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**Brown County Administration Committee
 makes move to retain grant funding**

BY PRESS TIMES STAFF

GREEN BAY – During its Jan. 2 meeting, the Brown County Administration Committee passed an amended resolution, 3-1, to retain a \$15 million state Neighborhood Investment grant tied to the moving of coal piles three miles downriver from the current C. Reiss Mason Street property.

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, which brought negotiations with C. Reiss to a standstill.

“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,” C. Reiss said in a release following the vote.

Based on the resolution, the Wisconsin Department of Administration would require a successful negotiation in order for Brown County to receive the Neighborhood Investment funding, which is provided through the Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

“During said lease negotiations, while the length of the lease



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was being negotiated, the State Department of Administration informed the County that, unless a deal is reached with C. Reiss to relocate the coal piles, the \$15 million grant funding is at risk of being reallocated to another project,” the resolution states.

“C. Reiss seemed to then consider the \$15 million in grant funds theirs, which led to continued demands from C. Reiss to be granted a 100-year lease (the longest current Brown County Port

lease is 25 years), demands which C. Reiss finally lowered slightly to 75-years shortly before the issue went to the Brown County Board of Supervisors for consideration, which was significantly longer than the 40-year term the County Board was ultimately willing to approve; and it is not in the public interest for the county to provide indirect corporate welfare to benefit a private entity subject to

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Area hospitals announce New Year babies

On Jan. 1 at 12:23 a.m., HSHS St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay welcomed Emery, left, weighing 7 pounds and 6 ounces and measuring 20.5 inches long. She joins her mom and dad, Whitney and Matt, and her big brother, Knox, who live in Green Bay. Aurora BayCare Medical Center also welcomed Jamison Michael Bohl, right, at 1:29 p.m. weighing 6 pounds and 8 ounces and measuring 19 inches. He joins mom and dad, Megan Godby-Bohl and Jake Bohl in Green Bay.

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Future 15: Meet Charm Der

**BY KRIS LEONHARDT
 EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**



Der

GREEN BAY – Charm Der was born and raised in Detroit and said that one of her earliest memories with community engagement is working with her mom and brothers for McDougall Hunt — a nonprofit that centered on community resources, development and advocacy work.

“My mother brought us to community meetings and encouraged us to ask questions and share our thoughts on what we felt could benefit the community,” Der said.

At Wayne State University, she focused her studies on com-

munity development and social change.

“During my undergraduate studies, I interned with a law firm specializing in human

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Future 15: Meet Christine Bekyir

**BY KRIS LEONHARDT
 EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**



Bekyir

GREEN BAY – “I am the daughter of a Ghanaian immigrant father and a White, Protestant, Midwestern mother: the embodiment of what it means to be African-American. The second daughter to my parents, I was raised here in Green Bay, Wis., by my mother with the help of her parents. My father settled in Milwaukee, Wis., and while I visited him, we weren’t as close during my childhood,” said Christine Bekyir.

“My father came to the United States as an international student, which is how he met my mother. My maternal grandfather was a teacher and then became principal of Cormier Elementary School in Ashwaubenon.

“Education has always been a value for my family. From a young age, I learned that education can serve as the pathway out of poverty.

“I am a proud product of public education.”

Bekyir graduated from Green Bay West High School and went on to pursue my associate degree in paralegal studies from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College.

“In my second year at NWTC, I became a mother to my oldest daughter, Safiya. The staff and faculty at NWTC supported me as a young mom and that experience changed my life,” she said.

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Pulaski man is among 10 finalists for the Packers FAN Hall of Fame

FOR THE PRESS TIMES

PULASKI – A Pulaski man is among 10 finalists who have been named in the search for the 27th member of the Packers FAN Hall of Fame.

“Every single home game for over 30 years, Scott Schwartz has been welcoming fans to Lot 1, and getting them amped up for gameday. In rain, snow, sleet or hail Scott can be found at the front of the line to get in the parking lot at least 6 hours before kickoff. The hired crew know him by name. He posts up in the same parking spot every game, unloads a professional PA system onto the roof of his truck, and gets the party started for all those die-hard Packers fans that show up in the lot four hours prior to the start of the game,” a profile on the Packers website stated.

The first professional football team to have a hall of fame, the Green Bay Packers enhanced that distinction in 1998 by establishing a Packers FAN Hall of Fame.

It was founded for the purpose of annually honoring a devout and longtime Packers fan.

Packers fans were asked to nominate themselves or a friend for the honor with an essay of 500 words or less, accompanied by a photo, explaining why he or she should be recognized.

From those nominations, 10 finalists were selected by the Packers FAN Hall of



Every home game for over 30 years, Scott Schwartz has been welcoming fans to Lot 1 and getting them amped up for gameday. Submitted photo

Fame selection committee.

Along with Schwartz, the following fans were identified: John Brosig, Pound; Regan Bucholz, Bonduel; Lori Coonen, Combined Locks; Paul Gasper, Onalaska; Ken Groholski, Manawa; Tammy Hedges, Weston, Fla.; Michael Rossi, Hackettstown, N.J.; Valerie Smick, Yorkville, Ill. and Bill Port, New Berlin.

Fans can read the finalists' profiles and vote online by

visiting packers.com/fhof.

The winner will be selected by Packers fans and the Packers' selection committee.

The voting deadline is 11:59 p.m. on Jan. 31, 2025.

Voters will be entered into a random drawing to win Packers merchandise.

The honoree's selection will be announced in late February 2025.

He or she will receive four

club seats to a 2025 Packers home game, along with four pre-game sideline passes; four passes to the Packers Hall of Fame; custom Packers jersey; a \$500 Packers Pro Shop gift certificate and a one-year subscription to PackersNews.com.

The honoree also will have his or her name added to the list of FAN Hall of Fame honorees recognized in the Packers Hall of Fame.

Three Green Bay organizations receive WHEDA Foundation grants

BY PRESS TIMES STAFF

GREEN BAY – Three Green Bay organizations are among 52 organizations that will share \$2 million in grants from the WHEDA Foundation to improve emergency shelter, transitional residences and extremely low-income housing.

“Administered by WHEDA, the WHEDA Foundation grants improve housing for community members with complex needs, including individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, people experiencing intimate partner violence, individuals with incomes at or below 30% of the area median income, youth experiencing homelessness and people with mental and behavioral health conditions,” a release from Gov. Tony Evers office stated.

“This year, the foundation’s 2024 Housing Grant Program is funded by \$2 million from WHEDA reserves. Providers in 29 counties received awards ranging from \$6,826 to \$50,000, the maximum award available. Projects involve installing security features, increasing energy efficiency measures, and making existing facilities more accessible for those with mobility challenges. Many projects also fund large

improvements, including roof replacements and overhauling heating and cooling systems. According to WHEDA, this year’s grants will create or improve 1,674 beds and housing units across the state. The investments at the community level also support economic development by creating valued construction jobs and ensuring folks have the housing supports they need to be well.”

“Expanding access to affordable housing statewide continues to be one of our top priorities, and we’re working to make sure folks have a safe, warm place to stay and a roof over their heads at night, including folks who are facing difficult circumstances,” added Evers. “These grants provide critical resources to those who need them and will help foster safer spaces for Wisconsinites who are unhoused, unsafe, and working to overcome challenges to help them get back on their feet.”

“We are dedicated to ensuring that all Wisconsinites have access to safe, stable housing to overcome homelessness, deal with mental health conditions, substance abuse, and partner violence,” said WHEDA CEO

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The Lost Dauphin: The Deerfield Massacre

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Continued from last week

One of the theories for those seeking the truth about the Lost Dauphin centered on the Deerfield Massacre, which occurred during Queen Anne's War in 1704.

"On the morning of March 1, 1704, just after daybreak, Major Hertel de Rouville, with 200 French and 140 Indians, surprised the sleeping settlement, killing 47 of the inhabitants and making prisoners of 112. Every building in the village, except two, was burned to the ground," recalled the *Boston Evening Transcript* in June 1890.

Some of the Deerfield residents were carried away, including the minister, John Williams, and his wife and some of their children.

On their trek through Vermont, newspaper accounts say that Williams' wife collapsed with exhaustion and was put to death on the spot.

While those individuals who were held captive returned to Deerfield in two years, one of the children, Eunice, stayed with the tribe and married a Native

American man.

"He was proud of his White wife, took her name and then founded the family which Eleazer Williams belonged by descent" some claimed, which was relayed in a 1923 *Green Bay Press Gazette* article.

"Thomas Williams, grandson of Eunice, served in the Revolutionary War and was made 'war chief' by the British," the article said, adding that once the war ended, Thomas sought out his White relatives who proposed that a couple of Thomas' children live with them, receive an education and return to the tribe as missionaries.

"The next fall, two lads came to live in the deacon's home and to attend school. In the [tribe] the older boy had been called 'Lazau,' but in the deacon's home he was to answer to the dignified name of 'Eleazer' and he was to learn that he took the name from Eleazer Mather, the grandfather of the little girl who had elected to remain with [the tribe]," the article added.

Eleazer attended Dartmouth College and later Hanover, before serving in the War of 1812.

"Shortly after the war, he was received into the Epis-



Rev. John Williams

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copal Church and nominated a missionary to the Oneida," the article added.

During the Revolutionary War, the Oneida assisted the new European colonies, serving in General George Washington's army.

In return, the 1794 Treaty of Canandaigua promised the protection of their homelands, stating that the

"lands reserved to the Oneida, Onondaga, and Cayuga Nations in their respective treaties with the State of New York, and called their reservations, to be their property; and the United States will never claim the same, nor disturb them, or either of the Six Nations, nor their Indian friends, residing thereon, and united

with them in the free use and enjoyment thereof; but the said reservations shall remain theirs until they choose to sell the same to the people of the United States, who have the right to purchase."

A year earlier, the United States had also adopted the Non-Intercourse Act, which prohibited the purchase of Native lands without the government's approval, but the state of New York continued to enter into land transactions and the Oneida were down to 32 acres by the early 1800s.

In 1822, the Oneida signed a treaty with the Menominee and Ho-Chuck nations, purchasing millions of acres as their new homeland.

"The game, land and seasons were familiar in Wisconsin and our people were decidedly more comfortable here. We negotiated with the Menominee to share their lands, and we came to an agreement in 1822," said former general manager/strategist, Bill Gollnick during a presentation for the Nation's bicentennial celebration

"In 1823, some Oneida families, 'First Christian Party' loaded horse-drawn wagons packed up with

pine boxes of essentials and what they could carry in a sack and left their homelands. For roughly three weeks they traveled over rough trails to get to the port of Buffalo, N.Y. From there they boarded a ship that took between five to seven days to travel along the western shore of Michigan, through the Mackinaw Island straits then on to Fort Howard in Green Bay. The new territory was the edge of the west and there were no log homes or cleared land, so the Oneidas settled in Little Kakalin on the Fox River roughly 29 miles south," read an article in the Oneida Nation's *Kalihwisaks*.

"Mr. Williams was a dark-complexioned, good-looking man. Having always heard him spoken of, by his relations in Connecticut, as 'our Indian cousin,' it never occurred to me to doubt his belonging to that race, although I now think that if I had met him elsewhere I should have taken him for a Spaniard or a Mexican," Mrs. John H. Kinzie wrote in her 1873 book, *Wau-Bun, the Early Day in the Northwest*."

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and Executive Director Elmer Moore Jr. "These grants will help those dealing with these situations in

ways that will allow them to thrive, rather than just survive."

In the Emergency/Transitional Housing category, Ecumenical Partnership for Housing received

\$44,615 to add air conditioning to 10 transitional homes and replacing a furnace.

In the Permanent Housing category, Greater Green Bay Habitat

for Humanity received \$50,000 for the construction of the Habitat Homestead, a 14-unit development with the potential to provide housing for up to 92 people.

Neighborhood Housing Services of Green Bay, Inc. received \$50,000 for the installation of 18 new high efficiency furnaces and removal and disposal of 18 failing furnaces.

WHEDA received 97 applications requesting more than \$4.4 million through the housing grant process, an indication of the high demand and need in Wisconsin.

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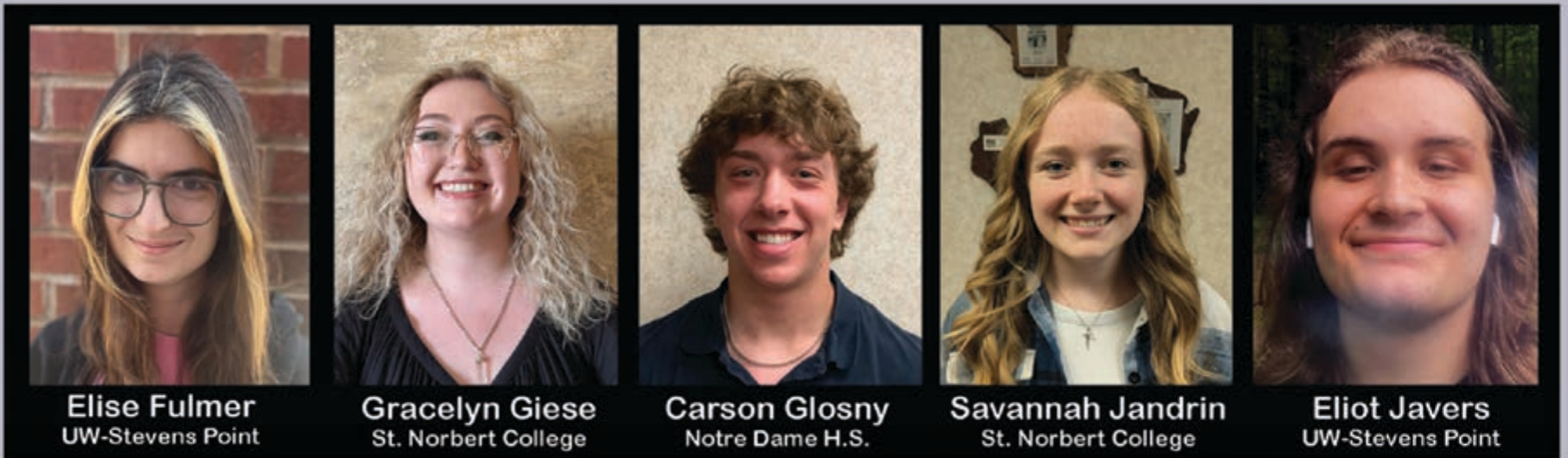
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How mock beaver dams could help restore Wisconsin wetlands

BY BENNET GOLDSTEIN
WISCONSIN WATCH

WISCONSIN — Jay Dee Nichols stamped and packed stiff willow branches between maple wood posts, with muffled crunches.

At 63, the semi-retired handyman has trapped beavers before. But he's never heard of a mock beaver dam — much less constructed one.

"It gives you an appreciation for what beavers do," Nichols said.

"They're one of the hardest-working animals out there."

Nichols' muck boots sloshed in a pool already forming behind the freshly constructed beaver dam analog, or BDA.

The semi-porous wooden structures are often installed across streams to redirect water or capture sediment.

Nichols and three other workers were as busy as beavers for a week in October constructing 12 of them in a forested wetland — part of Jim Hoffman's latest project.

The BDAs span an unnamed, man-made channel that drains overflow from a reservoir on Hoffman's cranberry farm, north of Alma Center.

The water runs into South Fork Halls Creek, where actual beavers live.

Hoffman, 60, hopes the BDAs improve water quality, stabilize eroded stream banks and enhance wildlife habitat. Most of all, he seeks to trailblaze a path through the state's onerous dam-permitting process.

"There's a lot of different streams and tributaries that could benefit from this," Hoffman said.

As average Wisconsin temperatures and precipitation increase in response to climate change, scientists, environmentalists and regulators point to promise in nature-based solutions.

Enter the beaver.



Joel Pennycamp, an employee at Hoffman Construction, cuts a log with a chainsaw while building a series of artificial beaver dams on a wooded property his boss, Jim Hoffman, owns. **Joe Timmerman / Wisconsin Watch photos**

Where they chew, wetlands often follow.

The U.S. once was home to 60 million to 400 million beavers before European and American settlers hunted them to near extinction.

As their population dwindled and agriculture and urban development expanded, wetlands disappeared. Wisconsin, like the rest of the country, lost roughly half.

Without maintenance from nature's "ecosystem engineers," many of the nation's once multi-threaded streams also became disconnected from their floodplains.

When this happens, water tables sink, water temperature increases and plants die. Nature can repair itself,

but the process of restoring stream complexity can take millennia.

Mock beaver dams can jump-start the process.

They can slow the flow of runoff and help watersheds store more water.

Hoffman sees their potential to limit flooding in Wisconsin and create wildlife habitat.

Government agencies and watershed councils frequently deploy them in the American West.

But their use in Wisconsin, a state with a historically tempestuous relationship with beavers, is novel.

Many regulators believe the critters' dams harm trout, and the state contracts with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to wipe out beavers that live on designated streams.

Wisconsin is home to fewer than a dozen BDA projects.

State regulators generally treat BDAs as dams that impound water, making for an arduous and expensive permitting process.

Hoffman spent more than a year and \$20,000 to obtain his permit.

He is the CEO of a vast Wisconsin construction company and has a running joke.

"The one thing you never do is call the DNR and ask them, 'Do I need a permit for this?'" he said.

When human and beaver engineers meet

A healthy streamscape requires space for water to slowly meander.

Much like real beaver dams, the analogs obstruct water and disperse the flow across a wider area.

Water pools above and below the dams, and upstream surface height increases.

Sediment accumulates behind the obstructions, sometimes transforming an upstream pool into a wetland and eventually a meadow.

But nature's randomness means beaver dams or analogs can fail.

Workers pound posts directly into a streambed and weave branches between them.

Gaps can be plugged with sediment.

Hoffman's 1,000-acre property, which includes his Goose Landing cranberry marsh, is a wildlife cornucopia.

Hundreds of geese occupy his reservoir on a given day.

A Stanford engineer by training, he returned to Wisconsin from San Francisco Bay in 1989 to join his family's road construction business.

After starting the cranberry operation, Hoffman mined frac sand, then obtained his commercial fish farming license.

Now, he's stocked the former mining pits — since filled with water — with wall-eye, hybrid musky, perch, crappie, bluegill and bass.

"I like to change my environment," he said. "I'm an earthmover by character — by business."

Hoffman's efforts to "rewild" his land led him to plant turnip and radish plots for deer along with oak trees to recreate a piece of Wisconsin's historical savannas.

Mock beaver dams are Hoffman's latest push.

His interest in them blossomed after he helped a Nordic skiing buddy release an orphan beaver on his property.

They constructed a lodge for the two-year-old rodent, tucking in a stuffed teddy bear to keep it company.

"Well, it instantly swam into the pond, and that was the last we saw it," Hoffman said.

Mock beaver dams used out West

Science backs Hoffman's belief in the restoration power of beaver dam analogs.

In one of the first major studies, researchers evaluated their trout impacts and potential to reverse stream incision.

Bridge Creek, a high-desert watershed in north-central Oregon, bore the signs of livestock overgrazing and beaver removal.

Following severe storms, the main channel gradually

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Jim Hoffman, CEO of Hoffman Construction, looks at an artificial beaver lodge he built along a pond on his property.

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disconnected from the landscape's floodplain.

The researchers monitored conditions before and after installing more than 130 BDAs in Bridge Creek.

They compared those sections of creek to areas that lacked BDAs — some that beavers called home and others they did not.

In the BDA sections, land inundated with water increased by 228% and side channels increased by a whopping 1,216%, considerably more than the Bridge Creek sections that lacked them.

As the analogs rehydrated the aquifer, vegetation increased.

Groundwater killed off scrubby plants, such as sagebrush and water-loving willow trees took root.

The impact of beavers on fish remains a hot topic in Wisconsin, especially a debate over whether beaver dams block trout passage.

That wasn't a problem at Bridge Creek, where researchers tagged about 100,000 juvenile trout and surveyed the stream for more than a decade.

Installing mock beaver

dams increased the survival, density and reproduction of juvenile trout, researchers found.

They detected no changes to upstream migration.

Nick Bouwes, a Utah State University faculty member who worked on the Bridge Creek study and co-authored a manual that many consider the BDA bible, agrees that the structures could block or otherwise affect fish in certain ecosystems in his native Wisconsin.

But those are only assumptions until they are studied.

"It makes you wonder what fish did 3 or 400 years ago when there was an order of magnitude more beaver and an order of magnitude more fish in these systems," Bouwes said.

Mock dams not a panacea

In September, Mike Engel, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist, oversaw the installation of beaver dam analogs at Briggs Wetland near Beloit.

Although passionate about them, Engel says beavers and BDAs aren't a panacea for all degraded wetlands or a warming climate.

"There's certainly people who will grab a hold of the cute, fuzzy critter and like the idea," Engel said. "But I think more people will be interested in managing the amount of water they have — whether they need more or they need less due to climate change."

In other words, what would a well-functioning watershed look like, and what tools and techniques can achieve those ends?

The case for mock beaver dams depends on the setting.

"Out West, they have miles and miles of public land," said Thomas Nedland, who conducts wetland and waterway permitting with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

"That's not quite the setting we have here in Wisconsin."

Such projects might lead to property conflicts, especially if beavers move in and enlarge the structures.

They might swamp adjacent corn fields or flood a road or backyard.

Getting the dam permit

Throwing some sticks across a streambed is relatively simple, but several

Wisconsin installations have relied upon consultants, federal workers or nonprofit organizations to navigate permitting.

"They're really important devices. They have a lot of functionality. They're very simple and inexpensive to install," said Hoffman's contractor, Clay Frazer, a restoration ecologist.

"And they're way too complicated to permit right now for the average person."

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources required Hoffman to conduct hydrologic modeling and topographic surveying before regulators approved his BDAs, which stand roughly three feet high.

Analog proponents say the rigid requirements to build transient structures unnecessarily increases costs and dampens enthusiasm to use nature-based solutions for landscape repair.

"You don't have to be an engineer. You don't have to be able to operate large machinery. You're not going to completely redesign a stream to what you think it should be," Bouwes said. "Let the stream figure it out."

One permitting difficulty stems from the state's classi-

fication of the porous structures as dams.

Regulators and applicants debate a principle point: Does a mock beaver dam actually impound water or, as researchers say, merely slow or delay it?

State employees say they lack latitude to interpret because BDAs fit the legal definition.

"I often hear back from applicants and they're like, 'Well, it's not very big,' or, 'It's not intended to be there for long,' or whatever," said Uriah Monday, a state dam safety engineer. "But they always acknowledge that they need that pool of water to create the energy it's going to take to do whatever they're trying to achieve."

Hoffman's stream tributary may be artificial, but the state still considers its waters navigable and thus protected under Wisconsin's public trust doctrine.

Normally, when dams obstruct public passage, the Department of Natural Resources requires the posting of a portage route.

For now, the agency isn't requiring it, but Hoffman hopes to run with the idea.

"So I'm having some signs made up for the beavers in case they get confused when they're swimming upstream

and hit the dam," he said, grinning.

Monday thinks the existing permitting system can work, as it already has, and will ease as the department learns more about the structures.

That will include monitoring at Briggs Wetland and Goose Landing.

"We're actually hopeful too," Nedland said. "If there's an efficient, cost-effective way for people to do these kinds of projects in a much easier way that results in less disturbance to the landscape, like boy, that's a win."

The beavers living at Hoffman's farm are dispersing across the property.

One colony chewed down some of his pines and aspens and plugged a culvert, expanding the shoreline as part of a project Hoffman didn't plan.

It doesn't bother him because he has more trees to spare and wants to live among the rodents, but he doesn't begrudge beaver-bothered people.

The critters create profound impacts.

Humans and beavers share a common drive to engineer their environment to live.

"We've got to find a way to balance the different needs of each species," Hoffman said. "You know, us included."

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whatever terms and conditions a private entity chooses to impose.

"The County Board should be able to insert terms and conditions into leases that it feels necessary, such as the resident health and environmental protections the County Board has since required. The county has held up its part of the grant agreement by negotiating in good faith to provide a location to accommodate the relocation of the coal piles, and by making a reasonable offer to C. Reiss to trade or lease property to do so, and the county should be allowed to retain the grant funding it was awarded to develop its port."

The resolution said that by allowing the county to retain the funds, it "would force C. Reiss to either take a more reasonable approach when negotiating a lease, or to lose out on the opportunity, as opposed to tying the county's hands by forcing the county to either accept the unreasonable demands of C. Reiss or risk the loss of Grant funding; due to the potential of having the \$15 million in grant funds reallocated to another project by the state, and the untenable negotiating position that

leaves the county in, the county can no longer rely on a reasonable agreement being reached with C. Reiss, and it is now desirable for the county to pursue dual-tracks, by continuing to work with the state, the city and C. Reiss to see if a reasonable agreement can be reached, while simultaneously issuing a Request For Information that seeks information from potential port operators that would like to be part of the Brown County Port Expansion Project, including what the potential operators are willing to propose in capital contributions and other port related investments should the county decide to partner with them to develop its Port."

The resolution states that the county "has fulfilled its Grant obligations by offering a port site suitable for coal relocation to C. Reiss with reasonable lease terms and conditions, and that the state allow the county to retain the \$15 million in Grant funds that have already been awarded to and accepted by the County to develop its port."

C. Reiss Company CEO Keith Haselhoff released the following statement before the Brown County Administration Committee meeting.

"The draft resolution under consideration by the

County Board contains several clear and obvious inaccuracies regarding the good faith negotiations between The C. Reiss Company and the County Administration over the past year," it stated.

"On Dec. 19, the county board rejected an agreement negotiated by the County Administration and C. Reiss that would have moved the coal piles from their current Mason Street location out to the former Pulliam Power Plant. This new draft resolution appears to be part of an effort to shift blame for the consequences of that decision, which has put at risk some \$25 million in state and federal grants for Brown County port infrastructure.

"First, the resolution falsely states that C. Reiss somehow increased its demands after learning that the \$15 million state grant was contingent on reaching a deal to move the coal piles. All parties knew from the beginning that the grant was given specifically to move the coal piles, as Brown County itself stated in its grant application back in 2021. Further, this \$15 million doesn't go to C. Reiss — it's dedicated to making capital improvements to turn land that is currently unusable into a site that can handle dry bulk commodities.

"Second, throughout this negotiation, C. Reiss has made multiple concessions to achieve a fair and reasonable agreement for all parties. For instance, the new proposed site is actually smaller than the one we currently own and use at Mason Street, causing operational efficiency issues that would increase our operating costs. C. Reiss has also moved from making a purchase offer to a lease, spent some \$20,000 of our own money for design work, and agreed to shorten the lease term by 25%, among other compromises.

"Third, the resolution's depiction of C. Reiss as a difficult negotiating partner does not reflect reality. In fact, C. Reiss reached at least two agreements with the county's appointed negotiators, first with Green Bay Port Director Dean Haen in May 2024, which was rejected by the Harbor Commission. The county executive then placed Corporation Counsel Dave Hemery in charge of negotiations, and C. Reiss reached a deal with him in November 2024."

The county requested an extension this summer which gives them until Dec. 31, 2025, to use the funding.

The resolution now moves to the full county board for approval at its January meeting.

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Howard-Suamico School District recognizes longtime coach

BY PRESS TIMES STAFF

HOWARD-SUAMICO – During its Jan. 6 meeting, the Howard-Suamico School District Board of Education recognized Travis Herber for his 24-year coaching career with Bay Port High School.

“His career record of 252 wins, 129 losses and 44 ties led his teams to regional titles in 2005, 2008, 2012 and 2020,” the board said in a proclamation.

“As a community partner who owns team apparel, Coach Herber has the unique ability to inspire others to work for a common team goal. He, himself, is a team player who helps others become their very best.

“On behalf of the board of education and the Howard-Suamico School Dis-

trict, we extend our sincere well wishes to Coach Herber as he retires, and we formally recognize him for his dedication to the betterment of hundreds of student-athletes in the boys soccer program.”

His motto, “15 minutes early is on time; on time is late; and late is unacceptable” was noted as the board conveyed Herber’s impact on his athletes in teaching them life skills.

“On behalf of myself and my family, for 20 years of being part of Bay Port and the boys soccer program, I can’t thank you guys enough,” Herber said.

“The Howard-Suamico School District is definitely one of the best to be a part of as a coach.



Herber

I’m done as a coach, but yet I’m still volunteering in ways to help keep involved, because I still want to be around here.

“I started in 1999 as the boys assistant basketball coach [and when] the boys soccer position became available my wife was kind enough to let me apply for it, not knowing 20



Wiebel

years later we’d still be doing this. But I can’t thank my family enough...

“It’s time, when your body and your mind start to tell you it’s a lot to put in, it’s time to start to enjoy the progression of your efforts and watch somebody else enjoy the successes...”

“Thank you for this hon-

or. It’s definitely one of the best parts of my life.”

Wiebel selected as Bay Port principal, Frieder retires

The Howard-Suamico School District has also selected Jo Wiebel to serve as principal of Bay Port High School effective July 1.

“This decision follows Mr. Mike Frieder’s retirement announcement. After 30 years as Bay Port principal, he will retire at the end of this school year,” a district release stated.

“Mr. Wiebel and Mr. Frieder will work hand-in-hand throughout the remainder of the 2024-25 school year to ensure a smooth transition. We are confident that this col-

laborative approach will help Bay Port maintain its momentum of exceptional education.

“Mr. Wiebel has made a noteworthy positive impact for seven years as Bay Port associate principal, and we are excited to keep the tradition of excellence alive and well at Bay Port,” added Superintendent Mark Smith. “We are grateful to have such a talented internal leader ready to serve during this critical transition as we continue working with students and families to prepare them for a successful and meaningful future.”

Wiebel joined the district in 2018 as associate principal following 14 years with Green Bay Area Public School District.

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rights and worker violation cases which profoundly impacted my understanding of community and organizational inequities and my role in addressing them, both personally and professionally,” she recalled.

She went on to obtain a bachelors in public affairs, with a graduate certificate in health communications.

“I began my career in health equity and human resources at a pharmacy group shortly after graduation. Over the years, my responsibilities progressed from designing social health campaigns and facilitating cultural competency training for staff and community healthcare professionals to leading the HR function for the group and opening pharmacy locations. This broadened my expertise in training, community engagement, employee experience and business management.”

Der later earned a mas-

ter’s degree in education from Central Michigan University and obtained a diversity and inclusion certificate from Cornell University, and today works as vice president of human resources at Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin.

“Our mission is to protect, heal and care for the most vulnerable people in Northeast Wisconsin. We help over 30,000 children, families and individuals right here in Northeast Wisconsin. We provided additional support through 65,000 plus calls, texts and chats across Wisconsin through the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. In my current role, I lead the HR function and we are responsible for fostering a supportive environment for our staff through strategic programs, policies and culture initiatives. I have been prioritizing digital transformation and improving employee experience through the creation of learning and development programs, health and

well-being programs, and enhancing agency communication across our 20-plus programs,” Der explained.

“In addition to my career experience, I actively volunteer on several local and state-wide boards and community groups addressing health equity, well-being, homelessness, women’s empowerment and youth.

“I also authored a children’s book titled *My Happiness Counts* which is a counting book featuring diverse characters that teaches young readers about happiness in everyday moments. I enjoy guest speaking at libraries, children’s museums, and schools on social-emotional learning. In my workshops, I have the opportunity to partner with parents and teachers to create engaging learning experiences for youth.”

Der said that her mother was one of her “key role models.”

“She has an accountability to community that is unmatched and that I aim to emulate. She encouraged me

to be curious about the world and found opportunities for me to build my confidence and resilience,” Der said,

“Prior to her dementia diagnosis, she was always ready with words of wisdom and encouragement. I know that every day that I walk in my purpose, I honor her and help to continue her life’s work which, as she would say, ‘If you can do one thing, you can do something.’”

“I made a sign of her words and it sits in my office. It was her way of saying, ‘Instead of being overwhelmed to the point of inaction, just do something — one thing in your community to help others — write, lead, support, donate, share the cause or volunteer. We all have a role.’”

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.

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“My daughter attended my graduation and while she was only two years old, it was an important milestone in our lives.”

After graduating, Bekyir worked at Humana in their subrogation department for several years where she learned how to negotiate claims recoveries from settlements.

“This is also where I learned how to navigate corporate America as a Black woman,” she recalled.

“My employment ended there in spring of 2009, while I was five months pregnant with my son.

I took losing my job at Humana as an opportunity. I applied for all the economic assistance that was available to my family at the time and immediately applied to UW-Green Bay to pursue my bachelor’s degree in democracy in justice studies with a law and justice emphasis. My son, Quadir, was only three

months old when I started that journey; and again, the staff and faculty at UW-Green Bay showed me how supportive our community is. My multi-cultural advisor, Mai Lo Lee was instrumental in helping me navigate through parenting two young children, excelling in my studies and deciding whether to pursue law school.”

Bekyir graduated Magna Cum Laude from UW-Green Bay in 2014 and worked for the Brown County Corporation Counsel for seven years.

“In 2017, we started the journey of building our home with Habitat for Humanity and the following year — just months after we welcomed our third child, Aminah into the world — we officially became proud Habitat Homeowners.

“It has been an honor to show my children, my extended family and friends how all of my dedication has allowed us to live the lifestyle that was simply images on my vision board just six years prior.”

In 2021, Bekyir began a career with Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC), first as the executive assistant to the vice president of learning and then as the executive assistant of talent and culture (HR) and diversity, equity and inclusion.

“I have been empowered by my VP, Dr. Sara Lam to leverage my skills of relationship building, coaching and my extensive education in justice, equity and community advocacy to influence the campus community as we work towards NWTC’s vision to serve as a cutting-edge, lifelong learning college that transforms, strengthens and inspires.”

Bekyir said that taking ownership of her personal development has been the most impactful part of her career development.

“In my 20s, I started learning about how to develop a growth mindset and my confidence grew exponentially. I began reading books in the personal development genre and eventually started listening to

podcasts by thought leaders like Brené Brown (*Dare to Lead*), Simon Sinek (*A Bit of Optimism*) and Dr. Joy Harden Bradford (*Therapy for Black Girls*) as a means of self-education. “Eventually, I found that I could leverage social media to connect with other women of color through Facebook groups and paid membership communities who share my values, operate with a growth mindset and foster positivity.

“I’ve been extremely intentional about who I choose to be in community with both in person and online. When you have a group of women who “gas you up” with every win and fix your crown each time you feel like you’ve failed or become frustrated, you show up differently.”

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Touchdowns for Hunger results in \$104K donation

Following another successful season of Touchdowns for Hunger resulting in a donation of \$104,000, Sargento Foods Inc. will continue donating \$2,000 for every Packers touchdown during the NFL playoffs. The Packers ended the regular season with 52 touchdowns. The funds are shared by Paul's Pantry in Green Bay and Hunger Task Force in Milwaukee. Since it began in 2002, Touchdowns for Hunger has raised more than \$1.9 million to help alleviate hunger in Wisconsin and has provided more than one million meals for those in need. **Submitted photo**



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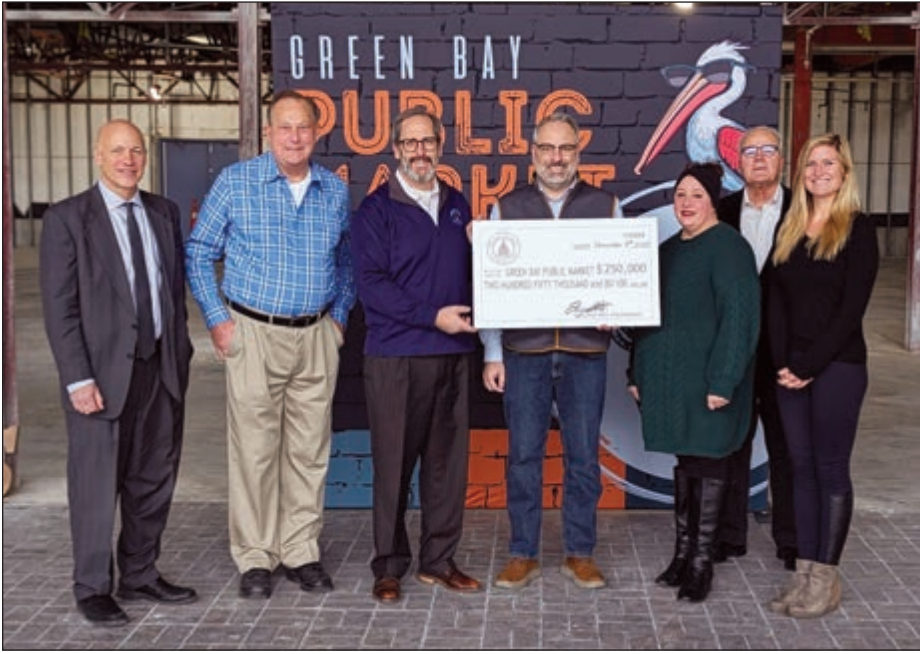
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Green Bay Public Market project receives grant funding

Green Bay Public Market and On Broadway, Inc. staff recently gathered with members of the Brown County Board of Supervisors to accept a check supporting the project. The \$250,000 grant check will support the ongoing capital campaign to build the Green Bay Public Market. The grant is funded with federal American Rescue Plan dollars that were earmarked by Brown County in a larger pool of funds that supported grants for projects related to tourism efforts. The Green Bay Public Market Capital Campaign is working towards its goal of \$18.3 million and welcomes any additional donations. **Submitted photo**



Her fight is our fight

"Her fight is our fight" said family members who gathered in support of Lisa Frye, of De Pere. Frye was recently diagnosed with invasive lobular carcinoma — a form of breast cancer. The new year will bring intense chemotherapy and radiation before undergoing a complete mastectomy. Pictured with Lisa, in the "Warrior" shirt, are her parents, family, siblings and granddaughter, Sawyer. **Peter Kirschling photo**



MOC NEW presents 11 grants to non-profit veteran services organizations

The Military Officers Club of Northeastern Wisconsin (MOC NEW) held its Annual Christmas dinner in December at the Oneida Golf and Country Club in Green Bay. MOC NEW is Chapter 104 and a member of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) an association of current, former and retired officers of all the uniformed services, and 120 members strong. The final quarterly meeting, dinner and entertainment event highlighted the organization's delivery of 11 grants to non-profit veteran services organizations. Pictured are the 2024 veteran service organization's designated recipients and the grant presenters: MOC NEW Chapter 104 Vice President John Breuning; Veterans 1st of NEW – Gail Nohr; Sheboygan Veterans Treatment Court Mentor Program – Judge Angela Sutkiewicz; Disabled American Veterans - Rob Hillard, Matt Kempainen; Northeast Wisconsin Treatment Court - Tom Hinz; Door Country Farm for Vets – Jake VandenPlas; Old Glory Flight Executive Director Diane MacDonald; HOOAH WI State Board of Directors VP Chelsea Kocken; Fox Valley Veterans Council – Tim Cody; VFW WI Unmet Needs Program – Bruce Sorenson; MOC NEW – Fred White Veterans Benefit Golf Outing Committee Chair, MG (ret) Dan Ammerman; MOC NEW – Chapter 104 President – LTC (ret) Jim Lienau and MOC NEW – VBGO Committee – Dan Mullen. **Submitted photo**

USDDP open-enrolled fourth graders may need to re-enroll

BY LEE REINSCH
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

DE PERE—Open-enrolled fourth-grade students who are attending school in the Unified School District of De Pere (USDDP) may have to re-enroll to ensure they'll have a spot for fifth grade.

The school board will vote next week on the change, as well as several others to the district's open enrollment policy.

The open enrollment period for next fall is Feb. 3 through April 30.

The district will notify those who apply whether

they've been accepted by June 6.

Those who are accepted have until June 27 to confirm that they will be attending school in the district.

"What we're trying to avoid (with the re-enrollment requirement) is a bit of a pinch point in fifth grade ... because we know in our district the pinch point in terms of capacity for our buildings is Foxview (Intermediate) and Middle School," Jerry Nicholson, director of student services for the district, told the school board.

All currently open-enrolled fourth-grade students would need to re-apply in order to be considered for continued enrollment for the 2025-26 school year.

"Thus giving you another spot to control the open-enrollment numbers," Nicholson said.

Currently open-enrolled fourth graders would be given preference for any available fifth-grade seats, based on space, he said.

Siblings of currently open-enrolled students would also get preference based on space.

Siblings were guaranteed a spot in the past, but the district changed that to preference last year, according to Nicholson.

The district currently has 68 spaces open for open-enrollment for the 2025-26 school year.

Among them are 20 spots in 4K, 22 in 5K and 23 in grade 1.

They include spots for 14 kindergarteners and five first-graders at Heritage Elementary, eight kindergarteners and 18 first-graders at Dickinson Elementary, and four fifth-graders at Foxview Intermediate

School, in addition to the 20 openings in 4K.

The four open spots for fifth-graders take into account the 23 students who are currently open-enrolled as fourth graders and 27 total spaces that will be earmarked for open-enrollees next year.

Nicholson noted that, on average over the last five years, 19.2 students have open-enrolled out of the district, and 24.2 stay in the district even though their families have moved outside the district.

The board will vote Monday on whether to continue

the policy of allowing students whose families move out of the district to keep attending school in the district.

"Given that our taxpayers just approved two referenda supporting the district with an increase in local taxes, it's a way for us to continue to stay responsible toward constituents," Nicholson said.

The school board will also vote whether to require currently open-enrolled fourth-graders re-enroll, as well as whether to base preference on space available.

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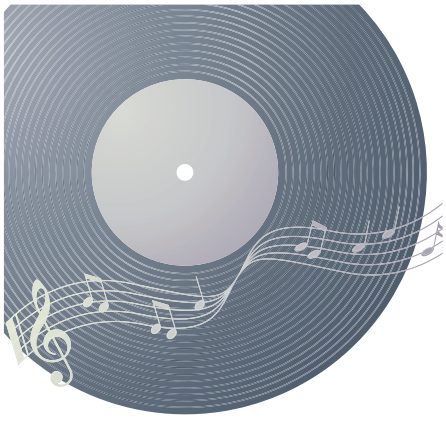


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Doctors in Recital to benefit local nonprofits

For City Pages

Doctors in Recital, a variety show fundraiser scheduled for Jan. 27 featuring the musical talents of Northeast Wisconsin physicians, will benefit several local nonprofits in 2025 — Foster the Village, Ecumenical Partnership for Housing, Fort Howard Fife and Drum Corps and the Griffon String Quartet.

Doctors in Recital, Inc., was created to organize, administer and produce a local fundraising benefit concert, held annually in January.

Each act features an area physician with a passion for music, and many other healthcare workers, family and friends share the stage.

Funds are raised through donations and ticket sales, but sponsorships provide the most income.

The net proceeds are split between and donated to the community and music program recipients.

“Doctors in Recital exists to make a difference by making music,” said Board President Kim Schefchick. “Our goal has always been to make a positive impact in our community, and we are thrilled to announce Foster the Village and Ecumenical Partnership for Housing as our community recipients this year.”

Foster the Village is a non-profit organization that supports children from birth to 18 years old in Brown County who have been removed from their homes and placed in foster care.

Foster the Village provides services to children and families in foster care including basic needs, training and community support to ease the journey for



children and their caregivers.

In six years, more than 5,440 local children have been served thanks to support from the community.

Ecumenical Partnership for Housing (EPH) is a nonprofit organization that has served families with children facing homelessness in Brown County for over 30

years and aims to reduce homelessness one family at a time.

Its mission is to provide safety, stability and solutions leading to self-sufficiency for the families it serves.

Working in partnership with 21 local churches, EPH provides three main programs: transitional housing, long-term supportive housing and eviction prevention.

All families who participate receive intensive case management support focused on family well-being, financial stability, employment, education and home care to help them build the skills necessary to become self-sufficient.

In addition to its community recipients, Doctors in Recital named the Fort Howard Fife and Drum Corps and the Griffon String Quartet as its 2025 music education recipients.

The Fort Howard Fife and Drum Corps was founded by Heritage Hill at the beginning of 2023 thanks to a donation from the late James Griesinger.

The Corps was developed to provide a historically accurate and meaningful sensory experience to the Fort Howard area.

The Corps works with youth age 10 to 22

▲ Doctors in Recital, a variety show fundraiser scheduled for Jan. 27, will feature the musical talents of Northeast Wisconsin physicians. File photos

and provides students regular instruction with highly-trained musicians.

There is no fee to join, and no previous musical instruction necessary in order to participate.

As an organization, Heritage Hill is committed to enriching the lives of visitors of all ages by nurturing a deeper understanding and appreciation of the history of Northeastern Wisconsin and its people.

One of the most vibrant and engaging quartets of its generation, the Griffon String Quartet was formed in the fall of 2018 as a collaboration led by Midsummer’s Music.

GSQ enriches the lives of children and adults throughout Northeast Wisconsin through concerts, workshops and music education outreach.

Each member of the Griffon String Quartet has advanced degrees and significant professional experience, both as educators and performers and they have been recognized for “their youthful vigor, which is absolutely infectious!” **CP**



▲ The 2025 event will benefit Foster the Village, Ecumenical Partnership for Housing, Fort Howard Fife and Drum Corps and the Griffon String Quartet.

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▲ FiveThumbsUp has relocated in the Broadway District after initially opening as a part of The Cannery Test Kitchen.



▲ Irish Temper and FiveThumbsUp celebrated their openings with a ribbon cutting this week at 240 N Broadway in Green Bay. Janelle Fisher photos

Broadway District welcomes two new businesses

For City Pages

The public was invited this week to join On Broadway, Inc. and City of Green Bay Mayor Eric Genrich to cut the ribbon for two businesses that recently opened their doors in the Broadway District.

One business, Irish Temper, is brand new while the other, FiveThumbsUp, relocated within the Broadway District.

Irish Temper is brand new to the Broadway District and is owned by Tony Wiltgen, who also owns another Broadway District business, White Dog.

Irish Temper is Green Bay's newest pub, offering a warm and inviting atmosphere, reminiscent of a traditional Irish pub.

The small but curated drink menu features a selection of beers, whiskeys and cocktails, ensuring there's something for everyone.

FiveThumbsUp relocated within the Broadway District, as it was formerly a business inside The Cannery Test Kitchen which closed this past summer.

Owner Jill Schultz will offer her famous cheesecake options including the beloved cheesecake flights and cake pops, but now has an expanded menu.

"Having business owners that believe in the vision for the Broadway District is

the ultimate goal," said Brian Johnson, president and CEO with On Broadway, Inc. "Owning a small business is not easy, and we are excited to celebrate with Jill and Tony. We are grateful they chose to invest in downtown Green Bay's Broadway District and that they see its potential."

Both businesses are located at 240 N Broadway, Green Bay. **CP**

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SPARKing a connection

ADRC program returns for 2025

By Janelle Fisher
City Pages Editor

The SPARK! Program, facilitated by the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Brown County, is set to make its return to the Green Bay area in 2025, bringing along with it a year-long lineup of free, engaging experiences for individuals living with memory loss and their caregivers.

“The SPARK! Program is specifically a program for folks with dementia and their caregivers,” explained Michelle Erdmann, caregiver and prevention program manager at the Brown County ADRC. “It’s a program of creative discovery... You actually are engaged in a stimulating and new experience when you’re at the SPARK! Program and it’s really specific to museums, galleries, nature centers, cultural centers — any kind of cultural venue.”

Through interactive, creative activities,

the SPARK! Program invites care partners and individuals with memory loss to stay engaged in their communities while embracing the present together.

“The program really is intended to help families that have loved ones with dementia to get out into the community and be able to socially engage,” Erdmann said. “When you’re a caregiver and especially for someone with dementia, it can be a very isolating experience... They’re welcomed at these kinds of venues where they can get out in the community and meet with other people that are facing the same kind of caregiving challenges and joys... They can have a little bit of a step in the right direction to socially integrate back into the community and try to really address those isolation issues.”

Erdmann said that isolation is a common challenge faced by caregivers.

“When somebody is caregiving for a loved one, there’s a lot of stress involved...”

she said. “And if you can’t even get out in the community to see what other beautiful opportunities are out there for your own personal stimulus, that can be very difficult. It’s isolating being a caregiver.”

Through the SPARK! Program, caregivers have the opportunity to meet and connect with other caregivers, but also reconnect with their loved ones.

“It takes the pressure away from the roles that these families are so used to — the caregiver and the person receiving care,” Erdmann said. “You can actually just have your original relationship back. It can be a husband and wife enjoying a fun activity in a cultural setting together. You’re moving out of the caregiving role and back into the role that you had as a loved one... You can actually go back to the original relationship that you had and not have all those worries or those layers on top of it. You can just be together in your relationship again as it perhaps might originally have been. That

brings a lot of caregivers relief — to be able to just enjoy each other’s company again, doing an activity and not being in that caregiving role.”

And caregivers bringing their loved ones to a SPARK! event can feel comfortable stepping back from that caregiving role knowing that staff at all SPARK! venues have been trained to support their loved ones.

“For any one of the organizations that are hosting a SPARK event, all of their staff have been trained on how to work with caregivers and anyone with dementia,” Erdmann said. “They have a specific skill set and the activity that’s been chosen for each one of these events is appropriate for caregivers and people with dementia. It’s been very well thought out... [Attendees] are going to be walking into a group of people there to support them and to really create an environment where they can enjoy a cultural event together... And all of the activities aren’t just educational in nature. They’re very much hands-on. So you’ll not only learn about an activity, but you’ll also be able to physically create something that families will be able to take home.”

To ensure all caregivers and their families have access to this resource, SPARK! Program events are free to attend.

“It costs a tremendous amount of money to care for a loved one at home,” Erdmann said. “With the SPARK program, this is free. There’s no charge for caregivers and their loved ones to come to these programs, so that’s a huge barrier removed for families. Any person from any walk of life or socioeconomic status can come to this event and can feel welcome, feel connected and not have to be worrying about money.”

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Submitted photos



Two Wisconsin traditions at the heart of newly-released film

By Kris Leonhardt
Editor-in-chief

Two Wisconsin traditions are at the heart of an Anders Lindwall film that premiered in Green Bay on Jan. 3 at Lambeau Field — the Green Bay Packers and farming.

While Packers' history can be traced back to the early 1900s, the farming industry dates back to the 1830s European immigrants who wished to feed their families and earn a decent income, and existed even before that, with the Native Americans crops of corn, squash and beans.

It is estimated that about 5,000 farms a year were founded in Wisconsin during the 1840s.

Most of these farms were passed through multiple generations; however, today only half of the farms that were operating in 1950 still exist today, as large scale farming takes over the landscape.

"*Green and Gold* is our heartfelt tribute to rural America's strength and perseverance. The film highlights the stories of hardworking farmers confronting growing challenges in today's economy. Inspired by our roots and our grandfather, a dairy farmer, my brother Davin Lindwall and I sought to tell an authentic story that honors rural America's farming community's grit, goodness and unbreakable bond," Director Anders Lindwall said in a director's statement.

The movie portrays actor Craig T. Nelson



as "Buck" — a Wisconsin dairy farmer. "With mounting debt and the land his family has cultivated for four generations at risk, Buck refuses to give up his legacy without a fight. Buck's granddaughter (Madison Lawlor) works alongside him but dreams of a career in music. Her aspirations are fanned by an emerging friendship with a famous musician (Brandon Sklenar), but chasing her dreams might take her far from the farm. With time running out, Buck places a daring Super Bowl bet on his beloved Green Bay Packers, risking it all to save everything he

holds dear," a film synopsis stated. Nelson's film career spans over five decades, both on-screen and off.

The film's crew said that on the second day of filming the movie, Nelson pulled Anders aside and "inquired about the lack of a second camera."

After Anders explained that the project was a low-budget, independent film, Nelson responded, "Get yourself a camera and take it out of my rate."

"This story felt personal to me, I felt a real connection to it because the Nelson family farm has been a working farm in South Dakota since the Civil War, and my wife's family were also farmers. *Green and Gold* captures the tenacity of small-town farmers and the strength of family and community. I was honored to play Buck and highlight the dreams defining many lives in America's heartland," Nelson said.

Nelson said that at the heart of it is a compelling story about the disappearing dairy heartland.

"The conglomerates are pretty much

▲ Director Anders Lindwall, right, on the set of *Green and Gold* with actor Craig T. Nelson. Submitted photo

taking over the small, family farm and that's what this story is about. You do something you love and you get swallowed up by it," he said.

The screenplay was written by Steven Shafer, Michael Graf, Missy Mareau Garcia and Anders, and produced by Anders' brother, Davin Lindwall and Aaron Boyd.

"Growing up just north of Green Bay as the grandson of a dairy farmer and die-hard Packers fans, my brother Davin and I poured our hearts into this film. It's our tribute to small-town communities and the values they stand for," Anders stated.

Green and Gold is in Green Bay area theaters, after being launched Friday, Jan. 3 at Lambeau Field.

The following Sunday, Nelson was on the field where he performed the National Anthem before the Packers-Bears final regular-season matchup. **CP**



▲ Nelson was on the field at the Packers-Bears game last weekend where he performed the National Anthem before the final regular-season matchup. Tori Wittenbrock photo



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In 2025, SPARK! Program events will be held on the third Monday of each month:

- **Jan. 20** – National Railroad Museum – Let's Take a Train Ride!
- **Feb. 17** – Neville Public Museum – Candy Creations
- **March 17** – Mulva Cultural Center – Papermaking
- **April 11** – Mulva Cultural Center – (Spanish Event) Abstract Art: Kandinsky
- **May 19** – Neville Public Museum – Music Marvels
- **June 16** – Neville Public Museum – People of Northeastern WI

- **July 21** – National Railroad Museum – Christmas in July: Polar Express
- **Aug. 18** – National Railroad Museum – Dining on the Rails
- **Sept. 15** – National Railroad Museum – Oh No! Hobos!
- **Oct. 20** – Mulva Cultural Center – Photography & Photograms
- **Nov. 17** – Mulva Cultural Center – Space Flight
- **Dec. 15** – Neville Public Museum – Holiday Memories

More details about the SPARK! Program and additional resources for caregivers can be found at adrcofbrowncounty.org. **CP**

BiG GUiDE

The largest list of art, dance, lectures, kids' stuff, movie schedules, music, theater, sports, workshops and many other activities in your community.

Submissions to the Big Guide are free

and must be received 10 days in advance. Items that are not received within this time frame cannot be guaranteed to be posted. Email your Big Guide submissions to Janelle at jfisher@mmclocal.com

LIVE MUSIC

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 to learn more and purchase tickets.

Thursday, Jan. 16

Callback, Lake Drive and Modern Haunting • At the Tracks, Green Bay. Pop rock and indie rock music. 8 p.m. \$10. (Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.) See At the Tracks on Facebook for more details.

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.

Baylanders Barbershop Chorus • St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Green Bay. If you love to sing, please join us for a rehearsal. Mondays at 7 p.m. Guests are welcome at any time. Visit baylanders.org or the Baylanders Barbershop Chorus facebook page for more info.

ON STAGE/SCREEN

Monday, Jan. 13

Book and a Movie: A Man Called Otto • De Pere Cinema, De Pere. Watch A Man Called Otto and stay after to discuss the book A Man Called Ove. 6:30 p.m. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org to learn more.

Saturday, Jan. 18

Stella and Lou Staged Reading • Robert Lee Brault Playhouse, Green Bay. Staged reading of Stella and Lou, written by Bruce Graham and directed by Warren Elliott. 4 p.m. Free. See Green Bay Community Theater's Facebook page for more details.

Ongoing

Friday Night Grown-Up Show • ComedyCity Theatre, De Pere. Short scenes, songs and sketches based on audience suggestions. Fridays at 7:30 p.m. \$15. Find more details and purchase tickets at comedycity.net.

ComedyCity: After Dark • ComedyCity Theatre, De Pere. Classic improv comedy show with an edgier tone. Saturdays at 8:35 p.m. \$15. Find more details and purchase tickets at comedycity.net.

ARTS/EXHIBITS

Ongoing

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

newART/v • 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. Open during gallery hours Jan. 10-Feb. 22. Free. Learn more at newartspace124.com.

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

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

FOOD/DRINK

Saturday, Jan. 18

Traditional Pasty Making Class • The Flour Pot, De Pere. Learn the time-honored tradition of making the savory pasty. 10 a.m. \$75. Head to flourpot-llc.com for more details and to sign up.

Cartoon Brunch • The Tarlton Theatre, Green Bay. Classic cartoons and brunch specials. 12-3 p.m. Free admission. Visit The Tarlton Theatre's Facebook page to learn more.

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SATURDAY, JAN. 11 | 7:30 P.M.
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Bee Gees tribute performance. \$42+. Head to meyertheatre.org to learn more and purchase tickets.

Belgian Pie Class • The Flour Pot, De Pere. Bake along with fourth-generation Belgian/American Gina Guth. 1 p.m. \$55. Head to flourpot-llc.com for more details and to sign up.

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 for more information.

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

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

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

GAMES/COMPETITIONS

Ongoing

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

Saturday, Jan. 11

Yoga with Kitties • Safe Haven Pet Sanctuary, Green Bay. Uplifting morning yoga class with feline friends. 9:30 a.m. \$15. Bring your own yoga mat. See Safe Haven Pet Sanctuary's Facebook page for more details and to purchase tickets.

Friday, Jan. 17

Luminary Walk • Baird Creek Greenway, Green Bay. Walk the paved trail while it is lit up with hundreds of luminaries. 4:30 p.m. \$5 for individuals, \$15 for families. Visit givebutter.com/luminarywalk for more details and to register.

Ongoing

Jam Skate • Titledown, Ashwaubenon. Jam out to DJ spun tunes while you skate. Fridays from 6-10 p.m., through Jan. 31 Paid skating admission required. Visit titledown.com for more details and to sign up.

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**SATURDAY, JAN. 11
9:30 A.M.**

**SAFE HAVEN PET SANCTUARY,
GREEN BAY.**

Uplifting morning yoga class with feline friends. \$15. Bring your own yoga mat. See Safe Haven Pet Sanctuary's Facebook page for more details and to purchase tickets.

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.



WINTER WILDLIFE OF WI

**FRIDAY, JAN. 17 | 1 P.M.
BROWN COUNTY LIBRARY
- ASHWAUBENON BRANCH,
ASHWAUBENON.**

Connect with a naturalist from Baird Creek Preservation Foundation to learn the signs of who is foraging in your backyard or along walking paths and get suggestions on how to support their natural habitats. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

Monday, Jan. 13

CPR and AED Training • Family and Childcare Resources of N.E.W., Green Bay. Learn how to respond to cardiac arrest and choking in adults, children and infants. 6 p.m. \$30. See Family and Childcare Resources of N.E.W.'s Facebook page to learn more.

Thursday, Jan. 16

What's New to Medicare • Brown County Library - Weyers-Hilliard Branch, Howard. ADRC volunteers will provide unbiased, up-to-date information about the Medicare changes for 2025. 1 p.m. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

Friday, Jan. 17

Winter Wildlife of WI • Brown County Library - Ashwaubenon Branch, Ashwaubenon. Connect with a naturalist from Baird Creek Preservation Foundation to learn the signs of who is foraging

in your backyard or along walking paths and get suggestions on how to support their natural habitats. 1 p.m. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

Ongoing

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

Lion's Pride Book Club • Lion's Mouth Bookstore, Green Bay. LGBTQIA+ book club open to the public. Third Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Free. Find more details at lionsmouthbookstore.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.

FAMILY/KIDS

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.

Tuesday, Jan. 14

Mindful Movement • Brown County Library - Weyers-Hilliard Branch, Howard. Children's class led by Mary from Joyful Yoga. 10 a.m. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

Comics with Carli • Brown County Library - Southwest Branch, Green Bay. Learn about the business of art, comic character development and some illustration tips and techniques. 4 p.m. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

Thursday, Jan. 16

Picnic and Play: The Three Snow Bears • Brown County Library - Kress Family Branch, De Pere. Interactive early literacy program complete with a picnic break. 10:30 a.m. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

Friday, Jan. 17

Jazz Workshop with Dance Unlimited • Brown County Library - East Branch, Green Bay. Learn some basic jazz dance movements from Dance Unlimited School of Performing Arts. 10:30 a.m. Free. (Preschool and early elementary) Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

Saturday, Jan. 18

The City Ever Green • Lion's Mouth Bookstore, Green Bay. Kid-friendly author reading and signing with local children's author and illustrator Bonnie Paruch. 11 a.m. Free. Head to lionsmouthbookstore.com to learn more.

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 details and purchase tickets at comedycity.net

COMMUNITY EVENTS/RESOURCES

Saturday, Jan. 11

Redbird Redress Sale • De Pere High School, De Pere. Semi-formal and formal dress consignment sale. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. See the DPHS Parent Club's Facebook page to learn more.

Green Bay Vintage Market • The Barrel Haus at Badger State Brewing, Green Bay. Vintage pop-up shop featuring more than 25 vendors. 12-6 p.m. Follow Green Bay Vintage Market on Facebook for more information.



THE WEDDING SHOW

**JAN. 10 FROM 5-9 P.M. AND
JAN. 11 FROM 9 A.M.-3 P.M.
RESCH EXPO, ASHWAUBENON.**

More than 100 exhibitors for prospective brides, grooms and anyone interested in weddings. \$13 for adults. \$12 for seniors, military and first responders. Free for ages 17 and under.

Tuesday, Jan. 14

Memory Cafe • The Automobile Gallery, Green Bay. Taste-test a variety of coffee and tea while enjoying each other's company. 1 p.m. Free. Check out Care Patrol (Green Bay) on Facebook to learn more.

Wednesday, Jan. 15

So, You Want to Go to UW-Green Bay • Brown County Library - Ashwaubenon Branch, Ashwaubenon. Presentation for high school students and their parents about what it takes to get accepted at UW-Green Bay. 5:30 p.m. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

Friday, Jan. 17

Low-Cost Veterinary Clinic • Safe Haven Pet Sanctuary, Green Bay. Brief exam with the option of adding on vaccines and services at discounted rates. 1-4 p.m. \$25 for exam only, vaccines and additional services priced separately. Find more details and reserve a time slot on Safe Haven Pet Sanctuary's Facebook page.

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.

Valentines for Veterans • Brown County Library - East Branch, Green Bay. Create Valentine's Day greetings for area veterans. Valentines must be dropped off by Feb. 7. Free. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.

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 bccwc.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 Michelle Melby, Fox News anchor. 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 1-888-4Al-Anon (1-888-425-2666).

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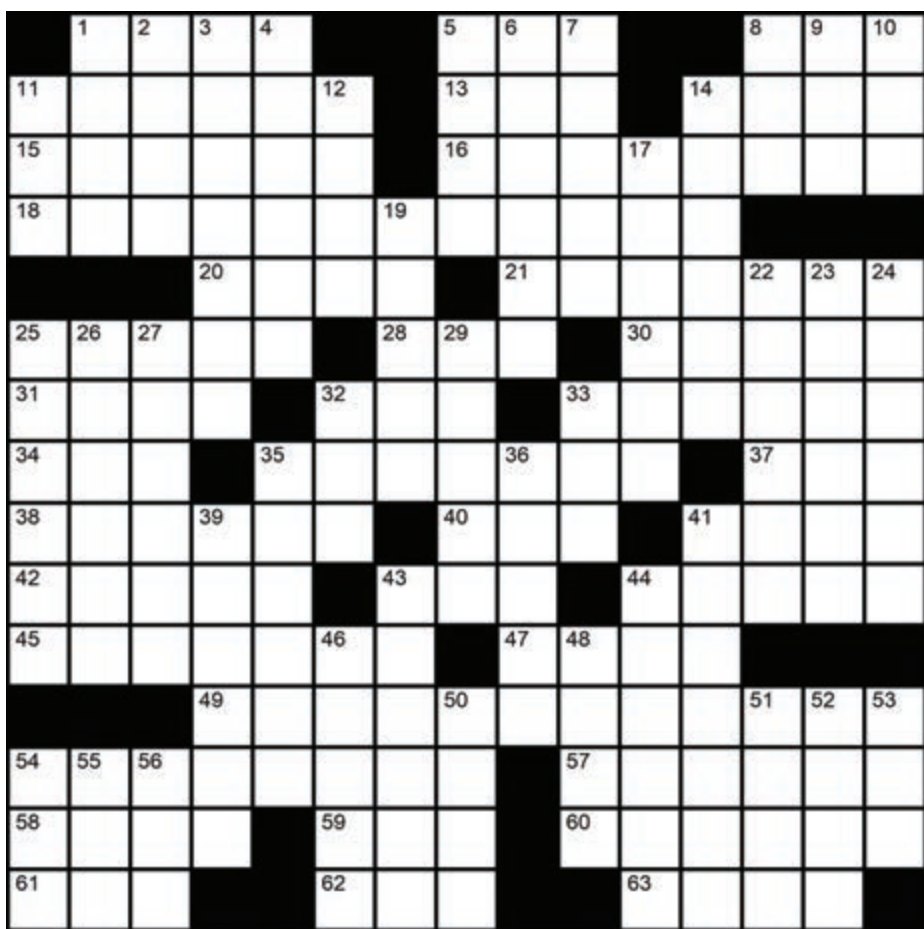
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HIGHLIGHTS

by Janelle Fisher

“The Best of 2024” -let’s look back, one more time.



by Matt Jones

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Crossword answers on page 6. No peeking!

Across

1. It comes to mind
5. Presidential nickname
8. About to run out
11. Sonnet division
13. Reaction to some memes
14. Additional
15. Rodeos and Axioms, e.g.
16. Miranda July novel that made The New Yorker’s “The Essential Reads 2024” list
18. Netflix “true story” miniseries that was #2 on The Guardian’s “50 Best TV Shows of 2024”
20. Quaff made with honey
21. Build up
25. Jason who’s one half of Jay & Silent Bob
28. Screw up
30. Andean wool source
31. Wood-chopping tools
32. Iconic toy store ___ Schwarz
33. Onetime office note-takers
34. Dinghy propeller
35. Poker-themed roguelike deck-builder nominated for The Game Awards’ 2024 Game of the Year
37. “___ Been Everywhere”
38. Marvel mutant with cold powers
40. “___ Meninas” (Velazquez painting)
41. “Slumdog Millionaire” actor Kapoor
42. Reserved
43. Attached document, sometimes
44. Super Bowl XLIV MVP Drew
45. Tailless breed
47. Growing business?
49. Country crossover album that made many “Best of 2024” lists
54. Character paired with Wolverine in a 2024 title, the highest-grossing R-rated film ever
57. ___ del Fuego
58. Where eye color comes from
59. Penn who’s not opposite Teller
60. Pants length measurement
61. ___ see ew
62. Greek letter found within other Greek letters
63. “Don’t change that,” to an editor

Down

1. “___ little too late for that”
2. Paint badly
3. Organic catalysts
4. Sky blue shades
5. Permanent “QI” panelist Davies
6. Not as shy
7. “Grey’s Anatomy” star Pompeo
8. “Skip To My ___”
9. Hockey star Bobby
10. “Isle of Dogs” director Anderson
11. Member of the fam
12. Out sailing
14. Personnel concern
17. Was defeated by
19. Best possible
22. Froglike, to biologists
23. Film appropriate for all ages
24. Art studio props
25. “Little Red Book” ideology
26. Bet at Churchill Downs
27. “___ American Band” (1973 Grand Funk Railroad album)
29. Author Dahl
32. Season ticket holder
33. School elders, for short
35. Half a stereotypical interrogation team
36. Confection that gets pulled
39. Shared albums around the 2000s?
41. Seat adjunct
43. JFK’s craft in WWII
44. Zombie chant
46. Got up
48. Play’s opener
50. Mexican earthenware vessel
51. Elm, palm, or maple
52. Part of QED
53. L.A. football player
54. Part of a party spread
55. Period of history
56. Financial help



Redbird Redress Sale

Saturday, Jan. 11 | De Pere High School, De Pere

Semi and formal dress consignment sale. There is no cost to shop and browse. You do not need to be a De Pere High School student to sell or shop. The sale will run from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Dresses can be dropped off between 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 10, for a \$5 nonrefundable fee. Sellers keep the profits from their dress sales. All proceeds benefit De Pere High School student events, such as the HOCO Tailgate, Post Prom, Academic Awards and Grad Bash. See the DPHS Parent Club’s Facebook page to learn more.

Low-Cost Veterinary Clinic

Friday, Jan. 17 | Safe Haven Pet Sanctuary, Green Bay

Brief exam with the option of adding on vaccines and services at discounted rates. The clinic will run from 1-4 p.m. Initial exam is \$25. Vaccines and additional services are priced separately. Vaccines offered include rabies, FVRCP, FeLV, DHPP, DHLPP and Bordetella. Services offered include FeLV/FIV test, heartworm test, microchip, nail trim, ear cleaning and more. Find more details and reserve a time slot on Safe Haven Pet Sanctuary’s Facebook page.



Luminary Walk

Friday, Jan. 17 | Baird Creek Greenway, Green Bay

Walk the paved trail while it is lit up with more than 1,000 luminaries. Entrances will be at Danz Avenue and the lower parking lot along Baird Creek Road. Solo walkers, couples, friends, families and four-legged friends on leashes are welcome. Flashlights, strollers, wagons and pull sleds are allowed. Time slots are available from 4:30-6 p.m. Registration is \$5 for individuals or \$15 for families up to six people. Visit givebutter.com/luminarywalk for more details and to register.



Valentines for Veterans

Through Friday, Feb. 7 | Brown County Library - East Branch, Green Bay

Create Valentine’s Day greetings for area veterans. Pick up a free card-making kit from the library. All ages are welcome to participate. Kits are available for pickup now. Completed cards should be returned to the library by Feb. 7. Cards will be delivered to local veterans for Valentine’s Day. Visit browncountylibrary.org for more details.



Conditions improving for ice anglers



In the Outdoors

BY KEVIN NAZE
GUEST COLUMNIST

It's still not safe everywhere, but an extended stretch of cold air is firming up the ice on Green Bay and inland waters.

Anglers should use extra caution on rivers and offshore areas on Green Bay, where currents and strong winds had plenty of open water and/or thin spots earlier this week.

The best ice was found on smaller inland lakes and protected bays, harbors and nearshore areas on Green Bay.

Panfish, bass, pike and walleyes were being targeted on inland lakes, while rivers were giving up mixed bags of everything from panfish to whitefish, northern pike, walleye and trout.

Yellow perch, pike, walleyes and whitefish were being hooked on Green Bay, often in less than 10 feet of water while ice fishers wait for offshore areas to firm up.

Shove ice and slush were common on the east shore after a steady diet of strong northwest winds.

The long-term forecast is for temperatures in the teens and 20s, meaning ice will continue to build.

Anglers who haven't

been out should check at bait shops for the latest ice condition reports, including areas to avoid or spots that are foot traffic only.

North Shore Bait Company owner Paul Lukas of Oconto is concerned that some fishermen have been keeping too many large perch the past couple years.

"I'd like to see more of those 13- to 15-inch-plus perch released," Lukas said. "They're not good table fare anyway (compared to the smaller ones)."

He said he's seen a few customers coming in for bait twice a day, increasing concerns about double-dipping on the bay's 15-perch daily bag.

"There's a lack of oversight, not enough wardens," said Lukas. "That's both for sport and commercial anglers. I'm a lot about conservation and preservation, yet I'm contributing by selling bait. I've lost some customers by letting them know my personal feelings, but it really bothers me."

Lukas believes perch fishing is getting better because the walleye population is down, both from anglers catching and keep-



Backyard bird feeders can add some color to winter. These American goldfinches were enjoying sunflower "hearts" — seeds with the outer husks removed mechanically — on a window feeder. **Kevin Naze photo**

ing so many for the past decade, and an increasing number of white pelicans scooping up spawning walleyes in the shallows each spring.

"We used to see maybe 20 pelicans in a year," Lucas said. "Now there are hundreds here, and even more (on the Fox River at De Pere)."

Bear harvest up

The five-week black bear harvest of 4,285 last fall was a big increase over the below-average take of 2,922 in 2023.

A massive acorn crop and other natural foods last year meant fewer bears coming to baits.

That left more around this year competing for less natural food.

Statewide, hunter suc-

cess was about 37%, up from the five-year average of 31%.

Rates varied from a high of 71% in Zone A to less than 10 percent in Zones E and F, the latter which are marginal bear habitat at best.

Nearly 57% of the harvest came in the first five days of the season, with more than 1,000 registered opening day.

The harvest topped 1,200 in Zone A and was just under that in Zone D, while Zone B saw about 900 and Zone C about 800 taken.

There were 145 bear registered in Zone E, and 32 in Zone F.

The state bear population is estimated at around 23,000.

With more than 130,000 people applying, some of

the most popular zones with have waits of a decade or more.

Weekly water levels

As of Jan. 3, Lake Michigan water levels had dropped eight inches in the past year, including two inches since early December.

Levels were four inches below the 100-year average, and 41 inches below the record January high, in 2020.

Still, lake levels were about 26 inches above the record monthly low, set in 2013.

Walleye meeting

The first in a series of

fisheries meetings this winter, "Walleye Management in Florence and Forest Counties," will be held from 6-8 p.m. Jan. 14 in Florence.

There's a virtual option via Microsoft Teams; Meeting ID: 266 652 329 238; Passcode: mJ7Ar9S9.

Free fishing weekend

No licenses or trout stamps will be needed during Wisconsin's annual winter Free Fishing Weekend Jan. 18-19, but all other regulations apply.

Fishing is free for both residents and non-residents.

Weekly Fishing Report

brought to you by Smokey's on the Bay bait and tackle

Early ice can be dangerous

First and foremost, no ice is ever safe ice.

Well, the cold weather has dropped in on us and it looks very promising to stay cold overall and keep us on a path building ice around Green Bay daily.

With that said, this early ice can be the most dangerous and most suspect to cracking and shifting and even "blowing out" until all of Green Bay freezes across and to the north.

So please be mind full of your wind conditions and direction every day when planning to head out.

Even a 5-10 miles per hour offshore wind can be enough to set you a drift on an iceberg.

The Fox River off Voyageur Park has seen reports of four to six inches the last few days and anglers are reporting some action jigging walleyes in the morning and evening.

Jigging raps and jig/minnow combinations are the most productive.

Anglers venturing out of Joliet Park are reporting slow action for everything.

Reports of good ice conditions on Deadhorse Bay have anglers targeting perch with tip-downs and box tip-ups.

Minnnows are the best bait choice.

Most reports are fish are scattered and it may take you a bit of looking to find some schools.

Not too many reports out of the Suamico area yet but anglers have been venturing out there looking for perch action.

Some reports are whitefish activity has been up and down.

Guys willing to stick it out and move arounds a little are picking up whitefish jigging go-by style plastics and spoons tipped with wax worms.

Areas like Red River and Sugar Creek have just begun to ice in so I would use a ton of caution if thinking about venturing out of those locations.

Also, be advised that shipping traffic out on Green Bay does continue through the entire month of January and can cause high potential for issues even near shore.

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Ashwaubenon Public Safety honors retiring chief

Ashwaubenon Public Safety recently honored Chief Brian Uhl for his long career and his retirement from public service. Starting as a Deputy Sheriff with the Dane County Sheriff's Office in 1994, Uhl served with distinction in the Janesville, Whitewater, Oregon and Ashwaubenon Police Departments, leaving a lasting impact. Tom Rolling will serve as Ashwaubenon Interim Chief of Public Safety, ensuring a smooth transition and continued focus for the department.

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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

Finding the Perfect Someone

Dear Reader,

Life's treasures aren't measured in material possessions like a sleek car or a spacious mansion. You could have all of these things, but without someone to share them with, what do they really mean? Isn't life truly about finding that perfect someone—a person who turns the ordinary into extraordinary?



We long for someone who is more than just a partner; someone who is witty, who lights up the room with a smile, and who can turn even the duller moments into something unforgettable. This is the person who finishes your sentences, who has your back without question, who loves you with a fierce loyalty that never wavers.

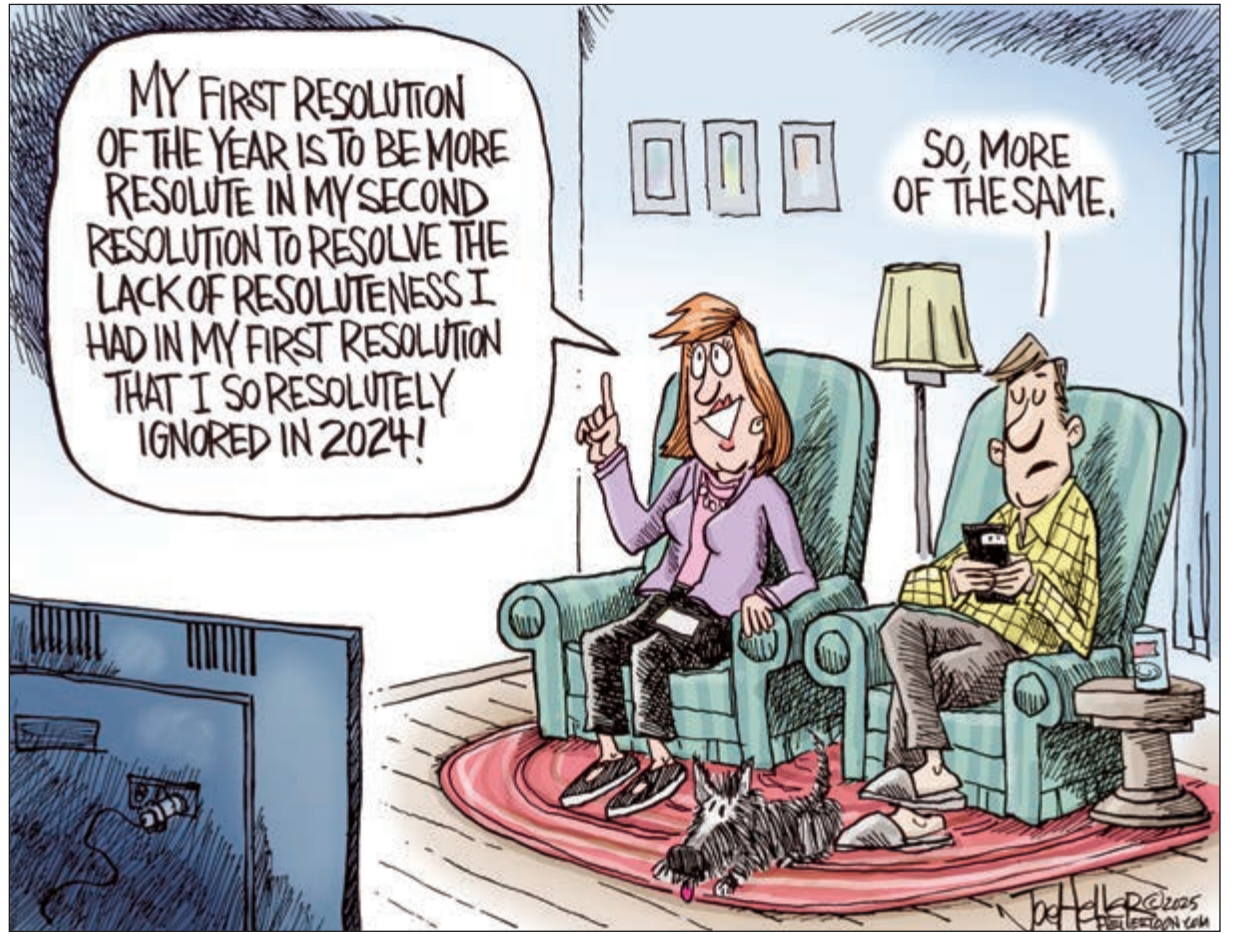
Together, you become more than just individuals; you are a team, a unit that others see as one. Friends and family expect to see you together, and even children instinctively ask for the other when only one is present.

But what happens when that magical connection is suddenly severed? How do you navigate life without the person who brought joy to your every day, who was your constant in a world full of change? How do you move forward knowing that no one will ever quite match what they brought to your life?

Finding the perfect person means everything. It's a rare and beautiful gift that, once lost, leaves a void nothing else can fill.

PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

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



BE OUR GUEST

Be prepared for winter road conditions

FROM THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Winter is officially here, and with that comes the potential for dangerous road conditions.

Snow, sleet and ice make it harder to control and stop your vehicle.

From Oct. 2023 to May 2024, winter weather contributed to more than 11,000 crashes in Wisconsin, resulting in nine fatalities and over 2,000 injuries.

The Wisconsin State Patrol's January Law of the Month focuses on safe winter driving.

"Many of us look forward to the beauty and adventure of a new sea-

son, but we can't deny that winter weather can also create treacherous road conditions," Wisconsin State Patrol Superintendent Tim Carnahan said. "It's always best to stay off the roads in slippery conditions. If you must drive, be sure to avoid distractions, allow additional time to get to your destination, and give fellow motorists and snowplows extra space."

Drive a reasonable speed to prevent crashes

State law requires drivers to travel at speeds that are reasonable and prudent for current conditions.

Speed limits are set for

when roads are clear and dry, so it may be too dangerous to drive at the posted speed limit in slippery conditions.

Many winter crashes and slide offs are caused by drivers going too fast in hazardous conditions.

Give snowplows space to work

Snowplow drivers work long hours to clear nearly 115,000 miles of roads across Wisconsin, so it's important for everyone to give them the space they need to get the job done.

When approaching a snowplow that's clearing ice or snow, or laying salt or sand, state law requires drivers to stay at least:

- 200 feet back on a high-

way with a speed limit more than 35 miles per hour.

- 75 feet back on a road with a slower speed limit.

Road conditions ahead of a plow are likely worse, so drivers should use extra caution if passing a snowplow.

Plow drivers have limited visibility and the vehicles often create a cloud of snow that can obscure visibility for all.

Prepare for winter driving

It is best to stay off the roads during severe winter weather to eliminate the risk of a crash and keep the roads clear for first responders and snowplow drivers.

If you must head out, always prepare yourself and your vehicle for winter driving.

The State Patrol recommends the following winter driving tips:

- Clear snow and ice from vehicle windows, lights, roof and hood. Snow and ice sliding off your roof or blowing off your hood can be dangerous.

- If you're driving while it's snowing, you're required to turn your headlights on. The general rule is if you have your windshield wipers on, your headlights should be on too.

- Snow means slow. Allow extra travel time, following distance and re-

duce your speed during winter conditions.

- Avoid sudden braking or steering. Don't be overconfident with 4WD or AWD. Remember that bridge decks and overpasses freeze up first.

- Avoid using cruise control in winter conditions.

- Buckle up and put your phone down while driving. Every trip, every time.

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

If you get stranded or slide off the road, stay buckled up in your vehicle and call for help.

Getting out of the vehicle is very dangerous, especially in winter weather.

OBITUARIES



Elizabeth Jean Hardy Larsen, 80, Allouez, passed away peacefully the morning of January 1, 2025, after a lengthy battle with vascular dementia.

Family and friends may gather on Monday, January 13, at Cotter Funeral Home, 860 N. Webster Ave., De Pere from 3:00pm until time of prayer service at 4:30pm with Rev. Bob Kabat officiating. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Wisconsin Humane Society-Green Bay Campus or the Brain Center of Green Bay. Full obituary at www.cotterfuneralhome.com.



Alan E. Golueke, age 68 of Green Bay, passed away on Tuesday, December 24, 2024, at his home. He was born on December 4, 1956, in Green Bay to the late Nicholas and Alberta (Giese) Golueke.

Family and friends may gather on Friday, January 17, 2025, at Cotter Funeral Home, 860 N. Webster Ave, De Pere, from 10am until noon, with the service to be held at noon.



Dennis James Loritz, a kind and gentle soul, slipped into eternity on December 30, 2024, while sleeping peacefully in his home after a short illness. Dennis, 70 years old, was born on May 20, 1954 in Seymour, WI where he lived most of his life.

He was the beloved son of Anton and Vivian Loritz, who preceded him in death. Dennis was also preceded in death by his sister, Maxine (Loritz) Werner in 2010, and his brother-in-law, David Werner

in 2023.

He is survived by his sister, Loradon (Calvin) Fischer, and special friend Donna VanRossum, along with other friends and many cherished nieces and nephews including: Stacey (Sheila) Werner, Vicky (Korey) Heimke, Jodie (Roger) Polifka, Brian Fischer, Amy (Mitch) Kinnard, Kerri (Scott) Calmes, Tony (Mindy) Fischer.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to his caregiver, Kathy Boncher-Werner, and Unity Hospice for their compassionate care and support, helping Dennis transition peacefully from this life into eternity. Dennis' memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

A Celebration of Life and Visitation will be held on January 19, 2025, from 3 pm to 5 pm at Jackson Point Sports Grill and Banquet (N8055 French Rd Suite A, Seymour, WI 54165).

In lieu of flowers, a memorial and burial fund has been established in Dennis' name. To share a memory of Dennis or leave a special message for his family, please visit the guest book below.



Robert "Bob" Lemmen, 98, Town of Lawrence, passed away peacefully at home Thursday morning, January 2, 2025.

Friends may call at Ryan Funeral Home 305 N. Tenth Street, De Pere from 4:00PM Monday, January 6, 2025, until time of Service at 7:00PM.

Please go to www.ryanfh.com to send online condolences.



Carol L. Van Zeeland, age 79, of Wrightstown, passed away Sunday, January 5, 2025. The daughter of the late Robert and Ethel Allen was born October 31, 1945, in Green Bay.

Family and friends may visit at St Clare Catholic Parish-St Paul Site, 437 Main St. Wrightstown, on Friday, January 10, 2025, beginning at 9:30am until 10:45am with the Mass of Christian Burial to follow at 11:00am with Rev. Brian Wideman officiating. Burial will take place at St Paul Catholic Cemetery, Wrightstown. Complete obituary at www.cotterfuneralhome.com.

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Ashwaubenon WNAXLP

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 3/4-inch or 1/2-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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Green Bay WNAXLP

Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice ClearHome Self Storage - Velp located at 2545 Velp Ave Green Bay WI 54303 intends to hold a public sale to sell the property stored in the following units stored at the Facility. The public sale to the highest bidder will occur as an Online Auction via www.storage-treasures.com on 1/28/2025 at 12:00PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Scott D Forston unit #BB04; Paul van Ark unit #C12; Zach Turney unit #C17; Mark Tuttle unit #D02; Demetrice Laffaura unit #E71; Peyton T Shipman unit #FF03; Arnetta M Rockett unit #H26; Debra Burzinski unit #R06; David L Townley unit #Z22; Jean E Wallenfang unit #Z65. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. Publish 01.10.25 WNAXLP

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Ashwaubenon WNAXLP

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS VILLAGE OF ASHWAUBENON

Brown County, Wisconsin OWNER - The Village of Ashwaubenon acting through its Village Board, hereby gives notice that sealed Bids will be received in the Village Hall for the following described project.

PROJECT The work shall consist of construction of the Babcock Road Monopole. Bids will be received on the following Contract:

Contract No. A0017-09-24-00582 BABCOCK ROAD MONOPOLE CONSTRUCTION

TIME Sealed Bids will be received until 1:00 p.m., local time, on January 30, 2025, in the Village of Ashwaubenon Village Hall, Conference Room A, at which time and place all Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

BIDS All Bids shall be addressed to Village Clerk, Village of Ashwaubenon, 2155 Holmgren Way, Ashwaubenon, WI 54304. Bids shall be sealed and shall have the name and address of the Bidder and the Contract for which the Bid is being submitted on the outside of the envelope. All Bidders shall Bid in accordance with and upon the Bid Forms included in the Contract Documents.

EXAMINATION OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS The Project Documents are on file for inspection at the offices of McMahon Associates, Inc., 1445 McMahon Drive, Neenah, Wisconsin 54956.

PROCUREMENT OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS In order to be a 'Plan Holder' or 'Bidder', each firm or organization shall download Bidding Documents from the McMahon Associates, Inc. website (www.mcmgrp.com) utilizing QuestCDN eBidDocTM. Complete digital Bidding Documents are available at www.mcmgrp.com or www.questcdn.com. Digital Bidding Documents may be downloaded for a non-refundable \$40.00 by inputting **Quest Project No. 9470892** on the website's Project Search page. Contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. A single prime bid will be selected for the work. **BID SECURITY** No Bid shall

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be received unless

accompanied by a Certified Check or satisfactory Bid Bond payable to the Village of Ashwaubenon in an amount not less than 5% of the maximum Bid as a guarantee that, if the Bid is accepted, the Bidder will execute and file the Contract, Performance/Payment Bonds and Insurance Certification, as required by the Contract Documents, within 15-days after the Notice of Award.

BID REJECTION The OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, waive any informalities in Bidding or to accept the Bid or Bids which best serves the interests of the Village of Ashwaubenon.

WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS No Bid and bid security shall be withdrawn for a period of 60-days after the scheduled opening without the consent of the OWNER.

GOVERNING LAWS & REGULATIONS The Contract letting shall be subject to the provisions of Sections 66.0901, 66.0903 and 779.14 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Published by the authority of the Village of Ashwaubenon acting through its Village Board.

VILLAGE OF ASHWAUBENON | Brown County, Wisconsin Dates: January 10, 2025 January 17, 2025

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Contract No. A0017-09-24-00581 BABCOCK ROAD STANDPIPE DEMOLITION

TIME Sealed Bids will be received until 1:00 p.m., local time, on January 30, 2025, in the Village of Ashwaubenon Village Hall, Conference Room A, at which time and place all Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

BIDS All Bids shall be addressed to Village Clerk, Village of Ashwaubenon, 2155 Holmgren Way, Ashwaubenon, WI 54304. Bids shall be sealed and shall have the name and address of the Bidder and the Contract for which the Bid is being submitted on the outside of the envelope. All Bidders shall Bid in accordance with and upon the Bid Forms included in the Contract Documents.

EXAMINATION OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS The Project Documents are on file for inspection at the offices of McMahon Associates, Inc., 1445 McMahon Drive, Neenah, Wisconsin 54956.

PROCUREMENT OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS In order to be a 'Plan Holder' or 'Bidder', each firm or organization shall download Bidding Documents from the McMahon Associates, Inc. website (www.mcmgrp.com) utilizing QuestCDN eBidDocTM. Complete digital Bidding Documents are available at www.mcmgrp.com or www.questcdn.com. Digital Bidding Documents may be downloaded for a non-refundable \$40.00 by inputting **Quest Project No. 9483218** on the website's Project Search page. Contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working

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information. A single prime bid will be selected for the work.

BID SECURITY No Bid shall be received unless accompanied by a Certified Check or satisfactory Bid Bond payable to the Village of Ashwaubenon in an amount not less than 5% of the maximum Bid as a guarantee that, if the Bid is accepted, the Bidder will execute and file the Contract, Performance/Payment Bonds and Insurance Certification, as required by the Contract Documents, within 15-days after the Notice of Award.

BID REJECTION The OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, waive any informalities in Bidding or to accept the Bid or Bids which best serves the interests of the Village of Ashwaubenon.

WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS No Bid and bid security shall be withdrawn for a period of 60-days after the scheduled opening without the consent of the OWNER.

PRE-BID MEETING & PROJECT WALK-THROUGH

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting and Project Walk-Through will be held January 15, 2025 at 1:00 p.m., local time, at the Babcock Road standpipe. All Bidders are encouraged to attend.

GOVERNING LAWS & REGULATIONS The Contract letting shall be subject to the provisions of Sections 66.0901, 66.0903 and 779.14 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Published by the authority of the Village of Ashwaubenon acting through its Village Board.

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DOCUMENT 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Ashwaubomay Memorial River Park Trail 2023-0261.00

Village of Ashwaubenon

BID DATE: Thursday, January 30, 2025

BID OPENING: Sealed bids will be received by Owner until 10:00 a.m. local time on Thursday, January 30, 2025 at the Clerk's office, 2155 Holmgren Way, Ashwaubenon, WI, 54304.

Bids submitted after this time will not be accepted. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud immediately after specified closing time. Interested parties are invited to attend.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Construction of a 4453 linear foot multimodal trail around Ashwaubomay Memorial River Park. Includes asphalt trail, concrete overlook and bench pads, chain-link fencing, and limestone block bollards.

OWNER: Village of Ashwaubenon 2155 Holmgren Way Ashwaubenon, WI 54304 (920)492-2331

BASIS OF BIDS REQUIRED: Bids shall be on a unit price basis.

PROJECT SCHEDULE: Milestone 1: Fence replacement adjacent to Ashwaubomay Lake shall be completed prior to the public pool season May 16, 2025, as coordinated with the Village of Ashwaubenon. Project is to be completed in sixty (60) working days once work commences and ready for Final Completion on or before August 29, 2025. Authorization to proceed is anticipated no later than May 1, 2025. **EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS:** Bidding documents may be examined at the office of

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Graef-USA Inc.,

116 S. Adams Street, Suite 201, Green Bay, WI 54301 and at the following locations: Office of the Owner at 2155 Holmgren Way, Ashwaubenon, WI 54304 **Bid Document Distributing Office/Plan Room at:** Quest Construction Data Network: www.questcdn.com

PROCUREMENT OF DOCUMENTS:

Bidding Documents, including Drawings and Specifications, may be viewed and ordered online from Quest Construction Data Network. Access the QuestCDN website at www.questcdn.com and follow the instructions. Input QuestCDN eBidDoc No. 9481348 on the website's Project Search page. No password is required. Contact QuestCDN.com at telephone 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in downloading and working with the digital documents.

There is a non-refundable charge of \$25 for downloading electronic Bidding Documents, including the drawings and specifications. Hard copy Bidding Documents will not be provided. Each entity obtaining Bidding Documents will be designated as a Plan Holder of Record.

BID FORM: Electronic bids will not be accepted. Bids shall be submitted on the Bid Form provided and all blanks must be filled in for the Bid to be accepted.

BID SECURITY: Bids shall be accompanied by Bid Security made payable to Owner in an amount of five percent of Bidder's maximum Bid Price in the form of a Bid Bond, certified check, or cashier's check.

PUBLIC CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS:

Bidder will be required to submit a full and complete statement of financial ability, equipment, experience in work prescribed in documents and other items required for protection and welfare of the public. Proof of Responsibility form shall be submitted to Owner not less than five (5) calendar days prior to the time set for the opening of bids. Procurement of the work and the award of the contract will be in accordance with the provisions of the State of Wisconsin Statutes S.61.55, S.66.0901, S.66.0903 and S.779.16.

CONTRACTOR'S QUALIFICATION STATEMENT:

Contractor shall complete and submit Proof of Responsibility bound within this manual not less than five (5) calendar days prior to the time set for the opening of bids. Owner's decision as to qualification of Bidder shall be final.

RIGHT TO REJECT BIDS: Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive any and all informalities not involving price, time, or changes in the Work, and the right to disregard all non-conforming, non-responsive, unbalanced, or conditional Bids.

CONTRACT SECURITY: Bidder awarded a contract for the Work shall be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond in the full amount of the contract price.

CONTRACT AWARD: Owner reserves the right to postpone the award of the Contract for a period not exceeding 60 days from the date of bid opening. Bids shall remain firm for that period of time.

PRE-BID MEETING: An optional, but highly encouraged pre-bid meeting and tour of project site will be held at the following date, time and location: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m. at the project site

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in Ashwaubomay Memorial

River Park, 2881 S. Broadway, Ashwaubenon, WI, south end of park.

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INVITATION TO BID

The De Pere Housing Authority will receive sealed bids until 11:00 AM, local time, on January 31, 2025, at the De Pere Housing Authority at 850 Morning Glory Lane, De Pere, Wisconsin 54115. Bids will only be accepted by mail or hand delivered. Outside of envelope shall be marked "New Garage/Storage Building" and identified with the contractor's name. Bids, whether mailed or hand delivered, will not be accepted if received after the above-mentioned time and date. Fax or e-mail bids are not accepted. It is the bidder's responsibility to verify with the Owner that Bids have arrived by the required date and time. Bids will be opened publicly in the De Pere Housing Authority Community Room at the above date and time. Work in general shall consist of the following work items:

BASE BID 1

Work to include removing existing garage building and foundation, and replacing with new wood frame garage/storage building, slab on grade floor, concrete foundation, wood roof truss and deck, fiberglass shingles, concrete sidewalks, landscaping, electrical. All work is to be Bid thru a single Prime Contract. Plans and specifications may be examined at the office of the Architect and De Pere Housing Authority and the following Plan Rooms and Builders Exchanges: Fox Valley Builders Exchange. Complete set of plans and specifications can be obtained on or after January 8, 2025 from Architects Group Limited, 1825 South Webster Avenue, Suite 202, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54301, Telephone: (920) 432 1232 for a refundable deposit of \$25.00 and a non refundable mailing fee of \$15.00. All refundable plan deposit checks shall be made out to De Pere Housing Authority and non-refundable mailing fee shall be made payable to Architects Group Limited. Electronic Plans and Specifications can be obtained from the Architects office at no charge. Bid Form, Bid Bond, Form of Non Collusive Affidavit and Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Bidders forms shall be submitted with bid. Failure to do so may be the cause for rejection of bid. Copies of the above-mentioned forms are in the specification book. Bidders shall also include bid letters regarding minority participation and Section 3 requirements as outlined in the specification book. A bid bond of 5% is required to be submitted with the bid with the bonding company listed in Circular 570. See instructions to bidders for requirements. Each Bidder shall comply completely with Instructions to Bidders. This shall include evidence of an Affirmative Action Program, including women and minorities. Follow Executive Order 11246. Contractors shall comply with minimum wages listed in the wage rates included in the specification. De Pere Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Bids or to waive any informalities in the Bidding. No bid shall be withdrawn for

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a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the De Pere Housing Authority. The requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 apply to this project and to the greatest extent feasible; contractors shall fulfill their obligation to utilize lower income residents as trainees and/or employees. See Supplementary Instructions to Bidders and General Conditions of the Contract for Construction, Article 40, and Division 1-U regarding their responsibilities.

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CITY OF DE PERE
REQUEST FOR
PROPOSALS
PROJECT 25-19
MUDJACKING - CURB &
GUTTER AND SIDEWALK
VARIOUS LOCATIONS**

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Public Works of the City of De Pere at the Municipal Service Center, 925 South Sixth Street, De Pere, Wisconsin 54115, until 1:00 P.M., **Thursday, January 30, 2025**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The bid opening will occur virtually or in person. See the proposal forms and specifications for additional information.

Project 25-19 for which proposals are being sought includes the following approximate quantities:
• 10 LF Mudjacking Curb & Gutter
• 1,250 SF Mudjacking Sidewalk
All proposals shall be submitted on forms provided by the City of De Pere. Proposal forms and specifications may be viewed by emailing dppubwrks@deperewi.gov. The letting of the contract is subject to the provisions of Wisconsin Statute Section 62.15 regarding Public Works. The City of De Pere reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any informalities in bidding and to accept any proposal which the Common Council deems most favorable to the interests of the City of De Pere. Dated this 10th day of January, 2025.
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CITY OF DE PERE
ADVERTISEMENT TO BID
PROJECT 25-13
CRACKFILLING**

Online bids will be received and accepted for Project 25-13 Crackfilling via the online electronic bidding service through QuestCDN.com, until 1:00 PM, Thursday, January 30, 2025, at which time they will be publicly accepted, displayed and read aloud. Project 25-13 for which proposals are being sought includes the following approximate quantities:
• 50,000 LBS Asphalt Crackfilling
Complete digital project bidding documents are available for viewing and/or downloading at www.QuestCDN.com or may be examined at the office of the Director of Public Works. Digital plan documents may

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be downloaded for \$22 by inputting Quest project #9404109 on Quest's Project Search page. Project documents must be downloaded from QuestCDN which will add your company to the Planholder List and allow access to vBid online bidding for the submittal of your bid. Bidders will be charged an additional fee of \$42 to submit a bid electronically. The QuestCDN website can also be accessed through the City website at www.deperewi.gov/projects or by pressing the Projects icon at the bottom of any City website page. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration, downloading digital project information and vBid online bid submittal questions. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid, payable to the City of De Pere, as a guarantee that if the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute a contract and furnish a contract bond as set forth in the General Conditions of the City of De Pere. In case the bidder fails to file such contract and bond, the amount of the bid bond shall be forfeited to the City of De Pere as liquidated damages. The letting of the contract is subject to the provisions of the following Wisconsin Statutes: Section 62.15 regarding Public Works. Section 66.0901(3) regarding Prequalification of Contractor. Each bidder shall pre-qualify by submitting proof of responsibility on forms furnished by the Director of Public Works. Such forms shall be filed with the Director of Public Works no later than 4:00 PM, Monday, January 27, 2025. Prospective bidders who have previously submitted such forms subsequent to January 1, 2025 will not be required to separately submit such forms for this project. The City of De Pere reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities in bidding and to accept any proposal which the Common Council deems most favorable to the interest of the City of De Pere. Dated this 10th day of January, 2025.
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ADVERTISEMENT TO BID
PROJECT 25-06
CONCRETE STREET
REPAIRS**

Online bids will be received and accepted for Project 25-06 Concrete Street Repairs via the online electronic bidding service through QuestCDN.com, until 1:00 PM, Thursday, January 30, 2025, at which time they will be publicly accepted, displayed and read aloud. Project 25-06 for which proposals are being sought includes the following approximate quantities:
• 2,700 SY provide and remove and replace 9-inch concrete pavement including spot repairs.
• 1,800 LF provide and remove and replace 24-inch concrete curb and gutter including spot repairs.
• 32,000 SF colored concrete sealing.
Complete digital project bidding documents are available for viewing and/or downloading at www.QuestCDN.com or may be examined at the office of the Director of Public Works.

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Digital plan documents may be downloaded for \$22 by inputting Quest project #9404103 on Quest's Project Search page. Project documents must be downloaded from QuestCDN which will add your company to the Planholder List and allow access to vBid online bidding for the submittal of your bid. Bidders will be charged an additional fee of \$42 to submit a bid electronically. The QuestCDN website can also be accessed through the City website at www.deperewi.gov/projects or by pressing the Projects icon at the bottom of any City website page. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration, downloading digital project information and vBid online bid submittal questions. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid, payable to the City of De Pere, as a guarantee that if the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute a contract and furnish a contract bond as set forth in the General Conditions of the City of De Pere. In case the bidder fails to file such contract and bond, the amount of the bid bond shall be forfeited to the City of De Pere as liquidated damages. The letting of the contract is subject to the provisions of the following Wisconsin Statutes: Section 62.15 regarding Public Works. Section 66.0901(3) regarding Prequalification of Contractor. Each bidder shall pre-qualify by submitting proof of responsibility on forms furnished by the Director of Public Works. Such forms shall be filed with the Director of Public Works no later than 4:00 PM, Monday, January 27, 2025. Prospective bidders who have previously submitted such forms subsequent to January 1, 2025 will not be required to separately submit such forms for this project. The City of De Pere reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities in bidding and to accept any proposal which the Common Council deems most favorable to the interest of the City of De Pere. Dated this 10th day of January 2025.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING / PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held by the Village Board of the Village of Ashwaubenon, Brown County, Wisconsin, on January 28th, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the Ashwaubenon Village Hall, 2155 Holmgren Way, at which time the Village Board will consider the request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to permit a wireless telecommunications monopole at 2634 Babcock Road. / **Affected Parcel:** VA-155-1. / The request is available for inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Village Clerk, 2155 Holmgren Way, Ashwaubenon, Wisconsin. / All interested persons, firms, and corporations wishing to be heard are invited to be present and may be heard at this hearing. / Dated this 23rd day of December 2024. /s/ Kris A. Teske, Village Clerk. Publish / RUN: January 10, 2025 & January 17, 2025. WNAXLP

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Ashwaubenon

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING / PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held by the Village Board of the Village of Ashwaubenon, Brown County, Wisconsin, on January 28, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the Ashwaubenon Village Hall, 2155 Holmgren Way, at which time the Village Board will consider the request for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) amendment to the PUD ordinance covering the southern riverfront area to permit transient residential use at the Riverway Marina clubhouse, 457 Marina Lane. / **Affected Parcel:** VA-132-4-1. / The request is available for inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Village Clerk, 2155 Holmgren Way, Ashwaubenon, Wisconsin. / All interested persons, firms, and corporations wishing to be heard are invited to be present and may be heard at this hearing. / Dated this 23rd day of December 2024. /s/ Kris A. Teske, Village Clerk. Publish / RUN: January 10, 2025 & January 17, 2025. WNAXLP

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 Correspondence is to be received no later than 4:30p.m. on Wednesday, January 15, 2025. Christy Stover, Clerk-Treasurer
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Scott Jandrin and seconded by Chissy Amtmann to adopt the agenda. A vote was taken on the motion; 7-YES; **MOTION CARRIED.**
Recognition of Bay Port FFA - President Klimek recognized Whitney Barnes and Ryan Weed, along with Bay Port FFA students for their performance at the 97th Annual National FFA Convention.
Consent Agenda: A MOTION was made by Scott Jandrin and seconded by Chrissy Amtmann to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting November 11, 2024; approval of vouchers and invoices in the amount of \$12,588,378.08 through December 9, 2024; retirement of Michael Frieder, as detailed in the consent materials. A vote was taken on the motion; 7-YES; **MOTION CARRIED.**
Reports
Administrative Superintendent
Approval of Ends Policy E-2 Student Engagement Monitoring Report – Supt. Smith and Jennifer Garceau, Executive Director of Student Services gave an introduction and overview of Ends Policy E-2 Student Engagement Monitoring Report. Director of Student Services Angela Buchenauer, Erin Adams, Bay View Assistant Principal, and Sean Berendes, Bay View teacher provided an informational update. A motion was made by Scott Jandrin and seconded by Chrissy Amtmann to approve Ends Policy E-2 Student Engagement Monitoring Report at level 2, exceeds expectations, as presented and verified in the Official Board Response to Ends Policy Monitoring Report. A vote was taken on the motion; 7-YES; **MOTION CARRIED.**
Business & Operations
Technology Informational Update – Mike Juech, Asst. Supt. of Operations and Josh Patchak, Director of Technology shared an informational update on technology changes for 2024-25.
Approval of EL-8 Facilities and Asset Protection Report – Supt Smith, Mike Juech, Asst. Supt. of Operations, and Nathan Carlson, Director of Facilities provided a facilities planning update. A MOTION was made by Scott Jandrin and seconded by Allen McGuire to approve EL-8 Facilities and Asset Protection Monitoring Report at a level 1, significantly exceeds expectations, as presented. A vote was taken on the motion; 7-YES; **MOTION CARRIED.**
Board
CESA 7 Report – Amy Rubright shared updates on the Learning for Independence Program, E-Rate, and a WASB presentation with WIAA regarding need for referees, and election and budget related items.
Public Policy Correspondent Report - Vanessa Moran provided an update on ACT 10. Impact unknown at this time.
Student Representative to the Board Report – Jessica Gagan and Heidi Wustrack provided updates on various school events, athletics, music, and clubs.
Board President
Approval of GP-13 Board Communication Monitoring Report – A MOTION was made by Chrissy Amtmann and seconded by Scott Jandrin to approve GP-13 Board Communication Monitoring Report at level 1, in full compliance, as presented and verified by the Board in the Official Board Response to Governance Process Monitoring Report. A vote was taken on the motion; 7-YES; **MOTION CARRIED.** A second motion was made by Allen McGuire and seconded by Vanessa Moran to amend GP-13 Board Communication to eliminate sub point 3), as

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written at the next Board Meeting. A vote was taken on the motion, 7-YES; **MOTION CARRIED.**
Review December Broadcast Communication Article and Discuss January Article – The Board reviewed the December Broadcast Article – *Academic Opportunities*. Vanessa Moran will draft the January article on the Stronger Together event.
Community Conversation Updates
Debrief Village Community Officials Linkage & Post-Secondary Linkage – Board members shared their feedback from the November 11 linkage.
Faculty & Staff Linkage – The Faculty & Staff linkage will be held at the January 27, 2025 Board meeting. The Board will review the questions on January 6, 2025.
Upcoming Events – Board members were reminded to review the WASB Resolutions and be prepared to vote on them during the January 6, 2025 meeting. Other upcoming events in December and January were discussed.
January Board Meeting Agenda – The Board reviewed the agenda planning calendar.
Board Meeting/District Highlights – Board members shared feedback.
A MOTION was made by Scott Jandrin and seconded by Chrissy Amtmann to go into Executive Session at 6:47 p.m. under provisions of State Statute 19.85(1)(f), 19.85(1)(g), 19.85(1)(c) Subjects: Consideration of student disciplinary matters, update on student complaint and confer with legal counsel, and consideration of employment and performance of information regarding administrative policy. VOTE: AMTMANN-YES; KLIMEK-YES; RUBRIGHT-YES; MORAN-YES; MCGUIRE-YES; PAULSEN-YES; JANDRIN-YES; 7-YES; **MOTION CARRIED.**
A MOTION was made by Scott Jandrin and seconded by Greg Klimek to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. A vote was taken on the motion; 7-YES; **MOTION CARRIED.**
Respectfully submitted,
Kim McDougal, Recording Secretary Publish 01.10.25 WNAXLP

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General Employment 7110

Support Staff
The Ashwaubenon School District is seeking a full time Special Education Aide whose main job responsibility will be transportation of students. For complete job descriptions and application information, please view posting located at https://tinyurl.com/ASD_SupportPostings or contact the District Office at 920-492-2900.

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Sporting Goods 7260

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NEWS BRIEFS

HUD awards over \$5 million to protect Wisconsin families from home health hazards

WISCONSIN – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded more than \$226 million to state, county, city and Tribal governments and to non-profit organizations to protect children and families from home health hazards.

Organizations in Wisconsin were awarded \$5,475,785, including Newcap, Inc. in Green Bay, which received \$1,475,785.

This funding is awarded to entities across 33 states, four Tribes, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and will protect families and children by addressing significant health and safety hazards.

It will also support increasing local capacity for conducting lead hazard control and additional healthy homes interventions, developing local workforces by training and hiring housing renovation and repair contractors (especially local small businesses) and housing hazard assessment professionals and researching efficient methods for identifying and addressing housing-related hazards.

“We commend the efforts of our public and nonprofit partners as we seek to make homes safer,” said HUD Agency Head, the Honorable Adrienne Todman. “These grants fund programs and research will improve health, build community capacity, support older adults, and strengthen housing affordability.”

“By providing these grants, HUD makes it clear that making homes healthy and safe is a priority for communities,” said Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Director Matthew Ammon. “HUD is committed to protecting families from the effects of unhealthy housing and to improving the health and economic stability of communities.”

Bellin and Packers provide CPR and AED training for area high schools

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN – Thanks to an NFL Foundation Grant and a strong partnership between Bellin Health and the Green Bay Packers, area schools received updated CPR instruction and AED equipment.

The NFL Foundation Grant is designed to promote CPR education, AED access and training.

\$15,000 worth of up-to-date CPR and AED instruction equipment will be provided to nine high schools in Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, including Green Bay Preble High School, Kewaunee High School and Luxemburg-Casco High School.

“Having our schools equipped with potentially life-saving equipment and providing them with up-to-date training will help not just the players, but fans, referees and more,” said Bellin Health Athletic Training Team Facilitator Mark Husen. “We are proud of the relationship we have built with the Packers over the years. We are thankful to the NFL for helping us keep our communities safe on and off the sports fields.”

Each recipient received training from Bellin Health team members and will be provided with annual checks to ensure equipment is working properly.

Suspect arrested in hit-and-run crash on Main Street

GREEN BAY – The Green Bay Police Department has arrested a 41-year-old Green Bay man suspected of causing a multi-vehicle hit-and-run crash with injuries on Main Street in December.

The arrest was made on the evening of Friday, Jan. 3, in the 500 block of S. Monroe Avenue.

At the time of the crash on Saturday, Dec. 28, in the 1700 block of Main Street, five people had reported sustained injuries and received medical treatment.

Five vehicles were damaged.

Green Bay Police will be referring charges to the Brown County District Attorney’s Office.

USDA and Wisconsin award \$23.2 Million to strengthen food supply chain infrastructure

DE PERE – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) has announced it has partnered with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to award \$23.2 million for 30 projects through the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program (RFSI).

“These Infrastructure Projects being funded through the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure program will build strength and resilience in Wisconsin’s food system, diversify agricultural markets, create new revenue streams for small and mid-sized producers, and provide economic opportunities for local communities,” said USDA Marketing and Regulatory Programs Under Secretary Jenny Lester Moffitt. “USDA is grateful for Wisconsin’s support strengthening local and regional agricultural supply chains.”

“Wisconsin’s farmers, producers, and our agricultural industries are a critical part of our state’s economic success and help make sure we’re getting food to tables, grocery stores, restaurants across our country and the world over,” said Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers. “I’m incredibly grateful these investments will help strengthen our supply chains and bolster economic opportunity and resilience across our state.”

Among the recipients of this funding is Seasonal Harvest in De Pere, which will strengthen its food aggregation hub by upgrading inventory management software, purchasing their first two delivery vehicles and constructing a shared wash/pack facility.

These upgrades will alleviate some of the logistical challenges of aggregating products from an increasing number of very small farms, some of which have no access to potable water or clean packing space.

As a result of this grant, Seasonal Harvest will be able to procure from additional underserved farms to serve their growing community of customers, including the Green Bay Packers.



Senior Lexie Meerstein helped lead her team to victory against Southern Door compiling 15 points on the night. **Tori Wittenbrock photos**

Blazers batter Southern Door

BY TORI WITTENBROCK
SPORTS EDITOR

GREEN BAY – The NEW Lutheran Blazers (5-8 overall, 3-5 conf.) secured a 61-18 win over the Southern Door Eagles in their match up on Tuesday, Jan. 7.

“We’ve been working on little things, trying to get them to turn into big things. We ran an offense tonight and we were doing some good bunnies here and there. We’ve just got to keep working because we’ve got the top of the conference coming for us again so we’re ready for them and we need to make sure that we’re getting them,” said Blazers Head Coach Nicki Natzke.

During the match, NEW Lutheran’s Ingrid Beaumont earned her 1,000th career point, becoming only the fourth player in program history to do so.

“She’s only the fourth player that’s done that, and she’s the third one that I’ve coached, so it’s pretty special for me, knowing how hard she has worked to get it and to see the joy in her face so that she knows all that hard work has paid off



Beaumont secures her 1,000th point.

for her,” said Natzke.

Beaumont had 26 points on the night, helping to lead her team to victory.

According to Natzke, the team still has some things that they need to work on in order to climb the standings in the Packerland Conference.

“Our turnovers. We’re

just turning the ball away with some not-smart passes. We’re just missing some bunnies that we can’t afford to miss when we play good teams,” said Natzke.

After hosting Sheboygan Christian on Thursday, Jan. 9, the Blazers will travel to Peshtigo on Monday, Jan. 13 to take on the Bulldogs.

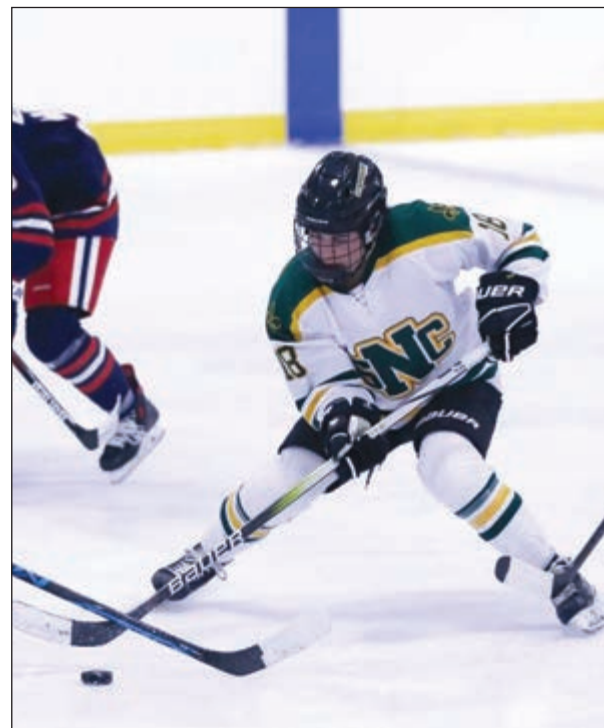
Hogan earns second NCHA Three Stars of the Week honor

BY SNC ATHLETICS
FOR THE PRESS TIMES

DE PERE – St. Norbert College senior Courtnie Hogan was named to the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association’s Three Stars of the Week for the second time this season, as announced by the conference office.

Hogan, a Hoffman Estates, Ill., native, had a multi-point game against UW-Stevens Point last weekend, including a game-winning goal in overtime to lead St. Norbert to a 3-2 victory. Hogan assisted St. Norbert’s second goal in the second period, providing the assist to Tristan Wicklund on a power play. Her goal in overtime came just 43 seconds into the extra period. The goal would be her third game-winner and ninth overall this season.

The award is the third in Hogan’s career.



SNC’s Courtnie Hogan was named Women’s Hockey Three Stars of the Week. **SNC Athletics photo**

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Beaumont hits 1,000 career points for NEW Lutheran Blazers



Beaumont poses with her commemorative ball after securing her 1,000th career point against Southern Door.



NEW Lutheran Blazers Head Coach Nicki Natzke congratulates Ingrid Beaumont on becoming the fourth player in program history to reach the 1,000 point mark.
Tori Wittenbrock photos



Beaumont celebrates with her teammates after hitting the 1,000 point milestone.

Packers self-inflicted wounds prove cause of loss to Bears

BY TORI WITTENBROCK
SPORTS EDITOR

GREEN BAY – Though many people wrote off the NFC-North rivalry game between the Packers (11-6) and Bears (5-12) as superfluous, the upset proved detrimental to the team’s postseason seeding.

Packers Safety Xavier McKinney said that the loss was not the way they wanted to wrap up their regular season.

“Mentally we know we’ve got one game. One chance. If we don’t do it right, we’ll be bounced. That’s just the reality of it. I think that’s where we’re at. We’ve just gotta move on from this game,” said McKinney.

According to McKinney, the loss to the Bears was easily preventable and he believes that everyone on the team needs to take accountability and find a way to perform better next week.

“Same stuff every week. I think all of the guys have to look at themselves and say, ‘Okay, what are we going to do. How far do we want to take this?’” said McKinney.

McKinney also said that each of the detrimental mistakes that were made all culminated to create a losing story and there is no one to blame but themselves for the poor performance and decision-making.

“We’re up against ourselves. It’s us against us. Whoever we are going to play is whoever. These games that we’ve lost — it’s been about us. These are self-inflicted wounds and until we get it corrected we’ll keep seeing the same results. We can all watch this film and see what we need to do and come to



Green Bay Packers Quarterback Jordan Love hands the ball off to wide receiver Jayden Reed in their loss to the Chicago Bears on Sunday, Jan. 5.

Tori Wittenbrock photo

work,” said McKinney.

Despite the team’s efforts to prepare for the matchup, McKinney said that none of that matters if they can’t take care of business on the field.

“All that prep is cool, but at the end of the day you still have to come in here and play on Sunday. You can say everything in the world about how you’re going to do this and you’re going to do that, but when you get to the fight you’ve got to fight,” said McKinney.

“We just need to look ourselves in the mirror and cor-

rect what we need to correct. On to the next.”

McKinney said he has full faith in his team’s ability to come back next week and find a way to get the result they want.

“I’ve got all the confidence in the world. We’ve got the right guys to do it. We just need to do it. We have the guys, we have the coaches. We’ve got everything we need right here. Mentally, we’ve just got to lock in. It’s as simple as it gets,” said McKinney.

Backup Quarterback Malik Willis said that he, too

believes that self-inflicted wounds led to their demise on the field.

“You put in the work all week to win games. People say this game doesn’t really matter — it matters to me,” said Willis.

“All wins and losses count the same and it’s unfortunate how many plays we left out there.”

As the Packers prepare to take on their first postseason game, Willis said that they have to be able to put this loss behind them and move on.

“This is going to hurt today, but tomorrow we’ve got

to watch the film on our next opponent,” said Willis.

“This was a hard-fought game and a good opportunity for us to realize that those little mistakes are what is going to separate a good team from a great team.”

Willis said that he believes his team’s drive will carry them through to the next post season game.

“We’ve got a week of preparation and I know these guys in this locker room are going to fight their heart out,” said Willis.

Quarterback Jordan Love expressed his desire to see

the Packers rally together and find a way to see success on the field in their next game.

“Everything that we want is still out in front of us. The Super Bowl is still out in front of us. We’ve got to go in games and win and advance. We can control our destiny,” said Love.

The Packers’ loss to the Chicago Bears dropped them to the No. 7-seed in the post-season. They are set to face the No. 2-seeded Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday, Jan. 12 at 3:30 p.m. in the NFC Wildcard round.

Phoenix men’s and women’s basketball alumni invited to upcoming festivities

BY GREEN BAY ATHLETICS
FOR THE PRESS TIMES

GREEN BAY – Green Bay Phoenix men’s and women’s basketball look forward to hosting their alumni for the upcoming Phoenix alumni festivities.

Women’s basketball

Green Bay women’s basketball and first-year head coach Kayla Karius are formally inviting women’s basketball alumni to join the team on Sat-

urday, Jan. 18, for Alumni Day.

Alumni Day festivities will coincide with Green Bay’s Horizon League matchup with Oakland at the Kress Center at 1 p.m.

At halftime of the game, the Green Bay Athletic Department will be honoring all women’s basketball alumni in attendance with a special on-court recognition.

There will also be a postgame social at Black Sheep Pub & Grill im-

mediately following the game.

Women’s basketball alumni who wish to attend the men’s basketball game on Sunday, Jan. 19 at 12 p.m. at the Resch will receive free tickets using the registration link provided.

To RSVP your attendance, fill out the appropriate form available on the Green Bay Athletics website.

Discounted hotel rooms are available from Friday, Jan. 17, to Sunday, Jan.

19. Information on hotel rooms is in the registration link.

Men’s basketball

Green Bay men’s basketball and head coach Doug Gottlieb are formally inviting Phoenix men’s basketball alumni to join the team for Alumni Day festivities on the weekend of Jan. 18-19.

All alums are invited to join staff for an alumni social on Saturday, Jan. 18th at 6 p.m. at The Bar

on Holmgren Way.

Men’s basketball alumni who wish to attend the women’s basketball game earlier that day against Oakland at 1 p.m. will receive free tickets using the registration link provided.

On Sunday, Jan. 19, Green Bay will host Youngstown State at the Resch Center at noon.

At halftime, alumni will be brought on to center court in front of the Phoenix faithful to be recognized.

To RSVP your attendance, fill out the form at the link below.

Discounted hotel rooms are available from Friday, Jan. 17, to Sunday, Jan. 19. Information on hotel rooms is in the registration link.

Register online through Green Bay Athletics.

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

Nicolet NATIONAL BANK PRESENTS **Senior Spotlight**

Emma Laatsch, Northeastern Wisconsin Lutheran School, volleyball and basketball

Parents' names: Doug and Christel Laatsch
Siblings: Cori and Will Laatsch
Position or events: Outside hitter in volleyball and post player in basketball
Instagram: @emma_laatsch_
Career Highlight: Getting the school's career kill record in volleyball my senior year.

At what age did you start playing your main sport?

Not sure what age but around third grade is when I started volleyball.

Who introduced you to the sport?

My friends and I played in middle school and I never quit since.

Has this always been your favorite sport?

Yes. I've always loved volleyball.

How has the balance between academics and athletics changed for you from freshman to senior year?

During freshman year, school was very stressful with volleyball and felt like

a lot of pressure, but senior year has been easier and I've learned how to balance it better.

What is your favorite part about this sport?

I love the energy when you score big points and how our program focuses so much on being a family with each other.

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

I love volleyball and it's what I look forward to everyday.

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

I would say a lot of the big 10 players. They all compose themselves well and have a good attitude. I hope to be like them and have that kinda of character when I play.

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

I like to think I'm strategic and can help my team get the points when we need them.

What has been your most memorable experience in high school



Laatsch

sports so far?

My most memorable experience is playing with my teammate Lexi Dhein. she's always so supportive and I would never not want to be around her on/off the court.

How does it feel as

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

I feel proud of myself because my composure has definitely improved and my confidence in myself has grown

more than I ever expected.

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

I need to stretch with music, and eat Chipotle as my pre-game meal. As for superstitions, I definitely believe in "look good, play good". If my hair is bad or in a different style, I have a bad game. I also need white socks, gum, and the same jewelry every game.

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

When I prepare I like to visualize what i think the game will be like and how i will act in situations that may happen. I also watch film and take notes so i know what to expect and prepare for.

Any memorable coaches or teammates you'd like to shout out?

Some coaches are coach Dan on my club team, along with coach Otto and obviously my school coach, Mike Schmidt because he has always been there for me and helped me when i

need it. Some teammates, Kiley Dhein, Lexi Dhein, Abby Kitchener and Amber Otto. All these girls have been an inspiration to me and they have helped me grow as a person and player. They're all amazing people and continue to support me as I support them.

Any hobbies outside of sports?

I don't do a lot outside of sports besides hanging out with my friends.

Favorite song?

Anything by Sexyy Red, Noah Kahan, Gracie Abrams or SZA.

Sports drinks like Gatorade and Powerade or water?

I prefer water over the other two but otherwise I'd choose Gatorade. I don't like having flavor in my drinks because it makes me feel full as if i just ate a big meal.

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

I plan to play volleyball in college and major in business management hoping to be in real estate or photography.



Phoenix Cassie Schiltz was named Horizon League Player of the Week. Green Bay Athletics photo

Cassie Schiltz tabbed Horizon League Player of the Week

BY GREEN BAY ATHLETICS FOR THE PRESS TIMES

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. - For the second time in her career, Cassie Schiltz has been named Horizon League Player of the Week.

The Horizon League announced the award Monday afternoon.

It is the third time a Green Bay player has won the award this season. Natalie McNeal (Nov. 25) and Maddy Schreiber (Nov. 18) also received the accolade.

The Luxemburg, Wis. native helped lead Green

Bay to wins over Wright State and Northern Kentucky this past weekend.

She made five threes vs. Northern Kentucky last Thursday, the second-most in a single game in her career.

Cassie also recorded six assists against NKU, tied for second-most among all players in the contest.

Schiltz filled the stat sheet against the Raiders on Saturday afternoon, grabbing two rebounds and tallying three more assists along with 13 points.

Following the game, she moved into a tie for ninth all-time with Frankie Wurtz (2015-2020) with 163 made three-point field goals in her career.

Green Bay is back in action later this week. After visiting Youngstown State (Thursday, 5:30 p.m.) the Phoenix will take on Robert Morris (Saturday, 1 p.m.).

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



Christian Collins secures a touchdown in Notre Dame Academy's WIAA State Championship victory. Submitted photo

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Recruiting

Collins said pretty quickly after the State title game, he received a Division I collegiate offer from the University of Dayton.

"That's a serious offer," he said. "Dayton plays in the Pioneer Football League with the likes of St. Thomas and San Diego. Dayton is academically a very good school, so that's also important to me. I'd like to study business or finance."

Collins said South Dakota State University also recently contacted him.

"I'm not opposed to Division II or III, but I probably won't go Division III," he said. "I've had some Division II interest."

Whereas Collins said he's

happy his big State title game has garnered some interest, he's a bit surprised the recruiting process hasn't picked up more.

"It's getting late in the process," he said. "Feb. 1 is signing day for Division I."

Wherever he plays next year, Collins said he's working hard to improve before then.

"I'm lifting every day," he said. "I've also been working on my speed and agility at Synergy Sports (Performance in Hobart)."

Accolades

After rushing for 3,084 yards on 350 carries (8.8 yards per rush) with 42 touchdowns in 12 games this season, Collins was named the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association

(WFC) Large School Offensive Player of the Year.

Collins ended his career at Notre Dame No. 5 on the all-time rushing leaderboard in Wisconsin with 6,560 yards and 95 rushing touchdowns.

He is a two-time WFC First-team All-State selection, a two-time First-team All-Region pick and a two-time Fox River Classic Conference Offensive Back of the Year.

Additionally, Collins was named the Prep Red-zone Wisconsin Player of the Year and the MaxPreps Player of the Year in Wisconsin.

Finally, after his State performance, Collins was named the Sports Illustrated National Player of the Week.



Seventh grader Hadley Baker has been honored by the De Pere Redbirds basketball team with her varsity letter amid her battle with cancer. **Janelle Fisher photos**



Baker and Egan Bierowski share a warm embrace before the Redbirds take the court to face Manitowoc Lincoln.

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as they rose to give Hadley a standing ovation. “Hadley has taught all of us what it means to be strong, to have courage and to face each day with optimism and an award-winning smile. Hadley is a part of our Redbird basketball family and tonight we would like to award Hadley a varsity letter. Hadley has earned her letter by being a teammate we can count on and we aspire to be like. There is the Redbird way, and there is the Hadley Baker way. Congratulations Hadley, you’ve earned this.”

Throughout her battle, Hadley has held onto her passion for basketball, often attending games and joining the De Pere girls team on the bench when she is able.

“She’s played basketball since third grade. It’s a huge part of her life,” Lauren said. “I think it gives her not so much hope, but

excitement and joy. Basketball is such a huge part of her life and to have all these teams supporting her... It’s amazing. The [UW-Green Bay] women’s team has been great for her this year and De Pere, both the girls and boys teams have been fantastic.”

Even the Manitowoc Lincoln team showed their support for Hadley, joining in on a photo with her and her letter.

“They treat her like one of their teammates,” Lauren said about the Redbirds. “They love her and she loves them and it’s just amazing... And to see what it does to Hadley, it’s crazy. Like when Egan dropped off her jersey today, she just came in with the biggest smile on her face.”

And the connection they share with Hadley is special for the girls on the team, too.

“Tonight was very special, especially for me because I’ve been able to get really close with Hadley,”

said De Pere Senior Egan Bierowski. “Seeing her be able to get the varsity letter was just incredible... We don’t really know what her high school is going to look like, so to be able to be a part of that was really special... I was sad, but I was also very happy that we were able to do this.”

With Hadley’s future uncertain as her cancer continues to progress and her treatment options become more limited, the Redbird community has set to work ensuring Hadley gets to experience all that she can — attending the homecoming dance this fall, being recognized on senior night earlier this season and now being awarded a varsity letter.

And in true Redbird spirit, Hadley hasn’t given up her fight as she prepares to head to Miami this weekend for a clinical trial.

Updates on Hadley’s battle can be found on the Hope for Hadley Facebook page.



Baker celebrates with the Redbirds after Bierowski scored De Pere’s first points of the game.



Notre Dame Academy’s Braeden Hart takes the puck up the ice in their game against Bay Port. **Tori Wittenbrock photos**

Tritons secure win over Pirates

BY TORI WITTENBROCK
SPORTS EDITOR

DE PERE — The Notre Dame Academy Tritons (9-4-0) secured a 5-0 win over the Bay Port Pirates (3-9-1) in their game on Friday, Jan. 3.

The Pirates initially held strong on defense, keeping a scoreless first period despite being outshot 12-1.

“They work their tails off. They block a ton of shots and they have a good goaltender. We had our opportunities and that’s hockey. Sometimes it just doesn’t go in the net,” said Notre Dame Head Coach Mike Szkodzinski.

However, the Tritons seemed to find a rhythm in the second period.

A goal by Notre Dame’s Braeden Hart seemed to shift the momentum in favor of the Tritons with just 13:08 remaining in the second period.

The Tritons followed this up with another goal from Ryker Thomas moments later to bring the lead to 2-0.

The period would see two more goals by the Tritons — one by Owen Atkinson assisted by Drew Heil with 8:06 left in the period and a follow up goal by Captain Nathan Antii to bring the score to 4-0 going

into the third period. Bay Port remained outshot 29-5 at the end of the second period.

Though the Pirates seemed to step up in the third period testing Notre Dame’s goaltender a few times, a Triton goal put the game away with a final score of 5-0, outshooting the Pirates 40-12.

“I think we actually played a full game. We haven’t really done that much this year. We’ve had some really good spots and we’ve had spots where we haven’t been that good so to see 51 minutes of good hockey was good,” said Szkodzinski.



The Defending WIAA State Champs, the Notre Dame Tritons, defeated the Bay Port Pirates 5-0 in their game on Friday, Jan. 3.

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The exhibition game was played with controlled situations and overtime was not played.

Mavericks Coach Luke Strand was a former assistant at St. Norbert from 2001-03.

“I was happy with our effort,” St. Norbert Coach Tim Coghlin said. “The value we take from those situational opportunities is very beneficial. There were lots of things from this game I was happy about, but then there are also things we need to clean up. Going forward, it’s all NCHA games, which is the most important part of our season.”

After starting the season 12-0, the Green Knights have dropped three consecutive games regular season games.

“We were not very good

last weekend (Jan. 3-4) coming off our break, so we needed to get some good vibes back,” Coghlin said. “We were able to play a lot of guys in different situations tonight. We need to play the game the right way, and quite frankly, in the last few games where we took the losses, we weren’t playing the right way. Our attention to detail was not where it needed to be.”

MSU jumped out to a 2-0 first-period lead before St. Norbert’s Ethan Byrne scored to cut the deficit to one. The Mavericks eventually led 4-1 in the second period before Calvin Hanson tallied for the Green Knights to make it 4-2.

MSU took a 5-2 lead at the 14:49 mark of the second period, but then it was all St. Norbert from there.

Logan Dombrowsky tal-

lied with about a minute remaining in the middle period before Bryan Gilman and Dombrowsky scored in the third period to tie the game.

Green Knights goalie Hunter Garvey made 28 saves in net, including several down the stretch that kept the game even.

Braden Lindstrom had a pair of assists for St. Norbert.

“It feels great,” Garvey said of his team’s tie. “The score of this game didn’t matter as much as us getting back on track — it’s been a tough stretch for us. (In the last few minutes of the game), I had to make up for the pretty bad goal I let in earlier in the game — I’m glad I could do that.”

St. Norbert is off until Jan. 17-18 when it will play a two-game home-and-away series against Concordia Wisconsin.

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'13 Chevy Silverado 2500 HD LTZ Crew Cab 4x4 Diesel, 145K Miles, Auto, Heated/Cooled Leather, Full Power Opts, Navigation, Bluetooth, Backup Camera, Stk# H924029	\$28,990
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'14 Chevy Silverado LT Crew Cab 4x4 107K Miles, Auto, Full Power Opts, Bluetooth, Backup Camera, Remote Start, Bedliner, Alloys, Tow Pkg, Stk# H924055	\$20,550
'17 Ram 1500 Big Horn Crew Cab 4x4 135K Miles, Auto, Full Power Opts, Power Seat, Bluetooth, Backup Camera, Dual Temp, AC, Cruise, Alloys, Tow Pkg, Stk# H1024035	\$19,990
'19 Ford F-150 XLT Super Crew 4x4 1 Owner, 158K Miles, Auto, Heated Seats, Full Power Opts, Navigation, Bluetooth, Backup Camera, Remote Start, Alloys, Stk# H1024059	\$19,990
'18 Ford F-150 XLT Super Crew 4x4 1 Owner, 168K Miles, Auto, Heated Seats, Full Power Opts, Bluetooth, Backup Camera, Remote Start, Alloys, Tow Pkg, Stk# H924051	\$19,990
'16 Ford F-150 XLT Super Crew 4x4 133K Miles, Auto, Full Power Opts, Power Seat, Bluetooth, Backup Camera, Fiberglass Cap, Alloys, Tow Pkg, Stk# H1024052	\$19,990
'17 VW Golf Alltrack TSI SEL AWD 72K Miles, Auto, Heated Leather, Full Power Opts, Bluetooth, Backup Camera, AC, Cruise, Alloys, Stk# V1024027	\$17,990
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'13 Ford F-150 XLT Super Crew 4x4 147K Miles, Auto, Full Power Options, Power Seat, Bluetooth, Backup Camera, Keyless, AC, Cruise, Remote Start, Bedliner, Alloys, Stk# H724054	\$14,990
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The Hadley Baker way



The De Pere Redbirds Varsity, Junior Varsity, and visiting Manitowoc Lincoln Ships squads pose with Hadley Baker to honor her acceptance of her varsity letter.

Janelle Fisher photo

De Pere seventh grader battling cancer surprised with varsity letter

BY JANELLE FISHER
CITY PAGES EDITOR

DE PERE – “The game of basketball gives players an opportunity to learn life lessons that will prepare them for the future — discipline, drive, dedication, teamwork, courage, perseverance and the will to fight, to never quit and to never give up. There are those players who are satisfied with being average, but there are also those who approach each day the Redbird way — with courage, with perseverance and a will to fight.”

These remarks, shared ahead of the Redbirds Jan. 7 game

against Manitowoc Lincoln, could have applied to any of the girls on the court that night, but especially to Hadley Baker, a De Pere sev-

enth grader who has truly demonstrated what it means to approach each day the Redbird way, both on and off the court.

Hadley was diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma, a rare soft tissue cancer, in July of 2023 and has been battling cancer ever

since, undergoing chemotherapy, radiation and clinical trials. “Hadley is one of the strongest people I’ve ever met in my entire life,” said Hadley’s mom, Lauren Baker. “And she goes through this

different places for trials. She’s been denied a couple different places because her tumor is too big. It’s been a ride, but she’s smiled through it all.”

In recognition of her strength and positive attitude despite the challenges she faces as well as her dedication to basketball, Hadley was surprised with a varsity letter before the start of Tuesday night’s game.

“Hadley Baker is the definition of what it means to be a Redbird and has shown all of us what it takes to live the Redbird way,” an announcement to the crowd read

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"Hadley has taught all of us what it means to be strong, to have courage and to face each day with optimism and an award-winning smile... Hadley has earned her letter by being a teammate we can count on and we aspire to be like."

But Hadley hasn’t let the weight of her battle keep her down.

with a smile on her face. It’s been hard. She’s been through weeks and weeks of chemo and radiation. We’ve been into a couple of

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Notre Dame Academy running back hoping big game equals college chance

BY RICH PALZEWIC
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GREEN BAY – Coming off a record-setting performance in the 2024 WIAA Division 3 State Championship Football game, Notre Dame Academy running back Christian Collins said he is hoping he’ll get a chance to play at the next level.

The senior back rushed for a State championship — all divisions — record 408 yards on his way to five touchdowns in the Tritons’ 49-28 victory on Nov. 22 over Catholic Memorial at Camp Randall Stadium in Madison.

The record-setting game by Collins helped Notre Dame finish undefeated on the season at 14-0.

“First and foremost, what an incredible season it was for us,” Collins said. “That was the goal from day one — to win a State title. We repeated the words ‘November 22’ daily at practice. I think this team had a different bond and a special feel compared to teams of the past. We jelled really well together. I didn’t have

any doubts (before the season) that we couldn’t win a state title, but maybe we didn’t quite expect to go 14-0.”

Collins said during weeks three and four of the regular season, he was hurt and couldn’t play.

“The team stepped up and got the job done,” he said.

In the title game, Collins had a touchdown run of 25 yards in the first quarter, a 41-yarder in

the second, TD runs of 65 and 73 yards in the third and finished things off with a seven-yard TD in the fourth.

In all, he rushed 39 times, averaging 10.5 yards per carry.

“Honestly, I felt I was improving each game during the season,” Collins said. “Did I expect to rush for 408 yards? Maybe not, but I knew the linemen would open the holes for me and that Catholic Memorial had a big defensive line.”

Collins’ 408 yards also tied a Camp Randall Stadium rushing record.

“(Wisconsin running back) Melvin Gordon also rushed for 408 yards in a game,” Collins said, joking that if he knew he was tied with the eventual NFL pro, he would have gotten one more yard. “I think I’m okay being tied with Melvin Gordon.”

Gordon, a Wisconsin running back from 2011-14, rushed for 408 yards against Nebraska on Nov. 15, 2014, at Camp Randall.



Collins

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The St. Norbert College Men’s Hockey team hosted Division I Minnesota State on Tuesday, Jan. 7, in an exhibition game. The Green Knights and Mavericks skated to a 5-5 tie.

Rich Palzewic photo

BY RICH PALZEWIC
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DE PERE – For the first time since the University of Hawaii tennis team played at St. Norbert College in 1997, a St. Norbert men’s sports team hosted a Division I opponent.

On Tuesday, Jan. 7, the Green Knights hockey team entertained Division I Minnesota

State University (MSU) in an exhibition game at the Cornerstone Community Ice Center.

St. Norbert and the Mavericks skated to a 5-5 tie.

The Green Knights (12-3 overall) came into the contest ranked No. 4 in the latest Division III USCHO.com Poll, while Minnesota State (14-4-2) is ranked No. 12 in the Division I USCHO.com Poll.

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