matches and lighters in a high, locked cabinet and keep children and pets away from lit candles.



First-place winners in each contest will receive \$500, second-place winners will receive \$250, third-place winners will receive \$100 and honorable mention recipients will receive \$50.

Winning entries will also be published by newspapers across the state.

Entries must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 4.

Find more information and submit an entry at wnanews.com.

Applications open for federal and state housing tax credits

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) is now accepting applications for the upcoming round of federal and state tax credits, which finance affordable workforce housing.

The application period for the highly competitive 2024 housing tax credit program runs from Nov. 17 to Jan. 26. The application process covers federal 9% as well as state 4% and federal 4% tax credits.

“We urge all developers interested in creating affordable housing to submit an application for this important funding tool to help address the desperate need in Wisconsin,” said Elmer Moore, Jr., CEO and Executive Director of WHEDA.

For the 2023 period, WHEDA awarded \$32.4 million in federal and state tax credits to create nearly 1,200 affordable housing units. The awards are supporting 22 projects in 11 counties statewide; the application process drew requests totaling \$59 million.

The 2023-24 Qualified Allocation Plan(QAP) provides the framework for Housing Tax Credit allocation. The QAP is prepared in accordance with Section 42(m)(I)(A)(i) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and goes beyond the statutory requirements established through Congressional mandates to address Wisconsin’s affordable housing needs.

WHEDA is the sole administrator for federal and state affordable housing tax credits in Wisconsin. The programs do not subsidize renters; instead, they provide tax incentives through the Internal Revenue Code and the Wisconsin tax code that encourage developers to create affordable housing. In exchange for the tax credits, developers agree to reserve housing units for low- and moderate-income households.

WHEDA awards tax credits to developers who then sell the credits to private investors to obtain funding. Once the housing project is available to tenants, investors can claim the tax credit as a dollar-for-dollar reduction of federal income taxes owed over a 10-year period. The affordable units are reserved for low- and moderate-income households for at least 30 years.

2024 State Park and Forest annual admission stickers and trail passes available for purchase

WISCONSIN – 2024 state park and forest annual admission stickers and trail passes are on sale now.

If you are planning on giving an admission sticker or trail pass as a gift, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recommends purchasing stickers by Friday, Dec. 8, to receive them before the holidays.

Resident and nonresident annual admission stickers are available online and at individual state park and forest properties via drive-up window service, self-registration kiosks or over the phone.

State trail passes are available only at individual properties or licensed vendors.

“Wisconsin’s state parks, forests, trails and recreation areas are something to be thankful for, and getting your 2024 annual vehicle admission sticker is a great way to support the places we love,” said Steve Schmelzer, Director of DNR’s Bureau of Parks and Recreation Management. “From biking to camping to skiing, fishing piers and adaptive equipment, our state park system has something for everyone.”

Vehicle admission stickers provide access to more than 60 state parks, forests and recreation areas across Wisconsin.

An annual sticker or a daily admission pass is required on all motor vehicles visiting state parks and recreation areas.

Some state forest and trail parking areas also require the annual sticker or daily admission pass.

A state trail pass is required for all people age 16 or older biking, in-line skating, horseback riding, cross-country skiing or off-highway motorcycling on specific state trails.

A state trail pass is not required for walking or hiking. An annual vehicle admission sticker costs \$28 for Wisconsin residents or \$38 for nonresidents.

If more than one vehicle is registered to the same household, additional vehicle stickers are available for \$15.50 for residents and \$20.50 for nonresidents.

A senior citizen annual sticker is available for \$13 for Wisconsin residents 65 and older.

Annual trail passes are \$25 for residents and nonresidents.

Both 2024 annual vehicle admission stickers and trail passes are valid from the date of purchase through Dec. 31, 2024.

Visit dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/parks/admission for more details.

Editorial and cartoon contest open now

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Newspaper Association (WNA) Foundation has announced its third annual Wisconsin Civics Games Editorial Writing and Cartoon Contest.

The contest, aimed at increasing civic education and engagement while celebrating the First Amendment and the importance of newspapers, is open to all Wisconsin middle and high school students, including home-schooled students.

Students are encouraged to draw from personal experiences, current events and historical examples to create essays and cartoons focused on the importance of the First Amendment.



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Northeast Wisconsin Technical College recognizes alumni

BY JANELLE FISHER
CITY PAGES EDITOR

GREEN BAY – Alumni of Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) gathered at the Lambeau Field Johnsonville Tailgate Village last Friday night for an evening of recognition and networking, with the main event being the awarding of the college's three alumni awards.

"We love this event to have alumni come together and celebrate the successes of what amazing things our alumni are doing," Natalie Winzenried, alumni and donor coordinator for NWTC, said. "We want the community to see the difference and impact they are having and it gives alumni a really good way to reconnect and network."

Three awards were handed out at the event — the Distinguished Alumni Award, Soaring Recent Alumni Award and Soar Higher Partner Award.

Nominations for these awards are accepted year-round and can be submitted at nwtc.edu/about-nwtc/be-an-active-alumni/alumni-awards-nomination-form.

Distinguished Alumni Award

"The Distinguished Alumni award showcases alumni who have achieved outstanding achievements and are committed to the college's values," Winzenried said.

This year's Distinguished Alumni Award recipient is Savanah Saldaña-Shumaker.

After graduating from NWTC in 2011, Saldaña-Shumaker added a couple more degrees and a MBA certificate to her resume and currently works as an analytical chemist specializing in nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy at the National Institutes of Health in addition to working on her two startup businesses — SCS Laboratory Solutions, Inc. and Nazte Beauty, LLC.

Starting her post-high school education at NWTC, Saldaña-Shumaker said, provided her a good foundation of technical and professional skills that she still uses today.

"That really practical, hands-on education... That sort of task-oriented work, it really helped me in research to be able to set specific goals and specific milestones that I need to follow," she said. "But then



Saldaña-Shumaker

also, [NWTC] was my introduction to professionalism. I still use the same resume template that I made in one of my classes. That's where I learned how to interview for a job and common courtesy in the workplace — how to be professional, but still personable. Those are things that I've carried with me."

Soaring Recent Alumni Award

"The Soaring Recent Alumni Award is fairly new — this is our third year doing it," she said. "It's a grad within the last 10 years, so it's someone that is soaring both personally and professionally already from graduating within the last 10 years," Winzenried said.

This year's Soaring Recent Alumni Award recipi-



Maurina

ent is Jared Maurina.

Maurina graduated from NWTC in 2020 and now works as a senior infrastructure analyst at AriensCo. while he pursues a bachelor's degree from UW-Milwaukee.

Maurina had a somewhat nontraditional path through higher education, starting to earn credits while he was still in high school and holding apprenticeships throughout that time as well.

He said being able to attend NWTC meant that he was able to get the education he wanted without having to interrupt his career plans.

"A four-year degree at the end of high school, to me, would have meant restarting my career all over in four years and that just

wasn't in the cards," he said. "It would have been a step back. It would have hindered me more than it would have helped me... I know many people who have gone to NWTC and have very prosperous careers, so it means a lot... It just goes to show all of the hard work that NWTC has done to make their curriculum top tier, their amazing staff, their amazing facilities and equipment to just make the best employees that they can."

Soar Higher Partner Award

"The Soar Higher Partner Award is to showcase employers that we have a great partnership with to showcase or promote NWTC and support our students," Winzenried said.

This year's Soar Higher Partner Award was given to Bellin Health.

Nearly 2,000 NWTC students and graduates are working at Bellin Health, and the organization has also donated medical equipment for student training and more than \$225,000 to support student scholarships at NWTC.

Bellin Vice President of Business and Community Health Randy Van Straten said the partnership between Bellin and NWTC is

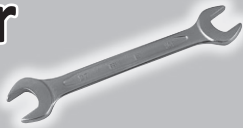
multifaceted.

"There's different elements to the relationship," he said. "One of the relationships that I work closely with is that we are the provider of health services to the on-site campus care facility that NWTC has, and we've been doing that upwards of eight-plus years... We also help them in the fitness center to manage and educate individuals in the fitness center from a health and well-being perspective... Being a health-care provider, we're partnered with [NWTC] in their education because many of their individuals — nursing students, for example — need a place to get job experience, so we are partnered with them to help on-board students within the health-care system... By providing those experiences, they may choose to come work with us as a team member."

Van Straten said that while Bellin is honored to have been chosen as the recipient of the partnership award, the relationship is truly beneficial in both directions.

"These partnerships help us get better," he said. "We're so honored to have that recognition of the partnership because it truly is a partnership and partnerships go both ways."

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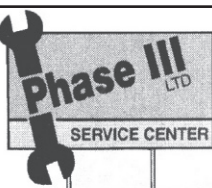
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point the muzzle in a safe direction; be sure of your target and what's in front of and beyond it; and keep your finger outside the trigger guard until you've identified your target and it's safe to shoot.

It's also important to keep your emotions under control so you can make a good decision in the heat of the moment.

Visualize the perfect shot angle, and wait for it.

Don't shoot unless you're absolutely certain you can make a shot into the deer's vitals.

Play by the rules, and report those who don't anonymously by calling or texting 1 (800) 847-9367 or visiting <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/contact/Hotline>.

More days of blaze

The nine-day gun deer hunt is followed by a 10-day muzzleloader season in Kewaunee and Door counties

and an extended firearm hunt in the Brown County metro subzone.

After that, it's four days of antlerless-only Dec. 7-10.

If you hunt a property that could use some herd reduction, consider taking an extra doe to share with those less fortunate.

Some hunters share with friends or family members who don't hunt. Others contribute their registered carcass to the state's Deer Donation Program.

All hunters, except those after waterfowl, must comply with blaze orange regulations when gun deer hunting is open.

Get your parks sticker

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For more, visit <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/parks/admission>.

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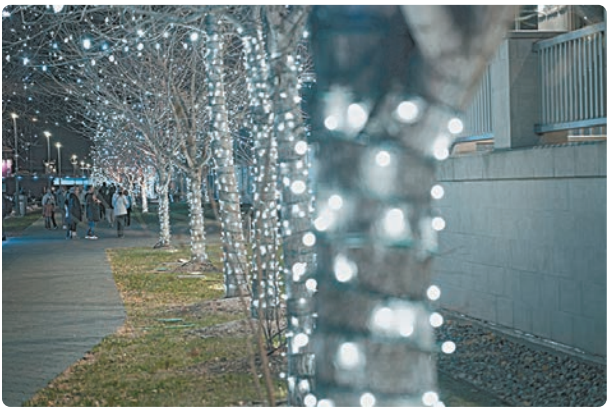
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Above: An unseasonably warm evening couldn't melt the moves of the dancing snowflakes.
Top Left: Davister's Carriage Rides was on hand to add holiday spirit to the streets of Green Bay.
Middle Left: Chappell Elementary students sing carols at the Brown County Courthouse, kicking off the holiday season festivities.



Above: One-year-old Elijah Melendez found the lights adorning CityDeck to be especially fascinating. Shane Fitzsimmons photos



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A colorful performance by Ashwaubenon High School

By Josephine Hinderman
Contributing Writer

Ashwaubenon High School students have been working hard to bring to life a classic musical written by Broadway legend Andrew Lloyd Webber — *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

Performance began last weekend with high attendance and will continue this weekend for those still looking to catch the show.

“This is a very popular show, and we’ve been wanting to put it on for quite a while now,” said Director and Producer Bernie Rocheleau. “Ticket sales have skyrocketed, so kids will be performing to nearly full houses. It’s going to be a new experience for them, they’re going to be feeling that adrenaline; It’s very exciting!”

With lyrics by Tim Rice, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* tells the story of Joseph from the Bible’s *Book of Genesis* and is described as “a reimaging of the Biblical story of Joseph, his father Jacob, 11 brothers and a coat of many colors.”

The musical’s plot follows the biblical Joseph as he finds himself sold into slavery by his brothers, encounters pharaohs and learns that he is capable of interpreting mystical dreams.

Rocheleau said, “The story is very interesting, following the *Book of Genesis* very closely, but in a secular way... For those unfamiliar, this lands between two really important stories [from the Bible] that we’ve either heard in church or Sunday school... So the interesting thing about this

is that this is a fun story, with great music and performances and choreography, regardless of your religious standing. It kind of gives everyone a chance to get from it what they want.”

Rocheleau explained that this production has also allowed students the opportunity to work with a more complex musical than they have done in previous years.

“It’s very different from anything we’ve done before... It’s what we call an ‘ensemble piece,’ meaning there’s no dialogue, it’s all singing — a lot like our previous work with *Les Misérables* or *Into the Woods*... It’s been challenging. It’s a different kind of show, and it’s going to be fantastic.”

Rocheleau then goes on to explain what he hopes students will gain from this kind of theatrical experience by saying, “What we strive to do is to give kids a different kind of musical every year so they are able to get different opportunities. This season, they’ve been doing such a great job with rehearsals, it really just gives you goosebumps.”

The high school advertises the theater program as a way to find “great opportunities for students to get involved in [musical production] as a cast member, stage or tech crew member, scenery, publicity, costumes, etc.,” something that seems to ring true with this season’s fall musical.

“When you do a large ensemble piece like this, you gotta work together. Team-building is always a challenge, but you need to depend on the person next to you if you want to make the performance work... You can’t do it on your own... It’s so



▲ Ashwaubenon High School put on its first performances of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* this past weekend. There’s still time to catch one of this weekend’s shows, scheduled for Nov. 24, 25 and 26. Submitted photos



powerful, there’s so much they do in sync, and I hope they come away appreciating that.”

There are still opportunities to see Ashwaubenon High School’s production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* on Nov. 24 and 25 at 7 p.m. and Nov 26 at 2 p.m. at the Ashwaubenon

Performing Arts Center.

For more information, visit ashwaubenon.k12.wi.us/schools/high/activities/musical.cfm.

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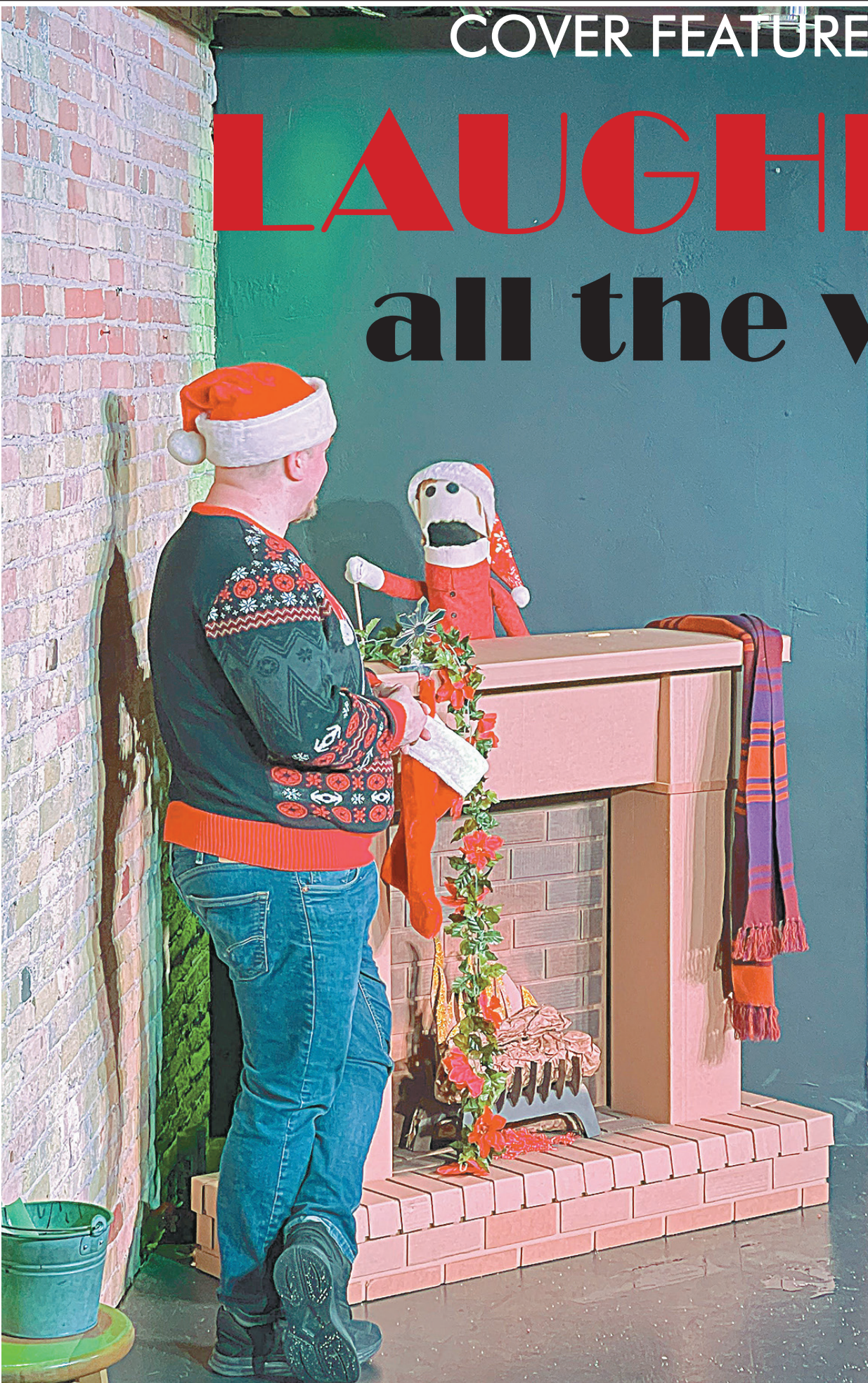


BRING IN THE HOLIDAYS WITH COMEDYCITY

By Janelle Fisher
City Pages Editor

De Pere's ComedyCity Theatre is ramping up its holiday programming this year with festive performances of all kinds happening now through the end of the year.

After Thanksgiving, the ComedyCity crew will jump right into their production of Snowy Mittens, with performances slated for Nov. 25, Dec. 2, Dec. 9 and Dec. 16.



▲ This year's holiday performances will include a show about puppets on a mission to save Christmas -- a new addition to the ComedyCity's festive offerings. Submitted photos




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“This will be the third year that we have been doing Snowy Mittens,” Wallander said. “It is our tribute to those cheesy Hallmark Christmas movies where we take advantage of all the tropes and familiar themes from those movies and play around with them in our own little style and production,” he said. “What we’ve done the past couple years is we went and found the latest slate of movies and we take the plots from them and we remove certain words and terminology — like the names of cities, occupations and other Christmasy details — and we replace them like Mad Libs where we let the audience decide certain things. What are the occupations of the main characters? What is the interesting Christmas event that needs saving?”

Wallander said the show takes a much different format than many improv performances do.

“It’s definitely different than a straight-up scripted play, and it’s also different than our normal improv shows,” he said. “Our normal improv sessions are generally a series of short-form improv games that go for a few minutes. Snowy Mittens could be, depending on how long the intermission is, 80- minutes of extended narrative, which is not done in the world of improv often. So a little bit of practice goes into getting used to the format, because it is definitely something that we do not do often — like once or twice a year we do an extended narrative.”

Preparing for Snowy Mittens, Wallander said, required the troupe to put a bit more focus on the format of the show and make a conscious effort to slow down and pay attention to detail.

“We take time at our weekly rehearsals to just work on the format, get everyone up to speed on understanding all the various quirks and tropes of those movies and then focus on slowing things down and exploring characters a little more than we might in a short-form environment,” he said. “We do a lot of prep work as far as really understanding the format and getting ourselves used to slowing things down and exploring things a little more detailed than normal.”

On Dec. 14, ComedyCity will put on A Christmas Story: Live Radio Play — again a different format than the improv troupe is used to.

“This is one that is a little removed from the world of improv, but it is something that people involved in our troupe are really into and appreciate,” Wallander said. “The real fun part about a radio play is that it’s presented as if you were listening on a radio back in the ’30s and the family was all crowded around... It’s almost like



▲ The Jon Bruinooge Christmas Special will return to ComedyCity this year.

watching a movie without the visuals... We have the sound effects included... So it’s an experience where you can enjoy the story, but also enjoy how the sound effects are being made because you have it right in front of you. It’s not something you usually get to see.”

Also in this year’s holiday lineup is an old favorite — The Comedy Roast of Santa Claus.

“That one sells out every year. It’s one of the biggest draws,” Wallander said. I think people just love the concept. You don’t think of Santa Claus when you’re thinking of a comedy roast, because those are pretty brutal... There’s a very specific audience for something like this, and they find this show. We always recommend people buy their tickets early for that one... The concept is pretty straightforward. Someone’s going to be Santa Claus and a bunch of [holiday] characters — sometimes the Easter Bunny shows up, maybe someone like Cupid or the Great Pumpkin — they’re going to have their say about Santa Claus and tell some very cruel jokes that Santa will eventually have a rebuttal for and ‘give the business right back to them’ as they say... It’s fun to be able to give people an alternative to the ‘in your face’ holiday cheer.”

Wallander said ComedyCity will also be trying something completely new this year — a show featuring puppet performers.

“We have a handful of people who have puppets — almost like Muppets, but we don’t have that kind of money for real Muppets,” he said. “We have some high-quality puppets and we decided that we wanted to build a show around the puppets so we’re going to do some improv games with the puppets in the context of the puppets trying to get the best out of their Christmas experience. The puppets will be going on a journey to save Christmas and play some improv games along the way. That’s going to be family-friendly and something different that we haven’t tried before.”

ComedyCity will also be bringing back the fan-favorite Jon Bruinooge Christmas Special for this holiday season.

“It’s very much a tribute to the variety Christmas shows of the late ’60s and early ’70s that people like Bing Crosby or Johnny Cash used to do where they’d be on set somewhere and make it seem like

they’re at their cozy home on Christmas and then a bunch of celebrities stop by and they do a bit or they sing a song,” he said. “It’s the same concept, but an improv show based around Jon’s friends and family dropping by to play various improv games.”

Finishing out the festive lineup are a handful of special shows taking place on New Year’s Eve.

To learn more about ComedyCity Theatre’s holiday offerings or to purchase tickets for a show, head to comedycity.net.

“Ultimately, our goal with this was for ourselves to have fun and do something different and unique,” he said. “But if we do it right, we get to do it again next year and we get to become part of people’s holiday traditions.” **CP**



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5-month-old sugar gliders Leo and Roo had to break from their typical nocturnal schedule to pose for pictures. Owner Jamie Zepmick says sugar gliders are very smart and as they become older can even be taught tricks. With a life expectancy of 12-15 years, they love companionship and will form a lifelong bond to their human. Their ability to glide is made possible by a webbing membrane, called a patagium, that extends around their bodies. Zepmick says the platinum pair will seek high spots around the house and glide right to her. Often compared to flying squirrels, sugar gliders are native to Australia and are actually marsupials. Their diet consists of a high vitamin kibble, fruits, vegetables, and chicken. If left up to Leo and Roo however, their meals would include a steady flow of white chocolate chips. Shane Fitzsimmons

BIG GUIDE

The largest list of art, dance, lectures, kids' stuff, movie schedules, music, theater, sports, workshops and many other activities in your community.

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and must be received 10 days in advance. Items that are not received within this time frame cannot be guaranteed to be posted. Email your Big Guide submissions to Janelle at jfisher@mmclocal.com

LIVE MUSIC

Friday, Nov. 24

Pickin' Buds • Titledown Brewing Co., Green Bay. Acoustic guitar duo. 7 p.m. Free show. Head to Titledown Brewing Co.'s Facebook page to learn more.

Midnight Crow, The French Irish Coalition and Trash Pandas • At The Tracks, Green Bay. Rock, blues, punk and metal music. 8 p.m. \$8. (Attendees under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.) Learn more on At The Tracks' Facebook page.

Wednesday, Nov. 29

Jazzy Jam Night • Stillmank Beer Company, Green Bay. Event hosted by The Standard Collective. 6:30 p.m. See Stillmank Beer Company's Facebook page for more details.

Thursday, Nov. 30

HARDY • Resch Center, Ashwaubenon. Live country-rock performance. 7:30 p.m. \$40+. Visit reschcomplex.com to learn more and purchase tickets.

Ongoing

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

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

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

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

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

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

ON STAGE/SCREEN

Ongoing

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

ARTS/EXHIBITS

Ongoing

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

78th Art Annual • Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. All-media, juried exhibition of current artworks produced by artists living in the counties of Northeastern Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Oct. 21-Jan. 14. Included with general admission. Visit nevillepublicmuseum.org to find out more.

Spectacular Science: Candy Chemistry • Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. Dive into the sugary world of candy and explore

the complex science behind making tasty treats. Open during regular museum hours. Included with general admission. Visit nevillepublicmuseum.org to find out more.

Northeast Wisconsin Watercolor Society Monthly Meetings • St. John's Lutheran Church, Ashwaubenon. Monthly group meeting with social time and demonstrations. First Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m., Sept. through May. Find more details at newiswatercolors.com.

Green Bay Arts Unlimited Meetings • St. John's Lutheran Church, Ashwaubenon. Artist demonstrations, meeting, networking and fellowship. Second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Visit gbartsunlimited.wixsite.com for more details.

FOOD/DRINK

Friday, Nov. 24

Black Friday DJ Brunch • Cocoon Brewing, Ledgeview. Menu of old favorites and new additions with a live DJ to set the brunch vibe. 10 a.m. Check out Cocoon Brewing's Facebook page for more information.

Ongoing

Dutch Treat Breakfast • Bay Family Restaurant, Green Bay. Opportunity for Lifelong Learning Institute members and non-members to socialize outside of the classroom setting. Fourth Wednesday of every month at 8:30 a.m. Contact Keith Pamperin at kjpamperin@aol.com for more details.

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

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

OUTDOORS/RECREATION

Ongoing

Cribbage League • Ahnapee Brewery, Suamico/Badger State Brewing, Green Bay. 15-week singles and doubles cribbage tournament. Wednesdays through March 13 at 6:30 p.m. \$15 per person. Head to ahnapeebrewery.com to learn more and sign up.

Full Bodied Flow • Captain's Walk Winery, Green Bay. Yoga class for all skill levels. First Sunday of every month. Call (920) 431-9244 to reserve your spot.

Green Bay Juggling Club • Howard Commons Activity Complex, Howard. Learn and practice juggling, unicycling and other circus arts. Second and fourth Mondays from 5-8 p.m. See the Green Bay Juggling Club's Facebook page to learn more.

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

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

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

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LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, Nov. 28

Geology and the Natural Environment of Eastern Wisconsin • Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. Presentation by Dr. Ron Stieglitz, UW-Green Bay professor. 6:30 p.m. Free admission. Visit nevillepublicmuseum.org for more information.

Ongoing

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

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

FAMILY/KIDS

Ongoing

Sanctuary Storytime • Green Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, Green Bay. Themed story and a simple craft/activity geared towards preschoolers. Mondays at 10 a.m., through Dec. 18. Register by calling (920) 391-3686. Learn more on Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary's Facebook page.

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

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS/RESOURCES

Saturday, Nov. 25

Collectorabilia • Resch Expo, Ashwaubenon. Collectibles, sports memorabilia, vintage toys and games and more. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. \$7 for adults, free for kids 12 and under. Head to reschcomplex.com to learn more.

Tuesday, Nov. 28

Donation Drop-Off • Bay Area Life Center, Green Bay. Drop off monetary donations, diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6 preferred) or unscented wipes. 3-6 p.m. See the Bay Area Life Center's Facebook page for more details.

Ongoing

Market on Military • Green Bay Plaza, Green Bay. Sale of Locally-grown, -raised, -made, -created and -crafted goods. First, third and fifth Saturdays. Visit militaryave.org for more information.

Green Bay Area Retired Men's Club • Brown County Library - Central Branch, Green Bay. Weekly meeting with coffee, donuts and speakers. Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. Dues are \$20 per year. Prospective members welcome. Visit gbretiredmensclub.com for more details.

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

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

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

Al-Anon • Support group for people affected by someone else's drinking. Visit al-anon.org/meetings for a complete list of meeting locations and times or call 1-888-4AI-Anon (1-888-425-2666).

HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES

Saturday, Nov. 25

Holiday Gift and Craft Show • Resch Expo, Ashwaubenon. Shop from vendors of vintage and handmade goods. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. \$7 for adults, free for kids 12 and under. Check out Girls' Day Out-Green Bay on Facebook for more information.

Holiday Art Market • Johnsonville Tailgate Village, Green Bay. Opportunity to shop unique, original, hand-made items from a variety of artists. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Learn more at mosaicartsinc.org.

Tuesday, Nov. 28

Characters on Ice: Winter Express Conductor • Hy-Vee Plaza, Ashwaubenon. Skate and take photos with a different character each week. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Paid admission required. Head to titledown.com to learn more.

Friday, Dec. 1

Festival of Christmas Concert • Walter Theatre, De Pere. Performance by St. Norbert College's music ensembles. 7 p.m. \$20+. Visit snc.edu/tickets for more information and to purchase tickets.

Ongoing

Winter Jubilee Warm Up • Titledown, Ashwaubenon. Skating, Santa's workshop, Winter Jubilee light show and more. Nov. 24 and 25 from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Free. For more details, head to titledown.com.

The Nutcracker • Weidner Center, Green Bay. Production by NEWDO and the Weidner Philharmonic. Nov. 24, 25 and 26 at 2 p.m. \$25+. Head to weidnercenter.com to learn more and purchase tickets.

The Nutcracker • Walter Theatre, De Pere. Performance by The Dance Company. Nov. 24 at 7 p.m., Nov. 25 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Nov. 26 at 2 p.m. \$20. Visit snc.edu/tickets to learn more and to purchase tickets.

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Above: The Grinch waved at parade watchers from the sidecar of a motorcycle driven by his trusty companion, Max.

Left: Santa Claus made his way through downtown Green Bay on a horse-drawn carriage in Saturday's parade. Janelle Fisher photos



Left: Two reindeer made their way through downtown during the Green Bay Holiday Parade. **Right:** Parade participants with myTEAM TRIUMPH got into the winter spirit with festive costumes for the parade.

30 and 1 at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 25, 26, 2 and 3 at 4 p.m. \$19. See Green Bay Community Theater's Facebook page to learn more and purchase tickets.

A Frank's Christmas • Meyer Theatre, Green Bay. 24th annual Christmas show by Let Me Be Frank Productions. Select dates and times Nov. 24-Dec. 30 \$38. Visit letmebefranks.com to find out more and to purchase tickets.

Snowy Mittens: An Improvised Holiday Romance • ComedyCity Theatre, De Pere. Special holiday show reminiscent of favorite romantic holiday movies. Nov. 25 and Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 2 and 16 at 8:30 p.m. Check out comedycity.net for more information and to purchase tickets.

Cocoon Wednesday Christmas Market • Cocoon Brewing, Ledgeview. Local vendors ranging from crafts, cheeses, cideries, distilleries, jewelry and clothing. Wednesdays, Nov. 29-Dec. 20, from 5-9 p.m. Check out Cocoon Brewing's Facebook page for more information.

A Christmas Carol • Broadway Theatre, De Pere. Classic Christmas story performed by the Birder Players. Select dates and times Nov. 29-Dec. 16. \$36. Visit birderonbroadway.org to purchase tickets and find out more about the show.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever • Walter Theatre, De Pere. Performance by Evergreen Theater Young Actors. Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 at 7 p.m., Dec. 2 and 3 at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. \$10. Visit sn.edu/tickets to learn more and to purchase tickets.

Holiday Memories of Downtown Green Bay • Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. Display featuring the animated figures that once adorned the H.C. Prange's department store windows, including Bruce the Spruce. Open during museum hours. Bruce the Spruce will be awake on select dates through Dec. 19. Included with general admission. Head to nevillepublicmuseum.org to learn more.

Glow Skate • Hy-Vee Plaza, Ashwaubenon. Ice skate while brightly colored lights illuminate the rink. Thursdays, Nov. 30-Dec. 28, from 4-8 p.m. Paid admission required. Head to titletown.com to learn more.

Christkindlmarket • Red Sculpture Park, Green Bay. Traditional German-style holiday street market. Fridays from 5-9 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 17-Dec. 23. Head to downtowngreenbay.com to learn more.

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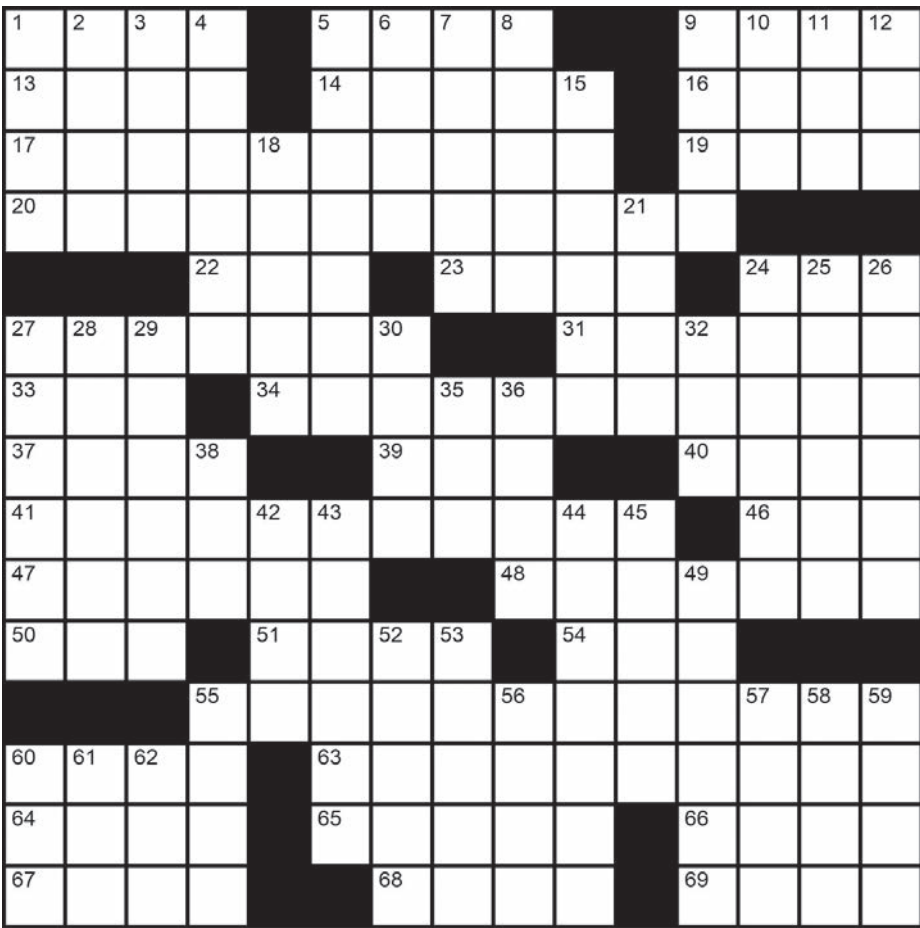
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“Bar Numb” – I must’ve heard it differently.



by Matt Jones

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Crossword answers on page 7. No peeking!

Across

1. Self-descriptive shortening followed by a period
5. Pack firmly
9. Study late
13. Indie pop duo Tegan and ___
14. Word flashed on “The Circle” when news comes through
16. Baltic Sea capital
17. It may be adjusted by using a different head
19. Tippy-top
20. Game show for graveyard enthusiasts?
22. Cyndi Lauper hit “___ Bop”
23. Buckwheat noodles
24. Lionel Messi’s home, for short
27. Having an outside pier
31. Shellfish that’s shucked
33. Actress Thurman of “Red, White & Royal Blue”
34. Water container fastened to a mountaineer’s belt?
37. A smattering
39. “Do the Right Thing” pizzeria owner
40. Artist Mondrian
41. Hair styler used while waiting to move on the freeway?
46. Wolf Blitzer’s channel
47. Actress Robbie
48. Flockhart of “Ally McBeal”
50. Prefix with center
51. “Rendezvous With ___” (Arthur C. Clarke novel)
54. “Anchorman” first name
55. “Don’t agree to that! You’re being cheated?”
60. Grill residue
63. Damaging substances
64. Banjoist Fleck
65. “Give it ___!”
66. “Scott Pilgrim vs. the World” star Michael
67. Shortening for a really tall NBA star
68. Bitter bar brews
69. Turkey ___ (November race)

Down

1. Pt. of PGA
2. “Who Let the Dogs Out?” group ___ Men
3. “Sleepy Hollow” antagonist ___ Bones
4. Least refined
5. North Carolina resident
6. ___ Romeo (Italian sports car)
7. Certain sandwiches
8. Prefix with “plasm” or “type”
9. ___ Rangoon
10. Tear (apart)
11. Questionnaire question
12. Highest limit
15. Trifling amount, in British slang
18. Belief system
21. It may be held in a deli
24. Lofty stories
25. Give in
26. ___ Green (Scottish eloping destination)
27. “Is it ___, or ...”
28. Sullen subgenre for Kid Cudi
29. Japanese soy sauce variety
30. DVD player insert
32. Longtime NASCAR sponsor
35. ___ salad (side dish in some Hawaiian restaurants)
36. Alliance of countries
38. Queue after D
42. It may be made from logs or pillows
43. Lake that’s the source of the Mississippi River
44. Woodchuck cousins
45. Shapeless masses
49. Do a grand jury’s job
52. “Kia ora” language
53. Madison Ave. figure
55. Turkey’s neighbor
56. “Major” constellation
57. “Worst ... episode ... ___”
58. Chocolate bar full of bubbles
59. Pre-law exam
60. “Young Sheldon” network
61. Rueful laugh
62. Carte lead-in

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HIGHLIGHTS

by Janelle Fisher



Winter Jubilee Warm Up

Friday, Nov. 24, and Saturday, Nov. 25
Tittletown, Ashwaubenon

Visit Santa’s workshop, enjoy fireside drinks in the Terrapin Beer Garden, skate at Hy-Vee Plaza, take a horse-drawn carriage ride and more.

Festivities will take place Nov. 24 and 25 from 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

The Winter Jubilee Light Show will kick off at 6 p.m. on Nov. 24 and continue most Fridays and Saturdays through the holiday season with holiday-themed lights and animation, music, special effects and fireworks.

This event is free to attend.

For more details and a complete schedule of events, head to tittletown.com.

Characters on Ice: Winter Express Conductor

Tuesdays, Nov. 28-Dec. 19

Hy-Vee Plaza, Ashwaubenon

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Nov. 28 will feature the Winter Express Conductor.

Buddy the Elf will be on the ice Dec. 5.

Skate with the Grinch on Dec. 12.

Dec. 19 will feature Santa Claus.

Characters will be on the ice from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Paid admission is required.

Head to tittletown.com to learn more.



Festival of Christmas Concert

Friday, Dec. 1

Walter Theatre, De Pere

Performance by St. Norbert College’s music ensembles.

Ensembles will include choirs, bands, brass, flutes, piano, organ and handbells.

A gourmet dessert reception with music from the St. Norbert Jazz Ensemble will follow the performance.

The concert begins at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 for the concert only or \$28 for the concert and dessert reception.

Visit snc.edu/tickets for more information and to purchase tickets.



Holiday Theater Productions

Various Locations, Brown County

So many holiday shows are opening this week, put on by Brown County’s many local theater groups.

- The Nutcracker at the Weidner Center in Green Bay, put on by NEWDO and the Weidner Philharmonic from Nov. 24-26. Head to weidnercenter.com to learn more and purchase tickets.

- The Nutcracker at Walter Theatre in De Pere, put on by The Dance Company. Nov. 24-26. Visit snc.edu/tickets to learn more and to purchase tickets.

- The Christmas Express at Green Bay Community Theater in Green Bay, put on by the Green Bay Community Theater Nov. 24-Dec. 3. See Green Bay Community Theater’s Facebook page to learn more and purchase tickets.

- A Frank’s Christmas at the Meyer Theatre in Green Bay, put on by Let Me Be Frank Productions Nov. 23-Dec. 30. Visit letmebefranks.com to find out more and to purchase tickets.

- Snowy Mittens: An Improvised Holiday Romance at ComedyCity Theatre in De Pere, put on by ComedyCity Theatre Nov. 25-Dec. 16. Check out comedycity.net for more information and to purchase tickets.

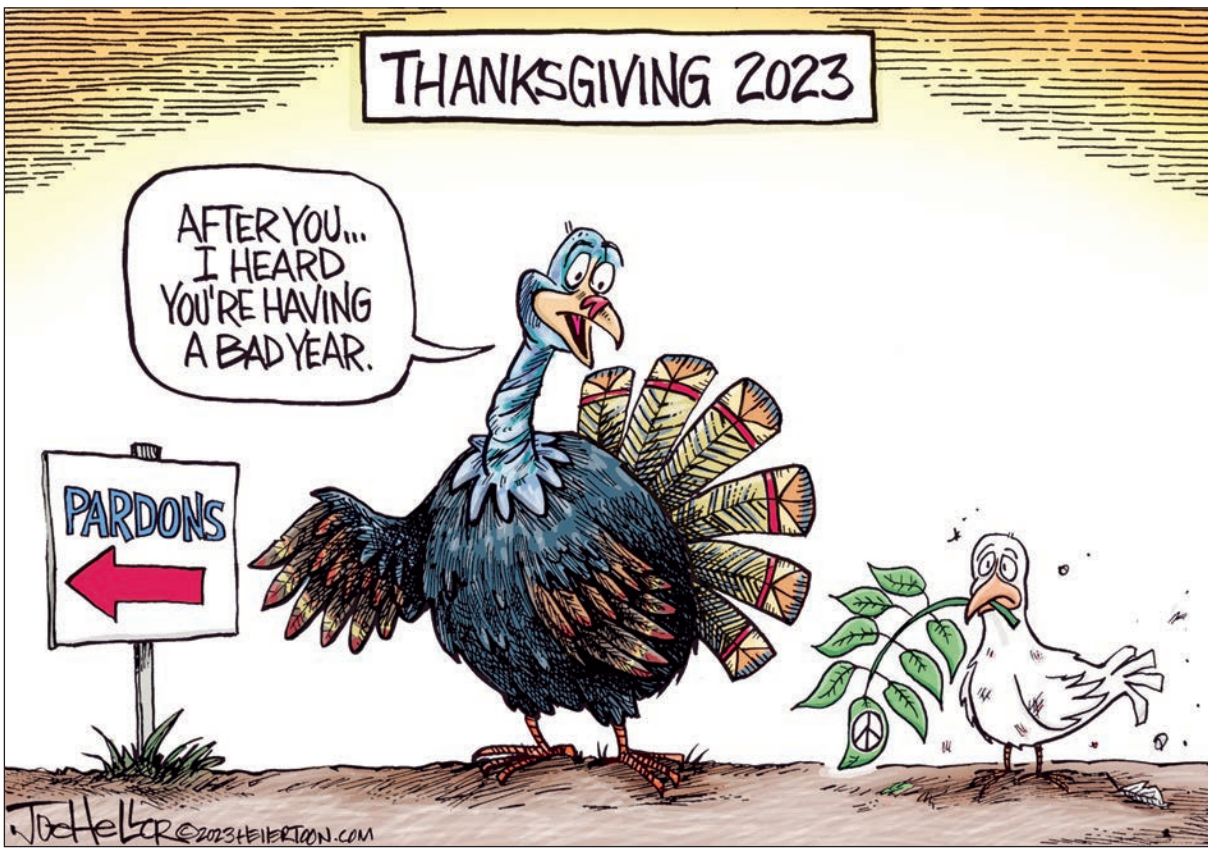
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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Finding Gratitude in the Present and History of Thanksgiving

Dear Reader,
As we approach Thanksgiving, it's a perfect time to reflect on the history of this beloved holiday and remind ourselves of the importance of gratitude in our lives. Thanksgiving Day in America has a rich and meaningful past, steeped in tradition and a spirit of coming together.



The origins of Thanksgiving can be traced back to 1621 when the Pilgrims, who had recently arrived in Plymouth, Massachusetts, celebrated a bountiful harvest with the Wampanoag people. This gathering marked the first Thanksgiving feast, a symbol of unity and gratitude for the blessings of the land. Over the years, the observance of Thanksgiving evolved, becoming a national holiday in 1863 when President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens."

Today, Thanksgiving is a time when families and friends gather around tables filled with a cornucopia of dishes. But it's not just about the delicious food. It's about acknowledging the "little things" that make our lives rich and meaningful.

In our fast-paced world, it's easy to overlook the everyday blessings. Thanksgiving serves as a reminder to pause and reflect on the small joys that often go unnoticed. Whether it's a warm smile from a stranger, a beautiful sunset, or a heartfelt conversation, there is much to be thankful for if we open our hearts and minds to it.

Gratitude has the power to transform our lives. It shifts our focus from what we lack to what we have, promoting positivity and resilience. So this Thanksgiving, I encourage you to harken back to the spirit of that first celebration and find gratitude in your own life. Share your blessings with others, embrace the little moments, and let the warmth of thankfulness fill your heart.

As a publisher, I'm grateful for the opportunity to share stories, thoughts, and reflections with all of you. Thank you for being a part of our community. We wish you a wonderful and gratitude-filled Thanksgiving.

With warm regards,
PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

Seasonal affective disorder comes with seasonal change

BY DR. AMIT GUPTA
FAMILY MEDICINE
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Every year in early November, daylight saving time ends, and the sun sets earlier each day.

These shorter days mean faster nights, and can often leave individuals feeling sad, sleepy or thrown off their schedule.

When trying to cope with these shorter days, there are a few steps an individual can take.

Such as soaking up the morning light, getting some exercise, eating healthy, taking advantage of daylight and sticking to your routine.

However, sometimes these changes become more serious and can impact the way a person thinks, feels, and behaves.

In fact, 5-10% of people may experience seasonal affective disorder (SAD).

The unipolar depression subtype characterized by low mood for at least two weeks is the most common and will be discussed below in this article.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, there are two different patterns of SAD that an individual can experience, winter-pattern and summer-pattern.

The winter pattern is the most experienced, which typically starts in late fall and ends in early spring. Whereas the summer pattern begins when the winter months come to a close and ends as fall begins.

These SAD patterns typically last 4-5 months throughout the year.

Risk factors include individuals with a history of mood disorders, young adults, and women of all

ages, and is more common for people living farther north, where there are shorter daylight hours in the winter.

As far as symptoms of winter pattern SAD, the most common are oversleeping, appetite changes, weight gain, low energy, and tiredness.

There can be other serious symptoms including feelings of hopelessness, loss of appetite, body aches, fatigue, poor concentration and suicidal thoughts.

For the summer pattern, the opposite can happen including decreased need for sleep, loss of appetite and weight loss along with other typical symptoms of unipolar depression as mentioned above.

If diagnosed with SAD, there are a variety of treatment options that a doctor might prescribe.

These include but are not limited to light therapy, psychotherapy, antidepressant medication and vitamin D.

During light therapy, a patient may sit in front of a bright light box for roughly 30-60 minutes (based on light intensity) after waking up every day from fall to spring — with this box being usually 20-30 times brighter than a typical light for home illumination, it filters out UV light, being a safe treatment for most.

One can even use sunrise alarm clocks which brighten up gradually 60-90 minutes before the desired wake up time, they try to simulate normal sunrise to minimize sleep disruptions; the light will generally pass through eyelids to help with the biological clock realignment.

This can either be used alone or in conjunction with light box therapy as above.

During psychotherapy, an individual with SAD learns new ways of thinking and be-

having toward change that contributes to depression.

Antidepressants are also an option, typically used alongside therapy, by changing how the brain produces or uses certain chemicals during stress.

Vitamin D also can strengthen your immune system, keep your energy levels up, and increase your mood.

There are other kinds of depression that can hap-

pen with seasonal affective disorder and is beyond the scope of this article.

Discussion with your primary care provider is recommended if you have unusual symptoms.

If you have any questions or concerns that you might have seasonal affective disorder, talk with your primary care provider about what treatment options may be right for you.

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What are your thoughts?
Considering a switch

DEAR CONSIDERING,

Be very leery of the Medicare Advantage ads on TV, radio, social media and that come in the mail.

While many of these ads may tout free vision, hearing, dental and other benefits with zero monthly premiums, they aren't always what they claim to be.

Advantage basics

Medicare Advantage or MA plans (also known as Medicare Part C) are government approved health

plans sold by private insurance companies that you can choose in place of original Medicare.

The vast majority of Advantage plans are managed-care policies such as HMOs or PPOs that require you to get your care within a network of doctors in a geographic area.

You can sign up for one of them during open-enrollment season from Oct. 15 through Dec. 7.

MA plans have exploded in popularity in recent years as insurers have flooded the airways with advertisements, often by celebrity pitchmen, that promote low-cost options with lots of extra benefits.

But be aware that the Federal government has deemed many claims in MA ads fraudulent and misleading.

Some ads imply that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services endorses, or prefers, a specific plan.



Stock photo

Others promise more cost savings than you really get.

And if you choose the wrong plan, your doctor may not be a member of that plan's network, or you may end up paying out-of-pocket for medically necessary care.

This past September, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services began cracking down on these ads, but you still need to practice self-defense.

Making a good decision

Cover your needs

When evaluating MA plans, make sure the one's you're considering cover the doctors you like and the health care facilities you normally go to.

Also, make sure all of the prescription medications you take are on the drug plan's formulary.

To help you compare plans, a good first step is to call the office manag-

ers of the doctors you use and find out which Advantage plans they accept, and which ones they recommend.

Then go to the Medicare Plan Finder tool at Medicare.gov/plan-compare to compare plans in your area.

Understand the details

Some MA plans promote no monthly premiums, but the reality is that you are still responsible for your original Medicare costs including your Part B premium and deductibles and co-pays for covered services.

Moreover, you may have to pay more out-of-pocket if you see a doctor outside the network.

Also, if the plan is an HMO, it generally doesn't cover non-emergency care out of network, so an individual may be responsible for full costs.

A PPO on the other hand, allows people to go out of network, but they generally have to pay more to do so.

Do some digging

Many MA plans tout free vision, hearing and dental benefits that are not covered by traditional Medicare, but these benefits are often limited.

For example, a plan that offers free dental coverage may cover only cleanings and x-rays.

Extensive procedures such as root canals or caps may not be covered, or the plan may limit the dollar amount it pays. Find out the coverage details so you're not surprised later.

Get help

Reach out to your local State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) at ShipHelp.org or call (877) 839-2775.

These are nonprofit programs that provide unbiased one-on-one Medicare counseling and assistance.

You can also report any misleading claims to the Senior Medicare Patrol Resource Center at SMPResource.org or by calling (800) 447-8477.

GBAPS

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into a heavily remodeled West (High School). I'm glad to see that there was maybe some discussion about different things...a lot of things that aren't here. And I guess what I would like to consider, and I don't think it'll be able to be solved tonight. Maybe some departments have to be together," Becker said.

"I mean, I think to put, you know, to put Josh and Vicki and Dr. Tiller in three different corners of the district probably doesn't make very much sense... but if there is a self-contained depart-

ment or two that could live in Keller, because we now have large open buildings. You know, storage could live anywhere, right? So, some of the storage could go into West (High School) without having to spend huge amounts of money to completely renovate portions of the school. And storage can move when building capacities change..."

Board member, Bryan Milz, said that he would like to see more district staff out in the schools on a regular basis.

"I recognize that they're not (in the district office) necessarily every day, but the more people in buildings

I think is a positive with that. I completely value the work of everyone that's in this building," he said.

"I recognize it's not feasible to sell the building, [but] 35% that work primarily in schools, making sure that we've got a spot for them. Also, it gives them those chances to collaborate and to work in smaller settings as well. Which they get here, but I think more opportunities for people to be in buildings and seeing students is definitely possible."

GBAPS Vice President James Lyerly said that the board was "trying to solve an organizational problem with a building issue."

"This is all or nothing; it really makes no sense if you don't vacate the entire building. To maintain this building is still going to take about the same amount in utilities, so if we're not doing it to reduce our costs and we have no model to go against and say 'yes it's proven that we can distribute'."

The board is now looking forward in two weeks determining whether or not they will keep the central office closure on the table moving forward.

KRUEGER

from page 1

Krueger began working for New London in July 2017, after serving as assistant superintendent for the Howard-Suamico School District for 11 years.

He also worked in Shioc-ton, Neenah, Marinette and Milwaukee during his career.

"While we celebrate Superintendent Krueger's career, we also express our sincere gratitude for the years of dedication, integrity, leadership and unwavering commitment to the education and well-being of our children," Fuss added.

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 in accordance with the plans therefore, the City of Green Bay Standard Specifications and Construction Standards for Public Works Construction, 2023 Edition, and the special provisions of this contract, all of which are on file in the City Clerk's/Treasurer's Office and the Director of Public Works Office in the Green Bay City Hall.
 The work on this Contract will consist of installation of 999' of 4" fusible joint water pipe and 916' of 4" sanitary lateral. The Contract Documents, including plans and specifications, may be examined electronically at www.questcdn.com and downloaded for a fee of \$42.00. Prospective bidders must register with QuestCDN in order to download documents which will add your company to the Planholder List and allow access to vBid online bidding for the submittal of your bid which is required for this project. The charges for bidding documents are non-refundable. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration, downloading digital project information and vBid online bid submittal. The work shall be let in accordance with the following Sections of the Wisconsin Statutes.
 1. Section 62.15 regarding public works construction.
 2. Section 779.15 regarding lien on contractors.
 3. Section 66.0901(2) regarding proof of responsibility.
 All bidders shall provide proof of responsibility on the form furnished by the Director of Public Works and it shall be filed with the Director of Public Works not less than five (5) days prior to the time set for opening of bids. Said proof of responsibility shall not be valid if filed prior to one year of the date of opening bids.
 In accordance with Section 42-2 of the City of Green Bay Code of Ordinances, any corporation, firm, or individual violating Chapter 133.01 of the Wisconsin Statutes, or any subsequent amendment thereof, shall upon conviction thereof be thereby disqualified as a bidder on any City of Green Bay project for a period of three (3) years from the date of such conviction; however, nothing herein shall be interpreted to preclude such corporation, firm, or individual from completing any and all contracts he/she may already have with the City at the time of such conviction, nor shall this ordinance be applied retroactively to convictions occurring prior to the adoption and publication of this ordinance. This prohibition applies with like force to officers of convicted corporations, firms, or individuals who thereafter have business interest in new corporations or business enterprises of whatever kind or description.
 The City of Green Bay, Wisconsin reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in

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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, Bid Bond, Affidavit of Compliance, Disclosure of Ownership and any Addenda issued shall be submitted. Only Proposals submitted by firms appearing on the City of Green Bay list of plan holders will be opened.
 In case the successful bidder shall fail to execute such contract and performance bond, the amount of the check or bid bond shall be forfeited to the City as liquidated damages.
 Published by the authority of the Improvement & Services Committee of the Common Council of the City of Green Bay, Wisconsin.
 BY: Mark Steuer, Chairperson
 Advertised: November 17, 2023 November 24, 2023
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Seymour
NOTICE OF ELECTION CITY OF SEYMOUR
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
 that an election will be held in the City of Seymour, County of Outagamie, on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed:
MAYOR – for a two year term presently held by Ryan Kraft whose term will expire on the Third Tuesday of April, 2024;
ALDERPERSON – 1st Aldermanic District, WARDS 1 & 2 – for a two year term presently held by Cody VanderHeiden whose term will expire on the Third Tuesday of April, 2024;
ALDERPERSON – 2nd Aldermanic District, WARDS 3 & 4 – for a two year term presently held by Greg Gerbers whose term will expire on the Third Tuesday of April, 2024;
ALDERPERSON – 3rd Aldermanic District, WARDS 5 & 6 – for a two year term presently held by Pat Krull whose term will expire on the Third Tuesday of April, 2024;
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN
 that the first day for circulating papers is December 1, 2023 and the final day for filing papers is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 in the City Clerk's Office, 328 N. Main Street, Seymour, WI 54165;
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary election will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.
 Given under my hand and the Corporate Seal of the City of Seymour this 28th day of November, 2023.
 Christy Stover
 Clerk/Treasurer
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Ashwaubenon WNAXLP
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held

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by the Village Board of the Village of Ashwaubenon, Brown County, Wisconsin, on December 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Ashwaubenon Village Hall, 2155 Holmgren Way, at which time the Village Board will consider an amendment to Ashwaubenon Municipal Code Chapter 5 Buildings and Building Regulations with regards to pool safety covers. All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.
 Dated this 17th day of November 2023.
 /s/ Kris Teske., Ashwaubenon Village Clerk
 Publish / RUN: November 24, 2023 & December 1, 2023
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Bellevue WNAXLP

VILLAGE OF BELLEVUE
Notice of Public Hearing
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held on December 13, 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 2023-0006 – Consider/Discuss/Act on the request by Amaad Rivera-

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Wagner, City of Green Bay Staff, Petitioner, on behalf of the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Green Bay, Owner, for approval of the creation of a Planned Development District to allow for a portion of a larger mixed-use residential development on property located within the Village of Bellevue (Parcel B-243-4) generally located on the west side of Guns Street, approximately 825 feet north of Lynwood Lane. (This project is associated with a proposal under consideration by the City of Green Bay for Parcel # 23-243-1)
 All interested Village of Bellevue residents are welcome to attend.
 Signed and dated this 20th day of November 2023.
 Michelle Seidl
 Clerk/Treasurer
 Village of Bellevue
 Posted and notified 11/24/2023
 Published 11/24/2023 and 12/1/2023
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City of Seymour
NOTICE OF JOINT REVIEW BOARD MEETING REGARDING A TAX INCREMENTAL DISTRICT TECHNICAL COLLEGE EXTENSION TO EXTEND TAX INCREMENTAL

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DISTRICT NO.3 FOR AN ADDITIONAL THREE YEARS IN THE CITY OF SEYMOUR
Notice is hereby given that the City of Seymour will hold a Joint Review Board (JRB) meeting on December 7, 2023 at 12:00 PM at the Municipal Building, located at 328 N Main St. The purpose of this meeting is for the JRB to consider a Tax Incremental District Technical College Extension Resolution to extend Tax Incremental District No.3 for an additional three years with Tax Incremental District No.3 closing in 2027 with the final increment received in 2028. A copy of the financial performance of Tax Incremental District No.3 is available for review in the Clerk's Office located at the Municipal Building, located at 328 N Main St. and will be provided upon request. Dated this 17th day of November 2023.
Christy Stover
Clerk-Treasurer
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Green Bay WNAXLP
Public Notification
Proposed rezoning property located at 1218 Velp Avenue, 1212 Velp Avenue, and 1156 Velp Avenue (ZP 23-44)
 The Green Bay Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be conducted both in person in Room 604 of City Hall (100 N Jefferson Street, Green Bay, 54301) and virtually. If you wish to participate in the Public Hearing virtually, you may access the meeting by internet or telephone, using the access code below.
 Join Zoom Meeting
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING FOR VILLAGE OF ASHWAUBENON, WISCONSIN

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Ashwaubenon Village Hall, 2155 Holmgren Way, a PUBLIC HEARING on the PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET of the Village of Ashwaubenon will be held. The proposed budget in detail is available for inspection online at www.ashwaubenon.com and at the clerk's office from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM on Monday through Friday. The following is a summary of the proposed 2024 budget.

GENERAL FUND	2023 AMENDED BUDGET	2024 PROPOSED BUDGET	% CHANGE		
REVENUES:					
Taxes					
General Property Taxes	\$ 10,500,213	\$ 11,247,780	7.12%		
Other Taxes	550,000	575,000			
Intergovernmental	2,578,811	3,107,467			
Licenses & Permits	493,050	530,850			
Charges for Services	1,694,663	1,773,757			
Fines and Forfeitures	295,000	299,000			
Interest Income	165,500	689,900			
Other Revenue	447,179	428,966			
Other Financing Sources	765,000	745,000			
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 17,489,416	\$ 19,397,720	10.91%		
EXPENDITURES:					
General Government	2,433,481	2,787,811			
Public Safety	9,210,586	9,814,067			
Public Works	2,675,655	3,063,741			
Sanitation	927,777	956,286			
Parks, Recreation & Forestry	2,106,258	2,525,760			
Health & Human Services	6,900	7,250			
Conservation & Development	128,759	242,805			
Transfers Out	-	-			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	17,489,416	19,397,720	10.91%		
Fund Balance Applied	-	-			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND FUND BALANCE APPLIED	\$ 17,489,416	\$ 19,397,720			
All Governmental and Proprietary Funds Combined	Fund Balance 1/1/2024	Total Revenues	Total Expenditures	Fund Balance 12/31/2024	Property Tax Contribution
General Fund	\$ 5,274,639	\$ 19,397,720	\$ 19,397,720	\$ 5,274,639	\$ 11,247,780
Special Revenue Funds	1,078,231	382,273	1,077,899	382,605	-
Debt Service Fund	238	7,782,705	7,782,943	-	2,083,029
Capital Projects Funds	(884,989)	10,606,924	12,027,454	(2,305,519)	750,000
Enterprise Funds	45,636,875	14,149,959	14,382,123	45,404,711	-
Internal Service Funds	4,705,339	3,212,616	3,033,206	4,884,749	-
Total	\$ 55,810,333	\$ 55,532,197	\$ 57,701,345	\$ 53,641,185	\$14,080,809

	2022	2023	Increase	Percentage
Mill Rate (in dollars)	5.76171	4.63250	(1.12921)	-19.60%
Tax Levy (in dollars)	\$ 13,330,858	\$ 14,080,809	\$ 749,951	5.63%
Dated this 7th day of November, 2023		Kris Teske, Clerk		Publish 11.10.23, 11.17.23 & 11.24.23 WNAXLP

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Public Notification Request to establish a Planned Unit Development at 2405 W Mason Street (6H-1109), 0 W Mason Street (6H-1109-2 & 6H-1109-3), 1309 Springdale Lane (6H-1095), 2361 W Mason Street (6H-4397) & 0 Ninth Street (6H-1089) (ZP 23-38)

The Green Bay Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be conducted both in person in Room 604 of City Hall (100 N Jefferson Street, Green Bay, WI 54301) and virtually.

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invited at the public hearing or can be sent in writing to: City of Green Bay Community & Economic Development Attn: David Buck, AICP 100 N. Jefferson St., Rm. 608 Green Bay, WI 54301

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Public Notification Request to establish a Planned Unit Development on the 1300 block of Guns Road (Parcel # 23-243-1) (ZP 23-43)

The Green Bay Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be conducted both in person in Room 604 of City Hall (100 N Jefferson Street, Green Bay, WI 54301) and virtually.

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Public Notification Rezoning 0 Emmet Street (Parcel #18-756-C) And 0 Atkinson Street (Parcel #18-756-D) (ZP 23-47)

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Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be conducted both in person in Room 604 of City Hall (100 N Jefferson Street, Green Bay, WI 54301) and virtually.

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Public Notification Rezoning 1006 Velp Avenue and 0 Atkinson Drive (Parcel #18-756-B) (ZP 23-46)

The Green Bay Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be conducted both in person in Room 604 of City Hall (100 N Jefferson Street, Green Bay, WI 54301) and virtually.

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(ZP 23-46) Consideration with possible action on the request to rezone 1006 Velp Avenue and 0 Atkinson Drive (parcel #18-756-B) from General Industry (GI) District to Highway Commercial (C2) District, submitted by Department of Community and Economic Development (Ald. R. Scannell, District 7).

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Public Notification Rezoning Front 200' of 1562 Velp Avenue (ZP 23-45)

The Green Bay Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be conducted both in person in Room 604 of City Hall (100 N Jefferson Street, Green Bay, WI 54301) and virtually.

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Public Notification Rezoning of 1409 Velp Avenue from Low-Density Residential (R1) and General Commercial (C1) Districts to Varied Density Residential District (R3) (ZP 23-30)

The Green Bay Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be conducted both in person in Room 604, City Hall, 100 N Jefferson St., and at a virtual location.

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Public Notification Rezoning of 322 S Monroe Avenue, 326 S Monroe Avenue, 512 Moravian Street, 315 S Madison Street, 325 S Madison Street, and 333 S Madison Street from Office-Residential (OR) District to Downtown (D1) District. (ZP 23-48)

The Green Bay Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be conducted both in person in Room 604, City Hall, 100 N Jefferson St., and at a virtual location.

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jon.teroy@greenbaywi.gov. **ACCESSIBILITY:** Any person wishing to attend who, because of a disability, requires special accommodation should contact the City Safety Manager at 920.448.3125 at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting time so that arrangements can be made. Publication Dates: November 24 and December 1, 2023 WNAIXLP

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De Pere WNAIXLP

Monday, November 6, 2023, USDD Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes

The special meeting of the De Pere Board of Education was held on Monday, November 6, 2023. School Board President Adam Clayton opened the meeting with the following announcements: This is a special meeting of the Board of Education of the Unified School District of De Pere in the Community Room at De Pere High School. Notice of the meeting was given to the public by posting on the District website and at each school building. Finally, a copy of the notice was forwarded to The Press Times, the official newspaper of the District. Clayton called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Roll Call: Present – Clayton, Jeff Mirkes, Chad Jeskewitz, Melissa Niffenegger, and Matt Petersen. Excused: Brittany Cartwright and Jeff Dickert. After the roll call, a quorum was declared, and the Board proceeded with the order of business.

Agenda: A motion was made by Petersen and seconded by Niffenegger to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote; 5/0. **American Education Week Calendar:** Superintendent Christopher Thompson shared the schedule overview for American Education Week that will take place November 12-18. Board members will be present at each school to assist in thanking teachers, faculty, and staff for their dedication to the district with a gift.

DPHS National Honor Society Presentation: Hope, Jess, Sam, Joe and Charlie, five senior members, presented slides of the club's overview, founding pillars, and recent activities the NHS club organized and participated in and the events that will take place throughout the year. Events included a successful Lock-In event, Trick-or-Treating for Canned Goods, and the Senior Mentoring program with Dickinson Elementary School. The present members also outlined opportunities that connect Heritage Elementary and Foxview Intermediate School to the High School. These volunteer activities support the students in earning their community service hours.

Motion to Approve 2024-2025 Budget Calendar: Dawn Foeller, Business Director, presented the motion with information regarding the current school year's budget calendar. A motion to approve was made by Niffenegger and seconded by Mirkes. Motion carried on a 5/0 vote.

Motion to Approve Substitute Rate of Pay for the 2023-2024 School Year: Thompson presented a motion to increase the substitute teacher and long-term substitute teacher rates of pay to remain competitive with surrounding school districts. A motion to approve was made by Jeskewitz and seconded by Petersen. Motion carried on a 5/0 vote. **Motion to Approve CESA 7 Employee Wage Increase:** Dawn Foeller, Business Director, presented the motion to increase the 2023-2024 CESA 7 employee wage with

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information regarding the cost of living increase. Mirkes motioned to approve and it was seconded by Jeskewitz. The motion passed by a 5/0 vote. **Motion to Approve Pay Increase for 4K Partner Sites for 2023-2024:** Foeller presented the motion to approve an increase for 4K Partner sites of KinderCare Learning Center and Head Start. The current year cost of living increase did not include an increase in wage that reflected the 1.77% requested by Foeller. Jeskewitz motioned to approve the wage increase and Petersen seconded the motion. Motion carried; 5/0.

Executive Session: Motion to close the public meeting and enter into executive session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c)(f) for staffing and student health related facility concern. Roll Call: Approve to move into executive session—Adam Clayton, Jeff Mirkes, Chad Jeskewitz, Melissa Niffenegger, and Matt Petersen. Excused: Brittany Cartwright and Jeff Dickert. A motion was made by Niffenegger and seconded by Jeskewitz to adjourn the executive session and return to the open session. Motion passed; 5/0.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Niffenegger and seconded by Petersen to adjourn the special meeting of the Board of Education. Motion carried on a voice vote; 5/0. *Adjournment at 6:54 PM. Approved by the Board of Education on November 13, 2023. Jeff Dickert, Clerk of the Board Publish 11.24.23 WNAIXLP*

De Pere WNAIXLP

Thursday, October 26, 2023, USDD Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes

The special meeting of the De Pere Board of Education was held virtually on Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 6:00 PM. School Board President Adam Clayton opened the meeting with the following announcements: This is a special meeting of the Board of Education of the Unified School District of De Pere held virtually. Notice of the meeting was given to the public by posting on the District website and at each school building. Finally, a copy of the notice was forwarded to The Press Times, the official newspaper of the District. Clayton called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Roll Call: Present – Clayton, Jeff Mirkes, Jeff Dickert, Melissa Niffenegger, and Matt Petersen. Excused: Brittany Cartwright and Chad Jeskewitz. A quorum was declared following roll call, and the Board proceeded with the order of business.

Agenda: Dickert motioned to approve the agenda as presented and Petersen seconded the motion. The agenda was approved with a roll call vote, 5/0. **2023-2024 Final Budget:** Dawn Foeller, Director of Business, presented the revised revenue cap calculations. Dickert motioned to approve the revised revenue cap calculations and Mirkes seconded. Motion passed with a roll call vote, 5/0.

Foeller reviewed the revised 2023-24 budget and presented the budget for approval. Petersen made a motion to approve the budget and Dickert seconded. Motion to approve the budget passed with a 5/0 roll call vote. **2023-24 School Year Tax Levy:** Foeller presented the information regarding the Tax Levy for the General Fund, Debt Service, and Community Service with a total Tax Levy of \$19,691,987 which would result in a tax rate of \$5.67 per thousand of equalized value. Dickert motioned to adopt the tax levy as

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presented and Petersen seconded. The motion passed with a 5/0 roll call vote. Dickert made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Petersen seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5/0 roll call vote. **Adjournment:** Dickert motioned to adjourn the special meeting of the Board of Education and Petersen seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5/0 roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM. Approved by the Board of Education on November 13, 2023. Jeff Dickert, Clerk of the Board of Education Publish 11.24.23 WNAIXLP

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USDD Business Board of Education Meeting held on Monday, October 16, 2023

School Board President Adam Clayton opened the meeting with the following announcements: This is a business meeting of the Board of Education of the Unified School District of De Pere held in public. Prior to this meeting notice was given to the public by posting on the District website & at each of the school buildings. Finally, a copy of the notice was forwarded to The Press Times, the official newspaper of the District. The business meeting of the Unified School District of De Pere Board of Education was held on Monday, September 18, 2023. Clayton called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Roll Call: Present – Clayton, Chad Jeskewitz, Jeff Mirkes, Brittany Cartwright, Jeff Dickert, Melissa Niffenegger, and Matt Petersen. After the roll call, a quorum was declared, & the Board proceeded with the order of business.

Agenda: A motion was made by Jeskewitz & seconded by Cartwright to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote; 7/0.

Public Comment: One person addressed the Board regarding the referendum.

Introduction of Visitors from Sister City, Amal, Sweden: Christopher Thompson, USDD Superintendent, Randy Soquet, High School Teacher and Sister City Ambassador and Kim Thompson, parent and Sister City Ambassador, welcomed the visitors and discussed the activities during their visit to the school district and De Pere community.

Recognition of DPHS National Merit Semi-Finalist Students: Ian M., Evan M., Jessica R., and Riley T. were named semi-finalists in the 69th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. They earned this honor by scoring in the top one percent nationally on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The high school seniors each spoke regarding their plans after high school graduation. **Presentation of First 100 Days from Heritage Elementary School Principal Shaunna La Plant:** LaPlant shared a presentation regarding her three focus areas during the first 100 days and her educational philosophy.

Minutes: A motion was made by Jeskewitz and seconded by Mirkes to approve the September 18, 2023, minutes. Motion carried by 6/0 vote; Petersen abstained. A motion was made by Cartwright and seconded by Niffenegger to approve the September 29, 2023, minutes. Motion carried by 6/0 vote; Petersen abstained. A motion was made by Cartwright and seconded by Niffenegger to approve the October 2, 2023, minutes. Motion carried by 6/0 vote; Petersen abstained. **Motion to Approve 2023-24 Teacher Salary Agreement with the De Pere Education Association:** A motion was made by Dickert and seconded by Jeskewitz to

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approve the agreement. Motion carried on a 6/0 vote; Mirkes abstained. **Motion to Approve 2023-24 Exempt/Supervisory and Administrative Staff Salary Increases for the 2023-24 school year:** A motion was made by Jeskewitz and seconded by Cartwright to approve the increase. Motion carried on a 7/0 vote. **Motion to Approve 2023-24 School Year Salary Increase for the Support Staff:** A motion to approve the salary increase was made by Mirkes and seconded by Niffenegger. Motion carried on a 7/0 vote. **Resolution Authorizing a Taxable Tax and Revenue Anticipation Promissory Note for Cash Flow Purposes in an amount not to Exceed \$2,000,000:** Dawn Foeller, Dir. of Business, presented the financial information. A motion was made to approve by Cartwright and seconded by Niffenegger. Motion carried by a 7/0 vote.

Board of Education Selects a Clerk to Fill The Open Seat: The Board held a ballot vote to fill the open seat. Dickert was elected the Clerk. **State Required Pupil Nondiscrimination Self-Evaluation:** Jerry Nicholson, Dir. of Student Services, presented the process and requirements to meet the five-year State evaluation and reporting requirements.

Motion to Approve Requests for Early College Credit Program: Roger Allen, High School Principal, presented requests from students seeking to participate in the Start College Program through NWTC and FVTC and the Early College Credit Program through SNC, UWGB, and Bellin College for the 2023-24 Spring Semester. A motion was made to approve the requests by Dickert and seconded by Cartwright. Motion carried on a 5/0 vote. Petersen and Jeskewitz abstained.

Motion to approve the September Financial Report: Foeller reviewed the financial report. A motion was made by Jeskewitz and seconded by Dickert to approve the financial report. Motion carried on a 7/0 vote.

Motion to Approve Vouchers: A motion was made by Dickert and seconded by Niffenegger. Motion carried on a 7/0 vote.

Executive Session: The Board took action on a roll call vote to enter into executive session at 7:10 pursuant to WI Statute 19.85 (1)(f) to discuss student health-related facility concerns. Roll Call, Cartwright, Clayton, Dickert, Jeskewitz, Mirkes, Niffenegger, and Petersen. A motion was made by Jeskewitz and seconded by Cartwright to adjourn the executive session and return to the open session. Motion carried on voice voter; 7/0. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Dickert and seconded by Jeskewitz to adjourn the Business meeting of the Board of Education. Motion carried by 7/0 vote. *Adjournment at 8:48 PM. Approved by the Board of Education on Nov 13, 2023. Jeff Dickert, Clerk of the Board Publish 11.24.23 WNAIXLP*

West DePere WNAIXLP

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST DE PERE ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING WEST DE PERE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM OCTOBER 18, 2023

Board Members Present: Fuss, Dorn, Van Deurzen, Borley, Van Den Heuvel Board Members Absent: None The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Board President Fuss followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. She announced that area media had been notified of the meeting as required by the open meeting law and state

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statue. President Fuss appointed Jason Lau as parliamentarian for the meeting. It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel that the agenda be approved as printed. Motion carried. President Fuss asked for nominations for chairperson for the meeting. Jason Lau nominated Jenni Fuss as the chairperson. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed. It was moved by Jason Lau and seconded by Scott Marsden that Jenni Fuss be elected chairperson. Motion carried. Jenni Fuss asked if anyone wanted the minutes from the 2022 Annual District Meeting read outloud, no one requested them to be read, they are accepted as printed. Superintendent Dennis Krueger presented the Executive Summary. It was moved by Kathy Held and seconded by Jason Lau to dispense with the reading of the Clerk's Report. Motion carried. Business Manager Dawn Laboy presented the Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget. Discussion followed. It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Joe Bergner that the following resolution be adopted: Be it resolved by the qualified electors of the School District of West De Pere that the sum of \$22,642,588 be appropriated for ensuring the school year for general school purposed and service. Motion carried. It was moved by Joe Bergner and seconded by Lanny Tibaldo that Board Member salaries be increased to: President - \$6,646 Vice President, Clerk, Treasurer, and Member- \$5,981 Motion carried. It was moved by Lanny Tibaldo and seconded by Joe Bergner that the 2024 Annual Meeting date be set for 5:30 PM on October 16, 2023 and authorize the Board to establish a different date and time, if needed. Motion carried. There being no further business to come before the meeting as provided by law, it was moved by Kathy Held and seconded by Scott Marsden at 5:46 PM that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. Publish 11.24.23 WNAIXLP

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST DE PERE REGULAR BOARD MEETING WEST DE PERE HIGH SCHOOL October 18, 2023 5:47 PM

Board members present: Fuss, Borley, Van Den Heuvel, Dorn, Van Deurzen Board members excused: None The meeting was called to order at 5:47 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 Scott Borley and seconded by Barbara Van Deurzen to accept the agenda. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried. There was no recognitions. 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 September 25, 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 Jason Dorn that the Treasurer's Report be approved. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried. It was moved by Barbara Van

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Deurzen and seconded by Scott Borley that previously paid bills to Vos Electric, VDH Electric, and Best Built be approved. Motion carried. Voting Yes: 4 Voting No: 0 Ryan Van Den Heuvel abstained. Motion carried. It was moved by Jason Dorn and seconded by Barbara Van Deurzen 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 Ryan Van Den Heuvel and seconded by Jason Dorn to adopt the following policies as previously presented: • 1115 Guest Passes for Senior Citizens • 1600 Relations Between Non-Public and Other Educational Organizations and the Schools (reviewed no changes) • 6141 Innovative Projects and Programs (delete policy) • 6168 Reproduction and/or Use of Copyrighted Materials 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 October 12, 2023 Curriculum and Policy Committee report. Kristin Krahn, Summer School Director, gave the Board an update on the success of the 2023 Summer School Program. The Board thanked her for all her hard work. It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel to approve the addition to High School Family and Consumer Science Courses as presented by administration. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried. It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Jason Dorn to certify the tax levy as presented 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 the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school calendars as presented by administration. 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 Scott Borley and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel at 6:10 PM that the meeting be adjourned. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried. Barbara Van Deurzen Clerk Publish 11.24.23 WNAIXLP

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Packers remain humble going into game against Detroit

BY TORI WITTENBROCK
ASSOCIATE SPORTS
EDITOR

GREEN BAY – Though the chemistry and performance of the Green Bay Packers seems to be on the upswing given their success on the field in their most recent three games — a 20-3 victory against the Los Angeles Rams, a close 23-19 loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers that came down to the final play and a 23-20 win against the Los Angeles Chargers — Packers Head Coach Matt LaFleur said that the team needs to remain humble and hard-working as they prepare for the battles ahead.

“You get the ball, and you come out on the wrong side, and it’s all for nothing. This is a team game and we’ve got to do a better job. I thought that we left a few opportunities out there where we should be coming away with points, but I do



Quarterback Jordan Love threw for over 300 yards in the Packers’ game against the Chargers on Sunday, Nov. 19. **Tori Wittenbrock photo**

think we can all see the improvement,” said LaFleur. “We have a great test in front of us with the defense we are about to play in Detroit, but I think that these guys have just got to con-

tinue to battle. Certainly it’s just going to be a tough battle ahead.”

After the defense and offense both coming out to put on a show at Lambeau Field on Sunday, Nov. 19,

the Packers have an uphill battle ahead of them stemming from something that has been a recurring issue for them all season long — losing high-performing players to injury.

After battling a hamstring injury throughout the 2023 season, running back Aaron Jones was pulled from the Packers’ game against the Chargers after sustaining yet another injury that LaFleur believes will put him out for their next game against the Lions.

“When you don’t have a guy like Aaron Jones in the line up — I thought that Emmanuel Wilson did well, and I don’t think it looks good for him as well either — we are going to be a little short in the running back position, but that’s something we’ll figure out,” said LaFleur.

However, things are still looking up for Green Bay with their solid performance as the young roster continues to grow and develop experience within the league.

“I think (the difference is) just that guys made plays. I think that’s obvi-

ous in the last offensive series, and then we continued to hold them there on the fourth down,” said LaFleur. “I thought our guys challenged them.”

Despite the victory that brings the Packers up to a 4-6 record, LaFleur said that they must remain humble as they prepare for their next game against the Detroit Lions who beat them 34-20 at home in their last match-up.

“You can never say that in this league, because you are only as good as your last game. As soon as you start to feel good about yourself, you get knocked off. You’ve got to hit the reset button — win, lose or draw. You’ve got to get back to the drawing board and prepare the right way because this league has a way of humbling you and every week is — like I’ve said a million times — is a new challenge and a new opportunity,” said LaFleur.

GAME DAY GALLERY



Wide receiver Christian Watson reaches out along the sidelines to snatch a pass from Love. They are sporting their 50s throwback jerseys. **Tori Wittenbrock photos**



Wide receiver Jayden Reed trudges forward through the pile of ensuing defenders to gain as many yards as possible in their 23-20 victory over Los Angeles.



Dontayvion Wicks charges up the field with the ball after catching a pass from Love.



Noah Reynolds steps up on defense for the Phoenix to lead them to a one-point deficit win over the Montana State Bobcats. **Green Bay Athletics photo**

Green Bay triumphs over Montana State in overtime thriller

BY GREEN BAY ATHLETICS
FOR THE PRESS TIMES

Bozeman, Mont. – The UW-Green Bay men’s basketball team outlasted the Montana State Bobcats Monday, Nov. 20, in overtime, 54-53. The Phoenix win is the first career Division I win for head coach Sundance Wicks.

Noah Reynolds led the Phoenix (2-2) with 19 points and seven rebounds on the night. Amari Jedkins had a near double-double with seven points and nine rebounds, and Preston Ruedinger chipped in with nine points and six rebounds.

A big advantage on the boards was key in the win for Green Bay, with the Phoenix pulling down 45 rebounds to Montana State’s 32.

Green Bay’s defense held

Montana State to only 20% shooting from beyond the arc and 27.4% from the field.

How it happened

A back-and-forth first half ended with the Bobcats taking a 24-23 lead thanks to a pair of free throws from Robert Ford III. Ford accounted for 15 of the Bobcats 24 first half points.

Green Bay came out of halftime firing on all cylinders, starting on a 12-0 run finished off by Ruedinger’s layup, to seize a 35-24 lead with 13:53 to go. The Phoenix extended its lead to 14 at 44-30 when Noah Reynolds made a free throw with 8:20 left in the contest. However, Montana State would respond by outscoring the Phoenix 19-5 over the last eight minutes, including a 7-0 run in the final 40 seconds of regulation to send

the game to overtime.

Elijah Jones gave the Phoenix a 51-49 lead in overtime with a putback layup. Reynolds scored the remaining three points for the Green & White in overtime, which proved to be enough as the Phoenix got a stop on the final possession to secure the 54-53 win.

Coming up

Green Bay finished the road trip on Tuesday, Nov. 21 when they took on UC-Riverside at Worthington Arena at 8 p.m. CT. The Phoenix will return home to host St. Thomas at the Resch Center on Saturday, Nov. 25 at 2 p.m.

For the latest and most up-to-date information on Green Bay Athletics and Green Bay Men’s Basketball, please visit GreenBay-Phoenix.com.



Jordan Love lobs a pass towards the Chargers’ endzone.

Green Bay Gamblers see a close loss against the Madison Capitols

BY TORI WITTENBROCK
ASSOCIATE SPORTS
EDITOR

GREEN BAY – The Green Bay Gamblers (12-6-1-0) faced a tight loss to the Madison Capitols (9-5-2-1) at the Resch Center on Saturday, Nov. 18.

Just 27 seconds into the game, the Gamblers netted a goal to give themselves an early lead.

Josh Player buried a slapshot from defense for the 1-0 advantage in the first minute.

Seven minutes into the game, Tanner Bruender saw a breakaway and was able to get a shot off during a penalty kill in the first period, but was not able to find the back of the net.

Madison soon retaliated with a goal to even up the score at 1-1, 11 minutes and 22 seconds into the first period by Rainers Rullers.

However, the Capitols didn't get much time to breathe when Gamblers



Green Bay Gamblers player Julian Lutz, from Germany, came in big for his team on Saturday, Nov. 18 in their game against the Madison Capitols, despite their 4-3 loss. **Cormac McInnis photo**

player Julian Lutz scored his ninth goal of the season just 30 seconds later to take back the lead.

Green Bay continued to display decent puck movement across the ice until Jason Gallucci was able to

hit a shot that was blocked by the Capitols goalie.

Bruender gave the Capitols a chance to even up the score when he was exiled to the penalty box for hooking at the end of Period 1.

After coming out strong at the beginning of the sec-

ond period, Capitols player Austin Burnevik evened the score up at 2-2 with a 16th minute goal, followed up by an 11th minute goal by James Hong for a 3-2 lead.

Geno Carcone came back for Green Bay to tie up the

game with a score that would hold until the end of the second period. His 12th minute goal gave the Gamblers a big opportunity to come out and play for the win in this period.

However, the in-state rivalry brought a lot of passion out of both teams.

With seven minutes left in the period, Luke Baker of the Gamblers was charged with a penalty for roughing and Madison was charged a two-minute penalty for holding a few minutes later.

Canadian player Ben Poiras of the Gamblers was ejected for the remainder of the game with less than two minutes left in the second period after battling it out in the center of the rink with a Madison Capitols.

The score remained 3-3 at the end of the second period.

Both teams continued to play through a heated battle at the start of the third period when Baker

and James Mackey of the Capitols were charged a five-minute penalty for misconduct just seconds after the start of the period.

However, a fifth-minute goal by Max Nagel, assisted by Andrew Kuzma brought the Capitols to a 4-3 lead.

The battle continued to heat up when Misha Danylov ripped a shot from a distance, assisted by Chris Romaine and Rasmus Larsson that tied the game with just under 12 minutes left.

After a lengthy review, the officials determined that the goal would stand.

Yet, a goal by Madison had the Gamblers scrambling with just 3:47 left in the game.

In an attempt to overcome the one goal deficit, the Gamblers elected to pull their goalie to even the score, but a Madison Capitols breakaway put the nail in the coffin with 11 seconds to go, bringing a 6-4 final to end the game.

Green Bay upsets ranked Creighton in Road Classic

BY GREEN BAY ATHLETICS
FOR THE PRESS TIMES

Omaha, Neb. – Upset in Omaha! The Green Bay women's basketball team took down No. 22-ranked Creighton with a 65-53 victory Thursday night at D.J. Sokol Arena. The Green Bay Phoenix earned their first victory over the Bluejays since 1989 in the first clash against Creighton since 1995.

Maddy Schreiber led the Phoenix (2-1 overall) with 14 points. Callie Genke tacked on 11 points off of the bench and Cassie Schiltz chipped in as well with 10 points and four assists. Creighton suffered their first loss of the 2023-24 campaign. The victory was UW-Green Bay's first win over an AP Top-25 team since 2019.

How it happened

Creighton took an early 5-4 lead after Emma Ronsiek buried a triple, but after that, Green Bay went on a 17-0 run with 8:15 left in the first quarter. The run culminated in a bucket from Caelan Givens, increasing the lead to 21-5. The Bluejays tried to shrink the deficit and were able to gain some momentum towards the end of the frame thanks to Ronsiek and Lauren Jensen, combining for four points, making it 22-9 in favor of the Phoenix after the opening 10 minutes. The Green Bay Phoenix kept its efficiency in the second quarter, keeping at least a six-point advantage the entire quarter. The Phoenix went on a 10-2 run that spanned nearly six-and-a-half minutes, extending the lead to 15 after Schreiber drove through the lane for a layup. Her first-half effort helped Green Bay carry a 14-point lead into the break.

The Phoenix kept the cruise control on in the third quarter. Creighton was able to cut the Phoenix's advantage to eight after Jensen finished an and-one to make it 44-36 with 3:39 remaining in the frame. As they had done



UW-Green Bay Phoenix Bailey Butler takes the ball up the court in their game against No. 22-ranked Creighton. The Phoenix upset the Bluejays 65-53. **Green Bay Athletics photos**



Phoenix Jasmine Kondrakiewicz shoots a floater in the Phoenix's upset victory against the Creighton Bluejays.

twice already, the Phoenix would open up the game with an 8-1 run to end the quarter, capped by a Natalie

Andersen mid-range jumper, making it 52-37 through three quarters. Creighton would fight back and make



New London's Kenna Mix fouls Ashwaubenon's Addy Phipps Nov. 17 in a nonconference girls' basketball game in New London. Phipps and the Jaguars fell to Mix and the Bulldogs 55-48. **Greg Seubert photo**

Slow start hurts Jaguars in New London

BY GREG SEUBERT
FOR THE PRESS TIMES

NEW LONDON – After opening the season with a 42-32 win over Seymour, the Ashwaubenon girls' basketball team came up short in its second game three days later.

The Jaguars couldn't overcome a 13-point halftime deficit Nov. 17 and ended up on the short end of a 44-48 score to New London.

Five three-pointers from four different players helped the Bulldogs build a 30-17 halftime lead.

Kenna Mix opened the second half to give New London its biggest lead at 32-17, but Ashwaubenon responded with a 15-4 run that included two three-pointers and a three-point play from Gianna Guarascio and a three-pointer from Ella Senger and Bella Daul that cut the Bulldogs' lead to 36-32 with 10 1/2 minutes left in the game.

A basket from Ashwaubenon's Addy Phipps cut New London's lead to four points a minute later, but the Jaguars never got any closer than five points

the rest of the way.

New London used a 9-2 run to push the lead back to 11 points. The team exchanged baskets before Phipps' two free throws with 30 seconds remaining brought the Jaguars to within five points at 53-48.

Eight of New London's final 10 points came from the free-throw line.

Guarascio led all players with 17 points, while Mix led the Bulldogs with 14.

The Jaguars hosted West De Pere Nov. 21 and will host Menasha Tuesday, Nov. 28.

life difficult for the Phoenix in the fourth quarter, starting the frame on a 9-3 run. Jensen cashed in another triple before adding a pair of free throws, cutting it to a 55-51 lead for the Green Bay Phoenix. Bailey Butler decided to put the game in her hands, scoring the next four points to put the Phoenix back up nine. From there, the Phoenix never looked back and iced the game at the charity stripe, upsetting No. 22-ranked Creighton 65-53 on the road.

Highlights

UW-Green Bay shot over 54% overall and over 50% from beyond the arc. The Phoenix held the Bluejays to only 34.6% shooting from the field. The Green Bay Phoenix's bench racked up 23 points and their defense forced 15 turnovers. Ronsiek and Morgan Maly led all players with six rebounds.

Coming up

The Phoenix will turn their attention to the Can-

cun Challenge, which takes place over Thanksgiving weekend in Cancun, Mexico. UW-Green Bay will battle UMass on Thanksgiving Day before clashing against Big Ten foe Maryland on Nov. 24. The tournament will conclude with a meeting against Washington State on Nov. 25. All games will start at 12:30 p.m. CST and be streamed on FloSports. Stay tuned to GreenBayPhoenix.com for more coverage of the Cancun Challenge.

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Packers, Doubs clinches game-winning touchdown reception

BY TORI WITTENBROCK
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

GREEN BAY – Green Bay Packers Wide Receiver Romeo Doubs has had a standout 2023-24 season, but in the team's Sunday, Nov. 19 game against the Los Angeles Chargers, he had one play that stood out among the rest.

Doubs sprinted into the endzone and was able to evade defensive pressure from the Chargers to clinch a fourth quarter, game-winning touchdown for his team to bring them another mark in the win column.

"It felt good," said Doubs. "We've just got to play our game and come out with the dub."

This win brought the Packers up to a 4-6 record this season.

After finally breaking a tough four-game losing streak with a 20-3 win against the Los Angeles Rams at home, the Packers saw another loss against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

However, the Packers triumphed at Lambeau Field and were able to find a way to win.

"I promise you there was no difference. It just came down to a few plays, same as the week before. Definitely going into this week



we honed into those details," said Doubs.

Even though it may seem like things are on the upswing for the Packers, running back Aaron Jones sustained an injury to his left knee in the second quarter that put him out for the remainder of the game, and most likely the Packers Thanksgiving Day game against the Detroit Lions.

"That kind of took some air out of the stadium. Aaron Jones has put in training and work for this organization for quite some time now," said Doubs. "We love him, and we all respect him."

Though they may be a bit shorthanded when it comes to the run game, Doubs said that he is looking forward to finding some redemption against the Lions after facing a 34-20 loss at home on Sept. 28 of this season.

"We've got a big Thursday game going into Detroit, and I can't wait to take the field and see what happens."

Green Bay Packers Wide Receiver Romeo Doubs catches the game-winning touchdown reception in the endzone to take the lead against the Los Angeles Chargers. **Tori Wittenbrock photo**



Green Bay Phoenix Cora Behnke leaps up to hit the ball in the Phoenix's game against Northern Kentucky University to propell them on to the Horizon League Championship.

Green Bay Athletics photo

UW-Green Bay Phoenix Volleyball closes season at Horizon League Championship

BY TORI WITTENBROCK
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Dayton, Ohio – The Green Bay women's volleyball team closed out a phenomenal 2023 season on Nov. 19 with an unfortunate loss to the Wright State Raiders in straight sets (14-25, 16-25, 18-25). Their defeat comes at the hands of the defending back-to-back Horizon League champs who will advance to Round 1 of the NCAA Tournament to represent the Horizon League for the second consecutive season.

Emma Best and Cora Behnke had standout games for the offense with eight kills each. Emma Johnson had 30 assists. For the defense, the Phoenix had three players that

posted well with Abby Gardner's 13 digs, as well as 11 each from Behnke and Hannah Vanden Berg. Ellie Kurpeikis proved strong as well with five blocks.

The Phoenix finished up the season with a 16-16 record overall and 13-5 in the Horizon League, while Wright State went 21-10 overall and 15-3 on the season. The Phoenix were out played in aces posting zero to Wright State's six on the day.

Leaders on the court

Upon the conclusion of the match, Vanden Berg and Paalman were named to the Horizon League All-Tournament Team. Vanden Berg led the team this season averaging 14.5 kills, 9.5 digs and 1.5 blocks per match, while Paalman averaged 12.0 kills on a .259

attack percentage with 2 blocks per match.

Championship game

The Phoenix struggled early on in the first set, having to work their way up from 25-14. Wright State took a 9-3 lead early in the match, setting them in good position. The Raiders wrapped up Set 1 with 13 kills on a .333 hitting percentage.

Going into Set 2, UW-Green Bay fell 25-16, putting them down 2-0 in the match — a tough deficit to overcome. Yet, the Phoenix rallied to an 8-8 tie when Wright State found a rhythm to bring them up to the lead. The Green Bay Phoenix reached a score of 19-16, but the Raiders finished off with 6-0 in points

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Bryan Bulaga retires with Green Bay Packers

BY TORI WITTENBROCK
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

GREEN BAY – After a nine-year long career (2010-2019) as a tackle for the Green Bay Packers offensive line, proudly sporting No. 75, Bryan Bulaga has chosen to retire as a Green Bay Packers player.

"It's kind of a full-circle moment for me," said Bulaga. "To be part of, what I think is the greatest organization in the NFL, has been an absolute honor. Green Bay — it feels like home to me."

Bulaga was selected by the Packers as a first round pick of the 2010 NFL Draft out of the University of Iowa. During his rookie season he became the youngest player to ever start in a Super Bowl

when the Packers won Super Bowl XLV. He quickly developed a following on and off the field and was viewed as a leader in the locker room. Throughout his time with the Packers, Bulaga started in 124 games (111 regular season, 13 postseason). The 115 regular-season games where Bulaga saw the field were the most played by someone on the offensive line during that time.

"Coming here as a 21 year old...it's truly where I felt I belonged, where I felt the most comfortable, and where it felt like family," said Bulaga.

Although he technically finished his career in Los Angeles, where he spent his final two seasons in the NFL with the Chargers from 2020-21, docking 11 starts, Bulaga elected

to sign a one-day contract with Green Bay to formally retire as a Packers player, General Manager Brian Gutekunst announced on Thursday, Nov. 16.

"We want to send our congratulations to Bryan on a wonderful career and thank him for his contributions to the Packers," said Gutekunst. "He was not only one of the premier right tackles in the National Football League, he was also a tremendous teammate who was key to the success of many teams. We wish him, his wife, Abbie, and their family all the best in the years ahead."

Bulaga earned All-Rookie honors from the Professional Football Writers of America during his rookie season when he started

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Former Green Bay Packers Tackle Bryan Bulaga signed a one-day contract with Green Bay to end his football career and officially retire with the Green Bay Packers. Bulaga was present at the Packer's home game against the Los Angeles Chargers on Sunday, Nov. 19. **Tori Wittenbrock photo**



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