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**Future 15: Meet Abby Farragh**

BY KRIS LEONHARDT  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

*Leading up to the 2025 Future 15 & Young Professionals Awards banquet on Thursday, Feb. 27 at the Oneida Casino Hotel, we will be highlighting the finalists in each edition of the Press Times.*

GREEN BAY - Abby Farragh grew up in Suamico and graduated from Bay Port High School. She attended college at UW-Eau Claire, where she met her husband, Kaleb Farragh, and obtained a bachelors in business management and certificates in leadership and business communication.

"I had an internship my last summer of college with ALDI - District Manager Internship," recalled Abby. "That ALDI internship turned into a full-time job offer for after college."

"I graduated from UW-Eau Claire in winter of 2016, started full-time as a district manager with ALDI in the Faribault Division in January of 2017."

"I lived in Minnesota, Iowa and Chippewa Falls during my training and post-training with ALDI."

"I worked for ALDI for over five years, participated in multiple committees and helped train new district managers."

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Farragh

**Forever loved and never forgotten**

Parents' experience creates new venue for others

BY KRIS LEONHARDT  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

GREEN BAY - "My daughter passed away last year, and she was my only daughter. (It was a) horrible experience," explained Melissa Maloney, while recalling the birth of her daughter, Sophia Marie.

"She was born early and her lungs weren't developed, so we just had to kind of hold her until she passed away."

"After she passed away, we went the avenue that we knew, which was the funeral home. And when we went there, you know, they were wonderful, they really were. Just for me, I couldn't do the funeral home. It just wasn't some-

thing that felt right for me. So me and my husband started looking around for places that we could do a celebration of life.

"So, we started looking around, and we found venues; but one, they were either booked up because a lot of people do weddings and stuff at them too, or two, they were just extremely expensive."

"So, we ended up deciding that we wanted to make a change within the community. We wanted to have the first of its kind venue that was set up for celebrations of life."

That experience resulted in the opening of "A Gathering for You," by Melissa and her husband, Greg.

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Sophia Marie Maloney was born on March 22, 2023, premature and without fully developed lungs. Parents, Melissa and Greg, were allowed to hold her until she passed.  
**Maloney family photo**

**St. John's hosts 15th Annual Homeless Persons' Interfaith Memorial Service**

**Eighteen individuals memorialized**

BY JOHN CRAEMER/  
KRIS LEONHARDT  
PRESS TIMES STAFF

GREEN BAY - Eighteen names... 18 names were found in the program for the 15th Annual Greater Green Bay Homeless Persons' Interfaith Memorial Service.

Their ages range from 23 to 69. Lydia Davison, event and donor relations specialist for St. John's Ministries, said the ceremony was a "memorial service for all people

who have experienced housing instability who have died this year. So many of them won't have other services, so we just want to take a moment to honor them and in doing so also reflect on how we as a community can come together to better serve those experiencing housing instability."

The service was held on the nationally recognized observance of Homeless Persons' Memorial Day, Dec. 19, and was hosted by St. John

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An individual experiencing homelessness prepares for one of the longest nights of the year, two days before the winter solstice, in St. John's Park.

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# Rural homelessness and the fight to do ‘more with less’

BY HALLIE CLAFLIN  
WISCONSIN WATCH

NORTHERN WISCONSIN – Last winter, Eric Zieroth learned that multiple layers and a down blanket were the best way to keep warm while living in his car in far northwestern Wisconsin.

For over a year, he and his then-20-year-old daughter Christina Hubbell regularly parked in a corner spot at a public boat landing a mile outside Shell Lake, where they had spent most of their lives.

Now, because they are homeless, they have been ostracized for showering, parking and sleeping in public places.

Washburn County has no homeless shelters. Hubbell's job at a dollar store keeps them from relocating to a shelter in another county.

They are on a waitlist for a low-income housing unit.

Zieroth is awaiting a surgery that will allow him to get back to work.

If it weren't for his daughter, the former mechanic said he might consider committing a crime and getting booked into jail instead of spending another winter in the vehicle.

“There's no way I could do it again,” Zieroth said. “I had to figure out something else this year.”

In rural Wisconsin, homelessness is often hidden behind a veil of individuals and families who are couch surfing and sleeping in their vehicles.

Resources are few and far between, shelters are always full, and funding can be a significant challenge.

After falling for years, the state's estimated homeless population has been rising since 2021, surpassing 5,000 in 2024 for the first time since 2017.

In the 69 counties outside Milwaukee, Dane and Racine, the homeless population increased from 2,938 individuals in 2023 to 3,201 in 2024 — and that's likely an undercount.

Those living in cars are often missed, and those sleeping on couches don't count because they're “housed,” said Jenny Fasula, executive director of Wisconsin's Foundation for Rural Housing.

Despite accounting for over 60% of the state's homeless population in 2023, these mostly rural counties collectively contain just 23% of the state's supportive housing units, according to the Wisconsin Policy Forum.

Experts say such long-term housing support with on-site services is the best way to address chronic homelessness. But providing the option is an expensive, labor-intensive task for small, rural providers with limited funding.

Rural shelter providers across the state identified several solutions to the problem: Cutting out county governments as the middleman for state reimbursements, increasing the availability of new rental units, consolidating multiple definitions of homelessness, more consistent and



Eric Zieroth unlocks the back gate of the apartment where he's staying as his dog, Bella, runs after him before driving to his storage unit with his daughter, Christina Hubbell, on Dec. 3.  
Joe Timmerman / Wisconsin Watch photos



Christina Hubbell runs the laundromat's hot water to melt her frozen laundry detergent after picking up her winter clothes from a storage unit she shares with her father, Eric.

proportional state funding and assistance with case management are just a few.

## Federal funding and HUD

Since 2009, HUD — the main federal agency that handles homelessness — has targeted permanent supportive housing programs with long-term, sustainable services like case management for federal funding.

The national shift from temporary housing programs reflects a widely adopted “housing first” approach — that the security of a permanent shelter is the first, necessary step before people can address the root causes of their homelessness.

While permanent housing programs effectively lowered Wisconsin's homeless population in both rural and urban areas before the pandemic, the shift hasn't been easy for rural shelters that are strapped for resources.

“As a shelter, when you have 50 people, it's impossible to have the funding to hire case managers that are really involved and able to really assist people,” said Michael Hall, a former Waupaca County shelter worker and director of Im-

pact Wisconsin — a non-profit providing housing and recovery services in a six-county rural region.

Restrictions on federal funding and multiple definitions of homelessness are another barrier for rural homeless providers, said Millie Rounsville, CEO of Northwest Wisconsin Community Services Agency.

The federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act defines homelessness specifically for youth as minor children who “lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.”

But HUD defines homelessness in multiple categories including: 1) an individual or family who is immediately homeless and without shelter and 2) those at imminent risk of homelessness.

Homeless children and families in the rural region surrounding Superior tend to be doubled up in some kind of housing, Rounsville said.

While they often meet the McKinney-Vento definition of homeless, they are considered category two homeless under HUD's definitions.

But in order to qualify for HUD-funded Rapid Rehousing

programs, individuals must fall under category one.

“The funding needs to be flexible,” Rounsville said. “We can't assume that every community across the country has the same need.”

## It's a housing issue

Rural Wisconsin is lacking affordable, habitable homes.

Providers in Rusk County, Taylor County, Bayfield County and Waupaca County said without low-income options, they often can't get people into permanent housing.

“As fast as units open up, they get filled,” said Kimberly Fitzgerald, interim director of the Rusk County Lighthouse shelter. “In Ladysmith specifically, there are next to no rental units. So even if somebody did get approved for the housing program, where are we going to put them?”

Rural areas are also home to the state's aging housing stock, which can mean higher energy bills.

“People stereotype them to think ‘Oh, we have these programs because people don't know how to manage their money.’ It's not that,” Fasula said. “These

are folks that come in that just have a crisis. ... They don't have anything to fall back on. Any little hiccup is a big impact for them financially.”

While working to eventually afford an apartment in Shell Lake, Hubbell is making \$13.50 an hour at the Dollar General, but only scheduled to work 20 hours a week. The living wage calculation for one adult in Washburn County is \$19.45 an hour working 40 hours a week, according to the MIT living wage calculator.

## State funding

In the state's 2023-25 biennial budget, the Legislature rejected Gov. Tony Evers' recommendations to spend some \$24 million on emergency shelter and housing grants, homeless case management services and rental assistance for unhoused veterans.

The Legislature also nixed \$250 million Evers proposed for affordable workforce housing and home rehabilitation grants.

The state funds two main grants for homeless shelters and housing annually.

The State Shelter Subsidy Grant (SSSG) receives around \$1.6 million per

year, and the Housing Assistance Program receives \$900,000.

But for small shelters like Taylor House — the only homeless shelter in rural Taylor County — the funding is “pennies,” said Adam Schnabel, the shelter's vice president.

The facility has a continuous waitlist.

The north central Wisconsin shelter with a 17-person capacity received \$10,000 from SSSG this year, Schnabel said.

That's around \$588 per person. But four emergency shelters in Milwaukee with a combined capacity of around 392 received \$400,000 from the \$1.6 million grant total — \$1,020 per person.

The state's Recovery Voucher Grant Program awarded \$760,000 to grantees in 2024 to provide housing to those experiencing homelessness and struggling with opioid use disorders.

Half of these funds went to three providers in Dane, Milwaukee and Waukesha counties.

Another state resource is the Homeless Case Management Services (HCMS) grant program, which distributes up to 10 \$50,000 grants per year to shelters and programs that meet eligibility requirements.

While helpful, these pots of money quickly run out, and many of them don't cover operating costs or wages.

## Small shelters face county-level hurdles

Some shelter workers and advocates say in rural Wisconsin, homelessness is addressed only to the extent that their local governments and administrations are willing to acknowledge the issue and get involved.

Providers in several rural counties noted that there aren't any shelters that are owned or operated by local governments.

Washburn County Social Services can only direct homeless residents to the Lakeland Family Resource Center.

Hall and Schnabel said local governments need to be more involved in their work, whether that be providing a county employee to serve as a shelter director, or simply making better use of their limited resources.

Schnabel added that small shelters often cannot pay their directors a decent wage, resulting in frequent staff turnover.

Taylor House has had four directors in the last 18 months, he said. The inconsistency leaves “a bad taste” in the mouth of those reviewing their grant applications.

Some counties are much more willing than others to utilize Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) — a state program aimed at addressing substance abuse and mental health needs.

The program allows counties to contract employees and case managers who provide services such as skills development and peer support.

# Some of our favorite news photos from 2024



Titletown visitors take on skating at Hy-Vee Plaza while ringing in the year 2024.

File photos



An emotional moment is shared on the National Mall during the Oct. 5 Stars and Stripes Honor Flight – Flight of Champions.



Former Green Bay Packers Quarterback Brett Favre, at right, celebrates with his grandson, Parker, center, as he is recognized by Former President Donald Trump while he was in Green Bay to campaign on Oct. 30, as Brett's wife, Deanna, left, looks on at the Resch Center.



Officer Brian Arkens took a turn on the swings at Patriot Park with a PACK attendee. The PACK program takes place once a week in a variety of parks around De Pere. The PACK program began in summer of 2015 to "bring kids in the community closer to law enforcement and bridge the gap between us," explained De Pere Police Officer Joe Johnson.



Wren Abegglen jumps for joy in the bubbles at the entrance to the Encompass Big Event for Kids. The event spanning 35 years offered free family fun for the community on Sept. 21 at Heritage Hill State Park.



Yellow roses are presented to Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Brady's wife, Mandy, on June 8 at Lambeau Field. The yellow roses signify friendship and new beginnings and were presented during an Army battalion change of command ceremony and homecoming celebration. The event recognized Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Prewitt and welcomed the new commander, Brady, and celebrated the soldiers of Alpha Company and their safe return home from mobilization.

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Sue Spielvogel, the daughter of Judith Cisler, speaks as family and friends of Cisler gathered with city staff at 712 Bellevue St., Green Bay, on Aug. 15 to unveil a new crosswalk and bench. Dana Beining and other family members and friends raised money and worked with the city of Green Bay to fund the crosswalk after a tragic accident took the life of Cisler, who was from Luxemburg. Cisler was struck by a vehicle while crossing Bellevue Street in February. **File photos**



The countdown to the 2025 NFL Draft officially began on May 14, with a ceremonial Draft Handoff from Michigan to Wisconsin. A themed football arrived in Milwaukee from Detroit via the Lake Express Ferry from Muskegon, Mich., and was carried north to Green Bay to arrive in the Lambeau Field Atrium where a countdown clock was unveiled. The Packers Training Camp bike kid tradition was incorporated as a small group of bicyclists transported the themed football from Milwaukee to Green Bay and were joined by local kids near Lambeau Field. Adam Rockman, 4, of Hobart, is pictured with Green Bay Packers CEO Mark Murphy.



Mai Nu Vang is surprised in her Lombardi Middle School classroom as a Future 15 finalist. On Dec. 12, the Greater Green Bay Chamber surprised finalists of the 2025 Future 15 & Young Professionals Awards at their workplace.



Seymour High School Science Teacher Patty Wojcik was surprised in her classroom by co-workers, family and friends and was celebrated in the spring with other Golden Apple recipients.



Green Bay Mayor Eric Genrich speaks during a ceremony held at Lambeau Field on April 15, where the Green Bay Police Department (GBPD) promoted nine and swore in a patrol officer and commander who transferred from other Wisconsin agencies.

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



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# It all starts with one simple question: How was your week?

BY SAVANNAH JANDRIN  
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GREEN BAY – Men’s mental health has become a growing concern over the past couple of years and a men’s group in the Green Bay area called Brothers Helping Brothers has made it their mission to break the stigma surrounding it.

The idea for this group started after founders Jason Wright Sr., Delorean Walls and Elton Gofoe realized how important it is for men to have deep conversations, after they lost a few close friends to a battle with suicide.

Co-founder Delorean Walls recalled how Prohibition Spirits and Cigar Lounge had become a safe haven for him, so he started inviting others who needed an outlet to share deep conversations.

Eventually, the group began to grow as more men were invited.

During their meetings, one simple question starts the whole conversation: “How was your week?”

Walls said that the question really allows men to reflect on their whole week and open up about their feelings, spirituality and what’s on their mind.

This space to be vulnerable has really made a difference in the men who attend.

Walls stated, “It’s just been amazing that we have been able to capture the hearts of men, especially in a process of wanting to heal



The idea for this group started after founders Jason Wright Sr., Delorean Walls and Elton Gofoe realized how important it is for men to have deep conversations, after they lost a few close friends to a battle with suicide. **Submitted photo**

mentally. I’m just grateful that God is using me as a vessel.”

He said that if they can “reach one and teach one” they are able to invite men in to share in conversation.

Reflecting on Psalm 1:33, Walls stated, “It has helped me to be a walking testimony of that scripture. Understanding that if we all link arms together, we can actually make it better

not just for ourselves, but a better community around us.”

Men’s mental health has become an important issue to dive deeper into, and Walls believes “it’s our duty

to heal the traumas that we have all experienced as men.”

When looking at the role of men in society, Walls stated, “creating more emotionally intelligent men will

be able to look at the world view in a different set of eyes... look at the mental side, the emotional side of things that allows us to just be better men all the way around.”

Through this group, they are hoping to make a big difference in the community and the whole world.

“If we can be a small example that makes a big splash, not only here in our community, but around the United States and around the world, then I think we’re heading in the right direction,” Walls said.

The group hopes to continue growing organically through word of mouth.

They also have goals to grow more support groups outside of Tuesdays, push for mental health awareness, help younger, school-aged men become emotionally intelligent men, do more collaborations and develop mental health conferences.

In 2025, Delorean is hoping to launch CoOUR collaborative where they will focus on unification between groups just like Brothers Helping Brothers to attack mental health.

Those interested in participating can find the group on Tuesday nights, 6-8 p.m., at Prohibition Spirits and Cigar Lounge, 159 N. Broadway, Green Bay.

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Brenda Phillips  
Charity Ramer  
Dawn Ratz  
Greg Roberts  
Michael Smits  
Vanessa Talus  
Douglas Thompson  
Kristin Turnbull  
Katherine Waters  
Denise Williams  
Renee Wills  
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Colleen Hansen  
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**PIONEER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Mary Amenson  
Doug Anderson  
Lisa Anderson  
Christina Ehrfurth  
Tammie Engeldinger  
Luceth Escandell  
Janel Fossen  
Mark Heller  
Lisa Kasten  
Amy Kupsh  
Stuart Kwaterski  
Arin McComb  
Missy Miller  
Sam Nooyen  
Jill Olson  
Emilie Pludeman  
Taylor Ratzburg  
Allison Sudol  
Maggie Tomashek  
Amanda Tremi  
Alissa Vanden Hoogen  
Megan Vitrano

Alicia Wiebe  
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**VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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Andrea Ciha  
Carrie Corcoran  
Conner Drevs  
Lauren Fisher  
Heather Folkman  
Amanda Johnson  
Kristie Kaiser  
Megan Larson  
Rodney Millett  
Adam Mommaerts  
Julie Patzke  
Amanda Paul  
Sean Quinlan  
Lisa Sanderfoot  
Matthew Schreiter  
Katie Senger  
Christen Steele  
Ethan VandenPlas  
Erin Wagner  
Dyan Whitney  
Elizabeth Wichlacz  
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Alexis Zegers

**DENMARK SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**DENMARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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Donna McMonagle  
Scott McPherson  
Heather Roberts  
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**DENMARK MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Bart Landwehr  
Viking Academy Team:  
Holly Borchert, and Andrew Rosenbaum

**G.R.A.C.E.**

**FATHER ALLOUEZ CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Sara Burns  
Melissa Dahl  
Doreen Dimeo  
Jennifer Gracer  
Sarah Johanski  
Jodi Lange  
Jim Palubicki  
Tina Sabin

Annie Stewart  
Ashley VandenBush  
Caitlyn Zedler  
**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

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Jessica DeGroot  
Morgan Falkenberg  
Tim Kozlovsky  
Madalyn Krysiak  
Jennifer Schmitz-Johnson  
Jamie Sheehy  
Jodi Sullivan  
Tara Wildenberg

**HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

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Shawna Fischer  
Aria Heim  
Lisa Krcma  
Megan Lehr  
Renee Zirbel  
Little Saints Team: Mary Dull, Gracy Gemignani, and Tami VanGurensven

**NOTRE DAME OF DE PERE**

Jordan Ball  
Jessica Boettcher  
Scott Farr  
Jean Healy  
Cindy Kabat  
Jennifer Kopp  
Carrie Korinek  
Lindsay McGuan  
Kevin Schwarten  
Casey Siegler  
Elise Stone  
Cindee Warren  
Jessica West  
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Kim Matzke

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Nadine Chivende  
Jennifer Etter  
Shannon Kramer  
Tomerot Lambert  
Julie Lamm  
Terri Larson  
Colleen MacDonald  
Lenora Peper  
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**ST. JOHN PAUL II CLASSICAL SCHOOL**

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Eleanor Blair  
Jacob Steiner  
Jenny Johns  
Kimberlee Miller  
Monica Daos

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL**

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Alex Giese  
Amy Liebergen  
Julie Schmitz  
Kristin Barnhart  
Miriam Erb  
Sarah Peterson  
Susan Casleton  
Middle School Team: Kristin Barnhart, Megan Jones, Sarah Rienecker, Julie Schmitz, Lisa Turbett, and Abbie Withbroe

**ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

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Ruby Hernandez  
Patricia Ibarra  
Julie Julian  
Mackenzie Sellers  
Mallory Tushaus  
K/1 Dual Language Team: Kelly Gossen, and Ruby Hernandez

**GREEN BAY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**ALDO LEOPOLD COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

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Denise McFarlin  
Amanda Peper  
Sally Robertson

**BAIRD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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Claudia Chavez  
Anna Cole  
Ashley Dolan  
Kristen Green  
Megan Hartwig  
Jessica Lepak  
Alexa Lumaye  
Nicole Musial  
Ashley Swanson  
Shainna Swet  
Sarah Tilot  
Stephanie Wallerich  
Fifth Grade Team: Mary Hurst, Tracey Jozwiak, Marissa Pierce, and Scott Thompson

**BEAUMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Justice Hilgart  
Tanya Hollister  
Justice Hruby  
Lynn Lunney

Dena Scheiwe  
Macy Trudeau  
Stephanie Valenta  
**CHAPPELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Emerson Bartch  
Trisha Brodbeck  
Katie Erdman  
Jaime Ernest  
Kelly Hohman  
Kathryn Jurey  
Hailey Kintopf  
Brad Sellers  
Madyson Schroeder  
Michelle Wenzel  
Second Grade Team: Jaime Ernest, Nicole Faust, Laura Meyer, and Rebecca Ness

**DANZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Carolyn Bicoy  
Katie Kohtala  
Marce Kolarik  
Nicole Lemmens  
Rebecca Nelson  
Josie Ogle

**DOTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Alyssa Brown  
Anne Harswick  
Maribel Ramos

**DR. ROSA MINOKA-HILL SCHOOL**

Stephanie Lenz  
Christopher Brann  
Tony Calo

**EAST HIGH SCHOOL**

Karen McGrath  
Bailey Morse  
Brian Nast  
Brandon Quinn  
Richard Rosinski

**EDISON MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Molly Aylward  
Jared Bankson  
Kathleen Borlee  
Tracy Brunner  
Jennifer Dahlke  
Jacob Daugherty  
Rachel Dietz De La Cruz  
Andrea Huggett  
Nathaniel Jackson  
Erika McNally  
Holly Snyder  
Scott Stromberger  
Mary Sturdivant  
Heather Walter  
Science Team: Lori Cathey, and Emma Kirst  
Language Arts Team: Michelle Stout and Corrina Wallace  
**EISENHOWER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Ana Quibrera  
Alexis Russell  
**ELMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Chad Bromel  
Britney Byrne  
Kortney Cherveney  
Angela Doersam  
Michele Griffith  
Shelby Koll  
Houa Lor  
Jennifer Lund  
David Ostanek  
Gretchen Rasmussen  
Nora Reschke  
Kelsy Rusch  
Kris Schmidt  
Kelly Stollak  
Renae Vincent  
Art Education Team: Aimee Bradison and Kaylee Farley  
Fifth Grade Team: Carrie Gerlikowski and Jennifer Johnson  
Fourth Grade Team: Corrine Kleczewski and Andrew Schiller  
Interventionists Team: Richelle Coniff and Michelle Lowery  
Second Grade Team: Leah Friedrich, Jennifer Rodal, and Danette VandeHei  
Special Education Team: Cassidy Herlache and Shanna Sobieck  
Third Grade Team: Brittany Byrne, Melissa Laddusire, and Tiffannie Mouford

**FORT HOWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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Aleyva Zoll  
**FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Bradley Gajeski  
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Tana Jungwirth  
Nick Moraza  
Stephanie Stevens  
Kathy Zasada  
Physical Education Team: Mitch Brabender, David Calloway, and Craig Stillman

**HEAD START LEARNING CENTER**

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**HOWE ELEMENTARY COMMUNITY SCHOOL**  
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Grace Knott  
Sierra Miller  
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## 2025 NOMINEES!

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Martha Ramirez-Agudelo  
Tammy Van Ess  
**JEFFERSON HEAD START LEARNING CENTER**  
Alisha Brusky  
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Megan Dodson  
Maggie Hurrish  
Heidi Kocha  
Nicky Malicoat  
Shelly Soquet  
Laura VanKirk  
Full Day Colab Team: Megan Dodson and Sarah Kontny  
**JOHN DEWEY ACADEMY OF LEARNING**  
Holly Buellnowakowski  
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Jonathan Egen  
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Jenna Mixer  
Brianna Nichols  
Kimberly Verriden  
High School Advisory Team: Michael Chilson, Jason Dreier, Jon Egen, and Jenna Mixer  
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**KENNEDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
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Abigail Reinke  
Stacy Spiliterberger  
Kathi Swanson  
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**KING ELEMENTARY CHILDREN'S CENTER FOR ENGINEERING**  
Brett Borski  
Lisa Daugherty  
Michelle Flicek  
Tori Harvel  
Trish Koltz  
Hannah Nelson  
Carley Visser  
**LANGLADE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Marissa Blizniak  
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Abbey Herman  
Marcia Pfeifer  
Megan Rudolph  
**LAURA INGALLS WILDER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
Ann Cumbers  
Kristen Gabriel  
Mailee Harkey  
Marie Hayward  
Ashleigh Sullivan  
Holly Whipp  
**LEONARDO DA VINCI SCHOOL FOR GIFTED LEARNERS**  
Jolene Becker  
Allison Davister  
Daniel Dennis  
Allyson Ellis  
Keith VanDen Heuvel  
Allison Hockers  
Virginia Misco  
Christopher Plog  
Adam Stueck  
**LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
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**LOMBARDI MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
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Haleigh Doyle  
Shauna Francour-Ratray  
Gail Holdt  
Bradley Hotchkiss  
Joe McCabe  
Kaara McHugh  
Tony Seidel  
Justin Short  
Mai Nu Yang  
Patrick Wallace  
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**MACARTHUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
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Holly Moser  
Jessica Seibert  
Beth Zingler  
**MARTIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
Melissa Arnoldi  
Rebecca Dunlap

Emily Drain  
Geeta Tilot  
**MCALIFFE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
Isabelle Boldt  
Lisa Decoteau  
Janet Orlich  
Bryan Polarek  
Margaret Schomaker  
Jessica Schweiner  
Linda Shefchik  
Brian Slattery  
Janelle Steinich  
Katie Wavrunek  
Desiree Wesolowski  
Kindergarten Team: Isabelle Boldt, Jessica Schweiner, and Margaret Shoemaker  
**NICOLET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
Jessica Bernard  
Barbara Borre  
Wednesday Devroy  
Jennifer Firkus  
Marco Olsen Guillen  
Todd Hegbloom  
Hannah Huemphner  
Josephine Kunz  
Samantha Lemens  
**NORTHEAST WISCONSIN SCHOOL OF INNOVATION**  
Tyler Bouressa  
Amy Daul  
Gwen Fiecko  
Amanda Johnson  
Scott Kirst  
Amy Kispert  
Sarah Pamperin  
Aaron Renquin  
Shalee Schmutzler  
Academy Team 114: Amy Daul, Vicki DeLain, and Amanda Johnson  
**PREBLE HIGH SCHOOL**  
Andrew Bader  
Kyle Bartel  
Annie Beauchaine  
Weston Berndt  
Elizabeth Blaney  
Darlene Cofield  
Jillian Feldhausen  
Linda Gutierrez  
Donna King  
Jeffrey Kline  
Caitlin Krueger  
Jillian Lipp  
Kimberly Magyar  
Madeline Mahoney  
Jacquelyne Nelson  
Gregory Pierquet  
Tracy Rabas  
Nick Risic  
Sarah Ritchie  
Roshel Schilz

Erica Smith  
Antoinette Stone  
Carolyn Stumbris  
Adrienne Wanta  
Stephanie Younk  
**RED SMITH SCHOOL**  
Christopher Becker  
Patty Bozzelli  
Hailey Cahall  
Alex Downing  
Michelle Eberhardt  
Molli Flood  
Nicole Frelich  
Kelly Haro  
Jill Hemlin  
Megan Jimenez  
McKayla Legois  
Patty Lofdahl  
Trisha Lusso  
Bailee Malcore  
Kenz Mevis  
Carol Chow-Mineau  
Jessica Molaski  
Tracee Mulry  
Allison Nitti  
Nicholas Olson  
Mandy Peruzzi  
Kassidy Roffers  
Lisa Schroeffer  
Christina Smith  
Abigail Tahlier  
Samantha Thoresen  
Andrew Tolksdorf  
Sarah Valentine  
Michelle VanLieshout  
Third Grade Team: Erin Hoppe and Annie Selk  
Fourth Grade Team: Sarah Demeuse and Danielle Oikarinen  
**SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL**  
Sara Baye  
Katie Beres  
Ann Blainski  
Amy Chase  
Andrew Crane  
Kimberly Diemer  
Jay Draves  
Tina Dumoulin  
Joseph Engebos  
Gregory Gaie  
Lori Gordon  
Wade Jepsen  
Brenda Johnson  
Rachel Johnson  
Anthony Kraszewski  
Jason Krings  
Christopher Krueger  
Terri Lesjack-Decker  
Molly O'Neil  
Brandon Rockstroh  
Matt Rukamp  
John Sebranek  
Thomas Sebranek

Calley Strehlow  
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Briana Vander Heiden  
Courtney Worth  
Rachel Ziegler  
Deaf/Hard of Hearing Program Educators Team: Lauren McElrone and Heather Totman  
**SULLIVAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
Emily Aguiar  
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Sadie Becker  
Kylie Brandner  
Hallie Dellise  
Erin Dequaine  
Alicia Huerta  
Ashley Klug  
Elaina Levers  
Emily Lofdahl  
Annette Lueck  
Rachel Massey  
Erika Nieto  
Lacey Springstroh  
Teresa Terzich  
Amber Tess  
Jeff Westin  
Michelle Wypiszewski  
Hannah Zacher  
**WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
Eileen Carlton  
Mindi Pichla  
**WEBSTER ELEMENTARY CHILDREN'S CENTER FOR INTEGRATED ARTS**  
Emily Mangin  
**WEST HIGH SCHOOL**  
Jill Diebold  
Danielle Scherer  
Colleen Sprutlies  
Tracy Vande Walle  
Tiny Earth Team: Bonnie Gonzales and Lisa Merkel  
**HOWARD-SUAMICO SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BAY HARBOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
Taylor Barnard  
Blake Bierowski  
Regina Blahnik  
Jaslyn Brellenthin  
Joanna Campbell  
Nerissa Carden  
Cheryl Debaker  
Kaylee Fuller  
Lauren Holum  
Jacklyn Kordasiewicz  
Ashley McCormick  
Lauren Olsen  
Taylor Schumacher  
Kristen Sperber  
Emily Van Cuyk

Erin Van Enkevort  
Kayla Wagner  
Miranda Zygiel  
**BAY PORT HIGH SCHOOL**  
Landon Garrow  
Elizabeth Gerondale  
Amy Heusterberg-Richards  
Leslie Jeffers  
Matthew Jorgensen  
Angela Kowalewski  
Christopher Kraly  
Kathleen Krause  
Melissa Opperman  
Katherine Rademacher  
Dustin Rottier  
Joseph Schlueter  
Andrea Solper  
Yael Menn-Sonnenschein  
Ross Tilken  
Ryan Weed  
**BAY VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
Jerome Allen  
Alyssa Andrews  
Joann Boettcher  
Patrick Christie  
Stephanie Christie  
Mona Forbes  
Brian Garrigan  
Landon Garrow  
Karen Huisheere  
Kathryn Lonzo  
Jessica Mansky  
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Jennifer Perry  
Jayme Shefchik  
Jessica Skovera  
Jessica Stefonek  
Jessie Van De Yacht  
Paul Veldkamp  
Deanna Waniger  
Jeremy Weis  
Jesse Wiltzius  
Rebekah Yakel  
Eight Grade Social Studies Professional Learning Team: Sean Berendes, Brooke Hoffman, Erin Patchak, and Jesse Wiltzius  
Maputo Bay Team: Alyssa Andrews, Joanne Boettcher, Katie Englebert, Karen Huisheere, Jessica Mansky, Candice Perz, Paul Veldekamp and Jesse Wiltzius  
Science Team: Benjamin Alexander-Wolf, Stephanie Christie, Amy Destache, Mona Forbes, Candi Perz, Abbygail Porter, Krysta Wiltzius and Michele Zahn  
**FOREST GLEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
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Jennifer Emery  
Angela Hendrickson  
Chelsea Levasch  
Holly Peters  
Katerina Schmidt  
**HOWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
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Kelly Steavpack  
**LINEVILLE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**  
Paul Alexander  
Anna Allen  
Billy Bogacz  
Sara Brown  
Tracy Cantu  
Rose Davidson  
Glenn Engles  
Adam Korber  
Emily Landwehr  
Christopher Miller  
Jennifer Schuette  
Lindsey Sharman  
Nicole Sullivan  
Brenda Utech  
Kirt VandenElzen  
Stephanie Warnke  
Jennifer Woldt  
Boathouse Team: Erica Hardwick and Ryan Depery  
Light House Team: Riley Beauchamp, Melissa Martin, and Jennifer Schuette  
**MEADOWBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
Kristin Apps  
Geena Bieberitz  
Jordan Davidson  
Nicole Eickholt  
Julia Geiser  
Sarah Hockers  
Chelsi Kuffel  
Emily Laha  
Majriela Macedo  
Morgan Malcore  
Brenda Noel  
Mary Van Den Plas  
Eric VanRemortel  
**SUAMICO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
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Kim DeTennis  
Tricia Ehmke  
Lisa Hanson  
Miranda Listle  
Melanie Nyquist  
Alexandra Pagel  
Sara Schultz  
Stacey Visser



## NOMINEES (CONTINUED)

### KEWAUNEE SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### KEWAUNEE HIGH SCHOOL

Erin LaBonte  
Melissa Joniaux

#### KEWAUNEE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Michelle Baumann  
Katie Charles  
Matt DeGuelle

### LUXEMBURG-CASCO SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### LUXEMBURG-CASCO HIGH SCHOOL

Jennifer Balma  
Morgan Cherney  
Andreu Enderby  
Jill Gilson  
Tom Hintz  
Norman Hippert  
Chris Menden  
Clint Piper  
Tracy Remschneider  
Rebecca Rozz  
Alicia Schanhofer  
Kristin Schleis  
Kyle Schleis  
Justine Selk  
Nicole Simonar  
Crystal Trejo  
Katie Waage  
Emily Weust  
Tech Ed Team: Norman Hippert, William Simonar, and Ross Wegner

#### LUXEMBURG-CASCO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Emilie Addison  
Erica Baeten  
Stacey Baird  
Greg Balza  
Leila Balza  
Jennifer Beno  
Emily Borkenhagen  
Wendy Day  
Dawn Hanson  
Trevor Hawkey  
Michelle Kinnard  
Greg Klaubauf  
Kathy Nelson  
Amanda Oudenhoven  
Neil Seering  
Kiley Thayse  
Hannah Van Straten  
Haley Weninger  
Cody Willems  
Morgan VandenHouten

#### LUXEMBURG-CASCO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Tim Bahn  
Alicia Brunette  
Meredith Delain  
DJ Delebrea  
Pamela Fierst  
Jeff Frey  
Wendy Jacobs  
John McCaulley  
Dan Mears  
Sarah Monfils  
Laura Neher  
Dan Norton  
Shelly Piesler  
Sheri Sewell  
Kay Shefchik  
Karen Tineo  
Justin Tlachac  
Sarah Wellens

### Morgan Willems LUXEMBURG-CASCO PRIMARY SCHOOL

Stephanie Beyer  
Tiffany Dart  
Paula Larsen  
Molly LeGrave  
Autumn Lensmire  
Cindy Peot  
Christine Scott  
Jessica Spude  
Tami Theys  
Matt Van Straten

### NEW LEAF PREP ACADEMY

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Desiree Harhay  
Collin Rickert  
Baylee Schmidt  
Lee Vanevenhoven

### N.E.W. LUTHERAN ASSOCIATION

#### FAITH CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

Ellen Petrie  
Andrea Schad  
Angela Stiles

#### N.E.W. LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Lisa Dunahoo  
Daniel Fosheim  
Allison Gibbons  
Michael Schmidt  
Loren Vandenberg  
Chad Welch

#### TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Melissa Beaumont  
Courtney Tisdale

### NOTRE DAME DE LA BAIE ACADEMY

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Hailey Anderson  
Katie Bialk  
Andrea Gilson  
A.J. Giovanetti  
Tina Harpold  
Caitlin VandenWyngaard

### ONEIDA SCHOOL SYSTEM

#### ONEIDA NATION (9-12)

Jamison King

### PILGRIM LUTHERAN SCHOOL

#### PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Lisa Dhein  
Lynnette Hansen  
Lisa Medenwald  
Erin Schaefer  
Jeremy Schultz  
Kelly Schumm  
Mike Schumm  
Meghan Whitefield

### PROVIDENCE ACADEMY

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Shelley Baillargeon  
Amanda Berres  
Christy Dunsmoor  
Sheryl Meyer  
Amanda Rentmeester  
Amy Schwarz  
Stephanie Smith

### PULASKI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Sarah Bovee  
Annemarie Fraser  
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Sharon Rychter  
Aubrey Wiegel

#### GLENBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Cora Blackburn  
Tracey Brewczynski  
Jessica Burich  
Justin Depiesse  
Lori Duval  
Staci Karcz  
Jennifer Limberg  
Wayne Pierre  
Rebecca Schneider  
Emily Tewes  
Rachel VandeCastle  
Amy Wendricks  
Krystal White  
Samantha Wright

#### HILLCREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Emily Bashaw  
Alyssa Doell  
Emily Fridland  
Kelly Holewinski  
Katie Mikle  
Sarah Pautz  
Dana Ricker  
Jeni Ruechel  
Kiara Wolfgram  
4K Team: Sarah Pautz and Tracy Teske

#### LANNOYE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Sarah Casper-Due  
Linda Gantz  
Kristin Marsh  
Trisha Baker-Nguyen  
Heather Novak  
Danielle Schuster  
Kendra Wetzel

#### PULASKI COMMUNITY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Amy Albers  
Andy Bock  
Stephanie Breitenbach  
Amanda Couch  
Wesley Couch  
Nelson DeCleene  
Elijah Dufek  
Sara Hoffmann  
Brianna Kehoe  
Michael King  
Natalie Klimek  
Colleen Cantlon-Marler  
Jack Odness  
Erin O'Donnell  
Joshua Pratt  
Abby Ruetten  
Instrumental Music Team: Wesley Couch, Colleen Cantlon-Marler, and Abby Ruetten  
Journey House Team: Dave Landers, Jack Odness, Erin O'Donnell, and Jenny Stehlik

#### PULASKI HIGH SCHOOL

Daniel Anderson  
Valerie Berend  
Christopher Brooks  
Kathryn Brown  
Thomas Busch  
Beth Cook

### Max DeHut

Daniel Emmerich  
Emily Alger-Feser  
Tamara Francois  
Kimberly Froseth  
Mike Guerrero  
Jennifer Heck  
Travis Hendzel  
Samuel Hunt  
Joel Jarock  
Molly Kaczrowski  
Rick Kamps  
Anastasia Karademas  
Sara Kelly  
Martin Krause  
John Krause  
Kacie Langlitz  
Ryan Mentink  
William Mihalski  
Cedric Pettis  
Max Pirman  
John Pitzen  
Hannah Reimer  
Dori Rettler  
Ronald Robaidek  
Jamee Sampson  
David Shaw  
Kaitlin Skarban  
Jeffrey Stoeberl  
Amy Tubbs  
Traci VanGheem-Rottier  
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PHS Music Department Team: Kathryn Brown, Thomas Busch, and Mike Guerrero  
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#### SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Tessa Badtke  
Kayla Baumgartner  
Ashley Hastings  
Kim Jiskra  
Alexander LeRoy  
Mikaela Rosenow  
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Michael Witte

#### SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST DE PERE

#### HEMLOCK CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Aubrey Adler  
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Mary Bixby  
Becky Erdmann  
Heide Herlache  
Tanya Kussow  
Kelsey LaPierre  
Sherri Legois  
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**GATHERING**  
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“So, we specialize in celebrations of life. We have a building that is geared towards that. It’s kind of hard to explain, because when people picture celebrations of life, they picture a funeral home, but it’s just it’s a different atmosphere,” she explained.

“It’s an upbeat area. I have coffee and popcorn, and people can bring in their own food or cater in. I don’t have restrictions on that, you know, to cut back on costs and then we just made ourselves affordable. You know, instead of spending thousands of dollars on a venue, which is what most people have to do when they have these celebrations of life, we make ourselves more cost-effective.”

Melissa said that the building is a “result” of Sophia’s passing and that the building is dedicated to her.



The Maloneys are able to change the lighting on the walls to reflect a favorite color or theme for the service. **A Gathering for You photo**

“When she passed away, like, you know, the tiny casket, I just, I couldn’t do it. I was like, I need something different, and I know I’m not the only one. I think this is a new avenue that people want, but there’s just not anything that, you know, really specializes in this stuff. I want people to know that there is a place that

they can go to that is more uplifting, that’s just beautiful inside. Everything is just white and clean and bright. And I have a tree that’s in here and it’s called the ‘Forever Tree.’ And anybody that has an event here, I would burn their loved one’s name on the leaf, and then at some point during their gathering, they get to

put the leaf on the tree and it stays there as long as the business. So, it’s just kind of like a legacy thing too,” she added.

A Gathering for You is located at 822 Cormier Rd., Green Bay, and will have its grand opening on Jan. 4, 4-6 p.m.

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

**SERVICE**

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the Evangelist Catholic Parish of Green Bay.

Prior to the service, a peace walk took place.

“The Open Heart Mindfulness community is doing a peace walk before the service. Just around the park with candles, a time of reflection,” Davison explained.

Davison added that Green Bay has programs to help.

“There’s a city case coordinator who’s working with the most chronic people experiencing homelessness in our community, working to connect them with resources. The police department has developed a behavioral health unit that responds first. They’re trained in crisis prevention and all that kind of stuff, and so they use trauma-informed care to meet those needs,” she said.

“I mean, from partnering with any of the service providers that you know, whether it’s St. John’s, New Community, Freedom House, there’s a lot. Golden House, House of Hope, we all serve people experiencing housing insecurity in our community. We all have volunteer needs, meal needs, financial needs.

“There’s so many ways. And I think that if you get involved, like at St. John’s, you can play cribbage with some guys and get to know them. And sometimes that community is what they need.

“They need a boost in friendship, in their self-esteem, and all of that. Sometimes that’s it. Sometimes it’s a lot more complex than that, but it can be as simple



Members of the Open Heart Mindfulness Community of Green Bay hold a candlelight “peace walk” prior to the 15th Annual Greater Green Bay Homeless Persons’ Interfaith Memorial Service. **John Craemer photo**

as that.”

On Dec. 27, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released its 2024 Annual Homelessness Assessment Report: Part 1: Point-in-

Time Estimates —an annual snapshot of the number of individuals in shelters, temporary housing, and unsheltered settings — which found more than 770,000 people experiencing

homelessness on a single night in January 2024 —an 18% increase from 2023.

For more information on St. John’s Ministries, visit [stjohnsgreenbay.org](http://stjohnsgreenbay.org).

**Brown County Board seeks applicants for District 21**

**FOR THE PRESS TIMES**

BROWN COUNTY – Due to the resignation of Supervisor Christopher Zirbel, the Brown County Board of Supervisors are seeking applicants to represent District No. 21 for the remainder of the 2024-26 term.

Those citizens interested in serving their community on the County Board are requested to send a letter of application and resume addressed to:

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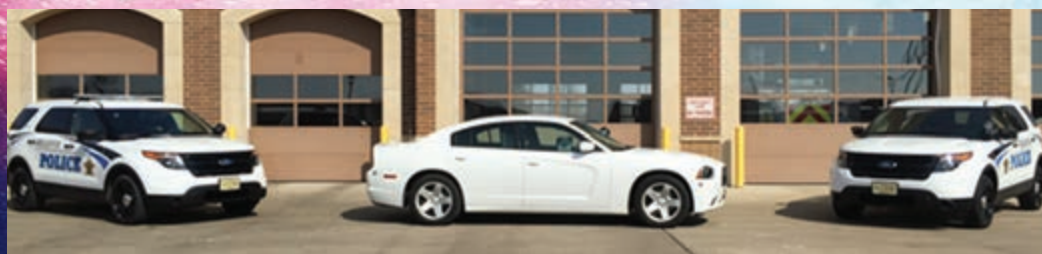
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# VINYL WORD

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

## Three Springs

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**My life long habit** of wearing my passions on my sleeve has always had numerous advantages (at least when it comes to music) for me.

If you know me from this monthly record review, as a customer at the record store I work at or from attending live shows I promote in Green Bay, you are aware I have much love, respect and support for the Memphis music scene.

That city which I consider the 'Music Capitol of America' has a long rich history of helping shape the musical tapestry of America.

From Sam Phillips producing the recordings of Howlin' Wolf to Gonerfest 21 last September, Memphis is a giant burrito that is packed with a lot of musical meat to digest.

I also find much joy in any chance I have to help facilitate talent from Memphis to perform in Green Bay.

Over the years, it's always been an honor and privilege to book such Memphis artists as the Oblivians, '68 Comeback, Lost Sounds, Reigning Sound, Sweet Knives, Jeremy Scott & The Drip Edges and Big Clown.

So when I received a phone call one day at the GBUFO from Paul Taylor about his band from Door County playing at the store, it didn't take long at all for me to realize that this would be a good thing.

Paul Taylor of Three Springs moved to Door County from Memphis in 2020 (I get the impression this change of scenery was pandemic-generated).

Paul left Memphis after being a mainstay

of its music scene for over 30 years.

Paul is a multi-instrumentalist with a huge resume of working with some heavy hitters — too long to list them all, but ones that jumped out at me were Jim Dickenson, Dave Shouse, Ann Peebles, Mike Doughty, Jack Yarber, Mighty Souls Brass Band, Chuck Prophet, Eric Gales, Amy LaVere and Robert Ellis.

Memphis's loss was Wisconsin's gain.

In Door County, Paul hooked up with Shepley Frater (bass and vocals) and Adam Cain on drums.

I have known Adam for a number of years and was very excited to hear of his involvement.

This album contains the best of both worlds (yes, I'm very proud of the Wisconsin music scene and a big proponent of it), being recorded in both Memphis (at an ultra secret recording studio) and in Wisconsin in Sturgeon Bay at Studio 330 and at Fantasy Landis in Sister Bay.

This phone conversation with Paul went off so well we booked a gig for Three Springs at the GBUFO Museum Gift Shop and Records on the spot for Saturday, Jan. 18, with a 6:20 start time.

Opening the show is a great up-and-coming Green Bay band called Maggie Lakes.

Paul then sent me the *Three Springs* album.

Three Springs may tolerate being mentioned as an indie rock band, but with a dose of dance, funk and experimental musings.

Listening to this album, I hear all that and a little Americana and a bunch of other things.



I know what Green Bay likes and while this band doesn't really sound like the Figgs, I do think Figgs fans would appreciate this album and even more so what they are capable of live.

Three Springs has been gigging on a consistent basis and I'm told that live, these songs are unchained a little more.

The textures on this album are very varied and I love it.

The song "Notice" I felt like it was an Elvis . . . Costello song being hijacked by Stanley Clarke and I love where that went.

"Around You," I heard Elvis . . . Costello merged with Soul Asylum (another huge favorite of Green Bay).

"Alien Blues" gave me a low-key Tom Petty vibe.

"Lock Eyes" opened my eyes to the dance

side of *Three Springs* (it has a Rolling Stones disco flavor to it).

I hear The Police, Mahavishnu Orchestra, John Prine and Gordon Lightfoot also at times listening to this debut album.

I can't wait to see Three Springs live (they hinted at a Bombastic Big Star-sounding set) and can't wait to see where their next recording takes them, because I think they have just scratched the surface of their potential. **CP**

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



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Although this will be her second Wisconsin winter, City Pages Assistant Editor Phoebe would still much rather curl up under a blanket or in a cozy sweater than play outside in the recent snow, rain and cold. Janelle Fisher photo

## THE BUZZ



▲ Barb's Center for Dance recently surpassed half a million dollars in donations.

# Barb's Centre for Dance surpasses half a million in donations

For City Pages

**Barb's Centre for Dance** has announced their annual "Spirit of The Holidays, A Celebration of Dance" shows raised \$46,097.65, all of which will be donated to local charitable organizations.

Every year, all proceeds from these shows are donated to area charitable organizations.

This year's beneficiaries from the event are Rawhide Youth Services, Willow Tree Cornerstone Child Advocacy Center and Pillars.

Thanks to everyone's generosity, additional donations were made to Paul's Pantry and St. Joseph's Food Program.

Barb's Centre for Dance has now donated over \$540,000 over the 25 years presenting their holiday production.

The holiday dance programs featured original tap, jazz, lyrical and ballet works choreographed to traditional and contemporary holiday music.

Ballet 360 also presented a featured section of "The Nutcracker".

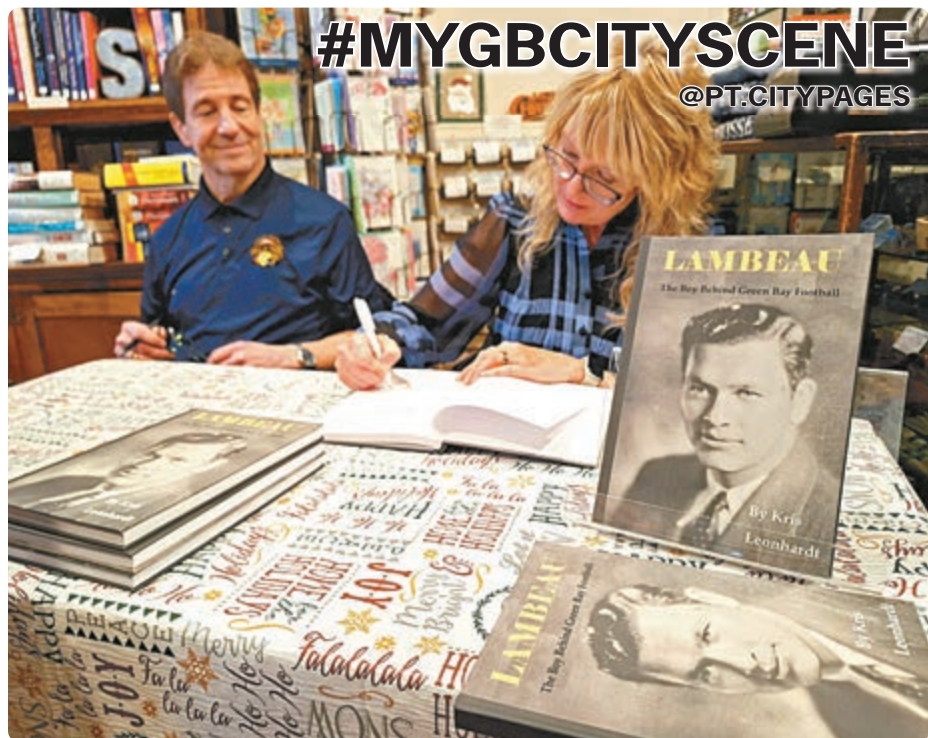
Funds were raised through ticket sales, a silent auction, miracle minute fundraiser, bake sales and candy cane sales.

"Our dancers are passionate about performing on stage, especially when it benefits the community. The warmth and satisfaction of giving back is felt by everyone involved. We are overjoyed with the success of our holiday shows and the



▲ The holiday shows featured a variety of performances, including selections from the Nutcracker by Ballet 360. Submitted photos

positive impact they had, and we're eager to continue this tradition for years to come. Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to the amazing volunteers who helped make the weekend a success," said Barb Cedergren, owner and director of Dance Instruction. **CP**



▲ The official launch of Lambeau — the Boy Behind Green Bay Football took place on Dec. 17 at Bosse's News & Tobacco in downtown De Pere, with the book selling all available copies. More events will be held to promote the book in early 2025. Watch for coming events at [facebook.com/PressTimesGreenBay](https://facebook.com/PressTimesGreenBay). Pictured are book author Kris Leonhardt and Packers Hall of Fame Inc. President Don Sipes. Copies are also available at <https://shopmmlocal.com/product/lambeau>. Mike Warren photo



## THE BEAT

# EPIC Event Center to launch a new genre of entertainment

For City Pages

An innovative entertainment experience showcasing the musical talent behind feature movies like *Rock Star* where fans get the opportunity to watch the movie on a big screen, experience the songs from the soundtrack live by the musicians behind the music and ask the musical masterminds questions all in one night — EPIC Event Center coined this novel concept with the potential to grow into an entire genre of entertainment.

Unlike other movie experiences, EPIC's concept combines the power of film, music and conversation into one unforgettable entertainment experience.

Paving a new way to enjoy movies and music, this experience is much more than just a movie, concert or Q&A.

"This is a one-of-a-kind event, combining all aspects of the movie, the music and the interaction from the artists that were a part of it. A must see for anyone that is a fan of the movie we are screening," said Ryan Vander Sanden, general manager and entertainment director of EPIC Event Center.

EPIC is kicking off this new concept Saturday, Jan. 18 with the movie *Rock Star*, a cult-classic movie about the fictional rock band Steel Dragon.

"This is a must-attend event for any '80s rock fan," said Vander Sanden.

Ticket holders will screen the movie, listen to two sets of live music by Miljenko Matijevic and Brian Vander Ark,



▲ EPIC Events Center will launch a new genre of entertainment on Saturday, Jan. 18. Stock photo

musicians that contributed to the movie soundtrack as part of Steel Dragon and then listen as Eddie Trunk from SiriusXM and VH1 fame hosts a Q&A with Mili and Brian and gets all the audience's questions answered. **CP**

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# COVER FEATURE

# DRAWING FROM LIFE

## Sketch De Pere brings art from the studio to the streets

By Janelle Fisher  
City Pages Editor

Local artist **Julie Bagnet** is taking her artistic process away from her desk and into the community, inspired by the area's historic buildings and urban landscape, and is inviting other artists to join her and do the same with Sketch De Pere.

"I'm originally from De Pere and so I know De Pere and I've seen it grow throughout the years," she said. "When I came back a couple of years ago, I was looking downtown and I saw galleries like newARTspace and it seemed like De Pere really changed a lot — new art galleries and great coffee shops — and I started getting the idea that I could live here."

After living in Minnesota for 30 years and teaching art at St. Cloud State University, Bagnet moved back to De Pere this summer with her husband and brought her passion for art right along with her.

"One of my interests in the last five years has been to work with Urban Sketchers — it's an international group and there are chapters all over the world," she said. "I started going over to Europe and sketching with Urban Sketchers in France and also in Vietnam. When we moved, I was like, 'Oh, we have to do some urban sketching and get a group together.'"

This fall, Sketch De pere was born.

"You have to belong to a chapter to call yourself Urban Sketchers, so I called it Sketch De Pere," she said. "I thought it would be a great way to get a group of people together. The first meeting was in October and we had three people... The next meeting was November and we had twice as many — like eight people. Our next Sketch De Pere is going to be Jan. 16."

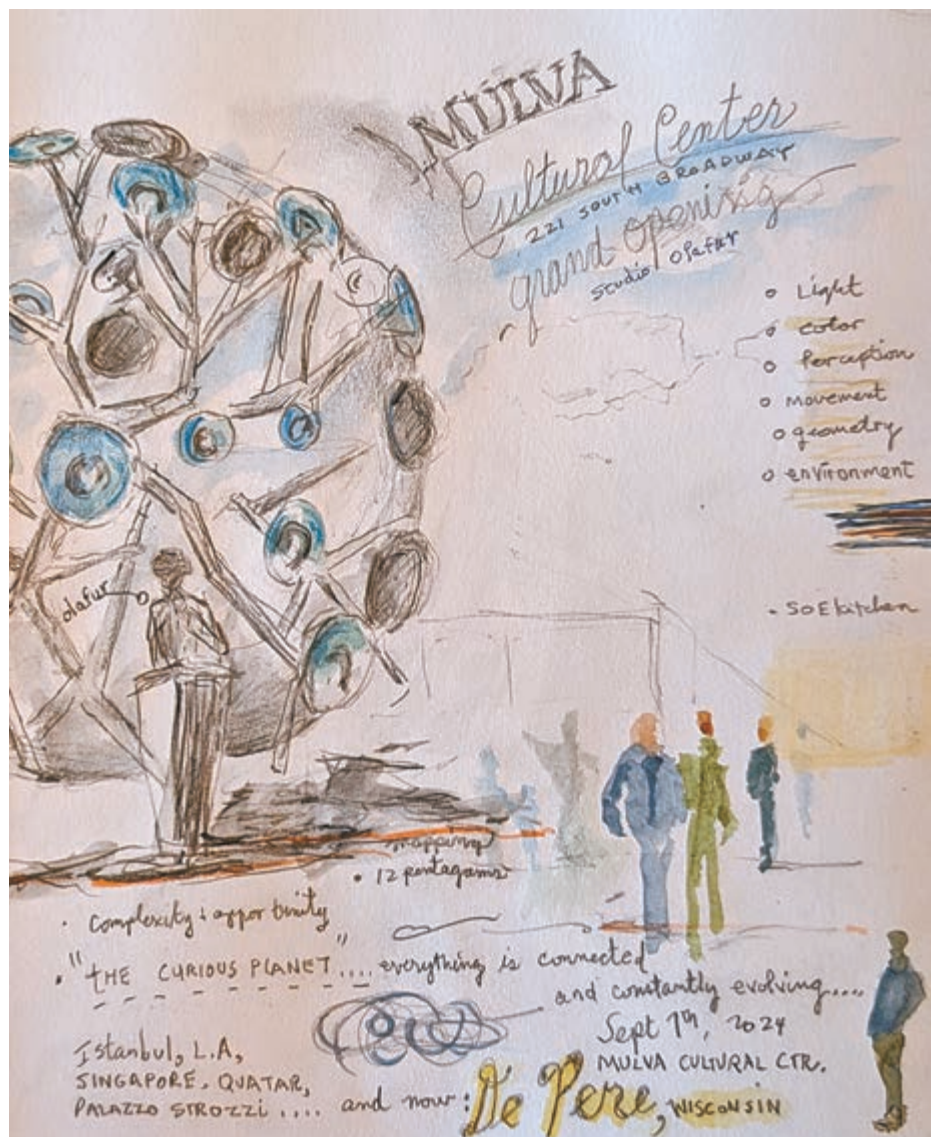
Eventually, Bagnet hopes to get enough people regularly attending Sketch De Pere events for the group to become a part of Urban Sketchers and even assemble a gallery show of sketches produced during Sketch De Pere meetups.

"It's my vision to get [Sketch De Pere] into an Urban Sketchers chapter," she said. "What's really neat about that is you can go online and see Urban Sketchers all around the world and learn from how other people are approaching that. It'd be an international group right here in De Pere... Because of our historic buildings and things like that, I think we have a good chance to get enough people interested and coming out."

"We try to meet once a month and the idea is that people don't have to know how to sketch — all they need is to bring some pencils and some paper," Bagnet said. "Just like Urban Sketchers, the idea is to be out in the landscape or to be outside as much as possible or be in a coffee shop or out in public and just draw what you see."

An average Sketch De Pere meetup lasts two to three hours and invites artists of all skill levels to come out and simply draw what's around them.

"We meet up in a certain area and then everyone walks around and decides what they want to sketch," she said. "Some people like to sketch with a partner and they chat while other people just want to go solo. Within about two and a half hours, we come back to the group and do a 'drop down' and kind of look at everyone's work... We throw all the drawings in a circle or in a grid and go around and look at other people's techniques. Everyone comes with something different — maybe it's pastels or watercolors or just pen and ink — and we learn from each other that way."



▲ Inspired by De Pere's historic architecture and urban landscape, Bagnet started Sketch De Pere to get out and sketch her surroundings with other artists.

▲ A sketch Bagnet did at the opening of "The Curious Planet" at the Mulva Center.



The most important element of the sketching done at these events, Baugnet said, is that it is based on real-life objects and scenes — not photos.

“That’s kind of my art school approach — drawing from life,” she said. “Photos flatten everything, which is great and that’s why it’s easier to draw a portrait from a photo. That is a good way to learn, but when you’re out in the elements and with the people, there’s a social part of it and you’re loosening up a little bit. Instead of sitting at a desk and drawing just with your wrist, you’re loosening up and using a sketchbook and you can draw things really quick instead of thinking everything has to be perfect.”

In Baugnet’s own sketchbooks, that loose, dynamic style is abundant.

“When you look at my sketches, there’s some action and some activity in the drawing,” she said. “People think that when you draw something, it has to look exactly like that thing. I call that ‘masterpiece syndrome.’ Everyone thinks that when they do something on paper, it has to look great, but it doesn’t.”

Without the expectation that every sketch will look identical to its subject, Baugnet said a great variety of sketches come out of Sketch De Pere events.

“It’s great to see that people don’t have to have a formal education to sketch — you just have to start looking and go one sketch at a time and each time you get better...” she said. “As an artist, I’ve taught drawing for many many years — 20 or 30 years. I like to see how someone sketches when they haven’t gone to art school or they haven’t done any sketching. What do they do? How do they approach it? And because we’re so open and we’re not judgemental, people aren’t inhibited and we just have fun with it.”

For aspiring artists considering stopping by an event, Baugnet suggests stopping by an event and seeing where it takes you

“Just come and see what people are doing,” she said. “You can observe and start your own sketchbook and look online. There’s so many videos where you can learn how to draw, shade, use values, use pastels and different mediums... And then it’s just a little bit of commitment — taking some time and starting out. Draw your cat or draw a plant. Organic shapes are good because they’re never exact... You can draw a banana and no one’s going to say, ‘Well, that’s not exactly what the banana looked like.’ Start with simple things and see what you can do.”

More details about Sketch De Pere and upcoming events can be found in the Sketch De Pere Facebook group. [CP](#)

► No prior sketching experience is required to join Sketch De Pere, just a willingness to give it a try and see what you can create.



▲ Artist Julie Baugnet recently moved back to De Pere after 30 years in Minnesota, where she taught art at St. Cloud State University. Julie Baugnet artwork



▲ During the winter months when outdoor sketching is difficult, Sketch De Pere will meet at indoor locations and work on still-life drawings.



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## MAKE A STUFFIE SEWING LESSON

**MONDAY, JAN. 6 | 10 A.M.**

**WONDERS BY WOMEN, GREEN BAY.**

Use a sewing machine and learn the basics of piecing together fabric pieces to make a stuffed animal. \$35. Visit [wondersbywomen.com](http://wondersbywomen.com) to learn more and to register.



## FRIDAY ACOUSTICS

**FRIDAYS FROM 6-9 P.M.**

**THROUGH APRIL 18.**

**BADGER STATE BREWING, GREEN BAY.**

Enjoy different local musicians each week. See Badger State Brewing's Facebook page for more details and a schedule of musicians.

*Saturday, Jan. 11*

**Stayin Alive - One Night of the Bee Gees** • Meyer Theatre, Green Bay. Bee Gees tribute performance. 7:30 p.m. \$42+. Head to [meyertheatre.org](http://meyertheatre.org) to learn more and purchase tickets.

*Ongoing*

**Friday Acoustics** • Badger State Brewing, Green Bay. Enjoy different local musicians each week. Fridays from 6-9 p.m., through April 18. See Badger State Brewing's Facebook page for more details and a schedule of musicians.

## ON STAGE/SCREEN

*Friday, Jan. 3*

**Daryl Rogers Family Night** • CupOJoy, Green Bay. Magic tricks, illusions and sleight of hand. 7 p.m. Free admission. Reserved seating available for purchase. Learn more at [cupojoy.com](http://cupojoy.com).

*Ongoing*

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

## ARTS/EXHIBITS

*Monday, Jan. 6*

**Make a Stuffie Sewing Lesson** • Wonders by Women, Green Bay. Use a sewing machine and learn the basics of piecing together fabric pieces to make a stuffed animal. 10 a.m. \$35. Visit [wondersbywomen.com](http://wondersbywomen.com) to learn more and to register.

*Wednesday, Jan. 8*

**Artist Meet and Greet: Michelle Engel & Angela Harle** • Brown County Library - Central Branch, Green Bay. Hear from local artists Michelle Engel and Angela Harle, whose art is featured in the Central Library's exhibit space through the end of January. 6:30 p.m. Free. Visit [browncountylibrary.org](http://browncountylibrary.org) for more details.

*Ongoing*

**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](http://mulvacenter.org).

**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

## LIVE MUSIC

*Friday, Jan. 3*

**AAC, The French Irish Coalition and The Royal Blue** • At the Tracks, Green Bay. Indie rock, alt rock and blues rock. 8 p.m. \$10. (Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.) See At the Tracks on Facebook for more details.

*Saturday, Jan. 4*

**2/5th's Party Band Duo** • Elk's Lodge, Green Bay. Button box and keyboard duo playing old-time polka, waltz and country music. 10 a.m. Free. See the Northeast Wisconsin Accordion Club's Facebook page for more details.

**SITB, The Jurassics and Speed to Never** • At the Tracks, Green Bay. Punk rock and pop punk music. 8 p.m. \$10. (Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.) See At the Tracks on Facebook for more details.

*Thursday, Jan. 9*

**Craft Your Own Cocktails** • Paradise North Distillery, Green Bay. Learn the essential formulas that will enable you to make cocktails with whatever you have on hand. 6:30 p.m. \$25. See Paradise North Distillery's Facebook page to learn more and to purchase tickets.

*Ongoing*

**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](http://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](mailto:kjpamperin@aol.com) for more details.

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

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

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## SUNDAY POKEMON LEAGUE

**1-4 P.M.**

**GNOME GAMES GREEN BAY EAST, GREEN BAY.**

Play, trade and earn prizes using your own Pokemon cards and video games. Check out Gnome Games Green Bay East's Facebook page for more details.

## GAMES/COMPETITIONS

*Ongoing*

**Sunday Pokemon League** • Gnome Games Green Bay East, Green Bay. Play, trade and earn prizes using your own Pokemon cards and video games. 1-4 p.m. Check out Gnome Games Green Bay East's Facebook page for more details.

**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.

**Pinball Tournament** • Titledown Brewing Co., Green Bay. Pinball showdown with cash prizes. Third Thursday of each month from 6-10

p.m. \$15. See Titledown Brewing Co.'s Facebook page to learn more.

**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



### JAM SKATE

**FRIDAYS FROM 6-10 P.M., THROUGH JAN. 31 TITLETOWN, ASHWAUBENON.**

Jam out to DJ spun tunes while you skate. Paid skating admission required. Visit titledown.com for more details and to sign up.

*Ongoing*

**Theme Skate** • Titledown, Ashwaubenon. 80s tunes and classic roller rink games. Tuesdays from 4-8 p.m., through Feb. 25. Paid skating admission required. Visit titledown.com for more details and to sign up.

**Glow Skate** • Hy-Vee Plaza, Ashwaubenon. Ice skate while brightly colored lights illuminate the rink. Thursdays from 4-8 p.m., through Feb. 27. Paid admission required. Head to titledown.com to learn more.

**Yoga** • Titledown, Ashwaubenon. Class to improve balance, strength and flexibility. Mondays at 6 p.m., through March 24. Free. Registration required. (Suitable for all ages and skill levels.) Visit titledown.com/events for more details.

**Cardio Dance** • Titledown, Ashwaubenon. Aerobic dance workout to current pop, hip-hop and world music. Tuesdays at 6 p.m., through March 25. Free. Registration required. (Recommended for ages 16+) Visit titledown.com for more details.

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

**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

*Tuesday, Jan. 7*

**READ Book Club** • Brown County Library - East Branch, Green Bay. Casual book share discussion. 1:30 p.m. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.



### PICTURE PERFECT: HONING YOUR EYE

**TUESDAY, JAN. 7 | 4 P.M. BROWN COUNTY LIBRARY - SOUTHWEST BRANCH, GREEN BAY.**

Professor Sarah Detweiler from UW-Green Bay will share how to see photo opportunities in the world around you and discuss photo composition and editing. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

*Thursday, Jan. 9*

**What's New to Medicare** • Brown County Library - Kress Family Branch, De Pere. ADRC volunteers will provide unbiased, up-to-date information about the Medicare changes for 2025. 10 a.m. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

**Sleeping Through The Ages** • Brown County Library - East Branch, Green Bay. Learn about the importance of restorative sleep and how to set up a sleep routine to gain maximum sleep benefits. 11 a.m. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

**Computer Basics** • Brown County Library - Central Branch, Green Bay. Learn the basics of using a computer with Windows 11 and practice using a mouse. 2 p.m. Free. Advance registration required. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

*Ongoing*

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

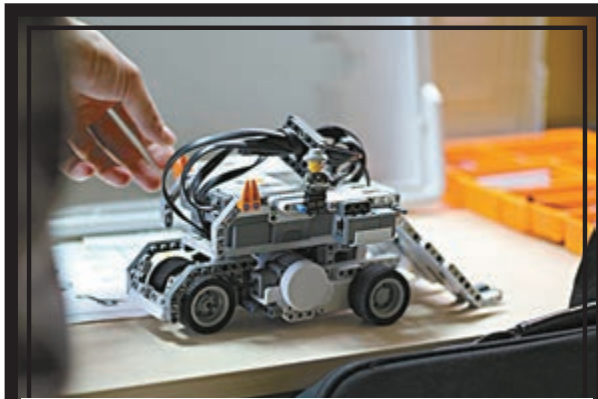
**Good Vibes: Gongs and Reiki** • Mindful Reiki and Meditation, Bellevue. Group class provided by Brenda from Celestial Sound and Jess from Mindful. First Monday of the month at 6 p.m., through May 31. \$40. Find more information and book a session at celestialsoundgb.com.

**Sound Bath with Gongs** • 9th Street Wellness East, Green Bay. Group class with Celestial Sound. Saturdays, Jan. 11, Mar. 8 and May 10, at 10 a.m.; Thursdays, Feb. 6 and April 10 at 6 p.m. \$15. Find more information and book a session at celestialsoundgb.com.

**Caregivers Oasis: Sound Bath and Support** • Celestial Sound, Green Bay. Group class. Second Monday of the month at 10 a.m., through May 31. \$15. Find more information and book a session at celestialsoundgb.com.

**Full Moon Sound Bath** • Light Minded People, Ashwaubenon. Group class with Brenda from Celestial Sound and Melissa from Soul Sounds. Jan. 12, Feb. 12 and Mar. 14 at 6:30 p.m. \$40. Find more information and book a session at celestialsoundgb.com.

**Lunchtime Gong Meditation** • Celestial Sound, Suamico. Group class. Select Thursdays at 12 p.m., through May 31. \$15. Find more information and book a session at celestialsoundgb.com.



### HACK THE BOTS: LEGO ROBOTICS JAM WITH STEM INCLUSIVE INITIATIVES

**FRIDAY, JAN. 10 | 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.

## FAMILY/KIDS

*Thursday, Jan. 9*

**Learn Through Play Literacy Day: Bubbles!** • Brown County Library - Ashwaubenon Branch, Ashwaubenon. Learn through play by blowing bubbles, popping bubbles and painting with bubbles. 10:15 a.m. Free. (Ages 3-5.) Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

*Friday, Jan. 10*

**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.

*Ongoing*

**Family Storytime at Title Town** • Rockwood Terrace, Ashwaubenon. Stories, fingerplays, songs and movement activities for children of all ages with a parent or caregiver. Mondays at 10 a.m., through Feb. 10. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

**Sanctuary Storytime** • Green Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, Green Bay. Nature-themed story and a simple craft/activity geared towards preschoolers. Mondays at 10 a.m., through Feb. 24. 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, Jan. 4*

**Volunteer Seed Sorting and Packing Day** • Brown County Library - Central Branch, Green Bay. Help clean, sort and package seeds for the Brown County Seed Library. 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Learn more and sign up at browncountylibrary.org.

*Thursday, Jan. 9*

**Brown County Job Fair** • Brown County Library - Weyers-Hilliard Branch, Howard. Connect with employers and current job opportunities in Brown County. 1-3 p.m. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org to learn more.

*Ongoing*

**The Wedding Show** • Resch Expo, Ashwaubenon. More than 100 exhibitors for prospective brides, grooms and anyone interested in weddings. Jan. 10 from 5-9 p.m. and Jan. 11 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$13 for adults. \$12 for seniors, military and first responders. Free for ages 17 and under.

**Winter Market on Military** • 725 S Military Ave., Green Bay. Indoor winter farmers' market featuring hand crafted, homemade, locally grown and raised products. First and third Saturdays, November-April, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Free admission. Find more details at militaryave.org.

**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 bcwc.org.

**Green Bay Area Retired Men's Club** • Brown County Library - Central Branch, Green Bay. Weekly meeting with coffee, donuts and speakers. Monthly tours of area companies. Meetings are Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. The speaker for the Jan. 7 meeting will be Doug LaLuzerne to talk about physical therapy. Dues are \$20 per year. Prospective members welcome. Visit gbretiredmensclub.com for more details.

**Community Resource Tuesdays** • Brown County Library - Central Branch, Green Bay. Each week, a different community resource/social service agency will be on-site to provide information about their programs and services. Jan. 7 will feature House of Hope and Alzheimer's Association. Tuesdays at 2 p.m. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org to learn more.

**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.org.

**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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### Luxemburg Lions Bingo Dates for 2025

Sun., Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> Sun., March 9<sup>th</sup>  
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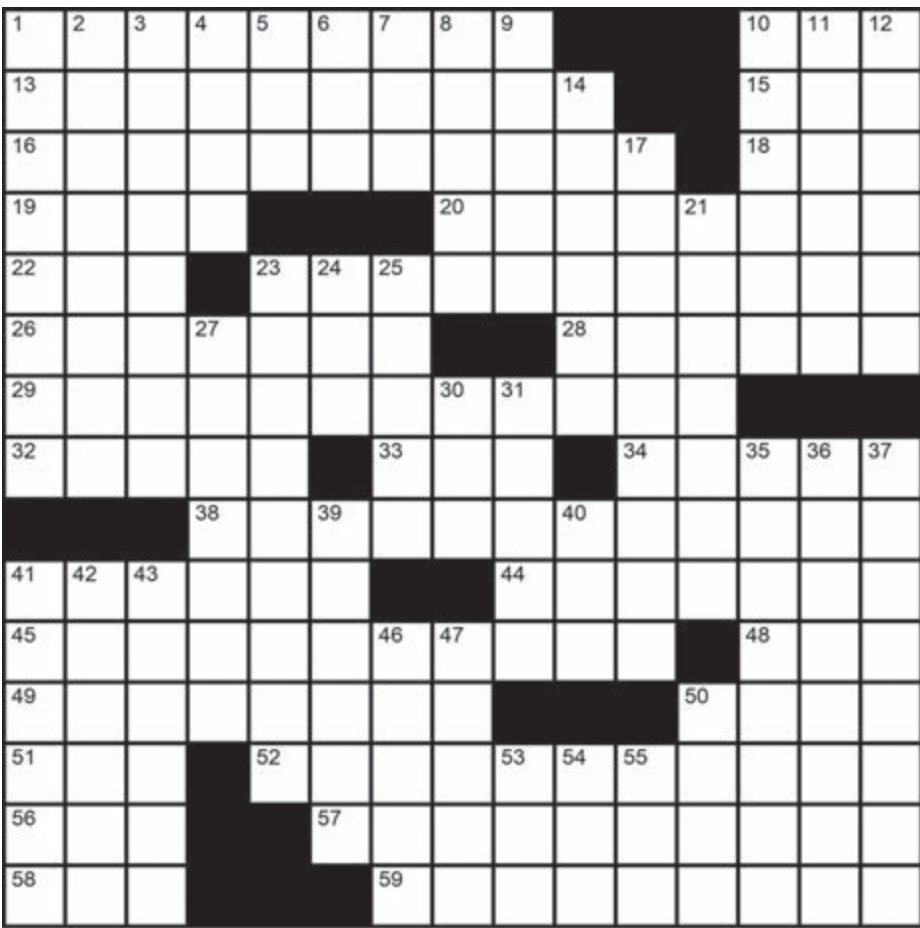
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# “Oxen Free” – a themeless challenge to wind down the year.



by Matt Jones

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Crossword answers on page 7. No peeking!

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- Online “where is this?” game with notables called Rainbolt and Blinky
- “Sk8er \_\_\_” (2002 single)
- Takes a sudden lead
- 911 responder
- Misrepresented a public campaign as fully authentic
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- Barney Gumble quote after abstaining from (and then drinking) alcohol, prepping for a space mission
- Channel with a “Noir Alley” feature
- Like elements past #92 (all unstable and prone to decay into other elements)
- Places to check out?
- Company that sometimes outranks Microsoft and Apple as the world’s most valuable
- It may contain a radio and non-perishables
- Otherworldly
- \_\_\_ Lingus (Ryanair competitor)
- They make feudal attempts?
- Singer and then some
- Elite squads
- Butt: var.
- TV spots for Fred Meyer (as opposed to, say, Wal-Mart)
- Not-so-peaceful feeling
- Phone tree start
- Bioengineered foods, briefly
- Boston’s Bobby
- Places of protection
- Lil \_\_\_ Howery (actor in 2025’s “Dog Man”)
- Go from the ocean back to clouds, maybe
- “Madden NFL 25” stats
- Like insects

## Down

- Singer-songwriter Phillips (namesake of a “Buffalo” band)
- Start of a happy-go-lucky saying
- Fictional month in a 1977 Dr. Seuss title
- Goldfinger portrayer Frobe
- Org. associated with Bob Hope for 50 years
- Put away
- \_\_\_ mai (dumplings)
- Canary’s European cousin
- Rapid transits?
- Show compassion
- Subtitle of 1978’s “Damien”
- Lake at the head of the Mississippi
- Prove false
- They give it a whirl
- Skiers’ leg coverings
- Strict parents (as popularized by a 2011 book)
- “The Pioneer Woman” host Drummond
- “Simple!”
- The world’s third most populous island
- Animator’s unit
- Northern California town that used to have a palindromic bakery
- Setting up traffic lights again, maybe
- Norwegian Sea islanders (if you spell it with the ligature)
- About to burn out
- Looms
- Lasso or Leo
- Military building
- Became weepy, with “up”
- Some 2010s Gen Z fashion denizens (inspired by anime and mall goth)
- One-third of “Six”?
- Susan who lent her surname to nominees who finally win
- “Whose Line” regular Proops
- \_\_\_ screen (lab test for poisons)
- Cornhusker’s sch.
- Edmondson of “The Young Ones,” familiarly

arts & entertainment

# HIGH LIGHTS

by Janelle Fisher

## Volunteer Seed Sorting and Packing Day

Saturday, Jan. 4 | Brown County Library - Central Branch, Green Bay

Help clean, sort and package seeds for the Brown County Seed Library.

No experience is necessary as instruction will be provided.

All ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Session One will run from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Session Two will run from 12:30 p.m.-3 p.m.

Learn more and sign up at [browncountylibrary.org](http://browncountylibrary.org).



## Craft Your Own Cocktails

Thursday, Jan. 9 | Paradise North Distillery, Green Bay

Learn the essential formulas that will enable you to make cocktails with whatever you have on hand.

Attendees will also learn how to equip your home bar without spending a lot of money, essential bartending techniques, how to create balanced cocktails and simple techniques to combine ingredients and flavors.

Class will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 and include supplies and materials to craft three cocktails.

See Paradise North Distillery’s Facebook page to learn more and to purchase tickets.



## newART/v

Jan. 10-Feb. 22 | newARTSpace, De Pere

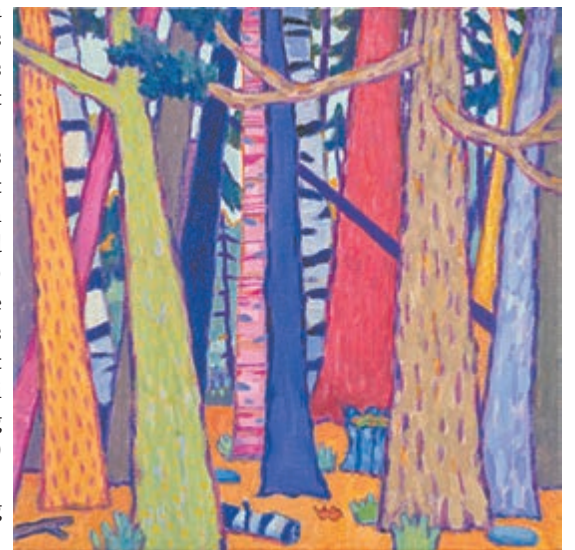
Annual exhibition featuring a select group of Wisconsin artists with a special emphasis on artists who live and work in the northeast region of the state.

This year’s selection of artists includes Abigail Marquardt (Green Bay) working in fiber, Beth Schueffner (Appleton) painting and collage, Donald Taylor (Green Bay) sculptural works in wood, Julie Bagnet (Allouez) artist books and ephemera, Lynn Gilchrist (Sturgeon Bay) painting, Mari Anna Chism (Sheboygan) painting and Mark Kolinski (Algoma) ceramic sculpture.

This exhibit will be open during gallery hours Jan. 10-Feb. 22.

Admission is free.

Learn more at [newartspace124.com](http://newartspace124.com).



## The Wedding Show

Jan. 10 and 11 | Resch Expo, Ashwaubenon

More than 100 exhibitors for prospective brides, grooms and anyone interested in weddings.

Explore options for photography, DJs, venues, decorations, accessories and more.

Taste different wedding cakes and desserts.

Area wedding experts will be available for meetings to help get organized.

The show will also feature door prizes, wedding trend displays, a photography gallery and formalwear displays.

This event will take place on Friday, Jan. 10, from 5-9 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 11, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Tickets are \$13 for adults; \$12 for seniors, military and first responders; and free for ages 17 and under.

More details and tickets can be found at [reschexpo.com](http://reschexpo.com).





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De Pere Police officer Dawson and K-9 officer Tony

Most local departments hold a Police Citizen's Academy for several weeks each year. It is a great way to gain a much better understanding of what officers deal with on a regular basis and how we as citizens can help.

Our law enforcement officers have chosen a difficult and sometimes impossible career in public service to us all. In honor of that day, citizens are encouraged to show their support in any number of ways:

- Wear blue clothing in support of law enforcement.
- Send a card of support to your local police department
- Share a story about a positive law enforcement experience on social media.
- Ask children in your community to write letters in support of law enforcement.
- Participate in Project Blue Light - Proudly display your blue light in support of law enforcement.
- Organize an event or a rally in support of your law enforcement officers.

**Most importantly, if you see a police officers, thank that police officer!**



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## PUBLISHER'S LETTER

### A Shower A Day

Dear Reader,

Today I took a shower, as I do almost every day. It's something so routine, we rarely give it a second thought. But there's a certain comfort in that simple act—feeling clean, refreshed, and ready to face whatever the day or night may bring. Yet, we often take these small, everyday luxuries for granted.



There are millions around the world who don't have this privilege. The people of Ukraine, for instance, have been robbed of such normalcy as they endure brutal and unjust attacks—simply for not being Russian. This tragedy, is a nightmare that has destroyed lives and shattered peace.

A daily shower won't solve this crisis, but it reminds us of the life we hope the people of Ukraine—and all oppressed people—might one day return to. A life where peace prevails, and where, after all the chaos, they can enjoy something as simple as...a quiet shower in the morning.

**PATRICK J. WOOD**  
Publisher

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



## BE OUR GUEST

# Hospital workplace violence is a public health emergency. Why is no one listening?

**BY DAMOND W. BOATWRIGHT**  
HOSPITAL SISTERS HEALTH SYSTEM PRESIDENT/CEO



Boatwright

As many of us scroll through our favorite news app, we are greeted by reports of workplace violence, from verbal and physical confrontations to fatal shootings.

What is often missing from the headlines are stories of the increasing high frequency of workplace assaults suffered by health care professionals across the country.

The data is alarming and demands greater public attention.

The American Hospital Association reports that health care facilities face more incidents of violence and injury than any other work environment.

Since the pandemic, it's gotten worse: 44% of nurses report an increase in physical violence and 68% report

an increase in verbal abuse.

Figures from the American College of Emergency Physicians are particularly shocking.

Hospital emergency departments, by nature, are high-pressure settings, can be crowded, and are often chaotic.

A distressing 80% of emergency room doctors say violence has impacted patient care and safety where they work.

Half of emergency physicians note they have witnessed harm to patients in

the emergency department, and 47% report they themselves have been assaulted at work.

At Hospital Sisters Health System, we are experiencing this new epidemic firsthand, as violent and abusive behavior increases across our network of 13 Catholic, non-profit hospitals in Illinois and Wisconsin.

Contrary to popular opinion, this isn't just an urban problem — it happens in our rural community hospitals, too.

We refer to HSHS's committed and caring staff as "colleagues," from the executive leadership team to the welcoming professional sitting at the front desk.

The term "colleague" indicates the respect and camaraderie we offer each other and our patients as part of our mission to provide faith-based, loving, safe and high-quality care to those we serve.

As CEO, I do not want

"colleague" to be replaced by "survivor" because of acts — swearing, punching, kicking, biting, spitting and so on — encountered by the caring professionals within our facilities.

Our values call us to make safety a priority for our 11,000 colleagues and the patients and visitors they serve.

The reason for these outbursts has no simple origin, but the fear, confusion and isolation remaining from the pandemic have not helped.

We see the impact everywhere: in our youth, who are struggling to overcome learning and social gaps; in our elderly, who lost so many of their peers to COVID-19; and in society overall, where loneliness is accelerating into its own epidemic.

We are living in an era in which mental health resources are more critical than ever, yet they are

plagued by the perennial problem of inadequate funding due primarily to the stigma attached to mental health needs.

Every one of our colleagues — and all clinical care team members across the United States — deserves to work in a secure and safe environment. HSHS and other leading health care systems are doing our part to counter this public health emergency by implementing new safety programs and procedures.

We ask our elected officials to join us in these efforts to safeguard their constituents.

Action is already being taken in Wisconsin, where Act 209 was signed into law in 2022, making threats and acts of violence against health care workers and their family members a Class H felony.

Recently, Illinois lawmakers took a good first step in proposing bipartisan

legislation that gives health care workers the same protections as employees who suffer violence in other care-oriented workplaces — such as nursing homes, daycares and schools.

Similarly, the Safety from Violence for Healthcare Employees Act (SAVE Act) introduced in Congress would make assaulting a hospital employee a federal crime punishable by a fine, jail time or both.

This protection is already provided to airline and airport workers.

We look forward to these and similar initiatives moving forward.

In health care, we take a pledge to first do no harm.

Why shouldn't we expect the same from our patients, communities and elected officials?

A clarion call for protection of our health care heroes is long overdue.

Lawmakers must now heed our plea.

## BE OUR GUEST

# New winter road condition categories unveiled

**FROM THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) recently announced new winter road condition categories to better reflect current conditions on roads across the state.

The categories are now: Normal, Partially Covered, Completely Covered, Travel Not Advised and No Report.

The information streamlines the categories and makes it easier for motorists.

Drivers are encouraged to "know before you go" with 511 Wisconsin, online at 511wi.gov or via the mobile app.

"We continually look for ways to enhance our 511

Wisconsin traveler information service," WisDOT Secretary Kristina Boardman said. "As we prepare for another winter season, we're excited to announce these new road condition categories. We know that road conditions during Wisconsin's winters can change in the blink of an eye and drivers must expect the unexpected. We're confident the updated winter road condition categories will help drivers make informed travel decisions this winter and beyond."

511 Wisconsin first launched 15 years ago in 2009, and the free travel information system has evolved over the years with its web and smartphone capabilities.

Drivers have direct ac-

cess to up-to-date traffic information throughout the state.

On 511 Wisconsin, users can access live streaming video through hundreds of traffic cameras across the state and winter road conditions for more than 14,000 miles of roadway.

The WisDOT Traffic Management Center (TMC) oversees 511 Wisconsin to update the website and mobile app with current information based on notifications from law enforcement and other first responders.

"The Wisconsin State Patrol and other law enforcement agencies coordinate with TMC staff and dispatchers working around the clock to keep all travelers in the know," Wisconsin State Patrol Superinten-

dent Tim Carnahan said. "Our winter weather in Wisconsin can make driving dangerous at times, so we encourage drivers to plan ahead, watch your speed during inclement weather and avoid distractions behind the wheel."

### How to use

Visit 511wi.gov online, or download the 511 Wisconsin app.

In the map legend, make sure "winter road conditions" is checked.

Look for the colors outlining the roads near you.

The colors are listed from best to worst: normal (green), partially covered (blue), completely covered (pink), travel not advised (black), and no report (gray).

### View live traffic cameras

Visit 511wi.gov online or download the 511 Wisconsin app.

In the top right corner under the Map Legend and 511 layers box, click the "cameras" checkbox.

Look for the camera icons along your route.

On 511wi.gov, click the camera icon and look for "show video" button to view the live camera feed.

On the 511 Wisconsin app, press the "play" button in the bottom right corner.

Users can still dial 511 to access travel information; however, for the most up-to-date technology, the traveling public is encouraged to use the 511 Wisconsin app or online at 511wi.gov.

Motorists should always

expect the unexpected when driving in the winter in Wisconsin. When possible, avoid traveling during storms to give winter maintenance crews room to work.

### Winter travel preparation

If you must travel, check 511wi.gov for road conditions or incidents along your route.

Download the 511 Wisconsin app to monitor conditions on the go, but not while driving.

Monitor 511 Wisconsin on X/Twitter for the latest incidents and information.

Clear snow and ice from your vehicle's windows, front and rear lights, roof and hood.

See **ROADS** page 15

# The Lost Dauphin: Controversy springs

BY KRIS LEONHARDT  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Continued from last week

When the February 1853 edition of *Putnam's* magazine reached England, the Prince of Joinville had his secretary write to the London agent for the magazine claiming the story a falsehood.

"His first thought was to treat (it) with the indifference which it deserves, the absurd invention on which this article is founded, but on reflecting that a little truth is there mixed with much falsehood, the Prince deemed it right that I should in his name give a few lines in reply to show the exact portion of truth there is in this mass of fables," wrote Aug. Trognon, former preceptor and secretary for the Prince de Joinville.

"It is very true that in a voyage which he made to the United States towards the end of the year 1841, the Prince finding himself at Machinac met on board the steamboat a passenger whose face he thinks he recognizes in the portrait given in the 'Monthly Magazine' but whose name had entirely escaped him."



Williams  
Wisconsin Historical Society museum painting

According to the Prince, Eleazer Williams was knowledgeable in North American history and had an Iroquois mother and a French father and was therefore able to regale the Prince with stories, as the Prince was traveling the area to retrace the

path of the French as they established residency in the country.

"Since then, some letters have been exchanged between Mr. Williams and the persons attached to the Prince..." he added.

"But there ends all which the article contains

of truth, concerning the relations of the Prince with Mr. Williams. All the rest, all which treats of the revolution which the Prince made to Mr. Williams of the mystery of his birth, all which concerns the pretended personage of Louis XVII is from one end to the other a work of the imagination — a fable women wholesale, a speculation upon the public credulity.

"If by chance any of the readers of the monthly magazine should be disposed to avow belief in it, thy should procure from Paris a book which has been very recently published by M. Beauchense. They will there find concerning the life and death of the unfortunate Dauphine, the most circumstantial and positive details."

From there controversy erupted in the country for those for and against the likelihood that Williams was the Lost Dauphin.

Stories and lectures on both sides hit print mediums and venues, as people even took to traveling to seek out the truth about the Lost Dauphin.

To be continued



File photo

## Area hospitals announce top baby names of 2024

GREEN BAY - HSHS St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay and Bellin Health announced the top names chosen for babies born in 2024.

For St. Vincent, Oliver was the top boys' name with Jackson and Bennett runners up.

Amelia was a top girls' name, with Evelyn and Nora the next choice.

Bellin's top five baby girl names for 2024 were Emma, Charlotte, Zoe, Eleanor and Evelyn.

Bellin's top five baby boy names for 2024 were Liam, Oliver, Noah, Beau and Jayden.

In 2024, Bellin welcomed 1,511 babies — 738 were girls and 773 were boys.

### RURAL from page 3

The county can bill those expenses back to the state through BadgerCare.

But some county officials are unwilling to engage in the program, Hall said.

He added that allowing local shelters that serve those covered under BadgerCare to bill the state directly for these services instead of relying on the county to initiate it "would solve the problem tomorrow."

Hall also noted that county governments can use their opioid settlement funds to provide housing and shelter to those with eligible needs, yet some have instead spent it on other things.

Waupaca County, for example, told Wisconsin Watch it has spent nearly \$100,000 in opioid settlement funds on awareness campaigns, training, a counselor position and equipment that helps local police quickly identify narcotics.

Another challenge is that some small communities reject homeless shelters, assuming they will bring negative footprints.

The small city of Clintonville approved an ordinance last winter enforcing a 60-day limit on local hotel stays in a six-month period, citing drug concerns, disorderly conduct

and disturbances. Many homeless individuals in the area are put up in those hotels.

"We're trying to figure out, what are we going to do with those 50 people this winter when the police departments come through and say they have to get out," Hall said.

### Shunned by their community

While still homeless, Zieroth and Hubbell were fortunate enough to find a temporary place to stay as the weather gets colder — a small room in the unfinished basement of an acquaintance who didn't want to see them living out of their car.

They insist on paying the homeowners \$50 a week — all they can afford — for letting them stay in the basement.

Zieroth uses his skills as a mechanic to fix things around the property, and Hubbell picks items up for them at the Dollar General whenever she can.

Once healed, he wants to get back to work and acquire a property of his own, but his first priority is his daughter.

After getting on her feet, Hubbell hopes to go to cosmetology school in Rice Lake.

"She has her whole life ahead of her and experience has taught me that some real bad beginnings get really good endings, and she deserves a good one," Zieroth said.

### FARRAGH from page 1

"After having our first child and wanting to be back closer to family (my family still resides in Suamico and my husband's family is in Menasha), we started talking about moving back to the Green Bay area in late 2021.

"As I was job searching, I networked with folks back in the Green Bay area, local professionals, and several of them mentioned that I should look into Breakthrough.

"Breakthrough had, at the time, a Director of Client Partnerships role open, so I applied and that's how our journey to moving home became a reality."

Abby has been with Breakthrough — a US Venture company — for the past two and a half years.

"My husband and I rooted ourselves in our community - enrolling our children

in classes at the local De Pere Community Center, attending church at Green Bay Community Church in Howard, taking swimming lessons at the CP Center and volunteering with several local non-profits," she said.

At work, Abby is now the director of client success, where she works with a portfolio of clients to "help increase efficiencies, reduce cost, and decarbonize their transportation networks. By doing so, I also help introduce our clients to our suite of products and services, which in turn helps grow the company."

"I also co-chair our EPIC Committee at Breakthrough, which stands for Employee, Planet, Impact, Community: this is a volunteer committee that brings teammates together for community engagement efforts. We plan employee engagement events, lead

sustainability initiatives, decide where to donate hundreds of thousands of dollars of funds annually, and volunteer across several non-profits in our community. I have also led the Community Engagement subcommittee for EPIC, in which I helped to start our annual Volunteer Week, where our team members sign up to volunteer across Green Bay and the Fox Cities for different non-profits.

Here are some other things I am involved in — with the immense support and encouragement from Breakthrough/US Venture — Big Brothers Big Sisters Business Mentoring program."

Abby also participated in the Leadership Green Bay Class of 2024 and said she isn't afraid to say "yes" to new challenges.

"I haven't been afraid to jump into new things, learn as I go, and surround my-

self with people smarter than me. I like to be challenged, I like to be involved in many things (work and outside of work), and I love to network with new people and put myself out there," she explained.

"I also seek out ways to continue to grow myself professionally and personally. Maybe it's a class or a podcast or a book or a personality assessment or a 360 review, or a conference or leadership speaker to go and see; but, I am always seeking out ways to learn more about who I am — as a person and a leader — and be able to apply what I have learned to be a better professional.

"I have also had a few amazing leaders along the way that have believed in me, advocated for me, and said my name in a room full of opportunities, which has helped to grow me immensely."

### ROADS from page 14

Fill the gas tank and windshield washer fluid.

Have a fully charged phone and an emergency kit in your vehicle.

Alert others about your route and expected travel time.

### Driving precautions

Buckle up and put your

phone down while driving. Every trip, every time.

Snow means slow. Allow extra travel time, following distance, and reduce your speed during winter conditions.

Be cautious on bridges, overpasses and entrance and exit ramps.

Don't be overconfident in four-wheel or all-wheel-drive vehicles. All vehicles

require additional time and distance to stop in adverse conditions.

Avoid using cruise control in winter conditions.

Leave room for maintenance vehicles and snowplows.

Move over or slow down for stopped emergency vehicles.

Stay at least 200 feet behind a working snowplow.

Make sure that you can see the plow's mirrors to ensure the driver can see you.

In case of a crash or slide off, stay in the vehicle, turn on the hazards, call 911 and move vehicle(s) out of traffic if possible.

Visit wisconsin.gov/staysafe to learn about safe driving tips and best practices for winter road safety.

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# New book recalls the 'Big Snow Storm of 1922'

BY KRIS LEONHARDT  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

DE PERE – In the recently released third volume of *De Pere of Yesteryear*, Mary Kay Milquet recalls the storm of February 1922 as “some of the worst in the memories of the oldest residents” where rain, sleet, snow, ice, thunder and lightning paralyzed the area for days.

“If you were old enough to hold a shovel in 1922, you would have been outside removing snow from the walks and roads. During the second week of February 1922, one of the winter’s most prolonged and severe cold snaps enveloped De Pere. A foot of snow blanketed the area on Saturday the 12th, followed by a week of sub-zero temperatures,” she wrote.

“The temperatures warmed a bit, and that Saturday and Sunday, rain mixed with sleet fell, accompanied by thunder and lightning. As the temperature dropped late Sunday, the rain turned to snow, still mixed with sleet, and was again accompanied by thunder and lightning. The snow continued to fall throughout the week; it was considered the worst blizzard ever by Wednesday.



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“Road traffic in the area came to a standstill. A streetcar on North Broadway was stopped dead when lightning struck the

wire and destroyed the motor.”

Milquet said that the freezing rain left a thick layer on roads and tracks

bringing traffic to a standstill and poles and trees snapped under the weight and wind speed.

Volume III follows two

already released books of the same name covering De Pere history and also features 24 short stories of early De Pere and

the family genealogies of John Arndt, Samuel Baldwin, William Bates, Ellery Clark, John Creviere, John Dousman, John Gittins, Paul Halline, Daniel Hickey, John Heyrman, John Johann, Carl Kubitz, John Kuypers, Joseph Lawton, Lewis Minich, John Nevins, Charles Proctor, Pembroke Proctor, Alfred Remington, Peter Roffers, John M. Smits, John A. Speaker, George F. Steele, Edward Vande Castele and Herbert I. Wheeler.

The books also includes information on at least 20 known newspapers attributed to De Pere including five in the Dutch language, an in-depth story of De Pere’s cigar makers and 1879 De Pere Mayor E. C. Clark, who moved to De Pere from Winnebago County and was “elected mayor unanimously by all 296 voters.”

For Volume I, Mary Kay (Whitbeck) Milquet and Dan Milquet spent years researching the individuals, families and businesses that helped shape early De Pere.

In Volumes II and III, Mary Kay continues to highlight early De Pere history and families.

For more on Milquet’s books, visit [savingyesteryear.com](http://savingyesteryear.com).

# Packers to open members-only fitness club

FOR THE PRESS TIMES

GREEN BAY – Titledtown will welcome its newest addition this spring as the Packers Athletic Club (PAC) — a members-only fitness club — opens in the heart of the development.

“Powered by the brand and culture of the Green Bay Packers, members will enjoy cutting-edge equipment, energizing classes and inspiring recovery areas, along with best-in-class amenities and facilities,” a Green Bay Packers release stated.

“We’re looking forward to welcoming the Packers Athletic Club to Titledtown,” said Packers COO/General Counsel Ed Policy. “This facility will continue to elevate Titledtown’s offerings and enhance the community’s options for premier fitness experiences. The PAC will join the excellence of the Packers brand with the vibrant, fitness-minded community we’ve built at Titledtown. We’re excited to welcome members to enjoy the club in 2025.”

The Packers Athletic Club will be housed in Titledtown’s newest building — just east of the U.S. Venture Center and adjacent to Titledtown’s football field — occupying the building’s first floor and the southern half of the second floor.

“The club’s workout floor features 15,500 square feet of state-of-the-art cardio and strength equipment, two perfor-



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mance areas (including turf) and an expansive area for stretching or independent workouts. Two studios will offer group fitness, from yoga and boot camp to Reformer Pilates. The indoor turf training space is designed for HIIT workouts, including sleds, weights, medicine balls and other gear to enhance workouts,” the release added.

“The PAC’s curated fitness offerings will be complemented by premium amenities, including

a luxurious locker room, sauna, eucalyptus steam room, cold plunge and hot tub. Towels, shower products and personal care essentials will also be provided for use every day. Members can unwind in a relaxing lounge, make use of flexible co-working space and enjoy refreshments and snacks at the club’s café.

The PAC is scheduled to open in April of 2025.

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

## Other new businesses

Additionally, making their home in the new building are the offices of EUA, which is relocating its Green Bay office from De Pere to Titledtown.

The architecture and engineering company, which also designed the building itself, has offices in Milwaukee, Madison, Atlanta and Denver.

EUA’s Titledtown office will serve 40-50 employees on the northern half of the building’s second floor.

EUA will officially move into the building in March.

The new building will also include a small café, Titledtown Daily Grind, which will offer to-go service of craft coffee, smoothies and snacks to the public.

Also on the horizon for Titledtown is BelAir Cantina, which will open its doors in Titledtown in January, serving innovative sharables, tacos, burritos and margaritas.

“The laid-back restaurant mixes a California-

style taco experience with traditional Mexican cooking techniques for a menu that’s deliciously different and full of fresh ingredients. BelAir Cantina is located between Associated Bank and Hinterland, with doors facing both Hy-Vee Plaza on the south side of the building and the parking lot on the north side of the building. BelAir has additional locations in the Milwaukee area, as well as in Madison,” the release added.



# Brown County Board makes counteroffer

## Negotiations stall on lease terms that would move coal piles

BY PRESS TIMES STAFF

GREEN BAY – During the Dec. 18 Brown County Board meeting, supervisors approved lease terms with C. Reiss that would provide for the relocation of coal piles to the J.P. Pulliam power plant property.

The adjusted terms came in the form of a counteroffer from the county board following a two-hour closed session.

According to the county board, while the number of acres in the agreement remained the same at 14.5 useable acres (17.5 total), a provision was added to the lease rate that originally provided \$110,000 per year with a 2.5% yearly escalator, providing whichever is greater between the 2.5% escalator or based on the consumer price index.

The lease terms were adjusted from 25 years with two 25-year extensions to 30 years with one 10-year extension.

Additional conditions include: “only store bulk nuisance commodities (such as coal) North of

I-43 (Port is North of 1-43) starting one year after property is leased or store in city-approved enclosed structure; provide county with air and water compliance reports that are currently sent to DNR and C. Reiss must reach agreement with city by June 1, 2025, regarding C. Reiss and city plans for future uses of C. Reiss Mason Street property.”

The board approved the adjusted terms 22-2, with Dave Kaster and Andy Nicholson voting “no” and Nick Dagneau absent and one vacant seat.

State Representative David Steffen (R-Howard), who has been a strong proponent for the redevelopment of Green Bay’s waterfront released a statement the following day stating, “For over 50 years, the city of Green Bay and Brown County have worked to reclaim and repurpose the quarter mile of downtown riverfront property that is currently dedicated to coal storage. Last night, our community took a historic step by approving a

lease agreement for a new storage location,” he said.

“I am encouraged by the continued commitment and efforts being taken to advance this project. Enhancing the economic and aesthetic value of our Fox River and its frontage will pay enormous dividends to the residents in the decades and centuries to follow. While it remains to be seen what decisions will follow last night’s vote, efforts are moving in the right direction.”

“Over the course of the last two years since the Brown County Administration and the City of Green Bay approached C. Reiss to work on this effort, C. Reiss has engaged in good faith negotiations with all parties and offered a range of options to move forward,” C. Reiss said in a release.

“This spring, the County Administration and C. Reiss agreed to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for C. Reiss to lease the entire Pulliam site and move the coal piles there, but that MOU was rejected by the County Harbor

Commission, which asked the parties to go back to negotiations.

“When it was announced this summer that the County did not receive the \$25 million federal Department of Transportation grant it had sought to complete the full port project as originally designed, C. Reiss spent \$20,000 of its own money to a design of a smaller footprint at the Pulliam site that would allow us to move the coal piles using just the \$15 million the state had granted the county for the project.

“For the smaller footprint, C. Reiss put forth two offers: a lease and an offer to purchase the site for \$3.5 million. C. Reiss’s purchase offer valued the acreage at \$140,000 per acre, which is 60% more than the county received from another company, GLC Minerals, which paid \$87,500 per acre for 10 acres in 2021. The potential sale would provide the County with a 100% return on its investment and generate approximately \$2.1 million for it

to use on other projects. The County Administration has declined to pursue this option, though C. Reiss would still be open to it.

“The county administration indicated it preferred the lease option. As the deal terms agreed to between the County Administration and C. Reiss reflect, C. Reiss would move the coal piles three miles downriver to the former Pulliam Power Plant at the mouth of the Fox River, on a 25-year lease. The lease payment would be \$110,000 per year with annual escalators of 2.5%.

“Of note on the lease payment: The lease payment plus annual escalators in the agreed-to deal with the County would nearly double C. Reiss’s land costs for a smaller site than we currently own at Mason Street. C. Reiss has been located at its Mason Street location since 1900, so its current land costs are approximately \$55,000 per year in property taxes.

“The agreement origi-

nally included three 25-year extensions, for a 100-year lease, standard in this type of situation. The County then asked to add language ensuring that the lease payment reflect market rates, which C. Reiss agreed to.

“Last week, the county came back to C. Reiss and asked to remove one 25-extension period from the deal terms, making the lease 75 years. C. Reiss considered it and agreed to removing 25 years from the lease, but noted that further changes to the terms would make the agreement untenable.”

“From the start, C. Reiss made clear we would commit to being part of this project, but we also need to be good stewards of our company and the future of our business in Green Bay,” the release added.

According to FOX 11, who spoke with state officials, an extension has been requested for the \$15 million grant that was earmarked to help move the coal piles.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### OSMS Surgery Center recognized as one of the best in America

GREEN BAY – Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Specialists (OSMS) Orthopedic Surgery Center of Green Bay (OS-CGB) was recognized for the second consecutive year as one of America’s Best Ambulatory Surgery Centers 2025 by Newsweek and Statista.

In 2024, America’s Best Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs) acknowledged the leading 550 ASCs in the U.S.

For 2025, they acknowledged the leading 650 ASCs in the country.

Out of nine ASCs to have received this recognition in Wisconsin, OSCGB is the only ASC to have earned this recognition in the Green Bay area.

The criteria in which an ASC is deemed as the Best in America, is based on quality of care, patient experience, performance data, and peer recommendations relative to in-state competition.

Not only does OSMS have a 98% patient satisfaction rating, but additionally, OSMS surgery centers have an impressively low post-operative infection rate of 0.15% OSMS’ post-operative infection rate is 6 times lower than the average ASC post-operative infection rate and 15 times lower than the average hospital post-operative infection rate.

“This recognition is a direct correlation to our team’s dedication and commitment to delivering top-notch medical care and exceptional experiences to each of our patients throughout their entire medical journey with us,” explains Amanda Sosnosky, ASC administrator at OSMS. “Our highly skilled and experienced medical professionals are passionate about following the highest safety standards so that patients can recover quickly and safely return to doing the things they love.”

Procedures and surgeries performed at Orthopedic Surgery Center of Green Bay include but are not limited to total joint replacements of the shoulder, hip and knee, partial joint replacements, arthroscopy (scopes), ACL reconstruction, collarbone surgery, Achilles tendon repair, hand, wrist, and elbow surgeries and foot and ankle surgeries.

### Green Bay Police investigate hit-and-run crash on Main Street

GREEN BAY – The Green Bay Police Department is investigating a weekend hit-and-run crash with injuries and seeks to speak with the driver who reportedly caused it and fled the scene.

Officers were dispatched to the 1700 block of Main Street on Saturday, Dec. 28, just before 5 p.m., for a crash that witnesses stated was caused by a SUV traveling at a high rate of speed.

On scene, it was discovered that five vehicles were damaged, some of which had been struck while parked in a nearby lot.

Five people had reported sustained injuries and received medical treatment.

The evening of the crash, officers searched for the driver who was seen leaving on foot but were unable to locate them.

This person is believed to be the registered owner of the vehicle, who police are not identifying at this time. Police are asking for the driver to come forward.

Anyone with information related to this case is encouraged to call Green Bay Police at (920) 448-3200 and reference case #24-267774.

Those wishing to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at (920) 432-STOP (7867).

You may also submit a tip online at [www.432stop.com](http://www.432stop.com) or utilize the “P3 Tips” app.

### St. Baldrick’s Foundation grant will help fight childhood cancer in Northeast Wisconsin

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN – HSHS St. Vincent Children’s Hospital in Green Bay specializes in pediatric hematology and oncology care, providing treatment to children with cancer from across Northeast Wisconsin and Michigan’s Upper Peninsula and working directly with the HSHS Wisconsin Clinical Research Institute to access state-of-the-art pediatric cancer clinical trials for patients in partnership with the National Cancer Institute.

A \$49,979.50 grant recently awarded to the HSHS Wisconsin Clinical Research Institute by the St. Baldrick’s Foundation will help HSHS St. Vincent Children’s Hospital provide more patients access to pediatric cancer clinical trials.

“Clinical trials can help us better understand new ways to treat, diagnose and prevent childhood cancer,” said Dr. Catherine Long, a Prevea Health pediatric hematologist-oncologist at HSHS St. Vincent Children’s Hospital. “They also help us find new ways to manage the symptoms of cancer and cancer treatments.”

In 2024, HSHS St. Vincent Children’s Hospital marks 40 years of offering clinical trials to children with cancer.

“Thank you to our partners and families for trusting us for 40 years,” said Dr. Long. “Together, we’re helping to shape the future of cancer treatment right here in Northeast Wisconsin.”

### U.S. Department of Education announces resolution of GBAPS sexual harassment compliance review

GREEN BAY – The U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights (OCR) announced that the Green Bay Public School District has entered into a resolution agree-

ment to remedy a violation and compliance concerns OCR found regarding the district’s responses to notice of sexual harassment under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

OCR found that the district violated Title IX when it did not complete Title IX investigations of reported sexual misconduct, including in instances when law enforcement was concurrently investigating the same incident, after the incident was referred to law enforcement and when the district did not investigate reported employee sexual misconduct after an employee resigned.

In addition, OCR identified Title IX compliance concerns with the district’s inconsistent documentation of investigative steps taken in response to reports of possible sexual harassment.

The district’s records suggest the district repeatedly did not fulfill its Title IX obligation to respond equitably to substantiated sexual assaults and to allegations of sexual harassment to prevent recurrence of the harassment, eliminate the hostile environment and remedy its effects.

The district voluntarily entered into a Resolution Agreement to resolve the identified Title IX violation and concerns.

The district’s commitments to resolve this compliance review include ensuring its policies prohibiting sex discrimination and grievance procedures comply with Title IX; properly notifying district employees, students and parents of the district’s Title IX coordinator; implementing a centralized recordkeeping system for documenting all reports, complaints, and investigations of sexual harassment; training employees on how to respond to reports and complaints of sex discrimination, including sexual harassment; providing annual age-appropriate training to all students about how to recognize and report sexual harassment and receive supportive measures and remedies; administering annual climate surveys of students and district employees with respect to sexual harassment in district schools and reporting to OCR for approval any responsive changes necessary to ensure Title IX compliance; providing OCR with information regarding its response to each formal complaint of sexual harassment arising under Title IX during the 2024-2025 school year, and, if requested, the 2025-2026 school year.

“The Green Bay Area Public School District has now committed to take the steps necessary to effectively address sexual harassment in district schools,” said Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights Catherine E. Lhamon. “OCR looks forward to active work with the district to ensure its full compliance with Title IX.”

### Brown County Public Health unveils updated website to better serve residents

BROWN COUNTY – Brown County Public Health has announced the launch of its newly redesigned [stayhealthybc.com](http://stayhealthybc.com)

# LEGALS

Legals 7700

## Ashwaubenon

### Public Notice to All Customers of the Ashwaubenon Water and Sewer Utility

The Ashwaubenon Water and Sewer Utility has filed an application with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) to adjust water rates through its Purchased Water Adjustment Clause (PWAC) to reflect an increase in the rate charged by its wholesale supplier, Green Bay Water Utility (Green Bay). On July 24, 2024, in its Final Decision in docket 2350-WR-115, the Commission approved a water rate increase of 15.13 percent for Green Bay. If the request is granted, the water bill for an average residential customer with a ¾-inch or ¾-inch meter who uses 9,000 gallons of water per quarter will increase from \$76.80 to \$80.67, or 5.04 percent.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. This hearing has no physical location. Parties and Commission staff appear by Zoom. Parties and Commission staff may use the telephone connection as a backup or if no practicable internet connection exists. Members of the public attend by Zoom or by audio-only telephone connection.

Join Zoom over the internet at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/pschearings>

To join Zoom telephone:  
1. Dial: +1 312 626 6799  
2. Enter: 809 513 2930 # (Meeting ID)

The Commission intends to livestream and record this hearing on YouTube. To access the livestream, go to the Commission's website at <http://psc.wi.gov>, click the dropdown menu labeled "News & Events", and select item labeled "Broadcasts". A person may testify in this proceeding without becoming a party and without attorney representation. A person may submit this testimony in only one of the following ways:

- Web Comment.** File a comment on the internet. Go to the Commission's web site at <http://psc.wi.gov>, click the dropdown menu labeled "Commission Action". Select the item labeled "File a Public Comment". On the next page select the "File a comment" link that appears for docket number 255-PW-100. Web comments shall be received no later than Friday, January 17, 2025.

- Live Comment.** Make a live comment at the hearing. The ALJ may receive live comments from any member of the public in attendance after the close of any party and Commission staff testimony. The ALJ will receive such comments by stating the name of each member of the public connected to the hearing one at a time and asking if they would like to comment.

- Mail Comment.** Send a comment by U.S. Mail. All comments submitted by U.S. Mail shall be received no later than Friday, January 17, 2025 and shall be addressed to: Attn: Docket 255-PW-100 Comments, Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, WI 53707-7854. To access the documents, schedule, and other information about this docket, go to the Commission's web site at <http://psc.wi.gov>, select the dropdown menu labeled "eServices". Select the item labeled "Docket Search (CMS)". On the next page enter 255-PW-100 in the spaces labeled "Case #" and select "Search". If you have any questions, please contact the Ashwaubenon Water and

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Sewer Utility at (920) 492-2310. Publish 01.03.25 & 01.10.25 WNAJLP

### Bids and Request for Proposals 7705

#### Ashwaubenon

##### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR ASH TREE REMOVAL SERVICES

Sealed bids for the removal of trees will be received by the Village of Ashwaubenon, 2155 Holmgren Way, Ashwaubenon, WI 54304, at the office of the Village Clerk until **10:30 AM on January 14, 2025**, at which time they will be opened. The bids will then be forwarded to January 28, 2025, Village Board meeting for their review. After the Village Board has considered said quotes, an award may be made to the successful lowest responsible bidder or bidders.

All bids shall be submitted on Village bid forms and shall be sealed in an envelope which will be plainly marked "**Bid for Tree Removal – 2025**" and the name of the bidder. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained at the Ashwaubenon Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department, 900 Anderson Drive, or sent by mail or email upon request.

The Village has the right to waive any informality in any bid, the right to reject any or all bids and award multiple bids.

Dated this 18th day of December 2024.  
Timothy Bauknecht, Village Forester  
Run: December 20, 2024 and January 3, 2025 WNAJLP

### Meetings and Public Hearings 7720

#### City of Seymour Public Hearing Notice Request to Approve Preliminary Plat for Planned Unit Development

Please take notice that a public hearing will be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building located at 328 N. Main Street, Seymour, WI on Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. to consider a request from Golden Meadow Holdings, LLC to consider approval of the preliminary plat, identified as the Golden Meadow Estates Planned Unit Development, with current zoning of Single-Family Residential and Conditional Use Permit-Multi-Family Residential being rezoned as a Planned Unit Development with Single-Family and Multi-Family Residential units. Tax Parcel No. 340152700 is located immediately east of Mainline Drive between Crestview Drive and Della St. The property is described as follows: being part of the southwest ¼ of the southeast ¼ and part of the northwest ¼ of the southeast ¼ all in section 33, township 24 north, range 18 east, City of Seymour, Outagamie County, Wisconsin.

Persons interested in making comment on the following proposals (1) to rezone Parcel No. 340152700 as a Planned Unit Development with Single-Family and Multi-Family Residential units and (2) to provide preliminary plat approval for the planned unit development may do so at the public hearing, or by letter to the City Clerk's Office at 328 N. Main Street, Seymour, WI 54165. Correspondence can also be sent via e-mail to the City Clerk at [clerk@cityofseymourwi.org](mailto:clerk@cityofseymourwi.org). Correspondence is to be received no later than 4:30p.m. on Wednesday, January 15, 2025.  
Christy Stover, Clerk-Treasurer  
City of Seymour, WI  
Publish Jan. 3 & 10, 2025  
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## Suamico

### VILLAGE OF SUAMICO NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Village of Suamico Board of Appeals will be holding the following Public Hearing at the Suamico Municipal Services Center, 12781 Velp Avenue on **Tuesday, January 14, 2025** starting at **6:00 P.M.** for the following:  
A variance request by Scott Gaeth, 3011 Lillian Lane, to allow for a front yard accessory garage on parcel SU-1233 that is located on the south side of Lillian Lane, 420 feet west of Northwood Road. Michelle Bartoletti, Clerk Village of Suamico Publish 01.03.25 WNAJLP

### Ordinances 7740

#### Allouez

##### Notice of Newly Enacted Ordinance

Please take notice that the Village of Allouez, County of Brown, enacted Ordinance No. 2024-15 on December 17, 2024, an ordinance amending the zoning map for the property located at 600 blk E. St. Joseph Street, also known as parcel number AL-50-6-2, from "PI-1" (neighborhood-scale public and institutional) and to "NX" (residential mix). The full text of Ordinance No. 2024-15 may be obtained or reviewed by contacting the Office of the Village Clerk of the Village of Allouez at 1900 Libal Street, Green Bay, WI, 54301 or by Phone (920)448-2800. The full text of the Code may also be accessed and copied from the Village of Allouez website under Municipal Codes at [www.villageofallouezwi.gov](http://www.villageofallouezwi.gov). This Section shall take effect on the day after publication of this Notice.  
Dated this 18th day of December, 2024.  
Publish Date: January 3, 2025  
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## CLASSIFIEDS

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website, created to better serve the needs of residents and improve access to public health resources.

This update reflects a year of collaborative work by a dedicated team of public health professionals.

Focusing on user-friendliness, accessibility and appearance, the new site offers an improved design and faster navigation to connect residents, businesses and partners with the information they need.

Key features of the updated website include a mobile-friendly design, streamlined navigation, multilingual support and event updates.

"Our goal with this redesign was to create a hub where all residents feel empowered to access the health information and services they need," said Anna Nick, Brown County Public Health Officer. "We believe this improved site serves as a valuable tool in our ongoing mission of promoting and protecting the health of everyone in Brown County."

All are encouraged to explore the new website and provide feedback to help Brown County Public Health continue improving how it serves the community.

## Check your property tax bill to ensure you receive the Lottery and Gaming Credit

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) is reminding Wisconsin residents to check their current property tax bill for the lottery and gaming credit.

The credit provides direct property tax relief to qualifying taxpayers on their property tax bills displayed as a reduction of property taxes due.

Lottery proceeds are paid into a separate segregated state fund. This year's estimated average lottery and gaming credit on property tax bills is \$213.

To qualify for the lottery and gaming credit, you must be a Wisconsin resident, own a dwelling and use it as your primary residence as of the Jan. 1 certification date of the year the property taxes are levied — in this case Jan. 1, 2024.

If an owner is temporarily absent, typically for a period no longer than six months (ex: hospital, vacation), the primary residence is the home where the owner returns.

Principal dwelling means any dwelling the owner uses as their primary residence.

You cannot claim the lottery and gaming credit on business property, rental units, vacant land, garages or other property that is not the owner's primary residence.

If a property owner is eligible for the credit as of Jan. 1, 2024, they should use the online portal to apply for the lottery and gaming credit. DOR will send the information to the county treasurer where the property is located or to the city treasurer, if the property is located in a city that collects taxes under state law.

A property owner only needs to apply for the credit one time; once applied, the credit will continue annually for that residence.

Lottery and gaming credit information, including the online application portal, walkthrough videos and common questions are located on the Lottery and Gaming Credit Forms page on DOR's website.

# Selling a home after spouse's death



## Dear Monty

BY RICHARD MONTGOMERY  
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

### DEAR MONTY,

I am widow. Our home is mortgaged in my deceased husband's name only. Can I sell the home?

I have tried to get the mortgage in my name, I pay the mortgage every month, but have had no success.

I am told they are working on it but I believe there have been enough months passed to provide a response.

Do I have any legal obligations as I cannot prove ownership?

### MONTY'S ANSWER

First and foremost, your ability to sell the home depends on several critical factors that need to be determined.

There is critical information that has not been provided in your question. The state the home is located in and if you have a certificate of marriage.

Has your husband's estate gone through probate? If he had a will naming you as beneficiary, or if you're entitled to inherit under state intestacy laws (laws that govern when there's no will), you would need to go through probate to legally establish your ownership of the property.

Regarding the mortgage situation: Under federal

law, specifically the Garn-St. Germain Act, you have certain protections as a surviving spouse. The lender cannot trigger the due-on-sale clause (which normally allows them to demand full payment when ownership changes) when property transfers to a relative upon death. You have the right to keep making payments and assume the mortgage.

The fact that you've been making payments is good, but the lack of response from the mortgage company about putting the loan in your name is concerning.

Here are some recommended steps:

- Consider seeking assistance from a real estate attorney who can review your current legal standing regarding property ownership, help navigate the assumption process with the mortgage company, advise on whether probate is necessary if it hasn't been completed and guide you through the legal requirements for selling the property.

- Help determine if the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) can help to file a complaint about the mortgage servicer's lack of response.

They are required by

law to respond to qualified written requests within certain timeframes.

As for legal obligations, you do have responsibilities even in this unclear situation.

Continue making mortgage payments to protect your interests and credit.

Keep detailed records of all payments and communications with the mortgage company.

Before attempting to sell, you must establish clear legal ownership. Without this, you cannot legally transfer the property to a buyer.

Any attempt to sell without proper legal authority could result in serious legal complications.

Some immediate actions you should consider is to obtain a copy of your husband's death certificate if you haven't already, locate the original deed to the property, gather all mortgage documentation, request a written status update from the mortgage company about the assumption process and consider working with a probate attorney if the estate hasn't been settled.

The good news is that you do have legal rights and protections; it's just a matter of properly asserting them.

While the process might seem overwhelming, with proper legal guidance you can resolve this situation and move forward with either keeping or selling the property according to your wishes.

# More lampreys preying on trout, salmon



## In the Outdoors

BY KEVIN NAZE  
GUEST COLUMNIST

Reduced sea lamprey control during the COVID-19 pandemic led to a spike in the number of the parasitic predators in the Great Lakes.

Researchers estimated that the Upper Peninsula's Manistique River contributed nearly half of Lake Michigan's adult sea lamprey abundance, and the Manistee River (located in lower Michigan, directly across from a point about halfway between Keweenaw and Two Rivers) nearly 25%.

Additionally, sea lamprey escapement was documented upstream of the sea lamprey barrier on the Keweenaw River.

These were among the facts learned from an annual report to the Great Lakes Fishery Commission compiled by Jess Barber of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Marquette, Mich., and Tonia Van Kempen of Fisheries and Oceans Canada in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Lake Michigan has 511 tributaries, and 129 of them have records of larval sea lamprey production.

Of those, 78 tributaries have been treated with lampricides at least once in the past decade. Thirty-four tributaries are treated every three to five years.

Great Lakes Fishery Commission chair Ethan Baker, the mayor of Troy, Mich., said populations of the non-native fish-killers are above targets in all five of the lakes as a direct re-

sult of reduced control by federal field crews in 2020 and 2021.

A return to more normal control in tributaries the past three years gives the commission reason to believe that lamprey numbers are now on the way back down, or will be in the next year or two.

"The COVID-19 pandemic provided an unintentional, but valuable, lesson," Baker said. "Restricted control effort during 2020 and 2021 allowed millions of larval sea lampreys, that would have otherwise been removed, to survive and parasitize millions of pounds of valuable fish."

Lampreys entered the upper Great Lakes through shipping canals around 1921.

They feed on the blood and body fluids of fish by attaching with a tooth-filled, suction cup mouth, then penetrate the fish's scales and skin with a piston-like rasping tongue.

Researchers estimate the average adult sea lamprey is capable of killing up to 40 pounds of fish during its parasitic stage.

Sea lamprey control began in 1958, a year after a chemical compound called TFM was discovered and found to be effective at killing larval sea lampreys without harming other species. After biologists assess the presence and abundance of lamprey larvae in streams, the lampricide is applied in those tributaries



The last antlerless gun deer hunt ended Jan. 1, but whitetails will remain fair game for bow and crossbow hunters in some counties, including Brown, Door and Keweenaw, through Jan. 31.

Kevin Naze photo

every three to five years.

Before control, lamprey killed more fish than commercial and sport fishermen did, causing considerable economic and ecological damage.

Today, the multi-million-dollar annual control program — paid for by the Governments of Canada and the United States — has reduced populations by about 90% or more in most of the lakes.

"The sustained increase in sea lamprey abundances following a lapse in annual control effort highlights the continued need for ongoing sea lamprey control and continued research into new and innovative control methods in the Great Lakes," said Jim McKane, the Commission's vice-chair. "Maintaining consis-

tent sea lamprey control is essential to sustaining the robust fishery that provides jobs, sustenance, and recreation for the people of the Great Lakes basin."

Sea lamprey control is conducted in partnership with Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, with research support from the U.S. Geological Survey and other agencies and institutions.

Future control methods are a priority for the commission and its science program.

Learn more about the potential methods at [www.gllfc.org/future-control-methods.php](http://www.gllfc.org/future-control-methods.php).

### Hunts to close

Archery and crossbow deer hunts close in many

counties Jan. 5, but remain open in some others, including Brown, Door and Keweenaw through Jan. 31.

Wild turkey hunting remains open until Jan. 5 in Zones 1-5.

That's the same closing date as the pheasant and Zone A ruffed grouse seasons.

The Canada goose hunt in the southern zone ends Jan. 9.

Ongoing hunting seasons include cottontail rabbit, gray and fox squirrel, crow, raccoon, fox, coyote and bobcat (with permit).

### Early trout opener

Designated early season trout streams open to catch-and-release fishing with artificial lures Jan. 4.

Participants need a 2024-2025 fishing license and an

inland trout stamp through March 31. Beginning April 1, anglers will need a 2025-26 fishing license and inland trout stamp.

Both can be purchased online through [gowild.wi.gov](http://gowild.wi.gov) or at a license sales location.

Take a closer look at Wisconsin inland trout fishing online at [dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Fishing/trout/index](http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Fishing/trout/index).

### Musky season closed

The musky season closed Dec. 31, and won't reopen until May 3 in the southern zone and May 24 in the northern zone.

You can learn more about muskies at [dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Fishing/musky](http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Fishing/musky).

# What happens to your debt when you die?



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### DEAR SAVVY SENIOR,

Can my kids inherit my debt after I die?

I have taken on a lot of credit card debt over the past 10 years or so, and I'm worried that my son and daughter will get stuck with it when I die.

*Indebted Senior*

### DEAR INDEBTED,

In most cases when a person with debt dies, it's their estate, not their kids, that is legally responsible.

Here's what you should know:

#### Debt after death

When you die, your estate — which consists of the stuff you own while you're alive (property, investments and cash) — will be responsible for paying your debts.

If you don't have enough cash to pay your debts, your kids will have to sell your assets and pay off your creditors with

the proceeds.

Whatever is left over is passed along to your heirs as dictated by the terms of your will, if you have one.

If you don't have a will, the intestacy laws of the state you reside in will determine how your estate will be distributed.

If, however, you die broke, or there isn't enough money left over to pay your "unsecured debts" — credit cards, medical bills, personal loans — then your estate is declared insolvent and your creditors will have to eat the loss.

"Secured debts" — loans attached to an asset such as a house or a car — are a different story.

If you have a mortgage or car loan when you die, those monthly payments will need to be made by your estate or heirs, or the lender can seize the property.



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There are, however, a couple of exceptions that would make your kids legally responsible for your debt after you pass away.

One is if your son and/or daughter is a joint holder on a credit card account that you owe on. And the other is if either one of them co-signed a loan with you.

#### Spouses beware

If you're married, these same debt inheritance rules apply to surviving

spouses too, unless you live in a community property state, which includes Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin.

In these states, any debts that one spouse acquires after the start of a marriage belongs to the other spouse too. Therefore, spouses in community property states are usually responsible for their deceased spouses' debts.

#### Protected assets

If you have any IRAs, 401(k)s, brokerage accounts, life insurance policies or employer-based pension plans, these are assets that creditors usually cannot get access to.

That's because these accounts typically have designated beneficiaries, and the money goes directly to those people without passing through the estate.

#### Settling the estate

You should also make

your kids aware that if you die with debt and you have no assets, settling your estate will be fairly simple.

Your executor will need to send out letters to your creditors explaining the situation, including a copy of your death certificate, and that will probably take care of it.

But your kids may still have to deal with aggressive debt collectors who try to guilt them into paying.

If you have some assets, but not enough to pay all your debts, your state's probate court has a distinct list of what bills get priority.

The details vary by state, but generally estate administering fees, funeral expenses, taxes and last illness medical bills get paid first, followed by secured debts and lastly, credit card debts.

#### Need legal help?

If you or your kids have questions or need legal assistance, contact a consumer law attorney or probate attorney.

If you can't afford a lawyer, go to [LawHelp.org](http://LawHelp.org) to search for free legal help in your area.

# Packers clinch playoff spot with win over Saints

BY MIKE WARREN  
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GREEN BAY – One of the few questions remaining for the Green Bay Packers this season is who they will play in the first round of the postseason.

With a dominating 34-0 win over the New Orleans Saints at Lambeau Field on Dec. 23, the Packers clinched a spot in the 2024 playoffs, answering that question and many others.

“I think we started off better,” Romeo Doubs told us after the game, when asked about the difference between last season and this year. “We all know what we can do. Last year we were just going with the flow, but now I feel like everybody knows their role and that’s going to help the team.”

The Packers clinched a playoff berth and improved to 11-4 with the nationally-televised win over the Saints on Monday Night Football.

This year will mark Green Bay’s fifth playoff appearance in six seasons under Head Coach Matt LaFleur.

It marks the Packers’ 37th postseason appearance, the most by any team in NFL history (Dallas, 36).

“We’re definitely celebrating this one,” Christian Watson said. “Winning football games is tough in this league, going to the playoffs is definitely tough in this league, so definitely celebrating this one. I think any experience carries over, especially with a young team. Obviously just the feeling of it not going the way we wanted it to last year I feel will motivate us when we get deeper in the playoffs.”

“We’re playing for something,” said Josh Jacobs, who was all smiles when he met with reporters in the locker room after the win. “You know you’ve got games in front of you and we’re still fighting trying to be the best team that we can be. We finally put a complete game together. That’s something that we’ve been hunting since the beginning of the season and it just feels like our ceiling keeps going up. For me, I’m just happy to be a part of it,” added Jacobs, who last year at this time was part of a 7-8 Las Vegas Raiders team which would eventually miss the playoffs.

“It’s a new feeling,” Jacobs continued, about clinching a playoff berth before Christmas. “I just screamed after the game because it feels good to know that your destiny is in your hands. Everything is in front of us.”

Jacobs added his name to the Packers’ record book as he continued to pile up yards and touchdowns in the win over New Orleans.

Jacobs led the team with 69 rushing yards to bring his season total to 1,216 — the most in franchise history by a player in his first season with the team (Eddie Lacy, 1,178 in 2013).

Jacobs became just the fifth player in team history to clear the 1,200-yard rushing mark (Ryan Grant, 2008-09; Jim Taylor, 1961-62; Dorsey Levens, 1997; Ahman Green, 2001-03).



Green Bay Packers Running Back Emanuel Wilson squeezes through a hole in the Saints’ defense on Dec. 23 at Lambeau Field. **Kris Leonhardt photos**



Packers Defensive Tackle Colby Wooden and Defensive Lineman Brenton Cox, Jr. — who posted his fourth sack of the season in his sixth game with the team — put a stop to the Saints’ offense during the 34-0 shutout.

Jacobs also posted a rushing touchdown in his sixth straight game, tied for the second-longest streak in team history behind only Paul Hornung’s streak of seven straight games in 1960.

Jacobs’ 14th touchdown of the season gave him the most by a Packer in his first season with the team (Green, 13 in 2000; WR Billy Howton, 13 in 1952).

The TD by Jacobs also came at the end of the team’s longest drive of the season.

Already leading 7-0 following a 10-play, 63-yard first quarter drive that ended with a two-yard touchdown pass from Jordan Love to Dontayvion Wicks, Green Bay’s defense stopped the Saints on their first offensive possession, forcing a New Orleans punt that put the Packers at their own four-yard line after a holding penalty on the play moved them back four yards.

After Love’s pass intended for Jacobs on the first down was incomplete, Jacobs gained four yards on second down.

The Saints were then

flagged for a neutral zone infraction, making it third-and-one.

A Tucker Kraft sneak play from under center gave the Packers a first down.

Love then connected with Jacobs on a 13-yard pass play before Jacobs ran for three more.

Following an incomplete pass intended for Wicks, Love found Doubs on 3rd-and-7 for 15 yards.

The completion put Love over 3,000 yards passing for the season.

After another incomplete pass, Love — under heavy pressure — again found Jacobs, who broke several tackles for an eight-yard gain.

Emanuel Wilson gained a yard, setting up fourth-and-one, which Love converted with a two-yard sneak.

Three plays later, the Packers were facing another fourth-down situation.

On fourth-and-two, Love found Kraft for 21 yards.

Jacobs then slipped a tackle for a 12-yard gain, setting up first-and-goal.

Jacobs slammed the ball across the goal line on the next play, ending a 17-play, 96-yard drive that took 8:59

off the clock, the longest Packers drive of the season — both in terms of plays and time.

The 96 yards also equaled two previous drives of the same distance.

The next Green Bay scoring drive was much quicker and shorter.

After a quick 3-and-out by the Saints, the Packers covered 67 yards in six plays and just under three minutes.

The drive ended on a one-yard touchdown run by Chris Brooks, the first of his NFL career.

“It felt great,” Brooks told us after the game. “All the work that’s been put in, I’m happy. I think the process leading up to it, I think, is the more important thing, the work that we put in on those work days of Wednesday, Thursday, Friday leading up to it, so just looking to go back to work.”

That Green Bay offense went back to work in the second half, after the defense once again stopped a New Orleans drive to open the third quarter.

Brandon McManus connected on a season-long 55-yard field goal at the end of

points, however.

They did get a 46-yard field goal from McManus with 7:13 left in the game, then capped off the scoring with a 1-yard plunge by Wilson with 2:41 remaining, at the end of a seven-play, 48-yard drive that took 3:03 off the clock.

The Packers recorded the first shutout in the NFL this season.

The win was the team’s first shutout since blanking the Seattle Seahawks, 17-0, on Nov. 14, 2021, at Lambeau Field.

Prior to that game, the Packers had not held an opponent scoreless since Sept. 30, 2018, when they blanked the Buffalo Bills, 22-0, also in Green Bay.

“I was really proud of our guys tonight,” LaFleur said after the win. “We talked about playing a complete game for four quarters, and I felt for the most part we did what we needed to do. Obviously, it’s hard to shut out an opponent in this league, and from what I was told that was the first one this season, so I was really proud of our defense.”

That defense has allowed 24 or fewer points in each of its last six games at home, the longest single-season home streak since 2015 (six).

The Packers did not allow a sack for the sixth time this season, tied for No. 1 in the NFL this season and their most since 2004 (eight).

Green Bay has allowed five sacks in its last eight games, the team’s fewest over an eight-game span in a single season since 2004.

“What’s really cool is you are getting contributions from a lot of different people,” LaFleur added. “I think that is usually the mark of a good team. You have to stay healthy and continue to build on what you’ve done. I love the energy of our group. Our guys show up ready to work, willing to work every day, and we have to continue to push one another to be at our best because this is the time when you need to be playing your best ball.”

The Packers have won six straight home games on MNF, extending the longest streak in team history (since 1970).

Green Bay is now 5-0 at Lambeau Field on Monday Night Football under LaFleur.

Additionally, the Packers have scored 30-plus points in five straight games, the second-longest streak in team history (seven in 1963).

Green Bay had nine players register at least one rushing attempt against the Saints, its most in a game since Oct. 18, 1953, vs. the Baltimore Colts (nine players).

Quarterback Jordan Love went 16 of 28 for 182 yards and one touchdown.

Love did not throw an interception for the fifth-straight game — the longest streak of his career.

Jayden Reed posted 81 yards from scrimmage to bring his season total to 963 yards, becoming the first wide receiver in team history to register 900-plus yards from scrimmage in both of his first two seasons.

Green Bay’s opening possession of the second half.

The field goal was the longest by a Packer since Mason Crosby’s 56-yarder versus Minnesota on Jan. 1, 2023.

McManus and Matt Prater are the only kickers in the league to make a field goal of 53-plus yards in each of the last 10 seasons (2015-24).

The Saints went back to work on offense, and looked as though they were finally going to score near the end of the third quarter.

But a pass by quarterback Spencer Rattler was intercepted at the Green Bay two-yard line by Zayne Anderson, who was making his first career start and who posted his first career interception.

“They ran a Y leak, is what we call it, and they sell it with a backside screen,” Anderson said after the game. “I saw the screen. We practice this a lot. Our offense does it against us and as soon as I saw the screen, I bailed out, saw it, football was in the air and just made a play.”

The Packers could not turn the turnover into

# Murphy recognized during halftime ceremony

BY KRIS LEONHARDT  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

GREEN BAY – “Over 55 years of grit, of grace, Mark Murphy — an undrafted underdog who poured eight years of sweat into the Washington Redskins, who became a Super Bowl champion while leading the NFL in interceptions and who was the voice of his peers and as the player representative,” a Packers tribute video stated on Dec. 23, as the Packers president/CEO was recognized at halftime.

“He went on to gain a law degree and took that fire for justice to the players association and beyond; then came 16 years of athletic leadership at the collegiate level.

“On Dec. 3, 2007, Mark stepped onto Green Bay’s greatest stage as he was named the Packers president and CEO.”

The video added that Murphy is the “only person to earn a Super Bowl ring in both a team uniform and an executive suit coat.”

the Packers organization that it was a pretty special organization, very unique within the league,” Murphy stated in a Packers tribute video.

“All of us in the organization, we really view ourselves as stewards, and we have this tremendous asset. We need to do everything we can to make sure that we left the organization better than we found it.”

- Packers President/CEO Mark Murphy

This will be Murphy’s last season at the helm of Green Bay’s storied organization as he will reach the mandatory retirement age of 70 during the summer of 2025.

Murphy will also be inducted into the Packers Hall of Fame — the only individual to be inducted in 2025 — after nearly two decades with the organization.

“When the opportunity arose, I knew enough about

“All of us in the organization, we really view ourselves as stewards, and we have this tremendous asset. We need to do everything we can to make sure that we left the organization better than we found it.

“The level of love and passion that the fans have for this team, I’ve never seen anything like it. I knew it was great coming in, but it’s exceeded my ex-



Ceremony Emcee Larry McCarren and Murphy’s wife, Laurie, applaud as Packers President/CEO Mark Murphy comes to the microphone as he is recognized during halftime of the Dec. 23 game against the Saints.

Kris Leonhardt photo

pectations.”

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said that Murphy was not only an asset to

the Packers but also to the NFL as a whole.

“Mark is responsible, smart, respects tradition,

wants to contribute to success and he has been a great leader for the NFL as well the Packers,” Goodell said.

## Boys basketball standings

### Fox River Classic Conference

Team	W	L	T	Pct	GB	GP	Overall
De Pere	3	0	0	1.000	-	3	6-1-0
Notre Dame	3	0	0	1.000	-	3	4-1-0
GB Preble	2	1	0	.667	1.0	3	5-3-0
Ashwaubenon	2	1	0	.667	1.0	3	6-1-0
Sheboygan North	2	1	0	.667	1.0	3	7-1-0
Pulaski	2	1	0	.667	1.0	3	4-4-0
Bay Port	1	2	0	.333	2.0	3	3-5-0
Sheboygan South	0	3	0	.000	3.0	3	1-6-0
Manitowoc Lincoln	0	3	0	.000	3.0	3	2-6-0
GB Southwest	0	3	0	.000	3.0	3	1-7-0

### Bay Conference

Team	W	L	T	Pct	GB	GP	Overall
West De Pere	3	0	0	1.000	-	3	4-4-0
Xavier	2	0	0	1.000	0.5	2	6-3-0
Green Bay West	2	1	0	.667	1.0	3	7-2-0
Menasha	2	1	0	.667	1.0	3	5-4-0
New London	1	2	0	.333	2.0	3	4-6-0
Seymour	1	2	0	.333	2.0	3	6-2-0
Shawano	0	2	0	.000	2.5	2	1-7-0
Green Bay East	0	3	0	.000	3.0	3	0-7-0

### Packerland Conference

Team	W	L	T	Pct	GB	GP	Overall
Algoma	3	0	0	1.000	-	3	4-1-0
Southern Door	3	0	0	1.000	-	3	5-2-0
Kewaunee	3	0	0	1.000	-	3	3-3-0
Sturgeon Bay	2	2	0	.500	1.5	4	4-3-0
Peshigo	1	2	0	.333	2.0	3	4-3-0
Gibraltar	1	2	0	.333	2.0	3	1-5-0
Oconto	1	3	0	.250	2.5	4	5-3-0
Sevastopol	0	2	0	.000	2.5	2	3-3-0
GB NEW Lutheran	0	3	0	.000	3.0	3	1-6-0

## Girls basketball standings

### Fox River Classic Conference

Team	W	L	Strk	Overall
De Pere	4	0	W4	7-3-0
Notre Dame	3	1	W3	4-3-0
GB Preble	3	1	W2	6-4-0
Manitowoc Lincoln	2	2	L2	6-2-0
Bay Port	2	2	L1	5-4-0
Ashwaubenon	2	2	W2	5-4-0
Sheboygan North	2	2	W1	5-4-0
Pulaski	1	3	L2	3-6-0
Sheboygan South	1	3	L3	2-4-0
GB Southwest	0	4	L4	0-9-0

### Bay Conference

Team	W	L	Strk	Overall
West De Pere	3	1	W1	8-3-0
Shawano	2	1	W2	7-3-0
Xavier	2	1	W2	3-5-0
Seymour	2	2	L2	6-5-0
Menasha	2	2	L1	6-5-0
New London	1	2	W1	3-7-0
GB East	0	3	L3	3-4-0

### Packerland Conference

Team	W	L	Strk	Overall
Algoma	6	0	W6	7-3-0
Kewaunee	5	0	W5	8-1-0
Peshigo	4	2	W1	6-3-0
Oconto	3	2	W1	7-2-0
Sevastopol	3	2	L1	6-4-0
GB NEW Lutheran/Prov. Acad.	2	4	L3	4-7-0
Southern Door	1	3	L1	1-8-0
Gibraltar	0	5	L5	1-7-0
Sturgeon Bay	0	6	L6	0-9-0

## Kinziger’s hot shooting lifts De Pere over Bay Port

BY RICH PALZEWIC  
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SUAMICO – It may have taken De Pere boys’ basketball player Zach Kinziger a few games to get going, but he broke out in a big way in the Redbirds’ Fox River Classic Conference (FRCC) victory over Bay Port on Dec. 20.

Kinziger – a Division I commit to the UW-Madison – pumped in a game-high 30 points in De Pere’s 85-56 win over the Pirates (3-4 overall, 1-2 FRCC).

The senior sharpshooter was 5 of 9 from beyond the three-point arc and added six rebounds

“It was a great team victory, and I think everyone contributed in some sort of way,” Kinziger said. “The first half was a grind – Bay Port did a great job getting it inside – but we made some adjustments in the second half. My shot was off



De Pere’s Connor Hutjens shoots with Bay Port’s Caden Hendricks guarding. De Pere won the FRCC game, 85-56.

Rich Palzewic photo

the first couple of games, so it was nice to see a few go through the net tonight.”

With the game tied 2-2, Kinziger scored the next 12 points for the Redbirds (4-0, 3-0) to give his team a 14-9 lead eight minutes into the contest.

With De Pere up only 21-19, it ended the first half on an 18-11 surge to take a 36-28 halftime lead.

If there was any doubt in the outcome, the Redbirds left no room for a Pirates’ comeback to begin the second 18 minutes of play.

De Pere outscored Bay Port 15-4 in the first five minutes after intermission to grab a 51-32 lead and never looked back.

Pryce Gregoire chipped in with 17 points for the Redbirds, while Mondes Kelly and Maddox Cornette scored 13 and 12 points, respectively, for the Pirates.

“I thought we played really hard tonight, and I was extremely impressed with our defensive intensity,” De Pere Coach Brian Winchester said. “On the perimeter, we defended well. We rebounded well and pushed the ball in transition. I’m not sure what our overall percentage was, but we made 13 threes. I thought we shot the ball better tonight.”

The Redbirds shot 50% (13 of 26) on their three-point attempts.

In comparison, Bay Port was only 3 of 17 (17%) from beyond the arc.

### BELLIN RUN

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The Bellin Run hosts free weekly run/walk training events, which will begin March 26. Sessions begin at 6 p.m. Wednesdays at Bellin Health Titledown Sports Medicine & Orthopedics and are open to all levels and abilities. For school or corporate training programs, please contact BellinRun@bellin.org for turnkey programming and support. The Bellin Run also is looking for captains and coaches for these programs; please email BellinRun@bellin.org if you are interested in helping improve the health of our community

by getting more “feet on the street”!

Early registration for the Bellin Run’s 10K and 5K events (in-person or virtual options) is \$30, while the half-mile June 13 Children’s Run costs \$15. Sign-up is quick and easy at [www.bellinrun.com](http://www.bellinrun.com).

The 48th annual Bellin Run registered almost 8,000 participants. More information about the event is available at [www.bellinrun.com](http://www.bellinrun.com).

The 49th annual Bellin Run will take place at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 14. For more information or to register, visit [bellinrun.com](http://bellinrun.com). Follow the Bellin Run on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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PRESENTS **Senior Spotlight**

# Addison Wery, Seymour, volleyball and softball

**Parents' names:** Brad and Jaime Wery  
**Siblings:** Sophie and Olivia Wery  
**Position or events:** Volleyball - setter, softball - catcher/short stop  
**Twitter:** @WeryAddison  
**Instagram:** addison.wery  
**Career Highlight:** 3x First Team All-Conference, 2x Conference Player of the Year, 3x First Team All-District, 2x First Team All-State, 2024 Regional Champion.

**At what age did you start playing your main sport?**

I started playing softball around six years old.

**Who introduced you to the sport?**

My dad and my sisters — they all played softball and helped me make my way into the game.

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

Yes. Softball has always been a part of my life from a young age.

**How has the balance between academics and athletics changed for you from freshman to**

**senior year?**  
 I never had much trouble juggling academics and athletics. I would designate certain times for homework and studying and times for practice. I would work on focusing at one thing at a time.

**What is your favorite part about this sport?**

Having my teammates by my side throughout everything. Both my club and high school teammates have seen me and my highs and lows and they have always been there for me throughout it all cheering me on.

**What about it has caused you to stick with it for this long?**

Just knowing how much hard work and heart I've put into this sport makes me want to keep playing. The younger me would be so proud of where I'm at now.

**Is there a professional athlete you look up to? If so, why?**

Jocelyn Alo. Watching her play softball made me want to be just like her. I wanted to be that type of player.



Wery

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

My confidence and leadership. I've been given opportunities that not many others have gotten and that's helped me be confident in myself and has helped me lead my team, also being a catcher you run the field.

**What has been your**

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

Going on our trip to Florida as a team. Playing with my teammates somewhere new while we were partially on a vacation was so much fun. There were a lot of new experiences, some were good and some weren't but at the end of the day it was a blast and I'm

thankful we were able to go.

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

It's honestly a special feeling. Thinking back to my freshman year I remember not be as confident and I felt like I had to watch my step with everything I did. Now I don't think too much about anything. I'm proud of how much I've grown as a person and as an athlete.

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

I'm not very superstitious, I just go about my day and don't really think too much about upcoming games. I leave that to everybody else.

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

The night before a game I will usually be out hitting off a tee making sure my swing feels good and I'm confident in what I'm doing.

**Any memorable coaches or teammates**

**you'd like to shout out?**

Coach Karri Vandenlangenberg, she has believed in me more than anyone else I know and she has always been there for me no matter what. My dad, he's helped me become the person and player I am today and I couldn't have gotten anywhere in life without him. And my sister Sophie, she's helped me with every step along the way because she's been in my shoes.

**Any hobbies outside of sports?**

I'm big into weightlifting — any chance I can get you will find me in a gym.

**Favorite song?**

"Power Trip" by J. Cole (feat. Miguel).

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

Gatorade and Propel.

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

I am going to attend UW-Madison to continue my education while also playing softball. I plan on majoring in Psychology in hopes of becoming a Sports Psychologist later on in life.

## Hot shooting Mastodons outpace Phoenix

BY GREEN BAY ATHLETICS FOR THE PRESS TIMES

GREEN BAY – After a power outage at the Resch Center moved Green Bay men's basketball's game against Purdue Fort Wayne to the Kress Center on Sunday afternoon, the Phoenix fell 83-67.

Season ticket holders and fans that were in attendance at the Resch Center today should keep an eye out for ticket information on social media and greenbayphoenix.com.

The Phoenix had two players score in double figures, led by Preston Ruedinger, who had 12 points, seven rebounds and five assists. Ryan Wade matched a season-high 11 points from the bench and Marcus Hall added nine points, five assists and two steals.

The Mastodons shot well and spread the ball around, with Quinton Morton-Robertson leading the way with 16 points, while Jalen Jackson and Trey Lewis finished with 15 and 12 respectively. PFW made 15 of their 27 shots from deep (55.6%).



The Green Bay Phoenix dropped their home match against Purdue Fort Wayne, bringing their record to 2-13 overall and 0-4 in the Horizon League. Green Bay Athletics photo

**How it happened**

Green Bay jumped out to a 5-0 lead after a Jeremiah Johnson layup with 19:09 in the first half. The Mastodons followed that up with a 15-0 run, which gave them a 15-5 advantage with 13:08 to go. That lead only grew before the half, with PFW ending the half on a 4-0 run in the final 40 seconds to take a 44-24 lead into the break.

Purdue Fort Wayne kept widening its lead after intermission, constructing a 58-35 advantage before Green Bay went on an 8-0

run, finished off by Hall's layup, to shrink the deficit to 58-43 with 11:26 to go in the game. Purdue Fort Wayne held the Phoenix off the rest of the way, wrapping up the win 83-67.

**Game notes**

The Phoenix recorded an assist on 86 percent of made field goals.

The Green Bay bench was slightly outscored by PFW's, 31-30.

Green Bay held shot 28-for-49 (57.1 percent) from the field.

Mac Wrecke had three blocks on Sunday.

Green Bay outscored PFW in the paint, 40-24.

**On the Horizon**

After their Thursday matchup against Wright State, the Phoenix will hit the road this week, with a trip to Northern Kentucky on Saturday at noon CT.

For the latest and most up-to-date information on Green Bay Athletics and Green Bay Men's Basketball, please visit Green-BayPhoenix.com.

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just the game."

Kraft also said that as they continue to face more competitive teams, the urgency for being able to adapt and find success against a talented and well-schemed defence becomes more important.

"They're the team that's going to try to cover up all of the deep shots and they're going to try to limit explosives and let you take the profit. They're going to try to rally and tackle. That's just what their defense does," said Kraft.

"They play some non-traditional coverages and they put some guys in weird spots so it might be hard to identify sometimes, but it's just a credit to the Vikings. They're a good team. They proved that they are where they are for a reason, and we never slighted them for a second."

Despite the 2-point deficit in the final score, Kraft said that he has faith his team will still have a successful post-season.

"We're a resilient team. We're still a young team. We're still fighting things out a play at a time, but we're fighters. All we need is to be guided in the right direction," said Kraft.

Packers Quarterback Jordan Love said that he, too, was disappointed in his offense's performance behind the ball.

"We know it wasn't good enough. There were a lot of areas tonight that we were off to a slow start. Obviously not putting up any points early on didn't help us, but we know what type of team we are and there's just a lot of stuff to clean up," said Love.

According to Love, one of the main areas in which the team was lacking was their ability to get a fast start and get in front on the scoreboard early.

"We prepare throughout the week, but teams always have their flavor of the week and you never know what they might be throwing at you and that's just part of it. You've got to be able to adjust to whatever they're throwing at you — whether that's something you've planned for something you haven't planned for. I don't think we did that well enough or early enough," said Love.

Though their second loss to the Vikings this season plummeted the Packers to an 11-5 record, Love said that he is hopeful the team will be able to clean up their slow start and find a way to reach the endzone early on going into their final regular season game against the Chicago Bears on Sunday, Jan. 5, at Lambeau Field.

"It's tough. Obviously, it ended up being a close game, but it's hard when you put yourself in a hole and they put up points early so you shoot yourself in the foot. There's so much stuff to clean up and get better at. We're still a really good team but if we don't put up points early it's really hard to climb out of that hole. When you play a good team like the Vikings, it makes it even tougher so we've got to figure out ways to start faster and put up points," said Love.

The Packers are guaranteed a spot in the post-season playoff as they are currently seeded to face the Philadelphia Eagles in the NFC Wildcard Round on Sunday, Jan. 12.

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The Green Knights were able to get a 4-point lead with 5:04 left in the half, but Platteville would find a way to regain the lead with 28 seconds left. As time winded down for the Green Knights, Uhlenbrauck slipped past two defenders from beyond the arc to tie the game at 48 apiece and

sent the game into overtime.

Nickolai and Grzesk were able to keep St. Norbert ahead in the early moments of the extra period, but the Pioneers were able to make their way to the line often, making six shots from the charity stripe. The Green Knights were able to get within two after Platteville regained the lead, but

it would be too late as St. Norbert fell to its second loss of the season.

St. Norbert went 29.8% from the floor (17-for-57). Wilson and Nickolai both finished the game with double doubles, with Wilson scoring 16 points and grabbing 12 rebounds and Nicolai getting 14 points and 10 boards. Both were named to the all-tournament team

following the game.

Platteville shot 29.2% (19-for-65) from the field. Logan Pearson led the Pioneers with 25 points.

**All-Tournament Team**

St. Norbert's Jamison Nickolai and Brandt Wilson were both named to the All-Tournament team for their productivity and efforts on the court.

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**Paid entry for iconic 10K, popular newer 5K makes a great gift**

**FOR THE PRESS TIMES**

GREEN BAY — Registration is now open for the 49th edition of the iconic Bellin Run. This year's run/walk event will take place Saturday, June 14, offering the signature 10K (6.2-mile) distance as well as the third year of the popular 5K (3.1-mile) event.

Early registration for the Bellin Run gives people a goal to stay active throughout the year, even during the colder months.

"A Bellin Run registration is the perfect way to encourage activity year-round by getting you up and moving, even in the colder months," said Executive Race Director Randy Van Straten. "It can also be the perfect gift for the running enthusiast in your life or to someone who is looking for a new challenge."

The Bellin Run welcomes individuals at all levels of running and walking with the 10K, 5K and Children's Run. The 10K and 5K events also offer a virtual option for those who can't make it in-person.

"These events are more than just a run/walk with a start and finish line," said Assistant Race Director Linda Maxwell. "It's about bringing our communities together to promote a healthier and more active lifestyle. It doesn't matter if you've been running for years or are joining us for the first time, the Bellin Run is for everyone."

Each year, the Bellin Run unveils a new custom logo, something participants and volunteers eagerly await. All registrants will receive an official Bellin Run technical T-shirt featuring this year's custom logo.

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## Green Knights push UW-Platteville to overtime in tournament finale

**BY SNC ATHLETICS**  
FOR THE PRESS TIMES

DE PERE — St. Norbert College took No. 5 UW-Platteville down to the wire in the championship game of the Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament, but would fall 60-54 in overtime after tying the game with just 17 seconds left in regulation off a three from Cole Uhlenbrauck.

The Green Knights (9-2) once again had to overcome a slow start in the tournament, falling behind by 10 points with 5:52 left in the first half.

Brandt Wilson, Garrett Grzesk and Jamison Nickolai kickstarted St. Norbert's run in the second half, as the Green Knights got to within five points just after the break. Platteville would regain an 8-point lead, but the Green Knights were geared for another run. An 8-0 run followed for St. Norbert as they would take its first lead since 13:10 in the first half off a Uhlenbrauck 3-pointer.

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Cole Uhlenbrauck helped the Green Knights push the Nicolet National Bank Holiday Tournament to overtime, but SNC ultimately fell 60-54 to UW-Platteville. Patrick Ferron/SNC Athletics photo

## Slow adjustments lead to difficulty in overcoming deficit for Packers



Packers Tight End Tucker Kraft fights his way through three Miami defenders on Thanksgiving at Lambeau Field. Kraft said that as they continue to face more competitive teams, the urgency for being able to adapt and find success against a talented and well-schemed defense becomes more important.

Tori Wittenbrock photo

**BY TORI WITTENBROCK**  
SPORTS EDITOR

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. — Totalling only 3 points in the first half as they trailed the Minnesota Vikings (14-2) by 10 proved to be too large of a gap for the Green Bay Packers (11-5) to overcome, even with late momentum.

Packers Tight End Tucker Kraft said that going into the post-season, the team has too much on the line to have such a slow start to the game.

"I just try to look at the reality of the outcome. We came out slow and that's always just a recipe for disaster because then we have to rely on our hurry up. Though it is successful, it's not always a great position to be in," said Kraft.

"Pre-snap penalties, got behind the sticks and some calls that didn't go our way. That's

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