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Four Green Bay Council district races on primary ballot

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

GREEN BAY – The Green Bay City Council will see multiple contested seats with primaries on Feb. 20.

District 4 Incumbent William Galvin will face challengers Dane Lasecki, Jon Shelton and Douglas Yates.

District 6 Incumbent Steve Campbell will face challengers Paul Boucher and Joey Prestley.

In District 10, Ben Delie, Eric Kuzma and Jeff Osborne will be on the ballot.

In District 11, Incumbent Melinda Eck will face Michael Poradek and Christina Thor.

Only two candidates will advance to the April 2 spring election from each district.

District 4 William Galvin (Incumbent)
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The Howard and Suamico Fire Departments, in tandem with Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC), are helping to empower young students to become firefighters through the high school program.

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BUFF program takes students from ideas to action

BY MICKEY SCHOMMER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

HOWARD-SUAMICO – The Howard and Suamico Fire Departments, in tandem with Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC), are helping to empower young students to become firefighters through the high school program, Building Up Future Firefighters (BUFF).

The Suamico Fire Department first attended the Bay Port High School career fair two years ago with little hopes of finding many students willing to participate in a firefighting internship.

However, the opposite proved to be true.

“The interest that we had was alarming,” said Suamico Fire Department Fire Chief Joe Bertler.

After realizing their success at the career fair, the fire department applied for a grant that would allow students to complete a “Firefighter 1” certification program at Bay Port.

The grant awarded the fire departments and NWTC \$25,000,

which allowed for the purchase of textbooks and equipment to get the BUFF program started.

Sixteen students signed up for the program during its first year.

Bertler said one of the most amazing things is that students are able to connect with other students about fire safety.

“[Fire safety habits] are not coming from an adult who’s telling you, ‘Hey, fire isn’t safe.’ It’s their friends who are saying, ‘That’s dangerous. You shouldn’t be doing that.’ That’s where we’ve seen [the BUFF students] shine,” he said.

Last summer, Rylie Dickie, a BUFF program student and Bay Port senior, took a trip with her family where she witnessed a forest fire first hand.

This sparked her initial interest in firefighting.

When Bay Port hosted a career fair and Dickie was approached by the fire department for an internship, she said it was a short time before she started the BUFF program.

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Preserving for the future



The Oneida Museum features a variety of artwork from Oneida artists as well as creators from the rest of the 6 Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy: Mohawk, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca and Tuscarora.

Gracelyn Giese photo

BY GRACELYN GIESE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY – First opening in 1979, the Oneida Museum has been an important cornerstone for the Oneida Nation community.

The museum has dedicated itself to preserving and protecting the history and traditions of the Oneida people.

One way in which they accomplish this goal is through the promotion of Oneida and Haudenosaunee — the alliance of Six Nations — artists.

The Oneida Museum features a variety of artwork from Oneida artists and the Six Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy, including Mohawk, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca and Tuscarora.

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Boucher - Campbell - Lefebvre

Three vie for spot in Brown County District 6

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

GREEN BAY – Three candidates will vie for a seat on the Brown County Board of Supervisors in District 6.

Incumbent Kathy LeFeb-

vre will face challengers Paul Boucher and Steven Campbell on the Feb. 20 primary ballot for two spots on the April 2 spring ballot.

One person will not advance.

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As a part of the program, Dickie trains at NWTC, studies and works out.

Through her internship (which is separate from the program), she is a paid on-call firefighter.

"I've learned how rewarding all of it is - physically or mentally," said Dickie. "You can do hard things. At the beginning of the year, if you had asked me, 'Could you take this person down the ladder by yourself?' I would have said 'Oh my god, no! That's so scary.' But, after the practice and training, you realize that you can do it.

"It's very rewarding. We had ladder evolutions where we would have to throw a ladder up on a roof and then carry another ladder [as we ascended] the first ladder. I really struggled with it because it's a very physically demanding task and I kept failing and failing and failing. I got so tired but I didn't give up and I kept asking the professors and my peers for techniques and finally I was



Through the BUFF program, young students are empowered to take their interests from ideas to action. **Submitted photo**

able to get it. It was such a good feeling.

"The people in my group in the BUFF program build me up, too. It's so cool how we build each other up. They'd tell me, 'You got

this, Rylie! Keep on trying! Don't give up!' and we just empower each other."

Through the BUFF program, young students are empowered to take their interests from ideas to action.

MUSEUM
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These tribes were all relocated from the New York area and are united by a similar language.

Outside of the Six Nations, the museum also sells art from a variety of tribes across America.

"COVID has affected Native vendors, we may not be able to get certain items from local vendors due to their capacity," explained Edmund Blackthunder, gift shop coordinator.

The museum includes a variety of art.

"Currently, the gift shop features local Oneida artists proficient in Haudenosaunee Raised Beadwork, pottery, silverwork and more recently graphic design," noted Stacy Coon, director of the Oneida Museum.

In an effort to support authentic Native American and Oneida art, the Oneida Museum follows the federal guidelines put in place by The Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990.

Coon shared that by supporting Oneida artists they are able to "play a valuable role in fostering and perpetuating the cultural significance and importance that our traditional artforms have played in our culture for thousands of years."

The support of artists from the Oneida Nation serves as a method of education and appreciation.

By preserving the culture and artistic practices of the Oneida Nation it is able to be passed on to younger generations.

Not only does the museum feature adults and children alike speaking the

Oneida language in a video exhibit, but the Oneida Museum has also worked to extend their outreach into the classroom by hosting traditional pottery workshops.

Future generations will be able to expand their knowledge at a proposed relocation and opening of the Oneida Nation Museum and Cultural Center in 2026, which is currently located at W892 County Hwy EE, De Pere.

Currently the Oneida Museum is working on launching an online sales platform to better share the talents of artists.

More information regarding the art and artists of the Oneida Museum and Gift Shop can be found at oneida-nsn.gov/our-ways/museum or on the Oneida Nation Museum Facebook page.

Jerry Augustine: Feeling the buzz

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Continued from last week

Jerry Augustine debuted with the Milwaukee Brewers on Sept. 9, 1975, against Baltimore and went on to have a decade-long career with the team.

"I was very fortunate where I pitched several games where, when you look at the stats in the game, they're pretty impressive. Not so far as strikeouts and walks, but the game — winning the game pitching extra innings," recalled Augustine.

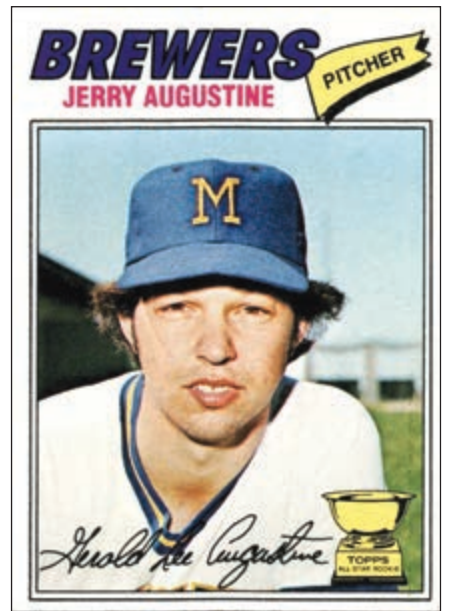
"I remember that I pitched a 1-0 extra-inning game against the Texas Rangers. And I pitched a couple of complete games that were shutouts. I did one game, a three-hit shutout against the Chicago White Sox and it was a three-hitter and Don Kessinger, a former Cub, got two or three hits. But the game was over an hour and 38 minutes or an hour, 40 minutes. I threw like only 88 pitches.

"There was a doubleheader game when I pitched behind (Mike) Caldwell.

"We had a doubleheader against the New York Yankees we had 54,000 people at County Stadium, and I was pitching the second game. Mike Caldwell — the Yankee Killer — was pitching the first game. And I got there in the second inning and as soon as I opened my door from our parking lot outside the stadium, I could feel the buzz. I mean, Brewers-Yankees, there was a four-game series. They drew over 160,000 people for a series.

"So, this was a Saturday evening and I go in there and I go sit in the stands because I'm feeling this buzz. So I sit in the stands and Mike Caldwell comes in and he shuts them out 4-0.

"I'm pitching the second game. So the game goes on, it's 4-0 and then I come out in about the fourth inning or fifth inning and I've got them shutout 3-0.



Jerry Augustine's TOPPS rookie card. **TOPPS image**

"And all of a sudden, I hit the top step from the dugout to walk out on the field and 54,000 people started chanting 'Augie, Augie.'

"When you're a baseball player and you get on the mound, you don't hear that stuff. You don't feel it. You don't hear it. You don't look at it. You think about it. Your thoughts are in your job and what you have to do to go out and execute what you need to do.

"But I got out to the mound, and I'll never forget this: Charlie Moore was catching for me. I got up on the mound and was winding up and it was so loud. I mean, I couldn't stand it. Well, I ended up walking the first two guys and I'll never forget this, it was 'Augie, Augie.'"

Augustine said it was a lasting memory for him because he "learned how much the fans respected me because I was born and raised in Wisconsin."

Next week: A team bond

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Paloma Cruz



Cruz is a high school senior who is attends UW-Green Bay full-time after finishing all of her high school credits in her junior year. "So, the Green Bay Public Area School system pays for me to go [to UW-Green Bay]," she said. Cruz is going to school for pre-law. "So, I am double-majoring in political science and economics," she added. After law school, Cruz would like to work as a corporate attorney.

Kris Leonhardt photo

Wisconsin bill would limit local control over animal welfare

BY BENNET GOLDSTEIN
WISCONSIN WATCH

WISCONSIN – Republican state lawmakers are proposing to restrict local authority to regulate Wisconsin farms and other animal facilities in agriculturally zoned areas.

Assembly Bill 957, referred to as the “Protect our Farms Act,” would block cities, villages, towns and counties from implementing stricter rules than the state already imposes regarding animal welfare, the administration of medications and vaccinations and the ways animals are used at or after they leave a farm or facility.

Proponents say the measure is needed to prevent restrictive “laws enacted in other states finding their way to Wisconsin” and “avoid putting Wisconsin agriculture at a competitive disadvantage.”

“Farmers are the hardest-working individuals in our state and never complain,”

testified bill co-author Rep. Treig Pronschinske, R-Mon-dovi, at a Wednesday hearing of the Assembly Committee on Local Government. “En-acting frivolous laws that hurt our farmers is simply cruel.”

Sen. Romaine Quinn, R-Cameron, introduced an identical bill in the Wisconsin Senate. He did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

But critics worry the measure will erode local control beyond animal welfare and health issues.

The bill’s skeptics include residents and property owners in northwest Wisconsin who support local regulations to limit how large live-stock farms affect quality of life. Some call the bill a Pandora’s box that might unravel any safeguards against potential health, economic and environmental harms caused by such farms, known as concentrated animal feeding op-

erations (CAFOs).

“When you’re trying to kind of sneak in under the wire, not raise a lot of red flags, it’s put in place piecemeal,” said attorney, Andy Marshall, a Trade Lake property owner who helped draft a model CAFO ordinance adopted by several Wisconsin towns.

Local governments under the legislation also could not regulate what animal species facilities could raise, nor could they enforce existing rules that conflict with any of the bill’s provisions — unless the regulated activity presented a “substantial threat to public health or safety.”

The bill’s co-sponsorship memo cites a controversial California law that prohibits the sale of pork, eggs and veal that is produced with insufficient living space as the type of regulation it seeks to preclude, but the memo does not mention any existing local rules in Wisconsin that the

bill aims to invalidate.

When asked at the bill hearing if he was aware of any local ordinances that might be invalidated, Chad Zuleger, director of government affairs at the Dairy Business Association, also could not point to any in Wisconsin.

A handful of other GOP legislators have registered support for the measure, as have the Wisconsin Biomedical Research Coalition, Wisconsin Corn Growers Association and Wisconsin Bear Hunters Association.

Other supporters include the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, Wisconsin Association of Meat Processors and Midwest Food Products Association Inc.

“Piecemealing regulations creates uncertainty and instability in farmers, especially when their farms cross multiple municipalities’ boundaries and they are forced to comply with incon-

sistent regulations,” said AV Roth, who owns a 3,000-sow farm in Crawford County and sits on the Wisconsin Pork Association board.

At the hearing, he attributed his decision to delay expanding his swine herd to the uncertainty caused by the California law and said he fears Wisconsin municipalities could place similarly onerous requirements on his CAFO.

Animal welfare groups, including the Humane Society of the United States and Animal Wellness Action, oppose the measure. The latter organization said the proposal “serves no purpose other than to give cover to unscrupulous actors such as puppy mills.”

Adam Voskuil, an attorney with the nonprofit law center Midwest Environmental Advocates, called the measure “ominous,” but “relatively limited in scope.”

He predicted that litigious

industry groups might cite the legislation in threatening to sue municipalities that attempt to regulate farming more broadly.

But several skeptics remain concerned it would serve as more than legal bluster; establishing precedent that crushes the handful of existing CAFO operations ordinances in Wisconsin, which have already borne litigation and threats.

Trade Lake, one of five northwest Wisconsin towns that passed an ordinance, requires new farms of 500 animal units or greater — 1,250 swine or 357 dairy cows — to apply for a permit that regulates waste management, animal health and mortality, water use and air pollution. Town leaders adopted the rules after the community confronted a developer’s proposal to construct within the town what would be Wisconsin’s largest pig breeding farm.



Work continues

Work continues on the cemetery restoration and bank stabilization/invasive species management project in the De Pere Greenwood Cemetery, while respecting the affected grave sites on the grounds. Roadways are closed until completion of project. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/DePereGreenwoodCemetery. Submitted photo

Green Bay ranks in top 10 for NFL game day experience

BY PRESS TIMES STAFF

GREEN BAY – A recent survey of NFL cities ranks Green Bay in the top 10 of “Best Cities to Visit for NFL Gameday.”

“We ranked all cities that have an NFL and/or NHL team, based on how good they are for their fan experience. To do this different factors were used, which were then normalized and scored. The locations were then ranked from highest to lowest, based on their total scores. For any cities that had multiple NFL teams, an average of the teams score was used,” Betway said.

The method for determining the rankings figured in stadium capacity — the maximum number of supporters each stadium can hold; stadium rating — the average Google review rating for the stadium of each city’s NHL team, out of five; Super Bowl wins — the number of times each city’s NFL team has won the Super Bowl; performance level — the win percentage of each city’s NFL team using data from 2020-23, including the regular season and playoffs; cost of ticket (NFL data only) — the average ticket price (USD) for

one game of each city’s NFL team as per the fan cost index; cost of hotel — the average cost of a hotel in each city from Oct-Jan 2024; and total fan engagement — the number of followers each city’s NFL team has on Instagram and Twitter.*

Green Bay fell in the No. 7 spot, behind Arlington — Dallas Cowboys; Pittsburgh — Steelers; Kansas City — Chiefs; Foxborough — New England Patriots; East Rutherford — Jets and Giants; and Baltimore — Ravens.

The ratings showed the No. 1-ranked Arlington with

a 80,000 capacity, five Super Bowl wins, 58.5% performance level, ticket cost of \$116.69, hotel cost of \$230 and fan engagement of 9,246,923.

Green Bay displayed an 81,441 seat capacity, four Super Bowl wins, 66% performance level, ticket cost of \$141.48, hotel cost of \$391 and fan engagement of 5,262,679.

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PRIMARY
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Galvin

I have an associates degree in criminal justice. I was a Green Bay Police Department officer for 34 years. I retired as a district captain. During my career I was in charge of the Community Police unit, was a shift captain, and as a district captain, was responsible for the police response to anything happening in an area that constituted 25% of the city's population. I have been an alderperson for District 4 for eight years. During that time I was on the protection and policy committee and am currently a member of the personnel committee, finance committee, ethics committee, Green Bay Stadium District board and the facilities committee.

What developments would you like to see the city make over the upcoming term?

I would like to expand development of housing, commercial; and industrial development. Improve the interaction and processes between different city departments and the public, making it easier and faster for developers, entrepreneurs and business owners to help our City grow to meet our needs; work-closer with Brown County Health and Human Services Department and other NGOs to better address our homeless issues to better help the homeless to address their needs and reduce their numbers. The City also needs to address its aging infrastructure needs.

What means would you use to further involve your constituents in the decision-making process?

I am available to my constituents through email, phone, texting, USPS, and two forms of social media. I can tell you after eight years, they take advantage of all of those mediums. Since becoming

an Alder, we have made it easier for constituents to attend council and committee meetings with the use of Zoom. We have developed on our web site a "Request for Service" icon that allows anyone the ability to have complaints or compliments or request service with out having to go through phone trees or sending emails. I post when there are programs open for the public to become involved in or if they are interested in becoming a member of a committee, have helped them apply to the mayor's office for that. I have also attended neighborhood association meetings when possible to listen and address to their concerns.



Dane Lasecki

Please provide your background, education and experiences that qualify you for the position.

Running for city council in 2024 is a natural progression of my commitment to Green Bay. I bring a robust background and deep-rooted commitment to Green Bay's Fourth District. Holding a Bachelor of Science in political science and urban planning from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and a master of professional studies in political management from George Washington University, my education provides a foundation for effective public policy advocacy. With extensive experience in federal policy-making and local government work, coupled with my current role as a Brown County Planning Commissioner, I offer a well-rounded perspective crucial for impactful decision-making on the city council.

Complementing my academic and professional pursuits, I am also deeply rooted in the community as a small business owner here in Green Bay. This firsthand experience has given me unique insights into the challenges

faced by our local business community and a profound appreciation for their critical role in the economic fabric of our district and city.

What developments would you like to see the city make over the upcoming term?

Looking forward to the upcoming term, my comprehensive vision and commitment to the city is rooted in fostering robust economic growth, enhancing local infrastructure, and preserving our rich historical heritage. I am a proud small business owner in Green Bay, and this firsthand experience has equipped me with unique insights into the challenges faced by our local businesses and their critical role in our community's economic fabric.

Amid a crowded primary, my campaign distinguishes itself by being solely centered on solutions. In a political landscape often overshadowed by divisive rhetoric and partisanship manipulation, I firmly believe that tangible, actionable plans are the key to addressing the pressing issues that affect our district and city. I am committed to fostering economic growth by streamlining regulations and creating a growth-friendly environment that attracts diverse industries while retaining and supporting local businesses. Simultaneously, I recognize the need for a strategic approach to infrastructure development involving comprehensive maintenance plans, smart growth strategies, and public-private partnerships.

Preserving our historical heritage is equally crucial to me. I envision collaborative efforts with residents, historians, and preservation organizations to expand historical preservation zones. District 4 encompasses the most historically rich neighborhoods in the city, and expanding historical preservation zones in Astor, Navarino, and Joannes will create cohesion across the district while giving our neighbors new resources and opportunities to beautify their homes. My campaign stands as a beacon of solutions-focused leadership, focusing on tangible solutions and community-driven initiatives to build a stronger, more vibrant District 4 for all.

What means would you use to further involve your constituents in the decision-making process?

To actively involve constituents in the decision-making process, I am committed to fostering a culture of transparency, accountability, and community engagement. In addition to traditional in-person meetings, community forums, and newsletters, my innovative approach involves leveraging technology to create a real-time web platform. This platform will provide residents with direct insights into how their tax dollars are being invested and the overall state of the city's financial affairs.

Transparency and accountability go hand in hand with community involvement. By offering residents a user-friendly online platform, I aim to demystify the city's financial decision-making processes, making it easier for constituents to understand and participate in the decision-making that directly impacts their lives. This platform will not only showcase ongoing projects and initiatives but also serve as a means for residents to voice their opinions, offer suggestions and hold local government accountable.

In today's interconnected world, providing residents with accessible information is crucial. My commitment to a real-time web platform aligns with my broader vision for an engaged and informed community where every resident has the tools and knowledge to actively participate in shaping our city's future. This approach aims to bridge the gap between local government and the community it serves, fostering a sense of ownership and collaboration that will propel our district and city forward.



Jon Shelton

Please provide your background, education

and experiences that qualify you for the position.

I am a life-long educator and union activist. In 2013, I earned a Ph.D. in U.S. History, and ever since, I've worked as a professor of democracy and justice studies at UW-Green Bay. I've taught and mentored hundreds of successful students since that time, and I've been elected to numerous leadership positions on campus, including President of UWGB-United, our faculty and staff union. In 2021, I was appointed by Mayor Genrich to Green Bay's first ever Equal Rights Commission, where I proudly served as the ERC's first vice chair and helped to create a report, which we presented to city council, entitled "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness: Recommendations to Promote Equal Housing Opportunity in Green Bay." I have also done a good deal of work with our immigrant and refugee communities as a board member of COMSA, a non-profit resource center in Green Bay. And, I have been elected to leadership roles in several statewide organizations: for the past eight years, I've served as Vice President of Higher Education for the American Federation of Teachers-Wisconsin and on the Board of Directors for the Wisconsin Labor History Society, an organization devoted to ensuring we tell the history of working people in our state.

What developments would you like to see the city make over the upcoming term?

Our city is at an important crossroads. We have seen contentious debates on city council over the last year about whether we should celebrate the inclusion of some of our own friends and neighbors, such as the LGBTQ+ community. As a member of the Equal Rights Commission, I believe our city should do everything it can to support dignity for everyone, including the LGBTQ+ community, immigrants, and people of color. I'll advocate to advance the work the ERC has already done to enhance our city's score on the Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Equality Index, by, for instance, pushing for a city ordinance to ban conversion therapy. Through the ERC report I referenced above, we've also learned how difficult it has become for so many people in Green Bay to find good housing, particularly marginalized people like victims of intimate partner violence and immigrants. I will work to advance the recommendations the ERC put forward last year in our housing report, including rewarding landlords that treat their tenants fairly and prioritizing direct city investment in affordable housing. Finally, given the scale of the global climate crisis, the city must be on the front lines of creating a carbon-free infrastructure. I will be a vocal advocate for the recommendations of the Green Bay Sustainability Commission's recently announced Clean Energy Plan, which calls for, among other things, reducing carbon emissions in city buildings and Green Bay metro to zero by 2050.

What means would you use to further involve your constituents in the decision-making process?

Social media is basically key in getting connected with your constituents. You have to be available for them and you have to interact with

The United States is a nation founded on the principle of representative democracy. As an American, I'm really proud of that and I hope, as you read this, you are too. Our nation was the first in the world to do it, even if it was far from perfect in the beginning. At our nation's founding, women couldn't vote, nor could African Americans—even in parts of the country where they were not bound by the despicable practice of slavery—and, in most states, white men who did not own enough property couldn't fully participate either. The story of our nation is one in which those who have been excluded broke down barriers to their political rights and demanded full citizenship. That legacy, which we all share, has deeply shaped me and is a major part of my decision to run for this office. If I'm elected to the city council, the profound responsibility of representing the working people in my community, in all of their diversity, will drive every decision I make. So that means I will continue knocking on my neighbors' doors and going to community meetings after the election, of course, but it also means I will lean on my constituents to make their voices heard in the council chambers so that we can advance the values, together, the vast majority of people in Green Bay believe in.



Douglas Yates

Please provide your background, education and experiences that qualify you for the position.

I am currently working as a pipefitter/welder out of the UA Local 400. I have a diploma in welding from Bay De Noc Community College. I've lived in Green Bay now for almost eight years and I have a sense of civic responsibility. I've been married for 15 years and am a father of four kids — three boys and a girl. I don't have any experience in government other than I ran two years ago. I don't think that is a detriment; I have a vested interest in seeing the city prosper for the future for my children.

What developments would you like to see the city make over the upcoming term?

One of the main developments I want to see happen in Green Bay is to light the darkest areas of my district. The lighting in District 4 is extremely poor. If you are walking home from work at night or school from an afterschool activity you can take any direct route, you have to take indirect paths to be able to see and feel safe. We are one of the highest taxed cities in the state and we can't provide a safe street to walk down.

What means would you use to further involve your constituents in the decision-making process?

Social media is basically key in getting connected with your constituents. You have to be available for them and you have to interact with

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District 6
Paul Boucher

Please provide your background, education and experiences that qualify you for the position.

I have lived in the Green Bay area for most of my life. I received my Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin in sociology. I have spent years researching the community and its needs.

What developments would you like to see the city make over the upcoming term?

The Mason Street bridge project hopes to open up the grid pattern in downtown Green Bay. The best way to open up the grid pattern is to build a Mason Street tunnel. This will help people cross town, including emergency services, bus services, Ubers, taxis and Door Dash. Tunnels have no moving parts and last hundreds of years.

We really need indoor temperature controlled parking ramps, if we truly believe in electric vehicles.

What means would you use to further involve your constituents in the decision-making process?

The best way to get constituents involved is to get people involved at a younger age. When constituents learn to care about elections, they stay involved. I will work to get the voting age lowered at the local level. Similar to what other communities have done. Some say young people don't know anything about elections; well, I have talked to many adults who are perfectly willing to admit that they don't know anything about elections. If we get people involved in democracy early, we all benefit.



Steve Campbell
(Incumbent)

Please provide your background, education and experiences that qualify you for the position.

Personal: Age 63; married 40 years with three adult children.

Education and experience: Preble High School graduate of 1979, Machinist Degree NWTC, 33-year homeowner in District 6, Brown County Foster Care Provider Emergency Placement Home (1994-

1997), successful business owner for the last 28 years, National Federation of Independent Business Member, Professional Archery Instruction in Schools and Community involvement in Hunter Education.

City experience: Green Bay City Deer Hunt Proficiency Administrator; current city council member/alderman, Current City Improvement and Services Committee Member, current City Parks Committee (vice chair).

What developments would you like to see the city make over the upcoming term?

The developments that I would like to see in my city the next term is to maintain and Foster Pro-Active vs. Reactive Community Policing like we recently created. To continue to foster fiscal accountability for your city tax dollars and expenditures like they are my own. Committed to making neighborhoods safer and family-friendlier communities. Advocate of community voter education and involvement of open and transparent elections. Developing and maintaining our great park system.

What means would you use to further involve your constituents in the decision-making process?

The means I would use to further involve my constituents in my city district would be to continue to keep open communication through my Facebook page and YouTube channel by posting important issues that will be discussed at common council and committee meetings. Advocate and encourage involvement to attend meetings to voice their concerns and opinions and promote involvement in neighborhood associations and continue building relationships and maintaining direct communication through

texts, emails and phone calls and continuing to be visible out and about in the neighborhood.



Joey Prestley

Please provide your background, education and experiences that qualify you for the position.

I moved to Green Bay in 2014 to attend UW-Green Bay. After graduating, I substitute taught in the Pulaski Community School District, got my MA in journalism and science communication from UW-Madison and returned to Green Bay. I currently work as a communications specialist at UW-Green Bay, and I am a board member and organizer for Green Bay Fringe Inc, a performing arts nonprofit. I have also volunteered and worked for local and national political and issue campaigns for the better part of a decade. Though this is my first time as a candidate, I think my roles as a leader, educator, political campaigner and journalist qualify me for the role of alder. I'm prepared to listen to the people, prioritize proven, data-driven solutions, communicate effectively with my constituency and lead with compassion.

What developments would you like to see the city make over the upcoming term?

Move toward 100% sustainable energy on a more advanced timeline than the current 2050 plan. Invest in climate-resilient infrastructure solutions. Make roads

more pedestrian-friendly to allow greater foot traffic to local businesses, like those on University Avenue. Create good, union jobs with competitive wages. Improve the reach and reliability of public transit. Promote resources for the elderly and disabled. Fully fund the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary and other public green spaces. Lower marijuana possession charges to \$0, effectively decriminalizing it. Raise the minimum wage in Green Bay to better reflect the cost of living. Provide resources for tenants facing discrimination or other unjust treatment by landlords. Develop affordable housing. Fully fund elections to ensure free and fair participation in democracy.

Lift the voices of our Latino, Hmong, Somali, and First Nations neighbors, celebrate LGBTQIA+ Pride, and generally embrace the diversity of thought and culture that makes District 6 and all of Green Bay so wonderful and vibrant.

These are issues I've heard from people in my district, and I would like to continue to receive input from my neighbors about what they want to see council address.

What means would you use to further involve your constituents in the decision-making process?

As an alder, I would involve my constituents in the decision-making process through both conventional and new channels. I would advertise my city email address as a means of contact, keep active in neighborhood groups, mail out a newsletter, and attend events in my district. I also plan to reach more constituents through dedicated social media channels where I can explain and field questions about upcoming votes. I want to take advantage of recent interest, especially from

young people, in local politics and use my experience as an educator and communicator to bring transparency and understandability to Green Bay's City Council.



District 10
Ben Delie

Please provide your background, education and experiences that qualify you for the position.

Occupation: utility worker for 15 years at Green Bay Area Public School District.

Education: Green Bay Southwest High School, attended NWTC.

Relevant Experience: Leadership (president) of AF-SCME Local3055, labor management committees and working groups.

I decided to run for Green Bay City Council alder because I have the city's best interests at heart. I'm a lifelong Green Bay resident and my love of this community runs deep. During my lengthy tenure with the Green Bay Pub-

lic School District, including my leadership role as union president, I have dedicated myself to finding common sense solutions to some very challenging problems, such as addressing the effects of declining enrollment. I intend to use that problem-solving ability to achieve those same goals and outcomes on a larger scale. In my eyes, there's no better way to accomplish that than by being an advocate for positive change in the great city where I live and raise my family.

What developments would you like to see the city make over the upcoming term?

Growing up on Green Bay's west side, I remember how great it was to be able to go to the neighborhood park and participate in all sorts of activities under the supervision of some great park attendants. By upgrading our park shelters, playing surfaces, fields, and related equipment, we will ensure safe spaces for our citizens of all ages to get out and enjoy themselves. I would also advocate for upgrades to better accommodate our special needs citizens.

Green Bay's revival of the Broadway District has been a huge success. As a city council we should

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continue working on further developments and additional events along the Fox River. By taking advantage of this tremendous resource, the city will attract more businesses, citizens, and visitors to this area and Green Bay as a whole.

In addition, the council should address the long-range plan for revitalizing the Military Avenue corridor. This high-traffic area has the potential to provide a major revenue stream for the city. Address the long-range plan for revitalizing this area, like the revitalization of the Broadway District.

What means would you use to further involve your constituents in the decision-making process?

As Green Bay becomes more and more diverse, it is critical that we continue to foster a community where everyone has a voice and feels respected and accepted. As a city we can better accomplish this by revitalizing Neighborhood Associations throughout the city. Neighborhood Associations help encourage residents to get engaged in the issues affecting their own neighborhoods. By engaging residents of this district, we can better identify their concerns and opportunities for improvement and discuss solutions that will aid in the safety and security of our community. As the Alder in the district where my family and I live, I would welcome the opportunity to participate in such an association. I would certainly be eager to provide an update on city council issues important to those in my district, while also listening to their concerns and suggestions for improvements. I would also encourage residents to reach out to me individually.



Eric Kuzma

Please provide your background, education and experiences that qualify you for the position.

I am a first-generation

American, born and raised in Green Bay in a proud union family. I am deeply invested in Green Bay and want to see the city thrive. My family worked hard to make it in this country and I want to give back to the community that has given us so much.

For nearly seven years, I have been working in public service at the Brown County Library, helping my community. Being elected to the city council would allow me to help the community in a deeper way.

I hold a B.A. in anthropology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, an M.S. in Human Values and Contemporary Global Ethics from King's College London (UK), and a master's in library and information science from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. I have worked in libraries for over 20 years, in various urban environments such as Madison, London (UK), New York City and Boston. This diverse experience has honed my skills and broadened my perspective, equipping me with the tools to effectively serve diverse communities.

What developments would you like to see the city make over the upcoming term?

Green Bay is a city with immense potential and I'm passionate about making it even better. The three areas that are crucial to the city's growth and development are the following: public safety, housing and infrastructure and education.

In terms of public safety, it's heartening to see that crime rates have decreased by 13% from the previous year, and crimes against persons, property, and society are at a five-year low. However, drug overdoses have increased by 50%, indicating that more work needs to be done in this area. It's important to continue investing in public safety, especially when it comes to addressing mental health issues, drugs, and homelessness.

When it comes to housing and infrastructure, the Green Bay Public Market is an exciting investment in downtown Green Bay that is expected to bring in one million visitors annually. This is a great business investment that also brings the community together in an exciting new space. Additionally, working with community partners to address the homelessness crisis is crucial. There is a lack of affordable and safe

housing in Green Bay and addressing this issue will make Green Bay safer and a better place to live.

Finally, education is a critical area that needs attention. It's concerning to see that only 27% of Brown County students meet third grade reading targets. Third grade is an important indicator because up to third grade, children are learning how to read. After third grade, children use reading to learn other things. Not meeting third-grade proficiency standards can lead to lifelong struggles in education. This is a community crisis, and we all can play a role in addressing reading proficiency. Community leaders, organizations, schools and libraries can all come together to fix this problem.

What means would you use to further involve your constituents in the decision-making process?

To ensure that I am effectively representing my constituents, I believe that open and accessible communication is key. I am committed to being available to constituents through various channels, including phone calls, emails and social media. Encouraging attendance at city council and relevant committee meetings will provide a direct avenue for residents to voice their concerns.

To foster community engagement, I will use my Facebook page to share council proceedings, encouraging constructive feedback and fostering healthy discussions on issues impacting Green Bay. I welcome residents to share their love for the city and provide solutions for improvement. Additionally, I will be holding office hours, in-person meetings by appointment and monthly Saturday coffee shop sessions to further enhance accessibility. These opportunities will allow for meaningful conversations about the future of Green Bay and help me better understand the needs of my constituents.

Jeff Osborne

Please provide your background, education and experiences that qualify you for the position.

My family has lived in the district for 15 years and we've been fortunate enough to share in this community with our family and close friends. I graduated from NWTC and have worked in Green Bay



Osborne

for the last 22 years. Through hard work and dedication to self-improvement I have gained first-hand knowledge of several different types of business structures. Being involved in fleet sales/service and acquisition, negotiating large service and product contracts, logistics, data analytics and team management are some of the areas that I have built my career on. I have not pursued any work in the public sector previously and see opportunity to bring my knowledge of cost savings and efficiency practices to the city of Green Bay to reduce expenses.

What developments would you like to see the city make over the upcoming term?

Talking to constituents in my district revealed that there are a few important items that need to be prioritized. The thing that I heard the most was concern over crime. Several people I spoke with talked about their concerns over instances of drive by shootings, theft and the ever-growing threat of hard drugs becoming more prevalent in Green Bay. Our law enforcement officials and community leaders have proposed different solutions, but maintaining current Green Bay Police Department numbers and planning for growth should be a top priority.

What means would you use to further involve your constituents in the decision-making process?

I would encourage constituents to attend council meetings either in person or by viewing on YouTube. This is a great way to get involved as the details beyond headlines and hearsay are available to anyone that would like to get the information directly from the source. I would actively invite anyone to engage the discussions over proposals to become an active participant in the dialogue at council and committee meetings. Unless it's a hot button topic, in person attendance and YouTube views are usually very low for these meetings. Being

able to stay informed of what items are included in the local agenda is a great proactive vs reactive approach when items are coming up for debate or a council vote. Another way to involve constituents is to either attend existing or assist in creating new neighborhood associations. Several districts in Green Bay currently have active associations but there are also districts that have dissolved the associations due to lack of participation or volunteers to organize. The city of Green Bay website offers the availability to formally request the creation of new associations and provides a platform to share news and upcoming events. Becoming involved or at the minimum subscribing to the newsletters and reviewing the meeting broadcasts are great to keep engaged on extremely local events.



District 11 Melinda Eck (Incumbent)

Please provide your background, education and experiences that qualify you for the position.

Education: NWTC Associate's Degree-Early Childhood Education and Accounting.

I have served on different boards that have helped cultivate leadership skills. Currently, I am the president of the board for the John Muir Park Neighborhood Association and that has sparked me to be more community-minded. I am also a member of the Green Bay Neighborhoods which has helped me to really get a pulse on what is happening in Green Bay and specifically what the needs are in the neighborhoods. I have also been a part of the team for the Community Leadership Institute which is put on through NeighborWorks America. This training included various classes and labs to learn how to become effective leaders in our community. After the training, our team organized and hosted our own local Community Leadership Institute. We, as a team, hosted this for two years. This was a great opportunity to learn to work as a team to make a positive impact on our community through helping to build leaders locally. Also, I am the Executive Director of a local non-profit which includes overseeing all operations, marketing, fund-raising, accounting, teaching classes for teens and adults that teach conflict resolution, communication skills, and relationship skills. All these skills and experiences have helped me to be an effective public servant.

What developments would you like to see the city make over the upcoming term?

Infrastructure improvements, We need to find solutions to improve our roads such as doing more resurfacing using new technology that allows for long term stability versus completely replacing them in or to catch

up with the improvements needed in a more economical way. We do this smarter by score-card and re-prioritizing the highest importance first, to maximize our investment.

Making our city safer by attacking crime and sex-trafficking and fentanyl problem — Alder Grant and I worked together to get a Spa Business Ordinance passed to equip our GBPD and Inspection Department to enforce and prosecute sex-trafficking through unlicensed operators masquerading as legitimate massage therapists. The ordinance takes effect Feb 1. I ensured this effort was done with the vital input of legitimate licensed professional massage therapists, the GBPD, and the law department to protect Green Bay from this blight.

Replace the almost 100-year-old fire stations 1 and 3 and build a new modern combined facility — Alder Grant and I were able to secure \$1million of ARPA funding to help reduce the taxpayer burden. In addition, we established Green Bay Metro Fire Foundation and are soliciting donors to contribute to a long-overdue project.

Address the housing shortage — I have also been working hard with a local developer to creatively problem-solve and increase the tax base long-term. Specifically, an approved new sub-division in my district will provide 15 residential homes with potential for more in the future; bringing the dream of home ownership to reality.

New development on Military Avenue at the old Sears and Shopko sites.

What means would you use to further involve your constituents in the decision-making process?

I believe that we, as leaders, need to identify problems/issues and then come up with solutions to improve the quality of life for the citizens. No matter how big or small a problem/issue might be, we must analyze it and come up with the solution that will best serve the people based on character, integrity, leadership and mutual respect. I currently have my phone number and email posted on the city's website, a website with a feedback form, and a Facebook page with messenger to allow constituents easy access to share their concerns and needs with me. I have had listening sessions and will continue to provide them to encourage residents to meet me face to face and share their needs and concerns. In addition, I will continue to attend the various neighborhood association meetings to hear feedback from citizens. I am committed to having an open line of communication that would allow my constituents to share their needs and concerns with me. I will be responsive to their needs and represent them at city hall. It is our job as city council members to listen to all residents within our districts and serve them.

Michael Poradek

Please provide your background, education and experiences that qualify you for the position.

I am proud to call Green Bay home and am running for city council to serve this community that I know and

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love. I have been a homeowner in our district for over ten years and a lifelong area resident. After graduating from St. Norbert College, I pursued graduate studies in administration and leadership which I hope to put to good use as your alder. I bring over a decade of professional experience in nonprofit administration along with diverse experience in volunteer community engagement.

I currently serve on the city's planning commission, focusing on economic development and housing. For the past seven years I have served in neighborhood leadership, first as president of Fireman's Park Neighborhood and now also as Chair of the city-wide Green Bay Neighborhoods for all recognized neighborhoods. I am also privileged to be a board member for St. Vincent de Paul Green Bay, vice president and a Brown County trustee for the Nicolet Federated Library System Board and a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

I am committed to serving as a nonpartisan official in this nonpartisan role, focused on the local issues that impact us daily. On Jan. 30, I was proud to lead a city-wide nonpartisan pledge with several fellow candidates from other districts, committing to leaving partisan affiliations "at the door" and not accepting partisan funding.

I hope to bring new ideas, authentic leadership, and community-based solutions to make Green Bay an even better place to live, work and call home.

What developments would you like to see the city make over the upcoming term?

Besides being available and responsive to resident concerns and questions, I plan on focusing on three areas that are of primary concerns for neighbors and that I



Poradek

have recognized from following our city government over the past few years:

Road repair: Every election cycle, roads are discussed. It's finally time we work to allocate enough resources within a long-term plan, not short-term fixes for repairs. To maintain our over 500 miles of roadways we need to ensure our city's budget is capable of repairs in an ongoing cycle that meets the estimated lifespan of the roads.

Public safety: In order to address current and future issues impacting our community, public safety officials need the support, training and personnel necessary to continue to be proactive, addressing issues from speeding to violence. I would also like to see our community officers having the opportunity to be more present in our neighborhoods to interact with residents, which relies upon staffing needs being met.

Economic growth: Especially on our city's west side and our Military Avenue District, we need to invest in common sense economic development that benefits both residents and visitors while strengthening the tax base. This includes finding ways to meet the needs of both business and housing development while working with developers who are committed to projects that support and reflect the unique needs of Green Bay.

What means would you use to further involve your constituents in the decision-making

process?

Being involved in neighborhood leadership, I recognize the need if elected to serve as your alder to be readily available to respond to your questions and concerns, and most importantly to listen. Feedback from neighbors across the district is essential for me to be able to stay connected to the issues that we are facing across our district, and to find ways for our city government to better respond to those issues. I look forward to receiving your calls, emails, or meeting in person to discuss questions and concerns.

Serving as a planning commissioner for the city, I have always valued hearing input and opinions from members of the community when addressing projects. I know the importance of doing the homework necessary to make an informed decision. I am also always willing to ask questions of stakeholders and city representatives, both to ensure I have the information I need to vote, but also to directly respond to resident concerns which arise. I will bring this same approach to serving as your alder on the city council.

Communication on updates outside of the election season is also key, whether through print materials, newsletters, online or at events. Over the next two years I plan to be present in our district as I have in neighborhood leadership, being visible and available for neighbors to talk with me. I also plan to continue to host events like my recent campaign "meet and greets" to foster even more conversation.

Christina Thor

Please provide your background, education and experiences that qualify you for the position.

As a daughter of refugees, I grew up in poverty and understood economic challenges at a young age. District 11 is where I started my family, became a first-



Thor

generation homeowner, and learned the values of hard work, perseverance and caring for my neighborhood. I care deeply about the people here, and I believe that those most impacted by the issues should be part of finding the solutions.

As a nonprofit executive director and servant leader, I have a deep understanding of the needs of our communities and the disparities that perpetuate cycles of inequities. I have implemented evidence-based programs to support them. I have secured hundreds of thousands of dollars to support community initiatives locally and broadly throughout Wisconsin. I understand the importance of collaboration, problem-solving, and empathy in effective leadership.

My experience in public policy led me to believe in the true power of people-centered policies. From fighting for family-supporting policies in Washington D.C. to working on state and local legislation, such as raising the minimum wage and paid leave, I have demonstrated my commitment to using rational thought and data, and community concerns, to create, support and improve policies.

In my role with 9to5, a nonpartisan economic justice organization, I am the chair of the Wisconsin Care Coalition leading the Paid Family and Medical Leave statewide campaign and working with local childcare providers, parent advocates, and caregivers throughout our state to advance affordable child care in Wisconsin. I am a leading member of the AAPI Coalition of Wisconsin, former board member of the Hmong

American Partnership and ColorBold Business Association, former task force member of ESTHER Immigration Taskforce and former member of the National Association of Social Workers-Wisconsin Legislative and Social Policy Committee.

Building on my experiences, I hope to work with you to co-create an inclusive Green Bay with healthy homes, neighborhood jobs and community safety alongside my neighbors. I have a track record of prioritizing people and driving progress and I am confident that I am the strongest candidate to effectively serve and represent the needs of all families in District 11.

What developments would you like to see the city make over the upcoming term?

From my conversation with Green Bay residents, some of the largest concerns they have is city transparency, accessibility and accountability. People want to be part of the decision-making process and be heard on decisions that impact their lives. I would like to see transformative investments in community outreach, civic education and community engagement, through different modes of communication and in different languages, so that the information is accessible to everyone in our city.

I have also talked with renters and homeowners, and we all share concerns about the need for more fair and affordable housing and homeownership opportunities, because without access to affordable homes, people struggle to find stability in their lives. That becomes a barrier to education, employment and well-being, and ultimately, a resilient community.

Another concern I discussed with residents was our overcrowded prisons and our need to find a systemic solution that addresses the root causes of crime and focus on prevention rather than punishment. I'd like to see investments in a community-first public safety approach that

prioritizes crime prevention and community engagement over traditional policing tactics, which involves investing in social services, education, and programs that help address the root causes of crime.

What means would you use to further involve your constituents in the decision-making process?

I come from a multigenerational community that faces daily challenges relating to accommodations in language, disability, education, and opportunity, and I know that it's not uncommon in other families. I am deeply and personally invested in accessibility.

I will involve my constituents in the decision-making process by ensuring I dismantle these barriers for all families because everyone deserves to fully participate in the decision-making processes that impact their lives.

I will cultivate a culture that values and respects every individual and their unique needs. It means designing systems, buildings, technology and services that are usable by all, and removing barriers that prevent individuals with disabilities or other challenges from participating fully in society.

I am committed to providing interpreters, bilingual facilitation, translated material, and additional support and education, when it comes to public forums, town halls, council meetings, informational and listening sessions, one-on-one meetings and any other events that require accommodations.

I am committed to two-way communication, an open door policy and open office hours, where constituents can speak to me freely about any issue that is affecting them and discuss what kind of support they seek. I also welcome feedback and collaboration, and I am committed to transparency by having clear and accessible information available on current issues, pending decisions and potential impacts.

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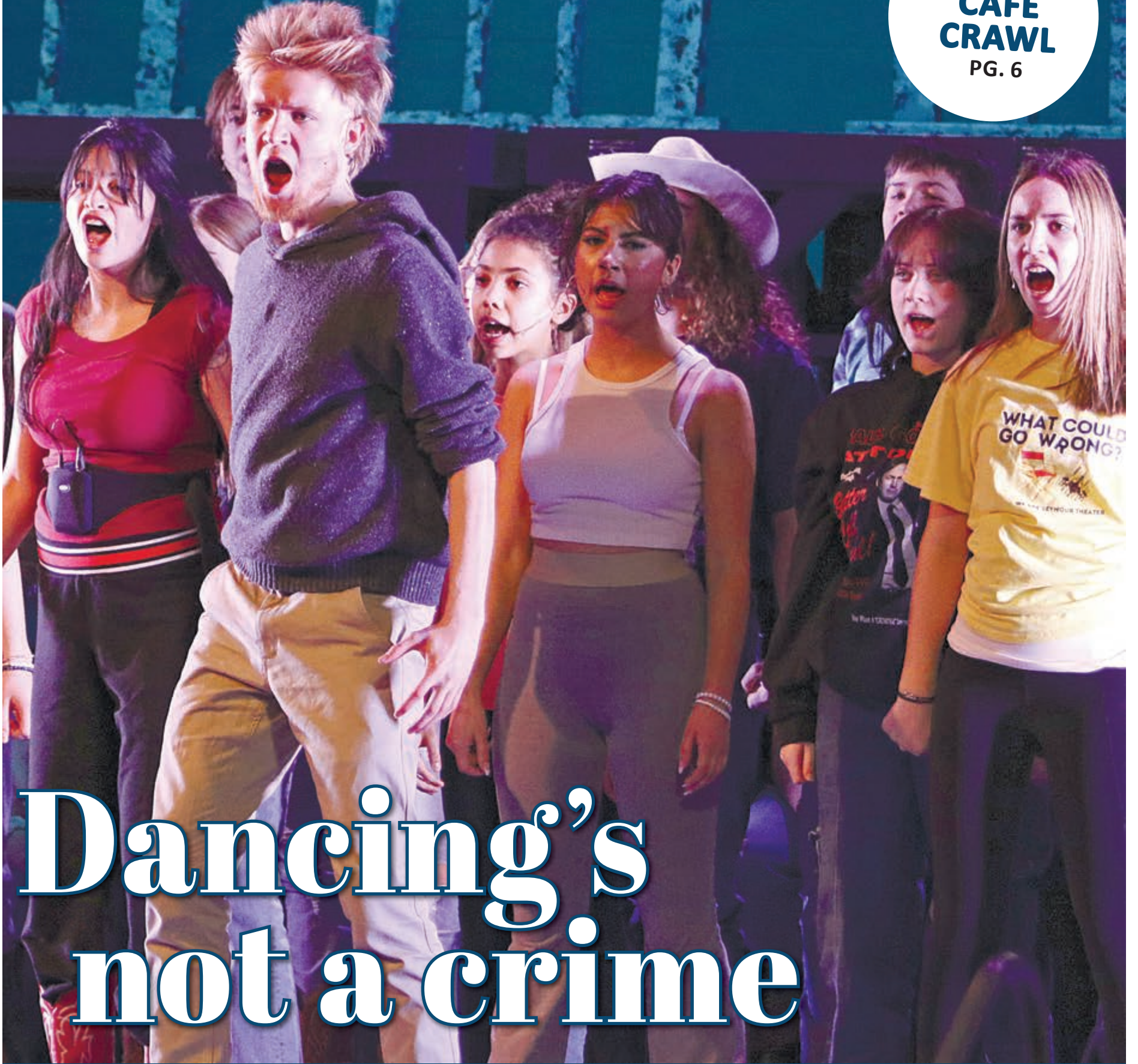
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THE GREEN BAY EAST AND WEST BOYS BASKETBALL TEAMS COMPETED IN THEIR ANNUAL SILENT NIGHT GAME ON SATURDAY, JAN. 27. AT THE GAME, FANS WERE ASKED TO REMAIN SILENT UNTIL EITHER TEAM HAD SCORED ITS 10TH POINT IN SUPPORT OF STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. JANELLE FISHER PHOTOS



THE NEXT GENERATION OF PERFORMERS

Katelyn King

Southwest High School

Parents: Russell and Valerie King

Area of Interest: Choir

When did you first get involved in choir?

I got involved my senior year in choir because of the people in it. A lot of my friends took choir and I knew Mr. Rockstroh from study hall. After losing my orchestra teacher, I decided to move to choir instead.

What/how do you most like to sing?

My favorite way to sing is in an ensemble. I have a lot more practice singing in groups than on my own. There is a sort of security in singing together as if you're unsure you have people you can ask all around you. There is also the added bonus of the energy of the people around you boosting you.

What has been your favorite experience in choir so far?

I got to sit in on chamber choir's pranks giving right before I joined and it was so much fun seeing the elaborate pranks people created for each other. Seeing the energy and time put into this event with each other.

What's something you hope to do/accomplish as a musician in the future?

I want to put myself out there more. I have been working on my singing ability outside of class so that I will feel more confident in class. I want to have more faith and confidence in my musical ability.

What advice would you give to someone looking to get into singing?

Look for every opportunity possible. Sometimes the best places are hidden right under your nose and it might take a little work to find, but it could mean meeting great people.

What three words would you use to describe yourself?

Calm, adaptable and hard-working.

Do you have any hidden talents?

I like to think I'm pretty good at dancing and rapping.

What subject do you enjoy most in school?

Right now probably choir. It allows me to connect with music, hangout with friends and create great memories.

What's your biggest pet peeve?

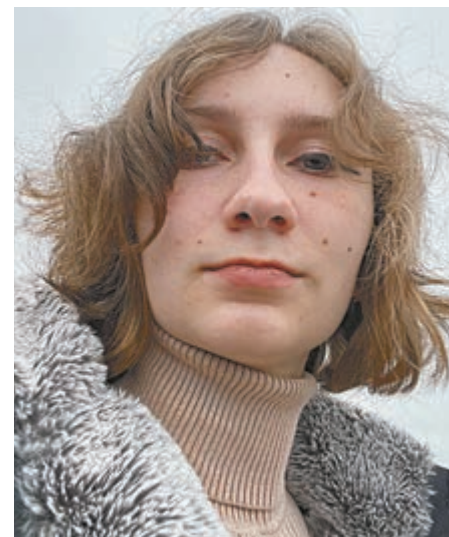
People chewing with their mouth open.

Where do you hope to travel one day?

I want to visit England because of the culture I have learned about there. There are many things I'm interested in there due to its rich history. I would love to go on many tours such as the Jack the Ripper tour.

What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given?

Don't be afraid to be yourself because the



people who like you for you are the people you want.

Who is your role model?

Amy Chase (a teacher at my school) because I have had her for four years and she has motivated me every day. She listens when I have problems and is a source of comfort for a lot of kids from rougher backgrounds.

What plans do you have for after you've finished school?

I plan on doing music in college. Depending on my schedule it will be between orchestra and choir.

If you could switch lives with anyone for a day, who would you choose?

I would like to switch lives with my friend Adriana. Knowing someone would have to be in my shoes for a day I trust her to not do anything too crazy and I think it would give nice insight on the home life of one of my closest friends.

Do you have any pets?

I have a cat named Hootie!

What's one skill you think everyone should have?

I think everyone should have to know essential life skills like how to do dishes, laundry and cooking.

Are you a Green Bay Packers fan?

If I had to choose a team I would say the packers, but I am more of a hockey fan. **CP**

Favorites

Song: "I Hear a Symphony" by Cody Fry

Book: *Six of Crows* by Leigh Bardugo

Show: *Loki*

Movie: *Back to the Future*

Animal: Snow Leopard

Season: Fall

Time of Day: Evening

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VINYL WORD

A monthly column for vinyl enthusiasts from vinyl enthusiast, Tom Smith.

Breaker by O-D-EX

Dirtnap Records

Rating: 11 out of 11

This duo from Austin, Texas is comprised of Mark Ryan with M(Icah Why).

Green Bay is quite familiar with Mark because of his visits with The Reds — a hard rocking garage punk band from Denton, Texas.

Mark is also in the Marked Men and the Mind Spiders. M(Icah Why) was in the Kitbashes and Mission Giant.

Marked Men is a melodic power punk band that is monster great and so underrated — on par with how the band All should be as big as Green Day.

The Marked Men put on a stellar performance at Gonerfest 20, proving without a shadow of a doubt my lofty opinion of them is well-deserved.

When it was announced that the Marked Men are returning to the Cactus Club in Milwaukee on April 6, I bought tickets instantly.

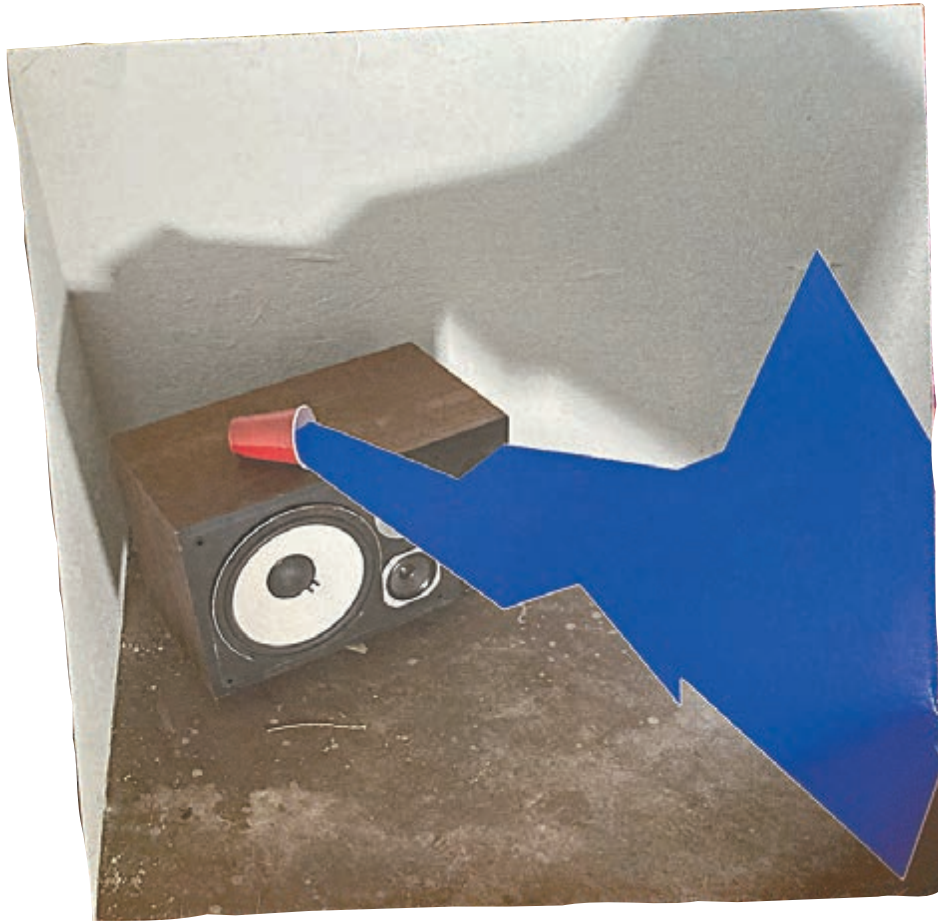
So, O-D-EX probably must sound somewhat like the Marked Men you might assume. Well, they don't at all and that's what I love about this album and about punk in general.

Some folks believe or subscribe to some crazy notion that punk rock can only be this narrow, pigeonholed, guitar-driven three chords and a cloud of dust.

That's the beauty of a punk scene. It can easily support and foster many different genres of music that are played by artists who play from the heart and want a say in how their music is produced and promoted.

O-D-EX have been called electronic noise punk and synthpunk; both titles apply for sure.

My first encounter with O-D-EX was when I saw them perform live at Gonerfest



19 in Memphis and the hot Memphis sun blasting down on me worked with their music perfectly for some reason,

This is all funny to me because the synthesizers and drums machines they use have historically been best suited in dark, dimly lit dance clubs with climate control.

The songs on *Breaker* move along in synch at a brisk pace, but each one having

different textures to it.

The songs of this album have bits and pieces that remind me of some of my favorite artists of all time — artists such as The Jesus and Mary Chain, New Order,

Siouxsie and the Banshees, Kraftwerk, Devo, The Human League and a hint of Soft Cell.

My favorite songs on *Breaker* are “Spring Break,” “Trashy Ways,” “Hypno Headlights,” “So Nice,” “Ley Line” and “The System.”

Wisconsin's own Dirtnap Records put this album out and since I believe the owner of Dirtnap, Ken Cheppakode, is coming up from Milwaukee for the GBUFO Invasion Fest 2024 July 19-21 at the Tarlton Theatre (this historic theater is the exclusive home of the GBUFO Invasion Fest this year), I might have to see if we can get O-D-EX to make their Green Bay debut at the GBUFO Invasion Fest 2024 — not just because of Ken, but also because they will fit in perfectly with some of the bands already booked for the second annual installment of this music festival.


If you dig the Smart Shoppers from Green Bay, please check *Breaker* out. **GP**

This review is dedicated to Sam Hain a local artist that left us way too soon on Christmas Day.

Sam Hain was a shining light Green Bay won't ever forget.


Tom Smith was the store manager at Green Bay's Exclusive Company and currently works at the Green Bay UFO Museum Gift Shop and Records. He has a vast knowledge and a lifelong love of vinyl.





PRESENTS **Pets of Brown County**

Murphy



Meet Murphy, a nine-year-old English cream golden retriever. When people come to visit, Murphy likes to bring them toys as presents. Murphy enjoys spending time with his seven-year-old brother Sully, who is also an English cream golden retriever. Submitted photo



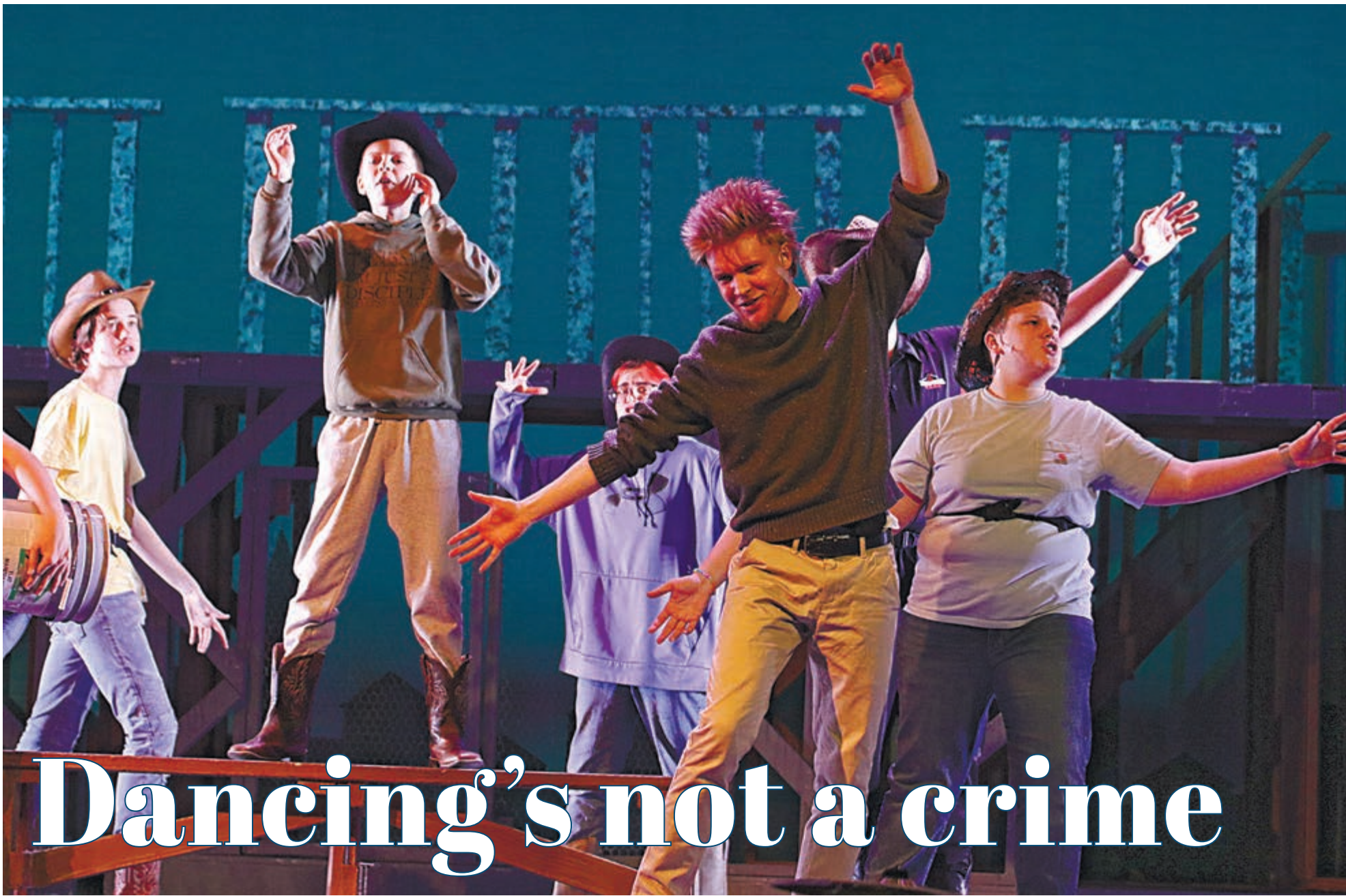


Jerry Kramer

Listen to stories about the Green Bay Packers' long history in what became known as Tiletown. From Lambeau to Lombardi to LaFleur, we'll cover it here. Use the QR code to learn more.



COVER FEATURE



Dancing's not a crime

SEE FOOTLOOSE ON STAGE AT SEYMOUR HIGH SCHOOL

By Janelle Fisher
City Pages Editor

Seymour High School students will transport audiences to the fictional town of Bomont next week as they take the stage in their production of *Footloose*, scheduled to run from Feb. 8-11.

When picking a show for this year, Director Teresa Lemke said there were many things to consider.

"Every single year we lose seniors," she said. "They're a big part of the show, so we have to look at who we have for leads and then look at shows. For example, if we had a lot of guys, we could do *Pirates of Penzance* or *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*. If we don't have a lot of guys, we can't pick shows that are male-heavy with leads. We struggle with that because we tend to not have a lot of guys."

Lemke said she is assisted by the other directors working on the show to consider what show would best suit the theater

department each year.

"All of the directors have input," she said. "I really rely heavily on my choir director because he works with those kids daily and knows their voice ranges... All the directors kind of look at it through their lens and give their input and then we all kind of talk and hash it out... *Footloose* fit the bill."

Footloose fit the bill and senior Lance Mursau fit the lead role of Ren.

"So this year we went with *Footloose* because we have a really strong male lead and this show really suited him — he literally looks like Kevin Bacon," Lemke said.

Having started theater as a freshman, Mursau said he's been excited to see the program grow to be able to put on a production of this caliber.

"The most incredible thing is how much this program has grown in the past three years," Mursau said. "Since I've been a part of it, literally every year has gotten so much

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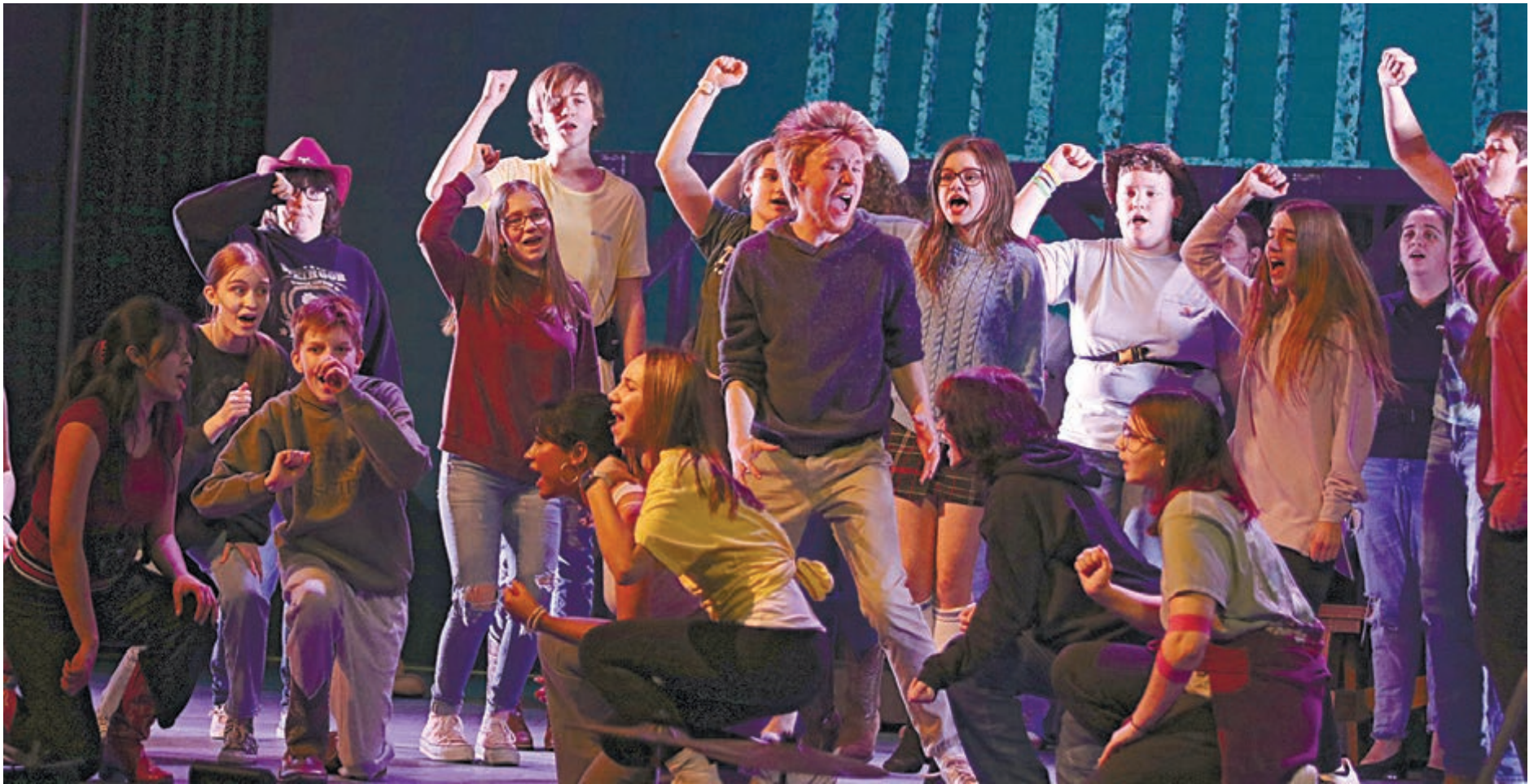
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▲ Performances of *Footloose* will run from Feb. 8-11 at Seymour High School. Janelle Fisher photos



▲ Cast members said that by the end of the production process, they become like a family.

better... If you've seen any of the older productions...It definitely wasn't even close to the quality of production as this one will be... We helped that program to grow. We put on good shows and acted well on stage and that just encouraged more audience participation for future productions."

With rehearsals underway, Lemke said the cast and crew are ahead of where they expected to be and well on their way to being ready for opening night.

"[Monday] we had our mic load-in, so that's our first day with sound and the full pit and it's usually very chaotic because there's so many things that we're pulling it together," she said. "In all my years of doing this, yesterday was the smoothest load in with sound and full pit and we almost got through the whole show. That's never happened. It was a really good rehearsal and I think it was a good confidence booster for the kids — especially the kids that have been in shows before because they knew, too, that it was good and it went really well and we didn't have a lot of problems that we were anticipating having."

That confidence was also felt by senior Emma Hohman.

"Usually, we're blocking right up to the show," Hohman said. "I think with *Mamma Mia* (last year's show), we changed the blocking the Saturday before. This is the most ahead we've ever been. We had our first real run through and we didn't finish, but that's the closest we've ever been."

With opening night just a week away, Lemke said the cast and crew has entered her favorite part of the production process.

"Right now, we're in what I call the grind," she said. "We're at the tail end and we've been together for almost three months. We're starting to get on each other's nerves and it's crunch time and we're pulling so many things together — everyone's feeling that. And somehow, magically, when we get to opening night, everything comes together. The coolest thing for me is when we get to the end and the kids have performed and you see their faces at that last show and they're all hugging and they're all crying and just to know that I was a part of creating that experience for them. Those are memories that those kids take with them forever."

Senior Anna Schmalz said that family atmosphere is what she's enjoyed most about her time in the theater program at Seymour.

"My favorite part of the show probably isn't even a part



▲ Both the cast and directors feel they are ahead of the game when it comes to rehearsals this year and are well on their way to being prepared for opening night.

of the show itself," Schmalz said. "It's being able to be with the cast and the tech that comes with the show because everyone's amazing. It's sort of like one big family. I don't think I would be doing musicals if it wasn't for this giant, big family that I know I can rely on for support and just have a good time."

While there is much support to be felt among the students working on the show, Lemke said support from the community also contributes to a successful production.

"It's a very popular show. People know the music, so I think we're going to have good audiences," she said. "That also helps the kids on stage when there are really good audiences. It just energizes the kids on stage and it's like they just give you more."

Mursau said he is optimistic that the popularity of the show and the buzz it has already created will result in a good attendance when the show opens next week.

"I mean, it's *Footloose*," Mursau said. "Everybody seems to know *Footloose*. Some years, there are people who don't even recognize that we are doing a musical in the school, but everybody is talking about it in the community and at school. People are excited and people are planning on coming to the show... We're going to fill the seats. It's going to be sold out."

To get your tickets to see *Footloose* or learn more about the show, visit seymourtheater.com. **CP**

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Excitement brewing for Downtown Green Bay CAFÉ CRAWL

By City Pages Staff

Downtown Green Bay, Inc. is inviting local coffee lovers to participate in its annual Café Crawl event this Saturday, Feb. 3— providing a morning of opportunities to sample freshly brewed coffee, teas and treats while bringing new patrons to locally owned downtown businesses.

Tickets for Café Crawl grant participants a passport for samples at each of the participating businesses and, once the passport is complete, a chance to win a gift card from one of the businesses.

“The Café Crawl is a joy to put on each year because it not only celebrates our businesses’ delicious coffee and food, but it contributes to the economic vitality of our community,” said Jeff Mirkes, Executive Director of Downtown Green Bay, Inc. “We are getting people into each of these businesses to sample their unique offerings. It increases foot traffic and is an opportunity for businesses to attract new patrons. It’s a win for everyone involved.”



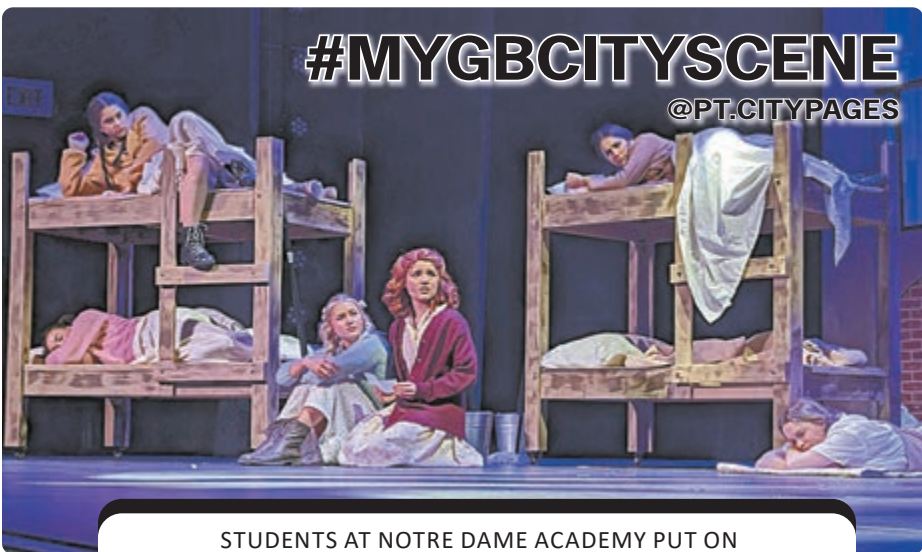
▲ The Cafe Crawl event offers an opportunity to sample coffee, teas and treats at local businesses.

Participating businesses and samples include:

- **The Attic** - Sample 2 of 3 teas and chocolate chip cookie or blueberry scone
 - **The Daily Buzz** - Cold brew and mini cinnamon rolls
 - **Grounded Café** - Lotus energy drink and mini lemon-blueberry scones
 - **Hotel Northland** - Samplings of hazelnut coffee cake, fresh scones, warm cinnamon roll, Tuscan frittata, breakfast sandwiches and yogurt parfaits
 - **Glas Coffeehouse** - Fireside roast and energy bites
 - **Anchor Coffee** - Cold brew and lotus peach smoothie energy drink
 - **St. Brendan’s Inn** - Irish coffee (non-alcoholic option available)
 - **Lion’s Mouth Bookstore** - Cream cheese sugar cookies
 - **Captain’s Walk Winery** - Freshly ground coffee with a splash of Port-style wine and warm cranberry harvest hard cider (non-alcoholic option available)
 - **LoCo WisCo** - Door County Coffee (grasshopper or vanilla bourbon creme flavor) and Sharay’s Ghana Style Brittle samples
- Free parking will be available throughout downtown and trolleys will run continuously throughout the event, which is scheduled to run from 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Visit downtowngreenbay.com for more details and to purchase tickets. **CP**



▲ A trolley will run through downtown throughout the event to help participants make it to each location. Downtown Green Bay, Inc. photos



STUDENTS AT NOTRE DAME ACADEMY PUT ON THEIR PRODUCTION OF ANNIE LAST WEEK, JAN. 25-28. WHEN THE POWER WENT OUT AT SUNDAY’S SHOW, STUDENTS WERE DETERMINED THAT THE SHOW MUST GO ON AND FINISHED OUT THEIR PRODUCTION RUN STRONG. MIKE HOLLIHAN PHOTOS



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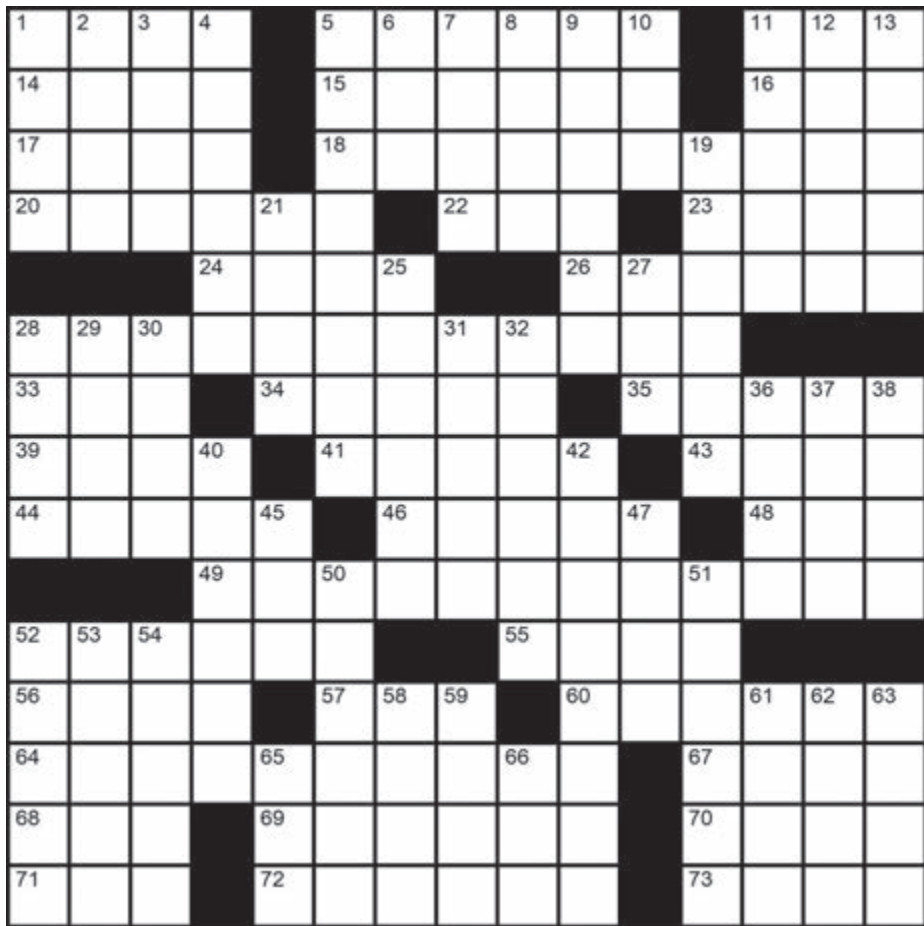
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“Style and Swagger” — I’ve got it here.



by Matt Jones

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Crossword answers on page 5. No peeking!

Across

1. Wall St. buys, for short
5. Type of name or voyage
11. Disney dwarf
14. After-bath powder
15. Live (as opposed to “test tube”)
16. “Tic-Tac-Dough” winning line
17. The most charitable U.S. state four years in a row, per a WalletHub analysis
18. “Mr. Buscemi, meet this Muppet rat” introduction?
20. Respite from the nine-to-five
22. Marino or Pedro preceder
23. Fishing equipment
24. Flock-related
26. Fencing weapons
28. Municipality that’s been cooked in a well-oiled pan?
33. Grainy milk source
34. Hauntingly strange
35. Undomesticated
39. College basketball’s Runnin’ Rebels
41. Campground units
43. Passage marker?
44. Bath salt scent
46. Brewpub option
48. “Mazel ___!”
49. The further biography of a family in a 1985 Anjelica Huston crime comedy?
52. First words of a search for a tutorial, maybe
55. Provide meals for
56. “Dies ___” (Latin requiem)
57. Atlanta-based cable network
60. Light-sensing eye part
64. Army led by the “30 Rock” character who’s friends with Dot Com?
67. West of “Batman”
68. Battleship call
69. Pleasure trip
70. Sport for Ludvig Åberg and Jordan Zunic
71. Griddle sound
72. “You’re still wrong”
73. Give a bad review to

Down

1. Poker variety
2. “See ya”
3. Warriors star Thompson
4. Current German chancellor Olaf
5. Puts the Vs in the Bs, maybe
6. Formic acid maker
7. Singer Burl
8. Operatic icon
9. “Be that as it may ...”
10. “... neither the time ___ the place”
11. Construction vehicle
12. Exuded slowly
13. Puts in the fridge
19. Crease undoer
21. Throw off
25. Cherry red
27. Initials for conservationists (and not wrestlers anymore)
28. Basketball infraction
29. Rajah’s spouse
30. “___ be a cold day in hell ...”
31. “Agreed”
32. Anger
36. Circular cracker
37. All-encompassing phrase
38. Name on jeans labels
40. Exxon ___ (ship in 1989 headlines)
42. Id’s opposite, to Freud
45. 1955 merger with the AFL
47. Lemon, for one
50. Like bad sleeping spells
51. Baggage tie-ons
52. Big numbers for a meteorologist
53. Fragrant root used in perfumes
54. Sticks around
58. Have-___ (those in need)
59. Alkaline ___ (punk band)
61. Worshipped figurine
62. “The Lion King” heroine
63. Letters on a radio switch
65. Ending with proto
66. Anderson Cooper’s network

arts & entertainment

HIGHLIGHTS

by Janelle Fisher



Youth Art Month

Open through Feb. 22 | Neville Public Museum, Green Bay

Exhibit featuring more than 155 art pieces created by students in grades K-12 from 34 schools in Northeast Wisconsin.

The multimedia exhibit is sponsored by the Wisconsin Art Education Association and highlights Youth Art Month, a national celebration emphasizing the value of art education and encouraging support for quality art programs in Wisconsin schools.

Select works from this exhibit will be featured in the state exhibit in Madison.

This exhibit is included with general admission.

Visit nevillepublicmuseum.org to find out more.

Make Your Mark with Pen and Watercolor

Saturday, Feb. 3 | Brown County Library - Kress Family Branch, De Pere

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This event is free to attend, but advance registration is required.

This workshop is intended for ages 12-18.

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2/5th Party Band

Saturday, Feb. 3 | Elk’s Lodge, Green Bay

Old-time polka, waltz and country, sponsored by the Northeast WI Accordion Club.

There will be an accordion jam session at 7 a.m., followed by a board meeting at 8:45 a.m. and membership meeting at 9:30 a.m.

The performance will begin at 10 a.m. with a raffle during intermission at 10:45 a.m.

A potluck lunch will take place at 11:30 a.m.

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EDITORIAL & OPINION

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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Measurements Of Being

Dear Reader,

Exploring success in life involves a nuanced perspective. While financial achievements like money, assets, and material possessions are conventional measures, the spiritual dimension, encompassing service, noble purpose, and positive



impact on the world, adds profound depth to the concept of success.

The balance between material and spiritual fulfillment often shapes a more comprehensive view of a successful life.

PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

OPEN LETTER

An open letter from Bruce the Spruce

BOYS AND GIRLS, HELLO AND SADLY GOODBYE,
I was sad to leave on the 29th but Santa came for me and it was time to go back to the North Pole.

This time with you was so much more fun than before with our singing nights and really getting into the season of celebrating.

I hope Miss Ali will have us do that again next season and you all come again

to help me with the songs. Finley and Clara sure got into playing the different instruments and a good time was had by all.

We did take some time off from toy making to watch the Packers play football, so I got a little behind in sending my letter, sorry.

With the weather in Green Bay being only in the 40s, Santa didn't have

to bundle me up too tight as we approached home where it was only 29 degrees, he did have to tighten my bur-lap bag.

I was getting spoiled with your warmer weather but it felt good to be back.

Be sure to remember to be kind, eat your vegetables and come back and see me again.

Bruce the Spruce



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

Letters must be no more than 400 words and be emailed to kleonhardt@mmclocal.com with the subject line "letters to the editor." Letters must be received by Monday in order to be included in the Friday edition.

DISTRICT

from page 1

Paul Boucher

Please provide your background, education and experiences that qualify you for the position.

I have lived in the Green Bay area for most of my life. I received my Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin in sociology. I have spent years researching the community and its needs.

What developments would you like to see the city make over the upcoming term?

We spend allot of money on flood clean up and flood insurance. If we took that money and spent it on building a pipeline to drain the lower bay faster that would be money well spent.

We could use a bridge at Allouez Avenue. This would unite Allouez and Ashwaubenon. There's currently no practical way for bicyclers and pedestrians to make that commute. It would also relieve traffic on 172 from having so much local traffic.

What means would you use to further in-

volve your constituents in the decision-making process?

The best way to get constituents involved is to get people involved at a younger age. When constituents learn to care about elections, they stay involved. I will work to get the voting age lowered at the local level. Similar to what other communities have done. Some say young people don't know anything about elections; well, I have talked to many adults who are perfectly willing to admit that they don't know anything about elections. If we get people involved in democracy early, we all benefit.

Steven Campbell
Please provide your background, education and experiences that qualify you for the position.

Personal: Age 63; married 40 years with three adult children.

Education and experience: Preble High School graduate 1979, Machinist Degree NWTC, 33-year homeowner in District 6, Brown County Foster Care Provider Emergency Placement Home (1994-1997), successful business owner for

the last 28 years, National Federation of Independent Business Member, Professional Archery Instruction in Schools and Community involvement in Hunter Education.

City experience: Green Bay City Deer Hunt Proficiency Administrator, current city council member/alderman, Current City Improvement and Services Committee Member, current City Parks Committee (vice chair).

What developments would you like to see the city make over the upcoming term?

Developments that I would like to see the county make are to keep doing what they are doing. I really think that our county board, for the most part, are doing a great job and that is why I would like to be part of that with all the resources that I have with my 28 years of business. If I had to pick something specific I would like to see the county drug task force and the Green Bay Police Department work more closely together to pool their resources better when it comes to drug rehab education and enforcement. Also advocate and ensure proper

funding to support to hire quality district attorneys to fill the back log of cases that are causing our crowded jail. I would also like to see the continued investment into our park trail system and waterway boat launches.

What means would you use to further involve your constituents in the decision-making process?

The means I would use to further involve my constituents in my county district would be to continue to keep open communication through my Facebook page and YouTube channel by posting important issues that will be discussed at county board meetings. Advocate and encourage involvement to attend meetings to voice their concerns and opinions and promote advertising more local involvement in using our county parks trail system and local county parks and zoo. Maybe than they will have more interest and provide more input. You don't always have to go "out of town" to have a have a good time and enjoy our waterway system and the outdoors that our parks provide. It's right in our

backyard.

Kathy LeFebvre

Please provide your background, education and experiences that qualify you for the position.

Background: I am a 54 year resident in District 6 and lived 53 years in the same house. I am retired. Education: I graduated from Sevastopol High School in 1968 and attended the Door-Kewaunee County Teachers College 1969-70.

Experience: I served four years on the city council. I am serving my eighth year as county supervisor. Over those years, I have gained knowledge and have an excellent working relationship with the county, executive and staff. I agreed with Executive Streckenbach on the financial benefit of a 0.5% sales tax. The county has retired \$100,000.00 debt since. I serve on the administration committee and Nicolet Federated Library board. I previously served six years on the education and recreation committee. My community service includes the Areas of Concern (AOC) Advisory Committee to the DNR, past president East Shore Drive Neighborhood Association,

Masters certification (CCD) S.S. Peter & Paul, Green Bay Park Commissioners board-finance & Wildlife Sanctuary committees, three Habitat for Humanity "Women Builds." I am a former small business owner.

What developments would you like to see the city make over the upcoming term?

1. Renard/Kidney Island. We need a proper closure plan. I will work on a plan that works for Bay Beach Park, the neighborhood, and the wildlife that use the Island.

2. The South bridge. This bridge is long overdue. I have supported moving this forward and will work to bring this to completion.

3. Any issues that come up involving District 6 with the county.

What means would you use to further involve your constituents in the decision-making process?

Deliver a newsletter with important information on county issues and talk to constituents on my walks. My phone number and county email are available on all my campaign literature. I am always available.

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Nicolet NATIONAL BANK PRESENTS **Senior Spotlight**

Jacob McVane, Ashwaubenon High School, football, wrestling, track

Parents' names: Michelle McVane, Duane McVane
Siblings: Two older brothers, Benjamin and Tyler
Twitter: @jacobmcvane5
Position/Events: Full-back/ linebacker (football) 100m, 200m, pole vault, high jump (track and field)
Career highlight: Getting a kick return junior year against Kaukauna then almost getting another one senior year, but my helmet got pulled off.

What originally inspired you to pick up a football?

My older brothers played, and I would always be watching them at games and even their practices.

How has balancing academics and athletics been different for you from your freshman year to your senior year?

man year to your senior year?

It has definitely gotten harder throughout the years with classes getting tougher and I've had to do a lot more studying film compared to freshman year.

Favorite subject in school and why?

My favorite subject is probably English, mostly because I think its pretty easy most of the time.

Is there a favorite drill in practice that you enjoy doing?

Probably running back bag drills.

Which side of the ball do you enjoy more, offense or defense?

Definitely offense.

Who, in your opinion, is the G.O.A.T. for football?

Berry Sanders.



McVane

What is the hardest part about football?

Studying film and knowing what your job is every day.

Being a senior, describe some of the leadership roles that come into play?

I had to make sure I kept

everyone focused more when we were practicing and when we were in the weight room. I also had to talk to people to get them to stop skipping lifts or practices.

What is your ultimate pregame routine?

Going to Kwik Trip to get a little snack, then going to the locker room to talk to the guys for a while, and getting dressed. We always have to listen to "Run this Town" before we leave the locker room. Then start warming up for the game.

Favorite collegiate or professional sports team?

The Green Bay Packers.

What shoes are you rocking with this year?

Regular shoes: Hey Dudes / Cleats: Nike Vapor
Do you enjoy weight

training or conditioning more?

Weight training.

Super Bowl LVIII prediction?

San Francisco 49ers.

Any memorable coaches or teammates that you would like to give a shout out to?

Coach Weber (football and track), Coach Campbell (Pepsi) and Labonte-defense coach, Ryczkowski.

What are your plans for the future (college/major/career)?

Going to college to play football and majoring in education. I haven't committed to a school yet.

Any advice you would give to your younger self?

Be more aggressive and physical in games.

LaFleur says Packers looking good for 2024 season

BY TORI WITTENBROCK
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

GREEN BAY - As the Green Bay Packers prepare to head into the offseason in deep preparation for the upcoming 2024 season in just a few months, Packers Head Coach Matt LaFleur said that he has the utmost confidence in what his squad will bring to the table next season.

"I've got so much confidence in our offensive staff and Adam Stenavich," said LaFleur.

"Whatever allows our team to go out there and

be our best, I'm down for whatever."

Although the team's hopes of advancing in the postseason were squelched in the NFL Divisional round against the San Francisco 49ers, LaFleur said that he has seen a lot out of his team this year and is excited to see the work ethic they bring into the offseason.

"Like I told the team, 'You're either getting better or you're getting worse. You're never staying the same,'" said LaFleur.

Now that LaFleur has a better understanding of what this young team



Green Bay Packers Head Coach Matt LaFleur said that he is excited to see what the team brings to the table next season given their unanticipated postseason run in 2023.
Tori Wittenbrock photo

brings to the table, he said that he expects nothing short of excellence next year and knows that if everyone goes to work, the Packers have the potential for greatness.

"I think the expectations are going to be higher and I think the standards that we have developed over the course of the year through our process of how we practice and how we go out and compete, I would expect them to continue to improve," said LaFleur.

"I'd be disappointed if we didn't get better."

After having one of the most unpredictable and

chaotic seasons in their history, the Packers were able to turn things around and make it past the NFL Wild Card Round of the postseason, despite low expectations and skepticism about their ability.

"A lot of heartbreakers along the way. I do think - I've said this many times - I think that the Pittsburgh game was kind of a turning point for us, as tough as that was. That's life in the National Football League," said LaFleur, recapping their 2023 season.

"It's never going to be smooth sailing. There are

going to be some choppy waters along the way and you've just got to hang on for dear life and stay resilient and stick together."

The tough loss to the 49ers will no doubt stick with the coaching staff and players as they navigate the transition from their 2023 season to their fresh start in 2024.

"That's what's so rewarding about this team. It's tough right now and this still obviously stings, but I think, quite frankly, a lot of other teams would have faltered," said LaFleur about this roster's tenacity and motivation.

Pulaski exacts revenge on Bay Port



Pulaski's Dylan Dorn holds the ball up in their game against the Bay Port Pirates on Tuesday, Jan. 30.
Tori Wittenbrock photos



Bay Port's Sawyer Durkee takes a shot in their game against Pulaski. With a record of 6-6 in conference, Bay Port remains in fifth place in the FRCC behind Pulaski.



Dorn goes up for a shot during their home game against the Pirates. With a record of 7-6 in the FRCC, Pulaski remains at fourth in their conference.



Mikey Jones looks for a pass as he takes the ball into their half of the court.



The final score of the game was a 74-65 win for the Pulaski Red Raiders.

Phantoms face tough loss to Xavier



West De Pere's Faith Walder gets two points for her team in their game against Xavier on Friday, Jan. 26.



West De Pere's Alexa Rattray charges down the court in their 68-72 overtime loss to Xavier. With this loss, West De Pere remains in first place in the Bay Conference with a record of 8-1 over Xavier with a 7-1 record.

Janelle Fisher photos



(LEFT) "It was a tough loss," Phantoms Head Coach Chris Abaray said. "We had some opportunities in regulation to seal it — we had about a 10-point lead. We did some things that we probably could have done a little better to extend the lead instead of give it up, but it's a learning experience for the girls and for us as coaches... All in all, I'm proud of our girls. They played hard."
 (RIGHT) "We're down some players, so we're a little smaller," Abaray said. "We knew we'd have to rely a lot more on our guards and I thought we did a good job of that. We knew rebounding was going to be an issue for us tonight, potentially, and it was."



Green Bay Never Trails in Win over Wright State

BY GREEN BAY ATHLETICS FOR THE PRESS TIMES

GREEN BAY — Four Phoenix reached double figures as the Green Bay women's basketball team took home an Alumni Day victory over Wright State, 77-59. Before the game, Green Bay Athletics retired the jersey of the program's all-time leading scorer, Chari Nordgaard Kneuppel.

Jasmine Kondrakiewicz led the way for the Phoenix (17-4, 10-1 HL) with her second straight 20+ point game of the season. She also finished with seven rebounds, five assists, and three steals. Cassie Schiltz, Maddy Schreiber and Natalie McNeal each finished with 13 points on the day. Green Bay never trailed in Sunday's contest.

Wright State (12-10, 6-5 HL) was led by 17 points, six rebounds and five assists from Alexis Hutchison.



The UW-Green Bay women's basketball team took a 77-59 victory over Wright State in Game 21 of this season.

Green Bay Athletics photo

How it happened

The Phoenix jumped out to a quick 10-0 advantage in the first 2:24, capped by a Kondrakiewicz three. Jasmine scored five of Green Bay's points. Wright State fought back and went on a 9-3 run, cutting the deficit to four with 4:50 left in the quarter after Rachel Loobie made a layup. Hutchison made a three at the end of the frame with Green Bay leading 25-15. Green Bay continued a strong first half in the second quarter when Schiltz tallied seven points. Her mid-range shot extended Green Bay's lead to 34-23 with 5:46 left in the half.

WSU's Lauren Scott made a triple not long before the halftime buzzer, but the Phoenix still led by 14 at the break.

Kondrakiewicz dominated out of the locker room, scoring the first five points of the half for Green Bay. The Phoenix went on a 12-4 run over the middle part of the stanza, taking a 26-point lead after a Schreiber layup. The Phoenix had at least a 15-point advantage in the fourth quarter, cruising to the 77-59 victory.

Game notes

Sunday's attendance of 2365 was the second-most in a game this season.

The Phoenix shot 47.9% from three-point range, knocking down nine of 19 long-range attempts.

Green Bay had a 32-31 edge on the boards.

Green Bay outscored the Raiders in the paint 36-32.

The Wright State bench scored 18 points to Green Bay's 14.

Coming up

Green Bay has some time off before their next game on Saturday at Cleveland State, which is scheduled for 1 p.m. The Phoenix will host NKU on Thursday, Feb. 8, and IU-PUI on Saturday, Feb. 10 for the annual PinkZone game.

Phoenix honor Green Bay greats



The UW-Green Bay Phoenix Men's Basketball team honored a trio of former players who contributed their share of success to the program by retiring their jersey numbers. From left to right, Tom Anderson (No. 40), 1974-78; Ron Ripley (No. 50) 1975-79; Dennis Woelffer (No. 54) 1969-73.

Green Bay Athletics photos



The UW-Green Bay Women's Basketball team retired jersey No. 33 in honor of former Phoenix legend Chari Nordgaard Kneuppel who played with the team from 1995-99. Kneuppel is the program's all-time leading scorer with 1,964 points. She also remains the team's single season points leader with 653 points.

Reynolds and Douglas Jr. lead Green Bay past Detroit Mercy, 78-64

BY GREEN BAY ATHLETICS FOR THE PRESS TIMES

GREEN BAY – Noah Reynolds and David Douglas Jr. put on a show at the Resch Center Saturday afternoon, combining for 58 of Green Bay's 78 points in a 78-64 win over Detroit Mercy. Reynolds dropped 34 points, his second-highest total of the year, while the freshman Douglas racked up 22, which was also his second-highest total of the year.

Foster Wonders came close to recording his first career double-double, chipping in with nine points and nine rebounds off the bench for the Phoenix (14-9, 9-3 HL).

The Titans (0-22, 0-11 HL) had four players in double figures, paced by Jayden Stone's 20 points. Marcus Tankersley added another 17 points.

How it happened

Detroit Mercy came to play, building an early lead and sustaining it until 29-25 with 2:11 to go in the first half. The Phoenix was quiet offensively for most of the period but got it going in the final two minutes, finishing on a 9-0 run to take a 34-29 lead into the break. Green Bay did most of its first-half damage in the paint, scoring 20 of its 34 points close to the basket.

Detroit Mercy wouldn't go away and proceeded to take a 45-43 lead before Green Bay went on another 9-0 run, finished off by one of Douglas' six second-half threes, to seize a 52-45 lead with 11:22 to go in the contest. Reynolds and Douglas took turns down the stretch and buried the Titans en route to the 78-64 win. 20 of Douglas' 22 points came in the second half.

Game notes

Green Bay's bench came alive by totaling 38 points, compared to just two points for the Titans bench.

Green Bay had a 36-29 edge on the boards in the win.

Green Bay got a game-high nine rebounds from Wonders.

Reynolds has scored 30+ points five times this season.

Today was the second time this season Douglas has scored 20+ points.

Green Bay outscored Detroit 36-24 in the paint.

Green Bay maintains their first place spot in the HL standings, moving to 9-3 in league play.

Up next

After concluding its three-game homestand with a standalone game versus IUPUI on Thursday, February 1 at 11 a.m., Green Bay will take on Robert Morris on Thursday, Feb. 8.



David Douglas Jr. leaps up for a shot in the Phoenix's 78-64 victory over Detroit Mercy. **Green Bay Athletics photo**

Watch 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 and

Green Bay men's basketball, please visit GreenBay-Phoenix.com.



Green Bay East's Jeremiah Jordan is third on his team for leaders in points per game, averaging 6.7. **Janelle Fisher photo**

EAST WEST

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Scoring was fairly reciprocal from that point on with many points scored by free throws, but the Red Devils were never able to

get back their lead.

With just under two minutes left of the game, the Wildcats were up 71-59.

Aiden Webster sunk a three point shot for West, followed by two baskets by Woods for East and a free

throw for the Wildcats by Sam Hemery, bringing the score to 75-64.

Terrance Laws made a basket for East in the final seconds of the game, making the final score 75-66.

CLARK

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Clark is also fourth in team history in playoff sacks with 5.

"I had my career high in sacks, and a lot of other things this year. I'm just proud about how I played and how I led this team," said Clark.

"I'm just looking forward to the future, knowing that we've got something good and knowing that I've got something to

build off of and I'm excited about what we can do."

This season, the Pro Bowl Games will remain a non-contact flag football game.

Due to risk of injury and a variety of other factors, players participating in the Super Bowl are not eligible to compete in the Pro Bowl Games.

Players are voted into the Pro Bowl Games by coaches and players within the League, as well as by fans, with each group's vote counting for an equal

third of the decision.

Due to the nature of the game, there is a variety of rule changes to accommodate the alternative setting, such as no rushing the passer, more than one forward pass thrown on the same play is allowed, kickoffs and punt returns are eliminated, among other rule changes.

This year's Pro Bowl Games will take place on Feb. 4, 2024 at Camping World Stadium in Orlando, Flor.



De Pere's Will Hornseth gets a dunk in the No. 1 Redbirds' game against the No. 2 Jaguars in their FRCC showdown on Tuesday, Jan. 30. **Carson Glosny photo**

BASKETBALL

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Hornseth dropped 32 points, not missing a single free throw, completing multiple and-one plays throughout the night.

With 12:27 to go in the first half, Roan Demovsky swished the wide open three-point shot to make it 17-9 for De Pere.

Ashwaubenon did not have the lead once throughout the entire contest, the closest they got being within one point.

The Jaguars wouldn't shy away in this one though, as Drew Tomashek made a contested layup off a pass from Jackson Sims to make it 19-13.

With 9:14 left in the first half, Ashwaubenon was needed to call a timeout after a steal and a fast break bucket by the Redbirds to push the score to 23-14.

Coming out of a timeout, Ashwaubenon went on a 7-0 run, which was capped off by a turn around hook shot from Sims, but was put to a stop by another and-1 from Hornseth.

There would be a stall in scoring for a couple minutes, but that was ended by a nice three-point jump shot from senior AJ Uhl. But Hornseth was back at it again with another and-one

pushing the score to 31-24.

"Tonight was one of our better games [in terms of] how we executed on both ends of the floor," said De Pere Head Coach Brian Winchester.

The Redbirds controlled the game from start to finish, as they have in many of their games this season.

Schoen answered Hornseth's play with a two-point jumpshot.

The ensuing possession featured Uhl laying one on in on a fast break after a missed opportunity by the Redbirds.

The score now 28-31 with 3:17 left in the first, Schoen knocked down another mid range jumper to make it 30-31. This is the closest the Jaguars would get all night.

Pryce Gregoire once again, knocks down a triple with two minutes left. On the next possession, he splashed yet another three-pointer, this time from the corner.

Going into halftime the score was 39-32, with Hornseth leading the way with 13 points at the half and Schoen led his team with 9.

De Pere started the second half hot, Hornseth once again with a huge play, this time in the form of a massive dunk. At this point, the score was 43-34.

With 12:35 left to go in the contest, junior Zach Kinzinger knocked down a pull up three to make it 55-38, now with a commanding lead. At this point, the Redbirds didn't slow down.

Hornseth slammed home a posterizing dunk a few possessions later, making it 59-43 and really taking some wind out of Ashwaubenon's sails. The Redbirds dominated in the second half.

With 9:20 left to go, De Pere still led 61-45 when Sims hit a transition triple, then Schoen made another transition bucket for the Jaguars, off of a nice feed from Tomashek, making it 50-61. Hornseth was sent to the line where he made both shots to complete his massive night of 32 points.

In the end, De Pere topped the Jaguars 74-56. "We gotta compete every possession, especially against a good team like that, we can't take any possessions off," said Coach Tomashek.

That's something they will look to improve going forward, as the Jaguars fall to 14-3, and 10-2 in the FRCC. While De Pere improves to 17-1 and stays perfect in the conference at 13-0. The Redbirds next matchup is against Notre Dame Academy at 5-9 and seventh in the FRCC.

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Green Bay West and East face-off

BY JANELLE FISHER
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GREEN BAY –The first five minutes of the game were dominated by East's Greg Denny and West's Sam Hemery, who scored seven and four points, respectively.

Those seven points by Denny were the first of 18 total points he would score throughout the game.

Braedin Jacobson and JaySean Wright added a collective five points to West's score, bringing the Wildcat's into the lead.

Jacobson and Wright proved themselves to be some of West's top scorers; Jacobson finished the game with 16 points and Wright with 12.

"Jacobson's been coming back to the program," West Coach Jerry Overstreet said. "He came late and he's been a big help to our team. JaySean Wright, it's his senior year... He shows up in a big way."

West held the lead for a minute, but a three-point shot from Quincy Shields — his first of 20 total points at Saturday's game — put East ahead.

Moments later, Jacobson retaliated with his own three-point shot for West, followed by a basket by Wright.

East's Denny and Queary Woods tied the game at 14 with a basket each and 7 minutes remaining in the first half.

Woods, only a sophomore at East, scored a total of 15 points against West.

"He's a sophomore and he's not got many minutes, but he got to start tonight," East Coach J.D. DeVault said. "I don't know how



Green Bay West's JaySean Wright puts two points on the board for his team. Janelle Fisher photo

many points he had, but I know he was in double digits and he guarded their best player the whole night really well. I was very impressed by that."

The next five minutes of gameplay pulled East ahead 25-West's 19 with points scored by Robert Castro, Jacobson and Dakotah Montez for the Wildcats and Owen DeVillers, Shields and Woods for the Red Devils.

A run of seven points brought the Wildcats back into the lead, but a basket by Shields for East put West just one point behind.

Jacobson sunk a 3-point shot at the buzzer to bring the Wildcats ahead 29-27 at half-time.

Wright scored the first two points of the second half just 15 seconds in, but an eight-point run by East's Shields and Jeremiah Jordan pulled the Red Devils ahead.

Points scored by Wright for West and Denny for East brought the score to 33-38 with East still ahead.

West then went on a 13-point run and then, after allowing only two 3-point shots from East, scored eight more points.

"We held together as a team, kept the energy up and in the end, the game is who wants it more," Overstreet said. "That's how we played. That's how we finished."

East scored five more points and West two before the game was paused with six minutes left to repair an equipment malfunction.

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Kenny Clark named to Pro Bowl Games

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Green Bay Packers Veteran DL Kenny Clark has been named to the 2024 Pro Bowl Games for the third time in his career. Tori Wittenbrock photo

GREEN BAY – After one of his most stellar seasons so far, veteran defensive tackle Kenny Clark has been named to the 2024 Pro Bowl Games.

Clark was drafted in 2016 by the Green Bay Packers out of UCLA and has been an integral part of the Packers' defense ever since.

This season will mark Clark's third year being named to the Pro Bowl team. Clark has been named to the Pro Bowl in 2019, 2021 and now 2023.

Although he has been with the Packers for eight seasons and is a seasoned vet, Clark has proven to be playing at this peak, posting his best stats so far in the 2023 season.

Earning this honor has come as a result of his performance this season earning a career-high 7.5 sacks, 16 QB hits, 2 forced fumbles and 9 tackles for a loss.

"I'm really proud of how I played, you know moving around this year," said Clark.

"I think I've really been consistent all year."

Throughout his career in Green Bay, Clark has started in 109 games for the Packers, compiling 34 sacks, 90 QB hits, 7 forced fumbles, and 52 tackles for a loss.

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Redbirds stay on top against Jaguars

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DE PERE – Tuesday, Jan. 30, was a star-studded matchup between Ashwaubenon (14-2), facing No. 1 De Pere (16-1). The game started with a lot of back and forth, each team trading shot for shot. Pryce Gregoire knocked down a triple with 15 minutes in the first half to make it 7-3. The Redbirds seemed entirely in control until senior Jayden Schoen got a 3-pointer of his own, making it 8-11 with De Pere still ahead.

Right back down the court, senior star Will Hornseth finished through contact and completed the and-1 bucket to add three for the Redbirds.

"He was the best player on the floor and he played like it," said Coach Mark Tomashek.

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Ashwaubenon Jaguar Jayden Schoen is second on the leaderboard for points per game for his team averaging 16 points. Carson Glosny photo

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