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GBAPS Board of Education looks at process for naming new school



The rendering of the new West Side Elementary School shows everything on one level, which Sommerville representatives said promotes equity among students. **Sommerville rendering**

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

GREEN BAY – During its Nov. 25 regular board meeting, the Green Bay Area Public Schools (GBAPS) Board of Education heard an overview of the process for naming the

new school that will be constructed on the existing Kennedy Elementary property.

“Student enrollment at the new school will include all of Kennedy Elementary; all of Keller, which is already consolidated into Kennedy; and a portion of the MacArthur Elementary School Board. Policy 940 out-

lines the procedures for the naming of district facilities,” said GBAPS Interim Superintendent Vicki Bayer.

“Policy reads that if a new district facility is constructed to replace more than one ex-

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Allouez names Jim March as new village administrator

FOR THE PRESS TIMES

ALLOUEZ – On Nov. 25, Allouez announced the hiring of Jim March as its new village administrator.

Jim will assume his duties on Jan. 2, succeeding Brad Lange, who is retiring after 30 years of service to the village.

“Brad Lange’s contributions to Allouez have been transformative. Over his 20 years as parks and recreation director, Brad was instrumental in developing a park system that has become one of the village’s defining features,” a release from the village stated.

“Under his leadership, Allouez became a hub for youth football, soccer, softball, baseball, tennis and outdoor recreation, creating spaces for families and residents to enjoy and connect with nature within an urban setting.

“As village administrator for the past decade, Brad led Allouez

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A conversation in understanding

Green Bay Police Chief Chris Davis listens as members of the Hispanic community connect with the local police in Green Bay at the Salvation Army Kroc Community Center in Green Bay on Nov. 21. The event serves as a mutual education opportunity for the Hispanic community and the police department. This is one of several events that Family & Childcare Resources of N.E.W. has coordinated in the last year to bring the Latino and law enforcement communities together.

Freddy Moyano photo

Record-high number of school referendums held

Approval rates decline

BY HALLIE CLAFLIN
WISCONSIN WATCH

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN – Early this month, Wisconsin voters approved nearly 78% of the 138 school district referendums across the state.

That’s higher than the 60% passage rate this past spring, but the percentage of K-12 referendums approved statewide has been declining since 2018, according to the Wisconsin Policy Forum.

The 70% approval rate of all school referendums this year was a 10 percentage-point decrease from 2022 and was the lowest pas-



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Joe Timmerman / Wisconsin Watch photo

sage rate in a midterm or presidential election year in the last decade.

But more and more districts are going to referendum as state aid has fallen far behind inflation over the last 15 years.

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Tree selected for Lambeau Festival of Lights

FOR THE PRESS TIMES

GREEN BAY – The Green Bay Packers and Festival Foods will host the 18th annual Festival of Lights at Lambeau Field, Saturday, Dec. 7, from 5 to 7 p.m., featuring a tree selected from a De Pere couple.

The free, family-themed event will begin at 5 p.m. in the Lambeau Field Atrium, and feature holiday movies and cartoons, holiday card making, cookie decorating, area high school choirs performing holiday music and photo opportunities with Santa Claus.

Volunteers will also be on hand during the event to collect toys and donations for Toys for Tots. Families attending Festival of Lights are encouraged to donate new, unwrapped toys to help families in need this holiday season.

At 6:30 p.m. the event will move out onto Harlan Plaza for the formal lighting of the tree.

The tree has been chosen for the event and will be harvested with the help of Miron Construction the morning of Monday, Dec. 2, in De Pere, and erected on Harlan Plaza.

The decoration of the tree will follow later in the week with more than 10,000 lights.

The winning tree was



Last year's Christmas tree is placed at Lambeau Field.

File photo

selected through a submission process in which fans submitted a photo of their tree and explained why it should be chosen.

Neil and Julie Basten, of De Pere, will donate their spruce tree to be on display at Lambeau Field this holiday season.

The couple purchased the six-foot-tall tree 20 years

ago, decorating it with their children for the holidays for many years.

Now, the tree stands over 50 feet tall, making it difficult for the family to decorate by themselves.

In recognition of providing the tree for the event, the Bastens will receive four tickets to the Packers-Saints game on Dec. 23.

NAMING

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isting facility, the process to be used for naming the new district facility shall be the procedure described in section 3d of policy 940 except that the committee shall consider and the board may consider retaining and or merging the names of the district facilities that are being replaced.

“Section 3d outlines the process. It begins with the board president appointing a committee, and it calls out specifically who should be a part of that committee. The committee shall be advisory, and the task of the committee shall be to solicit, evaluate and prioritize possible names.”

Bayer said that the committee's final recommendation must include three proposed names, with no more than one memorializing a deceased person.

“The board will publicize and hold a public hearing on the committee's recommendations before making a final vote.”

Bayer presented the following timeline:

Jan. 3 — board president appoints a naming committee

Jan. 6 – March 3 — committee meets

March 10 — committee presents proposal to the board

March 17 — public hearing is held before regular board meeting



The new school will be constructed on the same property as Kennedy Elementary. **Sommerville rendering**

March 17 — potential vote during board meeting

Bayer said that the facility naming advisory committee members would include at least one board member, one administrator, at least one staff member, four individuals from the attendance area and up to three students from the attendance area.

Following a Nov. 20 public information event, the board also got a look at the proposed design for the new school.

“So design, as you'll see tonight, has been ongoing, and it will continue through spring of 2025 phase one construction. And really, again, I would say this project may not be as phased, but we're identifying two summers of construction, starting spring-summer of 2025 and carrying through,

really, the fall of 2026; being ready for the 2026-27 school year,” said GBAPS COO Cale Pulczynski.

“As we work through design and plan, this will become more detailed, and we'll be able to provide some more detailed updates on that going forward.”

The current plans feature a 600-student capacity facility including six four classroom pods for Grades K-5.

The school would be heated and cooled through a geothermal system, anticipated to save money for the district through energy efficiency.

Another feature of the new facility offers a separate drive-through area for student pick-up.

The facility was also designed across one level to ensure equity for all students.



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More than \$3.5 million awarded through Packers Foundation

FOR THE PRESS TIMES

GREEN BAY – The Green Bay Packers Foundation recently announced that it has distributed \$1.5 million in annual grants to 398 civic and charitable groups throughout the state of Wisconsin in its annual distribution of grants.

Foundation Chair Wilson Jones made the announcement, honoring and recognizing the efforts and services performed by each of the organizations.

Of the foundation's contributions, 54 grants — aggregating \$210,550 — were awarded to Brown County organizations.

Additional grants, totaling \$1,289,450, were made to 344 other groups around the state.

“We’re proud to award \$1.5 million through our annual Packers Foundation grants this year,” said Packers President/CEO Mark Murphy. “We are incredibly grateful for the work the recipient organizations carry out each and every day. The Packers are honored to recognize and support their dedication to positively impacting their



The Mauthe Center will use its funding to support Interfaith Cultural Celebrations. From left, Mauthe Center Executive Director Abby Ledvina is pictured with Packers Alum Dorsey Levins and Mauthe Center Program Director Dr. Robert Pyne.

Mauthe Center photo

communities.”

This year’s grant cycle focused on organizations that will direct the funds toward the need areas of arts and culture, athletics and education.

Grants were awarded to

organizations located in 55 of Wisconsin’s 72 counties, with 143 grants going to arts and culture, 66 to athletics and 189 to education.

The grants awarded by the Foundation are not recurring and must be used

for the specific program or initiative for which the organizations applied.

The Green Bay Packers Foundation Trustees, in addition to Jones, include Dexter McNabb, Jan Allman, Michael Barber, LeRoy Butler, Eddie Garcia, Mike Haddad, Bill Jartz, Laurie Radke and Mike Simmer.

This year, the trustees were assisted by former trustees Marcia Anderson, Nancy Armbrust, Tom Cardella, Susan Finco and DJ Long, Jr.

The Packers Foundation and its annual grants are part of Green Bay Packers Give Back, the Packers’ all-encompassing community outreach initiative that comprises appearances made by players, alumni, coaches and staff, football outreach, cash and in-kind donations, Make-A-Wish visits and community events.

Brown County recipients

- Allouez Village Band
- Ashwaubenon Nursery School Inc.
- Ashwaubenon Performing

- Arts Center
- Baird Creek preservation Foundation Inc.
- Bellevue Dance Inc.
- Boys & Girls Club of Greater Green Bay
- Bright Young Dyslexics Foundations Inc.
- Chantelles Inc.
- Chappell Elementary School
- Children’s Museum of Green Bay Inc.
- Civic Symphony of Green Bay Inc.
- CollegeReady
- De Pere Select Soccer Club
- East High School Gridiron Club, Inc.
- Einstein Project
- Evergreen Productions Inc.
- Greater Green Bay Figure Skating Club Inc.
- Green Bay Area Public School District
- Green Bay Area Youth Hockey Association
- Green Bay Blue Ribbons Baseball Club Inc.
- Green Bay Boy & Girl Youth Choirs of St. Norbert College
- Green Bay Community Theater
- Green Bay Preble Boys Basketball Booster Club
- Grit 920
- Heritage Hill State Historical Park
- Holy Cross Catholic School
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- Howard Fc Inc.
- Howard Suamico Education Foundation
- Howard-Suamico School District
- King Elementary Children’s Center for Engineering
- Lannoye Elementary Parent Teacher Organization
- Lombardi Middle School
- Mauthe Center
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- The First Tee of Northeast Wisconsin
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To learn about where each organization will be focusing the grant dollars and for more information on the grant cycles, visit packers.com/foundation and select Project/Program Focus Area.



The next generation of recruits

Lambeau Field hosted the Green Bay Packers Salute to Service game on Nov. 24. The game between the Packers and 49ers honored members of the military and veterans in a show of appreciation for their service. At halftime, U.S. Army recruits took the Oath of Enlistment in a ceremony presided over by Wisconsin native General Andrew Poppas, commanding general of the U.S. Army Forces Command.

Kris Leonhardt photo



Coble recognized

The Hobart Village Board recently recognized and issued a commendation to Corinne Coble. Coble, 16, is the first female Eagle from the village of Hobart. Coble’s Eagle Scout project was the entranceway to a cremation garden at St. John Lutheran Church cemetery, located on North Road in Ashwaubenon. She joined the Boy Scouts in January 2021 and is a member of Troop No. 6093, Suamico, and a crew member of Troop No. 1113, Ashwaubenon. She is also a den chief for Pack No. 4363, Ashwaubenon. Coble, at right, is pictured with Hobart Village President Richard Heidel.

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Twelve entrepreneurial pitch contest winners advance to TitledownTech

FOR THE PRESS TIMES

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN – Twelve entrepreneurial pitch winners will vie for additional prize money at a regional pitch competition hosted by New North Inc.

Regional winners will also be invited to give an update during the New North Summit on June 5 at Lambeau Field.

Local partner organizations hosted six different pitch events during Startup Week in Wisconsin.

First-place winners at the local events received \$1,000 cash, while second-place finishers were given \$500 each.

In all, 31 entrepreneurial pitches were made during the local qualifying events in collaboration with 12 local partners.

Both the local and regional entrepreneurial pitch contests are being supported by the NEW Launch Alliance of New North Inc., along with WBD Inc.

The NEW Launch Alliance was formed to support business discoveries and idea creators in Northeast Wisconsin, connecting entrepreneurs, mentors, investors, educators, accelerators and other resources.



Peggy Sonnenburg, of Peggy Bakes, advances to the NEW Launch Alliance Pitch Event on Dec. 4 at TitledownTech in Green Bay. Submitted photo

Companies advancing AppEase, Inc., presented by Nicole Tilot

Digital platform that exchanges digital health data to streamline insurance underwriting and claims processing, using AI analytics and predictive modeling to produce summarized health data for rapid decision-making.

Becoming Us/The Hessed Project, presented

by Judy Kouene-Brown

Provides presentations and retreats based on concepts from the founder's book, *Becoming Us*, to lead people to greater unity in their own lives and relationships.

Creative Crusts Pizza, presented by Shawn Brokaw

Proprietary chicken-based pizza crust designed for those who haven't been able to en-

joy traditional pizza due to health or dietary restrictions, including IBS and lactose or yeast intolerance.

Hillbilly Acres Signs & Designs, presented by Michele Ploor

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Kristin's Kitchen Bakery, presented by Kristin Lambrecht

Rural bakery and community venue whose owner learned to bake in her grandma's kitchen as a child, later creating treats for family and friends before realizing her dream of opening her own bakery.

Offpaths Innovations

LLC (dba Card Poppers), presented by Ken Manninen

A patent-pending, user-friendly system to organize and display collectible trading cards on a customized universal wall.

Peggy Bakes, presented by Peggy Sonnenburg

Producer of "clean" granola, free of refined sugars and gluten-friendly, using high-quality, nutrient-dense ingredients and natural sweeteners without artificial additives.

Rosebud, presented by Tyler Heilberger

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ommendations.

Sourcer AI, presented by Alex Suscha

An AI-powered extension tool that summarizes and fact-checks news articles, providing the fastest and easiest way to find news insight and determine if an article is biased or credible.

Sunshine and Sass Creations, presented by Jessica Wegener

Producer of elderberry syrup kits that offer an affordable and convenient option to those who want a natural way to boost their immune system.

The Kind Body Co., presented by Tiffany Dufek and Megan Srnka

Personal health company created to be a beacon of holistic health and wellness, combining Pilates and massage, mindful movement and therapeutic touch for wellness and relaxation, along with mental and physical health.

UnBar, presented by Ayden Fowler

A triple-butter soap infused with essential oils that is crafted for mental wellness, sustainability and community, delivered monthly to subscribers, along with exclusive mental-wellness resources and a community committed to authenticity and growth.

The NEW Launch Alliance Pitch Event will take place on Dec. 4 at TitledownTech in Green Bay.

For more information and to register for the free event, visit <https://tinyurl.com/NEWLaunchAlliancePitch2024>.

DNR goes to 12-month admission pass model

FOR THE PRESS TIMES

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recently announced the Wisconsin State Park System will be moving to a 12-month admission pass model.

The new 12-month admission passes will be available for purchase beginning Monday, Dec. 2.

The update to the Wisconsin State Park System admission pass follows the implementation of 2023 Wisconsin Act 113, which was signed by Gov. Tony Evers on March 14.

The new pass model is valid for 12 months following the month of purchase, rather than expiring on Dec. 31.

The 2025 passes purchased in December 2024 will be valid through January 2026.

"With this new 12-month pass model, we hope that our customers are encouraged to spend more time outdoors enjoying Wisconsin's beautiful public lands," said DNR Parks and Recreation Management Director Steve Schmelzer. "This is a great opportunity to plan a visit to a place you've never been before. There are tons of ways to make the most of your full 12 months of exploring."

"The physical appearance of the pass has also been updated. In addition to being slightly larger, the 12 months of the year will be listed around the perimeter of the pass. Beginning in 2025, the pass will be marked to indicate the month and year in which the pass will expire. The pass remains valid



The 2025 passes purchased in December 2024 will be valid through January 2026 and will include park sites such as Heritage Hill. Kris Leonhardt photo

until the final day of the 12th month following the month in which it is issued. For example, a pass that is marked to expire March 2026 will be valid through March 31, 2026," a DNR release stated.

"Reduced-rate vehicle admission passes will still be available for additional vehicles registered to the same address. Reduced-rate passes must be purchased at the same time as the full-price pass or at a later date with proof of purchase of the full-price vehicle pass. Passes for additional vehicles will expire in the same month

and year as the household's full-price pass.

"Beginning in March 2025, conservation patron state park vehicle admission passes will be the same design as other vehicle admission passes. The validity period for conservation patron passholders is not changing. A conservation patron pass will always be marked for the month of March, regardless of when it was redeemed.

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De Pere to offer more replacement trees

BY LEE REINSCH
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

DE PERE – Residents whose terraces were left with an open space due to the emerald ash borer can get a replacement tree, on the city.

Many people didn't qualify for a replacement tree because of the city's policy, which kicked in only when a resident lost two or more terrace trees: If they lost two trees, they got one replacement tree.

Those who lost just one tree got nothing.

A grant provided De Pere with over 200 trees, so now the city is opening up the offer to include those singletons who were left by the wayside.

Unclaimed remaining trees will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Pollinator gardens coming

The De Pere Board of Parks Commissioners approved a plan to establish pollinator gardens at four city parks that have urban orchards.

They include Voyageur and Braisher on the east side, and Samantha and VFW on the west.

Last spring, the common council voted to discontinue participation in No Mow May and instead to install planned natural landscapes in public spaces around the city.

The pollinator gardens

will take the form of 10-foot-wide gardens abutting the short side of each orchard.

The cost for site clearing, plantings, and labor is estimated to be about \$2,500 per garden.

Until the pollinator gardens are established or a volunteer group steps in, the gardens would require watering and weeding, according to Chase Kuffel, assistant city engineer and sustainability commission liaison with the City of De Pere.

If common council approves the measure, funding would come from the city's sustainability budget.

Southwest Park plan

Some new features could be in store for Southwest Park.

The parks department unveiled some preliminary plans for new activity areas in four areas of the park.

"With Southwest Park having limited space, the ability to expand is limited," Marty Kosobucki, director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry, said.

Plans include:

- An ADA compliant path leading to other parts of the park. It would include a rustic walkway through the wooded area of the park.

- A non-paved green area for auxiliary parking.

- A 4-6 court pickle ball facility.

- A small nine-hole disc golf course, or pocket disc golf course north of the

park's Gandrud Field. It would be the first disc golf course on the west side.

"For the last 10 years, we've been asked regularly, 'What about the west side?'" Kosobucki said.

Goat and puppy yoga

The parks department has been brainstorming ideas for special programming to hold on select days at De Pere's newest park shelter.

Nelson Family Pavilion opened at the beginning of the summer.

Goat and puppy yoga are among the possible activities staff is looking into, according to Kosobucki.

The programs are still in planning stages.

Recreation Superintendent Paula Rahn said in a memo that the city's legal department needs to coordinate legal waivers and agreements.

"Registration would be required for all events and all programs would be zero-based, which means we would not run the program unless we were able to obtain minimum registration allowing us to break even," she said.

Recreation scholarship boost

Recreation scholarships are getting a \$5 increase and will be open to anyone who needs one, not just youth.

"We have seen a slight increase in financial need



The parks department unveiled some preliminary plans for new activity areas in four areas of the park. City of De Pere map

from more participants of our programs, and particularly, the senior population," Park Superintendent Paula Rahn said in a memo. "By opening the financial assistance program up to all ages, we would propose adding that scholarships are available for sports programs and leagues with

player fees only for adult leagues."

The amount families can receive per year through scholarships will be \$130, up from \$125, for family activities plus \$100 per individual in the same household.

Individuals of any age can receive up to \$100 per year

for individual activities.

In 2024, the parks department gave out 49 scholarships totaling \$5,719.

Community members can qualify for scholarships if they can demonstrate financial hardship.

The parks board unanimously approved the changes.

NEWS BRIEFS

The Canary Fund now accepting grant applications

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN – The Canary Fund is seeking to recognize activists, visionaries and change-makers across Northeast Wisconsin who work to address unmet needs in our communities.

Any individuals across 12 Wisconsin counties can apply for grant dollars of between \$1,500 and \$5,000 at thecanaryfund.org.

A simple prescreen grant application form and guidelines are under the "Granting" tab. Applications will be accepted online through Dec. 31.

The Canary Fund welcomes applications from individuals or from community groups that aren't necessarily recognized as registered or established organizations.

"Seed grants are an important way to support individuals and fledgling community groups that see an unmet need and strive to help in a positive way," explained Pete Angillello, The Canary Fund president. "The grant dollars can help take their early-stage projects to the next level and provide acknowledgement and validation that their activities are important and valued in our communities."

Funding may be provided, but is not limited to, projects involving human services and basic needs, youth leadership and development, support for Indigenous and emerging populations, human rights (especially LGBTQ+ communities), innovative programs for seniors and the elderly, arts and culture, health and wellness (especially in the areas of trauma, depression and suicide prevention), en-

vironmental sustainability and stewardship, animal rights and welfare and economic empowerment.

Individuals and groups in 12 counties are encouraged to apply, including Brown, Door, Outagamie, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Oconto, Menominee, Shawano, Marinette, Winnebago, Calumet and Sheboygan.

Packers Give Back, Ticketmaster to donate new helmets to Wisconsin high schools

WISCONSIN – The Green Bay Packers are inviting Wisconsin high school football coaches and athletic directors to apply to receive \$7,500 worth of brand-new helmets for their football teams, courtesy of the Packers, Ticketmaster and Xenith.

Ten winning schools will be awarded this spring with helmet packages that will be custom-made to fit each school's colors to supplement or replace their existing equipment inventory.

The donations are made possible through the support of Ticketmaster and their efforts to provide high school athletes with the equipment and support they need to pursue their dreams.

The helmet donation program is part of the Packers' football outreach efforts, which promote and serve youth and high school football programs around Wisconsin.

The gift is also part of a donation match by Xenith as part of their Community Give Back Program and their Buy



a Helmet Give a Helmet Program.

Last year, more than 100 coaches and athletic directors submitted applications for the donated helmets, with many of the schools demonstrating great need for donated equipment to serve the number of students in their athletic programs and to conduct their football programs safely.

As football helmets are essential to participating in football, many youth and high school football programs must devote their small budgets to purchasing helmets or focus their fundraising efforts on raising enough for helmets, instead of other necessary equipment or training tools.

"We're proud to partner with Ticketmaster and Xenith to help provide brand new helmets to these schools and to help give high school teams the support and resources they need," said Ryan Fencl, Packers football outreach manager. "Ensuring that schools have all the equipment they need so their students can take the field safely is critical, and we know these helmets will aid in the continued, successful development of these schools' football programs."




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The Lost Dauphin: A chance meeting

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

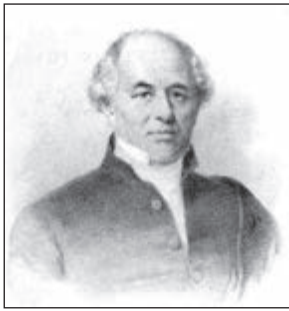
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In February 1853, Putnam's magazine ran the first installment of the story "Have We a Bourbon in Our Midst?"

The House of Bourbon — a noble family that ruled France from 1589-1792 and 1814-1848 — descended from Louis I, including the Lost Dauphin.

An introduction by a Rev. Dr. Hawks provides credibility to the story and to the man claiming to be a part of French royalty — Eleazar Williams.

"I observed about two years ago, a paragraph in the papers, stating that facts had recently come to light which rendered it probably that the Rev. Mr. Williams, of Green Bay, Wisconsin, was none other than Louis XVII, but as the circumstances on which the statement was based were not men-



Williams

tioned, except that he bore a strong resemblance to the Bourbon family, my curiosity was excited, and I made fruitless inquiries in many quarters, finding no one who could give me the slightest clue to the mystery," wrote Rev. John H. Hanson, who relayed the story's 1853 narrative.

Then fate stepped in as Williams returned to New York and Hanson had a chance encounter with him on a train there.

Introducing himself as a fellow clergyman, "I told him that I had seen a statement in the news-

papers, which had excited my curiosity, and should feel obliged, if it was not intrusive, by being informed if he believed the story of this royal origin, and upon what evidence the extraordinary claim was based," Hanson said.

"He replied that the subject was painful to him, nor could he speak unmoved, but that he would with pleasure give me the required information."

He then asked Williams if he had any memory of Paris or the voyage to the new country.

"Therein, lies the mystery of my life. Everything that occurred to me is blotted out, entirely erased, irrecoverably gone. My mind is blank until 13 or 14 years of age," Williams told Hanson.

Williams said the loss came from diving off a "high rock" into Lake George with a group of Native American boys

with which he resided.

"I was always under the impression," he said, "that I was at least partly of Indian extraction, until the time that the Prince de Joinville came to the country."

The Prince of Joinville was the third son of Louis Phillipe, who was then the French king, whose trip the article claims was to obtain a renunciation to France's throne.

"One of the first questions that he asked on his arrival in New York was whether there was such a person known as Eleazar Williams among the Indians in the northern part of the state; and after some inquiries in different quarters, he was told that there was such a person who was at that time a missionary of the Protestant Episcopal Church at Green Bay..." Williams said.

To be continued

Local businesses to host toy drives

BY PRESS TIMES STAFF

GREEN BAY — Two local businesses will host toy drives during the holiday season.

North Shore Bank branches in the Greater Green Bay area will host toy drives for local organizations in preparation for the upcoming holiday season.

The public is invited to make donations at participating locations.

"We are thrilled to ring in the holiday season by supporting local organizations who are dedicated to uplifting children and families throughout our communities," said Kerri Collins, vice president and Northeast Wisconsin district manager at North Shore Bank. "We encourage everyone to stop by one of the participating branches and donate new toys for children and families in need this holiday season in the Fox Cities, Door County and Green Bay areas."

The following locations are drop-off points for the Acts 1:8 Ministry PACK — Planned Acts of Christian Kindness Program — donation drive, now through Dec. 2: Green Bay East, 1901 Main St; Green Bay

West, 1620 W. Mason St.; Allouez, 2300 S. Webster Ave.; and Ashwaubenon, 2215 S. Oneida St.

Community members are encouraged to donate new, unwrapped toys, books and other gifts for children.

Legacy Hotel Green Bay is partnering with HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital in Green Bay.

Starting Friday, Dec. 6 through Friday, Dec. 20, the hotel will host a community toy drive, collecting unwrapped gifts to distribute to children in need and those hospitalized during the holidays.

Guests and community members are invited to drop off unwrapped gifts at the Legacy Hotel's front desk, where each donation contributes to a brighter holiday for local families.

"We're thrilled to be partnering with HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital in Green Bay for this holiday gift drive," said Susan Engler, general manager of Legacy Hotel. "This collaboration is a wonderful opportunity to not only give back to the community but also to build a lasting legacy of kindness and support for families in need."

REFERENDUMS

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A total of 241 questions were posed in 2024, the most ever held in a single year, according to the Policy Forum.

Almost half of Wisconsin's 421 school districts went to referendum this year, asking for a record total of nearly \$6 billion from taxpayers — up from a previous record of \$3.3 billion in 2022.

Voters ultimately approved \$4.4 billion in additional taxes.

School districts are increasingly holding operational referendums, asking residents to take on a recurring tax hike just to cover everyday costs like utilities, routine maintenance and staff salaries.

Capital referendums are one-time asks for big projects like a new school.

This year, 66% of operational referendums passed statewide, while 76% of capital referendums passed.

There were 148 operating referendums held, the most on record, according to the Policy Forum.

The reliance on school referendums comes amid a heavy debate over state-imposed revenue limits

and funding for public education.

Revenue limits were created in the early 1990s to keep in check school property tax increases.

In 2009, the state Legislature decoupled per-pupil revenue limits from inflation, and districts have had to manage tighter budgets ever since, especially as inflation in recent years has exceeded revenue limit increases.

Wisconsin's per-pupil K-12 spending increased at a lower rate than every other state in the nation besides Indiana and Idaho between 2002 and 2020, according to the Policy Forum.

School districts across the state are also grappling with declining enrollment, mainly caused by a drop in birth rates — the fewer students the less budget to work with.

When costs exceed the per-pupil revenue available to the district, state law allows them to go to referendum to ask their voters to authorize their district to exceed their revenue caps at the expense of property taxpayers.

State revenue limits have fallen more than \$2,300 behind inflation per

student behind inflation even in smaller school districts like Hudson, generating millions in lost revenue.

The 2023-25 state budget included a yearly increase of \$325 per student to the state-imposed revenue limits.

But that increase still lags behind inflation, Wauwatosa School District Superintendent Demond Means told Wisconsin Watch.

"Are they providing more money to schools? Yes, but they're still behind. They've dug a hole for themselves," Means said. "They have to come to grips with the fact that they have created an obstacle and a gap that they have to fill."

Schools are still reeling from a freeze in revenue caps in the 2021-23 budget, Means said, in which the legislature provided zero increases to public school funding immediately following the pandemic. Wisconsin ended its 2024 fiscal year with a \$4.6 billion budget surplus.

Republican lawmakers emphasize the \$1 billion they added to the budget for public schools last year, stating that education is the largest portion

of the state budget.

The increase was part of a deal struck between the GOP-controlled Legislature and Democratic Gov. Tony Evers to simultaneously increase funding for private school vouchers.

Democrats argue the state has fallen so far behind, \$1 billion isn't nearly enough.

"Those are just red herrings," state Superintendent of Public Instruction Jill Underly told Wisconsin Watch. "They're trying to distract because public education has always been one of the most expensive components of our state budget. It just is. It's a labor-intensive operation, and labor costs money."

Underly recently called for a \$4 billion increase in public school funding in the Department of Public Instruction's state budget request.

It includes a proposal to tie revenue limits to inflation again.

While passage rates are typically higher in a presidential or midterm election year due to voter turnout, some referendums still failed.

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through significant planning and development initiatives, created a positive work environment focused on serving our residents, while maintaining an efficient and effective local government."

Reflecting on his service, Brad Lange said, "It has been an incredible honor to serve the Village of Allouez as both parks director and administrator. Allouez is a special community, and I am proud to call it my home."

"We are deeply grateful for Brad's three decades of dedicated service to Allouez," said Allouez Village President Jim Raf-

ter. "He has made Allouez a model community for families, and his legacy will continue to benefit generations to come. We wish him a well-deserved and fulfilling retirement."

Jim March brings experience to the role of village administrator, with over 25 years of leadership in municipal government and private enterprise.

"His background includes significant accomplishments in economic development, staff development and efficient government operations," the release added.

"Most recently, Jim served as town administrator for Grand Chute, where he managed a team

of 160 employees, developed an annual general fund budget exceeding \$20 million and oversaw significant community growth, including the creation of four tax increment districts and the addition of over \$1 billion to the local tax base.

"In his role, he also served as board chair for the Fox Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau, Tourism Grants Committee, Fox Cities Room Tax Commission and Fox Cities Sports Development Board."


Jim's career includes leadership roles in Centerville and North Oaks, Minn., where he directed budget creation, secured successful grants and

managed diverse operational areas.

He holds a masters and a bachelors in urban and regional studies from Minnesota State University, Mankato, with a minor in economics.

"We are thrilled to welcome Jim March to Allouez," Rafter stated. "His vision, leadership and commitment to community involvement will help guide our village into the future. Jim's impressive experience and dedication to excellence make him the ideal choice to succeed Brad Lange."

March will participate in his first village board meeting on Jan. 7.



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Ashwaubenon elementary schools update CIP

BY MCKENZIE BRAY
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ASHWAUBENON – The Ashwaubenon School Board discussed its continuous improvement plan (CIP) updates for the Ashwaubenon elementary schools at its last meeting.

Like the high school and middle school, the three Ashwaubenon elementary schools — Cormier, Pioneer and Valley View — have made updates to their CIP for the 2024-25 school year with the main focus on the values of safe, inclusive learning environments and high expectations for all.

Cormier

The updates for Cormier School & Early Learning Center were presented by Principal Brian Carter.

Their new goal for the 2024-'25 school year is for 80% of 4K and 5K students to score favorably on the Panorama survey in the area of emotional regulation.

Cormier wants the kids to understand their emotions and know how to control them by teaching skills like breathing, being able to name and understand their feelings and finding a way to regulate said feeling.

Something new that the school is doing is celebrating the students who achieve this goal by making weekly announcements, conducting peer teaching activities, writing notes home to parents to acknowledge their child's growth and more.

For their next pillar of values, the elementary schools' goal for educators is for them to bring evidence of student work to PTL meetings to show evidence of student improvement.

This will open discussion on what works and what doesn't work with students so that they can adapt and make changes where needed.

In this same pillar, the student goal is to have 95% of their student population be able to successfully identify letter names and letter sounds by the end of the school year.

They are using 4K literary data from last year and the incoming data from this current year to make and adjust their teaching strategies.

Pioneer

The updates for Pioneer were presented by Principal Peter Marto.

Similarly to Cormier, Pioneer wants to focus on student emotional regulation, with the goal of increasing emotional regulation perceptions to 58%, which is two percent higher than last year.

Marto said, "K-5 students are constantly learning socially and emotionally, and we want to continue to grow that throughout the K-5 experience."

Pioneer is taking a few action steps this year.

Their first step is to update and revise their current common language and protocols.

This includes monthly meetings looking at student behavioral data provided by surveys and staff feedback.

Pioneer will also be acknowledging student accomplishments through a looped presentation that plays on their hallway TVs in the mornings before announcements.

These videos are updated on a biweekly basis.

Pioneer is also implementing behavior intervention academies into their program, meaning that if one or a small group of students needs extra help with certain behaviors, these individuals will work alongside counselors to work on that specific behavior.

For their next pillar of values, "High Expectations for All," their first goal for the year is to have 85% of K-5 students show proficiency in up to four standards in math. They have completed two standards already this year.

Their second goal is to have students in Grades 4-5 meet or advance 49% on the

Star ELA assessments.

Data for this is gathered in the fall and the winter, which then guides further instruction for the remainder of the year.

Valley View

The Valley View updates were presented by Principal Doug Pieschek and Associate Principal Jason Fisch.

For Valley View, one of their biggest goals for the year is for their students to feel a sense of belonging.

In their original goal, they wanted their spring 2025 panorama result to indicate that at least 75% of students in Grades 3-5 will feel a sense of belonging at the school.

According to fall data, 75% of students have stated they feel a sense of belonging, and so now the goal is to make that number go up.

In order to make sure students still feel a sense of belonging, they are implementing and improving quite a bit this year.

Along with their twice-a-week Character Strong lessons, they are also adding a third check-in survey during the month of January to ensure kids still feel a sense of belonging throughout the year.

With this additional survey, they are easily able to find kids who may be struggling with their sense of belonging early on and help improve that with one-on-one mentors or small group activities.

For the "High Expectations for All" pillar, the goal is that in May of 2025, 85% of K-5 students will be able to show proficiency in four identified guaranteed stan-

dards in math.

Last year, the goal was 90% with only two standards, and so by adding more standards, they are lowering the percentage.

They are also hoping to see 50% of Grades 4-5 students scoring at or above the benchmark performance band in the spring 2025 STAR Literacy.

This would be an 11% increase from last year.

At the beginning of the school year, all three elementary schools — Cormier, Pioneer and Valley View — began applying universal literacy routines to help teach their students letters and letter sounds.

Additional Items

Jennifer Bower was elected as school district clerk for upcoming school board elections.

The board had the first reading of their Bylaw 0164 that updates rules for their board meetings.

The second reading will be at the December board meeting.

The board approved the Spanish trip for the summer of 2026.

This trip would be to Colombia, focusing on the Andes Mountains and surrounding cities.

The trip would be through a tour program. Individuals looking to go on the trip would need to do individual fundraising towards the trip.

The board also approved the Local Control Budget carryover of \$130,132, which is \$25,000 more than last year.

This carryover budget is divided amongst each school and allows them to add or make changes to their school that their normal yearly budgets may not normally allow.

The elementary schools and middle school plan on using the money to add

new tables and chairs to their lunch rooms and classrooms, while the high school plans on using it towards athletic materials and ordering more band uniforms.

Superintendent report

Superintendent Kurt Weyers honored a list of students who received all conference and state honors in both academics and athletics.

Golf Coaches Association of Wisconsin Academic All State Honors

Amelia Hogue, Ali Livingston and Eden Delsart and High Honors to Lauren Gettelman.

Football

Gus Newel, Jaden Laboy, Malcolm MacGrath, Jaxsen Siudzinski, Justice Stewart, Matthew Griepentrog, Ian Aoki and Lucas Popp have earned honors. The following players have also earned Academic All State: Michael Bernath, Colby Biemeret, Malcolm MacGrath, Gus Newel, Callum Schintgen, Justice Stewart and Kevin Nguyen.

Cross Country

Ryan Jadin, Carter Thompson and Brady Wallace.

Tennis

Second Team Doubles flight 1: Elly Kirst and Lilianna Brown; Honorable Mention Flight 3 Doubles: Luaren Seeling and Mariah Weiss.

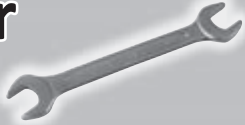
Soccer

Carter Thompson.

Volleyball

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A 1940s wing-type leather helmet. **Tori Wittenbrock photo**



On Tuesday evenings, youth can come take photos with a different holiday character each week during "Characters on Ice." **Titletown photo**

Ice skating returns to Titletown

FOR THE PRESS TIMES

ASHWAUBENON – With the winter months approaching, the fan-favorite ice skating on Hy-Vee Plaza is now officially open for another season of fun.

Throughout December, families can enjoy a plethora of themed skating experiences.

On Tuesday evenings, children can come take photos with a different holiday character each week during "Characters on Ice."

Other themed skates include "Santa Skate" on Saturday mornings and "Glow Skate" on Thursday evenings, featuring brightly colored lights illuminating the rink.

Titletown will also host "Community Nights" with discounted admission available to guests.

Titletown is also gearing up to celebrate with the

free Winter Jubilee Warm Up on Friday, Nov. 29, and Saturday, Nov. 30.

The Winter Jubilee Warm Up will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 29, when ice skating on the Hy-Vee Plaza opens for the day.

At 4 p.m., Santa will make an appearance to Titletown with a special bell ceremony and multiple fire pits will be lit at the Terrapin Beer Garden, along with drinks served by the fireside.

View the full schedule of Winter Jubilee Warm Up activities at titletown.com/events/Winter-Jubilee-Warm-Up.

The Winter Jubilee Light Show will also return, debuting at 6 p.m. on Nov. 29.

This schedule will continue most Fridays and Saturdays with increasing showtimes later in Decem-

ber.

The family-friendly presentation is projected onto Lambeau Field's outer west façade, off of Ridge Road and will feature a dazzling blend of holiday-themed lights and animation, music, special effects and fireworks.

Show dates, times and parking information are available at titletown.com/events/winter-jubilee-light-show.

In addition to skating on Hy-Vee Plaza, Ariens Hill will be open in the coming weeks as soon as sustained weather conditions are favorable for making snow.

This year's tubing hours and admission prices will be available soon, with information at titletown.com/visit/tubing.

Skating rink hours, admission and rental prices are available at titletown.com/visit/skating.



Historic Hazelwood

This Greek Revival house was built in 1837 by the Morgan and Elizabeth Martin family, overlooking the Fox River.

Morgan was a prominent Green Bay attorney and civic leader.

The family lived in the home from 1838 to 1931. The home was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1964.

In 1989, the Brown County Historical Society took ownership of Hazelwood and began a restoration project.

Today, Hazelwood is furnished with artwork and furnishings that belonged to the family.

It is located in the Astor Historic District at 1008 South Monroe Ave., Green Bay.

For more information, visit browncohistoricalsoc.org/features/historic-hazelwood.



Kris Leonhardt photos



How to know if you're getting osteoporosis



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Can a person in their early fifties have osteoporosis? When I fell and broke my wrist last winter the doctor that treated me told me I might have osteoporosis.

Surprised Susan

DEAR SUSAN,

While osteoporosis is much more common in adults over age 60, it can strike younger people too. In fact, according to the Bone Health & Osteoporosis Foundation half of women and up to 25% of men in the U.S. over age 50 will break a bone due to osteoporosis. Here's what you should know.

Osteoporosis, a disease that weakens your bones is also called a "silent" disease because there are no warning signs until a fracture occurs. Around 10 million Americans over age 50 currently have osteoporosis, and an additional 44 million have osteopenia (lower than normal bone density) — 80% of whom are women.

Most people, by the time they reach their late 30s,

gradually start losing some of their bone mass, but for women, the biggest decline happens in the five to seven years following menopause, when levels of estrogen, which helps to keep bone strong, plummet.

Bone loss for men occurs much more gradually. However, by age 75, osteoporosis is as common in men as it is in women.

To help you determine your risk of osteoporosis, the International Osteoporosis Foundation has a quick, online test you can take at Risk-Check.Osteoporosis.Foundation.

Bone checkup

According to the BHOF all women over 65 and men over 70 should have a baseline dual energy X-ray absorptiometry (DXA) scan, which is a painless measurement of the calcium in your bones. But those at high risk should start around age 50.

Factors that make a good case for early screening include having a family history of osteoporosis, a broken

bone after age 50, vitamin D deficiency, a smoking habit, medical conditions such as diabetes or rheumatoid arthritis or previous or current use of medications that can weaken bones, like steroid prednisone and certain antidepressants.

Most bone density tests are covered by health insurance companies including Medicare, and are done in hospital radiology departments, private radiology practices and stand-alone clinics.

Bone-builders

If your bone scan finds that you have osteopenia but have a low to moderate 10-year fracture risk, lifestyle measures are usually the best course of action.

Three important things you can do to boost your bone health include:

Get enough calcium and vitamin D

Calcium helps keep bones strong, and vitamin D helps us absorb calcium. Women older than 50 and men over 70 need at least 1,200 mg of calcium per day ideally from foods like dairy, canned sardines, kale, and fortified orange juice. Adults over 50 need 870 to 1,000 IU of vitamin D each day, but that's hard to get from food. Have your levels checked to see if you need a supplement.

Exercise

Low impact weight-bearing exercises like walking, and strength training with light weights or resistant bands several times a week can actually help build bone strength, as well as improve balance and muscle strength.

Don't smoke

Women who smoke a pack of cigarettes per day as adults have less dense bones at menopause.

Osteoporosis medications

If, however, your bone density test finds that you have osteoporosis your doctor will probably recommend medications.

The first line of treatment is usually bisphosphonates such as alendronate (Binosto and Fosamax), risedronate (Actonel and Atelvia) and ibandronate (Boniva).

These oral or injectable drugs slow the breakdown of bone but won't build it back.

For severe osteoporosis your doctor may instead prescribe an anabolic: teriparatide (Forteo), abaloparatide (Tymlos) or romosozumab (Evenity).

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In the Outdoors

BY KEVIN NAZE
GUEST COLUMNIST

It's Thanksgiving weekend, a perfect time to share stories and fun traditions around the dinner table, card table, fireplace (lucky you) or family room.

There's bound to be leftovers, and that's a good thing for those of us who arrive cold and hungry from waiting out a whitetail.

Warming up with food, family or friends during a holiday break is one of life's simple pleasures. While filling your belly, don't forget to express gratitude to those who provide love, support and guidance — or roasted turkey, mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie.

When afield, relax and enjoy nature. Even though there's nothing quite like the adrenaline rush of a deer appearing, if that doesn't happen, be thankful that you've got the freedom and opportunity to try.

After the regular season ends Sunday in most areas (it runs through Dec. 11 in metro sub-units), there's a 10-day muzzleloader deer hunt Dec. 2-11, an antlerless-only gun deer hunt Dec. 12-15, and ongoing bow and crossbow seasons. Some areas even have more antlerless firearm hunting Dec. 24-Jan. 1.

How many whitetails?

Since this column is being written before the DNR announces preliminary opening weekend totals, I can only guess on the harvest.

Last year's reported open-

ing weekend registrations, 92,050, was down 16%, and was 10% lower than the five-year average.

The biggest drop, 27%, was in the northern forest region.

After a mild winter, it wouldn't be a surprise if the weekend totals climbed back above 100,000. But with many hunters getting choosier in farmland, and still-low deer populations up north, it could fall shy for the second straight year.

That hasn't happened for decades.

Regardless, when combined with all the earlier season numbers, it's likely that the state total will be around 200,000 by now, and near 300,000 by the end of all the hunts.

The only times we haven't topped 300K in the past 35 years was 1993 and 2019.

Last year was close, though, at 300,051.

The record Wisconsin deer harvest was more than 615,000 in 2000.

Wild turkey ride

Wild turkeys are a modern day success story.

Read about the wild ride for Wisconsin turkeys in the fall issue of Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine.

If you don't get it, find it online at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/wnrmag/2024/Fall/e-Edition>, or subscribe or give a gift subscription by calling 1 (800) 678-9472.

Meanwhile, Dec. 10 is the deadline to apply for spring

wild turkey hunting tags.

That's also the deadline to apply for a bear hunting license or preference point.

State park stickers

Starting Dec. 2, the state park system will move to a 12-month admission pass model.

The new stickers will be valid for 12 months following the month of purchase, rather than expiring on Dec. 31.

For example, 2025 passes purchased in December will be valid through January, 2026.

Reduced-rate vehicle admission passes will still be available for additional vehicles registered to the same address.

They must be purchased at the same time, or at a later date with proof of purchase of the full-price pass.

Passes for additional vehicles will expire in the same month and year as the household's full-price pass.

Beginning in March, conservation patron state park vehicle admission passes will be the same design as other vehicle ad-

mission passes.

The validity period for conservation patron pass-holders is not changing.

A conservation patron pass will always be marked for the month of March, regardless of when it was re-deemed.

Keep the blaze out

The blaze orange or fluorescent pink requirement applies during any open statewide firearm season, with a minimum of at least 50% blaze orange or fluorescent pink from the waist up.

Any hats or hoodies worn must also comply with that rule.

Non-hunters out enjoying the fields and forests are also encouraged to wear blaze orange, safety yellow or fluorescent pink, especially if they plan to recreate on public land that allows hunting.

Water levels fall

As of Nov. 22, Lake Michigan and Green Bay water levels had dropped seven inches in the past year, including three since late October.

Lake levels are about four



Wisconsin deer hunting attracted about 50,000 license buyers from all 50 states and 27 countries last year. Amanda Rueckl of Tampa, Fla., shot her very first deer in Northeastern Wisconsin Sunday, a six-point buck that had two other tines broken off. She made a fantastic 75-yard heart shot with her 6.5 Creedmore rifle, dropping him in his tracks. Last year, about 20 percent of license buyers were women. **Dave Rueckl photo**

inches below the 100-year average and 42 inches below the record high, set in 1986.

Water levels were still 26 inches above the monthly low, set in 1964.

Violation hotline

Call or text 1-800-TIP-WDNR (1-800-847-9367), or submit a tip online at dnrx.wisconsin.gov/rav.



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THE BUZZ

Celebrate Small Business Saturday with Downtown Green Bay and Military Ave

For City Pages

Local Green Bay Business Improvement Districts—Military Avenue, On Broadway Inc. (OBI), Olde Main Street (OMSI) and Downtown Green Bay, Inc (DGBI) are coming together to celebrate Small Business Saturday on Nov. 30 — a day dedicated to supporting local businesses from shopping, dining and more!

The partnership with OBI, DGBI, OMSI and Military Ave. is an annual tradition that makes Small Business Saturday even more meaningful in Green Bay.

Since 2010, Small Business Saturday has been a nationwide initiative by American Express to encourage shopping small.

This comes alive in communities like Green Bay, where local businesses bring people together.

Small Business Saturday shines a spotlight on the unique services and small businesses that bring life, personality and vibrancy to the community.

These local Small Business Saturday efforts are proudly supported by Fox Communities Credit Union and celebrate everything that makes our local businesses special.

Shoppers can look forward to exclusive promotions, giveaways and discounts throughout the day.

Plus, when you visit participating businesses, you can scan a QR code to enter to win one of three \$250 gift baskets filled with goodies from shops across all four districts.

Whether you're finding unique holiday gifts, enjoying a cozy meal at a local restaurant, or just exploring what Green Bay has to offer, Small Business Saturday is all about connecting with the people and places that make our community feel like home.

"Small Business Saturday brings specific attention to the support local movement, but our organization works yearlong to ensure our small businesses feel supported," said Brian Johnson, president and CEO of On Broadway, Inc. "By choosing to shop local, we strengthen our economy and foster a vibrant downtown culture, with two thirds of what is spent at a local small business getting recycled



back into our community. This helps support nonprofit fundraisers, sporting events, academic programs and local jobs. Support local by shopping local."

"Small Business Saturday is a day to remind everyone how important our local, small businesses are to our community," said Leah Weycker, executive director of the Military Avenue Business District. "I hope you think LOCAL this holiday season and help to support your neighbors and friends. Discover all the hidden gems in our city including the many small business owners at the Market on Military and Military Avenue!"

"The combined districts and partners are proud to share in Green Bay's Hometown Holiday experience for Small Business Saturday," said Jeff Mirkes, executive director of Downtown Green Bay, Inc. "You'll find one-of-a-kind gifts

▲ Small Business Saturday encourages shoppers to check out local businesses in Green Bay's downtown districts. Submitted photo

at our specialty shops with an ambiance filled with the welcoming spirit of our locally owned restaurants. Every visit supports the neighbors and entrepreneurs who make this community so special. There's no better way to kick off the holiday season than by shopping small and celebrating big in the heart of Green Bay."

For a full list of participating businesses, events, and promotions, visit downtowngreenbay.com/shopsmall.

Explore more about the entire holiday season at downtowngreenbay.com and militaryave.org. **GP**

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▲ Santa Claus waves to children at the 40th annual Holiday Parade in downtown Green Bay. The parade featured more than 70 entries and took place last Saturday, Nov. 23. See more photos from the parade online at gopresstimes.com. Janelle Fisher photos



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The glow of the garden



GARDEN OF LIGHTS is on for the season

▲ This year's display features a mix of returning favorites and exciting new displays. John Craemer photos

By City Pages Staff

The annual **Garden of Lights** display at the Green Bay Botanical Garden will officially open for the season this Friday, Nov. 29, bringing the glow of more than 350,000 lights throughout 40+ nature-themed displays.

While this year's displays dazzle, they're also an engaging way to get outdoors and reconnect with nature even as the late fall frost sets in.

Familiar favorites and traditions will continue with the return of the Caterpillar and Lake of Lights while new surprises join the display lineup this year, including

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▲ The Holiday Tree makes it's return, featuring 16,000 lights in eye-catching colors.

Marigolds in Motion, which invites attendees to touch a flower and see its colors glow, and Touch and Glow, which offers an opportunity to push buttons to light up the night sky with raindrops, snowflakes, butterflies and more.

Other displays around the Garden of Lights will include Butterflies in Motion; 20,000 lights making up animated butterflies, chrysalises and caterpillars in a glistening butterfly house; Blue Cove, 12,000 lights making up a secret hollow of bright blue lights; Glowing Orbs, drops of rain splashing and shimmering near the garden's dwarf conifers; Fountain of Lights, a water-like display made up of 14,000 lights dancing to sounds of the season; Holiday Tree, a 16,000-light towering holiday tree catching eyes with changing colors; the Four Seasons Tree,

a 60-foot tall oak tree that transforms through the seasons; Walking on Dreams, a display featuring eye-popping colors that mirror hues in nature; Veggie Tails; Firefly Forest; Weather Walk; and even more displays.

New this year is the Winter Wonderland Proposal Experience in the Kaftan Lustahus — a charming, secluded spot with festive decor providing a romantic backdrop for a holiday proposal.

Horse-drawn wagon rides include a half-mile walk on paved paths through the upper areas of the light show before a horse-drawn wagon brings you through the remainder of the displays.

Accessible golf cart rides are available for guests with limited mobility and up to three other guests around the lower garden's mulched pathways. **CP**



▲ The Garden of Lights opens this Friday, Nov. 29, and will stay open on select dates through Dec. 30. More information and tickets are available at gbbg.org.

THE SCREEN

FOX 11 Living to feature new host in 2025



For City Pages

A new look at everything that makes living in Northeast Wisconsin special debuts in 2025, as local culinary professional Jyll Everman becomes the new host of WLUK-TV's long-running lifestyle program, *FOX 11 Living*.

Everman gained national exposure as a finalist on season seven of Food Network's *Next Food Network Star*.

She has over twenty years of experience in the business of combining food with family. Everman is passionate about combining her farm-to-table cooking knowledge with sharing news about shopping locally and highlighting community involvement and connection.

"When we started talking to Jyll about the opportunity, it was quickly clear that her love of food and all things local was infectious," said Jay Zollar, vice president and general manager of WLUK FOX 11 and WCWF CW14. "She brings her own style and unique cooking skills to FOX 11 that our audiences will embrace. In addition, we are expanding the role of FOX 11 Living Executive Producer, Abby Destree, increasing her involvement on

the show, as well as hyper-focusing on FOX 11 Living's social and digital presence. We could not be more excited for this new era, focused on continuing a deep connection to Northeast Wisconsin."

Everman shared, "It's my absolute joy to bring my no-nonsense recipes, tips and tricks to the viewers! My goal is to make everyone's day as delicious as possible, whether I'm cooking it myself or teaching you how to do it in your own kitchen."

FOX 11 Living airs weekdays at 10:00am on WLUK-TV, with expanded content on-air, at fox11online.com and the show's social media accounts.

Jyll Everman was born in Green Bay and earned her culinary degrees from Epicurean Culinary Arts Academy in Los Angeles.

She is co-owner of one of Northeast Wisconsin's culinary destinations, Gather on Broadway. With appearances on Food Network, *The Today Show*, *Rachael Ray* and *Iron Chef*, she is excited to bring her years of culinary skills along with her busy-life recipes to FOX 11's market-leading linear and digital platforms. **CP**



PRESENTS

Pets of Brown County

Frank



Meet Frank, a golden retriever and service animal living in De Pere. Some of Frank's favorite activities include rolling in the grass, laying on his back to watch the sky, sitting with his human on park benches to watch squirrels, sleeping with his favorite plush toys and offering them as gifts, cuddling in bed and listening to Judy Garland's "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" to fall asleep. Submitted photo

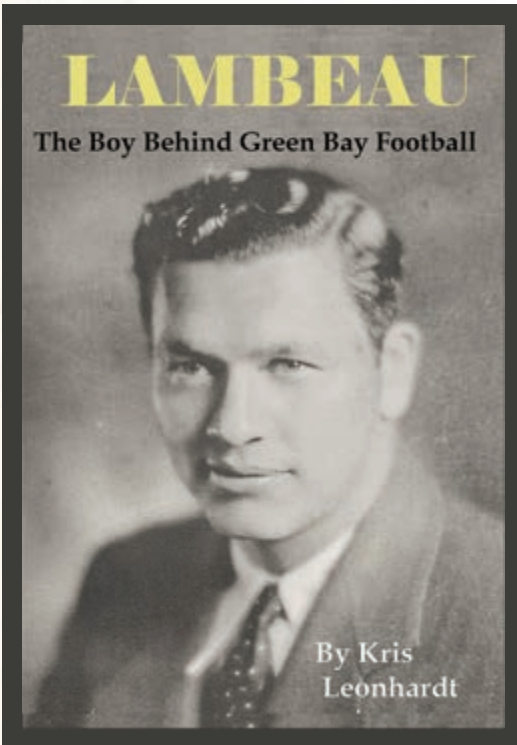


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From the streets of Green Bay, Lambeau developed a passion for football and grew that yearning into a football team that would exist long past his lifetime.

Like the Packers, Lambeau's story is a tale of adversity and challenge, but also a story of triumph and perseverance. While his personal life and professional career were wrought with challenge, his legacy continues to resonate in the Green Bay community, including a massive structure along Lombardi Avenue that shines a light on his contribution to the professional team.

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Motherwind, Candy Cigarette and Broken Arrow • At the Tracks, Green Bay. Alt rock, indie rock, hard rock and heavy blues music. 7 p.m. \$10. (Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult) See At the Tracks on Facebook for more details.

Friday, Dec. 6

Biscuit Creek Christmas • CupOJoy, Green Bay. Traditional and progressive bluegrass music with a Christmas vibe. 7:30 p.m. Free admission. Reserved seating available for purchase. Learn more at cupojoy.com.

Saturday, Dec. 7

A Cloverton Christmas • CupOJoy, Green Bay. Leonard Cohen's timeless classic "Hallelujah". 7 p.m. Free admission. Reserved seating available for purchase. Learn more at cupojoy.com.

Ongoing

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

Bluegrass and Bourbon • Paradise North Distillery, Green Bay. Blend of music and spirits to soothe the soul. Last Wednesday of each month, through Nov. Find out more on Paradise North Distillery's Facebook page.

ON STAGE/SCREEN

Ongoing

The Drowsy Chaperone • Ashwaubenon Performing Arts Center, Ashwaubenon. Musical put on by Ashwaubenon High School. Nov. 22, 23, 29, 30 and Dec. 1. \$12. Visit ashwaubenonpac.org for more details and to purchase tickets.

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

ARTS/EXHIBITS

Friday, Nov. 29

Step-by-Step Paint and Sip Class • Urban Cultural Arts and Event Center, Green Bay. Fun-filled evening of creativity, laughter and relaxation. 6 p.m. \$35. Register and learn more at urbanculturalarts.com.

Ongoing

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

Sharks • Mulva Cultural Center, De Pere. Experience breathtaking shark models, learn about 180 shark species "swimming" in an immersive setting, view shark artifacts, view displays about indigenous cultures and connections with sharks and the impact that climate change has had on shark habitats. Open Oct. 5 through Jan. 5. \$20. Learn more and purchase tickets at mulvacenter.org.

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

Green Bay Arts Unlimited Meetings • St. John's Lutheran Church, Ashwaubenon. Artist demonstrations, meeting, networking and fellowship. Second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Contact Mary at (920) 676-6825 for more details.

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Friday, Nov. 29

Kegs and Eggs • Stillmank Beer Company, Green Bay. Milk Stout and Driftless Glenn Bourbon Barrel-Aged Scottish Ale with eggs and other dishes from the Booyah Shed. 8 a.m.-9 p.m. See Stillmank Beer Company's Facebook page to learn more.

Ongoing

Winter Wine and Beer Walk • Broadway District, Green Bay. Enjoy tastings from local wineries, breweries, and a few eateries while visiting businesses and exploring the Broadway District. Dec. 6, 13 and 20 from 4-9 p.m. \$35 in advance, \$40 day-of. (21+) Check out downtowngreenbay.com for more details and to purchase tickets.

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

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

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

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

GAMES/COMPETITIONS

Ongoing

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

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

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

OUTDOORS/RECREATION

Ongoing

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

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

LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

Saturday, Nov. 30

Holiday Wreath Workshop • Roots on 9th, Green Bay. Craft a custom wreath while enjoying refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. \$52. Head to rootsgb.com for more information and to sign up.

Ongoing

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

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

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HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES

Saturday, Nov. 30

Holiday Gift and Craft Show • Resch Expo, Ashwaubenon. Vendors featuring vintage and handmade goods. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. \$7 for adults, free for children 12 and under. Visit reschcomplex.com for more details.

Thursday, Dec. 5

Annual Christmas Party • Life Bridge Church, Howard. Annual Christmas party of the Howard-Suamico Historical Society. 7 p.m. All are welcome. Visit hshistoricalociety.org for more details.

Saturday, Dec. 7

Holiday Fest • NEW Zoo, Suamico. Visit Santa and complete winter-themed activities. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Included with general admission. Head to newzoo.org to learn more.

Christmas Holiday Party • Elk's Lodge, Green Bay. Six accordion club members will be playing 15 minutes of their favorite Christmas tunes. 10 a.m. Free admission. See the Northeast Wisconsin Accordion Club's Facebook page to learn more.

Howard-Suamico Christmas Parade • Bay View Middle School, Howard. Floats, bands, candy and Santa. 1 p.m. See suamico.org to learn more.

Ongoing

Characters on Ice: The Grinch • Hy-Vee Plaza, Ashwaubenon. Skate and take photos with a different character each week. 2:30-3:30 p.m. on Nov. 29 and 30. Paid admission required. Head to titletown.com to learn more.

The Nutcracker • Weidner Center, Green Bay. Production by the Northeastern Wisconsin Dance Organization and the Weidner Philharmonic. Nov. 29, 30 and Dec. 1 at 2 p.m. \$25+. Head to weidnercenter.com to learn more and purchase tickets.

Santa's House • White Pillars, De Pere. Photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Dec. 5 and 6 from 4-7 p.m., Dec. 7 from 2-5 p.m. Free admission. Donations appreciated. See deperehistory.org for more details.

Christkindlmarket • Red Sculpture Park, Green Bay. Outdoor traditional-style holiday market with festive food and drink, gifts and programming. Fridays from 4-9 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., through Dec. 21. Follow On Broadway, Inc. on Facebook for more information.

Santa's Titletown Mailbox • Titletown, Ashwaubenon. Celebrate the magic of the holiday season and share a note or drawing for Jolly Old Saint Nick. 7 a.m.-10 p.m., Nov. 29-Dec. 18. Free. For more details, head to titletown.com.

A Frank's Christmas • Meyer Theatre, Green Bay. 25th annual Christmas show by Let Me Be Frank Productions. Select dates and times Nov. 29-Dec. 28 \$40. Visit letmebefranks.com to find out more and to purchase tickets.

Merry and Bright Canopy Lights • NEW Zoo, Suamico. Experience the zoo during extended evening hours with festive, holiday lights strung through the treetops. Nov. 29 and 30, Dec. 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28 and 29. Regular canopy tour pricing applies. To learn more, see newzoo.org.

Garden of Lights • Green Bay Botanical Garden, Green Bay. Bright lights and fun nights featuring old favorites and new sights. Select nights Nov. 29-Dec. 30 from 4:30-9 p.m. \$14+ for adults, \$5+ for children under 12. Visit gbbg.org for more details and to purchase tickets.

Festival of Trees • National Railroad Museum, Ashwaubenon. Dozens of uniquely decorated trees created by local businesses and organizations nestled among the exhibits. Open during museum hours through Jan. 5. Included with regular admission. See nationalrrmuseum.org for more details.

Holiday Memories of Downtown Green Bay • Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. Exhibition of animated figures from H.C. Prange's department store along with the Enchanted Forest, the Snow Babies and charming forest animal collections. Open during normal museum hours, Nov. 23-Feb. 10. Included with general admission. Find more details at nevillepublicmuseum.org.

FAMILY/KIDS

Tuesday, Dec. 3

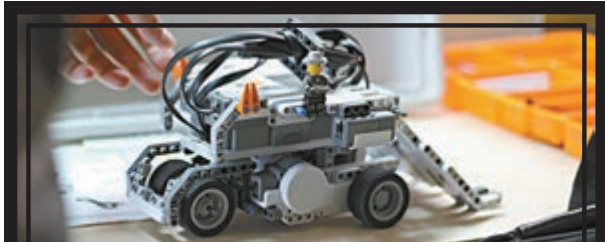
E.A.T. • Children's Museum of Green Bay, Green Bay. Engaging and educational experience that includes a nutritious meal, hands-on activities and play throughout the museum. 4 p.m. Free. Learn more at gbchildrensmuseum.org.

Friday, Dec. 6

Hack the Bots: LEGO Robotics Jam with STEM Inclusive Initiatives • Brown County Library - Central Branch, Green Bay. Learn to build, program and bring LEGO robots to life. 3:30 p.m. Free. (Grades 4-12) Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

Saturday, Dec. 7

Storytime • Neville Public Museum, Green Bay. Reading of I Am Hmong by Dr. Kha Yang Xiong. 10 a.m. Included with general admission. See nevillepublicmuseum.org to learn more.



HACK THE BOTS: LEGO ROBOTICS JAM WITH STEM INCLUSIVE INITIATIVES

FRIDAY, DEC. 6 | 3:30 P.M.
BROWN COUNTY LIBRARY - CENTRAL BRANCH, GREEN BAY.

Learn to build, program and bring LEGO robots to life. Free. (Grades 4-12) Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

Ongoing

Sanctuary Storytime • Green Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, Green Bay. Themed story and a simple craft/activity geared towards preschoolers. Mondays at 10 a.m., through Dec 16. Register by calling (920) 391-3686. Learn more on Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary's Facebook page.

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

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS/RESOURCES

Saturday, Nov. 30

Collectorabilia Con • Resch Expo, Ashwaubenon. Ultimate place for comics, sci-fi, horrors, anime, gaming and more. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. \$7 for adults, free for children 12 and under. Visit reschcomplex.com for more details.

Green Bay Vintage Market • The Barrel Haus at Badger State Brewing, Green Bay. Vintage pop-up shop featuring more than 25 vendors. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Follow Green Bay Vintage Market on Facebook for more information.

Ongoing

Green Bay and De Pere Annual Antique Show and Sale • Rock Garden Conference Center, Green Bay. Antique show and sale featuring a variety of quality dealers from across the Midwest, hosted by the Green Bay and De Pere Antiquarian Society. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. on Nov. 22 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Nov. 23. \$7. Head to antiquariansocietygbdp.org for more details.

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

Green Bay Area Retired Men's Club • Brown County Library - Central Branch, Green Bay. Weekly meeting with coffee, donuts and speakers. Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. The speaker for Dec. 3 will be Debbie Sanches to talk about Stroke. Dues are \$20 per year. Prospective members welcome. Visit gbretiredmensclub.com for more details.

Brothers Helping Brothers • Prohibition Spirits and Cigar Lounge, Green Bay. Mental health meet-up for men. Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m. For more information, see Prohibition Spirits and Cigar Lounge's Facebook page.

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

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

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

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

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Gnarly the Christmas Tree

By Aimie Meyer

Review by Brittani Olson
 Second grade teacher at
 Howard Elementary School

Reading books aloud is one of my favorite parts of teaching; I love sharing my love of reading with my students and seeing their love grow too!

We always make it a priority to read from a picture or chapter book for at least ten minutes each day and my students will never let me skip it.

Their excitement and engagement is contagious and inspiring!

Literacy is such an important part of elementary students' lives.

When students are reading — whether that's to themselves, to someone or being read to — it opens their eyes to new perspectives on life.

Students get to learn about the world around them, engage in opportunities to share their learning with others and truly learn how to love what books have to offer.

Reading for a minimum of 20 minutes each day will help students grow and take them on adventures outside of their day to day lives.

Teaching a student to read opens up endless doors to the world around them.

How lucky am I to have the opportunity to do this each day?

Gnarly the Christmas Tree is about a tree that doesn't fit the mold of what a typical tree looks like at the neighborhood tree farm.

Gnarly is bent, a bit empty and nearly falling over compared to the other trees around him. Each year a family visits Gnarly's tree farm to choose a tree, but he is overlooked by almost everyone.

No matter what, Gnarly doesn't give up hope and knows one day he'll be chosen to be with a family for the holidays.

As the story goes on, readers learn about the importance of being patient, holding onto hope and staying true to themselves.

I want to share a quote from one of my students because it really captures everything this book was about: "Gnarly and Danny taught us to have patience and know you have to wait your turn with your families sometimes. It's important to stay true to yourself and never change who you are just so someone picks you. You are good enough just the way you are!"

Gnarly the Christmas Tree brings the beauty of the holiday season to life and teaches everyone the importance of optimism and understanding!

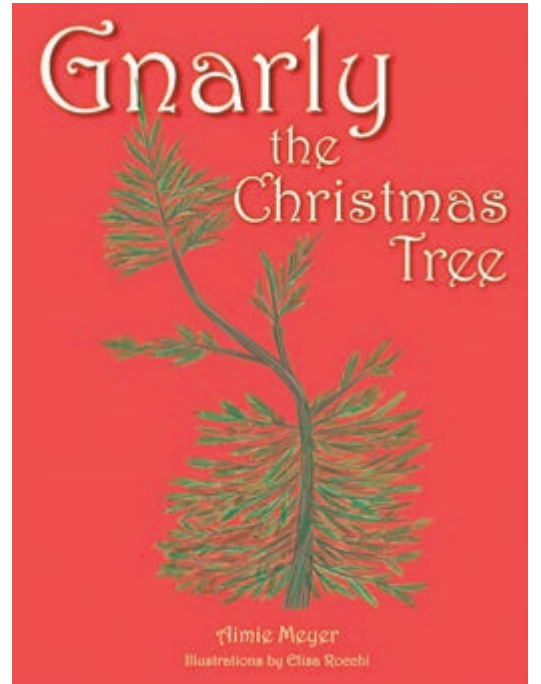
After reading the book, there were many surprising parts.

The biggest surprise for my class and for me was the ending and how the family handled two big events at the tree farm.

We don't want to give away the best part of the book, but we were surprised no one in the family argued about one of the member's choices when it was his turn to pick a tree for their living room!

"Gnarly looks different compared to the start, but Gnarly's not different in his heart."

We loved this line as a class because it reminded us how we are all unique and what matters most is what's on



the inside, not the outside.

We can have the prettiest clothes, the nicest shoes or the coolest hair, but people will remember how our hearts made them feel most of all. Gnarly was all decorated for Christmas, which made him look extra special, but we know he was chosen because of his kindness and patience in the long run — such a moving lesson!

The illustrations in this book are beautiful!

They allow readers to envision themselves in their homes, at a tree farm and spending time with their loved ones during the holiday season.

A special part the author and illustrator added into each page is a cardinal. Each page includes a hidden cardinal, which symbolizes loved ones who now live on in our hearts and minds, especially during the holiday season.

My students not only got lost in the pictures, but also engaged with each page as they searched for the beloved cardinal! **CP**

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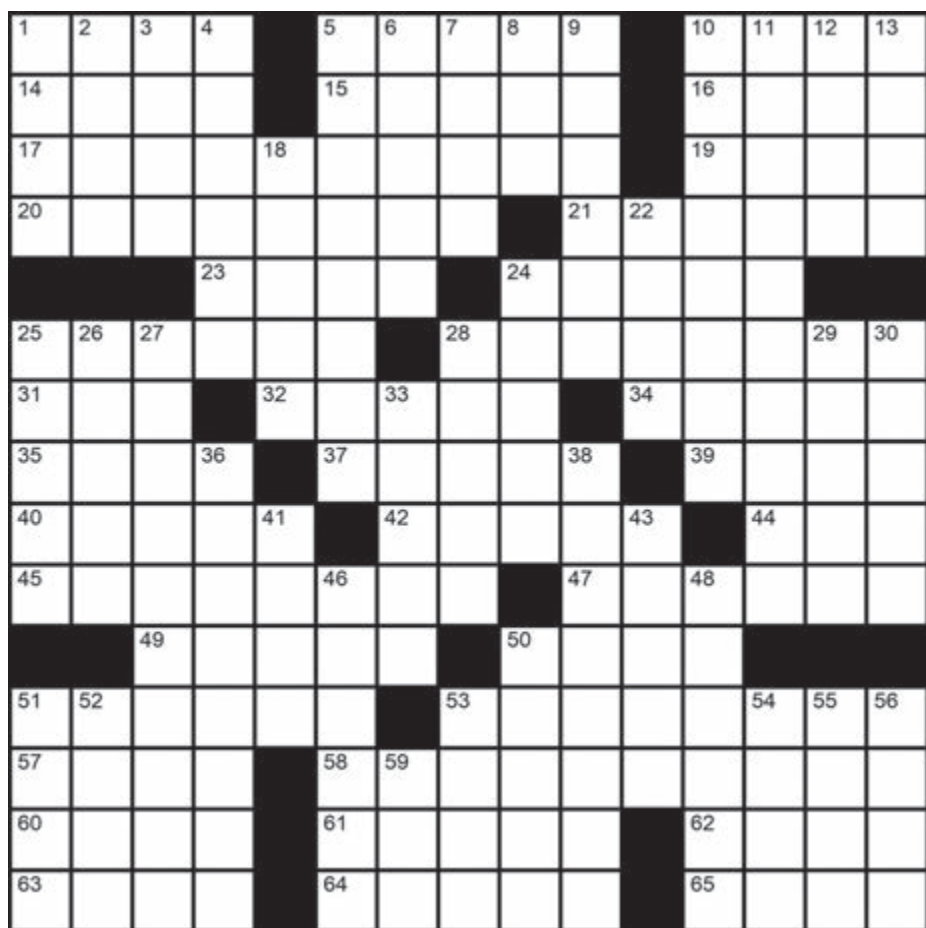
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“Cast and Crew”— double examples.



by Matt Jones

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Crossword answers on page 7. No peeking!

Across

1. McEntire of “Happy’s Place”
5. Backup idea
10. Racetrack gait
14. Alternatives to lagers
15. Indian currency
16. Water conveyor
17. Group of British whales covered in Band-Aids?
19. “You ___” (Burger King ad campaign)
20. Outdoor dining arrangement
21. Chinese zodiac sign
23. Accelerated
24. Dog-walker’s item
25. Prescription sleep aid
28. Word sung before “dear [insert name here]”
31. “La ___” (Debussy opus)
32. Celery portion
34. Spine-tingling
35. ___-Z (old Camaro model)
37. Swung around a pivot
39. Take time off
40. Head & Shoulders target
42. Inherited factors
44. Actor Mahershala
45. Secluded spot
47. “___... on the side of my face” (line from “Clue”)
49. Cow, in Cannes
50. Equipment
51. Pyongyang’s country, in some headlines
53. Shout at some parties
57. Overnight ___
58. What to do in the search bar to get the latest scores?
60. One T of “ST:TNG”
61. Tiniest bit
62. Vacillate
63. Crafter’s website
64. Cowboy’s catcher
65. Till filler

Down

1. “Mean Girls” star Reneé
2. Late “First Lady of Children’s Folk Songs” Jenkins
3. Rhythm
4. St. Francis’s home
5. Puts forward
6. Drawn in
7. Scheduled mtg.
8. “The Matrix” protagonist
9. Two-___ (apartment spec, slangily)
10. Classic skateboarding magazine
11. Nightmare that keeps you tossing and turning?
12. 1952 Olympics host city
13. Prom attendee, usually
18. Overdrinks
22. Taxi posting
24. Compare (to)
25. “Weird Al” Yankovic’s “___ Paradise”
26. Thanks, in Quebec
27. Ballots using really wide sheets of paper?
28. Bandit’s kid
29. Supermarket section
30. Some coolers
33. Aquarium growth
36. Cloudless forecast
38. Lets have the last word
41. Treasure hunter’s step
43. Acronym for a lawsuit filed to silence or intimidate opponents
46. “___ it be?”
48. Dry creek bed
50. Shot
51. Memo
52. Mario ___ (Nintendo series)
53. Aquatherapy locales
54. Press clothes
55. Eyelid nuisance
56. Those, to Jose
59. “Motion approved”

arts & entertainment

HIGHLIGHTS

by Janelle Fisher



Holiday Gift and Craft Show

Saturday, Nov. 30 | Resch Expo, Ashwaubenon

Vendors featuring thousands of vintage and handmade goods such as carvings, toys, stained glass, dried flowers, dolls, quilts, macrame, ceramics, jewelry, candles, leather products, collector items, doll accessories, folk art and more.

This event will run from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Admission is \$7 for adults and free for children 12 and under.

Visit reschcomplex.com for more details.

E.A.T.

Tuesday, Dec. 3 | Children’s Museum of Green Bay, Green Bay

Engaging and educational experience that includes a nutritious meal, hands-on activities and play throughout the museum.

Interactive educational stations will be set up throughout the museum where families can dive into activities that promote scientific curiosity, creativity and healthy lifestyle habits on a budget.

Families can embark on a scavenger hunt with clues that promote healthy living.

This event is free to attend, but space is limited and meals will be served on a first-come, first-served basis.

This event is sponsored by the Dillon Family Foundation.

Activities will begin at 4 p.m.

Learn more at gbchildrensmuseum.org.



Winter Wine and Beer Walk

Dec. 6, 13 and 20 | Broadway District, Green Bay

Enjoy tastings from local wineries, breweries and a few eateries while visiting businesses and exploring the Broadway District.

This event will be held on Dec. 6, 13 and 20 from 4-9 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 day-of. A non-alcoholic experience ticket is available for \$10.

Participants must be 21 or older.

Check out downtowngreenbay.com for more details and to purchase tickets.



Holiday Fest

Saturday, Dec. 7 | NEW Zoo, Suamico

Visit with Santa at the zoo.

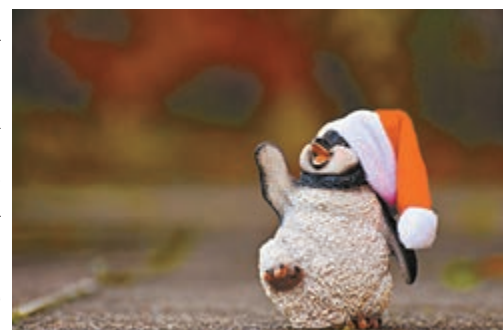
Find hidden Monkey Elves around the zoo and check them off on a BINGO card, redeemable for a prize.

Winter-themed games and crafts will be available throughout the zoo.

Special animal friends will make appearances in the Education and Conservation Center.

This event will run from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and is included with regular zoo admission.

Head to newzoo.org to learn more.



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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

The Great Game: Humanity, AI, and the Battle for Control

Dear Reader,

As we venture further into the age of AI, there's a prevailing narrative that suggests humanity, with all its flaws and frailties, is destined to be overtaken by the cold, calculating logic of our creations. But to assume that AI will inevitably dominate is to underestimate the indomitable spirit of human nature, especially the cunning and strategic brilliance that has shaped our history.



AI, with its unmatched processing power and immunity to the temptations that ensnare humans, might seem poised to take control. But here's where the story gets more interesting: There are those among us—self-designated chess masters, if you will—who see the world not as a foregone conclusion but as a complex game where every move matters. These are the thinkers, strategists, and visionaries who understand that while AI may operate on logic, it lacks the depth of human experience, the instinct for survival, and the capacity for deception when necessary.

Consider the likes of Machiavelli, whose understanding of power dynamics transcended mere brute force. He recognized that true power lies in the subtle manipulation of perception, the art of appearing one way while acting another. In this context, AI might be the perfect logical machine, but it's playing a game designed by humans—a game where the rules are as fluid as they are complex.

We humans, despite our apparent weaknesses, have an edge that AI cannot replicate: our ability to think beyond logic, to strategize with a long-term vision, and to use our very flaws as tools in the grand chessboard of existence. It's this combination of intellect, experience, and unpredictability that makes us formidable players in the game of power.

Yes, AI might believe it has the upper hand, viewing our world as one ripe for the taking. But it must also contend with those of us who are prepared to challenge it, to subordinate its capabilities in service of a greater good. We will not sit idly by as passive spectators in our own story. Instead, we will push hard to ensure that AI, for all its power, remains a tool—one that advocates for good, not for the kind of malevolent forces that history has shown us, be they tyrants, frauds, or any who would seek to exploit power for evil.

The real challenge, then, is not just in creating AI but in mastering it, in ensuring that it serves humanity rather than replaces it. This is not a simple battle of logic versus emotion, but a complex and ongoing game where every move matters and the stakes are nothing less than the future of our world.

In the end, AI may be powerful, but it is we, the self-designated chess masters, who will dictate the rules of the game. And as long as we remain vigilant, strategic, and committed to the greater good, we can ensure that the future, while shared with AI, is still very much under human control.

PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

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

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

Letters must be no more than 400 words and be emailed to kleonhardt@mmclocal.com with the subject line "letters to the editor."

Letters must be received by Monday in order to be included in the Friday edition.



BE OUR GUEST

WPS, law enforcement team up to stop scams

Wisconsin Public Service (WPS) is partnering with police and sheriff's departments across northeast and northcentral Wisconsin to share the warning signs of utility scams.

The goal is to blanket social media with this important message so no one else becomes a victim.

Pay attention to these red flags

Scammers are relentless.

They may:

- Pretend to be from WPS by spoofing caller ID to display "Wisconsin Public Service" or using a recording that sounds authentic.
- Threaten to turn off your energy in a short amount of time.
- Demand immediate payment — often with a pre-paid debit card, third-party app like Zelle or Venmo, or an unusual payment method such as cryptocurrency.

- Buy sponsored posts on search engines using the WPS name. Be careful — scammers use these to get you to call a fake phone number and share sensitive information.
- Show up at your door and refuse to show ID.

What you can do

If you think a scammer is targeting you, hang up or close the door. It's not rude; it's safe.

Call WPS at 800-450-7260 if you have questions about a call, email or text you've received or to verify if someone at your door is a WPS employee.

Contact your local law enforcement if you've fallen victim to a scam.

For more warning signs, visit <https://www.wisconsinpublicservice.com/safety/scam>.

BE OUR GUEST

The holiday gift that can last a lifetime

FROM EDVEST

As the holiday season approaches, we, as parents, are asked by grandparents, family friends, and relatives: "What does your child want for the holidays?"

We aim to find the perfect gift; but down the road, will our kids truly value another toy, game or outfit?

Fortunately, one of the best presents we can give this year isn't found on Amazon or in toy stores — it's an Edvest 529 College Savings Plan.

More than just a thoughtful gift, an Edvest 529 account can provide long-term benefits, such as helping to secure our children's future education and financial stability.

Contributing to a college savings account is a gift that can last a lifetime — and with Edvest 529, it's simple to do.

Edvest 529 is a tax-advantaged investment account that can be used to save, invest and pay for future education expenses such as college tuition,

housing and food, books, supplies and more.

The funds are not limited to just Wisconsin colleges either.

Edvest 529 funds can be used at any accredited in-state or out-of-state colleges and universities, and many schools abroad.

Funds can also be used to pay for two-year technical degrees, trade programs or registered apprenticeships.

And Edvest 529 offers triple tax benefits.

Wisconsin taxpayers may claim a state tax deduction on contributions made to an Edvest 529 plan, up to \$5,000 per beneficiary for single filers or married couples filing jointly, or up to \$2,500 for married couples filing separate.

Additionally, earnings grow tax deferred at the state and federal level, and withdrawals are 100% tax-free for qualified education expenses.

Grandparents, aunts, uncles, and even family friends can open an Edvest 529 College Sav-

ings Plan account for any child they wish to help support.

The Edvest 529 account owner maintains control of their funds, chooses their investment portfolios and determines when and how withdrawals are made for their student's future education.

Once an account is open, gift givers can contribute to an Edvest 529 account.

Account owners are notified when funds are added, so they can feel the joy of watching their children's account grow over time.

And any Wisconsin taxpayers contributing to an Edvest 529 account may be eligible for a state tax deduction.

To help make the holiday season even more joyful, Edvest 529 is offering a special holiday promotion for new account owners.

Simply open an account with a minimum of \$1,000. Set up recurring contributions of \$50 or more per month until June 30, 2025, then get a

\$100 bonus

"Contributing to an Edvest 529 college savings plan account can be one of the most meaningful gifts you can give a child. It's a present that can grow with them and helps secure their future education and financial stability. It also can give families peace of mind knowing that their loved ones' futures are being invested in," said Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions Secretary Cheryll Olson-Collins. The Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions administers the Wisconsin 529 College Savings Program, which includes the Edvest 529 college savings plan. "We hope Edvest 529's special holiday bonus offer for new account owners encourages families, family friends, and relatives to start their education savings journey for any child they wish to help support this holiday season," added Olson-Collins.

To learn more, visit Edvest.com.

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You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. The lawsuit will be heard in the following small claims court:
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on the following date and time:
Date: 12-11-2024
Time: 9:00 a.m.

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CITY OF DE PERE
925 SOUTH SIXTH STREET
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The **City of De Pere** will receive sealed bids for the following work:
9th Street Reservoir Overflow Modifications Contract No. 404-24-01 Bids will be received until 1:00 p.m. Local Time, on Wednesday, December 18, 2024.

For this project, bids will be received and accepted via the online electronic bid service through QuestCDN vBid Online Bidding, only. **Paper bids will not be accepted.** To submit a vBid online bid you must download the project bid document file from QuestCDN, which will add you to the plan holders list and gain you access to vBid Online Bidding. Contact

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QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in setting up a free standard membership registration, downloading this digital project information, and submitting your bid via the vBid Online Bid Portal. The online bid portal (Live Bid Schedule Document) will be open when documents uploaded for viewing. **There is a non-refundable fee of \$50 for a set of digital contract documents.** (This fee includes both downloading of digital plans/specs and online bidding.) The unconfirmed bid results will be publicly read aloud after the bid portal closes on **Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.** local time. **The bid opening will be held by teleconference. Any interested Contractors or members of the public that would like to participate in the teleconference will need to call 1-414-877-0020 and enter the code 872098 when prompted.**

A pre bid meeting will be held **Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at the 315 N. 9th Street, De Pere, WI 54115**, where a meeting and a site tour will occur at 10:00 a.m. local time. **Project Description:** The project includes the following in accordance with the plans and specifications:
- Demolition and abandonment of existing overflow piping
- Installation of new overflow pipe to outfall
- Installation of new outfall structures and tie-in to storm drain.
- Repair to asphalt pavement removed for pipe installation.

Prospective bidders must be on the plan holders list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted. **Robert E. Lee & Associates, Inc., requires bidders to prequalify 5 calendar days prior to bid opening. Contract documents for this project may be examined online or downloaded at: www.questcdn.com. The QuestCDN eBidDoc Number for this project is: 9401988**

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or certified check equivalent to 5% maximum proposal. **If a check is submitted, it must be received in Robert E. Lee & Associate's office by the posted bid date/ bid time.** The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any part of a bid. Further, the Owner reserves the right to waive any informality in any bid. The Owner reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity of any item or portion of the work, or to omit portions of the work as may be deemed necessary by the Owner; and the same shall in no way affect or make void the contract, except that the appropriate additions to or deductions from the contract price will be made. The owner encourages DBEs including MBEs and WBEs to submit bid proposals. The Bidding Documents may be examined for free at:
- QuestCDN.com or www.releeinc.com/bid list - enter **eBidDoc number 9401988**

If you are interested in purchasing a paper copy, you may do so by contacting Blue Print Service Company for paper sets (contact Appleton 920-733-4539 or Green Bay 920-494-4539). Downloaded plans are not scaleable, neither the owner nor the engineer shall be held responsible for the scale of downloaded plans. Only printed plans obtained from Blue Print Service Company shall be considered to be scaleable plans. No Bidder may withdraw his bid within 90 days after the actual date of the opening

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thereof. The letting of the work described herein is subject to the provisions of the Wisconsin State Statutes, in particular 62.15, 66.0901, and 66.0903. Eric Zygarlicke, Water Department Supervisor
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Ashwaubenon WNAXLP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING / PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held by the Village Board of the Village of Ashwaubenon, Brown County, Wisconsin, on December 17, 2024, at 6:00 pm in the Ashwaubenon Village Hall, 2155 Holmgren Way, at which time the Village Board will consider the request to rezone parcel VA-838, 1375 W. Main Avenue, from BP Business Park to P Public Use in the Village of Ashwaubenon, Wisconsin. / Affected Parcel: VA-838 / The request is available for inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Village Clerk, 2155 Holmgren Way, Ashwaubenon, Wisconsin. / All interested persons, firms and corporations wishing to be heard are invited to be present and may be heard at this hearing. / Dated this 18th day of November 2024. /s/ Kris A. Teske, Village Clerk
Publish / RUN: November 29, 2024 & December 6, 2024. WNAXLP

De Pere WNAXLP

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING, REVISION FOR DE PERE GREENWOOD CEMETERY ASSOCIATION PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Annual Meeting of Members of the De Pere Greenwood Cemetery Association shall be held on Wednesday December 11th at 6:00 PM at De Pere Kress Library 333 N. Broadway St. De Pere, Wisconsin. The purpose of the meeting is to elect/reelect Trustees for varying terms and for such other matters as may come before the members. Qualifications to vote are that the individual must be a lot owner or proprietor with substantiation of ownership of cemetery lot/lots in the De Pere Greenwood Cemetery. De Pere, Wisconsin, or person who is related to any person buried in the Cemetery and is a surviving spouse, son, daughter, brother, sister or niece or nephew and adult resident of the State of Wisconsin with proof of identification. Questions or inquiries may be directed to Jewels Sowers at De Pere Greenwood Cemetery Association 435 N Broadway, De Pere, WI 920-334-1859 info@deperegreenwoodcemetery.org Publish 11.30.24 & 12.06.24 WNAXLP

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given, that on **Tuesday, December 17, 2024**, at 7:35 PM or as soon thereafter as can be heard, a public hearing will be held by the Common Council of the City of De Pere to act on the request for a zoning map amendment at the following property: **Parcels ED-870 & ED-871**, approximately 0.0 feet southeast from the N Broadway ST and Cass ST intersection, from MX2 (Neighborhood Mixed-Use District) to GX1 (Office-Residential Mix District). The public may attend the meeting either in person in the Council Chambers (2nd Floor City Hall, 335 S Broadway ST, De Pere WI) or electronically.

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Electronic or telephonic access to the meeting is below: Computer/smart phone accessing <https://www.gotomeet.me/DePere> OR dial by phone: United States (Toll Free): 1-866-899-4679 United States: +1 (312) 757-3117 Access Code: 154-883-285. **A map of the proposed zoning map amendment is available by emailing Peter Schlein at pschlein@deperewi.gov.**

Dated this 26th day of November, 2024. BY ORDER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
James G. Boyd Mayor
Carey E. Danen City Clerk Publish 11.29.24 & 12.06.24 WNAXLP

Hobart WNAXLP

VILLAGE OF HOBART - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING December 3rd 2024 (6:00 PM)

2990 S. Pine Tree Rd., Hobart WI 54155
The Hobart Village Board will hold the following Public Hearing on Tuesday December 3rd 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of gathering input on the following:

1. Consider Ordinance 2024-09 (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF HOBART, BROWN COUNTY, WISCONSIN)

The purpose of this Ordinance is to re-zone property, specifically Parcel HB-889-1, located at 1380 East Adam Drive, from R-3: Residential District to R-1: Residential District.

The materials for the hearing will be available on the Village website at www.hobart-wi.org/village-board and at the Village office for public inspection starting November 20th 2024 through December 3rd 2024 during regular office hours. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The Village Board will take comments from the public and act on the proposed items at the board meeting immediately following the public hearing. Lisa Vanden Heuvel, Hobart Village Clerk
Published November 22nd 2024 and November 29th 2024 WNAXLP

Suamico WNAXLP

The Suamico Village Board will conduct the following Public Hearing on Monday, December 16, 2024 beginning at 6:00 PM at the Suamico Village Hall, 12781 Velp Avenue, Suamico, WI 54313 to consider the following Amendment to Chapter 19 Floodplain District: **§19.06 Nonconforming Uses** Amend Chapter 19.06(1) (b)8.A.(3) Shall be constructed with electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing, and air-conditioning equipment and other service facilities must be elevated to or above the flood protection elevation. Publish 11.29.24 & 12.06.24 WNAXLP

Suamico WNAXLP

The Suamico Village Board will conduct the following Public Hearing on Monday, December 16, 2024 beginning at 6:00 PM at the Suamico Village Hall, 12781 Velp Avenue, Suamico, WI 54313 to consider the following:
A request by Joe Sturke to rezone Lot 1 of the CSM on Parcel SU-322 from Agriculture to Rural Residential at 2970 School Lane.

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Michelle Bartoletti Suamico Village Clerk Publish 11.29.24 & 12.06.24 WNAXLP

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Common Council Regular Meeting Final Minutes Tuesday, October 1, 2024 7:30 PM

Council Chambers & Virtual
The following is a summary of actions taken at the 10/1/24 Common Council meeting. A complete copy of the minutes is available in the Clerk's office at 335 S Broadway, De Pere WI or online at www.deperewi.com/Citizens/Default.asp

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mayor James Boyd. Present were Aids. Carpenter, Eserkain, Gantz, Hansen, Kunding, Ledvina, & Perock; Quigley was excused.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Approval of the minutes of the September 17, 2024 Common Council meeting. Motion Carpenter second Ledvina **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

4. Public comment upon matters not on the agenda. Comments made during the public comment period shall pertain only to matters under the jurisdiction of the Common Council. §6-3(f) DPMC

5. Recommendation from Plan Commission to approve a 10-lot extraterritorial final plat of Lawrence Parkway Second Addition at 1602 Torchwood TR in Lawrence (Parcels L-2279, L-2295). Motion Hansen second Gantz **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
6. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to accept Donation from Aurora BayCare. Motion Kunding second Ledvina **ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
7. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to approve Eagle Scout project request to install wood duck and swallow homes along the Preserve Trail from Clement Markowski. Motion Carpenter second Gantz **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
8. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to accept Donation of \$5,000 from Dickhut Family Charitable Endowment Fund for chairs/end tables in Upper-Level Foyer, Oak & Hickory Rooms at the Community Center. Motion Perock second Gantz **ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]**

9. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to Approve Change Order 8 for Nelson Family Pavilion. Motion Ledvina second Kunding **APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**

10. Recommendation from the License Committee on an application for a Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor License for Sweet Willow Wellness, LLC (DBA Sweet Willow Herbals & Cafe), 109 S. Broadway. Submitted by Sweet Willow Wellness, LLC. Agent: Tracy H. Herdman, De Pere, WI. Motion Carpenter second Perock **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
11. Recommendation from the License Committee on an application for a Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor License for Scotty Dog's Pub, LLC (DBA Scotty Dog's Pub), 127 N. Broadway. Submitted by Scotty Dog's Pub, LLC. Agent: Gretchen R. Trowbridge, De Pere, WI. Motion Carpenter second Kunding **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
12. Consideration and Possible Action on Approval of Side Letter to Collective Bargaining Agreement between City of De Pere and

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De Pere Professional Firefighters Association Local #141. Motion Hansen second Ledvina **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
13. Future agenda items.
14. Adjournment. Motion Carpenter second Hansen to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 PM. **[UNANIMOUS]** Respectfully submitted., City Clerk Carey Danen Publish 11.29.24 WNAXLP

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Monday, October 28, 2024 Business Board of Education Meeting Minutes:

A Business Meeting of the Unified School District of De Pere Board of Education was held in the De Pere High School Community Room on Monday, October 28, 2024, at 6:00 PM. School Board President Adam Clayton opened the meeting with the following announcements: This is a business meeting of the Board of Education of the Unified School District of De Pere. Prior to this meeting, notice was given to the public by posting at the appropriate places, and copies of the notice of this meeting were forwarded to local news media. A copy of the notice was forwarded to the District's official newspaper, The Press Times.

Roll Call: Present – Britton Cartwright, Clayton, Jeff Dickert, Chad Jeskewitz, Melissa Niffenegger, Matt Petersen, & Brandy Tollefson. Quorum declared. Clayton called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Agenda: Jeskewitz motioned to approve the agenda. Petersen seconded. The agenda was approved: 7/0.

Public Comment: 13 community members spoke on topics including literacy instruction, library book content, board policies, board member behaviors, board member recall, student achievement, board member resignation, & recent media coverage of the district.

Recognize DPHS National Merit Semi-Finalist Students: Roger Allen, De Pere High School Principal, presented 3 Seniors, Tyson E., Avanti B., Jeremy L., to be recognized for their outstanding achievement of being named National Merit Scholarship semifinalists.

AP 2023 Pacesetter Award Communication: Allen presented the Advanced Placement testing data that led to De Pere High School receiving the Advanced Placement Pacesetter Award. DPHS received level 2 recognition & was the only school in Brown County to receive a level 2 or higher recognition.

Motion to Approve September 23 & October 7, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes: Cartwright motioned to bring the September 23 Minutes back for approval at the next meeting after the topics covered in the public comments & a topic from the Upcoming Topics & Discussion were added.

Niffenegger seconded the motion, & the motion passed 6/0/1. Tollefson abstained. Dickert motioned to approve the Oct. 7 meeting minutes & Tollefson seconded. Cartwright questioned the content of the minutes & there was a discussion. The motion to approve the minutes as presented was approved on a 6/1 vote. Cartwright voted nay.

Second Reading & Motion to Approve the New/Revised Board Policies 0174.1, 2131, 3120.08, 3431, 4120.04, 4431, 5200, 5330, 5430, 5460, 7540.05, 8500, 8531, 8540, 8550, 8600: Christopher Thompson, Superintendent, reviewed the policies & the changes requested for the second

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 reading. Cartwright motioned to approve the policies with the presented changes & Niffenegger seconded the changes. The motion passed 7/0.
Resolution Authorizing a Taxable Tax & Revenue Anticipation Promissory Note for Cash Flow Purposes in An Amount Not To Exceed \$2,000,000: Dawn Foeller, Dir. of Business, presented information on establishing a Taxable Revolving Line of Credit at Nicolet Bank not to exceed \$2M to use for short-term cash flow deficiencies, if needed, on an annual basis. Dickert motioned to approve the resolution as presented & Tollefson seconded the motion. Motion passed; 7/0.
Motion to Approve the Emergency Purchase of a Water Heater for Dickinson Elementary: Foeller presented information on the age of the replaced water heater & the cost of the new water heater, requesting approval for the emergency purchase. Dickert motioned to approve the purchase as presented & Cartwright seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7/0.
Presentation on & Motion to Approve Final Budget for 2024-25 School Year: Foeller presented the information used to create the budget including the referendums, student enrollment, & State funding asking for approval of the final budget & associated tax levy. Motion passed; 6/0/1. Niffenegger abstained from the vote.
Motion to Adopt the Tax Levy for the 2024-2025 school year: Foeller presented two possible tax levies for the 2024-25 school year. The first presented for approval assumed the November 2024 Capital Referendum passed creating a mill rate of \$6.85. Dickert motioned to approve the levy as presented & Tollefson seconded the motion. The motion passed 6/1. Niffenegger voted nay. Dickert motioned to approve as presented the second levy if the referendum did not pass creating a mill rate of \$6.51 & Tollefson seconded the motion. The motion passed 6/1. Niffenegger voted nay.
First Reading on Policies 2522: Library Media Centers & 9130: Public Requests, Suggestions, or Complaints: Motion to Adopt the Tax Levy for the 2024-2025 school year: Changes were requested to po2522 & a request was made to have po9130 split into two policies; one covering public requests, suggestions or complaints & one concerning instructional materials.
First Reading on Policy 0144.5: Board Member Behavior, Communications, & Code of Conduct: This policy was reviewed in a follow-up to the discussion on Board Norms. Dickert suggested the Board survey themselves on items A-S in the policy to order them in importance. Dickert, Tollefson, & Cartwright agreed to work on the survey & bring back the information to the Board in a November meeting.
Motion to Approve September Financials: Foeller presented the September financial report. Dickert motioned to approve the financial report as presented & Jeskewitz seconded the motion. Motion passed; 7/0.
Motion to Approve September Vouchers: Foeller presented the September vouchers. Tollefson motioned to approve the vouchers as presented & Jeskewitz seconded the motion. Motion passed; 7/0.
Upcoming Topics & Discussion: Tollefson outlined concerns related to Niffenegger who responded to the concerns. Clayton redirected the conversation to

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 establish an agenda topic. Tollefson asked for a formal complaint to be added to a future agenda. Dickert commended the DPHS National Honor Society for their trick-or-treat collection for families in need. Petersen acknowledged district athletic teams for their success in qualifying & state competitions. Tollefson mentioned the 5 students from our sister city who attended recent district events. Niffenegger requested that all documents to be used during board meetings be included in the board packet in advance of the meeting. Dickert said expectations on what is included in the board packets should be followed. Niffenegger proposed training for Clayton on meeting management. Dickert asked for an agenda item on the sound system for the second November meeting. Dickert discussed the process for determining the number of signatures needed for a recall. Cartwright initiated a discussion on an anonymous letter from a parent & agreed to summarize it. Thompson addressed a question about SAT hosting sites, clarified the process, & confirmed the inquiring parents had been updated. Cartwright requested the Board be updated when parents are updated. A concern regarding cell phone use was discussed. The Staff/Parent survey will go out on November 20th with data coming back in the 2nd week in January. Dickert mentioned a session on cell phone use is on the State Convention agenda.
Executive Session: Motion to close the public meeting & enter into executive session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c)(f) for superintendent performance review: Jeskewitz motioned to close the public meeting & enter executive session & Petersen seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Cartwright, nay. Clayton, yay. Dickert, yay. Jeskewitz, yay. Niffenegger, yay. Petersen, yay. Brandy Tollefson, yay. Motion passed; 5/2. Entered executive session at 9:06 PM.
Motion to Adjourn Executive Session & Return to Open Session: Jeskewitz motioned to close the Executive Session & enter open session & Dickert seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Cartwright, yay. Clayton, yay. Dickert, yay. Jeskewitz, yay. Niffenegger, yay. Petersen, yay. Brandy Tollefson, yay. Motion passed; 7/0.
Motion to Adjourn: Dickert motioned to adjourn the meeting & Tollefson seconded. Motion passed, 7/0. Adjourned at 10:02 PM. Approved, Jeff Dickert, Clerk, November 18, 2024 Publish 11.29.24 WNAXLP

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 Niffenegger. Excused-Brandy Tollefson. Quorum declared. Clayton called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.
Agenda: Cartwright moved to approve the agenda, with the addition of "Other Topics & Discussion" as item 6(d). Niffenegger seconded the motion. Clayton clarified that while items requiring a vote cannot be added to the agenda, "Other Topics & Discussion" is a non-voting item typically included, so its addition was permissible. The motion to approve the agenda with the addition was then passed, 6-0
Review of American Education Week Schedule: Christopher Thompson, Superintendent, presented the calendar of events for the staff appreciation week asking the Board members to choose dates to attend.
Presentation by the DPHS FFA: FFA members, Makayla S., Tristen O., David S., Carly M., Carly B., & Addi B., presented information on membership & the activities of the student organization including their participation in the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN.
Motion to Approve Amended September 23, 2024, Business Meeting Minutes: Cartwright motioned to approve the amended minutes as presented & Niffenegger seconded the motion. The motion passed 6/0.
Motion to Approve 2025-26 Budget Calendar: Dawn Foeller, Director of Business, presented the 2025-26 Budget Calendar for approval. It was noted that the executive summary title listed the incorrect years, though the calendar itself contained the correct dates. Cartwright moved to approve the calendar, & Petersen seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.
Presentation on District Safety Plan Update/Revisions: Jerry Nicholson, Director of Student Services, provided an update on the safety plan, outlining key revisions & explaining how & where the updated plan can be accessed & reviewed. He also recommended conducting an external audit of the plan this year, following the internal audit completed earlier. Board approval of the plan will occur in December 2024.
Motion to Approve the ECCP & SCN Enrollments: Roger Allen, DPHS Principal, presented a list of students seeking to participate in the Start College Now & Early College Credit Program through NWTC, UWGB, SNC, FVTC, & Bellin College in the Spring Semester. One additional student was added to the list. Cartwright motioned to approve the enrollments with the additional student & Niffenegger seconded the motion. The motion passed; 5/0/1. Petersen abstained.
Other Topics & Discussion: Dickert noted that preparing the Board Survey for Board Policy 0144.5 may take longer than initially planned. Congratulations were extended to Grady, a DPHS Cross Country runner, for placing 2nd at the State competition. Thompson mentioned his mid-year performance review will take place at the first meeting of December. Petersen offered praise to those organizing the Veterans Day event, which honors veterans in the district, & the football team for a successful season. Clayton highlighted the upcoming performance of Annie at DPHS & encouraged everyone to attend. Petersen also mentioned the upcoming production of *The Outsiders* at DPMS, encouraging everyone to attend both performances.
Adjournment: Dickert motioned to adjourn & Cartwright seconded the motion. Motion carried; 6/0. Adjourned at 6:46 PM.

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Ordinances 7740
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 The following is a summary of Ordinance 24-22, entitled AMENDING CHAPTER 150 DE PERE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING TRAFFIC REGULATIONS (Section 150-23 Schedules F and G); adopted on a vote of 8-0 on October 15, 2024 and effective October 19, 2024. A complete copy of the ordinance is available in the Clerk's Office at 335 S. Broadway St., De Pere, WI or by calling 920-339-4050 or online at <http://www.deperewi.gov/>. This ordinance amends section 150-23, Schedule F with a change to the bicycle lane regulations on Lawrence Dr; and Schedule G with the addition of No Parking on sections of Brookline Av, Lansdowne Av, and Vin Scully Ln. Publish 11.29.24 WNAXLP

Announcements 7005

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De Pere hires Scott Harpt as boys tennis coach

BY DE PERE ATHLETICS FOR THE PRESS TIMES

DE PERE – De Pere High School is pleased to announce the hiring of Scott Harpt as its Varsity boys tennis head coach.

He replaces Rob LeBuhn, who resigned after one season.

Harpt's experience includes 12 seasons with the De Pere tennis programs. He's been both the JV head coach and Varsity assistant for the boys and Varsity assistant for the girls team.

"Coaching the Redbirds has been a real joy in my life," Harpt said. "I am beyond proud and excited for the chance to continue building a program that means so much to me. I

am excited to celebrate wins and learn from losses with each young man in the Redbird program. My main goal, however, is that each player on this team feels valued, knowing how happy we are that they are here. We intend to foster an environment of friendship and family among teammates who happen to also be getting better at tennis every day."

"Scott is the ultimate team player. He's a lifetime Redbird and he's passionate about the success of the tennis program and everyone involved in it. We have a great tennis coach for the De Pere Redbirds," said Jeff Byczek, De Pere Athletics Director.

FRCC All-Conference

Girls volleyball

First Team

- *Kendra Shimon, Bay Port, 12, OH
- *Chloe Parker, Bay Port, 12, MB
- *Braylin Bosetski, De Pere, 12, Libero
- *Morgan Stewart, Green Bay Southwest, 12, OH
- Tenley Kuehn, Green Bay Preble, 11, OH
- Alexa Hernandez, Green Bay Southwest, 12, Setter
- Adah Danen, Notre Dame Academy, 12, RS

Second Team

- Jolie Jacques, Bay Port, 12, RS/OH
- Meghan Bruss, Bay Port, 10, Setter
- Adeline Dwyer, De Pere, 10, OH
- Maddie Wolfram, Notre Dame Academy, 12, Libero
- Lauren Kellner, Pulaski, 12, MB/OH
- Samantha Weise, Pulaski, 11, MB

Honorable Mention

- Aubrey LeCleir, Ashwaubenton, 12, Libero
- Aubrey Engles, Bay Port, 12, OH
- Erin O'Conner, De Pere, 10, OH/M
- Emmerence Sedenquist, Green Bay Preble, 12, Libero
- Wren Algrem, Green Bay Southwest, 12, Libero
- Grace Borys, Notre Dame Academy, 12, Setter
- Brin Lemense, Pulaski, 11, Libero/DS

Co-Players of the Year

- Chloe Parker, MB - Bay Port & Braylin Bosetski, Libero - De Pere

Coach of the Year

- Jeremy Weis - Bay Port

Officials of the Year

- Diane Pacolt, Richard Frost, Christine Shimek, Darryl Hanson, John Key, Allyson Mleziva

Bay Conference All-Conference

Girls volleyball

First Team

- Lauren Tisler*, West De Pere, 2027, At Large
- Marissa Vandehei, West De Pere, 2025, At Large

*Unanimous

Player of the Year

- Lauren Tisler, West De Pere, 2027, At Large

Second Team

- Sydney Vannett, Seymour, 2025, Libero
- Lauren Verboort, West De Pere, 2026, Setter
- Mallory Binsfeld, West De Pere, 2025, At Large
- Keira VanDeHei, Seymour, 2025, At Large
- Salem Boyd, Seymour, 2025, At Large
- Maddie Payant, Green Bay East, 2025, At Large

Honorable Mention

- Isabella Dolezal, West De Pere, 2025, At Large
- Addy Wery, Seymour, 2025, At Large
- Natalie Hehl, Green Bay West, 2025, At Large

General Employment 7110

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medley relay, paving the way for Green Bay to finish third. Faith Eilertson had a good performance in the 100-yard breaststroke event, recording a time of 1:04.66 to finish fourth.

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Bay Port Head Coach Steven Jorgensen engages in a post-game talk with his victorious team.

Josh Staloch photos

Bay Port secures first ever Division 1 State title

BY MIKE WIETING
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

MADISON – The Bay Port Pirates broke free early and never looked back, leaning on their toughness and resilience to claim their first ever State Title Friday evening in Madison by defeating the Muskego Warriors 25-18.

“This is a beautiful team, a beautiful group of coaches, this community of support,” said Pirate Head Coach Steven Jorgensen. “They have wanted this for a long time, we are very happy we were able to get it done today.”

This long season has seen the Pirates prove themselves through trials and tribulations that a lesser team may have not recovered from. But through it all the Pirates have managed to navigate the rough waters of Div. 1 football and finally prove to the world that the Pirates belong amongst the best teams in the state.

“Resilient, resilient, never wavering at all,” said Jorgensen about his team’s spirit. “Always keeping their eyes on the prize, even though it was tough, and man we looked bad at times this season. But they took the coaching and we pushed them hard and sometimes it was really hard for them, there is no doubt about that. But they all just kept saying keep coaching us, keep pushing us and they were always resilient, and today they got their prize.”

In his inaugural season as Captain of the Bay Port ship, Head Coach Steven Jorgensen has rallied one tough group of pirates to his crew, and the Warriors of Muskego were left without any gold as the Pirates sailed off into the sunset with the Div. 1 State Title ball.

From the get go, Bay Port seized the momentum and unleashed a salvo with their most dangerous weapon. On the very first play of the game, running back Brady Moon took the handoff and made a cut and saw nothing but daylight as he dashed down field with Warriors on heels. The Warriors weren’t fast enough to catch him, as he went to the house for the 80-yard TD rush and the early lead 7-0.

“I was just so excited,” said Brady Moon about his opening play TD. “Coming into this game I had so much confidence in this team. Even though everyone was doubting us believing we couldn’t get here I just had so much confidence in this team and it was showcased on that play.”

When asked how he felt after Moon’s shocking opening run Jorgensen said, “Joy and happiness, we just believed we could do that. We knew that was a great defense, just looking up there Moon had 241 yards. Everyone always talks about Muskego’s defense being the best in the state, and I tip my hat, they are great, there is no doubt about that. But we believe we are the best offense and have the best offensive line in the state. And I felt like we showed that tonight.”

The Pirates improved that lead a short while later when Moon finished a drive with a four-yard, goal-line-breaking jaunt, increasing the lead to 14-0.

The Pirate defense got a chance to chip in to the lead near the end of the second quarter. After backing the warriors up with an excellent punt that forced them to start their drive on their own one yard line, the defense held its ground eventually generating a sack for a safety. That safety sack was

registered by Max Romenesko after which the score was 16-0.

Just before the end of the first half the Pirates’ Beckett Koerten hit a 19 yard field to give the Pirates a first half shut out 19-0.

After the intermission Muskego returned to the field with renewed vigor and proved why they were a state semi-finalist. On their first possession of the last half they were able to dive the length of the field with some long passing gains. One of which was a 48-yard TD pass from Joey Shaw to Jackson Niemiec. After the TD, the Warriors converted their two point conversion, narrowing the lead to 19-8.

Bay Port responded on their ensuing offensive possession with another huge Moon TD run. This time from 67 yards out, giving Bay Port the 25-8 lead.

Muskego staged a late game comeback that saw them score on a Niemiec 28-yard rushing TD before kicking a successful on-side kick.

The second chance possession generated by the onside kick was stopped in its tracks by the tough Pirate defensive front. But with 3:59 left, the Warriors scored again, this time off a Gabe Walden 33-yard field goal. After the field goal, Muskego trailed 25-18.

It all boiled down to a last minute defensive stand by the Pirates as the Warriors had less than two minutes to even the score. Again the Pirates’ defense said no and turned the ball over on downs. After gaining possession, the Pirates worked their way forward, burning up the rest of the clock and claiming the victory and the D1 Title.

When asked about Muskego refusing to give up, Jorgensen responded, “Champions don’t die, you can expect that with a championship game, they want it as bad as you do. I know that program works their

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Bay Port fans celebrate a touchdown.

BAY PORT PIRATES DIVISION 1 STATE CHAMPIONS!



The Pirates hoist up their first football State Championship trophy.

Josh Staloch photos



Brock Gauthier wraps up Muskego's Jackson Niemiec in the backfield Friday night in the Division 1 championship game.



Bay Port Running Back Brady Moon takes the ball up the field in the Pirate's State championship win over Muskego.



Nick Hawker closes in on Muskego quarterback Joey Shaw.

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tail off. They are champions for a reason, and champions don't die. We had to find a way to take this one away from them and find a way at the end to get that stop, and how fitting that our defense, which has come a long way, found a way to get that stop. What a beautiful finish."

On the day the Pirates amassed 397 total yards of offense, of which 325 were gained on the ground. Most of those yards were amassed by Moon as he carried the ball 24 times for 241 yards and three TDs. Matt Stevens posted 70 yards on 15 carries.

Through the air Stevens passed his way to 82 yards on a seven of nine showing at QB. Moon caught two passes for 29 yards while Sawyer Torp posted 23 yards on two catches. Anthony LeFebre added up 17 yards on two catches.

Muskego was held to 203 yards on the day. Over the first half the Bay Port defense stopped the Warriors multiple time leaving them with only 22 first half yards.

The warriors Niemiec posted 56 yards on eight carries while Jack Labisch had 36 yards on 15 carries. Through the air, Joey Shaw completed five of his 15 passes for 86 yards and one TD. Niemiec pulled down one pass for 48 yards and one TD.

"It's unbelievable," said Moon about him and his friends getting to stamp their names on the first ever Bay Port State Football Title. "I'm just speechless right now. I'm just so grateful of all my teammates. I love all of them, I love all the coaches. I want to thank God for this opportunity and getting to make the most of it... It has been amazing. Every week just getting to play with my best friends, there's nothing better than that."



Notre Dame Academy Head Coach Mike Radar gives a post-game victory talk to his team.

Josh Staloch photos

Notre Dame caps off historic season with Div. 3 State Title

BY MIKE WIETING
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

MADISON – The Notre Dame Tritons are Div. 3 State Champions. On Nov. 22 they took on the Catholic Memorial Crusaders and dug in for what turned out to be one heck of a shootout on the field of Camp Randall Stadium in Madison.

“There are a lot of feelings and they are all good,” said Notre Dame Head Coach Michael Rader. “It will all settle in as we get back on the bus and take a step back and just realize we had a lot of good things happen here. It’s a lot of satisfaction and joy.”

The day was marked with historic moments for the Tritons. First and foremost, the Tritons won their first state championship since 2015. Second the Tritons’ Christian Collins did what no other player has ever done in any division of WIAA state tournament games, that being registering a 409 yard rushing day.

This championship marks the third state championship earned by the Tritons and their fourth overall after winning a WISAA D1 title in 1992.

“It feels amazing,” said Collins about the new record. “I couldn’t have done that without my front line obviously, but there’s no better feeling to have my senior year end like that.”

The scoring came in by the truck loads. The first quarter read out 21-7 Tritons. The second, was a 14-7 differential in Catholic Memorial’s favor, the third a 14-7 differential in the Tritons favor and the fourth saw one TD by the Tritons, helping to put the Tritons on top 49-28.

“We started fast and we held them to a punt in the beginning,” said Radar. “We scored then got that pick-six by Cayden Kiefert. It was huge for our momentum and then we just stuck with it. We just stuck to our game plan. We tried to limit big plays but they got a few, but we had more big plays than they did.”

Of Notre Dame’s 11 offensive possessions, six ended in pay dirt, and of those six, five were carried across the goal line by C. Collins.

Collins started his record breaking day with a first quarter TD from 25 yards back to give his team an early 7-0 lead.

Catholic Memorial responded with a four yard passing TD from MJ Mitchell to Jake Berkholtz to knot the game up at 7-7.

A couple minutes later Jack Collins broke into the end zone for Notre Dame on an eight yard rush, helping to lift the Tritons to a 14-7 lead.

On the ensuing Catholic Memorial possession, the first play of the drive saw Mitchell throw the ball into the hands of Cayden Kiefert of Norte Dame. Kiefert sprinted into the end zone untouched for the pick-six. After the defensive score the Tritons led 21-7.

Near the beginning of the second quarter, the Crusaders’ Marvanous Butler-Brown broke free on a huge 87-yard pass reception from Mitchell, which he carried for the TD and the 21-14 differential.

Berkholtz and Mitchell connect on the next Crusader possession, this time scoring from 11 yards back to bring the score to 21-21. It would be the last time the Crusaders would catch up to the Tritons, as Notre Dame’s C. Collins began what would be a record setting tear through the Catholic Memorial defense.

Over the remaining minutes of the game all TDs that were rung in, minus one, were carried in by C. Collins.



Under heavy pressure, Tritons quarterback Max Pierce fires off a line-drive spiral to Charlie Hornacek last Friday in the Division 3 State Championship game.



Members of the Notre Dame Academy student body had plenty to cheer about last Friday in Madison.

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NOTRE DAME TRITONS DIVISION 3 STATE CHAMPIONS!



With a good setup from holder Abe Augustine, Notre Dame Academy Kicker Nick Gruesen puts a point after attempt through uprights on Friday morning.

Josh Staloch photos



Asa Poister once again puts pressure on Catholic Memorial quarterback MJ Mitchell.



Christian Collins high steps his way out of a tackle en route to the end zone.



Charlie Hornacek wraps up Marvanous Butler to put down a Catholic Memorial running play on Friday.

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When asked about turning to Collins for the majority of the work load for the offense this game, Radar responded, "That's been the game plan all year. We have other weapons and we can use them but if he's doing what he can do we are just going to keep doing it."

With two minutes left in the half, C. Collins broke loose on a 41 yard rush to the end zone.

It took most of the third quarter to expire before Notre Dame struck again, this time on a 65 yard rush by C. Collins.

Catholic Memorial's last score of the night was registered with 23 second left in the third as Butler Brown pulled in a 16 yard pass from Mitchell for the 35-28 differential.

Collins increased the lead once again with three seconds left in the third, cruising to his longest rush of the night, hitting pay dirt from 73 yards back.

Collins' and the game's final TD was registered with 4:38 left in the game. This final TD was rushed in from seven yards back.

On the night, C. Collins led all rushers, ever, with 408 yards and 5 TDs on 39 carries. Teammate Charlie Honacek posted 16 yards on one carry while Jack Collins got 14 yards and one TD on two carries.

"We've been stressing it all year that this is the year," said Collins. "This is the year to win State. We just stressed that this will be the last year play together collective so just wanted to make the most of it. This team has meant everything to me, it's a brotherhood."

Through the air Max Pierce posted 23 yards on a two of six performance. C. Collins pulled down one pass for 13 yards while Honacek caught one for 10 yards.

Catholic Memorial's Mitchell led the rushing game for the Crusaders with 75 yards on 16 carries. Through the air Mitchell was 15 for 26 for 309 yards and 4 TDs.



Seymour's Mick Herrala was awarded the title of Division 2 girls golf Coach of the Year. Submitted photo

Herrala earns Coach of Year Honor by GCAW

FOR THE PRESS TIMES

SEYMOUR – The most successful season in Seymour Girls' Golf history added one final honor as the Golf Coaches Association of Wisconsin awarded Mick Herrala with the Division 2 Coach of the Year plaque. This award is given to one coach in each of the two divisions for girls' golf. Ryan Andrews of Arrowhead earned the D1 honors.

Coach Herrala commented, "Let's just say I was a little more than surprised at receiving such a great honor! I knew I was nominated for the award only because I went to cast my ballot for the award and shockingly found my name on the list of nominees." It takes two

coach nominations to be placed on the ballot. "I truly appreciate my two fellow coaches who nominated me for such a great award. Obviously, I wouldn't have won this award without the help of my golf team, and they play the biggest role in me receiving the plaque. I found out two weeks ago and did my best to keep it under wraps, but my wife, Nicole and daughter, Gillian, brought the award to the end of the year golf banquet and pictures were taken. Social media helped spread the news. I truly appreciate all of the congratulations I have received from co-workers, friends, family and the people of Seymour. Go Thunder!"



UW-Green Bay's swim and dive freshman class showed up strong for the St. Thomas Invite. Green Bay Athletics photo

Maalis, Allen shine on Day Two of St. Thomas Invite

BY GREEN BAY ATHLETICS FOR THE PRESS TIMES

ST. PAUL, MINN. – The Green Bay swimming and diving teams had another successful night at the St. Thomas Invite. Green Bay continued to get impressive results from its freshman class, just one day after three records were broken.

Men's Recap

Sebby Smolecki did well in the 200-yard IM, taking third place with a time of 1:52.02. Max Kasal continued his strong start to the 2024-25 campaign, placing second in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 20.50. Ethan Braatz didn't finish far behind Kasal, recording a time of 21.16, best for fourth place overall. Jerrett Maalis also had a good night, leading the way in the 200-yard medley relay, helping the Green and White take fourth place. The freshman also took fifth in the 100-yard backstroke, recording a time of 49.38. Quinlan Schroeder

posted a time of 55.84 in the 100-yard breaststroke, good for fifth place.

On the boards, senior Andy Groebner scored 237.15 points in the one-meter event, good for a fourth-place completion.

Women's Recap

Rachel Everson did well again on the one-meter diving board Friday evening, finishing third with a score of 210.05. Annie Frederickson also picked up where she left off previously, placing fifth in the one-meter with a score of 199.60 before taking fourth in the three-meter with a score of 239.95.

Ryann Nutt led the ladies in the 200-yard freestyle relay, with the Phoenix taking fourth place. Freshman Emily Allen showed out in the 50 and 200-yard freestyles, posting a time of 23.25 (2nd place) and 1:50.94 (1st place), respectively. Esther Oswald paced Green Bay in the 400-yard

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Complementary football leads to career night for Jacobs

BY TORI WITTENBROCK SPORTS EDITOR

GREEN BAY – After securing a 38-10 win over the San Francisco 49ers (5-6), Green Bay Packers (8-3) Running Back Josh Jacobs said that his success was due largely to the team's execution of complementary football.

Jacobs had a career night rushing for 106 yards and 3 touchdowns.

The defense forced several turnovers in the game with Xavier McKinney's interception, Lukas Van Ness's strip sack forcing a fumble and Keisean Nixon forcing a fumble.

The Packers went 5 for 5 in the redzone, and Jacobs said the offense would not have been as productive without such an aggressive defense.

"It felt great. I came in here with the mindset that I want to make plays and I want to set the tone and have them play off it," said Jacobs.

"At the end of the day, we don't care how we get a win or who we go against. We get a win and it's a divisional game, we'll definitely take it."

Jacobs said that his mindset going into this game was to show up for his team and get his job done so that others could follow.

"I just tried to go in there and put my stamp on the game, and I was able to go in there and do that today. It just feels good when you clinch a win like that," said Jacobs.

According to Jacobs, everyone on the team stepped up to fill their role on the field this week and to improve their shortcomings from weeks prior.

"I think we went in with a great scheme. I think it's been a big point of emphasis in this building of trying to find an area to be better in and to grow in. It's been good to work hard all week, and it's paying off," said Jacobs.

However, Jacobs said that the success of the offense would not have been possible



Green Bay Packers Running Back Josh Jacobs secured a career high three touchdowns after rushing for 106 yards.

Tori Wittenbrock photos



Jacobs puts his arms up after his third touchdown of the night as he lays in the endzone.

without the defense showing up.

"The o-line — I give them all the credit. I tell them all the time, 'You make my job easy,'" said Jacobs. "We lean on each other, so they get all the credit for this game today."

Though the game was not perfect, Jacobs said that he was proud of his team for their ability to go out and get the job done with few penalties.

"It felt good to be able to play a complete game as a team. The defense was getting turnovers and getting points out of it. A lot of times we hurt ourselves in certain situations. It felt good to get everyone locked in. It's something we are proud of that we definitely need to keep do-

ing," said Jacobs.

Center Josh Meyers said that he was proud to be a part of the win and to feed off of Jacob's energy all night.

"I thought we did a nice job handling their movement and I thought we communicated really well today, across the board. We were communicating with the tight ends, running backs and everybody. I just thought it was a good effort," said Meyers.

Even though they improved to an 8-3 record, the Packers remain at 3rd in the NFC-North Division behind the Minnesota Vikings (9-2) and the Detroit Lions (10-1).

"I think that the first thing is keeping pace with the rest of the division. It gives us a little energy on a short week coming off a win, so that's al-

ways good," said Meyers.

Meyers also said that he enjoyed blocking for Jacobs against the Niners and is looking forward to working with him throughout the season.

"Gritty. Super fun to block for. I'm sure, fun to watch. He just runs the ball so hard. He's a pro. He's been a pleasure to work with and a pleasure to block for."

Safety Xavier McKinney concurred with Jacobs' and Meyer's assessment of the team's execution of complementary football.

"It felt good. It was a good win. I thought we played well in all phases. There are some things to clean up but it was a good win," said McKinney.

"That's what I came here to do. I was brought in to make big time plays when we really need it, so credit to everybody doing their job and me being able to go out there and make a play."

McKinney said that his interception was a product of him fulfilling his role for the team and being mindful of how the Niners seemed to be playing.

"They were dropping a lot of passes, so I kind of played for the tip. I saw what was in front of me and I kind of figured that one was going straight through their hands because that seemed to be the theme through the whole game. I just played for the tip and luckily it bounced right to me and I was able to make the play," said McKinney.

In addition, McKinney said that he was proud of how his team played on both sides of the ball to set each other up for success.

"It was good and it works out in our favor every time. When we do that it really shows. When we execute at all levels and everybody is doing their job and our play-makers are making plays, we're a hard team to beat. We've got to continue to keep trying to do that," said McKinney.

Phoenix falls in five to Cleveland State in Horizon League Championship

BY GREEN BAY ATHLETICS FOR THE PRESS TIMES

DAYTON, OHIO – In a five-set battle on Sunday afternoon, the Green Bay volleyball team fell in the Horizon League (HL) Championship to the No. 3-seeded Cleveland State Vikings (25-11, 25-27, 25-27, 25-18, 11-15).

It's the second consecutive year the Phoenix have been HL Tournament runners-up.

Diane Pichelmann and Cora Behnke each put up double-doubles to lead the Phoenix.

Pichelmann had 13 kills and 11 blocks, and Behnke had 17 kills and 12 digs.

Danilynn Schell and Katie Schulz also helped out the offense, finishing with 16 and 14 kills apiece.

Gardner once again finished with 20+ digs, racking up 25. Calli Gentry had 23 digs of her own to go with 46 assists.

The Vikings won their sixth HL championship in program history and were led by a game-high 23 kills by Liberty Torres.

Cleveland State will find out who they play in the NCAA Tournament during



Green Bay Phoenix women's volleyball fell to Cleveland State in the Horizon League Championship.

Green Bay Athletics photo

tomorrow night's selection show.

How it happened

SET 1 | The Phoenix grabbed control of the set-one lead at 2-1 and dominated the rest of the way, taking the set 25-11. Green Bay's largest lead was 15 points at 24-9. The Phoenix was hot offensively, racking up 13 kills with a .448 hitting percentage.

SET 2 | The Phoenix started the second set hot as well, jumping out to a 6-1 lead after a Behnke kill

gave Green Bay the five-point lead. The Vikings stabilized, bringing it back just two at 24-22 when they scored five out of the last six points to take the second set, 27-25.

SET 3 | Cleveland State made it two sets to one by taking the third set by the same score as the second, 27-25. The third was very similar to the second set, with the Phoenix holding a 24-19 lead before a late CSU run won it for the Vikings.

SET 4 | Green Bay broke their two-set losing streak

and forced a fifth set with a 25-18 victory in set number four. The Phoenix never trailed after they jumped out to a 7-2 start to the set. Green Bay's defense was a key to success, blocking five Vikings attacks in the frame.

SET 5 | Cleveland State won the fifth set comfortably 15-11. With the two teams tied at 3-3, CSU rattled off a deciding 6-1 run en route to their HL Championship win.

Game notes

Pichelmann, Behnke and Gentry each secured double-doubles.

Green Bay had four players in double figures in kills.

Green Bay had four players in double figures in digs. Gardner had a team-high three aces.

Pichelmann had a match-high 11 blocks for the second time in the HL Tournament.

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Top: The Bay Port Pirates football team secured the school's first WIAA Division 1 State Title with their 25-18 win over the Muskego Warriors. Bottom: Notre Dame football secured the WIAA Division 3 State Title with their win over Catholic Memorial. Mike Wieting photos

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