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**Future 15:
Sam Schwartz**

**BY KRIS LEONHARDT
SENIOR EDITOR**

GREEN BAY – Sam Schwartz is a Green Bay area native, graduating from Pulaski High School in 2012.

Schwartz furthered his education at UW-La Crosse, obtaining a bachelors in exercise science and a doctorate in physical therapy.

“Since that time I have been practicing in outpatient orthopedics and sports medicine as a physical therapist. After moving to Southern Colorado for some time after school, my wife and I decided to relocate back to Green Bay to raise our family.”

Schwartz specializes in orthopedics and sports medicine with “a special interest in runners and other endurance athletes.”

Since moving back to Green Bay, he has been working at Paramount Physical Therapy & Training as lead physical therapist and director of operations.

“About 15 years ago, I was in physical therapy (PT) myself for two significant knee surgeries that ended my high school sports career. During those two years of PT, I had the opportunity of working with a PT that inspired me to follow this career path. Her name was Lindi Flemmen. I doubt she knows the impact she had on me, but this is my opportunity to share

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An egg-cellent museum offering

The Neville Public Museum of Brown County is offering Brown County residents free admission on the first Wednesday of each month. The February event offered visitors a chance to make a handprint Valentine's Day card project and a chance to visit with Green Bay Art Colony artists Nancy Pierce, at front, and Lisa Jansen, at back, in the gallery to participate in a demonstration of traditional Ukrainian Pysanky egg dying. Learn more in a video interview with Pierce at gopresstimes.com.

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Village sewer and water utility connection back in front of Howard board

**BY KRIS LEONHARDT
SENIOR EDITOR**

HOWARD – In a matter that Howard Trustee District 4 John Muraski said the village needed to remain consistent with, the board directed staff to return with new recommendations considering the ordinances and policies requiring property owners to connect to the sewer and water utility.

Recommended action brought forward by Howard Director of Public Works Geoffrey S. Farr included directing staff to draft ordinance amendments specifying the time allowed to connect to utilities and other related conditions of connection.


Staff recommended a motion “to direct staff to draft ordinance amendments allowing property owners 18 months to connect to utilities from the date of the village’s written notice to connect, having both sewer and water, except buildings that exceed 400 feet from the road right of way, unless otherwise approved by the village board.”

Trustee District 8 Craig McAllister also requested that the board consider repealing the village’s utility connection ordinances that require fronting buildings to connect to sewer and water mains/services when they are extended and installed.

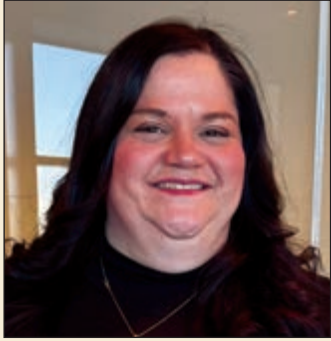
“One of the problems that we’re having right now is kind of just a management issue, where the current ordinances for water and sanitary state very short time periods,” explained Farr.

“Well, one doesn’t say anything, the other one says 30 days. And of course, connection in 30 days is just not realistic, and so we’re asking the village board, ‘What is an appropriate time to connect?’ And we’ve recently had a few property owners on

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**Future 15:
Tiffany Woelfel**

**BY KRIS LEONHARDT
SENIOR EDITOR**

GREEN BAY – After graduating from Xavier High School in Appleton, Tiffany Woelfel went to the University of Minnesota for business, where she double majored in international business and public and nonprofit management.

“I also double minored in German and leadership studies. After graduation, I joined Teach for America and moved to Mississippi. I spent two years teaching sixth grade math at Holly Springs Intermediate School. While I loved working with kids, I realized that I wasn’t passionate about teaching. I also realized that I wanted to be back in the Midwest to build whatever future career I had,” Woelfel recalled.

“At that point, I decided to try law school. Participating in mock trial during high school had sparked an interest in the law, but, candidly, I didn’t really understand what being a lawyer was like. While I got into a variety of law schools, I knew how crippling law school debt was becoming and I worried about leaving law school with six figures of debt.

“Luckily for me, I was still eligible for in-state tuition and the UW-Madison offered me a very competitive scholarship. Despite the fact that law

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A city of neighborhoods

BY VICTORIA URNESS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GREEN BAY – Beginning in 1995, Green Bay Neighborhoods (GBN) partnered with the City of Green Bay and NeighborWorks Green Bay in a mission to strengthen the city’s sense of community.

By keeping their focus on the neighborhood level, GBN proudly leads projects through their Neighborhood Associations.

Green Bay Neighborhood’s defines a neighborhood association as “neighbors living within a designated area of the city who are concerned about issues affecting their neighborhood and who have decided to work together to protect and ensure a better social, economic and business climate in their Neighborhood.”

Neighborhood associations act as a “voice” for the neighborhood residents, a somewhat official link to local government and the larger community.

Many neighborhoods find that by banding together and forming a Neighborhood Association, they are better able to meet the collective needs of the neighborhood.

GBN also recognizes and awards neighborhood associations for the many ways



John Muir Park board members accepting the award for Neighborhood of the Year.

Submitted photos

they provide opportunities such as mini-grants, public art, neighborhood safety and more.

John Muir Park Neighborhood Association

In 2024, John Muir Park’s Neighborhood Association was named GBN’s “Neighborhood of the Year.”

John Muir Park currently has 619 active members.

The neighborhood’s president, Melinda Eck, said they felt “very honored” by the award.

“We got a really cool trophy, a certificate and then \$500 from Green Bay Neighborhoods to use for our neighborhood,” Eck said.

In 2024, John Muir Park

hosted an interactive scavenger hunt to unveil chainsaw wooden artwork throughout their neighborhood association.

Eck said that this art project, which was funded by a \$10,000 grant by the Public Arts Commission, was what she thought put her neighborhood “over the top” to win Neighborhood of the Year.

According to Eck, the scavenger hunt required over a year of preparation.

The scavenger hunt revealed 22 new chainsaw wooden art pieces, with the ribbon cutting for these displays being hosted this past fall.

John Muir Park also hosts an annual “Improve

Your Curb Appeal” contest to “promote neighborhood beautification.”

The home improvements must be visible from the road to be eligible, with each winner being awarded \$50.

The Neighborhood of the Year hosted a home Christmas decorating contest as an extension of the Improve Your Curb Appeal initiative this past winter.

Other notable events that John Muir Park hosts within their Neighborhood Association include annual rummage sales and movie nights.

John Muir Park also makes sure to host events for all ages.

They host both adult-on-



The association’s ‘Despicable Me’ movie night.

ly bingo, as well as themed neighborhood events for kids.

“We had kids lined up in a big, long line,” Eck said, noting the popularity of their *Bluey* themed bingo event.

GBN continues to work with their more than 40 neighborhoods to “improve the quality of life in Green Bay neighborhoods by facilitating resident involvement in their neighborhood associations.”

Green Bay Neighborhood’s current Chairman, Tarl Knight, says that part of his mission with GBN over the next year is to, “form new associations throughout Green Bay, connect neighbors and incentivize neighborhood activity.”

Learn more about the city’s associations in upcoming editions of the Press Times.

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Working for a furry-tail ending

BY JOHN CRAEMER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER/
PHOTOGRAPHER

GREEN BAY – On Feb. 10, Fort Howard First Grade Teacher Lara Henke took her class to Lucky 7 Dog Rescue.

Their monthly visits involve reading to the puppies, engaging in writing activities and working on

community service projects.

This Monday, the students assisted with creating gift bags for Lucky 7's upcoming fundraiser.

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De Pere professor pens book on social and political polarization

BY CASSI GARRISON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

DE PERE – In an era of increasing social and political polarization, De Pere professor and author Dr. Tom Bolin hopes that responsible biblical interpretation can be a tool used to foster more understanding between people with different opinions.

Bolin has been a college professor for over 30 years and currently teaches at St. Norbert College.

His new book, *An Inspired Word in Season: Reading the Bible Responsibly in a Polarized World*, aims to make biblical interpretation more accessible to the public and help readers recognize how personal biases shape their understanding of the Bible.

The idea for the book first came to Bolin in 2018 as he observed a surge in immigrant deportations.

“I was seeing people us-



Dr. Tom Bolin has been a college professor for over 30 years and currently teaches at St. Norbert College. Submitted photo

ing the Bible to justify certain modern policies, and it occurred to me that there’s a complicated story behind how Americans use the Bible when we’re arguing about social and political issues,” he said. “I thought people might find it worthwhile reading about how we use the Bible in that regard.”

Bolin’s book emphasizes the idea of responsible biblical interpretation, which

is particularly important in today’s polarized climate — especially in the age of the internet.

“I don’t want to be one of those people who blames everything on the internet... I think the internet just highlights character traits that we as people have always had,” he said. “But I think the character trait that the internet often highlights is that we tend to dig in when we encounter people who disagree with us.”

Bolin mentioned that this is especially true when it comes to religion, even among those who share similar convictions.

“If you are someone with committed religious beliefs that inform your politics or how you think about society, you’re going to meet people who disagree with you but who also have beliefs that are informed by the Bible,” said Bolin. “So what’s a way of interacting with these people?”

This is where responsible interpretation comes in.

Bolin said that the goal of his book isn’t necessarily understanding the Bible better; it’s learning to have more respectful and open dialogues with those you disagree with.

“We all have to be aware that whatever way we’re interpreting the Bible is partial. We are limited by where we live, when we live, and our own beliefs and cultural limitations. And so being open to people who are reading the same text from different vantage points is a necessary first step,” said Bolin. “We need to have humility when we approach the Bible.”

Bolin recently submitted the corrected page proofs of his book and hopes it will be released this spring.

It will be published by Liturgical Press in Collegeville, Minn., and available at major booksellers and the publisher’s website.

‘A round of a paws’ for an unbearably good event

BY JOHN CRAEMER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER/
PHOTOGRAPHER

GREEN BAY – The Green Bay Gamblers collected an impressive 6,176 teddy bears and stuffed animals during their annual Teddy Bear Toss held Feb. 8.

Despite falling to the Chicago Steel with a narrow 2-1 loss at the Resch Center, fans showed their dedication by braving the snowy weather and participating in this heartwarming tradition.

The Teddy Bear Toss, a cherished event since 2000, invites fans to bring new teddy bears to a designated game.

After the Gamblers score their first goal, spec-

tators celebrate by tossing the bears onto the ice.

The collected stuffed animals are then donated to pediatric patients across Northeast Wisconsin.

On Feb. 10, members of the team visited Aurora BayCare Medical Center in Green Bay to personally deliver the donations.

Since its inception, the Teddy Bear Toss has collected nearly 140,000 stuffed animals.

“We utilize these teddy bears throughout the year for our patients when they’re here at the clinic undergoing a procedure, here for vaccinations. The teddy bears provide comfort and security,” Heather Wade Newell, MD at Aurora BayCare, stated.



The collected stuffed animals are donated to pediatric patients across Northeast Wisconsin. John Craemer photos



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Evergreen Avenue and Marley that have not connected and are somewhat refusing to do so. So this has left the village staff in a little bit of a lurch because the ordinances aren't clear as to the connection time frame allowed, and so we need to know what that is in order to effectively manage the connection requirement.

"Because it does take some effort to coordinate and schedule utility contractors and plumbers, and it is typically winter time, so it's easy to understand where six to nine months could easily be required in order to make an action. It's also an unplanned expense for many folks, and I'm sure you'll hear that in the future as well as you've heard in the past. So in that regard, it might even be more appropriate to offer a longer time frame — over one year — so they have some time to plan and save and prepare for connection.

"So basically, staff is asking that a reasonable time of connection be determined and added to the sewer and water ordinances, and that way we the staff know how to handle connection re-

quirements and basically enforcement action as it might be needed.

"Finally, the property owners that have already been notified to connect and that have been refusing to do so, we want to have a definitive time on how to handle that again. Typically, here we are now in wintertime. While it's good from a contractor availability standpoint, it is still winter, and oftentimes contractors or the weather is not cooperating. So, we would suggest in the case of the property owners that have not connected to date be given until Aug. 31 of this year, and then anybody going forward would be given up to 18 months to connect before we would have to take any kind of enforcement action."

McAllister said that the village was "past due" on changing the ordinance.

"We should no longer require mandatory hookup. Mandatory hookup was a thing when you have a new fledgling utility that needs and requires users. That's why they force mandatory hookup. The village of Howard does not have a new utility. Our utility is 70-80 years old," he added.

Farr said that "everybody else requires con-

nection. And you know that, in itself is not a good reason, but everybody does this. This is not unusual. It's certainly not pleasant. And I think you know, people have angst about connecting. There's no doubt. But really, what this comes down to is really prudent utility practice.

"There are some very, very important things that when you live in congested areas, there are environmental factors, as far as making sure that we don't have new wells installed or new septs installed because we have thousands and thousands of people that are connected to this water system. And water, quite frankly, is probably the most important thing this village and other municipalities do for the residents. You have to ensure a safe water supply. You want to do it at the lowest operational cost that you can. You want to make sure."

Muraski said the village had been debating the issue for eight years, and after an hour of input from the board called for a conclusion to the discussion.

"We can do nothing and it will revert back to 60 days. I am perfectly fine doing that as well — let's do nothing and now it is 60

days and focus on compliance that we have to deal with. But, I feel like we are being asked to make a different kind of decision here," he stated.

"It is a stressful scenario that Mr. McAllister brings up in representing constituents that are experiencing this... but as long as I have been here we have had folks that have been here and rightfully upset, rightfully frustrated, and because of the economic times, if we want to put more time on it I have no problem with it.

"But I don't feel that we can now suddenly say, 'No one has to hook up anymore.' We've been having folks hook up for a heck of a long time.

"We need to be consistent and stand by this policy that we've decided on again and again.

"I would encourage staff to come back with that motion for us to discuss."

With that being the majority consensus of the board, Village President Burt McIntyre added, "Then when they bring it back, we can dissect it and go through it again, and that to me is a fair way of doing it."

Into *the* Past



The original Mason School was constructed on the corner of East Mason and Irwin, opening in 1884. In 1898, a new school building replaced the original. In 1931, Mason was replaced by the Roosevelt School at 1305 Mason St. in Green Bay. **C.O Stiles photo**

Correction

In the previous issue of Packerland, there was an incorrect spelling of Karen Cowan's name. It was previously spelled 'Cowen' but should be spelled 'Cowan'.

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SCHWARTZ

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it with her," Schwartz explained.

"I was going through rehab with Lindi during a time that I was at my lowest. I was a high school student who cared only about sports, whose whole identity was sports. When I couldn't play sports, I lost my identity altogether. I found myself depressed, lonely, and a bit hopeless.

Lindi not only guided me back to my best physical self, but more importantly guided me through the mental health struggles I was having at the time. She gave me purpose again and showed me that life can be better than I ever imagined if I'm open to changing courses a bit.

"She inspired me to do what she was doing for me — to take my experience and use it to help myself change lives the way

she was changing mine. I thought to myself, 'If I can make one person feel the way she has made me feel in my career, that's worth it.' So I did that — I chose to commit to changing lives. Just like Lindi did for me. And now the level of job fulfillment I have is unmatched. I am doing what I am meant to do."

Outside of work you will find Schwartz spending time with his family — likely outside in nature.

"Connecting with nature and taking advantage of the various trails and recreational spaces the greater Green Bay area has to offer has been a staple for my family," he added.

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school and being a lawyer is nothing like mock trial or what you see in *Legally Blonde* or *Law and Order*, I ended up excelling. Law school involves a lot of issue spotting, solving problems, reading, writing and research."

After law school, Woelfel spent two years as a clerk for federal district court judges.

"A judicial law clerk is like a judge's lawyer. We help the judges manage their dockets, including helping them research, preparing memos for them, helping with a judge's written work and offering them general support with their cases," she added.

"I had the tremendous honor of clerking first for

Senior Judge Joe B. McDade in the Central District of Illinois for a year. I then had the great honor of clerking for then-Chief Judge William C. Griesbach of the Eastern District of Wisconsin, here in Green Bay.

"After my clerkship with Judge Griesbach concluded, I wanted to stay in Northeast Wisconsin. It is where I grew up, where my parents still live and where I wanted to establish a career. I joined the Green Bay office of then-Davis and Kuelthau, a Wisconsin law firm, and embarked upon a career of civil litigation in August 2018.

"As a civil litigator, I help businesses navigate difficult situations. This could be everything from a simple contract dispute or collection matter, to more com-

plex issues, like patent and trademark infringement or employment discrimination allegations. As a litigator, my area of 'expertise' is navigating the court system and, more broadly, dispute resolution. I work to find the best solution for my client, whether that be outside of the court system or as their advocate in the court system. This allows them to get back to what matters most to them."

In October 2022, Davis Kuelthau merged with Smith Amundsen — a Chicago-based firm — to form Amundsen Davis.

Last February, she became an income partner.

"Over the past few years, I've gotten to take on the role of mentor to younger associate attorneys and paralegals in our office," she added.

"In addition to my work with clients, the firm has encouraged me and supported me to get involved in our communities. I joined the Board of Directors for the Young Lawyers Division of the Wisconsin State Bar and eventually entered the presidential cycle (president-elect, president, past president).

"Additionally, I've had the opportunity to get involved with several local nonprofits, including Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin and the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center.

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Hickory Grove: The expansion

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
SENIOR EDITOR

Continued from previous week

In February 1915, Hickory Grove began taking its first patients.

The following year, the community came together once again and through paid subscription purchased a 25-foot boat — the MINNIE S. — for the facility, which was big enough for 15 passengers.

Weeks later a motor was purchased for the boat.

The boat was renamed “Old Hickory” and floated in the Fox River as “a monument to the splendid spontaneity and spirit of broadmindedness of the true American, an unselfish acknowledgment of the material needs of unfortunate fellow American,” patients and staff stated in a thank you letter published in the *Press-Gazette* that year.

In October 1921, with tuberculosis still claiming lives, Brown County physicians, the women’s clubs of De Pere and Green Bay, county board representatives Hickory Grove trustees and other interested re-



Mrs. L.D. Quigley of the Brown County Superintendents of Schools Department teaches class to student patients at Hickory Grove in 1956. **Press-Gazette photo**

gional community members met to discuss enlarging the facility and including Door and Kewaunee counties, which was supported by the Wisconsin Anti-Tuberculosis Association.

It wasn’t until 1926, however, that the county board began work on expansion to accommodate a growing waiting list.

There was much debate over where to build the new facility, but the state board and the community eventually decided on the same

property as the first building.

In March 1927, the Brown County Board voted to borrow \$250,000 to build the additional structure, which would be a three-story building with three sets of bathrooms on each floor and sun porches on the front and ends.

On the third floor, an open plaza area would lead to the bell tower, with a bell that would toll every hour.

Once constructed, a 45-foot tunnel would connect the old building with the new.



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The original building was to remain on the property to house the staff, but as transportation became a household option, workers began to commute.

In September 1929, the 43 patients at the facility were moved to the new building.

By March of 1936, 100 tuberculosis patients were being attended to at the facility.

Earlier that year, the county took advantage of the Works Progress Administration — which created

jobs during the Great Depression — to remodel and repair the old building to segregate the more severe cases from the less-affected patients.

In December of 1956, with a max capacity of 86, the patient number sat at 80, while the facility played host to patients from other counties in Northeast Wisconsin.

In 1955, Hickory Grove was one of just 18 county sanatoria in the state.

By 1957, that number was

down to 17.

In 1971, the second floor of the sanatorium was converted into a nursing home facility.

“The patient population at the facility has declined regularly in recent years because of diagnosing, treating and preventing tuberculosis and currently the staff at the sanatorium outnumbers its patients by two to one,” a Dec. 15, 1971, *Press-Gazette* article stated.

Conclusion in next week’s edition

Nicolet Elementary requests to add ‘Community School’ to name

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
SENIOR EDITOR

GREEN BAY – During the Feb. 10 Green Bay Area Public Schools (GBAPS) Board of Education meeting, Nicolet Elementary staff petitioned the board to rename the school “Nicolet Elementary Community School.”

“A Community School is a neighborhood hub that supports students, families and neighbors by providing access to community support such as academic, emotional, health and social services. It is an evidence-based strategy, recognized by DPI as an approved strategy to increase academic outcomes,” a memo from Associate Director of Community Partnerships and Grants Amy Fish and Principal Lori McArthur stated.

GBAPS Board Member Brian called the Commu-

nity Schools initiative a “national movement.”

“The real great work that you’re doing is making those connections within our community to meet students on a different level,” he added, “and I’m looking at the National Education Association (NEA)’s website, where they’re talking about community schools, and it is an in-depth process.

“[The] Community Schools’ focus is on what students need in the community — truly need to succeed — and that you’re taking on the challenges of developing a deep understanding of the hopes and visions of the students, staff and families and community members, and pulling together those teams to get to the root causes of the challenges.

“So, when we’re looking at these Community School models, and we’re partner-



During the Feb. 10 Green Bay Area Public Schools (GBAPS) Board of Education meeting, Nicolet Elementary staff petitioned the board to rename the school “Nicolet Elementary Community School.” **GBAPS photo**

ing with different organizations and looking at the six pillars that are out there, this isn’t a Green Bay idea, this is a national movement that has taken place throughout the country.

“So, the fact that we can participate in that and really dig into those social issues and making sure our students are getting the

needs met that they have is fantastic.”

Fish said that this is not the first GBAPS facility to take on the initiative.

“I’m going to start by backing us up to 2018 when Howe became Howe Elementary Community School, and it was identified as the flagship community school within Green

Bay Area Public Schools, meaning that we were going to learn from this flagship; and hopefully when the time was right grow,” she said.

“So in 2021, Nicolet started to learn alongside of Howe Elementary School what it meant to be a community school, diving into the strategy; and two and a half years ago, our Brown County United Way anchor partner had its first investment into the community school strategy. Since then, in August, through Fund 80, we were able to hire Nicolet’s first Community Schools Resource Coordinator, Megan [Christel], and the work of Community Schools is becoming alive at Nicolet.”

Fish said that they were requesting for the new name to reflect the work that is being done at the school.

“What we’re hoping to

do with our United funds that we’ve gotten, so far right now, is to do some signage; if we’re approved, to change the outside signage,” McArthur added, “and then... to be able to acknowledge that we have a community room.

“Along with that, we would like to make it more bright and colorful for kids, because we know that we want them to belong there and that this is where they want to be, to inspire and to work together. So, we’re looking at doing some signage in the inside of our building, along with hopefully artists coming in and doing a little work for us to kind of create our ‘together is better’ and (highlight) what we offer for the kids at Nicolet. So, we’d like to do a lot of that work.”

The renaming of the school will be voted on at the next GBAPS board meeting.

Howard-Suamico School District gets a look at Graduate Profiles

BY KAYLA STARNES
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

HOWARD-SUAMICO – During its Feb. 10 meeting, the Howard-Suamico School District (HSSD) Board of Education attended the Graduate Profile Exhibition.

The exhibition highlights the teachers success in encouraging and instilling the program’s skills in the classroom, as well as giving students the opportunity to showcase their understanding of the Graduate Profile characteristics.

The key characteristics

include being a: “self-starter, critical thinker, collaborator, communicator, adaptable, responsible and a solutionist.”

The exhibition included K-12 Graduate Profile students and their portfolios.

The board and guests were encouraged to ask questions about students’ progress in the classroom.

When asked what part of their graduate profile portfolio they were most proud of, HSSD 11th Grade Student Addison Hamilton replied with, “I made a short film because in the future

when I’d like to study film. So there’s something I can do in an English class which I thought was really fun. So I tied it back to the Metamorphosis.”

In Hamilton’s video, she displayed attributes of critical thinking through imagery and audio components to deliver a clear communicative piece of media.

Football team thanks board

The Bay Port Pirates football team added another State championship win to their record books

— declared the 2024 Football State Champions back in the fall.

The team made an appearance at the board meeting to show gratitude for the support in their win.

In attendance were the five team captains and team coaches.

Bay Port Head Coach Steven Jorgenson stated, “It means a lot to all of us...not just these five... everyone that was on the team. They worked really hard. They put in a lot of time and a lot of effort into

really representing this community the best they can. They take a lot of

pride in and it’s something they want to reflect on the community.”



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Green Bay Council approves agreement for ‘Tank Farm Marsh’ project

BY PRESS TIMES STAFF

GREEN BAY – During its most recent meeting, the Green Bay Common Council voted to approve a request by the Department of Public Works to enter into an agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) to implement the “Tank Farm Marsh” project and to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with GEI Consultants, Inc. for oversight at a cost of \$225,000.

“The city has been working with WDNR and GEI since 2022 to complete the design of the Tank Farm

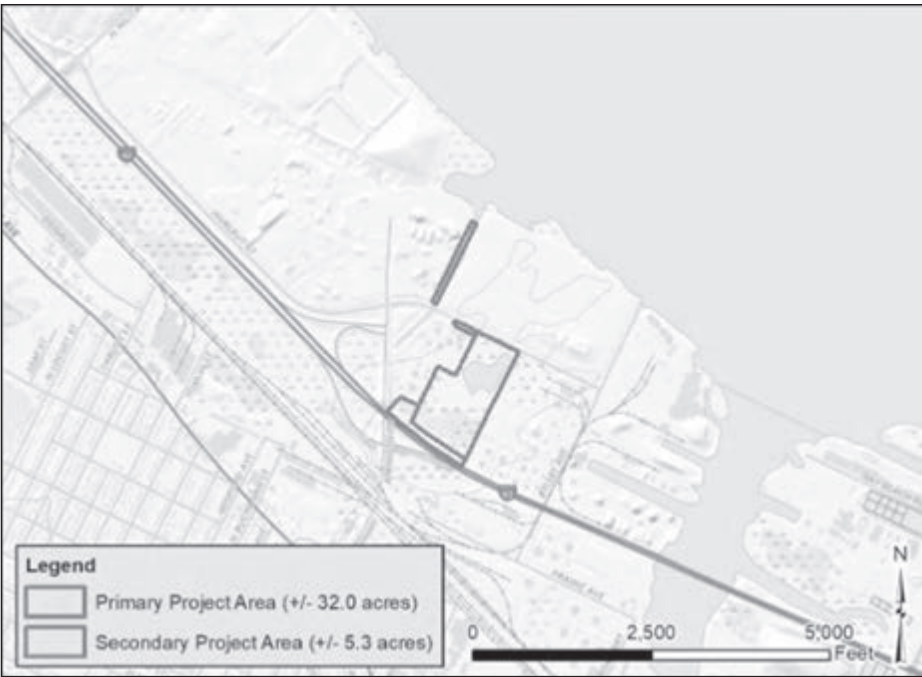
Marsh project. This phase of the project is for implementation, including construction of the marsh and subsequent maintenance and monitoring through March 31, 2029. The project is funded by grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through WDNR,” a memo to the council from city staff stated.

“The city will provide in-kind services to administer the project. GEI’s services will be reimbursed by WDNR in accordance with the grant agreement.”

The scope of services includes bid document

preparation, preparation of Quality Assurance Project Plans, permitting support, administration of construction contracts, construction oversight, post-construction monitoring, public and stakeholder engagement and supporting the preparation of regulatory and grant reports.

The Tank Farm Marsh project is being implemented to create a habitat that can support plants and animals that are native to the area and enhance the ecosystem, rid non-native species and create a public space.



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Green Bay Council photo

Village of Hobart concludes 2024 budget year

FOR THE PRESS TIMES

HOBART – The budget year was officially concluded on Feb. 4, when the village board approved the final amended budget for 2024.

The amendment needed to be acted on at the meeting as the village’s auditors were planning to conduct their 2024 audit the week of Feb. 10.

The General Fund, prior to the meeting, was projected to post a surplus of \$191,120.73 in FY2024.

The amended budget proposed reallocating \$100,000 of the projected surplus to the Debt Service Fund to apply to future debt payments for the 2023 fire station project instead of us-



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File photo

ing future property tax levy and financial stability:

2026 —	\$1,350,000
2027 —	\$1,400,000
2028 —	\$1,450,000

Excess funds will be reallocated to the Debt Service Fund to pay down the village’s debts in the future.

DNR to begin prescribed burns across state

FOR THE PRESS TIMES

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced that fire management crews will begin conducting prescribed burns on DNR properties throughout the state where local conditions can provide a safe and effective burn.

The recent, much-needed precipitation has created conditions that are ideal for burning in certain areas of the state.

Winter burns typically begin with cattail marshes, wetlands and wet prairies.

Cattail wildfires can present a control challenge for suppression authorities during the warmer summer months when both dead and live cattails are available to burn.

By burning in winter, DNR staff take advantage of ideal ice and snow cover, which reduces the heat and intensity of cattail marsh and barrens burns.

Additional windows of opportunity for prescribed burning will continue through spring and open again in late summer and fall (mid-July through November).

Prescribed burns support healthy ecosystems



Current ice conditions provide greater access for crews to safely and efficiently conduct prescribed burns.

Wisconsin DNR photo

for an abundance of plants and animals in Wisconsin.

These burns mimic the benefits historic fire once provided but occur under a safer “prescription” range of weather and fuel conditions (compared to most wildfires).

“Throughout history, many ecosystems in Wisconsin experienced either periodic natural fire and/or were managed with cultural fire by First Nation people,” a DNR release stated.

“These ‘fire-dependent’ plant communities, such as prairies, wetlands and oak or pine barrens/savannas/woodlands developed a tolerance and eventual dependance on peri-

NEWS BRIEFS

Suspect Charged in Capitol Dr. homicide

GREEN BAY – A 34-year-old Green Bay man arrested as a suspect in connection to a reported stabbing under investigation as a homicide on the city’s west side has been charged.

The Brown County District Attorney’s Office charged James Dorr on Feb. 6 with first-degree intentional homicide, use of a dangerous weapon, mistreatment of animals, use of a dangerous weapon, possession of methamphetamine, obstructing an officer and resisting an officer

Dorr was taken into custody on Wednesday, Jan. 29, for the incident that occurred on Tuesday, Jan. 28, at an apartment complex on the 1500 block of Capitol Dr.

The victim’s identity remains withheld.

Win the Ultimate NFL Draft Experience in Green Bay

GREEN BAY – Football fans, get ready for an unforgettable experience as Discover Green Bay launches the 2025 Draft Sweepstakes, giving one lucky winner and up to three guests the chance to enjoy the 2025 NFL Draft like never before.

As the excitement builds for one of the biggest events in professional football, Discover Green Bay is offering an exclusive VIP package that includes accommodations from Oneida Casino Hotel, special access to Draft areas from the Local Organizing Committee, airfare and gift cards to airport restaurants and gift shops from Green Bay Austin Straubel Airport and a \$500 Visa gift card from PMI Entertainment Group.

This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity allows fans to immerse themselves in the electric atmosphere of the 2025 NFL Draft while exploring everything Green Bay has to offer.

“We are thrilled to welcome fans to Green Bay for the 2025 NFL Draft and showcase our incredible community,” said Brad Toll, President and CEO at Discover Green Bay.

“This sweepstakes is our way of celebrating the Draft’s arrival in the Green Bay area and giving fans an opportunity to experience the region in a truly special way.”

Entering the sweepstakes is simple — fans can visit greenbay.com/sweeps to complete the entry form.

The contest runs from Feb. 6 through March 24 and the winner will be selected and notified shortly after the entry period ends.

Project Play 60 set for Feb. 15 at Lambeau Field

GREEN BAY – ‘Project Play 60’, the Green Bay Packers’ event focused on getting kids out of the house to enjoy non-strenuous physical activity, is set for Saturday, Feb. 15.

The free community event will take place on the Lambeau Field Atrium’s main floor and in the Legends Club on the fourth floor from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Project Play 60 will feature popular inflatables, interactive physical activity games, ninja course, gymnastics circuit, climbing walls, pickleball, face painting and more.

Kids are also invited to join Bellin Health certified instructors for 10-minute mindful yoga sessions to teach kids to use mindfulness and yoga techniques to strengthen their minds and bodies.

For safety purposes, event participants are required to wear socks and athletic shoes.

Attendees are reminded that waivers will be required to be signed by parents/guardians prior to participating.

Waivers can be signed in advance at packers.com/projectplay60.

Guests are invited to bring a hygiene item donation for the Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive.

Community members are asked to donate hygiene items with the highest need, including laundry and dish soap, toilet paper and diapers sizes 3-6.

Other items needed include shampoo, conditioner, body wash, shaving cream, deodorant, hand soap, garbage bags, disinfecting cleaners and kitchen trash bags.

Parking will be free for guests participating in Project Play 60 and attendees should enter the Atrium through the American Family Insurance Gate on the east side of the stadium.

of important native trees like oak and pine.

“Planning for prescribed burns can take weeks or months. DNR staff make the decision to conduct these prescribed burns only when weather and vegetation conditions meet strict standards for safety, smoke management and burn effectiveness. Even after such careful planning, the decision to burn on a specific day is reassessed and approved at the regional

scale, and once more by the burn boss, who confirms on-site conditions are as forecasted for a safe burn.

When conducting prescribed burns near roads or recreational trails, the DNR will post signs to notify the public.

The DNR also notifies local law enforcement and fire officials in advance about when and where DNR prescribed burns will take place.

Burns planned for the

following day are displayed on at dnrmaps.wi.gov/prescribedburn-dashboard.

For planning and conducting safe prescribed burns on your own property, visit the Wisconsin Prescribed Fire Council for resources and burn contracting information.

For more information regarding the benefits of prescribed burning in Wisconsin, visit this DNR webpage.

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PUBLISHER’S LETTER

The Fragility of Life

Dear Reader,

The other day, I had a close call that left me reflecting deeply on how fragile life truly is. I was a passenger in a car, riding along on a snowy day. The roads were slick, and we were descending a steep hill when we encountered a stationary car in the middle of the road. To avoid a collision, our driver veered into a snowbank and a rock instead.



Shaken but unharmed, we got out to assess the damage. As I stood there, I saw other vehicles attempting to navigate the hill, at speeds too reckless for the conditions. I waved to warn them to stop and turn back, knowing the danger they faced. Thankfully, our car was still operational, and we managed to drive away carefully. Later that day, I learned that a massive pileup had occurred in that very spot. Numerous vehicles were involved, and I couldn’t help but feel fortunate to have avoided the catastrophe.

This experience got me thinking. Life is unpredictable. You wake up in the morning with plans, but everything can change in an instant, with no warning whatsoever. Those 15 seconds as we swerved away from the stalled vehicle could have been our last moments. But it wasn’t. For others, tragically, it was.

Life is so fragile. There are no guarantees, no flashing signals warning us when our time is up. One moment we’re here, and the next, we’re not. This realization isn’t meant to instill fear but to inspire gratitude. Each day we’re given is a gift—precious, fleeting, and worth cherishing.

Let’s not take it for granted. Let’s love fully, live purposefully, and appreciate the time we have. Because in the blink of an eye, everything can change. We can’t control when or how the end comes, but we can make the moments we still have truly count.

PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

Author of “Reflections” a new book now available on Amazon.

OPEN LETTER

In the face of challenges

DEAR ST. NORBERT COLLEGE COMMUNITY,

Higher education is undergoing seismic shifts — declining enrollment, financial constraints, digital disruption, economic pressures and shifting student demographics.

In the face of these challenges, decisive leadership is crucial.

The retrenchment process that we approved last year is underway.

The faculty has provided their recommendations for program discontinuation, the deans have been involved in ongoing consultation and the governance system has engaged with the administration regarding program elimination and the criteria for faculty termination as outlined in the faculty handbook.

Dr. Martin Conley is finalizing her recommendations.

As of yet, the president has not received final recommendations.

As an alumna, I can state with authority that St. Norbert College is a truly special place.

This year marks my 20th year as an active member of this community, having served two tours on the Board of Trustees.

Over these decades, I have had lifelong friendships with students, faculty, staff and other alumni.

I empathize with faculty and the campus community as efforts continue to align revenue and expenses after multiple years of not doing so.

While losing faculty members who have earned our admiration is pain-

ful, the reality is that not addressing the well-documented challenges facing higher education will result in greater threats to our sacred mission and beloved college.

As the governing body with fiduciary responsibility and a moral obligation to steward the mission and long-term success of St. Norbert College, the board of trustees reaffirms its unwavering support for President Laurie Joyner.

We selected President Joyner because of her experience and integrity.

She is mission-focused and recognized for her leadership and record of consistently exceeding goals and expectations.

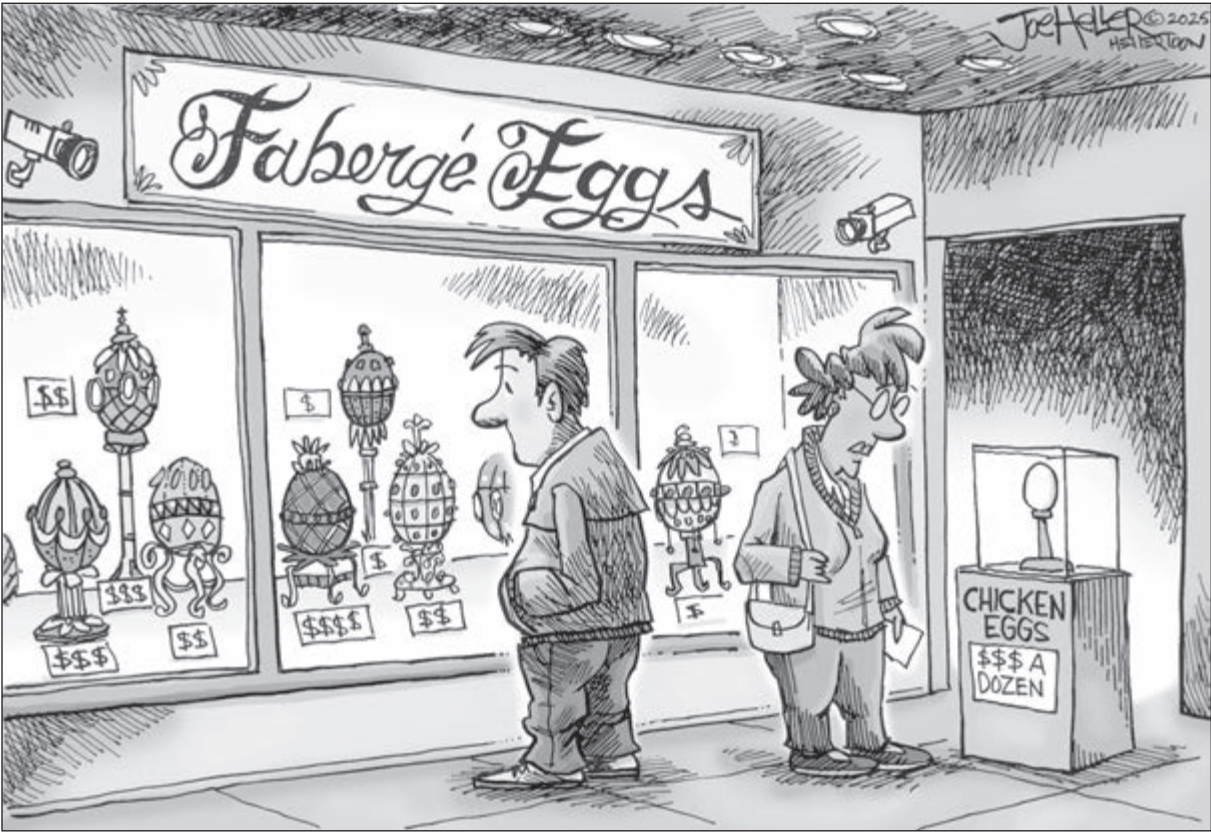
Her efforts are aligned with what the board and sponsor have directed, and we have full confidence in her.

We share this endorsement in response to the orchestrated campaign aimed at diminishing President Joyner’s efforts and confidence in her leadership.

These efforts are unjustified and deeply counterproductive at a time when our shared focus must be on securing the college’s best future.

As a reminder, the challenges that “Preserving the St. Norbert Legacy: A Shared Promise of Stewardship” addresses were present and festering at St. Norbert College before the board’s first interview with President Joyner.

We stand firmly with President Joyner and her leadership team as they continue the difficult, but necessary, work of our college.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Leaving a good impression

DEAR EDITOR,

So much is being done in preparation for the NFL Draft coming to Green Bay in a couple of months, including sprucing up everything to make our fine city look terrific to the many visitors who will arrive from all over the

country and other parts of the world.

For example, the Donald Driver statue on Dousman Street was given a nice new paint job.

Sadly though the decades old dinosaur statue in front of the gas station at Lombardi and Ashland

hasn’t been given a new paint job for quite a long time and it looks terrible as a result, with big ugly patches missing the bright green paint that originally covered this iconic dinosaur from head to tail.

This is a major intersection that many visitors to

the Draft will undeniably see, and even though it’s not Packers-related it still should be given a brand new paint job to leave a good impression to those visitors who stop at the gas station or are just passing by.

*Gordon Engel
Green Bay*

BE OUR GUEST

St. Norbert Abbot releases statement

FROM THE RT. REV. DANE J. RADECKI, O. PRAEM ABBOT OF ST. NORBERT ABBEY

As Norbertines, we are called to be prepared for every

good work, even when that work is challenging, painful and unpopular.

We stand with President (Laurie) Joyner because she has chosen the good work — the hard work — of leading with integrity in

the face of adversity.

We believe in a financially sustainable, academically vibrant future for St. Norbert College, and one rooted in faith and mission.

Given the present chal-

lenges in higher education, such a strong future is only possible because of the hard decisions made today and the support and commitment of our St. Norbert community.

During the past year, the college has made considerable progress in addressing its long-developing financial and operational challenges. Among these achievements:

Stabilizing the college’s financial future

- Implemented nearly \$12 million in budget adjustments, a critical step toward long term financial sustainability.
- Balanced the FY24 budget and are on track to balance the FY25 budget while taking proactive steps to address a projected \$7 million deficit in FY26.
- Implemented multiple strategic initiatives, including athletics optimization and the RIZE partnership, to generate new revenue that are showing promising signs of growth.

Academic excellence and program innovation

- Expanded faculty-driven academic offerings to better align with student interests.
- Introduced new program offerings through an innovative partnership, expanding options for SNC students to graduate with skills that pre-

pare them for success.

- Protected the integrity of our liberal arts mission — every student will continue to engage in a broad-based education with courses spanning the humanities, arts, natural sciences, and social sciences.

Demonstrated a commitment to transparency and shared governance

- Established clear, consistent, ongoing communication channels, including a dedicated landing page on the website, town halls, individual meetings, emails, videos, and faculty governance engagement, ensuring a collaborative approach to institutional decision-making.
- Adhered to SNC Faculty Handbook protocols for retrenchment, ensuring fairness, transparency, and respect in every decision.

We call on faculty, staff, students, and alumni to focus on constructive engagement — working with the administration to navigate challenges rather than seeking to delay, deny and delegitimize the leadership charged with enacting essential changes required to ensure SNC continues its inspiring mission for another 125 years.

This is a call for cooperation and to turn away from the divisive actions and communication that have recently plagued us and are harming our beloved college.

Perpetuating misinformation is unfortunate and amplifies the emotion and anxiety across constituent groups.

This is dangerous in many ways and tragic as the college is working hard to provide students with the best learning experience possible while keeping SNC accessible and affordable.

In today’s higher education landscape, survival depends on adaptability, collaboration and mission-driven leadership.

It will take every one of us working together to accomplish what is required to nurture and position the college for the coming decades.

There is so much excellent work to build on at the college.

The board is grateful to the campus community for its hard work and incredible accomplishments.

Each time we meet, we review the incredible points of pride that are the culmination of our community’s collective talent and collaborative effort.

We have much to celebrate at SNC: national rankings of excellence; expanded academic and athletic initiatives producing promising results; and the launch of an exciting web redesign this summer that authentically embodies the ethos of the college.

Not to mention the incredible stories about student achievements and what our impressive graduates go on to accomplish in their communities and careers.

The board of trustees fully supports President Joyner as she continues working with those who share the objective of securing St. Norbert College’s future.

We applaud those who are exhibiting professionalism and patience as we engage the retrenchment process in good faith, according to the faculty handbook.

We ask our faculty, staff, students and alumni to reject destructive rhetoric. Join us in advancing the legacy of this great Catholic, Norbertine and liberal arts institution.

Together, we will emerge stronger.

*Patti Brash McKeithan
St. Norbert College
Board of Trustees Chair*

Opting for coexistence: Landowners learn to live with beavers

BY BENNET GOLDSTEIN
WISCONSIN WATCH

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN — Katie McCullough moved to Wisconsin in 2021.

Her COVID pandemic purchase of 36 acres near the village of Rio.

She had purchased the property, sight unseen.

“I don’t regret it at all,” McCullough, 56, said with a laugh.

She soon met the neighbors — about 10 furry lodge dwellers.

McCullough realized she had a beaver problem that made several acres of her property inaccessible.

They live atop a small muddy island and constructed a dam roughly a decade ago. Cattails grow across its 20-foot breadth.

The dam left a once-lovely creek bone dry.

Backed-up water enlarged the surrounding marsh and pond, where sandhill cranes, geese and ducks meander.

Rooted in sodden ground, tall oaks — some more than 100 years old — withered and toppled.

Friends, family and locals recommended trapping the rodents and blowing the dam sky-high.

The solution seemed dramatic and destructive.

“We’re all here for a purpose, right? To think that beavers are just born a nuisance,” McCullough said. “It’s tough because some populations do have to be controlled if there aren’t



Katie McCullough is shown alongside the pond on her property on Oct. 18, 2024, near Rio.

Joe Timmerman/Wisconsin Watch photo

natural predators. But I’m not good at being a natural predator.”

Surely, other options besides trapping or bystander existed.

Damming behavior

Beavers once numbered between 60 million and 400 million across North America, but development and unregulated hunting nearly decimated them.

Twentieth-century conservation efforts helped beavers recover somewhat — to a fraction of their historical population.

Conflicts with humans ensued as beavers returned to their former ranges: chewing trees, plugging

culverts, flooding roads and farm fields.

Few studies quantify the costs of beaver damage, and the limited data are decades old.

One pinned annual timber losses in Mississippi at \$621 million, adjusted for inflation.

Traditional responses involve trapping and dam breaching, but generally, these interventions require regular enforcement because new beavers move in.

And an expanding body of research showcasing beavers’ ecosystem and economic benefits is drawing attention to the drawbacks of removal.

When beavers remain on



Dan Fuhs, co-owner of Native Range Ecological, installs a pond leveler in October 2023, near the village of Rio.

Clay Frazer photo

the landscape, they create wetlands, which mitigate climate change impacts like drought, wildfires and flooding — problems increasingly seen in the Midwest.

Other wildlife also depends on the habitat.

Advocates and ecological consultants are popularizing flow control devices, a solution to beaver flooding problems.

They limit beavers’ damming behavior and reduce impacts on human infrastructure.

Hand-constructed with flexible plastic pipes and wire fencing, several types exist: pond levelers, culvert fences and decoy dams.

Some bear trademarks like Beaver Deceiver and Castor Master.

They aim to reduce the desirability of potential dam sites, redirect beavers’ attention or “sneak” pond water away unnoticed.

McCullough opted for coexistence.

State wildlife agencies generally regulate a trapping season to manage beaver populations and minimize property damage.

Wisconsin’s forestry and fisheries divisions, dozens of municipalities, railroad companies and some tribal governments also contract with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to remove beavers and dams from

designated lands and waters.

The state imposes few restrictions for handling nuisance beavers on private property.

People may hunt or trap beavers and remove their dams on their property without obtaining a license.

If a beaver dam causes damage to a neighboring property, the injured party may legally enter the property where the dam lies and remove it.

Also, people who own or lease beaver-occupied land and don’t allow their neighbors to remove them are liable for damages.

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Students at East High School who participate in the FFA program and take the Landscape Management class have been working hard taking care of and learning about growing Poinsettias.

Students learn about industry standard growing conditions and how to maintain the plants. Students also learn how not to care for Poinsettias by changing one of the growing conditions and seeing how it impacts the plant.

Students then work to sell the plants at the East High Greenhouse.



Green Bay East FFA
Poinsettia Sale 2025

In the Green Bay Southwest FFA chapter, President Addison Wendt, Vice president Josephine Giannunzio, Treasurer Corbin Dennis, Secretary Aliyah Cohorst, Reporter Jillian Galarneau, and Advisors, Thomas Sebranek, and Rachel Ziegler, participate in various activities that demonstrate leadership skills and promote a knit-together community. In the year of 24'-25', The GBSW FFA put together a multitude of activities that included: collecting canned food to donate to our local food bank, making tied blankets for the Brown County Police Station, hosting a Food For America field trip where elementary students came to Southwest High School for a day and got a tour of the Agriscience Department, and participating in the Brown County Fair by showing chickens, cats, and horses.



Some highlights of the West De Pere FFA chapter so far this year:

In the fall, West De Pere FFA traveled to the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin, and had three members participate in the FFA Dairy Judging competition. Then the FFA traveled to Mishicot for the Fall Leadership Workshops (pictured). At this event officers and members were able to learn about their importance and purpose within our chapter. WDP FFA also sent six members to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. While travelling to and from Indiana, members toured various agricultural places including Rosy Lane Holsteins, Hummel Livestock, and the Purdue University Student Farm. At the convention members were able to visit the expo to become more familiar with careers and colleges within agriculture, and attend the workshops offered to members to help gain new knowledge on topics like teamwork, leadership, and advocacy. The West De Pere FFA coordinated two service projects during the fall and winter, including a Canned Food Drive and a Holiday Card Project to bring some cheer to those who may need it. Most recently, the chapter hosted the District #26 Leadership Development Events at West De Pere High School, where we had our own Parliamentary Procedure team compete.

Pulaski FFA has participated and hosted many events throughout the year. To begin, we hosted the Section 8 Fall Leadership Workshop at the Pulaski High School that 350 FFA members attended. We also had members attend the 2024 State and National Conventions along with the Half Time Conference. Some highlights from the Convention were Taylor Marosek was elected to serve as the WI FFA State Reporter. A couple of our monthly activities include making tie blankets to donate to PACE, cookie baking to donate to families, and our annual fruit sale. Many members participated by showing livestock at local county fairs. In addition, we partnered with PACE to put on the Trunk or Treat event. Included in this event we donated a truck bed full of canned goods to PACE. FFA Officer Team: (front left to back right) Kaitlyn Gee, Amelia Sikorski, Evelyn Mihalski, Jenna Posbrig, Jacob Betley, Faith Posbrig





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An author of many names

By Janelle Fisher
City Pages Editor

Although Wisconsin-based author Beth Amos always dreamed of having her work published, her journey to becoming a published author wasn't always an easy one.

"I sent my first short story out when I was 17 years old to a magazine and it was rejected," she said. "I spent most of my early adult years trying to write short fiction and trying to get it published in women's magazines... I never had any success with that and I was also a single parent for a lot of that time and also working full-time as a nurse. It didn't leave me with a whole lot of time for writing, but I had to go back to school to get my bachelor's degree in health management and had a lot of elective courses to take, so I used all of those electives to take writing courses — journalism, technical writing, memoir writing, newspaper article writing, every kind of writing class they had. And of course I took some creative fiction writing classes as well."

It was there that Amos transitioned from short stories to full-length works and began refining her writing process.

"I started over with a different type of novella — a standalone novel about a paranormal thriller kind of thing," she said. "It was more in the line of Dean Koontz, which was the stuff I was reading back then. I ended up finding an agent with that book. It took me like 29 query letters to actually find an agent, and then she was able to sell it to Harper Collins as part of a two-book contract."

Those two initial books did well enough to earn Amos a contract for a third book, but rapid change to the publishing industry

brought on by the rising popularity of ebooks meant that Amos was dropped by Harper Collins just before the book launched and sales were much poorer than her first two books due to a lack of promotion.

Moving on from her stand-alone novels, Amos turned to a different style and subject.

"I had started trying to write another book — something fictional that would help me portray some of the humor that I'd encountered in my life in the medical field," she said. "Medical people are some of the funniest people on the planet and there were just so many funny things and funny situations that I wanted to be able to share and write about. So I started trying to write a different type of a mystery where a nurse is the main character and I decided to have her go work in a medical examiner's office."

But something just wasn't quite right about the new novel — a problem which was quickly solved by a change of scenery.

"I originally tried to set it in Virginia, which is where I lived at the time, and it just wasn't working..." Amos said. "Then I moved to Wisconsin and decided to change the setting of the book to Wisconsin and suddenly it all just worked. Wisconsin is just strange enough and unique enough in so many ways that everything about it just worked. So I rewrote the book with the Wisconsin setting and eventually found an agent for that as well, and that agent was able to sell the book as part of a multi-book contract to Kensington."

The Mattie Winston mystery series continued with Kensington for 12 books, but not under the name Beth Amos.

"When Kensington wanted to do the Mattie Winston mysteries, they looked back and said that since my last book with Harper Collins hadn't sold very well, they were

afraid book sellers would look at Beth Amos and see that the name didn't sell very well and if they put it on a new series, it might taint it. So they wanted me to come up with a pseudonym."

Amos settled on Annelise Ryan for the series and two spin-off books — Annelise for her middle name, Ann, and Ryan for her son.

Annelise Ryan wasn't the only pseudonym Amos adopted while working with Kensington, though.

"One of the editors that I worked with [at Kensington] said, 'I've always wanted to see a mystery set in a *Cheers* kind of environment with a bar,'" Amos said. "I said, 'You know, I live in Wisconsin, so a bar kind of goes hand-in-hand.' I created a bar owner in Milwaukee who has a neurological disorder called synesthesia that helps her to solve these mysteries... But when this editor approached me about the *Cheers* setting for mysteries, they told me they wanted me to come up with a different pseudonym. The Mattie Winston mysteries, at this point, were around book four and they weren't sure how the sales were going to do. They didn't want the new series to tank the Annelise Ryan series if the new series didn't take off and then vice versa — if for some reason the Annelise Ryan series started to tank, they didn't want that to taint the new series."

And thus, Allyson K. Abbott was born — Abbott because Amos wanted a last name that would put her at top shelves in bookstores and Allyson K. for the initials, A.K.A.

As Allyson K. Abbott, Amos put out a six-book series featuring crime-solving, drink-mixing bar owner Mack Dalton.

But as uncertainty again hit the publishing market, Amos found herself being dropped once more and again turning to Wisconsin for inspiration.

"Being in Wisconsin has actually been a big bonus for me because Wisconsin really is just such a unique and kind of quirky place," Amos said. "It's got its own personality and that personality has really helped me in writing my books. It's a character all of its own and that's really given me a lot of ideas and helped move things along."



"My agents and I put our heads together and came up with an idea for a cryptozoologist to be the main character and I was able to convince Berkeley that I could set several books in Wisconsin, because Wisconsin has a bunch of cryptids," Amos said. "It's got Bigfoot lore and a Loch Ness-type lore and the Hodag, Beast of Bray Road and the Thunderbird — I could go on and on. We pitched that to Berkely and they were all excited about it, so we ended up getting a two-book contract for that."

The new Monster Hunter Mysteries series would be published under the Annelise Ryan pseudonym.

The first book, *A Death in Door County*, was released in September of 2022, following book store owner and cryptozoologist Morgan Carter as she investigates a potential homicidal monster in Lake Michigan.

The second book in the series, *Death in the Dark Woods*, hit the shelves in December 2023, this time centered around a potential Bigfoot sighting and its link to a vicious murder.

Book three in the series, *Beast of the North Woods*, launched at the end of January and takes place in Rhinelander, Wisc., where Morgan Carter finds herself investigating the death of a fisherman who locals claim was attacked by a hodag.

Amos will be at the Brown County Library's East Branch this Saturday, Feb. 15, to discuss her book and path to publication.

Find more information at browncounty-library.com or bethamos.com. **CP**

One paint stroke at a time

New mural in the works at Neville Public Museum

By Janelle Fisher
City Pages Editor

The Neville Public Museum's Youth Discovery Room will undergo a renovation this year including the installation of a custom mural by local artist Andrew Linskens, who has been hard at work for the last several weeks filling the space with a picturesque landscape featuring many of Wisconsin's native birds.

"I want [people] to walk in and be like, 'Wow,'" Linskens said. "I want there to be some wow factor there because that's what art can do. Art can make you feel something, right? And that's what I want. I want them to feel something, and hopefully that is something that's empowering."

With several weeks of work already completed and still more to go as he adds more birds to the scene, including a bald eagle at the center of the mural, many museum patrons have had the opportunity to observe Linskens' process.

"It's a slow process," he said. "You have to let paint dry and kind of come back and analyze where you're at, but so far so good. And I'm used to painting with an audience. I do a lot of performance stuff, like with the Packers on gameday... And with the Art-Hop Collective, where we would throw shows in Green Bay and bring music and art together. So I'm all about that."

Members of the community being able to see Linskens at work is an opportunity he not only accepts, but welcomes in

hopes that it inspires future artists.

"I'm just proud to be a Green Bay artist working in Green Bay again, trying to make where we live a little bit better of a place one little paint stroke at a time, as cheesy as that sounds," he said. "That's where I'm coming from. And I have no secrets. People will be able to see how I work and how I do my thing. That wasn't necessarily how I was brought into art. A lot of people keep their secrets close to them and I do the opposite. Whatever age, I want there to be more good stuff here. I don't look at it as competition, I look at it as planting a seed and then hopefully that turns into something greater later on."

It's an opportunity that is especially important in our community, where people, especially children, may not have had other opportunities to witness and experience this type of art first-hand.

"We live in a state that's towards the bottom, if not at the very bottom, as far as funding for the arts," Linskens said. "This is the way that kids get to see that type of thing and experience that. I taught at UW-Green Bay as well and I've noticed that our kids are a little bit behind with some of the art knowledge. They have the skills, they have the desire and they have the work ethic there, but you have to kind of see art and experience art sometimes. We can do that in one little fashion here and have them go, 'Wow, that's cool, Maybe I could do that kind of thing.' It's a great experience, whether they're small kids or whether they're adults." **CP**




▲ Andrew Linskens has been working for the last several weeks on a mural in the Neville Public Museum's Youth Discovery Room. Janelle Fisher photo

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COVER FEATURE

From the screen to the stage

West De Pere students to perform in The Addams Family

By Janelle Fisher
City Pages Editor



Conflict arises when Gomez is asked by Wednesday to keep a secret from Morticia.

Students at West De Pere High School have been hard at work preparing for the opening of their production of *The Addams Family*, bringing the ghoulish family many have come to know and love from the screen to the stage.

“We see Wednesday has grown up and met a man that she wants to get married to, but then a conflict starts when she asks her dad to keep that a secret from her mother until after they have a dinner together,” said Maggie White, director of the show. “And then it’s revealed during the dinner and Wednesday has to try and backtrack and figure stuff out. And the family that Wednesday would be marrying into is very different from the Addams. They’re very straight-laced. They’re very sunny. They’re very anti-Addams. So there’s a big clash between the gothic Addams family and then this family that loves the color yellow and loves that straight-laced structure.”

The show, White said, will certainly have audiences laughing, even those who are unfamiliar with the original *Addams Family* show.

“It’s a very funny show,” she said. “It has a bunch of jokes that if you’re an Addams fan or not, you’ll like... Comedy really drives this script, so it’s kind of necessary that [the students] need to adapt to be really good at that. There’s a ton of really funny one-liners that our cast delivers really well and there’s a ton of physical comedy.”

“In every story, there’s an underlying moral to it that I hope sticks with them, but also just how fun the show is,” said Lee Demarce, a senior who plays Uncle Fester in West De Pere’s show. “It definitely brings out a lot of the quirkiness that the original Addams Family show and movies had. There’s moments where I’m backstage and I’m laughing because of just how hilarious the scenes can be sometimes.”

With just a week left until opening night, White said she and her students are in one of the more challenging phases of putting together a musical production.

“Right now, we’re just coming up with all the pieces coming together,” White said. “Individually, the stage crew has worked on building the set and programming the lights and programming the sound. And the cast has worked on dancing and singing and acting. And now, when we get to the point where we weave everything together and then also throw on costumes and props and having an audience and hair and makeup, that’s usually the most challenging part.”

And that challenge is enhanced by the high number of students involved in the show.

“We have such a big ensemble and it’s very heavy with background characters, but our background characters are just as important to the plot as everything else,” Demarce said. “Trying to make it look so smooth and fluid with so many people has definitely been a challenge.”

It’s a challenge Demarce and the cast feel prepared to take on, though, knowing the rewarding feeling awaits them when everything finally comes together.

“Theater is something that you have to work with other people,” he said. “You have to figure out what works and what doesn’t. You have to go through trial and error and it’s just something that you have to keep going with. You can’t just give up on your first try. You’ve got to keep going until you finally get it right and that moment when you’re presenting the show on stage in front of everyone, it’s a moment of pride. You’re just so proud of not only yourself, but everyone else in the show.”

Performances of *The Addams Family* will take place Feb. 20, 21 and 27 at 7 p.m. with an additional performance on March 1 at 2 p.m.

Tickets and more information are available at ticketleap.events/tickets/wdptheatre/addams. **CP**



▲ Tickets for West De Pere’s production of *The Addams Family* are available now at ticketleap.events/tickets/wdptheatre/addams.



Wednesday Addams falls in love with a boy from a family very different from the Addams -- straight-laced, sunny and fond of the color yellow.



Lee Demarce, who plays Uncle Fester in the show, said he was excited to find out West De Pere would be doing *The Addams Family* as he and his family have a connection to the show. “We like to compare ourselves to them because we’re also very different and quirky,” Demarce said. “When I found out that we were doing ‘The Addams Family,’ I was very excited because I finally got to do something that really reflected me as a person.”

THE BUZZ

Café Crawl brews excitement in downtown Green Bay



Left: Trolleys will be available to transport participants to the various participating businesses.
Right: Downtown Green Bay's annual Café Crawl will take place next weekend. Submitted photos

For City Pages

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Tickets for Café Crawl are now \$12 each, or \$15 cash day-of, providing attendees with a passport for samples at each of the participating businesses.

Event attendees will be able to enter for a chance to win a gift card from one of the participating businesses.

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- **The Compound Café:** Peanut Butter Latte and Date Caramel Macchiato
- **The Daily Buzz:** Honey Bee Refresher, Black and Tan Medium Roast and a chocolate chip bar (regular or gluten-free) plus discount coupons

- **Grounded Cafe:** Chaider (chai and apple cider) and a gluten free peanut butter cookie
- **Glas Coffeehouse:** Draft Day brew and energy bites
- **Lion's Mouth Bookstore:** Drip Luna coffee and tea from Sweet Willow
- **Captain's Walk Winery:** Coffee Bean Buzz (coffee with kahlua and tequila, topped with whipped cream)
- **LoCo WisCo:** Door County Coffee (Old Fashioned or Sunrise Roast) and Sartori Cheese Espresso BellaVitano
- **Hotel Northland:** Coffee and cinnamon roll bites

Trolleys will continuously circle through the districts, and participants are welcome to use their own modes of transportation. Free parking will be available throughout downtown.

"The Café Crawl is all about bringing people through the doors of our downtown coffee shops and cafés," says Jeff Mirkes, executive director of Downtown Green Bay, Inc. "It's a fun way for visitors to discover new favorites while giving a great boost to our local businesses. We love seeing the energy this event brings to both districts."

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

FOOD/DRINK

Ongoing

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

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

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

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

GAMES/COMPETITIONS

Ongoing

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

BINGO • St. Phillip Parish, Green Bay. Large progressive jackpot. Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., through April 29. Learn more at stphilipgb.org/bingo.

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

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

Pinball Tournament • Titledown Brewing Co., Green Bay. Pinball showdown with cash prizes. Third Thursday of each month from 6-10 p.m. \$15. See Titledown Brewing Co.'s Facebook page to learn more.

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

OUTDOORS/RECREATION

Saturday, Feb. 15

Seed Packing and Sorting • Green Bay Botanical Garden, Green Bay. Help sort and package seeds for the Brown County Seed Library. 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Find more details at newleaffoods.org/events.

Sunday, Feb. 16

Free Tubing Day • Titledown, Ashwaubenon. Free, unlimited tube rides down Ariens Hill. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. See titledown.com to learn more.

Sunday, Feb. 23

De Pere Sportsmans Club Winterfest • 3623 Club Drive, De Pere. Booyah, hamburgers, games and raffles. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

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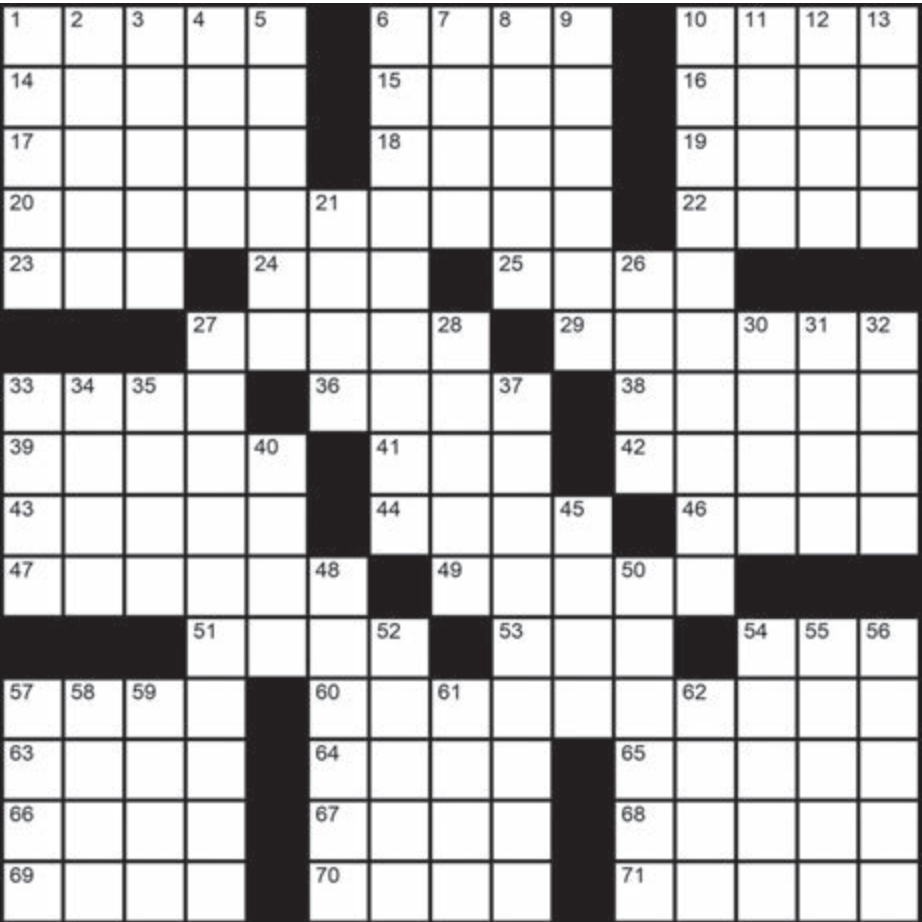
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“Et Al” – some extra stuff.



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Crossword answers on page 7. No peeking!

Across

- 1. Drive-thru drink extra
- 6. Goblet piece
- 10. Baby kangaroo
- 14. Pet problem?
- 15. Adidas rival
- 16. Killer whale
- 17. Valuable item
- 18. Novel-identifying digits
- 19. Mister, in Münster
- 20. Pail exclusively for celebrities?
- 22. Mad Libs prompt
- 23. Denver clock reading
- 24. Kong, e.g.
- 25. Tournament seeding
- 27. Pond dwellers
- 29. Encompassed by
- 33. Roll up
- 36. “Nick at ____”
- 38. More wintry
- 39. German attack craft of WWII
- 41. Swanson on “Parks & Recreation”
- 42. Play in the NHL
- 43. Metronome measurement
- 44. Italian beach resort
- 46. “What ____ can I do?”
- 47. Sneaky kind of horse?
- 49. One of Santa’s reindeer
- 51. Savage of “MythBusters”
- 53. Office machine still used by some businesses
- 54. Text messaging letters
- 57. On a grand scale
- 60. Squishy space shuttle propeller?
- 63. Lean and tall
- 64. Former Missouri Congresswoman Bush
- 65. Company behind “Space Invaders” and “Bubble Bobble”
- 66. Remote button
- 67. Reunion attendee
- 68. Acquired relative
- 69. Coin-op opening
- 70. Intense fury
- 71. Honeycomb units

Down

- 1. Twitch
- 2. Pushes to the limit
- 3. Held another meeting
- 4. Affirm with certainty
- 5. Home beverage center
- 6. Baby, for instance
- 7. Walrus feature
- 8. Add to a website, as a video
- 9. Repeated phrase
- 10. The average cricket player?
- 11. Cookie with a limited-edition Post Malone flavor
- 12. Grayish earth tone
- 13. Knitting store supply
- 21. Fairy tale’s second word
- 26. Author Kingsley
- 27. Cold-weather wear that’ll help you get off the ground?
- 28. Poker-faced
- 30. Old phone feature
- 31. Collectors’ completions
- 32. Ash, e.g.
- 33. Bounty hunter Boba
- 34. Over, in Hanover
- 35. Former Cowboys quarterback Tony
- 37. Theoretical stopping point
- 40. Mario Kart character
- 45. “The Wire” role
- 48. Org. with pit workers
- 50. Rare and unusual
- 52. Slangy cash
- 54. Expertise
- 55. Mercury, for one
- 56. Puts in the overhead
- 57. Shade providers
- 58. Singer Anka
- 59. Engaged by
- 61. 1960s fad dance
- 62. Sugar source

arts & entertainment

HIGH LIGHTS

by Janelle Fisher

The Four C Notes

Friday, Feb. 14 | Ashwaubenon Performing Arts Center, Ashwaubenon


The Midwest’s premier Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons tribute act.

The performance will feature Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons’ signature four-part harmonies on beloved hits like “Sherry,” “Big Girls Don’t Cry,” “Walk Like a Man,” “Can’t Take My Eyes Off of You” and “Let’s Hang On.”

The show will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$35.

Learn more and purchase tickets at ashwaubenonpac.org.



Once Upon A Mattress


Feb. 15, 16, 22 and 23 | Pulaski High School, Pulaski

Comic retelling of the children’s story The Princess and the Pea.

Performances will take place on Feb. 15 and 22 at 7 p.m. and Feb. 16 and 23 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$8.

Visit pulaskihs.ludus.com to learn more and to purchase tickets.



Free Tubing Day

Sunday, Feb. 16 | Titledown, Ashwaubenon


Free, unlimited tube rides down Ariens Hill.

All guests must sign a waiver to tube at Titledown and are asked to complete their tubing and skating waivers ahead of time at titledown.com/waivers.

Tube riders must be at least 42 inches tall and are required to ride one person per tube.

Tubing will take place between 11 a.m.-6 p.m. with admissions closing at 5 p.m.

See titledown.com to learn more.




Green Bay Boat Show

Feb. 14, 15 and 16 | Resch Expo, Ashwaubenon

Display of a variety of boats, personal watercraft, docks and lifts.

The show will take place Friday, Feb. 14, from 2-8 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 15, from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 16, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for military, veterans and seniors and free for ages 17 and under.



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FFA is the premier youth organization preparing members for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture.

Each year, FFA chapters around the country celebrate National FFA Week. It's a time to share what FFA is and the impact it has on members every day.



This past November, students from De Pere FFA were recognized for their involvement in the FarmBeats for students program which is a partnership between Microsoft and the FFA. FarmBeats for Students is a hands-on educational program that brings precision agriculture directly into the classroom. De Pere FFA students traveled to Indianapolis for the National FFA Convention and participated in various promotional activities for the FarmBeats Program. De Pere FFA Senior, Makayla Staudinger, was featured on the local Indianapolis News Station highlighting the features of the FarmBeats Kits. Students also participated in the FFA Press conference which featured the Lieutenant Governor of Indiana, the Mayor of Indianapolis, The CEO of FFA, as well as the entire National Officer Team. The week was

finished off when Advisor Mr. Wolf presented on the FFA Spotlight Stage discussing his involvement with the FarmBeats for students program.

Bay Port FFA

Bay Port FFA is proud to be the largest organization offered at Bay Port High School, with a total of 130 members! Throughout the year, we offer over 150 events to members: agricultural topics, tours, community outreach, and educational field trips. This past May, we hosted our first annual 3rd Grade Day on the Dairy at Wiese Brothers Dairy Farm. Over 200, 3rd grade students traveled through 6 learning stations, taught by Bay Port FFA members to learn about today's dairy industry. This upcoming May, we will increase event attendance to all 5 Howard Suamico School District Elementary schools, reaching over 350 3rd grade students.

This past October, two of our competition teams qualified to compete at the 97th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Our Agricultural Issues Forum and Environmental and Natural Resources placed in the silver tier.



Preble FFA

A successful year at Preble FFA
By: Landon Morella

It's been a great year so far for Preble FFA having 4 of our members participate in the National Nursery Landscape CDE and winning silver honors, and having the LDE regionals hosted right here at Preble High School. Over the last week we had 2 of our senior FFA members participate in the inaugural State Auctioneering CDE both placing in the top 5. Preble FFA in collaboration with two other local chapters, has also released an online national competition that garnered over 1600 participants spread across 25 states. We still have more coming with our strawberry sales fundraiser and teddy bear toss at the Green Bay Gamblers game. We will be competing in the Wisconsin Envirothon in April and attend the State FFA Convention in Madison in June.



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BEAVERS
from page 11

Ditching dynamite
But Wisconsin wildlife managers recommend people consider alternatives before killing the animals, including flow devices like pond levelers.

They date to at least the 1920s when USDA Chief Field Naturalist Vernon Bailey proposed using an “entirely successful” drainage pipe constructed with logs and threaded through the dam.

Subsequent testing indicated that early levelers sometimes failed, but the concept has evolved.

Modern devices control water height using a flex-

ible plastic tube resting on a pond’s bottom.

A cage surrounds the intake and prevents beavers from swimming close enough to detect flowing water, which researchers believe triggers their building itch.

The other end of the tube passes through the dam, forming a permanent leak.

Installers say levelers, which cost \$2,000 to \$4,000, function for about 10 years and require little maintenance.

They can modify setups to accommodate fish passage, narrow and shallow streams, large ponds and downstream beaver dams.

“The best solutions obviously are going to be ones that work for the beavers and that work for us,” said Massachusetts-based Beaver Solutions owner Mike Callahan, who has installed more than 2,000 flow devices and trains consultants.

Flow devices have limits

Scientists have conducted virtually no peer-reviewed research evaluating the effectiveness of flow devices.

But studies supporting their use documented financial savings, high customer satisfaction and trapping reduction.

Callahan analyzed 482

sites where he added flow devices or trapped and found only 13% of pond levelers failed within two years compared to 72% of trapping sites to which beavers returned.

Yet flow devices aren’t silver bullets.

A study conducted by the USDA’s wildlife control agency in Mississippi indicated that half of levelers failed to meet landowners’ goals — although the participants didn’t always maintain them.

Callahan, like many co-existence proponents, attributes device ineffectiveness to the faulty installation of outdated models.

They say this can confirm preexisting beliefs that flow devices are ineffective, or at best, temporary solutions.

“If you have a crappy design, yeah, it’s not going to work.”

Jimmy Taylor, assistant director of the USDA’s National Wildlife Research Center, said flow devices have their uses but aren’t a beaver control substitute.

Damage control can alternatively involve removing dams, lodges and the plants beavers eat; installing fences or scary props and noisemakers; applying spicy or bitter repellants to food sources; and shooting.

People tolerate beavers

until conflict reaches a threshold.

Seeking to change ‘hearts and minds’

Ecologist Clay Frazer and McCullough hope to streamline Wisconsin permitting, making their case “one good flow device at a time.”

“It’s statutes. It’s permitting,” Frazer said. “But it’s also just hearts and minds. It’s people changing the culture of how they think about beavers.”

Their ponds look messy — dead trees and all — but to beaver backers, their value rivals rainforests or coral reefs.



The 100th day of school
Levi Francois, kindergartener at Meadowbrook Elementary in Howard, enjoys a bit of light reading during the 100th day of school.
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Bargain sales of land: A creative tax strategy or potential pitfall?



Dear Monty
BY RICHARD MONTGOMERY
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DEAR MONTY,
We own some vacant land a nonprofit wants to purchase.

Their agent has told us that he can structure the contract to survey the land and divide it in half.

They would pay us double the fair market value (FMV) for one half, and we would then donate the other half for \$1.

He called it a “bargain sale.”

We would then have a tax advantage from donating half the property to help offset the gains from selling the other half.

Our CPA tells us that if the same buyer acquires all the property for FMV, there is no bargain sale or tax advantage.

Is this legitimate?

Is there any other way the sale could be structured to give us a tax advantage?

MONTY’S ANSWER
When it comes to charitable property donations combined with sales, the details and structure of the transaction are crucial for both legal compliance and tax advantages.

Here are some options to consider:

- The agent’s proposed structure raises several red flags. In essence, it suggests artificially splitting a single transaction into two parts — a sale above market value and a donation — to create a tax benefit. The IRS generally looks at the substance of transactions over their form, particularly when related parties and charitable contributions are involved.
- Your CPA’s assessment aligns with standard tax principles. When a single buyer acquires an entire property in a coordinated transaction, the IRS typically views this as one unified transaction rather than separate events. The fact that the nonprofit would pay double the FMV for half the property suggests this is an

attempt to recharacterize a single transaction at FMV.

However, there are legitimate ways to structure property transactions with nonprofits that can provide tax advantages. A genuine bargain sale occurs when you sell the property to a qualified charity for less than its FMV.

The difference between the FMV and the sale price is considered a charitable contribution.

The key is that this must be a genuine bargain sale, not an artificially structured transaction where you receive full value through other means.

Alternative structures worth considering

- A direct sale at FMV with a separate cash donation to the charity keeps the transactions separate and provides a straightforward charitable deduction.
- Granting a conservation easement on the property before selling it. The easement could provide a charitable deduction, reducing the property value while allowing you to sell the restricted property.
- Contributing the property to a charitable remainder trust could provide income and tax benefits.

These alternatives should be carefully evaluated by qualified tax and legal advisors who can assess your situation and goals.

The key is to ensure any transaction is structured with genuine economic substance and legitimate charitable intent.

It’s worth noting that property transactions involving charities receive heightened scrutiny from the IRS, mainly when they involve complex structures or appear designed primarily for tax advantages.

Working with experienced professionals who understand both real estate and tax law is essential to ensure compliance.

Before proceeding with any structure, obtain written opinions from qualified tax counsel and consider requesting an IRS private letter ruling for significant transactions to ensure your planned approach will be respected.

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Snow, cold a boost for winter sports lovers



In the Outdoors

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Recent snowfalls should be enough to get snowmobilers out in more areas, and certainly will improve cross country skiing and snowshoeing opportunities.

All the fresh powder has also benefited cottontail rabbit and coyote hunters, and their scent-trailing hounds.

With single-digit and even a few below-zero lows expected, you'll need to layer up for those outdoor adventures.

A chilling 10-day forecast looks ideal for firming things up on Green Bay, where working pressure cracks continued to cause some issues last weekend. As always, check locally for the latest updates before heading out.

Inland lakes have been producing mixed catches of panfish and bass pretty much everywhere. Some also offer pike, walleye and even stocked trout. The use of electronics can help pinpoint the depths fish are holding, but you still might need to coax them to bite.

Great Lakes tributaries are producing a variety of species, from trout and pike on the lakeshore to wall-eyes, pike and panfish on the Green Bay side.

The main bay — from Green Bay to Marinette, and across to Door County — has been offering yellow perch, whitefish, pike, walleye and brown trout, though it's definitely spotty. Many anglers say they've

done best by exploring away from the crowds.

Giant sturgeon

More than 400 lake sturgeon were taken the first four days of the spearing season on the Lake Winnebago system — 218 on the big lake and 190 on the up-river lakes.

There were 19 sturgeon larger than 100 pounds speared through Tuesday. That included the fourth-largest in the history of the fishery — a 180.5-pounder that stretched 79.3 inches long taken by 22-year-old Hayley Herzig.

On day two, an even longer fish was speared, 81.9 inches. DNR fisheries staff said it was still about a year away from spawning and though still large at 161.9 pounds, they believe with mature eggs it could have weighed 40 to 50 pounds more next year.

Though not perfect everywhere, ice conditions are better than the past two years. Water clarity on Winnebago, however, is not very good.

In years with good ice conditions and water clarity, it's not uncommon for 1,000 to 2,000 sturgeon to be registered.

There were 3,340 shanties counted on Lake Winnebago last weekend, with most located off the west central portion near the Oshkosh area.

The record harvest was set in 1995, at 3,173, before harvest caps were set.

Last year, a 177.3-pound,



Locally raised Canada geese often lounge along the Lake Michigan shoreline all winter, making daily flights inland to try to scrounge waste grains or grasses from agricultural fields. If the snow gets too deep, they may fly just far enough south to find food. DNR banding studies reveal many don't travel farther than Illinois.

Kevin Naze photo

79.9-inch female sturgeon was speared on Lake Winnebago. At the time it was the seventh heaviest since seasons began nearly a century ago. The record is 212.2 pounds, taken in 2010, and the only one over 200.

But that's not the biggest sturgeon ever seen. DNR fisheries biologists weighed a spawn-filled, 240-pound female in April, 2012 on the Wolf River in Shawano. It measured 87.5 inches.

In recent years the Winnebago spearing season has gone the full 16 days. If success is better, it closes earlier.

You can follow the progress of this year's hunt at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/fishing/sturgeon/WinnSysSturgeonSpear>.

Fish Art Contest

This year's Wildlife Forever Fish Art Contest has partnered with the Great Lakes Fishery Commission to add a Great Lakes Fish Specialty Award.

The new award celebrates fish species that provide valuable ecosystem services and are integral to Great Lakes Indigenous, commercial, recreational and subsistence fisheries. It also raises awareness of

non-native fish species that negatively impact the ecosystem.

K-12 students must submit artwork featuring a fish species from the official eligibility list at <https://www.theartofconservation.org/great-lakes-award>. There are four age group categories.

This year's contest closes Feb. 28. Entering is free. See the rules and more at <https://www.theartofconservation.org/fish-art-contest>.

Walleye reminder

A meeting on two Peshtigo River and High Falls Flowage walleye movement projects is set for 6-8 p.m. Feb. 19 at the Peshtigo DNR Field Office. There's a virtual option via Microsoft Teams as well. More information, including login info can be found at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/calendar>.

Bird count Feb. 14-17

This weekend is the 28th annual Great Backyard Bird Count. You can participate for free and help scientists gather data on birds across the globe. Learn more at <https://www.birdcount.org/>.

Elsie (Gehrke) Skaletski
Elsie (Gehrke) Skaletski, 90, Green Bay, passed away on Friday, February 7, 2025. Friends may call at St. Willebrord Catholic Church, 209 S. Adams Street, Wednesday, February 12th from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. The mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Online condolences may be given at www.prokowall.com



John Vincent Lardinois.
John passed away peacefully in his sleep in Green Bay, on January 24, 2025. The family will have a memorial service in John's memory on Saturday, May 17th at the Brussels Community Center, with time tbd.

OBITUARIES



Julie Ann Drais
Julie Ann Drais, 86, joyfully returned to the arms of her loving husband and parents on Saturday, February 8, 2025. Friends visited at SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 720 N. Baird Street, on Thursday, February 13th from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Online condolences may be given at www.prokowall.com



Marentine "Tina" (Hebel) Peterson
Marentine "Tina" (Hebel) Peterson, 76, passed away Wednesday, February 5, 2025. Visitation was held from noon to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 9th at Proko-Wall Funeral Home, 1630 E. Mason St., Green Bay. Visitation will continue from 10:00-10:50 a.m. on Monday at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Luxemburg, N4118 Cty Road AB. The Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. To send online condolences visit www.prokowall.com



Norbert "Norb" James Baranczyk, 95, Green Bay, passed away Friday, February 7, 2025. He was born on May 31, 1929 to the late Laura (Holewinski) and Frank Baranczyk. Friends and family will gather at St. Agnes Parish, 1484 Ninth St., from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Friday, February 14; Mass of Christian Burial to follow at 11 a.m. Entombment will be in the Allouez Chapel Mausoleum. To view full obituary or send online condolences, please go to www.BlaneyFuneralHome.com.



Donna Mae Jauquet
Donna Mae Jauquet, 81, passed away peacefully on February 1, 2025, at Allouez Senior Living, surrounded by her family. A private family service will be held in Ovid, New York, at a later date. In lieu of floral expressions, donations may be made in Donna's memory to a charity of your choice. Online condolences may be sent to the Jauquet family at www.prokowall.com



Peter J. Brunette, age 81, of Allouez, passed away on Friday, February 7, 2025. Family and friends may gather on Saturday, February 15, 2025, at Resurrection Catholic Parish, 333 Hilltop Dr., Allouez for a visitation beginning at 10:00am until 11:45am, with the Mass of Christian Burial to follow at 12:00 noon, Fr. Tom Reynebeau officiating. A complete obituary will be found at www.cotterfuneralhome.com.



Robert "Bob" Bildings, age 65, of De Pere, WI, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 9, 2025 at his home with family by his side. Family and friends may gather on Friday, February 14, 2025 at St. Mary Catholic Church, 4805 Sportsman Dr., De Pere, WI 54115 (Ledgeview) from 9:00 am to 10:45 am with Mass of Christian Burial to follow at 11:00 am with Fr. Mike Ingold presiding. For full obituary, go to cotterfuneralhome.com



Timothy "Tim" McKenna, 71, De Pere, passed away unexpectedly on February 4, 2025, in North Fort Myers, Florida. A memorial gathering to honor Tim's life was held on what would have been his 72nd birthday—February 13, 2025—from 3:00 PM to 6:45 PM with a memorial service at 7:00 pm at Cotter Funeral Home, located at 860 N. Webster Ave., De Pere, WI. The family ask that, in lieu of flowers, that a donation be made to Green Bay CP Center. Complete obituary can be found at www.cotterfuneralhome.com.

Weekly Fishing Report

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

Reports from the Fox are that ice is in good shape, but foot traffic only is still recommended. Walleye activity has been above average and reports of a few bigger fish have surfaced. Jigging raps have still been a favorite choice tipped with a minnow head. Perch fishing activity has been happening from Deadhorse Bay to Suamico and all the way up to Oconto Park 2 area along the West shore, and mostly around Little Sturgeon Bay and Sawyer Harbor along the East Shore. Reports are mixed and mostly due to the unstable weather we have had. Some report limits and some report 5 to 10 fish per person with sorting through smaller fish. One common theme has been some really big trophy perch keep showing up in all locations. Please consider releasing all those big females

to help keep out fishery going strong. Tip downs and Box Tip-Ups with small shiners or Rosie reds have continued to dominate the catches. A few fish have fallen pray to anglers using small plastics and small jigging spoons also. Northern Pike areas in the back of the bays have continued to be decent with mostly smaller fish showing up. Dead Horse Bay and Suamico lead the West Shore and Little Sturgeon leads the East Shore for action. Tip-Ups with Large Golden Shiners continue to be the best presentation. Lower Bay areas around Dykesville to Point Comfort have been fair to good for whitefish. Slick jigs tipped with a minnow tail or plastic have been good bait choices. Over the last week, the Larsons reef area continued to see ice shifting. Several new cracks opened up out

offshore. The new cracks left several dangerous areas with small to medium sized open water pockets. Use extreme caution when navigating to and from the whitefish areas. The deep freeze weather upon us should make this more secure moving forward, but please remember Green Bay is a very dynamic body of water and ice can change in an instant. Anglers that were able to get on the reef had very good success targeting whitefish. Slider Rigs, Jigs and plastics continue to be the most prominent tactic. Any plastic that mimics a Goby is a good choice. If you want to find more success out there with whitefish get away from the crowd.

Yah only at Smokeys!!! We will reopen March 2nd. See you soon mangs. Capt. Robert Claus FinFanatic Charters 920-360-2904

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Howard WNAIXLP
Preliminary Resolution No. 2025 - 03
PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO EXERCISE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT POWERS UNDER WISCONSIN STATUTE SECTION 66.0701 UPON GLENDALE AVENUE, AND SHAWANO AVENUE, FOR WATER MAIN, SERVICE LATERALS, AND ASPHALT ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION.
The Village Board of the Village of Howard, Brown County Wisconsin do hereby resolve as follows:
1. The Village of Howard hereby declares its intention to exercise its power under Section 66.0701 of the Wisconsin Statutes to levy special assessments upon Glendale Avenue, and Shawano Avenue as follows:
A. The northerly and southerly sides of Glendale Avenue, beginning approximately at the intersection with Shawano Avenue, continuing westerly along Glendale Avenue approximately 2,000 feet., for water mains and water services, and asphalt roadway construction including:
Parcel VH – 31
Parcel VH – 31-1
Parcel VH – 31-2
Parcel VH – 31-3
Parcel VH – 30
B. The northeasterly and southwesterly sides of Shawano Avenue, beginning approximately at the intersection with Glendale Avenue, continuing southeasterly along Shawano Avenue approximately 1,800 feet., for water mains and water services, and asphalt roadway construction including:
Parcel VH – 26-2
Parcel VH – 26-5
Parcel VH – 26-6
Parcel VH – 26-7
Parcel VH – 26-8
Parcel VH – 26
Parcel VH – 26-10
Parcel VH – 26-11
Parcel VH – 26-4
Parcel VH – 26-3
Parcel VH – 25-1
Parcel VH – 28-2
Parcel VH – 25
Parcel VH – 26-1-1
Parcel VH – 1514
Parcel VH – 1513
Parcel VH – 1512
Parcel VH – 1511
Parcel VH – 1510
Parcel VH – 1509
2. The total amount assessed by the Village shall not exceed the cost of the improvements.
3. The Assessment against any parcel may be paid in cash or installments to be determined at the public hearing on the proposed assessment.
4. The Village determines that such improvements shall be installed and assessment

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therefore levied under the police power and that the amount assessed against each benefited parcel shall be based on the Village of Howard Special Assessment Policy for public improvements.
5. The Director of Engineering is directed to prepare a report consisting of:
A. Preliminary or final plans and specifications.
B. An estimate of the entire costs of the proposed work or improvement.
C. A schedule of the proposed assessments.
D. A statement that the property against which the assessments are proposed is benefited.
6. After completing such report, the Director of Engineering is directed to file a copy thereof in the Village Clerk's office for public inspection.
7. Upon receiving the report of the Director of Engineering, the Village Clerk is directed to give notice of a public hearing on such report as specified in Section 66.0703(7), Wis. Stats., unless prior thereto a written waiver of such notice is received by the Clerk from the owners of all of the property affected by said public improvements against which assessments are to be levied. If such notice is required the hearing shall be held in the Village Hall at a time set by the clerk in accordance with Section 66.0703(7), Wis. Stats. Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Howard, Brown County, Wisconsin, this 10th day of February 2025.
APPROVED:
Burt McIntyre, Village President
ATTEST:
Kathleen Jurecki, Village Clerk
Published: 02 14 25 WNAIXLP

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
BROWN COUNTY**

Landmark Credit Union
Plaintiff,
v.
Christopher E. Konkol
XYZ Unknown Defendant,
Defendants.
Case No. 24CV1629
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.

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Within 40 days after January 31, 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, 100S. Jefferson St, PO Box 23600, Green Bay, WI 54305-3600, and to Plaintiff's attorney, whose mailing address is PO Box 1473, Wausau, Wisconsin 54402-1473. You may have an attorney help or represent you.
If you do not provide a proper Answer within 40 days after January 31, 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 21st day of January 21, 2025
Bates Legal Group, LLC,
Attorney for Plaintiff
By: /s/ Attorney Justin J. Bates
Justin J. Bates
State Bar No. 1066128
PO Box 1473
Wausau, WI 54402-1473
(715) 843-5599
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STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT,
BROWN COUNTY

Plaintiff(s):
Lebakkens Inc of WI DBA
Lebakkens Rent to Own
318 N. Military Avenue
Green Bay, WI 54303
-vs-
Defendant(s):
Jayson Thomas Shane
Hedrick
2310 Preble Avenue # 8
Green Bay, WI 54302
Publication Summons and Notice (Small Claims)
Case No. 2025SC000524
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

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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: 02/21/2025
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
Jess Gehl
Date 02/11/2025
Law Firm And Address
318 N. Military Avenue
Green Bay, WI 54303
Plaintiffs/Attorney's
Telephone Number
920-288-8960
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
BROWN COUNTY

Summit Credit Union
Plaintiff
v.
Alexis Andres Cubillo
Mendoza
Defendants.
Case No. 24CV1788
Code No. 30301

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Dated this 28th day of January, 2025.
Bates Legal Group, LLC,
Attorney for Plaintiff
By: /s/ Attorney Justin J. Bates
Justin J. Bates
State Bar No. 1066128
PO Box 1473
Wausau, WI 54402-1473
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Allouez WNAIXLP
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
EAST LAWN PARK SHELTER RENOVATION VILLAGE OF ALLOUEZ Brown County, Wisconsin (920) 448-2800

Notice is hereby given by the Village Board, Village of Allouez, Brown County, Wisconsin, that it will receive sealed bids for the **East Lawn Park Shelter Renovation Project until 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at Allouez Village Hall, 1900 Libal Street, Green Bay, WI, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.**
Bids are requested for the following work:
The existing 960 SF park shelter building is located at 1515 Boyd Street, Green Bay, WI 54301. The Scope includes but is not limited to:
• New interior and exterior finishes
• New doors, frames and hardware
• New aluminum windows
• Painting the existing metal roof (alternate to provide a new metal roof)
• Painting the existing concrete floors (alternate for epoxy floors)
• Provide new perimeter sidewalk doveled into the existing building foundation
OWNER – The Village of Allouez and the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department acting through its Village Board hereby gives notice that sealed bids will be received in the Village Hall Office for the above mentioned project.

BIDS – All bids shall be addressed to the Village of Allouez, C/O: Chris Clark, Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Director, 1900 Libal St., Green Bay, Wisconsin 54301. Bids shall be sealed and shall have the name and address of the bidder as well as **BID** with the project name **EAST LAWN PARK SHELTER RENOVATION FOR VILLAGE OF ALLOUEZ**

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marked on the outside of the envelope. All bidders shall bid in accordance with and upon the Bid Forms included in the contract documents.
EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS – The contract documents are on file for inspection at the Office of the Architect, Somerville, Inc., 2100 Riverside Drive, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54301
PROCUREMENT OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS – In order to be a "Plan Holder" or "Bidder" each firm or organization shall obtain plans and/or specs as follows:
Bidding documents can be obtained from the Office of the Architect by emailing planrequests@somervilleinc.com beginning on February 6, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. Instructions for downloading or requesting printed copies of Bidding Documents will be emailed to you.
PRE-BID NON-MANDATORY MEETING – A non-mandatory Bidder's Conference has been scheduled for which all prime contract Bidders and Suppliers are invited.
1. Date/Time: Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.
2. Location: East Lawn Park, 1515 Boyd Street, Green Bay, WI 54301
3. Representatives of the Owner and Architect will be in attendance.
BID SECURITY – No bid shall be received unless accompanied by a certified check or satisfactory bid bond payable to the Village of Allouez in the amount not less than 5% of the maximum bid as 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 ten (10) days after the Notice of Award.
BID REJECTION – The OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any information in bidding or to accept the bid or bids which best serves the interests of the Village of Allouez.
WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS – No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the scheduled opening without the consent of the OWNER. Published by the authority of the Village of Allouez
Jim Rafter
Village President
Jim March
Village Administrator
Carrie Zittlow
Village Clerk-Treasurer
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De Pere WNAIXLP
NOTICE TO ACCEPT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR DE PERE COMMUNITY CENTER AIR CONDITIONING REPLACEMENT DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES
The City of De Pere is accepting Request for Proposals for the De Pere Community Center air conditioning replacement design and construction management service. For specifics about the RFP, please contact Marty Kosobucki at 920-339-8358 or Thomas Blohowiak at 920-339-4060. Request for Proposals need to be completed and turned into the De Pere Municipal Service Center at 925 S. Sixth St., De Pere by Friday, February 28, 2025, by 10:00 am. Request for Proposals can be submitted either by paper copy or via e-mail to Marty Kosobucki at mkosobucki@deperewi.gov
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NOTICE TO ALL BROWN COUNTY DOG OWNERS

Pursuant to §174.07 (1)(a), Wisconsin Statutes, except as provided in §174.054, a dog license is necessary for the keeping of any dog over 5 months of age.

Further, rabies vaccinations are required, §95.21 (2)(a), Wisconsin Statutes, at no later than five 5 months of age and revaccinated within one year after the initial vaccination. If the owner obtains the dog or brings the dog into the state after the dog has reached 5 months of age, the owner shall have the dog vaccinated within 30 days or must provide proof of prior vaccination. In addition, all dogs shall be revaccinated when their rabies certificate expires. A certificate documenting that the dog's rabies vaccinations are current shall be presented to the Municipal Clerk/Treasurer when obtaining an annual dog license.

Any person who keeps more than one dog may qualify for a multiple dog license under §174.053. Any person with questions regarding dog licensing in their municipality may contact their Municipal Clerk/Treasurer at the numbers listed below.

2025 Dog licensing tags shall be obtained by April 1, 2025, from your Municipal Clerk/Treasurer. Licensing fees may vary by municipality. Late fees are assessed after April 1, 2025.

C-Green Bay 920-448-3010		
C-De Pere 920-339-4050	V-Allouez 920-448-2800	V-Ashwaubenon 920-492-2320
V-Denmark 920-863-6400	V-Greenleaf 920-323-6203	V-Hobart 920-869-3802
V-Pulaski 920-822-5182	V-Suamico 920-434-2212	V-Wrightstown 920-532-5567
T-Glenmore 920-676-1078	T-Green Bay 920-619-0309	T-Holland 920-851-0902
T-Lawrence 920-336-9131	T-Ledgeview 920-336-3360	T-Morrison 920-606-5433
T-Pittsfield 920-676-5111	T-Rockland 920-609-1478	T-Scott 920-406-9380

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Howard WNAXLP
SECTION 00020
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Village of Howard
1336 Cornell Road
Green Bay, WI 54313-8923
Sealed bids for the Nouryon Sports Complex Synthetic Turf Soccer Fields Turf & Site Contracts will be received by the Village of Howard at the Public Works Facility, 1336 Cornell Road, Green Bay, WI 54313-8923, until February 24, 2025, at 1:30 P.M., CT, and shall include the following approximate quantities:
TURF CONTRACT
170,000 S.F. - Synthetic turf & shock pad
SITE CONTRACT
10,000 C.Y. - Earthwork
15,000 TONS - Drainage aggregate
6,000 L.F. - Storm/drainage piping & drain tile
19,000 S.Y. - Geotextile
1,500 L.F. - Curbing
18,000 S.F. - Flatwork
1,500 L.F. - Site Fencing
THE PROJECT IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED BY: TURF CONTRACT:
Completed between September 1, 2025 & October 15, 2025
SITE CONTRACT: September 1, 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, Notice to Proceed, Addenda, Certificate of Substantial Completion, and Drawings and Specifications, may be examined at the following locations:
Issuing Office:
Village of Howard Public Works Facility (920)434-4060
1336 Cornell Road
Green Bay, WI 54313
Bidding and the award of work will be in accordance with the provisions of Section 61.55 and 66.0901.
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. Bidders shall download the digital plan documents for \$30.00 by inputting Quest project #9541399 on the website's Project Search. Please contact QuestCND.com at 952-233-1632 or 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 920-434-4060 if you have any questions.
Josh Gerrits, P.E.
Village Engineer
Publication Date: 02/14/2025
Publication Date: 02/21/2025
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Howard WNAXLP
SECTION 00020
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Village of Howard
1336 Cornell Road
Green Bay, WI 54313-8923
Sealed bids for the Hazel Estates 3rd Addition and Marley Meadows Utility & Roadway Construction will be received by the Village of Howard at the Public Works Facility, 1336 Cornell Road, Green Bay, WI 54313-8923, until March 3, 2025, at 1:30 P.M., CT, and shall include the

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following approximate quantities:
3150 L.F. - Sanitary Sewer
20000 C.Y. - Excavation & Grading
3900 L.F. - Storm Sewer
15000 Tons - Crushed Aggregate
3350 L.F. - Watermain
6750 L.F. - Curb & Gutter
1500 Tons - Asphaltic Pavement
34000 S.F. - Concrete Sidewalk
The project is scheduled to be completed by August 22, 2025, Utility work and October 17, 2025 Roadway work. 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, Notice to Proceed, Addenda, Certificate of Substantial Completion, and Drawings and Specifications, may be examined at the following locations:
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Josh Gerrits, P.E.
Village Engineer
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Meetings and Public Hearings 7720

Ashwaubenon WNAXLP
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING / PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held by the Village Board of the Village of Ashwaubenon, Brown County, Wisconsin, on February 25, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the Ashwaubenon Village Hall, 2155 Holmgren Way, at which time the Village Board will consider the request for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) for Winding Creek Estates, at the east end of Pagels Place, Parcel VA-L333-2.. / Affected Parcel: VA-L333-2. / The request is available for inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Village Clerk, 2155 Holmgren Way, Ashwaubenon, Wisconsin. / All interested persons, firms, and corporations wishing to be heard are invited to be present and may be heard at this hearing. / Dated this 27th day of January, 2025. /s/ Kris A. Teske, Village Clerk.
Publish / RUN: February 7, 2025 & February 14, 2025.
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Suamico WNAXLP
The Suamico Village Board will conduct the following Public Hearing on Monday, March 3, 2025 beginning at 6:00 PM at the Suamico Village Hall, 12781 Velp Avenue, Suamico, WI 54313 to consider the following:
A request by S. Sonnabend Properties, LLC, 1810 Lost Trail, SU-174-5, for approval of a modification to the Planned Development Overlay, allowing for an additional duplex as part of the 2-Lot CSM that is also up for consideration.
Michelle Bartoletti
Suamico Village Clerk
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Howard-Suamico WNAXLP
Regular Board of Education Meeting – January 27, 2025
Present: Scott Jandrin, Amy Rubright, Greg Klimek, Vanessa Moran, Allen McGuire, Rachelle Paulsen, Chrissy Amtmann (participated virtually), Jessica Gagnan and Heidi Wustrack, Student Representatives
Also Present: Mark Smith, Mike Juech, Chad Buboltz, Kimberly Uelman, Jennie Garceau, Elisia Lewis
President Greg Klimek called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. A MOTION was made by Scott Jandrin and seconded by Amy Rubright to adopt the agenda. A vote was taken on the motion; 7 -YES; **MOTION CARRIED.**
Faculty and Staff Community Conversation – The Board conducted an informal conversation with 16 faculty and staff. The conversation focused on behavior framework, graduate profile, a caring learning community for staff and future priorities. Greg Klimek served as the facilitator.
The Board recessed from 6:00-6:15 p.m.
Consent Agenda: A MOTION was made by Scott Jandrin and seconded by Allen McGuire to approve the consent agenda, including minutes of the Regular Board Meeting January 6, 2025; approval of vouchers and invoices in the amount of \$3,719,481.75 through January 27, 2025; retirement of Joann Boettcher, Stephanie Faccio, approval to expend 2025-26 funds; approval of open enrollment spaces for 2025-26 school year for regular education as required by Wis. Stats. 118.51(5)(a) as presented in the attached chart; approval of open enrollment spaces for 2025-26 school year for special education as required by Wis. Stats. 118.51(5)(a) as presented in the attached chart as detailed in the consent materials.
A roll call vote was taken on the motion; Klimek – YES, Paulsen – YES, McGuire – YES, Jandrin – YES, Moran – YES, Rubright – YES, Amtmann – YES; -7-YES; **MOTION CARRIED.**
REGULAR EDUCATION - 2025-26 OPEN ENROLLMENT SPACES

Grade Level	Spaces
4K	60
Kindergarten	0
1st	24
2-8	0
9-12	60

SPECIAL EDUCATION – 2025-26 OPEN ENROLLMENT SPACES

Grade Level	Spaces
Early Childhood, Community Based	0
Early Childhood, Self-Contained	0
Grades K-4 Cross-Categorical*	0
Grades K-4 Extensive Needs**	0
Grades 5-6 Cross-Categorical*	0
Grades 5-6 Extensive Needs**	0
Grades 7-8 Cross-Categorical*	0
Grades 7-8 Extensive	

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Needs** 0
Grades 9-12 Cross-Categorical* 0
Grades 9-12 Extensive Needs** 0
Occupational Therapy 0
Physical Therapy 0
Speech/Language 0
Auditor's Report – Greg Pitel, CPA, and Brianna Olson, Audit Manager (participated virtually), from Kerber Rose, gave an informational report on the Annual Financial Report of the District, June 30, 2024 and status of the audit.
Approval of E-3 Graduate Profile – Ends Monitoring Report – Supt. Mark Smith gave an introduction and overview of Ends Policy E-3 Graduate Profile Monitoring Report. Asst. Supt. of Learning and Leadership Chad Buboltz shared a presentation highlighting results of assessments gathered from staff perceptions survey, learning walks, and student focus groups. He provided a summary of goals and next steps. A MOTION was made by Scott Jandrin and seconded by Allen McGuire to approve Ends Policy E-3 Graduate Profile Monitoring Report at a level 3, meets expectations as presented and verified in the Official Board Response to Ends Policy Monitoring Report. A roll call vote was taken on the motion; Klimek- YES, Paulsen – YES, McGuire – YES, Jandrin – YES, Moran – YES, Rubright – YES, Amtmann – YES; 7 – YES; **MOTION CARRIED.**
Board CESA 7 Report – Nothing to report.
Public Policy Correspondent Report – Vanessa Moran shared there are three candidates for State Superintendent race, new members of the education committee, and an update on ACT 10.
Student Representative to the Board (Jessica Gagan and Heidi Wustrack) – Gagan and Wustrack shared district wide updates on athletics, FFA, HSSD Golden Apple Award Teachers of Distinction, Suamico Elementary 4th grade students visit Bay Port, and Bay View Show Choir was named Grand Champions at the New London Singstock festival.
Board President Governance Process GP-8 Board Member's Code of Conduct Monitoring Report – A MOTION was made by Rachelle Paulsen and seconded by Scott Jandrin to approve Governance Process GP-8 Board Members Code of Conduct Monitoring Report at level 1, in full compliance. A roll call vote was taken on the motion; Moran – YES, Rubright – YES, McGuire – YES, Jandrin – YES, Paulsen – YES, Klimek – YES, Amtmann – YES; 7-YES; **MOTION CARRIED.**
Review January Broadcast Communication Article and discuss February Broadcast Communication Article – The Board reviewed the January article – *Stronger Together Showcases Community Togetherness*. Greg Klimek will draft the February broadcast communication article on Give Big Green Bay and HSEF.
Community Conversation Updates Bay Port Student Linkage – The Bay Port Student linkage will be held on February 12, 2025 in the library at Bay Port High School. The Board reviewed the questions.
Debrief WASB Convention – Board members Greg Klimek, Scott Jandrin, and Vanessa Moran shared their feedback. Greg presented Rachelle Paulsen with a plaque for 20 years of service to the Board of Education from WASB.
Upcoming Events – The Board reviewed the list of upcoming events.
February Board Meeting agenda items - The Board reviewed the agenda planning

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calendar.
Board Meeting/District Highlights – The Board shared highlights of the meeting.
A MOTION was made by Scott Jandrin and seconded by Vanessa Moran to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. A roll call vote was taken on the motion; Klimek – YES, Jandrin – YES, McGuire – YES, Paulsen – YES, Moran – YES, Rubright – YES, Amtmann – YES; 7-YES; **MOTION CARRIED.**
Respectfully submitted,
Kim McDougal, Recording Secretary Publish 02.14.25
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Minutes of the Village Board Meeting January 27, 2025 Village Board Room at Village Hall
1. CALL TO ORDER
Village President Burt R. McIntyre called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
2. ROLL CALL
President McIntyre called for a roll call. Present: Village President Burt R. McIntyre; Trustee Maria Lasecki, District 1; Trustee Cathy Hughes, District 3; Trustee John Muraski, District 4; Trustee Scott Beyer, District 5; Trustee Ray Suennen, District 6; Trustee Craig McAllister, District 8
Excused: Trustee Chris Nielsen, District 2; Trustee Adam Lemorande, District 7
Staff: Administrator Paul Evert, Director of Administrative Services Chris Haltom, Public Works Director Geoff Farr, Engineering Director Josh Gerrits, Fire/Rescue Chief Dennis Staeven, Directed Enforcement Officer Brandon Dhuey, and Public Information Officer Leigh Ann Wagner Kroening
3. RECITE THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
President McIntyre led the meeting in the pledge.
4. REPORT BY THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAWS
President McIntyre read the following notice: Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.81-19.98, the Village Board is meeting to conduct public business. In accordance with state law, the meeting agenda was posted at Village Hall, other municipal buildings, and on the Village of Howard website and was also distributed to the local media and other requesters at least 24 business hours prior to the start of this meeting.
5. APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING
C. Hughes moved to approve the agenda. S. Beyer seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**
6. PUBLIC APPEARANCES (NONE)
7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
B. McIntyre said the Village of Howard received its second award for the Howard Common Activity Complex, most recently on Jan. 16 at the Associated General Contractors 2024 Awards, for which Miron won the Commercial New Construction Award for its work on the facility.
8. COMMUNICATIONS (NONE)
9. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA
C. Hughes moved to approve the consent agenda. M. Lasecki seconded. **The motion carried unanimously**, and the following items were approved:
a. Village Board meeting minutes from Jan. 13, 2025
b. Plan Commission meeting minutes from Jan. 20, 2025
c. Municipal Invoices totaling \$550,488.80, paid with checks #83060 - #83145
d. The following Operator Licenses:
i. Jacque M. Brester
ii. James F. Decker
iii. Diana M. Fligelman

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iv. Ryan M. Lasher
v. Melinda L. Wentworth
e. PLAN COMMISSION ITEMS (The Plan Commission unanimously recommended approval of the following items.)
i. The request to rezone VH-32-2, Marley Street, 15.359 acres, from I-4 Industrial Park Heavy Industry to R-1 Residential Single Family.
ii. The Preliminary Plat of Hazel Estates 3rd Addition
10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OR OLD BUSINESS ITEMS (NONE)
11. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS a. Review and take action on Preliminary Resolution 2025-01, declaring the intent to exercise special assessment powers under Wisconsin Statute Section 66.0701 upon The Plat of Hazel Estates, Third Addition
J. Gerrits said a developer approached the village about continuing the Hazel Estates residential development by extending Betty Jean Lane. The proposed subdivision will create 36 single-family lots and will extend improvements all the way to Marley Street. Improvements required for the project include sidewalk, asphalt roadway construction, service laterals, sanitary sewer extension, water main extension, and storm sewer extension. The existing regional storm water pond southeast of Marie Lane will serve this development as well. Costs for the project will be assessed to the development with no other properties receiving improvements or being assessed. J. Muraski moved to approve Preliminary Resolution 2025-01, declaring the intent to exercise special assessment powers upon The Plat of Hazel Estates, Third Addition. S. Beyer seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**
b. Review and take action on a Certified Survey Map for Mark Koenig, 1245 Primrose Lane, VH-246-10, VH-246-10-1, and VH-2306
G. Farr said the applicant recently rezoned the property to create an additional single-family lot. M. Lasecki moved to approve the Certified Survey Map for Koenig/Bechle, 1245 Primrose Lane, VH-246-10, VH-246-10-1, and VH-2306 with the condition all utility laterals are abandoned and paid for by the property owner. C. Hughes seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**
c. Review and take action on the new Alcohol Beverage License application for Las Maracas Restaurant, 2450 Velp Ave. #102
C. Haltom said Las Maracas is opening in the strip mall behind McDonald's and currently the owner is only requesting a beer license. C. Hughes moved to approve the Alcohol Beverage License application for Las Maracas Restaurant. R. Suennen seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**
12. REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS
i. Grant writer Ben Rodgers reviewed the 2024 Annual Report, which saw the Village of Howard receive 10 grants totaling \$3,156,839, resulting in a 62.5% grant application success rate and a return on investment of \$113.78 per dollar spent. The board discussed. **No action was taken.**
ii. D. Staeven discussed the implementation of the new Safe Haven Baby Box, which is the first in Northeast Wisconsin and only the fourth in the entire state. No action was taken.
12. CLOSED SESSION (NONE)
13. ADJOURNMENT
M. Lasecki moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 pm. C. Hughes seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**Respectfully

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submitted
Leigh Ann Wagner Kroening
Administrator's Assistant/PIO
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West De Pere
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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
WEST DE PERE
REGULAR BOARD
MEETING
HEMLOCK CREEK
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
January 13, 2025
5:30 PM

Board members present:
Fuss, Borley, Van Den
Heuvel, Dorn, Van Deurzen
Board members excused:
None
The meeting was called to
order at 5:30 PM by Board
President Fuss followed by
the Pledge of Allegiance.
President Fuss stated that the
area news media had been
notified of the meeting as
required by open meeting law
and state statutes.
It was moved by Barbara Van
Deurzen and seconded by
Ryan Van Den Heuvel to
accept the agenda.
Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0
Motion carried.
The board recognized High
School students, Kate
Schmoll, Kara Schmoll, and
Kayla Jacqueline, who
competed at State for
swimming and their Coach
Melissa Wolf. The Board
congratulated the team/coach
on a great season and making
WDP proud.
The meeting was opened to
the floor to enable district
residents to bring items of
general concern to the
attention of the Board. No
concerns were presented.
It was moved by Scott Borley
and seconded by Ryan Van
Den Heuvel that the
December 11, 2024 regular
meeting minutes be approved
as presented. Voting Yes: 5
Voting No: 0 Motion carried.
It was moved by Scott Borley
and seconded by Ryan Van
Den Heuvel that the
Treasurer's Report be
approved. Voting Yes: 5
Voting No: 0 Motion carried.
It was moved by Barbara Van
Deurzen and seconded by
Scott Borley that previously
paid bills to Vos Electric, VDH
Electric, and Best Built be
approved. Motion carried.
Voting Yes: 4 Voting No: 0
Ryan Van Den Heuvel
abstained. Motion carried.
It was moved by Scott Borley
and seconded by Barbara Van
Deurzen that previously paid
bills be approved excluding
bills from Vos Electric, VDH
Electric, and Best Built. Voting
Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion
carried.
Old Business
It was moved by Ryan Van
Den Heuvel and seconded by
Barbara Van Deurzen to adopt
the following policies as
previously presented:
● 4219.2 Custodial Staff
● 4219.3 Electrician Voting
Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion
carried.
Committee Chair, Scott Borley
gave a verbal update
regarding the Finance
Committee Meeting.
Committee Chair, Barbara
Van Deurzen reviewed the
January 9, 2025 Curriculum
and Policy Committee report.
The auditor's report was
reviewed by Amber Drewieske
from CLA with the Board. The
Board thanked her for the
update.
It was moved by Ryan Van
Den Heuvel and seconded by
Scott Borley that by
considering class size
limits, student-teacher ratios,
and enrollment projections for
the purpose of open
enrollment space
determination as criteria, there
are no spaces available, per
grade, for the 2025-2026
open enrollment applications
in grades 4K-12 unless
guaranteed according to
board policy. Voting Yes: 5
Voting No: 0 Motion carried.
It was moved by Barbara Van
Deurzen and seconded by
Ryan Van Den Heuvel to
approve the High School
Unified Physical Education

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Course as presented. Voting
Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion
carried.
It was moved by Ryan Van
Den Heuvel and seconded by
Scott Borley to approve the
memo regarding Intermediate
School Teacher's pay for
covering another Teacher's
Classroom as presented.
Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0
Motion carried.
It was moved by Barbara Van
Deurzen and seconded by
Ryan Van Den Heuvel to give
Jenni Fuss discretionary
latitude to our delegate to vote
on amendments and
resolutions at the upcoming
WASB State Education
Convention. Motion carried.
Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0
Motion carried.
It was moved by Scott Borley
and seconded by Barbara Van
Deurzen to approve all
staffing items as
presented. Voting Yes: 5
Voting No: 0 Motion carried.
The Board was presented with
various reports and
communications: such as
updates, various thank
you's, invitations, and
calendar items. Discussion
Followed.
It was moved by Scott Borley
and seconded by Barbara Van
Deurzen at 6:07 PM that the
meeting be adjourned. Voting
Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion
carried
Barbara Van Deurzen
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Howard
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Village of Howard Notice of
Newly Enacted Ordinance
Resolution No. 2025-02
A RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING
AMENDMENT TO THE
BUDGETED FUNDS FOR
2024

Please take note that the
Village Board adopted a
resolution that amended the
2024 budget to allow for an
increase in revenue and
expenditures within the
General Fund in offsetting
amounts to continue to allow
for a balanced budget and to
cover excess spending in
public safety and public
works. The resolution also
allowed for the transfer of
funds from the Village Green
Golf Course to the Howard
Commons Activity Complex in
the amount of \$223,000.
This publication is a brief
description of the full
resolution. To obtain a copy of
the full text of this ordinance,
please contact the Clerk's
office at Village Hall by phone
at (920) 434-4640 or review
the resolution online under
Village Board agenda for
2/10/25 meeting and click on
the agenda link.
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All State skier for Ashwaubenon Ben Buchmann rounds a corner into the second lap of a 6.2 km State meet freestyle race on Saturday, Feb. 8. Submitted photo

Ashwaubenon boys Nordic ski are second overall at State meet

BY CATHY PUTMAN
FOR THE PRESS TIMES

GREEN BAY – On Sun-
day, Feb. 9, the four mem-
ber Ashwaubenon boys
team was honored as the
second best overall at
the State Distance meet.

This recognition reflects
strong performances in
both sprinting and dis-
tance, classic technique
and freestyle for the one
senior and three sopho-
mores.
The team is led by Ben
Buchmann, a senior at

Ashwaubenon. He won
the classic technique race
on Sunday, which solidi-
fied his fourth All State
position in the distance
pursuit, a combination of
freestyle and classic.
Jacob Shobe, Erik John-
son and Sean Johnson

complete the squad.
The team's sole girl,
Lauren Carlton, a senior
at Notre Dame Academy
was the seventh All Amer-
ican in the girls competi-
tion, achieving the posi-
tion with a speedy classic
leg on Sunday.

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(920) 965-6986 or katief@gbphof.com.
A game program from Sept. 23, 1928, when the Packers played
a home game against the Frankford Yellow Jackets (Penn.)
Katie Foust photo

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Schreiber paces Green Bay to 14th consecutive win

BY GREEN BAY ATHLETICS
FOR THE PRESS TIMES

GREEN BAY – The win streak extended to 14 for the UW-Green Bay women’s basketball team on Saturday, Feb. 8. Green Bay defeated Robert Morris 71-39 in front of nearly 2,000 strong at the Kress Center.

Maddy Schreiber was sharp for the Phoenix (21-5 overall, 14-1 conf.), scoring 18 points off the bench. She shot 7-of-13 overall and grabbed a team-high six rebounds. Natalie McNeal added 13, Cassie Schiltz tallied 12 and Bailey Butler tacked on another 11 points for Green Bay.

Robert Morris (10-14 overall, 6-9 conf.) finished with nobody in double figures. Isys Grady and Jennica Suggs each had a team-high six points for the Colonials. RMU’s 39 points tied for the fewest Green Bay has given up all season (vs. Parkside on 12/21/24 and vs. Oakland on 1/18/25).

How it happened

The Phoenix got off to a slow start in the opening



Green Bay women’s basketball extended their win streak to 14 with a win over Robert Morris. **Green Bay Athletics photo**

10 minutes, shooting just 4-of-12 as a team. Schiltz and McNeal were a key part of the quarter, combining for eight points as Green Bay trailed 15-13 going into the second quarter. The second frame was the difference-maker in the entire contest. Green Bay

outscored RMU 24-3 in the stanza, holding the Colonials to just 1-of-6 from the floor. Schreiber caught fire on offense, knocking down three triples and racking up 11 points in the frame. Schreiber had 14 points at the break as Green Bay went into the locker room lead-

ing comfortably, 37-18.

Green Bay continued its dominance out of the break. Butler splashed a three with 7:35 to go in the third period, extending Green Bay’s lead to 42-20. Her triple also capped an extended 34-7 run that spanned from the end of the

first quarter until midway through the third stanza. The Phoenix kept piling on, as a Schreiber layup ballooned the lead to 61-24 by the end of the third quarter. Green Bay held RMU to just six points in the third period, three of which came via the charity stripe. The Phoenix led by at least 32 for the entire fourth quarter, which ended up being the difference on the scoreboard in the 71-39 win over Robert Morris.

Game notes

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

Green Bay scored 30 points in the paint, while RMU had just 14.

Green Bay had a 29-24 edge in the rebounding department.

The Green Bay defense forced 19 turnovers, turning it into 27 points.

Coming up

Green Bay will begin a three-game road trip next Thursday, Feb. 13 at Oakland. Green Bay’s next home game is Saturday, Feb. 22, against Milwaukee.

Ticket information for quarterfinals

On the heels of the women’s basketball team clinching a home quarterfinal game in the Horizon League Tournament, Green Bay Athletics has announced that season ticket holders can begin purchasing their tickets starting Monday, Feb. 10.

Individual ticket sales will begin on Monday, Feb. 24. Green Bay secured a top-four seed and a first-round bye in the 2025 Barbasol Horizon League Championships after defeating Youngstown State on Thursday night at the Kress Center.

The quarterfinal game will be on Thursday, March 6, with a 7 p.m. tipoff at the Kress Center.

Green Bay will know its opponent following the slate of first-round contests, all scheduled for 7 p.m. Central, on Tuesday, March 4.

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

FRCC All-Conference Teams

Boys Swim and Dive

200 Yard Medley Relay

First Team- Bay Port: Luka Azzolina, SR; Bennett Daul, JR; Caleb Bartolazzi, JR; Toby Beatty, SR

Honorable Mention- Bay Port: Tyler Tuttle, SR; Will Vandenbusch, FR; Alex Vandenbusch, FR; Aiden Cherek, SR

200 Yard Free

Second Team- Carter Tebon, SO, Bay Port

Honorable Mention- Andy Barden, JR, Bay Port

200 Yard IM

First Team- Luka Azzolina, SR, Bay Port

Second Team- Bennett Daul, JR, Bay Port

Honorable Mention- Caleb Bartolazzi, JR, Bay Port

50 Yard Free

First Team*- Ryan Jadin, SR, Ashwaubenon

Toby Beatty, SR, Bay Port

100 Yard Butterfly

Second Team- Caleb Bartolazzi, JR, Bay Port

Honorable Mention- Alex Vandenbusch, FR, Bay Port

100 Yard Free

First Team- Carter Tebon, SO, Bay Port

Second Team- Ryan Jadin, SR, Ashwaubenon

Honorable Mention- Tommy McNicoll, SO, Ashwaubenon

500 Yard Free

Second Team- Andy Barden, JR, Bay Port

Honorable Mention- Griffin Schilz, JR, Bay Port

200 Yard Free Relay

First Team- Bay Port: Caleb Bartolazzi, JR; Toby Beatty, SR; Griffin Schilz, JR; Carter Tebon, SO

Second Team- Ashwaubenon:Tommy McNicoll, SO; Trevor Dietzler, SR; Anthony Hendrickson, SR; Ryan Jadin, SR

100 Yard Back

First Team- Luka Azzolina, SR, Bay Port

Second Team- Rylen Phillips, SO, Green Bay United

Honorable Mention- Aiden Cherek, SR, Bay Port

100 Yard Breast

First Team- Bennett Daul, JR, Bay Port

Second Team- Anthony Hendrickson, SR, Ashwaubenon

Honorable Mention- Will Vandenbusch, FR, Bay Port

400 Yard Free Relay

First Team- Bay Port: Luka Azzolina, SR; Griffin Schilz, JR; Andy Barden, JR; Carter Tebon, SO

Honorable Mention- Bay Port: Owen Weyenberg, SR; Aiden Cherek, SR; Sam Hinrichs, SO; Tyler Tuttle, SR

Coach of the Year: TBD

*Tie for 1st place in the 50 free

Boys basketball standings

Bay Conference

Team	W	L	T	Pct	GB	GP	Overall
West De Pere	11	0	0	1.000	-	11	13-5-0
Xavier	10	1	0	.909	1.0	11	16-5-0
Seymour	7	4	0	.636	4.0	11	14-5-0
New London	5	6	0	.455	6.0	11	8-11-0
Menasha	4	6	0	.400	6.5	10	7-11-0
Shawano	3	7	0	.300	7.5	10	5-12-0
GB West	3	8	0	.273	8.0	11	8-9-0
GB East	0	11	0	.000	11.0	11	0-18-0

Fox River Classic Conference

Team	W	L	T	Pct	GB	GP	Overall
De Pere	14	0	0	1.000	-	14	18-1-0
Notre Dame	11	2	0	.846	2.5	13	15-3-0
Sheboygan North	10	4	0	.714	4.0	14	15-5-0
Ashwaubenon	8	5	0	.615	5.5	13	13-5-0
Pulaski	8	6	0	.571	6.0	14	10-9-0
Bay Port	7	7	0	.500	7.0	14	9-10-0
GB Preble	6	7	0	.462	7.5	13	10-9-0
Manitowoc Lincoln	3	10	0	.231	10.5	13	6-13-0
Sheboygan South	1	13	0	.071	13.0	14	2-16-0
GB Southwest	0	14	0	.000	14.0	14	1-18-0

Packerland Conference

Team	W	L	T	Pct	GB	GP	Overall
Southern Door	11	0	0	1.000	-	11	16-3-0
Kewaunee	9	1	0	.900	1.5	10	13-5-0
Algoma	9	2	0	.818	2.0	11	13-4-0
Oconto	6	5	0	.545	5.0	11	13-5-0
Sturgeon Bay	6	5	0	.545	5.0	11	8-11-0
Peshtigo	3	9	0	.250	8.5	12	7-11-0
GB NEW Lutheran	2	9	0	.182	9.0	11	4-14-0
Sevastopol	2	9	0	.182	9.0	11	8-10-0
Gibraltar	2	10	0	.167	9.5	12	4-15-0

Girls basketball standings

Bay Conference

Team	W	L	Strk	Overall
West De Pere	10	1	W8	16-5-0
Shawano	7	2	W2	14-4-0
Xavier	7	3	W3	10-10-0
Seymour	5	5	L1	11-8-0
Menasha	4	6	L2	10-10-0
New London	2	8	W1	5-14-0
GB East	0	10	L10	6-14-0

Fox River Classic Conference

Team	W	L	Strk	Overall
De Pere	15	0	W15	18-3-0
Notre Dame	13	2	W5	14-4-0
GB Preble	10	4	W3	13-7-0
Bay Port	10	5	W1	14-7-0
Ashwaubenon	8	7	W1	11-9-0
Manitowoc Lincoln	7	7	L1	11-8-0
Sheboygan North	5	9	W1	9-11-0
Pulaski	3	12	L4	5-15-0
Sheboygan South	2	12	L4	3-15-0
GB Southwest	0	15	L15	0-20-0

Packerland Conference

Team	W	L	Strk	Overall
Kewaunee	11	1	L1	15-3-0
Sevastopol	11	2	W8	16-4-0
Algoma	11	2	W3	14-6-0
Oconto	8	4	W1	13-6-0
Peshtigo	6	6	L1	8-10-0
GB NEW Lutheran/Prov. Acad.	5	8	W1	9-12-0
Southern Door	3	10	L2	3-17-0
Sturgeon Bay	1	11	L5	2-16-0
Gibraltar	1	13	W1	3-16-0

WR Sterling Sharpe elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame

FOR THE PRESS TIMES
GREEN BAY — Wide Receiver Sterling Sharpe, who played seven seasons (1988-94) for the Green Bay Packers, was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. The announcement was made by the Hall of Fame’s selection committee.
“On behalf of the entire Green Bay Packers organization, I want to congratulate Sterling on his long overdue election to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. He left an indelible mark as one of the greatest players of his generation, while also directly contributing to the revival of the Packers during the 1990s,” said Packers President/CEO Mark Murphy. “We are extremely happy for Sterling and his family and are forever grateful for all that he gave and accomplished with the Packers.”
Sharpe was drafted by the Packers in the first round (No. 7 overall) of the 1988 NFL Draft and started all 112 regular-season games he played for Green Bay, appearing in all 16 games each season of his career.
He earned first-team All-Pro honors three times and was selected to five Pro Bowls during his seven-year career that was cut short by a neck injury.
Sharpe registered 595 receptions for 8,134 yards (13.7 avg.) and 65 touchdowns in his career.
He is one of only three players in NFL history with 575-plus catches, 8,000-plus receiving yards and 65-plus receiving TDs in his first seven seasons (Marvin Harrison, Larry Fitzgerald).
Sharpe’s 595 receptions from 1988-94 were the most in NFL history to that point

by a player in his first seven seasons. He ranked No. 2 behind only Jerry Rice for receiving yards and receiving TDs by an NFL player in his first seven seasons to that point.
Sharpe posted 18 TD receptions in his final season, tied for No. 3 in league history. He led the league in receptions three times (1989, 1992-93) over a five-year period.
Sharpe became the first player in NFL history to register two 100-catch seasons, with his 108 catches in 1992 setting an NFL single-season record at that time. In 1992-93, he became the first player in league history to record 100-plus receptions, 1,250-plus receiving yards and 10-plus receiving TDs in back-to-back seasons.
Sharpe finished his career with three consecutive seasons of 90-plus receptions (108 in 1992, 112 in 1994 and 94 in 1994). He posted four seasons with 11-plus TD receptions, with three coming during his final three years (12 in 1989, 13, in 1992, 11 in 1993 and 18 in 1994).
Sharpe registered 1,100-plus receiving yards in five of his seven seasons, including each of the final three (1,423 in 1989, 1,105 in 1990, 1,461 in 1992, 1,274 in 1993 and 1,119 in 1994).
In 1992, he helped Green Bay make the postseason for the first time since 1972, excluding the strike-shortened season of 1982.
Sharpe registered 11 receptions for 229 yards (20.8 avg.) with four TDs in two playoff contests.
Sharpe is the 29th member of the Packers to be elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.



Rockers sign three players from the University of Hawaii

First player commitments for the 2025 roster include two infielders and a pitcher

**BY THE GREEN BAY ROCKERS
FOR THE PRESS TIMES**

ASHWAUBENON – With just over three months until Opening Day of the 2025 Northwoods League season, the Rockers began announcing the players that will suit up for the team this summer. Today the team announced the addition of three players from the University of Hawaii who will all spend their first seasons at Capital Credit Union Park.
“We appreciate the continued relationship with head coach Rich Hill and the University of Hawaii baseball program,” said General Manager John Fanta. “All three of these players will be tremendous additions to the fabric of this year’s team.”
Aidan Kuni - Infielder - 6’0”/190 - Junior
A native of Flower Mound, Texas, Kuni comes to Green Bay with plenty of pedigree. Prior to joining the University of Hawaii, he spent two seasons at McLennan Community College where he finished his junior college career with a .365 batting average, 15 home runs, 80 RBIs while totaling 99 career runs scored and drawing 141 free passes (92 BB and 49 HBP). As a sophomore, he was named a second-team All-NTJCAC selection after posting a .375 batting average with 10 home runs, 40 RBIs while adding eight doubles and scoring 68 runs. He finished the season with an on-base percentage of .624, drawing 62 walks while getting hit by 37 pitches to help McLennan to a Region V title and appearance in the JUCO World Series. Overall, he reached base safely in an incredible 55 of his 58 games played during the 2024 season. He is no stranger

to summer ball as he competed in the West Coast League and appeared in 27 games for the Kelowna Falcons where he continued to get on base at a .430 clip last summer.
Xaige Lancaster - Infielder - 6’2”/175 - Redshirt Sophomore
A slick fielding infielder, Lancaster joins the Rockers after coming off a summer ball season playing for the Portland Pickles of the West Coast where he appeared in 37 games and swung the bat to the tune of a .252 batting average while carrying an on-base percentage of .399 through the summer. Before redshirting his sophomore season at Hawaii, Lancaster spent his freshman year at New Mexico State and appeared in 10 games with the Aggies. In his youth days, Lancaster spent time on the big stage when he appeared as an infielder at the Little League World Series in 2017. He is a native of Hilo, Hawaii.
Isaiah Magdaleno - RHP - 6’3”/215 - Sophomore
As a freshman at Hawaii a season ago, Magdaleno appeared in 12 games, four starts, for the Rainbow Warriors and tossed 23.2 innings with 28 strikeouts and just eight walks. Following the spring, he too competed in the West Coast League for the Ridgefield Raptors where he had a breakout performance. He appeared in eight games, making four starts, and posted a 4-0 record with a sparkling 1.10 ERA. In 32.2 innings, he struck out 28 batters while walking 15. He is a native of North Hills, Calif.
Season ticket packages, group tickets and the Pep’s Draffhaus Flex Packs are available now. Visit www.greenbayrockers.com or call the ticket office at 920-497-7225 to reserve your seats today. The Rockers front office at Capital Credit Union Park is located at 2231 Holmgren Way in Ashwaubenton. Office hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.



De Pere Voyageurs see loss to Escanaba Eskymos

Voyageur’s Grant Butrymowicz of De Pere High School works the puck through Eskymos defenders Friday night, Feb. 8, against Escanaba. The Voyageurs saw a 2-4 loss. For the complete gallery, see gopresstimes.com. Jason Coisman photo

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Senior Spotlight

Faith Walder, West De Pere High School, basketball and soccer

Parents' names: Luke and Meaghann Walder
Siblings: Thomas and Molly
Position or events: Point guard (basketball), forward (soccer)
Social Media: @faithwalder
Career Highlight: It's not done yet!

At what age did you start playing your main sport?
Basketball — five years old.
Who introduced you to the sport?
My parents.
Has this always been your favorite sport?
Yes.
How has balancing academics and athlet-

ics been different for you from your freshman year to your senior year?
I've learned how to manage my time throughout the years.
What is your favorite part about this sport? What about it has caused you to stick with it for this long?
The friendships I have made along the way and competing on the court allowed me to find a lot of enjoyment.
Is there a professional athlete you look up to? If so, why?
Giannis Antetokounmpo, because of how hard he plays.
What would you say is your biggest asset as



Walder

an athlete?
Keeping a positive attitude and always giving my 100%.
What has been your most memorable experience in high school sports so far?
All the team bonding events like going to basketball team camps in the summer.
How does it feel as a senior, to look back throughout high school and see your growth (as a person and athlete)?
It's crazy to look back and see how fast it all goes and to see how I have matured as a person and grown as an athlete.
Do you have any pre-meet rituals/routines/superstitions?
Taking a nap before a game.
Any memorable coaches or teammates you'd like to give a shout out to?
Coach Abaray, Coach Vogels and Todd Bierowski.
Any hobbies outside of sports?
Going up north and hanging out with friends.
Favorite song?
"Snooze" by SZA.
Sports drinks like Gatorade and Powerade or water?
Water.
Future Plans? (college, major, career, etc.)
Attending Northern Michigan to play basketball.

Local athletes sign National Letters of Intent



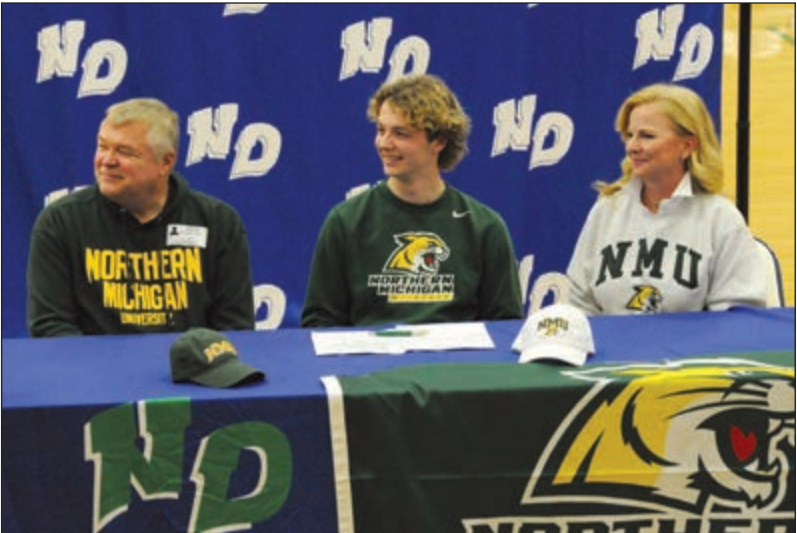
Bay Port's Nick Hawker, Bennett Deppler and Sawyer Torp recently signed their National Letters of Intent to attend Northern Michigan University for football.

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Accompanied by his parents, De Pere's Lucas Koskey, third from left, signs his National Letter of Intent to continue his academic and athletic career at Northern Michigan University. To his right, fellow Redbird Max Cavanaugh sits with his parents as he signs his NLI to commit to Grand Valley State University for football.

Submitted photo



Notre Dame Academy's kicker Nicholas Gruesen, accompanied by his parents, signs his National Letter of Intent to continue his academic and athletic career at Northern Michigan University.

Tori Wittenbrock photo



Students at Green Bay Preble had their Signing Day on Wednesday, Feb. 5. From left to right are Gabrielle Haller attending UW-Green Bay for cross country, Braylon Schadt attending UW-Oshkosh for football, Jack Dahlke attending Carroll University for football, Dominic Prince attending St. Norbert College for football, Randy Von Haden attending Marian University for baseball, Calvin Veriha attending UW-Oshkosh for football, Killian Arlt attending UW-Stevens Point for cross country and track, Yahye Mohammed attending UW-Stout for cross country and tack, Ben Piontek attending UW-Whitewater for cross country and track and Branson Kent attending Lawrence University for baseball.

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West De Pere's Kate Schmoll, left, will be attending UW-Green Bay in the fall to continue her cross country career. Ben Lemirand, middle, will be attending St. Thomas University to continue his football career. Marissa VanDeHei, right, will be attending University of Minnesota-Duluth to continue her soccer career.

John Craemer photo



Green Bay Preble's Bella Umentum is defended by Bay Port's Chloe Tebon in their game on Tuesday, Feb. 11. **Maddy Diefenthaler photo**

Pirates down Hornets

BY MADDY DIEFENTHALER
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HOWARD – On Tuesday, Feb. 11, the No. 3 Bay Port Pirates (15-7 overall, 11-5 conf.) defeated the No. 4 Preble Hornets (11-8 overall, 8-5 conf.) as they won 67-54 in a Fox River Classic Conference showdown.

Top scorers for Bay Port include freshman Kailynn Thompson with 11 points, freshman Madeline Lewitzke with 13 points and junior Melia with a total of 34 points.

Out of the 34 points Melia Lemorande banked throughout the game, 18 of the points were earned from her total of six three-point-shots on the night.

“It felt amazing. I’ve been in a rut recently and that was the first game that

I kind of got my groove back, so it really meant a lot to be out there with my team,” said Melia. “We really came out there with a good defensive focus and I think we got through with that, and we came out with the idea to get no fouls, to move our feet, do good off screens, and I think we really accomplished that well as a team.”

The Pirates ended the first half ahead with a score of 36-25 but going into the second half, the Hornets fought back.

“They started fighting back and we just stayed disciplined on our offensive sets, ran some good stuff, we were shooting the ball well tonight so that helped,” said Adam Lemorande, Bay Port Head Coach. “I thought it was

a great game. We finally competed, the girls showed up, it was just a good all around game.”

Melia explained that going into the second half, maintaining the motivation within the team was vital for the game’s success.

“A lot of it is vocal, especially the bench. Staying vocal and cheering for our teammates, and coming at each play getting the same intensity over and over is how we keep the same energy,” said Melia.

The Pirates will continue their fight this Friday, Feb. 14, where they will take on the Sheboygan South Redwings, while the Hornets will be away on Friday as they face the De Pere Redbirds.



Green Bay Preble's Gracie Day covers Taylor Neuenschwander in the Pirates' 67-54 win.

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Junior Bennett Daul (100yd Breaststroke and 200yd Medley Relay), Junior Caleb Bartolazzi (200yd Medley Relay and 200yd free relay), Senior Toby Beatty (200yd Medley Relay, 50yd Free and 200yd Free Relay), Sophomore Carter Tebon (100yd Free, 200yd Free Relay and 400yd Free Relay) and Junior Griffin Schilz (200yd Free Relay and 400yd Free Relay).

Sophomore Aadin Terrazas of Sheboygan North took home 1st place medals for the 200yd Free and 500yd Free. Terrazas was selected as the Swimmer of the year by the coaches and he was the only swimmer to set a new FRCC record at the

meet. Terrazas swam the 500 Free in 4:42.75 besting the old record of 4:47.35 set in 2022 by Ozan Kalafat of Bay Port.

The remaining event winners were senior Ryan Jadin of Ashwaubenon in the 50yd Free, tying for 1st place with Toby Beatty of Bay Port. Junior Griffin Pond of Sheboygan North claimed the gold in the 100yd Butterfly and Jesus Guadalupe-Ramey — Sheboygan South — won the Diving competition.

Bennett Daul — Bay Port — defended his 100yd Breaststroke title from a year ago while Aadin Terrazas — Sheboygan North — defended his 500 Free title. Terrazas also won the 50 free as a freshman a year

ago, but did not defend that title in this year’s meet.

Next up for the swimmers is the WIAA Sectional Swim meet which will be held this weekend. Diving will take place on Friday night, Feb. 14, while swimming competition will take place on Saturday.

Bay Port, Green Bay United, Manitowoc, Sheboygan North and Sheboygan South will compete in Division 1 at the Neenah Sectional. Ashwaubenon, Notre Dame Academy and Pulaski will compete at the Division 2 Ashwaubenon Sectional. Bay Port is the defending Champion at the Neenah Sectional while Ashwaubenon finished as the runner-up at the Division 2 Sectional last year.

GUARASCIO

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“I started by watching my siblings play,” she said. “When I started watching Alicia, my oldest sister, I found I loved basketball. I really loved watching Anthony play as well. I started playing myself when I was in the second grade and played a year up with the third graders.”

Guarascio said she also took a liking to basketball stats from a young age.

“Whenever my brother would play in high school, I would sit in the stands and keep stats,” she said. “That’s when I took a liking to keeping track of how many points you scored because my brother had a ton of points his senior year and was close to 1,000. That’s when I set a goal to score 1,000 career points.”

It has helped that Guarascio has been a four-year

varsity player — first under former Coach Nikky VanLaanen and more recently under Mike Radue.

Guarascio said she has plans to study nursing at Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee.

“I plan to play basketball and softball,” she said. “Wisconsin Lutheran is in St. Norbert College’s conference, so it will be fun to come back here and play against them.”

A love for softball

Not only does Guarascio shine on the basketball court, but she’s also a solid player on the softball diamond as well.

“I’ve been playing softball since I was like five years old,” she said. “My senior class has been very good in softball through the years. We lost in the sectional final last year to Kaukauna. Up until that

point, we were undefeated in Wisconsin. We have some strong returning seniors, so we’re hoping to make a run at state this season.”

Having a love for two sports, Guarascio said she mostly stays true to each sport during the season.

“I’m mainly basketball during the basketball season, but I’ll go on the weekends and hit, just to ease myself into it,” she said. “It’s not a hard switch for me.”

With softball practice starting in a few short weeks, the Jaguars will be heading to Myrtle Beach, S.C., during spring break for some early season action.

But for now, Guarascio is focused on basketball and helping her team make a postseason run — and breaking her own school record with every point she scores.

ROHDE

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Bay in 2003. During her time at UW-Green Bay, she was labeled as a standout player for the nationally ranked Phoenix women’s basketball team. Additionally, Rohde is a member of the Green Bay Phoenix’s 1,000-point club, banking 1,115 points throughout her basketball career as a Phoenix.

After graduating, she became an assistant coach for the women’s team alongside Kevin Borseth. After two years of coaching, Rohde traveled overseas and by 2009, Rohde came back to resume her teaching and coaching career. As she got back into things, Rohde began with coaching the eighth grade boys at Parkview Middle School, as well as fifth grade boys for Ashwaubenon.

Continuing her coaching journey, the following year she was hired as the JV girls basketball coach at Notre Dame Academy. By 2011, Rohde took over as the NDA varsity coach for the girls as previous coach Bill Farrell stepped down. Since then, Rohde has been sharing her hardwork and dedication with the NDA athletes.

Outside of coaching basketball, Rohde has been a teacher for 14 years. She currently works as the Talented and Gifted Resource teacher

for the De Pere School District, grades 5-12. When she is not teaching in the classroom, on the court, or coaching her three kids, Rohde enjoys spending time with her family and friends, running, yoga and basketball.

Throughout her career at Notre Dame, Rohde has coached her way through six State championships and 300 wins.

Notre Dame Academy Athletic Director Matt Koenig explained that the school is very appreciative to have such a talented coach because of the influences she brings not only to her team, but also the school.

“Her influence is beyond the basketball court because they’re all really good students. They all do well in the classroom. She emphasizes the academic component, she’s academic to the heart, she emphasizes the hard work,” said Koenig. “She just wants to win and she wants our girls to grow and become good young women after they graduate from high school, and she hasn’t lost focus of that.”

Notre Dame Academy posted on their social media that since 1990, NDA’s girls varsity basketball teams have achieved a total of 628 wins. Coach Rohde holds almost half of those wins with her most recent accomplishment. Rohde explained that, “Personally, it’s a reflection of showing

up every day, putting in the work, and staying committed through the good times and/or the times that may not be easy. Professionally, it reminds me of the countless relationships and a lot of amazing memories and lessons learned. It also means being able to maintain a standard of excellence over time.”

Moving forward, Rohde strives to continue to set high standards for girls basketball in surrounding areas, but also throughout the state of Wisconsin. “There are many ways to be impactful in the game of basketball. I would like [my players] to feel proud of the work they put in on and off the court to be strong, young ladies,” said Rhode. She explained that she looks forward to coaching her daughters and the many future Tritons she will one day coach whether it be through girls or boys basketball.

“It’s definitely a pleasure to work with her, because she does have that passion for being successful and she has a competitive mentality that you know a lot of our programs at Notre Dame do. She really is a good role model for female student athletes in our building,” said Koenig. Koenig and the NDA athletic department are currently working on a gift for Rohde to celebrate her most recent accomplishment.

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Rohde hits 300 wins



Notre Dame Academy girls basketball Head Coach Sara Rohde has secured her 300th career win. **File photo**

BY MADDY DIEFENTHALER
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GREEN BAY – On Wednesday Feb. 5, Notre Dame Academy’s girls basketball coach Sara Rohde coached her 300th win as the girls defeated Ashwaubenon

75-49. This latest accomplishment adds to a long list of both Rhode’s and NDA’s athletic achievements.

Before coaching at NDA, Rohde graduated from UW-Green

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Guarascio breaks school scoring record, eclipses 1,000 points



Ashwaubenon girls basketball player Gianna Guarascio, with ball, stands with her family after the Feb. 5 game against Notre Dame Academy. During the game, Guarascio eclipsed 1,000 career points. **Submitted photo**

BY RICH PALZEWIC
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ASHWAUBENON – It was quite a week for Ashwaubenon girls basketball player Gianna Guarascio.

On Feb. 3 against De Pere, the senior guard became the all-time leading scorer in Ashwaubenon girls basketball history, and then two nights later on Feb. 5, Guarascio became the first player in program history to reach 1,000 career points.

“It was a really great week and atmosphere,” Guarascio said. “All

my friends, family and past coaches were there. It was cool to celebrate with all the people who have helped me through the journey.”

Guarascio said from a young age, she had big basketball goals.

“Coming into this season, this was one of my big goals,” she said. “I knew I really wanted to break the record and hit 1,000 points. Luckily, I’ve stayed healthy and made it happen.”

Guarascio, who is currently averaging about 14 points per game,

scored a season-high 31 points against Green Bay Southwest earlier this season.

She also hit a game-winning three-pointer at the buzzer in overtime to help the Jaguars beat Bay Port on Jan. 28.

A young start

Guarascio said having two older siblings — Alicia and Anthony — play basketball before her helped pique her interest in the sport.

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Pirates win FRCC Conference swim meet



FOR THE PRESS TIMES

SUAMICO – The Bay Port Pirates won their ninth consecutive (13th overall) FRCC Boys Swim and Dive Championship held over the weekend at Lineville Intermediate School. The Pirates dominated the meet, placing 1st in seven of the 12 events.

In addition, Bay Port placed in the top three in every event except diving, swept the top

three spots in the 200yd Individual Medley and had two top three finishes in eight events. The Pirates finished with 657.5 points while runner-up Sheboygan North tallied 389.5.

Multiple winners for the Pirates included senior Luka Azzolina with four 1st place finishes (200yd Individual Medley, 200yd Medley Relay, 100yd Backstroke and 400yd Free Relay),

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The Bay Port Pirates’ boys swim and dive secured the FRCC Championship title for the 2024-25 regular season.

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