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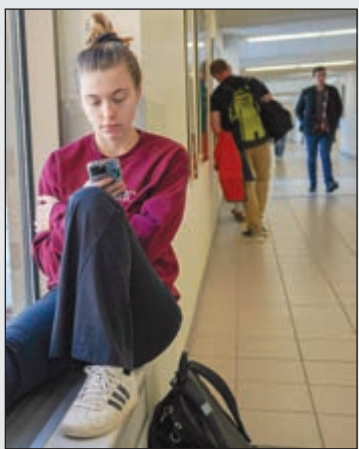
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Phlash serves as a virtual resource for students seeking information about UW-Green Bay, answering questions related to different aspects of campus life including mental health and academic support.  
Emma Bliskey photo

## Enhancing student engagement

BY JO MAHLUM  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY – In recent years, a goal of the UW-Green Bay has been to enhance student engagement and support through student engagement, and more specifically through technology.

The university has taken big strides towards achieving this goal through a recent contract with the platform EdSights.

UW-Green Bay Assistant Vice Chancellor Meagan Stehlow described the platform as one “that fosters real-time feedback and personalized communication with students.”

The platform was launched to address the evolving needs of its student body, which has a crucial position in promoting student success.

The platform’s capabilities were initiated with the introduction of Phlash, an AI-powered bot available to students around the clock.

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Stehlow stated, “Students can

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## Rising above



“My high school counselor told me to get a job – that college wasn’t for me. I wasn’t a college-bound student. I knew somewhere in my heart that no matter what anybody told me, I knew that I could persevere...”  
– Tammy Van Ess

Tammy Van Ess was surprised at Jackson Elementary School on Oct. 15 by Wisconsin School Counselors Association Executive Director Stacy Eslick and a school assembly.  
Kris Leonhardt photo

## Jackson Elementary School Counselor honored

BY KRIS LEONHARDT  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

GREEN BAY – Jackson Elementary School Counselor Tammy Van Ess was recently named School Counselor of the Year by the Wisconsin School Counselor Association, where she shared her story of rising above.

Van Ess was surprised at Jackson Elementary School on Oct. 15 by Wisconsin School Counselors Association (WSCA) Executive Director Stacy Eslick.

The honor is given to an individual who “devotes their career to serving as an advocate for Wisconsin students, addressing their academic,

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## Making a difference downtown

BY JOHN CRAEMER  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY – A new “Welcome to Downtown” sign was unveiled on Oct. 17 at the corner of City Deck Court and North Washington Street in Green Bay, as a local association works to make a difference in the downtown area.

The sign is sponsored by the Green Bay Downtown Neighborhood Association and was unveiled by Green Bay Mayor Eric Genrich, District 9 Alderperson Brian Johnson, Green Bay Downtown Neighborhood Association President Christie Barlament and other city

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District 9 Alderperson Brian Johnson, at left, Green Bay Downtown Neighborhood Association President Christie Barlament, at right, and other members of the association unveiled the new Welcome to Downtown sign on Oct. 17.  
John Craemer photo



Through TechGYRLS, young girls are gaining skills and knowledge that help them grow their education, connect it to the workplace and feel confident in sharing what they learn with others.  
Submitted photo

## TechGYRLS sparks interest in STEAM fields

BY SAVANNAH JANDRIN  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY – Over the summer and during the school year after-school, the non-profit YWCA in Green Bay is providing a STEAM program, with assistance from UScellular.

“TechGYRLS” is open to girls in third through eighth grades to help them learn more about STEAM professions while participating in hands-on activities and speaking with female professionals in each field, at little to no cost.

YWCA Green Bay’s Women’s Empowerment Center Coordinator Catherine Sendelbach said that it has provided a “nice cohort over summer so families can plan for educational opportunities for young girls.”

Since the YWCA has gained many partnerships with local organizations, those participating in the TechGYRLS program have gained exposure to many different fields of study.

Some of their activities include visiting Bellin Health where the girls had different health occupation stations; Schreiber, where the girls learned how they make yogurt; UScellular, to learn how fast the internet works through cell towers; an engineering site to learn about blueprints and bridges; the Art Garage to learn how

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Over the summer and during the school year afterschool, the non-profit YWCA in Green Bay is providing a STEAM program. Submitted photo

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math and art are related; and other hands-on experiences. Sendelbach said it is a "unique opportunity to see how STEAM, science, technology, engineering, art and math, is relevant in the work environment."

The TechGYRLS program is "designed to spark interest," Sendelbach added.

She said the young girls are gaining skills and knowledge that help them grow their education, connect it to the workplace and feel confident in sharing what they learn with others.

Sendelbach added,

"once you do something unfamiliar and try something new, that's confidence and self-esteem."

This program is designed to help young girls feel comfortable in these STEAM environments because they are meeting women leaders who are telling their stories about how they started out like all the young girls and how they became leaders.

The participants are able to ask questions, gain experience with hands-on activities and create a group culture that empowers these young girls.

Through the program, the community is gaining greater awareness about

what STEAM is, what it stands for and how it is used in everyday life from different products and resources.

It also has raised interest in adults for career change since they are coming along to learn more as well.

"All are welcome in the STEAM world," Sendelbach said.

For more information on the YWCA and its programs, contact the Green Bay YWCA or visit [www.ywcagreenbay.org](http://www.ywcagreenbay.org).

*The Pass it Forward™ internship program is sponsored by the Packers Give Back and Nicolet National Bank.*

# Longtime Ashwaubenon leader passes away

**FOR THE PRESS TIMES**

ASHWAUBENON – Charlotte Nelson, an elected official who guided the Village of Ashwaubenon through one of its most expansive eras of growth, has passed away at the age of 89.

Nelson was first elected municipal clerk in 1973 during the time when Ashwaubenon was still a town and served in the position for the next 34 years.

A native of Baltimore, Md., Nelson graduated from St. Michael's Business School in Baltimore and received a special work permit from the city of Baltimore to work as an executive assistant for a well-known Baltimore business leader who served as the USO Club Director during the Korean War.

While serving as hostess of the USO Club events, Charlotte met her future husband, Richard "Dick" Nelson who was then serving in the United States Coast Guard, and the couple later moved to Dick's hometown of Ashwaubenon.

While raising her family, Charlotte first took a position with the UW-Extension Office and was later offered a job by then county clerk, Joe Liebergen, to work in the tax listing office at the Brown County Courthouse.

She was encouraged to run for the position of town clerk for Ashwaubenon in 1973 and elected every two years until her retirement in 2008.

During her 34-year tenure as an elected clerk, Nelson was recognized as "WI Clerk of the Year" by the Wisconsin Municipal



Nelson

Clerks Association, an organization for which she once also served as president.

After retiring in 2008 from the role of municipal clerk, Nelson was elected and served as trustee of the Village of Ashwaubenon for six years.

Visitation will be Saturday, Oct. 26, 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Parish in Ashwaubenon.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the church.

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Students from Åmål, Sweden tour Seroogy's Chocolates of De Pere, WI. Pictured from left are Gry Georgsson, Engla Hero, Maya Storm, Aron Olofsson and Olle Loftman. **John Craemer photo**

## Delegation brings Sweden to De Pere

BY JOHN CRAEMER  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER/  
PHOTOGRAPHER

DE PERE – A very busy week is scheduled for five students and two teachers from Åmål, Sweden, as part of the Sister City International program hosted by De Pere.

Activities include visiting De Pere Mayor James Boyd, a tour of Seroogy's Chocolates, lunch at fast food restaurants, visits to De Pere schools, a high school soccer and football game, Halloween activities, a Lambeau Field tour and more.

Aron Olofsson, 17, is most excited about the tour of Lambeau Field.

"I've seen it just a little because American football isn't the biggest out in Sweden," Olofsson said.

The Sister Cities International program fosters global partnerships through shared exchanges and ini-

tiatives, aiming to enhance mutual understanding and cooperation among cities.

Established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956, the De Pere and Åmål cities have been partners since 2007.

Over the years, these two cities have collaborated on numerous social and economic projects, benefiting both communities.

Nestled along the shores of Lake Vänern in southern Sweden, the town of Åmål is home to a vibrant community of just over 12,000 residents.

It boasts a rich history and features an array of galleries, parks, and shops.

Lake Vänern is a central part of Åmål, influencing the community wherever you go.

While Lake Vänern almost encircles Åmål, the municipality is dotted with other waterways.

In the summer, the city comes alive as locals and

visitors arrive by boat to indulge in the inviting beaches, marinas, concerts and scenic walks.

The trip cost for the five students was covered by a scholarship.

"We wrote a letter, like an application letter, and wrote why we wanted to go. And the rule was that we needed to behave well in school," Olofsson explained.

Olle Loftman described his first impressions of the area, "Lovely people. I'm excited to see just the whole American culture and Lambeau Field. I don't know a lot about American football. I'd like to get to know it."

The Sister Cities program is much more than the exchange of students.

For more information on the De Pere - Åmål Sister Cities International program, visit [www.deperewi.gov](http://www.deperewi.gov).

## Thor named HWCC 2024 Young Professional of the Year

FOR THE PRESS TIMES

GREEN BAY – Christina Thor has been named the 2024 Young Professional of the Year by the Hmong Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce (HWCC).

This award, presented at HWCC's 18th Annual Business Award Celebration, honors "outstanding leadership and unwavering commitment to empowering marginalized communities through grassroots organizing and care-centered policies across Wisconsin."

The HWCC Business Award Celebration recognizes the contributions of Hmong professionals and businesses in Wisconsin.

Several awards are granted each year, celebrating the innovation, success and impact of community leaders and businesses.

In her acceptance speech, Thor expressed deep gratitude for the recognition, saying, "I am deeply humbled and grateful. This award is not mine alone — it belongs to everyone who has been a part of my journey. I share this honor with my mentors, family, friends and community who have supported me through every challenge."

Reflecting on her work and the legacy of her ancestors, Christina shared, "My work is deeply con-



Thor

ected to my ancestors and their sacrifices. Each step I take is in honor of the generations before me who endured so much so that I could stand here today. This is sacred work, and I am proud to continue the legacy they have entrusted to us."

Earlier this year, Christina was also recognized as one of Wisconsin's Most Influential Asian American leaders in 2024 by *Madison365*.

Thor is a graduate of Appleton North High School, an alumna of University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and first-gen-

eration homeowner in Green Bay.

She works as an advocate for racial and gender equity in her community.

As executive state director of 9to5 Wisconsin, Thor has led transformative campaigns for racial and gender equity, working to uplift the voices of underserved communities and achieve meaningful policy changes.

The Hmong Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to promoting the economic development of Hmong and Southeast Asian communities.

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# Packers, city clash over stadium lease, Heritage Trail Plaza

BY KRIS LEONHARDT  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

GREEN BAY – The City of Green Bay and its NFL football team are struggling to find common ground on a stadium lease extension as well as the location of the Packers Heritage Trail plaza.

On Oct. 16, the Packers sent a letter to the Green Bay/Brown County Professional Football Stadium District requesting that it step in to assist with a lease extension agreement, which would lock the Packers in for 30 more years during which the organization would continue \$1.5 billion in renovations and upgrades.

The current lease will expire in 2032 and the Packers began talks with the city as far back as 2020.

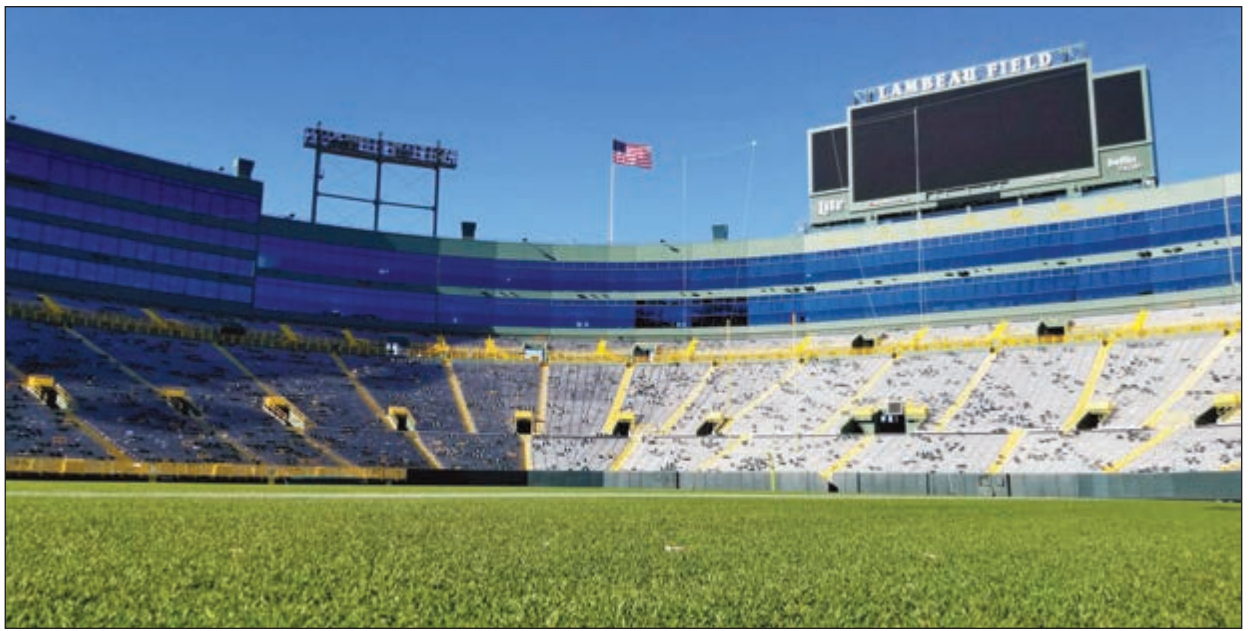
After the Packers presented three lease propos-

als, talks were stalled.

The two entities last met in May and were to meet again on Sept. 19 — which the Packers say was cancelled by Green Bay Mayor Eric Genrich and not yet rescheduled.

“The mayor failed to respond to any of the three proposals. Despite numerous requests, he refused to provide a single counterproposal. In January, he abruptly walked away from negotiations citing the need for the city to receive increased rent payments, even though the city would not be making any investments in the stadium,” a letter from the Packers Associate General Counsel Marissa Meli and Packers Director of Public Affairs Aaron Popkey to the Stadium District stated.

The delay in reaching a common ground has led



The current lease on Lambeau Field will expire in 2032 and the Packers began talks with the city as far back as 2020.

Mike Warren photo

to a stall in an \$80 million upgrade to the lower concourse of Lambeau Field during the offseason and according to the Packers

may continue to delay additional projects.

“As you know, for more than 100 years, the Packers and the city have worked together to ensure that Lambeau Field remains a valuable community asset. This community partnership expanded to include the entire county through the creation of the Stadium District as part of the 2003 Lambeau Field redevelopment, a \$295-million public-private project that was a huge success. Since then, the Packers have invested over \$600 million in improvements without using taxpayer funds. For context, including the original construction in 1957, the city has contributed a total of only \$333,000 to construction and improvement costs

and has paid none of the very substantial maintenance costs in the last 64 years. Yet the city receives over \$1 million annually in rent and administrative fees that increase at a compounded rate,” the letter added.

“The Packers believe that the Stadium District Board, as one of the three parties to the lease, must be involved in discussions. The mayor insisted that they not be involved initially because he wants to eliminate the District. Given the mayor’s unwillingness to engage with the Packers, the Stadium District must be involved in lease discussions and continue to serve its essential role in using its expertise and independence to provide oversight of the

long-term future of Lambeau Field, a major community asset. The Packers and the District together can develop a proposal that ensures the necessary improvements can move forward without further delay, with the goal of presenting it to the city.”

While Genrich didn’t respond to a request for comment, he told FOX 11 on Oct. 18, “They’re asking Green Bay taxpayers to take \$30 million less on the new term of the lease as they’ve suggested. That’s a total nonstarter for us.”

The \$30 million loss figure from the mayor is based on the existing lease’s 2.75% escalator for rent if it were to be extended another 30 years.

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On Oct. 16, the Packers Heritage, Inc. — a nonprofit subsidiary of the Green Bay Packers — brought a civil suit against the city of Green Bay in Brown County Court to stop the city from moving the Packers Heritage Trail Plaza for the development of a high-rise. Staff photo



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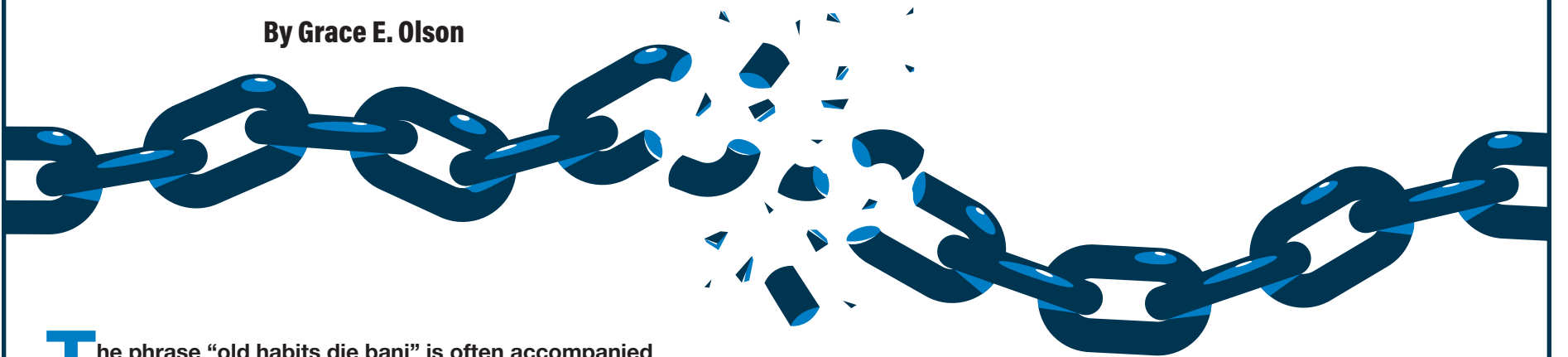
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By Grace E. Olson



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It’s something Jay Luck, Master Hypnosis and neurolinguistic programming practitioner, sees in clients in varying circumstances every day. Whether it’s losing weight, quitting smoking or elevating your business or personal life, consistently not reaching goals holds us back and affects us in a variety of undesirable ways.

The owner of Wisconsin Hypnosis Center with locations in Green Bay and Appleton, and Apple Valley Hypnosis in Burnsville, MN began his career 39 years ago as a salesperson and sales trainer. He explains the surprisingly close connection between the two professions.

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Jay helps clients add self-love (sans arrogance!), while removing two common blocks: “It becomes about reducing shame and guilt,” he explains. “Shame and guilt prevent us from accomplishing things. They have no place moving forward in our lives.”

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social-emotional and career development,” according to the WSCA.

“This individual influences the school counseling profession through leadership, advocacy, and collaboration.”

During the presentation, Van Ess told her own story of perseverance.

“I share this story mainly with my fourth and fifth graders. My high school counselor told me to get a job; that college wasn’t for me. I wasn’t a college-bound student. I knew somewhere in my heart that no matter what anybody told me, I knew that I could persevere and I could do what I want-

ed to do, as long as I put my flexible thinking to the test. I didn’t only go to college, but to become a school counselor I had to go to college again to get another degree,” she recalled.

She addressed the students adding, “And I tell you guys all the time, you can do what you want to do and never let anyone or any obstacle get in your way. And when you have an obstacle in front of you, how are you going to get around it? There’s not only one solution, but there are many solutions and I really, really strongly believe that.”

Those nominating her for the award said that “Tammy saw an increase in behavior referrals for the kindergartners and worked

with her principal to add more classroom lessons to support learning as well as individual and small group support. With the addition of these skill-building opportunities, the school saw over a 75% decrease in student behaviors for kindergartners.

“It is through her own commitment to creatively meet her families’ needs by offering evening events or innovative learning experiences for students, as well as her partnerships with local stakeholders such as Do Good Wisconsin and Rooted In, that have produced a trajectory for families at Jackson Elementary School to feel connected to school staff and see the school as another

resource for support.”

“For the last 10 years, I got the honor of watching Tammy grow as a professional,” added Green Bay Area Public Schools Interim Superintendent Vicki Bayer.

When she identifies a need, she doesn’t wait around for somebody else to fix it. Instead, she dives in and addresses it right away. In the end, our students and families benefit from her hard work.

Van Ess will be further recognized at WSCA’s Annual Conference in November.

She will also represent Wisconsin during the American School Counselor of the Year celebration in February 2026.

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text Phlash questions and the bot will reply by connecting students to resources available on campus.

“This approach enables Phlash to identify students in distress, triggering alerts for staff intervention when necessary,” she said.

Phlash has been operating for just over two weeks, during which it has already received more than 5,000 text messages from students.

“This engagement highlights the bot’s effectiveness in reaching those who might otherwise hesitate to seek help,” Stehlow stated.

Another staff member observed that many of the students needing support are students who have not reached out before.

This program aims to reduce the intimidation factor often associated with seeking assistance, making it easier for students to connect with the support they require.

The development of Ed-Sights and Phlash aligns with the broader commitment at UW-Green Bay to enhance student suc-

cess, particularly in light of shifting demographics over the past five years.

University leadership, including the chancellor and provost, emphasized the importance of expanding and prioritizing their campus’s work toward student success and the role they have in ensuring that learners receive priority assistance to resolve barriers to their success.

Looking forward the university plans to integrate insights from Phlash with other student success tools to create a comprehensive support system.

Stehlow stated, “The goal is to provide early interventions that can significantly impact student retention rates.

“Phlash allows us to connect students to resources and provide support before students start facing significant challenges,” stated a university spokesperson.

Their hope is that by using this approach the faculty and staff will have more information to offer more focused support, ultimately fostering a more nurturing academic environment.

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officials and association members.

“We worked with Schreiber [Foods], corporate office. They were so gracious to let us put it there and we’re very excited,” Barlament said.

“There was no association as of last year. We got it reestablished and we came up with a brand-new sign. We really wanted to emphasize the City Deck with

everything that you can do there. Christmas — all of the lights — it’s spectacular. There are magic shows, comedy shows, restaurants, bars and a bunch of family-fun events.”

The goal of the association is to increase downtown foot traffic and support small businesses.

An additional goal is to make the area clean and safe.

“We also just received a grant. We created what’s called the Downtown

Cleanup Crew. We’re going to start that in the spring,” Barlament added.

The city of Green Bay will provide a mini grant of \$1,200, which will cover the cost of several cleanups a month and associated supplies.

“We’re working together as a community to keep the downtown clean and to keep it safe,” Barlament stated.

The association is hoping visitors to Lambeau Field will also visit the

downtown area.

“Coming to Lambeau is one thing, but Packer fans should also visit the heart of Green Bay, and that’s downtown Green Bay,” Barlament said.

“We’re really trying to emphasize support to small local businesses. Come to Lambeau but visit down here too.”

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The Packers want the payment to remain “flat” as they continue to make improvements to the stadium.

“The current lease is much better for Green Bay taxpayers than what they’ve offered,” said Genrich. “Once they’re ready to revise and resubmit an offer that is in keeping with discussions that took place over several months,

we’re going to be happy to get together and talk with them.”

On Oct. 16, the Packers Heritage, Inc. — a nonprofit subsidiary of the Green Bay Packers — brought a civil suit against the city of Green Bay in Brown County Court to stop the city from moving the Packers Heritage Trail Plaza for the development of a high-rise.

Milwaukee-based New Land Enterprises plans to construct an eight-story,

268-unit high-rise on city-owned land now occupied by a parking lot.

The development would also disrupt the Plaza, now located at North Washington and Cherry streets.

The Heritage Trail features 25 bronze commemorative plaques located at sites significant to Packers history; it is patterned after The Freedom Trail in Boston.

The Packers Heritage Trail Foundation is a nonprofit corporation and

public formed in November 2011 and founded by Cliff and Shirley Christl.

In 2017, the Green Bay Packers acquired the foundation.

The first hearing for the suit is scheduled for Oct. 30.

*The Green Bay City Council had a press conference on the lease agreement scheduled for Wednesday, Oct 23 at 4:15 p.m., after this paper went to press. See coverage on that next week.*

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# Howard-Suamico School Board recognizes local leader

BY CAROLINE VAN SISTINE  
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The Howard-Suamico School Board opened their meeting on Oct. 21, 2024, by recognizing Senator Robert Cowles for his long-standing support of education.

With a tenure spanning over 40 years, Cowles was celebrated for his ongoing advocacy and partnership with the district.

Board members emphasized his dedication to education, noting, "It's not that we always get the answers we want, but we get the direction we need," highlighting his role in guiding the district's leadership in its advocacy at the state level.

They acknowledged his presence at various district events, emphasizing his commitment to engaging with the community.

The formal recognition of Senator Cowles included a resolution expressing the district's gratitude for his work, which stated, "Whereas Senator Robert Cowles has represented Wisconsin's second state district since 1987, acting as the longest-serving member of the Wisconsin Senate...and whereas Senator Cowles has been a great partner in HSSD, engaging in discussions

about school funding formulas... it is resolved that our school district and the Board of Education extend their most sincere gratitude."

Cowles praised the district for its strong engagement and leadership, stating "Of the 17 districts I represented, this one is far and away the most engaged, connected...you've got a wonderful school district."

Senator Cowles also reflected on the swift passage of time, urging the district to "keep fighting for the future, because it doesn't stop," while commending their progress, particularly in addressing literacy and preparing students for an ever-changing world.

### Policy updates

District leadership said that strides were made toward advancing the district's strategic goals with the approval of the 2024-25 fiscal year budget and key policy updates.

The board focused on refining their policy goals streamlining their processes to enhance efficiency, with a particular emphasis on core academics, student engagement and the district's guiding principle, the "North Star" graduate profile.

Presenting the revisions, Superintendent Mark Smith noted the changes to the monitoring calendar, explaining, "It is significantly scaled down compared to what we've done before," with the goal of finding ways to streamline operations and reduce outdated assessments.

This shift aims to provide a more focused and efficient approach to monitoring district progress.

The approved changes are intended to be temporary for the current school year, as the district continues its strategic planning process, which includes the "Stronger Together" community event.

This initiative will gather insights to inform long-term goals, with a final strategic plan expected by March.

As part of the policy updates, the board also discussed future monitoring presentations, which will be limited to four key areas.

These will focus on core academics, student engagement and a two-part approach to the graduate profile, culminating in an exhibition where students will showcase their graduate portfolios.

The board expressed optimism about the up-

dates, viewing them as a "stepping stone" toward broader conversations in December, when the community will contribute to the district's ongoing strategic planning and future goals

### Budget updates

Next, the board outlined significant updates related to its fiscal year 2024-25 budget and strategic goals.

The discussion emphasized the importance of continuing the momentum established in previous workshops, which focused on the district's future financial needs and the need for policy updates.

The district's financial update was introduced by Assistant Superintendent of Operations Michael Juech, who framed the discussion as both "an informational update and an introduction to the budget approval request but also then the introduction to the budget approval re-

quest that will come after that" he explained.

"We will look at our budget process timeline for this year... so it really starts with, okay, we make an approval in October."

Juech stated that their goal is to give a budget that is as close to the actual budget as possible, prior to the final estimates being released.

"Compensation will continue to be a huge portion of our budget, as it is for every organization. We aim to keep our staff informed so they can make educated decisions for their families," Juech stated.

The discussion also touched on the district's use of one-time resources, such as ESSER funds, and strategies to mitigate potential fiscal challenges.

"Now, we've talked multiple times about the fiscal cliff and those types of conversations. What I'm proud of is we've been kind of able to extend that. And so it's

more gradual than a cliff like some other districts have faced." Juech noted. "We're really trying to figure out how we can de-escalate that and utilize those dollars most appropriately to have the biggest impact on our folks."

The board is also focusing on advocacy efforts related to key financial issues, including special education funding and general spending authority.

The SAA is advocating for a 60% reimbursement rate for special education costs, a significant line item in the district's budget, as well as efforts to close the funding gap between low-revenue and high-revenue districts.

To learn more about the Howard-Suamico School District budget, visit [www.hssdschools.org](http://www.hssdschools.org).

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# Hobart talks budget, earthen berms

BY PRESS TIMES STAFF

HOBART - During its Oct. 15 meeting, the Hobart Village Board approved an amended 2024 budget for the General Fund, Debt Service Fund, Capital Projects Fund and Garbage and Recycling Fund.

"Overall, the budget remains in the positive, with a reasonable Contingency Fund for the remainder of the fiscal year," a release from the village stated.

The village will take its first look at a proposed 2025 budget at its Oct. 29 special meeting at 6 p.m.

at Fire Station No. 1, 2703 South Pine Tree Rd., Hobart.

In other action, the board approved an ordinance that changes the definition of an "earthen berm" and establishes new regulations for their construction.

The ordinance defines an earthen berm as a vegetated/landscaped, elongated earthen mound used as a sound, sight and/or landscape barrier.

Prohibited materials include the following, with some provisions: barbed

wire, razor wire, chain link fencing with barbed/sharp ends, above-ground electric fencing, snow fencing, chicken wire, hardware cloth and fencing of similar materials.

Existing berms prior to the ordinance's changes are exempt, unless modifications occur.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Nov. 6 at 6 p.m. at the village office.

More information on the budget and berm ordinance is available at [www.hobart-wi.org](http://www.hobart-wi.org).

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# City passes ordinance to sell alcohol in public parks

BY KRIS LEONHARDT  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

GREEN BAY – During its Oct. 15 meeting, the Green Bay City Council approved the second reading of an ordinance allowing city staff to sell alcohol or fermented malt beverages in Green Bay public parks.

“So, as some of you may have heard, there’s going to be a Draft in Green Bay, and that’s kind of what kicked off this conversation initially,” Green Bay Assistant Parks Director James Andersen said during the September Parks Committee meeting.

“I mean, we’ve had conversations about alcohol or fermented malt beverages, with different



During its Oct. 15 meeting, the Green Bay City Council approved the second reading of an ordinance that will allow the city to sell alcohol or fermented malt beverages in the city’s public parks.

Kris Leonhardt photo

things, and different communities do this quite often. But, in terms of why we kind of kicked off this

conversation, it started with some of the Draft discussions and some of the activities or events that

we’re looking to do during the Draft and so this would allow essentially any city official, staff person to sell alcohol.

“Our state has where you can sell if you’re a staff member. But, actually we need authorization from council to be able to do that. So, that’s what this ordinance does. This allows us to sell within public parks.”

During that parks meeting where the matter was presented, Andersen said that the parks department had an interest in doing a trial run in one of the parks.

“Well, we’re looking to maybe try out before the Draft even, maybe find an event or maybe it’s a

concert in the park that we test out this and kind of work out some of the kinks prior to the Draft,” he said.

“But essentially, we could set up anywhere. So whether that’s sitting, you know, at one of our shelters currently or it’s maybe setting up a tent or bringing in something that we could then sell out of.

“Maybe it’s just a pop-up tent where we could have some beer sales or fermented malt beverages — sales in the park as part of that event — or maybe it’s a concert one of the nights out at Bay Beach where we could have a grassroots band out there and just have some op-

tions available for people and make some revenue.

“We’re kicking this off, primarily for the Draft.”

The ordinance passed its first reading at the September City Council meeting and was unanimously approved during its second reading on Oct. 15.

The ordinance maintains that “The City of Green Bay and its officials and employees are permitted to sell fermented malt beverages in City parks. No person who is not an official of or employed by the city is permitted to sell fermented malt beverages in parks without a license or permit as outlined in Chapter 4 of the Green Bay Municipal Code.”

# De Pere makes changes to household compost arrangement

BY LEE REINSCH  
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DE PERE – Since May, through an agreement with the city of De Pere, area business Greener Bay Compost has been providing food-scrap pickup service to city residents for half price.

The city reimburses Greener Bay the other half of the cost.

Now the city is scrapping its contract with Greener Bay Compost.

But it will continue to promote household composting through a different arrangement with the company.

Starting Jan. 1, the city will reimburse De Pere residents for half their subscription fees to the program, instead of reimbursing Greener Bay Compost for half the cost.

De Pere residents will continue to get the service from Greener Bay for a 50% discount from the current rates, but they’ll have to invoice the city to

get compensated.

The De Pere Common Council voted unanimously to end the contract as of Dec. 31.

Instead of receiving a bill from Greener Bay Compost for half price, participants will be invoiced the full cost. Then they’ll send their bill or upload a photo of it to the city, and the city will write the subscriber a check for half the amount.

Assistant City Engineer Chase Kuffel said the compost company expressed that it ended up being too much work to keep track of the registrants and then invoice the city every month.

“The composting company didn’t like the direction the program was heading and didn’t feel they benefited enough from partnering with the city to justify continuing this contract where we are paying the compost company directly,” Kuffel said.

The composting part-

nership launched in May with 52 subscribers diverting 959 pounds of food waste from the landfill the first month.

Greener Bay charged \$15 for monthly food-scrap pickup and \$25 for pickup every other week.

Residents paid \$7.50 for monthly pickups and \$12.50 for twice-monthly pickups. The city subsidized an equal amount.

By August, the program had 66 subscribers and had diverted 6,060.6 pounds from the landfill.

That month, Greener Bay Compost raised its rates 20%, from \$15 to \$18 for monthly pickup and from \$25 to \$30 for pickup every other week.

Months earlier, before the start of the contract, the city balked at a \$2,000 administrative fee. According to internal memos, the city attorney asked for an explanation for the fee and didn’t get a satisfactory response.

“The intent of this program is to subsidize the

subscription fees for City of De Pere residents to utilize Greener Bay Compost, LLC’s composting services,” Kuffel said in an internal memo. “It is not the intent of this program to directly subsidize Greener Bay Compost, LLC’s operations.”

He said any administrative cost should be reflected in the subscription rates for residential compost pickup services and that the city attorney told Greener Bay that “the city would not be paying any administrative fee to administer this program.”

By paying residents instead of Greener Bay Compost, De Pere avoids the \$2,000 administrative fee.

“We’re kind of eliminating the middleman,” Kuffel said.

Except now the city is the middle man.

He said residents probably wouldn’t notice much difference other than the additional step of having to invoice the city.

The only difference is De Pere will issue multiple quarterly payments instead of one payment to Greener Bay Compost.

At current membership numbers, that means someone in the city’s finance department will be writing out an extra 264 checks per year.

“Their daily workload

would be affected on that day,” Kuffel said. “They have a lot of people that they pay on a biweekly basis so it’s 70 more to that; I don’t think it will affect things too terribly.

The \$2,000 annual administrative fee would have amounted to \$30 annually per subscriber, or \$7.50 per quarter.

# Neighbor’s tree falls in my yard



## Dear Monty

BY RICHARD MONTGOMERY  
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR MONTY,

My neighbor behind me has a dead tree that fell into our yard.

There is another part of the tree that looks dead and can potentially fall into our yard.

My house is paid off, and it doesn’t look like there is damage. Just need the tree removed.

Are they liable for removing the tree if I don’t have property insurance?

MONTY’S ANSWER

Here are the key issues:

**Tree ownership and responsibility**

The owner of the property where a tree’s trunk is located is responsible for maintaining that tree. They must care for the tree and address any hazards it may pose.

**Fallen branches and debris**

When branches or parts of a tree fall into your yard, you have the right to remove them.

**Potential hazards**

If part of the tree appears dead and at risk of falling, your neighbor may be liable for damages if they were aware (or should have been aware) of the hazard and didn’t address it.

**Communication with your neighbor**

Talk with your neighbor about the situation. Explain your concerns about the fallen tree parts. A friendly conversation could lead to a cooperative solution.

**Document the situation**

Take photos of the fallen tree parts in your yard and the remaining dead section. Keep records of your communications with your neighbor about the issue.

**Professional assessment**

An arborist’s expert opinion can help determine if the tree poses an immediate danger. Sharing it with your neighbors may motivate them to act.

**Local ordinances**

Some municipalities have specific rules about dead or hazardous trees, which could support your case for having the tree removed.

**Insurance considerations**

While you mentioned not having property insurance, homeowners’ insurance covers damage caused by falling trees or branches. This coverage gap leaves you more financially vulnerable in case of damage.

**Liability without insurance**

You could be personally liable for any damage

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## Community invited to take survey to assist in developing a Portrait of a Graduate

GREEN BAY – The Green Bay Area Public School District has been working to develop a Portrait of a Graduate, which is a community’s collective vision of the skills and competencies that we want for each of our graduates as they prepare for their next steps in career and life readiness.

The community is asked to complete a short survey to provide their input, which will directly influence how the district shapes its educational programs and support systems to ensure graduates are well-prepared for the future.

“The Portrait of a Graduate initiative is the first step in the Board of Education’s efforts to create a strategic plan for the next 3-5 years,” stated Associate Superintendent David Johns. “Having a community vision for a successful graduate enables the Board to develop the goals and priorities to help the District make that vision a reality.”

The survey will close at 4:00 p.m. on October 31, 2024.

To learn more about the District’s Portrait of a Graduate work, please visit the district’s website.

## Green Bay Police investigate fatal Main Street crash; pedestrian deceased

GREEN BAY – The Green Bay Police Department is investigating a fatal weekend crash on Main Street involving a pedestrian who was struck by a service van while attempting to cross the street.

Officers were dispatched on Friday, Oct. 11, to the 1100 block of Main Street just after 11:15 p.m. for a pedestrian, a 29-year-old Eaton man, who was found lying in the roadway.

This person was transported to a local hospital for treatment of potentially life-threatening injuries.

On Sunday, Oct. 13, this person died as a result of injuries sustained.

The driver of the van is employed by a service provider contracted by Green Bay Metro and is not a city employee.

An initial investigation indicates that neither the driver’s speed nor alcohol were a factor in the crash.

The driver was cooperative and remained on the scene with the police.

Currently, no citations have been issued.

Anyone with information related to this case is encouraged to call Green Bay Police at (920) 448-3200 and reference case #24-254338.

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](http://www.432stop.com), or utilize the “P3 Tips” app.

## Brown County announces grant for youth residential substance use treatment facilities

BROWN COUNTY – Organizations that provide, or seek to provide, youth residential substance use treatment can now apply for funds to create or expand these services.

Funding of \$250,000 has been made available for one-time expenses such as remodeling or renovating a facility, training of new staff or volunteers, recruitment of new staff or volunteers, equipment, furnishings or purchasing property for expansion.

Funding for this project was made possible through American Rescue Plan Act funds allocated to Public Health through the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Applications can be found at the Brown County Health and Human Services website.

## Brown County announces grant for recovery residence expansion

BROWN COUNTY – Organizations that provide recovery residence services, also known as sober living, to our community can now apply for funds to expand capacity.

Funding of \$250,000 has been made available for one-time expenses such as remodeling or renovating a facility, training of new staff or volunteers, recruitment of new staff or volunteers, equipment, furnishings or purchasing property for expansion.

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## UW-Green Bay Council of Trustees presents award, adds new members

GREEN BAY – During the UW-Green Bay fall Council of Trustees reception and dinner, Nick Reckinger, co-head coach of Bay Nordic, was presented with the Community Service Award in recognition of his substantial contributions to communities in Northeast Wisconsin.

The Community Service Award is given to recognize community members who have made significant contributions and have done exceptional community work.

The award honors those who have demonstrated outstanding service that has positively impacted our region.

As the co-head coach of the High School and Middle School program, Reckinger’s exceptional leadership has been instrumental in Bay Nordic’s success.

His unwavering commitment to motivating young skiers to hone their abilities, embody sportsmanship, and enjoy the sport has been pivotal in establishing a flourishing competitive program.

Additionally, UW-Green Bay is expanding its council of trustees with the recent appointments of Matt Adamczyk and Patti Habeck.

These appointments reflect the university’s commitment to bringing in experienced and visionary leaders who will contribute to its mission and impact.

Adamczyk, ‘22 a UW-Green Bay alumnus, has significantly contributed to the tech industry, including earning his Executive Impact MBA in 2022 and assuming the principal technical program manager role at Microsoft within the Strategic Missions and Technologies division.

Patti Habeck is a highly accomplished individual who serves as an executive board member of FaB Wisconsin, a statewide food and beverage industry cluster organization, and on the board for Feeding Wisconsin, the state association of Feeding America food banks.

## Franz appointed to Brown County Harbor Commission

BROWN COUNTY – The Brown County Board of Supervisors recently approved Brown County executive Troy Streckenbach’s appointment of Ann Franz to the Brown County Harbor Commission.

Franz is the executive director of the Northeast Wisconsin (NEW) Manufacturing Alliance and has led the organization since its inception in 2006 with experience working in both the private and public sectors.

“Ann Franz brings valuable expertise to the Harbor Commission, further strengthening the commission’s ability to serve the community and support the stability and growth of one of the region’s most important economic assets,” explained Port Director Dean Haen.

## \$50,000 Powerball ticket sold in Green Bay

GREEN BAY – A winning \$50,000 Powerball ticket was sold at Kwik Trip on 399 Cardinal Ln. in Green Bay for the Monday, Oct. 7, drawing.

The ticket matched four of five numbers (18-30-31-52-63) and the Powerball (22).

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Players have 180 days from the draw date to claim their winnings. Information on how to claim a prize is available at [wilottery.com](http://wilottery.com).

Players can also check their tickets using the Wisconsin Lottery mobile app, available on the App Store or Google Play.

The odds of winning a \$50,000 Powerball prize are 1:913,130 while the odds of winning the Powerball jackpot are 1:292,201,338.

Powerball drawings are Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 9:59 p.m.

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# History walk recalls the area's early breweries

BY JOHN CRAEMER  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER/  
PHOTOGRAPHER

GREEN BAY – “Three of the five brewing families are here at the cemetery. We talk about all five families and have stations set up throughout the walk,” explained Brown County Historical Society Board Member, Brown County Library Employee and Event Host Dennis Jacobs. “And then we end with a prohibition talk.”

The Beer Baron Cemetery Walk was held Oct. 19 at the Woodlawn Cemetery.

The two-hour walking tour of the cemetery included the history of five Green Bay breweries – Bay Brewery, O. Van Dycke Brewery, Hochgreve Brewing Company, Hagemester Brewing Company and Rahrs Brewing Company.

All but Bay Brewery operated under several different names during their time in operation.

“This cemetery that was formed in 1867 by the founding fathers of Green Bay,” Jacobs began. “They took bodies out of the Baird Place and reinterred them here. So, if you see headstones in this cemetery before 1867, they would have been buried at Baird Place.”

The day included the trials and tribulations, successes and failures of each of brewing families and their businesses, including Bay Brewery’s disregard of the city ordinance for not selling beer on Sunday.



Brown County Historical Society board member and Brown County Library employee Dennis Jacobs provides insight on the Hochgreve Brewing Company. **John Craemer photo**

The brewery was later charged with, “...irregularities dealing with revenue stamps,” according to Jacobs.

“So, he is using old revenue stamps and not paying proper tax on it. So, the government seizes the building. To pay the back revenue tax, the perishable goods were sold on May 16, 1876. This included 138 barrels of new beer, 70 barrels of old beer, 300 pounds of hops, 250 pounds of bushels of barley.”

Before opening what would ultimately be named

O. Van Dycke Brewery, Louis Van Dyke, was the postmaster of the aptly named Dykesville. “He could speak five different languages fluently. And he, for some reason, immigrated to the United States in 1855, arriving in Green Bay in 1856,” Jacobs shared.

Jacobs also shared how breweries would give beer to newspaper reporters for a favorable review.

“A lot of breweries would hand out a half-barrel of beer,” he added.

After Van Dycke’s death, his wife, Octavia Van Dycke, would run the company.

“August Hochgreve was born on Nov. 29, 1828 in Hertzberg, Conover, Germany. He immigrated to the United States in 1853, staying about a year in New York State,” Jacobs said.

August Hochgreve would go on to establish Hochgreve Brewing Company in what is now Allouez.

Hochgreve passed away in 1877.

His obituary read, “He was a good businessman, a true believer in his friendship, generous to a fault, and honorable in all his dealings.”

Jacobs continued, “He

left behind his wife, Caroline, who was five months pregnant at the time and seven children. During his probate, it was discovered the brewery was heavily in debt and the court appointed a receiver to help settle the accounts. Caroline and her oldest son, August, worked hard to save the brewery. In 1877-1878, Caroline becomes head of the Hochgreve Brewing Company. So now we have a second woman running the brewery company.”

After a fire, the company struggled with prohibition.

“On May 12th of 1924, federal agents went into the brewery, opened the taps, and released 2,500 barrels of good beer into the Fox River. It was valued at \$25,000 then,” Jacobs stated.

Due to competition with larger breweries in Milwaukee, Hochgreve Brewing Company closed its doors in 1949.

The Hagemester Brewery went through several name changes from its beginnings in 1865.

At the time it was reported that the beer, “...is universally acknowledged to be one of the best breweries outside of Milwaukee.”

Hagemester struggled with prohibition, the economics of the time, damage due to fire and would close.

On Dec. 24, 1834, Henry Rahr was born in Germany.

At the age of 19 he immigrated to the United States in 1853. Unfortunately, his brewery is known for, “...one of the most tragic incidents that happened in Green Bay as far as industrial accidents,” according to Jacobs.

Several men lost their lives with others severely burned when a newly installed kettle ruptured.

An aging obelisk, with names and dates fading, stands in the cemetery.

Jacob concluded the tour by providing information on how prohibition affected all the breweries and other area businesses, adding “Green Bay was never really dry.”

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# Greisen is Packers High School Coach of the Week

**FOR THE PRESS TIMES**

GREEN BAY – Chris Greisen, of West De Pere High School in De Pere, was recently named the Green Bay Packers High School Coach of the Week.

In his fifth year as the varsity head coach of West De Pere, Greisen has the Phantoms sitting at 7-1 after a massive conference victory Friday night that clinched a share of the FRCC-North title.

Entering the final week of the regular season, the Phantoms — ranked sixth in the state in their division by [wisports.net](http://wisports.net) — are looking to secure the conference crown outright before making a push to Camp Randall. Coach Greisen attributes much of the Phantoms' success to his program's strong culture.

"A number of years ago, we refocused our culture. We wanted to be a football team that had some grit," said



Greisen

Greisen. "When we started that [new culture], we had a leadership council full of our players, and they came up with the acronym. The four words that define G.R.I.T. are grind, responsibility, intensity and trust... That's really our mantra over these past couple of years in everything we do. Grind is doing ordinary things in an extraordinary way. Responsibility is everyone knowing they have a job to do, and they have to do that job to the best of their

ability. Intensity is when it's game day and it's time to step on the field, you better flip that switch. Then trust is playing for each other, not just with each other. Those are really the four staples of our program. The kids have done a great job of buying in, believing and trusting in the coaches."

The program also emphasizes players serving as positive role models for kids in the De Pere community.

"We believe very strongly in representing our community in a very good light," said Greisen. "We talk to our players all the time — especially when it comes to the youth in our community — about being the men that all these little kids think you are. We believe our program is not just varsity, junior varsity and freshman, but also seventh and eighth grade and the children at Syble Hopp, a school where kids born with disabil-

ities go to in our district. We hold and host a football camp for them every year. Our players get matched up with a student [at Syble Hopp] that wants to play some football. It's so joyful, so fulfilling, the kids love it and our football players love it."

Greisen attended Sturgeon Bay High School where he played quarterback and safety for the Clippers.

After graduating in 1994, he went on to play quarterback at Northwest Missouri State University, leading the Bearcats to the 1998 NCAA Division II national title.

Greisen was drafted in the seventh round of the 1999 NFL Draft by the Arizona Cardinals and spent time with the Cardinals, Washington Commanders, Dallas Cowboys and several teams in the AFL and NFL Europe over his 14-year professional career.

Greisen began coaching in 2003, assisting Notre Dame

Academy, Green Bay Southwest High School and Freedom High School in various capacities before becoming the head coach of West De Pere in 2020.

Greisen was quick to share the honor with those around him.

"It's a humbling honor," said Greisen. "One person gets it, but it's really about our whole coaching staff, team, community, administration and so many other things that go into it. I'm awfully proud to accept it on their behalf. It's an honor."

Greisen and his staff oversee a program of 132 players with 84 of them suiting up for the varsity games.

His assistants include Marty Jenkins, Chad Kaster, Sean Riesenber, Kegan Wirtz, Dustin Gresen, Matt Hansen, Chad Federman, Gerard Ambrosius, Jim Beining, Pete Baganz, Ben Reichel, Jimmer Sell and Shawn Abts.

In addition to coaching,

Greisen is a teacher at West De Pere High School and has run the Chris Greisen Quarterback Academy for over 20 years.

Greisen and his wife, Shannon, have four daughters: Michaela, Hannah, Catherine and Margaret, and two sons: Patrick and Andrew.

The Packers recognize one outstanding high school coach as their Coach of the Week during the 2024 high school football season.

Winners receive a \$1,000 donation to the school's football program from the Green Bay Packers and the NFL Foundation.

Nominations for Coach of the Week should be submitted by 10 a.m. every Monday to [Jake Krueger](mailto:jake.krueger@packers.com) coachoftheweek@packers.com, including the nominee's name, address, school, phone number and reason he/she is deserving of the award.

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**Vice president makes stop in Green Bay**

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Freddy Moyano photo

**College students encouraged to come to Internship Draft Day**

**FOR THE PRESS TIMES**

**NORTHEAST WISCONSIN** – The Northeast Wisconsin Manufacturing Alliance (NEWMA) is encouraging college students to attend the 10th annual “Internship Draft Day” at Lambeau Field on Wednesday, Nov. 6 from 3-5:45 p.m.

The event is co-sponsored by the NEW Manufacturing Alliance (NEWMA) and the Northeast Wisconsin Educational Resource Alliance (NEW ERA).

College students from throughout Wisconsin and Upper Michigan will have the opportunity to interview with over 50 NEWMA member companies offering more than 200 paid internships and co-ops.

“Before the NFL Draft comes to Green Bay, our organization has had its own draft over the past 9 years,” Ann Franz, executive director of NEWMA stated

“Internship Draft Day is an innovative approach to the college internship fair by having students earning points for how well they interview and the top point getters will be announced as the number one draft pick from their college.”

Prior to the event, students received points for participation in college clubs, relevant work experience and their overall GPA.

At the end of the day, Mark Murphy, president and CEO of the Green Bay Packers will be announcing the number one draft picks based on the points the students earned during the event.

The top overall Draft Pick will receive a \$2,500 college scholarship for the upcoming college term from the Alliance, plus there are other opportunities to win \$500 college scholarship.

All the students attending the event will receive a free jersey.

Some of the companies recruiting for the event include American Foods Group, Belmark, Consolidated Construction, EMT International, Engineering Specialists, Fincantieri Marine Group, Fosber America, Generac Power Systems, Green Bay Packaging, HART Design & Manufacturing, Heartland Business Systems, Heartland Label Printers, Hoffmaster, IVI Inc., Johnson Controls, KI, M3 Insurance, Manitowoc Cranes, Marine Travelift, Marion Body Works, Master Gallery Foods, Modular Web Solutions, Nercon, Nicolet Plastics, Omni Glass & Paint, Packer Fastener, Plexus, QComp, Samuel Pressure Vessel Group, Schreiber Foods, The CMM Group, Therma-Tron-X, Tweet Garot, VT Industries, Walsworth, Waupaca Foundry, Werner Electric and Zepnick Solutions.

Opportunities are in a variety of degree fields including engineering, business, supply chain, marketing, electro-mechanical, human resources and IT.

Students should register for the free event at [www.internshipdraftday.com](http://www.internshipdraftday.com).

For more information, contact Franz at (920) 606-7691 or email [ann.franz@nwtc.edu](mailto:ann.franz@nwtc.edu).

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# WLUK 70: Forward thinking

BY KRIS LEONHARDT  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

*Continued from last week*

WLUK became a FOX affiliate in August 1995 and became “home station” for the Green Bay Packers.

“FOX picked up the NFL contract in 1994, then we switched to FOX in 1995,” said WLUK News Director Juli Buehler, who was one of only two female news directors in the state when she took the position in 1995.

“Since then, we’ve had three different owners,” added WLUK Vice President and General Manager Jay Zollar, who came to work for the station in 1995.

“That was 25 years ago. Since then, we’ve had three different owners — Emmis owned it when they hired me, then LIN bought the station from Emmis and then Sinclair bought the station from LIN.

“Which is also kind of unique; a number of general managers don’t necessarily make it through those kind of ownership changes. But, we have a good thing going here. The owners have liked what they’ve seen here and the growth here.”

Zollar said that the “local community connection” is what makes WLUK unique.

“I would say, we have very high-profile programming. So, you know, we have Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy, and we have Green Bay Packers for the most part, and we have NASCAR and World Series and Major League Baseball. So we have great, great programming, but we also have very strong news. Good Day Wisconsin is terrific — four-and-a-half hours of news in the morning connects us to the community. Then we have a five o’clock news hour, and then a 9-10:30. So, I would say that is both our high profile programming and our local community connection and our community service. We are probably premier at providing community service like the Best of Class, Golden Apple, Community Cares — we have numerous things that we do in the community and connect with everyone,” Zollar added.

“We’ve been very fortunate to have some of the most amazing journalists in Wisconsin and talented from, back in the 80s all the way through to current time; journalists who are respected, who get tips. I work with amazing people, and and the photographers we have. We just did a drone special that we teamed up with the Creative Services Department and put it

together. And, you know, that’s all photography work, and then Creative Services marries it all together with anchors and comments and things like that, introductions. But I will tell you that. I’d say most of the people here to have a lot of longevity. So a lot of local flavor,” Buehler said.

“I think the mix of longevity and people that bring in fresh ideas as well. You know, we get a lot of people, a lot of talented journalists, that are starting their careers here and they bring fresh ideas, fresh perspectives. So, nobody ever gets stuck in a group-think mentality or this is the way that we’ve always done it. I think there’s always an interest in trying new and different things, learning,” said WLUK Creative Services Director Dan Spangler.

That forward thinking is reflected in the addition of the FOX Fieldhouse across from Lambeau Field in 2015, for a view from Lambeau’s “backyard,” as well as full-featured iOS and Android applications and a number of other mediums/platforms designed to take the station into the future.

*Many thanks to Dan Spangler, Jay Zollar and Juli Buehler of WLUK and Tom Hutchison for their assistance with this article.*



WLUK Creative Services Director Dan Spangler and Chief Meteorologist Patrick Powell have a conversation in the station’s studio. **Kris Leonhardt photos**



The station’s forward thinking is reflected in the addition of the FOX Fieldhouse across from Lambeau Field in 2015, for a view from Lambeau’s “backyard.”



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## Three De Pere students earn National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist status



De Pere High School Seniors Avanti Bhosekar, Tyson Engel and Jeremy Li have earned National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist status based on 2023 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) academic records, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment and honors and awards received. These students have an opportunity to continue in the competition for approximately 6,870 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$26 million that will be offered next spring. **Submitted photos**

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A pair of 2016 Clay Matthews game-worn gloves. Matthews is a six-time Pro Bowl and two-time All-Pro selection who played with the Green Bay Packers for 10 seasons — 2009-2019. The former Green Bay Packers linebacker was inducted into the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame, along with former Packers Defensive End Aaron Kampman, at the 53rd annual banquet on Thursday, Aug. 29. **Tori Wittenbrock photo**

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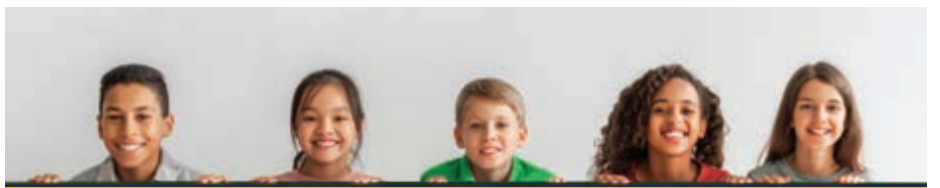
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# The Bomb Burger with sweet potato fries

## Farm Fresh Cooking

BY CHEF SELENA DARROW,  
ROOTED IN INC. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*Makes four burgers*

### Ingredients

#### Sweet Potato Fries

- 1 (1 lb.) container Olden Organics Farm Organic Sweet Potato Fries
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 teaspoon Pink Fusion Spices Onion & Garlic Salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper

#### Burgers

- 1 (1.33 lb.) package Waseda Farms Organic Ground Beef Patties
- 1 (1.8 oz.) packet Pink Fusion Spices Onion and Garlic Salt
- Ground black pepper
- 4 ounces Harmony Cheese Abergele Portabella Mushrooms and Chives Cheese, sliced
- 1 tablespoon Farmhouse Kitchen Lightly Salted Rolled Butter,
- 4 Schwittay Farms Farm Fresh Eggs
- 4 pack Great Harvest Bread Co. Hamburger Buns
- 1 (0.75 lb.) bottle Wienke's Market Vidalia Onion & Summer Tomato Dressing
- 1 (1 lb.) jar Wienke's Market Dill Pickle Chips
- 1 (1.5 oz.) container Badger Gro Micros Precut Basic Blend Microgreens



### Directions

#### Sweet Potato Fries

Preheat oven to 425°F.  
Toss sweet potato fries on a baking sheet with olive oil, onion and garlic salt and ground pepper to coat completely.  
Arrange in a single layer.  
Bake for 20 minutes, flip and continue baking until

crispy, about 10 minutes longer.  
Remove from oven and set aside.

#### Burgers

Preheat skillet over medium high heat.  
Add patties to skillet.  
Season tops with onion & garlic salt and ground black pepper.

Cook for about five minutes; flip, season with onion and garlic salt and pepper.  
Cook for another two minutes.  
Top each burger with an equal amount of sliced cheese.  
Continue cooking until cheese melts.  
Remove patties from skillet to a plate and cover with

foil to keep warm.  
Add butter to the same skillet and heat over medium high heat.  
Crack eggs into pan. Season with salt and pepper.  
Cook until desired doneness. Turn off heat.  
To assemble: On the bottom of each bun, spread with Vidalia onion and Summer Tomato Dressing.

Arrange pickle slices on top.  
Place burger patty, fried egg and a small handful of microgreens on top.  
Drizzle on a bit more Vidalia onion and Summer Tomato Dressing and top with remaining bun halves.  
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# Hidden Gems



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### Maribel

Cherney Maribel Caves County Park is a geological area that was formed by glacial activity which wore down the land and exposed a rock mass called Niagara Dolomite and formed a rocky cliff.

Glacial ice melt, the climate and springs have created an environment which includes caves, rare ferns, wildflowers and woods, making it a rare beauty in the state.

The park was acquired by Manitowoc County in November of 1963.

Right next door sits the ruins of the Maribel Caves hotel, on private property

but visible from the park.

The hotel was built by Austrian immigrant Charles Steinbrecker in 1900.

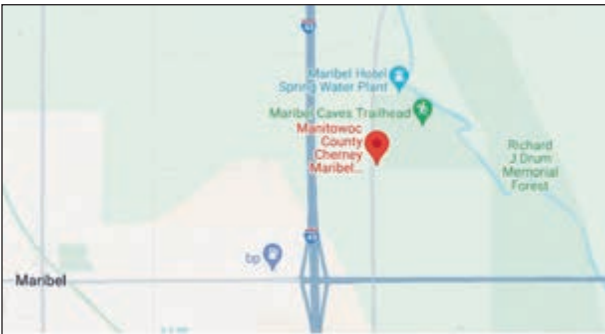
The structure is reminiscent of medieval castles with a rounded tower and imposing limestone walls of stone harvested from Steinbrecker's lime kilns

The hotel functioned as a therapeutic spa due to a natural spring and changed ownership over the years.

The historic building was abandoned in 1985, following a fire.

The park is located at 15401 County Rd R, Maribel.

For more information, visit [www.maribelcaves.com](http://www.maribelcaves.com).



### A focus on weatherization

On Oct. 18, Mayor Eric Genrich joined local climate leaders, contractors and energy efficiency experts to showcase the impact of federal investments powering weatherization initiatives for residents of Green Bay. With support from the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), Green Bay is leading efforts to reduce energy costs, improve home efficiency, prepare for the upcoming winter and reach the benchmarks established in the city's Clean Energy Plan. The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) resources made possible by the BIL is a key initiative supporting low-income households in Green Bay by improving home insulation, upgrading heating systems, and reducing energy consumption. District 6 Alder Joey Prestley highlighted the health and environmental benefits of weatherization. Alexander Lange, a Wisconsin-based energy sustainability specialist, spoke on the consumer savings possible through these federal investments. Pictured from left are Lange, Genrich and Prestley.

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What are my options? Early Retiree

**DEAR EARLY,**

There are several places early retirees can find health insurance coverage before Medicare kicks in, but the best option for you will depend on your income level, your health

care needs and how long you'll need coverage for. Here's where to look.

**Affordable Care Act**

For most early retirees who aren't yet eligible for Medicare, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) health insurance marketplace, also known as Obamacare, is the best option for getting comprehensive health coverage. And you won't be denied coverage or charged extra for pre-existing health conditions.

And, if your income

falls below the 400% poverty level after you retire — anything below \$60,240 for a single or \$81,760 for a couple in 2024 — you'll also be eligible for a subsidy that will reduce your monthly premiums.

The ACA also ensures that at least through 2025, households with incomes above that 400% poverty level will not have to pay more than 8.5% of their income for a benchmark policy.

To see how much subsidy you may be eligible for, use Kaiser Family Foundation subsidy calculator at [KFF.org/interactive/subsidy-calculator](http://KFF.org/interactive/subsidy-calculator).

To shop for ACA plans in your state, visit [HealthCare.gov](http://HealthCare.gov) or call 800-318-2596. Or, if you want some

extra help, contact a certified agent or broker at [HealthCare.gov/find-assistance](http://HealthCare.gov/find-assistance).

**COBRA**

Another temporary health insurance option you may be eligible for is the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA). Under this federal law, if you work for a company that has 20 or more employees, you can remain on your employer's group health plan for at least 18 months — but could last up to 36 months.

But be aware that COBRA isn't cheap.

You'll pay the full monthly premium yourself, plus a 2% administrative fee.



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To learn more, talk to your employer benefits administrator or contact the Employee Benefits Security Administration at [Askebsa.dol.gov](http://Askebsa.dol.gov) or (866) 444-3272.

If, however, the company you work for has fewer than 20 employees, you may still be able to get continued coverage through your company if your state has "mini-COBRA."

Contact your state insurance department to see if this is available where you live.

**Short-term health insurance**

If you can't find an affordable ACA plan and COBRA is too expensive, another possible option is short-term health insurance.

These plans, which are not available in every state, are cheaper, bare-bones health plans that provide coverage for up to three months with a one-month extension available.

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# Elections can be polarizing

## How are Wisconsin teachers bringing them into the classroom?

BY NADIA SCHARF  
NEW NEWS LAB

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NORTHEAST WISCONSIN – Talking about politics can be stressful, even in the best circumstances — and moderating a class full of teenagers, all with different backgrounds, news sources and levels of political knowledge, in a historic election year is generally not ideal circumstances.

Teachers across the country are facing decisions on how to talk about elections in an increasingly polarized world.

In Wisconsin, there are a lot of factors that may influence that decision, from district policies to heightened division to teachers' individual comfort with the subject.

Wisconsin standards require teachers to discuss voting.

Starting in third grade, standards state students should learn about citizens' role in government and elections.

By sixth grade, they're starting to learn about political parties and interest groups, and by ninth grade, students are putting together the pieces of partisanship, societal interests and



Teachers across the country are facing decisions on how to talk about elections in an increasingly polarized world. **Stock photo**

voting.

But with politics becoming increasingly contentious, the question remains: How should teachers address this year's election in the classroom?

In the Howard-Suamico School District, teachers don't shy away from the debate.

Having civil discourse in classrooms is a way for students to learn to think critically and engage with their community, said Howard-Suamico Curriculum and Development Coordinator Krista Greene.

"Our staff is always looking for ways to make sure that, regardless of what's going on in American soci-

ety, we're equipped in our classes to deal with those things that may be perceived as contentious out there," Greene said. "We make them not contentious. We boil it down to the facts."

Students learn to articulate their ideas in different types of discussion methods, such as Socratic seminars and fishbowl discussions.

Some teachers provide sentence starters, which can make it easier for students to express complex viewpoints.

The district wants to develop civically minded students, Greene said.

While teachers contact

parents before bringing potentially contentious issues into the classroom, they also explain why that discussion is important.

"Students learn best when they know that the skills and knowledge that they're learning are going to be applicable in their lives. And what could be more applicable than learning how to be a citizen?" Greene said. "There's never a 'why do I need to know this' factor about government."

Jennifer Morgan, a 31-year teacher in West Salem in western Wisconsin, generally uses elections to teach about media literacy.

But she avoids getting too

in the weeds about politics: It's not worth it, particularly now that people are so divided on historical facts, she said.

The important thing, to her is that students learn to support their opinions with facts.

She talks to her students about using diverse sources and walks them through how propaganda and biased information have been used throughout American history.

"You can say that candidate X is the best candidate, but they can't say 'because my mom and dad said so,'" Morgan said. "Don't just tell me, 'this is what Vice President Harris says.' Say, 'OK, where did you get that, and why is it important to your argument?'"

Morgan is president of the National Council for Social Studies.

This year, she said, she and many council members may avoid discussing the election at all.

For Morgan, it's too early in the school year for her students to feel like her classroom is the safe space she'd need it to be for a topic like this, she said.

Morgan's school doesn't have policies preventing her from talking about the election.

But for other teachers, lesson plans may not be allowed go beyond the basics, as some districts do restrict

how teachers can discuss controversial issues like the election in the classroom.

### Do school policies restrict how teachers talk about elections?

The Madison Metropolitan School District allows teachers to discuss controversial issues as long as they do what they can to keep bias and prejudice out of the classroom.

In the Kenosha Unified School District, teachers can discuss these issues if parents are notified. Milwaukee Public Schools has no controversial issues policy in place.

Policies differ in the Green Bay area. In the Green Bay School District, teachers are strictly limited to the curriculum; while they can discuss elections, they're not teaching about the 2024 election.

The De Pere School District and Ashwaubenon School District both allow teachers to discuss controversial issues in the classroom, as long as they're related to the subject being studied and appropriate for students.

Wisconsin students aren't required at the state level to take a government class.

Some districts may have their own requirements, or government classes may

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## PUBLISHER'S LETTER

### On Aging

Dear Reader,

As we grow older, the reality of needing a little extra help to stay healthy becomes more apparent. High blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, asthma—these conditions often creep into our lives as we age. The truth is, once we hit 60, it's common to rely on at least one medication to manage our health. It's a fact of life, and it's not something to be ashamed of. Instead, it's a sign that we're taking the necessary steps to ensure we live longer, healthier lives.



But what can we do about this reality? First and foremost, we need to recognize that our bodies are the most precious assets we have. With just one body to carry us through life, it's essential that we take care of it—physically and mentally. That means staying active, eating well, and ensuring that our mental health is just as much of a priority as our physical health.

In the hustle and bustle of daily life, it's easy to focus only on the physical aspects of health—taking our prescribed pills, going to our doctor's appointments, monitoring our blood pressure. But mental health is equally crucial. To be dynamic, charismatic, and fully functional, we need to nurture our minds just as we do our bodies. Whether it's through meditation, social connections, hobbies, or simply taking the time to relax and de-stress, maintaining mental well-being is key to a truly healthy life.

So, while it's true that pills may become a necessary part of our daily routine, let's not forget that they're just one tool in our arsenal. A healthy lifestyle—both physically and mentally—can make all the difference in how we age and how we feel. Let's embrace the fact that, with the right support, we can live vibrant, fulfilling lives, no matter what age we are.

**PATRICK J. WOOD**

Publisher

Author of "Reflections" a new book now available on Amazon.

## Notice

To ensure ample space for local news, sports and information, the Press Times will not be accepting letters/opinion pieces regarding this year's presidential election.

### SAVVY

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with the ACA so they can deny sick people coverage, they don't cover preexisting conditions and they can exclude coverage essentials like prescription drugs.

To find and compare short-term health plans, try sites like eHealthInsurance.com or PivotHealth.com.

### Healthcare sharing ministries

If the previously listed options don't work for you, another temporary solution could be healthcare sharing ministries (HCSM).

These are cost-sharing health plans in which members — who typically share a religious belief — make monthly payments

to cover expenses of other members, including themselves.

HCSM's are cheaper than paying full out-of-pocket costs for traditional health insurance but be aware that HCSM's are not health insurance.

They don't have to comply with the consumer protections of the ACA, and they can also reject or limit coverage for having pre-existing health issues and limit how much you'll be reimbursed for your medical costs.

Preventative care typically isn't covered either.

To look for these plans, comparison shop at the three largest providers — Samaritan Ministries (SamaritanMinistries.org), Medi-Share (MyChristianCare.org), and Christian Healthcare Ministries (Chministries.org).



## BE OUR GUEST

# Tech tips for a safe Halloween

FROM USCELLULAR

Halloween is a busy time of the year for families, with children anxiously grabbing their costumes to collect candy with their family and friends.

Amidst all the fun and excitement, parents are likely to be more focused on something else: safety.

With modern smartphones, safety tools are more accessible than ever.

Built-in flashlights, quick access to emergency contacts, and real-time location sharing are just a few of the features that help parents and older children stay connected while trick-or-treating.

"Parents want to ensure their kids are safe, whether they're trick-or-treating close to home or exploring new neighborhoods," said Christine Paulsen, director of sales and operations for Wisconsin at Uscellular. "Smartphone technology offers peace of mind through real-time tracking, apps and other tools that make Halloween both fun and safe."

Uscellular provides the following tech tips to keep your Halloween safe:

**Planning in advance**  
Apps like Nextdoor are perfect for planning the best trick-or-treat spots. The Halloween Treat Map

allows residents to mark homes where candy will be handed out or which homes have the best decorations, making it easier to plan your night.

### Set clear expectations

Before heading out, use navigation apps like Google Maps to set boundaries and map out safe routes. Parents can also establish rules about where kids can go, so everyone is on the same page.

### Capture the moment

Don't forget to snap photos of your kids in costume before heading out. Not

only does this create lasting memories, but it also be used in case they become separated from your group.

### Consider location tracking

For younger children without smartphones, accessories like Apple AirTags and Samsung SmartTag2 offer a reliable and affordable solution and can be easily stored in their trick-or-treat buckets. Parents can track their child's location, giving kids a bit of independence while providing a sense of security and comfort.

## BE OUR GUEST

# WisDOT releases reminder on voter IDs

FROM WISDOT

Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is reminding state residents to check and be sure that they have the proper identification needed to vote in next month's election on Nov. 5.

Wisconsin driver licenses or IDs are the most common form of identification

used for voting purposes.

A federally compliant REAL ID card is not required to show at the polls. The Wisconsin Elections Commission notes other forms of identification are valid for voting, such as military or student ID cards.

To see if a card meets the requirements, visit the Wisconsin Elections Commission at <https://bringit.wi.gov>.

Begin online to see a list of the required documents that are needed to present at a DMV Customer Service Center in order to obtain identification to show at the polls, visit [wisconsinidmv.gov/idcards](https://wisconsinidmv.gov/idcards).

A process is available to U.S. citizens, free of charge, to obtain a receipt valid to take to the polls for voting if the ID card is not

available in time. DMV offers this service and ID cards for voting purposes free of charge. DMV's toll-free hotline (844) 588-1069 is available for questions on obtaining an ID that can be used to vote. DMV's website has a locator to help find the nearest DMV and check wait times at [wisconsinidmv.gov/centers](https://wisconsinidmv.gov/centers).

## CLASSROOM

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be offered as an elective, but that lack of a state requirement can prevent students from learning about government itself, much less discussing and understanding current political events, said Jeremy Stoddard, a professor of curriculum and instruction at the UW-Madison and a researcher in the Wisconsin Center for Education Research.

How Wisconsin schools handle the election is often based on the local community, Stoddard said.

In these partisan local communities, teachers are more likely to focus on po-

litical theory or related issues like Morgan's media literacy lessons than issues that may lean partisan.

"They're sort of avoiding some of the national political rhetoric, focusing it on, what are the issues that you know that folks stand on? Because in some cases, they're not actually that far apart," Stoddard said.

### Helping teachers to address controversial subjects

Stoddard recently hosted a conference for teachers focusing on how to discuss election-related issues in the classroom, and where they can access out-

side resources to help.

One way that districts might skirt criticism while still discussing politics is by using university or PBS materials.

One example of those materials is Stoddard and his team's own PurpleState, a free curriculum where students simulate working in a communications firm for a state political campaign.

It's meant to help them understand politics and political communication at the state level, where students may be able to have more of an impact in their real lives.

Engagement is what's important, Stoddard said, and focusing on election

partisanship can make people tune out.

The challenge teachers face is to find their way around that — and to do so while balancing district policies, concerned parents and political misinformation.

"(The goal is) to find ways to engage people meaningfully in something like an election, which should be an event that we revere as a democratic institution and peaceful transfer of power," Stoddard said "I think it shouldn't be this challenging to do it, but that's the current sort of partisanship that we're in."

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# Fish or hunt? Time's still prime for both



## In the Outdoors

BY KEVIN NAZE  
GUEST COLUMNIST

Hard to believe we're already looking at the last weekend in October, a month so spectacular with color and opportunity in the woods and water.

The state's Chinook salmon egg-take is over for another year, but fisheries crews are still working on capturing enough cohos and brown trout for hatchery needs.

Strawberry Creek's "king" run was above average, with plenty of fish for both food pantries (under 36 inches) and the Dramm liquid fish fertilizer plant.

More than 4,000 Chinooks, close to 200 cohos and a few steelhead were seen heading into the final sorting earlier this week.

The numbers weren't so good at the Besadny facility on the Kewaunee River, where only hundreds of Chinooks, 158 cohos and a few steelhead had made their way to the sorting ponds through the middle of the month.

However, the Root River site had seen more than 3,000 salmon, including more than 1,800 cohos, through Monday.

Some anglers have had success catching a few cohos and an occasional brown, rainbow or even lake trout from lakeshore piers and in some bay and

lake rivers, while others are chasing yellow perch, smallmouth bass, walleye, muskies and pike on Green Bay.

On the hunting scene, more than 28,000 white-tails had been registered statewide through mid-month.

Rutting activity is picking up, with many mature bucks working scrapes and checking out doe bedding and feeding areas.

Some breeding is likely to take place in the coming week, peaking the first two to three weeks of November.

Since the regular gun season opens Nov. 23 this year — the latest possible under the current format that includes the Thanksgiving holiday — bow and crossbow hunters will have rutting activity to themselves for the next month.

The best firearm hunters can hope for is a smaller "second rut," when does that weren't bred their first cycle come back in heat about four weeks later.

That would mean the last days of the regular season through the 10-day muzzleloader hunt that follows.

While there's still plenty of time to apply, don't forget that the deadlines for spring wild turkey per-

mits and 2025 fall black bear preference points or harvest permits is Dec. 10.

### Forest Products Week

We're at the tail end of Forest Products Week, recognizing the people who work in and care for forests, the industry workers who make the forest products, and the ways those products contribute to our economy and quality of life.

Wisconsin's forest products industry contributes \$37.8 billion in economic value and ranks second nationally for production value.

The industry also ranks sixth nationally in generating forestry employment, at more than 123,000 jobs in the state.

The week recognizes the industry workers, woodland owners and professional foresters who care for some 17 million acres of forests to ensure that they provide raw materials while also offering recreational opportunities and ecosystem services, such as clean water and air.

Learn more at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/forestbusinesses/factsheets>.

### Award winners

The Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance's recent awards dinner showcased the many environmental wins achieved across the region.

Hallett "Bud" Harris received the lifetime achievement award for

more than 50 years of dedication to water conservation, shaping key efforts such as the Fox River PCB cleanup and the Lower Fox River total maximum daily loads study.

Seven Oaks Dairy was honored for leadership in sustainable farming, including adopting innovative soil health practices that improve water quality and agricultural runoff management.

Ryan Kudish, Local 5 meteorologist, received an award for his Sustainably Speaking segment, which awareness about local environmental issues and inspires community action.

### Commercial fishing

The state Natural Resources Board heard about the Lake Michigan and Lake Superior commercial fisheries at its meeting Oct. 23.

Door County commercial netter Charlie Henriksen, chairman of the Lake Michigan Commercial Fishing Board, provided a Lake Michigan update.

You can watch an archive of the meeting via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/live/r5CRjEHAKqg>.

### Weekly water levels

As of Oct. 18, Lake Michigan and Green Bay water levels were down six inches in the past month, and were three inches below the 100-year average.

Lake levels are expected to drop another three inches by mid-November.



DNR public information officer Garrett Dietz of Green Bay held a large female Chinook salmon ripe with eggs Monday at the Strawberry Creek spawning facility. **Kevin Naze photo**

## OBITUARIES



**Charlotte Elizabeth (nee Holdorf) Nelson**, 89, Ashwaubenon, WI, passed away peacefully Oct. 17 at home after a short illness. The daughter of the late Charles J. Holdorf and Helen E. (Elliot) Holdorf, Charlotte was born July 28, 1935, in Baltimore, MD. Upon completion of studies at the age of 15 at St. Michael's Business School in Baltimore, Charlotte received a special permit from the City of Baltimore to work as an executive assistant to a local businessman who was the head of

the local USO during the Korean War. While serving as a hostess at the USO Dance in Baltimore, Charlotte met her future husband, Richard "Dick" Nelson, a native of Ashwaubenon, WI. Dick was stationed in Baltimore and serving in the United States Coast Guard. The couple was married on November 6, 1955, and upon completion of his term in the Coast Guard, they moved back to Dick's hometown of Ashwaubenon to start a family. While raising son, Gregg, and daughter, Debbie, with her husband, Charlotte began working for the UW-Extension offices at the Brown County Courthouse. There she met a number of Brown County officials. Because of her high level of skill and integrity in her professional conduct, Charlotte was encouraged by the county clerk to run for the position of town clerk of Ashwaubenon... before the Town of Ashwaubenon became a village.

In 1973, Nelson first ran for office to serve in the role of town clerk of Ashwaubenon. She was re-elected every two years thereafter, for the next 34 years, until her retirement in 2008. These successful elections also included an additional special election when the town became a village. During her tenure serving in the role of municipal clerk and as one of the longest serving elected officials in the state of Wisconsin, Charlotte worked in six different administrations serving six different elected (or specially appointed) presidents of Ashwaubenon. For her dedication and skills, Charlotte was recognized by her peers in the Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association (WMCA), where she once served as president, as the "Municipal Clerk of the Year" in 1998. She also earned a spot in the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, where she became the first sustaining member of the IIMC Academy for Advanced Education.

After retiring from the role of elected village clerk in 2008, Charlotte took a short break and then ran for, and was twice elected to serve, as village trustee on the Ashwaubenon Village Board. This was the fulfillment of a lifelong dream to be a public servant. In total, Charlotte Nelson served Ashwaubenon for 40 years. When she was not raising her family and serving the village, Charlotte derived joy and personal satisfaction from helping others. Outside of her professional career serving others, she loved supporting friends, neighbors and loved ones. She was involved with a number of community organizations, among them: the Ashwaubenon Public Safety Department Citizens' Academy (Volunteers in Police Services/VIPS), Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Parish and its Women's Guild, the Ashwaubenon Business Association, Ashwaubenon Historical Society, the Moose Lodge and Ladies of the Moose, and as a Lady Lioness with the former Ashwaubenon Lion's Club. Charlotte was a charter member of many of the organizations she belonged to. Charlotte was preceded in death by her parents Charles and Helen Holdorf, her in-laws Gerald and Marie Nelson of Green Bay, husband Richard, son Gregg, sister Helen and brother-in-law Raymond Getzel of Baltimore, and brother-in-law Jim Andrysiak of Arnold, MD. She is survived by her daughter and longtime caregiver, Debbie Nelson, Ashwaubenon, a grand-doggy Angel, a sister Joan Andrysiak of Arnold, MD; a brother and sister-in-law Charles and Joann Holdorf of York, PA; many nieces and nephews, and an extended family of friends who she looked after as family, including Corrie Campbell of Ashwaubenon, WI.

Friends and family will gather at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church, 2270 S. Oneida St., from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 26; Mass to follow at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in De Pere. To send online condolences, please go to [www.BlaneyFuneralHome.com](http://www.BlaneyFuneralHome.com).

The family would like to offer a special thank you to Charlotte's personal caregiver, Karin Clark, for her years of devoted service, caring, and friendship. Thank you to Bellin Health and Unity Hospice, especially nurse Rabiah, for ensuring Charlotte had the highest and best level of care during her final months.

## Weekly Fishing Report

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### Fishing activity slows

Continued dropping water temperatures over the last week contributed to slower than normal overall fishing activity.

Once this weather stabilizes to be "fall" we should expect to see an slight increase in activity levels with angler catches.

Walleye action around the lower bay does continue to have its ups and downs with more downs as of late.

Trolling crank baits super slow (1.2-1.5mph) still is the best bet to trick a few finicky fish into biting.

Shallow waters along the rocks either near shore reefs or shorelines does seem to be producing a few catches.

Working eight inches or less along the University Bay shorelines with Flicker Minnows has been one of the better methods of attack.

The water clarity has dropped a bit with the little bit of rain and lots of wind last week.

Less flashy baits and more combination with white in the lures have produced better.

The lack of significant rain and current has walleye activity in the Fox River still very slow overall.

Slow jigging presentation along the channel edges near the mouth of the river have produces some limited action.

Also working edges upriver where the channel transitions to flats and current breaks has produced a few fish.

Throwing hair jigs in Purples and casting Shiver Minnows in purple and white patterns along with various jig and plastic combos have all been getting anglers a little bit of action.

Casting cranks like Berkley Hit Sticks and Flicker Shads up net

the dam has resulted in some fish being caught, but the very fluctuating water levels with the winds blowing have made that tricky at times for both shore fishermen and boat anglers.

Musky anglers are reporting most action trolling over casting.

University Bay and areas near the mouth of the Fox have been the most productive.

Some anglers are reporting finding some fish up the Fox from the paper mill to the dam.

Super Shads are still being reported as the best option to locate a hungry Musky.

If you go, please be safe, and take a kid fishing.

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**Minutes 7725**

all off to a great start. The Board thanked them for the update. Superintendent Lau shared with the Board his Strategic Plan Advancement Plan. Discussed ensued. It was moved by Ryan Van Den Heuvel and seconded by Scott Borley to approve all staffing items as presented. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried. The Board was presented with various reports and communications: such as updates, various thank you's, invitations, and calendar items. Discussion Followed. It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel at 6:24 PM that the meeting be adjourned. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried. Barbara Van Deurzen Clerk Publish 10.25.24 WNAXLP

**Ordinances 7740**

Livestock and Poultry Regulated. A full text of the Ordinance may be obtained or reviewed by contacting the Office of the Village Clerk of the Village of Ashwaubenon at 2155 Holmgren Way, Green Bay, Wisconsin, 54304, Phone (920)492-2302. The full text of the Ordinance may also be reviewed on the Village of Ashwaubenon's website under Ordinances at [www.ashwaubenon.gov](http://www.ashwaubenon.gov). This ordinance summary is published pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 61.50(3). Dated this 22nd day of October, 2024. /s/Kris A. Teske, Village Clerk (Run) October 25, 2024 WNAXLP

**Ashwaubenon** WNAXLP  
 VILLAGE OF ASHWAUBENON  
 ORDINANCE O10-2-24  
 Date of Enactment: October 22, 2024

The Village of Ashwaubenon has amended Sec 17-3-200 of Article 3, Chapter 17, Planning and Zoning relating to definition for Medical Treatment Facility. A full text of the Ordinance may be obtained or reviewed by contacting the Office of the Village Clerk of the Village of Ashwaubenon at 2155 Holmgren Way, Green Bay, Wisconsin, 54304, Phone (920)492-2302. The full text of the Ordinance may also be reviewed on the Village of Ashwaubenon's website under Ordinances at [www.ashwaubenon.gov](http://www.ashwaubenon.gov). This ordinance summary is published pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 61.50(3). Dated this 22nd day of October, 2024. /s/Kris A. Teske, Village Clerk (Run) October 25, 2024 WNAXLP

**Hobart** WNAXLP

**VILLAGE OF HOBART – PUBLIC NOTICE**

Please take notice that the Village of Hobart has enacted the following ordinance:  
 • Ordinance No. 2024-08 (AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND RECREATE A SECTION OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF HOBART, BROWN COUNTY, WISCONSIN, SPECIFICALLY A PORTION OF SECTION 8 (DEFINITIONS) OF ARTICLE

**Ordinances 7740**

III (TERMINOLOGY) AND SECTION 15 (FENCES, WALLS, HEDGES AND BERMS) OF ARTICLE IV (GENERAL PROVISIONS) OF CHAPTER 295 (ZONING)) - The purpose of this Ordinance is to change the definition of "earthen berm" and establish new regulations for the construction of berms in the Village. The ordinance, in its entirety, may be obtained or reviewed at the Office of the Village of Hobart Clerk at 2990 South Pine Tree Road, Hobart, Wisconsin, Phone: (920)869-3802. The full text of the code may also be accessed on the Village of Hobart website at <https://www.hobart-wi.org/village-administrator>. This ordinance shall take effect on the day after publication of this notice. Date of Publication: October 18, 2024 & October 25, 2024 Lisa Vanden Heuvel, Hobart Village Clerk WNAXLP

**NOTICE CITY OF SEYMOUR RESIDENTS**

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE Notice is hereby given that the below ordinance has been adopted.

ORDINANCE 2024-106 Amending the City of Seymour Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map and City of Seymour Zoning District Map to Reclassify Tax Parcel No. 340152700, From Agricultural District to R-1 Single Family in Part and R-3 Multi-Family in Part THE FULL ORDINANCE CAN BE VIEWED ONLINE AT [www.cityofseymourwi.org](http://www.cityofseymourwi.org) under News & Announcements – read all, OR a copy is available in the City Clerk's Office. Dated this 25th day of October 2024 Christy Stover Clerk-Treasurer Publish Oct. 25, 2024 WNAXLP

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The Green Bay Phoenix volleyball team took down Oakland 3-1 in their latest match up. Green Bay Athletics photo

# Offensive barrage leads Green Bay past Oakland, 3-1

BY TORI WITTENBROCK SPORTS EDITOR

GREEN BAY – The Green Bay volleyball team handily downed the Oakland Golden Grizzlies Friday night in four sets (25-18, 19-25, 25-18, 25-18) to get back in the win column. The Phoenix will look to sweep the season series against Oakland tomorrow at the Kress Center at 2 p.m. The win moved Green Bay's Horizon League record to 5-3 on the year.

The Phoenix was led by 19 kills from Katie Schulz, who has now finished with double figures in kills in eight consecutive matches. Danilynn Schell finished with 13 kills on the night while Emma Best finished with a double-double, 10 kills and 18 digs. Calli Gentry spread the ball around the GB offense, finishing with 49 assists on the night. On the defensive end, Abby Gardner chipped in with 15 digs to go with four blocks from Ellie Kurpeikis.

## How it happened

SET 1 | The Phoenix led the opening set from the start, and never looked back, taking the set 25-18. The offense led the way for GB, totaling 17 kills while only notching two attack errors in the process.

SET 2 | Oakland was able to bounce back in the second set with a decisive win of their own, 25-19. The Golden Grizzlies held an early lead before the Phoenix came by to tie the set at 12 all. From there the visitors would go on a 6-3 run that would be the decider.

SET 3 | Green Bay wouldn't be held down for long, jumping out to a 6-2 lead at the start of the third set after a Golden Grizzlies attack error. The Phoenix never trailed from that point on, closing the set out with back-to-back Schulz' kills.

SET 4 | Green Bay kept the momentum going, ending the match with a

25-18 fourth-set victory. The Phoenix took control of the set at 3-2 and never looked back. The offense led the way once again for the Phoenix, finishing with 16 kills and two errors with a .412 attack percentage.

## Game notes

Green Bay had four players in double figures in kills.

Best had a match-high three aces in the win.

## On the Horizon

The Phoenix will hit the road for a three-game set against Horizon League leaders Wright State and Milwaukee. Green Bay will take on Wright State on Friday and Saturday before heading to Milwaukee on Tuesday, Oct. 29.

For the latest and most up-to-date information on Green Bay Athletics and Green Bay Volleyball, please visit [GreenBayPhoenix.com](http://GreenBayPhoenix.com).

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**Support Staff**  
 The Ashwaubenon School District is seeking candidates for the following positions; full time Evening Maintenance Technician and part time Food Service Assistant. For complete job descriptions and application information, please view posting located at [https://tinyurl.com/ASD\\_SupportPostings](https://tinyurl.com/ASD_SupportPostings) or contact the District Office at 920-492-2900.

**Estate Sales 7208**

**De Pere:** Friday, 10/25, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m., Saturday, 10/26, 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. Estate Sale and Pop-Up Sale for Silverwear by Misty. We are moving; selling dressers, desks, bookshelves, buffet and miscellaneous furniture. Also, holiday and home decor, kitchen, household, tools, outdoor items, clothes; including designer clothes. This is a must-see event! Take \$5.00 off all jewelry items. 1219 Meadow View Lane

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## VILLAGE OF BELLEVUE BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing on the proposed 2025 General Fund Budget for the Village of Bellevue will be held on **Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Safety Building, 3100 Eaton Road.** The proposed budget is available for inspection at the Director of Finance/Clerk-Treasurer's Office, 2828 Allouez Avenue, Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m and Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The following is a summary of the proposed 2025 General Fund budget:

REVENUES	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2024 Actual As of 8/31/2023	2024 Estimate	2025 Proposed Budget	% Change
Taxes							
General Property	\$3,513,078	\$2,380,887	\$3,816,319	\$620,458	\$3,816,319	\$3,833,393	0.45%
Other	\$443,567	\$439,495	\$456,457	\$80,501	\$441,796	\$434,928	-4.72%
Intergovernmental	\$1,389,906	\$1,358,418	\$1,728,689	\$878,777	\$1,778,553	\$1,551,772	-10.23%
Licenses & Permits	\$485,748	\$427,422	\$450,267	\$246,197	\$464,647	\$423,028	-6.05%
Fines & Forfeitures	\$143,458	\$142,480	\$148,000	\$81,578	\$129,000	\$138,000	-6.76%
Public Charges	\$320,165	\$318,936	\$373,376	\$288,397	\$375,177	\$438,670	17.49%
Misc. Revenues	\$386,209	\$563,549	\$461,758	\$455,961	\$574,746	\$529,153	14.60%
Other (Reserved FB)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$170,000	0.00%
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$6,682,131</b>	<b>\$5,631,187</b>	<b>\$7,434,866</b>	<b>\$2,651,869</b>	<b>\$7,580,238</b>	<b>\$7,518,944</b>	
<b>Expenditures</b>							
General Government	\$693,228	\$734,918	\$835,990	\$571,797	\$840,617	\$971,742	16.24%
Public Safety	\$3,350,621	\$3,533,850	\$3,609,495	\$2,247,516	\$3,606,495	\$3,895,953	7.94%
Public Works	\$1,615,434	\$1,745,383	\$1,734,991	\$1,151,594	\$1,799,481	\$1,494,804	-13.84%
Culture & Recreation	\$643,798	\$642,903	\$777,066	\$466,666	\$755,871	\$786,177	1.17%
Conservation/Development	\$281,128	\$297,584	\$315,065	\$223,263	\$320,274	\$380,853	20.88%
Other Financing Uses	\$115,174	\$35,000	\$156,776	\$156,776	\$156,776	\$15,000	-90.43%
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$6,699,383</b>	<b>\$6,989,638</b>	<b>\$7,429,383</b>	<b>\$4,817,612</b>	<b>\$7,479,514</b>	<b>\$7,544,529</b>	

Assessed Tax Rate      \$2.94      \$3.03      \$3.14      \$3.30 (estimated)

Published: October 25, 2024

Michelle Seidl

Director of Finance/Clerk-Treasurer

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### Southwest Trojans down Pulaski Red Raiders



Green Bay Southwest's Wren Algrem bumps during the Trojans' Thursday night volleyball match against Pulaski High School. See gopresstimes.com for more photos. Jason Coisman photos



Pulaski's Teagan Budzinski tips the ball over the net in their game against the Green Bay Southwest Trojans. Green Bay Southwest won 3-0 against Pulaski. See gopresstimes.com for complete gallery.

### Red Devils see loss to Mustangs



Green Bay East's Jerah Purdy (left) and Erin Bathke step up to the net in their match against Little Chute on Tuesday, Oct. 22. Janelle Fisher photos



East's Jerah Purdy leaps up for a block against Little Chute's Claire Ellenbecker in their 0-3 loss. See gopresstimes.com for more photos.

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Nicolet NATIONAL BANK PRESENTS **Senior Spotlight**

# Lucy Lawton, Notre Dame Academy, tennis, captain of trap shooting team

**Parents' names:** Jessica and Alex Lawton  
**Siblings:** Three brothers- Emmett (19), Grant (14), Rex (10)  
**Position or events:** Captain and No. 1 singles player since freshman year  
**Instagram:** @lucy\_lawton  
**Facebook:** @lucy.lawton

**Career Highlight:** Qualifying for individual State Tournament three times and the team State Tournament twice. This year, I won my first match then I lost in two close tie breakers to the 12 seed. I expect to play Neenah this weekend at team State.

**At what age did you start playing tennis?**

Four years old.

**Who introduced you to the sport?**

My mom played DI tennis and introduced it to me at a young age.

**Has this always been your favorite sport?**

Yes! Growing up, I was in every sport imaginable (soccer, basketball, softball), but nothing ever compared to tennis.

**How has balancing academics and athletics**

**been different for you from your freshman year to your senior year?**

Balancing academics and athletics is always difficult. As a freshman on varsity, I could not seem to be able to play everyday and get my homework done. It caused me to begin highschool with a lower GPA than I had hoped for. I have learned since then and now, even as a full International Baccalaureate candidate, I know how to separate my time for academics and my time for school to be successful in both. I now have raised my GPA and am top 20 in class.

**What is your favorite part about tennis? What about it has caused you to stick with it for this long?**

My favorite part about tennis is the feeling after winning a long match. That feeling makes me feel like all of the hours of practice and work I have put into tennis was worth it, and makes me only want to work harder. I have continued to stick with tennis because, besides for how much I love it, I have not reached a point where



Lawton

there is no more room for improvement.

**Is there a professional athlete you look up to?**

Venus Williams. Despite her outstanding success, she has always carried herself in such a positive and humble way both on and off the court.

**What would you say is your biggest asset on the court?**

My forehand.

**What has been your**

**most memorable experience in high school sports so far?**

The most memorable experience in high school tennis would be my freshman year when my coach (Sommer May) told me that I would be playing No. 1 singles. This is so memorable because it made all of the years of playing worth it. My friends and family all made it a big deal and were so happy for me.

**How does it feel as**

**a senior, to look back throughout high school and see your growth (as a person and athlete)?**

When I compare myself to how I was as a freshman, I feel accomplished and happy with the things that have changed..As an athlete, my growth is apparent by my record and the matches I win. In my senior season at No. 1 singles, I have practically doubled the amount since my freshman season at No. 1 singles. As a person, I have become so much more outgoing and positive.

**Do you have any pre-match rituals/routines/superstitions?**

Before every match, I listen to music and stretch to put myself into "game mode." I tell myself that I need to be wearing my visor if I want to win (even if I play inside).

**Do you take any extra steps to prepare for a big match/game/meet, outside of regular?**

Other than consuming extra electrolytes, I try to stick to my normal routine to avoid extra nerves about the upcoming match.

**What has been your**

**favorite experience with being a senior this year?**

My favorite experience as a senior has been becoming friends with people that I never would have expected, especially underclassmen on the tennis team.

**What are the top three songs on your workout/warmup playlist?**

"All The Stars" (Kendrick Lamar, SZA), "Unwritten" (Natasha Bedingfield), "Perfect Places" (Lorde).

**Any hobbies outside of sports?**

I am captain of the trap team, I work at Bona Fide and I started an organization called The Tennis Locker where I teach kids who cannot afford to play tennis for free.

**Favorite movie?**

*The Notebook.*

**Sports drinks like Gatorade and Powerade or water?**

Every match I will bring two waters and one gatorade on the court.

**Future Plans? (college, major, career, etc.)**

Undecided on school/career, but I plan to major in biology.

## Game Day in Green Bay



Green Bay Packers Wide Receiver Dontayvion Wicks launches himself into the endzone in an all-out effort for a touchdown. **Tori Wittenbrock photos**



Linebacker Lukas Van Ness brings down the Houston Texans offensive advance in their game on Sunday, Oct. 20.

## PREP FOOTBALL STANDINGS

### Bay - 2024 Regular Season

Team	W	L	For	Against	+/-	PCT	Overall
Winneconne	7	0	251	115	136	1.000	9-0-0
Seymour	5	2	270	148	122	.714	7-2-0
Waupaca	4	3	195	175	20	.571	4-5-0
Fox Valley Lutheran	3	4	226	228	-2	.429	5-4-0
Xavier	3	4	231	179	52	.429	5-4-0
New London	2	5	166	293	-127	.286	2-7-0
Shawano	0	7	68	247	-179	.000	1-8-0

### FRCC-North - 2024 Regular Season

Team	W	L	For	Against	+/-	PCT	Overall
West De Pere	7	0	306	68	238	1.000	8-1-0
Bay Port	6	1	279	119	160	.857	7-2-0
De Pere	5	2	163	96	67	.714	6-3-0
Pulaski	4	3	210	202	8	.571	5-4-0
Ashwaubenon	3	4	141	231	-90	.429	5-4-0
GB Preble	1	6	123	201	-78	.143	1-8-0
GB Southwest	1	6	56	210	-154	.143	1-8-0
Appleton West	1	6	122	273	-151	.143	2-7-0

### FRCC-South - 2024 Regular Season

Team	W	L	For	Against	+/-	PCT	Overall
Notre Dame	7	0	317	56	261	1.000	9-0-0
Menasha	6	1	239	55	184	.857	6-3-0
Oshkosh North	5	2	222	102	120	.714	6-3-0
Sheboygan North	4	3	231	144	87	.571	6-3-0
Manitowoc Lincoln	2	5	98	240	-142	.286	2-7-0
GB West	2	5	124	217	-93	.286	3-6-0
Sheboygan South	1	6	68	287	-219	.143	1-8-0
GB East	1	6	46	244	-198	.143	2-7-0

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Team	W	L	For	Against	+/-	PCT	Overall
Algoma	6	0	226	73	153	1.000	7-1-0
Lena/St. Thomas Aquinas	5	1	157	36	121	.833	7-1-0
Sevastopol	4	2	125	105	20	.667	5-3-0
Suring	2	4	134	123	11	.333	3-5-0
Gillett	2	4	106	228	-122	.333	2-6-0
Gibraltar	1	5	28	162	-134	.167	1-7-0
GB NEW Lutheran co-op	1	5	101	150	-49	.167	2-6-0

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# St. Norbert gets happy homecoming

BY SNC ATHLETICS  
FOR THE PRESS TIMES

DE PERE - St. Norbert College gave its campus and alumni a happy Homecoming as the Green Knights romped to a 62-0 win over Concordia University Chicago in a Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (NAAC) game at Schneider Stadium.

The Green Knights (4-3, 4-1 NAAC), who won their fourth straight game, raced out to a 28-0 lead in the first quarter after scoring touchdowns on four of their first five possessions.

St. Norbert's passing connection of Peyton Lyon and Mitch Van Vooren found chemistry early, connecting on the Green Knights' first three touchdowns. Lyon hit Van Vooren for touchdowns aerials of 10, seven and 20 yards, the latter coming with 3:14 left in the first quarter. Patrick Oden's 19-yard touchdown run with 13 seconds left in the period pushed St. Norbert ahead 28-0.

Lyon hit Van Vooren



The St. Norbert Green Knights clinched a big win over Concordia University Chicago to bring them to their fourth straight win.

SNC Athletics photo

again in the second quarter, this time on a 21-yard strike with 8:21 left in the half. Oden scampered in from three yards out with 4:49 left and Lyon connected with Bailey Turenne

with a 41-yard pass with 1:51 to go before the break for a 49-0 edge.

St. Norbert put the game out of reach with a 12-play drive to open the third quarter, scoring on a 37-

yard field goal from Tyler Juergensen. He then added a 32-yard field goal with 20 seconds left in the period.

The Green Knights closed out their scoring when Chase Cassel hit

Hunter Thiel on a 22-yard touchdown pass with 13:16 left in the game.

Lyon completed 10 of 16 passes for 166 yards and five touchdowns, becoming the sixth St. Norbert

quarterback to reach that school single-game record. Van Vooren caught five passes for 76 yards and four touchdowns, one shy of the school single-game record and just the fifth player in program history to have at least four receiving touchdowns in a game.

Oden rushed 25 times for 184 yards and two touchdowns, the third-highest rushing total in a game for the Green Knights since 2005.

St. Norbert held a 474-73 advantage in total offense and had an edge in first downs of 25-4. The 73 yards allowed is the fewest for the Green Knights since they joined the NAAC in 2021.

Sam Barnett had a team-high of six tackles, while Kyle Santos added five stops.

Justin Benoit and David Haselwander had three tackles apiece. Santos had a forced fumble and a recovery, while Sean Gilles had an interception.

## Tritons remain undefeated



Notre Dame Academy's Charlie Hornacek makes a tackle in the Tritons win against Oshkosh North to complete the 2024 regular season with an undefeated record.

Tori Wittenbrock photos



Hornacek makes a run up the field in the Tritons 41-7 victory over Oshkosh North. See gopresstimes for full gallery.



Triton Running Back Christian Collins dodges a tackle in an effort to get the first down for his team in their game against Oshkosh North on Tuesday, Oct. 18.



The Green Bay Phoenix Cross Country team took 20th overall for men and 32nd overall for women in the Bradley Pink Classic.

Green Bay Athletics photo

## Jahnke leads way at Bradley Pink Classic, freshman shine for Phoenix women

BY TORI WITTENBROCK  
SPORTS EDITOR

PEORIA, ILL. - The Green Bay cross country team was back in action early Friday afternoon at the Bradley Pink Classic, hosted by Bradley University.

Green Bay battled against a host of other teams, including Marquette, Milwaukee, Northern Kentucky and Wright State. Ava Lorenz paced the Phoenix women with a time of 23:04.9, while sophomore Noah Jahnke was dominant again. He took 30th overall in the men's 8k with a time of 24:20.5.

The Phoenix took 20th overall in the men's race and 32nd in the women's competition.

### Men's recap

Behind Jahnke was senior Riley Siltman, who sported a time of 24:44.6 for a 68th place completion. Freshman Carter Scholey came through by posting a time of 25:32.5, best for 161st place.

### Women's recap

Another freshman, Emily Herrera, chipped in with a time of 23:23.4, good 208th place. Senior Ellie Smith was seconds behind her, finishing in 211th

place with a time of 23:26.6.

### On the horizon

The Phoenix has just under two weeks to prep for the Horizon League Championships, which is hosted by Green Bay this season. More information regarding live timing and broadcast will be released soon. The women's 6k is scheduled to start at 11:00 a.m. CST, followed by the men's 8k at noon central.

For the latest and most up-to-date information on Green Bay Athletics and Green Bay Cross Country, please visit GreenBay-Phoenix.com.

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## Bay Port Pirates topple Ashwaubenon Jaguars



Bay Port's Chania Tinch attempts to get a hit past Ashwaubenon's Sophia Remiker. See full gallery at [gopresstimes.com](http://gopresstimes.com).



Ashwaubenon's Lauren McKinnon attempts to hit past Bay Port's Taylor Neuenschwander (left) and Jolie Jacques (right). Bay Port won 3-0. **Janelle Fisher photos**

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hard-fought game. "It builds a lot of character in this team. It shows us a lot. It shows us what we can be and that we have to come in and work harder to get as close to perfection as possible. Everybody is doing their job every single play. We've got to try and come out and play a dominant game. To be able to still win, it feels good," said Jacobs.

According to the former Raiders player, he had no doubt McManus would bring them the win.

"I had my hands up the whole time. I knew he was going to make it — at least I was praying he was gonna make it. It definitely felt good," said Jacobs.

Jacobs posted his own big stat as a Packers player against the Texans with his



Green Bay Packers kicker Brandon McManus nailed a walk-off field goal to secure a win for his team against the Houston Texans. **Tori Wittenbrock photo**

first career touchdown reception for the Packers.

"It was long overdue. For me, I feel like other people put a lot more on it than I do, but it felt good to finally get in the endzone at Lam-

beau and do the Lambeau Leap," said Jacobs.

After back to back home games, the Packers will travel to face the Jacksonville Jaguars (2-5) on Sunday, Oct. 27.



The NEW Rugby Foundation broke ground on its NE WI Rugby Complex on Oct. 10. **Janelle Fisher photo**

## NEW Rugby Foundation breaks ground on NE WI Rugby Complex

BY JANELLE FISHER  
CITY PAGES EDITOR

LAWRENCE — The NEW Rugby Foundation celebrated the ground-breaking for its NE WI Rugby Complex in Lawrence last Thursday, Oct. 10, marking the next step in the foundation's goal to promote and develop youth rugby.

Although the complex will be new, NEW Rugby Foundation Secretary Matt Goetsch said rugby's presence in Brown County dates back more than five decades.

"Green Bay Rugby Club was developed in 1972..." Matt said. "A few of those guys got the dream to add youth rugby and started the high school boys' rugby in 1995 with three teams in the area... We didn't get real creative until about 10 years ago when we started thinking, 'Why is it just high school boys?' Now we have flag rugby for kids K-eighth grade, we've got middle school for girls in sixth through eighth grade to tackle, we've got middle school boys tackle for fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade. Basically, from cradle to grave, you can play rugby."

In the youth rugby programs, Goetsch said heavy emphasis is placed on shaping well-rounded individuals by instilling core values of fun, integrity, leadership, teamwork, excellence and respect.

"We tend to try to focus on developing kids," Goetsch said. "It's not just about the wins and the losses... It's about focusing on some core values and bringing those to kids and trying to make them the best versions of themselves."

That's not to say Green Bay's youth rugby teams don't win, though.

"Everybody gets to play in the youth leagues," Goetsch said. "At the high school levels, it gets a little bit more competitive. It's a little more about winning and you earn that right to be out on the field. But when they're learning, we want everybody to have that equal opportunity. Rugby has a position for all shapes and sizes. Despite the fact that we don't have a win-at-all-cost attitude in our youth or middle school programs, our high school programs are doing really well. Pulaski has more championships in the last 25 years than anybody else in the state. The Green Bay boys have been in the state championship the last four years, winning it twice. Our girls took second this spring... And now they're two and one and on their way back to the playoffs... And again, it's not about winning, but it's fun to win."

With the construction of the NE WI Rugby Complex, Goetsch and the NEW Rugby Foundation hope to offer more opportunities to play closer to home, and for rugby players from across Wisconsin and the Midwest to play here as well — something that got the attention of other local organizations.

"Working with Brad Toll at Discover Green Bay, we discovered we had always focused on the youth aspect of our programs and that was what we were selling to potential donors," Goetsch said. "What we found out was that there's a pretty hefty economic impact

to youth sports... We discovered that in year one, once we have this up and running, it's close to an \$800,000 direct impact into the local economy by running the tournaments that we'll be running... And that's just that first year."

That economic impact earned the project a \$200,000 tourism grant from Brown County.

"The county put together a program that allowed for organizations to put forth their best effort to communicate to the county how they can impact tourism and how they can put heads in beds," County Executive Troy Streckenbach said. "When the rugby team put forth their application, it was solid. There weren't a lot of questions about what they intended to do, and more importantly, Brown County could see that our investment would have an immediate impact and would help them get over the finish line... Kudos to the community for bringing this project forward and thanks for allowing our county the opportunity to be a partner."

"This was supposed to be a tourism grant that puts heads in beds, but one thing that I'm reminded of today is that, with the grant dollars, it's not just about the heads in beds," said Brown County Board Chair Patrick Buckley. "It's about how many more kids will be playing rugby because of this facility and because it has a home that they can call home."

To learn more about the NE WI Rugby Complex and keep up with its progress, visit [newrugbyfoundation.org](http://newrugbyfoundation.org).

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## Tritons stay undefeated in regular season

**BY MARC THOMAS**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY – The Notre Dame Academy Tritons (9-0) took on the Oshkosh North Spartans (6-3) in a home conference game on Friday, Oct. 18.

This was senior night for the Tritons, as well as the last week for regular season play.

Both teams looked for a win to finish off the season strong and secure a higher playoff seed.

The game ended with a score of 41-7, with a Tritons domination to leave them undefeated on the season.

Notre Dame Academy 2024 football team was able to win the Fox River Valley Classic Conference-South, and bring home the plaque.

Notre Dame's high powered offense could not be stopped, as they continued to drive the ball down the field and score.

Running back Christian Collins finished the game with a total of four rushing touchdowns, with one for 97 yards.

"It was great to secure the win. Being 9-0 gives us confidence going into the playoffs, and we're ready," said Collins.

Tight end James Flannigan was also able to find the endzone and make big plays down field.

"It feels good to come out and get the win. This gives us confidence and gets us ready for the playoffs," said Flannigan.

The Tritons defense was able to hold their own during the game, and held Oshkosh North's offense to one score in the first quarter on their initial drive.

It was an all around good game for the Tritons.

The Tritons look to go far in the playoffs, after last year's 30-15 knock out by Rice Lake in the semifinals.

For this to happen, they must "play as a team and keep our foot on the gas and attack every play," said Collins.

Flannigan emphasized how practice is where the team makes good habits, and how that needs to happen in order for them to have success in the postseason.

The Tritons have secured the No. 2 seed for the WIAA State Tournament for Division 3 and will go on to face No. 7-seeded Pewaukee.



Notre Dame Academy Tight End James Flannigan celebrates with Graham Kohler after a touchdown.  
Tori Wittenbrock photo

## A cure for the kicking curse and a Jacobs first



Packers Running Back Josh Jacobs battles through defensive pressure for a first down in the Packers game against the Houston Texans at Lambeau Field on Sunday, Oct. 20.  
Tori Wittenbrock photo

**BY TORI WITTENBROCK**  
SPORTS EDITOR

GREEN BAY – The Green Bay Packers (5-2) seem to have found a cure for their kicking curse which has plagued them since the release of veteran Mason Crosby in 2022. With a game-winning field goal for a 24-22 final score against the Houston Texans (5-2), place-kicker Brandon McManus has maintained a 100.00 PCT going 1/1 on FG ATT and 3/3 PAT.

The former Broncos kicker said he is thrilled to be continuing his career in Green Bay.

"It's exciting," said McManus. "I'm excited to be here. Great group of guys. I'm the oldest on the team by two years, so some of them are trying to call me 'uncle' and 'dad' already. What a way to help this team win in my first game here at Lambeau Field," said McManus.

After nailing his walk-off field goal, McManus charged the endzone and launched himself into the stands for his first official Lambeau Leap.

"I've always heard it's taller than you'd think — but this is a historic place and I'm super excited to come play here and have a chance at the game winner," said McManus.

Though the newcomer had less

than a week to prepare, McManus said he melded well with the Packers special teams.

"I had a great working week with Matt (Orzech) and Danny (Whelan) working hard to understand how I like the operation to be done and the coaches did a great job with overdrilling it and I had a chance to feel comfortable out there in a tough situation," said McManus.

Now that he is officially part of the team, McManus said he is looking forward to making Lambeau his home field.

"I played here in 2019, but other than that, this was it," said McManus.

Although the Texans attempted the ever popular trend of icing the kicker, the NFL veteran said that he always welcomes a chance to get a free swing at the ball.

"I always want to practice a kick if I can. It was a little windy today, just seeing where the wind might move the ball, so if I for some reason missed the first one, I've never missed back to back kicks in my career, so I'll always take the chance to practice right before my kick," said McManus.

Running Back Josh Jacobs said he was proud of his team for posting the win in such a crucial,

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