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Gail Nohr, center, and Kim Nohr, left, are spearheading a project to provide homes for the area's homeless veterans and those at risk, while also providing needed services. Also pictured at far right, Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach.
Kris Leonhardt photo

A safe home to start their journey

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

GREEN BAY – On Wednesday, Dec. 20, the Brown County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution that will provide land for a project designed to provide a helping hand for local veterans.

The resolution authorizes the donation of 3.5 acres at 2890 St. Anthony Drive on Green Bay's east side to construct tiny homes to aid veterans.

Gail and Kim Nohr of Veterans 1st of NEW Tiny Homes Village have been working on the project for two years.

"I started thinking about this a couple of years ago, I was employed at the Broward County Veterans Service Office, taking phone calls about friends who are homeless or about to lose their home every day," Gail recalled, "and I felt like I needed to do something. And Kim

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The trend in baby names remains in line with the most recent data from the Social Security Administration.
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Top area baby names in 2023 released

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

GREEN BAY – HSHS St. Vincent Hospital, Green Bay, recently released its top baby names chosen at birth in 2023.

Topping the list of boys names were Theodore and Oliver. For girls, Charlotte and Eleanor were most favored.

The trend in baby names remains in line with the most recent data from the Social Security Administration (SSA).

Henry and Charlotte were the top names in Wisconsin, followed by Oliver and Olivia.

Olivia was also the top girls name across 27 states, while Charlotte sat in second, topping 13 states.

Henry topped the list in just four states, while Oliver was the name most chosen in 15 states.

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Last NFL Draft in Wisconsin was missed opportunity for city

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

GREEN BAY – The 2025 NFL Draft will be held in, and around, Lambeau Field and Titletown for the 90th running of the event.

The last time the state played host to the event was Dec. 9, 1939, when the Draft was in its infancy.

"After the NFL instituted its waiver system in 1934 to allow teams to pick up available players, Philadelphia Eagles co-owner Bert Bell felt that his team was at a disadvantage in signing top players. Without the monetary advantage that other clubs had, the Eagles and other teams with

fewer resources had little chance of attracting impact players," the NFL website states.

"At a 1935 league meeting, Bell proposed that the NFL hold an annual player draft to level the playing field and make sure that every franchise remained financially viable. League owners voted unanimously to adopt his proposal, setting up the inaugural NFL Draft in 1936."

At the time, the Draft was held in the same city as the NFL Championship game on consecutive days.

The 1939 Championship would see the Green Bay Packers hosting the New York Giants

"Curly Lambeau and the Packers' executive committee had decided, at the urging of the league, that more money could be made if the game was played at State Fair Park in West Allis rather than at Green Bay's City Stadium," said Packers Historian Cliff Christl.

"Starting with the 1937 draft, the second in history, and until World War II, the Draft was usually held the day before or after the NFL title game. During the war, the drafts were held in April largely because of the uncertainty over which players would be available come football season. The 1949 Draft,

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The Schroeder Hotel in 1941. It's Empire Room, noted by the sign on the righthand side of the photo, was the site of the 1940 NFL Draft in Milwaukee. The hotel, located downtown on Wisconsin Avenue, is now known as the Hilton Milwaukee City Center.

Journal-Sentinel/Wisconsin State Historical Society photo



The Green Bay-area facility will be Involta's 13th data center location. Other U.S. sites include Tucson, Ariz.; Boise, Idaho; Marion, Iowa; Duluth, Minn.; Akron (2), Canton and Independence, Ohio; and Pittsburg, Penn.

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Involta to expand services in Green Bay area

BY PRESS TIMES STAFF

NORTHEASTERN WISCONSIN – Iowa IT service management company, Involta, recently announced the acquisition of a 24.5-acre site, including an existing data center, at W6149 Old Highway Road in the village of Harrison.

Through this acquisition, Involta will implement a "multi-phased approach to ultimately extend the current data center footprint to an expandable campus with up to 20 MW of capacity."

"The future campus is poised

to meet rising enterprise colocation demands with the Involta SecurePower colocation model, which provides mission-critical data center space coupled with industry-leading power, security and connectivity services directly embedded into its facilities," an Involta release stated.

A colocation is a type of data center where equipment, space, and bandwidth are available for rent to customers.

"Located just 40 minutes from Green Bay, the campus project will support the fast-growing

needs and performance requirements of critical high-tech industries with the colocation and services needed for enterprise workloads and AI applications," the release added.

"In addition, the location's proximity is highly desirable for edge deployments, in which Involta is considered a tier-two market pioneer. The area provides a low-risk zone with moderate temperatures to help regulate power demands, along with attractive tax incentives and the recent designation

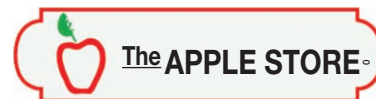
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Safe Sitters prepares new generation of babysitters

BY MICKEY SCHOMMER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY - Green Bay's Center for Childhood Safety is offering a program that teaches older children the necessary safety skills to babysit.

The Center for Childhood Safety chose to pick up the Safe Sitters program at the start of COVID-19 by large request of the community because of the influx of children who were staying home with their younger siblings.

"This program has been highly successful for us because we not only teach home-alone skills, but we also teach childcare skills," said Center for Childhood Safety Community Engagement Director Christel Weinaug. "When we talk about childcare skills, we talk about ways that students can manage behavior or stay in control of situations, whether that be somebody who is their neighbor or somebody who is not family. We also give techniques to Safe Sitters for those who are family members, like their own siblings because that situation tends to be a little more difficult than when you're watching non-family members."

Safe Sitter is a program designed by a doctor who was looking to ensure the safety of children in the hands of a babysitter.

"When [the program designer] was at work, an emergency came in. It was her neighbor's child who



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Stock photo

was choking on something and the person who was babysitting them didn't know how to do the Heimlich and, unfortunately, that child had passed," said Weinaug.

The Safety Sitters program discusses personal safety in all aspects of life, whether that's home alone, walking home from school, or via the Internet.

"If you're not personally safe, no one is going to hire you to watch their children," Weinaug added.

In addition to personal safety, the Safe Sitters program discusses childcare skills, such as teaching the dietary needs, ability level, and maturity of children of different ages; first aid and rescue skills, such as

teaching allergy awareness and how to manage injuries; and life and business skills, such as how to job screen, discuss fees with an employer and discern the compatibility of the job.

"We make it fun. We have games, ways to interact and get up and out of their seats and learn about the different aspects that we talk about," said Weinaug.

At the end of the class, the student receives a certificate acknowledging the completion of the course commending not only their childcare skills but familiarity with the instruction of business as well.

For more information, visit www.centerforchildhoodsafety.org/safe-sitter.

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Liam held the highest appeal in boys names, topping the list in 20 states.

Rounding out the top 10 in boys names were Liam, Theodore, Noah, Owen, Jack, Levi, William and Leo.

Rounding out the top 10 for the girls were Evelyn, Amelia, Emma, Nora, Sophia, Eleanor, Harper and Hazel.

All names from the SSA report were taken from Social Security card applications for births that occurred over the year ending March 2023.

St. Vincent's sister hospital, HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital, Sheboygan, listed Luca and Myles as the top boys names, while Ivy and Charlotte topped the list for girls.

Information was not available from other Green Bay hospitals with labor and delivery services.

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held on Dec. 21, 1948, in Philadelphia, was the last to be conducted within days of the league championship."

The 1940 Draft was held at the Schroeder Hotel — now the Hilton Milwaukee City Center — which opened a little over a decade before.

"Draft, says the league publicity office, is a misnomer and the selection should be referred to as the right of preferred negotiation," a Capital Times article stated the day of the event.

"The names of college seniors who played football are listed. Representatives of the 10 pro clubs then designate the ones with whom they desire to discuss post-graduate gridiron careers. The club lowest in the standings has its chance, and so on up to the championship club. The process is repeated until the list of about 200 names is exhausted. Each club has the exclusive right to negotiate with the players it designates."

The Draft started at 2 p.m. on Dec. 9, with Pack-

ers Coach Curly Lambeau taking the right to negotiate with 21 players — eight backs, three ends, four guards and two centers.

The Packers' first pick at the tail end of the order was Minnesota Halfback Harold Van Every, who was well-known after making several All-American teams.

The championship game was held the following day inside the Milwaukee Mile at Wisconsin State Fair Park, just outside of Milwaukee.

While Lambeau was correct in the public's response to the event and its increased ticket sales, its relocation sidestepped an opportunity for the Green Bay area to reap the benefits of visitor influx.

Trains brought a sold-out crowd by the hundreds to Milwaukee, including two special trains from Green Bay on the Northwestern line and the Milwaukee Road.

Seats costing \$4.40 each were being scalped for \$15, and newspaper counterfeit tickets were printed.

Green Bay handily defeated New York, 27-0, that

day but Green Bay would not see the benefits from those seeing the Packers win on the gridiron.

Over the next few decades, the Draft moved around to hotels in larger cities before finding a semi-permanent home in New York City from 1965 to 2014.

The league then opened the host site up for bid in 2015.

Chicago won the first bid and the Draft was reinvented, with a large free-admission festival to coincide with the event.

After a two-year run in Chicago, the Draft traveled to Philadelphia, Dallas and Nashville before the 2020 virtual event due to the COVID-19 environment.

In 2021, Cleveland hosted the events, followed by Las Vegas and Kansas City.

The 2024 NFL Draft will be held in Detroit.

The year 2025 will bring back Green Bay's opportunity to showcase its city and its deep football roots as it hosts the Draft on a much larger scale than the December of missed opportunity eight and a half decades ago.

Oneida Nation receives two grants focused on food sustainability, security

BY PRESS TIMES STAFF

ONEIDA NATION - The Oneida Nation recently received two grants — one to help its efforts toward food security and the other to assist with sustainability.

The Nation received \$180,000 from the GROWING JUSTICE Fund — a pooled fund co-designed by BIPOC leaders, underserved farmers, advocates, food suppliers, purchasers, and funding partners working in urban, rural, and Tribal communities nationwide.

"The funds from this grant will support the efforts of the Oneida Nation to grow traditional foods by supporting indigenous communities, farmers, and entrepreneurs in their agricultural efforts. We will provide gardening guides and workshops to promote food literacy, develop skills and encourage community members to grow and prepare their own food," an Oneida Nation release stated.

The grant will help create a project to improve the agriculture and food system infrastructure.

"We also expect to improve food accessibility and soil health," the release added.

The project will help teach sustainable agricultural practices to those who want to learn more about "food waste, healthy soils and where their food comes from."



"With the present and future health issues that are plaguing our people, such as diabetes, obesity, and heart disease, it is important to help our community understand the role that agriculture and food plays in their quality of life and in building a healthy community," the release said.

"The Oneida Nation is working towards food security and cultural preservation through the cultivation of native crops and building the capacity of farmers in our community and among neighboring tribal nations. GROWING JUSTICE funding will support the Oneida Nation's efforts to create pathways and restore economic power and food sovereignty to indigenous peoples and establish a more just and equitable food system for all. Our work will involve the creation of tribal networks, the implementation of educational programs, with a goal of farming 200 acres of indigenous crops in Wisconsin.

The Tribe will also re-

ceive a \$299,151 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

"The funds from this grant will support the efforts of the Oneida Nation to design and develop a culturally relevant and significant application for students and the community centered around food handling and safety, as well as teach about the Oneida culture and traditions as a 'food is medicine' concept. This application will also be specifically focused on engaging youth in the significance of our food system and sustainability as a public health approach," the Tribe said.

The grant will assist the Nation develop "food safety training, education, extension, outreach and technical assistance projects that address the needs of owners of small, mid-sized farms, beginning farmers, socially disadvantaged farmers, small processors, veteran farmers or ranchers, or small fresh fruit and vegetable merchant wholesalers."

The project will provide training or technical assistance for "pre- and post-harvest water testing and sampling, soil amendments, developing supply chain programs and/or developing food safety plans."

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Green Bay recipients include the Golden House for domestic violence homicide prevention and response. **File photo**

Green Bay nonprofits receive funding to address poverty

FOR THE PRESS TIMES

GREEN BAY – The Greater Green Bay Community Foundation recently awarded \$180,500 in grants through the “Stand Together Foundation” annual grants cycle.

The awards lend support to six non-profit programs and initiatives working to address poverty and its root causes in Brown, Kewaunee and Oconto counties.

The Stand Together Foundation, part of the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation’s family of funds, has awarded \$1.5 million since 2018 to fund measurable strategies to move people from the brink of poverty to a place of economic stability and self-sufficiency.

Green Bay recipients include the Golden House for domestic violence homicide prevention and response.

Funds provide support for a dedicated position focused on domestic violence homicide prevention and response across northeast Wisconsin, as a response to the increased number of fatalities related to domestic abuse.

The position will implement new initiatives

and create programming to support victims, their families, and friends in the wake of a homicide.

The Gateway Collective will receive funding for socially-inclusive housing.

The Gateway Collective develops affordable and holistic socially inclusive housing.

Grant funding will support the City Center Lofts project in downtown Green Bay.

Funding for Veterans 1st of NEW will be used to build 13 tiny homes and a community center for programming for veterans.

We All Rise: African American Resource Center funding will support All Seasons Transformation, a 49-bed transitional living facility for men who are experiencing a transition in their lives.

The Stand Together Foundation grants program offers one grant cycle annually.

The next timeline for applications is Aug. 1 to Oct. 1, 2024.

For more information, visit ggbcf.org/nonprofits/grants-programs/stand-together-foundation.



Some holiday magic

Both volunteers and shoppers took part in some holiday magic during the Salvation Army of Greater Green Bay’s Christmas distribution in partnership with Toys for Tots and Brown County’s Give-A-Kid-A-Book campaign. The distribution was held Dec. 19-21 at the former Shopko East Town location in Green Bay. About 6,000 children received Christmas gifts, books and food boxes through the campaign.

Press Times staff photo



Demolition progresses on Pennings building

The property along the banks of the Fox River at the western end of the Claude Allouez bridge — which once housed Pennings High School and the Pennings Activity Center — will soon take on a new role on the St. Norbert College campus as the “Donald & Patricia Schneider Family Hall,” after the current demolition of the historic building. The facility was constructed as Nicolet High School in 1923 and became part of the West De Pere School District. In 1959, the school building was purchased by the Norbertines and it became Abbot Pennings High School in recognition of St. Norbert College’s founder. To view video of the demolition, visit <https://gopresstimes.com/2023/12/22/video-abbot-pennings-high-school-razing>.

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INVOLTA

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by the Biden administration confirming the state as an official U.S. Regional Tech Hub.”

“The Green Bay market is a sought-after region across our portfolio of enterprise clients spanning healthcare organizations, manufacturers and financial institutions,” said Bruce Lehrman, founder and board vice chair for Involta. “As this market continues to grow, our evolving footprint in this vibrant region will deliver the capacity, fiber infrastructure and hybrid IT services required to support high-performance compute for the most demanding and com-

plex regulated industries.

“At the epicenter of Involta’s expansive data center network, the 20-MW campus will bolster the company’s future development of energy-efficient data centers and bring robust, redundant fiber infrastructure to the Wisconsin market, driving more connectivity both locally and nationally while delivering unmatched access to its Midwest data centers from Iowa to Minnesota to Ohio.”

The Green Bay-area facility will be Involta’s 13th data center location.

Others U.S. sites include Tucson, Ariz.; Boise, Idaho; Marion, Iowa; Duluth, Minn.; Akron (2), Canton, and Independence, Ohio; and Pittsburg, Penn.

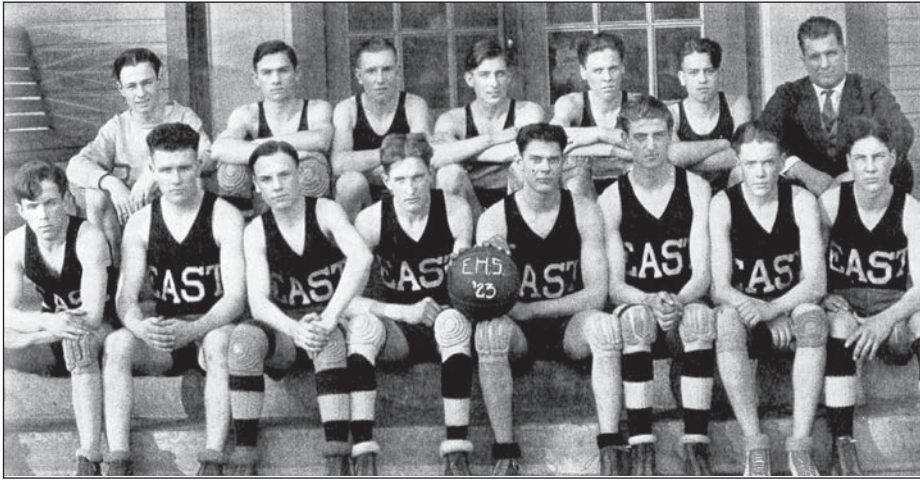
“Through this strategic acquisition, we are amplifying our capacity to drive unmatched business evolution across Northeast Wisconsin and beyond. It’s our first double-digit data center campus investment, and the New North region is the ideal location to expand our footprint on a very large scale. We are excited to build and strengthen our relationships across the markets in this vibrant area, including Madison and Milwaukee. This unique project also emphasizes our dedication to innovation, delivering more tech-driven opportunities to the area with the expanded capacity, scalability and fiber infrastructure to support high-performance

compute, private cloud, edge and secure interconnectivity,” said Involta Vice President of New Markets Brandon Yansky.

“We’re looking forward to welcoming Involta into the New North region and stimulating growth across key sectors with the data center capacity and expertise needed to enable modern business technology advancements. Involta’s dedication to the communities it serves, combined with sustainability efforts and entrepreneurial spirit, closely align with New North’s mission. We look forward to collaborating for years to come,” stated New North President/CEO Barb LaMue.

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The 1922-23 Green Bay East Boys Basketball team as highlighted in the record book is one of over 100 photos in the book. **Green Bay East photo**

Christl launches book as East High fundraiser

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

GREEN BAY – As a gift to his alma mater, Cliff Christl has launched a school record book as a fundraiser for Green Bay East High School Athletics, featuring the boys basketball program.

Christl grew up in Alouez and graduated from East High in 1965.

He went on to serve a long journalism career before taking his current position as Green Bay Packers historian.

“As my current job as Packers historian would suggest, I’m into recording history. And East basketball as bad as it has been at times has an interesting history. It might have had more great players in the 1950s than any high school in the state of Wisconsin,” Christl explained.

“Then there were the Steve Kestly years, with some more talented players and a run of success like no other in East’s history. I covered Steve’s dad, Fred, when he was at Pulaski, and he was one of the best high school basketball coaches ever in the state. A favorite of mine.

“Two years ago, when Ryan Sweeney was on his record-setting run, I



Christl

drove to New London just to see him play. My one regret is I didn’t see some of Rick Rosinski’s outstanding players: Dennis Tinnon, Harry Boyce and a few others.

I was living or working in Milwaukee around that time.”

Christl funded the project and did all of the research and writing, with help on scoring records from previous coaches, stating that it took “longer than expected” to complete the book.

“It consumed a lot of my free time the last year. I’m lucky I have a wife, Shirley, who understands my passions.”

The book covers 104 seasons, from 1919 to 2023.

“There were efforts to form a basketball team at Green Bay East High School at least as early as

1904, but only twice over the next 15 years did those intentions truly pan out,” the book stated.

It includes the history of the boys program, conference standings, school records, coaching history, All-State and conference honors, NCAA player bios, hall of fame inductees, the East-West rivalry and more.

“I’ve followed the fortunes of East’s football and basketball teams as a young boy, a student, a sportswriter and still today, so it was a subject of interest to me. Plus, I wanted to do something for the school. I have fond memories of my years at East, although probably my biggest disappointment there was getting cut from the basketball team about midway through my junior year. Still, I’m a Red Devil for life,” he stated.

Books can be purchased at East High School and The Haberdasher in Green Bay and Bosse’s in De Pere.

“Nobody is making a profit off of this other than the Green Bay East High School Athletics endowment fund. In other words, if you buy the book, you’re making a tax deductible donation to a worthy cause,” he added.

HOMES

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then just retired as a carpenter home builder and I said, ‘I think we need to start building a tiny home village for these veterans in need.’ I joined the Housing and Homeless Coalition and found out there were over 80 homeless veterans in Green Bay and over 1,000 that need affordable housing. We brought it to the county board, and they were kind enough to kind of steer us in the right direction.”

Kim added that it was also a matter of giving back to those who gave.

“We just appreciate the liberties that we have in this country and the fact that our veterans are the ones that gave us that liberty. So what we’re trying to do is just kind of circle back and help the veterans that need a little support and hopefully give them that; that’s really what it boils down to.”

Gail said that the program has “20 different agencies that are supplying their offering and volunteering all their services, along with the workforce development, five different employment agencies, different mental health agencies, different behavioral health programs. We’re offering, sort of, 20 different programs to help them to become self-sufficient in two to five years. That’s the goal.”

The Nohrs said that workforce unions, job corps, apprenticeship programs and other employment programs/organizations have also offered their services.

“[With] our program they’re going to be back into the community within five years, like the transitional lab — a two-year program... We want to give them the resources that they can get back into the community getting back on their feet — financial literacy, job training, job, job availability,” explained Kim.

He added that the plan is to have mentors follow up with them after they leave the village environment.

The land approved for the project is adjacent to Veterans Manor, “which was a project that Brown County sold the land to an organization that built housing for homeless veterans. And so this is a continuation of our ef-



A rendering of what the four 2-bedroom, 600-square-foot transitional units may look like.

Veterans 1st preliminary rendering

fort as a county to make sure that we’re doing everything we possibly can to help all the veterans in our community. Be very clear Brown County is not in the housing business. And secondly, we provide programs and services to veterans. So, this fits within our wheelhouse; but more importantly, we have capacity to be one of the supporters of this overall project in his endeavor, so we’re really appreciative of their efforts,” said Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach.

“We’ve been really inspired by the commitment by community members to really do something that helps out our community overall; but most importantly, our veterans in our community.”

Streckenbach said that the county has 180 acres of developable land on the site and future projects may be considered if the program is successful.

The project recently received a \$25,000 grant from the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation through the Stand Together Foundation annual grants cycle and a \$50,000 WHEDA Foundation Housing Grant.

The total cost of the project will be around \$2.4 million.

“We have raised \$425,000 cash, pledged in-kind materials of \$35,000 and pledged labor in-kind totaling about \$400,000,” Kim said.

With the land donation, Veterans 1st of NEW plans to start construction this spring and have it completed by Oct. 2024.

Six homes and a community center will be completed in Phase 1.

The other 14 homes will be constructed seven at a time and are planned to be completed by 2025.

The village will allow 25 veterans to be served through four 2-bedroom, 600-square-foot transition-

al units and the remaining seventeen 400-square-foot affordable units.

Those living in the transitional housing will live rent-free and pay 30% of their income once a job is secured.

The affordable units will be offered at “below fair-market value” rent.

Gail said that there are about 200 volunteers already on their list.

“But, we’re always looking for mentors — veteran mentors — to kind of help them along,” she said.

According to the most recent “Greater Green Bay Blueprint to Prevent and End Homelessness,” prepared for the Greater Green Bay Community Housing Initiative Task Force, “there is an under-supply of 3,715 rental units for the lowest income individuals and families in Green Bay, but a significant surplus of rental units at the 31-50% AMI affordability — keeping affordable rental housing just out of reach for the poorest in Brown County.”

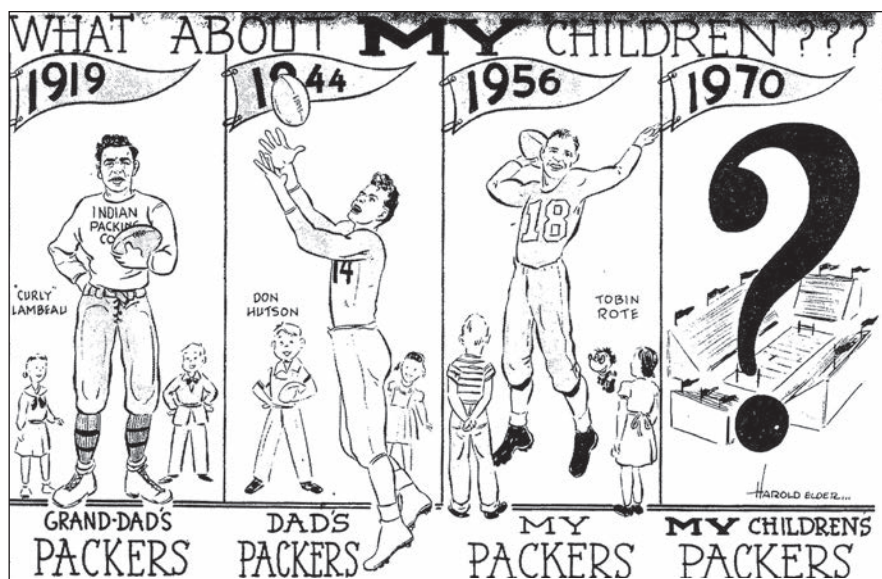
And, many veterans face housing insecurity — up to 13%, or over 480.

The Veterans Village project plan is to provide homes to the area’s homeless veterans and those at risk, while also providing needed services.

“In terms of what they were looking to accomplish — as we learn more about mental health and homelessness and how the two are very connected, we realize having a safe home for someone to start their journey and recovery is the first step. So, the tiny homes kind of serve as that first step and giving that secure and safe space for someone to begin their journey to where they ultimately want to be,” Streckenbach stated.

For information on how you can help, visit <https://veterans1stnew.com/volunteer> or <https://veterans1stnew.com/donate>.

Into the Past brought to you by the UW-Green Bay Archives



A cartoon by Green Bay area cartoonist Harold Elder highlights the importance of the campaign to build what would become Lambeau Field. In February 1956, the Green Bay City Council voted 22-0 to place a bond referendum to build a new stadium on the spring ballot. **UW-Green Bay Archives Department, Cofrin Library.**

Correction

The coverage on the Howard-Suamico School District in the Dec. 15 publication stated that students in K-2 are working to understand and recognize Greek- and Latin-based words. That is actually happening in grades 4-6.

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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

New Dreams for a New Year

Dear Reader,

As we bid farewell to the year that was and welcome the promising embrace of a brand new chapter, there's a sense of renewal and hope that washes over us. The New Year is a canvas, a blank slate upon which we have the opportunity to paint our dreams and aspirations. It's a time for reflection, recalibration, and the pursuit of becoming the best version of ourselves.



In the spirit of this fresh start, we often find ourselves making New Year's resolutions. These resolutions are more than just promises; they are commitments to growth, self-improvement, and the pursuit of our true potential. They represent the belief that we can write a new and better story for ourselves in the coming year.

Each resolution is like a stepping stone on the path to self-discovery and personal betterment. Whether it's a commitment to lead a healthier lifestyle, strengthen relationships, or chase long-held dreams, resolutions hold the power to transform our lives. They serve as a compass guiding us toward our most authentic and fulfilled selves.

We are excited to embark on this journey of self-improvement and discovery with you in the pages of our publications. We are committed to bringing you insightful content, practical advice, and inspiring stories that will empower you to achieve your resolutions and fulfill your aspirations.

In this season of new beginnings, let us cherish the hope and potential that the New Year brings. Let us embrace the opportunity to start afresh and to work diligently on becoming the best version of ourselves. Together, as a community of readers and dreamers, we can turn the pages of this new chapter and write our own extraordinary stories.

Wishing you a Happy New Year filled with inspiration, determination, and the realization of your most cherished dreams.

With warmest regards,
PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

BE OUR GUEST

Patients encouraged to review healthcare statements

FROM BELLIN HEALTH

On Friday, Oct. 27, Bellin Health's monitoring systems identified unauthorized activity on a limited portion of its computer network.

Bellin's information security team quickly took steps to contain the activity and began an investigation, which is now complete. This incident did not impact day-to-day operations.

The investigation determined that an unauthorized third party accessed a specific electronic folder that stored copies of archived, scanned documents related to the purchase of home care equipment dated between 2006 and 2013, and obtained files from the folder.

The documents included information such as patients' names and one or more of the following: address, phone number, date of birth and/or certain health information related to home care equipment.

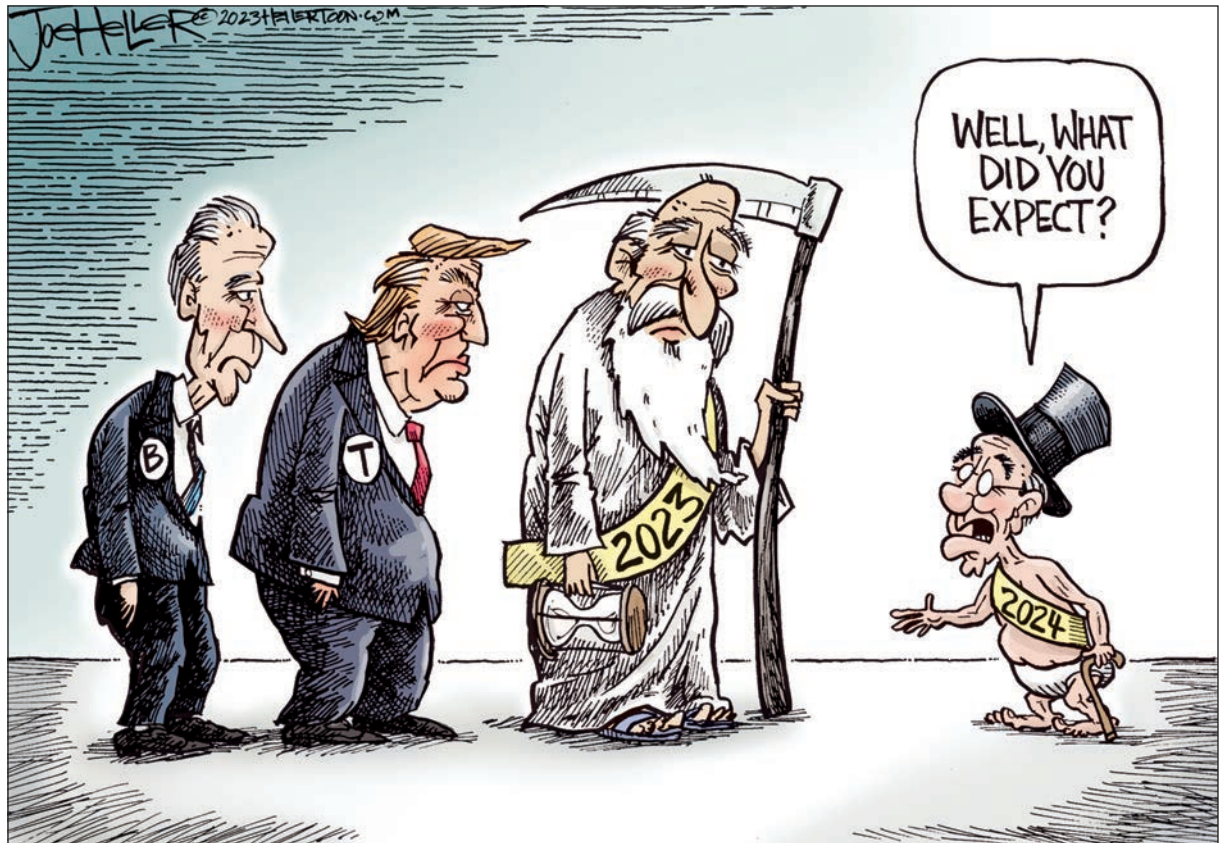
A limited number of documents include Social Security numbers, which at the time were sometimes used as Medicare ID numbers. (This is no longer done.)

Bellin's electronic medical record system was not involved or accessed. Beginning this week, Bellin is mailing letters to individuals whose information may have been involved in this event and is also providing individuals whose Social Security numbers were involved with complimentary credit monitoring and identity theft protection services.

Patients are encouraged to review statements from their health insurer and healthcare providers, and to contact them immediately if they see any services they did not receive.

Patients with questions can call Bellin's dedicated call center at 1 (888) 988-0385, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding major U.S. holidays. More information is available at bellin.org/daintaincent.

Bellin responded immediately to this event and takes it very seriously. Bellin reported the event to the FBI and provided information to support its investigation of the responsible third party. Bellin considers the health, safety and privacy of patients and team members a top priority. The health system is continuously updating and strengthening its systems to help prevent events such as this from occurring and will continue to make additional investments in this area.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Triggering negative reactions from others

DEAR EDITOR,

There are a number of curious aspects of the tree most in question at the Railroad Museum.

I will share a few here. First, it's entirely interesting that there are 66 decorated trees in all.

I wonder which one was number 66?

The spirit of good will and compassion the group espouses could, if we think about it, move them to an insightful and empathic understanding that in using the name they choose to use, they are creating feelings of ill will — not good will — grievous fear and anxiety.

The name does not con-

jure up feelings of compassion, empathy or good will.

So why would this group choose to continue to use the name that they do?

One could speculate it is for the value of shocking people into either:

1. Wanting to learn more about it, or
2. Decrying its blatant insensitivity to the feelings and needs of others, which is neither empathic, compassionate or of good will.

In other words, deliberately and intentionally "triggering" negative reactions from others, which can include a form of re-traumatizing.

The name this group chooses to use means, "Ad-

versary: unfriendly opponent or enemy."

So what is this group an unfriendly opponent and enemy of?

Perhaps that is a question both sides of this "controversy" need to be addressing — together, in dialogue.

It would be good to have a public dialogue about this for the learning benefit of the entire community.

Going deeper, let's just say that Christianity, as it is taught, preached and practiced by many today, is nothing at all like what the person, Jesus, taught, preached or showed to us in practice.

Something has gone awry.

I have some ideas or insights as to what has contributed to so much dis-harmony, dis-unity, rivalry, jealousy, resentment, egregious violence of every kind, unfathomable pain and suffering, numerous and never-ending wars against the innocent, egregious and intentional destruction of cities, homes, schools, hospitals, businesses, infrastructure, the essentials of water, electricity, food, cultures, peoples.

I hope to share these another time.

Linda Van Schyndel-Patzke
Pulaski

BE OUR GUEST

Streckenbach urges preparedness for winter storms

FROM THE BROWN COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE

It's winter weather season and annually Brown County residents will face the prospect of heavy snowfall, windy conditions and bitter cold temperatures at some point.

Brown County Executive Troy Streckenbach is asking everyone to get ready by checking your emergency kits for your home and vehicle before this extreme storm arrives.

"Don't let a potentially severe winter storm wreck your holiday season," said Streckenbach. "It's important for everyone to pre-

pare their home and vehicle in case you lose power to their home, become stranded while driving or unable to return home during a winter storm event."

According to Wisconsin Emergency Management, here are some items you should include in your emergency supplies kit for your home:

- Water (one gallon per person per day for three days)
- Food (at least a three-day supply) that does not need electricity for storage or preparation
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Wrench or pliers to turn

- off utilities
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- Prescription medications and eye wear
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter, or solar charger
- Complete change of clothing including a long-sleeved shirt, pants, socks and sturdy shoes

"Brown County averages three winter weather related emergency events per year, and it's important to not become complacent with mother nature because it can be life-threatening," says Daniel Kane, director of Brown County Emergency Management.

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Can one person make a difference?

BY CHUCK RYBAK
GUEST COLUMNIST

Just over a year ago, our family took our first real vacation as a family.

No one else was joining us. We weren't visiting or meeting anyone.

We were just going. Ourselves.

And we decided to go big: we went to Maui, Hawaii.

Yes, this was going to be an adventure, but it doubled as a personal pilgrimage.

The aptly named Haiku, Hawaii, since the 1970s had been the home of W.S. Merwin, the two-time American Poet Laureate who means worlds to me.

Merwin died in March 2019, and his home and land, to preserve their integrity, were turned into a conservancy.

Merwin died on the eve of COVID-19, so his home and land had, by the time of our trip, remained largely untouched.

The site remained closed to visitors, but persistent emails professing love for Merwin resulted in us getting a private tour — the fact that the guide had a Wisconsin connection worked in our favor (cheese curds are a universal currency).

First, it is important to understand some history and how it relates to the title of this piece: when Merwin bought the land it had been a pineapple plantation, completely stripped of all its trees.

A particular fact provided by our guide has stuck with

me: "99% of the vegetation you see in Hawaii is non-native to the islands."

In addition to building a house (Merwin borrowed money for all of this; he was largely broke), he began to plant native palms and plants, one at a time, day by day, for what eventually amounted to over 40 years.

It is not quite right to say "one person" did this, as he married his wife Paula in 1983, thus doubling the conservancy's workforce.

When we arrived, we found ourselves standing in a lush rainforest.

There were so many trees and plants that to call the environment a "jungle" was appropriate. Our guide showed us a photo of the land, taken by Merwin, when it was first purchased. Nothing. Dirt. Empty.

But over the course of their remaining lives, the Merwins made a difference, and that was W.S. Merwin's stated goal — he wanted people to know that not only could one person have an impact, but they could also have a dramatic one.

Two people, day by day, planted a forest of native palms and plants where previously nothing stood.

Botanists now travel from around the world to study the native palms planted by the Merwins, as they no longer exist in many other places and they provide rare evidence of indigenous life.

Merwin, unable to resist, also planted mango trees,

which are believed to have been brought to Hawaii from the Philippines in the 19th century.

When asked about his ecological project, Merwin would deflect credit and say, "Really, only a forest can plant a forest."

We were also blessed with a tour of Merwin's home, which still felt lived in — dishes still out, a glass in the sink, letters and notes sitting out to be read.

Our guide explained that no one, when Merwin was alive, was allowed in his study, but she would let us in as long as we agreed not to take pictures.

It was a sanctuary, a temple, his bookshelves and references there for the viewing, a note to his dogs pinned on a corkboard, a letter from the poet Robert Bly.

Our guide mentioned off-handedly, "We are just now getting to work. I was flipping through one of his books and a letter from Sylvia Plath fell out. He loved to stuff letters into his books."

Merwin woke before dawn each day and strolled to his meditation space, built a short walk away from the house, so he could "listen to the forest wake up."

Then he would write, after which he would then plant whatever tree or plant

that needed a home in the ground that day.

At the end of this decades-long routine, a full forest stood in place of desolation.

The difference is tangible and powerful.

I write this because I feel that many people around me (and me included) are overwhelmed with bad news, feelings of hopelessness, and often say to ourselves, "What could I possibly do that would matter?"

Climate change, gun violence, rising addiction rates, a resurgence of white supremacist movements, online disinformation and hate—and the list only gets longer.

I left the Merwin residence and forest with hope.

And when taken metaphorically, the hope that any of us, individually or with others, can plant a meaningful forest that will grow into something wondrous.

To paraphrase the writer Rebecca Solnit, we must have hope in the dark.

Not hope as a feeling, but as the tiny action of tiny hands, adding up, day by day.

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Help keep kids warm

Help decorate the "Tree of Giving" with new or lightly-used winter items such as children's hats, gloves and scarves during the holiday season at the Neville Public Museum of Brown County, 210 Museum Pl., Green Bay. Donated items will be given to the Salvation Army for those cold winter months and will be collected until Dec. 31. **Tori Wittenbrock photo**

STORMS

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"Sometimes the smallest and simplest steps can be the most impactful. Taking that first step toward becoming more prepared is vital. Do what you can with what you have and don't be afraid to prioritize safety."

Here are several common items that should be included in emergency ve-

hicle kits:

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- Drinking water
- First aid kit with pocket-knife
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De Pere to enlist new community engagement software

BY LEE REINSCH
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DE PERE — Anonymous online and nuisance complaints to the City of De Pere could be greatly curtailed, thanks to a new software program that would encourage users to identify themselves.

By asking for more information, the city potentially could save hundreds of hours of staff time and subsequently thousands of dollars each year spent investigating groundless grievances and neighborhood tit-for-tats.

Newly approved by De Pere Common Council, the community engagement software asks that users give their name, contact information and further details about the issue, rather than leave messages on the city's website or Facebook.

The city receives thousands of complaints every year, many of which are for things that don't violate city ordinances.

Many appear to be in-

tended to harass other citizens, avenge previous complaints, or ding others for not meeting their personal standards, according to Delo. Such complaints include: boats in driveways, campers in driveways, toys on lawns, bicycles in yards, too-tall flowers, shaggy shrubs.

"A lot of people are walking around who just complain about what they see everywhere, and they want to remain anonymous," DePere City Administrator Lawrence Delo said at a recent common council meeting. "A lot of times they're dealing with neighbor conflicts: somebody is trying to harm somebody else."

De Pere Police Chief Jeremy Muraski said his department frequently hears from people who are mad at the city for some reason or have been cited or had a violation brought to their attention.

Some may have another motive.

"We've had harassment complaints this year from

people whose sole purpose is to try to throw as many complaints at us as they can, almost in what seems to be an attempt to overwhelm the system," Muraski said.

Delo said the anonymity is causing all sorts of problems.

"By taking away the anonymity (for most complaints) and having the police tip hotline for criminal activity, we think we will diminish what I will call fault complaints that are not real in the sense that we should be responding to them," Delo stated.

Dan Lindstrom, director of development services, said his department alone has received more than 300 complaints this year.

"Our biggest component is retaliatory inspections, especially since COVID-19," Lindstrom said.

One example is the person who lodged 15 individual anonymous complaints of vehicles parked on grass with no other information other than the addresses.

"That requires our staff to go out there and inspect every one of those properties," Lindstrom said.

It turned out that vehicles parked at those 15 residences weren't parked on lawns but in paved driveways that happened to have grass sprouting through small cracks.

Although the claim that vehicles were parked "on grass" was accurate in the literal sense, it wasn't contrary to the intent or letter of the law.

Sec. 150-14 (b) and (c) of the De Pere municipal code pertaining to parking in parkways and building setbacks doesn't mention grass.

It states that vehicles aren't permitted in unpaved parkways (the terrace area between the street and public sidewalks) or front or corner side yard setback areas adjoining a public street.

It further says parkways can't be paved.

Lindstrom said the reports were retaliatory.

"You don't know that until you get out there, do your inspection, come back to the office, log the complaint, log the process and go back," he said. "When you do that 15 times, you've wasted several hours of your day."

Development services is just one of 10 departments within the city.

Delo said so much time spent on bogus beefs prevents them from responding to the real issues in a timely manner.

"There are people literally going out there with dozens, 30, 40, 50 complaints — it's not unheard of — and just canvassing the city," Mayor James Boyd said.

He said he's the recipient of many anonymous letters, including a violent one recently that concerned him enough to get police involved.

Another involved a serious issue warranting a follow up with the writer, but Boyd had no way to tell the person the matter was being handled.

He also said city staff has been harassed, including one recently who was followed.

"It had to have been very frightening," Boyd said.

Alderson Dan Carpenter said that it's too easy for people to be keyboard warriors and pretend they're someone they're not.

He suggested that the city put out a disclaimer saying that anonymous complaints won't be a high priority.

Delo said they could not

justify handling one category of complaint differently than another and that all should be handled with the same level of seriousness.

But he also said city staff in all departments overwhelmingly wanted the software configured to eliminate the anonymity option.

After a 40-minute discussion about balancing citizen safety with accountability, the board settled on a compromise: One complaint category will enable anonymous complaints.

Alderson Shana Defnet Ledvina said she wasn't comfortable with a system that did not offer the option of anonymity for those who fear retribution for making a legitimate report.

"There are situations beyond parking on the grass," she said. "There are people who literally do not feel safe with people who are living by them who are violating all of these ordinances (and) who need to remain anonymous, and I think we have to have an option for those people."

Alderson Jonathon Hansen agreed.

"I think we need to be very concerned about protecting the safety of people who submit complaints," he said.

People of Brown County



Ashwaubenon paid-on-call firefighters (POC), from left, Tom Polomis, Keegan McLearn, Joe Wesoloski and John Nitka, are stationed at the end of Blue Ridge Drive near Kroll's West and Lodge Kohler during Green Bay Packers home games. They are members of the community that work for the Ashwaubenon Public Safety department part-time as firefighters, EMTs and paramedics. They generally respond from home when called, but also work scheduled special events. They train two to three times per month and supplement full-time public safety officers. The department is taking applications for POC Firefighters. No experience necessary, but must live south of West Mason Street, west of the river, east of the county line, and north of Scheuring Road. Some flexibility is allowed on a case-by-case basis.

Submitted photo

NEWS BRIEFS

Polar Plunge celebrates 25th anniversary

WISCONSIN — The Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Wisconsin will celebrate 25 years of ice-cold memories and "Freezin' for a Reason" at eight events across the state in 2024, including the first ADA-compliant Inclusive Plunge in the nation.

"We are thrilled to celebrate 25 years of the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Wisconsin," Special Olympics Wisconsin President and CEO Chad Hershner said. "We have some great new locations on tap for 2024, and we are working hard to elevate this largest annual fundraising event for the organization. This year especially, we want to recognize so many incredible moments across so many incredible communities — truly 25 years of unyielding support for our Special Olympics Wisconsin athletes."

Individuals and teams can jump in-person at one of eight locations, including at Green Bay's Perkofski Boat Launch on Saturday, Feb. 24.

Those who are interested in participating by unable to attend an in-person plunge can fundraise through an Alternative Plunge — a "create your own adventure" option inviting participants to dump a bucket of ice water over their head or take a dive on a spring break trip to warmer waters.

Participants can also raise funds in support of Special Olympics Wisconsin athletes without taking an icy dip by becoming a Polar Pledger.

For both Polar Plungers and Polar Pledgers, each individual reaching the minimum fundraising fee of \$100 is eligible for incentives, including a collectible long sleeve t-shirt, socks, towel, blanket and bluetooth speaker—all branded with Special Olympics Wisconsin or 25 Years of Polar Plunge logos.

All funds raised support thousands of statewide athletes as they train and compete in sporting events, support year-round health and wellness programming, promote inclusion in schools, and equip individuals with intellectual disabilities training and leadership tools to become important contributors within their own communities.

Pre-registrations are highly encouraged, but on-site day-of registration will also be available.

More information, including event registration for each location and participation options, can be found at PlungeWI.org.

Aspiro announces new board members

GREEN BAY — Aspiro has announced its election of Nicole Kitowski, executive vice president and chief risk officer for associated bank; Erin Martini, administrator for Syble Hopp School; and Chip Smoot, chief financial officer for Schreiber to its board of directors.

Kitowski, Martini and Smoot will each begin a three-year term in January, joining current board members Bridget Erwin, Julie Graceffa, Jason McDonough, Stephanie Moore, Linda Negratti, Patrick Schillinger, Maria Zehren, Ph.D. and Richard Zuehlke.

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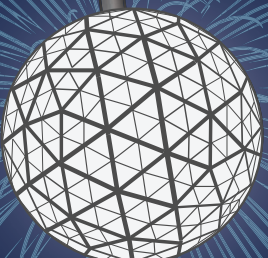
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Badger State celebrates 10 years of bringing beer and cheer to Green Bay

By Janelle Fisher
City Pages Editor

As 2023 comes to an end and many are preparing to celebrate the new year, Badger State Brewing Founder Andrew Fabry is looking back on the last decade since the brewery opened.

“It’s pretty incredible, I think, to stop and look back and say, ‘Hey, there’s actually been 10 years that have gone by since we opened,’” he said. “We’ve spent a lot of time reminiscing and thinking about what the area and the scene and the city was like then and what it is today.”

When Badger State Brewing opened at its location at 990 Tony Canadeo Run in Green Bay, Fabry said one of the brewery’s goals was to bring life into the neighborhood.

“We wanted to first and foremost go into the building that had been vacant warehouse space...” he said. “We wanted to create a really welcoming taproom and a place where people could come together, gather, bring groups, bring friends, meet up with family and so on and so forth. We just wanted to create one of those community spaces where people could get together and then obviously enjoy beer, which was the only product we were making at the time.”

Over time, Fabry said Badger State has continued growing — and the neighborhood around it followed suit.

“We’ve had a couple different expansions that we’re really proud of,” he said. “Stuff from production equipment to opening the Barrel Haus event space — that was really huge. People used to ask us to close down the tap room and rent it out for weddings and stuff all the time and we didn’t want to do that because we didn’t want to turn away people on a Friday or Saturday night who just wanted to come out for a beer. When we realized there was some more warehouse space adjacent to us, we said, ‘Well, what if we made this into a wedding and event venue?’ That was definitely huge for us — same thing with opening and expanding the beer garden to a space that I think is unmatched by any other in the area because it’s all real grass.”

“When we started, we didn’t have a big beer garden,” he said. “We didn’t have a lot of the apartment buildings that are being built in our area between Ashwaubenon and Green Bay. So that’s been really cool because we’re kind of developing a neighborhood around us, which I always thought would be just hotels and sports bars and stuff to do for people when they came to town to watch the Packers or go to a show at the Resch.”

A few years into the business, Fabry said it became apparent that Badger State was in a position to provide an even greater service to the community.

“Probably five years in, we realized that



we had an opportunity to probably make a much bigger impact with the brand that we had created,” he said. “We were starting to work with a lot of charitable organizations and community foundation groups when the Barrel Haus opened in 2016, and then we started taking on a lot more fundraisers and stuff like that. That kind of became the secondary goal once we realized that we had the opportunity right in front of us.”

With beer being the central business of Badger State Brewing, Fabry said there were some goals that were set a decade ago and have been exciting to see come to fruition.

“One of the other goals was we wanted to distribute our beer statewide,” he said. “We felt that with a brand name that was recognizable for all Wisconsinites that we could succeed on that level. And now we are distributing statewide, except for the Eau Claire area — that’s the last little piece of the puzzle to fill in... When I get to walk into a bar or restaurant — not even just in Green



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Bay, but throughout the state — and see a Badger State tapline on, or if I'm at the bar and someone next to me comes up and they don't know who I am and I don't know who they are and they order a Grassy Place, it just gives you that warm feeling inside like, 'Hey, that's pretty cool. We made that product. Our Brewers put that together. Our people helped sell it into that account.'"

The people at Badger State Brewing, Fabry said, have been and will continue to be a key element in the brewery's success.

"We've built an incredible team at this point, which is really awesome," he said. "I'm really proud of our people that we have on board right now and they're going to be the ones that carry us forward into the next 10 years."

Looking forward, Fabry said there are several things on the horizon for Badger State, including updates to the brewery's spaces, new and improved food offerings and even some more collaborative work with other organizations.

"Historically, we never did a lot of collabs outside of the Green Bay area," he said. "We have done some locally, but I think really starting to leverage some of those friendships that we've made throughout the industry to put our heads together with other producers from across the state and across the Midwest and just create some cool collaborative products is definitely going to be something that we do more of. We're pretty selective when it comes to making those beers. I think there has to be a good reason and a good relationship between our brands and people and the brands and people that we connect with. We try to still keep collabs few and far between and make sure that when we do produce something on a collaborative scale that it's definitely interesting and unique and different, so that'll be, I think, something that's a big part of what we do over the coming years."

To keep up with Badger State Brewing, check out badgerstatebrewing.com. **CP**





PRESENTS

Pets of Brown County



Hoffa

Meet Hoffa, a nine-year-old rescue dog who you might see around The Art Garage, where he accompanies his owner, Lindsay Olson. Hoffa comes from Detroit, where he was surrendered along with his mom and siblings at just a few weeks old. While Hoffa's exact breed is a mystery, Olson says she suspects he is a lab/pit bull mix, because he loves retrieving and has a big, blocky head. Hoffa is a very happy boy and enjoys playing fetch and showing off his tricks, including the fan-favorite "roll over." Janelle Fisher photo

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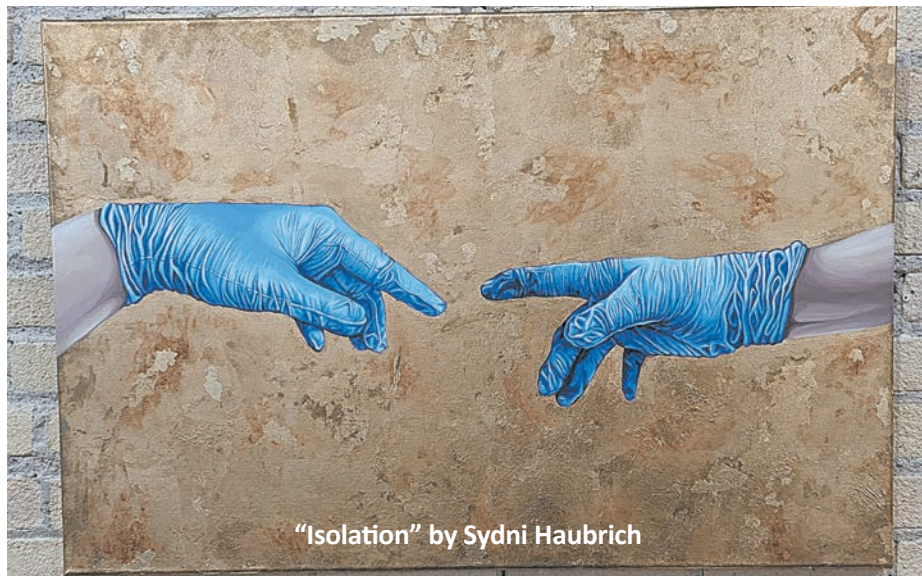
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COVER FEATURE

Year in Review



"Isolation" by Sydni Haubrich

THE ART GARAGE invites artists and art appreciators to reflect on 2023

By Janelle Fisher
City Pages Editor

The walls of The Art Garage are adorned with artwork by more than 40 different artists this month in the third annual Year in Review exhibit.

In this year's exhibit, the artwork on display features on an array of themes from the past 12 months — personal experiences, global events, challenges, moments of hope and more — reflected in the unique styles and mediums of each artist.

"It feels like, coming out of the pandemic, we are in this space where a lot of people went through moments of sort of rebirth or reigniting their love of art," Lindsay Olson, programming director for The Art Garage,

said. "In some cases, people are coming to art for the very first time. People who lost family members or friends are finding this space where they're comfortable in mourning and sharing."

This is the third year the Art Garage has put on its Year in Review exhibit, and Olson said the call for art looked a bit different for 2023.

"It feels like all of that can be encapsulated in a year," she said. "It's here. It's happening. So when we put the call out for the Year in Review, a lot of times it's just 'What have you made in the last year?' This time we were a little more specific talking about 'It doesn't have to have necessarily been created in 2023, but have it in some way touch on personal growth or social



"Crab" by Caleb Booth

"My family would visit my grandparents almost every summer with a trip to the beaches of South Carolina," Booth said in the statement accompanying this piece. "Adventure ran deep in the thick salty air, in every tide pool and the marshes which teem with wildlife. The beauty and wonder of it has been firmly embedded in my memories. My painting 'Crab' was inspired by these experiences... This past summer, I had the joy of visiting the beach with my young nephews as they explore and discover the fascinating world that we live in. I find it particularly meaningful to share these experiences with them and am grateful for the opportunity to reawaken in myself the wonder of it all."



"all the dreams we can't afford" by Lindsay Olson

"I had this senior class photo that everybody signed that I've been the keeper of for the last 20 years," Olson said. "I was so tired of looking at it and I was like, 'You know, I should turn this into something that means something to me.' These are all fabric swatches from a catalog of furniture that I could not, in any way, ever afford... So this is a representation for me of my graduating class and the crash of the housing market and all the things that have happened... These are all the dreams we can't afford."



"On the Hunt" by Carol and Roy Toepke

"Polar bears are some of the most magnificent animals I have ever seen," the Toepke's write in their statement. "Knowing what I know now, I am in fear of their demise. They will have to adjust. They will have to change the way they hunt and what they hunt. They will have to change their diets... Already they have had to adapt so much."

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upheavals that have happened.' It could be political or it could just reflect on what has happened in the last year."

The artists featured in the exhibit represent a wide range of experience — some just entering into the world of art and some who have worked with The Art Garage on other exhibits and projects.

"We have three board members who have work in [the exhibit] and three or four of our studio artists," she said. "I do feel like this should represent the artists that are in conjunction with Art Garage... This is the third year that [The Art Garage] has done Year in Review and it has kind of every year taken a little bit of a different turn. This time, I was like, 'We should get specifically people who have done our shows before... So that was the other thing — trying to bring in people who have worked with Art

Garage before to make it a little bit of a retrospective."

Included with many of the pieces in Year in Review are statements from the artists describing their work and what inspired it, which Olson said has helped those viewing the exhibit to connect with pieces which might speak to their own experiences.

"We've got a lot of really great responses," she said. "People saying 'This [piece] really resonated with me and I found out it was about someone who had lost a family member and that speaks to what happened in my ear...' It invites people to reflect."

The Art Garage also invites patrons of the exhibit to take a moment to vote for their favorite piece in the exhibit.

Find out more about the Art Garage, Year in Review and upcoming exhibits or calls for art at theartgarage.org. **CP**



▲ "The Feast" by Faith Bump



▲ "Duck Brains" by Bill Wright



▲ Year in Review is on display now at The Art Garage. Visitors of the gallery are invited to vote for their favorite piece and take a moment to reflect on the past year. Janelle Fisher photo

▲ "The Feast" pictures my college roommates and friends during our senior year," the artist's statement reads. "We faced typical young adult problems in the wake of a global pandemic, which resulted in an everlasting bond of friendship... 'The Feast' immortalized the mundane absurdity of early adulthood as myself and my closest friends share a Culver's meal and each other's company."

"Artificial intelligence (AI) has been in the headlines repeatedly in 2023. During this time, we have heard numerous debates regarding the benefits and perils presented by AI. While computers have long proven capable of surpassing the human brain in areas such as the speed at which math equations can be solved, I feel that the human brain will still excel when it comes to creativity," Wright's statement reads. "As you lie awake in the wee hours of the morning, time passes very slowly. You are unable to sleep because your mind is struggling with a concept or problem... Eventually, from somewhere deep in the right side of the brain, various concepts surface and eureka, the answer suddenly presents itself. Our brains are a magnificent tool, something I feel AI can never replace."



▲ "Allouez Catholic Cemetery Chapel: Holy Ghost" by Natalie Halvorsen
 "This painting is a significant work of art for 2023 because this beloved 100+ year old historic chapel, which is depicted in my painting, was demolished just a few months ago..." Halvorsen said about this piece. "It symbolizes how our memory is the savred thing we cannot erase, despite people, things and places in constant flux around us."





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LIVE MUSIC

Saturday, Dec. 30

Spencer Smet and Summit Avenue Avalanche Band, Carlo Champagne and The Balcony Brothers and Polterchrist • At The Tracks, Green Bay. Surf goth, yacht disco and indie music. 8 p.m. \$8. (Attendees under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.) Learn more on At The Tracks' Facebook page.

Wednesday, Jan. 3

MANIA: The ABBA Tribute • Meyer Theatre, Green Bay. Two-hour recreation of one of ABBA's most memorable concerts. 7 p.m. \$30+. Visit meyertheatre.org for more details and to purchase tickets.

Saturday, Jan. 6

Tom Schneider and Greg Laabs • Elk's Lodge, Green Bay. Old-time polka, waltz and foxtrot, sponsored by The Northeast WI Accordion Club. 10 a.m. Free.



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Hunter Gatherer • Station 1 Brewing Company, Suamico. Blend of Americana, alternative country and rock. 6 p.m. See Station 1 Brewing Company's Facebook page for more information.

Ongoing

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

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

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

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

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

ON STAGE/SCREEN

Saturday, Dec. 30

How the Grinch Stole Christmas • The Tarlton Theatre, Green Bay. Screening of the 2000 film based on Dr. Seuss' writing. Showings at 3 and 6 p.m. \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. Head to thetarlton.com to learn more and to purchase tickets.

Tuesday, Jan. 3

International Film Series: My Little Sister • Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. Screening of Switzerland's official submission for the 2021 Academy Awards. 7 p.m. Free. Find more information at nevillepublicmuseum.org.

Ongoing

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



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ARTS/EXHIBITS

Ongoing

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

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

Spectacular Science: Candy Chemistry • Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. Dive into the sugary world of candy and explore the complex science behind making tasty treats. Open during regular museum hours. Included with general admission. Visit nevillepublicmuseum.org to find out more.

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

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

FOOD/DRINK

Sunday, Dec. 31

Wine and Cheesecake Flights • WINEaLOT Vineyards, Greenleaf. Pairing of WINEaLOT wines with cheesecakes from On A Whim Sweet Treats. 12-4 p.m. \$18 per flight. Visit winealotvineyards.com for more information.

Ongoing

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

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

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

OUTDOORS/RECREATION

Saturday, Dec. 30

Yoga with Kitties • Safe Haven Pet Sanctuary, Green Bay. Uplifting morning yoga class with feline friends. 9:30 a.m. \$15. Bring your own yoga mat. See Safe Haven Pet Sanctuary's Facebook page for more details and to purchase tickets.



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Monday, Jan. 2

Trivia Night • Station 1 Brewing Company, Suamico. Six rounds, including two wager categories and a picture round. 6:30 p.m. \$1 per person. See Station 1 Brewing Company's Facebook page for more details.

Ongoing

Indoor Golf Tournament • Hilly Haven Golf Course, De Pere. Two-person, best ball playing Angry Golf. Play anytime Dec. 26-30 \$30 per team. Find more details at hillyhaven.com.

Starting New at Golf • Hilly Haven Golf Course, De Pere. Learn the basics of golf with a lesson, stations, games and fun. Two Fridays a month through March. \$10. Find more details at hillyhaven.com.

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

Winter Indoor Golf Leagues • Hilly Haven Golf Course, De Pere. Play a different course every week with a different hole event with complete food and beverage service. Leagues forming now, start the week of Jan. 9. Find more details at hillyhaven.com.

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

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

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

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

DJ Bingo Fridays • WINEaLOT Vineyards, Green Leaf. Put your music knowledge to the test. Fridays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Visit winealotvineyards.com for more details.

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



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**6:30 P.M., SEPT. THROUGH MAY.
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ASHWAUBENON.**

Monthly group meeting with social time and demonstrations. First Monday of the month. Find more details at newiswatercolors.com.

LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

Ongoing

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

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



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FAMILY/KIDS

Friday, Dec. 29

Safety Smart- Fire Safety • Children's Museum of Green Bay, Green Bay. Opportunity for families and children to learn to make choices that will keep themselves and others safe in both indoor and outdoor locations, in varying weather conditions and seasons and in emergencies and daily situations. 11 a.m. Included with general admission. Head to gbchildrensmuseum.org to learn more.

Ongoing

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

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS/RESOURCES

Saturday, Jan. 6

Mass with the Green Bay Area Religious Special Education Program • Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Green Bay. Fr. Johnathan Turba, O.Praem will be celebrating mass and students with special needs serving as lectors and servers. 10:15 a.m. Learn more at gbspecialreligiosed.org.

Ongoing

Valentines for Veterans • Brown County Library - East Branch, Green Bay. Create Valentine's Day greetings for area veterans. Jan. 3-Feb. 7. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

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

Green Bay Area Retired Men's Club • Brown County Library - Central Branch, Green Bay. Weekly meeting with coffee, donuts and speakers. Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. The speaker for Jan. 2 is Karen Stoeher to talk about health and wellness. Dues are \$20 per year. Prospective members welcome. Visit gbretiredmensclub.com for more details.

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

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

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

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

HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES

Saturday, Dec. 30

New Years Eve Eve Bash • WINEaLOT Vineyards, Greenleaf. Live music, dancing and a buffet. 2 p.m. \$30. Tickets required. Visit winealotvineyards.com for more details.

Sunday, Dec. 31

Kids Rockin Eve • Children's Museum of Green Bay, Green Bay. Celebrate the end of 2023. Countdowns at 11 a.m., 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. Included with regular admission. Head to gbchildrensmuseum.org to learn more.

TT NYE • Titledown, Ashwaubenon. Welcome in 2024 with extended tubing and skating hours, themed ice sculptures, live entertainment, two new year's countdowns with fireworks and more. 10 a.m.-1 a.m. Free. For more information, visit titledown.com.

Monday, Jan. 1

New Years Day Celebration • DD's Saloon, Denmark. Music by the Greatest Hits Polka Band. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Visit the DD's Saloon Facebook page for more information.

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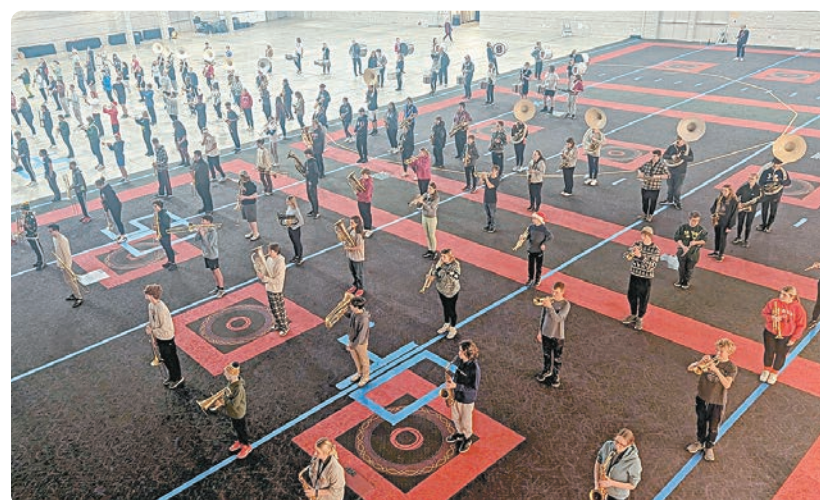
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PULASKI HIGH SCHOOL'S RED RAIDER MARCHING BAND AND CHOIR HELD REHEARSAL DEC. 23 AND 26 TO CONTINUE PREPARING FOR THIS YEAR'S TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE — THE GROUP'S FOURTH APPEARANCE IN THE PARADE LINEUP IN THE PAST 20 YEARS. "AS WE COUNTDOWN TO THE ROSE PARADE, WE INVITE THE COMMUNITY TO SHARE IN THE EXCITEMENT AND CHEER FOR PULASKI HIGH SCHOOL'S MUSIC PROGRAM. THE DEDICATION OF OUR STUDENTS, THE UNWAVERING SUPPORT OF OUR PARENTS AND THE GENEROSITY OF OUR COMMUNITY HAVE MADE THIS ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY POSSIBLE," SAID D. THOMAS BUSCH, DIRECTOR OF THE PULASKI HIGH SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM. ON DEC. 27, THE MORE THAN 250 BAND, COLOR GUARD AND CHOIR STUDENTS INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAM EMBARKED ON THEIR TRIP TO PASADENA, CALIF., WHERE THEY WILL PERFORM IN THE PARADE AHEAD OF THE ROSE BOWL ON MONDAY, JAN. 1. Mike Hollihan photos



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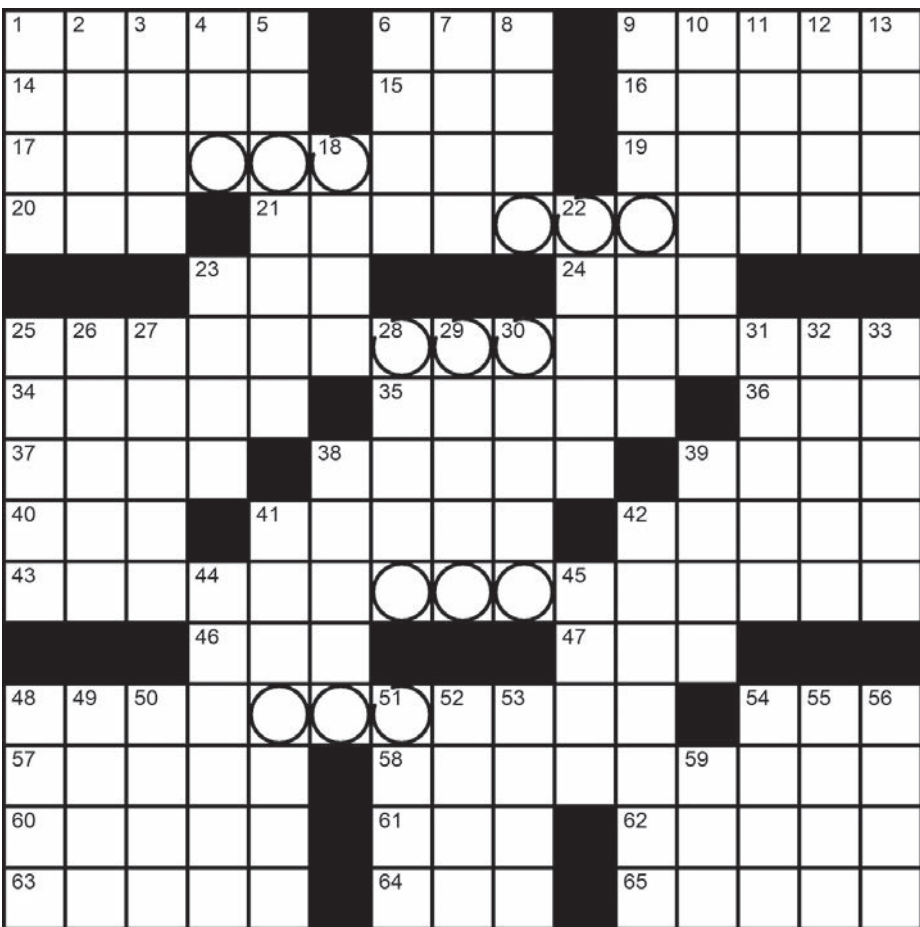
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Crossword answers on page 7. No peeking!

Across

1. Hair-covering garment
6. Tennis shot
9. Room-reading readings, so to speak
14. Vinegar-heavy marinade
15. Umbrage
16. Empathetic comment
17. Drink that necessitates a sleeve
19. “The Color Purple” protagonist played in 2023 by Fantasia Barrino
20. Stubborn animal
21. Went astray
23. Goal
24. Singer Reed
25. Judicious attribute
34. Egg-shaped
35. Actress Chabert of Hallmark’s “Crossword Mysteries” series
36. Preschool activity
37. Singer Simone
38. Shopping conveniences
39. Southern cornbread
40. Ending for graph or favor
41. Indie rock band Yo La ___
42. “Grey’s Anatomy” actress Pompeo
43. Startles, maybe
46. Slithery sea creature
47. Posts pics on social media, perhaps
48. Lacking cordiality
54. Hot tub locale
57. Monopoly purchase
58. What all the theme answers are ... or aren’t? (Sorry/not sorry for the confusion!)
60. “The Thin Blue Line” director Morris
61. King, in Cannes
62. Bring down a notch
63. Hair entanglement
64. “Rocky III” costar
65. Fallon Sherrock’s pro sport

Down

1. Chuckling sound
2. Altar agreements
3. Notates hurriedly
4. “The Golden Bachelor” network
5. Got down on the floor?
6. Elevate
7. Double Stuf cookie
8. Feud
9. Win
10. Post-winter river thaw
11. ___ Cynwyd, Penn.
12. “Spamalot” creator Idle
13. Look for
18. Constantly-wants-to-belong anxiety, for short
22. Swatted insects
23. Tuva’s continent
25. Fast-food chain with carhops on skates
26. “Don’t Cry For Me, Argentina” musical
27. Ninesome
28. Custard desserts
29. FX series whose fifth season features Jon Hamm
30. Words before Congress or kindness
31. “___ Holmes” (2020 Netflix mystery film)
32. More grounded
33. Make purchases
38. “Forget You” singer Green
39. Ed Sheeran’s debut album
41. Farmer’s place, in a kids’ song
42. Brainy-sounding “Batman” villain
44. Bleep out
45. Finance-related, for short
48. “___ All That” (1999 comedy)
49. Undecided
50. Glow
51. IRS document
52. 1973 Orson Welles docudrama “___ Fake”
53. “___ Makes You Happy” (Sheryl Crow song)
54. Yelp rating unit
55. Annoying animal
56. Greek god of war
59. Org. of Kings and Warriors

arts & entertainment

HIGHLIGHTS

by Janelle Fisher



Yoga with Kitties

Saturday, Dec. 30 | Safe Haven Pet Sanctuary, Green Bay

Yoga session led by Unknown Yogi with some rescue cats. Bring your own yoga mat. Beverages can be purchased at the event, or you can bring your own. Class begins at 9:30 a.m. Tickets for this event are \$15. Proceeds benefit the cats at Safe Haven Pet Sanctuary. Find more details and register at safehavenpet.org.

TT NYE

Sunday, Dec. 31 | Titledown, Ashwaubenon

Welcome in 2024 with extended tubing and skating hours, themed ice sculptures, live entertainment, two New Year’s countdowns with fireworks and more.

This event will run from 10 a.m.-1 a.m.

A game watch party will begin at 6 p.m. at Rockwood Terrace with TVs showing the Packers-Vikings game, along with a bar, prizes and gameday photo ops.

A midnight countdown will be projected onto the side of Lambeau Field, with an additional family countdown at 9 p.m.

Fireworks will follow both countdowns and can also be enjoyed by community members from their vehicles in Lambeau Field Lots 5 and 6.

This event is free to attend.

For more information, visit titledown.com.



MANIA: The ABBA Tribute

Wednesday, Jan. 3 | Meyer Theatre, Green Bay

Two-hour recreation of one of ABBA’s most memorable concerts.

Song selections for the evening include “Mamma Mia,” “Voulez Vous,” “Dancing Queen,” “Winner Takes It All,” “Waterloo,” “Fernando,” “Super Trouper” and more.

The show begins at 7 p.m.

Tickets start at \$30.

Visit meyertheatre.org for more details and to purchase tickets.



Valentines for Veterans

Jan. 3-Feb. 7 | Brown County Library - East Branch, Green Bay

Create Valentine’s Day greetings for area veterans.

Pick up a free card-making kit from the library.

All ages are welcome to participate.

Kits become available Wednesday, Jan. 3.

Completed cards should be returned to the library by Feb. 7.

Cards will be delivered to local veterans for Valentine’s Day.

Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.



Extended archery deer hunt Jan. 8-31



In the Outdoors

BY KEVIN NAZE
GUEST COLUMNIST

Hunters in all or parts of 31 Wisconsin counties can target whitetails through the end of January, thanks to an extended bow and crossbow hunt.

County Deer Advisory Councils (CDACs) had the option of whether or not to have the longer season, and could only do so if they had a holiday antlerless gun deer hunt.

CDACs in Brown, Door, Kewaunee, Manitowoc and Oconto (southern farmland portion only) opted to have the extended season.

Right now, all hunters, except those after Canada geese in the late season or in counties not participating in the holiday hunt, must comply with blaze orange or pink clothing rules until the end of shooting hours Jan. 1, when the holiday hunt ends.

It was a weak start to the nine-day antlerless-only gun hunt, with just 357 deer registered Christmas Eve or Christmas, including only four in Brown County, five in Kewaunee and six in Door.

Whatever the case, archers and crossbow hunters must wait until Jan. 2 to target an antlered buck.

Through Christmas, crossbow users had registered 52,616 whitetails, including 32,613 bucks. Archers had tallied 34,528 deer, including 21,131 bucks.

The all-seasons 2023 fall deer harvest stood at 146,296 bucks and 138,007 antlerless deer (typically about one-fourth are nub bucks) for a total of 284,303. That included 2,569 (1,356 bucks) in Brown County, 3,485 (1,704 bucks) in Door and 2,730 (1,300 bucks) in KC.

Meanwhile, as of Dec. 19, wild turkey hunters had registered 3,766 birds. Hunters in our zone, Zone 2, reported 1,175, double the combined total of Zones 1 (576) and 4 (598). Zone 3 hunters registered 778, Zone 6 276, Zone 5 220 and Zone 7 143.

The fall wild turkey hunt

in Zones 1-5 runs through Jan. 7. All the Zone 2 bonus tags have been sold, but if you don't mind a road trip, Zones 1, 3 and 4 have plenty of leftovers available.

For a complete look at all the fall and winter hunting season dates and regulations, visit <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/regulations>.

Take a hike

A number of First Day Hikes are taking place around the region Monday, including at Newport, Peninsula and Whitefish Dunes State Parks in Door County and Point Beach State Forest in Manitowoc County.

At Peninsula, the 1.5-mile hike begins at 10 a.m. Meet at the White Cedar Nature Center for free hot chocolate and snacks inside and a warming fire outside.

The 45-minute guided hike will take you over mostly level terrain with some slight elevation changes.

Whitefish Dunes' hike also begins at 10 a.m.

The picnic shelter will be open from 10 a.m.- noon, with a warming fire and refreshments available.

At Newport, the hike will be 1.2 miles and guided on the Fern Trail Loop.

A two-mile hike is optional. Meet at Parking Lot 3 at 1 p.m. Free hot chocolate and snacks will be provided



It's antlerless-only for all deer hunters through the end of shooting hours Jan. 1. After that, bow and crossbow hunters with the appropriate tags can target any deer through the end of January in select counties included in an extended hunt, including Brown, Door, Kewaunee, Manitowoc and southern Oconto.

Wisconsin DNR photo

by the Newport Wilderness Society, and there will be a warming fire in the outdoor fire pit.

At Point Beach, there's a 0.75-mile self-guided hike.

Meet at the lodge at 1 p.m. before embarking on the trail.

There will be free hot chocolate and a warming fire in the lodge.

If you don't have a pass, and want to give the parks a try, the Brown County Library and Oneida Community Library both participated in a program where you could check out state park and daily forest vehicle admission passes, but they are limited and first-come, first-serve.

Door County Library in Sturgeon Bay, Brown County Library in Green Bay and the Algoma and Kewaunee public libraries also participated in 2023.

Meanwhile, the Barkhausen Waterfowl Preserve is planning a number of can-

delight hikes this winter.

Check the schedule by month at www.browncountywi.gov/community/parks-department/general-information/events.

If conditions permit, a number of "Ski and Tea" events and snowshoe hikes are planned at the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary this winter. Check the schedule via a link at <https://greenbaywi.gov/1418/Bay-Beach-Wildlife-Sanctuary>.

Weekly water report

Green Bay and Lake Michigan water levels are down three inches in the past month, and an inch lower than at this time last year.

Water levels are about 33 inches lower than the record December high (1986), and 31 inches above the record monthly low (2012). Levels are expected to drop another inch in the coming month.

Weekly Fishing Report

brought to you by Smokey's on the Bay bait and tackle

Take advantage of some open water possibilities

The unseasonably warm weather has us looking at absolutely zero ice anywhere on Green Bay that a person can fish on.

Currently, it looks like we will not see cold temps to start to freeze up early ice areas until after Jan. 3-4.

Until then if you have not put your boat up for the winter take advantage of some open water possibilities.

The Fox River daytime bite has been producing some walleye and musky activity.

Most days the bite is slow to fair.

Artificial like hair jigs and jigs/plastics worked slowly can produce some catches.

Jig/minnow combinations have also been producing some daytime catches even with the low river current.

The walleye activity after dark trolling stick baits like P-10s has been above average with some nice catches hitting the nets.

A few fish have been caught casting cranks below the dam in De Pere at night also.

University Bay, when not riddled with ice cubes, has been a good area to troll some cranks and been giving up some good catches.

Further up Green Bay, the perch activity around the bay of Sturgeon Bay and the Oconto area shallow have been good.

Be aware all area harbors have pulled their docks so launching can be a little trickier.

It looks like colder weather is coming our way soon, so stay tuned.

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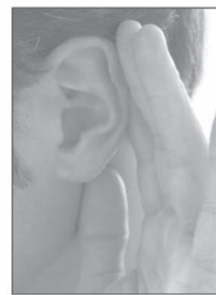
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Legals 7700

De Pere WNAXLP
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS TO DEAL IN INTOXICATING LIQUOR AND/OR FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGES HAVE BEEN FILED WITH THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF DE PERE, BROWN COUNTY, WISCONSIN: **CLASS "B" BEER/"CLASS B" LIQUOR**
 Orsa Hospitality LLC (DBA Orsetta), 109 N. Broadway, Submitted by Orsa Hospitality LLC, Agent: Kelly P. Qualley, De Pere, WI. Publish 12.29.23 WNAXLP

Howard WNAXLP

Important Information about your Drinking Water
Howard Waterworks Failed to Take Corrective Action Following Identification of a Significant Deficiency
 Deficiencies or circumstances requiring corrective action by us to better ensure a safe supply of water for human consumption were previously identified in our water system. We failed to address a significant deficiency in accordance with a schedule we agreed to follow. The following deficiency was to be corrected by December 15, 2023: **Significant Deficiency 1.** The Village has not always obtained approvals for improvements which may affect water quality or quantity. The Village failed to obtain prior department plan approval in accordance with sections NR 108.03 and NR 811.08, Wisconsin Administrative Code for the change in water treatment chemicals at HD-1, Well 2 and Well 3.
What precautions should be taken at this time?
 You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
What does this mean?
 Inadequately treated or inadequately protected water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms can cause symptoms such as diarrhea, nausea, cramps, and associated headaches. Significant deficiencies include defects in the design, operation, or maintenance of a public water system, or a failure or malfunction of the water source(s), treatment, storage or distribution system that can cause the introduction of contamination into the water delivered to you, our consumers, or when a health risk exists to consumers of the water.
What is being done to correct the problem?
 We have corrected the significant deficiency by submitting the required paperwork on December 19, 2023. This public notice serves to inform you that the Department of Natural Resources identified a significant deficiency, and we did not correct it by the due date.
If you have questions regarding the safety of our drinking water, please contact:
 Howard Public Works Director Geoff Farr at gfarr@villageofhoward.com or (920) 434-4060. Publish 12.29.23 WNAXLP

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Green Bay WNAXLP
 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)

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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 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.

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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
 Advertised: December 15, 2023, December 22, 2023, December 29, 2023 WNAXLP

Suamico WNAXLP

VILLAGE OF SUAMICO ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
 Village of Suamico Municipal Services Center 12781 Velp Avenue Suamico, Wisconsin 54313
 Sealed bids for 2024 Roadway Reconstruction – Contract "S-2401" will be received by the Village of Suamico, at the Village Municipal Services Center, 12781 Velp Ave, Suamico, Wisconsin 54313, until 1:00 p.m. Wednesday January 17th, 2024, local time, and shall include the following schedule of approximate quantities:
 8400 TN – Asphaltic Concrete Pavement
 15205 LF – Pulverize Existing Asphalt Pavement
 29050 LF – Aggregate Base Course for Shoulders
 368 CY- Roadway Excavation
 1098 TN – Base Aggregate
 339 LF- 30" Mountable Curb and Gutter
 Misc. Culverts & Restoration
 Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.
 The Bidding Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Instructions to Bidders, Bid Form, Bid Bond, Notice of Award, Agreement Between Owner and Contractor, Notice to Proceed, Performance Bond, Payment Bond, Contractor's Application for Payment, Certificate of Substantial Completion, General Conditions of the Contract, Supplementary Conditions, Drawings and Specifications, may be examined at the following location, or can be downloaded from Quest CDN #8897078.
 Village of Suamico Municipal Services Center 12781 Velp Ave Suamico, WI 54313
 Each proposal shall be accompanied by a Bid bond or certified check equivalent to 5% of the maximum proposal. The Owner reserves the right

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to reject any or all Bids, waive or not waive any informalities in the Bids received and to accept any proposal which is deemed most favorable to the interests of the Owner.
 No Bidder may withdraw his Bid within 90 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.
 Michelle Bartoletti, Village Clerk Publish 12.29.23 & 01.05.24 WNAXLP

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Allouez WNAXLP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Allouez Village Board on **Tuesday, January 16th at 6:30 p.m. at the Allouez Village Hall, 1900 Libal Street.**
 The purpose of the hearing is to consider a design exception – building placement, height of building stories, surface parking location, and screening requirements – for the proposed office building located at 2110 & 2120 Riverside Drive, Parcels AL-63 & AL-64.
 All interested persons or their representatives may appear at the hearing and be heard.
 Dated this 19th day of December, 2023.
 Carrie Zittlow
 Allouez Clerk-Treasurer
 Publish 12.29.23 & 01.05.24 WNAXLP

Green Bay WNAXLP

Public Notification Proposed Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 515 Forest Street (ZP 23-50)

The Green Bay Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
 The meeting will be conducted both in person in Room 604 of City Hall (100 N Jefferson Street, Green Bay, 54301) and virtually. If you wish to participate in the public hearing virtually, you may access the meeting by internet or telephone, using the access code below.
 Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84137675822?pwd=L2EyVlpDSlZGZ1FjcmlpWnZlOEVnUT09>
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 The hearing is regarding the following: (ZP 23-50) Consideration with possible action on a request to allow a Conditional Use Permit to establish a two-family use in the Low-Density Residential (R1) zoning district located at 515 Forest Street, submitted by McClone Investments, property owner (Ald. Scannell, District 7).
 Public comments will be invited at the public hearing or can be sent in writing to: City of Green Bay Community & Economic Development Attn: Stephanie Hummel, AICP 100 N. Jefferson St., Rm. 608 Green Bay, WI 54301
 For additional information, contact Stephanie Hummel at stephanie.hummel@greenbaywi.gov or 920.448.3424.
ACCESSIBILITY: Any person wishing to attend who, because of a disability, requires special accommodation should contact the City Safety Manager at 920.448.3125 at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting time so that arrangements can be made.

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Green Bay WNAXLP

Public Notification Request to amend the City's Official Map to establish the Plat of Right-of-Way for Country Club Road from West Mason Street Frontage Road to Indian Hill Drive (PO 02-23)

The Green Bay Common Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. both in person in Room 203 of City Hall (100 N Jefferson Street, Green Bay, 54301) and virtually. If you wish to participate in the Public Hearing virtually, you may access the meeting by internet or telephone, using the access code below.
 Join Zoom Meeting Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89274696903>
 Or call in by phone: +1 312 626 6799
 Meeting ID: 892 7469 6903
 Passcode: 209710
 The hearing is regarding the following: (PO 02-23) request to amend the City's Official Map to establish the Plat of Right-of-Way for Country Club Road from West Mason Street Frontage Road to Indian Hill Drive, submitted by City of Green Bay Department of Public Works (Ald. Brunette, District 12).
 Public comments will be invited at the public hearing or can be sent in writing to: City of Green Bay Department of Community and Economic Development Attn: Dena Mooney 100 N. Jefferson St., Rm. 608 Green Bay, WI 54301
 For additional information, contact Dena Mooney at dena.mooney@greenbaywi.gov or (920) 448-3407.
Publication Dates: December 29, 2023 and January 5, 2024 WNAXLP

Green Bay WNAXLP

Public Notification Request to establish a Planned Unit Development at 101 Bridge Street, 119 Bridge Street, & 239 Arndt Street (ZP 23-49)

The Green Bay Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be conducted both in person in Room 604 of City Hall (100 N Jefferson Street, Green Bay, 54301) and virtually. If you wish to participate in the Public Hearing virtually, you may access the meeting by internet or telephone, using the access code below.
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 The hearing is regarding the following: (ZP 23-49) Consideration with possible action on the request for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) at 101 Bridge Street, 119 Bridge Street, and 239 Arndt Street for the development of a mixed-use project, submitted

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by Bolton & Menk, Inc., on behalf of the Green Bay Redevelopment Authority, property owner (Ald. B. Johnson, District 9).
 Public comments will be invited at the public hearing or can be sent in writing to: City of Green Bay Community & Economic Development Attn: Stephanie Hummel, AICP 100 N. Jefferson St., Rm. 608 Green Bay, WI 54301
 For additional information, contact Stephanie Hummel at stephanie.hummel@greenbaywi.gov or 920.448.3424.
ACCESSIBILITY: Any person wishing to attend who, because of a disability, requires special accommodation should contact the City Safety Manager at 920.448.3125 at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting time so that arrangements can be made.
 Publication Dates: December 22 and December 29, 2023 WNAXLP

Green Bay WNAXLP

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

The Green Bay Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be conducted both in person in Room 604 of City Hall (100 N Jefferson Street, Green Bay, 54301) and virtually. If you wish to participate in the Public Hearing virtually, you may access the meeting by internet or telephone, using the access code below.
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 The hearing is regarding the following: (ZP 23-38) Consideration with possible action on a request to create a Planned Unit Development (PUD) at 2405 W Mason Street (6H-1109), 0 W Mason Street (6H-1109-2 & 6H-1109-3), 1309 Springdale Lane (6H-1095), 2361 W Mason Street (6H-4397) & 0 Ninth Street (6H-1089) to allow the development of 8 attached single-family homes (townhomes), 7 single-family home lots and extension of Hinkle Street from W. Mason Street to Hobart Drive, submitted by Garritt Bader related to property owned by GB HMC West Mason LLC, Schaez Family LLC, Penny Jar Condominium, Green Bay Parks Dept, D2 Enterprises of Green Bay LLC (Ald. M. Eck, District 11).
 Public comments will be invited at the public hearing or can be sent in writing to: City of Green Bay Community & Economic Development Attn: David Buck, AICP 100 N. Jefferson St., Rm. 608 Green Bay, WI 54301

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For additional information, contact David Buck at david.buck@greenbaywi.gov or 920.448.3411. ACCESSIBILITY: Any person wishing to attend who, because of a disability, requires special accommodation should contact the City Safety Manager at 920.448.3125 at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting time so that arrangements can be made. Publication Dates: December 22 and December 29, 2023 WNAFLP

Green Bay WNAFLP

Public Notification Rezoning property located at 1728 Deckner Avenue and 120 S Henry Street (ZP 23-51)

The Green Bay Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be conducted both in person in Room 604 of City Hall (100 N Jefferson Street, Green Bay, 54301) and virtually. If you wish to participate in the Public Hearing virtually, you may access the meeting by internet or telephone, using the access code below. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84137675822?pwd=L2EyVlpDSlZGZjFjcmlpWnZlOEVnUT09> Meeting ID: 841 3767 5822 Passcode: 483400 One tap mobile +13126266799,, 84137675822# US (Chicago) +16468769923,, 84137675822# US (New York) Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) +1 646 876 9923 US (New York) Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84137675822?pwd=L2EyVlpDSlZGZjFjcmlpWnZlOEVnUT09>

The hearing is regarding the following: (ZP 23-51) Consideration with possible action on the request to rezone the property located at 1728 Deckner Avenue and 120 S Henry Street (Parcels 21-2294 and 21-2295) from Low-Density Residential (R1) and Varied-Density Residential (R3) District to the Public Institutional (PI) District.

Public comments will be invited at the public hearing or can be sent in writing to: City of Green Bay Community & Economic Development Attn: Jon LeRoy 100 N. Jefferson St., Rm. 608 Green Bay, WI 54301 For additional information, contact Jon LeRoy at jon.leroy@greenbaywi.gov or 920.448.3405 ACCESSIBILITY: Any person wishing to attend who, because of a disability, requires special accommodation should contact the City Safety Manager at 920.448.3125 at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting time so that arrangements can be made. Publication Dates: December 22 and December 29, 2023 WNAFLP

Suamico WNAFLP

The Suamico Village Board will conduct the following Public Hearing on Monday, January 15, 2024 beginning at 6:00 PM at the Suamico Village Hall, 12781 Velp Avenue, Suamico, WI 54313 to consider the following: 1. A Petition to discontinue a portion of Oakdale Drive, Part of the Northeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 6, T22N-R20E, Village of Suamico, Brown County, Wisconsin, more fully described as follows: Commencing at the West ¼ corner of Section 6, T25N-R20E; thence N89°57'14"E,

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1321.95 feet along the North line of the Northwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of said Section 6 to the West line of the Northeast ¼ of Southwest ¼ of said Section 6; thence S0°01'43"E, 35.00 feet along said West line of the Northeast ¼ of Southwest ¼; thence N89°57'14"E, 96.08 feet to the point of beginning; thence N89°57'14"E, 134.61 feet to a point on the South right of way of Shady Lane; thence 243.11 feet along the arc of a 257.58 foot radius curve to the left whose long chord bears S50°25'32"W, 234.18 feet along the Southerly right of way of Shady Lane to a point on the East right of way of Oakdale Drive; thence N0°19'57"E, 107.20 feet along the Northerly extension of said right of way; thence 61.78 feet along the arc of a 315.38 foot radius curve to the right whose long chord bears N47°13'28"E, 61.68 feet to the point of beginning. Michelle Bartoletti, Village Clerk Publish 12.22.23, 12.29.23, 01.05.23 WNAFLP

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Ashwaubenon WNAFLP

Ashwaubenon Board of Education Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, November 8, 2023

A. Call to order: Board President Vyskocil called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

B. Roll call: Board Members Present: Vyskocil, VanLaanen, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke

Board Members Excused: all present School Choice Advisory Representative: Matthew Rotter

Other Present: Kurt Weyers, Keith Lucius, Tammy Nicholson, Andy Bake, Dirk Ribbens, Nick Senger, Cassie Schneider, Kris Hucek, Michael Heim, Brian Carter, Tom Schmitt

C. Declaration of quorum: Quorum present

D. Pledge of allegiance: The pledge was recited

E. Adoption of Agenda: Moved VanLaanen, seconded by VanDeKreeke to adopt the agenda as presented. Aye 5 (Vyskocil, VanLaanen, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0

F. Announcement of Executive Session: In accordance with W.S. 19.85(1) (c) an executive session is being held for the consideration of employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. (Personnel)

G. Citizens and/or delegations: Joseph Spiering (820 Allouez Trail, Green Bay) spoke about policies 7440 and 9150 and requested the board consider allowing parents to observe in their child's classrooms.

H. Consent Agenda: Moved by VanDeKreeke, seconded by VandeWalle to approve Consent Agenda items 1-4 as presented. Aye 5 (Vyskocil, VanLaanen, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held on Wednesday, October 25, 2023

2. Minutes of the executive meeting held on Wednesday, October 25, 2023

3. The schedule of checks written 10/17/23 to 10/31/23

4. There were 12 co-curriculars approved

I. Superintendent's Report o AHS Musical: The fall 2023 AHS Musical, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Show dates: Saturday, November 18 at 7 pm, Sunday, November 19 at 2 pm, November 24 and 25 at 7 pm.

J. Jaguar Excellence Awards: From the month of October I had the pleasure of

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handing out 99 Jaguar Excellence awards to our staff. We have already 400 Jaguar Excellence awards winners this school year.

o AHS Girls Swimming The Ashwaubenon High School Girls Swim Team won the W.I.A.A. Sectional Championship held at Plymouth High School.

Weyers recognized AHS swim team members Sienna Nitke, Erin Schuch, Charlotte McNicoll and Emma Kozloski.

o National Letters of Intent: Sienna Nitke, signed her National Letter of Intent to compete for the Purdue Boilermakers on their swim team.

Eason Herd, signed his National Letter of Intent to compete for the Creighton Bluejays as a member of their baseball team. They are tremendous athletes, but even better students and people.

o Academic All State Football Players: Weyers recognized four of student-athletes that were named as Academic All-State Athletes by the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association.

Congratulations to Cooper Hucek, Jacob McVane, A.J. Uhl, and Jack VandeYacht.

J. Discussion Items: **1. Bylaw/Policy Update - first read:** Nicholson presented policies 5350 and 5530 for a first read. The policies will be brought back to the board for a second read and approval in December.

Garrigan thanked administrators for revising policy 5530 to include providing help and ADOA education

2. Self-Evaluation of the Status of Pupil Nondiscrimination: Nicholson stated that every 5 years the school districts are required to do a pupil nondiscrimination evaluation. The evaluation is due in January. Nicholson reviewed the requirements of the evaluation. The results will be presented to the board in January.

3. Cormier, Parkview and High School Continuous Improvement Plan Updates: Bake reminded the board that the building strategic plan and goals will connect to the District overall Strategic Plan and 5 pillars. This year the buildings are each focusing on goals under pillars 2 and 3 of the overall District Plan. Brian Carter, Kris Hucek, Michael Heim, Dirk Ribbens, Cassie Schneider and Nick Senger presented the Strategic Planning Update and goals specific to Cormier, Parkview Middle School and Ashwaubenon High School.

4. Zero Hour Fitness Class: Dirk Ribbens and Nick Senger stated that the district is continuously looking for way to do things better. Some members of the board have requested the high school look at ways to strengthen our students and therefore strengthen our co-curricular programs.

a. Through a partnership with Bellin, the district is able to offer a strength and conditioning class during academic focus time. This room and program are also used before school and from 3-6 pm after school. Ribbens and Senger made it very clear that if the student needs the time for academics, they did not go to the strength and conditioning session during academic focus. Besides strength and conditioning, the academic focus times has been used for time in the library and music areas.

b. The board asked if this could be offered as a credited course. Yes, but to make adding anything work, it is staff and schedule driven.

c. They discussed the pros and cons to offering this as a zero hours course (6:00 am). This is a tough time for students to arrive as well as could present an issue for those riding a bus. We need to be equitable to all students. Could Bellin staff a zero hour

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course? Bellin allows us to use their staff member for 20 hours a week so we need to maximize this time.

d. Ribbens stated that they are looking at different ways to tweak the schedule to add this during the day. They looked at other districts and they are utilizing time in their day. He added that there are multiple ways to create a school schedule and no schedule is perfect. Every school is looking at a redo. FTE, credits and budgets are all impacted by a change in schedule.

K. Action Items: **1. High School Band/Choir 2025 Trip:** Ellen Moon and Kristen LaChance spoke about the 2025 Band Choir trip to New York. The trip would cost approximately \$2,200 per student. Fundraising starts now in order for students to raise the funds needed for the trip. The overall trip (bus charters, flights, hotel security) is similar to the Disney trip. For those needing financial help, there is opportunity for scholarships that are need based. Moon and LaChance discussed some of the activities the groups would be participating in. Moved by VanLaanen, seconded by VanDeKreeke to approve high school band/choir 2025 trip as presented. Aye 5 (Vyskocil, VanLaanen, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0

2. High School Utility Vehicle: Schmitt stated that the current high school utility vehicle with v-plow is due to replacement. The low bid for an equivalent replacement model was received from Service Motors in Seymour in the amount of \$27,610. Moved by VanLaanen, seconded by VanDeKreeke to approve the purchase of the 2023 Kubota RTV-X1100CWL with v-plow for a total of \$27,610 as presented. Aye 5 (Vyskocil, VanLaanen, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0

3. Designation of Election Clerk: Weyers recommended the designation of Jennifer Bower as elections' clerk for the 2024 elections. Moved by VandeWalle, seconded by VanDeKreeke to approve designation of Jennifer Bower as the election clerk as presented. Aye 5 (Vyskocil, VanLaanen, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0

4. Bylaw/Policy Update - second read: Weyers presented bylaw and policy updates to the board for a second read and approval. No changes were recommended. Moved by VanLaanen, seconded by VandeWalle to approve second read and updates to the bylaws and policies as presented. Aye 5 (Vyskocil, VanLaanen, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0

5. Universal Free Breakfast: Lucius reminded the board that at the last meeting, Tauriainen spoke about the need for the district to spend down Fund 50. Tauriainen is recommending the district used part of the money to provide a universal free breakfast for students. The district would be reimbursed from free/reduced meals for these breakfasts and would not collect money from parents on partial or full breakfasts. It is estimated it would cost the district 10K a year for 13 years. Members of the board had mixed feelings about providing free breakfast (i.e. not the schools responsibility to feed students; teaching each generation to depend on the government in order to make it; food is as essential as books; some families are barely making it; the opportunity is a gift; when students are fed, they are more prepared to learn; this is amazing and meets the basic needs for kids). Moved by

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Garrigan, seconded by VanLaanen to approve the universal free breakfast as presented. Aye 5 (Vyskocil, VanLaanen, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0

6. Local Control Budget Carryover: Lucius presented the local control budget carryover for each building. He reminded that board that allowing administrators to carry this money over enables them to plan for larger projects. Lucius recommended a total Local Control Budget Carryover of \$73,216. Moved by VandeWalle, seconded by VanDeKreeke to approve the local control budget carryover as presented. Aye 5 (Vyskocil, VanLaanen, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0

L. Board & Superintendent Communications: VanDeKreeke spoke his recent experiences driving bus for the 8th grade Find your Inspiration Career fair and GAPP trip to Camp Un-Nah-Li-Yah.

M. Future Board Meetings & Topics: The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 6:30 pm in the District Office; 1055 Griffiths Lane; Ashwaubenon, WI.

N. Adjournment to executive session: Moved by VanDeKreeke, seconded by VanLaanen to adjourn to closed session at 8:36 pm. (Vyskocil, VanLaanen, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke)

O. Adjournment to open session: Moved by VanDeKreeke, seconded by VanLaanen to adjourn to open session at 9:37 pm. Aye 5 (Vyskocil, VanLaanen, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0

P. Adjournment: Moved by VanDeKreeke, seconded by VanLaanen to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 pm. Aye 5 (Vyskocil, VanLaanen, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0

Respectfully submitted, Brett VandeWalle Publish 12.29.23 WNAFLP

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Bellevue WNAFLP

SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the Village of Bellevue, 2024 Pavement Reconstruction – Verlin Road, Contract A-24, project will be accepted through Quest vBid electronic bid service or by submitting a paper copy at the Village Office: 2828 Allouez Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54311, by 11:00 AM (local time), on January 17, 2024; and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. The work, in general, will include the approximate quantities and items listed below:

Verlin Rd – Pavement Reconditioning, (LRIP)

- 8,400 SY – Remove Pavement
- 4,000 LF – Remove and Replace Concrete Curb and Gutter
- 2,500 SF – Remove and Replace Concrete Sidewalk/Driveway (Patching)
- 8,400 SY – Hot Mix Asphalt Pavement
- 1,000 CY – Common Excavation (Patching)
- 2,000 TON – Crushed Aggregate Base Course (Patching)
- 33 EA – Structure Adjustments
- 12 EA – Structure Repairs/Replacements
- 250 LF – Underdrain Construction
- 12,300 LF – Pavement Marking
- Erosion Control
- Landscape Restoration

- 240 CY – Trail Excavation
- 200 CY – Crushed Aggregate Base Course

along Back of Curb **East River – Trail Paving**

- 530 SY – Remove Pavement
- 240 CY – Trail Excavation
- 200 CY – Crushed Aggregate Base Course

- 400 TON – HMA Trail Paving
- 6,200 LF – Trail Shouldering
- 200 SF – Concrete Sidewalk
- 32 LF – 24" RCP Culvert
- Erosion Control
- Landscape Restoration
- Debroux Park – Court Paving**
- 500 CY – Common Excavation
- 500 CY – Crushed Aggregate Base Course
- 1,410 SY – Hot Mix Asphalt
- 550 LF – 10' Chain Link Fence
- 40 LF – 4' Chain Link Fence
- 4 EA – Pickleball Nets
- 1 EA – Tennis Net
- 12,650 SF – Asphalt Paint
- 1,280 LF – White Paint Court Lines
- 400 LF – Underdrain Storm Sewer
- Landscape Restoration (Topsoil Only)
- Erosion Control

The proposals shall be submitted on the forms furnished with the specifications. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond of a bonding company duly authorized to do business in the State of Wisconsin in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the proposal. This proposal guarantee shall be subject to forfeiture as provided by law. When submitting an electronic bid, Bidder is required to deliver the original bid bond within 72 hours of bid opening to Cedar Corporation. For this project, bids will be received and accepted via the online electronic bid service through QuestCDN vBid online bidding, or by sealed paper copy. Complete digital project bidding documents can be downloaded at www.cedarcorp.com or www.questcdn.com. Reference QuestCDN project number 8632969 for a nonrefundable charge of \$50. 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. Project bid documents must be downloaded from QuestCDN which will add your company to the Planholder List and allow access to vBid online bidding for the submittal of your bid. The QuestCDN website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.

The Verlin Road – Pavement Reconditioning project is part of a Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) – (MSIS), which consists of roadway reconstruction of the existing street; including hot mix asphalt pavement, crushed aggregate base course, and concrete curb and gutter reconstruction (patching), concrete sidewalk reconstruction (patching), structure adjustments, storm sewer improvements and pavement marking.

Prequalification of Bidders is required. The Village of Bellevue's Bidders Proof of Responsibility forms will be issued with the Bid Documents. The Village of Bellevue's Bidders Proof of Responsibility forms shall be completed, submitted and received by the Owner by 4:00 p.m., a minimum of five (5) calendar days prior to the Bid Opening. **All bidders are required to submit for prequalification for 2024-2025.** The Village of Bellevue's Bidders Proof of Responsibility forms can be obtained at the Village of Bellevue, 2828 Allouez Avenue, Bellevue, WI; or at their website: www.villageofbellevuewi.gov.

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No bids will be accepted from any Bidder who has not submitted the Village of Bellevue's Bidders Proof of Responsibility. The Owner reserves the right to reject the Bid of any Bidder who has been determined to be unqualified.

Proposals shall not be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the date of opening. The Village of Bellevue reserves the right to reject any or all of the proposals and to waive any informalities therein.

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By Authority of: Michelle Seidl, Director of Finance/Clerk-Treasurer
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Jordan Love growing into his role this season

BY TORI WITTENBROCK
ASSOCIATE SPORTS
EDITOR

CHARLOTTE, NC – As the Green Bay Packers (7-8) near the end of the 2023 season, quarterback Jordan Love has continuously grown into his role as a leader.

During their game against the Carolina Panthers (2-13), Love threw a clean game for 219 yards and two touchdowns.

Love said that he is excited to be able to celebrate the Packers' recent win on Sunday, Dec. 24, with his team as they get ready to face the Minnesota Vikings in the final hours of 2023.

"This is what we prepare for all day, all week, so we are excited about that opportunity," said Love.

Though there was no shortage of skepticism from Green Bay fans about Love's ability to step up and fill the role of the legendary Aaron Rodgers, Love has proven his ability to perform for his team under pressure.

"I thought Jordan did an outstanding job. We just never quite got into a rhythm in the second half,



Green Bay Packers Head Coach Matt LaFleur said that although he was proud of his team for finding the win, they still have a lot of work to do moving forward after their 33-30 victory over the Carolina Panthers on Sunday, Dec. 24.

Green Bay Packers photo

but I thought that in the first half everything was flowing well," said head coach Matt LaFleur.

After a couple of close, final drive losses early on in the season, Love has found a way to perform in recent games to get his team the points they need to get in the win column.

LaFleur said that he has witnessed Love's growth all season and is excited to see where he takes the team in the future.

"One cool moment was when we were on the goal line there in the first half and he audibled to that quarterback sneak. I think that shows the level of growth he's had just this

season. Just to see that and take advantage of it, that was a pretty cool moment," said LaFleur.

Though the defense struggled against the Panthers in their close 33-30 win, LaFleur said that he was proud of what he saw out of his offense.

"There's a lot of good there, but I still think there's more," said LaFleur.

Along with Love's improved performance, LaFleur said that he has seen his tenacity and work ethic bleed to other young players on the team as well.

"I can't say enough good things about Tucker Kraft. First of all how tough he is, and just making critical

plays," said LaFleur. "He's brought so much to our offense and it has been so much fun to see him progress and get better and work. He's got so much confidence, and for good reason. He's put the work in."

Though a tumultuous season for the Packers, LaFleur said that Love has worked tirelessly to bring his team wins in close games.

"I admire Jordan's resilience, because it can get tough when you feel the momentum flipping," said LaFleur. "They were down 14 points and came back to tie the game and he made some big plays down the stretch."

With the Vikings game on Sunday, Dec. 31, already on their minds, Love said that the team is excited to take in their win against the Panthers, knowing that they still have a chance to finish the season with a winning record.

"Any time we get a win we are going to celebrate that. And obviously, we can keep the playoff hopes alive," said Love. "We found a way tonight and now it's onto the next week."

Even though his hard

work and talent are evident on the field, Love remained humble, acknowledging the impact made by important veterans like running back Aaron Jones.

In their game against the Panthers, Jones had one of his best performances of the season, rushing for 127 yards in 21 attempts, averaging six yards per carry. His longest run of the day was 39 yards.

"Obviously we all know what type of player Aaron Jones is, and just being able to get him back 100% healthy was huge, and he had a great day rushing the ball," said Love.

"When he can run the ball on first and second down and get those huge gains, and kind of just convert and keep those drives going, it's huge. It takes that pressure off the pass game and keeps the defense on their heels trying to find ways to stop the run."

The Green Bay Packers will face the Minnesota Vikings (7-8) on Sunday, Dec. 31 in one of the most important games of the season that could work towards securing their spot in the postseason.

GAME DAY GALLERY



Wide Receiver Bo Melton makes a catch in the Green Bay Packers' game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Lambeau Field. The final score of the game was 34-20.



Jordan Love completes a handoff to Packers Running Back Aaron Jones in their game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Dec. 17. **Tori Wittenbrock photos**



Green Bay Packers Cornerback Carrington Valentine prevents a reception for the Buccaneers with clean coverage in their tough loss on Dec. 17.



Jones protects the ball as he hurdles forward through the Tampa Bay defense.

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Green Bay cruises past Parkside to closeout non-conference action

BY GREEN BAY ATHLETICS FOR THE PRESS TIMES

GREEN BAY – The Green Bay women’s basketball dominated from the beginning in a 94-55 victory over the Parkside Rangers Dec. 19 at the Kress Center.

Green Bay (8-3, 1-0 HL) had five players reach double figures, paced by Cassie Schiltz’s 16 points.

Callie Genke tallied a dozen points off the bench, and Jenna Guyer added another 10.

Former Phoenix Paty Gallasova paced the Rangers (5-4, 2-0 GLIAC) with 10 points and four assists.

Green Bay’s 94 points are the most since garnering 88 on Illinois State on Nov. 11, and the first 90-plus point game since the Phoenix racked up 92 against Chicago State last season.

The team’s 67.9% field goal percentage is the second-highest in a single game in team history.

Green Bay also tallied 31 assists, tied for the fourth most in a single game in program history.

The team last had 31 assists in a game on Jan. 3, 1986, also against Parkside.

The Phoenix began the game in a similar fashion to last Saturday against St. Louis, taking a commanding 19-3 lead after Genke splashed home a triple.



Maddy Schreiber dribbles the ball past a defender in their game against UW-Parkside on Tuesday, Dec. 19.

Green Bay Athletics photo

Parkside answered strong, ending the frame on a 13-6 run.

Gallasova scored six of the Rangers’ points during the run, including a layup right before the first-quarter buzzer sounded, cutting the deficit to nine, at 25-16.

Bailey Butler drilled a trey before Schiltz tacked on a layup, extending UW-Green Bay’s lead to 41-18 with 5:32 left in the first half.

Maddy Schreiber got in on the action not long before intermission, making a three before adding a layup

in the final moments, giving the Phoenix a 52-24 lead at the break.

Green Bay’s 52 points were the most in a half this season.

Green Bay kept the pedal to the metal in the third quarter, thanks to Schiltz, who knocked down a couple

of threes.

The Phoenix ballooned its lead to 36 by the end of the frame after Schreiber finished a layup right at the buzzer.

UW-Green Bay’s lead was no smaller than 38 in the fourth quarter, cruising to a 94-55 win.

Game notes

Natalie McNeal recorded a new season-high in rebounds (nine).

Green Bay’s bench players made an impact, racking up 43 points.

The Phoenix had a 37-18 edge on the boards in the win.

Green Bay’s defense forced 14 turnovers.

Coming up

Green Bay will prepare for a Horizon League Championship Game rematch against Cleveland State on Saturday, Dec. 30.

Fans are encouraged to attend the contest to help raise awareness for Make-A-Wish Wisconsin, a non-profit organization dedicated to granting thousands of life-changing wishes to children battling illnesses.

The first 500 kids through the Kress Center doors will receive a complimentary Green Bay Phoenix basketball jersey, courtesy of Bergstrom Automotive.

Fans unable to attend can stream the game on ESPN+, listen on WDUZ The Fan, or follow with live stats.

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

Three players score in double digits as Green Bay downs MSOE

FOR THE PRESS TIMES

GREEN BAY – The Phoenix (6-7) had three players score in double figures — led by David Douglas Jr., who poured in a career-high 15 points to go with five rebounds — as the men’s basketball team took down MSOE, 79-46, on Dec. 21.

Fellow freshman Marcus Hall also matched his career-high with 12 points, and Noah Reynolds chipped in 10 points, four assists, and two steals.

Green Bay was stout defensively, holding MSOE to 26.1% shooting from the field and 11.8% shooting from beyond the arc.

Green Bay finished the night shooting 53.7% from the floor, their second-best mark of the year.

MSOE grabbed an early 4-1 lead in the first few minutes before the Phoenix rattled off an 18-4 run in a six-minute span to take a 19-8 lead after a Preston Ruedinger layup with 12:27 left in the first half.

That Green Bay lead would hold for the remainder of the half, with the Raiders momentarily cutting it to eight before it ballooned back up to 12 after a Hall layup sent Green Bay into the second half up 36-24.

Green Bay started the second half with a 9-0 run and never looked back.

The Phoenix outscored

the Raiders 43-22 in the frame and shot 17-for-23 (73.9%) from the floor in the second.

UW-Green Bay also hit 7-of-11 (63.6%) from deep in the second half.

Game notes

Green Bay hit 10 plus threes for the third time this season.

UW-Green Bay’s 79 points is the most the Phoenix has scored in a game this year.

Green Bay tallied 17 total assists, second-most in a game this season.

The Green Bay bench outscored the MSOE bench, 30-16.

Green Bay had a 34-27 edge on the boards.

The 46 points is the fewest points an opponent has scored on Green Bay this season.

Green Bay got a game-high six rebounds from Will Eames.

Coming up

The Phoenix will restart Horizon League play after Christmas when they host Wright State on Friday, Dec. 29, at noon, followed by Robert Morris on Sunday, Dec. 31, at noon at the Resch Center.

The Phoenix is 1-1 in the Horizon League so far this season.



David Douglas, Jr. takes the ball up the court for Green Bay in their 79-46 victory over MSOE.

Green Bay Athletics photo

Pulaski implements new coaching staff for lacrosse program

BY TORI WITTENBROCK
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EDITOR

PULASKI – Young athletes in the Pulaski area have an exciting new sporting event to prepare for as the 2024 spring season approaches — boys and girls lacrosse.

Pulaski has recently hired new coaches to prepare the program for their upcoming debut season.

Rich Thomson will take over as the boys head coach with Nick Feira as his assistant, while Jon Judkins will lead the girls assisted by Ryan Freckman.

The season will take place as a WIAA-sanctioned club sport as approved in May of this year.

“We are excited for this opportunity for our Pulaski High School student athletes,” said PHS Athletic Director Janel Batten. “These four coaches will share their passion for the game with our students, and we are looking forward to watching them compete this spring.”

The lacrosse program will be looking for new athletes who are interested in competing in the highly competitive atmosphere.

Home games will take place at four seasons park in Hobart.

On the boys side, Thompson has extensive coaching experience as a Level III lacrosse coach and official. He is the president of the Bay Valley Lacrosse Association.

Thompson is also familiar with the atmosphere of the school as he and his wife Amy have three children, one of which graduated from Pulaski High School, one which currently at-



Freckman



Thomson



Feira



Judkins

tends as a freshman and one who will likely attend in the years to come.

Local Green Bay Preble graduate Judkins also has coaching experience with the sport as he led the girls club team last season and coached two youth co-ed teams for three years.

He and his wife Stacy have a daughter and a son together. His son's passion for the sport is what originally inspired him to take up coaching.

On the girls side, Fiera has been coaching lacrosse in Pulaski since 2020. He and his wife have been supporting their son who has played lacrosse in the area as well.

Assistant coach Freck-

man and his wife Kassie also have two children attending Pulaski High School. Their daughter Hailey's passion for the sport also piqued Freckman's interest in coaching.

“I am relatively new to the sport. I have played many sports over the years, but never lacrosse.

When my daughter asked about playing, I must admit, I was a little apprehensive with fear about injuries. Soon after my daughter picked up a lacrosse stick it was clear that she was hooked and that is when I had the opportunity to help Coach Judkins in the girls' inaugural season as a club team,” said Freckman.

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With defensive coordinator Joe Barry and the defense on the hot seat, LaFleur said that he his hopeful that going forward his offense will

give the defense the tools and time that they need to succeed on the field.

“My mindset — our mindset, is that it's whatever it takes to win. If it's 30, if it's 33, 21, 40, it doesn't matter. You've got to find a way to

win football games. It's just that 'whatever it takes to win' mentality. If one side is having some struggles, you better play complementary football and the other side has got to pick up the slack, so to speak,” said LaFleur.

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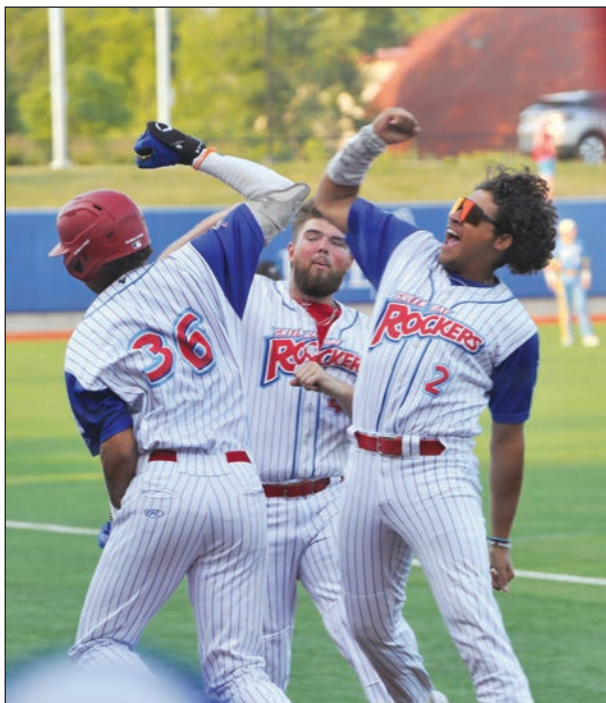
half record. Playoffs, including the Northwoods League Championship, will take place between August 11-16.

The Rockers intend to continue their tradition of pre-game entertainment for the fans with an hour-long live-concert before the first pitch at home games, as well as a game-by-game promotional schedule to be released in 2024 with all events for home games.

The Rockers have one day in particular on the schedule this season that fans should keep in mind.

On Thursday, June 20, the Rockers will host the Minnesota Mud Puppies at home... twice.

The team is hosting a double-header where they will take on the Mud Puppies at 12:05 p.m. for a day



Rockers players celebrate after a home run smashed by Mateo Matthews during the 2023 season. **Tori Wittenbrock photo**

game, and again at 6:35 p.m. for a night game.

Fans should be prepared

as always for an exciting season and some great ballpark fun.

Redbirds defeat Trojans



De Pere's Abigail Tassoul takes the ball to the net as she is defended by Southwest's Chloey Bynum. **Janelle Fisher photos**



De Pere's Claire Bjorge faces pressure from Southwest's Autumn Nolle in their game on Friday, Dec. 22.



Southwest's Addison Pytleski battles for possession with De Pere's Jaden Ciesielczyk, front, and Grace Peters, behind. The final score of the game was a 63-47 victory for the Redbirds.

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Green Bay Packers Linebacker Lukas Van Ness tackles Tampa Bay Running Back Rachaad White in their game on Sunday, Dec. 17 at Lambeau Field. In their most recent three games, the Packers have given up 88 points on defense. **Tori Wittenbrock photo**

Rockers announce 2024 schedule

BY TORI WITTENBROCK
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

GREEN BAY – After the best season in franchise history, taking the 2023 Northwoods League Championship title with a record of 41-31 overall, the Green Bay Rockers have announced their schedule for the upcoming 2024 season.

The defending champs will have a 72 game schedule — 36 of which will take place at their home field, Capital Credit Union Park.

In the 30-year existence of the Northwoods League, there have never been back to back champions, a title which the Rockers hope to claim this season.

Opening Day of the season will take place on Tuesday, May 28 against the Wausau Woodchucks with the first pitch slated for 6:35 p.m.

The Green Bay Rockers will take on a total of ten teams during the regular season, the majority of which will be in-state opponents from the surrounding areas.

There are a total of 26 teams in the league, two of which are new this season.

The official end date for the first half of the season will be Tuesday, July 2nd. Games taking place on and after Wednesday, July 3rd will count towards the team's second-

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LaFleur said defense needs help of successful offense

BY TORI WITTENBROCK
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

CHARLOTTE, NC – After a successful Christmas Eve win against the Carolina Panthers (2-13) on Sunday, Dec. 24, the Green Bay Packers have begun to prepare for the final two games of the season being on the bubble for playoff contention.

Despite the win, the Packers have had a troublesome year in terms of finding a rhythm and being able to perform consistently on both sides of the ball.

The 33-30 victory means that Green Bay has relinquished 88 points defensively in their last three games against the New York Giants, Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Panthers.

Heat has fallen on their defense as the team enters their penultimate game against the Minnesota Vikings with a record of 7-8, hoping to secure a postseason spot.

Packers Head Coach Matt LaFleur said that he hopes to see overall improvements from his team in every phase as they enter the next week of the regular season.

"It feels good to win," said LaFleur. "I mean, I give Carolina a ton of credit. They fought hard for four quarters and we knew that was going to be the case."

The game against the Panthers came down to the final play, with the Packers hopes of a win hinging on a 32-yard field goal from placekicker Anders Carlson to secure the win at Bank of America Stadium.

"Obviously there are a lot of things we have to clean up and try to improve upon moving into next week," said LaFleur.

"Everything's at stake. We are going into a great environment next week in Minnesota."

The Vikings sit at second place in the NFC North, just ahead of the Packers with a record of 7-8.

Earlier in the season, the Vikings bested the Packers at Lambeau Field on Sunday, Oct. 29, with a final score of 24-10.

Going into one of the closest games of the season, the Packers defense needs to make some adjustments and find a way to perform.

After a decent start to the game, the Packers defense allowed Carolina to gain some momentum in

the fourth quarter and find the end zone twice to bring the game to a late tie.

"That was definitely frustrating, but it wasn't just on the defense," said LaFleur. "Offensively, we've got to be able to give those guys a breather. We've got to be able to put together a drive and get some first downs to allow those guys to recover."

LaFleur said that the offense is often responsible for the defenses performance, which is a trend that a lot of people tend to overlook.

"Momentum is a crazy phenomenon. They got the momentum in the second half, and they were rolling it, really in every phase," said LaFleur.

Jerry Augustine: A game of catch

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
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KEWAUNEE COUNTY – Jerry Augustine is on a limited list of athletes who played with one Major League Baseball (MLB) their entire career — a list that includes fellow Milwaukee Brewers, Robin Yount, Jim Gantner and Ryan Braun, among others.

The left-hand pitcher spent 10 seasons on the Brewers roster from 1975 to 1984 before taking his seat in Brewers folklore.

His staying power — deep Wisconsin roots.

Jerry "Auggie" was born in Kewaunee in 1952 and spent the majority of his time with his maternal grandparents during the early years of his youth.

"My grandma and grandpa owned a bar downtown called the Harbor Inn, and I probably spent the first five years of my life there. I lived with grandpa and grandma because we had other kids in the family and my mom and dad, bought a

duplex-type home up on 701 First Street," Augustine recalled.

"I was with my grandpa or grandma almost all the time. The town of Kewaunee was 1,900 people, and my grandpa actually had a taxi service. So, I would go out with him, and he would let me do the money and the change and all that stuff. So, I grew up and it was kind of an interesting way to be raised, but my grandma and grandpa were lovely, lovely people, awe-



some people, and my mom helped them out. And then after a few years went by, as I grew older, I went up and I lived at home on First Street where we lived in Kewaunee."

Jerry was one of nine kids belonging to the Donald and Elerene Augustine household, which included five younger brothers and a younger sister — Dale, David, Susan, Joe, Mark and Randy.

"I actually have two older half-brothers Donny

and Orvy, they are special, special people. I mean, if it wouldn't be for Donny and Orvy, I don't know if I'd ever played baseball; because my dad had hurt his shoulder and he couldn't play catch with me, but he bought me a glove to throw right-handed and I would throw with him. He'd play catch with me a little and he would go, 'Oh, boy, what did I get myself into here?' But, one day Orvy and Donny, my two older half-brothers, showed up, and they watched me throw, and Orvy went into his car and got his glove — which he was left-handed — and gave it to me. And then, I remember playing catch with my dad and he said, after about a week of playing catch with me when I threw left-handed and he said, 'I can't even handle you.'

"So, it was Donny and Orvy who really got me started."

Next week: Taking it to college

The left-hand pitcher spent 10 seasons on the Brewers roster from 1975 to 1984. **TOPPS trading card photo**



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