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## Providing helping HANDS in Northeast Wisconsin

Kerry's son, Elias, with some of his support system: Katie Dalke, left; Samantha Balthazor, middle; and Jacqueline Miller, right. Submitted photo

BY KRIS LEONHARDT  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN – Kerry Yang said that when her son was diagnosed with autism at the age of three it changed the course of her family's life.

Embarking on a new journey, they discovered that there were services out there to help them, but found it hard to navigate.

"The most difficult thing in navigating the medical industry is not having all the information I need to get through things or a sound idea of how processes work. While I have navigated it for ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis) services for my son and have had countless calls with the county and insurance providers while getting help for my mother who has since passed, it is never easy to get through the red

tape," Yang said. "As it is hard for me, it only gets harder when a caregiver does not speak English. A Hmong mother was recently referred to us by one of our board members who works in the Green Bay Public School system and even though I had experience with all these things in the past, it still took hours and days to get her

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## The rise and fall of the Port Plaza Mall

BY KRIS LEONHARDT  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

GREEN BAY – The development of the downtown shopping mall began decades before any land was moved for the Port Plaza mall in Green Bay — all of the way back to 1956 and the creation of the Gregby Committee.

Gregby — a contraction of Greater Green Bay — hired a Los Angeles firm to draw a master plan for a shopping center.

After years of trial and error, in February 1967, the council approved three resolutions that would adopt a Gregby redevelopment plan for an area running from the Fox River to Monroe Street, from Cedar Street to a half block south of Main Street.

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On Aug. 10, 1977, after two decades of work, the Port Plaza Mall opened for business, with two anchor stores — JC Penney and H.C. Prange — and nearly 100 tenants. Green Bay News-Chronicle photo

## FUTURE 15 & Young Professional Awards



### Future 15: Erin Collar

BY KRIS LEONHARDT  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

GREEN BAY – Erin Collar grew up in a small rural town, where much of her life was spent on a farm.

"I've always had a passion for the arts and the environment, which inspired me to pursue a degree in marketing and digital arts at UW-Green Bay. While attending the university, I completed a digital arts project for the Lawton Gallery, focusing on the environment and, of course, cows. This work is still displayed in the university's building and went on to win a 2017 Gold Addy Award. Through this project, I com-

bined my farming background with my passion for art and the environment," Collar recalled.

"After completing the project, I connected with the dean, who recognized a great fit for an internship and introduced me to an opportunity that perfectly aligned with my passions. I began my career as an intern at NEW Water, the brand of the Green Bay Metropolitan Sewerage District. After completing my degrees, I transitioned to a full-time role at NEW Water as the public affairs and education specialist, where I still work today."



Collar

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### Future 15: Kathryn Marten

BY KRIS LEONHARDT  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

GREEN BAY – "I'm passionate about connecting students with high-impact experiences that will help them meaningfully grow during college and prepare for their future careers," said Kathryn Marten.

In her current role as student and community engagement coordinator for the UW-Green Bay Cofrin School of Business, she leads programs such as the Mentoring Project, Research Intensive Student Experience (RISE), Innovation On-Ramp, the Student Run Business Organization, pitch competitions and

Transcripts to Resumes, in addition to High Impact Practice assessment and research.

Marten grew up in Wausau and earned a masters in education in student affairs administration of higher education from UW-La Crosse in 2020 and a bachelors in psychology and cross-cultural studies from Augsburg University in 2016.



Marten

"I am also currently a student at UW-Green Bay pursuing a doctorate of education in applied leadership with an emphasis in higher education," Marten said.

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# Former Packers PR director dead at 82

BY PRESS TIMES STAFF

GREEN BAY – Green Bay Packers former Director of Public Relations Chuck Lane died Jan. 19 at 82.

Lane worked under Packers Former Head Coach Vince Lombardi.

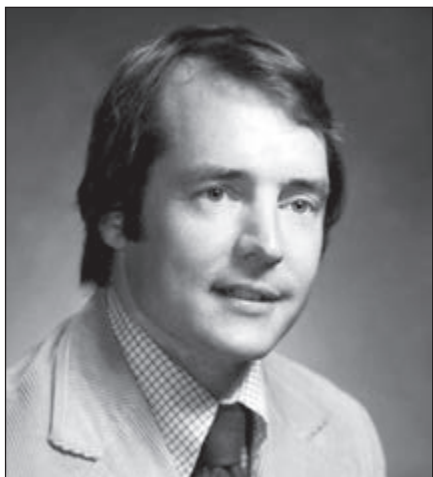
“Lane also was heavily involved in the organization of the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame Association. In fact, he was one of seven men in attendance at the association’s first meeting in February 1970,” Packers Historian Cliff Christl wrote.

“Lane was a member of the hall’s original board and selection committee. At the time of his death, he was a director emeritus of what is now Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame, Inc.

“A native of Minneapolis, Lane was a 1963 graduate of Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Va., where he earned seven letters as a quarterback in football and shortstop on the baseball team. Upon graduation, he was hired by Max Winter to promote the Harlem Globetrotters in a five-state area in the Midwest. Along with overseeing promotions for Globetrotters owner Abe Saperstein, Winter also was one of the founding owners of the Minnesota Vikings.

“In early 1966, Lane was hired by Lombardi at age 23 to be the Packers’ publicity director. Thus, Lane was in charge of public relations for the Packers when they won Super Bowls I and II, and for Lombardi’s final season in Green Bay when he served strictly as general manager.”

“I came (to Green Bay) in March, 1966, and had three, four months working with (Lombardi before camp started),” Lane told Christl in a 2009 interview. “So I knew him and I would honestly say feared him. He inspired a great deal of respect but also there was that fear factor that kept you on your toes. Anybody who said they weren’t afraid of him I think was lying. We all were.”



Lane  
Green Bay Packers photo

“[Lombardi] was more of a fatherly figure (to me),” said Lane, who lost his own father when he was five years old. “I thought (Lombardi) was the most inspirational guy I ever met in my life. I grew up without a father and suddenly I had this male influence in my life who I had so much respect for. It was just a wonderful three-year relationship that I had with him.”

“Lane continued working for the Packers in that position until March 1974, when he resigned before Dan Devine’s final season as coach and went to work for Bart Starr, helping to promote his candidacy as the next Packers coach while it was becoming more and more inevitable that Devine would be fired at the end of the season,” Christl said.

“Starr rehired Lane as public relations director immediately after he was hired in December 1974 but then fired him in early January 1980. Lane remained a resident of the Green Bay area and was active in the community until his health deteriorated in recent years.”

Read more from Christl at <https://www.packers.com/news/chuck-lane-vince-lombardi-former-pr-man-obit>.



## Local youth donates hoof-trimming stations to NEW Zoo

Maverick Poppe, right, from Scout Troop 1107, led the construction of two goat hoof-trimming stations for the NEW Zoo. The project was completed as Poppe’s Eagle Scout project for Boy Scouts of America, with the help of 24 volunteers who spent 67 hours on the project. The goat hoof-trimming stations were delivered to the zoo on Jan. 12. Poppe is eligible to go in front of a board of review this summer. Poppe is a student at the Howard-Suamico School District.

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## Give BIG Green Bay participating nonprofits announced

FOR THE PRESS TIMES

GREEN BAY – The Green Bay Packers and Greater Green Bay Community Foundation are teaming up to host this year’s Give BIG Green Bay.

The eighth annual 24-hour giving day encourages everyone to learn about and support 50 participat-

ing nonprofits to generate community-wide impact.

Starting at noon on Feb. 19 until noon on Feb. 20, anyone, anywhere can visit [givebiggreenbay.org](http://givebiggreenbay.org) to learn about the participating nonprofits and donate, at any level, to their cause.

This year, the Green Bay Packers Foundation is

again providing a \$250,000 grant to create a matching pool of funds to encourage generosity and assure that every dollar donated will go further to make a difference in the community.

Last February, more than \$3 million was raised in 24 hours through the

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# KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE



Green Bay Conservation Corps hosted a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration on Jan. 20 at the Triangle Sports Area. Part of the program was a Martin Luther King, Jr. panel discussion. Two members of the panel share what Martin Luther King, Jr. Day means to them. Charles Caston listens to input from the audience.



"A Vision for Peace: Keep the Dream Alive" was the theme for the 2025 Brown County Martin Luther King, Jr. committee event held at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) on Jan. 18.



Jan. 18 was a day of reflection, awards, entertainment, and featured Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech read throughout the program. **John Craemer photos**



During the Jan. 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration, members of the panel lead a discussion.



Over three decades, the celebration has awarded thousands of dollars in scholarships, engaged more than 400 students each year and countless community members at NWTC.



Masters of Ceremonies Christine Bekyir, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, and Ingrid Parker-Hill, Green Bay Area Public School District, present on Jan. 18.

## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATIONS JAN. 18-20, 2025



David Johns of the Green Bay Area Public School District speaks on becoming a lifelong learner.



During the 2025 Brown County Martin Luther King, Jr. event held at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, scholarships were awarded to local youth.

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help for her son who was recently diagnosed with autism.

“While speaking with my son’s CLTS (Children’s Long-Term Support) provider, she let me know that many organizations also lack Hmong speakers and this makes it harder for non-English speakers to get help. While my Hmong is not perfect, I know being an advocate is enough to try to help these caretakers who have nowhere to turn to.”

Since they were teens, Yang and her sisters, Linda and Betsy, wanted to open a Hmong center that would benefit the community.

“We see that there is a great need in our community to provide services and programs that have been dwindling, and we are passionate about helping those in need. We haven’t implemented this dream as we never had the funds to do so,” she recalled.

“While I started in my role as a community liaison and special events coordinator for the City of Green Bay and my sister became the executive assistant to the Brown County Executive, we realized that there were more funds out there that would potentially help us start.

“We wanted to focus on autism and disabilities because there is no other Hmong organization that solely focuses on them in Wisconsin. It is also deeply personal to us because I have a son with autism and my sister, Linda, has a son with a physical disability. With the help of people who have funded us, our dream has become a reality.”

Yang and her sisters recently signed a lease on a building owned by Neighborworks at 112 N. Adams St., Green Bay, and on Saturday, Feb. 8, will host a grand opening from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to mark the new facility for Hmong Autism Neurodiverse Disability Support, or HANDS.

“Upon our opening, we will have a few programs available. Firstly, we are open to being contacted if a caretaker’s child is diagnosed with autism or other disability. We can lend an ear, talk through issues, help refer to services, apply for Medicaid, and more. We will have a Community Closet and Pantry available for all who need it. Everyone can drop off gently used clothing for the Closet and also get more items if needed. Our pantry will include culturally-inclusive items not found at other pantries like rice,” Yang explained.

“‘Mom Time’ will operate on Friday evenings, allowing caretakers of children with



Kerry and her son, Elias. When he was diagnosed with autism, the family discovered that there were services out there to help them, but found it hard to navigate them.

Submitted photo

autism and disabilities to come together and share a meal as their children play in a safe space. Oftentimes, these caretakers can become lonely as others may not understand their struggle, so Mom Time will allow them to gather with people in a similar journey.

“Our Dance Program will help pay for costumes, backdrops, and more for traditional, Hmong dancers, where the cost may be prohibitive to some for joining up.

“In the future, we would like to provide more cultural programming, including classes on reading and writing Hmong, sewing classes on Hmong storycloths called paj ntaub and a Hmong magazine. We would also like to offer mental health help in the future as it currently is a stigma in our community, where many do not talk about these issues.

“With each school year, we would also like to provide school supplies to families in need as many Hmong families do not participate in other back-to-school programs, perhaps due to cultural or language barriers. We want to make sure that our center is a welcoming place for Hmong people to attend and be able to call their own.

“While we target the Hmong community because they are reluctant to patronize other nonprofits, we are open to all families.”

The organization seeks to provide direct services to Brown County and Northeastern Wisconsin families who need a local place to connect; however, they long to be a resource for the entire state in terms of raising awareness and bringing “more acceptance in the Hmong community for autism and disabilities.”



The Allouez Village Board unanimously voted to approve a resolution officially commending now-retired Village Administrator Brad Lange on his 29 years of service to the village of Allouez. Pictured are Jim Rafter, village president; Brad Lange; and his wife and his son.

Janelle Fisher photo

## Allouez recognizes Lange for 29 years of service

BY JANELLE FISHER  
CITY PAGES EDITOR

ALLOUEZ – The Allouez Village Board unanimously voted to approve a resolution officially commending now-retired Village Administrator Brad Lange on his 29 years of service to the village of Allouez.

Lange’s career in local government began with the city of Platteville in 1990 where he served as a parks and recreation director before becoming the director of parks, recreation and forestry for the village of Allouez in 1995 — a position he held until being named village administrator in 2014.

During his time as parks, recreation and forestry director, the resolution passed at Tuesday’s meeting describes Lange as being “instrumental in developing a park system, which includes Wiese Park and Optimist Park, that has become some of the village’s defining features.”

Lange also assisted with forming citizens groups such as the Allouez Beautification Committee, the Miracle League and a number of leagues for youth football, soccer, softball, baseball, tennis and outdoor recreation.

“During his career as parks director and village

administrator, Brad has been a tireless public servant, a faithful steward for our open space, trails and rivers,” the resolution read. “Brad is a respected leader, colleague, and friend, who has more than earned our high regard and admiration... The village of Allouez will remember fondly every year that we have worked beside Brad to reach a common goal and will always recognize the important role he played in making Allouez the beautiful community it is today and a great place to live, work and play.”

Lange officially retired on Jan. 3.

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Darryl Bellamy, Jr. encourages students to fear a little less rather than being completely fearless. John Craemer photos



Students and faculty from Edison Middle School posed for a photo before heading to Empower breakout seasons.

# Packers-funded program helps students achieve more

BY JOHN CRAEMER  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER/  
PHOTOGRAPHER

GREEN BAY – On Jan. 16, the Green Bay Packers brought together middle school students from across Wisconsin for “Empower,” a day-long leadership event designed to inspire young people to become positive leaders in their communities held at the Resch Expo.

Approximately 1,000 students and chaperones from cities and towns across the state, including Suring,

Madison, Rice Lake, Kenosha, Door County, Milwaukee and greater Green Bay metro took part in the free program.

The event, fully funded by the Packers, was at no cost to attending schools beyond transportation to and from the venue.

“Empower” provided participants — sixth through eighth graders — a full schedule of leadership activities and presentations focused on resilience, encouraging students to become their best selves and driving

progress in their communities.

Students engaged with several speakers, including keynote presenter Darryl Bellamy, Jr.

“I think it helped me believe in myself a little more and realize that not everything is as scary as you think it is.”  
- Edison Middle School student Taylor Werchek

Bellamy stated, “...I made the shift from fearless to fearing a little less to help people and students and

anyone else who’s watching know that the feelings that they feel are normal; there’s not something wrong with them. Now it’s time for them to take action. It’s all about

digging down and helping them see that they’re not alone in their journey.

“Like having them hear

other people share their fears, breaking down those barriers slowly but surely, but getting everybody comfortable in a space where they can stand and actually share those things outwardly. It’s really about inspiring students and achievement. We’re looking for our students to see themselves in the future and really overcome any fears that they may have.”

The day also included breakout sessions.

The first breakout session featured Packers alumni

Scott Wells and Earl Dotson.

The second session includes a hands-on care kit packing activity to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities.

During the third session, attendees crossed the street for a Lambeau Field tour.

Edison Middle School student Taylor Werchek summarized Bellamy’s presentation by stating, “I think it helped me believe in myself a little more and realize that not everything is as scary as you think it is.”

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generosity of 5,618 donors.

“The Packers are proud to support Give BIG Green Bay and the nonprofit organizations that will benefit, thanks to generous donors,” said Packers President/CEO Mark Murphy. “As a publicly owned franchise, we know firsthand the importance of community support. We recognize the invaluable opportunity Give BIG provides Brown County nonprofits to raise funds and awareness for their causes. We encourage fans both locally and around the world to learn more about these inspiring organizations and donate at any level.”

The 50 organizations selected to participate in Give BIG Green Bay 2025 showcase the strength and diversity of organizations serving Brown County.

They represent 11 areas of impact and vary in size and experience — ranging from large and established to newer and smaller organizations.

Of the 50 organizations selected this year, 32% will participate for the first time.

“Give BIG Green Bay is about amplifying the critical work of our nonprofits, sharing their powerful stories and celebrating the power of local giving,” said Dennis Buehler, president and CEO of the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation. “Year after year, this community shows just how people can come together and make a significant difference.”

Starting this year, the Mark Murphy Give BIG Green Bay Spirit Award will be introduced to honor Murphy’s dedication to fostering generosity in our community as he approaches retirement.

This award celebrates his lasting impact and will recognize the participating nonprofit that best embodies the values and spirit of Give BIG Green Bay.

Selected through a vote by participating nonprofits, this accolade represents the highest honor of the event.

To learn more about each participating nonprofit, visit [giveBIGgreenbay.org](http://giveBIGgreenbay.org).

Participating nonprofits include:

**Animal welfare**

- Citizen Animal Response Team Auxiliary\*
- Wisconsin Humane Society Green Bay Campus

**Arts and culture**

- Civic Symphony of Green Bay
- Evergreen Theater\*
- Neville Public Museum Foundation
- Urban Cultural Arts & Event Center

**Community improvement**

- Greater Green Bay Habitat for Humanity
- One Wrightstown\*
- The Mauthe Center\*

**Education**

- Achieve Brown County\*
- Howard-Suamico Education Foundation\*
- Howe Community Resource Center

- Latino Professionals Association of N.E.W.\*
- Literacy Green Bay
- On the Mark Dyslexia Clinic
- Ukwakhwa\*
- UW-Green Bay Foundation

**Environment and conservation**

- Brown County Chapter of the Izaak Walton League
- Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance

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- N.E.W. Community Clinic
- Oral Health Partnership
- YWCA Greater Green Bay

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- Curative Connections
- Family & Childcare Resources of N.E.W.
- Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin
- Innovative Care Services\*
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- Wise Women Gathering Place
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- House of Hope Green Bay
- Paul’s Pantry
- The Gateway Collective\*

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- Desert Veterans of Wisconsin\*
- Green Bay Metro Fire Foundation

**Recreation and sports**

- The First Tee of Northeast Wisconsin
- Green Bay Sail & Paddle

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- Brown County First Robotics\*
- Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes
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# Sisters in charity: Retired from the world

BY KRIS LEONHARDT  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

GREEN BAY – “For many, many years, ever since it was established in 1882, there has been an atmosphere of mystery connected with the Monastery of Our Lady of Charity of Refuge, or the ‘Good Shepherd Home,’ as it is commonly but erroneously called,” Kate McGuire wrote in a December 1941 edition of the *Press-Gazette*.

“It is as if those high, gray walls that surround the one-block area held a strange, forbidding secret for many citizens of Green Bay.

“Many stories, both good and bad, have been whispered about concerning the place; stories with no just cause and with very little truth behind them.”

The reason for the perceived secrecy — the facility was a “cloistered” convent



In 1896, the sisters sold the three-lot property facing St. John’s Park to the Sisters of St. Joseph, as their new convent was being completed on Webster Avenue and Porlier Street across from St. Vincent’s Hospital.

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The Sisters of Our Lady of Charity was an order formed in the 17th century in France in dedication to the care, rehabilitation and education of girls and young women in difficult situations or experiencing homelessness.

The Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd was formed in 1835, when a new governing structure was created.

Seven years later, five sisters were sent to the United States to establish houses.

After establishing residency in a four-bedroom home at the intersection of Madison and Milwaukee



The convent was dependent on a thriving laundry business to provide for the three groups of residents in the facility.

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Streets in Green Bay in 1882, newspaper accounts told the story of challenge, as the order struggled to provide basic necessities.

But in time, they were doing well and able to take women and girls into their community; the number of young girls living at the convent reached 15 in 1885 and 1886.

In 1896, the sisters sold the

three-lot property facing St. John’s Park to the Sisters of St. Joseph, as their new convent was being completed on Webster Avenue and Porlier Street across from St. Vincent’s Hospital.

With no reformatory in the state of Wisconsin for women and girls, there was no institution to place convicted females, except the local jail or Waupun prison, so some women were sentenced to the “Good Shepherd Home.”

In 1914, the Wisconsin State Board of Control sent an inspector to the facility.

“The large modern building is surrounded by a high stone wall. It is one of the finest institutions I have visited,” the inspector reported. There are about 150 pupils. These pupils are well taken

care of, and are taught music, housekeeping and are given an eighth-grade education.”

That same year, a new chapel on the property was dedicated by Bishop Joseph J. Fox.

The sisters not only gave refuge to young “wayward” girls but also became home to women over 18 who wanted to “retire from the world” and labor and pray at the convent — called the Magdalenes.

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The institution later became known as the Our Lady of Charity School for Girls.

In February 1957, the Our Lady of Charity Guild was organized to work alongside the sisters and aid in fundraising for a new facility.

The sisters broke ground, December 1961, on a \$2 million facility on a 43-acre tract of land on the west side.

The facility opened at 2640 West Point Road in 1963 and by 1968, included a gymnasium and indoor pool.

The Porlier property was sold to St. Vincent’s, which had constructed a new hospital facility and the building was razed shortly after.

## MALL

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Then, with 10 years of work behind it, the Gregby committee disbanded and the Redevelopment Authority was created and all of the jurisdiction over the project was given to it.

In February of 1968, HUD authorized \$5.5 million to partially finance the project and an initial \$1.2 million grant was approved.

On March 10, 1969, the first of 66 buildings on the property met its fate, as the former A and P Supermarket located on the corner of Jefferson and Cedar was torn down.

By May 1972, all land had been purchased and buildings demolished, with the exception of four buildings and six parcels.

After the first contractor fell through, Port Plaza Development Co., out of Whitefish Bay, was selected as the new contractor, and in October 1973, ground was broken on the first retail space.

In September 1975, Port Plaza Development Co. walked away from the project and Chicago-based Port Plaza Mall Co. was appointed to the project.

While construction started, financing for the project fell through and it wasn’t until April of 1976 that financing was secured and the project got the go-ahead, once again.

Finally, on Aug. 10, 1977, after two decades of work, the Port Plaza Mall opened



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for business, with two anchor stores — JC Penney and H.C. Prange — and nearly 100 tenants.

A 30-foot clock, four-face clock tower from the Winona, Miss., courthouse was disassembled and transported to the mall site at a cost of \$15,000, and became the centerpiece of the new mall.

In 1982, the mall expanded to the south, adding a new food court and a third anchor store — the Boston Store.

In March 1986, Metropolitan Life Insurance purchased the mall.

“Metropolitan is starting an aggressive mortgage program, seeking to finance a wide variety of quality projects in excess of \$5 million such as shopping centers, high-tech facilities, multi-family housing and leased office buildings,” Metropolitan Vice President of Real Estate

William J. Bornhoff, told the *Press-Gazette* at the time.

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Four years later, H.C. Prange Co. sold its stores to Younkers, Inc.

While the name of the Green Bay store changed, the business remained separate from the mall, as did JC Penney.

In 1997, Zama Services of Johnstown, Pa., bought Port Plaza from Metropolitan in a package of 10 malls throughout the country.

“It’s a pretty strong asset,” owner Damian Zamias told Thomas Content and Tom Murphy of the *Press-Gazette*. “What we hope to bring to it is some additional stores

to improve the small store makeup. We also want to do some things in terms of amenities and aesthetics.”

The mall was still 85% occupied, but the country was starting to see the indoor mall’s decline, as shopping headed toward the suburbs.

In 2001, the city of Green Bay purchased the mall and sold it to Development Associates, who had plans to revitalize it by turning it into a mixed-used space.

The mall was renamed Washington Commons and the fountain and center court area was turned into a food court.

Renovations were made through city financing that was to be recouped through special assessment.

By that time, just a third of the spaces were leased.

In the fall of 2005, the last two stories — Things Remembered and JC Penney closed.

By March 2006, Development Associates was facing three separate lawsuits.

The property was put up for sale, via an agreement between Development Associates, the mortgage holder Baylake Bank and the city of Green Bay, and the clock tower was returned to Mississippi.

The mall remained vacant and recycling work began on the building in July 2011.

The walls came down in the spring of 2012 to make way for a new Schreiber Foods headquarters.

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Collar said that one of the most influential aspects of her career journey has been “maintaining a mindset of continuous learning, viewing challenges as opportunities and benefiting from mentorship.”

“Early on, I realized that staying curious and embracing challenges not only helped me develop my skills but also opened doors to new opportunities. Along the way, I’ve had the privilege of working with mentors and colleagues who encouraged, challenged, and empowered me to step outside my comfort zone and “stretch my rubber band,” she added.

“This gave me the confidence to take on leadership roles, drive impactful projects, and try new things — whether they succeed or not — making it a learning opportunity.”

Collar said that leadership can look very different for different people, with values rooted in many attributes, so you must know your audience.

“I believe that effective leadership starts with building trust and fostering a sense of community, where everyone feels valued and heard. I strive to remain open to feedback and flexible in my approach, especially when navigating challenges or change, as collaboration is

key to driving innovation and solving problems together. I aim to build trust through transparency and ethical decision-making while encouraging growth and fostering strong, supportive relationships within a team. By staying true to my values, I strive to inspire a positive and inclusive environment where everyone can thrive.”

Collar said that she looks forward to pursuing new leadership roles, which will both challenge her and allow her to make a broader impact.

“I plan to focus on deepening my expertise in communication, design arts, web coding, amongst others while also taking on projects that drive innovation and positive change. I’m particularly interested in mentoring others and helping to develop the next generation of leaders, as I believe that supporting and empowering others is key to creating sustainable success,” Collar said.

My goal is to build a legacy of both personal and professional growth, while continually evolving to meet the challenges and opportunities ahead.

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**MARTEN**  
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“Moving to Green Bay and finding my place at UW-Green Bay has been life-changing for me. Five years ago I never would have guessed that I would be living here, changing lives through experiential education,” she said.

“I believe in meeting people where they’re at and tailoring the support and guidance that they need to be successful and take on their next challenge. I also try to be honest and transparent whenever possible with the people I lead. It’s much easier for everyone to move forward towards a common goal if we are all on the same page understanding why that goal is important and how we can use our various strengths to get there together.”

Marten added that she is fortunate to have many role models and supporters.

“First and foremost, I would not be who I am today or where I am today without my husband, Mitchell Marten. Mitchell has been constantly supportive as we’ve built our dreams and our life together,” Marten added.

“I’m also so grateful for my parents, who taught me the value of hard work, taking breaks when needed, and who constantly challenged me growing up to ‘go MAD’ (Make A Difference).”

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# City says ‘yes’ to ‘Lombardi Times Square’ project

BY KRIS LEONHARDT  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

GREEN BAY – During its Jan. 21 meeting, the Green Bay City Council said “yes” to a pair of developments adjacent to Lambeau Field that have been in the works for eight years.

Vierbicher Project Manager Brad Rymer, who is assisting on the project, said that over the past years the size has been reduced, green space addressed and methods to collect run-off have been instituted.

The project will include a commercial building and a mixed-use building, which the developer refers to as “Lombardi Times Square,” on the 2.78-acre parcel at 1835 South Ridge Road and 1820 Frank Street.

The commercial building will run parallel to Lombardi Avenue at 31,000 square feet with 46 underground parking stalls and retail and office spaces.

The mixed-use building located at the southeast corner of South Ridge and Thorndale will be 12,000 square feet in size with 18 underground parking stalls.

The first floor of the four-story building will be used as commercial space, with the top three floors housing eight units per floor for a total of 24 multi-family residential units.

The space is currently home to a temporary parking lot/vacant green space and a single-family home,

The impervious surface for the parcel was originally set at 95%, but Rymer stated during open-floor discussion that the developer



The commercial building will run parallel to Lombardi Avenue at 31,000 square feet with 46 underground parking stalls and retail and office spaces. **City of Green Bay rendering**

would be agreeable to 90%.

Alder Alyssa Proffitt made a motion to make the change through an amendment to the ordinance, which was unanimously approved by the council.

A few residents were on hand to voice concerns about the project, including a section of sidewalk that sees heavy traffic before and after Packers games, between Shadow Lane and Lombardi Avenue, as well as concerns about traffic, run-off, height of the project and other concerns.

“So what we’re doing here with the stormwater management is going to greatly help that neighborhood to the east. We’ve talked about it. I don’t think I need to say any more on that,” Alder Chris Wery said, responding to some of the concerns.

“The traffic plan, as opposed to, I think eight years ago, this traffic plan is sound. I like that we’re recommending all those calming measures, you know,

maybe reducing the width of the street or putting the measures to slow speeds. I’m glad we’ve adopted that as a city council now to use those measures.

“I think you can’t overlook tax revenue. I mean, right now that corner collects about \$50,000 a year in taxes, roughly. And with this project, I confirmed with our finance director, it’ll be anywhere from \$500,000 to \$800,000 in taxes. That’s a huge increase, and that’s what helps offset our residential taxes when we can grow our tax base and help keep everything else low.”

“As part of the TIA — the traffic impact analysis — that was done on this whole area, there were recommendations for improved crosswalks, the traffic calming measures; and a part of that would be the enhanced crosswalks, either going across Ridge, across Thorndale and then across Lombardi. I think that’s already improved to be ADA com-

pliant,” Rymer said.

“[The] piece between Shadow and Lombardi, which on one end has a ramp, at the other end is just a curb, and then there’s a concrete median to get to Lambeau Field. So there’s four curbs without ADA accessibility there, but that’s another topic of discussion that will be had with public works and potentially improving that sidewalk between Shadow and Lombardi. There’s still more to be done there. It’s a sidewalk right now. But as you can imagine, there are thousands of people that pour through this five-foot-wide area after the Packer game, and it gets pretty congested. So. I think there’s been conversation about potentially doing something to alleviate that as part of this development.”

The council voted unanimously to approve the first reading of the amended zoning ordinance which will allow the project to move forward.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Temporary closure of Ray Nitschke Memorial Bridge

GREEN BAY – The Green Bay Public Works Department has announced a temporary change to the drawbridge operating schedule of the Ray Nitschke Memorial Bridge (Dousman and Main Streets) for maintenance activities.

From Jan. 27 through Feb. 21, the bridge will be secured to masted navigation.

Vessels able to pass under the bridge may do so at any time.

The bridge will remain open to vehicular traffic with single-lane closures occurring during this timeframe, which may cause back-ups.

Access to residences and businesses will be maintained.

All lane and work operations are weather dependent and subject to change.

Motorists should anticipate back-ups, use caution while driving through the work zone and are encouraged to find alternate routes.

### Nature’s Way introduces new CEO

GREEN BAY – Nature’s Way has announced the appointment of Scott Woodruff as its new Chief Executive Officer, effective immediately.

Scott brings a wealth of experience and a deep understanding of the supplement industry. He is the ideal leader to drive Nature’s Way forward.

“I am honored to return to Nature’s Way and look forward to working with the talented team to drive innovation and growth,” said Woodruff.

“Transparency, teamwork, accountability, and solution orientation are core values that Scott embodies,” said Olaf Schwabe, Schwabe Group CEO. “These values are perfectly aligned with our culture, and Scott’s familiarity with Nature’s Way’s product portfolio, brands, and many of its employees will enable him to take swift and decisive actions to refine our strategy for future growth.”

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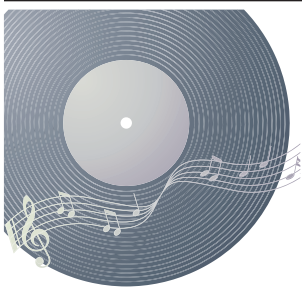





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# THE BEAT

## Two hearts in harmony

By Kris Leonhardt  
Editor-in-chief

**This Saturday**, Green Bay's Meyer Theatre will be filled with timeless melodies and classic hits as "No Can Do: A Tribute to the Music of Daryl Hall & John Oates" captures the legendary sound of Hall & Oates, but the harmony for this group started long before its formation.

"I went to college for music, and then left and moved out to California and lived there for a couple years. And the idea was I was going to try to make it in music out there, but it was kind of at the time of all the hard rock bands and stuff like Poison and Guns 'N Roses and bands like that," lead vocalist Rich Hoffman recalled.

"At that point, I didn't have the hair or the image it would take to do that kind of music out there, and I didn't particularly care for California. So, I moved back a couple years later to Milwaukee and then got started in the Milwaukee music scene.

"In 1990, when I first started playing at clubs, my first band here was called 'Cosmic Debris,' and we ended up playing Summerfest shows and stuff like that. We were an original band; we released an album.

"Then, I had another one called 'Everyone and Their Mother' that we also put on an album and played some fairly big shows and stuff.

"Then one of the guys in the band and I continued to write and just do studio stuff and record our music."

Rich then spent some time doing musicals in Appleton and Madison

"So once I was living in Madison, I had an original band there that was recording and doing a few shows here and there, and I came back for a wedding for the drummer who was in 'Everyone and Their Mother' and we ended up talking about putting together a new music project here in Milwaukee.

"So, I was driving back and forth from Madison to Milwaukee for that band, which eventually became 'Almighty Vinyl,' which is my main project now."

Rich and his wife and fellow vocalist, Angie (Rypel) Hoffman, both credit high school for their influence on their musical trajectory.

For Rich, it was Greg Reiersen at Colby High School and for Angie, Wolf Calnin at South Milwaukee High School.

"In high school, I had a great choir teacher, and I think Rich did too. I think that's kind of a thing for singers — that grows passion in singing — if you have a great teacher. But in this case, he led an adult choir that I, after high school, joined for a bit, and I did a little bit of church choir work and stuff," Angie recalled.

"I was singing karaoke, which is one of my passions, and I met a couple of guys who asked me to audition for their band called 'Never Static,' and it was an original band, and I ended up joining the band. I was in it for about a year. We almost released an album. We had all the music done, but we couldn't decide on the cover art.

While attending UW-Milwaukee, Angie auditioned for American Idol in Nashville.

"I got all the way to Simon, Paula and Randy for season two. So it was kind of a fun, you know, a story to tell over a cup of coffee. Obviously, I didn't make it to Hollywood or anything, but it was an interesting experience. It was interesting seeing how not live and impulsive those shows actually are, despite how they may look.

"My family is very supportive. We went down to Detroit, me and my girlfriend, to try to audition there, and we didn't get anywhere near the front of the line to audition. And my dad was like, 'Don't give up.' He said, 'I will pay for you to go down. Where else are they having auditions? I will



pay to get you on a plane in a hotel, and so that's really, obviously helpful.

"And then I moved away. I have a degree in electrical engineering. So I moved away to Indiana for a job, and so I couldn't be in the band anymore, but one of the guys in the band I ended up marrying and had kids with and stuff like that, so I had a big gap in time that I wasn't doing music."

But when Angie took a job in Milwaukee in 2000, a guy she worked with was in a band that was looking for a singer; but, her kids were young and she didn't think it would work.

"But then he said, 'Well, we're playing at Greek Fest, which is an outdoor music festival at the State Fair Park on a Sunday afternoon. And I was like, 'Well, then I could do it because my girls can come, and they could go on some rides and stuff.' So, I did four or five songs with them, and I was hooked.

"I've been in that band for nine years now. Since I've been in that, I've done other small stuff and that's how I met Rich. We met at a karaoke show, actually, and he and I do 'Yacht Rock' together.

"Being in a relationship with a fellow singer, I think, is incredible. We are very supportive of each other. We deal with some of the issues that are unique to singers.

The couple was married on Oct. 19, 2024.

### No Can Do

"It started with a random Facebook post that I made," Rich explained.

"I just said, 'Hey, anybody out there want to put together a Hall & Oates tribute band? And I had a few people respond, but two people in particular — a drummer and a bassist — who were really interested."

While the post was a whim, the people who responded were all in and pretty soon Rich was putting the pieces together, which included his now wife.

"I started putting people together because I knew that I needed a strong vocal group in order to pull off the stuff that they do. And I know of her attention to detail and ability; and you know, not to mention the fact that she's nice to look at. So offsets all of us guys on stage," Rich joked.

"We decided that we wanted to put together a quality tribute, doing the music the way people remember it on the radio. And it's not a knock, I've seen Daryl Hall and John Oates multiple times, and because they've been around a long time and they really like the live aspect of music; most of the time, if you went to see them live, you would hear the songs done differently than you remember them. They just would alter them, or do them, you know, in a different live fashion.

"And so my goal was, I want to put this together and do it exactly like the record so that it's the version people grew up listening to, and will really enjoy it being recreated the way they remember.

"As we learned their music, it's so meticulous the stuff they did in the studio; it's amazing when you start breaking it down."

Along with Rich and Angie on vocals, the band consists of Craig Brog on drums, Dave Ciccantelli on keyboards and vocals, Tony Inzeo on guitar and vocals, Harry Ipsarides on guitar and vocals,

Carl Stessl on bass and John Vollmar on sax, vocals and keyboards.

"We have six singers in the band, which I think a lot of people think, 'Well, it's Hall

▲ "No Can Do: A Tribute to the Music of Daryl Hall & John Oates" will take the stage at the Meyer Theatre this Saturday. Submitted photo

& Oates, so how many people do you need; it's just Daryl Hall and John Oates?' No, you would miss all of those vocals if they weren't there. But it's been so fun putting it together; I feel like I'm back in choir class.

"It's getting these lush harmonies, and we're just the backdrop, but it's like every piece of it coming together.

No Can Do will perform live at the Meyer Theatre in downtown Green Bay on Jan. 25.

For more information, visit [meyertheatre.org/events/no-can-do-tribute-to-hall-and-oates](http://meyertheatre.org/events/no-can-do-tribute-to-hall-and-oates). **CP**

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# FREAKY FRIDAY

NDA brings something for everyone to the stage



By Janelle Fisher  
City Pages Editor

**Notre Dame Academy students began** their run of *Freaky Friday* — a Disney musical based on the 1972 Mary Rodgers novel of the same name and its several film adaptations — this week with performances continuing throughout the weekend through Jan. 26.

The show follows the story of Katherine and Ellie Blake, a mother and daughter who don't always see eye to eye until they magically swap bodies and have to rush to reverse the process.

"It's about putting yourself in other people's shoes, which is really beautiful," said Maame-Kyema Asiamah, who plays Ellie Blake in Notre Dame's production.

"You never really know what's going on in someone's life until you walk in their shoes," said Amelia Chrudimsky, who plays Katherine Blake. "Ellie and Katherine, the mom and the daughter, they really disagree and they don't understand each other and that causes them to argue a lot. Living a day in each other's lives helps them to understand why they're upset about certain things and their relationship becomes stronger. [The show] teaches you a lot about empathy."

In putting together their production, Chrudimsky said a main focus for her and Asiamah has been making sure the audience knows who is playing which character at any given time.

"Maame and I have worked really hard to make it clear who Ellie is and who Katherine is," Chrudimsky said. "We try to repeat some of the things that one of them says earlier or have each other's mannerisms so that we can be the most believable characters that we can be."

"I think that was a challenge, but it was really good for us to do that," Asiamah said.

Throughout the show, students have to tap into a wide range of emotions while also focusing on their acting and singing.

"It's kind of a beast of a show," Chrudimsky said. "I'm on stage a lot, I sing and I act a lot and it's really an emotionally taxing role for me. My character has to be very funny and also very vulnerable and I have some really emotional moments throughout the show. It's been a struggle



**Above:** Tickets for 'Freaky Friday' are available at [ndamusical.ludus.com](http://ndamusical.ludus.com)

**Right:** 'Freaky Friday' follows the story of Katherine and Ellie Blake, a mother and daughter who don't always see eye to eye until they magically swap bodies and have to rush to reverse the process.

**Below:** Performances began this Thursday, Jan. 23, and will continue through Sunday, Jan. 26.  
Janelle Fisher photos



▲ The show features a mix of emotional and comedic moments, ensuring there is something for everyone to enjoy.

“It's about putting yourself in other people's shoes, which is really beautiful.”

— Maame-Kyema Asiamah,  
ELLIE BLAKE IN NOTRE DAME'S PRODUCTION

as a performer to access different parts of that emotional repertoire.”

The show isn't all serious, though.

"I play a high school boy and me and a lot of other boys, we try to loosen up the scenes and make them a little more fun..." said Charlie Gerstner, who plays Adam in the show. "I'm kind of a perfectionist when it comes to acting because it hasn't always been my thing... [I've been] loosening up and having more fun with my role instead of taking it super serious all the time."

With the show bringing both comedic and emotional moments to the stage, Gerstner said, "There's something in the show for everyone — every age group, every gender. It's very relatable and it hits close to home, but it's also just a lot of fun. You can sit back and laugh."

And it's not just the acting that will have audiences' attention captured.

"The show that we put on is just such a spectacle," Chrudimsky said. "We have an incredible theater program and that's not just the cast — it's also the crew, it's the pit orchestra, it's the amazing tech and lighting and sound that we have. I think people should just come and be open to it. It's a show that not a lot of schools have put on, but I think that's an opportunity to see something that you've never seen before."

Tickets for Notre Dame's production of *Freaky Friday* are available at [ndamusical.ludus.com](http://ndamusical.ludus.com). **CP**

# Abstract art on display at the Neville

By Janelle Fisher  
City Pages Editor

The Neville Public Museum's Generations Gallery has updated its selection of art on display, shifting its focus to abstract art and featuring a collection of 45 pieces spanning from 1964 to 2021.

The pieces in the exhibit all come from the Neville's expansive collection, which includes around 3,000 pieces of two-dimensional and three-dimensional art.

"In working with all of our local community groups and especially our artists, we said, 'We have art upstairs and its in storage, but we want to see more of it,'" said Beth Kowalski, executive director at the Neville. "When we did the renovation of our core gallery in 2019 and 2020, we asked community stakeholders what they wanted to see in the space... The artist group said, 'We want to see more of the permanent art collection.' So this dedicated area — our arts area — has allowed us to do that. This is now the fourth rotation we've done. We try to do it annually and it's based on what artists have suggested, so the subject matter for this year is abstract art."



▲ 'Rte. 2 - Berry Lake' by James Kreiter



▲ 'Maelstrom' by John Gordon



▲ Artwork by June Kashnig

Previous themes on display in the Generations Gallery have included portraiture, nature and illustration.

With the focus now on abstract art, Kowalski said the gallery now features some of the museum's more contemporary pieces.

"You're looking at a range of about 70 years, but it's artists that some are still alive..." she said. "They're practicing right now. Art is around us all the time and we have a really rich art community here."

Not only does the exhibit aim to

highlight art and artists in the community, but Kowalski said she hopes the theme of abstract art encourages viewers to give art a try themselves.

"We hope it just inspires and people go home or families go home and are like, 'Wow, look at that. We can create that or do something like that,'" she said.

More information about the Generations Gallery and other exhibits on display at the Neville Museum can be found at [nevillepublicmuseum.org](http://nevillepublicmuseum.org). **CP**

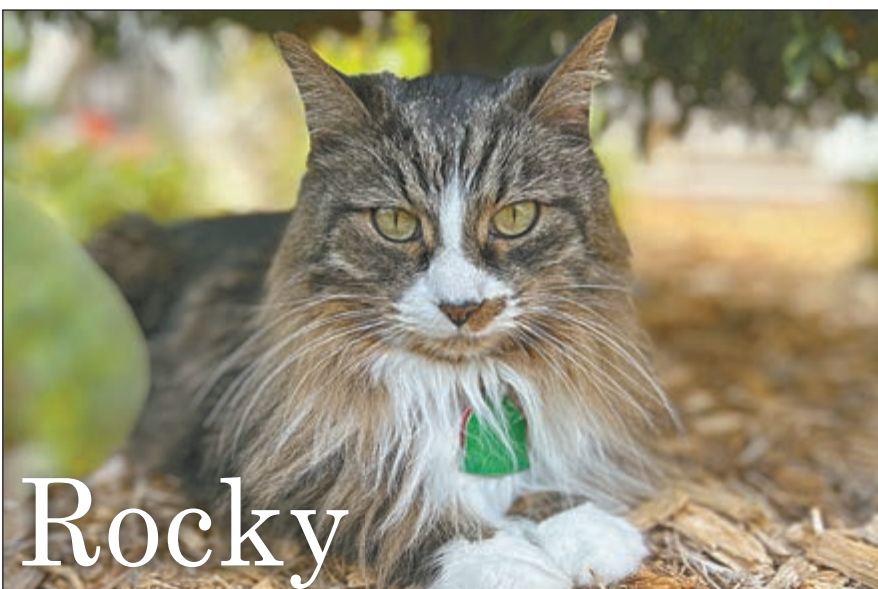
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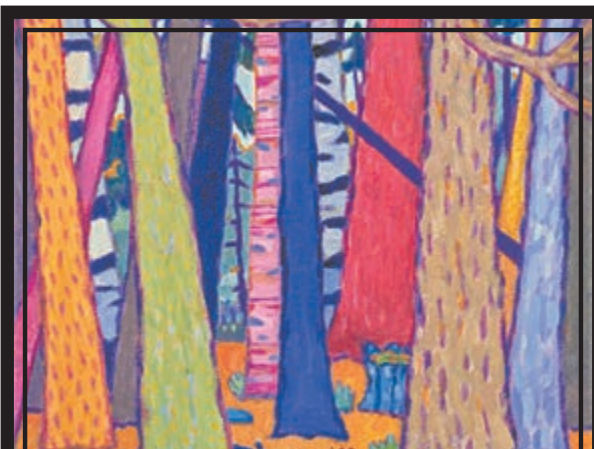


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## NEWART/V

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**JAN. 10-FEB. 22.**

**NEWARTSPACE, DE PERE.**

Annual exhibition featuring a select group of Wisconsin artists with a special emphasis on artists who live and work in the northeast region of the state. Free. Learn more at [newartspace124.com](http://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 [newiswatercolors.com](http://newiswatercolors.com).

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

## OUTDOORS/RECREATION

**Friday, Jan. 24**

**Frenzy on the Fox** • CityDeck, Green Bay. Celebrate winter recreation and the Fox River Trail. 6:30 p.m. \$20. Visit [greenbaywi.gov/Calendar.aspx?EID=10285](http://greenbaywi.gov/Calendar.aspx?EID=10285) for more details.

**Ongoing**

**All Canada Show** • Radisson Conference Center, Green Bay. Show featuring Canada's best fishing and hunting destinations, and includes seminars, maps and travel guides. Jan. 23 from 5-9 p.m., Jan. 24 from 3-8 p.m., Jan. 25 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Jan. 26 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. \$14 for adults, free for children 17 and under. Weekend passes are available for \$20. Visit [allcanada.com](http://allcanada.com) for more details.

**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](http://titledown.com) for more details and to sign up.

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://skeetandtrap.com) for more information.

## 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.



## SUNDAY POKEMON LEAGUE

**1-4 P.M.**

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

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

**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](http://winealotvineyards.com) for more details.

## FOOD/DRINK

**Ongoing**

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

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

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

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

## LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

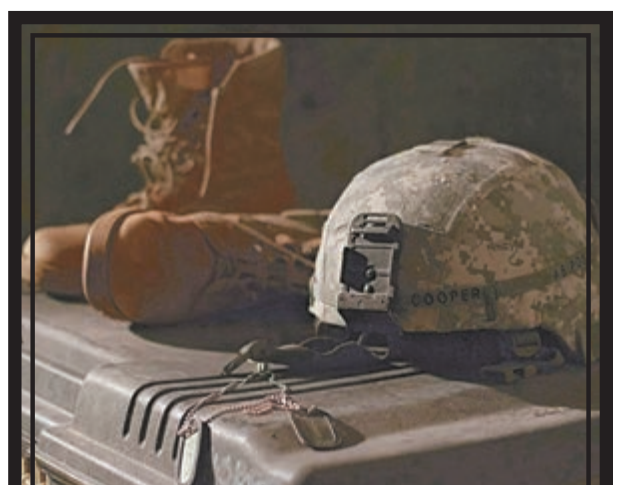
**Wednesday, Jan. 29**

**VA S.A.V.E.** • Brown County Library - Southwest Branch, Green Bay. Gain an understanding of the scope of veteran suicide and how to act with care and compassion if you identify a veteran who is in crisis or having thoughts of suicide. 10:30 a.m. Free. Visit [browncountylibrary.org](http://browncountylibrary.org) for more details.

**Fostering a Child** • Brown County Library - Pulaski Branch, Pulaski. Learn about Brown County Foster Care and the needs of children in the area communities. 4 p.m. Free. Visit [browncountylibrary.org](http://browncountylibrary.org) for more details.

**Thursday, Jan. 30**

**America's Treasures: A Lecture Series on Our National Parks** • Heritage Hill State Historical Park, Allouez. Culmination of an inspiring series with National Park enthusiast James Hayward. 5 p.m. \$5. Learn more and purchase tickets at [heritagehillgb.org](http://heritagehillgb.org).



## VA S.A.V.E.

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**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://celestialsoundgb.com).

**FAMILY/KIDS**

**Wednesday, Jan. 29**

**Stained Glass Drop In Program** • Brown County Library - Kress Family Branch, De Pere. Learn the science behind stained glass windows and design and create your own stained glass window with tissue paper. 3:30 p.m. Free. Visit [browncountylibrary.org](http://browncountylibrary.org) for more details.

**Ongoing**

**Family Storytime at Title Town** • Rockwood Terrace, Ashwaubenon. Stories, fingerplays, songs and movement activities for children of all ages with a parent or caregiver. Mondays at 10 a.m., through Feb. 10. Free. Visit [browncountylibrary.org](http://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](http://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](http://comedycity.net)

**COMMUNITY EVENTS/RESOURCES**

**Saturday, Jan. 25**

**Sons of Norway Grønnavik Lodge** • Village Grille, Green Bay. Saturday luncheon and program. 12 p.m. See the Sons of Norway Grønnavik Lodge Facebook page to learn more.

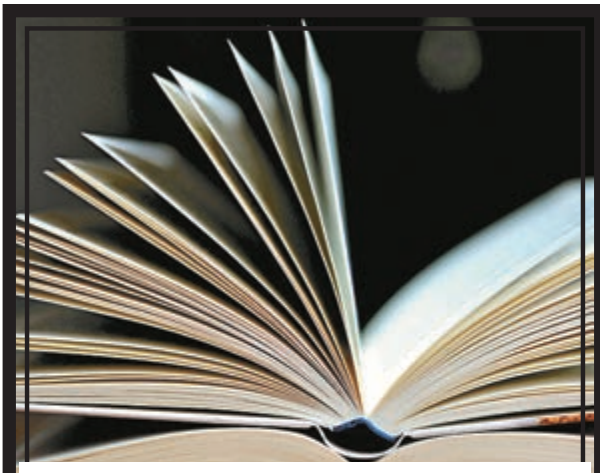
**Tuesday, Jan. 28**

**Bookmobile Stop** • 3700 Dickinson Rd., Ledgeview. Learn about the mobile library and borrow books with your library card. 4:30 p.m. Free. Visit [browncountylibrary.org](http://browncountylibrary.org) for more details.

**Ongoing**

**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](http://browncountylibrary.org) for more details.

**Winter Market on Military** • 725 S Military Ave., Green Bay. Indoor winter farmers' market featuring hand crafted, homemade, locally



**FAMILY STORYTIME AT TITLE TOWN**

**MONDAYS AT 10 A.M., THROUGH FEB. 10. ROCKWOOD TERRACE, ASHWAUBENON.**

Stories, fingerplays, songs and movement activities for children of all ages with a parent or caregiver. Free. Visit [browncountylibrary.org](http://browncountylibrary.org) for more details.

grown and raised products. First and third Saturdays, November-April, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Free admission. Find more details at [militaryave.org](http://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](http://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. Dues are \$20 per year. Prospective members welcome. Visit [gbretiredmensclub.com](http://gbretiredmensclub.com) for more details.

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**De Pere Area Men's Club** • De Pere Community Center, De Pere. Weekly meetings with community speakers. The speaker for Jan. 28 will be John Stiloski, Festival Foods Community Involvement Event Manager. Tuesdays at 9 a.m. Membership dues are \$30 per year. Everyone is welcome. See the De Pere Area Men's Club's Facebook page to learn more.

**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. Tuesdays at 2 p.m. Free. Visit [browncountylibrary.org](http://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](mailto:mpeters@seasgb.org) or call (920) 499-1546 ext. 109 for more information.

**Take Off Pounds Sensibly-TOPS** • Atonement Lutheran Church, Green Bay. Group support for women and men who desire to lose weight and live a healthy life. Thursdays at 7:45 a.m. Visit [tops.org](http://tops.org) for more information.

**Gamblers Anonymous** • Annunciation Parish, Green Bay. 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Thursdays, 9 a.m. Saturdays. Free. Contact Brandon at 920-676-9498 or [greenbaywisconsin.ga.com](http://greenbaywisconsin.ga.com).

**Alcoholics Anonymous** • The Bridge, Green Bay. Free. Find a schedule of meetings and more information at [thebridgeofgb.com](http://thebridgeofgb.com).

**Al-Anon** • Support group for people affected by someone else's drinking. Visit [al-anon.org/meetings](http://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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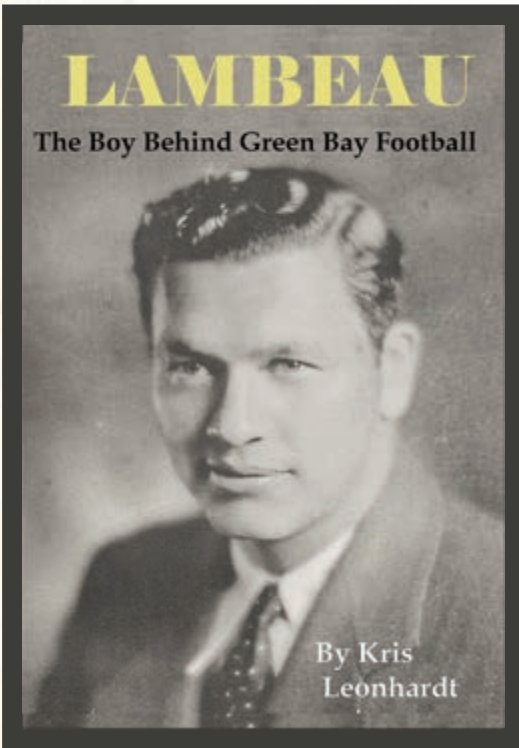
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**BOOK SIGNING**  
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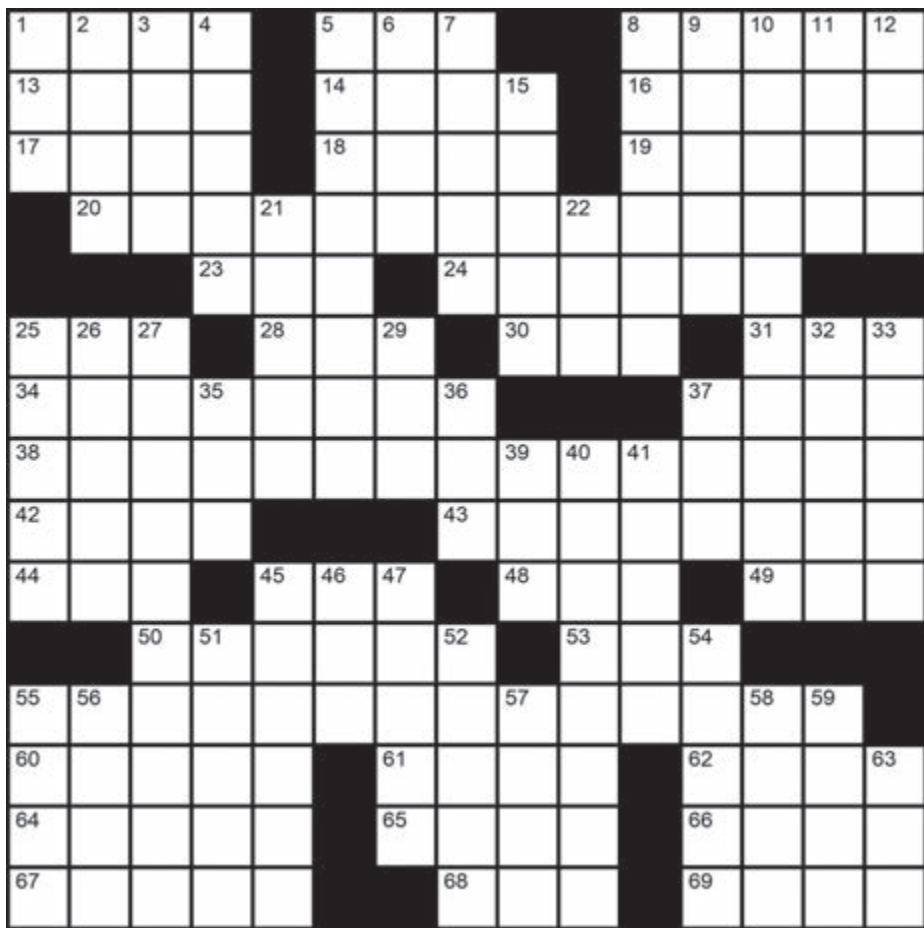
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# HIGHLIGHTS

by Janelle Fisher

## “Zero Stars!” – that’s my rating.



by Matt Jones

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Crossword answers on page 7. No peeking!

### Across

1. “Le Freak” disco group
5. “No \_\_\_!” (“I’ve had enough,” in Spanish)
8. New Testament king/villain
13. Kind of exhaust
14. Japanese sashes
16. South American masa dish that’s doughy when undercooked
17. “Mad Men” award
18. Taverna liqueur that tastes like anise
19. Utensil with small holes
20. Words chosen to be ignored, maybe
23. Manufacturer of bar code scanners and ATMs
24. Large blob
25. Negative decisions
28. Reminder of a debt
30. Monarch in Spain, but not the U.S.
31. Scummy pair?
34. Latin Grammy-nominated Mexican musician \_\_\_ Paz
37. Mango \_\_\_ bowl
38. Like those who don’t get called back
42. 2006-07 NBA MVP Nowitzki
43. Cross
44. Mo. for National Moldy Cheese Day
45. Vainglorious one
48. “\_\_\_ with caution”
49. Agcy. created by Bush
50. “Toxic” singer Britney
53. Acquired
55. “Thanks for being thoughtful”
60. “Love Boat” guest who once said “Many people think I am an idiot. I think I am a genius”
61. He’ll feed you a line
62. “\_\_\_ of Confusion” (Genesis hit)
64. “Charade” director Stanley
65. Tabloid nickname of the “Y’all Ain’t Ready” rapper once married to 50-Across
66. Birth state of seven presidents
67. Mudville’s “mighty” failure at the plate
68. Radio bands with more music than talk
69. Totally insane, like some choices or opinions

### Down

1. Agency founded to help fight malaria, for short
2. Streaming service with “This Fool” and “Tell Me Lies”
3. Comedian and “Love Island” narrator Stirling
4. Bozo, e.g.
5. Clear choice for car enthusiasts?
6. Lie alongside
7. Word with bite or king
8. Barely at all
9. “Wicked” star Cynthia
10. Instructions in a box in the kitchen
11. Libya and Kuwait’s oil org.
12. Truth alternative
15. Island home of Thomas the Tank Engine
21. Allowing no returns, in tennis
22. Pumpkin \_\_\_ (fall beverage)
25. Fresh hairstyle
26. Corrupt, sycophantic courtier in “Hamlet”
27. Makeup of questionable attendance records, maybe
29. Aduba who played Shirley Chisholm in “Mrs. America”
32. Low-lying wetland
33. Building plots
35. Expensive printer fluid
36. Sometimes it’s a bust
37. “Damned dirty” creature of film
39. “Adam Ruins Everything” network \_\_\_TV
40. Argues (with)
41. “\_\_\_ Destruction” (1991 film)
45. More than a misdemeanor
46. Wine barrel wood
47. Puncture from a thorn
51. Gravylike soup
52. Extinguish, with “out”
54. Windbreaker material
55. “Jailbreak” and “Highway to Hell” band
56. “Stop doing that!”
57. Judge
58. The only U.S. location that will ever have a royal palace
59. Minute, hand, or rod, e.g.
63. El jefe’s #2

## Frenzy on the Fox

Friday, Jan. 24 | Fox River Trail/City Deck, Green Bay

Seventh annual event celebrating the Fox River Trail being plowed for winter recreation.

This event is hosted in partnership between the City of Green Bay, Brown County, Village of Allouez, Wello, Friends of the Fox River Trail and Downtown Green Bay, Inc.

Walk, run or bike any distance you choose down the trail and CityDeck.

Enjoy music, refreshments and activities at the 2.5 mile turnaround point — or turn around before or after that point for a shorter or longer race.

Participate in a fun scavenger hunt along the course

Registration is \$20.

Check-in begins at 5:30 p.m. inside Hagemeister Park restaurant.

Find more details and register at [downtowngreenbay.com/do/frenzy-on-the-fox](http://downtowngreenbay.com/do/frenzy-on-the-fox).



## Doctors in Recital

Saturday, Jan. 25 | Weidner Center, Green Bay

Evening of musical performances put on by local physicians.

Tickets start at \$25.

Proceeds from the performance go to Foster the Village, Ecumenical Partnership for Housing, Fort Howard Fife and Drum Corps and the Griffon String Quartet.

The show begins at 7 p.m.

Find more details and purchase tickets at [doctorsinrecital.org](http://doctorsinrecital.org).



## All Canada Show

Jan. 23-26 | Oneida Conference Center, Green Bay

Show featuring Canada’s best fishing and hunting destinations, and includes seminars, maps and travel guides.

Seminars presenters include Jim Crowley, “Jim Crowley Outdoors,” “Slickfish Radio” podcast; Tyler and Sara Trampe, Hosts of “Sportsman’s Journal”; and Dale Stroschein, Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame Angler.

The show will run on Jan. 23 from 5-9 p.m., Jan. 24 from 3-8 p.m., Jan. 25 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Jan. 26 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Tickets are \$14 for adults and free for children 17 and under.

Weekend passes are available for \$20.

Visit [allcanada.com](http://allcanada.com) for more details.



## 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.





# EDITORIAL & OPINION

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## PUBLISHER'S LETTER

### Looking Past; Looking Forward

Dear Reader,

When the love of your life dies, the impact is profound and life-altering. The grief can feel as though it will never subside, and the absence of that person—your partner in all things—casts a shadow over even the smallest moments of your day. The process of losing them, from illness or sudden tragedy to the final goodbye, is one of life's greatest challenges.



After the funeral is over, the loneliness often sets in deeply. Friends and family may surround you for a time, offering kindness and support, but eventually, their lives pull them back to their routines. And there you are, left to grapple with the silence.

Many who experience such a loss have shared how the grief feels inescapable. The memories you shared with your spouse linger everywhere—in your home, your daily habits, and even in the way you think about the world. The ache is particularly acute when something good or bad happens, and you instinctively want to share it with them.

There is no one-size-fits-all answer to coping with such loss. Each person's grief is unique, shaped by the depth of the relationship and the individual personality of the one left behind. However, here are some thoughts that may offer comfort and guidance as you navigate this painful journey.

First, take it one day at a time. It's simple advice, but it holds profound wisdom. In the early days, just getting out of bed and facing the world can feel like a monumental task. Allow yourself to move at your own pace. Don't rush the grieving process or feel pressured to "move on" too quickly. Healing is not linear, and it's okay to have days when the sorrow feels overwhelming.

It's important to lean on others—but also seek to rebuild. Family and friends can provide crucial support, but their lives will naturally continue, and you may find yourself needing to rebuild parts of your own. Consider joining a grief support group where others who've experienced similar losses can share their insights and struggles. Knowing you're not alone in your feelings can be deeply reassuring.

Over time you can find new meaning and purpose. Though it feels impossible at first, try to slowly re-engage with the world. Take up an activity or explore something you've always been curious about. Join a class in art, writing, or history. Volunteer with an organization that aligns with your values. If you're physically able, activities like yoga, gardening, or walking in nature can offer both physical and emotional relief.

You may find some healing in honoring your loved one's memory. Create a ritual or space where you can remember and celebrate your spouse. It might be a small garden, a photo album, or even a weekly moment of reflection. This helps keep them present in your life in a way that feels healthy and comforting, rather than overwhelming.

But don't remain in a constant state of sorrow. Your loved one wouldn't want that. While they may no longer be physically by your side, their love and influence live on in you. Embracing life doesn't mean forgetting them; it means carrying their memory with you as you find joy again.

Take heart, dear reader. Though the journey of loss is painful, it's also a testament to the love you shared. Grief is a long and winding road, but it does not mean your own story is over. It's a new chapter—one you didn't ask for, but one in which you can still find meaning, connection, and even hope.

**PATRICK J. WOOD**  
Publisher

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



## BE OUR GUEST

### Protect your smart devices from extreme cold

FROM USCELLULAR

As temperatures drop, UScellular is reminding smartphone users about the potential effects extreme cold can have on their devices.

While most are aware that high heat can damage smartphones, frigid conditions can be just as problematic, particularly for the lithium-ion batteries that power these devices.

In cold weather, the liquid inside lithium-ion batteries can thicken, causing the battery to lose power more quickly and potentially impacting the functionality of displays, buttons and overall battery life.

Extreme cold can also result in the phone shut-

ting down or malfunctioning entirely until it returns to a warmer environment, which can be dangerous in emergency situations.

"We often think of hot weather as the main source of problems for smart devices, but freezing temperatures can be just as harmful," said Christine Paulsen, director of sales and operations for UScellular in Wisconsin. "Smartphones are essential tools for many people, so it's crucial to keep them safe in harsh weather conditions so they continue to connect you to what matters most."

UScellular offers the following tips to help protect your smartphone:

#### Keep your phone fully charged

Cold weather can cause your battery to drain more quickly, so it's important to keep your device fully charged when traveling. A portable charger is a convenient way to keep your phone powered up throughout the day.

#### Keep your device close to your body

Your body generates natural heat, which can help prevent your phone from freezing up. Store your phone in an inside pocket or a warm area of your coat to shield it from the harsh temperatures.

#### Use a protective case

Just as you wouldn't venture outside without a warm jacket, your phone also needs protection from the elements. A durable case acts as a shield against cold air, protecting both your device's vital exterior and internal components.

#### Allow your device to warm up before use

If your phone does power off in the cold, do not attempt to turn it back on immediately. Give it time to return to room temperature before restarting and never use direct heat sources, such as a blow dryer, to speed up the process, as this could damage the device.

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

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

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

## NEWS BRIEFS

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### Small businesses across Wisconsin can receive free advice and training

WISCONSIN – Small businesses throughout Wisconsin can now receive free advice and training thanks to a new partnership between the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) and the Universities of Wisconsin's Office for Business and Entrepreneurship.

The Main Street Bounceback Technical Assistance and Training Program will provide small businesses with less than 500 employees training ranging from formal business classes to one-on-one consultations with experts in fields such as marketing, financial planning, and human resources.

"Strong communities are the key to a strong economy in Wisconsin, and small businesses are at the center of strong communities," said Missy Hughes, secretary and CEO of WEDC, the state's leading economic development organization. "The resources available through the Universities of Wisconsin's Office for Business & Entrepreneurship, such as the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Network of Wisconsin, are critical to the long-term success, viability, and resilience of our state's small businesses."

The training program builds on the success of WEDC's

popular Main Street Bounceback (MSBB) Grants, which provided \$10,000 grants to nearly 9,400 businesses to help them move into new or expanded spaces in downtowns across the state in 2021 and 2022.

Last year, WEDC and the SBDCs began providing training and technical assistance to MSBB grant recipients.

Beginning this year, those community-based resources are available to all small businesses in Wisconsin, including those that did not receive MSBB grants.

The program offers services and resources that typically cost hundreds or thousands of dollars but will be available at no cost to eligible businesses.

Find more information about the program and eligibility requirements at [business.wisconsin.edu/initiatives/msbb/](http://business.wisconsin.edu/initiatives/msbb/).

### EV Charging Port installed on UW-Green Bay campus

GREEN BAY – As the "original" Eco U, UW-Green Bay is proud to contribute to the sustainability efforts of the city it calls home.

Thanks to a charitable donation from an alumnus, faculty, staff and community members will have a new place to charge their electric vehicles.

Two ChargePoint electric vehicle charging stations will be installed on campus.

The newly built Cort Condon Hall has the first charger in place and a second charger will be installed in The Weidner's Lot A in the coming months.

"As more students are bringing EV and PHEV vehicles to campus, it is exciting to be able to give them the opportunity to charge right here on campus and contribute to the sustainability mission of the university," said Adam Neveau, associate director of Housing and Residential Education.

These new ports elevate the total number of electric vehicle chargers in the Green Bay area to more than 35.

By providing these advanced charging solutions to the

local community, UW-Green Bay is actively promoting the adoption of electric vehicles, thereby reducing tailpipe emissions and fostering a cleaner environment.

The charging ports located on the UW-Green Bay campus are ChargePoint 6000 Series, with Level 2 AC Charging.

All community members are welcome to use the ports, with a small \$0.25/kWh fee charged for usage as mandated by Wisconsin.

Those interested will find waitlisting features, price information and customer support on the ChargePoint app.

### Police presence in Ashwaubenon

ASHWAUBENON – At approximately 4:01 p.m., Ashwaubenon Public Safety Officers were dispatched to 1390 Orlando Drive for a report of an individual screaming from that address. Prior calls to this residence showed a history and violence towards police.

When officers arrived, they met the homeowner at the front door.

The homeowner told police her son was possibly under the influence of drugs.

The son was in the basement, out of control, and damaging property. Officers made verbal contact with the son in the basement.

The son was incoherent and delusional.

The son eventually barricaded himself in a crawl space. Pepper ball deployment and K-9 were initially ineffective in apprehending the individual. Negotiations continued which were ineffective.

Officers were able to make entry to the crawl space and after a brief struggle, the son was safely taken into custody.

The individual was taken by ambulance to a local hospital for medical attention before being transported to the Brown County Jail.

# S'no' fun for some, but ice is nice



## In the Outdoors

BY KEVIN NAZE  
GUEST COLUMNIST

Winter snow-sport enthusiasts have had to go north to the Lake Superior snowbelt or seek the manmade white stuff on local hills so far this season, but ice anglers are smiling.

After back-to-back winters of dicey-at-best conditions, the vast waters of Green Bay are finally starting to lock up.

However, there was a lot of fierce wind to go along with the recent frigid air, so there are still some trouble spots — working cracks, ice shoves and even a few open water pockets — so check with a bait and tackle shop for the latest advice on areas to try, and to avoid.

Yellow perch, northern pike, walleye and burbot have all lured anglers to the bay.

Meanwhile, Lake Michigan tributaries are producing some rainbow trout, browns, pike and panfish and inland lakes are offering panfish, largemouth bass, pike and walleye.

Ice-breaking for Great Lakes ships was still happening on Green Bay earlier this week.

No one should attempt to cross recently frozen-over

shipping lanes between Marinette, Green Bay, Sturgeon Bay and the tip of the Door Peninsula.

In addition, be aware that no matter how thick the ice is, offshore wind events can still move sheets of ice.

### Wetlands grant

The Wisconsin DNR, in partnership with the Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust, used a \$90,000 federal grant to obtain a 22-acre parcel of land on the Point au Sable peninsula, in the Town of Scott north of Green Bay.

The money — from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program — will be used to protect the largest remaining estuarine wetlands complex along the Wisconsin shore of Lake Michigan.

The new acquisition is adjacent to a 206-acre natural area managed by the UW-Green Bay Cofrin Center for Biodiversity.

That makes a total of 228 contiguous acres protected.

Wisconsin has more than 800 miles of coastline, but the shallow, nutrient-rich waters of lower Green Bay support one of the most productive ecosystems in the

Great Lakes.

About 97% of these have been lost, many to development.

Such coastal wetlands help protect from flooding, filter water, support recreation and local economies, and provide habitat for fish and wildlife.

More than 60 species listed as endangered, threatened or species of concern can be found in the Point au Sable peninsula, including the federally endangered rusty patched bumble bee, the northern long-eared bat and the proposed federally threatened monarch butterfly.

The area also supports many songbirds and is a popular fishing and waterfowl hunting destination.

### Write a resolution

It's time to start thinking about citizen resolutions for the annual Conservation Congress spring hearings.

Public resolutions can be submitted now through Feb. 24.

The concern must be of statewide impact; must be practical, achievable and reasonable; and must be within the mission and vision of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress.

Anyone interested in submitting a resolution is encouraged to reach out to the resolution review committee or their WCC County Chair for guidance in drafting a resolution.



Colton Trachte, at right, of Marshfield caught this colorful steelhead (rainbow trout) through the ice on a guided trip on a Lake Michigan tributary with his mom, Jessica and dad, Scott.

Tyler Yunk photo

Learn more at [dnr.wisconsin.gov/about/wcc/springhearing](http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/about/wcc/springhearing).

Online input for this year's hearing is April 14-16.

### Best bird photos

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Macaulay Library archive has more than 67 million photos contributed by birders from around the world.

Some of the best in the past year are featured in the Winter 2025 issue of Living Bird magazine. The photos are separated into themes: Birdlife in Full Bloom; Double Vision; Colors of the Bird World; The Next Generation; Making a Splash; and Rarities.

Get a sneak peek at some of the best at [www.allaboutbirds.org/news/macaulay-librarys-best-bird-photos-2025/](http://www.allaboutbirds.org/news/macaulay-librarys-best-bird-photos-2025/).

### Park sticker contest

High school students can submit original designs for the 2026 Wisconsin State Park vehicle admission passes now through April 30.

Rules, submission guidelines, and tips for a winning design are available at [dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/parks/designcontest](http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/parks/designcontest).

### Salmon school Feb. 8

Author and charter captain Dan Keating and guest speaker charter captain Devon Miller are holding a Salmon School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 8 at the Green Bay Yacht Club.

Registration and more info at [www.captain-dankeating.com](http://www.captain-dankeating.com).

## OBITUARIES



**Adele C. Schneider**  
Adele C. Schneider, 89, of Denmark passed away January 15, 2025, surrounded by her family.

Family and friends may visit at Proko-Wall Funeral Home, 1630 E Mason St. on Sunday, January 19, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. A parish wake service will close the evening at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will continue Monday January 20th at Prince of Peace Catholic Church from 9:00-10:45 a.m. Funeral Mass At 11:00 a.m. at church

with her son, Fr. Kevin Schneider officiating.



**Edward A. La Tour Jr**  
Edward A. La Tour Jr, 75, Green Bay resident passed away surrounded by family at his home on Monday, January 13, 2025, after a heroic fight with cancer.

Per Ed's wishes there will be a Celebration of Life announced at a later date. To send online condolence or see the obituary in its entirety, Please go to: [www.prokowall.com](http://www.prokowall.com)



**Elwin "Woody" Buresh**

Elwin "Woody" Buresh, 87, Green Bay went to his heavenly home on January 17, 2025. Friends may call at the Proko-Wall Funeral Home, 1630 E. Mason St. from 4:00-7:00 pm on Wednesday, January 22. A Parish wake service will end the visitation at 7:00 pm.

Visitation will continue Thursday at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 3425 Willow Rd, from 9:30-10:45a.m. Funeral mass 11:00 am Thursday at the church. To view the obituary in its entirety or Send an online condolence, please go to: [www.prokowall.com](http://www.prokowall.com)



**Paul Trimberger**, 83, Green Bay resident passed away Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at a local hospital following a brief illness.

Friends may call at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church, 312 Victoria St. on Saturday, January 25, from 9:30-10:45a.m. Funeral Mass at 11:00a.m.

To read the obituary in its entirety or send online condolence Please go to: [www.prokowall.com](http://www.prokowall.com)



**Dorothy Anne Mahlock**, age 94, of De Pere, WI, passed away peacefully on January 16, 2025 at St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay, WI

As per Dorothy's wishes, there will be a mass in the Spring of 2025.

**Susan M. Segura**, age 80 of De Pere, WI, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 16, 2025 at Angels Touch Assisted Living in De Pere, WI. Family and friends may gather on Thursday, January 23, 2025 at Cotter Funeral Home, 860 N. Webster Ave., De Pere, WI 54115 from 12:00 pm to 1:45 pm with a Memorial Service at 2:00 pm. Burial will be in Nicolet Memorial Gardens in Green Bay, WI.

## Weekly Fishing Report

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

### Pay attention to your winds when venturing out

The cold weather has Green Bay getting to a point where it looks like we will have a great ice season overall.

One big reminder is that there will be ice breaking and shipping traffic on Green Bay up until the end of January, so that can present ice movement issues when the winds are strong.

Please pay attention to your winds when venturing out.

The Fox River off Voyageur Park has seen reports of 10 inches now this week in most areas.

Continued caution should be advised when venturing out near the river channel.

Anglers continue reporting very good action jigging walleyes in the morning and evening along with a few whitefish mixed in.

Jigging raps and jig/minnow combinations are the most productive, but do not overlook blade baits.

Deadhorse Bay and Suamico both have anglers venturing out on ATVs and snowmobiles.

Most anglers are targeting perch with some mild success.

Tip-downs and box tip-ups with minnows have been the most productive with some fish caught on small plastic and jigging raps actively jigging.

Some anglers using tip-ups and large Golden Shiners are reporting finding a few pike in these areas.

Reports from Volks to Bayshore and up to Red River have been that action has been very good overall for whitefish with above-average numbers being reported most days.

Jigging go-by style plastics and jigging raps tipped with wax worms are being reported as the best tactics.

The perch bite in these areas has been reported as below normal.

Some ATV traffic has been seen around these locations but use caution.

Walleye activity has been slow, but a few decent fish have been reported among guys jigging for whitefish.

Little Sturgeon Bay has around 12 inches of ice; depending on where you are in the bay be diligent and use caution around the points and some rock humps those areas may be less ice formation.

Reports continue of good perch action from anglers.

Tip-downs and box tip-ups with minnows are the best but actively jigging baits, like small spoons tipped with wax worms or jigging raps, have been producing.

Pike anglers continue to report a good tip up bite using large golden shiners around the back areas on Little Sturgeon.

Perch anglers venturing out onto Sawyer Harbor near Sturgeon Bay are also reporting good catches of perch at times using the same tactics.

The Larsons Reef area over the past week has seen thin ice blow out and in several times.

No one has been venturing out there to chase whitefish just yet, but expect those reports to pick up after this week with continued cold weather.

Walking out off Lime Kiln and Big Rock has seen folks having good success with whitefish, but use extreme caution in those areas as several cracks have been working near the shorelines.

Capt. Robert Claus  
FinFanatic Charters  
(920) 360-2904

# LEGALS

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**Howard** WNAXLP  
**The Village of Howard Board of Trustees has received the following new 2024-2025 Class B beer license application:**  
**Establishment Applicant**  
 Las Maracas Restaurant LLC  
 – 2450 Velp Ave. # 102 Green Bay Edgar Gerardo Diaz Solis  
**The Village Board will consider the license application on January 27th, 2025 at 6:30 pm. All license applications are open to public inspection from 7:30 am-5:00 pm, Monday through Thursday Friday 7:30 am to 11:30 am at Howard's Village Hall, 2456 Glendale Avenue.**  
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**STATE OF WISCONSIN  
 CIRCUIT COURT  
 BROWN COUNTY  
 CIVIL DIVISION**

SERVBANK, SB  
 500 SOUTH BROAD STREET, BUILDING 100, SUITE A  
 MERIDEN, CT 06450

Vs.  
 MELISSA L. MOCK  
 PATRICK L. MOCK

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF GREEN BAY C/O NEIGHBOR WORKS

SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT C/O UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

Y & D CORP C/O WILLIAM DORSCH

BCG EQUITIES LLC C/O J ADAM DOBBERSTEIN

**PUBLICATION SUMMONS**  
 Plaintiff Case No. 2024CV001487  
 Judge Presiding  
 Vs. Case Code No. 30404

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN  
 To each person named above as Defendant:

You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. Within 40 days after January 17, 2025, you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is John A Vander-Leest, Clerk of Courts, Brown County Courthouse, 100 S. Jefferson St., Green Bay, WI 54305-3600 and to Michael C. Timothy, Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 30 N. LaSalle St., Suite 3650, Chicago, Illinois 60602. You may have an attorney help represent you.

If you do not demand a copy of the complaint within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC  
 Attorney for Plaintiff  
 /s/ Michael C. Timothy  
 Michael C. Timothy  
 State Bar No. 1032915  
 Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC  
 30 N. LaSalle St., Suite 3650  
 Chicago, Illinois 60602  
 Ph. 312-541-9710  
 Fax 312-541-9711  
 Dated: January 9, 2025  
**Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (15**

Legals 7700

**U.S.C. Section 1692), we are required to state that we are attempting to collect a debt on our client's behalf and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.**  
 Publish 01.17.25, 01.24.25 & 01.31.25 WNAXLP

**STATE OF WISCONSIN,  
 CIRCUIT COURT,  
 BROWN COUNTY**

Plaintiff(s):  
 Lebakken Inc of WI DBA  
 Lebakken Rent to Own  
 318N. Military Avenue  
 Green Bay, WI 54303

-vs-  
 Defendant(s):  
 Randall Ross Beaulieu  
 2012 Vine St Apt A  
 Green Bay, WI 54302

**Publication Summons and Notice (Small Claims)**

Case No. 2024SC006507  
 If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 920-448-4155 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

**Publication Summons and Notice of Filing TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S):**

You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. The lawsuit will be heard in the following small claims court:

Brown County Courthouse  
 Telephone Number of clerk of court: 920-448-4155  
 Courtroom/Room Number: Courtroom B  
 Address: 100 S. Jefferson Street Green Bay, WI 54303 on the following date and time:  
 Date: 01/31/25  
 Time: 1:15 p.m.

**If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you.** A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court **before** the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county.  
 Plaintiff/Attorney  
 Rachel Hansen  
 Date 01/14/25  
 Law Firm and Address  
 318 N. Military Avenue  
 Green Bay, WI 54303  
 Plaintiff's/Attorney's Telephone Number 920-288-8960  
 Publish 01/24/25 WNAXLP

**STATE OF WISCONSIN,  
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-vs-  
 Defendant(s):  
 Marcella Aurora Gamonal  
 528 Madison St  
 Reedsville, WI 54203

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Legals 7700

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**STATE OF WISCONSIN  
 CIRCUIT COURT  
 BROWN COUNTY**

Summit Credit Union  
 Plaintiff,

v.  
 Jennifer Silva Vazquez  
 XYZ Unknown Defendants ,  
 Defendants.  
 Case No. 24CV1737  
 Code No. 30301

**PUBLICATION SUMMONS**

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN  
 To each person named above as a Defendant:  
**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis for the legal action. Within 40 days after January 24, 2025, of receiving this Summons, you must respond with a written Answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an Answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The Answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is Clerk of Circuit Court, Brown County Courthouse, 100 S. Jefferson St, PO Box 23600, Green Bay WI 5305-3600, and to Plaintiff's attorney, whose mailing address is PO Box 1473, Wausau, Wisconsin 54402-1473. You may have

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an attorney help or represent you. If you do not provide a proper Answer within 40 days after January 24, 2025, the Court may grant Judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A Judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.  
 Dated this 14th day of January, 2025.  
 Bates Legal Group, LLC,  
 Attorney for Plaintiff  
 By: /s/ Attorney Justin J. Bates  
 Justin J. Bates  
 State Bar No. 1066128  
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Seymour WNAXLP

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS  
 CITY OF SEYMOUR  
 Outagamie County,  
 Wisconsin**

**OWNER** - The City of Seymour, acting through its Common Council, hereby gives notice that sealed Bids will be received online for the following described project.  
**PROJECT** - The work shall consist of construction of a new wastewater treatment facility headworks, influent pump and piping replacement, new emergency backup power system, and electrical, controls and SCADA improvements.  
 Bids will be received on the following Contract:

**Contract No. S0002-09-22-00673 WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY PHASE I IMPROVEMENTS TIME** - Sealed Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., local time, on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, via QuestCDN vBIDTM, at which time all Bids will be publicly opened. An email will be sent to all plan holders with instructions for viewing the online Bid opening prior to the Bid date.

**BIDS** - All Bids shall be submitted online via QuestCDN eBidDocTM . Contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. All Bidders shall Bid in accordance with and upon the Bid Forms online.

**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](http://www.mcmgrp.com)) utilizing QuestCDN eBidDocTM . Complete digital Bidding Documents are available at [www.mcmgrp.com](http://www.mcmgrp.com) or [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com). Digital Bidding Documents may be downloaded for a non-refundable **\$40.00** by inputting **Quest Project No. 9499903** on the website's Project Search page. On-line bid submission for this project for a non-refundable **\$55.00**. Contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working

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with this digital project information.  
**BID SECURITY** - No Bid shall be received unless accompanied by a Certified Check or satisfactory Bid Bond payable to the City of Seymour in an amount not less than **10%** 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 City of Seymour.  
**WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS** - No Bid shall be withdrawn for a period of **30-days** after the scheduled opening without the consent of the OWNER.  
**MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING & PROJECT WALK-THROUGH** - A Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting and Project Walk-Through will be held Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the City of Seymour Wastewater Treatment Facility, 445 Municipal Drive, Seymour, WI 54165. All Bidders are required to attend.  
**GOVERNING LAWS & REGULATIONS** - The Contract letting shall be subject to the provisions of Sections 66.0901, 66.0903 and 779.16 of the Wisconsin Statutes.  
**WAGE RATE DETERMINATIONS** - The CONTRACTOR shall be required to pay not less than the Wage Rates established for the project by the City of Seymour, and/or the State of Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Department Of Labor - Davis-Bacon, and pay wages at rates not less than the highest rate noted for each trade. Copies of the applicable Wage Rates are on file with the OWNER and/or incorporated in the Contract Documents.  
**WISCONSIN CLEAN WATER FUND** - Any Contract or Contracts awarded under this Advertisement For Bids is expected to be funded in part from the Wisconsin Clean Water Fund (CWF). This procurement will be subject to regulations contained in NR.162, Wisconsin Administrative Code and appropriate State Statutes. This project has not been designated a **Federal Equivalency** project.  
**DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES** - The City of Seymour encourages Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE), including Minority-Owned Businesses (MBE) and Women-Owned Businesses (WBE), to submit Bids. Any Contract or Contracts awarded under this Advertisement For Bids shall demonstrate positive efforts to utilize Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Businesses. This procurement will be subject to regulations contained in NR.162.  
**AMERICAN IRON & STEEL** - It shall be mandatory for the CONTRACTOR(s), including any Subcontractor, to comply with all requirements of Federal HR 3547, 'Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014', specifically Division G, Title IV, as it pertains to the use of American Iron and Steel. Published by the authority of the City of Seymour, acting through its Common Council.  
**CITY OF SEYMOUR**  
 Outagamie County, Wisconsin  
 Dates: January 24, 2025  
 January 31, 2025 WNAXLP

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**Suamico** WNAXLP  
**VILLAGE OF SUAMICO ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**  
 Sealed bids for 2025 Pond Dredging Project will be received by the Village of Suamico, at the Village Municipal Services Center, 12781 Velp Ave, Suamico, Wisconsin 54313, until 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 29, 2025, local time, and shall include the following schedule of approximate quantities: 495 CY – Pond Dredging & Disposal of Material 800 TON – 12" Riprap Placement  
 Misc. Erosion Control, Landscaping, & Restoration  
 The project is scheduled to be completed by **Friday, August 29, 2025**.  
 Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.  
 The Bidding Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Instructions to Bidders, General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions, Bid Bond, Agreement, Payment and Performance Bonds, Notice of Award, Certificate of Substantial Completion, and Drawings and Specifications, may be examined at the following location of the issuing office: Village of Suamico Municipal Services Center 12781 Velp Ave Suamico, WI 54313  
 Bidding and the award of work will be in accordance with the provisions of Section 61.55 and 66.0901. Pursuant to Section 66.0903, Wisconsin Statutes, the minimum wages to be paid on the construction shall be in accordance with the wage rate scale established by the State of Wisconsin, Department of Workforce Development included in the specifications. Each proposal must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or Certified Check equivalent to 5% of the maximum proposal.  
 The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive or not waive any informalities in the bids received, and to accept any proposal which they deem most favorable to the interest of the Owner. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 150 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.  
 Complete digital project bidding documents are available at [www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com). Bidders shall download the digital plan documents for \$30.00 by inputting **9477428** on the website's project search. Please contact QuestCND at 952-233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. No paper plan sets will be provided. Please contact us at 920-434-8410 if you have any questions.  
 Andy Smits, Director of Public Works  
 Village of Suamico  
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**Suamico** WNAXLP

**VILLAGE OF SUAMICO ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Sealed bids for the 2025 Roadway Reconstruction Project will be received by the Village of Suamico at the Municipal Services Center, 12781 Velp Avenue, Suamico, WI 54313, until 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 12th, 2025, local time, and shall include the following approximate quantities: 12250 TON – Asphaltic Concrete Pavement 19450 SY – Milled and Removed Asphalt 14000 LF – Pulverize Existing Asphalt Pavement

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25275 LF – Aggregate Base Course for Shoulders  
200 CY – Roadway Excavation  
245 TON – Base Aggregate  
395 LF – 18" Curb and Gutter  
3055 LF – 24" Curb and Gutter  
41 EA – Manhole Adjustments  
Misc. Culverts & Restoration

The project is scheduled to be completed by **Friday, August 29th, 2025.**

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on Wednesday, February 12th, 2025.

The Bidding Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Instructions to Bidders, General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions, Bid Bond, Agreement, Payment and Performance Bonds, Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Addenda, Certificate of Substantial Completion, and Drawings and Specifications, may be examined at the following locations:

Village of Suamico Municipal Services Center  
12781 Velp Ave  
Suamico, WI 54313

Bidding and the award of work will be in accordance with the provisions of Section 61.55 and 66.0901.

Pursuant to Section 66.0903, Wisconsin Statutes, the minimum wages to be paid on the construction shall be in accordance with the wage rate scale established by the State of Wisconsin, Department of Workforce Development included in the specifications.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a Bid bond or certified check equivalent to 5% of the maximum proposal. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive or not waive any informalities in the bids received, and to accept any proposal, which they deem most favorable to the interest of the Owner.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 150 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Complete digital project bidding documents are available at

[www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com). Bidders shall download the digital plan documents for \$30.00 by inputting **Quest project # 9497774** on the website's Project Search. Please contact QuestCND.com at 952-233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. No paper plan sets will be provided. Please contact us at 920-434-8410 if you have any questions.

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**Meetings and Public Hearings 7720**

**Hobart** WNAXLP

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Absentee Voting to be Administered at Emerald Bay Retirement Community**

From 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
On Monday, February 3, 2025 at

650 Centennial Centre Blvd  
Hobart, WI 54155

Special Voting Deputies appointed by the Village of Hobart will be administering absentee voting for the residents of this facility for the February 18, 2025 Election at the above times and place. Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may request to vote an absentee ballot. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, who has resided in the ward or municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election. The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot.

**Meetings and Public Hearings 7720**

Only observers from each of the two recognized political parties whose candidates for governor or president received the greatest number of votes in the municipality at the most recent general election may accompany the deputies to each facility where absentee voting will take place. The observers may observe the process of absentee ballot distribution in the common areas of the home, facility, or complex. Each party wishing to have an observer present shall submit the name of the observer to the clerk or board of election commissioners no later than the close of business on the last business day prior to the visit.

Family members of residents may be present at the time of voting.

If you have further questions, please contact:

Lisa Vanden Heuvel, Clerk  
Village of Hobart  
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Hobart, WI 54155  
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**Announcements 7005**



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**Miscellaneous Sales 7212**

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[www.bobandrocco.com](http://www.bobandrocco.com)

**Auctions 7282**

**STORAGE UNIT FOR AUCTION:** Autumn Dunn, Storage unit C1 for auction. Located at 1875 County Rd U, Green Bay, WI. Auction will be online at [storageauctions.com](http://storageauctions.com) concluding 02/10/2025 at 1PM. Pleasant Valley 715-226-6200

**STORAGE UNIT FOR AUCTION:** Steven Agamaite, storage units 187 and 189 for auction. Located at 3410 Delmar Lane, Green Bay, WI. Auctions will be held online at [www.storageauctions.com](http://www.storageauctions.com) concluding on 02/10/2024 at 1PM. Pleasant Valley 715-226-6200

**Miscellaneous Merchandise 7266**

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PRESENTS **Senior Spotlight**

**Luka Azzolina, Bay Port High School, swimming, cross country**

**Parents' names:** Julie and Nick  
**Siblings:** Dominick and Sophia  
**Position or events:** I mainly swim the 200 IM and the 100 backstroke.  
**Career Highlight:** Making high school swim State.

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

I started swimming competitively at around age eight.

**Who introduced you to the sport?**

My sister started swimming and it sort of became a family sport for us.

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

I initially didn't enjoy swimming because of how much hard work it was. However, later in life I learned to enjoy the physical struggle that swimming is.

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

As I progressed through high school, the difficulty only increased. Once I reached senior year, I had to become a lot more organized and focused with my academics if I wanted to make time for swimming.

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

My favorite part about this sport was the physical intensity associated with it. A lot of times I would get in the pool and complete a set that I didn't even think I



Azzolina

could do. The feeling of accomplishment that I would gain from each practice helped me learn to love the sport. Additionally, I was able to do so with such a great group of people.

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

I admire Michael Phelps because he was a very tough competitor and made an epic comeback.

**What would you say is your biggest asset as an athlete?**

My biggest asset as an athlete is my mental fortitude.

**What has been your most memorable experience in high school sports so far?**

My most memorable experience in high school sports was the sectional

swim meet in Neenah during my junior year. This swim meet was so memorable because it is what a large portion of our team is working towards, and it felt good to be a part of the competitive group. Not only that, but all the hard work my teammates and I put in paid off during that meet.

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

Looking back throughout high school, I really do believe that I've grown significantly not through just my swimming skills, but as a person, too. Through my swim, I've learned how to push through any challenge that I am presented with. I've found out how to not only use this in the

pool, but in every other aspect of life. I find that I can complete daily tasks much easier than when I was a freshman.

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

I will usually just try to listen to a song to get me ready. There's no specific song, it's just whatever can get me going.

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

I usually just try to keep myself properly conditioned for such a rigorous sport. I try to cross-train as much as I can, whether it's running, weight training or calisthenics.

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

I'd like to give a shoutout to my high school swimming coach Jim Schilz, my club swim coach Connor Huff, and my former club coach Dave Korst. I'd also like to acknowledge everyone who has swam with me, we push each other every day.

**Any hobbies outside of sports?**

I enjoy traveling to new places and exploring nature.

**Favorite song?**

"Jojo" by Boz Scaggs.

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

I drink Powerade for recovery and water during my workout.

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

I plan to pursue a career in the military with a focus on engineering.

**St. Norbert bounces back with strong final period**

**BY SNC ATHLETICS FOR THE PRESS TIMES**

**MEQUON** – A resurgent St. Norbert College got back to winning ways, shutting down Concordia University Wisconsin 3-0 in a Northern Collegiate Hockey Association game at Ozaukee Ice Center.

The Green Knights (13-4, 8-2 NCHA) scored three goals in the third period, with Blake Ulve netting two redirect shots from Dayton Deics in powerplay situations.

After two scoreless periods where the Green Knights outshot the Falcons 37-13, Ulve finally broke the

stalemate with a powerplay goal at 10:39 off assists from Deics and Braden Lindstrom. The Deics and Ulve connection would continue as they both combined for a second powerplay goal at 16:25. Carter Hottman would put the game to bed with a shorthanded goal and an empty net at 18:02.

Making his first collegiate start, freshman goaltender Vaughn Makar kept a clean sheet with 22 saves, including 18 stops in the final two periods.

Hottman led St. Norbert in shots with nine, while Ulve had five. The Green Knights outshot the Falcons 48-22. Ulve and Deics

finished with multi-point games, with Ulve scoring his second and third goals of the season.

Gabe Rosek was forced to make 45 stops for the Falcons.

St. Norbert went 2-for-4 on the powerplay, while Concordia Wisconsin went 0-for-5.



SNC men's hockey beat Concordia Wisconsin 3-0 after a strong final period.  
Patrick Ferron/SNC Athletics photo

**Income Taxes 7302**

**AARP Foundation Tax-Aide - Free Tax Preparation in Green Bay:** Low- to moderate-income taxpayers can get their Federal and Wisconsin tax returns done free of charge beginning February 2025. Our six Green Bay sites are staffed by IRS certified volunteers with the training to complete most individual tax returns. AARP membership is not required. All tax preparation is by appointment only. In Green Bay call: 920-393-7863 for an appointment.

## Bay Area Ice Bears victorious over Fox City Stars



Faye Brunke on a breakaway leading to the game's first score to put the Ice Bears out in front.



Bay Area Ice Bears' Mya Sheppard from De Pere High School on defense in their Saturday night victory over the Fox Cities Stars. See gopresstimes.com for full gallery.



Hannah Von Haden from Preble High School in action Saturday Night Fox Cities. The Ice Bears saw a 3-1 victory at the Tri-County Ice Arena. Jason Coisman photos

## Bay Port Pirates sink Preble Hornets



Green Bay Preble's Shelly Gorecki brings the ball up the court against Bay Port Forward Olivia Williams Friday night in the Pirates' 69-50 victory over the Hornets. Jason Coisman photos



Green Bay Preble's Jada Raeder works around Bay Port's Mia McDermid Friday night at Preble High School. For complete gallery see gopresstimes.com.



Bay Port's Madeline Lewitzke makes a pass into the post around Preble defender Jada Raeder Friday night.

## Green Bay battles but falls late to Youngstown State

BY GREEN BAY ATHLETICS FOR THE PRESS TIMES

GREEN BAY – Sunday afternoon's game between the Green Bay men's basketball team and the Youngstown State (YSU) Penguins came down to the wire, with the Penguins edging out the Phoenix, 73-69.

The Phoenix (2-18, 0-9) had four players score in double figures, led by Yonatan Levy, who had a career-high 18 points on 5-of-7 shooting.

Ryan Wade tacked on a season-high 14 points off the bench and Jeremiah Johnson chipped in as well with 12 points and seven rebounds.

Preston Ruedinger also finished with 10 points and four assists.

Cris Carroll led the way for the Penguins, putting up 24 points and eight rebounds. Nico Galette had a double-double, 17 points and 10 rebounds.

### How it started

After falling behind 18-17, Green Bay went on a 7-0 run with 7:22 left in the first half, culminating in a three from Ryan Wade to take a 24-18 lead. YSU cut into that lead before the half, as Green Bay went into the locker room up 31-29.

The Phoenix started the



The Phoenix men's basketball battled in a close game with Youngstown State that resulted in a 73-69 loss for Green Bay. Green Bay Athletics photo

second half hot, going on an 8-1 run in the first three minutes of the second half to take a 39-30 lead. The Penguins responded and cut the lead to three with a 6-0 run of their own immediately after.

However, the Phoenix would once again build that lead after getting to the free throw line seven times in a two-minute stretch.

After a pair of made free throws from Marcus Hall with 9:36 to go, the Phoenix led by a score of 59-48.

That 11-point lead didn't last long, as a 10-2 Penguin run brought the game back to within three.

From there, the two teams traded baskets down the stretch and YSU came out the victor, 73-69.

### Game notes

The Phoenix shot well from three point range,

knocking down six of 13 long range attempts (44.4%)

The Phoenix shared the ball well, recording an assist on 74 percent of made field goals.

Yonatan Levy has scored in double figures in two out of his four games played.

YSU won the battle of the boards 30-25.

Green Bay finished the game with 16 turnovers to the Penguins seven.

### On the Horizon

The Phoenix then had a quick turnaround with another home game at the Resch Center on Wednesday, Jan. 22, against IU Indy.

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

# Season-high from Genke gets Green Bay past Golden Grizzlies

BY GREEN BAY ATHLETICS FOR THE PRESS TIMES

GREEN BAY – Callie Genke racked up a season-high 22 points to help the Green Bay women’s basketball team defeat Oakland 69-39 on Saturday afternoon.

Natalie McNeal added 18 more for the Phoenix (15-5, 8-1 HL), while Jenna Guyer chipped in off the bench with 10 points.

Cassie Schiltz tallied another nine. Green Bay’s win streak moved to eight consecutive.

Oakland (7-11, 5-4 HL) was led by Dani Grim’s 15 points. She was the only Golden Grizzly to reach double figures.

## How it happened

Green Bay rushed out to a 9-0 lead in the first 3:07 of the game, capped by a layup from Jasmine Kondrakiewicz. Oakland called timeout and responded with a 14-4 run before McNeal scored to stop the bleeding. Genke set up the score with a steal before Bailey Butler assisted McNeal’s layup, sending Green Bay into the second quarter leading 15-14. Green Bay played exceptionally in the second frame, shooting 8-of-13 as a team. The Phoenix defense stymied Oakland’s offense for just 1-of-9 shooting and four points in the stanza, entering the halftime break with a 35-18 advantage.

The Golden Grizzlies came out of the locker room much better on offense, but the Phoenix went shot-for-shot to keep its distance on the scoreboard. Genke tal-



Genke’s season-high helped the Phoenix past the Golden Grizzlies in their game on Jan. 18. **Green Bay Athletics photo**

lied five points and Guyer had four points in the period, helping Green Bay carry a 53-32 lead into the fourth quarter. Green Bay again played solid defense in the fourth period, holding Oakland to just 3-of-15 from the field. A layup by Schiltz with 3:35 remaining in regulation extended the lead to 30, which ended up being the difference on the scoreboard as Green Bay blew out Oakland 69-39.

## Game notes

The Phoenix held the Golden Grizzlies to only 30.2% shooting from the field.

Green Bay had a 37-29 edge on the boards in the win.

Green Bay’s defense forced 16 turnovers, turning it into 19 points.

The Phoenix dished out 23 assists, the third-most in a game this season.

McNeal recorded a game-high of eight rebounds.

## Coming up

Green Bay jumped back on the road to face Wright State (Thursday, 6 p.m.) and will take on Northern Kentucky (Saturday, 1 p.m.).

Green Bay’s next home game is Thursday, Jan. 30, against Cleveland State.

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

## UECKER

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he received the privilege of returning the tee at a Wisconsin Badgers Football Game.

I won’t mention the team’s name, but one of the opponent’s players decided that it would be funny to run out in front of my nephew and steal the tee away before he had a chance to grab it.

Needless to say, this did not go over very well for the young boy who lived for sports and highly anticipated the moment he would be able to run out on the

Wisconsin Badgers football field.

Seeing how devastated he was, I thought of the man that my nephew looked up to at the time — the man he referred to as “Bob Uecker.”

I wrote a letter to Uecker telling him of my nephew’s devastating experience.

Within a week, my nephew received a package of memorabilia in the mail with a note from Uecker.

The fact that Uecker went out of his way to help cheer my nephew did not surprise me, it was the speed in which he did it and the note that touched my heart.

From that day forward, I’ve had a great deal of respect for him.

Two media commitments have brought me within proximity of the longtime announcer since that day, and I’ve watched him take time to be present when meeting fans.

Uecker was a class act and a great role model for our state.

Someone will be able to fill his role, but I doubt that anyone can fill his shoes.

So long to my favorite boy of summer.

*Kris Leonhardt*  
Editor-in-chief

## LEMORANDE

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a successful AAU season in the summer of 2024 and has been a huge part of Bay Port’s turnaround this season.

“I never really had any fear of returning,” she said. “I told myself, ‘If I was going to tear my ACL again, it was going to happen.’ I just didn’t want to be sitting on the bench anymore. I trusted my rehab and have come back strong. I came back about eight and a half months after the injury, which is earlier than they usually let you.”

Lemorande said she has a lot of people to thank for getting back on the court.

“I’d like to thank the team at Bellin Health and Athletic Trainer Nick Win-

kler,” she said. “They were a huge part of the process. Nick still helps out the high school team.”

## Recruiting heating up

Even during her rehab, Lemorande said she received an offer to continue her athletic career in college.

“In about month seven of my rehab, I got a Division II offer from Maryville University in Missouri,” she said. “That was huge because they took a chance on me despite not seeing me play for like a year. That was a super big thing for my confidence.”

Lemorande said she also has a Division II offer from Northern Michigan University in Marquette.

“That one came in late last summer after I attend-

ed an elite camp,” she said.

Perhaps most impressively, Lemorande has a Division I offer from the UW-Milwaukee.

“I still have time,” she said. “I’d estimate by the end of my AAU season this summer, I’ll make a decision. I’ll nail down more what I want to study and then decide.”

Lemorande said for now, she’s staying positive and hoping to help deliver some more wins for the Pirates.

“For anyone going through an ACL tear, nothing anyone can say will make you feel better because it sucks,” she said. “It’s probably one of the worst things I’ll ever go through athletically, but it gets better, and you will eventually be stronger than you were.”

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players as well. We’ve even had some guys that have played minor league pro,” said Clifford.

The Deacons are a part of the Great Lakes Hockey League — including 10 teams — and play in a competitive division facing multiple teams across the Midwest.

Throughout their season, the Deacons face a team from Green Bay, two teams from Madison, Fond Du Lac, Fox Cities, Eagle River, Moosinee, two teams out of Michigan and the most recent addition to the league — a team out of Marinette.

Though the level of competition is high, Clifford said that making a commitment to the team is feasible due to their reasonable schedule.

“We have students that are going to St. Norbert and tech schools to people that have full time jobs. We practice one day a week — every Wednesday night from 9:30-10:30 p.m. at the De Pere Ice Arena. We’ve been practicing there every Wednesday night since 1977 — we are 47 years into this,” said Clifford.

According to Clifford, the team is made up of relatively experienced players who are looking to continue their athletic career on the ice in an opportunity outside of a collegiate or professional setting.

“It depends on the individual but typically the level of competition is for someone who excelled as a high school player. If they played junior, college, or some club level, those people tend to do very well for us. We can have 30 people on the roster but only suit up 20 per game, so we don’t often cut unless it’s clear that someone can get hurt because they aren’t ready to play for us. It’s full-check so this is one of the unique things about it. It’s not like a men’s league or bar league. It’s pretty competitive hockey and some people don’t realize how big it really is,” said Clifford.

Clifford said that because the league is considered amateur, it does not interfere with a college athlete’s eligibility at all. Though the athletes do not get paid, Clifford said they are well taken care of.

“We help pay for things like gas money when needed. We have our own locker room. We provide tape, hotel rooms on the road and bus rides,” said Clifford.

Many of the players on the Deacons have found the team through social media and are often recruited to play or proved their ability through their annual tryout.

“We have tryouts every year in October. We recruit through the high schools and through social media. We have a Facebook page and Instagram. We have a network that we work with of existing and former hockey players,” said Clifford.

“We typically start play-



The De Pere Deacons recently earned a display case at the Wisconsin Hockey Hall of Fame in Eagle River, commemorating their several championships and long history. **Submitted photo**

ing games at the end of November and go through the end of March. Our league tournament is always the first week of April.”

## Clifford’s story

As the vice president/director of operations for the Deacons, Clifford is extremely dedicated to seeing the success of the program.

“I played with the Deacons from 1944-88. I left for many years and did my corporate thing — I was President and General Manager of Sherwin Williams for 34 years. I retired in 2022 and I’ve been back with the team for about three or four years now as vice president of hockey operations. I wanted to get back into it and I’ve coached a lot and been involved in hockey my whole life, so I help with recruiting a little bit now, too” said Clifford.

Clifford has experienced and witnessed success on the ice for the Deacons in their 18 championships over their 47 years of operation.

“We have an enclosed glass case with all of our memorabilia from our inception in 1977 at the Wisconsin Hockey Hall of Fame in Eagle Rive. We have old jerseys, trophies, newspaper articles, pictures of the teams that have won the Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association Championships which we have won five of, and Badger State Hockey Championships which we have won eight of. We also won five Great Lakes Championships and a National Championship.”

Most recently, the De Pere Deacons won the Great Lakes Hockey Tournament Championship in 2021.

## How it all runs

“We are a 501c3 non-profit organization. We have a handful of ways to raise our own money. We charge each player \$400 to play. They can offset that \$400 by selling ads in our program. That’s one of the biggest ways that we raise money. We put together a program that we sell at the games for \$2. We contact businesses to buy ads in the programs and we get a fair amount of revenue through that,” said Clifford.

“We also have a raffle we do every year that is a good money-maker for us. We get money from the gate, average beer, soda and water sales at the games and apparel. We have a couple corporate sponsors that help us out as well. We operate on a \$30,000 per year budget so it’s pretty skinny, but we’ve made it work for a long time.”

However, the Deacons are also always looking to the community for their support as well.

“We’re always looking for sponsorship or donations. We’ve been a part of the community going on 48 years,” said Clifford.

As the team looks towards expanding their 4-2 record going deeper into the 2024-25 season, they will also be looking for new athletes and fresh talent in the fall for their next season as well.

For more information on the De Pere Deacons, visit their website, [deperedeacons.com](http://deperedeacons.com) or their Facebook and Instagram pages.

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## Lemorande coming back strong after ACL tear

BY RICH PALZEWIC  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

SUAMICO – It's not often that a star high school athlete will admit that maybe a season-ending injury might have actually been a good thing, but Melia Lemorande, a junior on the Bay Port girls basketball team, is taking the positive approach.

The 6-foot-1 Lemorande is averaging north of 20 points per game this season in her return from an ACL tear in her left knee on July 19, 2023.

After being forced to sit out the entire 2023-24 season, all Lemorande could do was be a teammate/spectator on the Pirates' bench last year.

"Weirdly — this is hard to admit — the injury was good for me," she said. "I wouldn't wish an ACL tear on anybody, but before my injury, I hated weightlifting. Though I still don't love it, it's no longer as bad as it used to be for me. My body is now stronger and I'm more balanced — I don't fall over as much."

Lemorande said the injury has also helped her mental game.

"ACL tears are an epidemic in girls' sports," she said. "Everywhere you look, it seems to be happening — there's almost like this 'community' of girls who have torn their ACL. It's nice to relate to people like that and tell other girls who are experiencing it, 'Hey, I went through this, and I want you to know it's going to be alright — there's light at the end of the tunnel.'"

Lemorande said she also noticed another positive while sitting on the bench last season and watching Bay Port suffer through a 7-18 campaign.

"There's no sugar-coating — it was one of the worst things ever sitting and watching my teammates," she said. "I so wanted to be out there, but not playing and only watching helped me look at things through more of a coach's perspective and see the floor more. It even helps me now to where I know where people are, and my court awareness is



Bay Port's Melia Lemorande is currently averaging more than 20 points per game in her return from an ACL tear in the summer of 2023. In the Pirates' game against the Preble Hornets on Jan. 18, Lemorande had 30 points. **Jason Coisman photo**

a lot better than it used to be. Part of that is from watching and not playing. I was forced to watch and learn."

Lemorande didn't come back into varsity basketball this season without some experience, though.

In her freshman year at Bay Port, she played in all 25 contests and averaged 9.2 points per game.

"Things are definitely looking a lot better this season so far with the team," Lemorande said. "Last year was kind of our rebuild year. It was a bit rough, but we have bounced back from that. This year (through 14 games), we've already had more wins than all of last season. We're definitely taking big steps at getting better."

Through Jan. 20 games, Bay Port — which is coached by Lemorande's dad, Adam — is 9-5 overall and 6-3 in Fox River Classic Conference play.

### The injury

Lemorande said she will never forget that fateful day on July 19, 2023.

"I was actually at a volleyball open gym," she said. "It was a summer contact day, so it was a longer practice. It happened during the last 10 minutes of practice when I went up for a block and somebody across the net was hitting and landed before me. When I landed, I landed on their foot and my leg kind of locked and straightened."

After the practice, Lemorande said she drove to Minnesota to play in an AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) tournament.

"After it happened, I wouldn't say it was the worst pain I've ever felt," she said. "It was probably a five out of a 10, but I was scared because I had known other people who had gone through it. I went to the tournament, but obviously, I didn't play because I couldn't get off the ground and jump."

Though Lemorande still hadn't gotten confirmation she had torn her ACL, she said she already knew in her mind.

"I was already mentally preparing myself," she said. "When the MRI confirmed things, I had surgery on August 10."

Three or four months after the surgery, Lemorande said she was already doing some light jogging and jumping.

"At that point, I felt like I could get back out there," she laughed. "But obviously, that's not how it works."

After being totally cleared by her Bellin Health medical professionals to resume all activities, Lemorande had

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### FROM THE EDITOR

## Losing my favorite 'boy of summer'

It's the first warm spring day in May and the Milwaukee Brewers have a day game, the window is open and as the warm breeze flows in, you hear Bob Uecker say, "And the 'petch'..."

The atmosphere is one of comfort and familiarity that Brewers fans will never experience again after the recent passing of Uecker.

The longtime Brewers announcer was a constant in many a fan's life from the day they were old enough to attend a game or turn on the radio.

And it's not just the fans.

Seasoned Central Wisconsin broadcaster/Packerland Co-editor Mike Warren, who has spent three decades calling sports, said that Uecker had a large influence on his style and sound.

"I remember my mom asking me one day, 'Are you trying to sound like Bob Uecker or does it just come out of you?' And I'm like, 'You know, I'm not trying. It's just, you know, he was part of your subconscious.' If you're a broadcaster, you just can't help having him in your



Bob Uecker, left, takes a moment to visit with Mike Warren in the bowels of what was then Miller Park in 2018. **Kris Leonhardt photo**

brain somewhere, and that was the impact I think he's had on a lot of us over the years," Warren told Bill Michaels on Jan. 16, the day Uecker's passing was publicly announced by the Brewers.

"He's the voice you hear in your head when you're watching a baseball game and calling one on the air. And for me, it will forever be there and it's just a memory that I have of him.

"And the game itself was a total by-product of what you were hearing on the radio, just stories of him traveling on trains and busses between games and stuff like that. It took you to an era that obviously most of us didn't live through. And so it brought life to a game that existed before we were even here, which was just phenomenal."

For me, my thoughts of Uecker will always go back to my nephew. As a young boy, my nephew was honored by the local Optimist Club, where

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## De Pere Deacons look for another strong season

BY TORI WITTENBROCK  
SPORTS EDITOR

DE PERE – The De Pere Deacons men's hockey team is off to a strong start this season with a 4-2 overall record, keeping their reputation and expectations of their long history alive.

"A lot of people just don't know our history," said Deacons Director of Operations Paul Clifford.

"We just got into the Wisconsin Hockey Hall of Fame. We've been around a long time. Back in the '80s we won six straight back to back Badger State Hockey titles. We won back to back State Championships different times. At one point we were one of the most successful programs in the state of Wisconsin at any level."

The Deacons' history and reputation is a testament to their high level of com-



The De Pere Deacons men's hockey team is looking to continue their 4-2 overall record with a strong 2024-25 season to live up to their reputation and impressive history. **Submitted photo**

petitiveness and expectation for their players.

### Who are the Deacons?

"Our players are at least 18 years of age. Our captain is 53 years of age. That's very unusual, but most players for us are going to be 18 to mid-30s," said Clifford.

"We do have players that play for us and then

move on and play junior college or some level of pro. Our league is what they call 'Senior A Elite.' It's a semi-pro hockey league. Our players are anywhere from really good high school players to players that went on to play juniors — say the Gamblers, which is ages 18-20 and a top level program. We get a lot of those tier 2 or tier 3 Junior A players. We have club hockey players, DIII hockey players like at St. Norbert and even some DI

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