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## Shining a light on the use of solar technologies

BY MICKEY SCHOMMER  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY - In the fall of 2022, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) was awarded \$300,000 in an effort to reduce energy consumption by installing environmentally-positive battery storage systems at the Great Lakes Energy Education Center on the campus.

This project was recently finished and has helped the center become a nearly net-zero building, which means that it produces nearly as much energy as it consumes.

"The problem with [being nearly net-zero] is we don't produce

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## Advancing EMS care

Emergency medical service (EMS) professionals from across Wisconsin gathered Jan. 30 - Feb. 2 at the Resch Center as the Wisconsin EMS Association (WEMSA) hosted critical education and training. Nearly 1,000 EMS professionals attended classes and workshops to increase their education. In addition, over 100 high school students participated in interactive workshops on EMS skills, as WEMSA hosted their second annual High School Student Day. During the event, WEMSA handed out 300 pediatric medical bags to Wisconsin EMS departments courtesy of Cars Curing Kids. The bags help EMS departments better prepare for a pediatric 911 call. More photos inside on page 4.  
Kris Leonhardt photo

## Radio has a rebirth at UW-Green Bay

BY GRACELYN GIESE  
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GREEN BAY - On Thursday, Jan. 1, UW-Green Bay's Radio GBX celebrated its one-year anniversary and the return of campus radio.

Although UW-Green Bay has had a variety of radio stations since the 1970s, Radio GBX uses collaborative effort between faculty and students to stream music and news for their student body and beyond.

The return of Radio GBX was prompted by a need to expand opportunities for "hands-on, practical education" said Bryan Carr, advisor and general manager of the station.

"College radio in particular allows for freeform creative expression and experimentation, giving students the opportunity to put a ton of their own personality and taste into their on-air work while also training them how to write and speak effectively and manage the complexities of an on-air broadcast," he added.

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Marcus Moss and Hunter Chrisman have been hosting "The Midday Beat" since Radio GBX began in March of 2023.  
Gracelyn Giese photo

## The coolest comfort was once a necessity

BY KRIS LEONHARDT  
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GREEN BAY - Today, most families have refrigerators in their homes capable of generating ice; but, back in the early 1900s, the area was dependent on the Fox River and the bay of Green Bay to help generate ice to keep foods sustainable.

The ice trade once counted on a cold January for a good harvest and warm weather was detrimental to the limited time window they had in producing it.

The depth of the ice was heralded to the public and huge harvests were celebrated.

A January 1907 edition of the Press-Gazette announced the first permit issued by the com-

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The Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) was awarded \$300,000 in an effort to reduce energy consumption by installing environmentally-positive battery storage systems at the Great Lakes Energy Education Center. **Marc Amenson photo**

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the energy when we need it," John Hippensteel, instructor of solar energy at NWTC. "We sell back to WPS 60% of the energy that we produce because we're producing [energy] when the sun is shining, during the day, and it's a tremendous amount of energy [and] it's more than we need most days, most times of the year.

"When we get to the winter time, it's a little tough; the sun doesn't always cooperate. We're rescheduling our battery banks so that we can take advantage of nighttime energy and offset our daytime energy. We pay a lot more during the day than we do at night, so if the sun isn't cooperating... then we can just take advantage [of the battery banks] to make the grid

more efficient."

The new battery storage will allow NWTC to charge the battery bank during the day when energy production is at its peak and use the energy from the storage at night or during cloudy days when energy production is at a low.

"It helps make [our utilities] more efficient and certainly reduces the cost on our building for energy," Hippensteel stated.

"If we're overproducing [energy for the building], then we put [the energy] into the batteries. If we're overconsuming, then energy will be taken out of the batteries so we don't have to buy as much."

When asked about the future of net-zero facilities, Hippensteel said, "All these renewable energy power plants are great to offset

the energy consumed, but when we have enough of them, now we have to store that energy - kind of like [NWTC is]. Batteries are one way to store it. They're becoming more economical."

As for the Solar Energy Technology program at NWTC, storage becomes an important part of the process and the battery storage addition has given students a lot of hands-on learning opportunities, Hippensteel added.

"Almost all of the solar on campus has been led and designed and installed by students," he said.

The grant, which is allowed for the new battery storage units, shines a light on NWTC's Solar Energy Technology program, as well as the long-term benefits of renewable energy.



VITA assistance is available for community members and college students at the Center for Financial Wellness on the UW-Green Bay campus. **UW-Green Bay photo**

## VITA offers community tax assistance

BY JAMES DEVILEY  
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GREEN BAY - Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, or VITA, is available for in-person aid with tax preparation or assistance with yearly tax returns.

VITA assistance is now available for both community members and college students at the Center for Financial Wellness on the UW-Green Bay campus, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Additionally, they have periods available on the St. Norbert campus on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-6 p.m.

More opportunities to meet and talk about objectives and strategies to optimize your returns have been introduced this year, in person or electronically.

Households with an annual income below \$79,000 qualify for support with an educational program to enhance knowledge of tax returns and filing procedures.

"As a college student or recent graduate, you are eligible for various tax credits, including the American Opportunity Tax Credit, offering up to \$2,500 to offset education expenses," UW-Green Bay

Accounting and Finance Assistant Professor Zhuoli Axelton said.

Axelton said that they want to be more accommodating to pupils this year, regardless of whether they are high school or college students, for both tax filing and tax education.

"Whether you need a free e-filing option or professional assistance with your tax returns, they are here to help you maximize your refund," Axelton added.

For more information, visit [www.uwgb.edu/vita](http://www.uwgb.edu/vita) or email [axeltonz@uwgb.edu](mailto:axeltonz@uwgb.edu).

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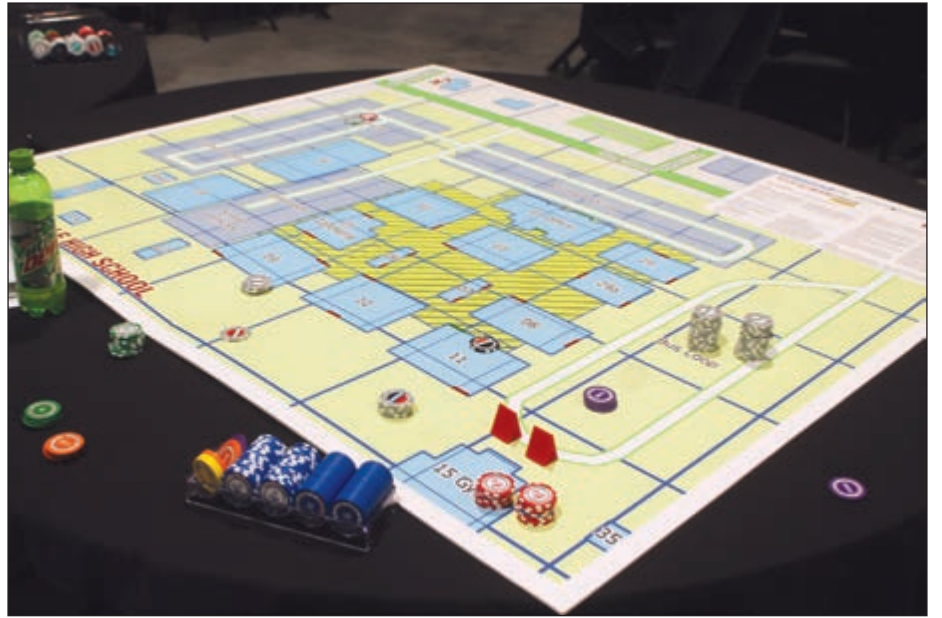
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# Advancing EMS care



Dr. Michael Kim speaks to EMS workers about drowning in children on Nov. 30 at the Resch Center. **Kris Leonhardt photos**



An active shooter event is played out in a board activity during the convention.



P.W. Training Group holds training on a shooting incident and assessing injuries.



Presenter Jeff Schultz speaks on what a bullet can do to a person's body, during the 2024 WEMSA Convention at the Resch Center.



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# Green Bay prison sees results of unaddressed warnings

BY MARIO KORAN/JUSTIN MAYO/JACK KELLY  
WISCONSIN WATCH

GREEN BAY – Wisconsin’s top prison official wrote to the governor in 2015 with a dire warning: The state prisons were dangerously understaffed, imperiling both guards and inmates.

Five years later, two men escaped from a maximum-security Wisconsin prison, fleeing early one morning when four of the facility’s five watchtowers were unmanned.

Today, two of the state’s prisons have been in lockdown, including Green Bay Correctional Institution.

Prison officials who initially blamed the restrictions on violent outbursts have since conceded that a shortage of guards has kept the lockdowns in place.

That should not have been a surprise.

By the time the crisis began, the state had known for years that it was losing guards faster than it could replace them.

Almost half the jobs for guards at the state’s maximum-security prisons were unfilled in mid-2023, up from just 10% at the start of 2017, according to an analysis of Department of Corrections data.

Overtime costs have skyrocketed, and so has the percentage of inexperienced officers in the workforce.



Jeff Hoffman, who retired as a Green Bay Correctional Institution corrections officer in 2023, is shown at his home in Green Bay, on Jan. 20. He says Act 10, a 2011 law that gutted most public employees’ collective bargaining rights, upended life for corrections officers.

The lack of personnel drove prison officials to take extreme shortcuts in how they ran the facilities, interviews and records show.

Even so, state leaders did not take significant steps to slow the hemorrhaging of guards until last year, long after the earliest problems were apparent.

Wisconsin’s struggle to staff its prisons is reflective of a crisis building across the country, as the job of prison guard, long seen as a stable position with generous benefits, has become increasingly undesirable.

Working conditions deteriorated as the pandemic ravaged aging correctional facilities, and other entry-level jobs suddenly began offering higher wages.

The number of people employed by state prisons fell in 2022 to its low-

est point in more than two decades, according to U.S. census data.

The Department of Corrections declined to comment for this article.

In a statement this week, the department said that conditions in the locked-down prisons had improved and that it had hired nearly 300 new guards in November and December.

In total, the department has nearly 3,000 full-time positions for corrections officers.

Last year, the legislature approved significant raises for guards, which have begun to reduce the number of unfilled openings.

The move came two years after a similar proposal died amid partisan infighting, leading the percentage of unfilled openings at the state’s maximum-security institutions to climb sharply, exceed-



The Green Bay Correctional Institution in Allouez, remains on lockdown. One of its towers is seen from a neighboring residential street on Jan. 19.

Taylor Glascock photos

ing 50% at four of the six prisons.

## Overworked staff and angry prisoners

When Joe Verdegan was hired as a corrections officer at the Green Bay Correctional Institution in the 1990s, the benefits were good, the hours predictable and the work manageable.

“When you got hired there, you were set for life,” Verdegan said.

That has changed tremendously over the past decade, he and other current and former guards said.

The first big shift came around 2011, when former Governor Scott Walker signed Act 10, a sweeping law that gutted public em-

ployees’ ability to bargain collectively with the state, a step Walker said was needed to close a \$3.6 billion budget gap.

The law broke most of Wisconsin’s powerful public-sector unions.

Guards lost the ability to negotiate for better working conditions.

Take-home pay shrunk because workers had to contribute more to pay for their benefits.

A record number of state employees retired the year the law took effect.

The employees who remained were forced to cover for them, often through mandatory overtime.

Veteran officers began to lose prized seniority rights, like the ability to choose preferred shifts

and work assignments, according to Jeff Hoffman, who worked as a corrections officer at Green Bay until he retired in 2023.

Schedules were even more grueling for the newest hires.

“They were getting jammed every single day, working 16-hour days, week after week after week, until they quit,” Hoffman recalled.

Between 2013 and 2022, annual overtime pay for officers and sergeants more than doubled, to \$64.8 million from \$28.1 million, according to an analysis of state payroll data.

The high levels of overtime resulted in at least 714 officers and sergeants

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— roughly one out of every six guards and sergeants — being paid more than \$100,000 in 2022. Twenty-eight of them made more than the \$152,755 salary of the head of the department. The ballooning costs reflected the legislature's decision to prioritize overtime ahead of increasing pay to attract new hires, said Ed Wall, who led the Department of Corrections from 2012 to 2016. In 2015, Wall saw the staffing shortfalls as a brewing disaster and

wrote a memo to Walker to warn him. "If we don't address the recruitment and retention issues appropriately, we will continue to see OT escalate and fatigue get worse," he wrote, adding that overworked guards and angry prisoners were a recipe for trouble. He said he handed it to Walker's chief of staff. It never came up again. The view in the department, Wall said in a recent interview, was, "They're not going to take us seriously until somebody gets killed." Wall resigned in 2016.

**A plan to raise wages**  
In 2021, the Department of Corrections asked a state legislative committee to take a major step to stabilize the prison system: A \$5-an-hour pay bump for corrections officers and sergeants, with extra pay available for workers at maximum-security prisons. At the time the state had amassed a \$2.5 billion surplus, and the booming job market was hurting recruitment efforts. During a hearing on the proposal, a state official testified that corrections officers were leaving for

higher wages at convenience stores and factories. Others were leaving to work as officers at county jails, which were offering attractive bonuses and a starting wage of \$25 an hour, she said, compared with \$19 an hour at the state prisons. In testimony and letters to the legislative committee, guard after guard said their facilities were in dire crises. The legislative committee approved modest across-the-board raises for all state employees, but voted 6-2 against extra pay

for guards. The Legislature instead voted to give the guards extra pay using short-term federal pandemic money — which Gov. Tony Evers then vetoed, saying it was irresponsible financing and the money was needed elsewhere. More corrections officers left. The vacancy rate at one prison reached 67%. At least three prisons were placed on lockdown. All had severe guard shortages, the staffing data revealed. One — the Stanley Correctional Institution, a medium-security prison in western Wisconsin — had the state's highest ratio of inmates to guards: nearly 20 inmates for every guard in May 2023. Two years earlier, the ratio was about 8 to 1. Stanley remained on lockdown for a year. Verdegan, who retired from the Green Bay prison in 2020, said he often saw prison officials attribute a lockdown to inmate misbehavior, when too few guards was the real reason.

As the situation in the prisons worsened, the calls to raise guards' pay started to receive some support. In 2023, the Legislature agreed to raise starting pay for corrections officers to \$33 an hour from \$20.29 and made additional pay available to those working at maximum-security prisons and facilities with vacancy rates above 40%. Vacancy rates for guards finally started declining. Restrictions have been eased at some facilities, where family visits and recreation were restored. Still, two prisons remain on lockdown, and prisoners have said in recent weeks that life in those facilities has barely improved since the lockdowns started. Evers said the pay increases helped attract an especially large class of recruits. Corrections officers said they were cautiously optimistic, but that it might take a year or two for the new wave of recruits to make much difference in the staffing shortages. One reason: The department has historically lost about half of all new recruits in their early years of service.



Ice harvesting on the Fox River in the early 1900s.

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missioner of health that year stating, "The first firm to cut is Miller & Rasmussen. The company began operations yesterday cutting for the Sisters of St. Vincent Hospital on a private contract to fill the storage house of the hospital with enough ice to supply the wants of the patients for a year. "With the start on the annual harvest made, it is probable that ice cutting will continue uninterrupted until the crop of dealers and

private users is complete." The ice wasn't quite thick enough for ideal harvesting — at 12 inches thick — but was expected to be at 16 inches within a week. The ice needed to be just thick enough to support the workers and horses in order to harvest, but ideally at 18 inches. A warm winter cold garner a poor harvest unable to support the community through the coming year. A lucrative 16,000-17,000 cords of ice were expected to be harvested in ideal conditions. The following year saw

the ice at two feet thick after three weeks of harvesting. Later years reported anywhere from eight inches to two feet in January. On the years that harvest totals were low, ice was shipped in from Waupaca and price increases hit local households. To harvest, local companies scraped off the ice and a grid was cut in the ice using horses pulling a scoring tool. The ice was then cut all of the way through and floated down the river to a chute to be carried off the ice.

**UW-Madison Archives photo**  
The ice was then transported from the shore to insulated sheds, where they remained until block chunks were delivered to homes in the summer, to keep fish, meat and dairy products fresh in the family "ice box." In the late 1920s, mechanical ice-making machines came into use and local companies started to rely on artificial ice. Coupled with a diminished quality in the once crystal-clear river water, the ice industry started to die by the early 1930s, later giving way to the refrigerator.

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Students have taken advantage of the opportunities provided by the radio station. "I joined because I needed an outlet," said Sophia White, a junior at UW-Green Bay. She runs "The Collective" at Radio GBX from 2-4 p.m.

every Wednesday and is one of a handful of students with their own section at the station. Seniors Hunter Chrisman and Marcus Moss have been co-hosting "The Midday Beat" from noon - 2 p.m. every Monday since March 2023. Staff members also have their own shows in the works, with a news broadcast

and sports show planned. Students and staff have worked together to rebuild radio broadcasting at UW-Green Bay and establish it as an important group on campus. "One thing that prompted me to be a part of Radio GBX was from the excitement that this was a new frontier in student-led media. I wanted to be a part of the team to be

able to help the station expand and become a staple at UWGB and the community," shared Valeria Tavarez, program director of Radio GBX. "Historically at UWGB, the radio has been reinvented. I hope that Radio GBX sticks and is a station for many years to come." Radio GBX can be streamed live anytime via live365.com.

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# NEWS BRIEFS

## Canary Fund announces \$20,000 of grants

BROWN COUNTY – The Canary Fund, a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation, recently awarded \$20,200 to individuals and organizations in Northeast Wisconsin working to address unmet needs through original project initiatives in their communities.

“Twice a year, we accept grant applications and then award funds of between \$1,500 and \$5,000 to activists, visionaries, and change-makers across 12 Wisconsin counties,” said Pete Angiello, The Canary Fund president. “We continue to be in awe of the many individuals who roll up their sleeves and get to work making a difference in our communities. We’re also grateful for the many generous donors who continue to support these difference-makers with contributions to The Canary Fund. Together, we are creating more compassionate, just, and sustainable communities.”

Included in this round of grants are several Brown County projects, including Kids Art Hub, Safe Swim Refugees, Peer Mentor Program, GOLD: The Documentary, Dudes & T.A.C.O.S. and The History of Brown County Through the Eyes of Preston Taylor.



## Nominations open for Packers Protect and Serve Award

WISCONSIN – The Green Bay Packers are accepting nominations through March 15 for the Packers Protect and Serve Award, which recognizes exemplary law enforcement officers who go above and beyond the call of duty within the state of Wisconsin.

Nominees should be active, full or part-time law enforcement officers who demonstrate leadership, dedication and a commitment to bettering their communities.

Officers nominated should be those who have displayed heroism and/or exhibited extraordinary commitment to public safety, the community and their fellow officers.

Nominators can select to nominate an officer or department for one of four categories: Individual Officer Award, K-9 Award, School Resource Officer Award or Department Award.

Fifteen awards will be presented: 12 Individual Officer Awards and one for each of the other three categories.

The Packers Protect and Serve Award is funded by the Packers and the NFL Foundation, with each award recipient receiving a \$2,000 grant to benefit his or her department or a nonprofit with which they are involved.

Nominations will be accepted online through March 15 at [packers.formstack.com/forms/packers\\_protect\\_and\\_serve\\_award](http://packers.formstack.com/forms/packers_protect_and_serve_award).



## Wisconsin workers owed more than \$1.5 million

WISCONSIN – More than 1,300 Wisconsin workers are owed more than \$1.5 million in back wages recovered by the U.S. Department of Labor’s Wage and Hour Division.

A significant portion of that money remains unclaimed

because some of the workers due back wages cannot be located.

In many cases, the employees change jobs or change addresses and cannot be notified of the money due them.

The Wage and Hour Division can only hold unclaimed back wages for three years before they are required to turn it over to the Department of the Treasury.

In an effort to reach out to more workers and help them claim the money they are owed, the agency has developed an online search tool, Workers Owed Wages that allows workers to enter information to find out if wages are being held back on their behalf.

Visit [dol.gov/agencies/whd/wow](http://dol.gov/agencies/whd/wow) for more information.



## Wisconsin Agriculture in the Classroom “Sweetens” 2024 Essay Contest

WISCONSIN – Fourth- and fifth-grade writers have a chance to win a Flex Farm hydroponic growing system for their school when they submit an essay entry to the Wisconsin Agriculture in the Classroom Essay Contest.

The annual essay contest hosted by Wisconsin Agriculture in the Classroom and Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation invites students in both public and private Wisconsin schools to explore an aspect of the food and fiber that is grown and produced by Wisconsin farmers.

This year’s contest honors the sweetest of Wisconsin’s agriculture commodities: fruit.

“Wisconsin’s unique landscape and cultural heritage have directly contributed to the diverse agricultural crops and products that are grown and produced in our communities,” said Wisconsin Agriculture in the Classroom Coordinator Beth Schaefer.

Essay entries are due April 15 and can be entered online at [wisagclassroom.org](http://wisagclassroom.org) or sent directly to a local county Farm Bureau.

Each qualifying student essay entry received from public or private schools in Wisconsin will count as one entry for the giveaway drawing that will be held the week of May 20.

Full contest details and rules can be found at [wisagclassroom.org](http://wisagclassroom.org).

## UW-Green Bay honored by First Scholars Network

GREEN BAY – The Center for First-Generation Student Success, an initiative of NASPA and The Suder Foundation has announced the advancement of UW-Green Bay to the First Scholars phase of the First Scholars Network.

This phase signals an unprecedented commitment to serving first-generation students.

UW-Green Bay was chosen based on its demonstrated commitment to advancing the outcomes of first-generation students through improving both first-generation student success initiatives and institution-wide approaches.

“We are honored to be selected as a First Scholars Institution by the Center for First-Generation Student Success. We pride ourselves in empowering all of our students through the education we provide,” said UW-Green Bay Chancellor Michael Alexander. “It is exciting for us to be recognized for helping students who have never had a parent or guardian graduate college. As an access institution, this is an important way we can show we are making a difference to the lives of our students and the communities they return to after they graduate.”

First Scholars serves as the Center’s customized approach to international institutional transformation to advance student outcomes, working to establish an environment where direct student support can be established, scaled, and sustained.

“When a first-generation student attends an institution that is developed with them in mind, and has appropriate

supports and resources, outcomes will improve,” said Dr. Sarah E. Whitley, vice president with the Center for First-generation Student Success. “First Scholars institutions have demonstrated this commitment at the highest level on campus.”

## 2024 Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest

WISCONSIN – The Helen Farnsworth Mears Art Contest for seventh- and eighth-grade Wisconsin students will be held in April, honoring the memory of Wisconsin sculptor Helen Mears by encouraging students artists and promoting art in the community.

The Woman’s Club of De Pere is conducting and supporting the De Pere contest by offering monetary awards, award certificates and ribbons to the first, second and third place winners. Honorable Mention winners and 6th grade winners will receive an award certificate and a ribbon.

Students may submit an entry in each of the 3 categories: 2-D, 3-D and Digital Art.

The artwork will be on display to the public at the Kress Library in De Pere.

Judging will take place before the exhibit is open to the public and will be based on originality, creativity, craftsmanship, attention to the “elements of art”, principles of design, presentation and message.

The art must be entirely the student’s own work, done with teacher supervision.

For further details, contact Sue Walsh (920) 360-1509 or email [sue.walsh1@hotmail.com](mailto:sue.walsh1@hotmail.com).

## Wisconsin DOR launches free WisTax e-filing system, joins IRS Free File program

WISCONSIN – The individual income tax filing season began on Jan. 29 and the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) is ready to help taxpayers with their tax preparation and filing needs.

New this filing season is DOR’s WisTax electronic filing system, which is available for free to qualifying taxpayers who completed their federal Form 1040 or 1040-SR.

WisTax replaces WI e-file, and plans are in the works to continue expanding this free tax filing service.

Wisconsin is also participating in the IRS Free File program for the first time.

Qualifying taxpayers can use a certified Free File software provider to file their federal and Wisconsin returns for free.

Free tax preparation services are also available to qualifying taxpayers through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly volunteer programs, which the DOR helps coordinate with the IRS and participating agencies.



## NOAA accepts nomination of National Estuarine Research Reserve site along Bay of Green Bay

GREEN BAY – Gov. Tony Evers has announced that The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has reviewed the final nomination package submitted by the state of Wisconsin for a multi-component site in the Bay of Green Bay and determined that it meets all regulatory requirements for accepting the nomination of a National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR).

“Conserving and protecting our natural resources and land continues to be a top priority for my administration,

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and I am thrilled to see this important effort to designate a site along the Bay of Green Bay as a new National Estuarine Research Reserve move forward," said Gov. Evers. "I want to thank everyone at UW-Green Bay, NOAA, and all those involved in this effort, and I look forward to the continued progress to see this designation, which will bolster efforts to study and conserve this important regional ecosystem, realized."

"This nomination embodies the collaboration with partners and the public that is the backbone of the research reserve system," said Nicole LeBoeuf, director of NOAA's National Ocean Service. "As we move through the designation process, NOAA is committed to hearing from partners about how research, education, and stewardship opportunities can help make this estuarine ecosystem and Great Lakes communities more resilient."

In 2022, Gov. Evers announced he would be nominating a site in the Bay of Green Bay for inclusion in the NERR System, a national network of 30 sites across the coastal United States and the Great Lakes designed to protect and study estuaries and their coastal wetlands.

The site is made up of a number of natural areas along the bay's shoreline and surrounding region that were submitted to the governor by the UW-Green Bay, which has been the lead state organization behind the effort to designate a Bay of Green Bay NERR for the last several years.

NOAA's acceptance of this site for nomination is a significant milestone in the NERR designation process and a step toward bringing the water quality research, educa-

tional programming, and technical expertise that comes with such a designation to Northeast Wisconsin.

UW-Green Bay will continue to lead the state's efforts through the next steps toward NERR designation, and if selected, the reserve will be a non-regulatory entity managed by UW-Green Bay with program guidance and technical assistance from NOAA.

"This is an exciting next step for our region. UW-Green Bay is committed to studying, preserving, and protecting the area that includes the largest freshwater estuary in the world," said UW-Green Bay Chancellor Michael Alexander. "The partnership that can happen by bringing in a national network of coastal research experts will provide information that is locally relevant and nationally significant and bring attention and support to the region to help solve some of the challenges facing our great waterways. This is an effort we are proud to lead."

**Butz joins New North board of directors**

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN – Laurie Butz of Capital Credit Union, a regional business leader for three-plus decades, has joined the board of directors of New North Inc., the regional economic development corporation for the 18 counties of Northeast Wisconsin.

She was advanced by New North's board development committee earlier this month and subsequently approved by the Board.

"We are pleased to welcome Laurie to the New North board," said Barb LaMue, president and CEO of New North

Inc. "She brings a strong background in financial services, along with human resources and organizational development. Just as important, Laurie has been an involved leader in our region, serving a number of nonprofits."

Laurie Butz is president and CEO of Capital Credit Union, a financial institution serving more than 120,000 members throughout 12 counties in the New North.

Over the course of her career, Butz has held leadership roles in human resources and organizational development, among other areas and spent 11 years combined locally with customer-focused companies Alta Resources and PacifiCare/American Medical Security (now United Health).

A lifelong Green Bay resident, Butz holds a bachelor's degree in business administration-human resource management from UW-Green Bay and an MBA degree from the UW-Oshkosh.

**De Pere High School to participate in UW direct admission program**

BY LEE REINSCH  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

DE PERE — Starting next year, many De Pere High School students and their families could find themselves saving time, money and headaches when it comes to applying for colleges.

Wisconsin is one of 10 states in the country to participate in a direct admission program, and Unified School District of De Pere is among the 348 public high schools from 293 districts plus 12 private schools to participate in the new Wisconsin program.

Through the program, all students who opt in are automatically applied to 10 of the state's state universities.

They include UW-Green Bay, UW-Milwaukee, UW-Oshkosh, UW-Parkside, UW-Platteville, UW-River Falls, UW-Stevens Point, UW-Stout, UW-Superior and UW-Whitewater.

The University of Wisconsin at Madison, UW-La

Crosse and UW-Eau Claire are not participating.

The goal of the program is to open up the University of Wisconsin system to students across the state, according to De Pere High School Principal Roger Allen.

Allen told the school board that the program will streamline the admissions process for qualifying high school students.

"You are automatically admitted to a participating university as long as you meet the minimum requirements," he said. "The traditional process of applying — filling out the application fee, sending your transcripts, all that stuff — would be automatic for our students."

Admission will be based on non-weighted grade point average.

The program begins with this year's juniors, the class of 2025.

They'll be hearing more about the program in the coming months and will

know sometime in summer whether they've been accepted.

"Each (accepted) student will receive a personalized letter notifying them of their admission to a university," Allen said.

In the old days, students had to research schools, pay application fees, fill out applications, have the school send transcripts and wait for schools to make their decisions before enrolling.

Normal application fees are \$25 each for UW-Eau Claire and UW-La Crosse, \$70 for University of Wisconsin at Madison and for the other 10 schools it's free for three applications and \$25 for each subsequent one.

Allen told the school board that 73% of the graduating class of 2023 enrolled in a four-year college or university.

Another 20% enrolled in a two-year college or vocational program.

Allen said the success of the program will be based on admission numbers, and

he wouldn't be surprised if the direct admission program spread to two-year colleges and technical schools.

"Initially you were going to see a big push for students to go into the system right now," superintendent Christopher Thompson said. "At the same time, I want to see those technical colleges having a similar kind of access so the students understand what all options are."

Thompson expanded that category to include the military as well as schools that are not part of the process initially.

He said the automatic application function is a big plus for students who don't have to worry that they missed a deadline.

Allen said the program costs the district nothing.

School board member Jeff Dickert said the program could end up saving guidance counselors and administrative staff time and work.

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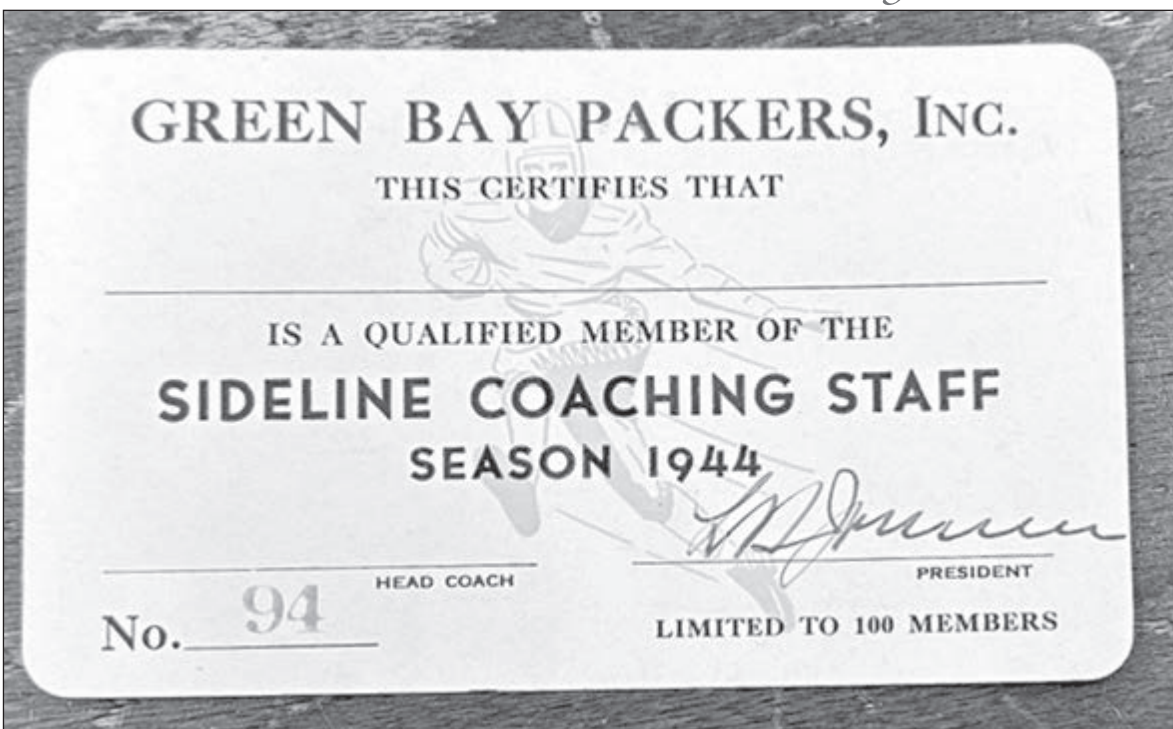
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## PUBLISHER'S LETTER

### On Lying

Dear Reader,

In a world saturated with lies, the consequences stretch beyond immediate distrust. Lies erode credibility and integrity, turning trust into a fragile commodity.

The story of the boy who cried wolf serves as a timeless reminder that repeated deceit tarnishes one's reputation, leaving them isolated and unheard when the truth finally emerges. As adults, our responsibility to model honesty for children is paramount; failing to do so risks perpetuating a cycle of dishonesty that can harm relationships and society as a whole.



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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Green Bay generosity contributes to success

DEAR EDITOR,

Generosity throughout Green Bay contributed to a successful shoebox gift collection season at drop-off locations for the Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child.

Across the U.S., the project collected 10 million shoebox gifts in 2023.

Combined with those collected from partnering countries in 2023, the ministry is now sending over 11.3 million shoebox gifts to children worldwide, including many who are suffering from war, poverty, disease and disaster.

Through shoeboxes — packed with fun toys, school supplies, and personal care items — Green Bay area volunteers brought joy to children in need around the world.

Each gift-filled shoebox is a tangible expression of God's love, and it is often the first gift these children have ever received.

Through the continued generosity of donors since 1993, Operation Christmas

Child has collected and delivered more than 220 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories.

Across Wisconsin, shoebox packers often shop for deals on shoebox items throughout the year, and many serve at a deeper level by becoming a year-round volunteer.

Information about ways area participants can get involved year-round can also be found at samaritanspurse.org/occ or by calling 630-474-9478.

Although local drop off locations for shoebox gifts are closed until Nov. 18 – 25, anyone can still be a part of this life-changing project by conveniently packing a shoebox gift online in just a few simple clicks at samaritanspurse.org/buildonline.

These simple gifts, packed with love, send a message to children worldwide that they are loved and not forgotten.

Sincerely,  
Luke Switzer  
Samaritan's Purse

## BE OUR GUEST

### DOC continues to increase movement Green Bay facilities

FROM THE DOC

The Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) continues to assess modified movement at Waupun Correctional Institution (WCI) and Green Bay Correctional Institution (GBCI) and incrementally increase participation in activities.

Beginning Jan. 31, the DOC is taking another step forward by lifting the administrative rule suspension at WCI related to personal hygiene.

The DOC has seen an influx of security staff

through its Facility Staff Training and Support graduations. Academy graduations in November and December brought nearly 300 new corrections officers to Wisconsin's adult institutions.

This helped lower the DOC's vacancy rate among correctional officers and sergeants from 35% in August to 26% as of January 13.

Lifting of the administrative rule suspension related to personal hygiene was made possible, in part, by temporarily relocat-

ing additional security staff from other facilities to WCI through the supplemental staffing plan (SSP).

WCI already had 22 officers through the SSP, and beginning on January 3 that number was increased to 33. Without the recent reduction in our overall vacancy rate, sending additional staff to WCI would not have been possible.

The additional staff is helping WCI sustain a more predictable daily operations schedule while maintaining safety for staff and persons in our care (PIOCs).

The DOC anticipates another record-setting graduation in February.

The increased interest in security staff jobs is largely driven by the new compensation plan included in Governor Evers' biennial budget and included in the final budget approved by the State Legislature.

The plan set starting pay at \$33 per hour for correctional officers, which can be as high as \$41 per hour with add-ons.

"While we understand the work is not yet finished, we're encouraged by both the growing interest in corrections officer jobs and the tremendous work from our staff to help get us to this point," said DOC Secretary Kevin Carr. "We will continue to evaluate operations at both facilities and increase activities when it can be

done safely for staff and all persons in our care."

While WCI and GBCI remain in modified movement, both facilities have increased activities in a number of areas. At WCI, the remaining suspended rules relate to in-person visitation and leisure time activities.

The facility has been able to offer two periods of recreation weekly for each PIOC, and now permits video visitation on weekends and at least two showers each week. At GBCI, the only rule suspension that remains is related to leisure time.

The facility resumed in-person visitation in November and offers one period of recreation each week.

In November, Governor Evers and the DOC announced a number of measures that included transitioning WCI to single-cell housing by March 1.

This effort required the transfer of approximately 230 PIOCs, and as of Jan. 26 the DOC only needs to transfer 54 PIOCs to meet its goal.

The reduction in population at WCI will help take pressure off of the facility's security staff.

For more information on the recent measures announced by Governor Evers and the DOC, see the November press release.

Updates on staffing and vacancies can be found on the DOC's interactive dashboard.

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# Jerry Augustine: A team bond

BY KRIS LEONHARDT  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

*Continued from last week*

As the Milwaukee Brewers developed into a powerhouse — known as “Harvey’s Wallbangers” for manager Harvey Kuenn — Jerry Augustine said that the team grew into a close-knit group.

“From 1979 on, we were very, very close to making the playoffs each of those years. If you look at where we were from 1978 — when (George) Bamberger came over — where we were from 1978 to 1981. We got into playoffs in 1981 and made it to the World Series in 1982. There was a bond there,” Augustine recalled.

“But, I think when you talk about that bond... you need special people to be your leaders. And I think that’s one thing that we had. In the trade with St. Louis when Rollie (Fingers) came over and Pete Vuckovich came over and Ted Simmons came over; that was the key right there. And it wasn’t because they were good baseball players, it was because we found a leader and that leader was Ted Simmons. Ted Simmons was our leader. He’s the one guy that when you talk about a team and being able to form and go out and present yourself as a team and do good things. It was Ted Simmons.”

But, when the Brewers made it to the World Series in 1982, they would



The 1982 Brewers won the American League pennant but lost the World Series to the St. Louis Cardinals in seven games.

Milwaukee Brewers Baseball photo

do so without their ace relief pitcher, Rollie Fingers, and when the team picked up Don Sutton, Augustine wouldn’t be in the lineup either.

“What happened was in July, Rollie tore up his

shoulder and what they had to make the decision on was who they’re going to put on the roster. And it just ended up that myself and Jamie Easterly were two guys that were left off the roster,” he added.

“We did everything the baseball team did — we traveled, we dressed, we sat on the bench, we did everything everybody did — we just weren’t eligible.”

The 1982 Brewers won the American League pennant, but lost the World Series to the St. Louis Cardinals in seven games, 4-3, and still came back to a hero’s welcome in Wisconsin.

“Rollie Fingers came up to me several years later and said ‘Augie, you know, I couldn’t pitch and I knew you could pitch. I went in and I was hoping they would activate you,’” Augustine recalled.

“But it ended up that they were using Rollie say-

ing that he could come in any time and it just didn’t work out that he did get in; and of course because of that, I wasn’t active in the roster.

“But, I lived every minute with everybody that played. I sat next to Harvey Keane. I learned more about baseball from Harvey that time... I learned so much about baseball and sports and how to say you know, what, maybe you were the active guy, but like Harvey told me, he said, ‘Augie, we wouldn’t be here if it wouldn’t be for you. One of the games that you pitch for us during the summer, the way you came out, you worked your butt

off and you worked hard, is the reason why the Milwaukee Brewers made it to the playoffs.’ And I think Harvey would say that anybody who was on our roster because it took us as a team in order to do it.

“He just made you feel really special and know that you were a part of that 1982 team that was able to make it. To this day I’ll never forget it and it’s really helped me be a better person.

“It really helped me as far as my coaching and what I think about baseball and the way I talk about baseball and my love for the game; that really helped me a lot.”

*Next week: Life after the Brewers*



## Godlewski engages with UW-Green Bay students

Secretary of State of Wisconsin Sarah Godlewski, at right, pictured with Green Bay City Clerk Celestine Jeffreys, made a stop in Green Bay on Tuesday, Jan. 30, where she participated in a roundtable at UW-Green Bay on civic engagement with young people. Godlewski said that approximately \$1.2 billion dollars of Federal Work Study Funds could be available to support government agencies and nonprofits that are engaged in democracy activities. In Wisconsin, this would be approximately \$21 million and would be available to an estimated 14,000 students. She said that she is working to get the Department of Education to send updated guidance on the work study program and the new opportunity to work with local government and nonprofits and to build the coordination effort to connect universities, tech schools and students with opportunities in government or nonprofits.

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## Green Bay Area Public School District seeks public feedback

BY PRESS TIMES STAFF

GREEN BAY — The Green Bay Area Public School District (GBAPS) is seeking public input for its strategic planning process.

“The Green Bay Area Public School District has retained the Wisconsin Association of School Boards to lead the District through a strategic planning process. Community involvement is a key aspect of the strategic planning process as it helps align the District’s priorities with the values of the community,” a GBAPS release stated.

“To ensure stakeholder input, staff, families and community members are asked to complete a survey. Residents of the Green Bay Area Public School District will receive a postcard that includes a unique code for completing the survey.”

Other household members may complete the survey by contacting the district office at (920) 448-2025 to receive another passcode.

“The survey will help



The Green Bay Area Public School District (GBAPS) is seeking public input for its strategic planning process. File photo

inform the strategic plan by allowing community members to share ideas to improve the school district and offer advice for the strategic planning team regarding potential long-term priorities and goals. The survey results will be reviewed by the Strategic Planning Committee and will be used to help determine priorities, goals, desired outcomes, and ac-

tion steps for the strategic plan,” the release added.

“Survey responses are anonymous.”

The survey will close on Feb. 16.

A paper copy of the survey may be downloaded from the district’s website or picked up at the district office at 200 S. Broadway, Green Bay, or at any school office.

For more information, visit [www.gbaps.org](http://www.gbaps.org).

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# THE BUZZ

## Sharing 'Our Voices'

By Mickey Schommer  
Contributing Writer

On Jan. 31, UW-Green Bay celebrated the launch of its digital archive, *Our Voices: LGBTQ+ Stories of Northeastern Wisconsin*.

The archive consists of oral interviews with local LGBTQ+ individuals that cover a variety of topics from coming-out stories to advocacy work to relationships. This collection seeks to "document and preserve the voices of LGBTQ+ individuals in Northeastern Wisconsin."

When people think of archives and history, they often assume that there are boxes of documents waiting to be opened, but UW-Green Bay's Coordinator of Archives Deb Anderson said that archives are about storytelling.

The project began in 2019 with a student who was looking for a different way to complete their final project. Anderson offered the student an independent study during which they would conduct four interviews.

The interviews started with Nicole Kurth, the UW-Green Bay Pride Center Coordinator, who was asked by Anderson to be interviewed.

Anderson would ask friends of Kurth, who then ask friends of friends and spiraled into a "spiderweb" of willing interviewees.

*Our Voices* expanded in 2020 and since then, it has taken off, averaging 20 interviews per year, with a current total of over 60 interviews completed and 12 to be conducted this spring semester.

When talking about the expansion of the project in 2020, Kim Reilly, co-chair of the women, gender and sexuality studies program at UW-Green Bay, said that the students wanted to understand their elder history and *Our Voices* has provided a connection which has "an indescribable emotional human impact."

Valerie Murrenus-Pilmaier, co-chair of

the women, sexuality, and gender studies program, said, "We have interviews that range from 40 minutes to almost four hours. We have every kind of representation that you can imagine in terms of interviewing. That goes from nonbinary to genderfluid to trans-masculine, trans-feminine, bi, straight, just plain allies. It totally runs the gamut. And our [age range] runs from anywhere between 18 to 90.

"They are so many [voices] that have been silenced and we need to hear them."

Similarly, Annelise Sparks, a student at UW-Green Bay, spoke highly of the interviewing project, but often wondered "Where's the joy?" when learning about the histories of LGBTQ+ individuals.

The LGBTQ+ community has a limited or very depressing history because they were faced with such hate and they didn't live into old age, said Sparks.

Because of this, Sparks feels that the project holds incredible value for the community as it records a range of topics from a diverse group of people at such a local level that not only documents hardship, but also pride.

Future endeavors of the UW-Green Bay Archives *Our Voices* project include an exhibit in collaboration with the Neville Museum starting Saturday, Feb. 10, and Footlights Theatre is working to create a play based on the interviews in the *Our Voices* archive.

Likewise, the UW-Green Bay Archives will begin transcribing more of their interviews, as only some of their audio interviews also have companion text.

If you would like to share your voice with the UW-Green Bay Archives collection, please contact [archives@uwgb.edu](mailto:archives@uwgb.edu)

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## THE NEXT GENERATION OF ACTORS

### Lee Demarce

West De Pere High School

**Parents:** Brooke and Jeremy Demarce

**Area of Interest:** Theater

**When did you first get involved in theater?**

I first got involved in theater when I was in elementary school. We were putting on the Disney Broadway production of *Newsies* and I originally was only interested in doing it with my friends. However, I quickly found myself loving every aspect of it. At the time, I had such bad stage anxiety that I was shaking from my small role. Despite this, my love for theater continued to grow as I started expanding my knowledge of theater and musicals. I discovered the amazing and accepting community of theater and I've been attached ever since.

**What do you like most about theater?**

What I love most about theater is how connected everything and everyone is. Everyone plays an important role when it comes to putting together a show. It's so much more than the talented cast on stage, but the entire show would fall apart without the amazing crew. Everyone has an important role and I really feel like a community when I'm around people who have a passion for theater as much as I do.

**What has been your favorite experience related to theater so far?**

My favorite experience was the end of my first show as the lead role. I had never gotten such a big role and I was so nervous. But I had put in so much work and time into this show and I was so incredibly proud of everyone and myself. I could feel the energy in the auditorium when we finally got that applause during the bows. Something I will never forget is seeing my brother be the first to stand when I eventually came out to bow. I felt such a sense of pride in not only myself, but everyone who was involved.

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

My dream is to continue as a performer on stage. Honestly, I don't have a particular dream role or show I'd like to be in. I'd be more than happy if I was able to continue with theater as my career and just be involved in shows!

**What advice would you give to someone looking to get into theater?**

Just go for it! I've always found that theater is where I can be most like myself without judgement. I find myself at home on stage or even backstage. Theater is not just for actors, crew and tech are just as important. Sometimes it's tough trying to fit in when you're new but, given time, you'll learn that everyone is just as much of a theater nerd as you are and anyone is welcome!

**What three words would you use to describe yourself?**

Outgoing, empathetic and energized.



**What subject do you enjoy most in school?**

I really enjoy math! While it's not the most popular subject, I've always found it extremely fun. I love being challenged with problems I don't know and that satisfying feeling of finally understanding a tough concept.

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

To either continue with whatever career I end up falling into or to live a quiet, comfortable life. I've always found myself flexible when it comes to my future. If I end up with a big role on stage or living a quiet suburban life, I'm perfectly fine with it. I usually go with whatever feels right.

**Are you a Green Bay Packers fan?**

No, my whole family are hardcore Steelers fans! While we're not from Pittsburgh, we've always loved the team because of my dad. I don't know much about football so I always just went along with it, but I've been to a home game for them which was an amazing experience! **CP**

#### Favorites

**Song:** "Grand Finale" by The Front Bottoms

**Book:** *Girl in Pieces* by Kathleen Glasgow

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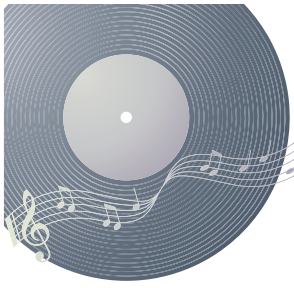
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# THE BEAT

## Symphony of students

By Janelle Fisher  
City Pages Editor

On Friday, Feb. 16, the Civic Symphony of Green Bay will invite audiences of all ages to attend the next concert in its 29th season entitled “Musician’s Journey: Beginner to Adult.”

Seong-Kyung Graham, director of the Civic Symphony of Green Bay, said that each February, the group focuses on outreach — this year, connecting with younger generations.

“The Civic Symphony is a community orchestra and I wanted us to get involved in the community and have students experience what it’s like to play with adults,” Graham said. “Most of them will be staying here — they grow up here, they graduate, they get a job and then live here — and I want them to know that whether you go into a music career or not, you can enjoy your instrument that you have learned and play. And after graduation, you can always join the community group... Most of our members in the Civic Symphony are not professionals. We have professionals as leaders, however most of them have day jobs. We have doctors. We have engineers. We have teachers. We have a postman and all kinds of occupations... I really wanted to encourage students to pick up an instrument when they are young and keep playing.”

In their efforts to encourage students to discover their passion for music, the Civic Symphony of Green Bay has invited nearly 100 students to play alongside them in Friday’s concerts, from Suzuki Music Academy of Green Bay, De Pere Middle School Orchestra, Green Bay East High School Chamber Orchestra, St. Norbert College String Orchestra and the student winners of the 2023 Miroslav Pansky Memorial Concerto Competition.

Selections for the concert will include “Twinkle Twinkle, Little Star Variations” by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, “Go Tell Aunt Rhody,” “Allegro” by Shinichi Suzuki, “Farandole” by Georges Bizet, “Russian Sailors’ Dance” by Reinhold Glière, “Romanian Folk Dances” by Béla Bartók, “Polovtsian Dances” by Alexander Borodin, “Violin Concerto No. 1” by Sergei Prokofiev and “The Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra” by Benjamin Britte.

The family-friendly concert will take place in St. Norbert’s Walter Theatre at 7 p.m.

In addition to the public evening concert, abbreviated versions will be performed earlier in the day for nearly 1,200 students, teachers and chaperones from local schools and homeschoools.

Visit [gbcivic.org](http://gbcivic.org) for more details and for information about purchasing tickets. **CP**



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# THE STAGE

## Pulaski High School brings “Sister Act” on stage

By Kit Sanders-Mikkelson  
Contributing Writer

Pulaski High School’s spring musical this year will be *Sister Act*, a show set in the 1970s following the story of Deloris who is hidden in a convent for protection from her mob boyfriend Curtis after witnessing a murder.

As she begins to turn the convent upside down, she is put into the convent’s choir which quickly gains widespread attention.

While there is plenty of humor to go around, Director Amy Tubbs said there is still a lesson to be learned from the show.

“Although *Sister Act* is a humorous, fun show, the message that people of different backgrounds can learn to respect and care for each other is important for today’s society,” she said.

Marilyn Koelher, who has been involved in theater at Pulaski for three years, will be playing the role of Deloris.

The remaining two main characters, Mother Superior and Curtis, will be played by Pulaski seniors Maddi Wirtz and Brayden Pelot, both of whom have been in Pulaski’s theater program all four years of high school.

Koelher, Wirtz and Pelot are joined by more than 80 students involved in the cast and cream including senior Libby Kelly, who serves as both the stage manager and set designer.

This is the first time a student has served as designer on one of Pulaski’s musicals.

Director Amy Tubbs says, “She’s doing a phenomenal job.”

The show will run on Saturdays, Feb. 10 and 17, at 7 p.m. and Sundays, Feb. 11 and 18, at 2 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased online at [pulaskihs.ludus.com](http://pulaskihs.ludus.com) up to an hour before show time or at the door before the show. **CP**



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# Local **SHOW CHOIRS** show off at **DESTINATION DE PERE**



▲ Preble's Center Stage group performed a set of "Angel Town," "Fire/Fire Alarm," "Uphill," "Hit the Ground Running/Make Way" and "Alive." Their performance earned them the fourth runner-up placement in the varsity division at Destination De Pere: Let's Jam on Saturday, Feb. 3. Janelle Fisher photos



▲ Rhapsody in Red, Green Bay East's show choir, performed a set inspired by Mary Oliver's poem "In Blackwater Woods." The group performed songs such as "99 Red Balloons," "Alone Sometimes," "Shake It Out," "Go Your Own Way," "Flowers" and "This Is Gospel."



▲ Preble's women's group, Rendezvous, took home multiple awards from Saturday's competition, including third place in the women's division and best women's/prep band. Their set list included "I Hate Myself for Loving You," "Damaged," "Tell Your Heart to Beat Again" and a Freedom medley.



▲ Bay Port High School's Pandemonious show choir performed its "Complicated Love" set at Destination De Pere on Saturday. The performance included "Crazy Little Thing Called Love," "Love Story," "Complicated," "Bad Romance" and "I'm Still Standing" and earned the group first place in the prep division.

Featured in the front page photo is Kaitlyn Watson, who earned the title of Best Female Soloist for her performance in Preble Center Stage's set.





Bay View Middle School show choir students showed off their "Windows, Mirrors and Doors" set at Destination De Pere, including the songs "Waving Through a Window," "I'll Be There For You," "Man in the Mirror" and "I Lived."



▲ Encore, Ashwaubenon's co-curricular show choir, performed its set of "Get Out Alive," "Never Look Back," "Let Me Show You," "Run Away With Me," "Comin' Back to You/What" and "Home Feels Like" at Destination De Pere: Let's Jam on Saturday, Feb. 3. The group placed third in the prep division.



▲ De Pere Middle School's Rockin' Redbirds brought its Sun, Moon and Stars set to Destination De Pere. The set, which was created by members of the show choir, included songs such as "Brighter Than the Sun," "Talking to the Moon" and "Counting Stars".



▲ Chappell Elementary had the youngest participants at Saturday's competition, with the Star Power show choir performing an "I Love Rock n Roll" medley, "Wake Me Up," "Imagine" and "Shut Up and Dance With Me."



▲ Sussex Street Swing from Red Smith Middle School performed a set list of "Back in Time," a Jackson 5 medley and "Feel It Still!"

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*Saturday, Feb. 10*

**Dan Flannery** • WINEaLOT Vineyards, Greenleaf. Soulful tunes of '70s singer/songwriters. 2 p.m. (All minors must be accompanied by an adult) Visit [winealotvineyards.com](http://winealotvineyards.com) for more details.

**The Drifters** • Ashwaubenon Performing Arts Center, Ashwaubenon. Classic American music. 7:30 p.m. \$44. To learn more and purchase tickets, visit [ashwaubenonpac.org](http://ashwaubenonpac.org).

**Grim Waters, Motherwind, and Broken Arrow** • At The Tracks, Green Bay. Rock, alternative rock and alternative metal. 8 p.m. \$10. (Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.) Learn more on At The Tracks' Facebook page.



*Wednesday, Feb. 14*

**Make it a Double Duo** • WINEaLOT Vineyards, Greenleaf. Semi-acoustic rock duo. 5 p.m. No cover charge. (All minors must be accompanied by an adult.) Visit [winealotvineyards.com](http://winealotvineyards.com) for more details.

*Thursday, Feb. 15*

**Collin Catalano and Arthur G Smeal** • At The Tracks, Green Bay. Original acoustic music. 7 p.m. No cover charge. Learn more on At The Tracks' Facebook page.

*Saturday, Feb. 17*

**Crunch Time** • WINEaLOT Vineyards, Greenleaf. Classic and progressive six-piece rock band. 2 p.m. (All minors must be accompanied by an adult) Visit [winealotvineyards.com](http://winealotvineyards.com) for more details.

*Ongoing*

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

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

### ON STAGE/SCREEN

*Saturday, Feb. 10*

**Green Bay Film Festival: Wisconsin's Own** • The Tarlton Theatre, Green Bay. Films based on the trials and tribulations of the State of Wisconsin, those who reside within it and those who make art about it. 4 p.m. \$20. See [gbfilmfestival.org](http://gbfilmfestival.org) for more information and to purchase tickets.



*Ongoing*

**Footloose** • Seymour High School, Seymour. Musical based on the 1984 hit film. Feb. 8, 9 and 10 at 7 p.m.; Feb. 10 and 11 at 1 p.m. \$15. Head to [seymourtheater.com](http://seymourtheater.com) to learn more and to purchase tickets.

**Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm** • Webb Theatre, De Pere. Production put on by Evergreen Theater. Feb. 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17 at 7 p.m.; Feb. 11 and 18 at 2 p.m. \$18.25+. Visit [snc.edu/tickets](http://snc.edu/tickets) to learn more and to purchase tickets.

**ComedyCity Grown-Up Show** • ComedyCity, De Pere. Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. (18+) See [thegreenroomonline.com](http://thegreenroomonline.com) for more details.

### ARTS/EXHIBITS

*Friday, Feb. 16*

**Art War** • The Tarlton Theatre, Green Bay. Live painting competition. 7 p.m. Free admission. See The Tarlton Theatre's Facebook page for more details.

*Ongoing*

**newART IV** • newARTSpace, De Pere. Celebration of new art by select Wisconsin artists. Open during gallery hours through Feb. 21. Learn more at [newartspace124.com](http://newartspace124.com).

**Youth Art Month** • 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. Open through Feb. 22. Included with general admission. Visit [nevillepublicmuseum.org](http://nevillepublicmuseum.org) to find out more.

**109th Green Bay Art Colony** • Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. Annual exhibition featuring artworks created by current members of the club. Open through March 3. Included with general admission. Visit [nevillepublicmuseum.org](http://nevillepublicmuseum.org) to find out more.

**Telling Our Stories: LGBTQ+ Voices of Northeastern Wisconsin** • Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. Exhibit showcasing the history and experiences of Northeast Wisconsin's LGBTQ+ community through archival research and community engagement. Open Feb. 10 through Nov. 3. Included with general admission. Visit [nevillepublicmuseum.org](http://nevillepublicmuseum.org) to find out more.

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

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

### FOOD/DRINK

*Saturday, Feb. 10*

**Rails and Ales Brewfest** • National Railroad Museum, Green Bay. Sample a variety of craft beers, wines and spirits. 6 p.m. \$50. For more details and to purchase tickets, see [nationalrrmuseum.org](http://nationalrrmuseum.org).



*Ongoing*

**Fireside Drinks** • Titledown, Ashwaubenon. Cocktails and hot chocolate around warm fire pits. Fridays from 4-9 p.m. and Saturdays from 3-9 p.m. through Feb. 23. Head to [titledown.com/events](http://titledown.com/events) to learn more.

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

**Brunch Special** • WINEaLOT Vineyards, Greenleaf. First Sunday of every month from 12-3 p.m. (All minors must be accompanied by an adult.) Visit [winealotvineyards.com](http://winealotvineyards.com) for more information.

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

### GAMES/COMPETITIONS

*Ongoing*

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

**Singo** • Captain's Walk Winery, Green Bay. Combination of karaoke and bingo. Thursdays from 6-9 p.m., through March 21. Check out Captain's Walk Winery on Facebook to learn more.

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**Brewery Bingo Night** • Zambaldi Beer, Green Bay. Old-school bingo with prizes each round. Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Free to play. See Zambaldi Beer's Facebook page for more information.

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

## OUTDOORS/RECREATION

### Ongoing

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



**Yoga** • Titledown, Ashwaubenon. Class to improve balance, strength and flexibility. Mondays at 6 p.m., through March 25. Free. Registration required. (Suitable for all ages and skill levels.) Visit titledown.com/events for more details.

**Theme Skate** • Titledown, Ashwaubenon. 80s tunes and classic roller rink games. Tuesdays from 4-8 p.m., through Feb. 27. Paid skating admission required. Visit titledown.com/events for more details.

**Ski and Tea** • Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary, Green Bay. Cross-country ski with a naturalist on the Sanctuary trails and warm up with a cup of tea or hot chocolate. Thursdays at 9 a.m., through Feb. 29. Free. Pre-registration is required by calling (920) 391-3686 or (920) 391-3677. See Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary's Facebook page for more details.

**Cardio Dance** • Titledown, Ashwaubenon. Aerobic dance workout to current pop, hip-hop and world music. Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m., through March 26. Free. Registration required. (Recommended for ages 16+) Visit titledown.com/events for more details.

**Snowshoe Hikes** • Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary, Green Bay. Tuesdays at 12 p.m., through Feb. 27 \$15. Pre-registration is required by calling (920) 391-3686 or (920) 391-3677. See Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary's Facebook page for more details.

**Glow Skate** • Titledown, Ashwaubenon. Skating with brightly colored lights. Thursdays from 4-8 p.m., through Feb. 29. Paid skating admission required. Visit titledown.com/events for more details.

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

**Snow Golf** • Titledown, Ashwaubenon. Try sinking a putt on Titledown's snow-covered football field. Saturdays from 1-3 p.m., through Feb. 10. Free. Equipment provided. Visit titledown.com/events for more details.

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

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

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

## LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

### Saturday, Feb. 10

**Genealogy 101: Newspaper Research** • Brown County Library - Central Branch, Green Bay. Learn how to search, document, maintain, and preserve your family history. 9:15 a.m. Register to attend by calling (920) 448-5815. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.



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### Monday, Feb. 12

**It's a Love Match: Find A New Favorite** • Brown County Library - Weyers-Hilliard Branch, Howard. Learn how to find your next favorite book or movie by exploring library resources and learning tips and tricks from library staff. 6 p.m. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

### Wednesday, Feb. 14

**State of the Economy** • F. K. Bemis International Center, De Pere. Hear about the current state of our global and national economy. 7:45 a.m. Free. Head to schneiderschool.snc.edu for more information and to register.

### Saturday, Feb. 17

**Complete Your Own Taxes Workshop** • Brown County Library - Central Branch, Green Bay. Get assistance completing your tax return with representatives from the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance. 10 a.m. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

### Ongoing

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

**Becoming My True Song: A Gong Experience** • Celestial Sound, Green Bay. Group class hosted by CBD American Shaman. First Sunday of each month at 5 p.m., through May 31. \$15 per class. Find more information at celestialsoundgb.com.

**Becoming My True Song: A Gong and Reiki Experience** • Celestial Sound, Green Bay. Group class hosted by Mindful Reiki and Meditation. Second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., through May 31. \$40 per class. Find more information at celestialsoundgb.com.

**Tune in. Tune up.** • Celestial Sound, Green Bay. Individual gong and Reiki mini-session. Third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., through May 31. \$30 per session. Find more information at celestialsoundgb.com.

**Full Moon Gong** • Celestial Sound, Green Bay. Monthly on the full moon at 7 p.m., through May 31. Free. Gratuities appreciated. Find more information at celestialsoundgb.com.

## FAMILY/KIDS



### Monday, Feb. 12

**Family Game Night** • Brown County Library - Ashwaubenon Branch, Ashwaubenon. Play a variety of board and card games. 5 p.m. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

### Tuesday, Feb. 13

**Special Storytime: We HEART YOU!** • Brown County Library - Pulaski Branch, Pulaski. Valentine's Day-themed stories, fingerplays, songs and activities. 10:15 a.m. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

### Wednesday, Feb. 14

**Hibernation Station Storytime** • Brown County Library - East Branch, Green Bay. Stories about hibernating animals with a naturalist from Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary. 10:30 a.m. Free. (Ages 3-5) Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

### Ongoing

**Brown County Book Buddies** • Brown County Library - Southwest Branch, Green Bay. Opportunity for children to practice their reading skills with a high school-age Book Buddy. 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

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

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

## COMMUNITY EVENTS/RESOURCES

### Wednesday, Feb. 14

**Ashes to Go** • St. Anne's Church, De Pere. Drive-thru and walk-up service for Ash Wednesday. 7-8 a.m. and 4:30-6 p.m. All are welcome.

### Thursday, Feb. 15

**Conservation Banquet** • Stadium View Banquet Hall, Green Bay. Trout Unlimited Green Bay Chapter fundraiser. 6:30 p.m. \$45. Visit greenbaytu.org for more information.

### Ongoing

**Green Bay Home and Lifestyles Experience** • Resch Expo, Ashwaubenon. Showcase of everything you need to build, remodel and fill your home. Friday, Feb. 9, from 2-8 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 10, from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 11, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$11 for adults, \$10 for military, veterans and seniors. Free for ages 17 and under. Head to reschexpo.com for more details and to purchase tickets.



**Green Bay Boat Show** • Resch Expo, Ashwaubenon. Display of a variety of boats, personal watercraft, docks and lifts. Friday, Feb. 16, from 2-8 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 17, from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 18, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$15 for adults, \$10 for military, veterans and seniors. Free for ages 17 and under. Head to reschexpo.com for more details and to purchase tickets.

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

**Brown County Community Women's Club General Member Meeting** • De Pere Community Center, De Pere. Learn about the nonprofit group and see if you'd like to join. Third Wednesday of each month at 12:25 p.m. For more information, see bccwc.org.

**Green Bay Area Retired Men's Club** • Brown County Library - Central Branch, Green Bay. Weekly meeting with coffee, donuts and speakers. Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. The speaker for Feb. 13 will be Dr. Patcl to talk about optometry. Dues are \$20 per year. Prospective members welcome. Visit gbretiredmensclub.com for more details.

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

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

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

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

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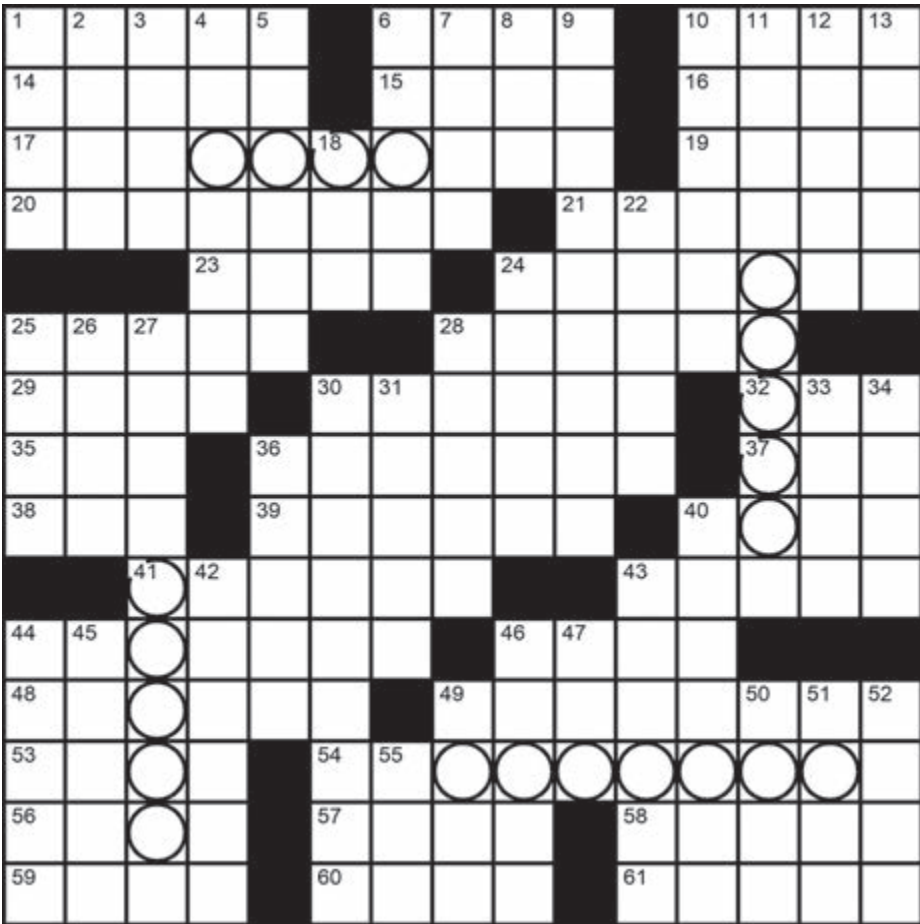
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## “Strong Suits”– dealing with another puzzle.



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Crossword answers on page 7. No peeking!

### Across

1. As of yet
6. Judge’s seat, in law
10. “Ray Donovan” actor Schreiber
14. Jumper cable terminal
15. As well
16. Give the creepy eye to
17. Remove all the dirt and grime from
19. Server operating system
20. Release
21. Three-part vacuum tube in old TVs
23. “\_\_\_ Little Tenderness”
24. Becomes enraged
25. Double sextet
28. Borrower
29. 2001 high-tech debut
30. Apt answer for this clue
32. It had a hub at JFK
35. Keanu’s “Matrix” role
36. What you may need to do to understand the four sets of circled letters
37. Talking computer in “2001: A Space Odyssey”
38. Slippery tree
39. Inquisition target
40. Clock feature
41. Kicks out
43. Injection also used to treat migraines
44. Gangsters’ headwear, in old movies
46. Tiger sound
48. Cider fodder
49. England-Scandinavia separator
53. Golden State sch.
54. They’re unbiased and accepting, and not short-sighted
56. Wine bouquet
57. Expert pilots
58. Rice-\_\_\_ (“The San Francisco Treat”)
59. Lawyer, for short
60. Put a stop to
61. “The Walking Dead” villain

### Down

1. Rude response
2. “Falling Slowly” musical
3. Ticonderoga, e.g.
4. Took on grown-up errands, so to speak
5. Like a phoenix
6. Lightweight modeling wood
7. Out of the breeze, to a sailor
8. Hush-hush govt. group
9. In a satisfied way
10. Thelma’s cohort, in film
11. “Disregard what you just saw ...”
12. Avoid some syllables
13. Bewildered
18. Slyly shy
22. Change color again
24. Peasants of yore
25. Feast
26. European car manufacturer
27. Went by quickly
28. “One of \_\_\_ great mysteries ...”
30. Locale in a Clash title
31. “Everybody \_\_\_” (REM song)
33. Home of Baylor University
34. James Patterson detective Cross
36. Hobbits’ homeland
40. Available to rent
42. Tennis shot
43. Role for Keaton and Kilmer
44. Animals, collectively
45. Disney World acronym
46. “I Only \_\_\_ the Ones I Love” (Jeffrey Ross book)
47. Airport code for O’Hare
49. “Great British Bake-Off” co-host Fielding
50. Make out in Manchester
51. \_\_\_ Mode of “The Incredibles”
52. “O \_\_\_ Oscar”
55. “His Master’s Voice” company

arts & entertainment

# HIGHLIGHTS

by Janelle Fisher

## The Drifters

Saturday, Feb. 10

Ashwaubenon Performing Arts Center, Ashwaubenon

Classic American music with soulful harmonies and captivating stage presence.

The setlist for the evening will include five decades of classics such as “Up on the Roof,” “Under the Boardwalk,” “This Magic Moment,” “There Goes My Baby,” “Dance With Me,” “Spanish Harlem” and “Stand By Me.”

The show begins at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$44.

To learn more and purchase tickets, visit ashwaubenonpac.org.



## State of the Economy

Wednesday, February 14

F. K. Bemis International Center, De Pere

Hear about the current state of our global and national economy from professor Marc Schaffer and students from the Center for Business, Economics and Analytics of the Donald J. Schneider School of Business and Economics.

Discover current trends in employment, inflation, GDP and other indicators with both short-term and long-term implications for the economy.

The program will begin at 8 a.m. with coffee and scones at 7:45 a.m.

This event is free to attend.

Head to schneiderschool.snc.edu for more information and to register.

## Art War

Friday, Feb. 16

The Tarlton Theatre, Green Bay

Live painting competition featuring local artists.

Four consecutive speed rounds of painting with four painters per round.

After each round, the audience will vote on one artist to advance to the final round.

Artwork created during the competition will be auctioned off after the event with all proceeds going to the artists.

The competition begins at 7 p.m.

Admission is free.

More details available at thetarlton.com.

## Green Bay Boat Show

Feb. 16-18

Resch Expo, Ashwaubenon

Display of a variety of boats, personal watercraft, docks, lifts, vendors and experts.

Seminars will feature local fishing experts, water safety and more.

STEM activities, balloon animals and face painting will be available for children.

The show will run on Friday, Feb. 16, from 2-8 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 17, from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 18, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for military, veterans and seniors and free for ages 17 and under.

Weekend passes are available for \$20.

Head to reschexpo.com for more details and to purchase tickets.



## Complete Your Own Taxes Workshop

Saturday, Feb. 17

Brown County Library - Central Branch, Green Bay

Get assistance completing your tax return with representatives from the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance.

Topics covered will include how to use the Tax Slayer website and how to file your own taxes.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own laptop computer or tablet.

The workshop begins at 10 a.m. and is free to attend.

Visit browncountylibrary.org for more information.

## 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.

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# The threshold of being left behind



## Can one person make a difference?

BY CHUCK RYBAK  
GUEST COLUMNIST

I type these words on a laptop missing the letter “v,” and it sticks all time, so my writing is often filled with words like vvvvvvry (see the rest of this post; I givvve up!)

Fivvve other letters on the keyboard havvvvve been erased by years’ worth of my oily fingertips, and only my “QWERTY” memory keeps this engine on its rails. The laptop, still a beautiful rose gold, is 10 years old, which is 3,875 in computer and dog years.

I’m 54 and feel like a character in a full-color film transforming into black-and-white, like the end of The Wizard of Oz, but instead of being in a bedroom surrounded by recognizable faces, I’m in a cliché scene where a character hangs from a ledge by

their fingers — the old city lies below and salvvvvaton awaits abovvvvvve.

You can’t just hang on — you either let yourself go like Hans Gruber or pull yourself back up onto Mount Rushmore like Cary Grant in *North by Northwest*.

What do I mean? I havvvve spent all my professional life innovvvvating.

In fact, I’ve been doing this so often and for so long that the word itself, “innovvvvating,” lies in my life’s windowsill like the husk of a dead insect. I see and understand the changes around me: large language models, artificial intelligence, the explosion of digital and multi-platform expression in our age of content.

Data data data and mea-



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surement measurement measurement of all things, scientific or not.

I hear the calls for nurses, data analysts, STEMers, programmers, people who can fill any job whose prefix is “bio,” even if it’s “bio table wiping.”

But what do I want to do? Read. Write. Occasionally fashion a handmade book. That’s it. Simple.

I’m not on social media, but what am I missing?

Judging by evvvvryone else’s unhappiness in that “space,” maybe I was lucky to eject early.

TikTok remains a mystery. Instagram is coming and going without my added wit.

I don’t watch any news; I read it—I start every day by reading work at six or so well-established digital news sites.

I havvvvvvve literally not seen a movvvvvvving image of a president speaking in almost eight years.

If you take the word “influencer,” I am its direct antagonist; I will unintentionally make you not want to buy and wear something.

So I’ll ask: Is it okay, at some point in your life, to simply say, “leave me behind” in a way that is synonymous with “this is who I am, and from here forward I adapt and grow on my own schedule”?

Is it okay to be the one person in a multi-mile radius who can talk at length about Wittgenstein or Faulkner or LeGuin, and who really believvves that’s important?

Or is that not useful, especially in my profession, which is education.

Does knowing Faulkner’s

perfect understanding of how history is shaped help me, or any of my students, get a job?

If you work in the arts and/or humanities, “job” has cruelly, and wrongly, become antonymic with words like “English,” “History,” “Theater,” or “Painting.”

Heck, within five seconds of ChatGPT being able to produce a grammatically correct sentence people declared “writing is over.”

I received a request today to apply for a job teaching a computer how to write. Students really do change.

Frankly, I find myself scared.

Should I write more poems that don’t change much of anything or anyone?

Or should I write algorithms — poems of their own — that seem to offer the promise of purpose?

In today’s world, when we hold on or fight to maintain something, no matter how important, there’s a strong chance of being labeled as “against change.”

Of course, we should change. Right now, we can name thousands of things we should change.

But we focus much less, profoundly so, on what to maintain.

What makes this predicament painful is that I’m struggling ovvvver simply continuing to do things I lovvvvve and care about, to which I’vvvve dedicated my entire professional life.

No one wants to be outdated. But it’s become much more difficult to recognize both the shape of the peg and the hole. Do they evvvven fit?

A decade ago I poured my efforts in digital humanities, which felt vvvvital, but when you spend six years in administration even that will pass you by like a train powered by cold fusion.

So I find myself here at the enjoyable Substack, reading and writing quite a bit, as it seems this might be the only social platform that brings all of us, whatever our species, within speaking distance of each other, within a space where there is a chance to be yourself for another day.

Does anyone else feel this way?

Who do you subscribe to (and thus who should I) that provvvvides wisdom and insight into not just the world, but how to movvve forward in it?

My new laptop will arrivvvve soon, so the “vvv” problem will be solvvved.

## OBITUARIES



**Paul A. Hartman, 77**, of Green Bay, passed away on February 2, 2024. Paul was born in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, in 1946 to the late Grant and Mary (Potter) Hartman. He grew up on a farm just northwest of Manitowoc and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1964. Paul majored in Horticulture at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, eventually earning a master’s degree in Horticulture and Adult Education. He was a 50+ year member of Alpha Gamma Rho

fraternity. In 1970, Paul married his college sweetheart, Ann, and together they shared over 53 years of marriage. In 1976, Paul took a position in Green Bay as the Horticulture Agent for Brown County University of Wisconsin Extension, launching a 30-year career that would result in extensive efforts to preserve the environment and bring the joy and beauty of nature and gardening to the community. Paul unwittingly became a local celebrity through writing a weekly newspaper column for 30 years, teaching horticulture through Master Gardener classes, and regularly appearing on television and radio programs.

While Paul participated in many community organizations and environmental efforts, he will be best remembered for his pivotal role in helping found the Green Bay Botanical Garden and the Baird Creek Preservation Foundation. Paul collaborated with many people to help start the Green Bay Botanical Garden with efforts dating back to 1978. In 1997, Paul galvanized community efforts to preserve a parcel of land set aside for development on the east side of Green Bay. This land was encompassed into the Baird Creek Greenway and the Baird Creek Preservation Foundation was born. In 2021, the Paul Hartman Living Prairie was dedicated in his honor.

In addition to his professional achievements, Paul was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. Paul was passionate about his faith as a long-time member and elder of Bethel Baptist Church. He exercised outdoors whenever possible in all seasons, including cross country skiing at Baird Creek, running in nearly every Bellin Run, and taking daily swims in Green Bay’s fabulous public pools.

He is survived by his wife Ann (Nunemaker) Hartman, his daughters Trinity (Robert Blasum) Hartman and Paula (James) Bigham, his siblings Grant (Jean) Hartman, Jr., John (Marvis) Hartman, Rosemary Hartman, Allen (Lisa) Hartman, Sally (Steve Dunbar) Hartman, and Glen (Barbara Bair) Hartman, his brother-in-law Charles (Dorothy) Nunemaker and sister-in-law Susan (Richard) Braun, along with grandchildren Konrad Blasum, Hallie Bigham, and Silas Bigham as well as numerous well-loved nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. Paul was preceded in death by his parents, his sister and brother-in-law Margaret and Bill Olson, and grandson Josiah Bigham.

Friends may visit Thursday, February 15, from 4-7pm at the Green Bay Botanical Garden, 2600 Larsen Road. Visitation will continue Friday, February 16, at Bethel Baptist Church, 1601 Libal St., from 10-11am. The service will be celebrated at 11am, officiated by Pastor Kirk Leach, with burial at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Our family would like to thank Preceptor Home Health Hospice, Unity Hospice, and the incredible staff at The Courtyard at Bellevue Memory Care who took such loving care of Paul.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Baird Creek Preservation Foundation, the Green Bay Botanical Garden, or Bethel Baptist Church. To leave an online condolence for the family please visit [www.NewcomerGreenBay.com](http://www.NewcomerGreenBay.com)



## Tackaberry is Phil Hauck Scholarship recipient

BY PRESS TIMES STAFF

DE PERE – Nate Tackaberry of De Pere was recently selected as the next recipient of the Phil Hauck Scholarship at St. Norbert College.

The scholarship covers half the cost of tuition for an individual pursuing an MBA through the St. Norbert College Schneider School of Business & Economics, or half the cost of the core program of the Center for Exceptional Leadership (CEL).

Phil Hauck, a champion of northeast Wisconsin business and nonprofits,



Tackaberry

passed away Oct. 5, 2023 due to complications from multiple myeloma at the age of 80.

As a TEC/Vistage chair, Hauck guided dozens of area CEOs in personal and organizational improvement and growth.

He and his wife, Kitty, lived in New York, Chicago and St. Louis, before moving to Green Bay in 1981.

Phil retired in 2020 and became a driving force behind Envision Greater Green Bay.

The Phil Hauck Scholarship for Nonprofit Leaders at SNC’s Schneider School was established in his name for those pursuing MBA and leadership training.

Tackaberry is the re-

gional philanthropy officer for the American Red Cross and is in his last semester of the St. Norbert College MBA program.

He will graduate this May.

He received his bachelor’s degree from St. Norbert College in 2010.

Applicants for the Phil Hauck Scholarship must be employed by a nonprofit and, if applying for the CEL, must also be in a leadership role.

For more information, visit <https://schneider-school.snc.edu/academics/hauckscholarship.html>.



## UNPACKING History

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

Santana Dotson’s game-worn cleats. Dotson played six seasons, 1996-2002, with the Green Bay Packers as a defensive tackle.  
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**Ashwaubenon** WNAXLP  
 "NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT PERMIT  
 The Village of Ashwaubenon intends to apply for a permit from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to selectively target up to 0.4 acres of the Sherwood Forest Park Pond to control nuisance invasive aquatic species. The proposed treatments may occur between April 1st and August 31st, 2024. Any request for a public meeting on the proposed treatments must be made within 5 days after this notice is published. The request must specify the topics to be discussed at the meeting, including problems and alternatives and be sent in writing to: Aquatic Biologists, Inc. N4828 Highway 45 S., Fond du Lac WI. 54937 and Claire Hetzel, WDNR, 2984 Shawano Ave Green Bay, WI 54313-6727. This notice is required by Chapter NR107, Wisconsin Administrative Code." Publish 02.09.24 WNAXLP

**Green Bay** WNAXLP  
**Notice of Self Storage Sale**  
 Please take notice ClearHome Self Storage - Velp located at 2545 Velp Ave Green Bay WI 54303 intends to hold a public sale to sell the property stored in the following units stored at the Facility. The public sale to the highest bidder will occur as an Online Auction via [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com) on 2/27/2024 at 12:00PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings. Angel F Stutleyn unit #D14; Jennifer L Beaupre unit #DD34; George Johnson unit #E16; David L Townley unit #Z22. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. Publish 02.09.24 WNAXLP

**Howard** WNAXLP  
**NOXIOUS WEED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,** as set forth in §66.0407 Wis. Stats., that a person owning, occupying or controlling land in the Village of Howard, County of Brown, State of Wisconsin, shall destroy all noxious weeds including: Canada Thistle, Leafy Spurge, Field Bindweed, any weed designated as a noxious weed by the Department of Natural Resources by rule, and any other weed the Village Board or County Board by ordinance or resolution declares to be noxious within its respective boundaries. Weeds shall be destroyed at a time and in a manner as will effectually prevent them from maturing to the bloom or flower stage. If the owner fails to destroy such weeds, the Village of Howard shall destroy or cause such weeds to be destroyed in the manner deemed to be in the most economical manner. The cost of destroying the weeds shall be charged and assessed in the manner provided by §66.0517, Wis. Stats. Burt R. McIntyre, Village President Publish 02.09.24 & 02.16.24 WNAXLP

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**Bellevue** WNAXLP  
**SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**  
 Sealed bids for the Village of Bellevue, 2024 Utility Construction, Contract B-24, project will be accepted through Quest vBid electronic bid service or by submitting a paper copy at the Village Office: 2828 Allouez Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54311, by 11:00 AM (local time), on

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February 28, 2024; and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. The work, in general, will include the approximate quantities and items listed below:  
 • 3,500 LF – Watermain and Appurtenances  
 • 460 LF – Sanitary Sewer Lateral Replacement  
 • 4,100 SY – Pavement Removal  
 • 710 TON – Hot Mix Asphalt Pavement Patch  
 • 670 LF – Concrete Curb and Gutter Patch  
 • 1,200 SF – Concrete Driveway Patch  
 • Select Backfill in Trenches  
 • Erosion Control  
 • Landscape Restoration  
 The proposals shall be submitted on the forms furnished with the specifications. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond of a bonding company duly authorized to do business in the State of Wisconsin in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the proposal. This proposal guarantee shall be subject to forfeiture as provided by law. When submitting an electronic bid, Bidder is required to deliver the original bid bond within 72 hours of bid opening to Cedar Corporation. For this project, bids will be received and accepted via the online electronic bid service through QuestCDN vBid online bidding, or by sealed paper copy. Complete digital project bidding documents can be downloaded at [www.cedarcorp.com](http://www.cedarcorp.com) or [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com). Reference [QuestCDN\\_project number 8889330](http://QuestCDN_project_number_8889330) for a nonrefundable charge of \$50. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance in membership registration, and downloading digital project information, and vBid online bid submittal. Project bid documents must be downloaded from QuestCDN which will add your company to the Planholder List and allow access to vBid online bidding for the submittal of your bid. The QuestCDN website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website. **Prequalification of Bidders is required.** The Village of Bellevue's Bidders Proof of Responsibility forms will be issued with the Bid Documents. The Village of Bellevue's Bidders Proof of Responsibility forms shall be completed, submitted and received by the Owner by 4:00 p.m., a minimum of five (5) calendar days prior to the Bid Opening. Bidders who have been previously qualified for a Village of Bellevue project during 2024 will not be required to resubmit separate qualifications for this project. The Village of Bellevue's Bidders Proof of Responsibility forms can be obtained at the Village of Bellevue, 2828 Allouez Avenue, Bellevue, WI; or at their website: [www.villageofbellevuewi.gov](http://www.villageofbellevuewi.gov). No bids will be accepted from any Bidder who has not submitted the Village of Bellevue's Bidders Proof of Responsibility. The Owner reserves the right to reject the Bid of any Bidder who has been determined to be unqualified. Proposals shall not be

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withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the date of opening. The Village of Bellevue reserves the right to reject any or all of the proposals and to waive any informalities therein. Dates of Publication: February 9 and February 16, 2024 By Authority of: Michelle Seidl, Director of Finance/Clerk-Treasurer Dawn Novak, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Publish 02.09.24 & 02.16.24 WNAXLP

**De Pere** WNAXLP  
**ADVERTISEMENT TO BID MUNICIPAL SERVICES CENTER FUEL ISLAND REPLACEMENT CITY OF DE PERE CITY PROJECT 23-22 SEH No. DEPEW 161454**  
 Notice is hereby given that Online Bids will be received and accepted for Project 23-22 Municipal Services Center Fuel Island Replacement via the online electronic bidding service through QuestCDN.com, until 1:00 PM, Thursday, February 29, 2024, at which time they will be publicly accepted, displayed and read aloud. The bid opening will be conducted via Microsoft Teams, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud: Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone: <https://bit.ly/3SNxKCV> Or call in (audio only) +1 872-242-7640, United States, Chicago Phone Conference ID: 281 150 366#  
 Any person monitoring the meeting remotely may be responsible for any documented costs. Message and data rates may apply. The Work includes: Removal of existing fueling stations and three underground fuel storage tanks. Contractor to provide soil sampling prior to backfilling the excavated hole. Pour and form concrete slab for tanks and provide tank system. Install three aboveground tanks and one def tank. Fuel system to be installed with three dual suction pumps with each side consisting of gas/diesel The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. located at 425 West Water Street, Suite 300, Appleton, WI 54911-6058, Trevor Frank - 920.380.2800 Digital image copies of the Bidding Documents are available for viewing and/or downloading at <http://www.sehinc.com> for a fee of \$30. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the "Project Bid Information" link and by entering eBidDocTM Number 8958851 on the SEARCH PROJECTS page. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at 952.233.1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com). For this project, bids will ONLY be received electronically. Contractors submitting an electronic bid will be charged an additional \$42 at the time of bid submission via the online electronic bid service QuestCDN.com. To access the electronic Bid Worksheet, download the project document and click the online bidding button at the top of the advertisement. Prospective bidders must be on the plan holders list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted. Bids shall be completed according to the Bidding Requirements prepared by SEH dated February 2, 2024. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid, payable to the City of

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De Pere, as a guarantee that if the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute a contract and furnish a contract bond as set forth in the General Conditions of the City of De Pere. In case the bidder fails to file such contract and bond, the amount of the bid bond shall be forfeited to the City of De Pere as liquidated damages. Contractors interested in visiting the site located at 925 S. 6th Street, De Pere, WI 54115, may do so between Tuesday thru Thursday, February 13 – 15, during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and Noon. The letting of the contract is subject to the provisions of the following Wisconsin Statutes: Section 62.15 regarding Public Works. Section 66.0901(3) regarding Prequalification of Contractor. Each bidder shall pre-qualify by submitting proof of responsibility on forms furnished by SEH. Such forms shall be filed with Trevor Frank at [tfrank@sehinc.com](mailto:tfrank@sehinc.com) no later than 4:00 PM, Monday, February 26, 2024. The City of De Pere reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities in bidding and to accept any proposal which the Common Council deems most favorable to the interest of the City of De Pere. Dated this 6th day of February 2024. Board of Public Works City of De Pere Eric Rakers, P.E. City Engineer Published: February 9, 2024, February 16, 2024 WNAXLP

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**FEBRUARY 9, 2024 CITY OF DE PERE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PROJECT 24-19A CONCRETE GRINDING SIDEWALK VARIOUS LOCATIONS**  
 Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Public Works of the City of De Pere at the Municipal Service Center, 925 South Sixth Street, De Pere, Wisconsin 54115, until 1:00 P.M., Thursday, February 29, 2024 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The bid opening will occur virtually or in person. See the proposal forms and specifications for additional information. Project 24-19A for which proposals are being sought includes the following approximate quantities:  
 • 250 Each Grinding sidewalk up to five (5) feet wide and less than (2) inches high  
 • 10 LF Grind of sidewalk wider than five (5) feet wide  
 All proposals shall be submitted on forms provided by the City of De Pere. Proposal forms and specifications may be viewed by emailing [dppubwrks@deperewi.gov](mailto:dppubwrks@deperewi.gov). The letting of the contract is subject to the provisions of Wisconsin Statute Section

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62.15 regarding Public Works. The City of De Pere reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any informality in bidding and to accept any proposal which the Common Council deems most favorable to the interests of the City of De Pere. Dated this 9th day of February, 2024. Board of Public Works City of De Pere Eric Rakers, P.E. City Engineer Project 24-19A Publish 02.09.24 WNAXLP

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**SECTION 00 11 13 FEBRUARY 9, 2024 – FEBRUARY 16, 2024 CITY OF DE PERE ADVERTISEMENT TO BID PROJECT 24-01 SEWER AND WATER RELAY AND STREET RESURFACING**  
 Online bids will be received and accepted for Project 24-01 Sewer and Water Relay and Street Resurfacing via the online electronic bidding service through QuestCDN.com, until 1:00 PM, Thursday, February 29, 2024, at which time they will be publicly accepted, displayed and read aloud. Project 24-01 for which proposals are being sought includes the following approximate quantities:  
 • 1,750 LF relay sanitary laterals (4-inch and 6-inch) and associated appurtenances.  
 • 2,600 LF new and relay storm sewer (8-inch to 21-inch) and associated appurtenances.  
 • 3,700 LF relay water main (8-inch) and associated appurtenances.  
 • 4,800 TONS asphaltic concrete pavement placement.  
 • 23,000 SY asphaltic concrete pavement milling and/or pulverizing.  
 • 4,000 LF replace concrete curb and gutter.  
 • 1,200 SY replace concrete sidewalks, driveways and pedestrian ramps (4-inch to 8-inch).  
 Complete digital project bidding documents are available for viewing and/or downloading at [www.QuestCDN.com](http://www.QuestCDN.com) or may be examined at the office of the Director of Public Works. Digital plan documents may be downloaded for \$22 by inputting Quest project #8508614 on Quest's Project Search page. Project documents must be downloaded from QuestCDN which will add your company to the Planholder List and allow access to vBid online bidding for the submittal of your bid. Bidders will be charged an additional fee of \$42 to submit a bid electronically. The QuestCDN website can also be accessed through the City website at [www.deperewi.gov/projects](http://www.deperewi.gov/projects) or by pressing the Projects icon at the bottom of any City website page. Contact

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QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance in membership registration, downloading digital project information and vBid online bid submittal questions. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid, payable to the City of De Pere, as a guarantee that if the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute a contract and furnish a contract bond as set forth in the General Conditions of the City of De Pere. In case the bidder fails to file such contract and bond, the amount of the bid bond shall be forfeited to the City of De Pere as liquidated damages. The letting of the contract is subject to the provisions of the following Wisconsin Statutes: Section 62.15 regarding Public Works. Section 66.0901(3) regarding Prequalification of Contractor. Each bidder shall pre-qualify by submitting proof of responsibility on forms furnished by the Director of Public Works. Such forms shall be filed with the Director of Public Works no later than 4:00 PM, Monday, February 26, 2024. Prospective bidders who have previously submitted such forms subsequent to January 1, 2024 will not be required to separately submit such forms for this project. The City of De Pere reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities in bidding and to accept any proposal which the Common Council deems most favorable to the interest of the City of De Pere. Dated this 9th day of February 2024. Board of Public Works City of De Pere Eric Rakers, P.E. City Engineer Project 24-01 Publish 02.09.24 WNAXLP

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**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**  
 Contract: RAMPS 1-24 PARKING RAMP REPAIRS  
 City of Green Bay, Wisconsin Proposals will be received and accepted ONLY through QuestCDN.com via their electronic VirtuBid™ (vBid) online bid service until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at which time they will be opened for Public Works Improvement Contract: RAMPS 1-24 PARKING RAMP REPAIRS  
 in accordance with the contract documents, all of which are on file in the City Clerk's/Treasurer's Office and the Director of Public Works Office in the Green Bay City Hall. In general, the repair work involves concrete repairs, joint and crack repairs, installation of a traffic bearing membrane, tuck pointing and brick removal and replacement. The work will take place in the

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## VILLAGE OF BELLEVUE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING


PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT A PUBLIC HEARING will be held on February 28, 2024 at 6:30 PM at the Bellevue Village Hall located at 3100 Eaton Road for the purpose of obtaining public comment on the following proposed governmental action:

**Consider the levy of special assessments under municipal police power pursuant to Sec. 66.0703 Wisconsin Statutes. Proposed assessments for the purposes of street reconditioning, curb and gutter to be levied against properties on Verlin Road from Lime Kiln Road (CTH V) to Bellevue Street (CTH XX).**

The special assessment report is available for review during normal business hours at the Bellevue Village Office located at 2828 Allouez Avenue.

Signed and dated on February 7, 2024

Posted and notified: February 7, 2024  
 Published: February 9, 2024 WNAXLP

  
 Michelle M. Seidl  
 Clerk/Treasurer  
 Village of Bellevue

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR ASPHALT PAVEMENT**

That the Common Council of the City of Green Bay has declared its intention of exercising its power under Section 66.0703, Wisconsin Statutes, to levy special assessments for street improvements on property fronting or abutting the following street:

**ASPHALT PAVEMENT CASS STREET – S. Madison Street to S. Monroe Avenue**

The proposed assessments are on file in my office and may be inspected there on any business day between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Plans and specification for these projects are on file in the Director of Public Works. Contact the office of the Director of Public Works, Room 300, City Hall, (920) 448-3100, on any business day between 8:00 am and 4:30 p.m. with any questions you may have regarding the assessments or design concepts of the projects.

You are further notified that the Improvement and Service Committee will hear all interested property owners concerning matters contained in the preliminary resolution authorizing such assessment and the report, including proposed assessments, under the police power of the Common Council on 13th day of March, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., before the Improvement & Service Committee in room 207 of City Hall or virtually. All objections will be considered at said hearing and thereafter the amount of the assessments will be finally determined.

If you wish to participate in the Public Hearing, you may attend or access the meeting by the internet or telephone using the access code below. Said assessments can be paid in cash within thirty (30) days of the date of billing or can be paid in five (5) annual installments with interest thereon at the rates five percent (5.75%) per annum. The annual installments would be added to your real estate tax bill.

Join Zoom Meeting [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82206544400?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82206544400?pwd=NDd1bmszNUhBWW9XRUVU5ck1zMjZ2QT09)

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Or call in by phone: +1 312 626 6799

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Said assessments can be paid in cash within thirty (30) days of the date of billing or can be paid in five (5) annual installments with interest thereon at the rate of five and three quarters percent (5.75%) per annum. The annual installments would be added to your real estate tax bill.

Dated this 7th day of February, 2024.

Celestine Jeffreys  
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**Green Bay** WNAXLP

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR ASPHALT PAVEMENT**

That the Common Council of the City of Green Bay has declared its intention of exercising its power under Section 66.0703, Wisconsin Statutes, to levy special assessments for street improvements on property fronting or abutting the following street:

**ASPHALT PAVEMENT E. MASON STREET – Jaster Street to Bader Street**

The proposed assessments are on file in my office and may be inspected there on any business day between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Plans and specification for these projects are on file in

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the Director of Public Works. Contact the office of the Director of Public Works, Room 300, City Hall, (920) 448-3100, on any business day between 8:00 am and 4:30 p.m. with any questions you may have regarding the assessments or design concepts of the projects.

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**ASPHALT PAVEMENT FINGER ROAD – Superior Road to Challenger Drive**

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The annual installments would be added to your real estate tax bill.

Dated this 7th day of February, 2024.

Celestine Jeffreys  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR ASPHALT PAVEMENT**

That the Common Council of the City of Green Bay has declared its intention of exercising its power under Section 66.0703, Wisconsin Statutes, to levy special assessments for street improvements on property fronting or abutting the following street:

**ASPHALT PAVEMENT FOURTH STREET – S. Maple Avenue to Broadway**

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**Public Notification Proposed Text Amendments to Chapter 44, Green Bay Municipal Code**

**Related to the Zoning Board of Appeals (TA 24-01)**

The Green Bay Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be conducted both in person in Room 604, City Hall, 100 N Jefferson St., and virtually. If you wish to participate in the public hearing, you may access the meeting in person or by the internet or telephone, using

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The hearing is regarding the following: (TA 24-01) Consideration with possible action on the request to Amend Section 44-138, Green Bay Municipal Code, codifying the Mayor of Green Bay as the designator of the chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals, submitted by the Law Department.

Public comments will be invited at the public hearing or can be sent in writing to: City of Green Bay Community & Economic Development

Attn: Stephanie Hummel  
100 N. Jefferson St., Rm. 608  
Green Bay, WI 54301

For additional information, contact Stephanie Hummel at [stephanie.hummel@greenbaywi.gov](mailto:stephanie.hummel@greenbaywi.gov) or 920.448.3424.

ACCESSIBILITY: Any person wishing to attend who, because of a disability, requires special accommodation should contact the City Safety Manager at 920.448.3125 at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting time so that arrangements can be made.

Publication Dates: February 9 and February 16, 2024  
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**Public Notification Request to establish a Planned Unit Development (PUD)**

**for the creation of a 21 small home cottage court located at 2890 St. Anthony Drive (Parcel # 21-283) (ZP 24-04)**

The Green Bay Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be conducted both in person in Room 604 of City Hall (100 N Jefferson Street, Green Bay, 54301) and virtually. If you wish to participate in the Public Hearing virtually, you may access the meeting by internet or telephone, using the access code below.

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The hearing is regarding the following: (ZP 24-04) Consideration with possible action on a request to create a Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the creation of a 21 small home cottage court located at 2890 St. Anthony Drive, submitted by Veteran's 1st of NEW, Inc - petitioner, Brown County Mental Health Center - Property Owner (Ald. Grant, District 1).

Public comments will be invited at the public hearing or can be sent in writing to: City of Green Bay Community & Economic Development

Attn: David Buck, AICP  
100 N. Jefferson St., Rm. 608  
Green Bay, WI 54301

For additional information, contact David Buck at [david.buck@greenbaywi.gov](mailto:david.buck@greenbaywi.gov) or 920.448.3411.

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Publication Dates: February 9 and February 16, 2024  
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**Ordinances 7740**

**Green Bay** WNAXLP

At the regular meeting of the Green Bay Common Council held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 the following ordinances were adopted. The ordinances in their entirety may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office, 100 N. Jefferson Street, Green Bay, WI.

Second Reading for Adoption  
1. Zoning Ordinance No. 01-24

a. An ordinance creating a Planned Unit Development (PUD) overlay district for properties located at 101 Bridge Street, 119 Bridge Street, and 239 Arndt Street.

2. Zoning Ordinance No. 21-23

a. An ordinance rezoning front 160-feet of property located at 1562 Velp Avenue from General Industrial (GI) District to Highway Commercial (C2) District.

3. Zoning Ordinance No. 28-23

a. An ordinance rezoning property located at 1218, 1212 and 1156 Velp Avenue from General Industrial (GI) District to Highway Commercial (C2) District.

4. Zoning Ordinance No. 02-24

a. An ordinance rezoning property located at 1728 Deckner Avenue and 120 S. Henry Street from Varied-Density Residential (R3) to a Public Institutional (PI) District.

5. General Ordinance No. 01-24

a. An ordinance creating Section 26-22, Green Bay Municipal Code, relating to reckless driving. Publish 02.09.24 WNAXLP

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET AMENDMENT February 6, 2024**

BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN BAY, RESOLVED:

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Finance Committee at its meeting of January 30, 2024, the following 2023 amendment of funds is hereby authorized:

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Increase: 101400 50501 Fire-Overtime \$5,692.11	
Increase: 101400 46223 Fire Overtime Reimbursement \$5,692.11	

*\*\*This budget amendment is for 2023 unbudgeted overtime for staffing at the Jubilee Fireworks at Lambeau Field Nov-Dec 2023.*

Adopted February 6, 2024  
Approved February 7, 2024  
Mayor, Eric Genrich  
Green Bay City Clerk,  
Celestine Jeffreys Publish  
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**Suamico** WNAXLP

**NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION VILLAGE OF SUAMICO, BROWN COUNTY WI**

Notice is hereby given that the Suamico Village Board enacted the following ordinance on February 5, 2024:

**Ordinance 2024-01 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 Elections**

The Village Board of The Village of Suamico, Wisconsin Does Ordain as Follows:

**Ordinance Section 1:** Creating Chapter 2.11(1)(b) Reducing the Number of Election Inspectors to read as follows:

Reducing the Number of Election Inspectors. The Village Board of the Village of Suamico per Wis. Stat. §7.32 hereby authorizes the Village Clerk, in the Clerk's discretion, to reduce the number of election inspectors to no less than three (3) in any polling location.

This complete ordinance may be obtained at the Village Clerk's office located in the Suamico Municipal Services Center, 12781 Velp Avenue,

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Suamico, WI or via the Village of Suamico's website, [www.suamicowi.gov](http://www.suamicowi.gov). Michelle Bartoletti, Village Clerk Publish 02.09.24 WNAXLP

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**Lawn and Garden 7250**



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**Sporting Goods 7260**

**GUN SHOW:** February 16-18, 2024 Sunnyview Expo, 500 E. Cty Rd Y, Oshkosh, WI. Fri 3-8pm, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 9am-3pm. Admission: \$8 (14 & Under FREE) Buy/Sell/Trade 608-752-6677

**GUN SHOW:** February 9 & 10, 2024, Badger Military Collectible & Military Firearms Show Waukesha Expo, 1000 Northview RD. Waukesha, WI. Fri 3-8pm, Sat 9am-4pm, Large collection of WW2 sniper rifles, both U.S. & German available \$10 (Under 14 FREE) Buy/Sell, 608-752-6677 [www.bobandrocco.com](http://www.bobandrocco.com)

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# Early start to open-water fishing season



## In the Outdoors

BY KEVIN NAZE  
GUEST COLUMNIST

The same extended stretch of unusually mild weather that's threatening to spoil the sturgeon spearing season on the Lake Winnebago system is offering anglers a chance to cast or troll open water.

Green Bay and Lake Michigan tributaries have been shedding their ice coats, and some anglers have already been out after walleyes, perch, pike and trout.

Areas below dams, near water discharge areas and harbors, bays and marinas have been the most popular areas to search.

Nights that dipped below freezing much of the past week did allow hardwater anglers to carefully walk out on honeycombed ice in some areas on Green Bay, but it's certainly not recommended.

With shorelines melting fast, guided airboat trips might be one of the few options of reaching whatever ice is still thick enough to float anglers — or try to spear a sturgeon — this weekend.

An extended forecast that had offered some hope for a return to freezing temperatures around the clock is fuzzy, and it remains to be seen if it'll ever cool down long enough to salvage the ice fishing season.

### Deer harvest down

Wisconsin's preliminary reported all-seasons deer harvest of 294,024 was the fourth lowest in the past 40 years.

Hunters reported a similar number of antlered bucks (147,221) and antlerless deer (146,788).

Totals from area counties included Marinette, 7,870 (4,655 bucks); Oconto, 7,211 (3,818); Brown, 2,793 (1,399); Door, 3,728 (1,722); Kewaunee, 2,889 (1,315); and Manitowoc, 4,089 (1,967).

Marinette County hunters reported taking 2,437 deer (1,782 bucks) in the Northern Forest Zone portion of the county, and 5,433 (2,873 bucks) in the Central Farmland Zone portion.

Oconto County hunters registered 944 whitetails (735 bucks) in the Northern Forest Zone portion of the county and 6,267 (3,083 bucks) in the Central Farmland Zone portion.

The numbers are preliminary, and may change slightly due to minor errors, late-reported harvests and crop damage deer added in.

### Clean bird feeders

The February thaw is a good opportunity to clean bird feeders and sweep or rake the ground underneath to remove as many droppings and empty sunflower hulls as possible.

Salmonella, E. coli and other bacteria along with viruses, parasites and fun-



Reports of robins seen recently aren't likely early arrivals. Instead, some individuals and even small flocks will stay during milder winters as long as they can find food. Apples are just one of many types of fruit, berries and seeds available to overwintering birds and other wildlife.

Kevin Naze photo

gal diseases can be passed by birds at feeders that don't get cleaned regularly.

Always use fresh seed, purchased recently. Discard old seed.

Feeders made from non-porous material like plastic, ceramic and metal are less likely than wood to harbor bacteria and diseases.

To clean feeders, rinse with warm, soapy water and dunk in a solution of 3 oz. of chlorine bleach per gallon of water.

Clean up old seed hulls and waste below the feeders by raking, shoveling or sweeping material and discarding in the trash and consider spreading your feeding over several areas so birds aren't congregated in one spot.

### Pike and perch

Department of Natural Resources fisheries staff

members are hosting an informational meeting on yellow perch and northern pike Feb. 12 from 6-8 p.m. at the Peshtigo DNR Field Office.

Fisheries biologist Tammy Paoli will be leading the meeting, which also includes an option to view from home via Zoom.

More information and a phone or computer link can be found on the DNR's meetings and hearings calendar at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/calendar>.

### Pro walleye tourney

Registration is now open for the Bass Pro Shops & Cabela's National Walleye Tour, including the only Wisconsin event in 2024 — the Bay of Green Bay June 20-21, out of Oconto.

Learn more at <https://outdoorsteamworks.com/trail/nwt>.

### Smallmouth bass

Last month's Fish Tales Lecture Series at Crossroads at Big Creek in Sturgeon Bay revealed insight on ongoing research into smallmouth bass nesting and what impact fishing has on nest success.

There's some interesting info available online.

Check out the archived presentation at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jxskAheqc3E>.

### Water levels stable

Lake Michigan water levels are nearly identical to where they were in early February 2023 — about four inches above the 100-year average.

Though levels are down 33 inches from the record February high set in 2020, they're still about 32 inches above the record low set in 1964.

# Weekly Fishing Report

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## Ice situation has deteriorated

Overall, the Green Bay ice situation has certainly deteriorated.

The weather pattern continues to get bad with near 50 degrees Fahrenheit by Thursday, along with some predicted rain.

The Fox River has opened up and the boat ramp at the Metro Landing and Fox Point Landing; both have had a launch lane that has been opened up by some diligent fishermen.

There is still ice flow coming down river so mind that when loading and launching your boats but if you are looking to get out in a boat there is an opportunity.

Walleye were biting over the weekend on Jig and Minnow, Plastics and Hair Jigs.

All ice areas should be considered very dangerous and extreme caution should be taken on all Green Bay ice until colder weather returns.

The lower bay areas like Volks and Bay Shore all have walkable ice as of right now, but that is going to be suspect as the week goes on.

The same can be said of Deadhorse Bay, Suamico and Geanos.

Everything in Door County that is outside of any bay should be considered suspect and dangerous moving through this week.

Little Sturgeon and Sawyer Harbor both have had folks venturing out over the weekend on foot; action for perch was fair but like all areas this week, use cau-

tion as the weather progresses.

No one should be attempting to venture out to any of the areas on Larsons Reef. It is extremely suspect with open water and not at all safe for travel.

If you are headed to Green Bay to get your ice fishing fix on, use extreme caution and pay attention to wind direction, as Green Bay is not locked in and the potential for movement is high.

My humble opinion would be to make other plans for this week/weekend and not take on sketchy ice.

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# New England Revolution announces signing of Hesron Barry



BY GREEN BAY ATHLETICS FOR THE PRESS TIMES

FOXBOROUGH, MASS. – The New England Revolution of the MLS (Major League Soccer) announced earlier today the signing of former Phoenix Hesron Barry to an MLS NEXT Pro professional contract. Barry joins the Revolution — owned by Patriots Chairman and CEO Robert Kraft — after recently completing his senior season with the Phoenix, helping Green Bay to its first Horizon League Tournament Champion-

ship and NCAA Tournament berth in 14 years. He is the eighth player in program history to reach the professional ranks and the first since Ian Smith who was a Phoenix from 2016-2019.

Hesron completed his tenure in Tittletown as a two-time Horizon League Defender of the Year while earning Horizon League All-League First Team, United Soccer Coaches Association All-Region and Academic All-Horizon League honors.

Former UW-Green Bay Phoenix men's soccer defender Hesron Barry recently signed a contract to play for an MLS NEXT Pro team, the New England Revolution II. **Submitted photo**

# Gutekunst says Packers one to watch going into 2024 season

BY TORI WITTENBROCK ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

GREEN BAY – The off-season will prove to be crucial for the Packers as General Manager Brian Gutekunst says that he expects his high performing players to come back even stronger next year.

“Every season presents its ups and downs and I thought they did a really good job being resilient through that. Certainly we were playing our best ball towards the end of the season,” said Gutekunst.

After much speculation from fans during the first few games, Gutekunst said that Jordan has secured his spot at the helm of the program and has proven to be a great leader his first year at the starting quarterback position.

“With all the challenges the season brings you, I think he did a great job,” said Gutekunst. “His first

year, he’s just trying to figure it all out and to be able to do that is exceptional.”

### Returning talent

Gutekunst also said that he anticipates Jordan being a long-term leader for the program, given his performance this season.

“I think that will be good for our football team to have some stability there. Jordan is a representation of some really good people, so we’ll start working towards that some time this next couple of months,” said Gutekunst.

Love will not be the only Packers icon expected to return next season, according to Gutekunst.

“I think those kinds of things are difficult and those can be tough,” said Gutekunst, “but I’m really, really proud of the way Jaire responded to that and I think that’s going to help us moving forward.”

Though the Packers special teams rankings were



Green Bay Packers General Manager Brian Gutekunst said that he is excited to see what the team brings to the table in the 2024 season after their hard work in the offseason.

Tori Wittenbrock photo

among the poorest in the NFL with a regular season field goal percentage of 81.8%, Gutekunst said that they intend to play the long game with rookie place-kicker Anders Carlson from Auburn University.

“As we went through the

course of the season, we were kind of committed to the ups and downs that a lot of young rookie kickers go through,” said Gutekunst. “Certainly what he went through was not any different than what a lot of guys do.”

As the playoffs drew closer, Gutekunst said that the Packers would have liked to entertain the option of utilizing a veteran kicker, but that Carlson was their best shot.

“Certainly, he was our best option by far,” said Gutekunst.

Gutekunst said he expects veteran running back Aaron Jones to make his return to the Packers next season as well.

“He was such a difference maker when he was out there this year,” said Gutekunst. “He’s such an influential player in our locker room.”

### Room for improvement

Although the Packers went further than expected this season, making it to the NFL Divisional Round of the postseason, Gutekunst said that the team will have to continue to grind during the offseason to even have a chance in 2024.

“Walking off the field when you think you should have won the game is never a fun feeling,” said Gutekunst. “But some of the things this team went through and stuck together, I kind of maybe saw some culture shift in that locker room, and that was exciting, and again, that doesn’t mean anything for next year, and they are going to have to continue to work at that,” said Gutekunst.

Gutekunst said that he and the front office intend to build around the greatness they saw from the young team this season, but there is still a lot of work to be done before they are ready to perform in 2024.

“One year doesn’t mean anything. They’ve got to put the work in, they’ve got to come together as a team and as a unit, but some of the signs coming out of this year certainly shows that they can do that,” said Gutekunst.

# St. Norbert bounces back with big win over Adrian

BY RICH PALZEWIC CONTRIBUTING WRITER

DE PERE – A night after dropping the series opener to Adrian College, the No. 2-ranked Division III team in the country, the St. Norbert College men’s hockey team bounced back the next night with a convincing win.

After jumping out to a 3-0 first-period lead, the Green Knights added to their lead from there in a 6-2 victory in Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) action over the Bulldogs at the Cornerstone Community Center on Feb. 3.

St. Norbert (16-6 overall, 13-3 NCHA) got first-period goals from Liam Fraser barely three minutes into the game before Will Stromp scored five minutes later on the power play to make it 2-0.

Cameron Morris tallied a little more than a minute later to bump the lead to 3-0.

The Green Knights’ first three goals were done so on their first eight shots of the game against Adrian (17-5-1, 14-2) goalie Dershahn Stewart.



St. Norbert College’s Mark Snarr looks to pass the puck in the Green Knights’ 6-2 victory over Adrian College on Feb. 3. In the background is goalie Hunter Garvey.

“Our start was important because we didn’t get to [Stewart] at all the night before (in a 4-1 loss),” St. Norbert Coach Tim Coghlin said. “He’s a good goaltender and he’ll be all-conference in my mind. We needed to bounce back, so I was happy with our effort.”

Forty-five seconds into the game Fraser had a good chance from close range but was denied by Stewart.

About a minute later, Green Knights goalie Hunter Garvey kept the game scoreless with a big save on a breakaway attempt.

St. Norbert kept the mo-

mentum going in the second period when T.J. Koufis made it 4-0 with a power-play goal at 11:41 before the Bulldogs showed some life.

Jacob Suede and Zachary Heintz scored back-to-back goals 15 seconds apart barely a minute after the Green Knights went up by four.

“Adrian is a really good team,” Coghlin said. “They play a good team game with high pace. Don’t forget — that team has been in the national championship game for two consecutive seasons. They won it their first year and played to overtime last year. They



St. Norbert’s Liam Fraser battles for the puck. Fraser tallied two goals in the Green Knights’ 6-2 victory over Adrian College on Feb. 3. **Rich Palzewic photos**

play the game at a different level, and it’s important for our guys to see that. We have nobody on our roster who has been in [Adrian’s] spot, and their whole roster has been in that spot.”

With a bit more than four minutes remaining in the game, the Bulldogs pulled Stewart for an extra attacker.

Fraser and Brock Baker recorded empty-net goals down the stretch to end the scoring for St. Norbert.

“This has been a resilient group all year,” Coghlin said. “We played a solid game (Feb. 2 against Adrian) and didn’t get results — that’s also happened before. We need to play with a lead and play out front. Our top guys stepped up tonight.”

Garvey, a freshman from San Diego, made 31 saves in net while also adding an assist on the Stromp goal.

Mark Snarr and Baker added a pair of assists for the Green Knights.

Coghlin said a win like this has a lot of positives.

“Adrian is the top team in the West (Region),” he said. “If you look at the top teams in the MIAC, the top teams in the WIAC and the top teams in our league, we’ve beat them all. It’s a matter of getting the right group together at the right time.”

St. Norbert ends the regular season with an NCHA road series at the University of Dubuque on Feb. 9-10.



Ashwaubenon skier Owen Wick takes the win at the Feb. 4 State Sprint Championships at Ariens Nordic Center in Brillion. Submitted photo



Gaining on the leader in the last meters of the course, Ashwaubenon's Lauren Carlton, at left, narrowly misses the victory in the Feb. 4 State Sprint Championships at Ariens Nordic Center.

## Ashwaubenon skiers sprint to the top at Wisconsin State Meet

BY CATHY PUTMAN  
FOR THE PRESS TIMES

BRILLION – Four Ashwaubenon Nordic skiers placed in the top 10 at the Wisconsin State Sprint Meet held Sunday, Feb. 4, at Ariens Nordic Center in Brillion.

Several additional varsity athletes raced through

to the finals.

Owen Wick (Ashwaubenon) was the fastest male sprinter in the state, winning the quarter, semi and final in a field of 120 athletes.

He was also crowned State Team Champion with his teammate Ben Buchmann on Saturday.

Buchmann (Ashwauben-

on), another speedy athlete took fifth in the overall on Sunday.

Lauren Carlton (Notre Dame) raced to less than half a ski length out of first space in the final sprint, losing to Iola skier, Josephine Kwasny.

She was first in the qualifying round and in all heats leading up to the final.

With teammate Paige Beining (Notre Dame), Carlton was runner-up in the team sprint on Saturday.

Beining was fifth in the individual sprint.

All four athletes posted significant improvement over their 2023 top 20 finishes.

In a standout freshman

performance, Ella Swanson (Wrightstown) was 14th in the overall sprint standings, working her way through the preliminary races to the B final. The varsity field was 82 girls.

The varsity boys who made the cut to advance included Ashwaubenon freshmen, Sean Johnson, Erik Johnson and Jacob

Shobe who placed 16, 18 and 21 in the overall.

The State Sprint Championships attracted 16 school and club-based teams to the event. Ariens Nordic Center strategically conserved the course during a two day warm-up making it possible to hold the largest high school state sprint meet in Wisconsin Nordic history.

## Douglas and Reynolds lead the way as Green Bay downs IUPUI on Education Day

BY GREEN BAY  
ATHLETICS  
FOR THE PRESS TIMES

GREEN BAY – David Douglas Jr. and the Green Bay men's basketball team put on a show for over 3,500 Green Bay area elementary students at the Resch Center Thursday afternoon. Douglas led the Phoenix (15-9, 10-3) on the offensive end, going for 20 points, with 17 of those coming in the second half en route to a 79-56 — win over Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) to maintain first place in the Horizon League (HL). The official attendance at the game was 5,490, which is the largest since 6,019 people came to watch the Phoenix take on Oakland on Feb. 28, 2015.

Noah Reynolds was just behind Douglas with 19 points and four assists, and Rich Byhre helped out with 13 points.

Led by Marcus Hall's four offensive rebounds, Green Bay did a great job crashing the offensive glass, pulling down 12 boards that resulted in 15 second chance points.

The Green Bay defense was effective at taking away the ball in Thursday's game, forcing 21 IUPUI turnovers while committing just eight of their own. Those takeaways turned into 25 points on the other end of the floor.

### How it happened

IUPUI had it going in the first half, shooting 57.7% from the floor and 40.0% from three. The Jaguars used that shooting to build a 34-30 advantage before



UW-Green Bay's Marcus Hall steps up to defend for the Phoenix in their game against IUPUI on Thursday, Feb. 1.

Green Bay Athletics photo

the Phoenix outscored them in the final two minutes, 6-0, to take a 36-34 lead into the locker room. Reynolds was key to keeping Green Bay afloat in the half, scoring 17 in the frame.

The second half was a different story from the jump. Douglas and Clarence Cummings III provided a spark to start the second half and outscored the Jaguars 17-6 themselves in the first eight minutes of the second half.

Green Bay had a 53-40 lead with 11:54 in the game and kept the pedal to the floor, not letting IUPUI get any closer the rest of the way.

Green Bay finished with their largest lead of the day after a made Cummings jumper extended the lead to 23 at 79-56.

### Game notes

Green Bay found success from beyond the arc, knocking down 11 of their 31 (35.5%) of their shots from deep.

Douglas has cored 20+ points for the second game straight and the third time in the last four games.

Green Bay tallied 16 total assists to just eight turnovers.

The Green Bay bench outscored IUPUI's 35-13. Green Bay has double digit HL wins for the first time since the 2019-20 season.

Green Bay has won 10 of its last 12.

Green Bay got five rebounds from both Hall and Elijah Jones.

### Coming up

After returning to action Thursday on the road at Robert Morris, Green Bay will showdown with Youngstown State, who is currently tied for second place in the HL with an 8-3 league record.

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The Phoenix faced their second loss of the season to Cleveland State, bringing their Horizon League record to 10-2 on the season. Green Bay Athletics photo

## McNeal's Career Day not enough in loss to Vikings

BY GREEN BAY ATHLETICS  
FOR THE PRESS TIMES

CLEVELAND – A career day from Natalie McNeal wasn't enough as the Green Bay women's basketball team fell to Cleveland State (CSU) 86-63 Saturday afternoon at the Wolstein Center.

McNeal dropped a new career-high in points with 30 to lead the Phoenix (17-5, 10-2 HL), while Maddy Schreiber added 14.

The Vikings (20-4, 11-2 HL) could not be stopped from beyond the arc, drilling 15 of 23 three-point attempts. Mickayla Perdue racked up 30 points for CSU, knocking down seven triples.

### How it happened

Green Bay fell behind early, facing a nine-point deficit after Colbi Maples made a layup. Green Bay clawed back into the game and cut the deficit to five after Callie Genke splashed a three.

Perdue made a three to

begin the second quarter, extending CSU's lead to 10.

The Phoenix continued to answer the bell after that, and a mid-range jumper from McNeal narrowed the Vikings' advantage to one with 3:31 remaining in the first half.

CSU ended the half on a 6-0 run to take a 37-30 lead into the break.

The third quarter began similarly to the first quarter, with CSU breaking away for a 13-point advantage after Maples drilled a three.

Green Bay continued to show no quit, and a Jasmine Kondrakiewicz and-one pulled the Phoenix back to within five at 54-49.

CSU went ablaze from three-point land in the final stanza, drilling four triples in less than four-and-a-half minutes, taking a commanding 21-point lead after Maples knocked down another one. CSU ran away with the game in the final quarter, defeating Green Bay 86-63.

### Game notes

McNeal was one rebound shy of her fifth-career double-double.

CSU had 18 second-chance points compared to Green Bay's four.

CSU had 18 points off turnovers, compared to Green Bay's eight.

Each team tallied 30 points in the paint.

The Phoenix was out-rebounded 36-28.

### Coming up

Green Bay will return home for a two-game home-stand Thursday and Saturday. After Green Bay welcomes Northern Kentucky to Titledown on Military Appreciation Night on Thursday, the Phoenix will host Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis for the annual PinkZone Game, presented by Prevea Health and Security Luebke Roofing, on Saturday.

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Nicolet NATIONAL BANK PRESENTS **Senior Spotlight**

**Faith Kibbe, West De Pere High School, track & field and swim**

**Parents' names:** Ryan and Hope Kibbe  
**Siblings:** Amarissa, Landon, Charity Kibbe  
**Instagram:** @faith.kibbe  
**X:** @faithkibbe  
**Position/Events:**  
**Track** – 100m, 200m, 400m, 4x100, 4x200, 4x400  
**Swim** – 50 free, 100 free, 100 fly  
**Career highlight:**  
 4x track & field State Champion  
 6x state qualifier in track  
 2x state qualifier in swim

to be. I learned to prioritize studying and training, and though this made my schedule feel like a lot at first, it got easier to balance the more I matured.

**Favorite subject in school and why?**

My favorite subject is definitely social studies. I really enjoy learning about people, and there's a variety of classes that I can take (history, ecology, geography, psychology, etc.).

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

I love doing A-skips and B-skips. I think they're funny, but they actually really help with speed.

**What is your favorite event and why?**

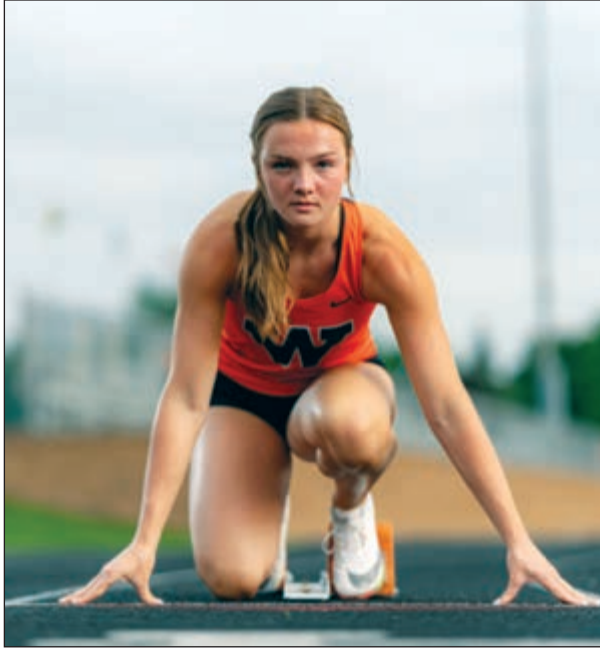
Definitely the 4x400. It's the last event of the meet, and everyone lines up against the fence to cheer us on. The energy is always there, and I love it because it's the final impression our team will make that day, so we just go out and give it our all. I've actually run 4x4s at 11 p.m. and 1 a.m., which was a crazy experience. It's also a West De Pere specialty, with our boys and girls; teams being state champs in 2022 and girls in 2023.

**What originally inspired you to run track?**

Since I can remember, I've loved racing. I used to race my parents, running circles around our house. My mom was a track star in high school, so from a young age, I knew I wanted to run track.

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

I remember coming into high school thinking my raw talent in athletics and academics would get me through all four years. But after encountering setbacks in school and sports, I realized I needed to work hard to be the person I wanted



Kibbe

**Who, in your opinion, is the G.O.A.T. athlete?**

I'd honestly have to say Michael Jordan. I just think he had one of the best mindsets of any athlete, and that's a huge reason why he was so successful.

**What is the hardest part about track?**

Track is such an individual sport, which I love and hate at the same time. It can be easy to put a lot of pressure on myself. That's why

I'm so grateful for awesome coaches who really stress the importance of being a team.

**Being a senior, describe some leadership roles that come into play.**

Going into my last year of high school, I've faced a lot of challenges, and I've learned a lot. I feel like it's my job as a senior to help underclassmen learn from my mistakes and to be there for them when they go

through some of the same challenges.

**What is your ultimate pre-meet routine?**

Definitely visualization and prayer. I don't always eat the same thing for breakfast or do the same stretches, but I always take time to put myself in the race, pray for protection and thank God for where I'm at.

**Favorite collegiate or professional sports team?**

I'd have to say UT Football. My dad is an alum, so they're a family favorite.

**What shoes are you rocking with this year for practice and meet-days?**

Right now, I'm loving my Hoka Mach 5s, my New Balance Vongo V6s for training/practice and my favorite spikes in the world: the Nike Maxfly.

**Do you enjoy weight training or conditioning more?**

It really depends on the day. Conditioning hurts so bad sometimes, but I always feel so good afterward. I also love being able to see my weights increase and lifting with teammates.

**How did it feel to qualify for state? What was**

**the most rewarding aspect?**

Qualifying for state and sharing that joy with my teammates are memories I'll never forget. Seeing where the hard work can take you is so rewarding.

**Are there any memorable coaches or teammates you would like to give a shout-out to?**

Our head track coach, Coach Zellner, does such an amazing job of creating a healthy team culture. He makes everyone feel seen, and so do the rest of our coaches. I also have to thank my relay buddies for pushing me and always giving it their all for the team.

**What are your plans for the future?**

I plan to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point and run track for their team. As of now, I plan to major in Business Management.

**Any advice you would give to your younger self?**

I would tell my younger self that no matter what, God has a beautiful plan for your life, and all you have to do is try your best, and He's got the rest.

**Bay Port Pirates take down Preble Hornets**



Bay Port's Ellie McDermid puts up two points in their game against Green Bay Preble.



Preble's Jayla Dreger looks for a pass in their game against the Pirates. With this loss, the Hornet's record drops to 4-11 in the Fox River Classic Conference (FRCC).



Preble's Annika Watzka and Bay Port freshman Oliva Williams battle for the ball. Williams proved to be a big impact player in the game, bringing their team's record to 5-10 in the FRCC at seventh place.



Bay Port's Payton Dudra goes up for a shot in their game against Preble. The final score of the game was 80-52, Bay Port. **Janelle Fisher photos**

# Bay Port Pirates dominate FRCC conference boys swim

RESULTS BELOW (2/3/23)

## Combined Team Scores

1 Bay Port 596

## Event 1- Boys 1 meter Diving

1 Gerrits, Peter SR South High School 344.70 20  
2 Guadalupe-Ramey, Jesus JR South High School 325.20 17

## Event 2- Boys 200 Yard Medley Relay

1 Bay Port A 1:43.99 40  
1) Azzolina, Luka JR 2) Daul, Bennett SO 3) Azzolina, Dominick SR 4) Bartolazzi, Caleb SO  
27.18 56.30 (29.12) 1:20.93 (24.63) 1:43.99 (23.06)  
2 Ashwaubenon High School Boys A 1:44.03 34  
1) Smits, Alexander SR 2) Hendrickson, Anthony JR 3) Dietzler, Trevor JR 4) Jadin, Ryan JR  
28.25 56.93 (28.68) 1:21.63 (24.70) 1:44.03 (22.40)  
3 Bay Port B 1:45.44 32  
1) Hinrichs, Sam FR 2) Montgomery, Kaleb FR 3) Cherek, Aiden JR 4) Beatty, Toby JR  
28.01 57.04 (29.03) 1:22.11 (25.07) 1:45.44 (23.33)

## Event 3- Boys 200 Yard Freestyle

1 Azzolina, Dominick SR Bay Port 1:49.85 20  
25.75 53.68 (27.93) 1:22.11 (28.43) 1:49.85 (27.74)  
2 Tebon, Carter FR Bay Port 1:50.61 17  
25.55 53.27 (27.72) 1:22.03 (28.76) 1:50.61 (28.58)  
3 Schilz, Griffin SO Bay Port 1:52.64 16  
25.93 54.51 (28.58) 1:24.37 (29.86) 1:52.64 (28.27)  
4 Hodek, Andrew SR Ashwaubenon High School Boys 1:53.43 15  
26.03 54.51 (28.48) 1:23.96 (29.45) 1:53.43 (29.47)  
5 Barden, Andy SO Bay Port 1:53.89 14  
26.26 55.48 (29.22) 1:25.62 (30.14) 1:53.89 (28.27)

## Event 4- Boys 200 Yard IM

1 Montgomery, Kaleb FR Bay Port 2:04.26 20  
25.92 57.55 (31.63) 1:32.90 (35.35) 2:04.26 (31.36)  
2 Azzolina, Luka JR Bay Port 2:05.00 17

## Event 5- Boys 50 Yard Freestyle

1 Terrazas, Aadin FR Sheboygan North 22.46 20  
2 DePas, Cayden SR Green Bay United Boys Swim 22.53 17  
3 Crees, Drew SR Manitowoc Lincoln 22.85 16  
4 Gehm, Nathan SR Green Bay United Boys Swim 23.10 15

## Event 6- Boys 100 Yard Butterfly

1 Azzolina, Dominick SR Bay Port 54.22 20  
25.37 54.22 (28.85)  
2 Bartolazzi, Caleb SO Bay Port 56.40 17

26.30 56.40 (30.10)

## Event 7- Boys 100 Yard Freestyle

1 Crees, Drew SR Manitowoc Lincoln 49.80 20  
23.97 49.80 (25.83)  
2 Tebon, Carter FR Bay Port 50.59 17  
24.72 50.59 (25.87)

## Event 8- Boys 500 Yard Freestyle

1 Terrazas, Aadin FR Sheboygan North 4:54.43 20  
24.53 52.22 (27.69) 1:20.67 (28.45) 1:49.39 (28.72)  
2:18.70 (29.31) 2:49.18 (30.48) 3:20.41 (31.23) 3:51.38 (30.97)  
4:22.92 (31.54) 4:54.43 (31.51)  
2 Daul, Bennett SO Bay Port 5:00.29 17  
26.22 55.08 (28.86) 1:24.86 (29.78) 1:55.45 (30.59)  
2:25.98 (30.53) 2:56.77 (30.79) 3:27.66 (30.89) 3:59.14 (31.48)  
4:30.23 (31.09) 5:00.29 (30.06)  
3 Barden, Andy SO Bay Port 5:00.75 16  
27.00 56.96 (29.96) 1:27.20 (30.24) 1:57.88 (30.68)  
2:28.82 (30.94) 2:59.69 (30.87) 3:30.82 (31.13) 4:01.50 (30.68)  
4:32.00 (30.50) 5:00.75 (28.75)

## Event 9- Boys 200 Yard Freestyle Relay

1 Sheboygan North A 1:31.24 40  
1) Terrazas, Aadin FR 2) Pond, Mason SO 3) Kirchner, Pascal JR 4) Smith, Owen SR  
22.20 45.30 (23.10) 1:08.74 (23.44) 1:31.24 (22.50)  
2 Bay Port A 1:35.13 34  
1) Beatty, Toby JR 2) Azzolina, Luka JR 3) Schilz, Griffin SO 4) Tebon, Carter FR  
24.53 47.92 (23.39) 1:11.90 (23.98) 1:35.13 (23.23)

## Event 10- Boys 100 Yard Backstroke

1 Graham, Trevor SR Sheboygan North 55.63 20  
27.22 55.63 (28.41)  
2 Gehm, Nathan SR Green Bay United Boys Swim 57.03 17  
26.85 57.03 (30.18)  
3 Azzolina, Luka JR Bay Port 57.26 16  
28.06 57.26 (29.20)  
4 Cherek, Aiden JR Bay Port 58.45 15  
27.98 58.45 (30.47)

## Event 11- Boys 100 Yard Breaststroke

1 Daul, Bennett SO Bay Port 1:01.94 20  
29.74 1:01.94 (32.20)  
2 Montgomery, Kaleb FR Bay Port 1:02.40 17  
29.79 1:02.40 (32.61)  
3 Bartolazzi, Caleb SO Bay Port 1:04.67 16  
30.71 1:04.67 (33.96)

## Event 12- Boys 400 Yard Freestyle Relay

1 Sheboygan North A 3:22.40 40  
1) Terrazas, Aadin FR 2) Pond, Griffin SO 3) Kirchner, Pascal JR 4) Graham, Trevor SR  
23.17 47.96 (47.96) 1:12.26 (24.30) 1:39.83 (51.87)  
2:04.20 (24.37) 2:32.26 (52.43) 2:55.57 (23.31) 3:22.40 (50.14)  
2 Bay Port A 3:25.67 34  
1) Azzolina, Dominick SR 2) Bartolazzi, Caleb SO 3) Schilz, Griffin SO 4) Tebon, Carter FR  
24.63 50.95 (50.95) 1:16.11 (25.16) 1:43.55 (52.60)  
2:08.40 (24.85) 2:35.56 (52.01) 2:59.67 (24.11) 3:25.67 (50.11)  
3 Green Bay United Boys Swim A 3:26.36 32  
1) Gehm, Nathan SR 2) Moore, Sam JR 3) Retzak Krump, Atticus SO 4) DePas, Cayden SR  
24.89 51.87 (51.87) 1:16.99 (25.12) 1:44.41 (52.54)  
2:09.52 (25.11) 2:36.58 (52.17) 3:00.04 (23.46) 3:26.36 (49.78)

## Event 13- Boys 2024 Yard Conference Dual Wins Relay

Team Relay Finals Time Points  
1 Bay Port A J20:24.10 18

# Teddy bear toss



The Green Bay Gamblers collected teddy bears from fans at their "Teddy Bear Toss" game on Saturday, Feb. 3. Between periods, fans tossed the teddy bears they brought onto the rink and they were then collected and passed out by the players to pediatric patients at the Aurora BayCare Hospital on Monday, Feb. 5.

Tori Wittenbrock photos



## GAMBLERS

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people to see them as well," said Dr. Beno.

However, the effects of this program last much longer than a single day, according to Dr. Beno.

"Not only does the benefit happen when the players are here handing them out, but also for the year to come when we get a supply of teddy bears to hand out to children who undergo painful treatments," said Dr. Beno.

One young boy, in particular, said that receiving a teddy bear from the Gamblers players was the best part about his day.

Harrison Fritsch, 4, was ecstatic to receive the teddy bears from his newest Green Bay icons, the Gamblers.

"Great!" said Harrison about his experience at his first Gamblers game. The Fritsch family even participated in the teddy bear toss themselves at the game.

"I brought a polar bear one," said Harrison.

Harrison said that he was also able to secure a bear for his older brother, Hudson, 5, who was at an OT appointment on another floor.

Their mother, Stephanie Fritsch, said that she was so happy to see the excitement on Harrison's face when he recognized the players and then was able to receive a teddy bear from them.

"It was the boys' first hockey game ever and we were rink side so the boys could toss their bears over," said Stephanie.

The two boys said that being at the game and then seeing the Gamblers in person to receive a teddy bear was one of the greatest experiences they have ever had and it truly brightened their day.

Stephanie said that the experience of being at the game clearly stuck with her



Hudson Fritsch embraces his teddy bear from the Gamblers, hand delivered to him by his younger brother, Harrison, because he was at an OT appointment. Submitted photo

son because as they were in the parking lot walking into the hospital, her son noticed something on a car outside that looked familiar.

"I saw a Green Bay Gamblers sticker," said Harrison.

Stephanie said that her son picked up on the Ace sticker outside and knew that someone would be in the hospital.

According to Stephanie, the boys had a great time at the game and were able to high-five the Gamblers mascot, Ace, right up against the glass.

"We are going to make [going to Gamblers games] more of a tradition now — especially the teddy bear toss," said Stephanie. "We just love the impact on the community."

Gamblers defenceman Josh Player said the experience of brightening young patients' days was unfor-

gettable.

"We are just trying to brighten their days and make them smile," said Player.

"It was great. I think the Gamblers have a really great program to give back to the community. We have a really great fan base so it felt good to give back to them."

Though this is Player's second season in Green Bay, he said that he is excited to finally be able to take part in the program by passing out the bears.

"I wasn't here personally last year, but I talked to some of the guys who were, and they all said that it was great and all the kids smiled and it really made their day."

The Gamblers teddy bear toss has been an annual event for over two decades and the team has collected a total of over 1,500 bears for pediatric patients.

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### '18 GMC Sierra Denali Crew Cab 4x4

1 Owner, 108K Miles, Auto, Heated/Cooled Leather, Full Power Opts, Navigation, Bluetooth, Backup Camera, Remote Start, Alloys.



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Stk# H124041

### '19 GMC Sierra 2500HD SLE Crew Cab 4x4

1 Owner, Diesel, 182K Miles, Auto, Heated Leather, Full Power Options, Navigation, Backup Camera, Bluetooth, Remote Start, Bedliner, Alloys, Tow Pkg.



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# FRCC CHAMPS!

At their swim meet at Sheboygan-South on Saturday, Feb. 3, the Bay Port Pirates swim and dive team secured their eight consecutive FRCC title. Dominick Azzolina from Bay Port was named the FRCC swimmer of the year. Meet results on page 22. **Submitted photo**



## Green Bay Gamblers deliver 'teddy bear toss' bears to patients

BY TORI WITTENBROCK  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

GREEN BAY - On Saturday, Feb. 3, the Green Bay Gamblers hockey team hosted their annual teddy bear toss game where they collect teddy bears from fans that are tossed onto the ice in between periods.

On Monday, Feb. 5, a group of players made an appearance at the hospital to deliver the bears to pediatric patients at a local Aurora BayCare hospital.

According to Dr. Donald Beno, a pediatrician at Aurora BayCare Health in Green Bay, the impact this program can have on the young patients and their mentality is extremely positive.

"It is a wonderful program that gives children who are undergoing sometimes painful treatments a little gift," said Beno. "Certainly the tests and the treatments are needed, but the teddy bear can bring a smile to their face after those events."

Dr. Beno also said that having these bears delivered by local athletes who can be a true inspiration for them is one of the most interesting and unique aspects of the program.

"Certainly the Gamblers have been a great partner with this program and hopefully this attracts

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Harrison Fritsch, 4, proudly holds the teddy bears he received from the Gamblers as a part of the teddy bear toss program. He intends to deliver the red bear to his younger brother, Hudson. **Tori Wittenbrock photo**

## Phantoms dominate at home



(Above) WDP remains in second place in the Bay Conference with a record of 9-2 on the season and 15-5 overall, second to only Xavier who is 11-0 in conference. (Below) West De Pere boys basketball beat Menasha at home with a score of 84-42 on Tuesday, Feb. 6. **Carson Glosny photos**



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