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Golden Apple 2024: Patty Wojcik, Seymour High School

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

GREEN BAY – On Thursday, Feb. 15, the Greater Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce surprised its 2024 Golden Apple recipients.

The local teachers were recognized in the areas of professionalism, leadership and innovation.

Leading up to the April recognition event, the Press Times is highlighting these eight honorees.

Seymour High School Science Teacher Patty Wojcik was surprised during her first hour of classes on Feb. 15 by co-workers, family and friends.

Wojcik obtained a bachelor of science in chemical engineering at UW-Madison and pursued a different path before turning to the education field.

“Prior to becoming a teacher, I was an engineer at a local paper mill for nine years. I returned to school to get my teaching certification because I wanted to pay forward what my high school science teachers had done for me. They were the

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Seymour High School Science Teacher Patty Wojcik was surprised in her classroom by co-workers, family and friends on Feb. 15. **Staff photo**

New Heritage Hill exhibit tells story of the American Dream



David Haack installs the original flooring. The house was disassembled and transported to Heritage Hill in 18 pieces, including 12 wall sections, four roof sections and two floor sections, where it is being reassembled and prepared for an early May opening. **Submitted photo**

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ALLOUEZ/OCONTO – This summer, Heritage Hill State Historical Park will open their first new building in nearly a decade, which will serve as an educational tool highlighting the area’s migrant workers in the 20th century.

“The beauty of this structure is not necessarily that it’s big, it’s not necessarily that it’s got this crazy historical impact or power; but, one of the cool things that we haven’t had as great of an opportunity to do here at the park in many years is tell stories of other ethnicities that have come to the park. And with the unique labor history tied to the migrant cabin,

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Collaboration is key

On Broadway provides annual report

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
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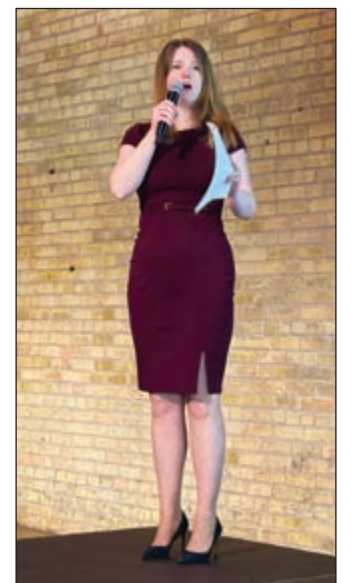
GREEN BAY – During On Broadway’s annual “State of the Broadway District,” held Feb. 20 at Gather, the organization presented updates on district projects, new developments and district impact for 2023, through which On Broadway Executive Director Brian Johnson said, “collaboration is key.”

“Collaboration is key and having good community partners to work with is so important. We have so many partners that we’ve worked with probably none more important than Downtown Green Bay. When we think about downtown, we are one downtown but we are actually three separate districts, but we have to collaborate and work together,” he stated.

“Strategy is first and foremost with everything that we do. 2019 was when we created a strategic plan.

“So we worked with our board of directors to create a strategic plan; we’ve been committed to it. And even though it was designed to be a five-year

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On Broadway Special Events Manager Betsy Sorensen recognizes the organization’s volunteers. **Kris Leonhardt photo**

Four in bid for two seats on GBAPS board of education



Becker

Boucher

Lee

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Laitinen-Warren resigns

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

GREEN BAY – Four candidates are seeking two seats on the Green Bay Area Public School (GBAPS) Board of Education during the spring 2024 election.

Following are the responses to the questions posed to the candidates ahead of the April 2 contest:

Andrew Becker (Incumbent)

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

As an experienced board member of the Green Bay Area Public Schools, I have had the opportunity to learn about all areas of the district and to develop a strong understanding of the challenges and opportunities that we face. As the elected rep-

resentatives of the community, it’s critical that the Board is directly involved in the making the important decisions.

I have always been a believer in positive, hands-on leadership. With my diverse professional background including the private sector, nonprofits and education, I have developed a broad understanding of how to incorporate different viewpoints

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strategic plan, we have achieved probably 75% of what's in there despite the two-year bump from COVID. Because of that, we've accelerated our progress, and we're going to work this year at a new strategic plan.

"We need all of you to participate in that process and so we're going to do a lot of roundtables with business owners, property owners, but we are also a downtown organization — that downtown belongs to you as a community. It is the one place in our city where that is truly the case. And so we need the entire community's input on what that looks like the questions we're going to ask."

Johnson said that the organization had 547 volunteers logging in nearly 4,424 volunteer hours.

"For those who don't work in this industry, they do calculate out the value of a nonprofit volunteer hour is \$31.60," he explained.

This brought the value to nearly \$140,000 for the organization.

"We are so grateful for every single [volunteer] who's contributed in some way. We have so many different things that our volunteers do for this organization. I assure you that if you're interested, we can find an opportunity for you," he said.

Leicht Park

Johnson also provided an update on Leicht Park, located on the west bank



A rendering of the planned Green Bay Public Market.
On Broadway rendering

of the Fox River downtown near the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Passenger Depot.

"This is a project that ISG has been working on — the city retained them to do this project. We had a TID that was set for closure downtown here and there was some excess funding in there. So we started talking with the staff at the City Hall. They wanted to do a bathroom and we kind of pitched back and said, 'What if we combine the bathroom with a larger facility and we'll help fundraise for that. So that way we get a better long-term permanent investment here. So the city increased their investment, which was great, and then we committed to raise a comparable amount. So, we're in the process of that campaign right now,'" he said.

"Our intent and hope is to break ground on this this year and have this complete in time for the Draft.

"Most folks don't realize this... this is only the southern end of the park. It's because the city doesn't own the northern end of

the park — that's privately owned. The city uses it. We're allowed to use it for programming and stuff, but obviously we can't put a permanent structure on it if you don't own it."

The Shipyard

Johnson said that The Shipyard — located on the west side of the Fox River north of the Mason Street bridge — would provide public space and programming a couple of days a week once completed.

"The shipyard is currently under construction, so that is exciting. We have phase one under construction (and) will be complete by July, is when it's anticipated.

"Phase two is going to start probably in August and go through next year. That's going to include some of your amenities.

"And then phase three will be the 'Container Park' and that's a plan that still evolving...
"One of the reasons this project was delayed — this is a really challenging site — it had contamination, was in the floodplain. You had to bring in fill and then

it takes a year or two for that fill to settle. But the great news is we are seeing a lot of progress down there and Phase 1 is nearing completion."

Green Bay Public Market

Johnson also said that a public announcement would be made in the upcoming month regarding the 45,000-square-foot community event space planned for the downtown area.

"This is a building that we did buy in April of 2022. So we've owned it for roughly two years. This is, I tell people this every chance I get this is hands-down the hardest project that I've ever worked on, and it is complex because you have tenants that occupied the space, you have to recruit new tenants. You have to raise money. You've got to work through architectural engineering design. You're working through parking solutions," he explained.

Johnson said that they were at over 50% of their \$12.5 million fundraising goal.

"So we've made tremendous progress; that means we're sliding down the hill. And we're going to start some selective demo on this next month. And selective demo is like taking out certain pieces where you have to do a lot of disruption.

"Our goal is to have this space open and operating before the NFL Draft. So that is a year away a little more than a year away."

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reason I pushed myself to leave a small town in north-west Wisconsin to pursue an engineering degree at UW-Madison. I became a teacher so I could try to do the same for my students. I strive to challenge my students and support their growth to help them reach their goals," Wojcik recalled.

Wojcik has done just that for nearly two decades in education

"My favorite part of being an educator is helping students learn how to solve difficult problems. Each year brings new students with different personalities and perspectives, so the techniques and approaches always vary," she said.

"Problem solving starts on the first day of class for my students. I arrange the seating chart in a pattern and when students figure it out they are able to choose their seats and I bake a cake for them. This sets the tone for the teamwork and problem-solving that will follow.

"I strive to create a safe space for students to explore, collaborate and problem solve. One of my favorite units is the catapult project my physics students complete each year.

The goal is for students to design and build a catapult out of popsicle sticks that will launch a ping-pong ball very far and also be able to hit a target. Many of the students have not built anything like this before, so they begin by researching design ideas. Students work as partners to build the catapult, but I encourage them to discuss ideas with other groups and myself.

"Teams that effectively collaborate discover that their final designs are better. The practice days when ping-pong balls are flying around my room are some of my favorites. There are multiple opportunities for students to problem-solve during the project. Often, the original design has some shortcomings, and students need to modify and adjust trigger mechanisms or lever arms. Sometimes, students determine the best solution is to start over with a new design."

But, what is it that has kept Wojcik in the education field for all of these years?

"My career is never boring. Seeing the pride on a student's face after they have accomplished something challenging is something I will always enjoy," she explained.

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Prepare for spring flooding

BY MICKEY SCHOMMER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BROWN COUNTY – Wisconsin's Flood Awareness Week is Feb. 25 through March 2 and Brown County officials are asking individuals to become aware of the risks of flooding.

This coming season, The National Weather Service Forecast Office of Green Bay projects Lake Michigan water levels to be just under two feet above average.

"Flooding is the most common natural disaster that we face here in Wisconsin," said Brown County Emergency Management Director Daniel Kane.

Kane offers steps to be as prepared as possible during a flooding emergency:

The first is to know what a floodplain is and if you live near one.

"Just because floodplains exist, those are just topographical areas where flooding is more likely to occur," said Kane. "Flooding can still happen outside a floodplain. 20% of insurance claims happen outside the floodplain, so it's important to understand that just because you're in a floodplain or outside a floodplain in can still happen to you."

Secondly, Kane stresses the difference between a flood watch and a flood warning.

"A watch means that the likelihood of a flood event is possible; a warning means that a flood is actively happening or is about to actually happen," he said.

Third, it is important to have multiple ways to re-



Wisconsin's Flood Awareness Week is Feb. 25 through March 2 and Brown County officials are asking individuals to become aware of the risks of flooding. Submitted photo

ceive alerts.

"We, in the county, have a system called Code Red. This system is built for the public to be able to sign up to receive emergency alerts for things like flooding, evacuation notices, and other emergency notices we want to get out to the public."

"Have TV radios and weather radios and other phone apps, social media. Don't rely on just one source. It's good to diversify that."

Lastly, understand the power that water has.

"The motto of Flood Awareness Week is 'turn around, don't drown.' We want to reinforce that because there were 77 deaths in the United States last year due to flooding. 81% of deaths in Wisconsin alone were related to people who entered a flooded area after it was already flooded... If you can avoid being in flooded areas, we encourage that," he said.

"Only six inches of water is what it takes to sweep someone off of their feet. Twelve inches of water can sweep a car away," noted Kane.

Likewise, one should have a plan both for evacuation and insurance coverage.

Kane stresses the importance of flood insurance, especially as most homeowner's policies do not cover flooding. Flood insurance becomes especially important during this time of year and cautions those who are buying it too late.

"Typically flood insurance takes 30 days to take effect. You cannot just sign up before you're expecting a flood to come," he added.

"And document your valuable items in your home ahead of time."

This is important for insurance claim purposes.

Creating a flood kit is essential for an evacuation plan, says Kane, and should include money in small bills, clothing, toiletries, chargers, first aid kits, and important documents stored in a waterproof container that is stored outside of the basement.

Proactivity is the most important factor as spring brings on the potential for flooding.

Staying informed as well as staying cooperative with suggested evacuation plans and meeting points are imperative for the safety of the public.

Wello awarded \$180,000 DATCP grant

BY GRACELYN GIESE
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GREEN BAY – Wello, a Green Bay based non-profit organization, has been awarded \$180,000 in grant funding by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP).

Funding from this grant will go towards the Cultivating Community program which tackles food insecurity in Brown County.

Beginning in 2010, Wello has been community-led and dedicated to "building physical, mental, social and environmental well-being," shared Beth Heller, director of strategic partnerships.

After years of working with Brown County communities and school districts, the nonprofit began the Cultivating Community program in 2020.

"Cultivating Community has been a flexible, relationship-based healthy food access initiative that supplements current centralized food insecurity



Wello works with local community partners to distribute fresh and healthy food to people with food insecurity across Brown County. Submitted photo

efforts with a nimble network of relationships that moves fresh food that is produced in our region to food insecure BIPOC individuals through trusted community channels," Heller noted.

By purchasing from local farmers Wello is able to prioritize the quality of food and strengthen the local economy.

Funds from the DATCP grant will support the Cultivating Community program through the purchase of local and culturally-specific foods as well

as to "support program operations and to compensate our resource center partners for the time and logistical support they provide for these distribution efforts," said Heller.

The Cultivating Community program is partnered within trusted community channels, including Casa ALBA Melanie, COMSA, We All Rise and Vivent Health, with more partners to come.

To learn more about Wello or find a local Cultivating Community partner visit wello.org.



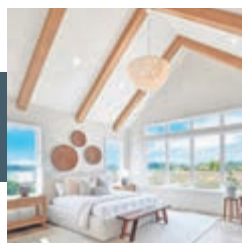
Evers back in Green Bay

Gov. Tony Evers made a stop in Green Bay on Feb. 20 during his statewide fair maps tour. Evers hosted a press conference at Hinterland Brewery in Green Bay as well as the Cleary Alumni & Friends Center at UW-La Crosse, after signing 2023 Wisconsin Act 94.

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Community members react to Tiller resignation

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
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GREEN BAY — Dozens of parents, staff members and students attended the Feb. 26 meeting of the Green Bay Area Public Schools (GBAPS) Board of Education, most in support of previous Superintendent Claude Tiller, Jr.

Many addressed the board during the public forum period, in five-minute increments, which took three hours to complete.

Tiller's resignation was presented during a special meeting of the GBAPS Board of Education held Saturday, Feb. 17.

He was placed on administrative leave earlier in the week, while the board reviewed his appearance on a nationally-syndicated Atlanta public radio show on Feb. 6 while he was on a work recruitment trip for the district.

Amanda Garcia, speaking on behalf of the United Front for Social Change — which includes We All Rise: African American Resource Center, Casa ALBA Melanie and COMSA — called for the reinstatement of Tiller.

"I want you all to know that we started a petition online to reinstate Superintendent Dr. Claude Tiller, Jr., for the Green Bay Area Public School District," she said.

"I'm going to read the petition to you today, and I am speaking on behalf of the community and these this is what the community wants. Our community viewed the now recently made public Atlanta radio talk show interview titled 'Navigating Educational Leadership Insights from the First Black Superintendent of Green Bay Schools' of Dr. Tiller, Jr., that prompted his recent resignation. There are no comments made in the interview that we understand to be grounds for termination of a superintendent that has shown nothing but promise and progress for the Green Bay School District. Dr. Tiller has made more productive changes and established stronger connections with students, staff and schools than any superintendent in over a decade. His dedication to education and commitment to our community is evident in his actions.

"He has been instrumental in fostering an environment that prioritizes learning equity and inclusivity for all students. His permanent absence will be undoubtedly create a void that will be hard to fill and will damage the community trust of the Green Bay



Dr. Claude Tiller, Jr., left, hosted two public meet and greet events last July at the start of his tenure. **File photo**

Public Schools. In order to improve the learning experience for all students, Dr. Tiller was selected for his leadership role due to his extensive experience working in an urban environment, proven results in closing achievement gaps and demonstrated experience building relationships. "We believe that every student deserves the best possible education, which we firmly believe Dr. Tiller can provide as he has shown us during his brief tenure so far.

"This petition is not about me. It's not about the community leaders in the room. It's about the families that live in this school district. It's about preserving community trust in

truly working toward the quality of education that our children deserve in the Green Bay Area Public Schools."

Tiller responded to the community outpouring on Feb. 27 through a statement released by his representation.

"My family and I would like to express our deepest appreciation for the overwhelming support and love that has been so profoundly expressed by the Green Bay community over the past week," Tiller said.

"In addition to receiving an overwhelming number of heartwarming messages through email, text, phone calls and social media, I was also among

the 800 viewers of GBAPS Board of Education meeting live-streamed last night. For over an incredible three hours, my family and I watched as students, parents, teachers, staff, grandparents, alumni, former board members and community members, all who embody the rich diversity that makes Green Bay so beautiful, one-by-one mustered the strength and courage to stand alone in front of the world and speak from their souls.

"As we listened intently to each speaker, many brought tears to our eyes. Our connection to their experiences was profound; we felt the weight of their challenges and we felt their pain in our hearts. We were moved by their words of hope, reconciliation, and human decency, and were inspired by their commitment to the education of all our children.

"The incredible outpouring of support and love has caused me deep reflection. I have come to realize that the sacred trust the Green Bay community has placed in me has shown how this is much bigger than myself. Although out of my control, I want to provide an answer to the pressing question so many continue to ask, by publicly expressing my willingness to engage in conversations regarding the possibility of my return.

"I also want to convey my respect and appreciation for the GBAPS School

Board. Being a School Board member involves relentless work, all day and every day. As they navigate the complex issues facing public education, we must also continue to acknowledge the vital role they each play in the education of our children.

"This district is in the midst of an exciting time of transformation, where the uniqueness of its diverse cultures continues to be weaved into the fabric of our identity. The co-creation of something this intricate requires tremendous patience, understanding, openness and kindness, where every thread, no matter how different, is valued and integral to the strength and vibrancy of our communal fabric as a school district. This kind of work is not easy, and it is essential to recognize that along our journey, we will stumble, and we will experience growing pains, and it is only through grace that we allow these moments to become critical components of our collective growth and understanding.

"Despite the uncertainty surrounding the near future, one truth stands out very clearly: those who spoke and continue to speak so courageously have given voice to the voiceless—a principle that resonates deep within me. May this serve as a lifetime reminder of the powerful influence a single voice can wield."

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and find solutions. I have always stressed the importance of the Board being directly involved in the key decision-making, taking into account a variety of perspectives, not just the administration's.

I'm committed to using my background to drive positive change in student achievement and create a sense of belonging for everyone in our district. My goal is to ensure that every decision we make is well-informed and balanced, geared toward the long-term success and well-being of our students and community.

What developments would you like to see the school district make over the upcoming term:

Our biggest challenge in the Green Bay Area Public Schools is the selection of our next superintendent, a process that demands careful consideration to ensure we collaborate with the community to choose a leader committed to excellence in education for all children and dedicated to community engagement. This decision is pivotal in setting the direction and tone for the district's future.

We also need to address the issue of the budget while facing the challenge of declining enrollment. We must be strategic about costs while acknowledging the important role that neighborhood schools play in our lives. They are more than just educational institutions; they are the heart of our neighborhoods and offer a sense of community. While we will need to combine some schools due to low enrollment, closing schools must be a last resort and should be accompanied by reductions in central administration costs.

It's also critical to make sure that we give all of our community a voice and that the Board and the Administration find ways to reach out to hear from everyone and respond to your concerns. My goal is to see us navigate these challenges in a way that strengthens the district, fosters innovation, and upholds our commitment to serving every student and family in our community.

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

The board needs to ensure that everyone in the community is heard and valued. We need to reach out and offer listening sessions and opportunities for communication to everyone and this means going beyond just the traditional Board meetings. I also believe we need to continue to make sure that the Superintendent and other top administrators have the opportunity to spend time in our schools and at school events on a regular basis as this helps inform the advice they provide to the Board.

By continuing to expand our efforts to hear directly from parents, students, staff, and community members, we can build relationships that will lead to improved success for all of our students.

Paul Boucher

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

I earned a bachelor of science in sociology from the UW-Madison in 1988. I'm a former NCAA athlete and a participant of the Big 10 Athletic Conference. I went to both public and private schools in the Green Bay Area. I received my diploma from Green Bay East High School in 1984.

I attained a total of six varsity letters in three sports. I was employed by Georgetown University for three years. I have been making observations in the local community since, with the hope of returning the knowledge and bringing the community to a higher intellectual ground.

What developments would you like to see the school district make over the upcoming term:

I would like to see growth in the community with increased school spirit by developing a better fan experience at athletic events. A strong school spirit brings better attitudes to the daily school existence. Music in the hallways and on buses can create a more positive atmosphere for students and teachers. If we create fun accessible Athletic Centers where students and teachers can be active and relieve the stresses of the day; we will have found a solution to the hostilities and depression that have been burdening the prevalent attitudes weighing down the public schools. I want to encourage travel and book bus trips to allow students and teachers to explore the Midwest. I would like students to have a five-minute stretch opportunity to start their mornings. We could get the students politically involved by campaigning to get the local municipal voting age lowered to 16 years old.

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

I would like to see constituents attend school sporting events. It would be great if the GBAPS system had indoor swimming facilities for community usage. I would like to see the schools develop advanced Athletic Centers with indoor golf and Arcade style venues that community members could get memberships to, similar to college programs.

Building indoor seating capacity for the Athletic Stadia would increase attendance and profits from ticket sales. This also would hope to develop long term relationships with the alumni both socially and financially.

We need constituents to get involved in making sure the population of the school district grows. The shrinking student population has created an increasingly unreasonable business model for GBAPS. We need someone or perhaps many people to step up to guarantee that the student enrollment numbers increase. A growing student population will bring opportunities that would otherwise be unattainable.

Kou Lee

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

My background as a Hmong American refugee has instilled in me a deep appreciation for public education and democracy, fueling my commitment to our children's future in the Green Bay Area Public Schools.

Personal Journey: From fleeing Laos during the Vietnam War to overcoming poverty and cultural barriers in America, I've experienced firsthand the transformative power of education.

Education Advocate: As the first in my family to graduate from a Big 10 university, I am proof of what access to quality education can achieve.

Community Champion: I stand for a school district that is inclusive, equitable and recognizes the strength in our diversity, ensuring every child has the opportunity to excel.

Vision for GBAPS: My leadership will focus on accountability, high academic expectations and safety, aiming to empower all students to reach their full potential.

Your Support Counts: By voting for me, you're supporting a vision for a school board that values diversity, champions education for all and is committed to making a real difference in our community.

What developments would you like to see the school district make over the upcoming term:

I am indebted to public education and democracy. Without it, my entire life would not have been possible. I am committed to the vision that children in Green Bay Area Public Schools are given the same opportunity as was given to me. Our children shall be given the choice to become high academic achievers, not just the rich, privileged and well-off kids whose parents can afford them a private education. There is so much at stake from our struggles to keep schools

open to declining in enrollment.

As a little boy, I have experienced the ups and downs of poverty living in a refugee camp, growing up in the inner city and struggling to adapt to the new American culture, while learning a new foreign language. I went on to become the first in my family to graduate from a Big 10 university (Michigan State University), enjoy a successful career, to owning a business, raising a family, owning a home and living the American Dream. I will bring this kind of passion, creativity and leadership to the GBAPS.

Our community has been a place of hope and a new beginning for so many families. I remain a strong supporter and believer that our community is better because of diversity. Our children are smarter because of the variety of cultures and backgrounds that exists here in the City of Green Bay. I want to champion education for all. We are stronger together when we are united, inclusive, equitable and diverse.

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

I am running to be your next GBAPS board member to establish an environment of accountability, strong leadership, starts early with early childhood care and education and proactively anticipating and creating a safe place for kids to learn. It is our future. It is critically important to our success as a city, state and country.

In the city of Green Bay alone, we are faced with a number of growing problems such as decreasing student enrollments, low standardized test scores, not enough attention to early childhood care and education, wide spread of teacher shortage, lack of budget, student disciplinary issues and school safety- to name a few. According to U.S. News, 84% of high school students who graduated from GBAPS are not proficient in math and 82% in reading. We failed to prepared our children for the challenges of the

21st century world. Our children are being out-performed by kids from other parts of the world.

I believe we have what we need to be a successful school district; our teachers, the Green Bay Community, GBAPS is part of the International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement programs. All we need is a strong leader who is unafraid to demand high expectations. I believe I am that leader.

We must create an environment of trust and growth where everyone is accountable to each other.

Our boards must be able to identify, hire and support the right leadership to lead this new strategic goal that focus on our children's learning such as early childhood care and learning, teachers' developmental programs, middle school career planning programs and truly implementing the International Baccalaureate education system.

We must demand high expectation from our leaders, educators, students and parents. There must be monthly meetings taking place in each school and communities to openly communicate academic standards and good citizenship expectations to

parents. Everything must be transparent and open to the public because great leadership comes from our community — not behind close-door meetings. I believe schools should provide 90% of all the learning necessary for our children and the other 10% directly by parents/legal guardians.

Our schools will be the safest place where parents can have a peace of mind.

Alex Mineau

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

I was born and bred in Green Bay. I have lived in nearly every corner of our community at some point over the last 40 years. I have a diverse background and am connected to people of all walks of life in Green Bay. I taught physical education, health and Spanish in six of our schools in GBAPS from 2010-22. Also, I coached football, baseball, basketball, and track.

For years I held a variety of leadership positions too. Currently, I teach part time in various school districts and operate a small caregiving business with 10

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employees. My many roles and experiences in GBAPS makes me best qualified to hit the ground running knowing specifically what our district needs and how to achieve it. Along with my business, I know what it's like to be responsible for others' well being and future. I know from personal experience our district's weaknesses and strengths and some things we can do to address the weaknesses and capitalize on our strengths.

What developments would you like to see the school district make over the upcoming term:

I would like the district to address a few things in particular. First, we need to determine which schools and boundary lines need to be adjusted so that all students can have better learning environments. We need to do so with the utmost scrutiny, intelligence and community involvement to make the best long term decision for the right reasons. Secondly, we need to change some of our policies like PBIS and MLSS to address deteriorated student behavior and accountability, and to work more on assisting kids and families with the real skills needed to help ensure student success in schools and thereafter. We also need to change some of our policies/practices to address how we staff our schools, recruit and retain staff. As important as anything, we need to put in place a strong evaluation system for administrators to ensure their performance is assessed and decisions made accordingly.

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

I would continue to be

active and involved in person, on my facebook page and more. I will be in our schools consistently, and I will always see feedback (and listen to it) from all parties involved in our district. I would also hope to set up situations where not only can I receive feedback, but also help strengthen community involvement by helping others learn about various topics and aspects of our operations as well.

I will plan to take advantage of all types of opportunities to stay connected. I'm always out and about the town. I see families all over Green Bay every day. The best thing about me is that I am still to this day a teacher. I will always want to know what's going on at all levels from the district office down to the classroom. I will not clam up and stay hidden once elected. It's not who I am. I promise to be available to the community. Lo prometio!

One more seat opens

On Feb. 24, GBAPS Board Member Dr. Laura Laitinen-Warren announced her resignation.

Laitinen-Warren was appointed to the board in March 2021 and was elected to another term in April 2022.

We wish Laura well in her future endeavors and thank her for her time and dedication to the staff, students and families in Green Bay Area Public Schools" stated GBAPS Board President Laura McCoy. "Laura has been a strong advocate on behalf of all children and we know that she will continue to serve to effect positive change within our community."

At its March 4 meeting, the board will review the timeline and process to appoint a new board member to serve Laitinen-Warren's remaining term, through April 2025.

HERITAGE HILL
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it takes our story forward more into the 1940s-1950s," Heritage Hill Director of Development Madeleine Buchholz-Kneeland said.

"So, it's a unique way to be able to bring our story closer to the present. And then beyond that, Heritage Hill in the past has really focused the majority of its stories on European immigrants that came to this area.

"We have folks that have really diverse backgrounds. The Hispanic American population in Green Bay is the fastest-growing minority in the area. And to be able to have folks be able to come here and see their stories represented here is really, really unique and really important to have that be represented here."

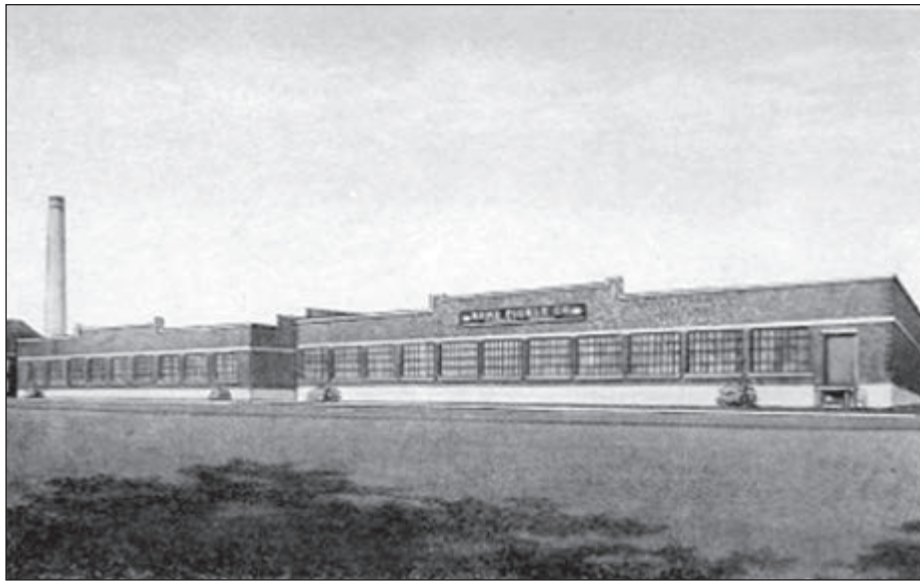
"Green Bay was really a catalyst for labor history in the US, which I didn't know literally until finding out about this migrant cabin that a lot of, you know, union and certainly workers rights — migrant workers rights — came to a head," added Senior Marketing Specialist Elizabeth Jolly-Haslitt.

Labor migration

During the 20th century, laborers from the country's southern states would come north during the slow southern growing season.

While the migrant worker population began as single males, leaving their homes to obtain income to support or help support their families, after World War II families began migrating for work as a unit prompting the need for living quarters.

Recently, four UW-Green Bay interns — Kayla Erickson, Jacob Stuczynski, Jon O'Malley and Kim Krueger — studied the history of the migrant cabin with assistance from the UW-Green Bay Archives and Area Re-



The Bond Pickle Company, pictured in an historical postcard. Blue Sky Postcard Company image

search Center.

Their research found that in the 1960s, there were over 300 migrant labor camps in Wisconsin.

"Many companies had more than one camp to house these migrant workers who were primarily engaged in the harvesting of cherries and cucumbers," the group said in an article.

Bond Pickle Company

"Bond Pickle Company purchased cucumbers from local farms and manufactured them into pickles using the labor of migrant workers. Although mechanization was coming to agricultural fields, machinery was not able to be used for cucumber harvesting because cucumbers could be harvested multiple times per growing season. Because machines usually destroy a crop, preventing continued harvesting, local farmers relied on migrant labor for cucumber harvesting.

"To take advantage of as much migrant labor as possible, Bond Pickle Co. created 'Bond Village,' a group of cabins and facilities close to the farms so that migrant workers were able to have continued shelter and easy access to their worksites.

"These camps were not comfortable or safe locations to live in, with little access to simple amenities such as mattresses or fans for scorching summer weather. The cabins were as basic as the farmer or producer could make them because people would only live in the camps for a few months of the year."

"I think an important thing too, is that the majority of the folks that were represented here are these migrants. They were American citizens. They were Hispanic Americans that are maybe third generation but they were traveling around the country. They would cycle through Texas, they would cycle through Minnesota through Nebraska. They would go all around the country and do this seasonal work, and live in structures like these. And when you go in there, and you realize holy bananas, they put 12 people in here more than that. And it's like a 16-by-20-foot structure," explained Madeleine Buchholz-Kneeland.

House No. 8

In 2017, Heritage Hill State Historical Park received the donation of a migrant home, which once served as living quarters for the Bond Pickle Factory in Oconto.

The home donated to Heritage Hill — house No. 8 — stood in Bond Village for four decades in a group of single-story, three-season wood structures" and served as home for migrant workers during the July to September cucumber harvesting season.

Most of the homes were removed from the village site in the early 1980s.

House No. 8 had been

placed on a farm in southern Oconto County and used as a storage shed.

"One of the families that lived in this camp — in this cabin — basically said, 'I want to save this and went to Heritage Hill and said, 'You know, we think this is really important. Would you guys be able to acquire this building and be able to tell our story?'" Madeleine Buchholz-Kneeland stated.

"It's unique because the family actually stayed on here after. So, the gentleman was a migrant child that came with his family as a migrant worker. And then he ended up staying here and going on to kind of pursue higher education and really excel in the 'American Dream,'" Jolly-Haslitt added.

His children also went on to build successful careers.

The house was disassembled and transported to Heritage Hill in 18 pieces, including 12 wall sections, four roof sections and two floor sections, where it is being reassembled and prepared for an early May opening.

"So, it's really a cool story, again, of what we think is the true American Dream. You come here and you live on something so small and you build your way into a real success story and give back to the community that raised you too," Madeleine Buchholz-Kneeland said.

"That's another great piece of this: they have this story, they were able to make something of themselves and come here and say, 'This structure, save this please and be able to tell our story for future generations.'"

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USDDP table request regarding religious expression

BY LEE REINSCH
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DE PERE — The Unified School District of De Pere board (USDDP) tabled a request last week by a board member to consider loosening up its rules on religious expression for district employees.

USDDP Superintendent Chris Thompson suggested the board put it off, saying he had an upcoming meeting with a representative from Neola, and he wanted to find out what kind of dialogue other districts were having about the policy.

Thompson said he would seek legal advice on how the district could potentially advise a student faith club, something for which he had received a request last week.

Neola is the school district policy provider for Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia and Florida.

Policy 8800 regarding religious activities and observances states that as public employees, school staff, while they're on duty, cannot pray or "use religious readings or symbols as a devotional exer-

cise or in an act of worship or celebration."

It says staff should steer clear of situations in which their "expression of religious views could be reasonably construed as an endorsement or approval of the message by the school or district."

The policy doesn't forbid teaching about religions and religious practices as part of the curriculum, and it says instruction can include discussion of religious holidays and customs, as long as it doesn't give the impression the district favors or endorses one religion or system of beliefs over others.

The policy doesn't prohibit students from expressing their religious beliefs, but it says such expression may be limited to "lunch periods or other non-instructional time periods when students are free to associate, or on an individual basis in a manner that does not disrupt the educational process."

USDDP Board Member Brittony Cartwright brought the topic before the board, saying she feels the policy is too restrictive.



The Unified School District of De Pere board tabled a request last week by a board member to consider loosening up its rules on religious expression for district employees. **Stock photo**

She drew upon last summer's meetings regarding the display of flags on school property.

"In previous meetings and discussions, after individual board input and community input, it seems to me that teachers and students alike believe they should be allowed to express their individual feelings and their beliefs," she said.

"I guess if that's the case, then we should be more consistent with that, and I feel like this, as it is currently written, is not consistent with that," Cartwright said. "I think it needs to be adjust-

ed to be a little bit less restrictive."

How the board does that is a matter for discussion, she said.

USDDP Board Member Jeff Dickert asked for an example of an adjustment to the policy that Cartwright would consider less restrictive.

In response, Cartwright read part of Policy 8800 that she found troublesome.

"As public employees, while on duty and acting within the scope of employment or pursuant to official duties, district staff members shall not use prayer, religious

readings or religious symbols as a devotional exercise or in an act of worship or celebration," she read.

Thompson said another facet of the issue was how changes to the policy might affect other areas.

"It's not just religion but politics, too," Thompson said. "Once you start making changes, the dominoes begin to fall."

He said the issue goes for clubs as well as curriculum.

He said the district received a request for a new club recently and that he would be getting legal

counsel on how to facilitate it. He said the club — Faith Club — would support not only students of faith but also those who were not.

Policy 8800 impacts teachers and staff, not students, but staff would need to advise the club.

Thompson said the matters require input from the school board, administration and legal counsel.

"This is a policy where you would normally hear me say I would advise leaving it as is but that doesn't mean I'm not willing to (change it)," Thompson said.

Board approves class and compensation study for HHS positions

BY MICKEY SCHOMMER
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BROWN COUNTY — At its February meeting, the Brown County Board of Supervisors discussed a class and compensation study for the Youth Justice Social Worker/Case Manager and Initial Assessment Unit positions.

At the beginning of the meeting, several youth social workers from the Brown County Health and Human Services (HHS) Department spoke about the overwhelming amount of work they do with lesser compensation for their roles and educational backgrounds.

"We are one of the counties with the highest rate of children in out-of-home care outside of Milwaukee County," said Jessica Coleman, a case manager for Health and Human Services.

She expressed the difficulty to support the children she works with because of her high caseload and the stress she's under to perform well for those who need her.

Additionally, Youth Justice Case Manager Nicole Collins, said, "Although I find this work rewarding and extremely important, it's also very taxing and demanding. I currently hold a caseload of 26 individual cases. That significantly exceeds Wisconsin's recommended caseload which should not exceed over 17 cases per worker," she said.

"It is shocking and concerning, to say the least, to know that surrounding counties are starting their employees off at a higher wage than Brown County," Collins added.

Many more social workers addressed their concerns of high stress and overbearing caseloads with compensation that is incomparable to surrounding counties and requested a restructuring of the wage system for Brown County social workers.

During the meeting, District 24 Supervisor Richard Schadewald expressed his approval of the request, but wanted to caution the board

about the future of the budget.

"I want [these employees] and the Board to understand that this is something that, typically, means there's going to be some budgetary restrictions in the future," said Schadewald.

"I caution this board, that you know, in the last few years we had COVID money and ARPA money and now, those are gone... If you spend

more money on wages, it's probably required and necessary and good, but you're at the tax levy limit. That means if your new construction is used for wage increased, something has to be reduced," he explained.

"Yes, I'll approve the request and we'll do the study of it... but it's also necessary to cut something," he said.

The board ultimately approved the request.

Pond-emonium in Allouez

BY JANELLE FISHER
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ALLOUEZ — The Allouez Village Board continued discussions regarding a proposed retention pond to be constructed in Riverside Park at its Feb. 20 meeting.

Back in September, a public involvement meeting was held regarding the pond and its location — at which time three options

for the potential pond were presented to the public for feedback.

The first option presented features a 1.27-acre pond at the south side of River-view Park, along the East River and would cost an estimated \$830,000.

This option would be eligible for a grant through the Wisconsin Department

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Ledgeview passes new legislation regarding room tax

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LEDGEVIEW - During the Feb. 20 Ledgeview Town Board meeting, the board approved the second reading of Ordinance O-2023-14, aimed at establishing a new chapter in the town code for hotel, motel and room tax.

During discussion, Ledgeview Supervisor Mark Danen expressed reservations, explaining the premature nature of the

action, particularly given the current presence of only six short-term rentals.

He argued that the financial impact of these rentals would be insignificant compared to the significant impact on renters.

Danen advocated waiting until the development of a hotel that could generate substantial benefits through room taxes.

Treasurer Renae Peters advocated for immediate action, emphasizing the

importance of signaling readiness for new development to potential hotel businesses.

Peters highlighted the potential benefits, including becoming a part of the Bay Area Room Tax Commission and the stimulation of tourism.

Danen countered, pointing out the lengthy process of hotel construction and the lack of urgency or financial necessity in implementing the ordinance at the moment.

Development projects

The meeting also addressed a few development projects for enhancing community infrastructure and amenities.

Approval was granted for the long-awaited construction of a new park shelter, including restrooms and a concession area at Scray Hill Park, to improve visitor experience, including plans for parking lot expansion with considerations for

visual appeal and functionality.

Financial matters
The board approved proposals related to debt restructuring and redemption.

Specifically, the issuance and sale of refunding notes totaling \$8.7 million were approved to finance facilities bonds, reflecting the town's commitment to assertive debt repayment and financial stability.

Similarly, the redemption of the 2021B \$2,765,000

note was endorsed, with an emphasis on cost-saving benefits.

ATV ordinance

Mark Danen initiated a motion to revisit the action on an ATV ordinance discussed in the previous meeting.

After deliberation, the ordinance was approved, reflecting the board's stance on maintaining the community's character and suitability for such regulations.



Single-vehicle crash knocks out power downtown

Officers were dispatched to the scene of a single-vehicle crash at the intersection of South Ashland Avenue and Seymour Court on Tuesday, Feb. 27, just before 2:15 p.m. A truck struck a power pole, which also caused traffic light outages and power to go out in some of the downtown area. Utility crew workers were on scene for several hours. The investigation into the cause of the crash is ongoing. No injuries have been reported. Anyone with information related to this case is encouraged to call Green Bay Police at (920) 448-3200 and reference case #24-209791. Those wishing to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at (920) 432-STOP (7867). You may also submit a tip online at www.432stop.com, or utilize the "P3 Tips" app.

Shane Fitzsimmons photo

Changes to Duck Creek Quarry non-resident wristband distribution

BY JANELLE FISHER
CITY PAGES EDITOR

HOWARD - The Howard Village Board unanimously approved an admission policy for the Duck Creek Quarry's 2024 season.

From 2020-22, admission to the Quarry swim beach was limited to Howard residents only.

Last year, non-resident households had the opportunity to enter into a lottery system from which 250 households

would be selected to be able to purchase admission wristbands for a fee of \$50 per household.

Village staff said that although 4,000 households entered last year's lottery, many did not come to pick up and pay for their wristbands after they had been selected and staff had to spend additional hours selecting and notifying more lottery participants on three occasions before the wristbands were all distributed.

Because of this year, staff recommended that the village offer up to 2,500 total wristbands to 500 non-resident households on a first-come, first-served basis.

To obtain wristbands for this year, non-residents will need to visit Howard Public Works, fill out a form, provide a photo identification and pay the fee.

Howard residents will continue to be provided wristbands at no charge.

POND

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of Natural Resources in the amount of \$150,000, leaving the village responsible for \$680,000.

The second option presented at the meeting includes a 1.13-acre pond in the northeast corner of the park, but would require that two of the park's existing baseball diamonds be relocated to the northwest corner of the park to make room for the pond, and would involve the disturbance of 0.95 acres of wetland to make room for the new ball diamonds.

This option would still be eligible for the \$150,000 DNR grant, but because of the ball diamond relocation, would still cost the village an estimated \$2,000,000 — a total cost of \$2,150,000.

The third proposed option would put a 1.17-acre pond on the west side of the park, at the corner of East River Drive and Broadview Drive and would not require any ball diamonds to be relocated, however constructing the pond at this location would result in 0.43 acres of wetland disturbance.

Because the pond would be disturbing wetlands, this option would not qualify for the DNR grant, leaving the village responsible for 100% of the estimated \$1,070,000 cost.

For the Feb. 20 meeting, a fourth option was presented in which the pond would be located in a similar position to what was presented in option 2, but would involve the removal of two softball diamonds with no plan to replace them.

This option would carry a total estimated cost of \$1,410,000 with the village being responsible for \$1,260,000 if the DNR grant application is approved.

An Option 4A was also presented, again with the pond in the northeast corner of the park, which would involve the removal of only one softball field but disturb 0.22 acres of wetlands.

There was much public input to be heard at the Feb. 20 meeting, as residents and members of the Allouez Girls Softball League, who fundraised for the softball fields at Riverview Park to be installed, showed up in droves to advocate for their desired outcomes.

Allouez Girls Softball League players, coaches, parents and even umpires

showed up to the meeting to voice their concerns over the future of the program if any softball fields were to be removed from the park.

Damien Dufek, who serves on the board for Allouez Girls Softball, emphasized the importance of having five fields in making sure all who want to participate are able to.

"If we remove two of those fields, we've had the discussion about having to turn girls away," he said. "We can only play two games [per field] per night due to not having lights... If we can't have enough fields for teams, we're going to have to turn girls away."

Reagan Dufek, who plays in the Allouez Girls Softball League, spoke on the value the fields hold to the girls who play there.

"[Those fields] are where dreams come true," she said. "That's where I first started last year and I'm already on a tournament team... If we lose two of those fields, we lose dreams."

Many residents living near the park expressed concerns regarding the first option and the close proximity of the pond to their homes while noting that they also do not wish to see any softball fields disappear.

"I have two young kids, so it's a big safety issue with drowning..." said Ben Hockaday, a resident living near the pond location proposed in the first option. "That's a big issue for me and my family and I've got neighbors who have the same issue — they have kids themselves or they have grandkids so they're back there playing all the time. But I don't want to see the softball fields go either, so option five would be the greatest option."

A fifth option for the pond's location surfaced out of the public comment portion of

the meeting which would have the pond placed in the northwest corner of the park.

This option would involve considerable wetland disturbance, but would satisfy many of the concerns brought up during the meeting by moving the pond away from homes and not impacting the placement of any existing softball fields.

No definite location for the pond has been determined yet and no action was taken at the meeting, though Village President Jim Rafter thanked all who participated for coming and voicing their opinions and noted that the feedback received would be taken into account as additional options are considered to hopefully come to an agreeable location for all impacted.

"I learned a lot tonight," he said. "I love to see the passion for our girls [softball league] and for Allouez. Being here makes a difference... We are one community. We're going to be together and we're going to figure this out."

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A leap for learning

AJ Dillon surprised students at Green Bay's King Elementary School with a \$20,000 grant as part of UScellular and the Green Bay Packers' Leap for Learning program. The grant will go towards improving technology and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education. "[This grant] helps us to continue to be innovative," said Michelle Flicek, the King Elementary teacher who initially applied for the grant to help fund the school's Girls Who Code program. "To do that, we have to keep updated with technology and STEM initiatives. This funding will help us continue to have and offer those extracurricular things and broaden it a bit more. We really focused on girls with the coding, but we want to do some boy makerspace/engineering-type things to get everybody a chance to be involved." Flicek said the grant will also help to update technology around the school, making the funding impactful both in the classroom and in extracurricular offerings. **Janelle Fisher photo**

NEWS BRIEFS



Chris Hronek named 2024 Innovator of the Year

DE PERE – SMACNA (The Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association) named Chris Hronek of Tweet/Garot Mechanical in De Pere as the recipient of its 2024 SMACNA Innovator of the Year Award, which recognizes contractors who are visionaries, game-changers, and the driving forces behind continuous improvement.

The award serves as a recognition of excellence and celebrates those who are transforming and shaping the future of their industry.

"Chris is an incredibly skilled sheet metal worker who combines his trade expertise with a keen interest in technology to spearhead the digitization of the fabrication process, specifically focusing on optimizing shop workflows," Linda Jennings, executive director of innovation, integration and learning at SMACNA. "Chris is

also a valued resource throughout Tweet/Garot and the industry, always going above and beyond to share and promote new and innovative workflows."

Officer-involved critical incident

GREEN BAY – The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) is investigating an officer-involved critical incident in Green Bay that occurred on the afternoon of Friday, Feb. 23.

The Green Bay Police Department responded to a weapons violation call, during which a Green Bay police officer located a vehicle believed to be involved on Green Ridge Drive near Open Gate Trail in Green Bay.

The subject fired their weapon, leading the subject and officer to exchange gunfire resulting in injury to the subject.

Lifesaving measures were performed and the subject was transported to the hospital but later succumbed to their injuries.

No law enforcement officers were injured during the incident.

The involved officer from Green Bay Police Department has been placed on administrative leave, per department policy, and was wearing a body camera during the incident.

DCI is leading this investigation and is assisted by the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory, Wisconsin State Patrol, the Brown County Sheriff's Office, the Brown County Medical Examiner's Office, DCI Crime Response Specialists and members of DCI's Digital Evidence Unit.

All involved law enforcement are fully cooperating with DCI during this investigation.

Green Bay Botanical Garden announces new president and CEO

GREEN BAY – Green Bay Botanical Garden has named Dr. Laura Nelson as its next president and CEO.

For the past eight years, Nelson has been the vice president and chief medical officer for Prevea Health.

In addition to a medical degree from UW-Madison, Nelson has an MBA from the University of St. Thomas and is a certified executive coach

"We are so pleased Laura will be our new leader," shared Terri Trantow, Green Bay Botanical Garden Board Chair. "She not only has a strong business background, but she is also a former board member with a strong passion for the Garden. She brings 25 years worth of exceptional leadership experience with strengths in relationship building, collaboration, program development and change management."

Nelson will step into her role with the Garden later this spring, working for a short time with current President and CEO Susan Garot.



New EV Hybrid stickers for first responder safety

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will begin sending

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The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) invites you to attend a public involvement meeting for the I-41 Project from WIS 96 (Wisconsin Avenue) near Appleton to County F (Scheuring Road) in De Pere.

Virtual Public Involvement Meeting

Tuesday, March 12
begins at 5 p.m.

Join the meeting online:
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(608) 571-2209
Conference ID: **243 160 417#**

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Scan the QR code to access the meeting virtually or learn more by visiting the I-41 Project website at i41project.wisconsin.gov



In-Person Public Involvement Meeting

Wednesday, March 13
from 5-7 p.m.
Presentation begins at 5:15 p.m.

Hemlock Creek Elementary School
1900 Williams Grant Drive
De Pere

CONTACT US

Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing and require an interpreter may request one by contacting the Wisconsin Telecommunications Relay System (dial 711) at least three working days prior to the meeting.

In-Person Public Involvement Meeting

Thursday, March 14
from 5-7 p.m.
Presentation begins at 5:15 p.m.

Fox Valley Technical College
D.J. Bordini Center
5 N Systems Drive, Appleton

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- Present a design status update and an overview of upcoming 2024 and 2025 construction projects
- Share a tentative construction timeline
- Provide an update on noise barrier analysis and vote

There will be three opportunities to attend - one held virtually and two in-person. The same information will be shared at all three meetings, so choose which option works best for you.

Melissa (Missy) Kok
I-41 Communications Manager
Phone: (920) 492-5743
Email: Melissa2.Kok@dot.wi.gov





The Brown County Community Womens Club founders Lynn Van Den Heuvel, the late Mary Schall, the late Zeta Turriff, Carol Simpson, Fran Fey, Marilyn Lemerond, Kathy Heyroth and Char Rondou. Submitted photo

From passion to reality Brown County Community Women's Club celebrates decade of service

BY JAMES DEVILEY
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BROWN COUNTY – In March 2008, eight passionate women realized their dream of starting a women's service club, signaling 10 years on the front lines of education, culture and charity as the Brown County Community Women's Club.

The group now boasts a membership of 260-280 ladies every year.

Enhancing the lives of those who reside in Brown County is the unifying purpose that bonds this varied collection of people.

Since the club's founding, its goal has been to support the local community's needs for philanthropic, educational and cultural services while encouraging the development of its members on a social and personal level.

It is a non-political, non-sectarian organization that seeks to have a constructive influence.

Pam Girtz, the publicity coordinator for the club, said, "This is one of the best-organized groups in the area for helping non-profits is the Brown County Community Women's Club, which was granted 501c3 non-profit status in 2015. The club runs more smoothly and cohesively when the board meets once a month and when members get together separately on the third Wednesday of the month.

"This women's group is unique because of its extraordinary commitment to Brown County. Since its founding, over \$500,000 in donations and finances have been generated, all of which have remained in the community. Its Face-

book group, 'Brown County Community Women's Club,' is a fitting representation of the club's dedication to making a local difference, since members actively participate and work together there."

The Brown County Community Women's Club is a source of hope for the community since it promotes a giving and service-oriented attitude.

The non-profit organization engages in activities that go beyond simple charity, positively impacting the lives of the people of Brown County through projects such as the Smile Bouquet project, Halloween goodies for youth at HSHS St. Vincent Children's hospital and defibrillator donations.

For more information, visit BCCWC.org or find them on Facebook.

Green Bay Correctional Institution to see influx of officers

BY PRESS TIMES STAFF

BROWN COUNTY – Over 200 new correctional officers begin work at Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) facilities, including six at the Green Bay Correctional Institution.

"DOC continues to see record-setting numbers of officers graduate from its six-week training academy known as the Facility Staff Training and Support (FSTS) Program," a DOC release stated.

The 214 graduates — one of the department's largest classes — were celebrated at a graduation event held Wednesday at Madison College.

"Our staff is the department's greatest asset and the best tool we have to help the persons in our care rehabilitate and to keep our communities safe," said DOC Secretary Kevin Carr. "Graduating more than 200 new officers in our latest class is a historic moment for our agency."

"Applications for security staff grew following the passage of a new compensation plan included in Governor Tony Evers' biennial budget and approved by the State Legislature. The plan set starting pay at \$33 per hour for correctional officers. Starting pay can be as high



Over 200 new correctional officers begin work at Wisconsin Department of Corrections facilities, including six at the Green Bay Correctional Institution. DOC photo

as \$41 per hour for some locations and shifts," the release added.

"The latest influx of staff will further decrease the DOC's vacancy rate among correctional officers and sergeants, which was as high as 35% in August of 2023. Currently the vacancy rate is 26%, which does not account for the incoming recruits.

"The DOC has used walk-in hiring events, social media, television, radio and direct mail advertising to attract job seekers statewide. The November and December graduations each welcomed nearly 150 new recruits. In total, the DOC graduated more than 600 uniformed staff from the eight FSTS academies held in 2023 and is on track

to surpass that number in 2024."

The latest class will add staff to facilities with the highest vacancy rates, including Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution (21), Waupun Correctional Institution (nine), Fox Lake Correctional Institution (nine) and Green Bay Correctional Institution (six).

"Waupun (WCI) continues to receive 33 officers from other facilities through the Supplemental Staffing Plan. The additional staff has helped WCI sustain a more predictable operations schedule while maintaining safety for staff and persons in our care," the release said.

For more information, visit <https://doc.wi.gov>.

UNPACKING History

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



On Dec. 7, 1997, the Packers captured their third consecutive NFC Central Division title via 17-6 victory over the Buccaneers in Tampa. This game ball was donated to the Packers Hall of Fame by Ron Wolf. Kris Leonhardt photo

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new EV Hybrid stickers to current owners of electric and hybrid vehicles, as required by recent legislation.

The new law requires that the orange and black "EV Hybrid" stickers be attached to each license plate issued for an electric or hybrid vehicle.

This Wisconsin law was passed in 2023 for the safety of first responders when dealing with electric powered vehicles in emergency situations.

First responders will be able to quickly identify the vehicle as having electric components by the orange and black "EV Hybrid" sticker.

All current owners of electric or hybrid vehicles with valid registration will automatically be sent their EV Hybrid sticker(s) and should receive their sticker(s) by June.

Starting this summer, those who apply for title and registration for a new electric or hybrid vehicle (including those purchased at a dealership) will be provided a sticker(s) with their new plate(s).

Anyone who purchases an electric or hybrid vehicle ahead of that time will receive their sticker by mail.

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▲ Members of the cast pose with students from Webster Elementary. Janelle Fisher photo

Bringing Broadway to Allouez

Les Misérables cast visits with Webster Elementary students

By Janelle Fisher
City Pages Editor

Students at Webster Elementary got a special surprise last Thursday when members from the cast of *Les Misérables*, which was showing at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, came in to talk about their experiences being in a Broadway show.

The event was extra special for one cast member, Kelsey Denae, who grew up in the area.

Denae graduated from Ashwaubenon

High School and went on to earn a BFA in musical theatre from UW-Stevens Point before eventually making it to New York.

“I would say I was probably in like one or two [shows] a year growing up...” she said. “In high school it was a little different because I had the musical in the fall and then the spring play and there was One-Act and then Solo and Ensemble, so there was a lot more musical integration. As I got older and career-wise, I would say at best [I’ve been in] maybe two productions a year until this tour just because it’s a little bit different in New York City.”

Denae first joined the cast of *Les Misérables* in 2017 after a lengthy audition process.

“Everybody’s journey with this show in particular is different,” she said. “Sometimes you audition once and you get the part and sometimes you audition six times and you still don’t get it and then they call you later and they offer you something and you haven’t heard from them in like five months. And that was sort of my journey. I was home and got a phone call from my agent and they were like, ‘Hey, they want you to audition for this...’ Then I had a series of about three or four auditions and then didn’t hear anything. And about six months later, they called and

were like, ‘Hey, we have a spot for you. Are you available?’”

Denae told the aspiring actors at Webster that it is important to remember not to take the audition process personally and to believe in your skills and advocate for yourself.

“No’ doesn’t mean that you’re not right for something, it just might mean that the director might not see you in a certain role for that show or that production. But that doesn’t mean you can’t do that in someone else’s production. It’s not a testament to your talent. There’s so many other things that go on in the casting director’s mind that we have no control over so trust in yourself and your talent.” **CP**

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Jojo

Meet Jojo, a golden retriever puppy and assistant City Pages editor in training. JoJo is training for the job alongside Phoebe and still has a lot to learn, but is very enthusiastic. In her free time, JoJo enjoys taking a romp around the yard and finding all of the best sticks. Janelle Fisher photo



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Lucia Suarez

Southwest High School

Parents: Angelica Buenrostro and Jorge Suarez

Area of Interest: Theater

When did you first get involved in theater?

I first got involved with theater in fourth grade in my elementary school. Truthfully, I had no idea what theater was but I knew I liked to sing and that was enough to sell me.

What do you like most about theater?

I love how it allows you to pour your heart out and express yourself in something bigger than yourself. It gives you an outlet to physically let out any kind of emotion you had built up before. Belting a big note in front of an audience gives me a thrill like no other and it feels like I'm just releasing everything inside me.

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

My favorite theater-related experience is probably my freshman year school musical, *Bring It On*. I got to see all my peers shine so much on the same stage I was on and watching people I heavily admire such as Amelia Gibbons — it makes me feel like I can truly do and accomplish anything I want to.

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

future?

I hope to make performing a stable, full-time job. Doing what I love as a full-time job and getting to pour my heart out on stage for a living would be such a gift to me. Any show, any role, I would love to challenge myself further and further in my career.

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

I would 100% say GO FOR IT! You can seriously accomplish anything as long as you have the stamina and willingness to do it. You'll never know what it's like to pour your soul out on the stage unless you just go for it.

What three words would you use to describe yourself?

I would say I'm resourceful, unique and determined.

What subject do you enjoy most in school?

I enjoy history so much because I often love finding patterns and connecting the dots.

What's your biggest pet peeve?

I think I might have misophonia because chewing sounds and lip smacking makes me so annoyed!

Where do you hope to travel one day?

I really want to go to Italy. I love their

history and culture and I really want to try the food there. I love trying new food.

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

I'd switch lives with Ariana Grande. She's so cool, she has a lot of dogs and she has such good style and I'd love to raid her closet.

Do you have any pets? If so, what are they/what are their names?

I have a 17-year-old cat named Vito, and he's black and white and he has a black spot above his lip that looks like a mustache! I also have a 1-year-old cat named Star, who is also black and white with a mustache (but they're not related!!) I also have a 3-ish year old leopard gecko named Big Baby (yes, that's his name!)

What's one skill you think everyone should have?

I think a skill everyone should have is cooking. Cooking gets super fun when you know the basic rules and it also gets pretty easy. **CP**

Favorites

Song: "My Sweet Lord" by George Harrison
Book: *To Selena, With Love* by Chris Perez
Show: *The Office*
Movie: *Forrest Gump*
Animal: Cat
Season: Summer
Time of day: Sunset/golden hour
Local restaurant: Sushi Lover
Snack: Flavor-blasted Goldfish
Candy: Jolly Rancher Chews



THE PAGE

Parker's Pumpkins

By Jack Hemersky and Jean Huxtable-Hemersky;

Illustrated by Jeanna Krause

Review by Lisa Behling
2nd Grade Teacher at
Meadowbrook Elementary School

This book is a great example of how family can encourage a child's curiosity and excitement for new things. Grandma and Parker run into problems along the way as they grow a pumpkin.

With each problem they have, they come up with a great, and sometimes unique, solution. This is perfect for us in the Howard-Suamico School District because "solutionist" is one of our Graduate Profile characteristics. In the end, their community helps them solve a huge problem and the community gets a small reward, too. It's a win-win!

The illustrations add humor to how quickly the pumpkin is growing. My students especially enjoyed the page where the vines took over the whole house, went out through the chimney and snaked back through a window. In addition, the illustrations showed the feelings of the characters (and, yes, even the dog)! The kids loved guessing what Parker was saying at the end based on his expression.

Literacy is so important for students. While learning how to read is important, read-alouds like this take students on adventures. Many students can put themselves in the characters' shoes and imagine experiencing what is happening in the book. They use their imagination and make connections to their own lives. Literacy makes kids feel part of something. **CP**



Behling has been teaching for 19 years, mostly in 2nd grade. What she loves most about teaching is the excitement students share when they are engaged in an activity, their learning, or a book. "Their smiles when they understand, apply new knowledge, or say what they loved about their day makes teaching fun," she said.

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CREATIVITY is key

Local Destination

Imagination teams tackle sectional tournament

By Janelle Fisher
City Pages Editor

Teams of students from across Northeast Wisconsin converged at Algoma High School this past Saturday to compete in Wisconsin's first sectional tournament of the Destination Imagination (DI) season.

Each team arrived armed with costumes, props and scenery to present their solution to one of seven challenges released at the beginning of the year, each focused on a different subject or skill.

The technical challenge asked students to design and create a pinball system to be integrated into an action/adventure story.

Students in the scientific challenge dug into the world of archeology, discovering artifacts and characters from the past.

In the fine arts challenge, teams were tasked with bringing a piece of artwork to life.

Improvisational teams created two-act shows complete with costumes and stock characters on the spot.

The engineering challenge had teams creating modular devices to launch bean bags and be incorporated into stories where everything goes according to plan until a catalyst occurs.

Teams competing in the service learning challenge presented fantasy stories with details intertwined with details from community service projects carried out earlier in the season.

The youngest teams at the tournament competed in the Rising Stars program, creating stories about underwater creatures on vacation.



▲ The Creators from De Pere's Dickinson Elementary show off their team-created pinball course as part of their solution to the technical challenge.

The teams at Saturday's tournament had been preparing all season to compete against other teams in their challenge and age level with the hopes of earning a spot in the state tournament, scheduled for April 6 at UW-Green Bay.

Regardless of which challenge they competed in, though, DI Regional Director Tim Hornberger said all students involved in Destination Imagination learn a handful of essential skills.

"The three key things are teamwork, problem solving and creativity," he said. "I think those are all very valuable skills as they go on in life and things that maybe aren't taught as much in school. They're learning how to work with their peers and maybe at times there are disagreements and trying to work through those and learning real life skills in a fun, semi-competitive environment."

Although those skills can be taught in



▲ Members of the technical challenge team from Aldo Leopold Elementary take a bow after their performance at Saturday's tournament.

a classroom, DI Regional Director Robyn Harper said a program like DI affords students the opportunity to further develop their skills and express their creativity more freely.

"DI itself takes their skills that they might have learned in the classroom and they can do whatever they want with

them," she said. "They're not confined to 'you must fill out this form' or 'you must answer this question.' The open endedness lets them do and be them. And the skills

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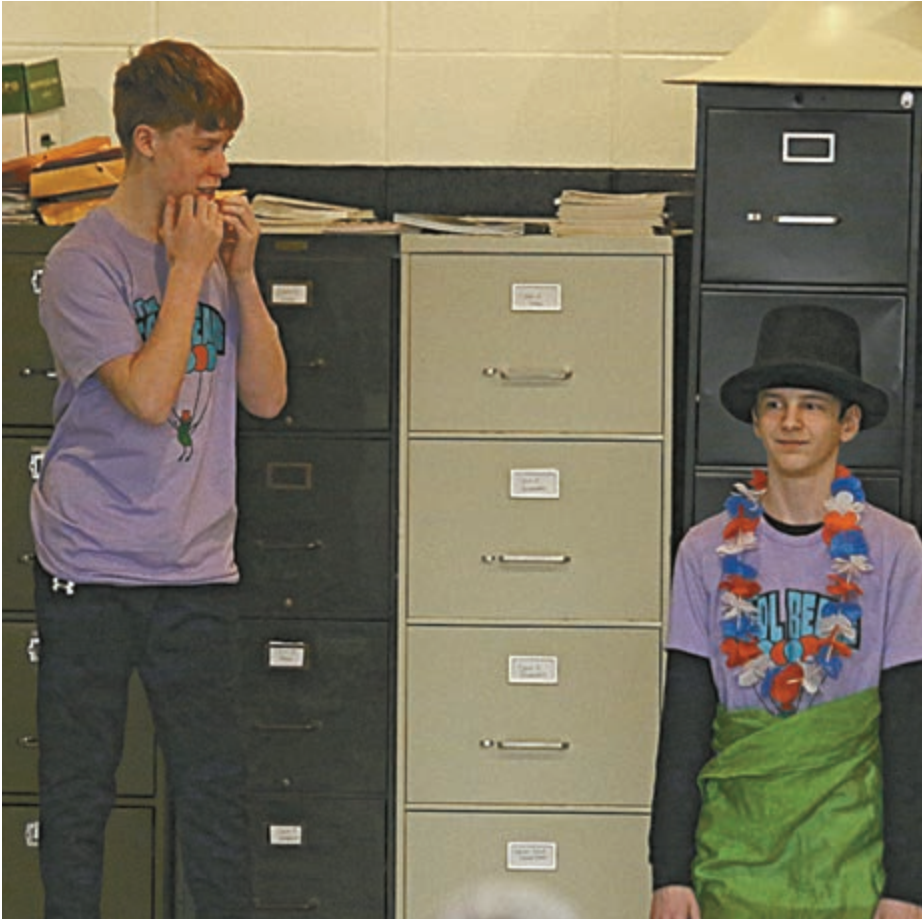
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▲ The Cool Beans, a middle level team from the Unified School District of De Pere, competed and took first place in the improvisation challenge.

that they're learning carry on to all walks of life, no matter what they do — their personal relationships, their jobs, any other class projects with groups. Everything they learn in this program carries on to all other aspects of life."

One thing that sets DI apart from other programs and promotes creativity, Harper said, is the limited role of adults — only members of the team are allowed to contribute to how they solve their selected challenge and no adult interference is allowed.

"You're bringing yourself to the program — your own solution," she said. "Adults aren't supposed to interfere. They're not supposed to tell you what to do. You own it. You do it. This is yours."

While it can sometimes be difficult for adults to step aside, Stacey Ferry, a team manager for one of the Unified School District of De Pere's DI teams, said it's one of the things the students actually like best about DI.

"I think they like being able to decide on the outcome," Ferry said. "I think they like that the adults can't be involved... It's really hard as a team manager to not be able to guide them and give them an answer, but I think it's good. They can use their creativity... They kind of just go with their

ideas and come up with really cool stuff."

Not every idea can be a success, but Walter Van Miller, a DI team member from De Pere, said there is something to be learned and enjoyed even when things don't go as planned.

"Some of my favorite memories have actually been in the failures," Van Miller said. "It's kind of like it should be a bad experience, but it's kind of funny. A lot of hard work goes into what we do today and it's fun to see the outcome."

Especially for teams who are just getting started in DI, Hornberger said it's important to remember that, although the tournament is a big day, there is much value to be found in the journey they took to get there.

"For teams just starting out, I would say that it's all about the journey," he said. "Yes, a day like today — the tournament — is kind of the culmination of that journey. But even if things don't go well at the tournament, you can still have a successful season based on everything you learned to get here." CP



▲ The Stacocats, an elementary level team from Leonardo da Vinci School for Gifted Learners set up to present their solution to the engineering challenge. Janelle Fisher photos

▼ The Dust Bunnies from the Unified School District of De Pere competed at the high school level in the engineering challenge with a story about a town of dust bunnies being threatened by an evil vacuum.



A THREE-ACT PLAY BY N. RICHARD NASH AND DIRECTED BY SANDY ZOCHERT, THE RAINMAKER RAN ITS COURSE MID-FEBRUARY AT THE GREEN BAY COMMUNITY THEATRE. THE NEXT SHOW DON'T DRINK THE WATER WHICH AS WOODY ALLEN'S FIRST PROFESSIONALLY PRODUCED PLAY WILL RUN APRIL 11-13 AND 17-21. FREDDY MOYANO PHOTO

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LIVE MUSIC

Friday, March 1

Big Band Snowball Concert and Dance • Michels Commons Ballroom, De Pere. Live music provided by the St. Norbert College Jazz Ensemble. 7:30 p.m. \$25. Head to snc.edu/tickets for more details and to purchase tickets.

The Garth Experience • Meyer Theatre, Green Bay. Songs and stories of Garth Brooks, featuring Adam Lee. 7:30 p.m. \$25+. See meyertheatre.org for more details and to purchase tickets.

Saturday, March 2

MadHatters A Capella • Ashwaubenon Performing Arts Center, Ashwaubenon. Performance by the oldest a cappella group at UW-Madison. 1 p.m. \$21. Learn more and purchase tickets at ashwaubenonpac.org.

Sunday, March 3

Hank and my Honky Tonk Heroes • Meyer Theatre, Green Bay. Hank Williams tribute show. 3 p.m. \$35+. See meyertheatre.org for more details and to purchase tickets.

Thursday, March 7

Jay Allen • Meyer Theatre, Green Bay. Country music. 7:30 p.m. \$25+. See meyertheatre.org for more details and to purchase tickets.

Saturday, March 9

Deuces Wild! Dueling Pianos • Meyer Theatre, Green Bay. Musical comedy show. 7:30 p.m. \$35+. See meyertheatre.org for more details and to purchase tickets.

Ongoing

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

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

Sunday, March 3

He Walks Through Lightning • Webb Theatre, De Pere. Play focused on the life and calling of Norbert of Xanten. 2 p.m. Free. Reservations required. Head to snc.edu/tickets for more details and to purchase tickets.

Ongoing

Jack the Ripper: Monster of Whitechapel • De Pere High School, De Pere. Play put on by De Pere High School students. Feb. 29, March 1 and March 2 at 7 p.m. \$7. See the De Pere High School Drama Club Facebook page for more details.

Lost Girl • Performance put on by UW-Green Bay Theatre and Dance. Feb. 29, March 1 and March 2 at 7:30 p.m.; March 2 at 2 p.m. \$20. Head to weidnercenter.com/events-and-tickets/uw-green-bay-on-stage to learn more and 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 for more details.

ARTS/EXHIBITS

Ongoing

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 to find out more.

Bridging Cultures, Celebrating Differences • Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. Creative writing and illustration by local K-12 students, inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Open through March 3. Included with general admission. Visit nevillepublicmuseum.org to find out more.

Dino Safari • Mulva Cultural Center, De Pere. Learn all about



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dinosaurs. Open through May 22. \$25 for adults, \$20 for children ages 6-17, seniors over 60 and military, free for children 5 and under. Head to mulvacenter.org for more details and to purchase tickets.

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 through Nov. 3. Included with general admission. Visit nevillepublicmuseum.org to find out more.

Railroad Tools: Building for our Future • National Railroad Museum, Ashwaubenon. Exhibit featuring tools that were used for railroad building. Open during normal museum hours through Dec. 31. Included with daily admission. Find more details at nationalrrmuseum.org.

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

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

FOOD/DRINK

Saturday, March 2

Chili Cook Off • Zambaldi Beer, Green Bay. Bring in a crock pot of your best chili and/or participate in the tasting. 1-4 p.m. See Zambaldi Beer's Facebook page to learn more.

Ongoing

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

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 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.

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.

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.

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.

Yoga Wednesdays • WINEaLOT Vineyards, Green Leaf. Yoga class led by Tiffany Pavek 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.



LOST GIRL

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LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

Saturday, March 2

Grief to Growth Seminar • Central Church, Green Bay. Presentation by Matt and Kari Perkins. 12 p.m. \$10. Register and find out more at mycentral.church/grief.

Tuesday, March 5

READ Book Club • Brown County Library - East Branch, Green Bay. Discussion of *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver. 1:30 p.m. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

Wednesday, March 6

How to Become Super Brain Agers • Bellevue Senior Living, Bellevue. Evidence-based approaches to maintaining brain health throughout life. 12:30 p.m. Free. RSVP by contacting Rebecca LeMahieu at (920) 337-0560.

Saturday, March 9

Genealogy 101: Court Records 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.

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 wiartemystic.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.

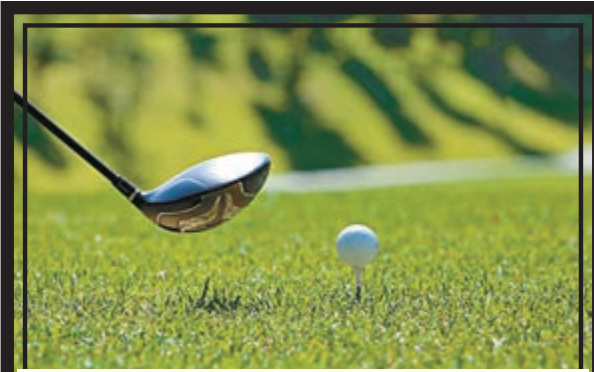
Tune in. Tune up. • Celestial Sound, Green Bay. Individual gong and Reiki mini-session. Third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., through May 31. \$30 per session. Find more information at celestialsoundgb.com.

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

Friday, March 1

Bilingual Storytime • Children's Museum of Green Bay, Green Bay. Stories and songs in Spanish. 10:30 a.m. No registration required. (Toddlers-preschool) To learn more, visit gbchildrensmuseum.org.



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Saturday, March 2

Timeout for Reading • Lambeau Field, Green Bay. Storytimes and children's book readings. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Learn more at packers.com.

Wizard of Oz Storytime • Brown County Library - Weyers-Hilliard Branch, Howard. Special storytime featuring dancers from The Dance Company performing to songs from the Wizard of Oz. 10:30 a.m. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

Tuesday, March 5

Casimir Pulaski Special Storytime • Brown County Library - Pulaski Branch, Pulaski. Polka-themed musical storytime. 10:15 a.m. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

Friday, March 8

Learn Through Play Literacy Day: Pets • Brown County Library - Central Branch, Green Bay. Make a collar for your pet, pretend to be a veterinarian and more. 10 a.m. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

Ongoing

Sanctuary Storytime • Green Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, Green Bay. Themed story and a simple craft/activity geared towards preschoolers. Mondays at 10 a.m., through March 25. Register by calling (920) 391-3686. Learn more on Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary's Facebook page.

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

Saturday, March 2

Brown County Seed Library Launch Party • Brown County Library - Central Branch, Green Bay. Hands-on activities, demonstrations and presentations related to seeds and gardening. 12 p.m. For more information, head to browncountylibrary.org/seed-library.

Saturday, March 9

Live Pre-Owned Instrument Auction • Scolly's Hometown Ballroom, Pulaski. Auction for pre-owned instruments. 3:30 p.m. \$10 registration per instrument. Learn more and register in advance at casimirpulaskidays.com.

Ongoing

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

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 March 5 will be Fr. James Neilson to talk about "Ten Essential Masterpieces Every Man Should Know." 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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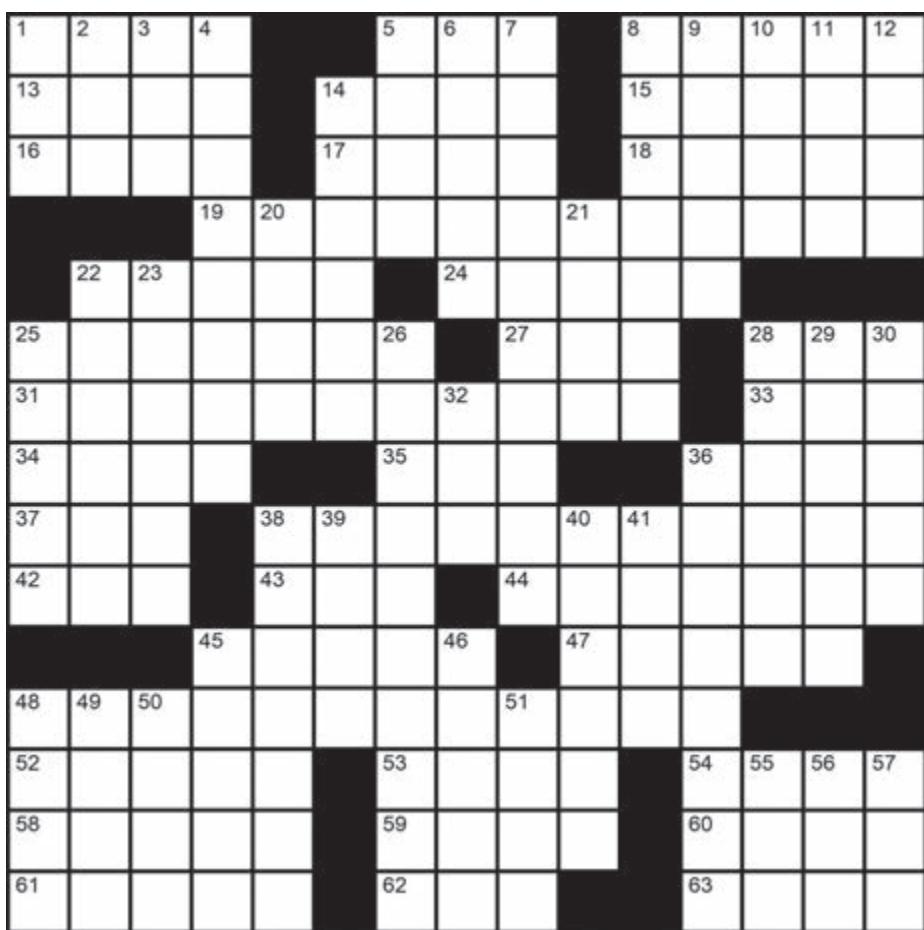
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Crossword answers on page 7. No peeking!

Across

1. Serene
5. Ride back to the hotel, perhaps
8. Astronomer Tycho ____
13. Two-tone snack
14. 1993 Texas standoff city
15. “Star Wars” director
16. Mae or Jerry
17. Peas, to a peashooter
18. In the dark
19. Bean for baseball’s Bryce?
22. Pass, as time
24. Travels by boat
25. “This could be the ____ ...”
27. “CSI” material
28. Family-friendly film ratings
31. Cabbage salad served at universities?
33. Actress Lucy
34. Stylized
35. Reno-to-Spokane dir.
36. “Knights of Cydonia” band
37. “La ____” (Debussy composition)
38. Just heated up?
42. “Gangnam Style” performer
43. Letter from Homer
44. Walk like a zombie
45. Some DVD players
47. “And Still ____” (Maya Angelou book)
48. Like home renovation shows that overdo the wood siding?
52. Video game character with his own Maker
53. Prefix with dextrous
54. Proton’s place
58. Signing off on
59. Overwhelming victory
60. Donated
61. Talkative, slangily
62. ____-Tiki (Heyerdahl craft)
63. Shiraz location

Down

1. Nursery rhyme jumper
2. “... but few ____ chosen”
3. “____ Misérables”
4. Like some instincts
5. Use a tent
6. High points
7. With “The,” ‘90s British alt-rock band named for an American novel character
8. Sunday shopping restriction
9. Ladder components
10. “Because Freedom Can’t Protect Itself” org.
11. “Days Are Gone” band
12. Italian family related to the Borgias
14. Battle-trained canine
20. Poker starter
21. Chinese tennis star with a very short name in English
22. Mall units
23. Meager
25. Playful rascal
26. Home of the Boston Red Sox
28. Examines, as depths
29. Brazilian supermodel Bündchen
30. Napped material
32. Pete Davidson’s show, once
36. Mentor in “The Karate Kid”
38. Vocabulary coinage, e.g.
39. 10,900-foot European peak
40. “Try to detect it! It’s not too late!” song
41. Publisher of Modern Maturity
45. They’re earned on “Press Your Luck”
46. “Li’l Abner” creature that looks like a white blob with a mustache
48. Air purifier
49. Maori dance popularized by some New Zealand rugby teams
50. Part of the eye around the pupil
51. Have ____ in the oven
55. Viscous goo
56. Eggs in labs
57. “____ Behaving Badly”

arts & entertainment

HIGH LIGHTS

by Janelle Fisher



Timeout for Reading

Saturday, March 2
Lambeau Field, Green Bay

Storytimes and children’s book readings.

Activities will take place between 9 a.m.-1 p.m. with children’s book reading at 9:30 a.m., cuento de niños en Español at 10:30 a.m., the Jolie Canoli Kids Show at 11 a.m. and a children’s book reading by a Packers celebrity at 12 p.m.

Literacy activity booths will be offered by the Howe Community Resource Center.

This event is free to attend.

Children in pre-K through fifth grade will receive a free book and bookmark while supplies last

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Brown County Seed Library Launch Party

Saturday, March 2 | Brown County Library - Central Branch, Green Bay

Hands-on activities, demonstrations and presentations related to seeds and gardening.

Learn from experts about growing tomatoes from seeds, native plants for pollinators, jumping worms and invasive pests and container gardening.

Make seed art and seed bombs, hear related stories, conduct microscope investigations and meet Mother Nature.

Festivities begin at 12 p.m.

For more information, head to browncountylibrary.org/seed-library.



Deuces Wild! Dueling Pianos

Saturday, March 9 | Meyer Theatre, Green Bay
Musical comedy show in which the audience is a part of the action.

The show begins at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$35.

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



Dino Safari

Open through May 22 | Mulva Cultural Center, De Pere

Learn all about dinosaurs.

Find out about cutting edge research and get up close and personal with many varieties of animatronic dinosaurs.

This exhibit will be on display through May 22.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for children ages 6-17, seniors over 60 and military and free for children 5 and under.

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EDITORIAL & OPINION

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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

The Subtle Touch

Dear Reader,

In the course of daily living, we all experience subtle touches from those around us. Somebody says something, and somebody else says another thing, and then the conversation continues on and on.

I feel this strongly when I am with my grandchildren spending time with them; they are young and don't have the disruptions and distractions of the world yet. They are just being who they are innocently loving everyone that graces their presence on one day, followed by another, followed by yet another. We can wonder where this blend of soul comes from — is it a part of this world or some other place?

These subtle touches are needed in this world, to bring greater civility and love to us all.



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OPEN LETTER

Statement from the GBAPS Board of Education

DEAR GBAPS COMMUNITY,

The board of education would like to correct misinformation in the community regarding Dr. Claude Tiller, Jr.'s resignation as superintendent for the Green Bay Area Public School District. The board is aware of threats that have been made against individuals as a result of this misinformation. It is important to note that the information the Board is able to share regarding personnel matters is restricted by laws that protect employees' rights to confidentiality. Likewise, Board members are required to maintain confidentiality regarding information discussed during the Board's closed session meetings.

Questions have been raised as to how the board became aware of the Facebook video of Dr. Tiller's interview with Dr. Adrienne. Dr. Tiller publicly shared on his personal X (Twitter) account on Feb. 1, that he was invited to appear on the program.

After the show aired on Feb. 6, the board was made aware of comments made by Dr. Tiller that raised concerns of possible litigation against the district as well as comments that could impact his ability to effectively and collaboratively lead the district. The Board of Education sought outside legal counsel regarding the matter. Dr. Tiller was notified on Feb. 7 that there would be an investigation. The investigation process had begun prior to public comments at the Feb. 12th Board meeting regarding the video content. Allegations that the public forum comments by Ed Dorff resulted in either the investigation or the Board's acceptance of Dr. Tiller's resignation are false.

Because Board members had heard concerns from individuals who had watched the video or had learned about the com-

ments recorded in the video, it was decided that until the investigation was completed, Dr. Tiller would be placed on administrative leave. He was notified of this on Feb. 13. On Feb. 17, the board of education met in closed session to discuss Dr. Tiller's resignation proposal, and then voted in open session to unanimously accept his resignation. A joint statement was released from the board of education and Dr. Tiller regarding his resignation.

Allegations have been made that Dr. Tiller did not receive due process. We want to assure the community that the Board ensured that all of Dr. Tiller's rights as an employee were respected. He was represented by his own legal counsel throughout this period of time. Once Dr. Tiller voluntarily submitted his resignation, the Board gave it careful consideration in a closed session that lasted nearly three hours, before unanimously accepting the resignation proposal. This concluded the investigation.

We recognize that the Facebook video being released after the Board accepted Dr. Tiller's resignation has raised concerns for some community members. Neither the board of education nor district leadership requested that the video be removed from social media. The district was unable to

release the video until a set number of days had passed, in accordance with public records laws that require informing impacted employees. Requesters of the video received a detailed explanation of the timeline. Again, as stated in the joint statement, the board of education and Dr. Tiller mutually agreed that his resignation was the best course of action for both parties. The board accepted Dr. Tiller's resignation in good faith. Dr. Tiller had legal representation throughout this entire process.

We understand that this is not what some members of the community want to hear. That does not mean we have disregarded concerns regarding equity and equality and the need for greater understanding and inclusion among all stakeholders.

The board supported and appreciated Dr. Tiller's efforts to spend time each day in our schools and to be visible in the community. In addition, we are committed to the academic goals developed by Dr. Tiller and the leadership team, which accelerate learning for our students who are in need of the greatest support. As a board, we are committed to doing the hard work that is needed to move our district forward.

Green Bay Area Public Schools Board of Education

Advertorial

New Book

"Imagine The Passion" offers a Soul-Stirring Journey

★★★★★ Amazing read
Reviewed in the United States on January 30, 2024
Verified Purchase

This book is absolutely incredible. The photographs are stunning and the reality of them is credible. I highly recommend this as a Lenten read for any Catholic or anyone who wants to get closer to Christ. I bought 25 copies and gave all away, but one to my friends, and they are all ecstatic to read this book. I highly recommend it.



Journey through the sacred hours of Jesus Christ's Passion with Imagine the Passion, an evocative collection by Barbara Jean Alger.

Wonderville Road Publishing is thrilled to announce the release of Imagine the Passion, a soul-stirring devotional that invites readers to immerse themselves in the poignant moments of Jesus Christ's Passion. Inspired by the writings of Luisa Piccarreta, this collection takes readers on an emotional and spiritual journey from the heart-wrenching agony in the garden to the triumphant Resurrection.

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• Hour-by-Hour Exploration: Hourly Journey: Every hour of Jesus's Passion is vividly depicted, exploring the emotions and significance of each moment.

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• Stunning Full-Color Illustrations: Alger's exclusive illustrations breathe life into the words, enhancing the spiritual experience for readers.

• Companion for Lent: Imagine the Passion is the perfect companion for Lent, providing moments of contemplation and inspiration as readers walk alongside Jesus on his journey of love and sacrifice.

Born in Glenmore Wisconsin to Richard and Alice Hazaert, Barbara Alger is an accomplished author. She has also written several full color rhyming picture books for children. Some of the titles include, 'I Am The Prettiest Flower That Grows, Sock Trolls', 'Hootie Hears A Hummingbird', 'I Spotted An Angel' and more. Barbara Alger's books are available on Amazon, and the entire collection will soon be available at Bosses Book Store located at 107 S Broadway, De Pere, WI 54115.

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Algoma WNAXLP
Algoma Housing Authority in Algoma, Wisconsin hereby advertises a 45-day comment period beginning March 2 through April 15, 2024 for the public to review and comment on the following proposed documents: Fiscal year 2024-2025 Capital Fund Program (CFP), and revision to the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP). For further information about the documents, contact Algoma Housing Authority at (920) 487-5905. Publish 03.01.24 WNAXLP

De Pere WNAXLP
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS TO DEAL IN INTOXICATING LIQUOR

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AND/OR FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGES HAVE BEEN FILED WITH THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF DE PERE, BROWN COUNTY, WISCONSIN: CLASS "B" BEER/CLASS B" LIQUOR
The Porch Bar LLC (DBA The Porch), 365 Main Av Suite D. Submitted by The Porch Bar LLC, Agent: Jackson Mankowski, De Pere WI. Publish 03.01.24 WNAXLP

Green Bay WNAXLP
STATE OF WISCONSIN - CIRCUIT COURT - BROWN COUNTY
CREATIVE FINANCE, INC.
815 Business Park Road
PO Box 454
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965,

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Case No. 2024CV000133
Money Judgement: 30301
Plaintiff,
v.
MARY LOUISE GAUTHIER
420 South Maple Avenue
Unit 1
Green Bay, WI 54301
Defendant.

SUMMONS
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
To each person named above as a Defendant:
You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above Creative Finance, Inc., by its attorney, Christopher M. Kern, filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you.
Within twenty (20) days of receiving this Summons, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin

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Statutes, to the Complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is: Clerk of Circuit Court, Brown County Courthouse, 100 South Jefferson Street, PO Box 23600, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54305, and to Plaintiff's attorney, Christopher M. Kern, 815 Business Park Road, PO Box 454, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, 53965. You may have an attorney help or represent you.
If you do not provide a proper answer within twenty (20) days, the Court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose

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your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
If you require the assistance of auxiliary aids or services because of a disability, call 920- 448-4155 and ask for the Court ADA Coordinator. Dated this 23rd day of February, 2024.
General Counsel for Plaintiff
Signed By: Christopher M. Kern
Christopher M. Kern
State Bar Number: 1093883
Creative Finance, Inc.
815 Business Park Road
P.O. Box 454
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
Phone: (608) 254-6855
Fax: (608) 253-5005
legal@creativefinanceinc.com
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is received by the Clerk from the owners of all of the property affected by said public improvements against which assessments are to be levied. If such notice is required the hearing shall be held in the Village Hall at a time set by the clerk in accordance with Section 66.0703(7), Wis. Stats. Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Howard, Brown County, Wisconsin, this 12th day of February 2024.
APPROVED:
Burt McIntyre, Village President
ATTEST:
Christopher Haltom, Village Clerk
Published: 03 01 24 WNAXLP

Howard WNAXLP
Preliminary Resolution No. 2024 - 03
PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO EXERCISE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT POWERS UNDER WISCONSIN STATUTE SECTION 66.0701 UPON NATURE COURT, AND A SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT / LOT, FOR SANITARY SEWER, SERVICE LATERALS, AND ASPHALT ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION.

Howard WNAXLP

Preliminary Resolution No. 2024 - 02
PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO EXERCISE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT POWERS UNDER WISCONSIN STATUTE SECTION 66.0701 UPON RED OAK STREET, FOR SANITARY SEWER, WATER MAIN, SERVICE LATERALS, AND ASPHALT ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION.
The Village Board of the Village of Howard, Brown County Wisconsin do hereby resolve as follows:
1. The Village of Howard hereby declares its intention to exercise its power under Section 66.0701 of the Wisconsin Statutes to levy special assessments upon Red Oak Street as follows:
A. The westerly and easterly sides of Red Oak Street, beginning approximately at the intersection with Glendale Avenue, continuing northerly along Red Oak Street approximately 300 feet., for sanitary sewer and laterals, water mains and water services, and asphalt roadway construction including:
Parcel VH – 202-6
Parcel VH – 200
2. The total amount assessed by the Village shall not exceed the cost of the improvements.
3. The Assessment against any parcel may be paid in cash or installments to be determined at the public hearing on the proposed assessment.
4. The Village determines that such improvements shall be installed and assessment therefore levied under the police power and that the amount assessed against each benefited parcel shall be based on the Village of Howard Special Assessment Policy for public improvements.
5. The Director of Engineering is directed to prepare a report consisting of:
A. Preliminary or final plans and specifications.
B. An estimate of the entire costs of the proposed work or improvement.
C. A schedule of the proposed assessments.
D. A statement that the property against which the assessments are proposed is benefited.
6. After completing such report, the Director of Engineering is directed to file a copy thereof in the Village Clerk's office for public inspection.
7. Upon receiving the report of the Director of Engineering, the Village Clerk is directed to give notice of a public hearing on such report as specified in Section 66.0703(7), Wis. Stats., unless prior thereto a written waiver of such notice

The Village Board of the Village of Howard, Brown County Wisconsin do hereby resolve as follows:
1. The Village of Howard hereby declares its intention to exercise its power under Section 66.0701 of the Wisconsin Statutes to levy special assessments upon Nature Court and a Sanitary Sewer Easement / Lot as follows:
A. The easterly and westerly sides of a Sanitary Sewer Easement / Lot, beginning approximately 150 feet east of the current end of Antwerp Avenue, continuing northerly, then northwesterly along the Sanitary Sewer Easement approximately 2,050 feet., for sanitary sewer and laterals construction including:
Parcel VH – 4100
Parcel VH – 4
Parcel VH – 5-4
Parcel VH – 5-3
Parcel VH – 5-6
Parcel VH – 5-5
Parcel VH – 2-3
Parcel VH – 2-2
B. The northerly and southerly sides of Nature Court beginning approximately at the intersection with Greenfield Avenue, continuing southeasterly approximately 775' for sanitary sewer and laterals, and asphalt roadway construction including:
Parcel VH – 3-5
Parcel VH – 3-4
Parcel VH – 3-3
Parcel VH – 3-8
Parcel VH – 2-3
Parcel VH – 2-2
Parcel VH – 2
Parcel VH – 3-6
Parcel VH – 3-7
Parcel VH – 3-2
2. The total amount assessed by the Village shall not exceed the cost of the improvements.
3. The Assessment against any parcel may be paid in cash or installments to be determined at the public hearing on the proposed assessment.
4. The Village determines that such improvements shall be installed and assessment therefore levied under the police power and that the amount assessed against each benefited parcel shall be based on the Village of Howard Special Assessment Policy for public improvements.
5. The Director of Engineering is directed to prepare a report consisting of:
A. Preliminary or final plans and specifications.
B. An estimate of the entire costs of the proposed work or improvement.

NOTICE TO ALL BROWN COUNTY DOG OWNERS

Pursuant to §174.07 (1)(a), Wisconsin Statutes, except as provided in §174.054, a dog license is necessary for the keeping of any dog over 5 months of age.

Further, rabies vaccinations are required, §95.21 (2)(a), Wisconsin Statutes, at no later than five 5 months of age and revaccinated within one year after the initial vaccination. If the owner obtains the dog or brings the dog into the state after the dog has reached 5 months of age, the owner shall have the dog vaccinated within 30 days or must provide proof of prior vaccination. In addition, all dogs shall be revaccinated when their rabies certificate expires. A certificate documenting that the dog's rabies vaccinations are current shall be presented to the Municipal clerk/treasurer when obtaining an annual dog license.

Any person who keeps more than one dog may qualify for a multiple dog license under §174.053. Any person with questions regarding dog licensing in their municipality may contact their Municipal clerk/treasurer at the numbers listed below.

2024 Dog licensing tags shall be obtained by April 1, 2024, from your municipal clerk/treasurer. Licensing fees may vary by municipality. Late fees are assessed after April 1, 2024.

C-De Pere 920-339-4050	C-Green Bay 920-448-3010	V-Allouez 920-448-2800	V-Ashwaubenon 920-492-2320
V-Bellevue 920-468-5225	V-Denmark 920-863-6400	V-Hobart 920-869-3802	V-Howard 920-434-4640
V-Pulaski 920-822-5182	V-Suamico 920-434-2212	V-Wrightstown 920-532-5567	T-Eaton 920-619-6112
T-Glenmore 920-676-1078	T-Green Bay 920-619-0309	T-Holland 920-532-4797	T-Humboldt 920-845-5459
T-Lawrence 920-336-9131	T-Ledgeview 920-336-3360	T-Morrison 920-606-5433	T-New Denmark 920-863-5523
T-Pittsfield 920-676-5111	T-Rockland 920-609-1478	T-Scott 920-406-9380	T-Wrightstown 920-277-3519

Published pursuant to Sec. 174.052 Wis. Stats BROWN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS By: Patrick W. Moynihan, Jr., County Clerk WNAXLP

VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR THE APRIL 2, 2024 SPRING ELECTION AND PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may request to vote an absentee ballot. A qualified elector is any U.S. Citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, who has resided in the ward or municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election. The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued.

You must make a request for an absentee ballot in writing.

Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the primary or election or both. You may also submit a written request in the form of a letter. Your written request must list your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, and your signature. You may make application for an absentee ballot by mail, email or in person.

Making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail

The deadline for making application to vote by mail is 5:00 p.m. on March 28, 2024.

Note: Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined to home or a care facility, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

Voting an absentee ballot in person.

You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office or other specified location during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot in person listed below. March 19, 2024 is the first day in person voting may start.

<u>Village of Black Creek</u> Elizabeth Rindt, Clerk 301 N Maple St Black Creek WI 54106 920-984-3295 By appointment	<u>Town of Osborn</u> Darlene Schultz, Clerk N6362 Ballard Rd Seymour WI 54165 920-833-2942 By appointment	<u>Town of Maine</u> Lori Klevesahl, Clerk W5402 Brugger Rd Black Creek WI 54106 920-525-1150 By appointment	<u>Village of Nichols</u> Linda Hoes, Clerk PO Box 169 Nichols, WI 54152 920-525-2717 By appointment
<u>Town of Oneida</u> Kelly Hill, Clerk N6593 Cty Rd H Oneida WI 54155 920-833-2211 Mon-Friday 7:30-3:30 or by appointment	<u>Town of Seymour</u> Darlene Schultz, Clerk N6362 Ballard Rd Seymour WI 54165 920-676-3787 By appointment	<u>Town of Black Creek</u> Barbara Chizek, Clerk PO Box 84 Black Creek WI 54106 920-858-3513 By appointment	<u>City of Seymour</u> Christy Stover, Clerk 328 N Main Street Seymour WI 54165 920-833-2209 Mon-Fri 8:00 am – 4:30 pm or by appointment
<u>Town of Cicero</u> Lori Klevesahl, Clerk W5402 Brugger Rd Black Creek WI 54106 920-833-9735 By appointment	<u>Village of Shiocton</u> Laurie Sweeney, Clerk PO Box 96 Shiocton WI 54170 920-986-3415 Mon-Thurs 7:00am-4:00 pm Fri 7:00 am to 1:00 pm	<u>Town of Bovina</u> Charles Plugger, Clerk N5289 Rexford Rd Shiocton WI 54170 920-570-0864 Mon- Fri 9 am – 4:00 pm 3-19 – 3-29 by appointment only Call 920-570-0864 to set up an appointment	

No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election.
The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place or counting location before the polls close on April 2, 2024. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.

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The work under this Contract includes concrete sidewalk reconstruction and reconstruction (approximately 71,125 square feet) and reconstruct curb (approx. 1,690 LF), and 1,250 SF of detectable warning fields at various locations throughout the City. The Contract Documents, including plans and specifications, may be examined electronically at www.questcdn.com and downloaded for a fee of \$42.00. Prospective bidders must register with QuestCDN in order to download documents which will add your company to the Planholder List and allow access to vBid online bidding for the submittal of your bid which is required for this project. The charges for bidding documents are non-refundable. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration, downloading digital project information and vBid online bid submittal. The work shall be let in accordance with the following Sections of the Wisconsin Statutes.

1. Section 62.15 regarding public works construction.
2. Section 779.15 regarding lien on contractors.
3. Section 66.0901(2) regarding proof of responsibility.

All bidders shall provide proof of responsibility on the form furnished by the Director of Public Works and it shall be filed with the Director of Public Works not less than five (5) days prior to the time set for opening of bids. Said proof of responsibility shall not be valid if filed prior to one year of the date of opening bids. In accordance with Section 42-2 of the City of Green Bay Code of Ordinances, any corporation, firm, or individual violating Chapter 133.01 of the Wisconsin Statutes, or any subsequent amendment thereof, shall upon conviction thereof be thereby disqualified as a bidder on any City of Green Bay project for a period of three (3) years from the date of such conviction; however, nothing herein shall be interpreted to preclude such corporation, firm, or individual from completing any and all contracts he/she may already have with the City at the time of such conviction, nor shall this ordinance be applied retroactively to convictions occurring prior to the adoption and publication of this ordinance. This prohibition applies with like force to officers of convicted corporations, firms, or individuals who thereafter have business interest in new corporations or business enterprises of whatever kind or description. The City of Green Bay, Wisconsin reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in bidding. No bids shall be withdrawn after the opening of bids without the consent of the City of Green Bay, Wisconsin for a period of sixty (60) days after the scheduled time for closing bids. All proposals must be submitted through QuestCDN.com via their electronic vBid online bid service provided for that purpose and issued to the specific bidder by the Director of Public Works together a bid bond equal to at least five (5) but not more than ten (10) percent of the bid payable to the City of Green Bay as a guarantee that if his/her bid is accepted, he/she will execute and file the contract and a performance bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the total bid within ten (10) days after the award of the contract. Only the Proposal Pages, Bid Bond, Affidavit of Compliance, Disclosure of Ownership and

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any Addenda issued shall be submitted. Only Proposals submitted by firms appearing on the City of Green Bay list of plan holders will be opened. In case the successful bidder shall fail to execute such contract and performance bond, the amount of the check or bid bond shall be forfeited to the City as liquidated damages. Published by the authority of the Improvement & Services Committee of the Common Council of the City of Green Bay, Wisconsin. BY: Mark Steuer, Chairperson Advertised: February 23, 2024 March 1, 2024 WNAXLP

Election Notices 7715

De Pere WNAXLP
EXHIBIT A
NOTICE OF ELECTION
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF DE PERE
APRIL 2, 2024

Referendum Details
At an election in the Unified School District of De Pere on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, the following question will be submitted to a vote of the people:
"Shall the Unified School District of De Pere, Brown County, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$4,750,000 per year for five years, beginning with the 2024-2025 school year and ending with the 2028-2029 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational and maintenance expenses?" A copy of the entire text of the resolution directing submission of the question set forth above to the electorate and information concerning District boundaries can be obtained from the District Clerk at the School District offices located at 1700 Chicago Street, De Pere, Wisconsin.

Additional Information
Acceptable photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles. Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Dr. Christopher Thompson, District Administrator. Done in the Unified School District of De Pere on March 1, 2024 Jeffrey P. Dickert District Clerk Publish 03.01.24 WNAXLP

Seymour School
EXHIBIT A
NOTICE OF ELECTION
SEYMOUR COMMUNITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT
APRIL 2, 2024

Referendum Details
At an election in the Seymour Community School District on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, the following question will be submitted to a vote of the people:
"Shall the Seymour Community School District, Outagamie and Shawano Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$3,800,000 for the 2024-2025 school year, by \$5,200,000 for the 2025-2026 school year, and by \$6,000,000 for the 2026-2027 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational and maintenance expenses, including expenses related to staffing and to maintain programs and services?" A copy of the entire text of the resolution directing submission of the question set forth above to the electorate and information concerning District boundaries can be obtained from the District Clerk at the School District offices located at 10 Circle Drive, Seymour, Wisconsin. **Additional Information**
Acceptable photo ID will be

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required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles. Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Kellie Bohn, District Administrator. Done in the Seymour Community School District on March 1, 2024 Michael Cottrell District Clerk Publish March 1, 2024 WNAXLP

Meetings and Public Hearings 7720

Bellevue WNAXLP
VILLAGE OF BELLEVUE Notice of Public Hearing PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held on March 13, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. at the Bellevue Village Hall located at 3100 Eaton Road for the purpose of obtaining public comment on the following proposed governmental action: PDD 2024-0002 – Consider/Discuss/Act on the request by Brandon Robaidek, Robert E. Lee and Associates, Inc., Petitioner, on behalf of Jeffrey Aubry, A&L Select Properties, LLC, & Aubry Enterprises, LLC, Owners, for approval of a Planned Development District (PDD) Amendment to PDD 2017.8 (Ordinance No. O-2017-14) to modify the use areas and lighting restrictions on property located at 3111, 3131 and 3151 Monroe Road (CTH GV), Parcels B-317-1, B-317-1-2 and B-317-1-1. All interested Village of Bellevue residents are welcome to attend. Signed and dated this 21st day of February 2024. Michelle Seidl Clerk/Treasurer Village of Bellevue Posted and notified 2-21-24 Published 2-23-24 and 3-1-24 WNAXLP

Bellevue WNAXLP
VILLAGE OF BELLEVUE Notice of Public Hearing PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held on March 20, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at the Bellevue Village Hall located at 3100 Eaton Road to hear request VAR 2024-0001 from Lacy Scott, Pool Works Inc., Applicant, on behalf of Evan and Susan Lin, Owners, for a variance from Chapter 500-419(A)(1) and Chapter 500-510(E)(1) to allow placement of an accessory structure (pool) within the side yard, located at 2863 Creekwood Circle, Parcel B-2261. A map of the area for the proposed request is available at the Bellevue Village Office during normal business hours. All interested Village of Bellevue residents are welcome to attend. Signed and dated this 27th day of February 2024. Dawn Novak Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Village of Bellevue Posted and notified 2-27-24 Published 3-1-24 and 3-8-24 WNAXLP

Bellevue WNAXLP
VILLAGE OF BELLEVUE Notice of Public Hearing PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held on March 13, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. at the Bellevue Village Hall located at 3100 Eaton Road for the purpose of obtaining public comment on the following proposed governmental action: CU 2024-0001 - Consider/Discuss/Act on the request by Thomas Van Dalen, RR Steel Construction Company, Inc. Applicant, on behalf of Reverend Gregory Kummer, Beth Haven Baptist Temple, Inc., Owner, for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a religious institution/place of worship on property zoned B-3 – Intensive Business District

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located at 1383 Bellevue Street (Parcel B-369-68). All interested Village of Bellevue residents are welcome to attend. Signed and dated this 20th day of February 2024. Michelle Seidl Clerk/Treasurer Village of Bellevue Posted and notified 2/21/2024 Published 2/23/2024 and 3/1/2024 WNAXLP

City of Seymour NOTICE OF JOINT REVIEW BOARD MEETING REGARDING THE PROPOSED TERRITORY SUBTRACTION AMENDMENT FOR TAX INCREMENTAL DISTRICT (TID) NO. 4 AND THE PROPOSED TERRITORY PROJECT PLAN AMENDMENT FOR TAX INCREMENTAL DISTRICT NO. 5 IN THE CITY OF SEYMOUR, WISCONSIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City of Seymour will hold a Joint Review Board (JRB) meeting on March 7, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall Boardroom of the Seymour City Hall, 328 N Main St, Seymour, Wisconsin 54165. The purpose of this meeting is for the JRB to consider approval of the resolutions adopted by the Seymour City Council on February 26, 2024, for purposes of considering the Territory Subtraction Amendment #2 for TID No. 4 and the Territory Project Plan Amendment # 1 for TID No. 5. The meeting is open to the public.

- Agenda**
1. Call to Order.
 2. Roll Call.
 3. Approval of the Minutes from the February 8, 2024, JRB Meeting.
 4. Review and discussion of the proposed Territory Subtraction Amendment for TID No. 4
The proposed second amendment will remove tax parcels 340152100 and 340152400 and overlap tax parcel 340152000 located on Mainline Drive. These parcels are planned to be added and overlapped with Tax Incremental District # 5 in the efforts to facilitate redevelopment for commercial and residential uses that but for TIF, may not happen in the district.
 5. Approval of the Joint Review Board Resolution amending the territory of TID No. 4.
 6. Review and discussion of the proposed Project Plan Territory Amendment for TID No. 5.
The proposed amendment will add territory to the overall tax increment district boundary by overlapping tax parcel 340152000 and adding tax parcels 340152100 and 340152400. These parcels are being added in the efforts to facilitate redevelopment for commercial and residential uses that but for TIF, may not happen in the district.
 7. Approval of the Joint Review Board Resolution amending the territory of TID No. 5.
 8. Adjourn.
- The purpose of this meeting is to reconvene the Joint Review Board to review and discuss the Proposed Plan Territory Subtraction Amendment to TID No. 4 and Proposed Territory Project Plan Amendment to TID No. 5 for the City of Seymour, pursuant to Section 66.1105 of the Wisconsin Statutes. A final decision will be made regarding the Territory Subtraction Amendment # 2 of TID No. 4 and Territory Amendment # 1 of TID No. 5, a resolution will be approved, and the municipality will be notified of its decision. This meeting should be concluded in less than 1 hour. The City of**

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Seymour has contracted with Robert W. Baird & Company to assist in the amendments of the project plans listed above. If you have any further questions about the duties of the Joint Review Board or want to discuss this project before the meeting, you may contact Sean L. Hutchison, CPM, City Administrator at 920-833-2209
It is possible that members of and possibly a quorum of members of other government bodies of the municipality, may attend the above-mentioned meeting to gather information. No action will be taken by any governmental body at this meeting other than the governmental body specifically referred to in this meeting. Dated this 27th day of February 2024. Sean L. Hutchison, CPM City of Seymour, City Administrator Publication Date: March 1, 2024 Publish March 1, 2024 WNAXLP

De Pere WNAXLP
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given, that on **Tuesday, March 19, 2024** at 7:35 PM or as soon thereafter as can be heard, a public hearing will be held by the Common Council of the City of De Pere to act on the request for a zoning map amendment at the following property: **Parcels WD-688, WD-954, WD-171, WD-40, WD-691, WD-952, WD-936, WD-692, WD-727, WD-728, WD-697-1, WD-689, WD-721, WD-942, WD-950, WD-22, WD-38, WD-696, WD-697, WD-34, WD-945-1, WD-953, WD-686, WD-687, WD-941, WD-27, WD-685, WD-695, WD-23, WD-905, WD-7, WD-949-1, WD-694, WD-36, WD-690, WD-951, WD-945, WD-698, WD-8, WD-13, WD-949, WD-693, WD-934, and WD-732,** 100 BLK-600 BLK Third ST, approximately 0.0 feet southeast from the Third ST and Main AV intersection, from PI-1 (Neighborhood Public & Institutional District) to PI-2 (Campus Public & Institutional District). The public may attend the meeting either in person in the Council Chambers (2nd Floor City Hall, 335 S Broadway ST, De Pere WI) or electronically. Electronic or telephonic access to the meeting is below: Computer/smart phone accessing <https://www.gotomeet.me/DePere> OR dial by phone: United States (Toll Free): 1-866 899-4679 United States: +1 (312) 757-3117 Access Code: 154-883-285. **A map of the proposed zoning map amendment is available by emailing Peter Schlein at pschlein@deperewi.gov.** Dated this 27th day of February, 2024. BY ORDER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL James G. Boyd Mayor Carey E. Danen City Clerk Publish 03.01.24 & 03.08.24 WNAXLP

Green Bay WNAXLP
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given, in compliance with requirements of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, that the Housing Authority of the City of Green Bay, Wisconsin (the "Authority"), will hold a public hearing at 10:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on March 14, 2024, at City Hall, 100 North Jefferson Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin, regarding the proposed issuance of the Housing Authority of the City of Green Bay, Wisconsin Housing Revenue Bonds, Series 2024 (The Gateway

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Collective, Inc. Project), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$12,045,000 (the "Bonds"), pursuant to Sections 66.12.01 to 66.12.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to finance a housing project to be owned by The Gateway Collective, Inc., a Wisconsin nonstock, nonprofit corporation (the "Borrower"). The Borrower's housing project to be financed with the Bonds consists of the (i) acquisition of a design-build housing facility located at 301 North Adams Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin (the "Facility") comprised of 72 total units, of which only 50 units ranging from 1 to 3 bedroom apartment options will be financed with the Bonds in order to provide housing for mixed-income residents at low income, moderate income, and workforce rates, (ii) acquisition and installation of certain furniture, fixtures, and equipment at the Facility, and (iii) payment of professional fees and costs (the "Housing Project"). The Bonds will be special, limited obligations of the Authority and will not constitute an indebtedness of the Authority within the meaning of any state constitutional provision or statutory limitation or a charge against its general credit. At the hearing, all persons will be afforded a reasonable opportunity to express their views, both orally and in writing, on the proposed Bonds and the location and nature of the Housing Project proposed to be financed. Comments made at the public hearing are for the consideration of the Authority but do not bind any legal action to be taken by it. Published: March 1, 2024 Cheryl Renier-Wigg, Executive Director Housing Authority of the City of Green Bay, Wisconsin WNAXLP

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Public Hearing 2023 City of Green Bay Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report

The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Green Bay will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.** The meeting will be conducted in Room 604 of City Hall, 100 N. Jefferson Street. The hearing is regarding the following: Allow interested citizens to ask questions and comment on the City of Green Bay's performance over the past year implementing the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the goals of the Consolidated Strategy for Housing and Community Development and identifying needs which may be addressed through future funded activities. Since a primary objective of the CDBG program is to implement projects that benefit low- and moderate-income people, Public Hearing participation by representatives of low- and moderate-income residents is encouraged. Testimony presented at the hearing will be considered in the development of future CDBG programs and Consolidated Plans. Public comments will be invited at the public hearing or can be sent in writing to: City of Green Bay Community and Economic Development Attn: Krista Cisneroz 100 N. Jefferson St., Rm. 608 Green Bay, WI 54301 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. Also, non-English

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speaking residents who wish to attend should contact Krista Cisneroz at (920) 448-3404 at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting time so arrangements can be made to have an interpreter present. For additional information, contact Krista Cisneroz at (920) 448-3404 or Krista.cisneroz@greenbaywi.gov. Publication Date: March 1, 2024 WNAJLP

**Green Bay WNAJLP
Public Notification
Request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the development of solar energy farm on property at the southwest corner of Greenbrier Road and Ontario Road (# 21-165-2) (ZP 24-05)**

The Green Bay Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Friday, March 15, 2024, at 12:30 p.m. The meeting will be conducted both in person in Room 604 of City Hall (100 N Jefferson Street, Green Bay, 54301) and virtually. If you wish to participate in the Public Hearing virtually, you may access the meeting by internet or telephone, using the access code below. Join Zoom Meeting Online <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82450816526> Or call in by phone: +1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 824 5081 6526 The hearing is regarding the following:

(ZP 24-05) Consideration with possible action on the request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow the development of solar energy farm on a 13-acre property at the southwest corner of Greenbrier Road and Ontario Road (# 21-165-2). Submitted by Brian Rasmussen of Aurora BayCare Medical Center on behalf of BayCare Aurora LLC, property owner (Ald. J. Hutchison, District 2). 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 or 920.448.3411.

ACCESSIBILITY: Any person wishing to attend who, because of a disability, requires special accommodation should contact the City Safety Manager at 920.448.3125 at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting time so that arrangements can be made. Publication Dates: March 1 and March 8, 2024 WNAJLP

**Hobart WNAJLP
VILLAGE OF HOBART - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
March 19th 2024 (6:00 PM)
2990 S. Pine Tree Rd., Hobart WI 54155**

The Hobart Village Board will hold the following Public Hearing on March 19th 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of gathering input on the following:

1. Consider Ordinance 2024-02 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XIV (PDD #2): ORLANDO/PACKERLAND PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT) OF CHAPTER 295 (ZONING) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF HOBART, BROWN COUNTY, WISCONSIN) The purpose of this Ordinance is to make modifications and alterations primarily pertaining to allowable heights and setbacks of structures along with a few clarifications on the language within the ordinance along with the creation of a new single-family residential district to allow for the

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possibility of creating more affordable housing developments if determined to be the correct fit for an area. The materials for the hearing will be available on the Village website at www.hobart-wi.org/village-board and at the Village office for public inspection starting March 1st 2024 through March 19th 2024 during regular office hours. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Village Board will take comments from the public and act on the proposed items at the board meeting immediately following the public hearing. Lisa Vanden Heuvel, Hobart Village Clerk Published March 1st 2024 and March 8th 2024 WNAJLP

**Suamico WNAJLP
VILLAGE OF SUAMICO NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Suamico Village Board will conduct the following Public Hearing on **Monday, March 18, 2024** beginning at **6:00 PM** at the Suamico Municipal Services Center, 12781 Velp Avenue, Suamico, WI 54313 to consider the following:
A request by Bryan (Robert) Kuxmann for a rezone of SU-24 from Rural Residential to Agriculture. The property is located on the west side of Sandburr Trail at the south end and south from Brown Road. Michelle Bartoletti Suamico Village Clerk Publish 03.01.24 & 03.08.24 WNAJLP

**Suamico WNAJLP
VILLAGE OF SUAMICO NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Village of Suamico Board of Appeals will be holding the following Public Hearing at the Suamico Municipal Services Center, 12781 Velp Avenue on **Tuesday, March 12, 2024** starting at **6:00 P.M.** for the following:
A variance request by Karen DeBaker, 3024 Wandering Court, to allow for an accessory garage with a reduced side yard set-back for parcel SU-1125-3. The property is located on the east side of Wandering Court, 675 feet north of Hidden Lake Lane. Michelle Bartoletti, Clerk Village of Suamico Publish 03.01.24 WNAJLP

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**Ashwaubenon WNAJLP
VILLAGE OF ASHWAUBENON VILLAGE HALL-2155 HOLMGREN WAY VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES-January 23, 2024**
Call to Order: The meeting of the Ashwaubenon Village Board of Trustees was called to order by President Mary C. Kardoskee at 6:00 pm. Roll Call: President Kardoskee, Trustees Paul, Servais, Zirbel, Krueger, Flucke. Excused: Atkinson Others present: Kris Teske, Patrick Leigl, Joel Gregozeski, Brian Rickert, Aaron Schuette, Rex Mehlberg, Brian Uhl, Trevor Thompson, Julie Christensen, Kyle Gigot, James Rasmussen, Jim Rottier. Remote: Brian & Julie Marotz. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Action on Agenda: Motion (Krueger, Servais) to Approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Action on Minutes: a. Consider/Discuss/Act on the Open and Closed Session Minutes from December 12, 2023. Motion (Servais, Zirbel) to Approve the open and closed session minutes from the December 12, 2023 Village Board Meeting. Motion carried

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unanimously. Comments from Public: None. Written Communications and/or Announcements: President Kardoskee congratulated the Finance Department headed by Greg Wenholz who received the Government Finance Officer Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2022 fiscal year. Trustee Krueger wanted to let everyone know Ed Krcmar passed away. He was a long time teacher at Ashwaubenon High School, coached football for 41 years, and baseball for 42 years. Trustee Paul said he has received many compliments from residence on the great work the Department of Public Works has done on clearing the roads after the blizzard. a. Recognition of Newly Promoted Public Safety Supervisors: Public Safety Chief Brian Uhl recognized Officer Mitch Deterville who was promoted to Lieutenant, Lieutenant Jason Demerath promoted to Captain, and Captain Tom Baxter promoted to Commander. Th badge-pinning ceremony followed. Action on Consent Agenda: Motion (Zirbel, Paul) to Approve the consent agenda (which included R1-1-24 Opposing Senate Bill 691, R1-2-24 to Permit the Sale of Fermented Malt Beverages in Ashwaubomay Park for the 2024 Ashwaubomay Food Truck Rallies and the Ashwaubenon Blast, Hourly Pay Rates for Election Inspectors, 2024 Ash Tree Removal Bids, Parks, Recreation, Forestry Department Monthly Report, Public Works Department Monthly Report, Investment Report, and Budgeted Expenditures. Motion carried unanimously. Public Hearing: a. Public Hearing regarding a rezoning request for Parcel VA-882-2, 3560 Packerland Drive, from Business Park (BP) to Multi-Family Residential (R-3). Three people spoke against the rezoning. Motion (Flucke, Paul) to Close Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Action Items: a. Consider/Discuss/Act on a rezoning request for Parcel VA-882-2, 3560 Packerland Drive, from Business Park (BP) to Multi-Family Residential (R-3). President Kardoskee stated they received an email at 5:57 pm from the person requesting this to pull the item from the agenda. President Kardoskee stated the item can be postponed or voted on tonight, it's up to the Village Board. Trustee Paul stated at the Planning Commission meeting this was denied immediately. Motion (Krueger, Flucke) to Deny the rezoning request for Parcel VA-882-2, 3560 Packerland Drive, From Business Park (BP) to Multi-Family Residential. Motion carried unanimously. b. Consider/Discuss/Act on Highland Ridge Estates Phase 2 Development Agreement between the Village of Ashwaubenon and Highland Ridge Properties, LLC. Village Attorney Patrick Leigl stated the developer wished to begin the development of Phase 2, or the First Addition to the Highland Ridge Estates. Village Staff and the developer have discussed and negotiated the terms of the Phase 2 Development Agreement. Motion (Servais, Krueger) to Approve Highland Ridge Estates - First Addition, Phase 2 Development Agreement between the Village of Ashwaubenon and Highland Ridge Properties, LLC. Motion carried unanimously. c. Consider/Discuss/Act on a Class "B" Beer/"Class B" Liquor License Request for Belair Cantina Green Bay, Inc. dba Belair Cantina. Village Clerk Kris Teske stated that Belair Cantina is requesting a

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Class "B" Beer/"Class B" Liquor license for 1025 Lombardi Avenue, Suite 100. The owner is also requesting the Statement of Intent be 120 days versus 90 days. Motion (Paul, Servais) to Approve the Class "B" Beer/"Class B" Liquor license request for Belair Cantina Green Bay, Inc. dba Belair Cantina with the Statement of Intent being 120 days versus 90 days. Motion carried unanimously. d. Consider/Discuss/Act on Village of Ashwaubenon Ordinance No. O1-1-24, Amending/Creating Alcohol Licensing Procedure. Village Attorney Patrick Leigl stated staff recommends changing the operating hours to maintain consistency with state statutes and to create a business plan within the ordinance detailing what information applicants will be required to submit when applying for an alcohol license. Village Board had some concerns on the operating hours and would like Section 2 to be brought back. Motion (Paul, Servais) to Approved as Amended to adopt Ordinance O1-1-24, Amending/Creating Alcohol Licensing Procedure removing Section 2 for further information. Motion carried unanimously. e. Consider/Discuss/Act on a Recommendation from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee to Review Holmgren Way Corridor from Cormier Road to Lombardi Avenue. Village Manager Joel Gregozeski stated the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee acted on a recommendation to the Village Board seeking direction to further study potential changes to the Holmgren Way Corridor from Cormier Road to Lombardi Avenue. Staff recommended items to be reviewed/discussed at the Committee level in order to provide a comprehensive recommendation. Motion to open the floor (Flucke, Servais). Motion carried with Trustee Paul voting no. One person spoke in favor. Motion to close the floor (Paul, Zirbel). Motion (Paul, Kardoskee) to Deny the request of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee to further investigate changes to the Holmgren Way corridor. Motion Approved with Trustee Flucke voting no. f. Consider/Discuss/Act on a Recommendation from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee to Install Bicycle Lanes on S. Point Road from Cormier Road to STH 172. Village Manager Joel Gregozeski said the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee is recommending and requesting the Village install designated parking and bicycle lanes on S. Point Road from Cormier Road southward to STH 172. A new Kwik Trip has opened on the NE corner of S. Point Road and 172 and has a potential to increase bike/foot traffic. Motion (Flucke, Servais) to Approve to authorize and direct staff to include in the 2025 budget funds to install a designated parking lane with separated marked bicycle lanes on S. Point Road from Cormier Road to STH 172. Motion Approved with Trustee Paul voting no. g. Consider/Discuss/Act on a Position Description for Heavy Equipment Operator. Village Manager Joel Gregozeski stated the Public Works Department is requesting the approval of a newly created position of Heavy Equipment Operator. This does not include the hiring of an additional staff person, rather it creates a promotional opportunity for qualified staff within the Department. One Public Works Field Operator II is qualified for the proposed position. Motion (Krueger, Servais) to Approve the position description for Heavy Equipment Operator. Motion carried unanimously.

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h. Consider/Discuss/Act on Phragmites Control and Landscape Installation Services Request for Proposal for Area Surrounding 1499 Lombardi Avenue. Park, Recreation, & Forestry Director Rex Mehlberg explained the invasive species and landscape design plan by Stantec, along with specifications to solicit proposals from qualified firms to complete the work described. Motion (Paul, Zirbel) to Approve the Phragmites Control and Landscape Installation Services Request for Proposal specifications and to direct staff to advertise and solicit proposals and draft any agreements, easements, or permits necessary to perform the work as specified. Motion carried unanimously. i. Consider/Discuss/Act on a Proposed Argonne Park Area Trail and Boardwalk Route. Park, Recreation, & Forestry Director Rex Mehlberg talked about the proposed trail route around the exterior of Argonne Park, and into/through a portion of the wooded area between the park and Cabelas. The wooded portion is owned by the Green Bay Packers. Motion (Krueger, Flucke) to Approve the proposed trail and boardwalk route in Argonne Park and surrounding property and to direct staff to draft development agreements, access easements, and designs for construction for Board consideration. Motion carried unanimously. j. Consider/Discuss/Act on Waterford Park Playground Equipment Replacement Proposal. Park, Recreation, & Forestry Director Rex Mehlberg discussed the proposals for the Waterford Park Playground Equipment Replacement. Motion (Zirbel, Servais) to Approve to authorize the purchase of Playworld Equipment from Midwest Playscapes in the amount of \$119,977.00 for the Waterford Park playground equipment replacement project. Motion carried unanimously. Items for Next Agenda: None. Closed Session Items: During the meeting, the Village Board of the Village of Ashwaubenon may convene into Closed Session pursuant to: a. Wisconsin Statute Section 19.85(1)(e) to consider/discuss/act on deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business regarding the Public Stadium Lease Agreement between the Village of Ashwaubenon and Boomerang Stadium Holdings, LLC, for the property located at 2231 Holmgren Way, Tax Parcel VA-89-2, where competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Motion (Paul, Servais) to Convene Into Closed Session at 7:54 pm. Roll call taken. Motion carried unanimously. Motion (Krueger, Servais) to Approve a financial contribution to Boomerang Management for roof maintenance. Motion made in open session. Motion carried unanimously. Adjourn: Motion (Paul, Zirbel) to Adjourn at 8:17 pm. Motion carried unanimously. Publish 03.01.24 WNAJLP

**De Pere WNAJLP
Common Council
Regular Meeting
Final Minutes
Tuesday, February 6, 2024
7:30 PM**

Council Chambers & Virtual
The following is a summary of actions taken at the 2/6/24 Common Council meeting. A complete copy of the minutes is available in the Clerk's office at 335 S Broadway, De Pere WI or online at www.depercitywi.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.asp
1. Call to Order. The meeting

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was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mayor James Boyd. Present were Aids. Carpenter, Hansen, Kunding, Perock, Quigley, & Raasch; Gantz attended remotely and Ledvina was excused.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Approval of the minutes of the January 16, 2024 Common Council meeting. Motion Carpenter second Raasch **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
4. Public comment upon matters not on the agenda. Comments made during the public comment period shall pertain only to matters under the jurisdiction of the Common Council. §6-3(f) DPMC.
5. Recommendation from Plan Commission to approve an extraterritorial 1-lot and 1-outlot certified survey map at 3300 BLK Monroe RD in Ledgeview (Parcel D-423). Motion Raasch second Perock **APPROVED SUBJECT TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS [UNANIMOUS]**
6. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to accept Amerilux as the main sponsor for De Pere Beer Gardens. Motion Raasch second Hansen **ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
7. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to accept \$1,750 sponsorship from Immel Construction Inc. for the June Beer Gardens. Motion Kunding second Raasch **ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
8. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to accept a \$1,750 sponsorship from Durr Systems Inc. for July Beer Garden. Motion Kunding second Raasch **ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
9. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to accept a \$1,750 Sponsorship from Tweet Garot Mechanical for August Beer Garden. Motion Kunding second Hansen **ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
10. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to accept a \$1,500 donation from the De Pere Lions Club for children's entertainment at 2024 Beer Gardens. Motion Kunding second Gantz **ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
11. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to accept donation proposal from De Pere Girls Softball Association for scoreboards. Motion Hansen second Raasch **ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
12. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioner to approve change order #6 for Nelson Pavilion. Motion Raasch second Quigley **APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**
13. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to accept the low bid from Olsen Trailer and Body for a total of \$167,922 with the additional funding of \$72,922 being added to the Capital Project funding for replacing Truck 18. Motion Hansen second Raasch **TABLED [UNANIMOUS] Next: 2/20/2024 7:30 PM**
14. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to approve tennis program fees adjustment. Motion Hansen second Perock **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
15. Resolution #24-04 Authorizing Cooperative Service Agreement Between the City of De Pere and United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services (Aerial Deer Survey). Motion Carpenter second Raasch **ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**
16. Resolution #24-05 Adopting City of De Pere Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (2024-2029). Motion Raasch second Gantz **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
17. Voucher approval. Motion Carpenter second Perock



Lake Michigan and Green Bay breakwaters are free from ice a month or so earlier than usual, offering anglers a chance to cast from shore or get out in boats when the wind allows. Kevin Naze photo

Meteorological spring is here March rains needed to boost water levels



In the Outdoors

BY KEVIN NAZE
GUEST COLUMNIST

One of the warmest winters on record continued to surprise this week, with some regions away from Lake Michigan and Green Bay seeing a 40-degree temperature drop in just hours as winds switched.

March 1 is the start of what's known as meteorological spring.

It's based on the annual temperature cycle, and runs through May 31.

Meteorological spring separates the coldest and warmest three-month periods of the year.

Astronomical spring begins March 20 and ends June 21.

It's represented by Earth's position relative to the sun. In other words, March 20 is the day when the sun's highest point is directly over the equator before heading to the northern hemisphere.

Whatever you want to call it, March weather can be a roller-coaster of highs and lows.

With snow already melted, some timely rains will be needed this month to boost water levels on the Great Lakes and its tributaries.

Spawn-minded walleyes, pike and perch all benefit from higher water on the bay and lakeshore rivers and creeks need heavy rains to allow steelhead and suckers to access more prime spawning areas.

Meanwhile, poor ice conditions meant far fewer spears on Lake Winnebago and the upriver lakes this year, but success rates may have actually been up considering how low the shanty counts were.

Through the 16-day season, a total of 302 fish were speared from Winnebago and 130 from the upriver lakes for a total of 432. Only nine were larger than 100 pounds, including six from Winnebago (heaviest was

113.6) and three from the upriver lakes (including a 148-pounder, and another at 125.7).

Only about 500 shacks and pop-ups were counted the first weekend, about six times fewer than last year and 12 times less than the 6,000 in 2022.

Bird count climbs

Participants had until March 1 to report what they saw during the Great Backyard Bird Count Feb. 16-19, but the numbers aren't expected to change much.

More than 600,000 people from more than 200 countries or regions participated, reporting an incredible 7,842 species from around the world.

Wisconsin was 36th among the states with 128 species reported. Winnebago County tied for second among Wisconsin counties in species seen or heard with 68.

Manitowoc County was sixth (59 species), Brown 12th (54), Door 18th (48), Outagamie 41st (26), Kewaunee 27th (41), Marinette 41st (30) and Oconto 55th (25).

Manitowoc's lakefront had the fourth-most species reported with 34 total.

Participants shared more than 130,000 photos and sound recordings.

You can check out some of them in a short video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fBdJw7BUGuQ>.

Wisconsin pro wins

Guide Adam Rasmussen of Sturgeon Bay topped a field of 151 pros to win the Mercury B.A.S.S. Nation Qualifier at Lake Eufaula in Alabama recently.

Wisconsin's only contestant in the tournament, Rasmussen earned \$9,728 and a berth in the 2024 B.A.S.S. Nation Championship. He averaged more than

four pounds per fish over three days, and landed the heaviest fish of the event, a 7-pound, 9-ouncer.

Rasmussen said his best presentation was slowly dragging a ½-ounce brown jig paired with a green pumpkin Rapala CrushCity Cleanup Craw.

Last year, Rasmussen won his first Bassmaster Open on Wheeler Lake, Alabama, edging Elite Series star Brandon Palaniuk and landing a \$51,567 payday.

That win qualified him for the 2024 Bassmaster Classic March 22-24 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Learn more at <https://www.bassmaster.com/tournament/2024-bassmaster-classic/>.

Eating your catch

Green Bay and Lake Michigan fish are high in protein and contain vitamins, minerals and healthy omega-3 fats.

However, like many other things in our diet, some of those fish might also take in pollutants from their environment and food.

To reduce your exposure to contaminants, the Wisconsin Division of Public Health in conjunction with the Department of Natural Resources has come up with a "Choose Wisely" publication.

After consulting the recommendations, you may find that you do not have to change your eating habits, or you may choose to eat different types of fish or eat some species less frequently.

For all the latest news on eating fish, check out <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Fishing/consumption>.

Shed hunting

Whitetail fanatics have been searching for shed antlers with some success, though many younger bucks are being seen still holding one or both sides.

Biologists say it takes several weeks for the antler base area to heal.

After that, it's possible for growth to begin.

Boys State Wrestling



Bay Port's Alois Schlumpf placed fourth at the WIAA State Tournament for wrestling.



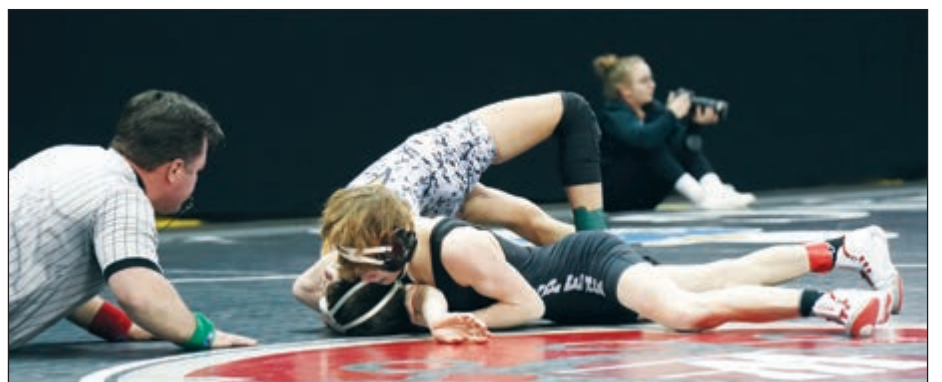
Seymour's Cael Leisgang took fifth place in the WIAA State Tournament for wrestling.



Pulaski's Chase Woosenkraft placed fourth at the WIAA State Tournament for wrestling.



Bay Port's Owen Wathke took third place on the podium for the WIAA State Tournament for wrestling.



De Pere's Mycah Beckett took fourth place in the WIAA State Tournament for wrestling.

Dave Gomm photos

The pieces are coming together

LaFleur, Haffley say new coaching staff, team like a puzzle

BY TORI WITTENBROCK
ASSOCIATE SPORTS
EDITOR

GREEN BAY – As the Green Bay Packers climb deeper into the offseason, head coach Matt LaFleur says that completing a new coaching staff and finding the right players for the 2024 season has been like putting together a puzzle and he feels that defensive coordinator Jeff Haffley fits the bill.

“I wanted to get who I thought was the best for us,” said LaFleur. “I equate putting a coaching staff together to putting a puzzle together. How does each piece fit? That’s an important part of it is the fit.”

After the 2023 season, the Packers ranked 17th in total defense in the NFL averaging 335.1 defensive yards per game and 37 touchdowns on the season, despite their offensive push to make it to the NFL Divisional Round of the postseason under defensive coordinator Joe Barry.

As head coach at Boston College with previous NFL

coaching experience, LaFleur said he believes Haffley is the perfect piece to the Packers puzzle.

“I felt comfortable with what we had and the last thing you want to do is scrap everything you worked for, especially when you had some pretty good players that performed at a high level,” said LaFleur. “You hire people for a reason. I feel the same way about our position coaches. You’re the ‘head coach’ of that position and it’s your responsibility. It’s my responsibility ultimately, but there’s got to be ownership across the board.”

Though Haffley has extensive coaching experience at the NFL level, LaFleur said that he is not at all concerned about him transitioning from the college level to the Packers.

“I think it’s more similar than you’d think. I think that nowadays, especially, with a lot of the things that are happening in college football, you’re finding them at the NFL level,” said LaFleur.



Green Bay Packers Head Coach Matt LaFleur and new defensive coordinator Jeff Haffley said that the pieces of the 2024 staff and roster are fitting together nicely as they endure the offseason.

Tori Wittenbrock photo

Haffley’s take

Haffley said that he is thrilled to become a part of the Green Bay Packers community and that he can’t wait to contribute to the success of the franchise.

“It’s the Green Bay Packers. I mean this is like the Mecca of the football world,” said Haffley. “Just being here and driving up to Lambeau every day — it still feels surreal. The community has maybe the best fans in all the

world as well.”

Haffley said that his main mission as defensive coordinator is to be able to bring his players everything they need to find success.

“People can say that a lot of the scheme is simpler, but it’s very detailed. We try to make it simple for the players so they can play fast, so they don’t have to think, so they can be confident and not be afraid to make mistakes. So that I can get them the infor-

mation that they need so that they can go out there and be fearless and play with their hair on fire,” said Haffley.

Haffley said that being a head coach has taught him how to be more open to ideas and finding a path to success.

“I don’t care whose idea it is. If it’s the best idea and it’s going to help us win games then that’s what we are going to do,” said Haffley. “And that’s what we are in the process of now. We are going to piece it all together.”

Haffley said that his main job is to simplify and translate everything for the players so that they can have all the information they need to play at the top of their game.

“Part of me being a great coach is that I have to be a great teacher. I have to take all this information that I have and make it very simple for you to understand so you can play fast and aggressive and not worry about anything,” said Haffley.

According to Haffley, his main priority is his players’ trust. Maintaining good re-

lationships with each person on his team is paramount to their success.

“There has to be great communication but first there has to be great relationships. You guys aren’t just going to trust me because I walk into the room as the defensive coordinator. I have to earn that trust and they have to earn it from me,” said Haffley.

Another integral part of Haffley’s coaching philosophy centers around his expectations for his players and himself.

“I don’t think you’re going to find a lot of yelling. I think you’re going to find a lot of coaching and I think you’re going to see a lot of juice on the field from the staff, but that doesn’t mean we’re yelling,” said Haffley. “I know we’re not going to be the type of staff that motivates through fear at all. These guys are going to know that we care about them and we want what’s best for them and that we are in it with them. We are going to push them and they are going to push us.”

Tritons advance to State Tournament



Bay Port’s William Lyons and Notre Dame’s Ian Noble engage in a battle for the puck during their sectional final game on Friday, Feb. 23.

Janelle Fisher photos



Bay Port’s William Lyons takes the puck down the rink with Notre Dame’s James Flanigan close behind. The final score of the game was a 2-0 victory for the Tritons.



Notre Dame Academy will take the second seed in the State Tournament as they advance to face the third seed, Edgewood.



Notre Dame’s Bryce Dahl hits a slapshot in their game against Bay Port. With this win, the Tritons advance to the State Tournament to play Edgewood on Friday, March 1.

Tritons upset Golden Raiders on Senior Night

BY CARSON GLOSNY
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY – The Notre Dame Academy Tritons (8-14 conf.) hosted the Sheboygan North Golden Raiders (13-10 conf.) on Thursday, Feb. 22, pulling off a 70-53 upset on Senior Night.

The Golden Raiders came into the game in third place in the Fox River Classic Conference (FRCC), while the Tritons came into the game in eighth place. All five seniors on the roster took the court for the Tritons to start the game.

“These seniors are a unique and special group,” said head coach Brian Bobinski. “All of them had a very non-traditional path to getting to senior night. In many respects it’s what high school sports is all about, very few people get to be the guys scoring all the points or being on the front page of the paper.” Coach Bobinski said he is excited for what this group has in store for their futures and is proud of how far they’ve each come as athletes and humans.

Cale Buboltz of Sheboygan North would make the first bucket of the game, which came from an easy layup. Aaron Heyroth then responded for the Tritons, with a two of his own.

The first five minutes of the game saw a lot of back and forth, with each team was trading off baskets.

After a slight stall in scoring from either side, Logan Steffensmeier got a contested layup to go, making the score 11-6, Sheboygan North leading. With 10:46 to go in the first half, Notre Dame’s stand-out junior Adam Guyette

would knock down a triple to get the Tritons within two points, 9-11. After a steal on the backend, impressive freshman Austin Hendricks went up with a pump fake and sent the defender flying and got the bucket to go.

Drew Siudzinski threw up an alley-oop pass to Andrew Rader, who laid it in for NDA after a Golden Raiders turn over. On the ensuing possession, Rader produced a massive block and Leo Weber went down the court and tied the game up.

Standout freshman AJ Hendricks ripped the ball away for an offensive rebound, utilized a pump fake, and made it 23-19.

With 2:25 to go in the first half of play with Notre Dame now up 29-19, Rader would complete an and-1 to give the Tritons three more.

Sheboygan North would end up making a 3-point shot before the half was over. Rader would get the last shot of the half as he made a layup with 1.7 seconds on the clock. The score was 36-25 in the Tritons favor going into half.

The Golden Raiders came out of the half strong as Owen Stangel knocked down a 3-pointer making the score 38-32.

Jack Warden made an up and around layup which was answered by Sheboygan North’s Blake Buhr who made a corner three before Guyette knocked down a three of his own.

Stangel then drove in and got sent to the charity stripe, where he made both free throws.

Buhr would get a monster block back on the other end on Guyette, who

then stole the ball back from the Golden Raiders and would slam home an electrifying dunk. Moments later, Rader would thread the needle to Siudzinski for the bucket in the paint.

Bryce Ten Pas got a corner triple to go for Sheboygan North.

The Tritons remained up 47-40 with 12:35 to go. The Golden Raiders would make what would be their final push of the night, as Buhr would complete an and-1 and make the free throw.

Landon Schramm’s three would bring the game within one, as the Tritons offense would stall.

The 46-47 game was still in Notre Dame’s favor. A few possessions later, after Warden’s nice bucket inside, Aaron Heyroth would take a crucial, momentum shifting charge, and the Tritons wouldn’t look back.

Austin Hendricks would get an and-1 and make the free throw, followed by Rader getting a putback to go on the next possession, 59-51 with 5:30 to go. It was all Notre Dame to end the game, running away with it and pulling off the upset, 70-53.

With this win, the Tritons improve to 9-14 on the season. “With the season we’ve had and the adversity we have faced, a lot of teams would’ve shut down, these kids have responded well. We’ve been close against some really good teams lately,” said Bobinski.

The Tritons then went on to face the 15-2 and second place team in the FRCC, Ashwaubenon, on Saturday, Feb. 24.

Nicolet NATIONAL BANK PRESENTS **Senior Spotlight**

Nathan Pollen, Preble High School, baseball

Parents' names: Ryan and Melinda Pollen
Siblings: Jacob, Kayleigh and Sophia
Instagram: @nathan.pollen2
Position/Events: Pitcher/ Third base
Career highlight: My career highlight is coming in second place at a big tournament in Milwaukee over the summer.

What inspired you to first pick up a baseball?

I was inspired to pick up a baseball out of the curiosity of being a kid and took it and ran from there.

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

Freshman year was online, so I did not have much academics to balance with baseball. As the years went on it became more challenging to balance both, but I got it done.

What is the best part about competing?

The best part of competing for me is going out to battle surrounded by my family and friends every day.

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

My favorite drill to do is anything that involves pitching, whether that is flat ground work or throwing off a mound.

What is your favorite part about being on a team/participating in a team sport?

My favorite part of being on a team is the brotherhood that you build between you and your teammates; these relationships will last a lifetime.

Has there been an individual (parent/athlete/coach) who played a role in shaping the athlete you've become today?

My parents have been supportive, constantly pushing me to be the best person and athlete that I can possibly be. I owe the world to my parents, who gave theirs to shape me.

What is the hardest part about baseball?

The hardest part of baseball for me is the mental part. In a sport where if you succeed 4/10 times you are considered a hall of



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famer, self-doubt can get to you sometimes. That is the hardest part of baseball for me.

Being a senior, describe some leadership

roles that come into play.

A lot of the leadership roles that come into play as a senior are the younger kids always looking up to

you, seeing that you are older, and being a captain of the varsity team this upcoming year.

What is your ultimate pregame routine?

The right cleat always goes on first, along with the jersey, which never comes untucked if I can help it. Before I pitch, I draw a cross on the back of the mound with my cleat every game, too.

Favorite collegiate or professional sports team?

My favorite professional baseball team is the Milwaukee Brewers. There is nothing better than watching a Brewers game.

What is your favorite sports quote?

My favorite sports quote is a quote from Derek Jeter. It reads, "The last thing you want is to look back and wish you had worked harder or played harder." This is my favorite quote because it reminds me to give 100% at whatever I am doing, especially playing baseball.

How does athletics make you a better student/worker/person?

Athletics has taught me

discipline, and I have used that in everything that I do in life.

What age were you when you started playing baseball?

I was five years old.

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

I would like to give a shout-out to the group of seniors that I play with at Preble High School. Without them in my daily life pushing me to be the best person and baseball player I can be, I don't think I would still be playing baseball today.

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

I will be continuing to play baseball at Lawrence University, where I will pursue a business degree.

Any advice you would give to your younger self?

I would tell my younger self to work as hard as you possibly can. Devote more time to the sport and never give up.



Tritons advance over Spartans

Adam Guyette crashes into the lane for two of his 16 points as the Tritons took down Luxemburg-Casco in the first round of WIAA Regional play on Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Josh Staloch photo



NDA Senior Night

Derrick Webster high fives his teammates as he walks out on Senior Night for the Tritons' game against Sheboygan North.

Carson Glosny photo

BASKETBALL

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specifically had an impressive offensive surge, showing their resilience amidst the pressure of the Hornets.

"We've gotten so much better from day one," says Preble Head Coach Rick Rosinski, "That's what I'm proud of: the progression of the kids to get better."

Preble held a commanding lead of 50-21 at half-time, with contributions from across their roster, including solid performances from the bench. Green Bay East showed flashes of sound offensive execution, particularly from Gregory Denny, who ended the half with five three-pointers for a total of 17 points. However, the Red Devils struggled to chip away at Preble's lead.

Both teams continued to battle fiercely in the second half, with fouls scaling on both sides. Preble executed well-designed plays, resulting in easy buckets for the Hornets and a maintained lead as the game progressed. Despite the Red Devils's efforts, including extensive foul trouble for both teams, the gap remained insurmountable.

Green Bay East's efforts in the second half were evident, as they held the Hornets to 33 points compared to 50 in the first half.

"The boys played hard. Even though we turned the ball over, they don't give up," Head Coach James Devault of Green Bay East comments, "They play with heart, and they play with good energy."

As the final buzzer sounded, Preble emerged victorious with a final score of 83-47, showcasing their dominance on both ends of the court. With this solid win, Preble advances in the playoffs, leaving Green Bay East to reflect



Red Devil Quincy Shields charges down the court in their game against Preble. Shields is the points per game leader for his team averaging 13.8 points.

Audrey Schiek photos



Green Bay Preble Hornet Jack Thorpe leaps up for a shot against East in their WIAA Regional play-in game.

on their season with pride despite the loss.

"We got a good group of kids, win or lose, we joke around, we have fun, so I think that's the most grati-

fying thing about everything," comments Coach Rosinski on the win.

Preble will play this Friday, March 1, at De Pere.

Girls State Wrestling



De Pere's Brooke Corrigan took fourth place at 100 lbs. in the WIAA State Tournament for girls wrestling. **Dave Gomm photos**



Pulaski's Ava Peters took second place for girls 107 lbs. at the WIAA State Tournament.

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Maus said Wallerich pointed him in the right direction regarding the transition.

"He did a great job in discussing that with me," he said.

Maus will be in charge of the pitchers and recruiting.

"We have lots of local talent who I'll be recruiting to come play at St. Norbert," he said.

SNC has three players from Bay Port (Matt Perry, Aidan Colombo, Connor LaBar), one from Green Bay Southwest (Cole Bzdawka), one from Ashwaubenon (Matt Schuch) and one from Seymour (Will DeBruin) on this year's roster.

Moving forward, Maus said he hopes to be a head coach someday.

"Wherever that may be," he said. "Hopefully, the right opportunity will come up, but for now, I'm excited to learn from Coach Wallerich — I'm young and have lots to learn yet."

Coming to St. Norbert

When Maus was recruited to play at SNC, he said it was "the right decision."

"I got recruited by some other schools, but with my connection to Coach Wallerich, I felt at home here," he said.



Maus

Maus' path from a player at SNC to coach wasn't always smooth sailing.

He was hampered by a nagging foot injury early in his four-year Green Knights career.

"I broke my foot my freshman year, but that was the COVID-19 season (in 2020), so we only got three games in," Maus said. "My sophomore year, coming off my foot injury, I fractured my foot again, so I was down another year. In my junior year, I decided to focus solely on pitching. I found the twists and turns associated with playing the outfield weren't good for my foot. My senior year, I was in the same role as I was as a junior — coming out of the bullpen."

Maus said he also played through a torn labrum during his last two years at SNC.

"I opted not to have surgery because I knew my baseball time was coming to an end," he said. "I

pitched through it with the help of the SNC training staff building up the muscles around the labrum."

This year's team

The 2024 Green Knights were chosen to finish 11th in the Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference's annual pre-season poll of the league's coaches and sports information directors.

The Green Knights received 92 points.

Aurora University and Benedictine University were tied for first, with each totaling 316 points and 13 first-place votes.

"I think we're looking good," Maus said. "Last year, my senior year, three of the four pitchers in our lineup were freshmen, so we're bringing back three starters there. The freshmen class this year is good. Mix those with the upperclassmen, and I think we're going to shock some teams that are writing us off."

SNC has begun the year with a win and two losses and will travel to the University of Dubuque March 2-3 for a trio of games.

The Green Knights open the home portion of their schedule on Saturday, March 30, when they host Dominican University in a doubleheader starting at noon at the Mel Nicks Sports Complex in De Pere.



Bay Port's Dakotah Athey took third place in girls 114 for individual wrestling.



Pulaski's Harlow Skenandore took first place on the podium for girls 145 lbs. individual wrestling.



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Maus named full-time St. Norbert College assistant baseball coach

BY RICH PALZEWIC
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DE PERE – After a successful playing career at Bay Port High School and St. Norbert College (SNC), Grant Maus is taking his baseball knowledge to the next level.

Maus was recently named the full-time assistant coach at SNC.

“I’m grateful for the opportunity to come back and coach where I played for four years,” Maus said. “I get the chance to coach guys who I played with and the new incoming freshmen. I’m excited to be part of the staff.”

Maus last put on a Green Knights’ uniform in the spring of 2023 and then moved into a part-time assistant role with the team later that year.

SNC Head Coach Mike Wallerich said, “Grant is a great addition to the staff for our athletic depart-

ment and our baseball program.”

“With him having played at SNC, it gives him a sense of pride and a home feel,” he said. “It’s always great to add alumni to the department — it shows commitment to what they experienced as student-athletes. I have known Grant for more than 10 years because he used to take lessons from me as a youth player. I’m excited to help him grow in his career path as a coach but also as a mentor. I’m excited to see his progression.”

From a player to coach

Maus, who began his SNC career as both an outfielder and a pitcher, said he always had visions of coaching — albeit, he didn’t think it would happen so quickly.

“It was always in the back of my mind,” he said. “I never thought it would be realistic in a way — not

many people get the opportunity to do this. I wasn’t sure it would ever happen, and certainly didn’t expect it to happen so soon.”

Maus said a conversation he had with Wallerich helped him in his coaching journey.

“Coach always knew I had coaching aspirations,” he said. “He’s always been a guy to bring back players who he thinks were meaningful to the program. He asked me a couple of months after the (2023) season when things were winding down — I jumped on it. I was a part-timer for the fall season and working at Schneider.”

Then, at the end of January, Maus said Wallerich called him into his office.

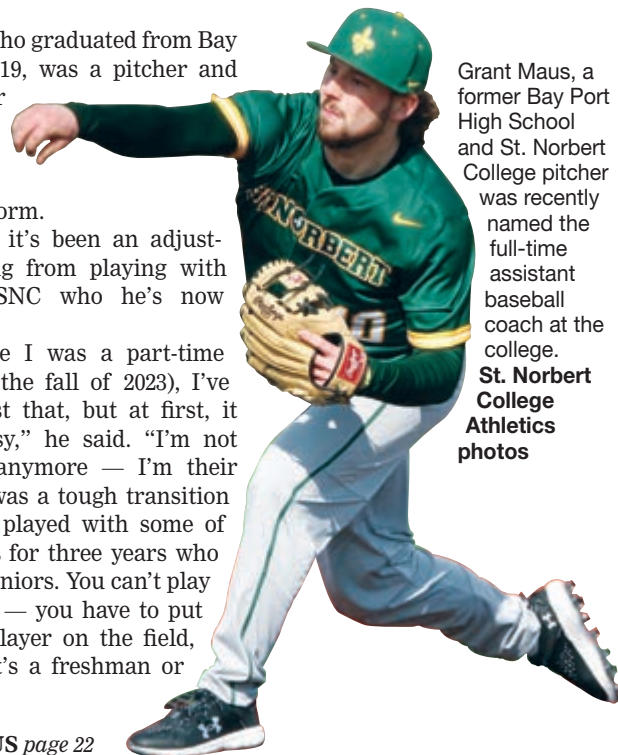
“It was coach and our athletic director, Cam Fuller,” he said. “They offered me the full-time role that had been offered to the school.”

Maus, who graduated from Bay Port in 2019, was a pitcher and outfielder during his days in a Pirates’ uniform.

He said it’s been an adjustment going from playing with guys at SNC who he’s now coaching.

“Because I was a part-time coach (in the fall of 2023), I’ve gotten past that, but at first, it wasn’t easy,” he said. “I’m not a player anymore — I’m their coach. It was a tough transition because I played with some of these guys for three years who are now seniors. You can’t play favoritism — you have to put the best player on the field, whether it’s a freshman or senior.”

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Grant Maus, a former Bay Port High School and St. Norbert College pitcher was recently named the full-time assistant baseball coach at the college. **St. Norbert College Athletics photos**

Preble dominates Green Bay East in Regional playoff showdown

BY AUDREY SCHIEK
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PREBLE HIGH SCHOOL – In a hard-fought playoff showdown of the Fox River Classic Conference between Preble and Green Bay East boys’ basketball teams, Preble emerged on top with a commanding performance, securing a noteworthy win.

From the opening moments, it was clear that both teams were feeling the pressure of the playoff atmosphere. Green Bay East started strong with a swished three-pointer, but Preble quickly responded with a relentless fast-break offense, outscoring their opponents by ten points in the early minutes. Preble’s speed and efficiency in transition became a lethal weapon while the Red Devils struggled to find an offensive rhythm against Preble’s suffocating defense.

Despite a technical foul giving Green Bay East an easy two points, Preble maintained a comfortable lead throughout the first half, capitalizing on turnovers and fast-break opportunities. Green Bay East found themselves trapped in the corners of the court, unable to break free from Preble’s full-court defensive pressure.

The match heated up in the last few minutes, with both teams drilling several points in an attempt to define the score before the half. Green Bay East



Green Bay East’s Greg Denny leaps into the air for a shot against the Preble Hornets on Tuesday, Feb. 27. The final score of the game was an 83-47 victory for Preble. **Audrey Schiek photo**

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Green Bay Packers Hall of Famer Bart Starr’s wife Cherry Starr has passed away at the age of 89. **Starr Children’s Fund photo**

Cherry Starr, dead at 89

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BIRMINGHAM, ALA – On Tuesday, Feb. 27, Cherry Starr, widow of Green Bay Packers legend Bart Starr passed away at the age of 89 after an ongoing battle with cancer.

Where it all started

Cherry and her husband Bart became high school sweethearts after both attending Sidney Lanier High School in Montgomery, Ala.

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