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Milwaukee to Green Bay rail corridor receives study grant

BY PRESS TIMES STAFF

GREEN BAY – Last week U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin announced that five new routes in Wisconsin were selected “as priorities for passenger rail expansion.”

Each of these projects will each receive \$500,000 in planning and development grants, including funding that will support the creation of a corridor from Milwaukee to Green Bay that would connect the existing Hiawatha service between Chicago, Ill., and Milwaukee with an extension to Green Bay.

“Green Bay-Milwaukee-Chicago intercity passenger rail service was envisioned as part of the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative, a plan for a 3,000-mile regional high-speed rail system in the Midwest developed by nine Midwest states. The service will extend the popular Hiawatha Service along one of the most

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Ariens Hill opens for tubing season



Facilities crews have been working the past two weeks to prepare the slope for the winter tubing season.

Shane Fitzsimmons photo

BY SHANE FITZSIMMONS/
KRIS LEONHARDT
PRESS TIMES STAFF

GREEN BAY – Titledown’s Ariens Hill is now open for tubing.

Facilities crews have been working the past two weeks to prepare it for the winter tubing season.

On Dec. 5, Titledown Facilities Assistant Manager Winter Operations Erik Whitman and seasonal staff member, Dakota Tiller, were out on the slope troubleshooting any issues for a Dec. 11 opening.

“We had our opening weekend and we’re just tweaking things that weren’t working or fixing things,” Whitman stated.

“We have three snow guns. We blew snow for three days straight to open it up for the Kansas City game.”

Titledown tubes are provided with the purchase of a tubing ticket, which is available on the south side of Titledown adjacent to the side of the slope.

“Tube riders and skaters are reminded that everyone using the rink and hill must complete a waiver.

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A safe space to learn to read



The “Books Buddies” program is currently being spearheaded by Notre Dame Academy Senior Henry Streckenbach, at right, who wants to provide a “safe space” for kids to learn.

Collin Perez photo

BY COLLIN PEREZ
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY – The Brown County Library Southwest Branch is hosting a “Book Buddies” program 4:30-5:30 p.m., Mondays through Wednesdays, where high school students assist youth, kindergarten to third grade with reading.

The program is currently being spearheaded by Notre Dame Academy Senior Henry Streckenbach.

“It just started recently. We started it, I suppose in September, it’s been kind of slow-moving, but we’re hoping to get the word out so we can get a few more kids and a few more volunteers to help us out with the program,” said Karla Giraldez, the manager of the Ashwaubenon and Southwest library branches.

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Milwaukee Brewers COO speaks at St. Norbert College

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

DE PERE – Milwaukee Brewers Chief Operating Officer (COO) Marti Wronski recently spoke to a sold-out room at St. Norbert College (SNC) as part of the college’s

CEO Breakfast Series.

Wronski has been with the baseball club for two decades and was promoted to COO in December 2022.

The Dec. 5 SNC presentation,

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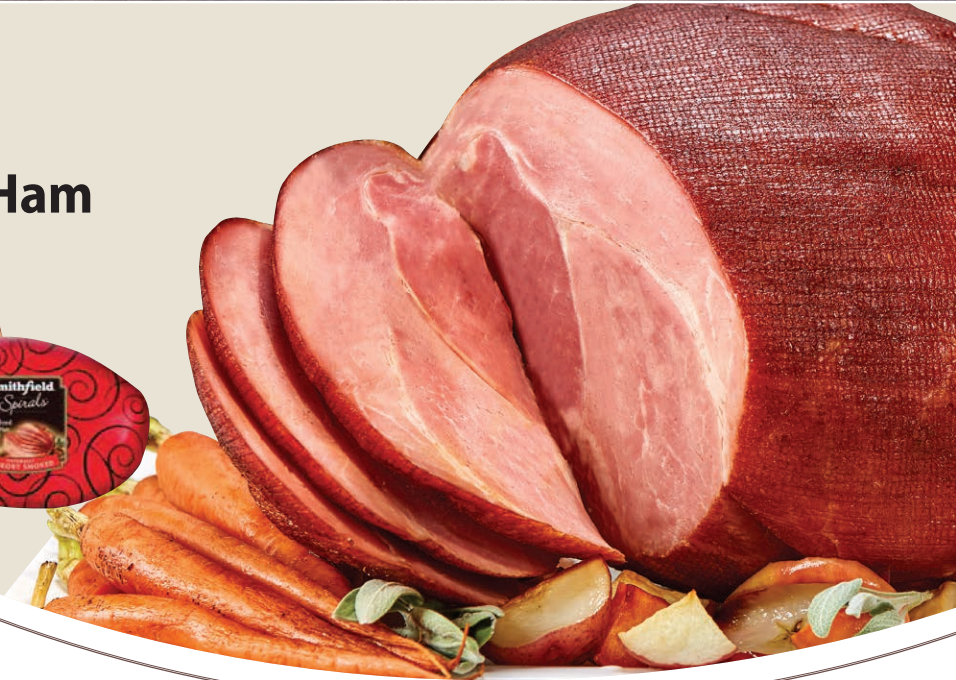
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densely populated transportation corridors in the state and will build upon successful intercity bus service that currently operates two round trips per day between Milwaukee and Green Bay. The service will also provide all-weather mobility options for cities and communities across this corridor," Baldwin said in an April letter to Federal Railroad Administrator Amit Bose.

"WisDOT has worked with Amtrak on their Wisconsin Corridor Development Study, which identified the Hiawatha Service extension to Green Bay as an important link to business headquarters and educational opportunities in the Green Bay area. In studying the potential development of this Corridor, WisDOT proposes to work with the FRA, Illinois, Tribal and local governments, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Amtrak, hosts railroads, and other interested parties in detailing local routing, service plans, and service options. Local needs and conditions across the corridor will be considered."

Funding will come from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration's Corridor Identification and Development (Corridor ID) program, funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

"Passenger rail helps people get to work and school safely, boosts tourism and recreation, and grows our local economies, and I am proud to deliver funding to help expand it in Wisconsin," said Senator Baldwin.



Aqua lines note proposed new corridors, including the line from Milwaukee/Chicago to Green Bay. **Amtrak rendering**

"I voted for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to move our economy forward and get Wisconsinites where they need to go efficiently and safely, and I am excited to see these plans for passenger rail move forward."

"The Corridor ID Program is a comprehensive intercity passenger rail planning and development program that will help guide intercity passenger rail development throughout the country and create a pipeline of intercity passenger rail projects ready for implementation. Each selected corridor will be granted \$500,000 for eligible activities related to the initiation of a grantee's corridor development efforts including the development of a scope, schedule and cost estimate for preparing a service development plan," a release from Baldwin's office stated.

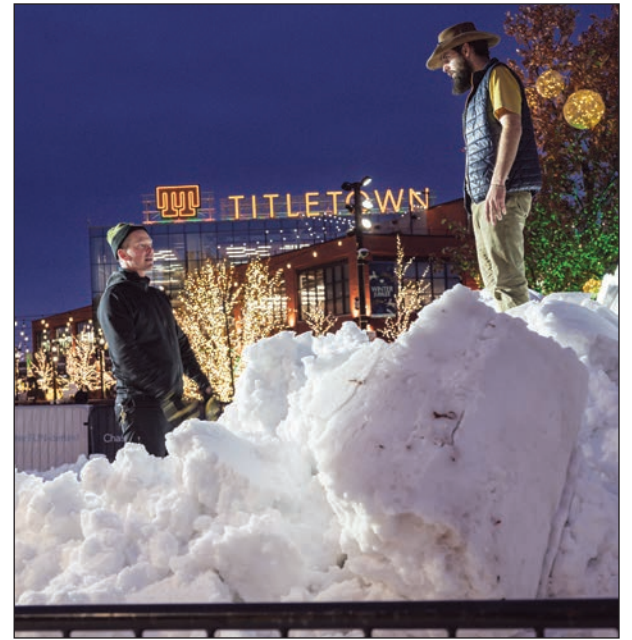
After the study is completed, the five projects may be selected for future grants and will need environmental clearance.

"We are thrilled to have the extension of passenger rail service to Green Bay included in the Corridor ID program. This decision is not the end of the line, but it's a critical piece of the journey to restore passenger train travel to Green Bay," said Green Bay Mayor Eric Genrich. "The ability to connect the people and products of our region to destinations in the area and beyond, with various modes of transportation, is a core feature of any 21st-century infrastructure plan."

"Safe, reliable infrastructure is critical to the success of Wisconsin's economy and workforce, and this federal funding is an important first step in improving the

passenger rail system in Wisconsin and expanding our opportunities to serve more communities across our state," stated Gov. Tony Evers. "With these strategic connections, we can keep our state moving forward and keep building the 21st-century infrastructure Wisconsin needs to support a 21st-century economy and workforce."

"The long range WisDOT rail plan was the result of listening to the public and community leaders and many others have asked for passenger trains to reach more of our communities," said WisDOT Secretary Craig Thompson. "We will work closely with all our stakeholders to explore this possibility and we will also continue to look at other proposed improvements that are aligned with our long-range plans."



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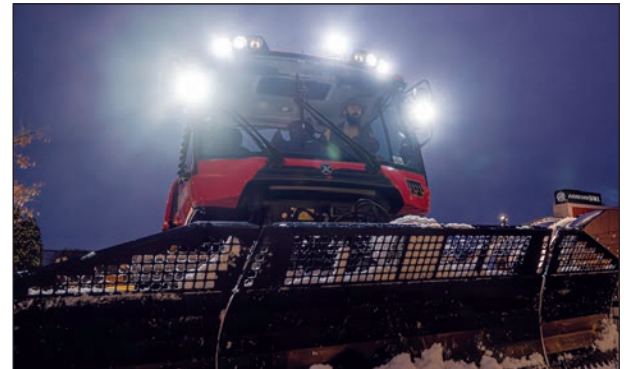
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lease from the Packers stated. Tubing hours are 4-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 4-10 p.m. on Fridays, 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Saturdays and 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Sundays.

Ariens Hill is located at 1025 Lombardi Ave., Green Bay.

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“My biggest struggle with Book Buddies so far has been patience, understanding that some days no kids will come in and some days there will be multiple waiting at a time,” Streckenbach said.

“The different dynamic of slow days and busy days was kind of draining, but I hope that in the future every day (Monday - Wednesday) is jam-packed with kids looking into learning how to improve their reading.”

“My goal with Book Bud-

dies is to create and establish a comfortable place for children to learn how to read throughout all the branches of the library.”

Streckenbach has prior experience running a busy schedule adding, “During my week, I typically balance Book Buddies with homework, exercise and seeing friends. Luckily finding the sweet spot for how I like my schedule balanced is not hard, because I once played football but this program has filled that void in my weeks.”

“I plan to continue do-

ing it until I cannot anymore, then pass it down and keep the program running through whoever shares a common interest of making a positive impact on the community.”

Streckenbach has been working with kids for three months now and has garnered a lot of experience, although the library provided him with training to help him get started, as they would with any program volunteers.

“My favorite moments from the program as a whole has to be when the

kids finally get comfortable,” he said. “At first, as assumed they are nervous and don’t want to mess up and embarrass themselves, but I feel as if I do a good job to make it a safe zone and once they realize, the smiles, laughs and overall excitement and energy is what can really get me through my day.”

“I also would like to give my appreciation to Karla and Sarah from the Brown County Library for helping me make this happen and helping guide me through solving a prob-

lem with my actions.”

“We haven’t had a whole lot of kids coming yet; it takes a while for the word to get out, but the ones who have come and have come back have really enjoyed reading to Henry and I can think of one family, in particular, the mom’s like, ‘I bring him because he doesn’t want to read to me.’ You know, it’s like if you’re reading to your parents sometimes it feels like work I think if you have to read to a parent after school, but if you’re reading to a buddy it’s a differ-

ent story. Henry makes it fun and it’s like having a big brother to read to,” said Giraldez. “It was Henry’s idea, he wanted to do something to help give back to the community and he’s very interested in helping people read and supportive of the library, so we’re thrilled to have Henry.”

The program has been helpful in getting the kids reading in a different, but safe space.

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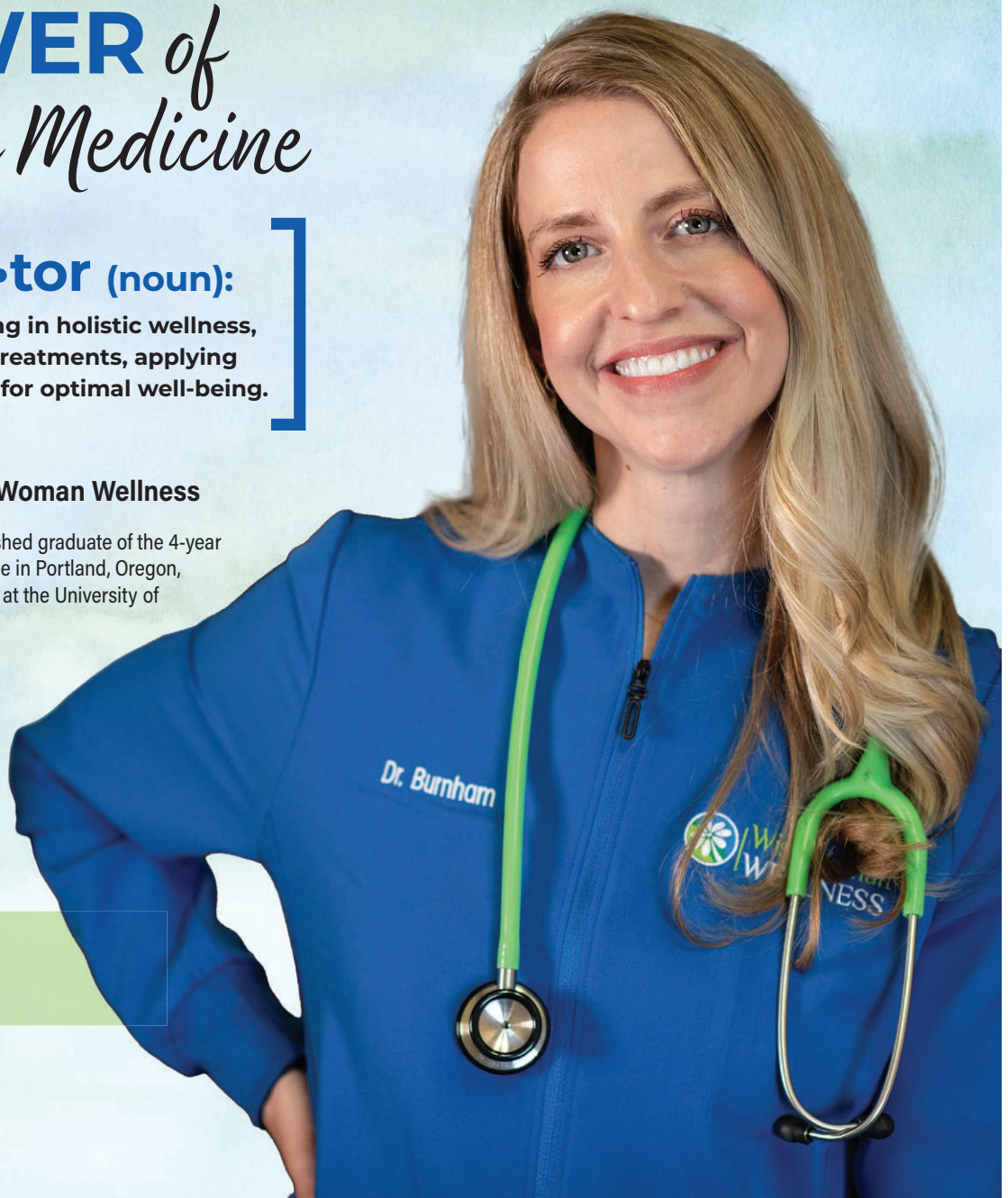
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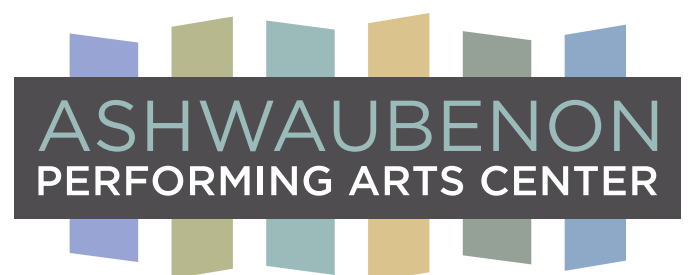
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By Jay Luck



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SNC 125: Moving forward with a clear identity

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

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In 1983, Dr. Thomas Manion became president — inaugurated as the fifth for the school now in its 85th year — succeeding Neil Webb.

Manion's goal was to make St. Norbert one of the most well-known Catholic liberal arts colleges in the Midwest.

"All of the elements are here," he told the Press-Gazette. "We have to pull them together. We're clearly moving in the right direction."

"The fundamental purpose of liberal arts is to help people become better human beings," he added.

Manion was coming in at a time when the college-age population was declining, but St. Norbert's enrollment appeared to be holding steady.

"If we do the right things, we should be able to maintain our enrollment," he stated.

The school was also experiencing a decline in government support.

"It is obvious we have



In February 1960, John F. Kennedy made a campaign stop at St. Norbert College, where he spoke with then president, Dennis Burke. **St. Norbert photo**

been much richer in our spiritual and intellectual endowment than we have in our financial endowment," he said during his inauguration.

But enrollment climbed to 2,000 over the next five years, as the school saw Manion deliver on his goals.

In 1990, Main Hall was listed on the National Register of Historic Places, while the school began work on the Bemis International Center; it opened in 1996.

In 1995, St. Norbert's survey center conducted a community economic impact study.

Results reflected that the school's 2,000 students

and over 500 staff spent more than \$24 million in Brown County by those directly tied to the college — \$9 million by staff, \$8 million by the college, \$5.5 million by students and \$1.5 million in visitor spending.

In 1998, the college celebrated its centennial.

When Manion retired in 2000, Dr. William J. Hynes replaced him as president.

During Hynes' tenure construction began on the \$20 million Miriam B. James J. Mulva Library.

Work began in March 2008 and was completed in August 2009, with SNC's seventh president, Thomas Kunkel, at the helm.

Under Kunkel's leader-



In July, Laurie Joyner took the position as the ninth president, and first female president, in the college's history. **Janelle Fisher photo**

ship, the campus also saw the addition of a long-awaited swimming pool with a \$25 million expansion and renovation on the Schuldes Sports Center — built in 1979 — to

create the Mulva Family Fitness and Sports Center.

Dr. Brian Bruess succeeded Kunkel as president in 2017 but resigned in 2022.

Kunkel returned to the

post as interim president until the hiring of current president, Laurie Joyner, who took the position as the ninth president and first female president in the school's history.

Once again, as Joyner takes the helm educational institutions across the country face declining enrollment, but she feels that the college's emphasis on student success gives it a competitive edge.

"This definitely is something impacting the entire education sector," she said earlier this year.

"But colleges with great reputations and with a very clear value proposition and that can point to all the success that their graduates are having I think have a distinct edge. And based on everything I've seen at St. Norbert College, the one thing that really stands out is this is a place who knows what it values, knows who it is and has a very clear identity and I think that is going to serve us really well moving forward."

Sleeman, Daul make Eagle Scout at 16

BY MADDIE MARTIN
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GREEN BAY — On Dec. 9, John Sleeman and Henry Daul were honored during an Eagle Scout Ceremony at Ascension Lutheran Church in Allouez, where they were recognized for their achievement at the age of 16.

Starting as Cub Scouts, then eventually moving up to Boy Scouts in fifth grade, Sleeman and Daul have been involved with the scouts for about a decade and are now members of Troop No. 1040 in Green Bay.

"We've been a part of scouting going on 10 years," says John's mother, Cindy Sleeman, "It's been a very positive experience and we've made a lot of great memories."

As Cindy explains, the boys have moved up through the multiple ranks of the Boy Scouts, moving from Second Class, to First Class, to Life Scout, with the highest rank being the Eagle.

Many Scouts end up stopping after they earn their Life Scout, as that is when most people age out of the program.

"So it's really cool that the boys are earning their Eagle," Cindy explained. "Since both of them are 16, they're younger than a lot of the Boy Scouts who get their Eagle."

In order to earn their Eagle, there are a number



On Dec. 9, Henry Daul, left, and John Sleeman, right, were honored during their Eagle Scout Ceremony, where they were recognized for their hard work and dedication to the Boy Scouts at the age of 16. **Submitted photo**

of requirements.

The boys must earn a minimum of 21 badges, hold a leadership position in their troop and it is recommended that they participate in a high adventure trip.

Last summer, John and Henry went on a high adventure sailing trip in the Bahamas with the rest of their troop and three adult chaperones.

Scouts must also complete a service project to achieve the rank of Eagle, which includes the planning, presenting, building and installation of a given project.

Last May, John led a

project to install a gaga ball pit at Webster Elementary School.

While other troop members helped with the building and installation of the pit, John was responsible for the bulk of the project.

His project was reviewed in November when he was approved to become an Eagle Scout.

This past summer, Henry worked with the village of Bellevue to build and install two "little libraries" in the area.

Similar to John, Henry was responsible for leading the project, which was reviewed in October.

At the ceremony, the

boys had the opportunity to revisit their journey with Boy Scouts, as well as share their beliefs of how their experience will help guide them in the future.

The boys received an Eagle Scout pin as well as a certificate for their achievements.

"As far as the [Boy Scouts], I see only positives that have come out of it for our son," says Cindy, "it's a great learning and growth experience."

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DPI approves GBAPS waiver for early start date in 2024-25

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

GREEN BAY – During its Dec. 11 work session, the Green Bay Area Public Schools Board of Education heard a proposal from school staff regarding the 2024-25 school year calendar, after receiving approval from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) for an early start date.

“The calendar commit-

tee convened in October; we had about five meetings total with the goals to continue working on eliminating the early release days. Because we recognize that it places a burden on our families and it's not great for our staff either,” said GBAPS Deputy Superintendent Vicki Bayer.

“We also needed to address the 2025 NFL Draft that's going to be in Green Bay and reduce the number of school days in June to

align more closely with our neighboring districts.”

In November, GBAPS staff requested permission from the school board to apply for a waiver from the DPI, which was approved by the board and accepted by the DPI last week.

“I'm pleased to say that DPI approved our waiver last Wednesday. That will allow us to start school prior to Sept. 1 of next school year,” Bayer added.

The calendar presented

to the board reflected that the first work day for teachers will be Aug. 19.

The first day for students is scheduled for Aug. 26.

“We were able to eliminate all early release dates. If you remember back two years ago, we had seven so we slowly whittled them down and we're down to zero. We eliminated the weather makeup day in May — that had been a holder for us. We will still have two days built into

our calendar for weather, then any day beyond that we would go asynchronous (learning).

“We would not have school April 23, 24 and 25 of 2025. April 23 would be a teacher workday, but it would be remote. It's the end of a grading period, which is why we wanted to make sure we gave them that time.”

The school year is planned to end on June 5 for students and the follow-

ing day for teachers.

“And we can do all of this just by adding five minutes of instructional time to each of our school days.”

Bayer added that the additional minutes would be added to the end of the school day.

“It will be on the end of the day across the board for transportation purposes and also because we are still trying to work on the school start time task force recommendations.”

Howard-Suamico district has focus on phonetics

BY SAM HAASE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

HOWARD-SUAMICO – The Dec. 11 Howard-Suamico School Board meeting showcased some of the ways the school district is looking out for the best future of their students.

Starting with kindergarten, first grade and second grade, the school has seen an increase in literacy abilities thanks to the new focus on phonetic learning.

This style of learning

helps the students develop recognition skills through looking at the roots of words and learning to understand if they are Greek or Latin-based.

With this changed focus, students are given the skills to identify a word's meaning through the parts that they recognize even if they do not know the word beforehand.

It is not just the students that are learning with these changes, but teachers are also gaining knowledge

about how to best utilize their skills to adapt lessons to the needs of their students.

The school has literacy coaches who help aid the teachers and students in their lessons.

The next step is to start preparing the teachers of higher grades for the students who are learning with this new method.

Teachers are going to be taught how to approach this new style of learning and adapt to the higher skills

that students are entering with.

The high school level students are also using their resources to advance their futures.

Along with looking at their strengths and seeing where they apply to future careers, the high school also hosted a job fair.

Students are also allowed the opportunity for job shadows and youth apprenticeships.

The apprenticeships offered range from fields like

teaching and dentistry to welding and fire fighting.

Recently, the school had 13 students in a Firefighting 101 course that partnered with North Western Technical College to test their abilities on the “burn tower.”

All 13 of the students passed their exams thanks to the school and the partnerships that were offered.

There are dual-credit classes offered at the school — classes that offer students both college and high

school credit — or are certification courses, similar to the firefighting course.

The school is continuing to look at ways they can offer more programs and partnerships so students with all strengths and interests can be successful in their futures, not just those who want to continue onto traditional higher education.

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Ledgeview changes position on LedgeCrest Reserve

BY MADDIE MARTIN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

LEDGEVIEW – At its Dec. 4 meeting, the Ledgeview Town Board revisited their discussion regarding a new development coming to Dickinson Road.

At its previous meeting, the board looked at a building site and operations plan requested by Allison Smits for a new de-

velopment at LedgeCrest Reserve Unit No. 11.

The unit would be a two-story entertainment space, with the first floor being designated for events and the top floor offering lodging space.

The board requested a parking study for the surrounding area in order to see if there would be enough parking available to those using Unit 11.

The board revisited the

proposal at their meeting and reviewed the new parking study.

The study surveyed for both daytime and nighttime needs and found that the traffic through LedgeCrest Reserve is under the maximum capacity for daytime use.

During the nighttime, which is when the new Unit 11 would mainly operate, the typical traffic is getting close to but does

not exceed the maximum capacity.

Ultimately, the board changed their position on the proposal and passed the motion.

The board mentioned that any new unit moving into LedgeCrest reserve in the future will have to account for parking early on, especially any night-time venues.

The town's next meeting will be held Tuesday, Dec. 19.

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De Pere public safety nominations requested

DE PERE – Residents of De Pere have the opportunity to nominate a De Pere Police officer or a De Pere Fire Rescue team member to be recognized for their outstanding service to the De Pere community during 2023.

Winning nominees will be honored in ceremony at the end of February put on by the civic clubs of De Pere — the Kiwanis, Rotary, Optimist, Lions, Knights of Columbus, VFW Post 2113 and Auxiliary, Pink Flamingos, Women’s and Men’s Clubs of De Pere.

In 2022, honorees included the team of officers who conduct drug enforcement in De Pere and assist with drug enforcement in Brown County and Battalion Chief Ron Cody and Firefighter Brandon Hageman for their efforts responding to an apartment fire.

Nominations should be submitted prior to Dec. 31.

For more information, contact Lee Meyers at (920) 676-9919.



DNR offers free tree seedlings to fourth graders

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is offering free tree seedlings to every fourth-grade student in Wisconsin as part of the department’s annual Arbor Day tree planting program.

Wisconsin fourth grade principals, teachers and those who homeschool can now place seedling orders and coordinate delivery by completing the 2024 Arbor Day application by March 15, 2024.

Through its fourth grade Arbor Day tree planting program, the DNR provides interactive education to Wisconsin students around the importance of trees within our environment. Annually, the DNR provides approximately 50,000 free tree seedlings to fourth-grade students throughout the state.

Seedlings come protected to keep backpacks clean and shipments include educational information on how to best plant and care for seedlings and trees.

“Trees provide a variety of benefits to both people and the planet. They give off oxygen, trap carbon dioxide, feed and provide shelter for furry forest creatures and provide materials to build a variety of essential household items,” said Heather Berklund, DNR Chief State Forester. “This program enables us to bring forest education directly to the hands of students and teach them about the importance of trees and of managing and restoring our forests.”

For more information, visit dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/TreePlanting.



Household trash overflow collection week in Green Bay

GREEN BAY – City of Green Bay residents may place up to four 32-gallon plastic bags of overflow trash next to their trash carts for free curbside collection from March 20-24.

The overflow trash bags must be placed at the curb next

to your trash cart by 6 a.m. on your collection day.

Construction, remodeling or demolition waste, electronics, appliances and move-out debris will not be collected.

Residents of Green Bay are also able to bring overflow household trash to the drop-off sites at 1820 Mills St. and 519 S Oneida St. during regular hours of operation.

Bulk household items and construction, remodeling and demolition waste can be brought to the Brown County Transfer Station at 3734 W Mason St.

More information can be found by contacting the Department of Public Works - Operations Division at (920) 448-3535 or at greenbaywi.gov/publicworks.



WBA to host student seminar at Lambeau

GREEN BAY – The Wisconsin Broadcasters Association Student Seminar will take place at Lambeau Field on Saturday, Feb. 24.

The event will include unique learning opportunities, networking and hands-on experience.

Attendees can learn from industry experts who share their insights and experiences.

The event is headlined by keynote speakers WBA Hall of Famers and Packers broadcasting legends Wayne Larrivee and Larry McCarren.

The WBA Student Seminar also hosts a job fair, providing a valuable chance to network and explore job prospects.

Registration is now open to Wisconsin college and high school students. Visit wi-broadcasters.com to register.



Howard residents asked to watch for sick or deceased birds

HOWARD – Around noon on Monday, Dec. 11, a village of Howard resident notified the Howard Animal Control/Humane Officer of approximately eight deceased geese in

the water at Duck Creek Quarry.

Animal Control/Humane Officer Matt Atkinson responded quickly and found one sick and one deceased goose on the shore and approximately seven deceased geese in the water.

The sick goose was taken for treatment, the deceased geese were retrieved and Officer Atkinson is currently working with the DNR to determine the cause of death.

At this time, there is no indication the deaths were caused by human activity.

Residents are asked to remain vigilant.

If a dead animal is found, residents can either double bag the carcass and place it in the trash or contact the Howard Animal Control at (920) 530-1044 for pickup.

Officer Atkinson and a crew of Animal Control volunteers are available 24 hours a day.

If anyone sees five or more dead waterfowl (ducks, geese, etc.) or any number of deceased birds of prey (hawks, falcons, etc.), they are instructed to call Animal Control for pickup.

If a resident sees wildlife in distress, they are urged to call Animal Control immediately.

Howard Animal Control also provides contracted services for the villages of Suamico, Allouez and Bellevue, as well as for the Town of Pittsfield.

Residents in those communities should also contact Howard Animal Control with any concerns.



DATCP opens Wisconsin Farm to School Grant Program

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is accepting applications for the Wisconsin Farm to School Grant Program through 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 2.

DATCP will award a total of up to \$250,000 in Farm to School grants.

This one-time, federal funding has been provided with the purpose of expanding or creating new farm to school activities.

The goal of the Wisconsin Farm to School Grant Program is to enable communities to develop partnerships, implement initiatives and strengthen Wisconsin’s farm to school network.

Successful projects will gather impact and outcome data, measure grant program demand and capture success stories for ongoing support and funding.

Funds are not intended to provide one-time funding for farm-to-school meals.

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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Embracing Agape Love: A Foundation For Lasting Connections

Dear Reader,

In the tapestry of human relationships, the thread of love weaves through the fabric of our lives, creating bonds that withstand the tests of time and adversity. At the heart of these connections lies a profound concept: agape love.



Agape love, often described as selfless and unconditional, transcends the ordinary boundaries of affection. Its roots delve deep into the core of our humanity, influencing the dynamics of marriage, friendship, and community.

Agape Love in Marriage

Marriage, an institution built on the pillars of commitment and companionship, flourishes when adorned with the mantle of agape love. In the face of trials, agape love stands resilient, a beacon guiding spouses through the ebb and flow of life. It is the choice to prioritize the well-being of a partner over personal desires, fostering an environment where sacrificial love becomes the cornerstone of a lasting union.

Agape Love in Friendship

In the realm of friendship, agape love transforms casual companionship into a force that transcends circumstances. True friends are those who embrace each other's imperfections, standing by one another through thick and thin. Agape love fosters an environment where friends become a source of unwavering support, demonstrating a selflessness that mirrors the divine. Rudyard Kipling's poem "The Thousandth Man" paints a vivid portrait of agape friendship.

Agape Love in the Community

Communities thrive when agape love becomes the lifeblood that courses through the veins of shared experiences. It is the embodiment of compassion and empathy that binds individuals together, creating a foundation of diverse yet interconnected lives. In times of need, agape love compels community members to extend a helping hand, embodying the essence of "love thy neighbor."

The Divine Thread

From a Christian perspective, agape love finds its roots in the divine. Many believe that God's love for humanity is the epitome of selfless, sacrificial love – the very essence of agape. Understanding and embodying this divine love can serve as a compass, guiding individuals, couples, and communities toward stronger, more meaningful connections. As we navigate the intricate landscapes of marriage, friendship, and community, let us embrace the transformative power of agape love. In doing so, we contribute to a world where the bonds we forge are not easily broken – a testament to the enduring strength of selfless, unconditional love.

PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher



BE OUR GUEST

Planting the seeds of hope

BY MATT JOSKI
KEWAUNEE COUNTY
SHERIFF

The holiday season brings with it so many amazing opportunities for both sharing memories and making memorable moments with our friends and families.

While this season is known for gift giving and celebrations, let's also use these get-togethers as a time to reconnect on a personal level.

Although the overall atmosphere may be brimming with happiness and joy, let's make sure we take the time to engage on a meaningful level to those who may appear to be struggling.

While for many of us the holiday season is a time of peace and hope, for others this season brings heightened levels of anxiety and mental pain.

Over the past few years, I have had the opportunity to present on suicide awareness throughout our communities by using the QPR philosophy — question, persuade, refer.

The best part about these training sessions is that they don't necessarily focus on the subject of suicide, but rather on the

subject of hope.

Even more recently, I have had the honor to partner with the Center for Suicide Awareness in providing resiliency courses to our first responders.

While suicide prevention techniques are critical at the time of crisis, so too is resiliency training as it builds the skills necessary to navigate through adversity.

It's no secret that our society as a whole is struggling to a greater extent with mental wellness than ever before in our nation's history.

This isn't because our nation has not experienced adversity before, nor is it because we as individuals haven't struggled.

The missing component is that we have lost a great deal of our connection to each other as human beings.

We live in an age where the ability to communicate has never been greater, yet meaningful communication has decreased.

We have substituted the experience of conversation which incorporates vital verbal and non-verbal expressions, with short texts and emojis.

We base friendships on the likes of a social media post or the frequency by which our Snapchats are shared.

What we need is to get back to the basics.

We need to listen, not with the anticipation of responding and giving our opinions, but rather listening to understand.

We need to return to the concept that disagreement and respect are not exclusive of each other, but inclusive.

Those of us who have a few miles behind us, need to take the time to share our stories with those less-traveled, so they can understand that what they are experiencing in today's world is no better or worse than times of our past.

It is up to us to plant the seeds of hope.

Attending to the mental needs of our family and friends does not take a degree, certificate or even an office, it can happen sitting on a park bench or a truck tailgate or a bale of hay.

Anyone of us can provide hope to another at a critical moment.

Many times, that may be all they need — hope.

At times, our providing hope may just be the bridge that holds them

over until we can get them to a greater level of care.

Just as we would provide physical first aid when we see the need, our ability to intervene when someone needs immediate emotional or mental support is vital to their ultimate success in recovery.

The first step is having the courage and compassion to step out of our comfort zone and have those crucial conversations.

We need to normalize talking about mental health, especially to discuss feelings of suicide.

We need to move beyond conversations about football scores or politics to conversations about each other's experiences, the setbacks, the victories, the pain and the joy.

A key component to this sharing is our ability to be vulnerable to each other and recognize that in some way shape or form, we are all broken and the best journey is a shared journey.

If you are interested in exploring these topics, I am always willing to provide these trainings to any group — big or small young and old alike.

You can contact me at (920) 255-1100.

BE OUR GUEST

Make a plan to dispose your holiday tree

FROM THE WISCONSIN
DNR

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is encouraging Wisconsinites to make a plan now to properly dispose of their holiday trees after their celebrations wrap up.

Wisconsin law generally prohibits landfill disposal of yard waste, including leaves, grass clippings, brush and pieces of wood (branches, sticks, etc.) under six inches in diameter.

The yard waste disposal law has been in place since 1993.

The DNR does not act as "trash police," but rather works with communities to divert yard waste from landfills through composting and other waste reduction activities.

The DNR recommends chipping or composting yard waste because that organic waste takes up a lot of landfill space, has value for gar-

dening and landscaping and creates harmful greenhouse gases when it breaks down in landfills.

If your municipality or a private service provider offers drop-off or curbside tree collection for residents, remove lights, decorations and wires before placing the tree on the curb or taking it to the drop-off center.

If tree management is not offered in your area, check out the Wisconsin Recycling Markets Directory at www.uwgb.edu/solid-hazardous-waste-education-center/ for a list of licensed composting facilities by selecting "Licensed Composter Facilities" in the drop-down menu.

The DNR will continue to work with municipalities and the Waste and Materials Management Study Group over time to gather information about how holiday trees are being managed and identify options for keeping useful materials out of landfills.

The Press Times welcomes readers to share their thoughts and opinions as a letter to the editor.

Letters must be no more than 400 words and be emailed to kleonhardt@mmclocal.com with the subject line "letters to the editor."

Letters must be received by Monday in order to be included in the Friday edition.





The extended reality lab uses the most advanced technology available to create real-life scenarios.

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Reality lab gives NWTC students a taste of real-life experience

BY BRYNN SCHINTGEN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY – Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) launched their first Health Science Extended Reality (XR) Lab at the beginning of the fall 2023 semester. The lab, which specializes in recreating real-life scenarios in virtual reality, uses the most advanced technology available and is one of the first of its kind in the nation.

Simulation Coordinator Mitch Lukers said that the lab “can create scenarios to test skills that may not be possible in a clinical setting.”

These scenarios may be emergency situations in which nurses must “act on

the fly” or situations that are uncommon in real life, but are still important in knowing how to respond.

A \$300,000 grant was awarded to NWTC to fund this program.

NWTC was among 10 other colleges in the nation to receive the award.

Currently, the lab only services the nursing program at NWTC.

“[The lab] will help recruit students who don’t learn the best in traditional classroom settings,” Luker said, adding that the program “focuses on hand on work rather than memorization.”

He stressed that the lab allows the students to have trial and error in a risk-free

setting, and that the lab “is going to give a higher quality of education.

“[The lab] will hit all three learning styles at once — audio, visual, and kinesthetic — and will be used in classrooms, skill classes, and even clinical courses,” he added.

Through this program, students will have heard concepts twice before clinicals, and in turn will make them more confident, Lukers said.

“It allows us to do things we’ve never been able to do before. We can go through uncommon scenarios that are uncommon in real life,” he stated.

According to Lukers, 175 students have used the XR lab so far, and the data has

been extremely positive.

“It’s not a cure all, but helps students to be more engaged. It’s very exciting that this technology is growing and changing rapidly,” Lukers explained.

Lukers said that he hopes that people will continue to watch and see how the lab grows and changes.

He emphasized how this XR technology will become more and more integrated into academia as the technology advances.

“I hope that people will look back and say, ‘How did we ever do this without this technology?’” he said.

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NEWS BRIEFS

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Eligible applications should include three or more partners engaging youth in farm to school activities.

Applicants must identify a school food service director, an early care education (ECE) director and/or an authorized school or community nutrition program representative.

Projects ranging in size from \$10,000 to \$40,000 will be funded for one year following a competitive review process.

Matching funds of 25% of the award, or 20% of the total project, is required.

Selected applicants will be contracted for work to begin in March 2024.

An informational webinar on the Farm to School grant will be hosted by DATCP at 1 p.m. on Jan. 11.

To register for the webinar, access the grant information and application materials, or learn more about the program, visit datcp.wi.gov/Pages/AgDevelopment/FarmToSchool.aspx.

For more information on the grant, email DATCPdadgrants@wisconsin.gov.

GBPD conducts human trafficking sting operation

GREEN BAY – In an effort to combat human trafficking with the primary focus being the recovery of victims, the Green Bay Police Department (GBPD) recently conducted a half-day sting operation.

On Dec. 7, detectives rescued one female, believed to be a victim, and arrested three males suspected of soliciting prostitution, who were cited for pandering — a class A misdemeanor.

“These are not easy cases. Traffickers tend to target those with vulnerabilities, such as poverty, homelessness, or drug addiction and our detectives deserve credit for convictions. It’s continuous work to find those who are involved and gain the trust of victims that we’re here to help, so they don’t end up being part of a cycle,” said Captain Jeff Brester of the Green Bay Police Department.

The GBPD was assisted in this operation by the Wisconsin Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) and Awaken Wisconsin, a non-profit increasing awareness of human trafficking.

If you suspect that someone you know is a victim of human trafficking, please contact the GBPD at (920) 448-3200 for help.

For additional information on Awaken Wisconsin, please visit, awakenjustice.org/awaken-wisconsin.

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Packers work with Pals program for holiday season

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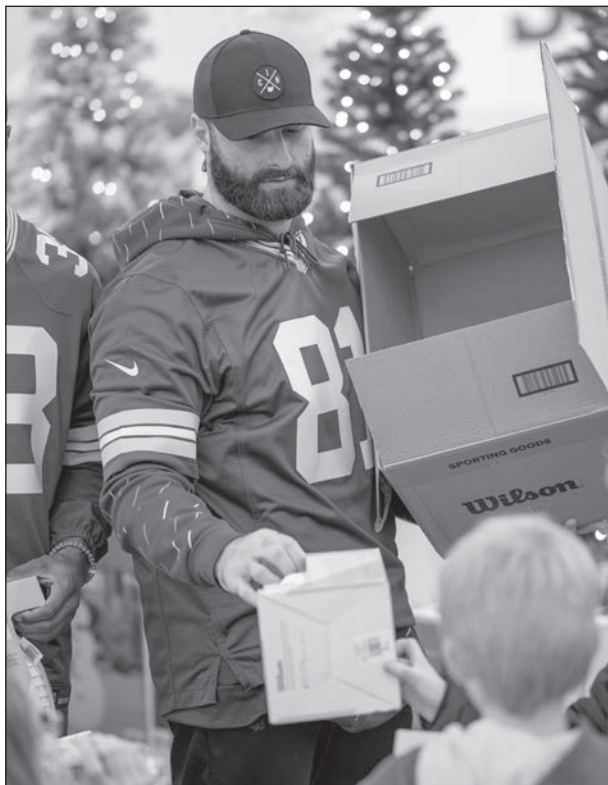
HOWARD - On Tuesday, Dec. 5, Green Bay Packers Josiah Deguara, Rasheed Walker, Emanuel Wilson, Ellis Merriweather and Anthony Johnson Jr. helped kids from the Pals program complete their holiday shopping at Meijer in Howard.

The Pals program is a mentoring program of Brown County Health & Human Services in which volunteer mentors spend time — two to three times per month — interacting in a recreational or educational setting to help a child adjust to the loss or separation of a parent.

“As soon as I heard about what was going on today, there was nothing else that needed to be said. I want to be a part of this,” recalled Packers Offensive Tackle Rasheed Walker.

“I feel like today is special for all the kids that we’re taking shopping. You know this will be an experience they will never forget. I know when I was a kid I used to love doing stuff like this. I just think it’s such a cool thing to be able to do for kids, take them shopping. It doesn’t get any better than that.

“I hope they just, you know, really embrace, that they can get whatever they want. I told them



Green Bay Packers Tight End Josiah Deguara hands a signed football to a member of the Pals program.

Shane Fitzsimmons photos

to have fun, have a great experience. You know, be able to ask me any type of questions that they want to ask”

Jim Anderson, Green Bay, a volunteer mentor who has been matched with his pal for 11 years said that the kids they mentor are experiencing unique situations.

“You have to understand the kids that are in this program, what we considered normal, nothing

is normal for these kids. They all have different circumstances. They all come from broken homes. To be able to get them to meet Packer players, to actually have money to buy gifts — not only for themselves but their family — it’s huge. It’s just greatly appreciated. Trust me, I know,” he said.

Anderson said that this year’s shopping was slightly different from



Packers Offensive Tackle Rasheed Walker shops with Pals program participants on Dec. 5.

previous events.

“The Packers have been doing this now for several years. I think last year’s program was each Packer did the shopping with the child. This year we opted to try something just a little bit different, to have the mentor [or] the match [spend time with the children], but then the Packers are kind of floating around.”

Timothy Dantoin, Green Bay, another Pals volunteer, explained the importance of the event, “It’s a great experience, just to help them get holiday spirit and then realize there are people who care about them and they have some fun doing it. Just watching their faces as they go through and buy stuff for other people and learn that spirit of giving

and joy.”

Much of the experience was accomplished with the assistance of Meijer gift cards, but Meijer went one step further.

“We had Santa come in this year too, so it was great seeing the kids. They were shocked by Santa and then a lot of them are like, “Where’s the Packer players? The Packers are really humble, letting the kids know [it’s ok to] get this. Seeing the kids actually shop for their families; like sometimes it’s not about them, it’s about more important [things like] mom and dad,” said Meijer Store Director Heidi Datema.

Green Bay Packers Safety Anthony Johnson, Jr., added that a little time can have a big effect on the youths involved in the program.

“It means a lot, simply because these are some kids that are very deserving of the things that we’re doing for them, and you just see the little things that something like this would do for a kid in a position that they are in — it goes a long way. I’ve been in the same shoes that a lot of these kids are in. Just small things, the impact, you never know what can help change a kid’s life.”

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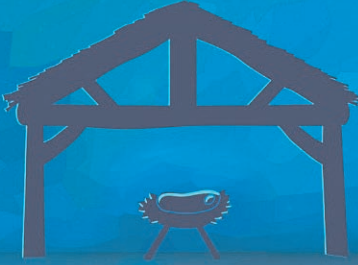


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WRONSKI
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held in the F. K. Bemis Conference Center focused on Wronski's "different lenses of leadership."

Wronski's move to COO of the Brewers organization marks the first hiring of a woman in that position.

She is one of just two female executives to hold the COO title in Major League Baseball (MLB).

Wronski graduated from St. Norbert College in 1994 and the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1997.

Wronski said that she didn't start in leadership or seek it out, "then came the Brewers," she said, referencing a quote from leadership expert, Warren Bennis, "The most dangerous leadership myth is that leaders are born that there is a genetic factor to leadership. That's nonsense. In fact, the opposite is true. Leaders are made, not born."

To be an effective leader "you cannot focus on your own appearance or what the next guy thinks about you. You are going to make unpopular decisions, so it can't just be about you and what you think," she added. "We are coming off of a time — a crazy four or five years — between COVID and this new generation of employees.

"If you don't go in; if you just want to sit back and say, 'Here's the deal. I know how this should work. This is how our company has always done this; this is how it should all be.' We tried that in our organization; that does not work. Major



On Dec. 5, Marti Wronski also participated in a bill signing at American Family Field in Milwaukee with Gov. Tony Evers and other Brewers staff.

Gov. Evers staff photo

League Baseball is like the oldest old school industry in the world.

"That doesn't work in leadership. You have to be willing to go in and listen to your people and figure it out."

"Your goal is to be able to get your vision for your organization and those goals down to individuals so that individuals understand the role they play ultimately in the success of your organization; so, they can clearly see what they are a part of and where they are going.

In Wronski's role as COO, she oversees the Brewers' legal, business analyt-

ics, information technology and human resources teams.

She said that she is "passionate about corporate culture and its impact on talent growth, retention and performance across all aspects of business; the incorporation of analytics into the business of baseball; and the business of professional sports."

Brewers bills signed

That same day, Wronski participated in a bill signing at American Family Field in Milwaukee with Gov. Tony Evers and other Brewers staff.

Evers signed two bipartisan bills — Assembly Bill 438, now 2023 Wisconsin Act 40, and Assembly Bill 439, now 2023 Wisconsin Act 41 — to keep the Milwaukee Brewers and MLB in Wisconsin through 2050.

The bills allocate \$500.8 million in public funding over the term of the lease that expires Dec. 31, 2050 — \$365.8 million in state funds and \$67.5 million in local contributions from both Milwaukee County and the city of Milwaukee.

"It's a great day to be a Wisconsinite and a great day to be a Brewers fan as we finally reach the culmination of months of bipar-

tisan work, collaboration, and negotiation on a plan to keep the Milwaukee Brewers in Wisconsin and ensure future generations will grow up rooting for the home team just as so many of us have," Evers stated. "I've always believed we'd find a way to get this done, and today is yet another great example of what we can accomplish when we work together, find common ground, and put politics aside to do what's best for Wisconsin.

The Southeast Wisconsin Professional Baseball Park District oversees the operation and maintenance of American Family Field.

"The district's existing lease responsibilities to the Brewers require the district to manage American Family Field maintenance and improvements. Without an investment from the state, the district does not have the resources to meet existing contractual and legal obligations to maintain and update American Family Field, posing the imminent risk of Wisconsin losing the Brewers and its only MLB team," a release from Evers office stated.

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Making a seat at the table

BY BRYNN SCHINTGEN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN – A local holiday season effort is highlighting small businesses owned by Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) through the “Shop BIPOC Campaign.”

The campaign, sponsored by ColorBold Business Association, is meant to help BIPOC small businesses gain exposure and make people aware of just how many BIPOC-owned businesses there are in northeast Wisconsin.

To participate, simply take a picture at a BIPOC-owned small business or nonprofit, post on social media — Facebook, Instagram, or LinkedIn — tag the small business and ColorBold (@wearecolorbold), and use the hashtag #SHOPBIPOC.

Two winners will be announced at noon on New Years Eve and will be awarded a \$100 visa gift card.

President and CEO of ColorBold Business Association Inc., Kimyatta Ratliff, said it is ColorBold’s third year putting on this campaign, and that it “helps to get more eyes on the businesses and helps people feel welcome in the community.”

She added that there are

institutional disadvantages that make it harder for BIPOC entrepreneurs to start and run their businesses.

“[This campaign] supports people who can’t afford to have big sales or advertisements,” she added.

Ratliff stressed that campaigns such as this helps to “foster a community that financially supports you, creates unity, and fills the wealth gap.”

She said that the main benefit of a campaign like this is that it creates exposure for small businesses, and can help them attract new customers who didn’t even know they existed.

Tameika Hughes-Foote, owner of Go Girl Life Coaching, added that, “in our region, it is very hard to even start a small business. There’s not very much support [in the region], but ColorBold helps with getting exposure.”

She also said that the Shop BIPOC campaign fosters networking between different BIPOC-owned businesses, and helps them to support each other.

“This campaign has given me permission to be bold and to inspire other BIPOC people to start businesses,” she stated.

The mission of her business is to “empower wom-

en to empower women” and to get women to believe in themselves.

Go Girl does workshops, speaking engagements and will even host a woman empowerment summit next March.

Hughes-Foote said that she found out about the Shop BIPOC Campaign through social media.

“Social media was hard to embrace, but I realized I had to dive into the social piece of the business to get exposure,” she said.

She added that social media has been instrumental to increasing the scope of her business and is very excited to be a part of the campaign.

“It’s very intentional, we want to see each other win. It gives the exposure that we are here; without this kind of exposure, I would not have realized how many BIPOC businesses there really are in the community,” she explained.

A list of BIPOC-owned businesses in the region can be found on ColorBold’s Facebook page, but any BIPOC-owned businesses in northeast Wisconsin qualify for the campaign.

“We just want to give BIPOC-owned businesses a seat at the table,” Ratliff said.



The campaign, sponsored by ColorBold Business Association, is meant to help BIPOC small businesses gain exposure and make people aware of just how many BIPOC-owned businesses there are in northeast Wisconsin. **ColorBold photo**

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a home by providing voice and app-controlled operation, which is extremely helpful for seniors who have mobility issues or reduced vision.

Smart home technology can also provide family members peace-of-mind by giving them the ability to electronically keep tabs on their elder loved one when they can't be there.

If you're interested in adding some smart home products to your mom's house, she'll need home Wi-Fi installed, and she'll need either a smartphone, tablet or smart speaker to operate them.

To help you get started, here are some different



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types of devices to consider that are very helpful to older adults.

Smart speakers

A smart speaker — like the Amazon Echo, Google Nest or Apple HomePod — can serve as the brains of a smart home, controlling the devices with voice com-

mands or automating them.

These devices can also play your mom's favorite music, read audiobooks, make calls, set timers and alarms, provide reminders for medications, appointments and other things, check traffic and weather, answer questions, call for help in emergency situa-

tions and much more — all done by voice commands.

Smart light bulbs

To help prevent home falls — which are often caused by fumbling around a dark room looking for a light switch — smart light bulbs will let your mom turn on and off the lights

by voice command, smart-phone or tablet.

These bulbs can also change brightness and color and be programmed to come on and off whenever she wants.

Smart plugs

These small units plug into a standard outlet and connect to the internet.

That means your mom can control whatever she plugs into them — from a space heater to a coffee maker — using her voice or phone.

Video doorbell

Safety is also a concern for older adults, especially those who live alone.

A video doorbell would let your mom see and speak to visitors at the door without having to walk over and open it.

Smart locks

For convenience and safety, smart locks would give your mom keyless entry to her home, provide customized access to family, friends and caregivers and let you monitor who comes and goes from your mom's house.

Smart thermostat

This lets your mom pre-program or manually control the temperature in her home with voice command or via phone, and let you monitor it too.

Smart smoke alarms

These will alert your mom when smoke or carbon monoxide is detected and will also send alerts to your phone if a problem is detected.

Stovetop shut-off: To prevent home cooking fires, smart stovetop shut-off devices, like the IGuardStove, will turn off electric and gas stovetops when left unattended, and will alert you via text.

Medical alert system

These devices provide wearable wrist and/or necklace emergency buttons that would allow your mom to call for help if she were to fall or need assistance.

Many systems today also provide voice activated and fall detection features, and caregiver tracking apps that will let you keep tabs on her.

Cameras and smart sensors

If your mom needs more in-depth monitoring, there are indoor cameras you can install so you can see, hear and talk to her from your phone.

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Hydro Helpers has local youth adopt a fire hydrant during the winter months to help make sure it is available in case of an emergency. **Submitted photo**

Hydro Helpers clear the path for emergency workers

BY SAM HAASE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY – The Green Bay Metro Fire Department (GBMFD) and Green Bay Water (GBW) has partnered to reinstate a program called Hydro Helpers — a program that has local children and teens adopt a fire hydrant during the winter months to help make sure it is available in case of an emergency.

The original program was created by GBMFD in 2011 and the original goal of the program was for elementary students to help out in their community.

After staff limitations, the program came to an end.

However, when GBMFD reached out to GBW during COVID-19, the program was brought back to life.

What does it mean to adopt a fire hydrant?

Parents and their children (ages 17 and under) work together to clear a four- to five-foot circle around a hydrant after a snowfall, with a path that leads to the road.

Another responsibility is to make sure that nothing is missing or broken and to report it if it is.

Without the Hydro Helpers, emergency services can be slowed down if they cannot access the hydrant, or worse, if it is broken there would be more time wasted.

Meghan Finger, education and outreach coordinator for Green Bay Water explained, “The Hydro Helper program is a great way to get youth in your area involved with your community. It gets kids involved and outside during the winter months.”

Participants are required to live in the city of Green Bay or villages of Allouez and Bellevue.

Participants are encouraged to team up with their neighbors, friends and family to make sure the hydrants are taken care of.

As a thank you for all of their hard work, the Hydro Helpers will receive appreciation certificates and hydrant-shaped cookies from Uncle Mike’s Bake Shoppe when the winter season is over.

After registration, more program details will be provided about what each of the responsibilities requires and where to report any damages.

After large snowfalls, participants and their families will receive an email from Meghan Finger or Lieutenant Shauna Walesh, public information officer and life safety educator for the Green Bay Metro Fire Department.

Registration is open through January.

For more information, visit <https://greenbaywi.gov/1178/Hydro-Helpers>.



Spreading Christmas cheer

The U.S. Marines’ Toys for Tots Program teamed up with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Wisconsin (BBBSNEW) spread Christmas cheer to 154 children in Brown, Door and Shawano counties. On Dec. 6, Marines and BBBS NEW staff became Santa’s helpers, embarking on a festive mission to locate holiday gifts, which were distributed at BBBSNEW’s annual holiday party on Dec. 7 at The Woods Golf Course, Green Bay. **BBBSNEW photos**



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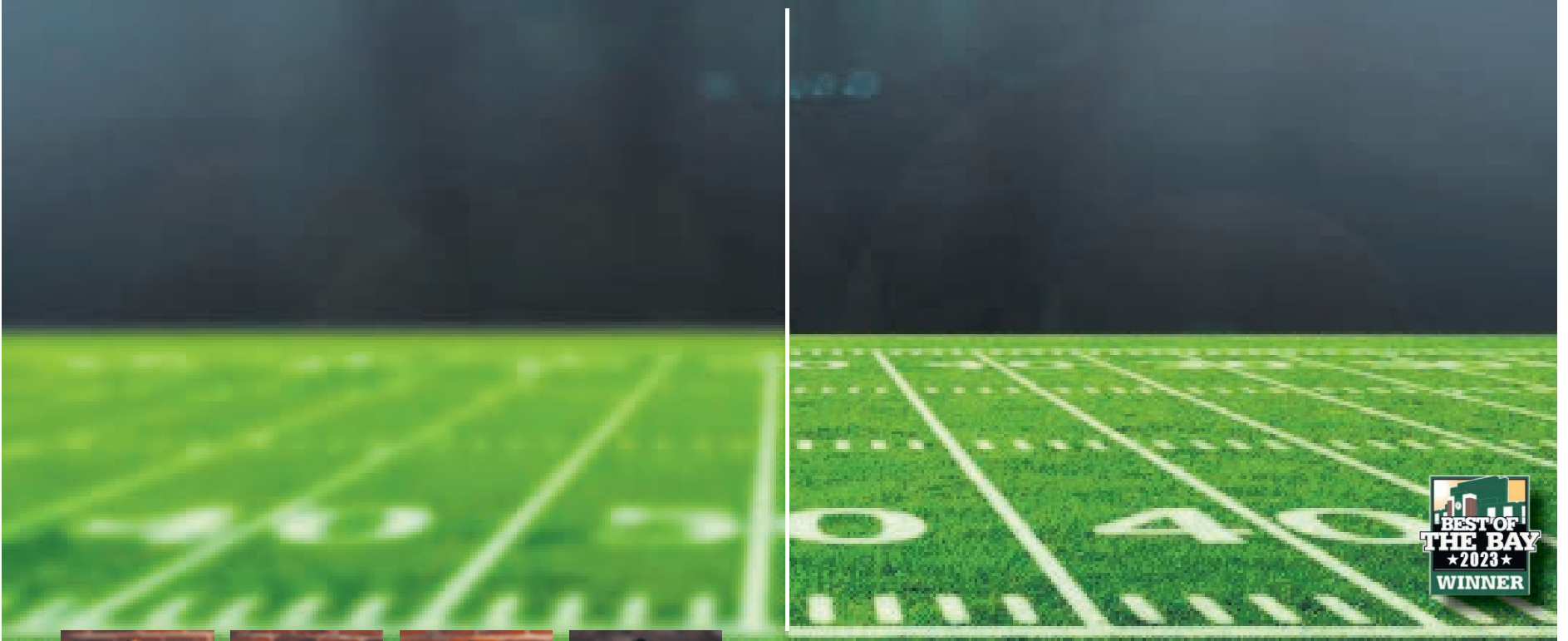
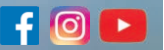
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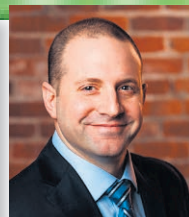
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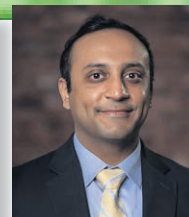
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Skogen's Festival Foods receives fifth Gold Plate Award

BY PRESS TIMES STAFF
GREEN BAY – Skogen's Festival Foods recently received their fifth Gold Plate Award from the FMI Foundation since 2016.

The FMI Foundation created the Gold Plate Award in 2013 "to highlight the outstanding programs implemented by the retail food industry to encourage family meals."

FMI — a food industry association — works to advance "safer, healthier and more efficient consumer food supply chain."

Festival was recognized in Category A (1-49 stores) of the 2023 Gold Plate Awards.

"Festival worked with partners to boost their digital marketing reach with recipes, social media trends, videos, a themed landing page with weekly meal plans and promotional email blasts," explained FMI Senior Director of Digital Communications Kelli Windsor during a recent award presentation.

"They also put the spot-

light on their community with the Food for Neighbors donation campaign, which exceeded last year's effort and collected more than \$40,000 from customers. This retailer also donated more than \$750,000 themselves, including diverse food items to ensure all families in their community can enjoy nutritious foods that are relevant to their cultural cuisine."

Festival Foods Digital Content Specialist Casey Wing added, "our vendor partners and our generous guests, we were able to donate over \$40,000 in September to local food pantries, which we're really proud of. We're incredibly grateful for the support that our partners have shown us and thank you to FMI for taking the time to learn about our campaign and recognize our efforts."

Festival Foods also created the Family Meals Month: More Meals Together campaign.

The campaign showcased vendor partner-sponsored



Skogen's Festival Foods recently received their fifth Gold Plate Award from the FMI Foundation since 2016. **Kris Leonhardt photo**

recipes; family meal ideas shared via email, social media and the Festival Foods website; and informative Family Meals Month content shared in Festival Foods' weekly store ad online, in-store and via local newspapers.

David Fikes, executive

director of the FMI Foundation, said, "Skogen's Festival Foods was among the first food retailers actively supporting FMI's Family Meals Month when it started nine years ago, and its continued commitment to the program vividly demonstrates how much the company cares

about the nutritional, emotional and mental health of its customers. Its 2023 Food for Neighbors program was wildly successful at bringing its shopping community together, facilitating neighbors caring for neighbors and providing an expansive view of what family means."

Founded in 1946 as Skogen's IGA, Festival Foods is a Wisconsin family- and employee-owned grocer.

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Four tips to make informed price reductions



Dear Monty

BY RICHARD MONTGOMERY
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

READER QUESTION

My agent wants me to lower my price. The home has been on the market for less than a month for \$349,900.

She wants it to be \$339,900. I cannot go any lower because I have a mortgage and a home equity loan of \$260,000. What should I do?

MONTY'S ANSWER

Pricing a home can be a challenging task. The hyper-local market is constantly changing.

Every home is unique and worth different prices to different buyers.

Your agent's opinion of value is just an opinion.

Your motives may not align with your agents.

Your critical task is to determine if her opinion makes sense.

Four helpful tips

1. Prospects and agents often don't provide feedback. Leave a comment card urging customer feedback on the kitchen counter. What have actual home lookers said? How many people came through the house? How many people looked at it and bought a different home? If no one has looked, was it because prospects perceived the price is too high? Was it because there have been few prospects in your price range yet?



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2. Who established the asking price? Did several agents provide an opinion? Do you have a written document containing competing and sold comparables? Examine the features of these homes to compare them with the features of your

home. The features (including the neighborhood) are crucial to determining accurate comparables.

3. Real estate agents often lump all houses of similar size together and do not consider the style of the home when comparing properties. Many platform algorithms today lump different styles together to determine an average cost per square-foot. This writer believes per square-foot evaluations are misplaced. The key features, the importance of using the same style of home, and how to calculate the differences in the value of the features.

4. Knowing the number of similar homes for sale or coming for sale and the number that sell annually will allow a calculation to learn the sales rate. For example, if there are ten similar homes for sale or expected to come on your hyper-local market

during the year and history shows that ten will sell during the year, this data suggests the supply and demand are equal. While the hyper-local market is a moving target with each transaction, the example indicates a balanced market.

Your bottom line

If you have not seen this information to justify a price reduction, you are entitled to more than a verbal request to make a \$10,000 decision.

Your agent has this information at her fingertips. Expect solid answers from your agent.

Accepting a recommendation to reduce a home's price without accurate data is risky. You commented, "I cannot go any lower."

While your finances are what they are, the marketplace is cruel in that it does not consider your situation.

Sale prices today are still abnormally high in certain areas, but recent data suggests the market is changing to a balanced or seller's market.

Some agents will recommend some incentive rather than a price reduction.

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 — From the Green Bay Press Times staff

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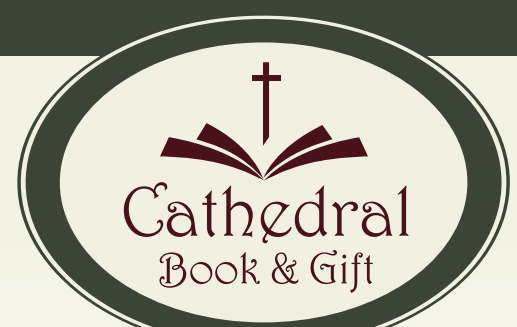
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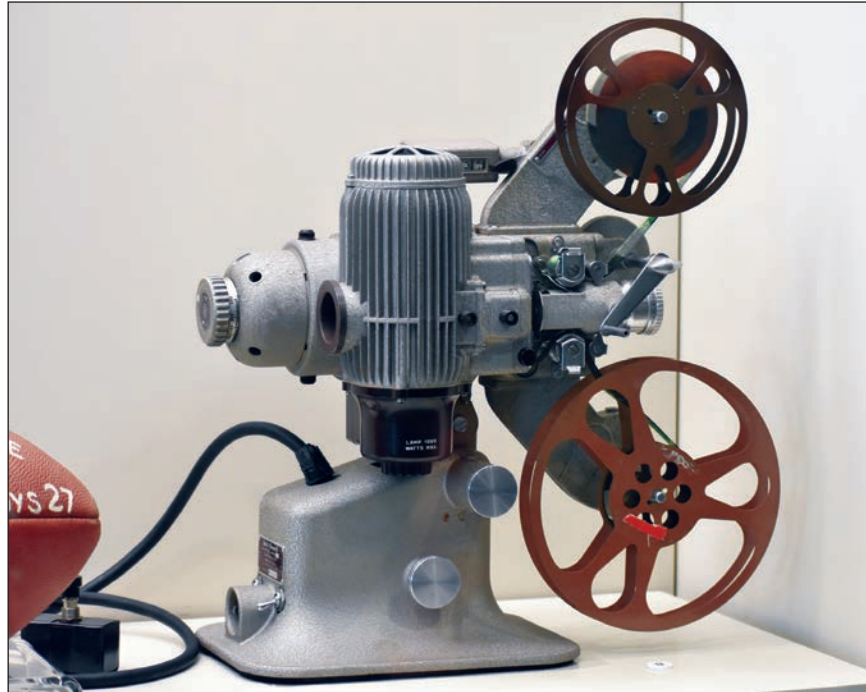
Troy Riley



Originally from Upper Michigan, Troy Riley is no stranger to Wisconsin. When Troy was 10, his mom, who worked in the paper industry, suffered a lay-off. She found work in Oshkosh and relocated the family there. During that time Troy developed a passion for music. Starting with electric bass, he quickly picked up guitar and drums. By age 17 the family was back in the UP and for six years Troy toured with different bands. He attended college at UW-Stevens Point, where he studied psychology and sociology. It was that education that landed him in Green Bay. He came to Tiletown a year and a half ago when he was offered a position as a case manager.

Shane Fitzsimmons photo

UNPACKING History



The Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame generously opened their vault to share pieces of Packers history with the Press Times to be highlighted each week for our readers. For more information on the hall of fame, visit www.packershofandtours.com. If you would like to donate Green Bay Packers memorabilia to the Packers Hall of Fame, contact Katie at (920) 965-6986 or katief@gbphof.com.

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Ice anglers will need to wait for 2024



In the Outdoors

BY KEVIN NAZE
GUEST COLUMNIST

An extended forecast that shows high temperatures in the upper 30s through Christmas is bad news for anglers who were hoping for an early start to the ice fishing season.

It's been just cold enough by night to start skimming over rivers, inland lakes and secluded, shallow spots near shore in some bays, harbors and marinas, but not safe enough to walk on. After last year's near-

bust of a season on Green Bay, hardwater fishermen had been looking forward to a return to a normal winter. The question is, could these short seasons be the new normal?

Even when sub-freezing air returns, we'll need a full week or two before you can cautiously spud your way out to try for perch, pike, walleye, trout or whitefish.

That gives you some time to make sure you have fresh

line on reels, auger blades that are sharp, and enough of your favorite hooks, jigs, bobbers and depth finders.

Once there's at least three to four inches of clear ice, wise anglers still use a spud bar as they carefully move away from shore. That's because thickness can vary widely, especially where there's currents.

The use of a life jacket or flotation suit is strongly encouraged, as is attaching a length of rope and ice picks to your jacket sleeves in case you do fall through. Extra rope is a good addition to your jacket or bucket in case someone else breaks through. Also solid ideas: having your cell phone in a waterproof, floating bag,



Tom Levy of Algoma caught this brown trout casting a spoon in the Ahnapee River last weekend. Submitted photo

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Racking up deer

We're back to bow and crossbow deer hunting for any legal whitetail through Dec. 23 before the next antlerless-only gun hunt kicks in Dec. 24-Jan. 1 in most area counties, except Calumet and northern Oconto.

Close to 6,800 deer were taken statewide during the 10-day muzzleloader hunt, more than 4,000 of them antlerless. The count included 139 in Brown County (58 bucks), 91 in Kewaunee (25 bucks) and 65 in Door (24 bucks).

Nearly 7,000 antlerless deer (and 18 bucks) were reported during the four-day "doe" hunt that ended Sunday, including 89 in Door, 59 in Kewaunee, and 45 in Brown.

Crossbow users have registered more than 51,600 deer, including about 32,300 bucks. Archers have taken more than 33,900 deer, including nearly 21,000 bucks.

Through last weekend, the all-seasons 2023 fall deer harvest was at 145,797 bucks and 136,473 antlerless deer for a total of 282,270.

That included 2,533 (1,348

bucks) in Brown County, 3,456 (1,698 bucks) in Door and 2,712 (1,296 bucks) in KC.

Meanwhile, the southern zone goose hunt reopens Dec. 16 and runs through Jan. 2, while ruffed grouse and pheasants are legal through Jan. 7.

Wild turkey hunting

The fall and winter wild turkey hunting season runs through Jan. 7 in Zones 1-5.

As of Monday, wild turkey hunters in our zone, Zone 2, had registered 1,105 birds.

That's nearly double the combined total of Zones 1 (548) and 4 (576). Zone 3 had 732, Zone 6 276, Zone 5 213 and Zone 7 143.

The spring wild turkey hunt begins with Learn to Hunts in select areas in early April, followed by the youth turkey hunt weekend April 13-14.

The regular six-period hunting season begins with Period A April 17-23 and ends with Period F May 22-28.

Stocking stuffers

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Water levels update

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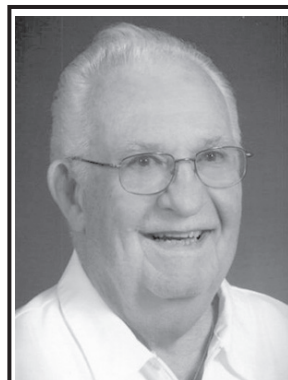
Water levels are about 32 inches lower than the record December high (1986) and 33 inches above the record monthly low (2012).

Bird counts Dec. 16-17

A handful of Christmas Bird Count (CBC) efforts are taking place this weekend in Brown, Door and Kewaunee counties.

You can learn more about the 124th Audubon Christmas Bird Count and find a local connection at <https://gis.audubon.org/christmasbirdcount>.

OBITUARIES



Robert "Pat" James Derpinghaus, 82, passed away at home on Monday, December 4, 2023. In accordance with Pat's wishes the family will celebrate his life with a private memorial gathering. Please visit www.prokowall.com for the full obituary and online condolences.

Leon R. Drzewiecki, 85, Green Bay, passed away Friday, December 8, 2023. He was born September 28, 1938, to Zigmund "Zeke" and Rose M. (Daun) Drzewiecki.

Leon attended Catholic Central High School. He was a long-time member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1956 and served at Camp LeJeune, N.C. until his honorable discharge in 1959. Leon enjoyed spending time at his family's cottage on Harbor Lights Road and enjoyed painting scenes from the cottage and Green Bay. He was extremely interested in history, especially related to Duck Creek and Suamico. Leon was employed by Curative Connections Workshops.

He is survived by his sister, Sr. Maria Drzewiecki O.S.F.; all the sisters of the St. Francis Community and many cousins. Leon was preceded in death by his parents, Zigmund and Rose.

Friends and family will gather at Blaney Funeral Home, 1521 Shawano Ave., from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 16; Service to follow at 11 a.m. Entombment will be in Allouez Chapel Mausoleum. To send online condolences, please go to www.BlaneyFuneralHome.com.

The family is grateful to Connie and Mike Hermes and Tom Olejniczak who took care of Leon's care.

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Ashwaubenon WNAXLP
 RETAIL ALCOHOL LICENSE
 Notice is hereby given that the following application has been received by the Clerk of the Village of Ashwaubenon: Class "B" Beer/"Class B" Liquor License – Belair Cantina Green Bay, Inc. dba Belair Cantina, 1025 Lombardi Ave., Suite 100, (Kristyn Eitel, agent).
 /s/ Kris A. Teske, Village Clerk (RUN): December 15, 2023
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Green Bay WNAXLP
STATE OF WISCONSIN - CIRCUIT COURT – BROWN COUNTY

CREATIVE FINANCE, INC.
 815 Business Park Road
 PO Box 454
 Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965,
 Plaintiff,
 v.
JAHZMEEN AMIRAH JACKSON
 1725 Packer Land Drive
 Green Bay, WI 54304
 Defendant.
 Case No. 23CV1131
SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
 To each person named above as a Defendant:
 You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above Creative Finance, Inc., by its attorney, Christopher M. Kern, filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you.
 Within Forty (40) days the 20th day of November, 2023, you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the Complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is: Clerk of Circuit Court, Brown County Courthouse, 100 South Jefferson Street, PO Box 23600, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54305, and to Plaintiff's attorney, Christopher M. Kern, 815 Business Park Road, PO Box 454, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, 53965. You may have an attorney help or represent you.
 If you do not provide a proper answer within forty (40) days, the Court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
 Dated this 20th day of November, 2023.

General Counsel for Plaintiff
 Signed By: Christopher M. Kern
 Christopher M. Kern
 State Bar Number: 1093883
 Creative Finance, Inc.
 815 Business Park Road
 P.O. Box 454
 Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
 Phone: (608) 254-6855
 Fax: (608) 253-5005
 legal@creativefinanceinc.com
 Publish 12.01.23, 12.08.23 & 12.15.23 WNAXLP

HOWARD WNAXLP
 The Village of Howard Board of Trustees has received the following new 2023-2024 Class B beer and liquor license applications:
Establishment
 Hot Sake Sushi Bar & Kitchen, 1773-B Cardinal Ln. Green Bay, WI 54313
Applicant
 Juan Sanchez Tentzohua
 The Village Board will consider the license applications on January 8, 2024 at 6:30 pm. All license applications are open to public inspection from 7:30 am-5:00 pm, Monday through Thursday Friday 7:30am to

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11:30am at Howard's Village Hall, 2456 Glendale Avenue. Publish 12.15.23 WNAXLP

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ALLOUEZ WNAXLP

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

FIRE STATION KITCHEN REMODELPROJECT VILLAGEOFALLOUEZ
 Brown County, Wisconsin (920) 448-2800

Notice is hereby given by the Village Board, Village of Allouez, Brown County, Wisconsin, that it will receive sealed bids for the Fire Station Kitchen **Remodel Project until 2:00p.m., on Thursday, December 28, 2023**, at Allouez Village Hall, 1900 Libal Street, Green Bay, WI, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids are requested for the following work:
PROJECT 7799

The Project is approximately a 548 SF Level 2 Alteration in the existing kitchen at Fire Station #8 located at 135 Dauphin Street, Green Bay, WI 54301. The Scope includes but is not limited to:

- Demolition of existing finishes, countertops, casework, etc. as required for new work
- Provide new casework and countertops
- Provide new epoxy flooring with vinyl base over existing resinous flooring
- Provide new acoustic ceiling tile and grid
- Provide new lighting and new receptacle locations throughout
- Provide new Type 1 exhaust hood and rooftop makeup air unit with ductwork
- Install new Owner provided kitchen equipment
- Alternate to provide new finishes in the adjacent Recreation Room

OWNER – The Village of Allouez and the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department acting through its Village Board hereby gives notice that sealed bids will be received in the Village Hall Office for the above mentioned project.

BIDS – All bids shall be addressed to the Village of Allouez, C/O: Chris Clark, Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Director, 1900 Libal St., Green Bay, Wisconsin 54301. Bids shall be sealed and shall have the name and address of the bidder as well as **BID** with the project name

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FIRE STATION KITCHEN REMODEL VILLAGE OF ALLOUEZ marked on the outside of the envelope. All bidders shall bid in accordance with and upon the Bid Forms included in the contract documents.

EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS–The contract documents are on file for inspection at the Office of the Architect, Somerville, Inc., 2100 Riverside Drive, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54301

PROCUREMENT OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS–

In order to be a "Plan Holder" or "Bidder" each firm or organization shall obtain plans and/or specs as follows: Bidding documents can be obtained from the Office of the Architect by emailing planrequests@somervilleinc.com beginning on December 14, 2023. Instructions for downloading or requesting printed copies of Bidding Documents will be emailed to you.

PRE-BID MANDATORY MEETING – A mandatory Bidder's Conference has been scheduled for which all prime contract Bidders and Suppliers are invited.

1. Date/Time: December 19, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
2. Location: Fire Station #8, 135 Dauphin Street, Green Bay, WI 54301
3. Representatives of the Owner and Architect will be in attendance.

BID SECURITY – No bid shall be received unless accompanied by a certified check or satisfactory bid bond payable to the Village of Allouez in the amount not less than 5% of the maximum bid as guarantee that, if the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute and file the contract, performance/payment bonds and insurance certification, as required by the contract documents, within ten (10) days after the Notice of Award.

BID REJECTION–The OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any information in bidding or to accept the bid or bids which best serves the interests of the Village of Allouez.

WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS–No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of 60days after the scheduled opening without the consent of the OWNER. Published by the authority of the Village of Allouez

Jim Rafter
 Village President
 Brad Lange
 Village Administrator
 Carrie Zittlow

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Village Clerk-Treasurer
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ASHWAUBENON WNAXLP

ADVERTISEMENT FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT WATERFORD PARK VILLAGE OF ASHWAUBENON

Design renderings and proposal for two playground structures (2-5 year old and a 5-12 year old) in the amount of \$120,000 will be received by the Village of Ashwaubenon, 2155 Holmgren Way, Ashwaubenon, WI 54304, at the office of the Village Clerk until 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, December 20th, 2023. Submittals must include both a posterboard and a pdf (emailed) of the proposed playground structures. Proposal forms, specifications and instructions may be obtained at the Ashwaubenon Parks and Recreation Department, 900 Anderson Drive, or by request, shall be sent by mail or email.

The Village has the right to waive any informality in any bid and the right to reject any or all bids.
 Dated this Wednesday, December 6, 2023.
 Village of Ashwaubenon
 Rex Mehlberg, Director
 Parks, Recreation & Forestry
 Requests for submittal forms and any questions may be directed to Rex Mehlberg at (920) 492-2331.
 Publish Dec. 8 & 15, 2023
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
 Contract: **PARKS 13-23 GIANT SLIDE STAIR REPAIR**
 City of Green Bay, Wisconsin Proposals will be received and accepted **ONLY** through QuestCDN.com via their electronic VirtuBid™ (vBid) online bid service until 2:00 p.m. on January 9, 2024, at which time they will be opened for Public Works Improvement Contract: **PARKS 13-23 GIANT SLIDE STAIR REPAIR**

in accordance with the contract documents, 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. In general, the Project involves replacement of the metal stair stringers, treads, risers, landings, handrails, and associated chain link fencing components of the Giant Slide.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at Bay Beach Amusement Park located at 1313 Bay Beach Road at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 27, 2023. Bids will be received for one contract which includes all Work necessary and/or required to complete the project per the Contract Documents.

All work required in this contract shall be completed by Friday, May 10, 2024. 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. Proof of Responsibility form can be found on the City's website: <https://greenbaywi.gov/796/engineering>. 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

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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 informalities in bidding. No bids shall be withdrawn after the opening of bids without the consent of the City of Green Bay, Wisconsin for a period of sixty (60) days after the scheduled time for closing bids.

All proposals must be submitted through QuestCDN.com via their electronic vBid online bid service provided for that purpose and issued to the specific bidder by the Director of Public Works. Proposals must be submitted together with a bid bond equal to at least five (5) but 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
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Department of Public Works

NOTICE
CITY OF GREEN BAY
HOUSEHOLD TRASH OVERFLOW COLLECTION

During the week of December 26-30, 2023, City of Green Bay residents may place up to FOUR (4) 32-gallon plastic bags of "overflow" household trash next to your City-issued trash cart (**if your cart is full**) for free curbside collection. The "overflow" trash bags must be placed next to your trash cart at the curb by 6 a.m. on your collection day.

If more than four (4) trash bags or other items are placed next to your cart for collection, they will be picked up and you will be charged accordingly.

- The following items will **NOT** be collected:
- **NO** construction, remodeling, or demolition waste
 - **NO** electronics
 - **NO** appliances
 - **NO** move-out debris

If any of these items are left at the curb, they will be picked up and charged accordingly.

City of Green Bay residents may bring bulk household items to the drop off sites listed below. Construction, remodeling, demolition waste, household trash, move-out debris, and recycling items are **NOT** allowed at these locations.

BE PREPARED TO SHOW YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE/PROOF OF RESIDENCY IN THE CITY.

EAST SIDE LOCATION

1820 Mills Street
 Green Bay, WI 54302
 (Entrance on Deckner Ave.)

WEST SIDE LOCATION

519 S. Oneida Street
 Green Bay, WI 54303
 (Entrance on Redwood Dr. off W. Mason St.)

Hours of Operation:
 Monday–Thursday, 7 a.m.–3 p.m.
 Friday, 7 a.m.–6 p.m.
 2nd & 3rd Saturday of each month, 7 a.m.–12 p.m.

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

For more information, residents may contact the Department of Public Works – Operations Division at (920) 448-3535 during office hours of Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., visit our Facebook page, or visit the City's website at www.greenbaywi.gov/publicworks.

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Green Bay WNXALP
NOTICE AND ORDER TO RAZE OR REPAIR
 BUILDING LOCATED AT 1155 S. RIDGE ROAD GREEN BAY, BROWN COUNTY, WISCONSIN
THE CITY OF GREEN BAY, A WISCONSIN MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, TO:
 Jesse L. Batal and Julie M. Batal
 1155 S. Ridge Road Green Bay, WI 54304
 The undersigned, a duly appointed Housing Inspector for the City of Green Bay, Brown County, Wisconsin, recently caused to be inspected the garage located at 1155 S. Ridge Road, Green Bay, Brown County, Wisconsin, parcel number 1-1370-A-1, more particularly described as follows: That part of Private Claim 6 West, City of Green Bay, Brown County, Wisconsin, described as follows: Commencing at the intersection of the Northerly line of Lot 51, C.L.A. Tank's Subdivision of Private Claims 2 thru 9 West, with the Easterly line of Ridge Road and running thence North 25° 58' 30" East along the Easterly line of Ridge Road 76.75 feet; thence South 64° 01' 30" East 180.0 feet; thence South 25° 58' 30" West 76.75 feet to the Northerly line of said Lot 51; thence North 64° 01' 30" West 180.0 feet to the point of commencement. and determined that the garage on such premises is old, dilapidated, and/or out of repair and is consequently dangerous, unsafe, unsanitary, or otherwise unfit for human habitation, occupancy, or use. THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to the authority set forth in Wis. Stats. § 66.0413(1)(b), that the following reasonable repairs be made to make said garage safe and sanitary:
 1. Garage must have a code compliant foundation or slab.
 2. Garage must be maintained in a state of good repair, including proper maintenance of paint, windows, doors, and siding.
 3. A building permit application and site plan must be submitted.
 4. Permits will be required prior to conducting any repair or renovations on plumbing, electrical, HVAC, or structural systems. All repairs shall comply with state and municipal building codes. Alternatively, said garage shall be razed and the rubble and the remains thereof removed and any excavation caused by such razing filled and leveled and the site restored to a dust-free and erosion-free condition within thirty (30) days following the service of this Notice and Order upon you. NOTICE IS GIVEN that upon your failure to repair or raze said garage and fill and level any excavation caused thereby and restore the site to a dust-free and erosion-free condition within the thirty (30) day period prescribed, the City of Green Bay may cause such garage or part thereof to be razed and removed and the site restored to a dust-free and erosion-free condition. The work shall consist of razing and removing the subject structure and all flatwork, driveway aprons, and fill at the specified address and filling all basements, crawl spaces, and excavated areas with approved granular material, topsoil, and seed, and installing any curbing required by Green Bay Municipal Code. The costs of such razing, removal, and restoration of the site to a dust-free and erosion-free condition may be charged in full or in part against the real estate upon which such building is located and if that cost is so charged, it is a lien upon such real estate and may be assessed and

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collected as a special charge. Any portion of the cost charged against the real estate that is not reimbursed under Wis. Stats. § 632.103(2) from funds withheld from an insurance settlement may be assessed and collected as a special tax. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that you may challenge this Notice and Order pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 66.0413(1)(h), which is an exclusive remedy. Dated this ___4th___ day of ___December___, 2023. /s/ Mike Van De Wetering Mike Van De Wetering Housing Inspector STATE OF WISCONSIN)
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 COUNTY OF BROWN)
 Personally came before me this ___4th___ day of December___, 2023, the above named Mike Van De Wetering, to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledge the same. /s/ Deanna K. DeBruler Deanna K. DeBruler Notary Public, State of Wisconsin My Commission Expires: 1-2-27 Publish 12.15.23 WNXALP
Green Bay WNXALP
NOTICE AND ORDER TO RAZE OR REPAIR
 BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 1143 S. NORWOOD AVENUE GREEN BAY, BROWN COUNTY, WISCONSIN
THE CITY OF GREEN BAY, A WISCONSIN MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, TO:
 Thomas J. Meves
 1143 S. Norwood Avenue Green Bay, WI 54304
 The undersigned, a duly appointed Building Inspector for the City of Green Bay, Brown County, Wisconsin, recently caused to be inspected the premises located at 1143 S. Norwood Avenue, Green Bay, Brown County, Wisconsin, parcel number 1-540, more particularly described as follows:
 Lot 16, Block 5, Replat of the Plat of Nicolet, in the City of Green Bay, West side of Fox River, Brown County, Wisconsin, and determined that the building on such premises is old, dilapidated, and/or out of repair and is consequently dangerous, unsafe, unsanitary, or otherwise unfit for human habitation, occupancy, or use. THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to the authority set forth in Wis. Stats. § 66.0413(1)(b), that the following reasonable repairs be made to make said building safe and sanitary:
 1. Repair or replace damaged structural system. A licensed contractor must be used to repair structural systems and framework that has been damaged or compromised by the fire.
 2. Repair or replace damaged floors, walls, and ceilings.
 3. Repair or replace damaged electrical systems. A licensed electrical contractor must evaluate the electrical system and ensure that all components are installed and functioning to a code compliant condition. All electrical fixtures, outlets, and switches shall function properly and shall be replaced if they do not.
 4. Repair or replace damaged plumbing systems. A licensed contractor must evaluate the plumbing equipment/system and ensure all components are installed functioning to a code compliant condition.
 5. Repair or replace damaged HVAC systems. A licensed heating contractor must evaluate the heating system and ensure that all components are installed and functioning to a code compliant condition and capable of adequately heating all habitable rooms, bathrooms, and toilet rooms to the minimum temperature listed in the City code.

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6. Permits will be required prior to conducting any repair or renovations on driveway apron, plumbing, electrical, HVAC, or structural systems. All repairs shall comply with state and municipal building codes. Alternatively, said building shall be razed and the rubble and the remains thereof removed and any excavation caused by such razing filled and leveled and the site restored to a dust-free and erosion-free condition within thirty (30) days following the service of this Notice and Order upon you. NOTICE IS GIVEN that upon your failure to repair or raze said building and fill and level any excavation caused thereby and restore the site to a dust-free and erosion-free condition within the thirty (30) day period prescribed, the City of Green Bay may cause such building or part thereof to be razed and removed and the site restored to a dust-free and erosion-free condition. The work shall consist of razing and removing the subject structure and all outbuildings, accessory structures, flatwork, driveway aprons, and fill at the specified address and filling all basements, crawl spaces, and excavated areas with approved granular material, topsoil, and seed, and installing any curbing required by Green Bay Municipal Code. The costs of such razing, removal, and restoration of the site to a dust-free and erosion-free condition may be charged in full or in part against the real estate upon which such building is located and if that cost is so charged, it is a lien upon such real estate and may be assessed and collected as a special charge. Any portion of the cost charged against the real estate that is not reimbursed under Wis. Stats. § 632.103(2) from funds withheld from an insurance settlement may be assessed and collected as a special tax. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that you may challenge this Notice and Order pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 66.0413(1)(h), which is an exclusive remedy. Dated this ___4th___ day of ___December___, 2023. /s/ Matt Bablitch Matt Bablitch Building Inspector STATE OF WISCONSIN)
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 COUNTY OF BROWN)
 Personally came before me this ___4th___ day of December, 2023, the above named Matt Bablitch, to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledge the same. /s/ Deanna K. DeBruler Deanna K. DeBruler Notary Public, State of Wisconsin My Commission Expires: 1-2-27 Publish 12.15.23 WNXALP
Green Bay WNXALP
NOTICE AND ORDER TO RAZE OR REPAIR
 BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 1766 WESTERN AVENUE GREEN BAY, BROWN COUNTY, WISCONSIN
THE CITY OF GREEN BAY, A WISCONSIN MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, TO:
 Owen A. Backus
 1766 Western Avenue Green Bay, WI 54303
 The undersigned, a duly appointed Housing Inspector for the City of Green Bay, Brown County, Wisconsin, recently caused to be inspected the premises located at 1766 Western Avenue, Green Bay, Brown County, Wisconsin, parcel number 6-131-A, more particularly described as follows: The West 111 feet of that part of Lot Twenty (20), according to the recorded Plat of Cady and Burdon's Garden Lots, in the City of Green Bay, West side of Fox River, Brown

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County, Wisconsin, described as follows:
 Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Lot 20; thence North 25 deg. 57 min. 46 sec. East 30 feet to the North line of Western Avenue to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 25 deg. 57 min. 46 sec. East 357.4 feet to the South line of the Green Bay and Western Railroad Company's right-of-way; thence South 63 deg. 52 min. 18 sec. East along said South line of the Green Bay and Western Railroad Company's right-of-way 222 feet; thence South 24 deg. 26 min. 46 sec. West, 357.03 feet; thence North 64 deg. West 231.5 feet to the point of beginning, as described in Vol. 224 Deeds, Page 427, excepting therefrom that part sold in Vol. 649 Records, Page 199. and determined that the dwelling on such premises is old, dilapidated, and/or out of repair and is consequently dangerous, unsafe, unsanitary, or otherwise unfit for human habitation, occupancy, or use. THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to the authority set forth in Wis. Stats. § 66.0413(1)(b), that the following reasonable repairs be made to make said dwelling safe and sanitary:
 1. A licensed structural engineer must conduct an analysis which must include a comprehensive engineered report defining the required repair, stabilization, and reinforcement of all structural systems including, but not limited to, foundation, support posts, and flooring, and shall include architectural drawings depicting the foundation and framework plan. Repairs shall be made in accordance with this structural analysis and shall be performed by a licensed contractor with appropriate permits.
 2. Repair or replace all damaged, deteriorated, or rotted structural systems.
 3. Repair or replace all damaged, deteriorated, or rotted walls, floors, and ceilings.
 4. Repair or replace all damaged, deteriorated, missing, or rotted windows, trim, roof covering, soffit, fascia, siding, and painted surfaces and restore each to good repair or condition.
 5. Repair or replace damaged/non-code compliant electrical systems. Hire a licensed electrical contractor to evaluate the electrical system and ensure that all components are installed and functioning to a code compliant condition.
 6. All electrical fixtures, outlets, and switches shall function properly and shall be replaced if they do not.
 7. Remove all trash, garbage, and clutter from the basement.
 8. Repair or replace all deteriorated, damaged, missing, or rotted areas of the front porch including, but not limited to, deck boards and steps.
 9. Properly screen attic vent.
 10. If any walls of the structure are opened during repairs and renovations, licensed plumbing and heating contractors must be hired to evaluate the systems to ensure all components are properly installed and functioning to a code compliant condition.
 11. Permits will be required prior to conducting any repair or renovations on plumbing, electrical, HVAC, or structural systems. All repairs shall comply with state and municipal building codes. Alternatively, said dwelling shall be razed and the rubble and the remains thereof removed and any excavation caused by such razing filled and leveled and the site restored to a dust-free and erosion-free condition within thirty (30) days following the service of this Notice and Order upon you.

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NOTICE IS GIVEN that upon your failure to repair or raze said building and fill and level any excavation caused thereby and restore the site to a dust-free and erosion-free condition within the thirty (30) day period prescribed, the City of Green Bay may cause such building or part thereof to be razed and removed and the site restored to a dust-free and erosion-free condition. The work shall consist of razing and removing the subject structure and all flatwork, driveway aprons, and fill at the specified address and filling all basements, crawl spaces, and excavated areas with approved granular material, topsoil, and seed, and installing any curbing required by Green Bay Municipal Code. The costs of such razing, removal, and restoration of the site to a dust-free and erosion-free condition may be charged in full or in part against the real estate upon which such dwelling is located and if that cost is so charged, it is a lien upon such real estate and may be assessed and collected as a special charge. Any portion of the cost charged against the real estate that is not reimbursed under Wis. Stats. § 632.103(2) from funds withheld from an insurance settlement may be assessed and collected as a special tax. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that you may challenge this Notice and Order pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 66.0413(1)(h), which is an exclusive remedy. Dated this ___4th___ day of ___December___, 2023. /s/ Donna Rosenthal Donna Rosenthal Housing Inspector STATE OF WISCONSIN)
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 COUNTY OF BROWN)
 Personally came before me this ___4th___ day of ___December___, 2023, the above named Donna Rosenthal, to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledge the same. /s/ Deanna K. DeBruler Deanna K. DeBruler Notary Public, State of Wisconsin My Commission Expires: 1-2-27 Publish 12.15.23 WNXALP
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MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023, 4:30 PM
In person at City Hall, Room 203 - Council Chambers.
Virtual attendance also available via Zoom.
B. ROLL CALL.
 Present: Jim Hutchison, Jennifer Grant, Craig Stevens, Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, William Morgan, Randy Scannell, Jesse Brunette, Steven Campbell, Melinda Eck, Bill Galvin, Mark Steuer
 Excused:
 Absent:
E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.
 Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Craig Stevens to approve. Motion Passed.
 Yes- Jim Hutchison, Jennifer Grant, Mark Steuer, Steven Campbell, Craig Stevens, Randy Scannell, Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, Bill Galvin, Melinda Eck, William Morgan, No-None, Abstain- None.
F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.
 Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Melinda Eck to approve. Motion Passed.
 Yes- Jim Hutchison, Jennifer Grant, Mark Steuer, Steven Campbell, Craig Stevens, Randy Scannell, Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, Bill Galvin, Melinda Eck, William Morgan, No-None, Abstain- None.
K. REFERRAL OF PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS.
 None were offered.
L. ADJOURNMENT.
 Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Melinda Eck to adjourn. Motion Passed.
 Yes- Jim Hutchison, Jennifer Grant, Mark Steuer, Steven

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None, Abstain- None,
H. PUBLIC HEARINGS.
 Barbara Dorff, 3375 Pebble Beach Ct
 Jeanette Knill, 3003 Emmalane Dr
 Natalie Hoffman, 559 Rothe St
 Mark Bergelin, 806 N. Broadway
 1. 2024 Budget for the City of Green Bay.
I. REPORT OF THE JOINT FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING (NOVEMBER 2, 2023).
 Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Bill Galvin to approve, except item 6.
 Motion Passed.
 Yes- Jim Hutchison, Jennifer Grant, Mark Steuer, Steven Campbell, Craig Stevens, Randy Scannell, Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, Bill Galvin, Melinda Eck, William Morgan, No-None, Abstain- None.
 6. To approve the Mayor's recommended 2024 Budget, with the following changes: remove from Law Department \$41,763.45 from line #54004 "books, maps, and subscriptions;" amend the Parks, Recreation and Forestry budget by providing a 2% COLA for seasonal park positions at a cost of \$31,508. This will be funded from contingency, reducing that budget by \$31,508; increase the wage rate for all seasonal salaries by 2% using contingency funds; reduce line #59001 Contingency, by \$1,000 to fund a 2% COLA for City seasonal positions; and amend line #50003 Seasonal salaries by to include a 2% COLA for non-levy supported seasonal positions.
 Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Bill Galvin to approve.
 Moved by Ald. Brian Johnson, seconded by Ald. Jesse Brunette to amend, reduce contingency by \$17,492 and then reduce account #50099, department turnover by \$148,925.55.
 Motion Passed.
 Yes- Jim Hutchison, Jennifer Grant, Mark Steuer, Steven Campbell, Craig Stevens, Randy Scannell, Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, Bill Galvin, Melinda Eck, William Morgan, No-None, Abstain- None.
 Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Steven Campbell to approve as amended.
 Motion Passed.
 Yes- Jim Hutchison, Jennifer Grant, Mark Steuer, Steven Campbell, Craig Stevens, Randy Scannell, Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, Bill Galvin, Melinda Eck, William Morgan, No-None, Abstain- None.
J. RESOLUTIONS.
 Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Brian Johnson to amend, as discussed.
 Motion Passed.
 Yes- Jim Hutchison, Jennifer Grant, Mark Steuer, Steven Campbell, Craig Stevens, Randy Scannell, Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, Bill Galvin, Melinda Eck, William Morgan, No-None, Abstain- None.
 Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Mark Steuer to approve as amended.
 Motion Passed.
 Yes- Jim Hutchison, Jennifer Grant, Mark Steuer, Steven Campbell, Craig Stevens, Randy Scannell, Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, Bill Galvin, Melinda Eck, William Morgan, No-None, Abstain- None.
 1. Final Budget Resolution, 2024.
K. REFERRAL OF PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS.
 None were offered.
L. ADJOURNMENT.
 Moved by Ald. Randy Scannell, seconded by Ald. Melinda Eck to adjourn. Motion Passed.
 Yes- Jim Hutchison, Jennifer Grant, Mark Steuer, Steven

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Campbell, Craig Stevens, Randy Scannell, Brian Johnson, Chris Wery, Jesse Brunette, Bill Galvin, Melinda Eck, William Morgan, None, Abstain- None. These minutes in their entirety, are available by request in the City Clerk's office and on the City's website at: www.greenbaywi.gov. Celestine Jeffreys City Clerk, Green Bay Publish 12.15.23 WNAXLP

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VILLAGE OF ASHWAUBENON VILLAGE HALL-2155 HOLMGREN WAY VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES-November 28, 2023

Call to Order: The meeting of the Ashwaubenon Village Board of Trustees was called to order by President Mary C. Kardoskee at 6:00 pm. Roll Call: President Kardoskee, Trustees Paul, Servais, Zirbel, Krueger, Atkinson, Flucke Others present: Kris Teske, Patrick Leigl, Joel Gregozeski, Brian Uhl, Nick Kozloski, Brian Rickert, Greg Wenholz, Rex Mehlberg, Aaron Schuette, Don Snyder (Lamar), Trevor Thompson (Highland Ridge Properties), Dave & Jeri Starich, Jeff VanBeaver, Amy McNally, Tim Rinn, Tony Smet, Doug Woelz (McMahon), Aaron Breitenfeldt (Robert E. Lee & Associates), Tammy VanBeaver, John Tomasich. Remote: Alex Padrnos, Josephine Hinderman (The Press Times), WLUK. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Action on Agenda: Motion (Krueger, Flucke) to Approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Action on Minutes: a. Consider/Discuss/Act on Open and Closed Session Minutes from October 24, 2023.

Trustee Gary Paul stated he meant to vote no at the October 24, 2023 Village Board Meeting on the motion to table the Site Plan to the November 28, 2023 Village Board Meeting for item 12 b. Consider/Discuss/Act on a Site Plan Review request by Robert E. Lee & Associates for a new 4-story Cambria Hotel located at 2113-2145 S. Oneida Street, Parcels VA-67-A-8, VA-67-A, VA-460-P-108, and VA-90-4-11. Trustee Chris Atkinson also stated he meant to vote no for 12 b.

Motion (Servais, Flucke) to Approved as Amended the Open Minutes and Approve Closed Session Minutes from October 24, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Consider/Discuss/Act on Joint Village Board and Finance & Personnel minutes from November 14, 2023. Motion (Flucke, Atkinson) to Approve the Joint Village Board and Finance & Personnel minutes from November 14, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Comments from Public: None. Written Communications and/or Announcements: None. Action on Consent Agenda: Motion (Atkinson, Zirbel) to Approve the consent agenda (which included Public Works Monthly Department Report, Budgeted Expenditures, General Fund Financial Report - September 2023 YTD, Investment Report). Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing: a. Public Hearing for the 2024 Village of Ashwaubenon Proposed Budget: Motion by Trustee Flucke, seconded by Trustee Krueger to open the floor for the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Motion (Atkinson, Servais) to Close Public Hearing Motion carried unanimously.

b. Public Hearing on a

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Planned Unit Development (PUD) Amendment Ordinance #O11-1-23 for a new 4-Story Cambria Hotel located at 2113-2145 S. Oneida Street, Parcels VA-67-A-8, VA-67-A, VA-460-P-108, and VA-90-4-11: Director of Community Development Aaron Schuette stated that at the October 24, 2023 Ashwaubenon Village Board meeting, the Village Board postponed a decision on the site plan and directed Village staff to work with the Cambria development team to prepare an amendment to the current PUD with the requested six revisions. Motion (Paul, Servais) to Close Public Hearing Motion carried unanimously. Action Items: a. Action on Resolution R11-2-23; Village of Ashwaubenon 2024 Budget: Director of Finance Greg Wenholz gave a short summary. President Mary Kardoskee thanked the staff for all of their hard work on the budget and Trustee Gary Paul thanked Village Manager Joel Gregozeski and Finance Director Wenholz on the presentation. Motion (Paul, Atkinson) to Approve Resolution No. R11-2-23 Village of Ashwaubenon 2024 Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Consider/Discuss/Act on a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Amendment Ordinance #O11-1-23 for a new 4-Story Cambria Hotel located at 2113-2145 S. Oneida Street, Parcels VA-67-A-8, VA-67-A, VA-460-P-108, and VA-90-4-11: As stated in the Public Hearing, Director of Community Development Aaron Schuette said that at the October 24, 2023 Ashwaubenon Village Board meeting, the Village Board postponed a decision on the site plan and directed Village staff to work with the Cambria development team to prepare an amendment to the current PUD with the requested six revisions. Motion (Atkinson, Krueger) to Approve of PUD ordinance amendment #O11-1-23 for a new 4-story Cambria Hotel at 2113-2145 S. Oneida Street, Parcels VA-67-A-8, VA-67-A, VA-460-P-108, and VA-90-4-11 with the condition that a site plan that is substantially similar to the PUD be approved by Village Board. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Consider/Discuss/Act on a Site Plan Review request by Robert E. Lee & Associates for a new 4-story Cambria Hotel located at 2113-2145 S. Oneida Street, Parcels VA-67-A-8, VA-67-A, VA-460-P-108, and VA-90-4-11: Director of Community Development Aaron Schuette discussed the changes on the site plan. Motion (Atkinson, Paul) to Approve the site plan for the new 4-story Cambria Hotel at 2113-2145 S. Oneida Street, Parcels VA-67-A-8, VA-67-A, VA-460-P-108, and VA-90-4-11 with staff conditions. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Consider/Discuss/Act on a request from Lamar Advertising regarding the relocation of a billboard and structure to Parcel VA-213-3: Director of Community Development Aaron Schuette stated Lamar Advertising has submitted a sign permit to relocate a static billboard on parcel VA-184-A and replace it with a two-sided digital billboard at parcel VA-213-3. Motion (Paul, Krueger) to Approve the relocation and replacement of a billboard and structure to Parcel VA-213-3. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Consider/Discuss/Act on the Highland Ridge Estates First Addition Final Subdivision Plat: Director of Community Development Aaron Schuette gave an overview of the Highland Ridge Estates First Addition Final Subdivision Plat and listed the statutory conditions that need to be met. Motion (Paul, Atkinson) to Approve the Highland Ridge Estates First Addition Final Plat with

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staff conditions. Motion carried unanimously. f. Consider/Discuss/Act on the Citizens Participation Plan (CPP) for the Ashwaubenon Comprehensive Plan Update: Director of Community Development Aaron Schuette stated the Ashwaubenon Comprehensive Plan was last updated in 2016. Wisconsin State Statutes state the governing body of a local government unit is required to adopt written procedures to foster public participation during the comprehensive planning process. Village staff anticipates starting the process to update the Village's comprehensive plan in the beginning of 2024 with completion in early 2025. Motion (Zirbel, Servais) to Approve the Citizens Participation Plan for the Ashwaubenon Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried unanimously. g. Consider/Discuss/Action on Lombardi Access Road Overhead Utility Relocation: Director of Public Works Brian Rickert stated it was brought to staff's attention that there was a desire to have the overhead utilities buried to increase the visual appearance of the roadway. Motion (Krueger, Atkinson) to Approve to execute a contract with utility owners to bury existing overhead utilities on the north side of the Lombardi Access Road in an amount not to exceed \$360,000. Motion carried unanimously. h. Consider/Discuss/Act on Resolution No. R11-1-23, Authorizing the Village to request exclusion and opt-out of a class action settlement: Village Attorney Patrick Leigl stated water utilities throughout Wisconsin have received notices of class action settlements relating to a class action lawsuit filed against the 3M Company and Du Pont de Nemours and Company regarding PFAS contamination. If the Village opts-out of the settlement it will forgo any monetary settlement, but reserves all legal claims for future PFAS contamination. Village staff recommends the Village authorize opting-out of both settlements to preserve all future claims against the companies. Motion (Paul, Atkinson) to Approve Resolution No. R11-1-23 Authorizing the Village to request exclusion and opt-out of a class action settlement. Motion carried unanimously. Items for Next Agenda: None. Closed Session Items: Motion (Atkinson, Krueger) to Convene Into Closed Session at 6:34 pm. Roll call taken. Motion carried unanimously. a. During the meeting, the Village Board of the Village of Ashwaubenon may convene into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 19.85(1)(e) to consider/discuss/act on deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business regarding the purchase of land located at 3318, 3300, 3282 Packerland Dr, Tax Parcels VA-862, VA-863, VA-864-1, where competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Item a. INFORMATIONAL ONLY - NO ACTION TAKEN. b. The Village Board may thereafter reconvene in open session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 19.85(2) to report the results of the closed session and consider the balance of the Agenda. Motion (Krueger, Flucke) to Reconvene into Open Session at 6:43 pm. Motion carried unanimously. Adjourn: Motion (Atkinson, Servais) to Adjourn at 6:48 pm. Motion carried unanimously. Publish 12.15.23 WNAXLP

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Regular Meeting Final Minutes Tuesday, November 21, 2023 7:30 PM Council Chambers and Virtual

The following is a summary of actions taken at the 11/21/23 Common Council meeting. A complete copy of the minutes is available in the Clerk's office at 335 S Broadway, De Pere WI or online at www.depercitywi.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.asp

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mayor James Boyd. Present were Aids. Carpenter, Hansen, Kunding, Ledvina, Quigley, & Raasch; Gantz & Perock were excused.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Approval of the minutes of the November 7, 2023 Common Council meeting. Motion Carpenter second Ledvina **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

4. Public Hearing on the proposed Budget for calendar year 2024.

A. Presentation of 2024 Budget.

B. Notice of Public Hearing.

C. Approval of proposed 2024 Budget.

Mayor Boyd declared the public hearing open. Resident Jim Anderson spoke in favor of more funding for the Parks Department. No one else wished to speak, so Mayor Boyd declared the public hearing closed. Motion Hansen second Quigley **APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**

D. Resolution #23-119 Adoption of Tax Levy for City Purposes to Support the 2024 City Budget. Motion Raasch second Ledvina **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**

5. Public comment upon matters not on the agenda. Comments made during the public comment period shall pertain only to matters under the jurisdiction of the Common Council. \$6-3(f) DPMC.

6. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to approve proposal from Pink Flamingo for improvements to the Legion softball field fence. Motion Kunding second Raasch **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

7. Recommendation from Board of Public Works to award Contract 23-24 City Hall Roof Fall Restraint Project to IEI General Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$62,500.00. Motion Ledvina second Quigley **APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**

8. Recommendation from Finance/Personnel Committee to authorize City's Bargaining Teams and participation in Collective Bargaining with Police and Fire Unions. Motion Kunding second Hansen **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

9. Recommendation and Approval to confirm appointment of Chrystal Woller to position of Health Officer/Director. Motion Ledvina second Kunding **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

10. Consideration and Possible Action on PFAS Class Action Litigation. Motion Raasch second Hansen to opt out of the proposed 3M and DuPont PFAS class action settlements and authorize the mayor and staff to carry out all lawful and necessary steps and execute all required documents. **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

11. Ordinance #23-18 Amending Chapter 150 of the De Pere Municipal Code Regarding Traffic Regulations (Section 150-23 Schedule G Parking). Motion Carpenter second Quigley **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**

12. Resolution 23-120 Supporting Wisconsin Department of Transportation Relocation of the Preserve Trail at Southbridge Road and Innovation Court. Motion Raasch second Ledvina

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ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS] 13. Resolution #23-121 Approving Lease Agreement between the City of De Pere and Brown County (WD-70 and WD-70-2; adjacent to Brown County Fairgrounds). Motion Hansen second Raasch to approve the agreement. Motion Carpenter second Ledvina to open the meeting. **[UNANIMOUS]** Brown County Parks Director Matt Kriese addressed the Council. Motion Raasch second Quigley to close the meeting. **[UNANIMOUS]** Alderperson Hansen clarified his motion to include that the effective date of the agreement will be January 1, 2024 unless the County approves it in 2023 and agrees to pay the fee in 2023. Raasch rescinded his second; Quigley then seconded the revised motion. **ADOPTED [5 TO 1] with Raasch voting nay**

14. Resolution #23-122 Authorizing Renewal of Planned Service Agreement between the City of De Pere and Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP (Community Center Access Control System). Motion Carpenter second Hansen **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**

15. Resolution #23-123 Authorizing Storm Water Line Easement (Fox River State Trail; ED-80-3). Motion Hansen second Ledvina **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**

16. Resolution #23-124 Approving Revision #2 to the State/Municipal Financial Agreement for a State - LET Highway Project (STH 32 - Main Avenue & Reid Street). Motion Hansen second Raasch **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**

17. Resolution #23-125 Approving Grant Agreement between the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services for Local Public Health Department Division of Public Health Contract #61880. Motion Quigley second Carpenter **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**

18. Resolution #23-126 Approving Brown County Community Area Network Fiber Agreement among the City of De Pere, Brown County, the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and St. Norbert College. Motion Raasch second Ledvina **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [5 TO 0] with Kunding abstaining**

19. Resolution #23-127 Authorizing Development Agreement Regarding Facility Expansion Between the City of De Pere and MASK, LLC (Plant No. 8; 1862 Commerce Drive). Motion Hansen second Raasch **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**

20. Reso #23-128 Authorizing Development Agreement Between the City of De Pere and Developer (126 South Broadway and 310 North Wisconsin). Motion Raasch second Kunding **REFERRED BACK TO STAFF [UNANIMOUS]**

21. Voucher approval. Motion Ledvina second Quigley **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

22. Future agenda items.

23. Adjournment. Motion Ledvina second Carpenter to adjourn the meeting at 9:04PM. **[UNANIMOUS]** Respectfully submitted, City Clerk Carey Danen Publish 12.15.2023 WNAXLP

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Monday, November 13, 2023, USDD Public Hearing and Business Board of Education Meeting Minutes

The Public Hearing was held on November 13, 2023, at 6:00 PM in the Community Room at De Pere High School. President Adam Clayton stated as required by State Statute 118.38, the Board of Education is holding a public hearing to request a waiver from the Wisconsin

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Department of Public Instruction to commence the 2024-25 school year before September 1, 2024. Notice of the Public Hearing was given to the public by posting on the District website and at each school building. A copy of the notice was also forwarded to The Press Times, the official newspaper of the school district.

Clayton called the hearing to order at 6:01 p.m. Roll Call: Present – Clayton, Jeff Mirkes, Melissa Niffenegger, Matt Petersen, Brittony Cartwright, and Chad Jeskewitz. Excused: Jeff Dickert. A quorum was declared.

Presentation: Dr. Christopher Thompson, Superintendent, provided a report for the reasoning and process for starting the 2023-24 school year on August 28, 2024. The calendar was developed jointly with the administration and the DEPA.

Public Comment: Time was allowed for public comment on this topic. No comments were made.

Clayton closed the hearing at 6:12 PM

The special meeting of the De Pere Board of Education was in the Community Room at De Pere High School.

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. 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 6:14 p.m. Roll Call: Present – Clayton, Mirkes, Niffenegger, Petersen, Cartwright, and Jeskewitz. Excused: Dickert. A quorum was declared, and the Board proceeded with the order of business.

Agenda: Jeskewitz motioned to approve the agenda as presented and Niffenegger seconded the motion. The agenda was approved with a roll call vote, 6/0.

Public Comment: Time was allowed for public comment. No comments were made.

Presentation by Foxview Intermediate School: Andy Bradford, principal of Foxview, and Ashley Friebel, Literacy Coach, along with Easton H and Giana H, 6th-grade students, presented current benchmark data in Literacy and Math, and a sample literacy and Math lesson.

ACT 20 Science and Reading: Nick Joseph, Director of Secondary Curriculum, Jessie Specht, Literacy Coach, and Jerry Nicholson, Director of Student Services, presented on the planning and implementation of Act 20.

Presentation of the State-Required Pupil Nondiscrimination Self-Evaluation Report:

Nicholson presented the State requirement for school boards to evaluate the status of this report at least once every five years and then report the results to the State. Nicholson reviewed the requirements, process, and overview of the report from our district.

Minutes: A motion was made by Niffenegger and seconded by Petersen to approve the October 16, 2023, minutes— motion carried by 6/0 vote. A motion was made by Petersen and seconded by Niffenegger to approve the October 26, 2023, minutes. Motion carried by 4/0 vote; Jeskewitz and Cartwright abstained. A motion was made by Mirkes and seconded by Petersen to approve the November 6, 2023, minutes. Motion carried by 5/0 vote; Cartwright abstained.

Motion to Approve New High School Courses: Nick Joseph, Director of Secondary Curriculum, and Roger Allen,

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High School Principal, presented 4 recommendations for new classes to be offered at the high school; Research in Learning and Education, Child Development, Contemporary Healthcare Practices and AP Environmental Science. Cartwright motioned to approve the new course offerings, and Jeskewitz seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 5/0 vote; Petersen abstained.

Motion to Approve the 2024-25 Calendar and the 2025-26 Academic Calendar: Thompson presented the proposed 2024-25 and 2025-26 academic calendars for approval. The calendars were developed collaboratively with the administration and the DPEA. The 2024-25 calendar includes a start date of August 28, 2024, which will correlate with Notre Dame reducing the number of school days the District will transport private school students while our schools are not open. The holiday vacation dates for the 2025-26 school year calendar were also discussed. Upon approval of the calendar, a waiver to begin school before September 1 will be sent to DPI. Cartwright motioned to approve and Niffenegger seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 6/0 vote.

Motion to Approve the October Financial Reports: Dawn Foeller, Dir. of Business, presented the October financial report for approval. Mirkes motioned to approve, and Petersen seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 6/0 vote.

Motion to approve the October Vouchers: Jeskewitz motioned to approve and Niffenegger seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 6/0 vote.

Board Member Request: Cartwright requested an issue to be reviewed for a possible future agenda item. Thompson will convene with principals regarding the issue and present it before June.

Executive Session: Petersen made a motion to close the meeting to the public and proceed to executive session and Jeskewitz seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 6/0 roll call vote. Special Meeting closed at 8:15 PM. Approved by the Board of Education on December 11, 2023

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Regular Board of Education Meeting – November 13, 2023

Present: Greg Klimek, Vanessa Moran, Scott Jandrin, Amy Rubright, Chrissy Amtmann, Allen McGuire, Student Representative Jessica Gagan

Excused: Rachele Paulsen

Also Present: Damian LaCroix, Mike Juech, Mark Smith, Kimberly Uelmen, Elisia Lewis, Jennie Garceau

President Greg Klimek called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. A MOTION was made by Scott Jandrin and seconded by Amy Rubright to adopt the agenda. A vote was taken on the motion; 6-YES; **MOTION CARRIED.**

Village Officials Community Conversation – The Board conducted a community conversation with Village of Suamico Administrator, Alex Kaker, President Sky Van Rossum, Village of Howard Administrator, Paul Evert and President Burt McIntyre about shared interests, collaboration opportunities, facilities updates and tax statements. *The Board recessed from 5:30-6:00 p.m.*

Madeline Thoreson, Student Representative arrived 6:00 p.m.

Proclamation – American Education Week, November 13-17 – President Greg Klimek publicly recognized

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November 13-17 as the observance of American Education Week.

Consent Agenda: A MOTION was made by Scott Jandrin and seconded by Amy Rubright to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting October 30, 2023; approval of vouchers and invoices in the amount of \$5,865,408.98 through November 13, 2023. A vote was taken on the motion; 6-YES; **MOTION CARRIED.**

Reports

Administrative Superintendent

Approval of Ends Policy E-6 Social & Emotional Wellness Monitoring Report– Supt. LaCroix gave an introduction and overview of Ends Policy E-6, Social & Emotional Wellness Monitoring Report. Executive Director of Student Services Jennie Garceau and Angela Buchenauer, Director of Student Services, shared a presentation highlighting results of the assessments, information about the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act, and a testimonial video. A MOTION was made by Greg Klimek and seconded by Scott Jandrin to approve Ends Policy E-6 Social & Emotional Wellness Monitoring Report at level 3, meets expectations, as presented and verified in the Official Board Response to Ends Policy Monitoring Report. A vote was taken on the motion; 6-YES; **MOTION CARRIED.**

Business & Operations

Approval of Executive Limitation EL-5 Employee Compensation Monitoring Report – Supt. LaCroix, Asst. Supt. of Operations Mike Juech, and Director of Finance Josh Swanson, provided an informational update presentation. A MOTION was made by Scott Jandrin and seconded by Chrissy Amtmann to approve EL-5 Employee Compensation Monitoring Report at level 2, exceeds expectations, as presented and verified by the Board in the attached Official Board Response to EL-5 Employee Compensation to the Board Monitoring Report. A vote was taken on the motion; 6-YES; **MOTION CARRIED.**

Board

CESA 7 Report – Amy Rubright shared updates including upcoming coaching and program opportunities. Public Policy Correspondent Report – Vanessa Moran shared feedback from a recent WPPN meeting she attended. Student Representative to the Board Report – Madeline Thoreson gave a winter sports and parking lot update. Jessica Gagan discussed the State swim meet and the spring musical.

Board President

Governance Process GP-9 Board Member Covenants Monitoring Report – A MOTION was made by Allen McGuire and seconded by Amy Rubright to approve GP-9 Board Member Covenants Monitoring Report at level 2, in compliance with the provisions of the policy, with the following interpretations, actions, and/or policy sub-parts excepted: *a. focus on issues, not people or personalities; b. respect decisions of the full Board; and e. employ the following format to submit items they wish to have the Board deliberate: define the problem, propose a possible solution, and propose possible board action.* A vote was taken on the motion; 5-YES; 1-NO; **MOTION CARRIED.**

Review Broadcast Communication Articles for November and Discuss December Article – The Board reviewed the November Broadcast Article on *Gratitude*. Rachele Paulsen will prepare the December article on partnerships. **WASB Updates**

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WASB Convention-January 17-19, 2025 – President Greg Klimek asked Board members to confirm their attendance with Lisa Harmann. Community Conversation Updates –The Post-Secondary community conversation will take place in December at NWTC. It will separate from the December 11 board meeting. Questions were reviewed.

Upcoming Events – President Greg Klimek reviewed upcoming events.

December Board Meeting Agenda Items – The Board reviewed the agenda planning calendar.

Board Meeting/District Highlights – Board members shared.

A MOTION was made by Scott Jandrin and seconded by Chrissy Amtmann to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. A vote was taken on the motion; 6-YES; **MOTION CARRIED.** Respectfully submitted, Lisa Harmann, Recording Secretary Publish 12.15.23 WNAXLP

Notice To Creditors 7735

Kewaunee WNAXLP

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Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 2023PR000058

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3. All interested persons waived notice.
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Form completed by: (Name)Attorney Sara K. Micheletti
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Telephone 920-882-4070
Bar Number (If any)1075922
Publish 12.1.23, 12.8.23 & 12.15.23 WNAXLP

Ordinances 7740

Ashwaubenton WNAXLP

VILLAGE OF ASHWAUBENON ORDINANCE O12-1-23

The Village of Ashwaubenton has created Sec. 5-8-764(G), Chapter 5, Article 8 of the Ashwaubenton Municipal Code relating to pool safety covers. A full text of the Ordinance may be obtained or reviewed by contacting the Office of the Village Clerk of the Village of Ashwaubenton at 2155 Holmgren Way, Green Bay, Wisconsin, 54304, Phone (920)492-2302. The full text of the Ordinance may also be reviewed on the Village of Ashwaubenton's website under Ordinances at www.ashwaubenton.gov. This ordinance summary is published pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 61.50(3). Dated this 12th day of December, 2023. /s/Kris A. Teske, Village Clerk (Run) December 15, 2023 WNAXLP

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Packers' positivity for Tampa shines after tough loss to Giants

BY TORI WITTENBROCK
ASSOCIATE SPORTS
EDITOR

GREEN BAY – After a tough loss on Dec. 11 to the New York Giants (5-8), Green Bay Packers Quarterback Jordan Love said that he expects his team to show up with urgency as they turn around to focus on Tampa Bay.

Though Monday's game came down to the final field goal attempt, Love said that the game as a whole was not up to par.

"Not good enough. Not good enough to get us a win, and obviously two costly turnovers," said Love.

Love threw for 218 yards on the night and had a devastating interception that he said should have been avoided.

"Just not a good read, not a good ball," said Love.

Love said that there is a lot to improve upon from this matchup, but after evaluating the film they know what needs to be corrected going into their Sunday, Dec. 17 game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (6-7).

"It's a lot. Another game we didn't start off fast enough. We didn't put up



Jordan Love hands the ball off in the Packers game against the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday, Dec. 3. Love said that in order to get back into a rhythm for their game against the Tampa Bay Bucs, the Packers need a greater sense of urgency on the field.

Tori Wittenbrock photo

any points right away. Obviously we lost the turnover battle — it was critical in this game — which didn't help us out," said Love.

"A lot of things to look at the film and learn and grow from."

Despite the disappointment of facing a losing record again, Love said that the team has put the loss out of their minds and is feeling positive about their upcoming game.

"It's the same thing we've talked about all season.

How do we clean it up and bounce back? We've just got to show up with a clean slate and get ready to go and start working on Tampa Bay," said Love.

"It's definitely disappointing, but like we've said all season, we are tak-

ing it one day at a time. We had plenty of opportunities to win that game, and we came up short, we just didn't execute well enough, so it's disappointing for sure."

The 24-22 loss, although a bit disheartening for a

team that was on a three-game win streak, saw the Packers putting up several points on the board.

"I think we've got a lot of weapons on our offense, and guys have stepped up and made some big time plays when guys have been out," said Love.

Struggles with injured players have plagued the team all year.

Ultimately, the game was close — as many have been in the 2023 season — coming down to a 37-yard walk-off field goal by Giants kicker Randy Bullock.

The Packers, however, were disappointed to have allowed the game to get that close by missing the two-point conversion after their final touchdown.

"That was the play we had dialed up, but [the Giants] did a good job. Credit to them."

Love said that the slow first half was to blame for their lack of momentum.

"The first half was not up to our standards," said Love.


"I think this is a great team, and obviously we are a team that has been in this situation before, lost some tough games, but I know we'll be able to bounce back this week.

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Green Bay nordic ski kicks off season at Salomon CXC Cup

BY GREEN BAY ATHLETICS
FOR THE PRESS TIMES

DULUTH, MINN. – The Green Bay Nordic Ski team kicked off the 2023-24 season at the Salomon CXC Cup at the Spirit Mountain Center in Duluth, Minn. The Freestyle Sprint took place on Saturday while the Classic Interval Start was Sunday.

Freestyle sprint

Ryan Thieme led the way for the Phoenix men, crossing the finish line eighth out of 136, with a time of 2:47.37. Derrick Waddick followed up with a 22nd-place finish (2:54.47), and Noah Erickson was just behind in 25th (2:56.63). Other Green Bay skiers to cross the finish line:

- Samuel Folland - 26th - 2:52.93
- CJ Young - 29th - 2:52.49
- Grant Rocheleau - 34th - 2:59.72
- Declan Rodefeld - 39th - 3:00.60
- Myles Brown - 52nd - 3:05.71
- Zaine Braaten - 3:07.43

Lilly Franzen led the way on the women's side with a 46th-place finish with a final time of 3:38.23. Chelsey Johnson and Silje Busklein rounded out the top three for Green Bay, finishing 52nd and 53rd, respectively. Additional Phoenix finishes:

- Kiera Rotar - 55th - 3:41.28
- Grace Nemeth - 94th - 3:58.46
- Jenna Johnson - 121st - 3:38.59

Classic interval start

Noah Erickson stood out on Sunday, leading Green Bay with a 25th-place finish in a time of 19:36.6. Ryan Thieme and Derek Waddick were right behind Erickson, placing 26th (19:39.3) and 29th (19:53.7) respectively. The remaining Green Bay skiers finished:

- CJ Young - 31st - 19:57.8
- Myles Brown - 38th - 20:38.9
- Samuel Folland - 43rd - 20:53.9
- Zaine Braaten - 57th - 21:30.2
- Grant Rocheleau - 62nd - 21:42.6
- Declan Rodefeld - 66th - 22:00.8

Silje Busklein paved the way for the Green Bay women with a 39th-place finish in 24:29.1. Three other Phoenix finished the race, starting with Lilly Franzen in 54th at 25:10.0. Kiera Rotar and Chelsey Johnson wrapped up the Phoenix skiers, finishing 76th and 96th, respectively.

Coming up

GB is back in action next weekend at the Salomon CXC Cup in Cable, Wis. The race will kick off on Saturday, Dec. 16, before wrapping up on Sunday, Dec. 17.

For the latest and most up-to-date information on Green Bay Athletics and Green Bay Nordic Skiing, please visit GreenBayPhoenix.com.



The Green Bay Phoenix Nordic Ski team performed well at the Salomon CXC Cup Skate Sprints. Lilly Franzen, left, won the Junior Heats. Grant Rocheleau, right, took third place in the Junior Heats. Ten Phoenix skiers made it past the qualifier. **Green Bay Athletics photo**

Packers look for consistency in every phase

BY TORI WITTENBROCK
ASSOCIATE SPORTS
EDITOR

GREEN BAY – The Green Bay Packers are clearly in the midst of a building year, as shown by their 6-7 record.

After a three-game win streak beating some of the toughest opponents in the league — the Detroit Lions (9-4) and the defending Super Bowl Champions, the Kansas City Chiefs (8-5) — the Packers saw an unexpected loss to the New York Giants (5-8) on Dec. 11.

“You take a long hard look at the film and that was a tough watch in every phase,” said Packers Head Coach Matt LaFleur.

“You try to make the necessary corrections and adjustments, and you’ve got to learn from it.”

The Packers have proven time and time again that they have the talent and the drive to see success on the field, but there are still



Packers Head Coach Matt LaFleur said that the team has put their loss to the Giants out of their mind going into their game against Tampa Bay. **Green Bay Packers image**

parts of their game that are a work in progress.

“It’s a quick turnaround,” said LaFleur. “We’re just in here grinding Tampa tape and moving on.”

LaFleur said that the

players’ field awareness was a key component in their lack of ability to perform on Monday night.

“We’ve just got to be better with our eyes and you can’t be peeking in the back field. You’ve got to keep

your eyes on your work and we didn’t — we got gashed, and that ultimately did us in.”

Though it was a close game with only a two point differential, the missed field goals were a glaringly

obvious aspect of their loss. According to LaFleur, however, the blame is not to fall solely on special teams.

“He’s a young kicker that obviously just has to find consistency in (his) game,” said LaFleur referring to place kicker Anders Carlson.

“I will say this: You miss a field goal and come back and hit one in another critical situation — and I want to say it was about three yards further — and he hits it right down the pipe, so he’s certainly capable, it’s just finding that consistent approach, whatever it may be, for him to go out there and execute.”

Carlson, an SEC all-star out of Auburn University, has a field goal percentage of 80%, making 20/25 attempts. He has only missed 3/7 kicks from between the 40 and 49 yard lines and 2/4 beyond the 50.

“Those missed PATs and missed field goals, everything gets magnified when

you lose in every phase,” said LaFleur.

“There were mistakes in every phase. We had a turnover on a punt return. We had a couple of penalties.”

Aside from special teams, things did not go great on the defensive side either. The New York Giants have struggled this season, facing 69 sacks, yet, the Packers were not able to add any on to the tally this week.

“For the most part, in terms of run efficiency, when Saquan (Barkley) was back there we did a good job. The problem was we gave up four brutal runs that accounted for about 109 yards where we had missed tackles, missed assignments, and you can’t have that.”

LaFleur said that he is hoping to get his team in order before they take the field at Lambeau on Sunday, Dec. 17 against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

“You need 11 guys on the same page,” said LaFleur.

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Bay Port blows late lead, falls to SPASH

BY RICH PALZEWIC
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

DE PERE – For 49 minutes, the Bay Port hockey team had Stevens Point Area Senior High (SPASH) on the ropes.

But then, it all changed in a matter of seconds.

The Pirates committed several late penalties in the final minutes and saw their lead evaporate in a 2-1 nonconference loss to the Panthers on Dec. 7 at the Cornerstone Community Center.

With a 5-on-3 power-play advantage plus an extra attacker after pulling its goalie, SPASH scored the equalizer with one minute, 10 seconds remaining before scoring the go-ahead goal with 34 seconds left to eke out the win.

The winning goal also came with the Panthers skating with a two-man advantage after Bay Port had taken another penalty.

“Our guys battled all night,” Bay Port Assistant Coach Derek Donahue said. “It was a little disheartening how the game ended, but everyone we asked to step up did so. We didn’t want to be in the (penalty) box that late in the game, and we have to find a way to kill those penalties off. There was no lack of effort on our part — we have to stick together and get better from this.”

Pirates goalie Devin Rus-

tie — who made 30 saves in net — was stout between the pipes all night and deserved a better outcome, Donahue said.

“From day one, Devin has put in the time and effort,” he said. “That’s what you can expect from him. He kept us in the game maybe longer than we should have been with some big saves. Devin is a great guy — he brings it every day. He should be happy with his game.”

Rustlie made a big save 90 seconds into the game and then had a pair of strong saves halfway through the opening period to keep the contest scoreless.

The senior goalie also stopped a Panthers breakaway attempt with about four minutes left in the period.

In the middle frame, with Bay Port (4-1-1) on the power play, Adrian Vina’s shot from the left wing was tipped in by Konor Tignall to give the Pirates a 1-0 lead six minutes into the period.

Bay Port then killed off three SPASH (3-0-1) power plays after the go-ahead score.

With four seconds remaining in the period, Rustlie again came up big, stopping a 2-on-0 Panthers’ breakaway attempt.

SPASH had 32 shots on goal, while the Pirates collected 22.



Bay Port goalie Devin Rustlie searches for the puck in the Pirates’ 2-1 loss to SPASH on Dec. 7. The senior goalie made 30 saves in net.
Rich Palzewic photos



The Bay Port hockey team saw a late lead disappear in its 2-1 loss to SPASH on Dec. 7.

Jaguars best Hornets at home



Bella Daul of Ashwaubenon takes the ball down the court in their game against the Preble Hornets on Tuesday, Dec. 12.



The Ashwaubenon Jaguars bested the Preble Hornets at home to take their record to 4-3 on the season, bringing them to fourth place in the Fox River Classic Conference.
Tori Wittenbrock photos



Preble Hornet Shelly Gorecki drives towards the net in their 30-73 loss to the Ashwaubenon Jaguars.



Lauren Seeling of the Ashwaubenon Jaguars looks to pass the ball amid pressure from Preble’s Jada Raeder.

Jones hits game winner as Green Bay downs UIC 70-68

BY GREEN BAY ATHLETICS FOR THE PRESS TIMES

CHICAGO – The Green Bay men’s basketball team led for a total of 0.5 seconds Tuesday night at UIC but that was all they needed. After trailing and hanging around all night, the Phoenix got a game-winning tip-in from Elijah Jones, who gave the Phoenix the 70-68 lead off of a missed Noah Reynolds’ layup with half a second remaining.

Reynolds was key to Green Bay staying in the game, finishing the night with a career-high 31 points in 34 minutes. It’s the first time a Green Bay player has scored 30+ points since JayQuan McCloud had 32 against Detroit Mercy on February 21, 2020.

The Phoenix (5-6) had two others in double figures, including a career-high 14 points from freshman David Douglas Jr., and Jones, who finished with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

UIC was led by a double-double from Toby Okani, who finished with 15 points and 10 rebounds.

How it happened

UIC came out of the gates hot, going on a 10-0 run to start the game. Reynolds broke the streak with Green Bay’s first basket at 15:38. The junior guard kept the team in it early, scoring Green Bay’s first 10 points of the game. The Flames, however, retained a lead during that Reynolds’ hot stretch. UIC led 31-20 when the Phoenix went on an 11-3 run late in the half to make the score 34-31 with 1:22 left. Green Bay had the ball with a chance to tie it before half-time, but the Flames Isaiah Rivera came up with a strip and pull to put up three at the buzzer to give them a 37-31 lead at half.

UIC widened its lead after intermission, constructing a 42-33 advantage before Green Bay went on an 8-0 run to shrink the deficit to 42-41 with 15:52 to go in the contest. The Flames would respond however, and push the lead back out to 10 at 53-43. That lead would stay intact until the game’s final four-and-a-half minutes when the Phoenix outscored UIC 15-4 culminat-

ing in Jones’ made layup that ended the game.

Game notes

Tuesday night was Jones’ second double-double of the season.

The Phoenix shot well from three point range, knocking down 5-of-11 (45.5%) long range attempts.

The Phoenix held the Flames to only 37.3% shooting from the field.

Noah Reynolds, David Douglas Jr., and Elijah Jones combined to account for 79 percent of the Phoenix points.

Both teams committed 14 turnovers on the night.

The Phoenix was active in affecting shots on the defensive end, recording six blocks and 10 steals as a team.

Green Bay shot a season-best 17-for-19 (89.5%) from the charity stripe.

Green Bay outscored UIC in the paint, 38-18.

Up next

Green Bay will stay on the road this week and travel to Oklahoma to take



UW-Green Bay Phoenix mens basketball is having one of their best seasons in recent years under new head coach Sundance Wicks. The Phoenix downed UIC by two points on Tuesday, Dec. 12 to take them to a 5-6 overall record. **Green Bay Athletics photo**

on the No. 11 ranked Sooners at Llyod Noble Center. The Phoenix return home next Thursday, Dec. 21 to

take on MSOE at the Resch Center. For the latest and most up-to-date information on

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Tritons take No. 4 Pulaski at home



(ABOVE) Pulaski’s Maggie Lardinois defends NDA senior Paige DeMoulin in Notre Dame’s 57-17 win. (ABOVE RIGHT) NDA’s Kaia Waldrop and Pulaski’s Maggie Lardinois battle for the ball in their game at the Triton’s home court. (RIGHT) Pulaski’s Lily Urben takes the ball up the court as she faces defense from NDA senior Gracie Grzesk in their game on Thursday, Dec. 7.

Janelle Fisher photos

USHL Combines coming to Green Bay

BY TORI WITTENBROCK
ASSOCIATE SPORTS
EDITOR

GREEN BAY – The United States Hockey League recently announced that the USHL Player Combines will take place in Green Bay, home of the Gamblers in 2024.

The Combines will be held in April and July.

They are one of the biggest opportunities for players to prepare themselves for the USHL Draft. Young players are given the chance to take the ice and showcase their abilities as League scouts prepare to make their decisions about how to round out their teams for the following season.

There will be a total of five games played on the ice with NCAA college scouts and USHL coaching

staff and scouts.

This event is one of the best chances for prospective athletes to become a part of USA Hockey's Tier 1 junior league.

"The Greater Green Bay hospitality community is thrilled to welcome the athletes and families participating in the USHL Combines next year," said Brad Toll, President/CEO of Discover Green Bay. "We're a hockey town and we can't wait to drop the puck!"

The Combines will likely bring an exceptional amount of talent to the Green Bay area from across the nation.

"We could not be more excited that our Combines are going to take place in Green Bay," said USHL Director of Player Personnel Frank Butler. "USHL Combines provide players

exposure and education on their path to the USHL and beyond. Invitees of each combine will practice and play in front of USHL coaches, USHL scouts and NCAA coaches and we are looking forward to bringing many of the top young prospects from around the world to the state of Wisconsin."

The Combines will take place at Cornerstone Community Center in Ashwaubenon.

According to Butler, it is expected that there will be around 1,000 invited attendees present at the event.

The USHL Central Scouting staff has been working to screen and recruit various players to bring into the Combine.

Those participating in the Combines will be required to endure off-ice physical



Green Bay, home of the USHL team the Gamblers, will be the location for the 2024 USHL Draft. **Cormac McInnis photo**

and cognitive testing.

"The USHL is excited to host its Combines in Titletown for the next three

years," said Glenn Heferan, USHL President and Commissioner. "Bringing the combines back to

Green Bay will give attending athletes and their families a remarkable experience."



The Blackjacks' defense makes a stop in their 2023 Winter Pigskin Classic Bowl game victory in Minnesota in Sept. 2023.

BLACKJACKS
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rushing yards with 995 on the season.

By playing for the Blackjacks, Peterson said that the opportunities for growth are vast. Many players use the League as a stepping stone for their careers, going on to play successfully at the professional level.

"With our team, we consider ourselves a developmental league. We have had players go off and play professional football overseas and in Europe and South America. A lot of guys have gone on to play arena football, and others have gone on to play college football," said Peterson.

Film from each game will also be accessible on Hudl to assist players and coaches with the recruiting process.

The Blackjacks play regularly at St. Norbert College's football stadium in De Pere throughout their season which typically runs spring through early summer.

"We play at St. Norbert College. We don't have online ticketing yet — we just do it at the gate. We have kids or adults come to the game. Veterans and seniors usually don't have to pay."

Looking for fresh talent

As the 2024 season approaches, Peterson said that they are also looking to expand the program.

The Blackjacks will host an open tryout for athletes in the area on Saturday, January 13, 2024 in the Kress Events Center at the UW-Green Bay campus at 4 p.m.

"Any player that would like to try out for our team that can't make the original tryout could still play. We can sign free agent players until the midway point in our season, which is right around Memorial Day."

Although the tryout is one of the primary ways that athletes are called to the squad, the team also

does their fair share of recruiting as well.

"Since I am the general manager of the team, I will reach out to almost every kid that was all-conference in the Green Bay and Appleton area and send them invites to our team and try to have some conversations with them and build some rapport."

According to the winter practice schedule, the first full pads practice for the team will be on Saturday, Feb. 24, also at the Kress Center.

Peterson said that the program is avidly awaiting the 2024 season, hungry for some postseason redemption.

"We are looking to get back in the championship

picture. The last two years we finished with a lot of wins, but we didn't do very well in the playoffs. Our goal is to bring another championship back to Green Bay," said Peterson.

For more information on the Blackjacks, visit BCBlackjacks.com or [facebook.com/Browncounty-blackjacks](https://www.facebook.com/Browncounty-blackjacks).



A Blackjacks' player makes a run up the field in their bowl game on Sept. 30, 2023. **Brown County Blackjacks photos**

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Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the world. It can be played by almost anyone, and as courts become more accessible to the public, people have begun to form a whole community around the sport.



A local Green Bay pickleball player sports his Pickleheads shirt during a match earlier this year. **Pickleheads photos**

PICKLEBALL
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“I was just a rec player myself a few years ago, and I had my own frustrations of just not really being able to know where to go to find a pickleball court, and even when I had a game setup and then someone canceled, the game fell apart. I didn’t really have anywhere else to go. I remember just thinking that I wished there was an app where I could go and find someone else to get a game in,” said Mackie.

“I’d spend those days at home, and that was my own experience — but here we are three years later, getting pretty close to reaching that dream state with being able to just go and play pickleball whenever and wherever.”

Though a relatively new organization, Pickleheads has gained immense traction in recent months.

“In summertime was our peak, so in August we had over 600,000 players visit the site and that grew from maybe 20,000 in about January of this year, so

that’s some really exciting growth. We are now at about 450,000 here in the winter time with people visiting the site. We have 80,000 registered members, and then about 20,000 people who have the app — which has only been out about six weeks,” said Mackie.

“That’s a lot of players, and it continues to grow every day.”

Pickleball has become one of the most popular sports across the world, even for those who would not consider themselves to be conventionally athletic.

“Depending on what number you believe, I’ve seen numbers anywhere from 10 million people playing pickleball to 40 million. The answer is probably somewhere in between. Any way you look at it, it has — overnight — become one of the largest sports in the nation,” said Mackie.

“Why is that? There’s two reasons. Number one: it’s just how easy the sport is to learn. Once you pick it up, it doesn’t matter if you have prior experience, you can win games your first time

out there, and there’s really not a lot of sports where that’s true.”

Mackie said that this is one of the key reasons people are drawn to try it out.

“That’s motivating for people. They want to go out and win games and have fun.”

“Number two: it’s the social nature of the sport. People usually play in large formats. Some days we’ve got 20, 30 or 40 people out on the court and we are rotating partners, and it’s just a really unique format that provides a lot of opportunity for socializing,” said Mackie.

The social aspect of the sport and the human interaction is something that Mackie said has been a necessary component for how the sport has grown so rapidly in popularity, not only in Green Bay, but everywhere.

“Let’s say you play a game and in between your next one, you are just naturally going to talk to people while you are waiting for the next one. I’ve met tons of people personally and I

think a lot of people look at pickleball as a big social outlet, not just a sport,” said Mackie.

Pickleball has one of the widest age ranges of all sports. Its target audience was originally intended to be for older people to be able to play to remain active, but has since begun to draw in significant portions of the younger population as well.

“Pickleball is just good for the community. No matter where, it gets people active and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. It’s not so intense — like a sport like football, that is very limited in the people that can play it. It’s very open, you burn calories and stay active.”

“Because you’re socializing and around other people, there is this sense of community that comes out of it, as well.”

Mackie said that living through a pandemic has changed our world in many ways, but pickleball has been one thing that has brought people together.

“If you think about where we are now after CO-

VID, a lot of people aren’t going to the office anymore, people are going to church less and less,” said Mackie. “I think communities have lost a lot of those social aspects for people, and I think that pickleball fills the void for a lot of people. Depending on the time of year, most people enjoy playing outside when possible,” said Mackie.

“People are outside, getting some sunshine, which is good for their health. I think more than anything pickleball tends to just be a force for good, no matter where it is.”

In addition to the physical and social benefits of the sport, pickleball’s popularity has also been enabled by the increased ease of access to courts.

“One of the best things about pickleball is that you can set up a court almost anywhere. You can put lines over a tennis court or in a gymnasium. You can build a fancy new gymnasium that is dedicated to pickleball. We’ve seen all that. What that has allowed the area to do is respond to

this huge overnight growth of pickleball,” said Mackie.

“The best we can see is a 10x sort of growth, and that can’t happen unless there’s court availability. What we’ve seen is a lot of creative solutions, like with YMCAs setting up pickleball courts, churches, etc.”

However, given the high demand in recent years, the focus on the deliberate construction of pickleball courts has become commonplace across the country.

“What we are seeing now is the dedicated construction of pickleball facilities, which breeds the best experience. I think a lot of people have realized that pickleball is not going anywhere, and have begun to provide that,” said Mackie.

“We are even seeing more open concepts with food and drinks, it’s kind of like you-name-it as far as pickleball facilities go.”

For more information on pickleball courts, groups, instructional materials, equipment information and more, visit pickleheads.com.

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“Our field goal percentage (60%) in the second half is really what did it for us,” Rykal stated. “It really took it over the edge for us.”

As for Notre Dame, their third loss of the year resulted in a 33% shooting performance and going just 2 for 23 from three point range. Both teams got to the line nineteen times, Notre

Dame hitting thirteen and Bay Port fifteen. Bay Port shot the three’s more conservatively but it paid off, as the Pirate squad went 5 for 12 from long range in total, and 4 of 6 in the second half.

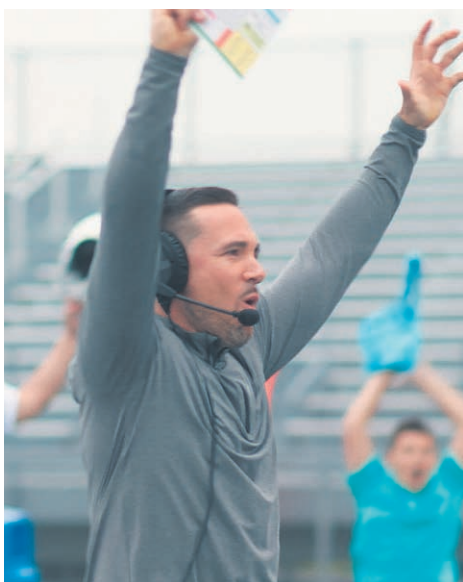
Individually, Notre Dame was led by both sophomore guard Leo Weber, and Guyette, who both dropped 14 points a piece. Junior guard Drew Siudzinski had 9 points and as many rebounds.

For Bay Port, most of the noise was made by Durkee with 20 points, going 5 for 12 with three 3’s and seven made free throws. Buchinger had a nice performance as well, shooting 7-16 with four made free throws and four steals to contribute to the Pirate defensive efforts. Junior forward Maddox Cornette was in double figures as well, dropping 10 points, and being a board shy of a double-

double with nine.

It’s one day off then back to the grind for Bay Port, as they travel to Ashwaubenton for an FRCC matchup on Thursday, December 14th.

As for Notre Dame Academy, their busy week continues with home games both Thursday and Friday, first a non-conference game against Menasha followed by hosting Green Bay Preble the following day.



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Pickleheads co-founder Brandon Mackie prepares for a serve from his opponent in a match with fellow pickleball fanatics. **Pickleheads photo**

Local Pickleheads organization sees rapid nationwide growth

BY TORI WITTENBROCK
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

GREEN BAY – Pickleball has become one of the fastest growing sports in the world in recent years. Pickleheads co-founder, Brandon Mackie, said that he is thrilled to see the ways in which his small local organization has grown to help hundreds of thousands of people across the world to connect over the social and physical aspects of playing pickleball.

“Pickleheads is the number one resource for players to find courts and find games. We like to think of ourselves as the search engine for pickleball,” said Mackie. With courts popping up all over North America, Mackie said that he has seen firsthand the rapid explosion of the sport’s popularity. “There are a little over 15,000 courts across the U.S. and Canada,” said Mackie. “No matter where you are, you can pull up

Pickleheads and you can find a court and find a game. Now we’ve got a mobile app, so you can connect with the people you meet out at the game and chat with them to play again with them, so it’s got a real social component to it.” Mackie said that his own journey of finding a love for the game inspired him to bring his vision of making pickleball easily accessible alive for everyone.

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Bay Port earns first win of season against Notre Dame

BY JONATHAN TIMM
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SUAMICO – Following a lopsided loss to De Pere, in a Fox River Classic Conference showdown Dec. 12, the Bay Port Pirates (1-4, 1-1 conf.), bounced back to prevail with a score of 62-54 over the Tritons of Notre Dame Academy (1-3, 1-1 conf.) in front of an excited Pirate faithful at Bay Port High School.

Nate Rykal hasn’t been accustomed to falling in games this often this early.

“First time maybe ever that we were 0-4,” Rykal stated following the win. “We’ve been fortunate to have some good teams over the last nineteen years. This is new territory for us.”

The first half was one to forget offensively for both Notre Dame and Bay Port, with either squad shooting under 30% from the field. Bay Port lead at the break with the score at 25-21.

Upon coming out of the gates in the second half, Bay Port’s offense began to click. They had an 8-0 run with back-to-back threes, one from sophomore guard Sawyer Durkee followed by a triple from senior guard Blake Buchinger. The early run extended the lead to a dozen.

“Staying the course” was the message for Rykal’s team at half-time, and it worked to a charm at first. From there with the twelve point lead, it looked like Bay Port would continue to flourish



Bay Ports’ Blake Buchinger defends Notre Dame Academy’s Jack Frelich in their game on Tuesday, Dec. 12.

Jonathan Timm photo

offensively, take the money and run. However, Brian Bobinski’s Triton team kept it competitive and within some reach.

A one-handed jam by the right arm of Notre Dame’s junior guard in Adam Guyette served as a hype activator for the Tritons. It brought the lead down to 11 with just three minutes and thirty-one seconds remaining, and it fired up the visiting bench.

It would turn out to be too little too late, and Notre Dame was unable to pick up some ground with fouling and chasing.

The final eighteen minutes of the game was much more friendly to the Bay Port shooting, going 14 for 23 as a team, and 4 for 6 from downtown.

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Brown County Blackjacks looking to grow in the 2024 season

BY TORI WITTENBROCK
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BROWN COUNTY – The Brown County Blackjacks semi-professional football team recently wrapped up their 2023 season after taking home the title of the Winter Pigskin Classic Bowl game on Sept. 30 at U.S. Bank Arena in Minneapolis, Minn.

Upon the conclusion of their season, general manager and former head coach Bryan Peterson said that the team has already begun to use the offseason to prepare for their 2024 winter practice schedule.

Legacy

Though founded in 2010, the Blackjacks have really worked to build a name for themselves after posting a record of 60-11 since Peterson took over the program in 2018.

The team has also appeared in two Northern Lights Football League Championship games, taking the title in one.



The Blackjacks saw a 21-14 victory over the Pioneers after playing in the Vikings’ U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, Minn. in the Southern Plains Football League. **Brown County Blackjacks photo**

Brown County is also 2-0 at the Winter Pigskin Classic Bowl game, seeing victories in both 2019 and 2023.

The Blackjacks are part of the Northern Lights Football League (NLFL) North East Division.

“Our rules for the Northern Lights football League are exactly the same as the NFL,” said Peterson.

Who can play?

The NLFL has a wide range of players that they recruit to round out their squad, including former

high school, college and professional players.

“The main benefit of us is to get that kid that wasn’t recognized coming out of high school and get him freshly trained and get that experience that will help him get to the next level that he wants to play at — or she,” said Peterson.

“We actually have had young ladies play for us in the past as well. The last two years, we had a young lady that played wide receiver for us.”

“We don’t really have any restrictions on who can play for us,

as long as they are over 18.”

Although Peterson said that their target recruiting class is generally former high school players from the area, they welcome anyone with football experience to come and try out to be a part of the team.

“We do actually have some former college players that play for us as well. Our current roster has one, but we have probably had around a dozen or so guys that have played for us that have also played in the NFL at some point.”

Although the NCAA has a lot

of restrictions for eligibility, because the league has an amateur status, it enables players to compete without interfering with their ability to play in college simultaneously.

“Not too often, but occasionally we will have a college football player or two for us in the early season, and then once their season starts, they will head back to college,” said Peterson.

“It doesn’t affect their eligibility or anything like that.”

The 2023 season

As part of one of the top performing teams in the league, the Blackjacks also have several players whose stats make them league leaders for the season.

Mason Karl on the defensive line leads the league with 53 tackles. Jason Shauer and Dashawn Goodwin take fourth and fifth on the leaderboard with 46 and 45 tackles respectively.

Running back Dyrrell Clark also topped the league leaderboard for

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